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### PROLOGUE

It started with the word best friend the true friend I have ever had in my whole life. I am unfortunate of those in this life time very unfortunate that I ended up with no friends at all at times I feel like it's all my fault that I loose people like this in my life I am the one to blame even for every event that happened in my life and still happens. I am disturbed from my grey thoughts by the pastor speaking infront of us.

Pastor :" I now pronounce you husband and wife you may kiss your bride "

We turn and look at each other holding hands. Who will make the first move ? We have never shared a kiss before I

didn't think he would show up . If I had the guts I would have ran away as well but here we are. My best friend since child hood. I never imagined myself Marrying Aiza mom used to call him Ayize and it has became his second name since we were small. I remember us fantasizing our weddings and he was gonna be my matron and I would be his best man. That's how much of a friendship we had. We have never seen each other sexually before or romantically . Why we are getting married and it doesn't make any sense Death is the reason. His father has been discovered with Testicular cancer and since then he has been pressuring his son to atleast get married. He doesn't like Bongile Aiza's girlfriend of 6 months but what's the difference ?His mother despises me so much. When he asked me to do this for him because if he didn't he would loose everything what was supposed to be my new experience in Varsity with boys just stopped here to being married. He is my Bestfriend and i couldn't let him down

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even if it means sacrificing my happiness for him.

He holds my cheek and leans in making a move and we share a brief kiss and people ululate. We turn to them and Mom is shedding a few tears here and there. It's like we won a lottery well I might as well say that because Aiza's family is very wealthy. His father owns a Truck business his trucks travel all over South Africa and two Petrol stations so far. That man has worked hard and I used to notice when we were young and would take us to his workplace Sometimes when I visit. My father he is a security guard. My mother is a maid at the Biyase Family the family I am married into and has worked for years since I was very young. That's how I know Aiza . We pass by Bongile who is wearing a big white hat and sunglasses and I look away . Aiza :" we will divorce after dad is dead then I get all the businesses and you go and marry someone else like you said you have an interest on ....."

He tries to think.

Me :" Qhawe"

Aiza :" yes. "

Qhawe was my study mate. We take the same Modules and I found interest in him and so as him in me.

Me :" i don't know anything about marriage "

Aiza :" we will be married on paper and live in the same house. The rest we just do whatever "

I sigh

Me :" ok "

He nodded. You can see he has worry in his eyes and I am just I don't know what I am feeling

We get in the car and he helps me inside and closes the door and gets in the other side. His phone rings and he takes it answering. I am silent and thinking how will this time out. What did I get myself into ?

Aiza :" baba "

The car moves and there is silence.

Aiza :" she is next to me "

I am alarmed that the conversation is about me now. Aiza hands the phone to me.

Aiza :" He wants to talk to you "

I take the phone as my hands are shaking and I put it on my ear and spoke.

Me:" Babu Biyase "

Baba :"Sengiyahamba Mntanami. Ngiyabonga ( I am leaving now my child thank you )"

Me: "baba "

I didn't know what to say.

Baba :" take care of him. I trust you only because you grew up Infront of me. Don't ( he stops to breath ) don't let my wife bully you "

Me:yes"

Dad :" promise me you will take care of each other. I will bless you on the other side. "

Me :" i promise "

Baba :" good. Bye my child "

Me :" Bye "

After that it was silent. I gave him his phone back and he took it and sighed. We have never been this silent or ran out of something to say before . We get to the reception and it's beautifully decorated. We went to the garden to take pictures. My parents were happy they were the only people who were happy if they knew this wasn't love just a deal they wouldn't be. After we were done with the photos we went inside and sat down. Speeches were getting done while people were eating and I couldn't stomach anything. The way my mother felt proud for marriage. I guess the olden times of getting married is the biggest achievement as well. Bongile stood up and went to take the microphone and ran her fingers on her white body hugging dress. She is very slim and beautiful .

Bongile :" I would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Biyase "

Her face changed when she looked at me.

Bongile :" Hope you could withstand the tornadoes coming in your marriage "

I swallowed and she got off the stage.

Aiza :" Don't worry about her. "

I nodded. The day commenced and we had to leave at some point. I said my good byes to my mother and father Zamile didn't come through and I am a little hurt by that. We are silent once again in the car and we get to Aiza's house and he helps me out. I thank the driver and we walk inside the house and I sit on the couch and pull the dress up just to take off these heels Aiza :" let me "

I stop and he crouched and took off my shoes and I thank him.

Aiza :" It will be over "

I nodded. He got up.

Aiza :" I am going to Bongile's flat. I need to sort that out "

Me :" why didn't you marry her if you love her "

Aiza :" dad doesn't like her I wouldn't get anything "

Me :" I feel used "

Aiza :" hey I would do the same for you "

Me :" I would never put you in that position because I..."

Tears rolled down my eyes. I feel hurt as well my kindness my will to say yes is taken for granted here.

Aiza :" Siza "

He tries to come close but I shake my head.

Me :" please leave after this whole thing I want nothing to do with you "

I stood up and walked up the stairs.

Aiza :" Siza ! "

Ignored him. It starts here.

## I AM SIZAKELE AND THIS IS MY STORY

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I was woken up in the morning by my phone ringing. I removed the covers as I reached by the bedside to get my phone and it's my mother. I sigh I really don't want to talk but what can I do ? I answer it.

Me :" Mah "

Mom:" oh my baby how was your first night ? "

Me :" it was ok"

Alone in this big house.

Mom :" Zamile didn't come I am sorry "

Me :" not it's ok "

I fake a smile behind the screen.

Mom:" let me talk to Ayize"

Me :" He I still asleep. "

Mom :" I should have known by your strong bond that one day you will get married "

Me :" we will talk later mom. I need to go "

Mom:" ok bye "

She hung up and I breathed out. I got off the giant bed and made my way to be bathroom and did what I wanted to do. I got out and made the bed before I got dressed and walked out and went down the stairs. I sat on the couch in the lounge. I wasn't feeling hungry and my stomach wasn't thinking of accepting any food as yet. I opened the tv and the news came on. Our pictures from yesterday were displayed There. How did they get leaked ? I hate this attention. Aiza said it won't be public displayed hence our wedding was small but what is this ? I feel angry at him for doing this to me but he didn't put a gun on my head and forced me. I take my phone about to call him but Qhawe calls me. My heart skips a beat and I am scared and sweating what will I say? I have been avoiding him since our second date. I should face him and get this over and done with. I answer it

Qhawe :" so you just fuck with me like that ?! I thought we had something going on but clearly I was a fool "

Me :" can I explain ? "

Qhawe :" there is no explanation it's all over and clear how you really felt about me. You saw a fool. I feel like a fool Siza "

Me :"I am sorry "

Qhawe:" I don't want to talk to you anymore I don't even wanna cross paths with you. You are just like these hoes "

He hung up and the door opened. I looked his direction he still has everything and I am loosing the possible person who would have loved me unconditionally. He throws his blazer on the couch and he looks like he had a rough night.

Aiza :" Siza "

His eyes are blood shot red. He comes and embraced me in a hug and he sobs. I was angry and ready to give him a peace of my mind but he seems to be in pain.

Aiza :" I need you Siza "

Me :" I am here "

He sobs and my shoulder is wet. I feel like crying with him. I hate to see him cry they start to roll down and we both cry.

Aiza :" He died last night. Baba died "

My chest feels a sharp pain and we both cried. We ended up on the couch and I am sobbing more than him Baba was like a father to me. He treated me like his child since I have met him. Aiza is the only child at home and I found a second father in him.

Me :" I am sorry "

He sniffs and wipes his tears and carries on embracing me in his arms. I got off him.

Me :" Come let's get you clean then we go home "

He nodded and stumbled a bit and we walked up the stairs. We got in the main bedroom and I went to open the shower for him while he sat on the toilet seat. I got to him and stripped him he looked broken and we didn't expect it to be this soon. I opened the shower door and took his hand.

Aiza :" Please come in with me "

I nodded and I stripped and we got in together. He sat down on the shower floor burying his head between his thighs. I sat down as well.

Me :" he is in a better place "

Aiza :" it's too soon "

I kept quiet. Yes it's painful but I don't know how he really feels because that's his biological parent.

Me :" I should call Bongile "

He shook his head.

Aiza :" No don't "

I nodded.

Me :" come then let's bath you "

I stood up and pulled him up. We took a shower and got out and got dressed. He took his car keys and we walked out and went to his car and got in before he drove off. So what does this mean? Are we getting divorced now? This is a waste off a marriage but I will keep all of that to myself. We get to his home and he parks the car. We get out and I hold his hand reassuring him I am here. He faintly smiled and we walked in. His mother was crying in MamDudu's arms.

MamBiyase :" oh Nkosi yam ( oh my God )"

Aiza rushed to her side and rubbed her back.

MamBiyase :" I want him back Aiza "

Aiza :" Shhh mah "

MamBiyase :" I don't want this witch in my house. She killed my husband"

MamDudu:" calm down "

Aiza :" please make something for her to calm down "

MamBiyase :" not in my house ! Not in my house ! "

She shouted. I got frightened.

Aiza :" Mah ! I won't let you talk to Siza like that "

Me :" I will stay in the car "

MamBiyase :" That's my son's car you rubbish ! "

I walked out and tears streamed down my face. I wiped them and stood by the car as it was locked.

Aiza :" my dad's family is coming. "

Me :" I will go home "

Aiza :" And stay alone in that big house "

Me :" No my home. I mean Thembisa Aiza I will be back to help here as a friend "

Aiza :" Siza I need you "

Me :" I am just going home to let your mother cool down.i will come and give my support but after I am done "

I lifted my hands.

Aiza :" let me take you home then "

We both got in the car and he drove off. There was silence in the car. I looked out of the window. As I have said. I am not for friendships . We got to his house and Bongile's car is parked outside. We get out and she comes our way.

Bongile:" Baby can we talk? "

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Aiza :" not now Bongile I need to take Siza home and Then go home "

Bongile :" oh I saw. I am sorry about your father "

Aiza :" thank you "

They share a perk as we walked inside.

Me :" I will be down in a second. "

Bongile :" yes hurry please "

I rolled my eyes and walked up the stairs. Why does she feel threatened by me anyway? I get in the bedroom I was going to use and I just take my suitcase. Good thing I didn't unpack. I wheel it out and walk down the stairs and they are kissing all over each other.

Me:" I am done "

Bongile :" oh we got you a cab. Just wait outside and it will see you "

Me :"ok thanks "

I walked out of the house. Nx I want to beat her one day so she wouldn't forget about me. I got out of the gate and I placed my suitcase and say on it while waiting. I tried calling Zamile but it went to voicemail. Me :" Zaza it's Siza. We need to talk we can't ignore each other all because of a boy please talk to me . We are siblings "

I hung up and sighed. The cab arrived later and I got in and it was already paid for the drive was smooth and i couldn't wait to get home. I just don't know how to explain all of this to my parents how i sold myself to someone like that. It's very stupid of me. The cab arrived at home and I get off and thank the driver and I roll my bag inside and I knock on the door before opening and my parents are drinking tea talking.

Mom :" Sizakele why are you here ? "

Me :" mom dad "

Dad :" they paid for you. You should have been at your house. You are a Biyase "

Me :" is Zamile here ? "

Mom :" no she hasn't came back. Where is Ayize ?who dropped you here? "

Me :" cab "

I walk to my room and place my bag on the bed and mom is on my tail.

Mom :" I love you but this is unacceptable you need to go back Sizakele. What did Ayize do ? No ...no... no "

Me :" this is my home "

Dad emerged.

Dad :" not anymore the Biyase family is your family. "

Mom :" and don't think about divorce please. There is no such "

Me :" wow "

I sat on the bee defeated. Where am I gonna go. ?

Mom:" you are going back !"

I kept quiet.

Dad :" Sizakele ?"

Me :" yes dad "

Mom :" don't make us go crazy "

They walked out following each other. I burried my head on a pillow and cried. I took my phone and tried Qhawe but I was immediately rejected. I messed up my life I have always messed up my life though it was the begining of it I know very well.

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## [3 YEARS LATER]

The smile on his face as he waved everywhere through the audience while he walked in. I was emotionless as I was watching and blinking my mind wasn't there but I could see him in that black suit and crisp white shit with no tie. I prepared that outfit for the day .

Host :" Welcome Aiza Biyase to our show we are so glad to see you and have you here at last. "

Aiza :" at last "

They sat down and he chuckled while fixing his suit.

Host :" We were expecting Mrs Biyase with you can we give a round of applause for the beautiful woman she is "

My photo appeared on the studio screen as the cheers increased.

Host :" So every woman's dream life and you being the dream husband "

He chuckled as everyone agreed.

Host :" How did you meet each other ? "

Aiza:" we have known each other since she was 4 and i was 9 and we were best friends before we got married. I love her " Crowd :" ncooh "

He chuckled.

Host :" Wow thats wonderful we will ask more questions about you both next time but we are here for you "

The tv switched off and i smelt his scent. I have been sitting here since 3 am.

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Aiza :" Siza I am sorry "
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Tears left my eyes I felt like I was being choked and I wanted it to end . The physical pain didn't reach the emotional pain I am feeling.

Aiza :" I don't know ... I don't know why I am doing this and I am sorry "

I wipe my tears on my swollen eye and he comes and sits next to me on the couch and pulls me to his chest. I sob.

Aiza :" I am sorry MamBiyase "

Women envy me they envy the life I live. A wealthy husband who shows you love and all the good in the world but if they knew I pay a price for that. My body and soul pay for that. Behind that mask lays a monster I never knew.

Aiza :" I am sorry baby "

He kissed my forehead and a lump chokes my throat . It's burning.

Aiza :" I know what I did last night was wrong "

I removed myself from his chest and he touched my face. I flinched closing my eyes and he touched my neck and he sighed. Aiza :" You know me. I have never been like this before. "

Me :" It's ok "

Aiza:"it's not. Your neck is purple "

Me :" I will drink painkillers and go soak mybody in warm water. "

I stood up. The screams and the breaking of materials haunts my mind. I walk up the stairs slowly and I get in our bedroom and I slide down as soon as I close the door and I cry. I wish I can go home but I am good as homeless. I feel hurt.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

I sighed while burying my head between my hands. I didn't mean to loose it last night. We are supposed to be happy yes we didn't plan on getting married to each other but after she came back I knew what was lying infront of me was all that I needed. The businesses are going well and booming as well. Siza's accounting skills helped us when we almost lost money because one of the people who was in my finance team in the ZIQUBU inc. was laundering money from the accounts without notice. Now I am more careful because we have lost close to two Million rands. get up and my phone rings. It's Thabani yes we didn't plan on getting married to each other but after she came back I knew what was lying infront of me was all that I needed. The businesses are going well and booming as well. Siza's accounting skills helped us when we almost lost money because one of the people who was in my finance team in the ZIQUBU inc. was laundering money from the accounts without notice. Now I am more careful because we have lost close to two Million rands. I get up and my phone rings. It's Thabani I take my phone and answer it.

Thabani :" How are you ? You left somber after we started talking about Baba "

I sucked my breath in.

Me :" I messed up again "

Thabani :" what ? "

Me:" I .... I didn't mean to "

Thabani :" The fuck Aiza ! Stop treating Siza like your punching bag I told you to release some steam in the gym. . I am coming "

Me :" I just Blacked out "

Thabani :" There is no such as Blacking out ! Be prepared because you know Hlubi is gonna Beat you up "

He hung up and I threw my phone in the wall.

Me :" Shit !"

I closed my eyes before walking up the stairs . I got in our bedroom and she was sobbing in the shower. My heart broke. I turned and went out the bathroom and I sat on the bed laying there. What is wrong with me? I shouldn't be treating Siza like this. I can't loose her I don't even want to think about loosing her. She comes out in a towel and went to take sanitary pads and she wore them sniffing.

Me :" Baby I really am sorry "

She sniffs and gets dressed and I see the purple marks on her body. It didn't help that her skin is the way it is. I went close to her and embraced her and she cried. Tears prickled my eyes. It hurts seeing her like this.

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Me :" I am sorry. "
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I held her. She removed herself.

Size :" I need to get dressed. "

I nodded and I let her go and she went to get dressed. She came out dressed and got in bed and covered herself.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

I am hurt I am hurt that I lost yet another child. I remember last night like it's a new movie. I forgot to throw away the sticks. I haven't been on my periods for 2 months and I suspected that maybe I am pregnant. I did the home pregnancy test and 5 came back positive. The first time I didn't know I was pregnant until I went under school stress and also this marriage my mother in law then I lost it from that. I was determined to make the best out of this one and maybe Aiza will be the old Aiza I knew back then. The one I grew up with but I was wrong.

\_\_[LAST NIGHT]\_\_\_\_

He walked in through the kitchen entrance. I knew he was home so I went to prepare some food for him.

Me :" food will be ready in a second. "

Aiza :" what is this Siza ? "

He threw the pregnancy tests that were in our bathroom bin. I knew I should have thrown them outside.

Me :" B..."

Aiza :" two line?"

Me :"I am sorry. I didn't mean to get pregnant. "

Aiza :" You want to put thing in my life like my father. Things I don't want !"

He came by my side. My favourite jug broke yesterday and my neck was bruised and so as my chest but that's not the only things that's bruised.

I am woken up by people shouting and I sit up. I can feel my pad is full so I go and change and out two more. Clots are coming out alot. I wear slippers and go down the stairs and it's Hlubi and Thabani . His closest cousins. Hlubi is very intimidating and Thabani is the opposite.

Thabani :" oh my God your neck "

He comes close and Hlubi swings the first fist to Aiza . Tears leave my eyes. As much as he hurt me but he doesn't deserve it.

Me :" Bhuti please forgive him "

Hlubi :" he needs to feel what you felt when he laid his hand on you. Who taught you such Aiza ! ?"

He beats him up.

Me :" stop please "

He stops and Aiza is coughing blood I went to him and checked him.

Aiza :" I am ok "

He coughed.

Hlubi :" I am not done with you "

I held my stomach as I felt a sharp pain.

Thabani :" you have blood Siza "

I looked down and my pants were soaked in blood. I just went on my knees holding my torso and cried.

Aiza :" let's take you to the hospital we don't want to loose the baby "

I shake my head.

Me :" it's gone. The shy us gone. "

There was silence b. He crouched next to me.

Aiza:" Ba..b"

I cried alot and Thabani picked me up and took me up the stairs. I went to the bathroom and got in the shower and I cried. I cried that I felt like a knife was stabbed in my heart. It was painful. It's painful. I closed my eyes and let the water become one with my tears.

I woke up when the shower door opened and the water was closed. It was closed. If looked dark and I was picked up and he went out and placed me on the bed. He got me dressed and I sanitary pads for the remaining blood. He kept clearing his throat.

Aiza :" it's my fault "

I kept quiet. I got in bed and covered myself and I shed a few tears. He got in behind me and pulled me to himself.

Aiza :" I am sorry Siza I will try and be a better husband from now on. I promise you. I will be the old Aiza. "

He kissed my forehead.

Aiza :" i love you "

He kisses my cheek and I carry on crying.

Me :" it hurts Aiza and you won't understand you won't..."

He pulled me closer.

Aiza :" I am sorry baby. I will be better for us. I will."

I kept quiet and sobbed.

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I woke up and I went to make breakfast for Siza while she is still asleep. I also booked an appointment at 10h45 to the Dr. Something in me hopes the baby is still there but with her bleeding and her going to change and stay in the bathroom alot just told me I am being in deniel. I killed my own child and what kind of person that makes me. I finish making breakfast. I am not going in at work today they will have to function without me being there. I made an English breakfast for her. I know how much she loved it with pancakes on the side back when we were Kids. Though I have always been 5 years older than her but we shared an unexplainable bond together. I wiped my hands and I went to set the table up Thank her mother for teaching me how to cook because my mother doesn't even know how to turn a stove on. I then walked up the stairs and I got in and the bed linen has been changed. I hear water running and I walk to the bathroom and she is splashing water on her body.

Me :" Good morning "

She turns to me. Her eyes have eye bags. Her swollen eye was getting better but still closed.

Siza :" Morning "

She turned back to what she was busy with.

Me :" We are going to the Dr. I have already made an appointment "

She nodded. I bit my lip and turned walking out. My phone rang and I took it out. It was Bongile. I answered .

Bongile :" Baby "

Me :" Bongile "

Bongile :" how are you ? I am not happy "

Me :" With ? "

Bongile :" My ring "

Me :" Can we talk about this later ? "

Bongile :" I will come through "

Me:" (sigh) Sure "

I hung up and she got out of the tub and she wiped herself and came to the bedroom. She took out jeans and a top and got dressed with heels and a denim jacket. She sat infront of the mirror and took her make up bag and she then put make up from her neck to her case . I swallowed watching her cover what I did to her covering what goes down in our marriage when we are not in the eyes of the public.

Me :""Siza "

She stopped doing her make up.

Me :" I Promise "

Siza :" I also Promised. I wish I didn't "

She carried on doing her face . I wonder what she means but the way she said it had so much weight . She then took the wig and put it on her head and she brushed it and made it look nice.

Me :" I made breakfast including pancakes "

Siza :" I am not hungry "

Me :" you need to eat "

She brushed her wig.

Siza :" I wonder if Bongile feels the same pain "

I swallowed and she stood up when she was done and sprayed some perfume on her body and took her bag. She took the ring from the jewelery box and slid it slowly and she turned to me.

Siza :" You will find me in the car "

She walked out. I watched her walk out of the door.

I walked out of the house. I wasn't feeling hurt and sorry for myself only but I was angry that I am letting all of this happen all because I don't know where I will go . I press the button on the remote and the car flickers it's lights and I open and I get inside. He comes out after some time changed and opens the door and hope inside. I don't look at him or his direction.

Aiza :" can I have the car keys ?"

I gave them to him and he took them and started the car and drives off. He clears his throats and he knows I am about to be irritated and he is trying to humble himself. I look at him I didn't mean to call for him and for that to happen is because we let it. It was wonderful and he was also going to leave Bongile but did that happen ? No the girl is like a bubble gum stuck on a hot road and Aiza stepped on and won't come off. What ticks her off is that I get the spotlight as the wife and she tries to fight for it in public and social medias just so it's known what relates her to Aiza. I am tired of those fights and they seem petty. He takes my hand and I let him be.

Aiza :" Bongile wants to come over "

I remove my hand from his and look out the window.

Aiza :" Baby "

Me :" I am clearly a joke everywhere I go"

Aiza :" don't say that Siza "

I turn to him.

Me :" what do you want me to say ? Why are we still doing this ? You want me to be happy about this ? Actually I am

tired Aiza I really am and yesterday was the last straw I am done "

I took off my ring and threw it at his lap.

Me :" pull over "

Aiza :" Siza let's talk "

Me :" Talk about what ? The way you beat Bongile like me ? You killed my baby Aiza "

I sobbed and he pulled over. I opened the door and got out and he got out as well. I carried on walking but he caught up to me and he embraced me.

Aiza :" I am ajerk I know baby. I love you and it hurts I killed our child. It hurts that I hurt you "

Me :" stop lying just stop "

Aiza :" Please give me a chance again. I will try right my wrongs. Please Zaza "

I kept quiet. I hate how I am forgiving. I hate that I want to forgive him at this moment.

Aiza :" I love you and I am sorry "

I nodded and he removed the hair from my face and kissed my lips. I responded to his kiss as well he broke it .

Aiza :" a chance "

I nodded and sniffed.

Aiza :" thank you "

His phone rang and he ignored it.

Aiza :" come let's go "

We went back to the car and got in before he drove off to the Dr.

## $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

I am Bongile Khanyile I met Aiza through Fun and I love him so much. He is a man everyone dreams off and envy to have which I have. I am his fiance and he proposed two years ago

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I met Aiza through Fun and I love him so much. He is a man everyone dreams off and envy to have which I have. I am his fiance and he proposed two years ago I have been trying to get pregnant so we can speed up to being married because Siza is taking what is supposed to be mine. The game and spotlight and spot on Bride magazine that I want. Everything and she is not that beautiful even. I turn to my right and my friend Lindi turns to me taking off her sun glasses.

Lindi :" How is hubby ?"

Me :" argh always with that man snatcher of his "

She took a sip of her wine and sat up on her chair.

Lindi :" how is the getting pregnant going ? "

Me :" I went to the Dr yesterday those abortions did things to my womb "

Lindi :" there has to be something done though "

Me :" I don't know "

Lindi :" imagine this house gone this pool gone where will we sun bathe ? "

Me :" don't even get me thinking. I will come up with a plan.

Lindi :" you better "

She laid down. I drank my wine. I need to go and see Mom maybe she will have a plan.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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"Zama !"

Me :" what ? "

The hot kitchen at the back of steers has me in sweat and its a hot day to add on that as well. I peak my head and Celiwe points at the tv that's at the middle of the franchise. Siza appears walking with Aiza and my mood just goes down.

Me :" mxm"

Celiwe :" your sister is very lucky "

Me :" Nx. "

I walked to the back and carried on working. I hate Siza. Since we were young I always had a crush on Aiza and tried my level best for him to notice me . Well we did kiss when we were 17 . Aiza and I are the same age. I am 32 years old and Siza is 5 years younger than me. She. She started growing and they became close I was jealous and hate started there because he would do anything for her when it's Sizaksle he would drop anything. I remember once I talked bad about Siza to him and he threatened that I should never do that again or there will be consequences when I heard they were getting married Siza invited me but I declined. I won't go fake being happy for that hypocrite never !

" Stop fighting with the food. Order # 25 needs large fries "

Me :" coming right up "

I get on working. I hate Siza. I feel like hunting her and strangling her to death then I will be peaceful.

#### ★SIZA★

We got to the Dr and it was confirmed that I wasn't pregnant anymore. It felt so fresh and it's like salt was rubbed on my wound . I asked for an injection. I don't want to get pregnant anytime soon and he gave it to me. We walked out after that and went to the car. We got in and he drove off. Me :" I am going home this weekend "

He looks at me.

Me :" I am not leaving it's not like you would let me "

Aiza:" you make me sound like a monster "

Me I i dont know what you are now "

Aiza :" Dad's death affected me "

Me :" I am not being insensitive about what I will say but you don't see me doing the shit you are doing to you. I lost two kids and felt and still feel the pain. "

Aiza:" they are still my kids as well "

Me :" wow "

I clap my hands.

Aiza :" now you are being immature "

Me :" ain't I ? "

We both kept quiet.

Aiza :" I am sorry Siza but stop trying to pin me every time. I am trying "

Me:" you need to step up your game because this is not it. "

He kept quiet. I also did the same. We got home and I went to make a sandwich and took off my shoes. I went to cook while he went to coop himself in his study. If I could just take this knife and stab him but I love him. I sigh and hold onto the counter . The door bell rings and I go and open and Bongile comes in with her suitcase and she takes off her glasses. I look outside and for sure that AMG was bought by him. Nx if I didn't marry him she wouldn't be driving it.

Bongile :" you "

Me :" you don't enter like that in my house "

Bongile :"Aiza bought it"

Me :"Nx"

I walked off and went to the study and knocked . "Come in " was shouted and I walked in. He lifted his head.

Me :" your Nonkroy is here ( your tramp is here )"

Aiza :" Siza "

I walked out and he followed after. Bongile has made herself comfortable. She jumped out of the couch and I looked at Aiza .

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" Sizakele islima( Sizakele is a fool )"

Bongile :" true "

Me :" Nx"

Aiza :" Bongile respect her. I won't tolerate that at all understood ?"

Bongile :" but babe "

He gave her a death stare. I walked up the stairs. I can't stand this.

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I walked in the main bedroom and I went to the bathroom and took a piss. After I was done i washed my hands and i walked out and he was sitting on the bed. I went to take a book and I passed him but he held my arm.

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" please let go "

Aiza :" I will chase her out "

Me :" you said that years ago "

Aiza :" I love you both "

Me :" life is nice for you and unfair for us "

Aiza :" Don't say that "

Me :" actually I am angry at you so angry at myself too. "

Aiza :" calm down "

Me :" I am going home "

I went to the closet and took my small bag and packed what I need and wore a jersey and then I went out of the closet. I went to open the door and it's locked. He came out of the bathroom. My heart was beating fast. What will he do next ? I looked at him then the closet door and ran for it but he got me fast and pulled me. I dropped my bags and put my arms in front of myself to shield myself and he just hugged me. I was shaking and tears left my eyes. I couldn't breath properly. He whispered in my ear. Aiza :" breath "

I tried to breath.

Aiza:" Don't leave me. I will do anything just don't leave me

He sounded broken. He brushed my weave.

Aiza:" I love you Siza. "

I started to relax.

Aiza :" i will break things off and I am serious this time "

I took deep breaths and he broke the hug and held my face and looked at me. Aiza:" Ok ?"

I nodded.

Aiza:" I love you and I won't hurt you again. I am sorry "

I nodded with tears streaming down my cheeks.

Aiza:" I am sorry "

He wiped my tears with his big thumbs and kissed my lips and I responded to him he picked me up and laid me in bed and tucked me in before kissing my forehead.

Aiza :" I am getting rid of her "

He walked to the door and opened it. I got off the bed and went to take my phone. I haven't heard from mom in a long time so I call her and she answers after three rings. Mom :" Hello "

I clear the lump in my throat .

Me :" Hello Mah "

Mom :" oh Sizakele my child. Unjani umkhwenyana ?(how is my son in law ?)"

I swallowed a lump. My voice was Shakey.

Me :" Urite ( he is ok )"

I wipe my tears.

Mom :" you are very lucky after you lost your Bursary you got a man who will take care of you "

Me :" how is dad ? "

Mom:" oh he is fine. Still growing old. "

Me :" Zamile ?"

Mom :" She is still the same grumpy self "

Me :" oh send my regards "

Mom :" I will. You should visit as well. "

Me :" I will. "

Mom :" Remember what ever situation you are in your marriage Kuyabekezelwa Ntombi ( you wait patiently)"

Me :" yes mah I have to go "

Mom:" ok bye "

Me :" bye"

I hung up and sighed. There is no word I hate than Bekezela. I feel like hanging myself when I hear that word from mom. I look at the bags I dropped before I got off the bed and went to put them away.

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Mmmh she can cook. I dished up for myself since the Mrs went up the stairs. She won't be the only one who has everything . I sit on the high chair and take some pictures of myself and load them on Instagram and comments starts to flood in. Now that's what I like. I take a spoon full of food and I put in my mouth. I hear footsteps and Aiza walks in.

Me :" Baby I am about to do a Live video on Instagram do you want to join in ? "

He never wants to do things publicly with me. Always has an excuse.

Aiza :" I want you to leave "

Me :" haibo why ilomfazi wakho futhi ?( It's your wife again ?)"

Aiza :" Don't talk about Siza like that and we are done. I am taking everything that's mine "

I choked on the rice.

Me :" what ? No ! I got here first not your child hood bestfriend !"

I banged the table.

Aiza:" Eyi Voetsek out of my house Bongile it's over give me my car keys "

Me :" Lesisfebe ngizosibamba ( that Bitch I will get her )"

I got of the high chair and he back slapped me and my cheek was throbbing I fell back holding the counter and the plate went to the floor. He pulled my hair. I have never ever been handled by Aiza like this before.

Aiza :" who are you calling a bitch ?! "

He slapped me again and I fell on the floor scared and he took off his Gucci belt and he whipped me so hard I could feel every stroke. Me :" Help ! Help !"

Aiza :" Fuck you Bongile ! "

" Aiza stop stop hitting her "

She stood by the stairs in her pyjamas. My body was sore and I was crying. He stopped and turned to her and walked towards her and she ran up the stairs. I tried to get up as he walked after her. I wipe blood from my mouth as I bitten myself inside while he slapped me. The way she ran is this what he does to her? No he did this to me because of her. I hate her with so much passion.

Me :" I am gonna get you Siza "

I got home and my parents were watching some TV. Mom doesn't work anymore she only pensions and dad still wants to work.

Mom:" oh you are back "

Me :" yeah "

Mom :" Siza called and she sends her regards "

Me :" Nx "

I walked to my room.

Mom:" what's wrong ? "

I ignored her. She should keep her regards because I don't want them.

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I ran after her and she closed the door and I knocked.

Me :" Siza "

I could hear her sniff.

Me :" I won't do anything I promise "

She was silent. I sighed and sat outside the door. I closed my eyes leaning my head on the door.

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Lindi :" yoh chomi !"

She gasps and I try to put a pillow behind my back. Aiza got someone to drive me home and he is taking everything. Even the house everything .

Me :" he is leaving me friend. For his wife "

Lindi :" so what now ? "

Me :" I don't know "

I still want and love him even after this.

Lindi :" recover first then we will talk "

Me :" I can't loose this at all "

Lindi :" and you won't. You know what ? "

Me:" yeah? "

Lindi :" just takes pregnancy "

Me :" that's not bad "

Lindi :" when you have secured him enough you pull the miscarriage card "

Me :" I like your thinking "

Lindi :" I am here for you "

Me :" thank you "

I rested my head. I love my friend shame.



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seeing him hit her like that last night really brought back bad memories. He won't change. It's just a matter of time I leave with a coffin. I woke up and I remember I locked him out. I went to freshen up and today my hairstylist is coming to get my hair done. It's needed really. I open the door and he is not there. There is a note on the door.

\*\* I am sorry about last night the stylist will come early today don't forget to come to work for the welcoming

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I crushed the note sighing and I went to the kitchen. It's clean and I hear movement and I see maGrace.

Me :" hello mah "

MaGrace :" how are you ? "

Me :" I am well. I thought you were coming In Monday "

MaGrace :" Mr Biyase called me in today. "

Me :" oh "

The door bell rang and I went to attend it and it was my stylish .

Me :" uhm Jessy "

He pulls me in a air kiss and then calls his crew in. He clicks his weave and runs his fingers.

Jessy :" oouh oe kwenzenjani ? Wanjena manje bathini abantu ( ouuh whats wrong ? Why are you like this what will people say )"

Me : it's not bad "

Jessy :" it's bad. Let's go. MaG othi nge Moët lapho sihlabe imphimbo( MaG bring some Moët to wet our throats )"

MaGrace :" yes sir "

She walks off. We go to our usual room and I wear a gown and they set up. MaGrace brings want we need and we thank her. I could see with my eye. It's just it's black. Now it's just Jessy and me. Short for Jason he wanted it like that. He loves to gossip but also secretive as well. He is the person I get along with as my stylist. My nails are done and perfect for Aiza's image. Jessy applies the weave and he starts to take a sip off his Moët .

Jessy :" he started again ?"

I kept quiet.

Jessy :" yazi Sizakele Ave ngidabuka mangiza kwakho or ngoba ngikufica umabokoboko amapopo endodeni enhle kanjena yazi ungamphikela kodwa Buka. Umuhle and awufebi awusiyona leyo type mhlampe Mina nje angangiboxer kodwa wena Cha nje angithandi (You know Sizakele I am always heart broken when I come to your house because I always find you boxed and everything from a man that is so handsome you would even deny it if you heard from another person that he does such but look . You are beautiful and you don't hoe you are not that type maybe he can box me but I don't like this )"

Me :" impilo ( it's life )"

I take a sip off my drink.

Jessy :" when you guys appear on tv or on your social medias we envy but behind closed doors "

He clapped his hands and turned me around.

Jessy :" run away no matter how rich and handsome he is or he will bury you in a expensive casket with a weave and moet Mara your life is not replaceable or multiplied like these materials. GBV is real and you are living it. You want to be a statistic or survivor?"

Tears left my eyes.

Me :" kodwa Jessy ( but Jessy )"

Jessy :" I am just a make up artist and glamour master"

He then took a make up kit and wiped my tears before applying some make up.

Me :" I don't know where I will run to "

Jessy :" find you feet here and then you can start to run when you can stand "

I nodded. It's not easy though at all.

★AIZA★

The company is growing very well and I think dad would be proud of me. We have expanded into neighbouring countries and in the next 10 years we need to have covered atleast 5 countries providing our services. A knock on my door comes through and I tell the person to come in and Mom walks in. When she she growing old. She takes off her sunglasses and puts them in her bag and sits infront of me and puts her bag on the table. Me :" mom "

Mom :" Aiza I don't know you anymore. That witch has you against me "

Me :" ilento esigxhabanisayo (that's what's making us fight )"

Mom:" I will never accept her "

Me :" it's fine. I love her and that doesn't need your input"

She swallowed.

Mom :" When is this thing starting. I am here as a shareholder . "

Me :" it will start at 12h00"

Mom :" that's soon then.

I nodded.

Mom:" you are doing well "

Me : " thank you "

She crossed her legs.

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Jessy got me dressed in a black Prada dress with red bottoms and a black handbag. He did my make up quiet well as well.

Jessy :" hayi makuyhiwa ngiyawafihla amahlazo ( when I can hide truths )"

He took a snap off me from my phone and he posted it on my Instagram account. I never saw the need of it but there it is . I put my phone in my bag.

Me :" it's almost 12h00 I have to leave "

Jessy :" ok. Bye. "

I nodded and I made my way out saying my good byes at MaGrace and I walked to my car and got in and I did a small prayer before driving off. I opened some music to distract myself and I listened to Sjava " ngath' ukuk'thanda kwam kuzong'holele

Efeni ngith' angisaboni Noma k'bonakala ngiwele eweni "

I listened to his songs till I got to ZIQUBU inc.

I got out of the car when I parked and fixed my dress and locked the door and made my way inside. The receptionist greeted. Aiza is very strict even the way people around here work. It's very uptight. I got in the elevator and I pressed his floor and it went up. It pinged and. It got to that floor and I got out and made my way to his office. His oa greeted and I opened the door and Monster in law was in there.

Aiza :" baby "

Me:" mah "

She kept quiet and just sneered. He came and kissed my cheek.

Aiza :" you look wonderful.

Me :" thank you "

Aiza :" we shall leave "

She stood up and walked out bumping me hard. I stumbled a bit

Aiza :" I am sorry "

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I turned and followed out. He held my waist and we walked together to the company's cafeteria .

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We got in the cafeteria and it's nicely decorated in simplicity more of like a business function type of theme with the long tables around the place we walked in and everyone was looking in out direction but i feel like they are looking at me more. Like that can see what goes on beyond this image we are displaying like they can see my broken soul crying out for some saving. We get to the front and Aiza raises his hand up so there could be silent and it is.

Aiza :" I Welcome you all here on this fruitful event "

Everyone clapped their hands. I held on my bag and tried to mask the most Wife face. A strong wife if I can mask that.

Aiza :" My father started this company through a Vision and manifested it into this and made it his mission to keep his Vision alive by leaving me to take over as the only son. "

He put his hand on my back and I tried to breathe.

Aiza:" And for my wife. She has been by my side through everything "

He kisses my cheek and people are melting at the sudden cute gesture. If only if only they knew how much I would trade this place for anything.

Aiza :" and we welcome our new financial team "

Everyone clapped their hands and I did the same.

Aiza :" enjoy it might be the last"

Everyone laughs and the waiters are already moving between people with beverages. It's now a bit noisy with light music playing. A waiter comes infront of me.

Waiter :" Beverage Mrs Biyase ?"

I take the glass of Champagne.

Me :" Thank you "

She smiles and walks away. He touches any back once more.

Aiza:" are you ok ? "

I nodded looking at him and faking a smile.

Aiza :" Smile for the people "

I smile and drink up the wine.

Aiza :" easy we don't want you drunk "

I nodded. His mother looks at us and i put my glass down.

Me :" I need the bathroom "

He nodded and I walked off. I feel suffocated at that moment.

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Today was my day off at work. I snuck out since we'd hours of morning and put a shoal over my face and head and I went to Nkalanga. I got there and the small but looked creepy. I checked my surroundings and i got inside.

Nkalanga :" Khumula icathulo Ntombazane ( take of your shoes My girl )"

I took them off and I sat down and clapped my hands twice.

Me :" Makhosi "

He is silent while playing around with his bones.

Nkalanga :" Ngiyabona ( I can see )"

Me :" Kuhamba kahle ? ( Is it going well ? )"

Nkalanga :" Hayi ngendlela ofuna ngayo ( not the way you want it )"

He took a bottle of pink substance and he put it Infront of us and took some herbs and he wrapped them in a news paper.

Me :" Ngingenza njani ? ( How can I do it ? )"

Nkalanga :" Uvikeliwe uyihlo ( he is protected by his father )"

Me :" Angimbulalli ngifuna angithande nje ( I am not killing him I just want him to love me )"

Nkalanga :" uwenza umonakalo ngoba uvikeliwe ufake isicitho kudade wenu ( You made a mess because he is protected you put a dark cloud over your sister )"

Me :" You gave me these things how is it my fault ? "

Nkalanga :" i warned you "

He pushed the herbs infront of me.

Nkalanga :" this will help lighten the car cloud over your sister "

Me :" I don't want to. Keep it "

I stood up.

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I ignored him and walked out.

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Me :" Thank you so much friend. "

Lindi :" you are welcome. "

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Lindi :" if you say so "

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I closed the toilet seat and went on my knees and I put my hands together. I don't know where to start or what to say .

Me :" Lord save my marriage if not me "

I sighed and held my tears back. I looked up again and closed my eyes and pressed my hands together. I hope my prayers don't bounce off this roof because I need them delivered.

Me :" I don't know what to do. Whatever that has got in to Aiza I cast it out of our marriage . Lord save your crying children like me before we meet you "

I sat there on the floor and watched the wall for some time.

## \_\_[FLASH BACK]

I was looking at the rain drop and running down the glass and the blue sky turned grey the green grass soon to be stained by mud. He comes next to me holding a cup of hot chocolate and we both watch the rain pour. Aiza :" it's cold "

Me :" it's warm inside "

He looked at me and looked back out.

Me :" this is tough "

Aiza :" I am sorry for putting you here Siza "

Me :" now my parents want me to not fail this fake marriage. It went too far and it's going far !"

He puts his hand on my shoulder .

Aiza:" siza "

Me :" I know my name "

Aiza :" I know I...."

He moved closer and his tall self hovers me. He holds my waist bending his head to meet mine and we share a kiss. The second kiss i have had with him so far. It's slow and passionate as well and I enjoy it this time as well. I break it off.

Me :" Stop Aiza "

Aiza :" I love you Siza just give me a chance. I promise not to hurt you"

I am silent and I look at him.

A knock on the bathroom door takes me off memory lane. He broke the biggest promise and that was to not hurt me. I am hurt. I feel hurt. The knock comes again.

"Mrs Biyase is everything ok? Mr Biyase is looking for you "

I wipe my tears before they ruin my make up and I get up and open the door .

Me :" I am fine "

I smile at the waiter and walk to the sink. She looked at me as I washed my hands and dried them. I took my bag and I walked out to the cafeteria. I see him laugh with one of the share holders and I am not in the mood to fake a laugh. I take another glass from the waiter and my mother in law comes to me and stands infront of me.

MamBiyase :" that Prada you wear weave car everything is my husband and sons money you are just another gold digger I will get rid off " She walked off. I swallowed and looked at my ring and it doesn't hold a great significance. He comes my way and stands infront of me.

Siza :" let's go to my office "

Know and take a gulp and out the glass down and he makes a hook with his arm and i hook mine and we walk to the elevator. We get inside and it goes up and pings. We get out and walk to his office and he lets me in first and comes in after and locks. My heart races.

Aiza :" talk to me :"

Me :" I am fine "

Aiza :" I am sorry Siza I really am "

I look at him amd my eyes are glossy. He comes closer to me and hugs me.

Aiza :" I love you ok ? "

I nod he lifts my face up and wipes my fears before we share a kiss and he breaks it wiping my lips with his thumb

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

After Lindi had left I got my phone and decided to call mom after so long. I am sure she is somewhere doing some troubling. She answers by luck.

Mom :" Bongile "

Me :" I need a traditional healers "

Mom:" stop sleeping without a condom "

Me :" it's for a man "

She is silent.

Me :" he is wealthy very rich but he is married . I ant him "

Mom :" come at 3 am "

Me :" thank you "

She hangs up. I knew I can count on her .

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I got off the car and rushed inside the yard and knocked on the door and mom opened.

Mom:" you are on time "

Me :" I don't want people to see me here "

She looked around and pushed me out of the way closing the door and locking it.

Mom:" you were raised in these streets "

Me :" and i imagine myself out of them. "

I held my scarf close to my face covering it as we walked to my car. We got in and i started it and drove off.

Me :" where are we going ? "

Mom :" Nkalanga He helped me get rid of your grandmother "

Me :" Wow "

Mom :" She was a pain In the butt "

Me :" I knew witchcraft is your speciality "

Mom :" it's our speciality now "

I looked at her and kept quiet.

Mom:" tell me about this boy "

Me :" Aiza Biyase "

Mom:" Wow you hit the jackpot there "

Me :" I know.

Mom :" we will get him. "

Me :" Thank you "

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I woke up in the morning and went to bath myself before going to prepare Aiza for work. We came back home early and I just needed the bed so I went to sleep. I made some breakfast for him and some lunch. I guess I am not in God's favour lately. I do pray at times yes I don't go to church but I do put in my 2 cent words in my prayer but nothing. He walks down the stairs not dressed.

Aiza :" Good morning "

Me:" Morning "

He holds my waist and kisses my neck.

Aiza :" I am not going to work today. "

Me :" Oh "

Aiza :" We are going to a wine yard "

Me :" Really ? "

He nodded and i smiled. I always wanted to go since baba took us when I was 19 just to taste some wines and I vowed when I am older and stable I will take myself there.

Me :" Thank you "

Aiza:" I love you ok ? I know you are doubting it but I love you and we will have a baby "

Me :" I don't want to have a baby anytime soon. "

Aiza :" I understand and I am so..."

I placed my fingers on his lips and I held his face and kissed him and he responded to my kiss holding my butt he squeezed it while groaning and I broke it.

Aiza :" Damn you are making me want to take you now "

I shyed off and he turned the stove off behind me and picked me up.

Aiza :" I want to see what's under that dress "

Me :" Mmh "

He kissed me and I returned it as he walked up the stairs.

## ★KAMOGELO★

I opened my eyes and the sun was penetrating in the room. I flipped myself over and He was not next to me. Why am I sighing and feeling like this ? He probably left during the night while I was asleep. He never stays at all. I get off the bed and make my way to the bathroom and take a bath. My body starts to relax as I am in the bathtub and I get out. I see a brown envelope and I went to it and look inside and it's my payment. I don't want it anymore yes it could have helped but I don't want it anymore .I am as good as a prostitute at this point. A note is there saying I can stay at the hotel for the next two days as well. I feel angry at him for using me like this and me falling for this stupidity . What do I know ? I am just 22 years . You know what ? Let me go and spoil myself with his money and send some home.

I change and I walk out. I will go and have some breakfast at a good resturant. I get a cab and it goes where I want it to go. I pay and walk inside the resturant and business men and some other people are eating here as well. I want to feel myself and forget a little of the situation I have back home. I know as soon as I mail the money my mother will blow it all on alcohol. She is the Blesser of that since I have started sleeping with Ingathi . The waiter comes and I order some coffee with a farm house breakfast and then he walks off. I get busy on my phone and my Instagram Followers have increased to 49 thousand. I should do an appreciation post when I reach 50 thousand.

"I knew I recognize this face from somewhere "

I lift my head up and fear kicks in a bit. I am sweating and scared as well not knowing why . He sits opposite me and puts his Mercedes-Benz car keys on the table and his phone. He is neat suit clean beard everything. His cologne cannot be missed by a mile.

Him:" Kamo right? "

I nod not sure if I know him. He lets out his hand.

Him:" Hlubi

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Hlubi Biyase . I used to school with your older brother " Oh the rich jerk from back when I was a kid. My brother was very smart and only schooled in private schools through scholarships. I on the other hand was the dumb blonde he had a friend who I didn't like because of how much he would carry himself nje. He was a jerk indeed and right now I am frowning not wanting him infront of me.

Me :" oh "

I said not showing any interest yet I am interested. "

Hlubi :" you have grown. How old are you ? "

Me :" 22"

Hlubi :" still young "

I don't remember much of him but I know he is that jerk I am talking about.

Hlubi :" how is Katlego ? "

Me :" Uhm he died. "

Hlubi :" ohw "

Sadness washed over his face.

Me :" Brain tumour cancer "

He nodded

Hlubi :" its good to see that you made it"

I chocked on my spit and he got me water.

Me :" yeah "

He shook his head.

Hlubi :" you are young for that "

Me :" young for what ? "

Hlubi :" selling yourself like that "

Me :" you know nothing about me actually why are you still seated here ? "

He chuckled and put a few notes on the table.

Hlubi :" I will see you "

Me :" Nx !"

He walked off. Who does he think he is?

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I ran my fingers on her naked skin as she played on my chest. I kissed the top of her head and Carried on caressing her. The marks on her body makes me flinch . When did I start being a monster. I have always loved and protected Siza and now I wonder what's going on ? Why am I doing this to her and causing her so much pain.

Me:" baby "

Siza :" Mmmh "

Me :" you are asleep ? "

Siza :" i am trying to sleep Aiza "

Me :" we are supposed to go to the wine yard. "

Siza :" after my nap please "

Me :"did I drain you ?"

Siza :" too much "

I chuckle.

Me :" I am sorry. "

I kissed her cheek and she slept.

 $\star$  BONGILE  $\star$ 

we got back from the healer and I was given herbs to bath in and change his name three times each day when I bath. I was sitting with Mom in my house after we have came from the healer and she hasn't stopped rambling her mouth how much God is blessing me like her before she married dad.

Me :" mm"

I sipped on my drink.

Mom : "he won't hit you after you use this on yourself "

Me :" I think he hits his wife "

Mom :" don't care about her. Everyone for themselves "

Me :" you are right "

Mom:" this house is beautiful "

Me:" I know "

I took a sip off my drink.

## ★SIZA★

After my nap we went to bath and got dressed for our trip then we left. The whole way we were conversations and laughing he would hold my hand and kiss it here and there and I would blush. It like he was making me fall in love with him all over again and I was. We got to the wine yard and got out of the car. We were in comfortable clothes for such a trip.

Me :" stop it "

I giggled as he held my waist and nibbled my ear.

Aiza :" can't I touch you ? "

Me :" no it's tickling "

He chuckled.

" Welcome Mr and Mrs Biyase "

Us:" hi "

Her :" I am Amy and I will be showing you our grape field and taking you through our process of making wine and we can taste the different wines and why we have dry wine as well. People ask that question alot.

Me:" thank you"

Her :" shall we ? "

I nodded and Aiza took my hand and we followed her. He would contently touch me.

Me :" Aiza "

Aiza :" ok I won't do that again just give me a perk "

I stood on my toes and gave him a perk "

Aiza :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

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We got to wine tasting and I really love Sweet wine so much the dry wine is a bit bitter for me but it's good as well.

Aiza :" Wine is not for me "

We laughed.

Me :" So Champagne is also considered wine right ? "

Her :" some call it white wine and some Champagne. We make it with our green grapes. "

Me :" this is nice "

I played around with the wine in the wine glass before sipping it . I put my glass down.

Me :" this was nice "

Aiza :" yes it was. "

Her :" thank you for stopping by. It's such an honour to have you both here in our wine yard "

Me :" Thank you for your hospitality skills "

She laughed.

Aiza :" we are leaving ? "

I nodded. We said our good byes and walked out.

Aiza :" we are going out for dinner tonight "

Me :" I am being spoiled. "

Aiza :" Yes I am proving my love "

He kissed my forehead. I Nodded.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

Lunch time was nearing and i was tired if being at the back. It's hot and I am tired of the heat from the kitchen. I leave my utensils and I go to the bathroom and take a pee then I wipe and I am done. I flush and walk out and went to wash my hands. I walked out and went to get my lunch and went to sit with the ladies.

Florence :" Zama yazi if I were you I would be all over my sister's Mansion in her pool snapping photos . In the kitchen everywhere shame I would be everywhere " Gugu :" I don't think I would hold myself with her husband. Mmmh some women are very lucky. "

Sne :" oh my God hubby just posted. "

I roll my eyes. Thats my man that you are drooling over.

Gugu :" oh Lord andisabwl andisabwl "

She :" oh my husband man "

Florence :" I wonder if I can send in my application to be second wife "

Me :" can we talk about something else either than Aiza and Sizakele ? "

Sne :" and you ? Jealousy eating you ? "

Me :" Nx "

l ignored her.

Gugu :" If only he had a brother. "

Florence :" I should have removed his mother when I had a chance "

They laughed. I got up irritated and went to go and work.

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

Mom :" Geza ( bath )"

She spills the water filled with herbs on my body and i close my eyes in the bathtub.

Me :" Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase ."

She stopped and I then spilled water over my body washing it.

Me :" Come back to me. Love me

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Marry me I want you back. " Mom :" say all that you want "

Me :" leave Siza and come to me. "

Mom :" Yes. Bath "

I kept on calling his name three times and I carried on bathing.

 $\star$ SIZA $\star$ 

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Me :" Aiza "

Aiza :" Babe"

Me :" Do you think we really love each other or we think so because we have been friend's for so long "

He is silent. He holds my hand and kisses it.

Aiza :" I love you. It's from deep within and youoccupy my heart "

Me :" what about Bongile ? What can't just forget the fact that you love her as well "

Aiza :" I didn't want to hurt her "

Me :" but you hurt me "

Aiza :" I am sorry babe "

Me :" I am just asking. I am just saying"

Aiza :" I am sorry. I love you ok ? And I mean it when I say that. I don't know what's wrong with me but I will fix it. I will fix our marriage. "

I sighed.

Aiza :" Ok ? "

Me :" Ok "

He kissed my hand.

Aiza :" I love you that you should never doubt even if I get bewitched "

We laughed.

Me :" that won't happen "

Aiza:" i am just saying "

Me :" I love you too "

He nodded and i looked at him while he drove off. I miss the old us. I want that relationship back more than anything and I think slowly we are going back there. We got home after some time and we both hopped off. There were still hours left before we could go our for dinner. His phone rang and he answered.

Aiza :" Mah "

He was silent. That woman really hates me with her guts.

Aiza :" ok. I hear you "

He says.

Aiza :" don't you even ..."

He hung up.

Me :" something wrong ? "

Aiza :" it's just mom. "

Me :" don't worry "

Aiza:" come here"

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I went to him and he held my waist. I laid my head on his chest. I love him this gentle.

## ★ MABHEBHE(SIZA'S MOTHER) ★

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I took my washing basket as I was done hanging the washing and my neighbor Called out for me.

Her :" weh Makhelwane !"

Me :" yebo ( yes )"

I walk towards the gate and open for her. She walks in.

MaZuma :" how are you ? "

Me :" i am good. I am good. "

MaZuma:" I had bad dream and it disturbed me "

Me :" what is it? "

MaZuma:" Sizakele. She is not ok. "

Me :" she is perfectly fine. I called her a few days ago "

MaZuma :" Musa ukuvaleka amehlo. Ufuye inyoka kwakho and Uzobuya ngebhokisi ngiyakutshela ( stop being blind. You are harbouring a snake and she will come back in a coffin I tell you )"

Me :"aungitshele utshelwe abaphansi bakho futhi ? (Tell me your ancestors showed it to you ?)"

She is a prophet.

MaZuma :" yes. "

Me :" please leave. I know my kids and what's best for them

She shook her head.

Me:" leave "

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MaZuma :" I tried "

She turned. I clicked my tongue.

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I walked down the stairs all dressed and Aiza was drinking his whisky while waiting for me. He turned around and he put his drink down and came to assist me the rest of the stairs and held my waist laying a perk on my lips. Aiza :" you look wonderful "

Me :" thank you"

I smiled.

Aiza :" Shall we ? "

I nodded and he took my hand and car keys and we walked out of the house. He opened the door for me. He is being a gentle man tonight. I get in and thank him and he goes to his side and he gets in and drives off. H takes my hand and holds it and kisses it here and there as well. I start to relax as well in the car.

Me :" which restaurant are we going to ?"

Aiza :" it's a surprise "

Me :" oh "

He smiles.

Aiza:" I hope you enjoy "

Me :" me too"

He smiles.

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 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

My phone rang disturbing me from my meditation. I get off the floor and i stand up and go and take it and it's Mom. I answer.

Me :" Mom "

Mom :" kea leboha ngoan'a ka! ( Thank you my baby ! )"

There is noise in the background.

Me :" mom !"

She keeps on shouting but I can't here what she is saying she to the noise. I hang up and burst into tears. I wish my brother didn't die everything would be better and simple. Mom wouldn't be a drunken it started when she lost My older brother . He was everything and our way out as well. I went to the kitchen and took out a bottle of wine and I gulped from it and put my bottle down. I hear a message ping from my phone and I go and take it. It's from Ingathi \*\* I am on my way are you at the hotel ? \*\*

I sigh. I am tired.

Me :" No "

He calls me and he doesn't usually call me.

Ingathi :" I am coming "

Me :" ok "

He hangs up and I stand up and I go to my room and I take my things and go to the bathroom to take a bath and fix myself up not much. I wear a gown over my body and go to my room and wear lace underwear and go and sit at the lounge drinking my wine. Few seconds later there is a knock on the door and I go and open the door and he pushes me in and kisses me. It's not rough and hungry like always. It's different. Ingathi :" what are you wearing underneath ? "

Me:" Nothing "

He kisses my neck and looks behind me.

Ingathi :" you should stop drinking wine "

Me :" why ? "

Ingathi :" I want a baby."

Me :" what about your wife ? "

Ingathi : " she can't give me a baby. "

He picked me up and kissed my neck. I don't want a baby I don't want any of his sperms swimming inside of me and creating a human. What will I bring this child into? He gets

in my bedroom and lays me on the dd and takes off his blazer.

Me :" I am not ready to have a baby "

I don't want a baby.

Ingathi :" I will take care of you and the baby. "

He kisses my shoulders.

Ingathi :" once you are pregnant I will buy you a house. I will take care of everything. Anything you need. "

Me :" am I gonna be a surrogate ?"

He pulls my legs up and he opens them and takes off my under wear and his between them.

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Ingathi :" shit ! "
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He goes to my cookie and he sucks on my clitoris and I moan holding the sheets. My toes curl and he removes his face and inserts a finger and thrusts it in me and the pleasure is taking over alot. He pulls it out when I am about to cum.

Ingathi :" Come turn around "

I sit up and I take off the gown and go on my knees and he spreads my butt cheeks and he spanks my butt.

Me :" Ah !"

He groans and he has said my moans turn him on he slips a finger in again .

He kissed my back and held my butt and he took off his belt and he folded it in half and hit me with it on my but slightly and I screamed and he did that again before he sucked on my butt cheeks and rubbed them. He traces his tongue down to my Kitten and he thrusted it inside me. I could feel the warmthness and pleasure at the same time. I held on the sheets arching my butt up more for more access and he pulls out and keeps on teasing me. I feel like crying at the same time he keeps on jumping to the next best thing.

Ingathi :" where is your Vibrator ? "

Me :" the wardrobe "

He goes to the wardrobe and he searched for it and found it. He takes off his shirt and a tattoo written Ziqubu in bold on his chest . He came closer and he kissed my back and turned on my vibrator and teased me with it. My head rolled back as I moaned in pleasure.

Me :" mmmh "

Ingathi :" moan for me. "

Me :" Ah ! "

I cum and he slips in his fingers and takes them out and puts them in my mouth for me to taste myself.

Ingathi :" You look appeasing. "

I pant a bit and he then gets me off the bed and carried me to the dresser and sits me there and he kisses me and I respond as well. He undressed his pants and they dropped down with his boxers as well and pulled me to the edge.

Ingathi :" no condom today "

I nodded and he positioned himself and he slipped in slowly. I try to hold myself from moaning but it gets too overwhelming and I hold onto his biceps. He takes off his ring and puts it next to me and kisses my shoulder before he starts to move.

Me :" oh yes "

Ingathi :" yes babe. Keep going. "

He holds my butt and he increases his pace.

Me :" Ah Ingi ! "

Ingathi :" fuck ! "

He pulls out and his dick is covered by my wetness.

Ingathi :" Come "

He gets me off and he pins me on the wall against my back and he lifts my leg up and he thrusts in and hides his head at the crack of my neck and kisses it.

Ingathi :" Fuck Kamo "

Me :" slow down. "

He does slow down and his strokes are long and deep as well.

Ingathi :" Look at me Kamo "

I look at him and he kisses me and I respond as well. I whisper through the kiss.

Me :" I am cumming. "

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★BONGILE★

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Me :" I wanna be pregnant "

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 $\star$ SIZA $\star$ 

The waiter came this is wonderful and also beautiful. I feel important and loved. He placed the covered food infront of

me and I thanked him. He walked off and I opened it. It was desert with caramel sauce around it in a heart shape .

Me :" this is sweet "

Aiza :" I love you "

I nodded.

Aiza:" I am going to prove it each and every day"

Me :" Thank you "

Violins started playing and it was A instrumental of All my life.

Aiza :" can I have this dance before desert? "

I nodded and hw came and took my hand and I got up and he held my waist. We danced a little and my head was on his chest.

Aiza :" Remember you always dreamed of these kinds of moments "

Me :" yes. "

Aiza :" I will make them happen for you baby "

I kept quiet.

Aiza :" I will never find another lover sweeter than you

Sweeter than you

And I will never find another lover more precious than you

More precious than you

Girl you are close to me you're like my mother

Close to me you're like my father

Close to me you're like my sister

Close to me you're like my brother (brother)

You are the only one my everything and for you this song I sing

And all my life I've prayed for someone like you

And I thank God that I that I finally found you

All my life I've prayed for someone like you

And I hope that you feel the same way too

Yes I pray that you do love me too....."

He hums after that. I stop.

Me :"hurt me Aiza and I will leave you "

Aiza :" I won't "

He perks my lips.

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Aiza :" I won't I promise "

I nodded and we carried on dancing.

I breathed out and laid next to him and I am already ready for him to walk out but he instead pulls me to him and plays with my weave. It's weird. He is the first man I have ever slept with and now he will be the first man I will have a baby with.

Ingathi :" don't get a morning after pill ok ? "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" good "

He pulls me to his chest and I listen to his heart beat. It feels warm. I start to doze off after that.

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## ★LINDI★

I sat on the kitchen counter. I was trying to call him but it goes to voicemail. My past is catching up with me and its starting to pay. I hear his cry and I run up the stairs and I get in his nursery and I take him in my arms and hush him. Tears weld my eyes .

Me :" are you ok baby ? "

He keeps on crying and I cry with him and he keeps quiet. I take a bottle and sit on the couch and I feed him and he goes back to sleep. I thought this baby would be my saving grace. The actual thing that would save my already falling apart marriage. I put him down and take the baby monitor and go down the stairs and i sit on the high chair and gulp the wine from my glass and try him once more. I hold the paper looking at it and I Cry. It takes me to voicemail .

Me :" Baby please come back. Let me explain. Please Ziqubu "

I didn't think he would so the DNA test this soon. The baby is only 4 months.

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Dr :" You look ok you are free to go "

Me:" Thank you "

He nodded and walked out. I didn't tell Ingathi that I had a surgery to remove my womb all he thinks is that I am pregnant due to my weight gain as well but it was way to damaged for any repair that can happen and I wish I didn't do any of those illegal abortions. I walked out of my ward and got in an elevator and I pressed the ground floor. It went down then I got out and I saw a baby stroller at the passage and the mother seems to be busy at the reception. I searched everywhere before pushing the baby as quick as I can with me. When we got outside it started crying and I left the stroller and took the baby and ran to the car.

I didn't mean to steal the baby but I wanted to please my husband. I know he wants a baby. The way he was happy when I was pregnant told me he wanted a baby. I tried him again and it was off. I cried and drank some wine. Bongile won't even pick up my calls as well. This is messed up.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

These past few days things have been very peaceful at home. I would say I am happy and Aiza is treating me very well. He sends chocolate and a rose with a little note for each day I wonder how long will he keep this up but I should get rid of those negative thoughts. Today I decided to go home and visit my parents. It has been a minute . I drive in my old neighborhood and I get into our street. I park the car infront of the gate and take my bag and the little groceries and I get out and lock the door.

"Sizakele !"

I turn and it's MaZuma she comes close to the fence.

MaZuma :" kwakuhle uku'kbona uphila uconsa ( it's so good to see you alive and looking good ) "

I light laugh.

Me :" ngiyabonga. Nawe mAh (Thank you

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you too man )"
MaZuma :" How is everything at home ? "
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Me :" it's good "

She nodded.

MaZuma :" you need to cleanse my child. You have a dark cloud over you and your God given marriage. Visit me after your parents and we will talk "

I am confused so I just nod. She walks away and I walked inside the house without knocking and Mah closed the curtain. She held her hips.

Mom:" what were you talking about with her? "

She looks pissed.

Me :" she was asking me how I am "

She looked at me and clicked her tongue.

Me :" how are you ? "

Mom :" don't listen to her. She wants to destroy your marriage. "

Me:" ok where is dad ? "

Mom:" work "

Me :" Zamile ? "

Mom:" her room "

Me :" let me go greet her "

I stood up and went to her room. I knocked and opened the door. She was laying on her bed and she sat up

Me :" hi "

I smiled.

Zamile :" what are you doing here ? "

Me :" i came to see y'all "

Zamile :" I don't want to see you "

Me :" I am sorry "

Zamile :" you are not ! You are living my life with no worries.

Tears welded my eyes.

Me :" it's not all roses "

Zamile :" yeah because it's not yours. I wish you can get karma for what you did. "

Me:" Zamile "

Zamile :" get out !"

" Kwenzakalani lah ?!(what's going on here ?!)"

Mom walks in. I push her and I walk out of the house crying. I wipe my tears.

"Sizakele "

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I turn and remember MaZuma called me to her house.



Me:" Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase "

I spill the water over my body and i sit for a while before I get out. I go and lotion and get dressed and the door bell rings. I make my way down the stairs and I open the door and he is standing there. He kisses me and I kiss him back and he breaks it off.

Aiza :" I am sorry for what I did to you baby. "

Me :" it's ok "

My heart was twerking.

Aiza :" Can we get back together ? "

I nodded.

Me :" what about Siza ?"

Aiza :" I will divorce her "

Me :" thank you "

I kissed him.....

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"Yeyi wena vuka uyeke ukucabuzana nemoya ( hey !wake up and stop kissing the air )"

I opened my eyes and mom was standing there opening the curtains.

Mom:" you have to go and bath ."

Me :" I thought it was real "

Mom :" what is real ?"

Me :" the dream "

Mom :" shame come "

I got off the bed. I felt disappointed.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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I got in my fly andhe followed Ben me. I put the shopping bags on the couch and i turned to him and he kissed my lips.

Ingathi:" would you betray me?"

Me :" no "

Ingathi :" don't i will treat you like a queen and you will libe a good life "

I nodded.

He kissed my lips again.

Ungathi:" I have to go. I will see you "

Me :" thank you "

Ungathi :" you are welcome "

I nodded and he walked out. I sighed and threw myself on the couch.

Me:" Oh my God "

I blushed. The way he is treating me lately is spine chilling. I wonder what's happening between him and his wife.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

Mazuma made tea for s and she sat down. We were both quiet for a moment . I made my tea and she looked at me.

MaZuma :" your marriage has a dark cloud "

I sipped on my tea.

MaZuma :" your sister "

Me :" what ? "

MaZuma :" ufake ischitho empilweni yakho ( she put on black magic in your life )"

Me :" she is mad but she wouldn't do that "

MaZuma:" it's ment for Aiza to love her but he is protected by his father. His actions will change though but he will still love you. You are both ment for each other "

I can't believe this.

Me :" wow "

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MaZuma :" go home and think about what I have said. "

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## **INSERT 10**

### $\star$ LINDI $\star$

Grace is at the Nursery looking after Njabulo. The kitchen door that leads to the garage opens and I look at him walk inside and he places his car keys and goes to the fridge and takes out a beer and closes it and turns to me. I am glad to see him but I am sweating.

Me :" ing.."

He raised his hand.

Ingathi :" For how long were you going to lie? "

I kept quiet.

Ingathi :" I don't know the woman I married "

Tears prickle my eyes. I got to his side and hold his waist.

Me :" Baby it's still me. The same woman you married. "

Ingathi :" I guess I didn't check if she is a lier and a stealer.

He walked off.

Me:" Ingathi! "

He ignored and me and I held onto my chest and cried. I won't loose my marriage. No ....no .

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

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I looked at my mother getting cosy in my house. She was supposed to leave a long time ago but she is still here and I wonder why.

Me :" when are you going home ? "

Mom :" when you marry that boy "

Me :" haibo go home "

Mom :" and leave you in this house ? Never "

She ate her food.

Me :" Mxm. Gold digger "

Mom:" like you. Even going to traditional healers "

Me :" you took me to one "

Mom:" who asked for one ? "

I kept quiet.

Mom:"exactly. Don't even start with me "

Me : " let me go and sun bathe outside. "

Mom :"apply ointments so you can get rid off the Marks "

Me :" I will later. "

I left her in the kitchen and i went outside and sat by the pool side.

★SIZA★

What MaZuma said to me is getting me thinking would Zamile really do that to me. ? Why would she do such all for a man. I feel hurt and betrayed as well. I got home and I threw my shoes off and paced up and down the lounge calling Aiza. He picks up after some time.

Me :" Baby "

Aiza :" what's wrong Zaza ?"

Me :" Its about us "

Aiza :" don't tell me you are leaving me "

Me :" no. No. I was told I need to cleanse because I have a dark cloud and that someone has put a curse on our marriage. "

Aiza :" this is sensitive. I have to come home. I will be there ok ? "

Me:" ok "

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#### ★KAMOGELO★

My phone rings ask am cooking. I am feeling a bit joyful as well. When I see who is calling a smile forms onto my face as I answer.

Me :" Hello"

Ingathi :" how are you ? "

Me :" i am good. I am cooking "

Ingathi :" Have you thought about studying before ? "

I kwpt quiet. I am not smart and I did pass my matric with a bachelor but my Aps score wasn't enough to get me in.

Me :" Yes but I never got in. "

Ingathi :" what do you want to study ?"

Me:" media"

Ingathi :" ok. Send me your matric report and then I will pull some strings. "

Me :" Why are you doing this ? "

Ingathi :" I want you to study "

Me :" I am not dumb. I will always be in debt to you"

Ingathi :" I am just helping out "

Me :" mmh "

Ingathi :" I am coming "

Me :" your wife ? "

Ingathi :" I am coming. Wear something nice "

Me:" ok "

He hangs up and I sigh. I know he is lying. I will always owe him.

 $\star$ SIZA $\star$ 

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I hear the car pull up and I rush out of the house and go towards him and he catches me.

Aiza :" what's wrong ? "

Me :" My sister. She is the one who out this over us. It's said it was ment for you to love her but you are protected by baba. That's why you have been acting off because of that. "

Aiza :" The fuck. ! We are going to Thembisa ! "

He walked towards the car.

Me :" calm down "

I got infront of him.

Me :" let's get cleansed "

Aiza :" what if she does it again ? "

Me :" let's not think irrationally"

Aiza :" I am so mad "

I hold his waist.

Me :" I am hurt"

He sighs.

Aiza :" I am sorry. "

Me :" it's ok. "

I look at him and he kisses me.

Aiza :" when should we cleanse?"

Me :" we should talk to MaZuma about that"

He nodded.

Azia :" anything to get us better. I want it to be over "

Me :" me too. "

He kisses me.

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Aiza :" can I take you upstairs ? "

I shyed off nodding and he chuckled and picked me up walking inside the house.

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 $\star$ LINDI  $\star$ 

I walked in our bedroom and he was packing my clothes.

Me :" Baby please. "

Ingathi :" I will take that baby to the police station and try to find it's owner. How do you think the woman who birthed that child feels right now or what she is going through ?!"

He roared.

Me :" Baby I am sorry "

Ingathi :" I want you out of my house in the next hours. "

Me :" you can't leave me "

Ingathi :" watch me "

Me :" baby please "

I crawled to him.

Ingathi :" Lindiwe "

Me :" please baby please. I am sorry we can return the baby "

He huffed.

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Ingathi :" I will be back "

He took his car keys and he walked out.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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He held the weave in his hands up and he scrubbed my back while I held my boobs . He washed it slowly and then let go of the weave and went to my boobs and touched them squeezing them and pinching my nipples as well. He kissed my neck as the warm water fell onto our bodies.

Aiza :" I love you "

Me:"I love you too "

Aiza :" I will be better for you. "

Me :" we should talk to MaZuma "

Aiza :" we will go tonight"

I nodded and he ran his hands to my waist and pulled me to him and kissed my neck once more I closed my eyes .

He kissed my lips and I pulled back.

Me :" Oops "

I laughed covering my mouth.

Me:" That was a weird mistake. "

He just looked at me and chuckled a bit but held my cheeks and kissed my lips.

Me:" Aiza "

I broke it off.

Aiza :" I need you Siza "

Me :" you are grieving and this is your father's house. We have to respect that "

Aiza. :" You are my wife "

Me :" fake wife "

Aiza :" my feelings aren't fake at the moment"

I looked at him and he kissed me and after sometime I responded as well and he laid me back on the bed and got on me.

Me:" Aiza "

I put my hands on his chest.

Aiza :" I love you Siza. Not as a friend but more "

I was shocked.

Aiza:" My relationships don't last because of you. "

Me :" what did I do? "

Aiza:" its because I damnlovw you with my whole heart that there is no space "

Me :"Wowwhat about Bongile?"

Aiza :" if love her I would have married her instead of you"

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Aiza:" I love you "

I opened my eyes and the warmth from the water was starting to get cold.

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I nodded.

Me:"ok "

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Ingathi :" What did you cook ? "

Me :" I made some pap and chakalaka you know "

He nodded.

Ingathi :" dish up for me "

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Ingathi :" this is different pap "

Me :" yeah It is. It has cheese and more ingredients"

Ingathi :" Mmmmh you are really creaping your way "

I didn't know what he ment but I ignored him and watched him clean his plate.

## $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

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She cried over the phone.

Me :" phephisa

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 $\star$  BONGILE  $\star$ 

Lindi :" it's messed up. He is going to leave me ! "

She cried over the phone.

Me :" phephisa nawe kodwa mngani usungaze uyintsontse ? ( Sorry but friend you had to steal it ? )"

Lindi :" I was desperate like you were desperate for potions for Aiza to love you back "

Me :" this is different. You stole a human "

Lindi:" you are being judge mental "

Me :" no I am just pointing out the differences. Do something for your husband. Does he have other cousins?

Lindi :" what do you want ? Aiza or the cousins? "

Me:"both to balance "

Lindi :"mxm will see"

Me:" thanks chaio"

Lindi:"I am not done. "

I hung up and took my nail polish.

Mom:" we will be out of groceries soon"

She said walking in the lounge"

Me :" we? "

Mom:" yes. "

Me:" I live alone "

Mom :" make a plan before we go hungry "

Me :" when is this supposed to work ?"

Mom:" go and bath "

I nodded and she walked off. I carried on doing my nails.

#### $\star$ AIZA $\star$

i didn't know how to feel with what Siza said to me. I really need to see Zamile face to face and see where she got the guts to do such. We got to MaZuma's house and we got out of the car. Siza held my hand and we walked inside the yard and we knocked on the door. It was getting late and cold. The door opened and the old woman smiled.

MaZuma :" you came back "

Siza :" hello I brought my husband "

MaZuma :" I can see. I hope he will understand and agree "

Me :" anything "

MaZuma :" well come in "

We walked inside the house and he closed the door. I am ready for anything that's needed.

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I took a sip off the tea and put my cup down. I could see that Aiza is a bit impatient at the moment. MaZuma holds her cup as she finished taking her sip.

MaZuma :" entsukwini ezidlule bengingakhulu lekile emoyeni ngathinta abaphansi bangibonise and angikuthandandanga engikubonile ( a few days ago I wasn't ok in my soul. I talked to the Ancestors to show me and I didn't like the results )"

Aiza :" What now ? "

MaZuma :" You don't need much ukufake isidliso . Idinga ukuphahla uphalaze ukhiphe Khona mese ngiyani khulekelela nginiqinise (she put a love potion . You need to do this ritual then I will pray for you both so you can be ok )"

I looked at Aiza .

MaZuma :" come tomorrow and we will start. We will then pray from 0h00 to 3h00 . I will give you a set of candles. Burn them in the room next to your bedroom and leave them on then you will drink the Holy water I will pray for and you will drink it Siza till tomorrow "

I nodded. She stood up and walked off. I held Aiza's hand.

Me :" it's going to be ok "

Aiza :" I don't know about your sister. "

Me :" let's forget her and focus on us. "

Aiza :" I am sorry "

Me :" Its not your fault. "

He nodded. MaZuma came back after some time with a 2L water bottle and a set of candles and she put them on the table.

MaZuma :" the Red candle you will burn it alone. It's for your enemies it will fight them off and also reveal them "

Aiza :" will they notice ? "

MaZuma :" Not at all. "

We nodded.

MaZuma :" White candle is for peace and harmony that you want upon your life and marriage . "

I nodded.

MaZuma :" the purple one is going to break your curses Sizakele and fight off bad spirits as well "

She stands up and goes to the kitchen and comes back with a plastic and puts everything inside.

MaZuma :" You may go for today. Remember to leave them burning until they burn down "

Me :" Yes Man. Thank you "

Aiza :" thank you "

MaZuma :" My pleasure. Come tomorrow and we will do the cleansing "

We nodded and thanked her once more before we walked out. I looked at home and my heart was just heavy. I just can't believe she did that. We got in the car and he drove off.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

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Seeing Siza ticked me off and got me more angry. She is here to rub it in my face now and that just angers me.

Dad :" Sit down Mkami and watch TV "

We were eating at the lounge late at night . Mom was peaking through the window .

Mom:" Heeh is that Sizakele ? What is she doing going into that witches house ?"

Me :"what house ? "

Mom :" MaZuma "

I kept quiet. We carried on eating and mom was still by the window .

Mom:" here they walk out with Mkhwenyana "

I stood up and went to the window. Oh that man is perfectly made I would look good as his wife too but the image of Sizakele next to him turns me off and makes me angry.

Mom:" Sizakele disobeyed me !"

Dad :"maybe you are seeing people "

Mom:" it is "

They got in the car and it drove off.

Me :" they didn't even pass inside "

Mom :" I need to give her a mouth full "

She took her phone from her boobs and walked off.

Me :"Wow"

Dad :" when are you moving out ? "

Me :" I won't "

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He shook his head. I know he wanted to say something.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

He played on the bed looking at the ceiling. He seemed to be deep in thoughts as his feet were dangling over the bed I touched his chest. Me :" Go home and sort everything out. "

He looked at me.

Ingathi :" Let's say we are married and you can't have kids at all. Would you tell me ? "

I swallowed.

Me :" it wouldn't be as easy but I would because there can be adoption "

Ingathi :" I don't like adoption "

Me :" it would be hard because first instinct is being scared of loosing you but I would tell you atleast if we make baby decisions like having a baby I know where it comes from and not resent your child because I can't produce one for you. " Ingathi :" If you could steal a baby would you ? "

Me :" No

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Ingathi :" If you could steal a baby would you ? "

Me :" No I can't imagine the woman who will loose that baby . The pain she will be in. When the hold grows up the truth will come out and the child will resent you. It's unecessary drama that could be avoided and alot of pain. " He pulls me to him and kisses me and I respond to his kiss he broke it off.

Ingathi :" I am going to play golf tomorrow do you want to come ? "

Me :" I thought this is private "

Ingathi :" we can change things. "

Me :" I don't know how to play golf "

Ingathi :" I will teach you "

Me :" why are you being nice ? "

Ingathi :" I am like this "

I nodded. He laid me on his chest and his phone rang.

Me :" take it. It might be important "

He looked at it. And it flashes his wife he ignores it.

Me :" it might be the child "

Ingathi :" I don't have kids "

I didn't ask any further.



We got home and I went to the guest room and i did as instructed and prayed as well for this to work. I closed my eyes and I saw a vivid image of Bongile bathing.

"Aiza Biyase come back to me "

I opened my eyes and held my chest . Why are people doing this?. I stood up and closed the door and then went to our bedroom. He was already paying in bed. I got in between the covers and he pulled me to him.

Aiza :" I love you "

I nodded.

Me :" I love you too "

I closed my eyes and slept. I woke up in the morning and the bed was empty. I went to church on the candles and they were almost out. I went to make the bed and did my hygiene and then went down the stairs and Aiza was in the kitchen.

Me :" good morning "

Aiza :"Good morning. We are going for golf "

Me:" ok "

Aiza :" MaZuma called and said it's best we come in the afternoon "

Me :" Ok "

I sat on the high chair and he gave me pancakes and i laughed. He sprayed scream on them and chocolate sauce.

Me :" thank you "

He smiled. I started eating then I washed the dishes and went to change into the outfit for the day and he took his things and we walked out and loaded everything in the car and got in and he drove off.

★LINDI★

Grace :" Madam are you ok ? "

Me :" I am fine "

She nodded and walked out of the kitchen. I sipped the whisky and took my phone and tried him for te hundredth time and it goes to voicemail. I sniff.

Me :" baby please come home "

I hang up and I cry. I messed up really bad Ingathi doesn't forgive easily. I stood up and went up the stairs .

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

Mom :" she didn't take any of my calls "

She was scrubbing the passage mirror.

Me :" vele she thinks she is better than us now "

Mom :" let me go and talk to that woman to stay away from my child "

Me :" you do that! She is mending in our matters. "

Mom:"carry on cleaning here "

Me :" ok "

She gave me the dig cloth and walked off. I sighed. I wonder what they went there for . I have to go and see Nkalanga tomorrow morning.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I licked the sauce off my fingers and took the coffee and drank it.

Ingathi :" Don't spill "

Me :" I won't. Relax "

Ingathi :" Mmmh "

I put the coffee down and carry on eating.

Me :" so you just play golf because you want to? "

Ingathi :" No for business purposes and with my family members "

Me :" I see "

Ingathi:" I hope you get done because we are arriving "

Me :" I am done "

I threw the containers in the paper bag and he parked the car and we hopped out. I straightened my cap and closed the door. He went to the boot and took out his Bag full of golf sticks that I don't know what they are and closed it. We then started walked off and he locked the car. We got inside and he went to get what he needed and came back with keys and they were for the golf cart. We got to it. Hopped on and he drove to where we are going to be playing some golf these are just nice life problems shame. He slowed down as we approached people already playing golf and that jerk was there as well. We got out and I felt the need to turn back. This is not what I signed up for.

Ingathi :" Biyase ! "

They hand shake each other. I don't look at them.

Hlubi :" Mmmh "

Ingathi :" This is Kamogelo"

Guy :" nice to meet you Kamo"

Me :" you too "

Hlubi :" I won't say anything "

Ingathi :" you Better "

He raised his arms and went in with playing. This will be a long day.

Ingathi :" relax ok ? "

I nodded and he perked my lips.

Me :" we are infront of people "

Ingathi :" it doesn't matter "

I shook my head as we took out golf sticks and balls to go and play.

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★ MABHEBHE★

I walked in this witches yard I won't let her try to lure my daughter in her witchcraft activities. I knocked on the door as I reached it loudly.

Me :" Zuma ! Come out ! "

I held on my waist. I knocked again.

Me :" Hayi phuma lah ! ( Come out ! )"

She opened the door holding her Bible I clicked my tongue.

Me :" what was Sizakele doing here ? "

MaZuma :" sawubona Makhelwane ( hello Neighbor )"

Me :" Don't you dare make me more angry "

MaZuma :" She was here to strengthen her marriage from the dark forces that are trying to destroy it from your house "

Me :" stay away from her or I won't be reliable for any damage I do to you "

She went inside her house and came back with a small bottle of water and two white candles.

MaZuma :" you need peace in your life "

I opened the water bottle and spilled it on her.

Me :" to hell with your stupid water. Stay away from Sizakele ! "

I clicked my tongue and walked off. I could feel my blood boiling I have to sort Siza out doesn't she know people use Magic to destroy people's lives ? When did she become dumb ?

# $\star$ LINDI $\star$

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The door bell rang and I walked to the door and I opened and Bongile came in .

Bongile :" oh my friend where is he? "

Me :" he left last night he doesn't answer my calls "

Bongile :" the friends we keep you didn't tell me you stole a baby "

Me :" Bongile "

Bongile :" Ok sorry neh "

She went to sit at the lounge.

Bongile :" maybe he is cheating "

Me :" he can't do that to me "

Bongile :" friend listen.

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Sometimes kumele uyithithizise indoda in your favour ( you have to make the man a snob in your favour )"

Me :" what do you mean ? "

Bongile :" you know where to find answers. I am hungry I was at the my mother's and she is not there. "

Me :" Grace cooked "

Bongile :" dish up. Even in Tupperwear I don't want to cook today "

Me :" sure "

Bongile :" let me see the little one "

Me :" sure "

She stood up and walked up the stairs while I went to dish up for her. I can't stomach loosing Ingathi where will I go if I do? What will be off me.? No woman can take my place next to him.

# ★ BONGILE★

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I walked up the stairs. I ran away from my house a bit . I looked at this baby and is not even close to looking like Ingathi .

Me :" This is dumb "

The nanny walked in .

Me :" awusemuhle nana ( you are so beautiful nana) say hi to aunty "

Grace :" good day "

Me :" hi "

She moved towards the cot and I moved away and she took the baby.

Me :" " let me go and check on my friend "

She Nodded and I walked out. This potion is delaying me.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

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I took loaded our things on the golf cart.

Me :" Baby "

Siza :" Mmh "

She looked at me.

Me :" are you sure you are ok with this ? "

Siza :" I want to play golf even though I will loose "

I chuckled and she drank her water.

Me :" and that ? "

Siza :" the holy water. The water MaZuma prayed for "

I nodded and got in and I drove it off. She went to her phone and I stole glances from her. I love her and I hope

this all works this whole cleansing ceremony and maybe after sometime we can try again for a baby . We got to the guys and they were already playing. We hopped out and we took our things.

Thabani :" it's good to see you Mrs "

Siza :" it's great to be here guys "

Hlubi :" Aiza "

Me :"Hlubi "

Siza :" please don't fight "

Hlubi :" if it's not needed we won't "

Ingathi came towards us with a lady where is his wife?

Ingathi :" Mrs Biyase "

Siza laughed.

Siza :" where is Lindi ? "

Girl :" I need some water "

She walked off and there was silence.

Hlubi :" leave her man and stop playing games. "

Ingathi :" Ntando tell your man to stay in his lane "

Hlubi :" don't you tell my wife nothing "

Siza :" can we not fight on this beautiful day ? "

Ingathi :" I am leaving "

Me :" hey bro we didn't say anything about your chick "

Siza :" Ingathi stay "

Ingathi :" I won't if I am gonna be reminded of Lindi and I am divorcing her"

He walked off.

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Siza :" Aiza go talk to him "

Me :" he made up his mind. "

Siza :" I know Lindi is not amazing but you have to talk to them "

Thabani :" let's go play some golf. "

# ★INGATHI★

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I got to the golf cart and put the golf sticks away and got inside.

Me :" we are leaving "

I started the cart

Kamo :" I can take a cab back to my flat. "

Me :" I will take you there "

Kamo :" please don't. I think we should cut ties. It was nice in private but this ? This is not what I signed up for or was trapped into "

Me :" now you are making it seem like I was fucking myself

Kamo :" I didn't ask for this go to your wife and leave me alone "

She cried.

Me :" Kamo "

She was silent.

Me :" what do you want me to do? "

Kamo :" just stop being in contact with me "

Me :" I can't do that "

Kamo :" I won't be a rebound "

Me :" who said anything about being a rebound "

Kamo :" I see issues when I see them "

Me :" we are back at my marriage again ? "

Kamo :" if you want to carry on then let's keep it as proffesional as the first agreement and I am going to take an injection again.

Me :" Cela singanyelani Kamogelo( don't shit on me kamogelo)"

Kamo :" I don't want a baby"

Me :" we are having one. Finish and klaar "

Kamo :" it's my body "

Me :" and it's my damn money you have on you "

The cart stopped and she took off her top and cap and threw it at me with the sneakers.

Kamo :" take your money "

She got off wearing a sport bra and white socks. I got off and went after her and held her upper arm.

Me :" go to the car.

Kamo :" you won't tell me what to do I am not that little Kamo you met the first time " Me :" you grew balls ? "

Kamo :" I grew some boobs "

Me :" listen here and listen carefully. I say who leaves me and who doesn't understood ? "

Kamo :" you are psycho

Me :" go to the car "

She Yanks her arm and walks off.

★ MAZUMA★

I light up the yellow and white candle and start to pray I could feel the weight on my shoulders as I am praying and I am trying to pray harder but the outcome is not what I like. I don't feel at peace at all.

Me :" Nkosi vikela lomntwana( Lord protect this child )"

I try to pray again. The ritual will be a success but her life is in for bigger things in the end off it all

Me :" Oh Nkosi "

I held on my knees. This is not good. Not good at all. .

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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Aiza :" hold it like this baby "

He shows me.

Me :" I am "

He comes and stands behind me and shows me.

Aiza :" like this and there you go "

Me :" oh like that "

Aiza :" yes "

He pulls me by my waist and I feel his crotch on my butt. "

Me :" Ayize we are infront of people "

Aiza :" That skirt looks good on you "

Me :" thank you "

He kisses my neck softly "

Aiza :" you are turning me on "

Me :" stop it. "

Aiza:"feel "

He pulls me closer to him and I feel his hardening.

Me :" stop being sexual "

He chuckled.

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★KAMOGELO★

I got out of the car as soon as he parked and I walked out going to my flat. He followed after me and I got in and closed the door and he opened it and got inside as well and looked at me after closing the door.

Me :" what ? "

Ingathi :" Singacasulani Kamogelo ( let's not piss each other off Kamogelo )"

Me :" or What you will control me?"

He holds my neck tightly.

Me :" Ah ! "

Ingathi :" come "

Me :" leave my neck alone "

He pushed me into the bedroom and he pushed me onto the bed and he rubbed his hands and lifted the skirt up while laying me down and spanked me hard.

Me :" ouch Ingathi ! "

Ingathi:" I am going to teach you something you will never forget "

Me :" Leave me alone ! "

He spanked me on the same spot again then kissed my butt.

Ingathi :" It's about to be rough Kamo "

I swallowed . He inserts a finger into my Private area.

Ingathi :" Have you done anal ? "

Me :" don't you even dare "

He chuckled.

Ingathi :" Mmmh we going to have fun "

I was now scared.

## $\star$ LINDI $\star$

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Bongile :" this is food is nice. I could have it all day long"

Me :" you can dish up more. I doubt he is coming back today

Bongile :" I can't leave you like this. Maybe I should sleep over "

I shrugged.

Bongile :" think about what I said "

Me :" I will not use witchcraft on my husband "

Bongile : oh stay like that then "

Me :" yeah I will stay like this "

Bongile :" let me go dish up some more "

She got up and went to the kitchen. I sighed. I need mom to intervene with dad at this point I can't do this alone. I need my husband back in my arms. Back home

Bongile :" where can I get wine !? "

Me :" the cabinet "

Bongile :" oh I see it "

I sighed and took my phone and tried him again and it was answered this time.

Ingathi :" Hello "

Me :" Baby I have been trying you all day "

Ingathi :" have you moved out ? "

I was stuck words couldn't come out .his breathing was heavy .

Ingathi :" Shit !"

He cursed under his breath.

"Oh ...."

I hung up when I heard a female voice and tears streamed down my eyes. Bongile came back and sat down.

Bongile :"what's wrong ?"

Me :" He is cheating on me

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he just kicked me out " Bongile :" what now ? "

Me :" I don't know "

Bongile :" my offer still stands "

I sighed. I don't want what Bongile is referring me to because it wears off after some time.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

As soon as we got home we went up the stairs to take a shower before we got to MaZuma's house. Mom has been calling me all day and I have been ignoring her I don't want to talk to her as yet . Aiza plays with my clitoris while washing my body.

Me :" Aiza "

He kissed my neck.

Aiza :" just a quick one. "

Me :" That will take long we have to leave "

Aiza :" We still have an hour "

He spreads my butt cheeks and I hear him groan before he slightly spanks one .

Me :" We are done bathing "

He makes me bend and spreads my butt cheeks again before he slips in and i bit my bottom lip as he goes in deeper.

Aiza :" Fuck Siza "

He kisses my back and holds the side of my waist while thrusting inside and out.

Me :" mmmh Ayize "

Aiza :" I will be done quickly "

He thrusts faster. I hold onto the shower tap.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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Florence :" How are you doing ? "

Me :" I am good and yourself ? "

Florence :" I am good last time you see a ticking time bomb

Me :" just one of those period mood swings "

Florence :" are you sure ? "

Me :" yes I am "

I hear mom venting onto dad what MaZuma did to her with twists.

Me:" I have to go "

Florence :" ok love. Bye "

Me :" bye babes "

I hung up and got off the bed and went out of my room. This Siza situation is scaring me and i hope MaZuma won't interfere in what has nothing to do with her.

Dad :" your mother is being dramatic you should go apologise "

Mom:" never "

Dad :" she is a prophet maybe she saw something that Siza needs help in. "

I swallowed.

Me :" fake prophets exist now "

Mom:" exactly !"

Dad :"if anything happens to Siza...."

Mom:" it will be her fault "

Dad :" no it will be yours. I will blame you for the ignorance of MaZuma helping her "

He walked off to the bedroom. Mom kept quiet.

Me:" mom "

She looks at me.

Mom:" what of she is right ?"

Me :" no she is wrong "

Mom :" this is my baby girl. I have to call and talk to her "

She walked off. No this is going to backfire. As always Siza always gets the benefit of the doubt .

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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As soon as he laid next to me I hit his chest.

Ingathi :" what ? "

Me :" why did you do your wife like that ? Really dude ? "

Ingathi :" how is it feeling ?"

He touched my kitten.

Me :" painful and burning "

Ingathi :" continue with your episodes and you will get punished. "

His punishments are nice then.

Me :" have you ever laid your hand on a woman ?"

Ingathi :" I don't believe in that "

Me :" then what were you doing with my neck ?"

Ingathi :" I am sorry let me kiss it. "

He kisses it.

Ingathi :" and your whole body "

Me :" Mmmh "

He starts to kiss my body and gets on me

Ingathi :" we are gonna have a little baby right ? "

I nodded and he slipped in my head threw back. He kissed my neck as he thrusted.

Ingathi :" Fuck Kamo don't betray me ok ?"

I nodded.

Ingathi :" ok ? "

Me:" ok "

I bit my bottom lip as he kept on going.

#### ★SIZA★

We finished our shower and got dressed then we went out of the house and got in the car. Aiza drove off and I was quiet nervous along the way and what might awaits us. Aiza hopped out of the car And so was I. We closed the door and he locked the car and we made our way in the yard. We knocked and MaZuma opened and she smiled.

MaZuma :" come in "

We walked inside and she had her house quiet and candles set.

Mazuma :" come to my room "

We followed her to her consulting room and we took off our shoes and settled down and she she done things before And she prayed and now she is looking she took some candles.

MaZuma :" this is for your marriage when we are done praying we will light them up. Let's pray before we start the cleansing. "

We held each other's hands and we started praying with her.

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Me :" is he ok ? "

I was looking at Aiza

MaZuma :" he will be fine. She used something stronger but his father was trying harder to protect him. "

I brushed his hair as he laid his head on the mat. He just vomited a whole lot of stuff and I don't want to see that again.

MaZuma :" Make him drink this water "

She gave me a glass.

MaZuma :" I prayed for it "

I nodded and I held his head and made him drink.

MaZuma :" Now lets pray it's almost midnight "

Me :" I hope this works. "

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MaZuma :" it will. "
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I nodded and we held each other's hands over Aiza and we prayed I didn't know what to say but deep down I am hoping that everything works out greatly and perfectly we say our Amens and we opened our eyes. MaZuma took some candles and lit them in the corner of her room. I looked at her.

MaZuma :" when he wakes up you can go home. I will give you some candles and some water pray for it the sprinkle infront of the gate then in your bedroom front door and back yard as well you pray while doing that and I need you to have faith Sizakele. Me:" do I need to start going to church? "

MaZuma :" You have a choice I am just here to cleanse you Siza but your faith is needed. You have less faith "

Me :" God has failed me "

MaZuma :" he has never failed anyone. He is just waiting for a moment to strike and show his work just have faith "

Me :" it's easy to say "

MaZuma :" yes but hard work pays off right? "

I nodded.

MaZuma :" Trust in the Lord.Have faith do not despair. Trust in the Lord. "

I kept quiet.

MaZuma :" Psalms 27:14"

Me :" I understand "

MaZuma :" have you eaten ? "

Me :" I am not hungry "

MaZuma :" go rest. We will leave him here come I will set up for you "

Me :" thank you for this. For everything "

MaZuma :" I am just sent to help "

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I smiled. I breath out I feel a bit better.

## ★INGATHI★

I had an early meeting resulting me to leave early and go home since my clothes are at home. I am hoping Lindiwe is gone and out of my house . I don't ever want to see her face I have been turning a blind eye in alot of things but this this is beyond me. I got home and I got off my car and rushed inside and it was quiet. I went up the stairs and opened the bedroom door and she was asleep. I lightly chuckled and I don't to the closet to change. I don't have any time for this. After I was done getting dressed I walked out of the closet and she was on her butt.

Lindi :" Baby "

Me :" I don't have time Lindiwe I need to meet my lawyers at 12H00"

Lindi :" please baby "

I walked out ignoring her calls. I rushed down the stairs and she followed me

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I need to meet my lawyers at 12H00"

Lindi :" please baby "

I walked out ignoring her calls. I rushed down the stairs and she followed me I got out and got in the car and started it

and drove off while she was crying. I don't have Time for Lindiwe's empty promises and schemes. I am tired now.

## $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

I heard some commotion as I was in one of the bedroom bathrooms. I ignored it and carried on bathing myself in the herbs I was given. I took the bottle of small red liquid and a drop inside and I carried on bathing.

Me:" Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase Aiza Biyase "

I washed my back and went to my face. I have hope that it will work. Big hope that it will work because I haven't seen

any post on his Instagram wall recently about his Siza and that is a sign that in a matter of time he will be here laying on my chest. I can't be struggling like this. I am not the working type either so that is way out of the question /Option.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I woke up and Ingathi wasn't next to me. I rolled off the bed. This is what I am used to not waking up to seeing him next to me. I went to the kitchen and made some cereals. I saw a card ontop of the kitchen counter and a note with the pin. I want to cut ties with Ingathi but a little self spoiling wouldn't hurt right? I smiled and took the card and went on eating. What the heck I will go and have some breakfast out and kill myself. I mean he did leave the most precious thing in the wrong hands and my little butt needs treatment as well. I rushed to wash my bowel before I went to take a bath. I should call Puleng over but I am rethinking it she never calls me when she is out and about so why should I? I finished bathing and I got dressed in shorts and a top with sandals. There was a knock on the door and I hurried to go and open.

Me :" I am coming "

I opened the door and frowned.

" Aren't you gonna let me in? "

Me :" what are you doing here ? "

He chuckled and pushed his way inside.

Me :" this is my flat and you are traspassing "

Hlubi :" You mean Ingathi's flat. "

Me :" whether it's who ever'sflat it is that doesn't concern you "

Hlubi :" but it concerns me when my cousin cheats on his wife "

Me :" that's his business not yours "

He chuckled.

Hlubi :" he won't leave his wife for you you are selling yourself short like a prostitute it will all end in tears "

Me :" you mean of joy ? Please watch me do nothing at all "

Hlubi :" I am warning "

Me :" go and pay attention on your wife who knows I might remove her for the sake of doing it "

I smirked.

Hlubi :" let me go "

Me :" I don't know how you found me but take the same route back "

He hook his head and walked towards the door. He got out and I closed the door and clicked my tongue. The audacity to come here and tell me all of that. I go and take my phone and call Ingathi and he picks up.

Ingathi :" I am in a meeting Kamo "

Me :" Tell your family members to back off in my life. Matter of fact nje all of you I don't want you I my life. I will drop your card after shopping. " Ingathi :" who came ? "

Me :" Hlubi I think."

Ingathi :" I will send someone to fetch you I am in a meeting"

Me :" I will call you once I tear your money like you teared my kitten "

Ingathi:" ok I have to go "

He hung up. I went to the bedroom to take my bag.



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Aiza finally woke up and he said he was feeling a bit better than he was yesterday. We gave him something to eat and MaZuma gave me the candles I should light up tonight and pray on my own then I am done with everything. We thanked MaZuma and said our good byes. I am not prepared to go home or even call home. We got in the car and I was driving us home since Aiza is feeling a bit nauseated.

Me :" are you ok? "

Aiza :" I am baby. I just need to rest "

Me:" ok you missed a meeting "

Aiza :" next time then "

I nodded.

Aiza :" we will be ok now "

Me :" yeah "

He took my hand and kissed it and I smiled. MaZuma really helped us. I shouldn't listen to Mah and go with my instinct and what Aiza says. We wouldn't have cleansed if I listened to her .

★LINDI★

I couldn't stop crying since ingathi left and his clothes smell of a feminine perfume and it seemed expensive and not cheap at all. Bongile got in the bedroom as I packed my bags. He is being patient with me right now but when he is tired he will resort to things I wouldn't like I packed my clothes.

Bongile :" why are you packing ? "

I wiped my tears.

Me :" he is sending his lawyers "

Bongile:" what ?! No "

I nodded and kept on packing.

Bongile:" atleast you will get 50% of everything "

I shook my head.

Bongile :" what do you mean ? "

Me :" we signed a prenuptial I won't get anything "

Bongile :" ungena ungena tea ufuna ukuphuma usonge izandla ? Kanti ubuthembeni ? ( You entered with nothing and now you are coming out with nothing ? What were you hoping for ? )"

Me :" he loved me. I didn't think we would come to this"

Bongile :" you think of rainy days even when you know there won't be rainy days "I closed my suitcase.

Me :" it's done "

I played with my ring and sniffed.

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# [A FEW WEEKS LATER]

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

I closed the last of my bag. I couldn't stay anymore yes it's been a good life but it comes with too much that I won't be able to give off in the end as well. We get tired as humans and I am also tired of being treated like a side chick or second best. It should be hard for me to leave Ingathi and it is really but I have told my heart and brain that this is what's best. It really is I need to get home and try to get my life together starting with Mom. I sigh after closing my bag and I sat on the bed a bit just to collect everything that's infront of me. I bit my bottom lip and think do I really want to do this and yes yes I want to. This life is not for someone like me. Puleng can survive but I won't anymore. I got up from the bed and took my bags and I looked around before I walked out of the bedroom to the lounge. I haven't seen Ingathi Since the day I went to treat myself in and it has been silent and best since then. I went to drink some water in the kitchen before I walked towards the drop and took out the key and opened the door and his hand was raised in the air ready to knock. He puts them in his navy chino's and breathed out.

Ingathi:" Kamo "

Me:" Ingi "

Ingathi :" where are you going ? "

Me :" home "

He walked inside closing the door behind him.

Ingathi :' didn't we talk about this ?"

Me :" I have made my decision "

He nodded.

Ingathi :" decision of what? "

Me :" leaving this life

He nodded again coming closer. I swallowed. What if he releases a hot slap on me for this and I will cry and leave him here.

Ingathi :" who will take care of me ? "

Me :" your....your..wife "

Ingathi :" who will take care of you? "

Me :" I will. "

Ingathi:" But you are carrying my baby"

Me :" I am not pregnant"

Ingathi :" let's make a deal. If you are not then you can go. But if you are pregnant you will stay."

I looked at him.

Me:" ok '

He kissed my lips.

Me :" No kissing "

He nodded as I moved away from him.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I was offloading the groceries into their places while talking on the phone with Aiza.

Aiza :" They are coming "

Me :" for ? "

Aiza :" I am not sure but Mom will also be there and we have to go to dinner "

Me :" Aiza you know you mother hates me what if she poisons me ?"

Aiza :" that's exaggerating "

Me :" Haven't you seen people trying to destroy this ? "

Aiza :" this is different "

Me :" Mxm don't say I didn't tell you when I die "

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" it's fine Aiza "

Aiza :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

He hung up and the Helper walked in. I am always bored alone so it's better when there is someone around the house.

Sne :" I am done with taking the trash to the back. Should I cook ? "

Me :"No I do my own cooking for my husband "

She nodded.

Sne:" can I help you unpack ?"

Me :" Sure "

We stated unpacking together.

Me :" you see that ? "

I pointed at the cameras . She nodded.

Me:" my husband is watching."

Sne :" I understand "

Me :" I hope so "

She nods and we carry on offloading in silence.

### ★LINDI★

I sobbed in her arms as she brushed my back. She is disappointed by the news but more shocked of what I had

done. I left Ingathi forcefully made me leave and I left the baby of which he will trace back to its parent if possible.

Me :" Mama"

I cry.

Mom :" I warned you about that fast life Lindi look now it messed up your marriage and you restored to stealing. I am very disappointed in you "

Me :" I was desperate"

Mom :" you should have been honest with your husband and not deceive him. "

Me:" I was panicking "

Mom :" you did this to yourself. There is nothing I can do "

I cried.

Me :" I want him back "

Mom :" then change. He can't miraculously come back and take you when you are like this. Prove your change "

I nodded and she kissed my cheek.

Me :" thank you "

Mom :" I will make some tea for you "

I nodded and sighed. I just want my husband back.

## $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

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I ran after the men who were towing my car.

Me :" what's going on ? "

A guy comes to me and hands me the papers.

Me :" what is this ? "

Guy :" we are taking everything that belongs to Mr Biyase. We will need you to evacuate this house "

Me :" this is my house And that is my car ! "

Guy :" not anymore. He bought it and it states everything under his name "

I walked inside and took out my phone and tried to call him but it went to voice mail. I called mom.

Mom:" yini ke manje ( what now? )"

Me :" The herbs didn't work "

Mom :" why do you mean they didn't work? "

Me :" they didn't. Instead of Aiza coming back to me and us getting married he is repossessing everything "

Mom :" he can't do that

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it's. Yours " Me :" He can it's under his name"

Mom :" Bongile how could you let that happen. I am disappointed in you "

Me :" I don't wanna come back there "

Mom:" what are you going to live with?"

I sighed.

Me :" I will call you "

I hung up and tried Aiza again still nothing .

Me :" damn you Aiza ! "

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

As we are approaching the Dr's office I am getting nervous and more nervous. I looked at Ingathi who seems more relaxed than I am. Then I look out of the window and he gets to the parking lot and parks his car and we get out. We walk inside and some people are watching us and head to the reception and she smiles.

Her :" Good day Mr Ziqubu you are just on time "

Ingathi :" thank you "

We went to sit down. So he was prepared to take me here already.

Me : " what do you do ? I never asked "

Ingathi :" why are you interested ? "

Me :" I am just asking. What if you got your money somewhere creapy and I was spending it then I have bad luck "

He chuckled.

Ingathi :" I own my very own Whiskey brewery "

Me :" Oh. I see "

Ingathi :" it's surprising how much people spend in alcohol more than food "

Me :" true "

Ingathi :" You are going to study after this "

Me :" ( sigh )if I don't have to pay you back in some weird way then ok "

He took my hand and kissed it.

Ingathi :" good girl "

I smiled.

Me :" how are you related to Hlubi ?"

Ingathi :" my mother and his father and Aiza's father are siblings but my mother married in the Biyase clan name which is Ziqubu "

Me :" oh that explains the tattoo"

Ingathi :" you were checking me out "b

I laughed.

Me :" no man I just saw it. "

Ingathi :" how do you know him ? "

Me :" he was my brother's friend "

Ingathi :" you never mentioned you had a brother"

Me :" he passed away "

Ingathi :" oh I am sorry "

I nodded.

"Mr Ziqubu you are up next "

We stood up and walked inside the Dr's office and we greeted and sat down.

Dr :"you are here for a pregnancy test "

Ingathi :" yes "

Dr:" do you feel any changes on your body ? "

Me :" no it's normal "

Dr:" periods "

Me :" I did go but not a heavy flow. Just small stuff.

She nodded.

Dr :" can you please pee on this cup for me and come back "

I nodded. I stood up and I went to go and pee in the cup and I finished and went back outside and have it to her and she put a stick. She took out pamphlets.

Dr :" Pregnancy is a wonderful thing. If the tests come back negative should I check your fertility ? "

Ingathi :" yes "

I looked at him. The Dr looked at me.

Me :" uhm ok "

Dr :" wonderful "

She smiled and I just felt like getting out of here soon . Ingathi kept on playing with my fingers until waiting time was up. The Dr looked at us.

Dr :" congratulations you are expecting "

My heart beats fast and I look at Ingathi who doesn't seem to believe it.

Dr :" do you want to see the bundle ?"

Ingathi :" yes "

I was stuck for words. We both stood up and went to the bed and the Dr laid me down and pulled my top up and put

cold gel on my stomach and moved the scan on my stomach and there was silence.

Dr :" there is the little one "

Ingathi :" how far ? "

I looked at him.

Dr:" 9 weeks. "

Me :" I don't see anything "

Dr :" it's growing "

I nodded. She wiped the gel off me when we were done and gave me prescription and we thanked her before walking out. Ingathi seemed excited more than anything in the world.we got in the car and I breathed out. Ingathi :" Thank you "

Me :" you did this on purpose "

Ingathi :" I am glad it worked "

Me :" mxm"

He kissed my lips and I pushed him.

Ingathi :" don't think of aborting "

Me :" is that how you think I am ? Wow "

Ingathi :" you are unpredictable "

Me :" mxm "

Ingathi :" Give me a kiss "

Me :" no "

He held my face and kissed me his hand slipped under my skirt and he caressed my thigh.

Me:"mmmh"

He breaks the kiss and kisses my neck softly making me shiver.

Ingathi :" we should get your mother "

Me :" to ? "

Ingathi :" to come this side and live with you. "

Me :" oh "

He started the car. I am not sure about all of this.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

Senzo :" We have made 10 deliveries to petrol stations this month on Shell alone "

Calvin :" one truck was set alight setting us back on the amount of profits that could have been made. "

Me :" I understand that. What about the others that were supposed to move between Johannesburg and Harrismith ? "

Senzo :" they have made it there as well with no complications "

Me :" ok for our lost driver please contact the family and we will pay for the funeral and everything "

I said to my pa.

Monica :" yes sir "

I stood up and took my phone trying to call Siza. She was mad at me earlier but she still not picking up.

Me :" Monica I need you to get white roses and dark chocolate for my wife and send it to my house "

Monica :" will do so sir " pi nodded and went into my office .

#### ★SIZA★

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Me :" I don't want to come we are going somewhere "

Mom:" Sizakele!"

Me :" bye ma"

I hung up and sighed. A message came through from Aiza I wasn't taking his calls.

Aiza :" send me a message if you are still ok "

I sent one . He called and I answered.

Aiza :" be baby "

Me :" mmmh "

I opened the fridge and took out some water. Sne was somewhere around the house.

Aiza :" Are you ok ? "

Me :" no I am happy "

Siza :" babe"

Me :" bye Biyase "

Aiza :" you still love me ? "

Me :" I still love you "

Aiza :" I love you too. Bye sthandwa Sam ( my love )"

I blushed.

Me :" bye "

I hung up and smiled. Sne walked in the kitchen.

Sne:" I will be at the cottage if you need me "

Me :" thank you "

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She nodded and walked off.

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### ★SNE★

Aunty :" Snethemba please don't disappoint me by not giving us money month end "

Me :" I won't aunty "

Aunty :" Yes. I got that job for you through hard work "

I roll my eyes as I know she is lying. Her friend got me this job and she just informed me.

Me:" I won't I know "

Aunty :" it's good that you know. Send money month end "

Me :"I will "

She hung up and i sighed there is really not much to do because the wife likes to do most of the things on her own and it benefits me as long as it doesn't hurt my pay.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Ingathi :"you have been silent since I mentioned your mother "

Me :" No I am just thinking "

Ingathi :" we are still taking your mother "

I nodded.

Me:" Ok "

Ingathi:"Are you hungry?"

Me :" a bit "

He nodded and took a turn and held my hand. I looked at him he is weird these days but I am getting used to it . Windows break from the sides and I duck. While screaming. He groans and I look at him and his arm has been shot at. Me :" Ingathi "

Ingathi:" Fuck get down "

I got down and he tried to turn the car around but he was shot on his chest.

Me:" Ingathi "

I turned behind me and three Golfs and one approaches us.

Ingathi:" Run Kamogelo "

Me :" I can't leave you like this "

He coughs and closes his eyes.

Ingathi :" Kamo run ! "

I was shaking while opening the door and I ran out ducking my head while bullets were fired. I kept on running while tears ran down my eyes I couldn't get my feet far for the sake that I left him back there I cannot leave him like that . I turned back .

Me :" Ingathi!"

I heard gun shots and I went down on my knees and held my stomach and tears ran down my cheeks. I sobbed.

Me :" Ing....."

I wanted to go back I wanted to go and help him. God why is this happening?

 $\star$  BONGILE  $\star$ 

They took everything the car the house and everything in it. I have nothing anymore. I packed my bags and got in a taxi going home. I never thought I would come back home in a taxi ever again. Why didn't that herb work like it was supposed to work. ? I wonder I sighed as the fat woman next to me is suffocating me into a corner seat.

Me :"argh "

She looks at me and carries on looking up front and i click my tongue. Can I get home already?

# ★KAMOGEL0★

I stood up and carried on running while crying after that. I got to a busy street and I stopped a car and it stopped .

Lady :" hey what's wrong ? "

Me :" i ...I "

I was traumatized.

Lady :" come let me take you home "

Me:" PL...please take me to Aiza Biyase's company "

Lady :" oh I know him. Come "

We got in the car and she drove off. I kept on crying on the way I am scared . I don't even want to know how he is after those bullets if he is alive or not.

Lady:" here drink some water "

Me :" thank you "

She nodded. It was starting to get late anyway

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I breathed out after drinking some water. I hope Aiza is working late. I don't know my mind is running wild at this point.

# ★LINDI★

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Mom:" Stop crying Zamile has been asking about you "

Me :" I haven't seen her in so long "

Mom:" yes she works at Steers "

I nodded. I wiped my tears and went onto social media. I haven't posted in days and people are wondering what's happening in my life at this moment. I am asking myself too.

Mom :" maybe you should look for a job "

Me :" oh "

Me and a job are water and oil. A hot news notification comes on my phone and it shows a picture of Ingathi and I. I open it I wonder what they are talking about now about us. Then the story is displayed with his picture alone and I smile then scroll down and my hands start shaking.

Me :" Mah !!!"

Mom:"what ?"

She runs in from the kitchen to the lounge and I cry.

Me :" not ingathi mah not him "

I sobbed.

Mom:" what's wrong? "

I Carrie on crying while she asked me questions.

#### $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

We got to his office and he was Already gone so the lady dropped me at my flat. She really helped me. I walked inside the house and I don't even know where I would start contacting his relatives about the shooting. I go and take a shower I am worried about him I am shaking while at it. I touch my stomach and I wipe my tears and carry on showering. Once I am done I get put and I go and lotion and get dressed in pyjamas. I haven't called mom in a few days. I will call her tomorrow morning just to check on her. I miss her so much. I open the tv and gogo the news channel and nothing comes on as yet. I change channels and end up switching off the tv. I want to hear some news regarding him Atleast.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

Aiza was crying so as Thabani and Hlubi was actingstrong but deep down he is just. I am hurt I am in pain but I have to act strong for my husband though I want to join him in crying. They two the blooded car away and they cover his body up and tears stream down my eyes.

Hlubi :" We have to find them "

Thabani :" I can't do this "

He walked off.

Me :" Thabani ! "

Hlubi :" let him be for some time "

Me :" I ... I "

Tears streamed down my eyes as well. I was hurt. I was in pain I ... I couldn't.

Me :" I am sorry baby"

He holds me tightly as the ambulance takes him away into it and it drives off.

Me :" I am sorry. "

### ★UNKOWN★

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I stared at the tv and my chest was rising. I drank my whiskey while looking at the news reporter speaking as the scene is behind her. The tv is on mute as well.

"Sthandwa Sam (my love )"

Me :" They are back "

Her:" Who? "

Me :" Columbians "

Ndalo:"I thought we took care of them "

Me :" we shouldn't have worked with Ingathi"

Ndalo :" we needed him he agreed as well "

I shook my head. "

Me :" his is gone. My uncle's only son is gone "

Ndalo:" let me call mah"

A baby cry broke out from the baby monitor.

Me :" Ndalo "

She looked at me

Ndalo:" No Nhlanhla we can't ship the kids like this . We have to shut down this whole thing if we have to.

Me :" we can't Ndalo once you are in you are in. "

Ndalo:" No "

I stood up.

Me :" you are going with this time. All of you "

Ndalo :" No ! I am not going anywhere ! "

Me :" Damnit Ndalo could you just listen ?"

She kept quiet.

Me :" Go pack I will take care of the others "

Ndalo :" we shouldn't have extended into illegal weapon shipping and drugs Nhlanhla look now "

Me :" I know. I will take care of it "

She turned around and walked up the stairs.

Me :" Ndalo !"

She ignored me. I sighed and took the last gulp of my whisky. We have to move soon. I shouldn't have involved Ingathi but I needed his brewery business to work with us into mixing drugs in that as well then it gets shipped into foreign countries. To be continued

Insert 18

~UNSEEN PAIN ~

INSERT 18 (very short)

I brushed his hair and he was staring into space. We are quiet laying in bed I don't get who would want to dp this to Ingathi ? He is not an out and about guy and keeps his life as private as possible. Not like this one on my lap.

Mw:" should I make some tea for you "

He is silent. I don't know what to do or what to say at this point.

Aiza :" Where is Thabani ? "

Me :" with Hlubi "

He nodded and I kissed his forehead.

Me :" Let's rest. '

He nodded and we shared a kiss and he held me close to him.

Aiza :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

He holds me tightly and i sigh my poor baby . Ingathi 's mother her only son gone like that . It's said he was with a woman based from the handbag but I wonder who because I didn't get my hands on it.

★LINDI★

I couldn't stop crying that mom's friends came to send their condolences.

Lady :" phephisa Ntombazane ( sorry )"

I sniffed.

Me :" mah why him ? "

Mom:" I am sorry "

Me :" It hurts "

Mom:" oh my child "

She tried to hush me but it was still there why is he taken away from me? Why is God punishing me like this by taking my husband like that. My phone rings and i know it's Bongile but I ignore it and carry on crying.

Mom:" shhh calm down "

She patted my back and the other Ladies started a church son while my cries contributed to everything.

★KAMOGELO ★

i wwnt to the kitchen just to get some snacks and I went to sit down once again and I changed the channels and the news popped and I stopped for a while just to see. The images of Ingathi popped on the tv screen and my heart started beating very fast. What happened? Is he alive? The reporter starts talking and then says that he has passed on. My bowel of chips drops and I cover my mouth and tears roll down my eyes.

Me :" No ....No Ingathi "

I went on my knees near the tv screen and I felt a chest pain coming in. I sobbed.

Me :" Ingi ....'

I let out a lump and held myself while crying. He can't be gone. He can't leave me with a child what will I say to his child when he is not here . I refuse to believe that he is gone for real. Something in me says he is alive but a huge me says I should forget. It's all in there. I saw him get shot at.

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Hlubi :" Hey "

He said softly.

Me :" Hi "

I dived in his arms and started crying.

Me :" Why ? "

He was silent. We just stood there as I cried my lungs out.

# $\star$ NHLANHLA $\star$

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Me :" I can't tell you it's a secret "

Ndalo :" what ? It's not like I will escape and rat us out "

Me :" I don't trust those wives "

Ndalo went into packing.

Ndalo :" what's about his Sissy cousin ? "

Me :" I will figure that one out "

I went closer to her and pulled her up from the floor and held her waist and kissed her neck.

Me :" I love you ok ? "

Ndalo:" I love you too "

Me :" stop being mad "

Ndalo :" I don't like this find Ingathi "

Me :" baby he is ..."

Ndalo :" don't let your won game beat you think Nhlanhla think "

She kissed my lips.

Ndalo :" Let me finish "

Me :" you will finish later "

I picked her up and kept on kissing her neck and laid her on the bed.

## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

He placed me on the bed and I sat up and crawled closer to him and held on his pants and undid them and they dropped to the floor and I placed my hands on his shaft and I started licking the tip and his breathing started to change. I looked at him and went to sucking while using my hands to rub his balls and play with his shaft at the same time. I deep throated and he groaned and I pulled back and went to sucking again. He placed his hand into my hair gripping it and I pulled back and gave him a hand job. He bit his bottom lip I looked and surveyed his facial expressions. They look appeasing and sexy at the same time.

Nhlanhla :" Fuck Ndalo ! "

His juices spilled into my hands and I let go of his dick and he took off my clothes off me while kissing my body slowly .

Nhlanhla :" I will make the kids hear you in the other rooms. "

He squeezed my exposed boobs and kissed my neck. My breathing hinched.

Nhlanhla :" I will put another baby in you "

He kissed my neck .

Me :" Mmmh "

Nhlanhla :" be a good girl and turn around "

I took off my skirt and turned around getting on the bed and he spanked me and kissed my back. He took off my G- string and it went to my knees. He put in two fingers in my private area and I moaned.

Nhlanhla :"mmmh "

He licked his fingers and I turned to him and took off the rest of my underwear and he picked me up and I held onto his neck and he kissed my chest on slipped in. I bounced on it but he held me and went to the wall and pinned me on it and carried on kissing me.

Me :" Nhlanhla "

Nhlanhla :" I am in control here "

I nodded and I kissed his lips and he thrusted deeper and I moaned.

Me :"yes ! "

Nhlanhla :" Let's try again "

He holds my waist and he thrusts slowly and I feel fuzz in my stomach. It's long deep satisfying strokes.

Me :" mmmh "

Nhlanhla :" You are ready for me "

He pulls out and I want to cry. He puts me down.

Nhlanhla:" Hold onto the wall"

I use the wall as my support and he lifts my leg up and goes on his knees and I feel his tongue sucking on me and I moan.

Me :" oh yes "

His finger is working with his tongue as well. My balance is not steady anymore as the pleasure is making me weak.

Me :"Nhlanhla "

He keep on eating it like there is no tomorrow. I cum and he stands up and holds my leg up still and waist . I feel his dick get in me and I gasp trying to stand still and he thrusts in a quickening pace and I place my hand on the wall for support and the other holding him.

Me :" Oh Nhlanhla "

Nhlanhla :" Tell me when you are cumming "

I nodded and close my eyes feeling the pleasure mixed with everything. I could feel the pleasure increasing by each thrust.

Me:" Baby I am cumming "

Nhlanhla :" Cum over it "

Me :" Ah ! Nhlanhla !"

I cum while holding him and he pulls out and I stand on my legs and they are wobbly a bit. I turn to him and place my hands on his chest and push him to the bed and he seems amused. I lay him down and I play with his shaft and lick it and play with it till it's firm again and I got on him as he held my waist and I placed my hands on his chest and bounced on his dick. I closed my eyes licking my lips.

Nhlanhla :" Shit Ndalo !"

Me :" I love you "

I then squeeze my boobs increasing my pace and bitting my bottom lip. He pulls me forward and we share a kiss and he holds my butt and hits me from underneath.

Nhlanhla :" mmmh "

Me :" ah "

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He hits it deep.

Nhlanhla :" You make me weak "

I close my eyes taking in the pleasure.

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Insert 19

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**INSERT 19** 

I woke up and went to wash my face and brush my teeth. My husband was still asleep when I woke up. I went down the stairs to go and make some breakfast for him and prepare his clothes for work. When I was done Sne walked in the house and I greeted her.

Sne :" Good morning "

Me :" Good morning I have taken clothes out for my husband. Please clean the bedrooms alot because I think the Biyase family might come here as well "

Sne :" yes sisi"

Me :" Thank you "

I walked off going up the stairs and got into our bedroom. I got on the bed and shook him a bit.

Me:" Ayize "

He groans.

Me :" baby wake up I have prepared for you"

Aiza :" I am not going to work "

Me :" Ok "

I kiss his forehead.

Me :" should I bring the food up or you will come down. "

Aiza :" i will come down "

Me:" ok "

I got off the bed and went to the bathroom to bath after I was done I got out and Aiza is not in bed anymore. I made it got dressed and went down the stairs and i could hear people talking I was about to head to the kitchen when the door bell rang and I walked the rest of the stairs and I went to open the door and there was a scary looking guy standing in front of me. He looked Thuggish alot . I swallowed

Him:" Is Aiza inside? "

Me :" who are you ? "

He looked at me and smirked.

Him:" Your future bae "

Me :" I am married "

He pushed his way inside.

Me :" Aiza ! "

I called out for him.

Me :" you are traspassing. I will call the cops now. "

Aiza appeared in his boxers.

Aiza :" What are you doing here ? "

He frowned.

Guy :" Just because you got a better life don't look down on me. "

Aiza :" Siza can you leave us ? "

Guy :" no we don't have time go pack your bags Sugar "

Me :" No don't call me that "

Aiza :" what for ? "

Guy :" She is in danger we need to keep them safe "

Me :" woah Aiza you do illegal stuff now? "

Guy :" no babe there are people who are haters "

Aiza :" call my wife babe and we will have problems "

He raised his hands up.

Guy:" tick tock "

Aiza sighed.

Aiza:" go pack Siza"

Me :" what no !"

Aiza :" Go pack ! "

I looked at him and this guy and I rushed up the stairs and I closed the door. I am not packing for nothing I don't know this guy for all I know they could be setting up my death . Aiza got in the bedroom.

Aiza :" Just listen Siza "

Me :" who is he ? "

Aiza :" Distance relative to Ingathi "

Me :" what danger are we in ? "

Aiza :" I don't know "

Me :" Do you know anything ? "

Aiza :" just pack Siza "

Me :" I am not packing for shit I don't know Aiza "

He held my arm roughly.

Aiza :" I am your husband. You are supposed to listen to me understood Siza "

Me :" you are hurting me Aiza "

He clicked his tongue .

Aiza :" I am giving you an hour. I want you packed up and ready "

He walked out.

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## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I slept late last night due to me crying till I slept I woke up and I was on someone's chest and we were laying on the couch. I looked up and if was Hlubi I sat and a loud bang on the door was what woke up him. I wonder who it is so early in the morning. I stood up from the couch and went to the open the door and the police were standing there. My heart was beating.

Me :" Hi "

Officer:" are you Kamogelo?"

Hlubi :" whats going on ? "

Me :" yes I am "

Officer :" I am going to need you to go to the station with us for questioning "

Hlubi :" what's wrong with questioning her here ?"

I was getting scared.

Officer:" we found a bag in the car of Mr Ingathi Ziqubu and it belongs to Me Kamo. "

Me :" yes I was with him yesterday "

Officer:" so you know what happened to him? "

Ne :" partially "

Officer :" ok "

Me :" uhm he came here to my place and I was leaving going home. He wanted to take me to the Dr "

Officer:" what relates you to him? "

Me :" friend and I am was his Mistress "

I swallowed and he looked at me.

Me :" shall I carry on ? "

Officer :" you shall "

Me :" we went to the Dr together And after that we were on our way back. We were in the car and about to go buy something to eat when he turned a corner and got into a street and bullets were fired directly in the car. It hit his arm at first and then he told me to get down. I did but looked up and saw three who Golfs. He told me to run off and don't look back. I was skeptical but I did run off and when I was a distance away I heard more shots" Officer :" what were you doing at the dr's office ?"

Me :" isn't that confidential ? "

Officer :" my apologies thank you for your time "

He handed my bag to me and I thanked him before closing the door and Hlubi was looking at me.

Me :" you should go home "

Hlubi :" you are pregnant right ? "

I swallowed and kept quiet. He took his car keys.

Hlubi :" I will see you "

He walked out. I sighed.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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I heard the news about Ingathi it's saddening. I have to go and see my friend Lindi after work and see gow she is holding up . It must be devastaing and it's said he was going with a mistress

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these men like dying in shame. How will my friend be looked at now ? .

Florence :" please take care of this order"

Me :" sure "

She walked off going towards the bathrooms and i took over her order . My friend I can't stop thinking about her.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

I packed up my everything and went down the stairs and Aiza looked at me.

Aiza :"you are coming back.

Me :" it's not garenteed "

Guy:" true. "

Me :" can we leave ? "

Aiza :" I will see you "

l ignored him.

Aiza :" come let me kiss "

He pulled me to him and kissed my lips.

Aiza :" behave "

I kept quiet and he let me go I walked out with the guy and he loaded my things in the car and we got in .

Me :" the people we marry "

I mumbled.

Him :" I am Siyanda Khumalo "

I looked at him as the car drove off.

Him:" won't you introduce yourself.?"

Me :" no "

He chuckled.

Him :" Ndalo is going to love you "

Me:" mmmh "

He kept quiet.

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

Oh life sweet life I just got off a private jet and already I am in the place with a beautiful house . I was kidnapped by some men to this beautiful place I should get kidnapped more often. I am with this woman and her kids and she doesn't like me well I don't care.

Me :" which one will be my room? "

She kept quiet.

Me :" ah you don't own this place "

Her :" don't test me. "

I rilled my eyes and she took her kids and went up the stairs. Its huge and has a huge yard space as well. It's very secured with all that I am seeing.

" Stop pushing me in !"

I know that voice. Lindi comes in and these men are dragging her bags and she sees me.

Lindi :" Bongile "

Me :" come here "

We hug.

Lindi :" he is gone "

Me :" it's ok. It will be alright "

She cried . We broke the hug after some time.

Lindi :" where are we? "

Me :" I don't know babes. "

More men walked in and a beautiful lady walked in.

Her :" Ingathi dies and we are brought to this I have no relation to him "

She puts her bag down and a man follows. Mmmh yummy stuff that we see.

Him :" Just a two more ladies then we are all here "

Me :" ehat is this ? "

Him :" I don't know why I am saving the side chicks "

Me :" hey ! "

Lindi :" Ntando "

They go and hug.

Ntando :" this is too much for me. Where is Hlubi ? I am sorry love "

She hugs her.

Guy :" where is my wife ? "

Me :" we don't know her "

The lady with two kids comes down the stairs.

Guy :" I am leaving Siyanda and the rest will come with the other's"

Her :" please be safe "

She perked her lips. Nx

Guy :" I will "

They walked off together.

Me :" who is that ? "

Lindi :" Nhlanhla and his wife Ndalo Rhadebe. Nhlanhla is Ingathi's cousin. Their wedding was cute she didn't know "

Ntando :" they look like newly Weds "

Lindi :" I think they have been married for 7 years now "

I clapped my hands.

Me :" some women"

I sat on the couch.

 $\star$ NDALO  $\star$ 

Nhlanhla :" the security is tight here no need to fight for anything "

Me :" I don't like the side chick "

Nhlanhla :" that's ok"

We kissed once more .

Me :" I love you "

Nhlanhla :" I love you more "

We shared a perk and a cars follow each other. The wall around this place is really tall. The cars come to a hault and Siyanda hops out with two ladies and other men from the back car. Siyanda :" Ndalo I brought friends "

Lady :" I am confused "

Siyanda :" go inside you will be less confused. "

Nhlanhla :"I have to go "

We hugged and I turned and walked back inside. This will be a long process.

 $\star$ KAMOGELP  $\star$ 

Everything that involves Ingathi is nonsense I really hate all of this because I am not his wife. We got inside and his wife was there. My heart skipped a beat. She was talking to some other women and they turned to us. Aiza's wife frowned.

Siza :" Wow "

She takes her bags and just walks up the stairs. I followed not knowing where I am going. I touch my stomach and wipe the tear off. That's another woman's man Kamo .

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The paramedics were making their way in the motuary with the body and they were stopped by two men.

"Open up the body "

They opened up and he took off his cap as the paramedic team stepped back .

"What are we doing he is dead "

He touched his neck and looked at him.

Him:" Put him inside "

They carry his body and put him inside the van and he closed it.

Him :" I will take care of his body from here "

The paramedics looked at each other and he hopped in the car and smirked.

"We got him we have been wanting him "

He talks on the phone.

"Good bring his body in "

Him:" I will "

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He hung up and drove off.

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**INSERT 20** 

 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

Me :" are you are it's a good choice to let the ladies stay together ? "

Nhlanhla :" as long as they are safe it's fine. "

Me :" now where are we going ?"

Nhlanhla :" To find Ingathi 's body. I need to make sure if he is alive or dead. We don't want Nkosi part 2 happening "

Me :" Yeah. Hade jho ( sorry )"

Nhlanhla :" yeah Mah is not taking it well "

Me :" everyone is not. Eish "

He kept quiet. I looked behind me before I closed my eyes.

## ★KAMOGELO★

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Siza :" Aiza is testing me to the last minute. "

She said unpacking her clothes. I am glad I am not sharing a room with Ingathi's wife what would have been of that.

Siza :" sorry I didn't introduce myself . "

Me :" it's ok. I know you "

Siza :" Oh yes. Uhm This is awkward "

I laughed.

Me:" Kamogelo "

Siza:" oh nice meeting you "

Me :" you too "

Siza :" I am sorry about what happened the other day "

Me :" anyone would act that way knowing that he has a wife

Siza :" I just want to know how did y'all meet. You knew he had a wife and why did you Carey on wanting to hurt another woman like that. I am not judging I am just asking

I sat on the bed sighing.

Me :" When I met Ingathi it wasn't on good terms. I had a friend Puleng and she was into rich guys she sold herself for married men in exchange of money and a good life. After my older brother things got tough. I thought maybe she got me a job or something till ingathi explained what is happening and we went through with it. He told me from the start he had a wife and I didn't want to complicate his life so we kept it like that until recently when he started breaking the terms we had "

Siza:" Which is ? "

Me :" being public having something more than just exchanging of sex a baby "

Siza :" Baby ? "

Me :"he told me he wants a baby and I was confused why not have it with his wife . Married men avoid having babies with side chicks. "

Siza :" Don't you think he likes you ? "

Me :" Haibo "

Siza :" to wanting to have a baby with you "

Me :" Yeah "

She looks at me.

Siza :" you are pregnant right ? "

Me :" yes "b

I looked down.

Siza :" oh my word "

Me :" don't tell his wife "

Siza :" I won't but I wish we had a baby shower like I wish to have a baby too "

Me :"you will "

Siza :" after two miscarriages I don't think I want a baby with Aiza anytime soon. You know my sister Bewitched us "

Me:" what?"

Siza :" for a man imagine "

Me :" you guys don't look like you had trouble "

Siza :" trust me. Not all that glitters is gold "

The door opened and we looked at it.

Bongile :" hi sister wife "

Siza :" Nx "

Bongile :" we don't know you "

Me :" no need to know me "

She came and sit down. I don't like her already she folds her legs.

Bongile:" hawu I thought we are all staying here soon should be nice "

I gave her a look.

Bongile :" just because you used to sleep with my friend's husband doesn't give you the right to look at me like that "

I swallowed she smirked.

Siza :" aren't you similar ? "

Bongile :" Aiza was mine before you can and decided to stay in my place "

Siza :" he is my husband still "

Bongile :" I think my friend will be excited to hear such news "

She stood up and walked out.

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I knocked off at work and I made my way to Lindi 's home. I knocked on the door and her mother opened up.

Her :" Zamile how are you ? "

Me :" I am good Mah is Lindi here ? I heard "

Her :" no she went to her in laws . They came to fetch her "

Me:" oh ok I guess "

Her :" it's really paining "

Me :" very much. I will call her "

Her:" ok. "

Me :" bye "

I turned and walked off.

## $\star$ LINDI $\star$

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Ntando :"this feels like a vacation "

I kept quiet and just sipped on the juice.

"Cellphones please"

We turned and it was Ndalo .

Me:" why?"

Ndalo :" Give up your cellphones. You will get everything once matters settle"

Ntando:" you are not the boss of us. "

She took our her gun and crocked it and pointed it at Ntando.

Ndalo :" i don't like you already I will put a bullet in your mouth you will think you are swallowing candy "

Me :" mine is here "

I was shaking. I took out my phone and threw it inside the basket she has in her hand she looks at Ntando who takes out hers and threw it inside the basket . Ndalo shot up and we screamed ducking. Ndalo :"just Incase you think it doesn't work "

Ntando:" yes yes "

She turned around and Bongile came to us.

Bongile :" Mngoh I have found the girl who has been sleeping with your man. I overheard her "

Me :" wait who? "

Bongile :" the one who came with Siza and she is ....."

She made a big stomach sign

Me :" what ? "

Ntando:" has a belly ? "

Bongile :" haibo she is pregnant! "

Me :" what !?"

Bongile :" let go sort her out "

I felt my anger rising. I stood up with my glass.

Ntando :" why are these men bringing in side chicks here "

I marched inside and Ndalo was taking their phones as they were in the lounge. I got to them and spilled the juice on her and she screamed as I slapped her.

Ndalo:" Yeyi Lindiwe ! "

Me :" it will teach you to sleep with ny Husband "

She pushed me off her and I tried to hold her leg but she stomped my hand.

Bongile :" not my friend ! Not my friend ! "

Siza :" shut the fuck up !"

She threw in a fist at Bongile and pulled her weave .

Bongile :" this is expensive !"

Siza :"it's my husband's money ! "

I got off the floor and my hand was sore. She ran towards the kitchen and I followed her. She took a pan and I looked at her. I looked by my side.

Me :" the audacity to be here ! "

Her :" it's not my fault he wanted me "

That fueled me up. I threw a glass from the counter to her and she ducked and threw the pan my direction.

Ndalo :" Yeyi stop it. Anyone who fights I will shoot them "

We looked at each other. Siza was dragging Bongile by her bra on the floor.

Bongile :" leave me alone. you broke my nails !"

Ndalo:"stop it ! "

Siza stopped.

Bongile :" I will get you my nose is bleeding. "

Me:" You you "

I pointed at her . I wanted to kill her.

Ndalo:" why are we fighting? "

We all spoke at the same time like we were kids.

Ndalo :" this is going to be long "

She walked out. I pounced and she ran off.

 $\star$ NDALO  $\star$ 

I went to check on my boys and they were asleep. I took out the phone and called Nhlanhla and he answered.

Nhlanhla :" are you in danger "

Me :" it's a mess they will kill each other before the Columbians "

Nhlanhla :" what happened ? "

Me :" Lindiwe fought with this girl now Aiza's wife fought with another one "

Nhlanhla :" just calm them down "

Me:" Nhlanhla Rhadebe "

Nhlanhla :" it will be over soon baby. How are my boys ? "

Me :" asleep. "

Nhlanhla :" ok I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

He hung up and there was a knock on my door. I went to open and it was the lady Lindiwe fought with.

Me :" yes "

Her :" hi sorry to disturb it's just I am scared. "

Me :" of ? "

Her:" Lindiwe "

Me :" you are the side chick "

She looked down and nodded.

Me :" come in "

She rushes inside. This will be stressful.

 $\star$ NHLANHLA  $\star$ 

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Siyanda :" Nothing from any motuary "

He walks out and Hlubi follows after him. I switch off my phone after talking to Ndalo.

Me :" your wife is fighting "

Hlubi :" who? "

Me :" your wife Aiza "

Aiza :" we will attend that later. "

Me :" lets gp home "

Thabani :" our brother left with an ambulance next thing he is nowhere to be found "

Me :" he i somewhere. "

Aiza :" I am going home. I have a business to run "

Hlubi :" this is our family "

Siza :" I know. "

He walked to his car "

Me :" leave him "

Thabani :" what now ?"

Me :" leave it to us "

Siyanda looked at me "

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They put him on the operation table and it has been hours since they have laid him there.

Him :" what's the purpose of all of this"

He turned and looked at Ntsika .

Him :" The Columbians are after him we are after the Columbians "

Ntsika :" meaning ?"

Him :" he is basically bait "

Ntsika:" is he ok?"

Him :" we will just see after the operation. He is holding on though "

Ntsika :" I thought he is dead "

Him :" they failed to find his pulse but he is weak. Very weak

They turned around and walked away from the glass they were looking from into the operation room where his body was being cut and poked and done everything.

Him :" call Sanele "

Ntsika ;" on it "

He walked off.

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Him:" oh and A guy named Bruise "

Ntsika nodded and walked off.

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**INSERT 21** 

Today I am working from home. We are still in search of Ingathi 's body. It just disappeared like that I am frustrated as well. Siza is not here and business is not going well this month our trucks are being Stopped burned at the same time and it frustrating. So far we have lost 8 drivers in the Gauteng District alone. My phone rings and i take it and it's Mom. I sigh and I answer the phone call.

Me :" Mah "

Mom :" Aiza what is that good for nothing thing of yours doing ? She should be here now "

Me :" Don't you hate her ?

Mom. :" I do "

Me:" I don't have time for this "

Mom :" Aiza !"

I hung up and sighed. There was a knock on my door and that added to my irritation.

Me :" come in "

The door opened and a head peaked in.

" Sorry to disturb you sir A Ms Jones called saying the meeting with your employees at your petrol station has been moved "

Me :" I can't hear you come in "

She walked inside and she placed a paper on the table and i took it and read it.

Me :" oh I see. Thank you "

She nodded.

Sne :" need anything else ? "

Me :" No I am good. "

Sne :" yes sir"

She turned around and I looked at her.

Me :" Snethemba !"

She turns around.

Me :" Do you havw a boyfriend ? "

Sne :" No "

I stood up from my desk and walked to stand infront of it and looked at her from top to bottom. Her uniform was holding her thick body and shaping it.

Me :" Mmmh "

## ★SIZA★

Me :" It's day two and already I miss home. When are these men coming? "

Kamo:" I don't get all of this "

Ndalo :" You won't "

She shook the bottle for her child.

Me :" isn't he old for a bottle ? "

Ndalo :" He is but he can't live without it "

She hands it over to her son.

Me :" you are lucky to have such beautiful boys "

Kamo :" you will have kids. "

Me :" I doubt. Miscarriages hurt "

Ndalo :" try giving birth to a child and it died without you seeing it or your child being shot infront of you "

Kamo :" oh my God . I am sorry for that"

Ndalo :" My life is a book ( laughing ) but I wouldn't trade it for anything because I learned and lived. "

Me :" how many kids did you loose ? "

Ndalo :" 8 "

Kamo :" I am scared "

Ndalo:" don't be. "

Me :" yeah don't stress. I am sorry for your loss "

Ndalo:" Thank you"

Boy 1: " mama Cedile ehlisa( mommy I am done. Get me down )"

Ndalo gets her kids down and takes the bottles and goes to wash them they walk out and the other ladies come in. Kamo pulls the chips closer to her.

Ndalo :" I don't want any fighting "

Lindi :" Nx "

Me :" I need the bathroom. "

I stood up and I walked off. It's worse now that our phones got confiscated.

Mom :" I have been trying Sizakele since last night "

Me :" Maybe she forgot about us "

Mom :" haibo maybe it's the funeral preparations. How is Lindi? "

Me :" I didn't get to see her. She went back to her in laws "

Mom :" that's good. That's her husband "

Me :" yes. "

We carry on washing the windows. I hate hearing Siza 's name.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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Ndalo and i start with baking and Siza went to the bedroom to lay down. I think the kid's issue is getting to her alot.

Me :" should I check up on her ? "

Ndalo :" we will with. Cup of chocolate. "

I nodded.

Ndalo :""so tell me your story You being Ingathi's side chick

Me :" long and complicated. "

Ndalo:" we have time "

I was about to speak when the door opened and her husband walked in and some other guy and Hlubi as well.

Hlubi :" Kamo "

I nodded. Her husband kissed her cheek.

Ndalo :" this is back so soon. We are leaving ? "

Siyanda :" Not yet. We came to check up on you "

Hlubi :" where is Ntando? "

Me :" the other room "

He walked off.

Nhlanhla :" we can't find Ingathi's body "

Me :" What? "

They looked at me.

Ndalo:" you tell me he escaped ?"

Siyanda :" he was declared dead. The ambulance took him but we don't know where "

Ndalo:" you have got to search harder "

Nhlanhla :" we will "

Siyanda :" where Is the other one ? "

Mw:" bedroom "

He nodded and walked off. I hope they find his body.

Me :" he might be alive ? "

Nhlanhla :" I don't think so "

I nodded.

Me :" I will be outside"

I left them all alone and walked out and took a stroll.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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The pain still feels fresh. Like it just happened at this moment I couldn't stop thinking of how my life just took bad turns since forever and it drains me. A knock on the door disturbs my thoughts and I wipe my tears and hold onto the pillow while sniffing.

" Why are you sitting alone ? "

Me :" I want to be alone. "

I sat up.

Me :" where is Aiza ? "

He walked in.

Siyanda :" Home "

My heart aches.

Me :" will I see him? "

Siyanda :" it's up to him. Hlubi is downstairs"

I nodded.

Siyanda :" Are you sure you are fine ?"

I nodded and ended up shaking my head and a sob escapes my lips.

Siyanda :" uhm "

Me :" it still hurts "

He stands up and comes by my side and engulfs me into a hug.

Siyanda :" it's ok "

I kept on crying.

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Me :" uhm the cameras. Your wife "

He kisses my neck.

Him:" she won't know "

I nodded and he made me place my hands on the desk. He slipped in and I gasped bitting my bottom lip and he pulled back and thrusted deeply this time and a moan escaped my lips. He then increased his pace holding my big butt.

Aiza :" Shit ! "

Me:" ah "

I moan and he slowly down and quickens his pace again.

Aiza:" fuck you are so tight"

Me :" oh my !"

He groans from the depth of his throat and he slows down and keeps on thrusting slowly. He spanked my butt cheeks.

Me :" mmmh "

I threw my head back As he kissed my shoulders. What a gifted man down there I can feel everything of his.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Me:" Hey baby "

I rubbed my stomach.

Me :" your father planned you to be here and you are here.

I sniffed and tried wipping my tears.

Me :" he loves you so much. I love you too. I know you would have loved him "

I sniffed.

Me :" and I think I loved him too "

" I am sorry "

I turned.

Ndalo :" I know that pain "

Me :" where is your husband ? "

Ndalo :" frustrated and taking off his frustration by hanging out with his boys. "

Me :" i am just the side chick I shouldn't feel a thing "

Ndalo :" it's ok to love someone "

Me :" I love my baby "

Ndalo :" because it's a part of him that you have left ? "

I kept quiet.

Ndalo :" you are young Kamo and life has been tough but know everything works out.

Me :" you are young "

She laughed.

Ndalo :" 32 is very old "

I laughed.

Ndalo :" you will be ok "

I nodded. She is a nice scary woman.

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Me :" it has been hard. "

He is silent after I have narrated my whole life to him.

Me :" I think he has changed. "

Siyanda :" he was a great friend but never a good husband. He will never change because he wasn't ment to be a husband for you by the looks. "

Me :" I love him "

Siyanda :" he will hurt you again at some point till you want to take your life away. I mean think about it. If he really wanted to change he would have done it a long time ago "

I lifted my head from his chest.

Me:" you think?"

Siyanda :" I know. "

I sighed and he made me lay my head on his chest.

Me :" It's tough"

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## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

He came down the stairs and I was making my way up to check on Siza as well.

Nhlanhla :" Can I have some before I leave ? "

Me :" not until Ingathi's body is found "

Nhlanhla :" So you will starve me? "

I nodded and walked up the stairs.

Nhlanhla :" Atleast one "

Me :" in the kitchen"

He walked further down the stairs. I went to the bedroom and knocked first and Siyanda opened the door. I raised my brow.

Siyanda :" Bye "

He walked out and i stood there looking at him as he disappeared before making my way inside.

Me :" Hey are you ok ? "

She sat up.

Siza :" yes I am. "

Me :" we baked these "

Siza : "where are the others ? "

Me :" living room "

She nodded and i placed the tray on the bed and sat next to her.

Me :" it's ok to feel hurt but don't suffer alone. Talk to someone "

Siza :" Where is Aiza ?"

Me :" Home "

Siza :" can I go home ? "

Me :" I am afraid not. Now that Ingathi's body is missing we have to be alert "

Siza :" you seem to be used to these things "

Me :" it's life "

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Siza :" I will have one muffin "

I smiled and watched her take one warm muffin and stuff it in her face.

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He walked inside the room while I was looking at him laying on the bed. The Dr has just checked on him and the surgery was a success. I turned as Ntsika approached me and he stood next to me.

Ntsika :" I got Sanele but not Bruise "

Me :" wait for him to wake up then we make that call "

Ntsika :" where will that help ?"

Me :" as I said. We use them to get what we want we have leverage over them "

Ntsika:" Which is ? "

Me :" The Harbour operation. "

I put my hand on the wall.

Me :" It would be a pity if it went down "

Ntsika :" perfect then. "

"General you have a call "

I turned and she handed the phone to me and I walked off.

Me :" General speaking "

Her :" Don't be formal I miss you and you haven't called in two days. "

I smirked.

Me :" Things have been keeping me busy and I know that's not an excuse so I am sorry "

Her :" You know it's not. "

Me :" and I am sorry "

I played with my ring on my left ring finger.

Her :" just wanted to make sure I still have a husband out there "

Me:" you do always "

Her : " I love you Snuggles "

I chuckled.

Me :" I live for you "

She giggled.

" We are getting feedback "

Me :" I have to go "

Her:" ok "

I sigh before hanging up. I appreciate her patience with me I turn and he looks at me shaking his head.

Me :" let's go "

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We walk out and we go to where we are needed.

## $\star$ SNE $\star$

I let the warm water flow while I splash it on my skin and it makes it relax my body relax as well. I close my eyes as the steam Is covering the whole bathroom does he do that to his wife ? It felt magical and makes my body tingles I can still feel his kisses on my skin. His hands on my waist going down to my butt. I can feel every thrust and hear his soft groans ringing in my ear. I bit my bottom lip and hold my body together. Keep it together Snethemba. It just took one simple move and I was under his spell that can't be broken anytime soon.

" Are you ok ? "

I turn around and he is leaning by the door frame wearing his shorts. Aiza Biyase it was a big honour to work for him but this

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this just took the cup in every aspect of my life I nod slowly and let out a soft reply .

Me :" I am ok "

Aiza :" The water will get cold soon. I ordered food "

Me :" yes sir "

Aiza :" Call me Aiza "

I nodded. He walked in further and i pulled myself together. He sat on the toilet seat and watched me.

Aiza:" relax "

I breathed out and he stood up and came closer to me.

Aiza :" you are beautiful "

Me :" thank you "

I shyed away. He put his fingers under my chin and he made me look at him before he leaned over and kissed my lips. I responded to that and I felt butterflies in my stomach he broke it.

Aiza :" don't worry about anything besides us "

I nodded.

Aiza :" good "

I smiled. This will be wonderful he seems like a wonderful man . A man every woman dreams to have. His wife is lucky to be married to him.

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

Me :" How are you ? "

Lindi :" I am angry at Ingathi and that thing how could they do this to me. I have always been good to him "

Me :" yeah you have kodwa you stole a baby before "

Lindi :" don't even start Bongile it won't end well "

Ntando :" I am hungry "

She sits next to us eating .

Me :" I am just waiting for Aiza to come "

Ntando:"men who are dedicated to us "

Me :" mxm "

Lindi:" I am going to Lie down "

Me :" don't dream too much "

She walks off. Kamo walks in

Me :" what are you doing here ? "

Kamo:" i came to sit "

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Me :" I will slit your throat"

Kamo :" you should be worried about Siza not me "

She sat down. I clicked my tongue.

Me :" Can I call him? just a bit "

Ndalo :" no you can't they can trace your call so it's not safe

I sighed and laid on the bed.

Ndalo:" I am going off. I will see you "

I nodded and she stood up and walked out. I want to know how he is after my sister bewitching us I am really worried about him. So much. To be continued

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**INSERT 23** 

# ★ZAMILE★

I am worried. Lindiwe is no where to be found for the past month and we are still in search. We have reported to the police and they are doing a very slow job. I hope she is fine wherever she is .

Mom :" Ungangena amakhaza (Don't get cold )"

I took the jacket.

Me :" I won't bye "

Mom:" bye "

She smiles faintly and i know she is still worried about Sizakele I am not even one bit worried about her because it's not my problem in anyway. I walk towards the gate and MaZuma seems to be deep in thoughts. I opened the gate and he shouts for me. What now?

MaZuma :" unjani ? ( How are you ? )"

Me :"I am good "

MaZuma:" Why? "

Me :" Huh ? "

MaZuma :" why do you do your sister like that ? "

Me :" Please leave me alone "

MaZuma :" Everything bad goes back to its owner"

She walked off to her house and I watched until she closed the door. I clicked my tongue walking off making my way to My boyfriend's house.

## $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

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Ndalo :" Phones for the night. You are gonna share "

She slid a small phone to us.

Kamogelo :" I just want to call my mother and see if she is still fine "

Ndalo:" ok "

I take the phone first. Siza was in the bedroom and it was cold today we were at the lounge.

Me :" I need to call Aiza "

I stood up and walked to the outside. I could hear the cars I saw the headlights through the darkness but I ignored them. It got answered.

"hello "

Me :" bitch who are you ? "

She was silence.

Me :" give that phone to Aiza what are you doing with my man's phone ?"

The call got hung up. I tried him again but nothing this time.

" Go inside !"

Me :" Nx "

I clicked my tongue and walked past him. So he is cheating on us ? I can't believe this .I walked inside and gave the phone to Kamo .

Lindo :" are you ok ? "

Me :" don't ask "

I sat on the couch

Lindi:" when are you finding my husband ?"

Kamo : " I am tired of living here "

We looked at her.

Me :" we don't need your comments. "

Kamo :" let me go and call my mother then "

She stood up and Lindi clicked her tongue as she walked off.

Hlubi :" behave "

Lindi :" why is she here anyway ? I am his wife "

Nhlanhla :" you don't question our decisions "

She kept quiet. This man is something else. Just his presence does something to ones hormones I looked at

him and my eyes landed on his crotch it's printed through his pants. I wouldn't mind setting it free.

Me :" is there wine ? I need to relieve stress "

They kept quiet and Ndalo stood up and he followed her up the stairs. I am sure he is a beast everywhere .

Lindi :" Bongile "

Me :" mmmh ?"

She looked at me.

Me :" I am just looking around "

Lindi :" mmh "

I looked at the stairs where they disappeared to if all fails with Aiza he is an option right ? His everything is calling me to him.

 $\star$ NDALO  $\star$ 

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i walked in the bedroom I use with the kids and he follows inside and closes the door.

Nhlanhla :" I feel like I did something wrong with the way you stormed off. "

Me :" I want her gone before I kill her and bury her under this bed "

Nhlanhla :" Calm down "

Me :" Yeyi Nhlanhla ngeke ungitshele ukuthi(Nhlanhla you won't tell me that ) I should calm down for what while we are harbouring a witch that is already eyeing you. "

Nhlanhla:" Ok we will move her "

Me :" she has no connection to Siza anymore so why is she here Kamo is pregnant so it's understandable she is trouble and i am loosing it with her. !"

I went to the wardrobe .

Nhlanhla :" Ok Ndalo we will let her go "

Me :" please do I am trying not to strangle her for the past month and it's enough now " He came close.

Nhlanhla :" she will be gone by tomorrow morning "

Me :" don't touch me "

Nhlanhla :" what did I do ? "

Me :" you are on probation till you learn not to bring irrelevant side chicks. "

Nhlanhla :" it's not my side chick "

Me :" Its a lesson"

Nhlanhla :" now that I won't have "

I took out the towel and my bathing soaps.

Me :" close the door on your way out "

I walked to the bathroom and closed the door.

 $\star$ SNE  $\star$ 

Oh my God what if his wife finds out about what we have been doing. I out the phone down and he comes out of the bathroom and hope on the bed taking off his towel and laying naked next to me.

Me :" someone called "

Aiza :" who ? "

Me :" I am not sure. I didn't answer "

Aiza :"oh leave it "

I nodded he pulled me to him.

Aiza :" I love your skin "

Me :" thank you "

He kisses my arm

Aiza :" come get on me "

I removed the cover and i got on him and he placed his hands on my waist .

Me :" what should I do ? "

Aiza :" just grind on it. "

I nodded and grinded on him and he bit his bottom lip. I could feel it growing and I was getting wet as well.

Aiza :""slip it in You taste good raw "

Me:" ok "

I took his shaft and slipped it in me and i moaned as it stretched it's way inside me.

Me :" Ah "

I started moving slowly while throwing my head back and he held my waist assisting me .

Aiza :" come kiss "

I leaned over and I kissed his lips and he held my butt while I was moving. I moaned in his mouth and he groaned that sent shivers down my spine.

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"We have closed the Drug ring on the east side "

Me :" good "

He dropped the file on the table.

Sanele :" How is he responding ?"

Me :" perfectly well he just hasn't woken up "

Sandile :" give it some time "

Me :" the Columbians are on the loose "

Sanele :" we can still do something around....."

Me :" no we will just strike "

He nodded.

Sanele :" I am going back home "

Me :" greet my wife for me "

He chuckled.

Sanele :"I will "

He turned and walked out of my office.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

I was packing my clothes nicely into my suitcase I don't want to be here anymore. Seeing the kids depress me so much I haven't interacted with the others in two days . Kamo even got a different room because of how i am. I snap at times and I just need to be by myself. I am not used to having people who asked me if I am ok or still operating well . It just passed like that. "You look better "

I turned around and he was standing by the door frame.

Me :" hi "

I faintly smiled

Siyanda :" you are good ? "

I nodded.

Me :" yeah "

Siyanda :" going somewhere ? "

Ne :" i am not used to sitting with people so I am uncomfortable "

Siyanda :" you will get used to it "

His scent hit my nostrils.

Me :" how is everything going ? "

Siyanda :" still but I am not here for that "

Me :" you are here for hat ? "

Siyanda :" you "

Me :" I am ok "

Siyanda :" Have you ever felt tingles before ? "

I giggled. He chuckled.

Me :" yes "

He comes closer.

Siyanda :" why are you laughing ?"

Me :" I can imagine you having tingles "

He held my waist

Siyanda :" I get them when I see you "

I looked at him.

Me:" Siya "

He looked at me as well before his lips reached mine. He parted my lips and started kissing me. I closed my eyes and he out his warm hand on my cheek and I responded putting my tiny hand over his. I broke the kiss slowly I felt those tingles or maybe I haven't been kissed like that in a long time.

Me :" I am married Siyanda "

Siyanda :" where is he ? "

Me :" I ... "

He kissed Me again and I couldn't resist it.

Me :" Siyanda "

I say breaking the kiss and he just picks me up and starts to kiss my neck while going to close the door and pins me on it.

Me :" mmh "

His hands went under my wool dress and he caressed my boobs while kissing me. I could feel my body betraying me . He perked my lips and he pushed my thing to the side and I felt his finger slip in and I moaned. He kissed my lips suppressing my moan

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He broke the kiss and and kissed my neck once again. He then moved us from the door and still my legs wrapped around his waist. He lays me on the bed and gets on me and kisses me making me feel his hardening and I moan while he pulls out. It's printed on his pants and my mind registered what am I doing? He takes off his top and my dress and it's both on the floor. I placed my hands on his tattooed chest. Me :" Siyanda we can't do this "

Siyanda :" Then tell me if you don't feel this "

He kisses my chest and tingles travel down my spine. He runs his fingers on my skin.

Siyanda :" he doesn't deserve you to hurt you like this "

I look away while trying to cover my scars.

Siyanda :" don't "

He kisses them and I am mesmerised by this. He goes down kissing me and he kisses my Private area through my thong and he turns me around on my knees and I do just that. He pulls them down to my knees and caresses my nipples

Me :" Mmh "

He kisses my back and goes down to my butt and he inserts a finger in me and I bit my bottom lip.

Siyanda :" your body seems to respond "

Me :" mmh "

He kept on thrusting it inside me and pulled out when I was about to cum. He kissed my neck again and moved his hands around my body like he was studying it. I turned my head to him and he took off his pants and rolled out a condom and put it on. So he came prepared?

Me :" Siyanda "

He comes closer and he inserts a tip. I am waiting and dripping on the sheets. I couldn't stop him now. It will be punishing myself at this moment.

Siyanda :" You want this ? "

He whispered in my ear.

Me:" yes "

Siyanda :"You do ? "

He slipped in further and i gasped.

Me :" ah ! "

I moaned softly. He pulled out .

Me :" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" waist babe "

He pushed it in again and I gasped. He thrusted slowly inside me and I held on the sheets as he pulled my thong down further so he can have clear access.

Siyanda :" I can't do rubbed with you it makes me uncomfortable "

Me :" Woah "

He pulled out and took it off and threw it on the floor.

Me :" We can't.."

He slipped in.

Me :" You are too big "

He placed his hand on my back and kept on thrusting

Siyanda :" Fuck the feels good "

He said as his voice was hoarse.

Me :" Oh my gosh right there "

Siyanda :" Fuck babe you feel good "

Me:" Oh Siyanda ! "

My eyes rolled back as he increased his pace.

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Siyanda :" Shit ! "
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Me:" i am cumming "

He kept on thrusting till I came and he picked me up and inserted himself as I wrapped my legs around his waist. He squeezed my boobs and kissed me and I responded. Siyanda :" After today you won't forget me "

I shook my head as he placed me in the dresser and spread my legs before pulling out and went on his knees and his tongue was incontact with my clitoris.

Me :" mmmh babe "

I held his head as his tongue did wonders down on my kitten.

Me: "Ahh Siyanda!"

I rolled my head back and he got up and inserted himself and I gasped. He pulled me closer and kissed my neck before he stated moving holding me behind. I could fill it all filling me up and giving me unexplainable feelings. He pulled out and got me down and he hit it from behind slowly.

Me :" Mmh "

Siyanda :" wait for me babe "

I nodded and he kissed my shoulders. He is smothering me his hands are worse because they make my skin tingle .

Me:"Yes yes"

Siyanda :"I deserve you he doesn't "

Me :"He doesn't "

I closed my eyes.

Siyanda :" fuck I love you "

Me :" I love you I love everything about you "

Siyanda :" moan my name "

Me :" Ah Siyanda "

Siyanda :" yes babe "

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He lifted my leg and increased his pace.



Me:" mah "

Mom :" Kamogelo send some money please boo boo"

I can hear that she is drunk.

Me :" please be safe "

Tears ran down my eyes.

Mom :" love you "

Me :" I love you too. "

I sniffed and hung up before I started crying.

"I am sorry "

He came and sat next to me and I wiped my tears.

Hlubi:"it will be ok "

He hugged me and I carried on crying.

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 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

I had a weird dream and since then I have been awake since morning. I dreamt of Ingathi holding our child and he kissed the forehead and mine. "Thank you " he said while smiling and I returned the favour. He held us close to him and I woke up. I miss him I am putting it out there and I didn't think I will. Maybe it's because I have a part of him growing inside of that makes me miss him and cry at the same time. I wipe my tears and lay on the bed looking at the ceiling. I miss him just one moment to see his child would be enough.

## $\star$ AIZA $\star$

Today I am going to check on Siza it has been a while and I have been busy but I need to check on my wife. I get out of the bathroom and She wakes up and sits up.

Sne :" need anything ? "

Me :" No I am going to my wife "

Sne :" oh when Is she coming back ? "

Me :" not anytime soon "

Sne :" oh ok "

I went to the closet and selected clothes to wear . I finish up and spray some perfume and then I wear my watch. I walk out of the closet and take out my card.

Me :" Go buy something nice "

Sne :" thank you "

I kissed her forehead.

Me :" behave "

Sne :" I will "

I took my phone and walked out.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

I opened my eyes and my body feels heavy I tried to move but i couldn't and then i noticed Siyanda has some heavy weight on me.

Me:" Siyanda "

I tapped him softly he moves and wraps me with his arms swallowing me inside them.

Me:" Siyanda "

Siyanda :"Babe "

Me :"we should wake up ? I am sure the others heard us "

Siyanda :"so?"

Me :" What will I say to Aiza ?"

Siyanda :" you support him so much "

Me:" I don't I am just asking "

Siyanda :" stop worrying. I am here "

I sighed.

Siyanda :" relax upholise igazi Muntwam ( relax my person)"

Me :" since when ? "

Siyanda :" angithi sisashaya abo 6'9 wena ubuthi Siyanda ngiyakuthanda ( who we were doing 6'9 you were busy screaming 'Siyanda I love you "

I giggled.

Me :" that doesn't sound like me "

Siyanda :" It does "

He kissed my cheek.

Siyanda :" your neck is red "

Me :" why do you have silky soft hair ? are you mixed ? "

Siyanda :" I am Zulu "

Me :"I see "

Siyanda :" Come here "

He pulled me ontop of him.

Siyanda :" You make me shy "

I laughed.

Me :" you are so silly "

He chuckled.

Siyanda :" idiots play destroy diamonds"

I kept quiet. He pulled me to him and we shared a kiss the way he handles me is with care. He lifts me up and he slips in once again. I flinch a bit.

Siyanda :" I am sorry "

Me :" it's ok "

I moved slowly and we shared a kiss.

### ★LINDI★

Bongile was all up and dressed doing her hair and make up.

Me :" why are you up early ? "

Bongile :"no reason "

Me :" Ndalo is not Siza"

Bongile :" who said anything about her ? "

Me :" I am just warning "

I got off the bed and made my way to the bathroom leaving her .

Bongile :" Cel'ukiss kuwe Bhuti . Ukiss ovuthayo "

She kept on singing. I shook my head. I won't save her Ndalo is sweet yet rough as well. Someone not yo bw messed with at all.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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we went to bath and cleaned up as well. He was tickling me all the way through the cleaning. We got dressed and went down the stairs and everyone looked at us. Only Bongile Lindi and Happy were not in sight. I looked down.

Me :" good morning "

Them:" Good morning "

Ndalo :" Kamo made breakfast. It's in the kitchen. "

Siyanda :" I will gwt it "

He walked off and i st down. The men followed.

Kamo :" one of us had a good night sleep "

Me :" I ...."

Ndalo :" we are not judgemental we are the last people to do so "

Kamo :" very last "

Me :" I don't know "

Ndalo :" he is like a brother to me I have known him for over 13 years . I am not saying yeah love him or what but don't lead him on please my husband is hardcore and doesn't love easily but Siyanda he does and very much that's why his last relationship fucked him up. Please leave him alone because I don't want to see him just. It hurts me. Me :" I won't. I will obey you I will leave him alone "

Ndalo:" Thank you. "

I looked at her.

"Hey ladies "

We turned and it was Aiza holding flowers and chocolate.

Aiza :" Won't I get a hug ? "

I tingly smiled and stood up to go and hug him.

Aiza :" i missed you "

Me :" Me too "

We broke the hug and he was going for my lips buy I kissed his cheek.

"I don't know what you eat so I brought this "

The guys came back with the food.

Nhlanhla :" Aiza finally you come "

Aiza :" work but now I am here to see the love of my life "

Siyanda was quiet and i swallowed.

Hlubi :"( clear throat ) Love of your life huh? "

Kamo:" Don't start"

Aiza :" with what ? "

They kept quiet.

Me :" have you eaten ? "

Siyanda :" I lost my appetite "

He walked out after putting the food down.

Ndalo :" I will be back "

Shw walked off. Bongile came down the stairs with her bags.

Bongile :" oh baby !"

I moved away.

Aiza :" what are you doing here ? "

Me :" i will go make some food "

Bongile :" yes go do that "

I walked off.

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I was going to do something unthinkable just by looking at him. I got to the car and opened the door.

"Siyanda "

Me :" I need to leave Ndalo "

Ndalo :" For a married pussy Siyanda ? She will hurt you she is married ! "

Me :" yeah just like Nhlanhla did yours "

Ndalo :" this is different so much different ! "

Me :" ungangicasuli Ndalo because you don't know shit about her ! "

Ndalo :" two seconds with her in bed and you know "

Me :" you are so insensitive "

Ndalo :" we have all lost kids. I have lost more whats different ? Her husband should be comforting her not you "

Me :" neither did Nhlanhla become your comforter "

Ndalo :" what's wrong with you "

Me :" People like Philani and Aiza fuel me up. That's what's wrong with me and now you ! "

Ndalo :" don't compare me to them "

" Whats going on ? "

Ndalo :" talk to him leave her alone "

Me :" you are not my mother and you won't tell me what to do "

Nhlanhla :" everyone just cal! Down "

Ndalo :" I am protecting him "

Me :" you sound like an evil mother in law "

She slapped me.

Nhlanhla :" Ndalo "

Ndalo :" don't you dare Siyanda I will hit you !"

Nhlanhla :" both of you stop it "

Me :" tell your wife where to fuck off in my life "

Nhlanhla :" Siyanda "

She tried to wiggle her way out of his grip but he carried her.

Ndalo:" let go of me "

I got in the car and started it before driving off.

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 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

We were all seated at the lounge and I was scared. Ndalo's Husband is intimidating as much as she is as well. Maybe what triggered my tears as well is that I am he youngest out of everyone here so that also makes me feel small and intimidated. There is silence and no one is talking to anyone at all either than Ndalo's Husband standing infront of us.

Nhlanhla :" before we carry on with the investigations to find Ingathi we need to sort out whats going on in here.

There have been a lot of fights since everyone got here and I am tired of it. "

We kept quiet.

Nhlanhla :" before I carry on thank you Ntando for your level of maturity since you have arrived here "

Ntando nods.

Bongile :" and us ? "

Ndalo :" don't you even dare talk to my husband "

Nhlanhla:" Everyone keep quiet. I am still talking. Aiza "

He turned to Aiza .

Nhlanhla :" you are very irresponsible for a husband. We are Ingathi's relatives not yours so I don't know where you

got the guts to not come and see your wife for a !month knowing where she is we are good as strangers so why didn't you check up on her ? What if we were seriel killers and killed her without your knowledge ? "

We all kept quiet. He looked down.

Nhlanhla :" What is Bongile to you ? "

Aiza:" nothing we broke up "

Bongile :" haibo !"

Nhlanhla :" get up and take your stuff you are leaving "

Bongole :" I am not going anywhere ! "

Nhlanhla took out a gun and he shot the cushion between Bongile and Lindiwe and we all screamed. I almost peed on myself. Nhlanhla :" I am not your friend "

She nodded shaking. He pulled her up and pushed her as she ran off .

Nhlanhla :" Lindiwe and Kamo you two will have to be civil with each other even if the other one steps on your pinkie toe you smile like you are on the last steroid for happiness understood ?"

Me :" yes sir "

I was still scared as he still had a gun in his hand. Ndalo shook her head looking at Aiza and Siza .

Nhlanhla :" am I a statue Lindiwe ? !"

He was pissed off.

Lindiwe :" no "

Nhlanhla :" what did I say ? "

Lindiwe :" we will be civil "

Nhlanhla :" good. Ndalo keep them fit "

She nodded.

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Nhlanhla :" you may leave "
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I sprung up first and we all left we were scared of the gun in his hand more .. I went to the kitchen to get some milk and siza walked in after me.

Me :" that was scary "

Siza :" alot "

Me :" you don't seem happy to have you husband here "

Siza :" I am it's just I am worried about Siyanda is he safe where he is you know "

Me :" probably he is "

Siza :" let me not worry about him. Ndalo was right "

Me :" don't listen to her if you know you won't play the guy.

Siza :" i am married "

Me :" I hear you but know it takes more than the word marriage to be happy. If you are liking on the guy go for it "

Siza :" and my husband. I have been through with that man. I love him " Me :" I understand and Siyanda likes you he loves you just to say. I mean when ever they come here he always says "Where is Siza ?" In his deep voice and hen go looks for you when he doesn't see you. He has never said where is kamo or Ntando or any of us. "

Siza :" we have Ben through enough tigether with Aiza "

Me :" I am just saying. I known nothing or how you feel maybe it was just sex that all and I am reading too much you know what you want. "

I took my milk and I walked out leaving her.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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I was wearing my shoes while seated at the edge of the bed and he walked in the room and put the glass and toothbrush on the little table.

Andile :" get in bed. It's cold "

Me :"i Didn't plan on sleeping over "

He crouched Infront of me.

Andile :" Zama "

I looked at him. Andile and I have been dating for two weeks and it's a good distraction from all of this that's happening in my life he is younger than me though . Just 26 years old.

Andile :" get in bed "

Me :" but ..."

Andile :" ak'na but lah ( there is no but )"

He takes off my shoes and I look at him.

Andile :" I am going out to hustle "

Me :" is it weed ? "

He shook his head.

Me :" better not be something illegal because I don't want to be arrested "

Andile :" so uptight mama "

He finished up and kissed my lips. If only his looks didn't come alone I would be head over heels for him but he is young and is not like Aiza so that's the missing points.

Andile :" just know we will end up in a pool at our house in the suburbs"

Me :" stop selling dreams Andile "

Andile :" just wait a bit

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at our house in the suburbs" Me :" stop selling dreams Andile "

Andile :" just wait a bit we are almost there "

Me:" from this one room to something else? "

I know these Kasi boys and distant dreams and promises .

Andile :" yes Sthandwa Sam "

He kissed my lips.

Me :" ok "

Andile :" ok ? "

He smirked.

Me :" stop that"

Andile :" what ? I look cute "

I chuckled.

Me :" go and hustle "

He picked me up and got me in between the blankets and then he kissed my forehead.

Amdile :" I love you "

I looked at him.

Me :" me too "

He went to take his jacket from the chair and opened the door before walking out winking and I slept. Yeah it is cold do I will just lay in here.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I was in the bedroom just sitting after talking to Kamo what she said really got to me yet I don't want my marriage to fail. That's what mom has always said that I should make sure it doesn't fail and Ndalo was right I should let go of Siyanda. He walks in and sits opposite me and takes my hands and kiss them. I smile faintly still worried about where could Siyanda be.

Aiza:" I missed you "

Me :" I missed you too "

He smiles

Me :" how is mah ?"

Aiza :"she is ok"

Me :" and Sne ? I hope she is treating you ok while I am away. "

He shifted.

Aiza :"yeah she is "

Me :" that's good. "

He kisses my hands once again and leans in for us to share a kiss but we were disturbed.

"Sorry to disturb "

We turned and my heart was at ease seeing that he is ok. I wouldn't have lived with myself if anything happened.

Aiza :" you are disturbing "

Me :" Aiza"

He frowned.

Siyanda :" Kamo is asking for you to assist her with the curtains downstairs "

Aiza :" we are busy aren't there any other ladies who can help her ?"

Siyanda :"she asked for Siza I am just a mess anger but I will inform her. "

Me :" I am coming"

Aiza :" Sizakele "

Me :" I will be back ok ? "

He kept quiet.

Aiza : " close the door on your way out.

I walked out and I closed the door. Siyanda held my waist and kissed me and I broke it.

Me :" he is here "

He takes my hand and we walk down the passage to the stairs and get down. We reach by the wall that has a picture and he checks around before he moves it and the wall slides open.

Siyanda :" get in "

I got in and he got in as well before it started being dark and he turned on the torch on his phone and we walked further in. We started seeing the light and went down the stairs and then we came into a gym room.

Me :" where is Kamo ? Why are we here ? What is this ? "

He kissed me.

Siyanda :" I hate seeing him touch you "

Me :" this is wrong Siyanda Ndalo was right . I don't want to hurt you "

He places his forehead on mine.

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Siyanda :" but I love you "
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Me :" we can't "

He kissed my lips softly and slowly while holding my waist. His hands moved to my butt and I held onto his jacket. His scent was nice on the nose as well making me melt in his arms for no apparent reason. He squeezes my butt softly to roughly pulling me closer to him as I feel his shaft through my rights and I moan in his mouth he breaks the kiss off slowly.

Siyanda :" Damn "

I opened my eyes and look at him while still holding onto him. He smirks and runs his fingers on my cheeks.

Siyanda :" you are beautiful "

Me :" thank you we can't do this "

Siyanda :" but I can't let this feeling go "

He placed his head on my forehead and smirked and I ended up giggling and he chuckled.

Siyanda : "why are you laughing ?"

Me :" I don't know "

Siyanda :" just give me a chance. It will be worth it "

I kept quiet looking at him.

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### $\star$ SNE $\star$

The looks I got from all the people who work at the store when I presented the card to them when I paid for the stuff I bought. Aunty always says that grab an opportunity with both hands and live in the moment with it. I guess this is it. My phone rings and I take it from between all the scattered clothes and I answered.

Me :" hello "

Aunty :" I got the money siyabonga Ntombi Qhubeka sense kahle ( thank you keep on doing the good work )"

Me :" thank you "

Aunty :" obofika nawe ( you should come visit )"

Me :" I will "

She hung up.

" I see you did some shopping "

I turned around.

Me :" Uhm ..."

He walked in and picked up the dress from the pile and looked at it then picked up another one and Looked at it then me. I swallowed Aiza :" You have taste "

Me :" thank you "

Aiza :" how about you wear this for me and we have dinner together "

Me :" in public ? "

Aiza :" Yes. We will go out "

Me :" is that a good idea ?"

He held my waist.

Aiza :" be ready in an hour "

I nodded.

He kissed my lips and spanked my ass.

Aiza :" I will be waiting"

He walked out. I breathed out and took the clothes going to the bathroom .



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I was disturbed by my phone ringing while I was making some pap and gravy before I leave. Andile hasn't came back and I am supposed to leave. I said yesterday I will be back home soon but this. This is questionable. I take my phone and it's Mom and I take it.

Me :" mah I am coming "

Mom :" not under my roof Zamile if you want to rule go to your house. Your agemates are in their homes married "

Me :" please don't start we are not all the same "

She clicked her tongue.

Mom :" take Siza and she is younger than you married and in her own house hayi man khula !( Grow up !)"

She hung up and I sighed. The door opened and Andile walked in.

Andile :" Muntwam ( my person )"

I ignored him and turned the two plate down and he held me from behind.

Andile :" sengenzeni manje ( what did I do now ?)"

Me :" I need to leave "

Andile :" I am sorry "

Me :" Andile I need to leave "

Andile:" Buka k'qala ngikuphatheleni ( look what I got for you )"

He gave me a slab of chocolate and a P.S written I love you. I looked at it. Andile:" amastarter baby kuyeza omunye ( these are just starters more is coming )"

Why are my cheeks heating up?

Me :" you didn't have to"

Andile:" Kumele ngimbotoze umuntu wam engimthandayo ( I have to spoil the person I love )"

Me :" Thank you I will eat it at work tomorrow "

Andile :" othi ngikukhaphe ke ( let me walk you home )"

Me :" No you have been out all day. It's cold stay in here "

Andile :" we are going Zama "

I nodded and went to the big plastic and searched for something and took out a mini blanket and he then put it over my shoulders.

Andile :" we don't want you sick "

Me :" thank you it seems new "

Andile:" Kakuye lesgriza Sam ( it was grandmother's)"

Me :" she kept her stuff well "

Andile:" aren't you eating?"

Me :" no I ate. I am fine "

He nodded. He took out a stack of stapled papers and he gave it to me.

Me :" what is this ?"

Andile :" it's a Manuscript "

Me :" Explain baby "

He smiled.

Andile :" I will after you read that "

Me :" ok I will "

Andile :" let's go "

We walked out and he took the padlock and locked the door and he then put his hand over my shoulder as we made our way to my home. Andile is humble and sweet I don't know but his simple gestures makes one want to love him effortlessly. He kissed my forehead. It is really cold out here.

# $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

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I am glad that he left. I couldn't stand him next to her next time I wouldn't be able to contain myself. I stood by the door frame and watched her wash her hair

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weaves gone. All natural now I bite my bottom lip before I spoke.

Me :" don't you want me to join you "

She turned and i could still clearly see her through the glass. I took off my top and she looked at me.

Siza :" what are you going ?"

I undressed and opened the shower door and got in and she looked at me. I removed the hair from her eyes.

Me :" I am showering with you "

I took the body wash.

Me :" I hope he didn't touch my cookie "

She shook her head looking at me.

Siza :" he didn't "

Me :" good "

I kissed her and smudged the soap on her body and she returned it.

Me :" I am giving you time to think while I am away "

Siza :"away?"

Me :" yeah we are leaving and won't come back till we get Ingathi ."

Siza :"oh "

I caressed her body.

Me :" uzongikhumbula ? (Will you miss me ? )"

She nodded slowly.

Siza :" kakhulu( so much ) "

I perked her forehead.

Me :" ngiyakuthanda. Ma ngibuya uhamba nami uya eThekwini sishade sibe ngengane eziwu 40 (I love you when I come back you will leave with me and go to Durban then we get married and have 40 kids )"

Siza :" that's too much. 2"

She made a finger suggestion. I chuckled.

Me :" I am the only child so I need alot of kids "

Siza :" we will see "

Me :" yeah we will see "

She ran her fingers over my wet skin.

Siza :" be safe "

Me :" I will don't worry . If I never ever say that I love you just remember girl I'm saying I do ."

She smiled.

Siza :" you always in my heart "

Me:" nice ending. Don't worry "

She nodded and I kissed her and picked her up and she put her arms around my neck as the shower water was hitting my back . ★AIZA★

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I watched her walk down the stairs slowly looking she looks beautiful and everything is setting her well.

Sne :" I feel unsettled "

Me :" don't be you look wonderful . Turn around "

She spun around and her hips and arse were out to play.

Me :" I am the only one allowed to touch "

She nodded and I kissed her forehead

Me :" let's go "

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I took her hand and took off my ring and out it in my pockets as we walked out.

★KAMOGELO★

I think I am suffering from depression. I feel depressed eversince Ingathi got shot I haven't been feeling good. I am used to him calling and ordering me around and now it feels like my life is empty. I am watching a sad movie that will go well with my emotions good thing they have DVD's or I would have been bored out of my mind. Everyone suddenly walks down the stairs. Couples walking down why am I sad because ingathi and I have never had a relation besides exchsging sexual intercourse so i don't understand myself.

Ndalo :" make it fast and quick "

Ntando :" yes I want my kids back "

Hlubi :" we will do our best "

Siza :" good luck "

Even Siza found a man me nothing. Not even a two-week relationship. Even 5days is big.

Nhlanhla :" we have to leave "

Me :" when will I see the Dr ?"

Ndalo:" for ? "

Me :" i am pregnant "

I rolled my eyes in my mind.

Nhlanhla :" you will have one. By next week "

Me :"ok thank you "

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I stood up and went to the kitchen

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I took a sip off the wine and he looked at me. I felt comfortable and relaxed as well but I wasn't when we first came here.

Aiza :" you are enjoying ? "

Me :" yes I am. "

He nodded while smiling.

Aiza :" Tell me about yourself "

Me :" what do you need to know ? "

Aiza :" why don't you have a boyfriend ? "

I bit my bottom lip.

Me :" We had a fall out and seperated. "

Aiza :" fall out ? "

Me :" He didn't have a stable life and kept on selling dreams till I called it quits a year ago "

Aiza :" I don't sell dreams you know that ? "

Me :" meaning ? "

Aiza :" I just don't "

I nodded.

Aiza :" You are admirable. "

Me :" Thank you "

I took a sip off the wine looking at him He is the man I have been praying for since my last break up .

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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"Lets go "

Already Hlubi has left earlier and It's Nhlanhla and Siyanda who are left.

Siyanda :" you gonna be ok ? "

I looked at Ndalo.

Siyanda :" Don't worry and mind her it's us you should put your focus on "

I nodded and he kissed my forehead.

Me :" I will think about everything till then "

Siyanda :" do that Sugar "

Nhlanhla :" haibo kiss her and stop playing around so we can go ! "

We laughed and he held my waist and we shared a soft short yet sweet kiss . I am going to kiss him. Siyanda :" I love you "

I nodded.

Me :" I love you too "

He smiled and we let go of each other and he walked off. Ndalo finished up with her husband and they were in the car soon and it started and we walked back inside.

Ndalo:" I am warning "

Me :" Sure "

I walk off and go up the stairs. She needs to keep her eyes on her own issues not mine. I jump on the bed as soon as I get in the bedroom.

#### $\star$ LINDI $\star$

I miss Ingathi so very much. The pain still feels fresh that he is dead and i can't help and blame that Kamo she is the one who killed my husband. Can he be found so we can bury him in peace. I just wish wish for him to hold me caresses and kiss me. When we first met I have never loved a man like him. He was silent not much on speaking but when he did his voice and the way he laid down his statement made him attractive and drew me to him. His dominance that comes out to play and his soft side. Oh when he smiled That smile . I would give anything to have him back. To have him next to me . I turn and hold the pillow and tears ran down my cheeks and I played with my ring. Our wedding day that man is love and I lost love because of someone.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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Mom :" at this time ?!"

Me :" Sanibonani ( hello )"

Mom :" I will slap you as old as you are "

Dad :" Go and bath so you can eat "

Me :" I have already bathed "

Mom :" I am not looking after any child "

She walked off and I looked at dad.

Dad :" just get your life in perfect order "

Me:" I am trying "

Dad :" and I am proud "

Me :" thank you. I am off to sleep "

Dad :" goodnight "

I nodded and went to my room. I closed the door and took off the blanket and got on the bed. My phone rang and I took it and answered.

Me :" Andile "

Andile :" ufike kahle ? ( Did you arrive well ? )"

Me :" you just dropped me off "

Andile :" I miss you "

Me :" we will see each other. Thanks for the chocolates. "

Andile :"no need to thank me just .....if you know you will give up along the way just tell me to save each other's times. I love you Zamile

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so much I know women dream of rich guys and rich life but my situation is temporary that I promise you I work for it everyday to make a change out of something and have atleast a better life bathing in a shower for the first time you know . I love you and I am in it for the long one "

I was quiet I didn't know what to say . I was speechless mainly because this guy is a very good guy and heading him say this just made me feel guilty . I swallowed.

Me :" I love you too Andile. Don't woeey I am not going anywhere "

Andile :" Thank you "

Me:" I have to go. Goodnight "

Andile :" sleep well"

I nodded and he hung up. I laid on the bed and looked at the roof I placed my hand on his stapled papers and i took it and got in bed and started reading.

"Chains"

That was what was written on the paper and I started reading.

Me :" This is alot "

I laid back.

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# $\star$ ANDILE $\star$

Me:" R5 airtime "

The shop seller nodded and got the airtime and I gave him the money and turned and started walking back to my place.

"Eyi Nkunzi!"

Me :" long time no see you are rolling now "

He chuckled and got out of his Red polo I whistled.

Me : " sho ntwana "

Phelo :" I thought I should come back and check on you "

Me :" I am good "

Phelo:" still?"

Me :" still but I am pushing something "

Phelo :" forget it you should hustle like drugs make money"

Me :" aksi ntozami futhi noMem ngeke athokoze ngalokho ( that's not for me and my woman wouldn't be happy )"

Phelo:" Sne? You are back with her?"

Me :" Cha ungikhawathile lowo . Ngithole omunye manje ( no she hurt me . I have found another one )"

Phelo :" ( whistle ) I thought you said you won't date anymore "

Me :" things change "

Phelo :" stop loving with all your heart "

Me :" I can't but I am certain about this one. "

He shook his head and I chuckled. We stood there catching up.

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We were woken up by Ndalo very early only for her to box us that woman's tiny fist can sure leave a manly mark. My jaw line is bruised and i couldn't take it and so as the others so we stopped.

Me :" are you made of iron ?"

Ndalo :" you will learn "

Siza:" let's stop please "

Lindi :" I second that "

I feel the vomit making its way up and I ran to the bin and i vomited.

Siza :" are you ok ? "

Me :" yes "

She nodded.

Me :" I will lie down real quick "

I rushed out and went to the bathroom to rinse my mouth. I touched my stomach when I was done and it was growing quiet well. It was hardening too.

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Me :" Ndalo will kill us way before anyone does "

Lindi :" I agree to that "

I can sense the weird vibe.

Me :" let me go check on Kamo "

I took the bottled water and I walked up the stairs. Someone held my arm and i loomed back and its Ndalo.

Ndalo :" I am not being bitter or anything but you are married. "

Me :" I know. I didn't kiss myself and didn't make the move. I told Siyanda to stay away from me but he doesn't want to "

Ndalo :" besides all of that I am protecting you "

Me :" from what ? "

Ndalo :" its not all roses. "

She let go of my arm and walked off. I looked at her disappear before I made my way up the stairs and i went to Kamo's room and I knocked on the door .

Me :" Kamogelo are you ok ? "

She opens the door and she sniffs.

Me :" are you ok ? "

She lands in my arms and cry.

Kamo :" what will I say to this child. Where is his /her father ? I am scared. "

I patted her back.

Me :" worry not. We will figure it out. All of us "

Kamo :" I am scared of Lindi "

Me :" we will sort everything out. Calm down "

She sniff and nods.

Me :" do you want to cuddle ? "

She nods .

Me:" ok come "

I take her hand and we walk in closing the dppr and I got in bed with her and we cuddled. She was sniffing while holding onto me. Ingathi left a mess.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

Florence :" How is it going with the kiddo? "

I pack away the straws and plastic spoons for icecream where they belong and yurn ti her.

Me :" he is ok. "

Florence :" just ok ? "

Me :" i did something bad and now I feel a bit guilty "

Florence :" what ? "

We walked out from the back and went to the bathroom.

Me :" I bewitched my sister's husband to love me "

Florence :" Zama ! "

Me :" I was jealous "

Florence :" that doesn't mean anything did it work ? "

Me :" no if it Did i wouldn't be here "

I go and stand by the mirror.

Florence :" I am shocked and disappointed. "

Me :" i am sorry "

Florence :" you should talk to her about that "

Me :" we don't see eye to eye "

Florence :" you need to apologise "

l ignored her.

Florence :" I see you are avoiding me so the Ben 10 "

I laughed and she raised her brow.

Me :" he is sweet but I wanted us to have fun though he is serious "

Florence :" What's wrong with him ? "

Me :" if maybe he had a better system I wouldn't mind but ...."

Florence :" isn't there anything that he does ? "

Me :" he does but I don't know "

Florence :" give him a chance. He might amaze you "

She walked into the toilet and closed the door. I looked at myself through the mirror and sighed. My eyes had dark eye patches from lack of sleep last night I was up reading that script and I couldn't get my hands off it. I washed my hands and took out my phone and texted him telling Andile that I am coming this afternoon. Florence came out and she went to wash her hands.

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Me :" you want to lay on me ? "

He nodded and I took out the bottle and laid him on my chest. His little brother has stopped drinking milk but he can't seem to stop as well and it worries me a little bit. I wipe his little face and kiss his forehead. I love my kids with everything in me so as my husband as well. They give me new life Everytime I look at them and think how lucky i am to have them in my life gogo would be happy where ever she is

Me :" shhh "

I cradle him in my arms. Iba will always have a spot in my heart as well.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

I walk inside the kitchen and out my laptop bag down on the counter and I sit on the high chair and she hands over the

breakfast to me. It looks appetizing as well by the looks. Makes one want to dig in just in time.

Me :" mmmh "

Sne :" I hope it's ok "

Me :" I love it. Just like that shirt you are wearing "

She blushed.

"Aiza are you still here ..."

Thabani walks in and he stops his tracks. I stand on my feet.

Me :" don't you knock ? Or call ? "

Hw looked at Sne up and down.

Thabani :" You don't love yourself sisi "

Me :" don't start talking rubbish "

Thabani :" I wonder how Siza will feel knowing what you are doing behind her back. I don't even know why she stays "

I held his collar .

Me :" this is non of your business stay out of it "

Thabani :" I will just stay out of Siza's once she walks out of your life for good "

I let go of him and he clicked his tongue and walked out. I looked at sne.

Me :" I will be at work "

She nodded and I took my laptop bag and I walked out of the house.

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Dr :" we are seeing a sigh of movement. "

Ntsika:" thats good "

The dr switched off his little torch.

Me :" isn't he .....?"

Dr:" wait "

We kept our silence and watched him for a while and he started blinking his eyes.

Ntsika :" he is waking up "

We looked at him until he fully opened his eyes and scanned around and closed them and opened them again.

Me :"Ingathi

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Me :"Ingathi it's good that you pulled through. "

I signaled for ntsika to give him water and he did.

Ingathi :"Wh...what....."

Me :" Save your breath. We are the S.A.B Force and no the SA is not for South Africa please don't get that wrong "

Ingathi :" what do you ... want "

He groaned.

Me :" is he good ? "

Dr:" good "

Me :" you might lead us to the Columbians with your team. "

Ingathi :" i don't have a team "

Me :" Bruise Nhlanhla Rhadebe we know everything including the illegal drugs transportation and also women. "

His wyws popped.

Me :" you have a wife and a pregnant side chick "

Ntsika hands the papers to me. "

Me :" you don't want them hurt in the hands of dangerous Columbians right ? "

He kept quiet while blinking his eyes slowly.

Me :" rest. Think about what I said and remember it's the General but call me Nkonzo Mkhize "

He nodded his head slowly before his eyes shut.

Dr :" the IV he is just sleeping "

Me :" good make sure he is up and fit "

Dr:" yes general "

I nodded before walking out.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

it hasn't been long but I miss Siyanda not Aiza . I don't know maybe the fact that I have never been with any other man well except Qhawe who we didn't even. Last for long just gave me goosebumps and excited. I am scared though. I feel like i am betraying the vows we made though it was just repeating after the pastor but I shouldn't be doing Aiza like that at all. I sighed I don't know at this point . Can I have them both ?

Kamo :" oh you are awake "

She said stretching herself out of sleep.

Me :" you just love to sleep "

Kamo :" it's this baby "

Me :" I know it's not showing but can I touch ? "

Kamo :" oh sure "

I touched her stomach and ran my fingers on it. I felt goosebumps.

Me :" thank you "

She smiled.

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Kamo :" I am now hungry. "

Me :" lets go feed you and the little one.

We got off the bed and walked out.

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Nhlanhla:" I tried every connection I have and they are searching as well. "

Me :" I feel useless "

He pours the remaining whisky into his mouth.

Nhlanhla :" you seemed useful these days "

Me :" oh that "

Nhlanhla :" I am just saying "

Me :" I will be in Durban in the mean time. "

Nhlanhla :"sure "

I stood up from my chair and walked off

 $\star$  MAZUMA $\star$ 

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Me :" this is your child Lord. Light the way into that life and heal that soul ...."

I didn't know what to say.

Me :" Amen "

I open my eyes and sigh. I have been having dreams dreams of Zamile getting married and usually those are bad meaning Her father might die but that doesn't show clearly ad I don't just want to make unclear assumptions at all. I blew the candle out and fixed my Shoal before I packed and put everything away properly. I stand up after that and I walk out. I go and take my phone and try call Siza just to check on how she is but nothing. I get nothing at all. I try her again and maybe she is very busy in her marriage life she will get back to when she can. I sigh and went to go make some tea in the kitchen.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

Kamo and I went to make some food and also include everyone and she didn't have enough so I made some more for her. It's nice to watch her go through pregnancy like this and it makes her look good.

Kamo :" I am full "

She gulps some milk.

Me :" let me go wash the dishes. "

Kamo :" I will assist "

She got off the high chair and made her way to me and we washed the dishes together.

A few weeks passed and we have stopped with Ndalo and her hitting us it's enough now. I miss Siyanda just walking in out of the blue and just come and sit together more especially him touching me. I was making my way to the lounge area and Aiza was sitting there with Kamogelo who had an annoyed look. I wasn't happy too see him well I just didn't expect him.

Aiza :" you look beautiful "

Me :" staying indoors "

Aiza :" Can we move from here ?"

Kamo :" remember no sex as we have taken that thing "

Aiza :" what thing did you take without my consent "

Me :" it's for the immune and has side effects "

Aiza :" Nx "

I swallowed. Lies all lies and thank you Kamo or mentioning that.

Aiza :" come "

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We walked up the stairs together.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

I knocked off on good time today and I bought some meals from work and went to catch a taxi. On my way there I kept on reflecting everything. Aiza I really loved him and he is the only man I have loved so much but I get the words coming into my mind the last time I saw Sizal wonder what goes on in this marriage. The lady behind me asks me to pass the change and I do so and remain stationary the whole way home. I get off at the corner and made my way to his place. I should let Andile go he is young and will get someone who will love him the way he loves and wants to be loved. I get to his place and I knock on the door and he comes and opens. A smile crept up on his face and mine came without any warning.

Andile :" ugrand ?( You are good ?)"

I nodded and he perks my lips before we walk inside and I place my bag on the bed and so as the take away. It's very neat and tidy today guess he had time to get things done.

Andile :" how was your day at work ?"

Me :" it was ok thank you yours?"

Andile :" it was good. Besides not being able to go to the internet cafe "

Me :" why did you want to go ?"

Andile:" to check my emails "

Me:" why didn't you go then ?"

Andile :" taxi fare money "

Me :"oh I see "

He pulled me to his lap and I took out my phone and gave it to him.

Me:" I have data you can enter your email account and check whatever it is while I prepare a meal. "

Andile :" i don't want to waste your airtime baby. "

Me :" no don't worry. "

He kissed my lips.

Andile :"ok"

He took it and I got off him and I went to take out the burgers and fries and also the cold drink. I took out a plastic bowel and put in the fries before I handed him the food and sat on the bed and I started eating.

Me :" You still have some Peri Peri ?"

Andile :" just a bit "

I nodded I stood up and went to take it. The cupboards were empty with food that's why I bought take aways .

Me :" Andile"

Andile :" Mmmh ?"

Me :" how about I move in with you? "

I don't even know what I am saying he looks at me.

Andile :" I would love that but ...."

Me :" then it's settled. "

I kissed his cheek.

Me :" relax "

He nodded.

Me :" I read your thing and it's interesting and great and also Painful

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He nodded.

Me :" I read your thing and it's interesting and great and also Painful very painful . It felt real "

Andile :" it is "

Me :" I didn't finish it though "

Andile :" That's ok "

He gave me my phone back.

Me :" you got what you wanted ?"

Andile :" Yeah. Thank you "

I kissed my lips and I responded to him A knock on the door Disturbed us and we looked at each other.

Me :" wear something ontop "

He chuckled.

Andile :" They can look but not touch "

Me :"still "

He took a top and wore it before going to the door and opening it .

"Boi "

Andile :" Boihow are you ? "

Phelo :" I saw this on the internet neh and directed me to shop because I wanted something for my girl only to see this "

I was curious.

Andile :" What ? "

Phelo :" yeah "

I could hear someone sniffing and I think he is crying.

Phelo :" ah boi"

A message pinged on my phone and it was an email directed to Andile. I stood up and went to the door and he was leaning on the wall crying.

Me :"Hi Phelo"

Phelo:" Zama I have to go. Keep it "

He gave him a book Andile wiped his tears.

Andile :" thank you "

He nodded .

Me :" what's going on ?"

He gave me the book and I looked at it.

Me :" Chains you wrote it ?"

Andile :" yes "

Me :" wow what does this mean ? Wait you have a message "

I gave him the phone and he went through it. He hugged me after some time.

Andile :" let's get married "

Me :"woah what why ?"

Andile :" Chains is a true story. It's a bibliography about my mother's curse to where I am . I have been working my butt off to get it published and finally it did and it's selling fast "

Me :" wow this means ?"

Andile :" me and you in a pool "

I laughed.

Me :" I am so happy for you babe "

He kissed my lips.

Andile :" thank you for your patience "

Me :" it's ok "

I smiled at him.



The way to recovering is going well. I am worried about Kamo and our child where could they be and what they could be doing? Are they safe where they are? Those questions roamed my mind. The door opened and the general walked inside.

General :" how are you ? "

Me :" I am ok "

General :" good. Call your cousins. We need to move fast or you all will be in jail in a foreign country "

Me :" sure can I call my wife "

General:" call your family and we will take you to where the are hiding her "

Me:" ok "

He gave me the phone and I dialed it and it rang.

" Hello "

Me :" Nhlanhla it's me Ingathi "

There was silence and some shuffling.

Me :" it's bad. I need you to see me "

Nhlanhla :" how do I know you are not just some scammer "

Me :" slima sakho scam you off what ? The harbour business is at risk here "

Nhlanhla :" harbour ?"

Me :" you know what I am talking about. I am at the Force Head quarters let's meet. I need to see Kamo "

Nhlanhla :" We will "

Me :" thanks "

I hung up and gave back the phon.

General :" get him ready. "

He walked out.

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## $\star$ SNE $\star$

I got out of the cab and went to the boot and kids who were playing on the street came to assist me with the groceries and I closed the boot when I am and aunty is standing by the door step with hands on her us. I pay the cab driver and he thanks me and I walk inside the yard.

Me :" Sawubona aunty ( hello aunty )"

Aunty :" Wamuhle boh ( you are beautiful )"

Me :" thank you "

Aunty :" how much do they pay you ?"

Me :" more than enough "

She looks at my bag and snatches it.

Aunty :" Louis Vuitton isn't this expensive ? "

Me :" it's a gift "

Aunty :" I am glad you are using your brains and not stuck with that boy "

Me :" I am over Andile "

Aunty :" Good come in "

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We walked inside. Aiza is better than Andile way better . There shouldn't be any comparison between them at all.  $\star$ LINDI  $\star$ 

I scrubbed my body in the bathroom. I missed Bongile and I also need to relax after everything. I am trying my best to not blow up and kill Kamo Everytime I see her. She eats a lot and gains weight rapidly as well. We all are but for her it's too much and too disgusting. How could Ingathi cheat with a child like her. I just hope he is found and we get to say our last good byes and have our hearts at ease. A part of me hopes he is still alive somewhere.

Me :" Oh my god "

I stopped and cried. I could feel my chest closing in me.

We entered the bedroom and went to sit down.

Aiza :" please come here "

I went to him and sat next to him and he kissed my hand.

Aiza :" I need you back. Things are not going well with the business "

Me :" what's wrong ? "

Aiza :" our Assets are starting to be repossessed "

Me :" why ? "

He sighs.

Me :"Aiza what did you do?"

Aiza :" We need to make atleast a million to secure the company or we will be bankrupt "

Me :" A million ? "

Aiza :" yeah "

I sighed he looked at me.

Aiza :" I was thinking we could take in the trust fund "

Me :" no Ayize "

Aiza :" Please baby if I go down we both do "

I sighed.

Aiza :" please "

Me :" Ok. We will talk with the bank once I am back because I can access it"

Aiza :" Thank you "

He kissed my cheek and rubbed my thighs.

Aiza :" You are gaining "

Me :" is it bad ? "

Aiza :" No you look sexy "

I smiled.

Me :" thank you "

He perked my lips.

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 $\star$ NHLANHLA  $\star$ 

Siyanda :" what is it ? "

Me :" I think we have a trace on finding Ingathi "

Siyanda :" should I inform Thabani and the rest ? "

I took the guns and loaded them in the bag.

Me :" no we will just both go "

Siyanda :" ok "

I close the bag and zip my jacket up.

Me :" I hope this isn't a trap "

Siyanda :" we are coming prepared. "

Me :" sure "

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I took the bag and my car keys and we walked out and loaded everything in the car and got in .

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Aunty :" Phela ukudla bese singenakho ( we didn't have food anymore )"

She walked into the lounge with a tray in her hands and put it down pouring tea for me. I was sleeping over.

Me :" I am sorry "

She sat down after giving me some tea.

Aunty :" who is he ? "

I swallowed the hot tea bringing in the courage to say.

Me :" My boss. It's not serious "

Aunty :" Make sure it's more than just sex now. He must give you everything "

Me :" he has a wife and she is away "

Aunty :" that's your advantage. Use it "

Me :" you say ? "

Aunty :" make the man love you effortlessly. Just shake that ass and thick thighs and hips and he will be yours. "

Me :" I will "

Aunty :" good girl. "

Me :" mmmh "

I sipped my tea.



I thought money wise we were sorted hence Aiza doesn't come back. It doesn't make sense at all and I am not going to let go of that money without investigations. He has left an hour ago and I am laying in my room thinking something is not ok and I hope it's nothing bad really. Me :" No man there is something wrong "

So much money.

 $\star$ INGATHI  $\star$ 

Ntsika :" can you stand properly ? "

I was holding onto the crutch.

Me :" yeah I can "

General :" they are approaching "

We saw the car approaching us and parked in front of us and the door opened and they got out.

Me :" Nhlanhla "

Nhlanhla :" who are these men ? How did you survive ? We were looking for you all over "

General :" you should be happy we are smart enough to save him. We are part of the S.A.B Force. "

Siyanda :" Which is ? "

Ntsika :" Special Agents "

Me :" let's get to the chase "

Nhlanhla :" mmmh "

General :" we know about you being involved with he Columbians. We have been wanting them for the past 2 years and we want to catch them with your help "

Siyanda :" we don't work with other people "

General :" it's that or all of you going down to maximum prison in a foreign country "

Nhlanhla :" is that a threat ? "

He came closer to Nkonzo.

Nkonzo :"( chuckle ) I don't make threats. I promise "

Me :" can we do this we have alot of people to think about than to fight each other. "

Ntsika :" he is right "

Nhlanhla :" I call the shots "

Nkonzo :" that's where you are mistaken "

Me :" we all make the shots. "

They look at me.

Siyanda :" you have alot of things to do "

Me :" I know. I just want to see Kamo "

There was silence.

Nhlanhla :" we will take you "

Nkonzo :" Tomorrow we gonna meet here we need to be fast "

Siyanda :" can we leave "

Nhlanhla:" you will follow us "

They walked off.

Ntsika :" Tomorrow "

I nodded and walked off.

 $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$ 

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i opened my eyes and I looked around and he was next to me looking up at the roof. I took some time to admire him a bit.

Me :" are you ok ? "

He turned to me.

Andile :" i couldn't sleep"

Me :" something wrong ?"

Andile :" no I just couldn't sleep "

Me :" everything is real "

He wrapped his arms around me.

Andile :" I know. I just wanted to make sure"

Me :" I am off today. We can go get a Kota or go to the nearest mall "

Andile :" let's not waste some money "

Me :" we need to celebrate you "

He smiled and sighed.

Andile :" thanks mom"

I looked at him and hugged him as he returned the favour .

Me:" I love you "

Andile :" I love you more than anything Zama "

I kept quiet.

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I Woke up early and went to clean the house. My phone rang as I was getting around the kitchen and it was Aiza. I answered the call.

Me :" hi "

Aiza :" I felt lonely how are you ? "

I blushed.

Me :" I am good I am good "

Aiza :" when are you coming back ? "

Me :" maybe today "

Aiza :" should I fetch you ?"

Me :" I would love that "

Aiza :" ok I will then . I love you ok ? "

That was a first. I wanted to twerk and scream but I held myself.

Me :" I love you too "

Aiza :" I will see you "

Me :" ok "

I bit my bottom lip as he hung up and I held the phone close to me.

Aunty :" good morning"

She walked inside "

Me:" morning "

I smiled and went to take the broom.

### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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It's getting boring sitting at the house really. I want to go home. I miss mom as well so much with dad. I walked down the stairs and Ndalo was feeding her kids and Lindi was watching TV and Ntando.

Me :" good morning everyone "

They replied.

Me :" when are we leaving? "

Ntando:" I am asking the same thing "

Ndalo:" until my husband says so "

Me :" oh ok "

Ndalo:" can you wake up Kamo she will be lazy "

Me:" noted "

Lindi rolled her eyes and i ran up the stairs and went to knock in her room. She opened the door smiling.

Me :" you look up "

Kamo :" I am you need me ? "

Me :" we are eating "

Kamo :" oh I am hungry and this baby is not giving me peace. Look my stomach is growing"

She lifts her top and i envy her so much

Kamo :" it looks cute "

Me :" can I touch it ?"

She nodded and I touched her stomach and rubbed it.

Me :" it's wonderful "

Kamo :" I can't wait to hold my baby in my arms "

I faintly smiled as we walked down.

Lindi :" you are going to be fat "

Me :" ignore her "

We went to the kitchen.

Kamo :" I am afraid when he notices shot will hit the fan "

Me :"I show her you are scared. I am a scared person but I showed Bongile I am not scared of her "

She laughed.

Kamo :" you did show her "

Me :" see "

Kamo :" ok "

Me :" I am making cereals "

Kamo :" ok. I know I won't be full "

I smiled.

" Beautiful people "

We turned and he came forth and I smiled.

Kamo :" please don't let me hold a burning candle I won't be able to handle it "

We laughed.

Siyanda :" how are you two ? "

Kamo :" three "

Siyanda :" oh three. My apologies "

She nodded and I laughed turning to him.

Me :" we are all ok "

Kamo :" yep "

Me :" how did it go ? "

Siyanda :" uhm ( clear throat) you need to see it for yourselves"

Kamo dropped her spoon .

Kamo :" we are gonna see his body ? "

Siyanda :" yeah. "

Me :" how is it ? "

Siyanda :" I can't say "

Me :" we can go "

Kamo was rooted.

Siyanda :" are you ok ? "

Kamo :" oh yeah yeah. We can go "

We walked out of the kitchen together. I held her hand. I was happy to see Siyanda as well but going to see ingathi's body was what brought the mood down.

Lindi :"bring his body in we need to see him and get him burried. Why are people so cruel "

We all sat down and Siyanda walked off with Nhlanhla and I looked at Kamo. She showed fear as well.

Me :" relax "

Kamo :" I am scared "

Me :" I am here "

She smiled. They walked back inside and a guy was behind them.

Lindi :" where is ...."

We were all shocked to see that the guy was ingathi . Kamo stood up and ran up the stairs.

Lindi :" oh my God. How did you survive "

Ingathi :" I did "

Ndalo:" wow uhm "

I was shocked.

Me :" is he even real ? "

Nhlanhla:" he is "

Lindi :" oh I am so happy you are alive"

Ingathi :" I need to see Kamo then leave "

Lindi :" babe "

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He ignored her and walked up the stairs.

Ndalo:" we need to talk. "

She said looking at her husband. I was still rooted where I am.

# ★KAMOGELO★

I got in the bedroom and closed the door and went on my knees and started praying.

Me:" i cast away all demons Lord I know that I saw was a ghost and evil spirit and Satan is trying to attack the gift given by you through illusion "

" I am not a demon nor ghost "

I screamed opening my eyes.

Ingathi :" how are you ? "

Me :" how...how ..how "

Ingathi :" can I touch you ? "

Me :no stay there . IAM scared of you "

Ingathi :" I am not a demon or ghost Kamo "

Me :" no weapon formed against me shall prosper "

Ingathi :" can you stop praying "

Me :" Fire ! in the name of Jesus Christ "

I kept on chanting anything that came to mind. I felt him hold my leg and I scream!Ed.

Ingathi :" shh calm down. "

Me :" don't hurt us. "

I tried to crawl off and he pulled me up.

Ingathi :" Kamogelo you are gonna give my baby stress with nonsense ! "

He shouted. I breathed in and out .

Ingathi :" it's me ok ? "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" have you calmed down? "

Me:" yes "

My heart was still racing. I think I am dreaming. Ingathi :" calm down"

He ran his fingers on my arm and kissed my lips.

Ingathi :" I am ok k? "

I nodded and he kissed me. The door opened.

Lindi :" I am sick and tired of this child ! "

Ingathi stood between us.

Lindi :" you will know me "

Nhlanhla :" we don't want drama Lindiwe "

Lindi :" this is my husband. "

Ingathi :"don't annoy me please don't "

Lindi:" you have no shame ingathi "

She hit his chest.

Ingathi :" fuck lindi! This is not a movie. "

Me :" you are hitting him ! "

Lindi:"shut up !"

They took her away and ingathi went to sit down. Oh Lord . Tell me it's a dream. I did a silent prayer.

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## ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

**INSERT 31** 

"it's been a few minutes and already things are getting messy "

I bit my bottom lip while in thoughts.

Siyanda :" Are you ok ? "

He puts the bottled water on the counter standing next to me. Nhlanhla is with the others doing his usual lectures and I am here to get my mind off things and think how things don't make sense at this point.

Me :" Yes yeah I am. "

He looked at me.

Me :" Aiza came to visit yesterday "

He was silent.

Siyanda :" So what now ? "

Me :" Mmmh ? "

Siyanda:" are we carrying the on or ? "

Me :" Uhm ....."

He raised his brow.

Me :" we are "

Siyanda :" I don't like sharing "

Me :" Oh "

Siyanda :" You have to divorce him "

Me :" uhm ok then "

He smiled and perked my lips which turned into a wonderful kiss.

Siyanda :" Fuck I missed you "

Me :" me too. "

He bit his bottom lip before perking my lips.

Siyanda :" You won't regret it "

I nodded . I really hope I don't regret it and go from one den into another.

 $\star$ LINDI  $\star$ 

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Nhlanhla :" I am really tired of this "

He looked at me.

Nhlanhla :" Ingathi sort it"

Ingathi :" there is nothing to sort. Lindiwe and I are getting a divorce "

Me :" Baby"

Ingathi :" what Lindiwe ?"

Me :"I am sorry "

Ingathi :" well it's late "

I looked at him and went on my knees.

Ndalo :" Please stand up sisi "

Ingathi :" when you lied to me you should have thought of this "

Kamo stood up and walked off. I was sobbing. He followed after her.

Ntando :" I am sorry.

I sniffed. She came and hugged me I ... I feel hurt. I hold my chest as I cry.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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"Kamogelo!"

I ignored him and kept on walking. I reached the garden and I sat down on the grass. I can't believe he i alive and this is not a dream but at the same time I can't believe what he said in there tiny wife. It kind of hurt me greatly.

Ingathi :" why did you walk out ? "

Me :" why are you using me ? "

Ingathi :" I am not "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" why would you think that ?"

Me :"if your wife didn't do whatever she did to you you wouldn't have impregnated me right ? "

He kept quiet and i chuckled.

Me :" Wow "

Ingathi :" Kamo listen "

Me :" i think i had enough for today. "

I closed my eyes.

Ingathi :" Kamogelo listen to me please "

I kept quiet.

Ingathi :" I know we started off wrong but you knew that I had a wife and all. I know my reason of impregnating you was just to have a child because I am growing and my wife deceived me and I didn't get a child from her. I know everything is all lies but I am being honest now. I am not using you as I was. "

Me :" thank you for that "

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me :" it's fine. I understand "

He kept quiet.

Me :" I would like to be alone please "

Ingathi :" can I touch the stomach? "

I opened my eyes and sighed. I stood up and lifted my top and he came closer and held with his one had the crutch and put the other on my stomach and ran his fingers on my tiny stomach. Ingathi :" mmmh "

I looked at his hand moving around my belly making circular motions and he stopped and touched the middle.

Ingathi :" Wow "

I tucked my bottom lip under my teeth and placed my hand on my belly as well and he put his oveer mine holding it. We looked at each other and I retrenched my hand and he took his hand back as well and i let my top down.

Me :" I should go inside "

Ingathi :" Stop "

I stopped when I was about to walk and he was a foot away from me. He kissed my forehead and I closed my eyes. It's that unusual those unusual things he does you wouldn't have impregnated me right? " He kept quiet and i chuckled.

Me :" Wow "

Ingathi :" Kamo listen "

Me :" i think i had enough for today. "

I closed my eyes.

Ingathi :" Kamogelo listen to me please "

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Ingathi :" Stop "

I stopped when I was about to walk and he was a foot away from me. He kissed my forehead and I closed my eyes. It's that unusual those unusual things he does here they are once again.

Me :"this is weird "

Ingathi :" it shouldn't be "

Me :" mmmh "

He perked my lips which turned into a kiss and I placed my hands around his neck this man . Dankie father God for not taking him . Who would have known I would miss kissing him like this as well. It's different as well. He breaks it.

Ingathi :" let's build a great support system for the little one

I nodded looking at him.

#### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

we got off the taxi and made our way in the mall going from shop to shop going to buy new underwear for me and we went to buy some groceries and I took us out to KFC. We sat down and he looked at me smiling and I blushed.

Me :" what ? "

Andile :" Look at this "

He took the tissue Infront of us and made a ring with it. I laughed.

Me :" you are silly "

Andile :" do you accept ? "

Me :" yes "

He kisses my hand.

Andile :" you don't know how happy it makes me to see you smile "

I looked down.

Me :" stop charming "

He chuckled.

Andile :" you're amazing. "

Me :" thank you "

Our order came and he went to collect it while I sat there.

### $\star$ SNE $\star$

I Washed my body once again after helping aunty clean. My cousin is not home she went to her baby daddy's place so we can't see each other. I got out of the basin and I wiped my body and started to lotion and I then took out Clothes tht I will wear and started getting dressed. Aiza really knows style as well . I did my hair and made myself look good. Aunty walked in.

Aunty :" is tht you? "

I nodded. She clapped her hands.

Aunty :" you look stunning "

Me :" thank you "

Aunty :" get him "

Me :" I will "

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I looked at myself through the mirror.

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The men left their women at the safe house and went to meet Nkonzo Ntsika and also Sanele. They waited and then the guys approached them and parked their cars next to each other. Nkonzo got out and went to the window and Siyanda lowered it v

Nkonzo :" we are heading to H.Q to discuss this in detail but we need you to step out of the car so we can close your eyes and drive you there "

Nhlanhla :"what ! "

Nkonzo:" you heard what I said "

Nhlanhla was getting furious but thought of the Columbians tat needed to be off his back. The rest hopped out of the car before they will move you

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### ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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#### $\star$ SNE $\star$

I made my way out of the house with my bag and he was standing next to his car. He was dressed formally and looked really good in him. It's like my first time seeing him. I reach him and he smiles I return it. Aiza:" You seem like you were planning on not coming back

Me :" no I was "

He takes my bag and puts it at the back and we both get in the car. I can see my aunt peaking and I am sure she will call me once I am home. He started the car and drove off.

Me :" you coming from work ? "

Aiza:" yeah. I had a meeting "

Me :" oh I hope it went well "

He smiled.

Aiza :" I like your cooking "

Me :" What do you want me to cook for you? "

Aiza :"Beef I don't know hat else then you "

He looks at me.

Me :" me ? "

He puts his hand on my thigh whole he is driving and runs it along there.

Aiza:" yeah you "

Me :" I will be too much to handle "

Aiza :" is it ? "

I nodded and he smirked.

Aiza :" we will see about that "

Me :" Mmmh "

I turned from him and concerntrate on the road.

 $\star$ LINDI  $\star$ 

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She walked inside the house and I wanted to strangle her but Ndalo was giving me a warning look. I sighed and Ntando kept patting my back.

Me :" are you happy little slut? "

Kamo :" excuse me ? "

Me :" you heard me "

Kamo :" I didn't cheat on you. He did. I didn't break your marriage down. You both did so please keep me out of your problems. "

Me :. I will get you "

Kamo:" Let me go eat "

Ndalo:" There are left overs in the fridge "

Kamo :" Thank you "

she walked off and I clicked my tounge

Ndalo:" Lindiwe "

She is annoying as well. Her baby boy came to her and she picked him up and walked off.

 $\star$ INGATHI  $\star$ 

It was all silent. I don't know why they blind folded me because I know the place but anyway we are not on that. The car stopped and we got out of it and they took off the blind folds.

Nhlanhla :" so much for hospitality "

Nkonzo :" Mmmh "

We closed the car door and followed after them making our way in. We followed Ntsika and Nkonzo in silence till we reached a room and got in before they closed the door. Nkonzo took out a file and put it on the table and Nhlanhla took it.

Nkonzo :" It can be in the system faster than you can breathe "

Nhlanhla looks at it and clenched his jaw before closing the file and throwing it on the table .

Nkonzo :" you've got a wife there "

Nhlanhla :" What do you want ? "

Ntsika :" I thought we made it clear. "

Nhlanhla :" what do you want us to do ? "

Nkonzo:" we play it simple. Ask for peace and start from there. "

We all looked at each other.

Siyanda :" give us R 200 Million then we will do it "

Nkonzo :" done "

Nhlanhla :" 6 Months maximum because we did a mess "

Nkonzo:" if we catch them. That's all we need. "

Nhlanhla :" let's go. We need to get this done "

Ntsika :" what is the R200 Million for ? "

Me :" money we took "

Nkonzo :" you will have to pay it back "

Nhlanhla :" Done "

They nodded looking at each other before Nhlanhla walked out.

Ntsika :" he is difficult "

Siyanda :" He likes order and doesn't take well on threats or shit "

Nkonzo :" he will have to drink his ego and pride up. "

Me :" Mmmh "

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I don't mind taking care of Kamo she fascinates me or is it her stomach that facinates me so much. She had just vomited her whole dinner on the floor and we cleaned it up and got her bathed and dressed in pyjamas ready for bed. I touch her cheek as I look at her. She opens her eyes and looks at me.

Kamo :" you are a very weird character Siza"

I smiled.

Me :" I am sorry if I scare you "

She sits up.

Kamo :" you do "

I move my hands and keep them to myself.

Kamo :" have you considered taking therapy ? "

Me :" no "

Kamo :" why ? You have all the money for it "

I sigh

Me :" Well maybe not anymore "

Kamo:" what ? "

Me:" Aiza asked me to give him a million Rand that is my trust fund money from his father to save the business before it sinks. "

Kamo :" that doesn't make any sense. He has been away doing business unless ....."

Me:" what?"

Kamo :" Maybe he is cheating. "

Me :" we got rid of isidliso ( love potion )"

Kamo :" it doesn't take a love potion to make a man cheat Siza sometimes I feel like I am older than you the way you try to find innocence in people. It's out there. He is cheating and wants to leave you dry" Me :" wow "

How could he do this to me?

Me :" I will ask him. "

Kamo :" you can but he willdeny it. Try catching him redhanded or actions or his phone when he comes here "

Me :" I will "

Kamo :" let me go to sleep. I am tired. "

She took the blanket and turned the other direction while closing her eyes. I didn't know what to do. Maybe I should investigate him than to ask him. If he is then I don't know what he really wants from me.

# $\star$ NDALO $\star$

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I kiss their foreheads and put the toys away and I walk out and the wall closed behind me . I find him laying on the bed and I touch his thigh.

Me :" are you ok ? "

Nhlanhla :" we need another meeting "

Me:" with? "

Nhlanhla :" Columbians "

Me :" what about the money ? "

Nhlanhla:" I have it "

Me :" it doesn't look good "

He sat up and held my waist .

Nhlanhla :" don't much you know I always do my best to protect you and the kids "

I hold his face and perk his lips.

Me:" and I love you for that. "

I sit on his lap.

Nhlanhla :" I promise this will all be over "

Me:" I know "

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I sit on his lap.

Nhlanhla :" I promise this will all be over "

Me:" I know "

I kiss his forehead

#### ★SIZA★

I applied some lotion onto my legs after wearing a gown and put it away once I am done. I wish I can get out of here and drive home and think that maybe I will be hurting him for nothing and I am the one cheating here.

" Your mind wonders off too much "

He walks in closes the door and he lays on the bed.

Siyanda :" tell me what's bothering you "

He opens his arms and I dive into them.

Siyanda :" are you ok ? "

I nod.

Me :" can you do something for me ? "

Siyanda :" anything "

Me :" I want to go home and check on Aiza"

Siyanda :" he came yesterday"

Me :" it's something Kamo said that just got me thinking "

Siyanda :" tell me. "

Me :" he needs a million to save the business "

Siyanda :" why does it involve you? "

Me :" he asked me if I could give it to him "

Siyanda :" woah kancane babe so you are telling me that he has been away doing what ? Now he wants your money ? This is not right "

Me :" calm down. Kamo said he might have been cheating "

Siyanda :" he damn right is and akho mali Monika Yona ngimile lapho ( and there is not money you will give to him I stand on that command)" Me:" yes "

He kissed my lips.

Siyanda :" don't even give it to him. Keep for yourself "

I nodded. His father's hard earned business. I am thinking of that. I kept quiet and looked the other way as he wrapped his arms around me.

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~UNSEEN PAIN ~

**INSERT 33** 

I was woken up by Siyanda pulling the covers off me. I was enjoying my sleep more especially when he was holding me close to him I felt relieved that he was next to me and his arms behave so good around my body.

Me :" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" Babe wake up "

Me :" Why ? "

Siyanda :" I am taking you to Aiza "

I sat up.

Me :" Why ? "

Siyanda :" You wanted to go "

Mw:" I have changed my mind. I don't want to go anymore "

Siyanda :" Ah Siza "

Me :" Come back in bed. I am sleepy "

Siyanda :" Rally? I woke up for nothing "

Me :" I didn't say you should wake up "

Siyanda :" Mxm"

I pulled the covers and laid back in bed closing my eyes. The next minute he got in bed and pulled me to him and kissed my forehead.

Siyanda :" Still don't want to go? "

Me :" I don't want to put my life on some paranoid thoughts "

Siyanda :" Have you thought of putting your money into use

Me :" no I always got what I needed so I didn't. You thinking I should give it to Aiza ? "

Siyanda :" No but think of your own future. You can't depend on a man Siza not even me though I would take care of you as my woman but it's always nice to work for something or get something that's yours and no one else's "

Me :" I hear you. What should I do? "

Siyanda :" Invest in business or property"

I kept quiet.

Me :" I will think about it "

Siyanda :" Think about it "

He kissed my forehead and I kept quiet. Alot of things are filled in my mind but I get what he is saying and like the idea as well but I don't know where to start if I was to start .

Siyanda :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

I kept quiet after.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Ingathi :" I don't really get why we are fighting "

Me :" Just get out Ingathi you are not supposed to be in here !"

Ingathi :" Where am I supposed to be then ? "

Me :"with Linda or somewhere else. Not waking up next to me "

Ingathi :" Just calm down and stop shouting "

I breathed in and out closing my eyes.

Ingathi :" Are you calm? "

Me :" Get dressed please "

Ingathi :" I want to shower "

Me :" You can shower in the other room "

Ingathi :" no I want to shower here "

I heave a heavy sigh.

Ingathi :" Talk to me "

He sat on the bed and looked at me.

Me :" I don't like the fact that you and your wife are ending all because if me "

Ingathi :" why do you think it's your fault ? It's all her's when she lied about our child "

I was alarmed by that.

Me :" Your son ? "

He sighed.

Ingathi :" she stole the baby "

I gasped.

Me :" Yho

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I am sorry. That's big " He sighed. Me :" so I am just incubating the baby you want ? "

Ingathi :" you are not an incubator Kamo"

Me :" I didn't say I am one. "

Ingathi :' Come here "

I went to him and carefully he pulled me to him and we shared a kiss. Butterflies occupied my stomach and sent shivers down my spine I broke it but he pulled me back in and we kissed again. Our youngest intertwining. Our lips matching each other and our emotions over flowing in such an intense kiss. He moved his hands under my pyjama top and he caressed my skin before he pulled back and went to my nipples and played with them. I slightly but his bottom lip as we broke off the kiss and I moaned as he caressed me.

Ingathi :" Mmmmh Fuck Kamo you are tempting me "

He kissed my neck and I bit my bottom lip. He left my top and his hands went under my pyjama pants and squeezed my butt and he came to my waist before perking me.

Ingathi :" Worry about us no one else ok ? "

I nodded looking at him.

Ingathi :" Good girl. I will be ok "

Me:" Ok "

He then went on caressing my body . I loved his touch on my skin. It left me wanting him more than just having a kiss with him. He walked down the stairs carrying me while I am only in his t-shirt. He keeps on kissing my neck and I am giggling and enjoying his teases as well.

Me :" stop it "

Aiza :" I don't want to "

Me :" Aiza Stop ! "

I giggle but he keeps on kissing my neck. We get to the lounge and I look at him I love this man and he is God sent .

Aiza :" Why are you looking at me ? "

Me :" You are handsome "

Aiza :" really ? "

Me :" yes you are "

He chuckled.

Azia:" You are beautiful "

Me :" thank you "

He put me down and held my waist and kissed my neck and nibbled my ear and I giggled.

Me:" Stop "

He held my waist.

Aiza :" It dont want to "

Me :" Aiza Biyase! "

He finally stopped and I turned to him.

Aiza :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

It makes my heart jump Everytime I hear him say that. Like I can shout it on the roof top for everyone to hear. We shared a kiss before heading to the kitchen to get some breakfast.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

I closed the pot after making some porridge and I looked at him sleeping. He is very deep in and i think I am very deep in him as well. He opened his eyes and shifted around before sitting up and he looks at me and I return the favour while smiling.

Andile :" when did you wake up ? "

Me :" some time ago "

Andile :" come "

He pulled me into bed and laid me on his chest and kissed the crack of my neck.

Andile :" why are you up early ? "

Me :" I am going in by midday "

Andile:" ok "

He caressed me .

Me :" Andile "

Andile :" mmmh ? "

Me :" would you go back to her if she walked through that door ? "

Andile :" no I wouldn't. I love you and I assure you that you are the only one in my life. "

Me :" ok "

Andile :" Ungasabi ( don't be scared )"

Me :" angisabi( I am not scared )"

I kept quiet and listened to his heart beat.

 $\star$ NDALO  $\star$ 

Me :" umdala nokungipitsiza ( you are so old and suffocating me )"

He chuckled and perked my lips.

Nhlanhla :" I am not heavy "

Me :" you are "

He rolled off me to the side and I pulled the covers up to my naked body and he gets under it as well.

Nhlanhla:" are they ok?"

Me :" I did check on the surveillance and they are just sleeping. "

Nhlanhla :" mmh ok. How about another one ?"

Me :" after some time "

He kisses my neck.

Nhlanhla :" How long is some time ? "

Me :" 6years.

Nhlanhla :" you will be in monopause by then "

I hit his chest and he laughed.

Me :" I won't even be 40 by then. I don't know about you "

Nhlanhla :" my seeds won't die "

Me :" we will have other babies. When they can already scruffle a sentence "

Nhlanhla :" boys hurry up so we can have a baby sister "

I laughed he turned me to face him.

Me :" I love you "

Nhlanhla :" I love you more than anything "

I smiled. My happiness my sanctuary my everything. I have never been happier being with a man like him.

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[FOUR MONTHS LATER ]

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Nhlanhla :" Are you good ? "

I nod letting out a big sigh. He holds my hand.

Nhlanhla :" don't worry. We got the money and everything "

Me :" Let's hope they don't shoot us when we enter "

Nhlanhla :" Maybe you should stay "

Me :" No I want to come. Let's go "

Nhlanhla :" Bring your leg "

I placed my leg on his lap and he took out the gun and checked it before he placed it back and I pulled my dress down. There was a knock on the door and Nhlanhla go out and I followed. It was Siyanda with Ingathi as well.

Siyanda :" are you sure about being here ? "

Me :" yes i am "

Ingathi took out a bag from the boot and closed it.

Ingathi :" I heavy "

Siyanda :" we will carry it. "

Nhlanhla :" let's go "

They carried the bag and we went inside the resturant. We were stopped by the guys who were standing by the door.

Guy:" Stop there "

We looked at each other. Nhlanhla took out his gun and gave it to the guy and he looked at ingathi and Siyanda who did the same. I just stood there and he looked at me.

Nhlanhla :" Ndalo "

I took out the one in my clutch and they took our guns away.

Guy :" You may proceed "

We nodded and walked inside and there was smoke as we entered.

Nhlanhla :" Gentle men "

They stood up and pointed their guns at us. "

Man :" You think you were smart huh? "

Siyanda :" we just came in peace "

Man :" where is our money ?"

Nhlanhla :" right here "

We moved out od the way and they moved closer to the money bag and crouched down .

Man :" open it what if it's a bomb "

Nhlanhla :" ok "

Man 2:" No she should open it "

They looked at me. I gave Nhlanhla my clutch and went down and opened the bag and took out the stacks and gave it to him.

Man :" mmmh nice "

Nhlanhla :" forgiven ? "

Man 2:" Not yet "

He looked at me.

Man 2:" a day with an African Queen then it will be forgiven

Man 3 :" yes "

They chuckle. I looked at Nhlanhla

Nhlanhla :" then deal is off "

Man :" Fine "

They pointed guns at us.

Me :" A day not night "

Man 2:" I was hoping for night too "

He smirked.

Me :" Your word not mine. Only a day "

Nhlanhla :" Ndalo "

Me :" I will handle this "

Man 2 :" come Princessa "

Nhlanhla :" Nothing should happen to her. "

Man 2:" I will handle her with care "

He smirked and pulled me from Nhlanhla. I looked at him.

Man :" Now leave us "

I mouthed. "I will be ok " he nodded. I will do anything to protect those around me. They walked out

Man 2:" We will have a splendid time "

I looked at him as they sat me down on their table. I was nervous but had to put a good front to get out of here.

## $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

Me :" so we will just leave her ? "

Nhlanhla :" we have no choice "

Ingathi :" what if they ship off with her ?"

Me :" yeah "

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Nhlanhla :" we will find her. Don't worry Ndalo can handle herself "

Ingathi :" If you say so "

Me :" If anything happens to her ...."

Nhlanhla :" Nothing will happen "

I looked at him. I know Ndalo can handle herself but this is another breed we are talking about.

I was walking on the road. Cars can be heard from either side of my ears yet I can't see anything only his scent is near me directing me in whatever direction I should take.

Me :" Andile I will trip "

Andile :" wait a bit. I want you to take a small step "

I did just that .

Me :" why can't I see this ? "

Andile :" You will "

I sigh. Honestly he is the most Amazing boyfriend being with him rubbed me off in a good way.

Andile :" Are you ready ? "

Me :" yes I am "

He removed the blind fold and I closed my mouth and smiled turned and then hugged him.

Me :" I am so proud of you "

Andile :" It's just a start "

Me :" A great one "

He smiles .

Andile :" come "

We made our way inside the yard. It's nice an neat. He unlocked the door and we got in. It was a great upgrade from the one room to this wonderful house. Its not large but it's bigger than the space he was in. He showed me around and it was wonderful. I felt happy for him.

Andile :" what do you think ?"

Me :" I think a pumped swimming pool will fit right in "

He chuckled. It's a 5 roomed house. 2 bedrooms Kitchen living area and Bathroom.

Andile :" now I can bring you over with no hassle "

Me :" we never hassled in the begining "

Andile :" I know "

I kissed his lips and he held my stomach and I giggled.

Me :" don't be excited. "

Andile :" we sold 4000 copies this month alone "

Me :" wow. "

I am really proud of him.

Andile :" thank you for sticking around "

Me :" your worth staying for "

He kissed my cheek and put his hands on my stomach and I did the same.

Andile :" thank you. "

There was silence .

Andile :" i want to come to your house "

Me :" And ?"

Andile :" take you "

Me :" confused "

He chuckled.

Andile :" I want a family with you "

Me :" Uhm I don't know what to say "

Andile :"Say yes please because I am not prepared to take the ring I got back "

I laughed and turned to him.

Andile :" Zama "

I nodded and he kissed my lips.

Andile :" I love you "

Me :" I love you more "

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I Couldn't stop scrolling through the images displayed on the whole internet. I am being questioned where am I? Who is this new woman in his life and I know it's been a few days but just ....

Kamo:" hey "

Me :" hi "

Kamo :" I am sorry "

I turned to her and her stomach was growing big.

Me :" it's ok "

I put my phone down. I sighed. I wish we didn't get our phones back I take it and call him and it rings a few times before it's answered.

"Hello "

She answers.

Me :" Hi sne Please give Aiza his phone "

She is silent then hangs up. I look at my phone and Kamo looks at me and takes sausages and puts them in the microwave. I call again. It's answered.

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" Hi "

Aiza :" I miss you "

Me :" yeah I will be back for a few days . Can you please hold a share holders meeting "

Aiza :" why ? "

Me :" the business needs my help right ? "

Aiza :" ofcause "

Me :" then set it up please "

Aiza :" I will "

Me :" thanks "

I hung up.

Kamo :" We should go buy acid so we can burn them both between the sheets. "

" Something I should have done to you "

Lindi walks in. I make another call to Thabani and he answers.

Thabani :" hello "

Me :" hi Thabani it's Siza "

Thabani :" I don't know you anymore "

I chuckled.

Me :" me too. Can you hook me up to your lawyer friend "

Thabani :" Uhm ok I will send his number "

Me :" thank you "

Thabani :" my pleasure "

I hung up.

Lindi :" atleast I won't be the only one who was left for "

Kamo :" let me go "

Lindi clicked her tongue as she walked out.

Lindi :" that baby is not ingathi's I know "

I have my own problems to think of her. The door opens and the guys walk in without Ndalo.

Nhlanhla :" hi "

We greet back and Siyanda comes and stands next to me.

Siyanda :" How are you ? "

Me :" I am good "

He kisses my cheek ingathi goes to search for Kamo and the rest leave as well.

Me :" your perfume did you change it ? "

Siyanda :" No "

Me :" it's intoxicating me in a bad way. "

Siyanda :" Its not bad "

I felt nauseated and stood up and went to the bin and vomited.

Siyanda :" are you ok ? "

Me :" yes. It's just your perfume intoxicate my nose badly "

Siyanda :" I will change it "

Me :" thank you "

He narrowed his eyes and looked at me.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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"56 78...come work the sweat off "

The instructed on the tv says.

Ingathi :" you are working no sweat "

I put my bowel down.

Me:" I am watching "

Ingathi :"How is my champion ?"

Me :" behaving "

He puts his hand on my stomach.

Ingathi :" he should behave all the time "

Me :" yep I don't feel ok with lindi here no offense"

Ingathi :"I will sort it out "

Me :" thank you "

He perked my lips.

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## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

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We left the resturant with the guy and he took me to a casino near by. I was agitated and ready to leave anytime soon.

Guy :" Don't be nervous "

Me :" I am not "

He chuckled and smiled

Guy :" Valentino "

Me :";mmmh "

Guy :" you are a hard but "

Me :" this is business not pleasure "

He takes his drink and gulps it.

Guy :" let's make it pleasurable "

I gave him a stare.

Guy :" I am a good guy. Not like other guys. Just wanted to spend time with a South African woman "

Me :" find one. I am not available "

Guy :" I respect your marriage. Just friends "

I started to ease a bit when he said that.

Me :" ok "

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#### $\star$ SNE $\star$

I was nervous and scared. She heard my voice how does she know? Does she even know about us or am I just stressing for nothing.

Aiza :" Calm down "

Me :" She heard me. She...."

Aiza :" Calm down. We have a lie. She won't know. "

I nod. He kisses my lips.

Aiza :" Mom is coming tonight "

Me :" Oh "

Aiza :" I would like for her to meet you "

Me :" why ? "

Aiza :" I want to "

Me :" Aiza "

Aiza :" just for dinner. "

l sigh.

Me :" Ok. "

I got off the bed.

Me :" let me go make some breakfast and prepare you for work "

Aiza :" Ok "

I went to the bathroom to brush my teeth and wash my face before going to prepare him for work. I just hope his wife doesn't get any ideas I don't want to be beat up for something. I take out some ingredients and start with breakfast. I finished making breakfast and went to put it on the dining table and he comes down just on time.

Aiza :" Thank you "

He kisses my cheek and I smile.

Aiza :" Can you open the big TV I want to catch some news "

Me :" Sure "

He sits down.

Aiza :" Looks appetizing "

I smiled and went to open the tv and the news. We both watched it and current situations displayed and reported.

Aiza :"mmmh "

I looked at him. The door bell rang and I went to open and the security guy was holding a news paper. I thanked him and he walked off.

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Aiza :" who is it ? "
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Me :" newspaper"

I opened it up and a picture of my ex was on the front page. I was shocked . He wrote a book that's making him alot of money. He finished it? And people buy his work? He looks happy as well. .

Me:" I need my phone "

I left the newspaper next to Aiza and I went up the stairs and got in the bedroom and took my phone and sat down and searched for him on the internet. He appeared so easily. They displayed his social media as well and I went on it and checked him out he even has social networks now? Who is he? Andile who couldn't afford to get simple pants and shoes for himself let alone a phone that can take pictures. My stomach turned just by seeing him. He looks more handsome than he was before. Even Aiza doesn't see anything here and a bit of weight gain. Not much but perfect . I scrolled through his pictures and I saw a woman with him he recently just posted it and she is wearing a ring.

"All good things come to those who wait Thank you for a patient woman like you "

He looked so in love and this woman too as well. I see his hand on her stomach and she is expecting and i feel like vomiting and crying. I dialed Aunty's number and she answered. Tears left my eyes.

Aunty :" Sne "

Me:" Aunty Uyashada uAndile (Andile is getting married)"

Aunty :" with what ? "

Me :" his book is successful for him. He has money now "

Aunty :" you lie "

I sobbed. I loved him I loved him alot. The way he would treat you made you love him effortlessly.

Me :" they are gonna have a baby "

Aunty :" focus on the one you have now "

Me :" oh

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Me :" they are gonna have a baby "

Aunty :" focus on the one you have now "

Me :" oh "

Aunty :" leave that boy. Money will run out and he will be poor again. Stick to this one "

She was right. I wipe my tears.

Me :" yes. Thank you "

Aunty :" now stop crying "

I nodded and she hung up. I breathed in and out and ran my fingers on his face on the screen. He looks so happy very happy without me in his life. I sighed.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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He gave me water and I sat up and drank some. I gave him the glass and laid back down.

Me :" thank you "

Siyanda :" are you feeling ok ?"

I nodded and he kissed my cheek and got in bed.

Me :" I have a few things to sort out back home "

Siyanda :" like ? "

Me :" the divorce "

He looked at me.

Siyanda :" it has to be something you truly want "

Me :" yeah it is. "

Siyanda :" then I support you. When do you want to leave ? "

Me :" I don't know. Soon maybe "

I looked at him.

Siyanda :" ok I will organise you departure when you are ready "

Me :" thank you "

He pulled me to lay on his chest.

Siyanda :" when was your period ? "

Me :" last week i think can't remember properly ."

Siyanda :" mmmh"

Me :" what ? "

Siyanda :" nothing. "

I look at him before I close my eyes.

# ★ZAMILE★

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I was outside at home doing some laundry when mom came out of the house and came to me looking down on me. I turned to her.

Me :"Mah ?"

Mom :" nothing I am just glad this boy is marrying you and not leaving you with a baby "

Me :" Andile would never. He is not that kind of a person. "

Mom:" mmmh you left early today "

Me :" yes. I had places to go "

The gate opened and MaZuma walked in. Mom had a frown on her face.

Mom:" what are you doing in my yard !?"

MaZuma :" I just have a message for Zamile"

Mom :" out!"

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MaZuma :" your happiness lies in you and your sister's hands "

She walked off. I swallowed why does Siza have to be involved.?

I took a sip off my beverage while looking around and tapping on my bag.

"More drink?"

I look at him.

Me :" no thank you I don't want to be drunk "

He nods.

Me :" when am I leaving ?"

l ask.

Him:" in an hour "

I nod and carry on sipping. Atleast all of this will be over and it wasn't bad really.

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Ingathi :" try to relax and breathe in "

I closed my eyes and he moved his hands over my belly as he was sitting behind me .

Ingathi :" Breathe out"

I did slowly trying to relax this place alone gives me stress. He kisses my neck.

Ingathi :" breathe in "

I did just that.

Ingathi :" breathe out "

I let out a breath. He kisses my neck nibbling on it while running his hands down my belly to my tights.

Me :" Ingathi "

I was getting wet just by him touching me and kissing me.

Ingathi :" I love you Kamogelo "

I was beyond the word shocked. I didn't know how to respond to that I just kept my silence.

Ingathi:" I won't harm you "

I nodded for I don't know what reason.

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## ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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★NDALO★

Time to leave this place came and I was very happy about that. Now I can go home and don't ever involve myself with the Columbians. I put my glass down as I see Nhlanhla approaching us and I stand up and Valentino is still sipping his drink I don't see the reason why I was asked to be here but I am glad that he respected me and my marriage enough.

Nhlanhla :" I hope you did nothing to her "

Valentino:" she can vouch for that. I didn't do anything"

Nhlanhla looked at me.

Valentino :" Till we meet again friend "

He smirks.

Nhlanhla :" let's leave "

He walks off and I follow him after that. We get out of the Lounge and we go to his car and we hope inside and it's silent. He is looking at me.

Me:" what ? "

Nhlanhla :" are you sure he did nothing ? "

Me :" yes. We were just drinking in silence "

Nhlanhla :" Ok "

Me :" I love you you know that "

Nhlanhla:" I do too "

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I nodded as he started the car and drove off.

#### ★SNE★

I have prepared myself for tonight's dinner bathed and chose something simple but yet to impress Aiza's mother. With his wife away I am slowly but surely going to dominate his heart and live a stress-free life. He walks in and looks at me from the door to the mirror. I turn to him and he comes in closer to me. He kisses my cheek and then perks my lips. Oh the son I will have for him. I can already hear the little pitta pattas. I can already see myself driving the kids to school while he goes to work. I can see everything and my beautiful ring ofcause wedding of a century . Everything .

Aiza :" She is downstairs "

Me :" I am nervous "

Aiza :" don't be "

He kisses my lips and I return the kiss. He holds my hips and goes to squeeze my butt a bit making me moan in his mouth. We break the kiss after that.

Aiza:" come let's go "

I nodded as he took my hand and we walk out of the bedroom. We get to the stairs and trail down them till the end. His mother is sipping on a glass of wine wearing elegantly and her hair and nails are on point . Her bag is expensive Leather by the looks she just looks magnificent.

Aiza :" Mah "

She turns to me and I see a frown I swallow.

Aiza :" This Is Snethemba "

His mom :" where is Siza ? "

Aiza :" ( clear throat ) she is away a bit "

His mom :" I knew that thing is a gold digger. !"

She hisses and there is silence.

His mom :" Who are you again ? "

Me:" Snethemba"

She stands up and I am intimidated. She comes to me and gives me a hug which relaxes me.

Her:" Nice to meet you. You look wonderful "

Me :" Thank you "

Aiza :" We can go and have starters just to know each other.

Her :" I am selling my shares and I am meeting the buyer tomorrow "

Aiza :" Why ? "

Hee :" I want to "

I guess they will be talking about business here. We went to sit down at the table before being served.



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I woke up feeling a bit tired today I don't know what drained me . Is it the vomiting or is it me overthinking? I don't know between the two. Siyanda gets out of the shower and comes out looking at me. I sit up and he just stared at me.

Me :" what ? "

Siyanda :" you look disoriented "

Me :" I am just tired "

Siyanda :" Oh lie down then "

I nodded and laid down.

Me :" Where are you going ? "

Siyanda :" why do you think I am going ? "

Me :" You woke up early "

He chuckled and turned and went to take the body lotion and dropped the towel. I looked at him.

Siyanda :" On some business "

Me :" what business ?"

Siyanda :" It's confidential"

I got off the bed and went to the bathroom to brush my teeth and wash my face. I walked out and he was still lotioning.

Me :"I thought you would be done "

Siyanda :" I was waiting for you "

Me :" for what ? "

Siyanda :" come here "

I went to him and dived in his arms and he hugged me. I breathed in and out.

Siyanda :" you good ? "

I nodded before breaking the hug and looked at him. He kissed me and I returned the kiss as well lie down then "

I nodded and laid down.

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Siyanda :" you good ? "

I nodded before breaking the hug and looked at him. He kissed me and I returned the kiss as well his hand went inside my pyjama pants and he squeezed my butt cheek a bit while kissing me. I was getting wet just by this kiss and him touching me.

Siyanda :" Just a quick one babe "

I looked at him and he kissed my neck. I couldn't resist him from then. I wanted this as much as he did.

Me :" Ok "

His other hand moved from my waist and went to kill my pyjama pants down and his hand went to my Kitten and he circulated his finger on my clitoris. I got out of my pyjama pants and he picked me up and put me on the couch on my knees. I held on the couch and I felt him thrust in slowly while I bite my tongue.

Siyanda :" you are ok ? "

Me:" yes baby "

He held my thighs before he started moving thirsting in deeply while reaching every part of me as I feel this pleasure that is consuming. I moan softly just as a starter but it increases as the pleasure increases.

Siyanda :" Fuck Siza "

He repositions his hands and increases his pace after that.

Me :" Mmmh "

I close my eyes consuming all the pleasure.

Siyanda:" I love you Siza "

I couldn't reply. My mouth was occupied with the sound of my moans.

Me :" ah Siyanda. !"

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I tried to remove his leg but it keeps on bugging me. It's hooked on mine but it doesn't want to move his junk is poking my back as well wondering if he is having a wet dream at that moment. I pinch his thigh and he groans waking up.

Ingathi :" what's wrong Kamogelo ? "

Me :" your leg it's heavy "

Ingathi :" you pinched me for that ? "

Me :" I am tired of being here "

Ingathi :" I think we are leaving soon "

Me:" really?"

He nodded.

Me :" oh thank you I am tired of this place "

Ingathi :"I just need to find a new place for us then get your mother "

Me:" oh "

He was about to close his eyes but looked at me.

Ingathi :" when I speak about your mother you worry me "

Me :" no there is nothing to worry about "

Ingathi :" are you sure ?"

Me :" yes now go have a wet dream you were having "

Ingathi :" why do you think I was having a wet dream? "

I pointed at his hard shaft and he laughed.

Ingathi :" ok. Let me sleep. "

He closed his eyes and I got on him and inserted myself. I was wet instantly. I started moving on him spelling coconut with my waist movement involved and he held it and opened his eyes.

Ingathi :" fuck Kamo I am trying to sleep "

Me :" stop dreaming. I am here "

I leaned and kissed his lips and he returned it.

Ingathi :" fuck ! "

# $\star$ NDALO $\star$

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Nhlanhla :" everything is clear. Now the Force can strike at any time "

Me :" that's good "

I wish valentino can somehow escape that. He is a good guy

Nhlanhla :" we will go back home by tomorrow "

I hugged him.

Me :" I am so happy to hear that "

Nhlanhla :" ( perks my cheek )yeah I don't have peace here.

Me :" really"

We laugh.

Nhlanhla :" I can't even have you under the dinning room table. "

I hit his chest.

Me :" Nhlanhla Rhadebe ! Stop being dirty minded "

Nhlanhla :" what ? "

He out his phone down and pulled me to him.

Nhlanhla :" you know you like it Mrs Rhadebe "

Me :" Me Rhadebe mmmh "

He chuckled. I am glad we are going back home again.

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 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

I looked at my watch keeping up with the time. She is one minute late for our meeting and I am quiet annoyed. I see her walk inside the resturant and takes off her shades and looks around before making her way towards me and she sits down putting her tiny bag on the table. She looks at me.

Her :" good looking young man "

I ckench my jaws and she brings forward her drumstick hand.

Her :" Angela Biyase "

Me :" I know "

Her :" Right you are interested in buying my shares ? "

Me :" yes. What percentage do you have ? "

Her :" My son has 60% while I have 15%"

Me :" you and your son are the majority share holders? "

Her :" yes. His wife has not too much say as she has5%. Don't even know what my husband was thinking of leaving that yo her but she doesn't know. "

Me :" Mmmh name your price ? "

A smile creeps up on her face.

Her:" R3million "

I smiled.

Me :" Good doing business with you "

Her :" I am looking forward to seeing you again "

Me :" I doubt it will be pleasant. "

She looks at me. I take out a contract from my brief case and put it on the table and give her two copies and a pen. She looks at me .

Me :" For formalities "

She signs both of them and I give her the second one to keep.

Me :" you can let your lawyer run through it "

Her:" I will "

Me :" Expect the money in an hour "

Her :" Sure. Thanks "

I stand up and she looks at me. I fix my suit before walking out this tie is not for me. I take it off as soon as I am outside and unbutton my shirt. I take my phone and call Mah and she answers.

Mom :" Siyanda kanti nights Nini ? ( Siyanda when are you coming back ? )"

Me :" ksasa ngicela ungitholele indawo yokuhlala ( please find a place for me )"

Mom:" what's wrong here ? "

Me:" I need to be alone "

Mom:" oh kulungile ( oh it's ok )"

I can hear the disappointment in her voice. I can't live with her forever.

Me :" sokhuluma ( we will talk )"

Mom:" Ok "

I hang up and get in the car and drive off.



The tension in this house is so much that I can't deal with it anymore. When are we leaving ? I heard tomorrow we are leaving and that just made me happy. I am not going to inform Aiza about that I just want to surprise him. I just finished eating and washed my dishe when Lindi walked in the kitchen. Lindi :" we are all being called on to the lounge "

Me:" ok "

I wipe my hands and followed after her. I sat down on the couch and Nhlanhla was the one who will be addressing us.

Nhlanhla :" tomorrow we are all leaving everything is ok and cleared now "

Ntando :" Thank God "

Lindi :" you can say that again "

Nhlanhla :" You can all start by packing. "

Kamo :" Thank you for protecting us. All of you"

They smile.

Me :" yes thank you. "

Nhlanhla :" pleasure. "

Ndalo :" Hope we won't be meeting like this ever again. "

Kamo:" agreed "

Me :" Over a baby shower maybe ? "

Kamo:" Baby shower for who? "

Ndalo :" I think I like that idea "

Kamo :" You are talking about baby showers without my consent "

Ndalo :" it will be beautiful in Durban having a beach view "

Nhlanhla :" that's our house "

Ndalo :" don't you see I am giving hints vele "

We laugh.

Ingathi :" I think a baby shower is needed "

Kamo :" Haibo y'all are planing nje "

We laugh and Lindi stands up and clicks her younger going up the stairs.

Ndalo :" let me go and pack"

We all agree and stand up.

## ★ZAMILE★

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What MaZuma said to me I couldn't get it out of my head. It was haunting me bit by bit at night. I woke up and was heading to work today but later on during the day. I boiled some water for tea and went on to sit down and drink it at the living room. My phone rang and I took it then answered it.

Me :" hello "

Andile. :" Baby are you ok? You don't sound good "

Me :" yes I am ok I just woke up "

Andile :" Ok I got something for us "

Me:" what ? "

Andile :" for you actually "

Me :" Andile talk "

Andile :" come out "

Me :" Andile it's cold "

Andile :" please baby just a second "

Me :" ok "

I hung up and wore my gown and took the keys and went to unlock. I got out and closed the door and went to him. He was standing outside the gate by his car. Yes he bought a car a few weeks back I smiled just by looking at him. When I finally got to him we hugged each other and shared a simple perk.

Andile :" how are my two favourite people doing ? "

Me:" Well you? "

Andile :" I am just happy to see you "

Me :" what is it that you wanted me to see "

He opened his car door and took out some papers.

Andile :" I bought a 13 bedroom house "

Me :" Andile that's expensive "

Andile :" I know but it's near a university campus "

Me :" what are you gonna do with it ? "

Andile :" student accomodation baby it will generate the money back and more. "

Me :" oh wow "

Andile :" with the money I get from my books and the this idea I can maybe start my own business you know and take care of you and our baby and more to come "

Me :" wow

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Andile :" with the money I get from my books and the this idea I can maybe start my own business you know and take care of you and our baby and more to come "

Me :" wow that's amazing "

Andile :" come let's get inside. It's cold "

I smile as he pulls me to the passenger side and he kisses my neck.

Andile :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

I got inside the car.

### $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

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I parked the car and hopped out of it and made my way inside and everyone was up and down Siza was. With Ndalo and Kamo. I looked at her and walked towards them.

Me :" ladies "

Ndalo :"mmmh sesiya maladies manje ( we are ladies now )"

They laugh.

Me :" can I borrow Siza ?"

Ndalo :" a suit suite you "

Me :"thanks "

Kamo :" take her "

Siza :" you are selling me ? "

They laugh and she turns to me.

Siza :" we can go "

We walk up the stairs to the bedroom and we get in and I close the door.

Siza :" how did your business go ? "

Me :" well. "

Siza :" everything ok ? "

Me :" come here "

She came to me and I pulled her to my lap.

Me :" how do you feel about moving down to Durban with me ? "

Siza:" I .....wow I don't know"

Me :" you know I love you right? "

Siza :" yes "

Me :" and you know that I I will never hurt you "

Siza :" I ...I..."

Me :" look at me "

I lifted her head to me.

Me :" I love you and I will never hurt you. Ever if I do my mother would beat me up "

She giggled.

Me :" ask Nhlanhla when she almost chocked him "

Siza :" He used to beat Ndalo ?"

Me :" no he has never laid his hand on her .the first time he met her she was bruised and beat up by someone so Mom

assumed it's him. Everytime she would see him she would do something till the bruises faded"

Siza :" ah that's a shame. How long have they been dating ?

Me :" married for 7 years "

Siza :" no like before the got married "

Me :" they didn't date when Nhlanhla and Ndalo knew each other Ndalo was married for 6 years then divorced and Nhlanhla married her "

Siza :"wow. Their love is sweet though "

Me :" yeah"

Siza :" I will move with you to Durban "

Me :" thank you "

I kissed her lips.

Me :" now please take these "

I took out two sticks from my pants and she looked at me.

Siza :" Siyanda "

Me :" Sizakele "

Siza :" I am on a contraceptive"

Me :" I know. Just to ease my mind "

Siza :" on ? "

Me :" thinking that you are pregnant "

Siza :" I am not "

Me:" ok do it then Siza "

She looked at me then got off me and went to the bathroom. She closed the door and I took off my blazer and waited for her. She didn't come out for some time. I stood up and went to knock on the door.

Me :" baby "

She sniffed.

Siza :" mmmh ?"

Me :" come out "

I heard her sniff again and she opened the door and came out. She wiped her tears.

Me :" I am sorry "

I hugged her and she sobbed on my chest.

Siza :" I am pregnant "

I froze. She removed herself from me and gave me the sticks and two lines were there .

Me :" we are pregnant ?"

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She nodded. I held her and she held on me. Too. I didn't know what to say at this Moment.

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I didn't know how to feel or act at the moment but soon joy just oveeclouded my heart. The desire and want to have a baby has finally came. I cry more on his chest and it's getting wet.

Siyanda :" babe "

Me :" I am scared "

Fear clouds me this time and he brushes my back.

Siyanda :" don't be ok ? I love you "

I nodded

Siyanda :" Ngithe ngiyakuthanda ( I said love you )"

He wipes my tears and perks my lips.

Me :" I love you too"

Siyanda :" itself like calling my mom "

I laughed and he hugged me.

Siyanda :" I promise you won't regret ever choosing me in your life "

Me :" me too "

He held me tightly.

Siyanda :" you are going to Durban with me? "

Me :" yes after I have settled my divorce "

Siyanda:" why don't you buy a portion of the company with your money "

I looked at him.

Siyanda :" it's a great investment. A fixed one and you can grow it maybe. "

Me :" a million can but me maybe 05% "

Siyanda :" we can get more and i will help you but it. "

Mw:" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" It's go you. I am just helping out "

Where has he been all of my life?

Me:" thank you "

I hug him.

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## $\star$ SNE $\star$

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I walked in the bedroom and he was in bed. He has been since yesterday.

Me :" are you ok ? "

He turns to me.

Aiza :" No "

Me :" what's wrong ? "

Aiza :" ( sigh ) I might loose my father's company if Siza doesn't help me and mom just sold her shares. "

Me :" ask her for the money to help "

My heart was skipping.

Aiza :" She won't give it to me. I know her. "

Me :" what now ? "

Aiza:" I don't know "

Me :" take a loan "

Aiza :" I don't want to take a loan from a bank that I know I wouldn't be able to pay. "

Me :" Oh "

Aiza :" I have to sell stuff "

Me :"no"

He nodded and sighed.

Aiza :"this is hard "

This is hard. How are we gonna survive. How am I gonna survive?

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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I pulled my suitcase down the stairs and Ingathi took it before helping me down the rest of the stairs. We decided to leave early.

Lindi:" where are you going ? "

Ingathi ignored her.

Me :" Home "

Ingathi :" We will have to go to Limpopo tomorrow"

Me :" Sure"

Lindi :" to do what? "

Siza came down the stairs with Siyanda. Her face was red.

Me:" are you ok ? "

Siza:" yes. You are leaving? "

Me :" yes "

Siza :" let's exchange numbers "

We exchanged numbers and hugged.

Siza :" we still gonna have that baby shower"

Ndalo :" Most definitely"

She got down. We hugged.

Me :"thank you for the scarystay "

She laughed.

Ndalo:" pleasure babes "

We hugged once more.

Ingathi :" let's go. It's dark now. "

Nhlanhla:" be careful"

Ingathi :" I will be "

He took my hand.

Ingathi :" come on "

We walk out with them behind us. I waved and goy. In the car before he did and they watch us.

Ingathi:" relax nothing will happen ok? "

I nodded. He started the car and I breathed out

## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

everyone was leaving I miss Durban so much. I like it here yes but Durban I missed it so much. I took my kids and buckled them up at the back. I was in a short and t-shirt. Nhlanhla came out with their bags. Siyanda said he will catch up with us in Durban and seems like he is coming with his Mistress.

Me :" I am worried about Siyanda. "

Nhlanhla places the bags and puts them at the back.

Nhlanhla :" don't be It's genuine "

Mw:" and how is that ? "

He closed the boot.

Nhlanhla :" don't say you heard it from me but she is expecting his child "

Me :" what ? "

Nhlanhla :" calm down Ndalo"

Me :" Nhlanhla you know you are both gambling with her life here !"

Nhlanhla :" Calm down "

Me :" No Nhlanhla I can't

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Me :" No Nhlanhla I can't she can't go through all those things. She is fragile"

Nhlanhla :" we will toughen her up then "

I shook my head and got in the car.

Nhlanhla :" Ndalo ! "

I ignored him and looked upfront. He got in and sighed.

Nhlanhla :" calm down. "

Me :"don't say I didn't warn you "

Nhlanhla :" I know "

### $\star$ LINDI $\star$

i thought we would be back together but here he is gone with her. Tears ran down my cheeks as the cab was taking me home. The hood where I grew up and some succeed and some don't. I am one of those who are not not successful.

Me :" why me ? "

I ask myself. Why me? Why am I tortured like this. I try Bongile I need her at this moment. She is the only one who understands me at this point.

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I am nervous. I don't really know what to expect Thabani pulled through for me with his friend and I will be serving Aiza with divorce papers soon. We got to home. Well it's not home for me anymore but Sne and Aiza 's home. Siyanda parked the car and i looked at him.

Siyanda :" You want me to come in with you? "

Me:" No ( sigh ) I can do this on my own "

Siyanda :"just shout. I am here "

Me :" thank you "

I kissed his cheek and got out breathing slowly. I made my way inside and I opened the door. It was a bit quiet just could smell the aroma. My stomach turned and I went up the stairs to the main bedroom and i dound them in bed.

Aiza :" Siza "

He got off the bed. I lifted my hand stopping him from talking.

Azia :" I can explain Siza "

Me :" Please just please Ayize !"

Aiza :" baby "

He tried to touch me.

Me :" don't touch me ! Please don't ! "

I pushed him over and went to the closet and I went to take out my suitcase. He was behind me.

Aiza:" it was a mistake baby I love you "

Me :" a mistake I had to find out about on social media. You know what i am done with your cheating ass "

I threw my clothes inside. He pulled my hair.

Aiza :" you are not leaving me Siza "

Me :" Aiza leave my hair "

Sne :" Aiza ! "

She appeared.

Aiza :" Stay out of this. It's between me nd my wife.

Me :" I am divorcing your ass Aiza !"

He slapped me.

Aiza :" you are not leaving me Siza you are not "

I held his legs and lifts myself up and I tried to rush off but he choked me.

Sne :" Aiza !"

Aiza :" fuck out Sne !"

He was choking me. I hit his arm.

Me :" ai..Aiza..."

I couldn't breath. He let me go.

Aiza :" You can't leave me Siza till death do us apart "

I was coughing hysterically.

Aiza :" choose between staying with me and death ?"

Me :" I don't want you anymore "

He punched me and I laid on the floor. I curled up and put my hands on my stomach as he kicked my back.

Aiza :" you want to leavw mw Siza "

A tear dropped on my neck and my tears gushed out.

Me :" Aiza "

Aiza :" You want to leave me? You are no walking out of this door "

He stopped and went to the door pushing Sne and closed the door. I cried there on the floor. I took my phone out and called Siyanda and he answered.

Siyanda :" Baby "

Me :" Ple... please help "

Siyanda :" fuck I am going to kill him "

I put my phone down and cried while holding my stomach. I don't want history to repeat itself. I won't recover if I loose another child. I don't think I will ever.

Me :" God please. "

I sniffed.

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Siza can't leave me. I am loosing everything and I can't loose her. She is the only good thing I will have. I dip on my whisky in the kitchen and throw the gkass across the room groaning.

Sne :" let her go "

I choked her.

Me :"I will never let Siza go "

She nodded I let go of her and she coughed.

Me :" don't talk rubbish if you don't have anything to say "

She looked at me.

Me :" Fuck !"

I banged the counter.



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Aiza :" get the fuck out of my house "

The guy shoot him twice in the stomach and looks at me. I raise my hands up.

Me :" main bedroom closet "

He ran up the stairs. I breathed out and rushed to take the phone and went to Aiza while calling the ambulance.

Me :" don't close your eyes "

He groaned. Oh my God this is a mess. I got through



I got in the main bedroom.

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Me:" baby "

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## $\star$ LINDI $\star$

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Mom:" welcome back what did you bring? "

Me :" I need to rest. "

I sniffed.

Mom :" what's wrong ? "

Me :" Ingathi is alive "

Mom :" oh my God. That's wonderful "

Me :" it's not. Mah I messed up my marriage "

She hushed me. I saw Zamile making her way in with a white box in her hands. She looked pregnant. She knocked on the door and i went to attend it.

Zamile:" Lindi "

Me :" Zama ! Wow"

I looked at her and we hugged.

Zama :"I brought these for mah"

Mom :" oh thank you "

Zamile :" it's an invitation as well. "

Everyone is getting pregnant.

Me :" you are pregnant "

She smiles.

Zamile:" yes "

Me :" wow "

Mom ululates. .

Mom:" awu siyashadisa ( we are getting married )"

Zama giggled.

Zamile:"yebo mah ( yes mah )"

Mom :" I a! So happy. Oh god is good "

My heart sank. Everyone's life is going ok mine nothing.

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The ambulance came and it took him away putting him on an oxygen mask. I followed. His heart rate was dropping and he was looking blood.

Paramedic :" we need to get him at the hospital fast"

Me :" Aiza Don't die. You have me "

I held his hand but they moved me. I was scared. If he dies then I blame Siza for it.



We got to the hospital and they took her away . I was at the waiting room pacing up and down. I was anxious and hoping they are ok. The Dr came out and i rushed to her.

Me :" how is she ? "

Dr :" she is ok she is going to be just fine "

Me :" the baby ?"

Dr :" she was pregnant with twins. Unfortunately she lost one "

My heart sank.

Me:" uhm ok "

I didn't know what to say.

Dr :" you can see her after 5 minutes. "

I nodded swallowing what's ever is in my throat.

Me :" doc"

She looked at me.

Me :" can the miscarriage stay between us. Don't mention she was going to have twins. It will trigger so much on her "

Dr :" I understand. "

Me :" thank you "

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She walked off and I sat down.

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 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

It was ringing before she answered it after some time. I was silent and i didn't know what to say or what to do.

Me :" Ma"

I cleared whatever lump that was stuck in my throat.

Ma :" Siyanda ubuya Nini ? oNhlanhla babuya bodwa nje ( Siyanda when are you coming back ? Nhlanhla and Ndalo came back without you )"

I ran my fingers through my hair and rubbed my face.

Me :" I am facing stuff "

Ma :" when are you facing stuff alone ? "

Me :" Mah "

Ma :" don't say that. Ndalo told me you found a married lady

Me :" oh God "

Ma :" You can say all God you want "

Me :" Can you and Ndalo stay out of my business. I thought I would talk to to you but clearly not "

Ma :" don't talk to me like that Siyanda "

Me:" bye "

I hung up on her and sighed. I couldn't pull myself up yo go and check on her. I was trying to register everything into my head. My phone rings and it's Ma and I reject the call and sigh. I finally stood up and went to her ward to check up on her. When I reached her ward she was laying in bed bruised and I clenched my jaws. I am glad she is ok. My phone rang and I took it out and it was Nhlanhla. I moved away from her ward and answered.

Nhlanhla :" Your mother just called "

Me:" She is stressing me "

Nhlanhla :" what's keeping you there ? "

I put my hand in my pocket.

Me : " He hit her and locked her up in the closet "

Nhlanhla :" And where were you ? "

Me :" I was waiting for her to collect her things so we can leave "

Nhlanhla :" I hope you sorted him out. "

Me :" I did "

Nhlanhla :" Good. How is she ? "

Me :" She miscarried"

Nhlanhla :" I am sorry "

I sighed.

Me :" Yeah. She has one left"

Nhlanhla :" so it was twins "

Me :" yeah "

Nhlanhla :" Try and get her transfered to Durban. She needs a new environment"

Me :" I will "

Nhlanhla:" I will talk to ma "

Me :" I want to keep the miscarriage between us "

Nhlanhla :" sure. I am sorry "

Me :" Sure "

I hang up. I walk back inside and she is looking around.

Me:"(softly)hey"

She looked at me and tears welded up on her eyes. Her cheek was bruised. I kissed her forehead.

Me :" don't worry. I am here he won't hurt you ever again "

Siza :" Th-The baby how is our baby ? "

Me :" the baby is ok "

Siza :" I-I shouldn't have went there "

Me :" We didn't know he was gonna do that "

Siza :" I ..."

Me :" shhh. "

She nodded.

Siza :" My back hurts "

Me :" I will call the Dr "

She nodded and I walked out.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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Me :" It was good seeing my friend Today yazi "

I turn around.

Me :" How about this one ? "

Andile :" it's mutual"

Me :" Yeah we don't know the gender and when the child grows we don't have to change alot of things. "

Andile:" What if my baby girl wants a pink room? "

Me :" than daddy will take care of it"

He chuckled and took the pamphlet from my hands.

Andile :" Daddy will take care of it. "

"Hi have you found anything?"

I put the pamphlet away.

Andile :" We are just looking "

Sales person:" planning ahead "

Me :" uhm yes "

Sales person :" How far along are you ? "

I put my hand on my stomach.

Me :" 16 Weeks "

She smiled.

Sales person :" still have a few months to go "

Andile :" Since you haven't found anything as yet. We should go "

Me :" yes. "

He put the teddy bear away and took my hand and we walked out of the store.

Andile :" What are you hungry for ? "

Me :" I don't know "

Andile :" relax I will take care of it "

I nodded.

Andile :"So what do you want? "

Me:" Pizza "

Andile :" only ?"

Me :" what are you implying ? "

He chuckled.

Andile :" ok let's go order pizza then go order wings as well then buy some snacks then collect and go home "

Me:" ok "

I smiled as we walked around the mall.

Andile :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

He held my hand.

Me :" I want to talk to my sister "

Andile :" Yeah ? "

Me :" yeah

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Me :" yeah I just want to mend our relationship before I get married "

Andile :" That's wonderful "

I nodded

 $\star$ SNE  $\star$ 

His mother came through. I was worried because there hasn't been anyone who has informed me off his progress. All I know is that he went to surgery a few hours ago. His mom :" where is my son ? "

Me :" he is still in surgery "

His mom :" what happened ? "

Me :" Siza's thug friend shot him "

His mom :" I am gonna arrest that girl ! She doesn't know me "

Me :" we should calm down "

She sat down as we waited for the Dr. I was anxious to know what's happening with him. A Dr appeared dressed in scrubs.

Dr:" Mr Aiza Biyase "

His mom :" how is my son ? "

Dr :" he is going to be fine. We removed the bullets and luckily they didn't reach any of his vital organs "

Me :" can we see him ? "

His mom :" I am going to find that Sizakele she will wish she wasn't born ! "

She walked off. The Dr turned to me.

Me :" can I see him? "

Dr :" for a few minutes. He needs to rest. "

I nodded and followed him. We got to Aiza's ward and i thanked him before he left and I walked inside. I went to his side and touched his hand. Me:" just wake up."

I kissed his forehead. I love him and if it takes everything in me to make things ok for us then I will.

★SIZA★

I was allowed to be transfered to Durban. I want to be away as possible from Aiza if Siyanda wasn't there I wouldn't be here. The Dr checked my back and said it was nothing big I will be ok and gave me a few oinaments that I can rub my back with. I am also happy that I didn't miscarriage. I don't know how I would be if that happened. Me :" can I use my phone ? I need to call mom "

Siyanda gave it to me and I called mom. She answered.

Mom:" Siza I don't know you anymore "

Me:" mah "

Mom:" how are you and Mkhwenyana?"

I kept quiet.

Me :" we are seperating. Things are not ok "

Mom :" haibo Sizakele kuqala ngawe yini izinto zingalungi emshadweni ? Uzenza zilunge ( are you the first one to have problems in marriage ? You make them work. )"

Me :" I can't. I am sorry "

Mom :" uyangiphoxa yazi. Usisi wakho uyashada wena ufuna ukuba umabuya emendweni ( You are disappointing me . Your sister is getting married and now you want to come back home ?)"

Me :" Zama is getting married ? "

I felt a lump .

Mom :" yes. "

Me :" I am happy for her "

I hung up and gave my phone to Siyanda.

Siyanda :" are you ok ? "

Me :" she doesn't understand "

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**INSERT 41** 

# $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I am Nervous and scared and also not ready to face my mother as yet. It has been Months since I was here in Mokopane and I didn't think I would be back so soon. Ingathi holds my hand and I look at him before sighing.

Ingathi " You are ok ? "

I nod.

Ingathi :" We will just get her "

Me :" if she is home"

He was silent. I am not ready for him to see my mother.

Me :" Maybe we should turn back "

Ingathi :" No Kamogelo "

I sighed.

Ingathi :" We will get this over and done with by helping your mother. Our baby needs both functional grandparents

Me :" I understand. "

I don't understand. I sigh. We get home and the grass is long almost burying the house. My heart is thudding and beating quiet fast as well. Ingathi looks at me and I look away.

Ingathi :" is this the place ? "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" come then "

I sighed and we got out of the car and he locked the door before we made our way inside. I knocked once with him behind me and I opened the door and walked inside. It didn't smell ok smelled off alcohol as well.

Me :" Mama ! "

I call out for her but all I get is groaning. I follow the sound and go to her bedroom and she is laying on the floor and there are droplets off blood and beer bottles. I turn to Ingathi who gives me some space and I close the door and go and open the windows before attending to her. She is moaning while laying on the floor.

Me :" Mom its me Kamogelo"

She moans.

Me :" are you ok ? Why is there blood ? "

Mom. :" Lerato la ka le bohloko( My butt is sore )"

Tears welded up in my eyes.

Me :" let me go and get water for you to bath in we are going "

She moaned and I took a cover and covered her in it and went out of the bedroom. I looked at Ingathi and he just opened his arms and I dived right in crying.

Ingathi :" shhh it's ok "

Me :" It...it..."

Ingathi :" shh everything will be ok "

I nodded.

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### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

Siyanda :" You have been rubbing that stomach since we left "

He puts his hand over my stomach as well. I have left home and came to Durban with Siyanda. I am admitted at the hospital still but I will be out soon as I am checked out.

Me:" yeah "

There is silence.

Siyanda :" What's bothering you ? "

Me :" what would have been of me if I didn't protect our baby "

He is silent. Honestly how can Zama's life go so well without even getting an apology from her. Is she remorseful of what she did to me?

Siyanda :" we would have made another baby "

Me :" I don't think I would have recovered "

Siyanda :" Hey I am here ok ? Anything you feel is heavy on you let it out on me "

I nodded.

Me :" Thank you "

Siyanda :" I love you ok ? "

Me :" I love you too "

The Dr walked in the ward.

Dr :" My new patient. I checked everything on you and it looks ok. Just need a few days of doing more tests on you then you will be released if all clears. "

Me: " thank you "

Dr :" I will send a nurse to bring you something to eat "

Siyanda :" I will get her something to eat "

Dr :" More balanced please for the baby to be healthy "

Siyanda :" salad ? "

Me :" that's starvation "

Dr :"( laughing ) Salad is good with meat as well to satisfy the mommy "

Siyanda :" how about that? "

Me :" that seems fine "

Dr :" great then. Let me go and carry on with my duties "

She walked out.

Siyanda :" She is too bubbly for her kind of Job description "

Me :" She loves her job "

Siyanda :" let me go buy that salad "

Me :" ok "

He kissed my forehead before walking out .

### $\star$ SNE $\star$

I went back to the house to clean up and change. I had an appointment with a Detective about Aiza's shooting and i want that guy behind bars. How could he shoot him like that ? I finished cleaning up and I went to bath and came out after my phone rang and it was my aunt. Today I am not in the mood for her. I just want Aiza back

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my phone rang and it was my aunt. Today I am not in the mood for her. I just want Aiza back that's all.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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I was looking at her body while I bathed her she had marks and scars all over it. She looked like she was sick. This is not my mother this is not the woman who gave birth to me and used to give me warm hugs Everytime I came home crying. This is not the woman my father used to love like she is the only human in the world. This is not her.

Mom :" Ema Hanyane ( wait a bit )"

I stop a bit and she breaths out.

Me :" Nka tsoela Pele? ( Can I carry on ? )"

She nods and i carry on bathing her gently.

Me :" Na o bona hore ke mang mama ? ( Can you see who it is mama ?)"

Mom :" Ee ke a o bona ngwanaka ( yes I can see you my child )"

She has a deep scar under her arm.

Me :" ( teary )Mme ho etsehalang ka bophelo ba hao ( mom what's going on with your life )"

She touches my cheeks and wipes my tears.

Mom:" I am sorry "

Me :" sorry ? "

Mom :" kea tseba hore ho thata ( I know it's difficult)"

Me :" oa tseba ? Oa tseba ? Ha o tsebe Nex Mama ! ( you know ? You know ? You know nothing )"

Mom :" Kamogelo Ngwanaka ( Kamogelo my child )"

I wiped my tears.

Me :" get out so you can get dressed"

She nodded.

Mom:" ke kopa ts'oarelo( I am sorry )"

I just nodded and went to look for a towel in her wardrobe.

#### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

Mom walks in the kitchen.

Mom :" awusasebenzi yini wena ? ( Don't you work anymore ? )"

Me :" I do my shifts have changed. I an starting tomorrow "

She nodded and went to the cupboards and started banging them while looking for something.

Me :" ukahle ?( Are you ok ? )"

Mom :" yazi usisi wakho angimazi mayephindisela unkulunkulu ngempama kanje ( I don't know why your sister is slapping god in the face like this !)"

Me :" what did she do? "

Mom :" she is getting a divorce "

Me:" what ? "

I didn't see this coming.

Mom :" I will belt her back into that marriage she is not the first one to face problems "

Me :" where is she ? "

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Mom:" at her house ? I don't know I am just angry "

She keeps on banging the cupboards. I look at her I thought they were happy .

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~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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# $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I packed her clean clothes neatly in a bag. She was drinking a jug of warm water that I made for her. She is struggling to get it down but she is trying.

Mom :" Can I have one case of Black label Ngwanaka "

Me :" I am not buying any alcohol for you "

Mom:" Just one bottle "

Me :" No I am not buying anything. You have to overcome your drinking problem. "

Mom :" it's a problem how because I am not bothering anyone "

I turn to her.

Me :" it bothers me your daughter ! I am young mama I should be in varsity chasing my dreams . Being with my peers. Not this I shouldn't be babying you . I shouldn't be a mother at this age don't you understand how hurt I am. ? You are not the only one who lost dad. I lost a father ok ? But I am not drinking my life away"

She looks at me.

Mom:"( softly ) you don't understand Kamogelo. "

She sighed and took a gulp. I turned to the bag and zipped it up.

Me :" Come we are leaving "

Mom:" to where ? "

Me:" Gauteng "

Mom:" Oh "

She stood up and she put the jug on the floor and i took her hand. We walked out of her bedroom and went outside. Ingathi was in the middle of a call . I locked the house and we walked out of the gate.

Mom :" is that the one who impregnated you ? He looks older than you Ngwanaka and too much "

I kept quiet.

Ingathi :" I will call you back "

He hung up.

Ingathi :" ( clear throat ) greetings mah "

He reached out his hand for a handshake.

Mom :" What do you want from Kamogelo ? Are you gonna leave her after impregnating her ? "

Me :" Mme ! "

Mom:" No Ke bua Nete ( no I am telling the truth )"

Me :" Please "

Ingathi :" No I don't plan on leaving my child like that"

I looked at him.

Mom:" Ke Thsepa joalo (I hope so)"

Ingathi :" let me help you inside "

He opened the door and took the bag from my hands and put it inside. I got my mother inside and buckled her up at the back. We closed the door and I sighed .

Ingathi :" it's going to be ok "

Me :" You don't want to see what I saw "

Ingathi :" Just calm down. Everything will be ok. "

Me :" her lips are so pink It's like she is sick Inga "

Ingathi :" I am sorry "

Me :" I need a hug"

He pulls me into one and I break down.

Ingathi :" it's ok I am here "

It pains me it really does and it bothers and burdens me alot.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I tried to sit up a bit so I can be a bit comfortable .

Me :" Ah !"

A sharp pain came from my abdomen. I breathed out and tried once more and I felt some liquid. I opened the hospital bed covers and blood was between my legs.

Me :" No !...No!...No! Not my baby please Nurse help ! Dr ! "

I shouted while holding my stomach

Me :" Help please my baby save my baby "

Tears streamed down my eyes

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save my baby "

Tears streamed down my eyes my heart was aching.

"Siza !"

I opened my eyes and my eyes met Siyanda and a Dr.

Dr :" Is her blood pressure decreasing ?"

Nurse :" Yes "

She put her stethoscope on and listened to my heart beat I was sweating and breathing heavily.

Me :" my ...the baby "

Dr :" ( removing the stethoscope)The baby is fine for now your blood pressure shouldn't be high stop stressing "

Me :" I thought I thought I lost my child "

Siyanda :" it was just a bad dream "

Me :" I am sorry I just ..."

Dr :" Don't overthink ok ? "

Me:" ok "

Dr :" I will send a nurse to come every hour and check up on you "

I nodded. She smiled before walking out with the nurse.

Siyanda :" you and the baby are safe nothing is gonna happen to you "

He kisses my forehead. I breathed out. My heart is still thudding.

Siyanda :" Ok ? "

Me :" Ok "

I nodded.

Siyanda :" Let's sit you up so you can eat "

Me :" I am not hungry "

I was scared.

Siyanda :" eat Siza think if the baby that needs food "

I sighed then nodded. He helped me sit up and my back was a bit problematic but I sat up. He sat down on the bed and fed me. I touched my stomach please protect this child you have given to me God.

## $\star$ SNE $\star$

I went back to the hospital. I was told to wait a bit as the Dr is still busy with him before I was told I can go and see him. I stood up and went to his ward and the Dr left.

Me :"Aiza"

The machines were making noise. I looked at them then him and touched his arm.

Me :" You are gonna be ok "

I sat down on the chair.

Me :" i understand everything and I forgive you. She angered you into doing me like that too. But you need help and we are gonna get you that somehow "

I sighed.

Me :" come back I miss you "

Tears weld in my eyes as I look at him.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

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Mom :" I am thirsty "

Me :" Drink some bottled water "

Mom:" Kamogelo "

Me :" mmmh ? "

She kept quiet and I looked at Ingathi who was stealing glances at me.

Mom :" Kamo"

Me :" if you are gonna say something about drinking I swear I am going to go crazy !"

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me :" no means no Inga ha ah !"

Mom:" You don't have to shout "

He put his hand on mine.

Ingathi :" calm down "

Mom situation pisses me off when she does this. I feel like smacking her in the process of recovering.

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**INSERT 43** 

I was nervous and scared that maybe his mother wouldn't like me I have been silent since we left the hotel and I feel drained already I am not ready at this moment . I got discharged two days ago and my phobia is not attacking me at the moment . Just wish and want everything to be ok where I can feel happy without it coming with weight. Is that so much?

Siyanda :" we are here "

I sighed.

Siyanda :" what's wrong ?"

Me :" just nervous "

Siyanda :" Don't be. "

I nodded pressing my lips together and he leaned in to kiss my lips.

Siyanda :" I love you that's all that should matter first "

I nodded.

Me :" I love you too "

He got out of the car and came by my side and opened the door for me before I got out. He locked the car and held my hand as we made our way inside. I am really hoping for the better at this moment. I don't have energy to deal with Mother in law's drama I already have my own life to handle

Siyanda :" MaK ! "

Me :"why do you say MaK?"

Siyanda :" It's for MaKhumalo "

Me :" oh "

Siyanda :" come sit "

He leads me to the lounge.

" Ubangelani umsindo ufika nje kwami ( why are you making noise when you have just arrived at my house ?)"

Siyanda :" Ngikuphathele something ( I have something for you )"

We hear footsteps. I am nervous as they get near and near .

MaK:" Oh Hi "

She looked at me.

Siyanda :" Mamzo zikhiphani ? ( Mom how are you ? )"

MaK:" hayi Ngigrand ( I am good )"

She said tht looking at me and I swallowed. I was nervous.

MaK:" Ubani loglama? (Who is this Doll?)"

Siyanda :" Sizakele my girlfriend . uMakoti wakho ( your daughter in law )"

I wanted to be out of here because it's getting awkward

MaK:" Akashadile yini ?( Isn't she married ?)"

I felt like the world could swallow me .

Siyanda :" mah "

MaK:"I am just asking "

Siyanda :" No she is not married "

MaK:" awu Ngokuba nawe nje akasashadile ( being with you and now she is not married )"

Me :" I think I should leave "

MaK:" aren't you supposed to be in Gauteng?"

Siyanda :" Mah that's enough ! "

I stood up.

Me :" It was lovely to meet you "

She looked at me up and down and I walked off.

" Siza !"

Its evident. I would never be happy and at peace as long as step mother's hate me.

 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

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I was angry more than angry . I was furious about my mother's childish behaviour.

Ma :" yini wena ?( What's up with you ?! )"

Me :" Uyangicasula yazi ( you are pissing me off )"

Ma :"haibo ! Two minutes with her and you are now pissed by me surely she is using something strong. "

Me :" what's your problem ?"

Ma:" she is my problem. She is married why is she not sticking to her marriage ?"

Me :" you have never been married so don't talk about marriages like you know what goes down "

I stood up.

Ma :" Ngiyalingwa ( I am being tested )"

Me :" Get your act together. You are going to be a grandmother and before you speak it's mine and I know it. Get your shit together

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why is she not sticking to her marriage ?" Me :" you have never been married so don't talk about marriages like you know what goes down "

I stood up.

Ma :" Ngiyalingwa ( I am being tested )"

Me :" Get your act together. You are going to be a grandmother and before you speak it's mine and I know it. Get your shit together you don't know what Siza has been through and I don't want your childish attitude affecting her uyangizwa ? ( You hear me ? )" She was silent.

Me :" Ngifuna ukubuya uhluzile ngokomqondo engathi usuyadelela manje ( I want to come back to you better minded you are disrespectful now )"

She frowned and I walked past her. I walked out and found Siza wiping her tears.

Me :" I am sorry "

Siza :" it's ok "

I pulled her in a hug.

Me :" it's not when you are crying "

Siza :" it's this baby "

Me :" babe "

She looked at me.

Me :" Come let's go "

We got in the car and I drove off.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

I look outside and the view is refreshing and calming as well. I have been standing here for atleast an hour. I feel hands snake around me and a kiss is planted on my cheek. His hand goes over mine and he locks them before they move in synchrony over my bump. I feel drained I just want to give birth now so I can have less stress as well.

Ingathi :" How are you feeling ?"

Me :" I hid every alcoholic substance I found in your house in your study "

Inagthi:" won't she enter? "

Me :" She won't "

He kisses my neck.

Me :"this is beautiful "

Ingathi :" it is. That's why I bought it for the view "

He kissed my neck.

Ingathi :" does it make you uncomfortable living here ?"

Me :" no "

We are not dating so why should it make me uncomfortable?

Ingathi :" Are you sure ? "

Me :" yes Ingathi it's your house not mine "

His hand unlocked from mine and goes down my belly and touches my Private area.

Me :.. " ingathi "

Ingathi :" I miss you "

Me :" I am here "

He bites my neck softly and I feel his shaft poking me from behind.

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me :" mmmh ? "

Ingathi :" I want you "

I turned around and faced him.

Me :" mmmh "

He kissed my lips and I returned it. I broke it and walked inside the bedroom from the balcony.

Ingathi :" are we playing ?"

He smirked.

Me :" oh no I am tired "

I laughed.

Ingathi :"you are gonna be tired after "

Me :" really ? "

He nodded and kissed me and I returned it as well.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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I stood by the door contemplating whether to knock or not.

Me :" you can do this "

I rang the door bell twice and waited. The door opened and a woman opened it. I looked at her up and down.

Her :" can I help you ? "

Me :" who are you ? "

Her :" Sne can I help you ? "

I pushed her aside and walked in.

Me :" where is Siza ? "

Her :" don't tell me about her I don't know "

I turned to her.

Me :" where is Aiza ?"

Sne :" the hospital and who are you "

Me :" I am going to kill him for doing this to my sister "

I hit her with my bag.

Sne :" hey ! "

Me :" try me you will know me get out ! "

Sne :" this is not your house "

Me :" I will be back '

I clicked my tongue and walked out. I tried Siza's number but it took me to voice mail

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Siyanda :" Do you need anything ? "

I shook my head.

Me :" no "

He sighed.

Siyanda :""Siza "

I looked at him.

Siyanda :" I am sorry "

Me :" it's ok. It's not your fault "

Siyanda :" I don't know what's wrong with my mother "

Me :" It's fine. She is expressing how she feels "

Siyanda :" It's not ok "

Me :" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" Siza "

I sigh

Me :" I am used to it. "

Siyanda :" I will talk to her "

Me :" don't. I don't want to cause trouble "

He is silent I look at him one more time and I sigh.

Me :" It's ok "

I just want to know what makes people hate me without a valid reason honestly.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

I got off the taxi and followed my way home. Where could Siza be ? I really need to talk to her. I see MaZuma outside and I really don't want to talk to her today. My phone rings saving me from whatever prophecy that she was about to let on me. It's Andile and I answer smiling.

Me :" Andile "

Andile :" Sthandwa Sam "

Me :" I miss you "

I really miss him.

Andile :" I miss you too. I have been a bit busy "

My heart races.

Me : " oh "

I want to ask but I don't want to seem like a jealous fiance or a nosey one.

Andile :" No I was just sorting out financial issues so we won't have problems in future and for when we get married.

Me :" oh I hear you "

Andile : " relax. I love you "

Me :" I am relaxed "

Andile :" your voice is pitching up that means you are lying "

Me :" Haibo Babe you can now tell when my voice is selling me out or not "

Andile :" Yes. You are my woman so I have to know "

I laughed and MaZuma was looking at me. I entered the yard and just waved to her and caried on with the conversation.

Me:" Right "

Andile :" how did it go with your sister ?"

Me :" I didn't find her. I found some tramp in their house "

Andile :" her husband is cheating. Wow "

Me :" Right ? I really wanted us to work out. Siza has been nothing but amazing"

Andile :" you have to do this then "

Me :" where would I start ? "

Andile :" yourself first before her. Sincerely do this "

Me :" I hear you i have to go "

Andile :" can I see you tonight ?"

Me :" Sure"

He hung up and I walked inside. Mah was busy wiping the tv.

Me :" Have you been cleaning all day ? "

Mom:" Your sister is stressing me "

Me :" She is not at her house. Aiza is cheating "

Mom :" what ? Why is Siza doing that ? You never leave a man. Look now "

Me :" are you heading yourself? "

Mom :" I am calling the pastor. He needs to intervene in her life. "

She takes out the phone from her skirt and walks out.

# ★KAMOGELO★

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I tried to get off the bed but he pulled me back in bed.

Me:" Ingathi "

Ingathi :" Where are you going ? "

Ne :" I need to check on Mom "

Ingathi :" Just a little bit longer "

Me :" really ? "

He holds my waist and smirks looking at me and I smile.

Me :" What ? I need to get up. "

Ingathi :" but you make me warm "

Me :" Ingathi !"

Ingathi :" Stop stressing"

Me :" you are behaving like a kid now "

Ingathi :" ok I am sorry ke Mamakhe "

Me :" mmmh "

He perks my lips and touches my cheek. I look t him.

Ingathi :" you look beautiful "

Me :" thank you"

He pulls me closer to him and lays me on his chest and I put my hand on his chest and lay on it listening to his heart beathis breathing is steady and I get to relax just bit.

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me :" mmh ?"

Ingathi :" do you hear something ?"

Me :" your drumming heart "

Ingathi :" That's good When it stops it looked its purpose "

Me :" of being a pump ? "

Ingathi :" of beating for someone "

Me :" that's cheesy "

Ingathi :" it's how a person feels. Doesn't yours do the same

I thought of my mother.

Me :" it does "

I say softly. He plays with my hair.

Ingathi:" Mmmmh "

I sigh and close my eyes letting his heart beat sooth me.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

we were just a few minutes away from reaching out destination. We have been silent ever since. Just one word answers. My phone rings and i take it and it's Thabani. I answer it. Me :" Hey "

Siyanda looks at me but I ignore him.

Thabani :" Siza you are in big trouble "

Me :" what did I do ? "

Siyanda steals a glance at me.

Thabani :" I just got back from my friend and guess what. You are wanted by the cops "

Me :" What ?!"

Thabani :" Aiza 's shooting. You are said to know the guy who shot him "

I look at Siyanda.

Me :" I ... I "

Thabani :" This is a mess. I can't get rid of anything. I know Aiza did something for that guy to shoot him but I can't make everything disappear because evidence has been collected. "

Me :" tell me you are joking "

Thabani :" does this sound like a joke ?"

Me:" what ? "

Oh my God. This is a mess.

Thabani :" where are you ? "

Me :" somewhere"

Thabani :" lay low "

Me :" noted. Thanks "

Thabani :" sharp "

I hung up and breath out. Siyanda looks at me.

Me :" that was Asia's cousin "

Siyanda :" you friends ? "

Ne:" not really "

He nods. I want to tell him but how do I put it? He keeps on driving and we are slowed down by the traffick cops. My heart is beating. Siyanda :" what now ? "

He slows down and stops the car the traffic cop comes to his window and knocks on it and Siyanda rolls it down.

Cop:" mmmh "

I swallow.

Siyanda :" is there anything wrong ?"

He says with a bit of an attitude .

Cop:" please step out of the car .

Siyanda :" can you just give ma ticket so I can leave ? "

Cop:" Now ! "

Me :" Babe "

He looks at me and gets out . I see two police men coming towards the car holding paper. My heart was thudding. They started arresting him.

Siyanda :" what the fuck are you doing ?!"

Officer :" you are arrest for the shooting of Aiza Biyase "

Me :" Siyanda ! "

Siyanda :" don't worry. Call Nhlanhla on my phone and tell him "

Me :" Siyanda "

I am in a city I am not familiar with and my boyfriend is getting arrested. I get out of the car taking his phone at going towards him but the cops push me away. Siyanda :" don't touch her "

Officer:" shut up. Put him in the car "

Siyanda :" call Nhlanhla now Siza ! "

He says while he is dragged away. I unlock his phone and get in the car and lock it then dial Nhlanhla. He answers in one ring.

Nhlanhla :" Siyanda "

Me :" It's Siza "

Nhlanhla :" I am on it. I am coming"

I haven't said anything. He hangs up. I am scared. Tears start forming in my eyes before they roll down.

### $\star$ SNE $\star$

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The audacity that Siza's family has after whaf their daughter did with that man. I am at the hospital alking to my aunty in the phone.

Aunty :" Yho she is trouble "

Me :" so much "

Aunty :" be glad she is God. Just be strong for him and then get your man. "

Me :" I will. I have to "

Aunty :" I will come and visit tomorrow "

Me :" I would appreciate that "

Aunty :" he is my son in law after all "

Me :" dress nicely "

Aunty :" I will nana don't worry. "

I smile.

Me :" thank you "

She hangs up and I turn around and look at lifeless Aiza. I walk towards his bed and then I kiss his forehead.

Me :" come back. I love you and we will fight this v

I sigh "

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

I have been crying for atleast 30 minutes. There was a knock on the door and it was nhlanhla. I unlocked the doors and he opened them.

Nhlanhla :" no one touched you ? "

I shook my head like a baby and he whistled and i looked back. He was talking to some Kasi looking guy before he got in the car. Nhlanhla :" i silk take you to my house "

I sniffed.

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Nhlanhla :" don't worry. "

How can I not ?"

He started the car before driving off.

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I am still frozen and lost in thoughts. I don't know what to think of say. It's all my fault that Siyanda Is arrested. Maybe his mother has every right to not like me Look where his son is because of me. My breathing hinched as a lump chokes my throat I try to breath and I open the window a bit to get some air because I am suffocating.

"Think of the baby Siza"

I hear a voice but it sounds distance. A hand on my thigh as a simple gesture snaps me back to my reality and out of the frustration I am in. I look at him in my glossy eyes.

Nhlanhla:" Breathe "

I tried to breath slowly I swallowed and coughed a bit holding my chest and then my breathing was slowly coming together.

Nhlanhla :" That's it. Don't worry about him"

I look at him. How could he say I should worry about him?

Nhlanhla :" He is going to be ok "

Me :"( softly ) it's my fault "

Nhlanhla :" Don't think that "

I look down at tears stream down.

Me :" I am sorry. I .. I shouldn't have came into his life I ..."

Nhlanhla :" don't blame yourself. Just concerntrate on the baby I will handle everything "

I nodded not sure I could do that that I cannot just sit and think everything is ok. I can't wait. I try to calm down till we get to his house and we get out. I am following him like a lost kid and we get in the lounge. Ndalo is sitting with one of her kids. She stands up immediately when she sees us. Her house is beautiful and has warmth and a feminine touch as well. Ndalo:" Nhlanhla"

She looks at him and he kisses her cheek before changing car keys.

Nhlanhla :" Siyanda is arrested. I need to go and sort that out "

Ndalo:"what? "

Nhlanhla :" Siza will be staying with you till I have sorted everything "

He is out by the time she wants further explanations

Ndalo:" Nhlanhla "

She rushes out of the door as well. I don't know what to do should I sit down or stand here and wait for her to come

back. It's a known fact Ndalo doesn't like me. She just tolerates me for the sake of doing it. Ever since me and Siyanda started she has turned left on me. She comes back and she looks at me. Her eye is not pleasing.

Ndalo :" When did you arrive in Durban ? "

Me :" a few days ago "

I am still standing.

Ndalo :" Mmmh "

She takes her son.

Ndalo :" You can sit down. "

I sat down and she walked up the stairs leaving me alone in the living room.

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I held his hand and it was dry. I searched my bag for any hand lotion and his mother walked in the ward I looked up to her before standing up to show her respect.

Me :" Mrs Biyase "

She came by and stood next to her son.

Mrs Biyase :" he is arrested "

Me :" Who ? "

Mrs Biyase :" the one who shot him "

Me :" oh "

Mrs Biyase :" I can't believe I am a fool "

Me :"How did you know it's him?"

She turned and looked at me.

Mrs Biyase :" The CCTV installed in the house the police searched and found the events "

Me :" oh I see "

I swallowed.

Her :" He was in Durban "

Me :" Good thing he is found "

She nods and holds Aiza's hand.

Mrs Biyase:" I am coming for Siza she doesn't know me "

She says as anger was written on her face. I looked at her. Siza messed with the wrong one with her man .

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I got in the kitchen and I found Mom standing by the sink looking outside the window. I stood there for a while examining her movement for awhile but she didn't move. All she did was wonder her eyes around .

Me :" Mama"

I walked closer inside towards her and she didn't respond. She was still silent

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. I stood behind her and touched her shoulder and she jumped and I stepped back and she turned around. She wiped her tears. Me :" Are you ok ? "

Mom:" I am ok "

I looked at the floor and there were blood droplets. I looked at her hands and they are full of blood.

Me :" Why are your hands bloody ? "

I took them to the sink and she winced. I opened the water on them and washed off the blood.

Mom :" Ema Kamgelo ! "

Her wrist was cut.

Me :" Mama !"

Mom:" What? "

Tears welded in my eyes. I felt defeated. I wrapped her wrist with a dish cloth. She took the knife that's in the sink.

Mom:"you disturbed me "

Me :" You really want to kill yourself ?! What about me ?! "

Mom :" You will be ok. I am not I am not coping with your father's passing Kamogelo I never will cope !!!"

Me :" I am here mama "

She bursts into a cry and i hug her.

Me :" Please mama "

Mom :" I want him I always think and dream of him. I can't live without him. I tried but it's hard it's very hard "

Me :" I can't live without you mama "

Mom :" Kamo "

She sniffed and ao as I.

Me :" Please "

### $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

Detective :"We found you. The minuet they saw your video they knew who you are "

Me :" Can we open a case against Aiza Biyase ? "

I put my feet on the table and he looked at me.

Him:" For what?"

Me :" Domestic violence against his ex wife and it shouldn't be sweeped under the carpet because I will do more than killing home ugh my own hands. "

Him :" you know all that you are saying right now is evidence ?"

Me :" Sure "

Him:" She should open it. "

Me :" Sure. Back to me "

Him:" Did you shoot Aiza Biyase?"

Me :" What do you think ? "

I looked at him.

The door opened.

" I think this interrogation shouldn't have started without me his lawyer "

He out his briefcase on the table and looked at the Detective.

Detective:" Prepare years in prison "

Lawyer :" Please leave us "

The detective looked at us before he took his recorder and walked out.

Me :" get me out "

Lawyer :" I will don't worry "

Me :" Sure"

Lawyer :" Nhlanhla is on his way "

Me :" Ok "

I sighed and sat back.

Me :" Siza needs me "

He nods.

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Ndalo comes down the stairs after some time and I look up to her and she stands in the middle of the room.

Me :" Ndalo I ..."

She interrupted me.

Ndalo:" I heard you are expecting is it his?"

Me :" ofcause how can you ask that ? "

Ndalo :" I don't know "

Me :" Please tell me what's your problem with me? "

Ndalo :" I don't have a problem with you Siza. You are not that special "

Me :" is there something wrong I did?"

Ndalo:" ofcause "

Me:" what ? "

Ndalo :" it's just ... I don't want you to go through what I went through see what I have seen done what I have down all in the name of love. It's not roses with the men we date and marry Siza I am happy for you because I know Siyanda will treat you good but I am trying to protect you "

Me :" from what ? "

Ndalo :" from everything. "

Me :" what's that ? "

Ndalo :" forget I said anything "

She walked towards the kitchen.

Me :" from the Columbians ? "

She looked at me. Ndalo :" what ? "

Me :" that's why we were at the warehouse "

Ndalo :" don't act like you know. You don't "

She walked off.

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she threw the blanket on the bed and I looked at her.

Ndalo :" would that be ok ? "

I nodded scared of uttering anything that would upset her.

Ndalo :" I am off to sleep "

Me :" Thank you "

She nods and makes her way out of the guest room. I sit on the bed and sigh nothing has been said about Siyanda or how he is doing I just can't help myself and not worry about anything. I touch my stomach and sigh I hope I get to keep this pregnancy for a long term. I can imagine holding the little one in my arms and a smile grows wider on my lips and my cheeks are heating up. The first kick. Something I have never felt before. Everything I want to go everything this time around and make no mistake of not reaching it.

Me :" I would do everything in my power to protect you "

I took off my shoes and got on the bed and I took the blanket and I pulled it over my body. I could hear people talking then the voices fade. Maybe Nhlanhla is back I know Siyanda is still in there but I am hoping he comes out of prison some how. I close my eyes but my phone disturbs me from trying to collect my sleep. I take it and I answer.

Me :" Hello "

" Baby "

I sit up ready to shoot any question but I settle for.

Me :" Are you ok ? "

Siyanda :" I am ok. Don't worry "

Me :" I can't help myself "

Siyanda :" Think of the baby Siza"

Me :" I am sorry "

Siyanda :" It's not your fault. I shot him not you "

I kept quiet and sighed.

Siyanda :" I wanted to hear your voice "

I blushed.

Me :" Oh "

Siyanda :" Oh ? Is that all you are gonna say ? "

I giggled.

Me :" What do you want me to say. ?"

Siyanda :" That you love me the same way I love you "

I bit my bottom lip.

Me :" I love you Siyanda "

Siyanda :" I love you too Thembalam "

I bit my bottom lip.

Siyanda :" Don't worry. I will be out soon and holding you in my arms "

Me :" Ok "

Siyanda :" Rest. I will try calling you tomorrow if I am not out by then "

Me:" Ok "

There is silence between us. Comfortable silence before he hangs up and tears ran down my cheeks. I miss him though it has been a few hours since I saw him. I want him next to me and hearing him talk about anything that makes me happy his presence makes me happy.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

Andile texted me just a few minutes ago that he is around the corner. I wore my gown just so that I could be warm then my phone rang and I answered. Me :" Babakhe "

Andile :" I am outside my love "

Me :" ok I am coming "

He hung up and I wore slippers and then walked out of my bedroom.

Dad :" Where are you going ? "

Mom:" to see our son in law "

Me :" I will be back "

He shook his head as I cashed out. I know he doesn't like that . I walked out of the gate and he was standing outside his car. I threw my arms around him and we shared a kiss he held my stomach. Andile :" How are you ? "

Me :" i am good "

Andile :" I am glad. Still ok ? "

He rubbed my stomach and I nodded.

Me:" yes "

Andile :" I missed you guys "

Me :" we did too "

Andile :" Mmh "

Hw pulled me closer to him.

Andile :" I am tracing my family for the negotiations "

Me :" How is it going ?"

Andile :" I don't know yet but it's happening "

Me :" You want to get your family ? "

Andile :" They are the only people I know "

I nodded.

Me :" if you are ok with it "

He kissed my neck.

Andile :" I am ok with it "

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

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Dr :" we are keeping her on suicidal watch for the next two weeks and also therapy "

Ingathi :" that would be good. "

Dr :" she is still resting now. You can see her tomorrow"

Me :" ok Thank you "

He nodded and walked off.

Ingathi :" don't think too much. She will be ok "

Me :" I don't know "

Ingathi :" she will be ok baby just don't worry "

He kissed my lips.

Ingathi :' ok ? "

I nodded.

Me :" let's go I don't want Lindi surfacing here and causing trouble "

I walked off and out of the hospital.

Ingathi :" For what ? "

Me :" I don't know I don't want Lindi surfacing here and causing trouble "

I walked off and out of the hospital.

Ingathi :" For what ? "

Me :" I don't know this "

Ingathi :" you call it this ?"

Me :" Yeah "

Ingathi :" wow "

He walked past me.

Me :" Inga ! "

He ignored me and I followed after him to the car.

Me :" what's wrong with you ? "

Ingathi :' what's wrong with me is you calling us This doesn't it mean something to you? "

Me :" I don't understand why you are affected by that when you created all the rules.

I got in the car and he did.

Ingathi :" fuck the rules Kamo "

Me :" you fucked them up you got me pregnant when it wasn't agreed on from the get go "

Ingathi :" but you agreed "

Me :" that's because I didn't have the guts to tell you off "

Ingathi:" so you regret being pregnant is that what you mean? "

Me :"when did we get here?"

Ingathi :" answer Kamogelo "

Me :" yes yes I do because I haven't done anything constructive with my life as yet. It keeps on fucking up and i keep on adding more fuel. I don't want my baby to come to such problems I have. It's too much I am young if my life was a bit ok then I wouldn't. You got it together so you won't know how I feel "

He started the car. There was silence in the car as it drove off.

Nhlanhla :" How is Siza ? "

He threw the keys and phone on the bed and he laid on it sighing.

Me :" fine Should I run you a bath ?"

Nhlanhla :" Have you bathed ? "

I nodded.

Nhlanhla :"you don't mind doing it for the second time?"

Me :" I mind. It will be quicker if you bath alone "

Nhlanhla :" awu Ndalo"

I shook my head and walked to the bathroom. I opened bath water for him and went back to the bedroom.

Me :" how is Siyanda ?"

Nhlanhla :" an IT guy is getting rid of any evidence in the cameras in Aiza's house then the found evidence will disappear. "

Me :" that's hectic "

Nhlanhla :" yeah he is appearing for a trial tomorrow"

Me :" oh no "

Nhlanhla :" that's why we have to work fast "

I nodded and kissed his lips.

Me :" go and bath so you can relax Baby "

Nhlanhla:" ok "

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We shared a kiss before he got off the bed and went to the bathroom.

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 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Last night ended on a bitter note that we didn't even say anything to each other I couldn't sleep well. Maybe it's because I was now used to Ingathi's arms wrapped around me in order for me to sleep but last night it didn't happen. I was seated at the kitchen ontop of the counter drinking tea. Coffee would hav been helpful right now. I hear foot steps and he is walking down the stairs. I can see him in Semi formal wear. He stops his tracks looks at me and comes my way. I keep on sipping my tea like I have no worries in the world when i do. I have alot of them.

Ingathi :" Morning "

Me:" Morning "

There is silence and I feel a kick on my stomach. I put my hand over it and smiled feeling another.

Ingathi :" Are you ok ? "

My face is serious once more.

Me :" I am ok "

Ingathi :" Something happened ? "

Me :" Just a kick "

He nods. I look at him.

Me :" you can touch "

He puts his phone and car keys on the counter and stand between my legs. He puts his hand on my stomach and touches it.

Me :" Down here "

He touched in the middle and another kick came in.

Ingathi :" What is she doing ? "

Me :" I don't know. "

He bit his bottom lip nodding and I kept quiet. I carried on sipping on my tea.

Me :" Can I get off the counter ?"

Ingathi :" Why did you leave the bed ? "

Me :" I couldn't sleep "

He takes my cup from my hands and he places it next to me in the counter. He holds my waist.

Ingathi :" We need to talk "

I kept quiet.

Ingathi :" Kamogelo "

Me:" mmmh?"

Ingathi :" you hear me ? "

Me:" yes "

Ingathi :" Ok. (Sigh) you seemed upset yesterday "

Me :" you too "

Ingathi :" I was. Everything is going bad in my life from the shooting to getting divorced to being betrayed and hurt. "

Me :" I hear you "

Ingathi :" Lindi broke us and could never repair us. "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" I am sorry for impregnating you for my own selfish reasons and that is wanting a child "

I swallowed. He kissed my lips and I responded to him and he broke it.

Ingathi :" I like order Kamo"

Me :" I understand. I am also sorry "

Ingathi :" don't be. You were staying how you are feeling "

Me :"I really am "

Ingathi :" Come here "

We share a long silent hug till he broke it and perked my lips.

Ingathi :" We are ok ? "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" Ok. I have to go "

Me :" Where ?"

Ingathi :" Work. Alcohol needs me "

I giggled.

Me:" Ok "

Ingathi :" I love you "

He dashed out. Wait what ? Did I hear him right or is it hormones ?

It's hormones

## ★SIZA★

I found some sleep yesterday I just kept on reassuring myself that Siyanda is ok and I have to think of the baby. I was laying in bed looking at the ceiling when there was a knock on the door. I turned to the door and it opened. Ndalo walked inside the room.

Ndalo:" Good morning "

Me :" Morning"

Ndalo :" How did you sleep ? "

Me :" Well and you ? "

Ndalo:" Ok as well "

This woman can be nice when she wants to and it confuses me.

Ndalo :" I made some food. You should wake up and freshen up so you can eat "

Me :" I am not hungry "

Ndalo :"but the baby is "

I sighed.

Ndalo :" They will be back with him. We just have to wait and see if he will get bail or not "

Me :" I hope so. "

Shw smiled.

Ndalo:" Come on "

I got off the bed and started making it before going to the bathroom. She came in after some time with a towel and tooth brush. I thanked her and she walked out. I took the time to look at myself on the mirror. I have eye bags as well. I washed my face and brushed my teeth after that and went to take a shower.

## $\star$ SNE $\star$

The house is too big for me to stay in at toles. That's why I spend my time at the hospital Aiza's mother is still furious that his son is laying here and at herself. Apparently while she was venting out I heard her say she regrets selling her shares cause it means Siza has some shares in the company. Why does she have that ? Aiza should fight for them when they divorce . I was still in the waiting room. I haven't been given a go ahead to go and check on him as yet. I see his cousins approaching as well and I swallow.

Thabani :" Mmmh "

They keep quiet and I kept my silence. The nurse came to us.

Nurse :" you can go in. It's all set "

Me :" Thank you "

I stood up and already they are walking ahead of me. They get inside the ward and he turns to us. My heart jumps for joy.

Hlubi :" You are awake "

Thabani :" I thought you wouldn't "

They are surrounding him and I can't even give him a simple hug.

Aiza :"( groaning ) Yeah "

Me :" Are you ok ? "

He faintly smiled.

Aiza :" I am fine "

Thabani :" I can't look at you at times "

Aiza :" please don't start "

Hlubi :" I congratulate the person who put you here "

Thabani :" you needed those bullets "

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Aiza :" really guys ?"
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He groaned. Like who are they to say that?

Thabani :" you are shit Aiza and you needed someone who would do this to you in order for you to wake up. Siza has been nothing but good to you but you sleep with hoes in her house and hit her and you think it won't catch up to you "

Me :" I am not a hoe "

Hlubi :" Shut the fuck up are we talking to you ?"

Aiza is silent.

Thabani :" be ready for the papers this afternoon "

He walked off and Hlubi looked at Aiza before walking out as well. Aiza closes his eyes.

Aiza :" I messed up "

I touched his hand .

Me :" everything will be ok "

Aiza :"it won't be. I am loosing my wife and my father's business "

Me :" rest. You need to recover. I am glad you are ok "

Aiza :" I am sorry for strangling you "

Me :" it's ok "

He nodded. I kissed his forehead.

Me :" rest "

He sighed.

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After touching up here and there with the cleaning I sat down to watch some TV. It's really boring sitting around and I want to see mama tomorrow for the whole day. I hope that she really recovers from all of this because I still need her so much . My phone rings and I search for it under the cushions and I found it. I answered.

Ingathi :" babe"

I looked at my phone. Did I hear that right ? Is my ear ok ?

Me :" ingi "

Ingathi :" how are you ?"

Me:" I am good "

Still shocked about what you said in the morning. Maybe I am imagining things.

Ingathi :" ( clear throat) I would like for us to have a picnic in my office I can't go out today. I have lots of work "

Me:" ok "

Ingathi :"see you in an hour "

Me :" ok "

He hung up. I looked at my phone and stood up to go and get bathing and getting dressed. I want to dress to impress when I enter and be an image of him. I touch my stomach and opt for a shower so I can be quick though Ingathi would be angry if he knew I am taking a shower. He hates it and says I will slip and fall. It's hard getting out of the bath tub at times so he needs to understand where I am coming from.

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I went down the stairs after freshing up and Ndalo walked in with food. Her kids are disappointed by the way they are seated. Still and quiet while watching what's on the tv. I thank her and she sits down next to me with her food. I look at it. It looks scrumptious and already I want to dig in so I do and she starts to talk.

Ndalo :" What's going on between your husband and you ? "

Me :" I am getting a divorce "

Ndalo :" it's a hard process "

Me :" I know it will be "

Ndalo :" I gave up everything just for me to walk out of my old marriage. It was toxic "

Me :" mine as well. It has been set for doom the day we said I do "

Ndalo :" why did you marry him ? "

I looked at her.

Me :" for inheritance his father was very sick and wanted to die after he is married in order for him to gain his faters money and business so he had to get married and asked me to fake it with him "

Ndalo:" oh wow "

Me :" we stayed even after and I guess we loved each other but that wasn't love " I took a spoon in my mouth. "

Me :""I had a miscarriage while in varsity and i failed through the trauma causing me to drop out as well. He was abusive during our marriage and I lost my other child because of that "

Ndalo ::"I am sorry "

Me :" don't be "

Ndalo :" I am sorry about my behaviour. I shouldn't have came at you like I did for something I didn't know "

Me :" it's ok "

Ndalo :" can we start over ? "

Me :" sure"

I smiled

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Ingathi sent the location to his work place and I got a cab and it drove to where I should be going. I kept on holding onto my bag and looked out of the window. I am worried about mom at the same time I hope I see her today and see how she is really doing. We get to the place and I take out my phone and call him.

Ingathi :" Babe "

Ok I have to get used to this I guess.

Me :" I am outside the place "

Ingathi :" You want me to fetch you? "

Me :" please "

Ingathi :" Ok I am coming "

Me:" Thank you "

I hung up and put the phone in my bag. I paid the driver then got out of the cab and then I saw Ingathi and I walked to him and we shared a hug and his hand ran to my stomach.

Ingathi :" you look beautiful "

Me :" are you ok ? "

Ingathi :" yes I am. "

Me :" Ok "

He took my hand and we walked inside the place.

Me :" So where is the whisky manufactured ? "

Ingathi :" The whiskey is manufactured the other side of this place. Its widely ranged as well "

Me :" mmh "

Ingathi :" if you weren't pregnant I would make you taste some "

Me :" Yeah "

People were looking at us as we walked through the small headquarters if I could say. We got to his office and I could see the factory through the window. It's a beautiful view though and his office is spaced and very clean.

Me :" Your office is neat "

Ingathi :" Come here "

I went to him He sat on desk and I got between his legs. We shared a kiss I broke it.

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me:" Mmmh?"

He sighs and looks at me.

Me :" What's wrong ? "

Ingathi :" Nothing we can eat . I am sure you are hungry "

Me :" I am famished "

He got of the desk and I sat on the chair and he took a basket .

Me :" (giggling) where did you get that? "

Ingathi :" i got someone to buy it for me "

Me :" are we safe ?

Ingathi :" yeah "

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I nodded and he started placing the food down.

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I watched him close his eyes and go to sleep. It hurts that he is worried about his wife

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I watched him close his eyes and go to sleep. It hurts that he is worried about his wife does that mean he doesn't love me? He doesn't see my value? That I love him as well. It all note back to when we first became intimate to him saying he loves me. He made me fall for him so much that I can't pull back. I don't want to pull back from this love that we could possibly share. I hold his hand and look at him.

Me :" i love you "

I love him no doubt.

After eating I washed the dishes . Ndalo loves the kitchen by the way she moves swiftly in it. I prefer cleaning than cooking most of the time but I help her. She tells me her stories and she really had a tough upbringing more than me without any of her parents. She is an admirable woman .

Ndalo :" Can you pass me the spoon ? "

I passed the spoon to her.

Me :" It sure smells nice "

She smiles.

Ndalo :" I always loved cooking "

Me :" it shows. I can't deal with a hot stove I prefer cleaning "

Ndalo :" You have too because Siyanda loves to eat "

I laughed.

Me :" Take away would work "

We giggled.

" I am not having take away "

We turned and they both walked in. I rushed to him and we shared a hug.

Siyanda :" You ok "

Me :" how did you come out ? "

Nhlanhla :" He got a bail "

Ndalo :" So everything is sorted ? "

Siyanda sat on the high chair and pulled me between his legs.

Siyanda :" No I still have a trail to go through "

Ndalo looked at Nhlanhla .

Nhlanhla :" where are the kids ? "

Me :" Play room "

He walked off.

Ndalo :""food will be ready "

Siyanda : " I need to freshen up and get some sleep "

Ndalo :" Ok "

I moved from him and he got off.

Siyanda :" come "

Ndalo :" we are still cooking "

Siyanda :" She is pregnant "

Ndalo:" unfair "

She sulked.

Siyanda :" I will make it up to you "

Ndalo :" you better. "

We walked off and he perked my lips.

Siyanda :" I missed you "

Me :" I missed you too "

Siyanda :" I am sorry "

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Me :" I am just glad you are here "

He smirked and we walked up the stairs. I was really happy that he is here and not behind bars.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

Me :" I am full now "

I wiped my hands and mouth and drank some juice.

Ingathi :" You should be "

Me :" what are you implying ?"

Ingathi :" let me just keep quiet "

Me :" That will help you "

He looked at me and played with my legs as they are on top of his lap. I closed my eyes as he massaged my feet. Me :" mmmh "

Ingathi :' it's nice ? "

I nodded and he kissed my legs and kept on massaging.

Ingathi :" Kamo "

Me :" mmmh ?"

I looked at him and he kissed my lips and I responded and I broke it.

Me :" what are we doing ?"

Ingathi :" I love you "

Me :" why do you love me ?"

Ingathi:" what do you mean when you say why do I love you ? "

Me :" it's shocking. Like why ? It weird "

Ingathi :' How ? "

I removed my legs and stood up.

Me :" Not when you were just married it feels...."

Ingathi :" good ? "

He tilted his head and held my waist.

Ingathi :" I have changed Kamo "

His face was close to my lips.

Ingathi :" let's make things work between us "

I looked at him.

Ingathi :" are we letting things work for the baby and us ? "

Me :" like a family ? "

Ingathi :" yeah like that "

I looked at him.

Ingathi :"can I kiss you ? "

I nodded and he slowly did. I broke it and out my hands on his chest.

Me :" I don't..."

Ingathi :" I won't hurt you if you don't "

I really don't know what to do .

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~UNSEEN PAIN ~

We got in the bedroom and I sat on the bed watching him undress. I played with my fingers looking at him till he looked at me and smirked a bit looking amused.

Siyanda :" Like what you see ? "

Me:" no it's scary "

Siyanda :" I know you like it "

I giggled and he came and kissed my forehead.

Siyanda :" Don't worry. I won't go back "

Me :" How do you know ?"

Siyanda :" I know. "

I sighed and nodded.

Me:" ok then "

Siyanda :" What we can do is take a bath together "

Me :" but I am already clean "

He undressed me.

Siyanda :" I didn't see you bath "v

Me :" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" Come "

I stood up and got undressed with him and we went to the bathroom We opened water in the bathtub and he was preparing himself a bit before we got in. I was between his legs. He kissed my shoulder and played with my nipples a bit my mind wondered off a bit as well.

Siyanda :" What's on your mind ? "

Me:" nothing "

He nodded as he caressed my body. It was warm and I was in a comfortable position so I started drifting off to sleep while laying on his chest.

"Sizakele "

I was in a dark place with just a few trees yet I can't see anyone.

"Sizakele "

Me :" who are you ? "

I walked around and he appeared.

Me :" Baba "

He nodded and I walked closer to him something in me moved and made me happy seeing him.

Me :" is it really you? "

Baba :" you can't touch me Siza I am in your mind "

Me :" oh "

I was bummed out. He smiled.

Baba :" I miss you two. "

I faintly smiled.

Baba :" Everything will be ok "

Me :" It will never be "

Baba :" It's just part of trials "

Me :" Ungilimazile baba kakhulu kabuhlungu. I trusted Aiza kodwa ...( he hurt me so much so bad . I trusted Aiza but ...)"

Baba :" I know I saw everything "

Me :" Why ?! Why did you stand by ?"

Baba :" Aiza would have been like that even if I tried. He would have been Siza I am trying so much as well in your life "

Me :" You are lying baba "

Baba :" I am. You are my daughter you shouldn't be here . It's not where you belong and it ends badly but you are sinking your class in too deep that I can't handle. "

Mw:" i belong with your son?"

I was getting pissed off.

Baba :" Yes but he needs to prove himself worthy again. The business failing everything will fall apart so he can realise alit of things in his life "

Me :" it's too late. I don't want him anymore "

Baba :" You need each other Your souls loves each other way before you could be married "

Me :" it was fake "

Baba :" I know. It was the wrong time for you to be together romantically and you both weren't fully ready.

He looked at my stomach and smiled. I wanted to be out of here. I don't love Aiza anymore.

Baba :" I tried Sizakele I will see you "

He turned and walked off.

Me :" Baba "

He stopped and turned.

Me :" Thank you and I still love you even though me and Aiza won't be together anymore "

He smiled.

Baba :" I love you too my child. You will always be my daughter and it saddens me more than Aiza and you "

I frowned and he turned and walked off

"Baby "

I opened my eyes and looked around the bathroom. The water was getting cold.

Siyanda :" I bathed you let's get out "

I nodded.

Siyanda :" You are tired ? "

Me :" yes "

He picks me up.

Siyanda :" Ok

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let's get out "

I nodded.

Siyanda :" You are tired ? "

Me:" yes "

He picks me up.

Siyanda :" Ok rest "

I laid my head on his chest I don't understand what baba was saying and won't think of going back to Aiza again.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

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I didn't want to open my eyes when I felt like I have rested enough. I knew I would see Sne and I didn't want to see her at the moment. I thought about Siza I have hurt her so many times and it's all my fault that she is leaving. Maybe I should make her happy by signing the divorce papers and make her live her own life I should get my act together as well. She deserves to smile all the time and not cry all the time. It really saddens me to see her in that state. I am the last person to say that. I sink into sleep after some time.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

We sat in Ingathi 's office till he could Knock off. He showed and told me alot of stuff that actually whiskey is not that hard to make just three ingredients and I can even make it at home. I thought it's a lot of processes done for it to come out that way but he made it sound so simple. We went to his car and got in and he drove off to PnP to buy some good treats and healthy treats as well before going to the hospital. I was happy that I was going to see my mother I have been worried about her the whole day as well. We got there and got out and made our way inside to find her ward.

Me :" do you think she is ok ?"

Ingathi :" she is more than ok "

I nodded. I walked in front of him as well approached the ward and I got in and she was watching some tv.

Me :" Mom "

She looked our direction and I walked in further and stood by her side. She sat up and looked at Ingathi . She patted the side of her bed for me to sit on and then I sat next to her as she hugged me. I hugged her back breaking down.

Mom:" I love you "

Me :" I love you too please get better. You have me only now and I only have you "

She nods we broke the hug and I wiped my tears.

Mom:" I am going to be a grandmother?"

I nodded bitting my bottom lip and she touched my stomach.

Mom :" please don't push me away "

Me :" I won't "

I was happy to hear all of this from her she needs some therapy and rehabilitation to be ok and I know she will be a wonderful grandmother.

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I looked at Siyanda who is next to me. I wish our baby could look like him. He looks cute while asleep and his silky hair and bushy eye brows pink lips. This guy is a full coloured but he always denies it and says he is a full Zulu guy. I ran my fingers through his silky hair and went to his ear and played with it smiling while biting my bottom lip. I don't want to wake him up because looking at him may seem weird but it's therapeutic for me to look at someone. Me :" iKhaladi leli ( this is a coloured )"

" I am not a coloured. I am a black Zulu man "

He opened his eyes.

Siyanda :" I am not coloured "

Me :"you look like one and your hair is silky "

Siyanda :" No "

Me :" how is your father look like ? "

Siyanda :" Mexican I think I don't know "

Me :" so you are Mexican ? "

Siyanda :" no mom had a one night stand with a Mexican guy in Mexico before she was arrested there "

Me :" your mother is a strong woman "

He smiled.

Siyanda :" so you will stop bothering me now ? "

Me :" yes "

Siyanda :" kiss me "

I kissed him.

Me :" let's go eat "

Siyanda :" stay here I will get the food"

Me :" ok "

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He perked my lips and got off the bed.

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 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

i kissed her cheek and wrapped her arms around the teddy bear and watched her sleep on the chair. I smiled and took a photo of her beautiful face and looked at it a bit and then smiled at myself. The baby is draining her at times as well The smile fades as I think and look at her . The door bell rings from downstairs and I look at her then kiss her forehead and I rushed out of the bedroom and walk to the door. I open it and she is standing there. Me :" Thabisile What ...."

She walks in before I can say anything and tears run down her cheeks. She sits on the couch and I look at her.

Me :"What's wrong ? "

Thabisile :" He found out that Manqoba is not his Siyanda "

Me :" Woah. "

Thabisile :" It was going to come out eventually. "

Me :" I know "

She sniffs.

Thabisile :" it's over between us. He wants nothing to do with me "

I look at Manqoba.

Me :" Hey boy "

He nods.

Me :" You can't be here because my girlfriend is here "

Thabisile :" since when ? We are your family for God damn sake "

Me :" I know just calm down. "

Manqoba sits next to her and she hands over the little baby to him. He has grown and looks just like me.

Thabisile :" He has blue eyes. He suspected but he brushed it off but his skin colour and hair gave away "

I look at him and look at her and hold her shoulders.

Me :" Calm down. We can sort this out. We will get through this "

Thabisile :" Ok "

Me :" Ok ? "

She nods and I look at the little baby in Manqoba's hands.

Thabisile :" I haven't been home in years. "

Me:" I know "

I took the girl and put her in my arms and she opened her eyes and looks at me and I turn around.

Me :" I will book you in a hotel "

She nods.

Thanisile :" let me leave before I get you in trouble. "

Mw :" I will tell her. We should tell the family as well. "

Thabisile :" Nhlanhla will bury us both "

l sigh.

Me :" Go and rest "

She nods.

Thabisile :" Come"

Manqoba stands up and she took the baby from my arms and she walked off. I sighed and sat on the couch. I grunted as the door closed and closed my eyes as well. I didn't know she was pregnant again. I know that this is wrong but it just happened and since then it has been our little secret decided to stop when she was pregnant but we always came back again.

" Siyanda "

I open my eyes and she walks towards me holding the soft bear covering her stomach.

Siza :" Why did you leave me on the chair like that?"

Me :" you looked comfortable "

Siza :" It looks beautiful. I can't wait to have our baby here "

I faintly smiled.

Me :" me too "

Siza :" I am hungry. I should call Ndalo and Kamo for tomorrow. We are preparing her baby shower "

Me :" How far Is she ? "

Siza :" I think about 8 Months. "

Me:" ok "

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She walks to the kitchen. I look at her.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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Me :" Mmmh "

Ingathi :" stop working yourself. "

He keeps on massaging my feet.

Me :" Ah baby "

Ingathi :" I am sorry "

Me :" when Is this baby coming out. ?"

Ingathi :" One month left "

Me :" Argh "

These past 3 months have been a drag with this pregnancy. I am tired now more than ever.

Ingathi :" Should I gets warm bath for you ? "

Me :" I just took one. "

I closed my eyes.

Me :" leave my legs you are making me feel hot "

Ingathi :" But ..."

Me :" Please turn on the air conditioner I want to sleep "

He chuckled and doe exactly as I say. He turns it right and then kissed my shoulder and lips and looks at me.

Ingathi :" I will be back ok ? "

I nodded.

Ingathi :" What should I bring ? "

Me :" Nuggets or anything else "

Ingathi :" I will bring anything else then "

He kissed me and I responded.

Ingathi :" I will be back "

I nodded and he took his car keys and walked out of the bedroom. I turn. Mom is in Rehab and soon she will come back. She Is doing well and wants to change and I am happy about that.

 $\star$  AIZA  $\star$ 

Sne :" Uhm baby "

She stands up as I walk in and look at her and this woman in my lounge. I keep my silence and look at them.

Sne :" This is My aunt Lusanda and she is here to visit us. "

Her aunt :" Hi. I....

She stretches out her hand.

Me :" This is my house. You remember your place as someone I hired because of my wife. "

There is silence. I walk up the stairs and stop.

Me :" By the way. Please pack your bags. I am selling the house. "

Sne :" Aiza ! "

I kept on walking and went to the bedroom and went to take a shower. I leaned against the wall and her screams and cries still haunt me. I close my eyes and take a deep breath. The water keeps on running down my back washing the sweat off that I got from jogging. I but my bottom lip and trail my fingers on the slippery tile.

" I love you

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I promise I won't hurt you "

She smiled and laid her head on my chest.

Siza :" I know. I love you too

I broke my promise I always claimed to love her yet I hurt her like I didn't. I feared loosing her I feared the pressure I got from my father and always got. I am a little boy stuck in a man's body it's too late for me to realise when she has slipped away from my fingers . I look at my fingers and I turn and fist my wall on the glass threw times and it breaks cutting my hand. It doesn't cut deep than what I am feeling. Tears run down my cheeks and I sat down. I caused her too much pain

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Aunty :" Go after him and talk to him "

Me :"just let him cool off. His business is not going well "

Aunty :" what ? And you are still here ? "

Me :" I love him "

Aunty :"eyi voetsek love wokunuka. Is love gonna feed you ?

Me :" No "

Aunty :" pack your bags. We are going.

Why does she do me like this. I clicked my tongue and went up the stairs.



Pure bliss is what I have been having. Siyanda is amazing in many ways possible . I think I am falling in love with him but I don't want to pin it yet. Yes I love him but not in love with him. I take out some yogurt and. I hear him speak. Siyanda :" I will be back "

Me :" where are you going ? "

I walked out of the kitchen.

Siyanda :" since when do you ask where I go to? "

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Me :" I was just asking. "

Siyanda :" Don't start annoying tendencies just feed my baby I will be back "

He took his car keys and I watched him walk out. What was that ?

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~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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I move around the yard just so I can exercise my legs. I am on the call with Ndalo and Kamo as well She looks like she is about to burst anytime. I out my hand on my stomach and run it slowly.

Kamo :" I am tired. I don't even want the baby shower any more "

Me :" And our ideas ?"

She shook her head.

Ndalo :" Oh well. There goes my chance to drink at a party. "

Kamo:" Has unfair "

Me :" very unfair Ndalo "

She giggled.

Kamo :" I have to go. I am tired. "

Me :" I will visit soon "

She nods and we all say our good byes and we hung up. I held onto my phone and went onto Social media. I haven't been active for so long My wall is flooded and I just scroll and get out and keep on walking around. I feel a kick on my lower abdomen and I stop.

Me:" Ouuh baby "

I smiled. The joy of feeling this and having someone by your side is very blissful. I bite my bottom lip and moved my hand around my stomach and I feel another kick and I smile. It stops and there is no movement. I breathe out and rub my stomach and keep on moving around the yard. I see a news headlines about Aiza 's company shutting down. I haven't seen him since the day he hit me and he was shot but that company means alot to me. To us because baba worked for it. I sacrificed for it as well and now it's just vanishing. I want nothing to do with Aiza but I can't help not feeling ok about the company shutting down. Did things get that worse? My phone rings and it's Siyanda. I let it ring a bit before answering.

Me :" Hello "

Siyanda :" Should I bring anything when I come back? "

Me:" No nothing "

Siyanda :" Ok. Uhm we need to talk "

Me:" Me too. "

Siyanda :" See you when i come back. "

Me :" sure "

I hung up and looked at my phone and kept on walking. I wonder what he wants to talk to me about.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

"Argh !! "

They keep on making some noise while watching some soccer. I get a few beers from the fridge and I walk to the lounge and he turns to me and gets up from the seat and his friends are looking at us. Andile :" you should do anything "

Me :" I am pregnant not paralyzed "

Andile :" I know. I just want you to relax "

Me :" Relax and sit down "

Phelo :" yes sit down and thanks for the drinks "

He sits down.

Me :" you are welcome. I think I should go to the store. I need some airtime. "

Andile :" I will go buy it. "

Mw:" I just need to stretch my legs "

He puts the remote down and he stood up and came my way. Andile :" Zama "

Phelo:" Shh "

Me :" Don't worry "

Andile :" I am coming with you "

I sigh and he rushes to the bedroom and comes back .

Andile :" asambe (lets go )"

He takes my hand and I sigh. We walk out of the house and walk down the street. People walk past looking at us as we walk.

Andile :" how is my little boy doing ? "

Me :" fine. He is behaving "

Andile :" you ? "

Mw:" I am fine baby "

He perks the side of my head.

Andile :" have you found your sister?"

Me:" no it's like she vanished. Iam still searching "

Andile :" you will find her "

I sigh I really messed up and I need to fix my mess.

## $\star$ AIZA $\star$

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I walk down the stairs and she comes towards me and slaps me.

Sne :" you are a jerk and I am glad Siza left you piece if shit ! Sies. "

Me :" you know the way "

Sne :" Nx. Karma will get you "

Me:" Ok "

She took her bag and walked out with her aunt and I was about to close the door when a car stopped by the drive way. A guy came out and made his way to me.

Him:" hi. You are Aiza Biyase right?"

Me :" yes "

He handed the papers to me.

Him :" we will put the board up just now "

Me :"Sure "

He walked off and I got in and closed the door. Things are a mess. I have accepted I won't come back from any of this ever again. People are loosing their jobs as well. It's a very big head tht I can't solve and handle. I sigh and walk uo the stairs.

## $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

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I walk inside the hotel passages and go to the given door. I knock once an twice and she opened the door .

Thabisile :" please don't make noise. They are sleeping "

It really shouldn't have started. It's a mess that I don't know how to handle. I look at her as I walk In

It was just after Nhlanhla and Ndalo getting married. The wedding day and the time we were supposed to departure. I kept on looking at her and looking away as well

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she smiled and enjoyed her self flashing her wedding ring everywhere she got. She came and sat next to me and I drank my drink as she sighed.

Thabisile :" I am so tired "

Me :" you are supposed to where is Hubby? "

Thabisile :" He left earlier "

I nodded. It was better when we didn't see each other so much because we could forget.

Me:" I am going. Should I take you home?"

Thabisile :" please and thank you "

She stood up and I held her hand and she took her small bag and we said goodbye before we walked out going to one of the cars and we get driven around.

Me :" please drive me to my house "

Thabisile :" My husband will come and fetch me there "

I nodded as she busied her herself with her phone. We got to my house and I helped her out. My home. Mom wasn't coming back today only after two days as she said. We got inside and I turned on the lights and threw my blazer on the couch and sat down. Thabisile :" that was wonderful "

Me : " very wonderful. "

I went to drink some water and sat on the opposite couch and looked at her. We were just waiting for her husband.

Thabisile :" the call doesn't go through "

Me:" try him "

She does again and it fails as well. She groans

Me :" why did he leave you ? "

Thabisile :" Family emergency "

Me :" I see "

She looks at me.

Thabisile :" you see what ? "

I shrugged. She looked at me and smirked.

Me :" what ? "

Thabisile :" you have grown "

Me :" you too "

She laughs a bit

Thabisile:" I can't believe it "

Me:" what?"

She shook her head smiling.

Thabisile :" I always thought I would end up with you "

The highschool incident comes to my mind. We were just experimenting. Nothing more. I looked at her.

Me :" me too "

Thabisile :" Nhlanhla would kill us "

She giggled.

Me :" come here "

She got up and sat on my lap and I kissed her lips as she returned it.

Thabisile :" Siyanda I have been calling you ! "

Me :" sorry "

Thabisile :" what are you thinking of ?"

I look at Manqoba and she looks at him.

Thabisile :" oh. Yes "

Me :" did you call a family meeting ? "

She nodded.

Me :" ok. I have to go. I was just checking you "

Thabisile :" thank you "

I smiled and turned and walked to the door.

Thabisile :" Siyanda "

I stopped and turned to her.

Thabisile :" I wish I was her. "

Me :" don't "

Thabisile :" it would have been easier "

Me :" it was mistakes "

Thabisile :" I love you "

I opened the door.

Me :" I have to go "

I walked out and walked to the elevator. It's best when I not see her. I don't want to do things I will regret. I love Siza so much I don't want to hurt her.

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## ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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The door opened as I was watching some tv and he walked in holding a paper bag. I put the ice down and I looked at him. Already my stomach is calling for what's in his hand he puts his car keys down and he comes and kisses my cheek.

Siyanda :" How are you ? "

Me :" I am good. You seem tired "

I take the paper bag without asking and take out the burger.

Siyanda :" I am tired. "

Me :" Mmmh "

Siyanda :" Mmmh ? "

I nodded. He sighed and looked at me and smirked a bit. I smiled as well

Siyanda :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

I perk his lips.

Siyanda :" I am sorry about the way I acted earlier and what I said. I shouldn't stress you "

Me :" You shouldn't "

He nodded and I ate.

Siyanda :" you wanted us to talk "

Me :" oh yes. I know that Aiza and I are practically no more "

Siyanda :" where are you going with this? "

Me :" The company. It means alot to me. I don't know how I will save it but I can't just sit and do nothing. "

Siyanda :" Just buy the company from him. "

Me:" I only have a million. "

Siyanda :" I bought shares from his mother a few months ago. "

Me :" What ? "

Siyanda :" For you. I did it for you "

Me :" Siyanda no "

Siyanda :" Baby listen "

Me :"you should have talked to me "

Siyanda :" I know. "

I was pissed off because I don't want to owe anyone anything.

Me :" Keep them. I don't want them. "

Siyanda :" Siza "

I shook my head.

Me :" I will have to go to Jo'burg soon "

Siyanda :" I can give you money "

Me :" No Don't. I want to do this on my own "

Siyanda :" With Aiza ? Practically you want a way to stay in his life "

Me :" So we are doing this ? "

I gave him a look

Siyanda :" Why do you care what happens to the company you don't even do anything "

Me :" Wow Just wow Siyanda. You don't really understand that the person who built that company means alot to me.

I can't watch his hard work vanish like that. It's so considerate of you to say that "

Siyanda :" Babe "

Me :" Let me shut up before I say something that will piss you off and make me pissed than I already am "

He sighs. I keep on eating.

Siyanda :"swallow and stop eating "

I do just that. I am over what he is going to say.

Siyanda :" I don't know how to say this. I don't want you heading from someone else "

I keep quiet and look at him.

Siyanda :" I have two kids besides the one you are carrying.

Woah did my ears hear right?

Me :" and you decided not to tell me about that ? "

Siyanda :" I am "

Me :" months later. You don't know a good foundation of a relationship is honesty. Honestly I don't know what to say. Why didn't you tell me? "

Siyanda :" Let me talk "

I let him talk.

Siyanda :" I didn't see it important "

I chuckled.

Me :" So your kids. How old are they ? "

I am angry now

Siyanda :" I have a 6 year old son and a 3-4 month old daughter "

I just stood up and walked off towards the bedroom.

Siyanda :" Siza "

I shut the door and I slid down and cried. I am sure the mother is coming for him. It's clear as that. I am not ready for all of this I didn't sign up for this. He should have been honest with me maybe I would have prepared myself. Does he really love me? Siza why are you asking such a question?

# $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

We got the airtime and I bought chips as well. We sat by the store a bit just having a time to ourselves before we get to his friends he trusts them with the house and they were watching tv only. He kisses my forehead and rubs my stomach It worries me that I don't know where Siza is but MaZuma said that she would forgive me as her heart is pure just full of pain. I wish I didn't do anything between her and Aiza now they are apart because of me while I am happy.

Andile :" I wish we can stay like this forever "

Me:" Me too "

Andile :" It's nice being stuck in this bubble "

Me :" We will get through anything "

Andile :" yeah we would get through anything"

He kisses my lips and we hear a taxi approaching. It parked by us and we broke the kiss and I out my hands over his shoulders.

"We have to come up with a plan "

" No aunty I will deal with him. "

I hear two women talking Andile is still playing with my stomach. A kick comes from my stomach.

Andile :" (smiling ) my little girl will be a soccer player "

Me :" No no ... she will be a lady "

Andile:" she will be but a soccer player too "

Me :" Ha ah Andile"

He chuckled and I joined in. He looks into my eyes.

Andile :" I love you so much "

Me :" I love you more "

He perked my lips and I giggled.

Andile :" uhlekani ?( What are you laughing at ? )"

Me:" Nothing "

He tickles me. I laugh.

Me :" Andile stop "

Andile :" what are you laughing at ? "

I keep on laughing and rush away from him and he follows me.

### $\star$ SNE $\star$

I didn't think I would see him this soon. As soon as we got out of the taxi he was standing there with his fiance. I took some time to look at them and they look happy and in love The way he looked at her. He didn't even notice me talking with my aunt. It hurt a bit. I walked off with her. i used to love Andile so much. He was a wonderful guy and the way he spoils you with it should bury everything else he didn't have but I wanted more. My friends had boyfriend's who bought them stuff. I wanted that too. I didn't want it to end with the cooking or the slab of chocolate. I wanted to be taken out as well and enjoy. Flash with him. Now I regret leaving him. We get home and I put my bag down.

Aunty :" Hambo lala ( go and sleep )"

I nod and sleep on my bed and I start crying. I wish I didn't leave him we would be happy and I pregnant for him. I should do a pregnancy test and see if I am pregnant for Aiza. Maybe I am that calms me down.

★AIZA★

Me :" what are you doing here?"

Mom:" you are asking me that ? I am your mother "

Me :" I don't need your stress. "

Mom :" your father's company is crumbling "

Me :" yet you don't give a fuck "

She sat down and I looked at her.

Mom:" he left it for you not me "

Me :" how are you gonna mantain that house. Car ? Clothes basically your life if it's gone. Do you work perhaps. "

She looks at me.

Mom:" I have 3million "

I chuckled.

Me :" with you. Wait for this month to end you will see "

Mom :" Aiza !"

Me :" Please get out. "

She grabs her bag and walks out. I close the door and I close my eyes.

Me :" Fuck "

I need Siza. I miss her so much but I should let her be. I can't keep stealing her happiness. Even if we were friends again. I need to apologise to her for what I did I regret it so

much. Shouldn't have done it in the first place . I look around the house and sigh before going up the stairs.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

" Baby "

Someone softly says and I groan a kiss on my cheeks makes my eyes flap open and I look at him. It's getting dark outside How long did I sleep ?

Ingathi : " you surely slept "

He sits next to me. I sit up.

Me :" I am tired. "

He rubs my stomach and kisses my cheek.

Ingathi :" I am sorry "

Me :" I am hungry "

He chuckled

Ingathi :" i don't even get a kiss. "

Me :" Please some food "

Ingathi :" You know I love you right ? "

Me :" what did you do? "

Ingathi :" nothing why would you think I did something wrong ?"

Me :" people say that in movies when they are about to drop a bomb"

He chuckles. I yawn.

Ingathi :" Let me get that food. "

I nod and he walks out of the bedroom. I get off the bed and I walk towards the bathroom and beush my teeth. I look ugly very ugly yet Ingathi never told me. I feel tears stream down my cheeks and I sniff. I walk out of the bathroom and I cried sitting on the bed. He came back with the food and looked at me.

Ingathi :" why are you crying ? "

Me :" I am ugly "

Ingathi :" who told you that ? "

Me. " My neck is big and black my face is big. I should stop eating "

Ingathi :" don't even think of starving our child and yourself. You are beautiful baby I don't see what you are talking about "

Me :"I love you "

Ingathi :" I love you too. Come eat "

I shift and take some food wiping my tears and i stuff my face. He smiles.

Ingathi :" that's what I want to see "

I smiled as well.

### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I took a nap after me crying and I just woke up I got off the bed and it was dark. I went to the bathroom and brushed my teeth and git into pyjamas I walked out of the bedroom because I was hungry. I walked to the lounge and I hear some tv and it's Siyanda and I look next to him Its a small boy who looks exactly like him. I look at them.

Siyanda :" you are awake "

I nodded slowly.

He cleared his throat.

Siyanda :" baby this is Manqoba "

Me :" he looks like you "

I could feel my heart ripping apart.

Siyanda :" boy this is Aunty Siza "

He nodded and concerntrated on the tv. It's clear he went to the baby mama to fetch him. I am hurt that he didn't tell me.

Me :" I am going to eat. Is he hungry ?"

Siyanda :" no he is fine. I will make him food "

What is he implying?

Me:" I am going to the kitchen "

Siyanda :" I will make him food "

He stands up and I am hurt.

Me:" Siyanda "

Tears stream down my eyes and I hold my stomach and I run back to the bedroom crying I close the door and he knocks. It hurts that he would think I would do something to his son. What could I possibly do.

Siyanda :" Siza !"

I ignore him and I cry I get in bed and I cover myself.

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I looked at my side and he wasn't in bed. I sighed and I sat up and took my phone from the bed side and tried to call him and it got answered.

Siyanda :" Babe "

Me :" Where are you ? "

Siyanda :" I went to drop Manqoba with his mother then go and meet my mother "

I nod. What's going on between us. I love him.

Me :" Ok. When are you gonna be back ? "

Siyanda :" I will be a bit late this weekend I might go home as well "

I swallowed as tears prickled my eyes.

Siyanda :" Siza "

Me:" Siyanda "

Siyanda:"Do you want me to bring something?"

Me :" no I am fine. Thank you "

Siyanda :" Ok. "

Me :" I love you "

Siyanda :" Me too. "

He hung up and I looked at my phone as tears streamed down my eyes. Maybe I am exaggerating but I can't loose him. I am trying as well to be understand girlfriend but ...maybe I am just exaggerating. I look at my phone and I scroll through my contacts and I get to the number and I click on it and it rings a few times and it gets answered. I swallow.

"Hello "

Me :" Hi "

I hear some shuffling.

Aiza :" Siza Uhm how are you ? "

Me:" ok "

Aiza :" I don't want to intrude but you know I know you. "

Me :" It's small stuff. "

Aiza :" Ok. You can talk to me even though we are not together. "

Me :" I know "

Aiza :" How are you ? Is he making you happy ? Is he doing better than me ? "

Me :" The company Aiza what's going on ?"

He sighed.

Aiza :" I am loosing it it's bad "

Me :" What happened ?"

Aiza :" we just found ourselves owing alot of money "

Me :" And you didn't tell me you were busy with Sne to fix the company "

Aiza :" And I regret it. I regret hurting you Siza

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alot "

Me :" I can't let Baba's legacy just vanish "

Aiza :" well it's done "

Me :" And Mah ? What is she doing ? "

Aiza :" Nothing "

I am silent.

Me :" I will come down we need to crack our heads Ayize "

He chuckles.

Aiza :" Ok "

Me :" why are you laughing ? "

Aiza :" It's just been long since I heard that name "

Me:" Mmh. I have to go. "

Aiza :" Thank you "

Me :" it's for baba "

Aiza :" I hope you are ok "

Me:" I am always bye "

I hung up .I got off the bed and went to the kitchen.

## $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

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Thabisile :" What has the family said ? "

Me :" I just told mom to set up a family meeting for this weekend "

Thabisile :" is your girlfriend coming ?"

Me :" No she is not family but I will tell her "

Thabisile :" You love her ? "

Me :" Don't do this to yourself "

Thabisile :" I am sorry "

Me :" what's her name ? "

Thabisile :" Sisanda "

She looks at me and I look at her.

Me :" I have to go. Siza is pregnant "

Thabisile :" ok. See you "

Me :"bye "

I walked out of the hotel room and went to the elevator. This is really stressing me out. So much

 $\star$ THABISILE  $\star$ 

Why can't he love me like her I always loved him but pushed it aside because he is family. Now that everything conspired between us it grew so much . I hate how Nhlanhla will react. He has never actually seen my kids before so as the family I don't think they even know . I look at Manqoba. Me :" how is daddy ?"

Manqoba :" Ok. Uhlala nomama ( he lives with a woman )"

Me :" what's her name ? "

Manqoba :" Aunty Siza"

Me :" Mmmh. Is she beautiful ?"

He nodded.

Manqoba :" Kakhulu mama ( so much mommy )"

My insides tingle.

Me :" ok "

Can't we both have him?

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

There was a knock on the Door. Ingathi was still asleep and will be taking me to see my mother today. I went to open and it was Lindi with some woman who looked at me.

Lindi :" Kamo "

Me:" Lindi "

Lindi :" where is Ingathi ?"

Me :" Asleep "

Lindi :" mmh "

She pushed her way in and the woman looked at me and walked in. Is that her mother? I walked up the stairs and got in the bedroom and shook him from his sleep. He groaned.

Me :" your ex wife is here. "

Ingathi :" what ?! "

His eyes shot wide and he jumped off the bed and I followed after him as he rushed down the stairs. He was too fast for me . My belly was heavy for me to run behind him. We got down.

Ingathi :" what are you doing here Lindi ?"

Woman :" why were we not informed that you are divorced and expecting ? "

Ingathi :" Ma I have my own problems. I don't want her here

Woman :" yewena Ingathi. Your father is going crazy. She looks younger than you even ! "

Ingathi :" ma "

She sat down.

Her :" I want to know everything "

I saw Lindi swallowing. Didn't go as planned ? I smirked.

Me :" I will make refreshments. "

Woman :" No ingathi will make them. Sit down and relax "

I thought she hated me.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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I didn't feel ok. I don't feel good at all. I kept on vomiting the whole morning and Andile shame was by my side making sure I am ok. He brushes my hair. Andile :" are you ok ?"

Me :" yes. I am feeling a bit better "

Andile : " don't you want us to go to the Dr ?"

Me :" not now. I am fine "

He nodded.

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Andile :" I love you "

I smiled. I am lucky to have this man.

I Finished doing the chores and I got a bit busy with other things as well. I ate while I was hungry and the door opened. Siyanda walked in and it was just noon. He put his keys down and came to me and held me from behind.

Siyanda :' babe "

Me :" hi "

Siyanda :"I am tried "

I keep my silence.

Siyanda :" what are you making ? "

Me :" i don't know "

Siyanda :" I need to shower before leaving again "

I turn to him.

Me :"my appointment is at 2"

Siyanda :" shit I forgot. Can't we move it to next week ?"

I turned.

Me:"whatever "

He is silent.

Siyanda:" what's with the attitude ?"

Me :" please leave me alone "

He clicks his tongue and walks off.

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#### **INSERT 54**

I Zip up my bag and the Cab is waiting outside for my departure. Siyanda just left a few hours ago going to his home stead just because there is a family meeting. I am sure he is the one who called it. He doesn't know that I am leaving for some time and will be back maybe before he comes back or after. I walk out of the house and go to the cab and I get in and I drives off to the airport. I am nervous as well. I haven't been home in such a long time so I wonder how it will be . I just have to focus on the two if us until daddy comes back. I smile as I rub my stomach and happy with it's growth.

# $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

This will be my first time being a Ingathi's home. Its quiet a long journey but it's nice because we have to. His mother is very nice woman and also Lindi's skeleton's were ironed out. Ley me just say the whole family is going to hate her for those things. He holds my hand and I snap out of my thoughts as he looks at me.

Ingathi :"are you ok ? "

Me:" yeah. I am "

I drink my water and look outside the window.

Ingathi :" You are comfortable with us going ? "

Me :" yes I am. Just nervous "

Ingathi :" Don't be. I am here "

I smile and nod at the same time. The drive is silent once again until we reach his home stead and everyone seems to be here. It must be something serious to bring in everyone. I see Ndalo in a doek with her little boys running after her . I get off the car and went to her.

Me :" Hi "

Ndalo:"Hi. How are you?"

We share a hug.

Ndalo :" My God are you sure you are not carrying twins ?"

Me :" No Silly no. It's one baby "

Ndalo :" the stomach is big "

Me :" I know. Where is Siza ? "

Ndalo :" I was about to ask the same thing "

I looked at her.

Ndalo :" Let's go inside "

We went inside and I went on greeting and ingathi would introduce me. Majority were nice but just one or two that weren't but overrall they are a nice family.

"Ndalo muphi uSiyanda !?(Ndalo where is Siyanda ?!)"

A woman asks.

Ndalo :" Angimazi MaK kumele abe lah. Othi Ngibheke unhlanhla ( I Don't know MaK. He is supposed to be here let me check on Nhlanhla )"

She walked off.

Ingathi :" Gogo "

MaK :" YaBoy. "

Ingathi :" Hawu "

MaK:" where is your rude wife?"

Ingathi's mother :" Ungakhulumi ngalowo Doti ( don't talk about that rubbish )"

MaK:" I knew it wouldn't last. "

Ingathi :" please. I don't want to talk about her "

Ma :" kamogelo do you want to rest ? "

Me :" no I am fine thank you "

She smiled. I like her really. Ndalo and Nhlanhla walk in.

Nhlanhla :" I see his car "

It'spacked.

MaK: I wonder what he wants to talk about "

They all ask themselves. We wait a bit and then the door opens and a little boy walks in and he looks so coloured and a woman as well. She is very beautiful carrying a baby in her hands.

Ndalo :" wait "

Thabisile :" Sanibonani (greetings)"

Everyone greeted back.

She sits down.

MaK:" who's children are they ? "

Thabisile :" mine "

Nhlanhla :" He doesn't look like your husband. "

Thabisile :" I know. We divorced "

Everyone gasps.

Woman :" who did you inform ? Why did you cheat on him because it's clear. "

Thabisile looked down. The door opened.

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Ndalo:" Amen ! "
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She stood up and walked off. Does she know something. I looked at the door and Siyanda walked in.

Siyanda :" Sanibonani ( hello )"

Woman :" oh Nkosi Yami "

She held her chest.

Nhlanhla :" Mah are you ok ?"

Ingathi :" what's going on ? "

Woman :" please tell me not what I think it is. "

Nhlanhla :" what ? "

Siyanda :" we are sorry "

Nhlanhla :" Askies "

I swallowed. Yho I am scared of this man more than anything.

Woman :" Thabisile !!! "

Shw cried.

Woman :" aweNkosi "

MaK:"can someone clearify what's going on?"

I can see it.

Me :" I think Siyanda is the father of this boy "

MaK:" Angizwanga Ntombazane ( excuse me )"

Nhlanhla charged to Siyanda and pinned him on the door. Everyone was on their feet. I was just looking for their nearest exit . He was choking him.

Thabisile :" leave him !"

She tried to pull his arm off and he let go of Siyanda and turned with a slap before walking past me to where Ndalo walked off. My body froze and I was in terror.

Thabisile :" are you ok? "

MaK :" how could you !? "

Siyanda :" I am sorry mah"

Ingathi :" That's your niece "

Thabisile :" I love him "

Woman :" Voetsek love my foot !!"

Wait what? Does Siza know about this? Where is she? Something sled down my legs and I looked down. It was clear liquid. I looked at everyone and I was embarrassed the most. How do I move from here as well without them noticing. I just peed on myself as well. I feel light pains and I moan.

MaK:" Yazi wena !"

She slaps her son around and Siyanda is letting her be. She is tough.

Me :" ah !"

I held on my stomach.

Ingathi :" Woah are you ok ? "

Me :" my stomach. It hurts "

Ma :" her water broke "

Me :" I am a month early "

Ma :" it happens come. Take her to the hospital. "

Me :" Ahhh !!"

Ingathi gathers strength and he picks me up and walks to the car. The door is open and I am out inside.

Me :" oh my God !"

It's increasing. The pain that is. He gets in and looks at me.

Me :" drive Ingathi "

Ingathi :" ok. Ok. "

He starts the car. Ma hope in and outs a blanket on my thighs

Ma :" breath in and out.

I did that as the car drove off.



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I Have been wanting to come here and now I finally did. I knock on the door and I hear footsteps and the door swings open. He is in chino pants and a shirt half done. He looks and smells good as well. I plaster a smile but he keeps a straight face.

Me :" hi "

Andile :" please get straight to the point "

Me :" I heard. I came to congratulate you "

Andile :" I don't need your congratulations buy thanks. Anything else ? "

Me :" why are you mean ? "

Andile :" I don't have time for you. I am busy as you can see

Me:" Andile it's me "

Andile :" do what Sne ? The world didn't work out for you ?"

I swallowed.

Me :" I still love you "

Andile :" well I don't. Now get the fuck out of my house my wife wouldn't appreciate it and let this be the last day you talk to me "

Me :" Andile "

"Babe here is the tie ! "

She appears behind him.

Her:" uhm "

Andile :" she was leaving "

Me :" we are still talking "

Her :" here is your tie. I am going to sleep "

Andile :" Get out !"

He slammed the door on my face. I saw pain and anger. I left him when he needed me.



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I finally landed and it felt new. I shouldn't be travelling much because of my situation. My phone rings and it's Making. It's been a minute.

Me :" babes. How are you ? "

Kamo :" why are you not here ? "

Me :" where ?"

Kamo :" Siyanda's homestead "

Me :" Oh. He didn't want me to come "

Kamo :" Because of his dirty laundry "

Me :" what do you mean ? "

Kamo :" he has two kids "

Me :" oh "

Kamo :" oh. You are saying oh Siza ? "

Sometimes I forget that she is younger than me.

Me :" he told me. I met the son. "

Kamo :" oh. So you know the mother is his niece "

Me :" I am sorry what !? "

I stop my tracks and everyone in the airport is looking at me before carrying on.

Kamo :" Yes. "

Me :" how come he sleeps with someone young "

Kamo :" you mean older than you. Some weird explanation but the mother is Nhlanhla's twin "

Me :" so h slept with his family. Member? "

Kamo :" yep. They are in a room right now after the whole saga. "

My heart break. I wonder what they are doing.

Kamo :" I am sorry. "

Me :" it's ok I hang up and I go and sit down and hold myself from crying. I take my phone and make a call.

## $\star$ THABISILE $\star$

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Me :" he is angry "

Siyanda :" he is supposed to be "

Me :" what now ? "

Siyanda :" I don't know "

He kissed my forehead.

Siyanda :" I have to check on Siza "

My heart sinks. Why doesn't he want me. He walks out.

★SIZA★

I don't know what to do. I tried him but it went to voicemail till I switched my phone off after getting an Uber. I got off and knocked on the door and I waited. A few moments later it opened and I just dropped my bags and we just shared a hug. A genuine nice needed hug I felt tears stream down my eyes and a sob escapes my lips.

Aiza :" shhh it's ok "

I sniffed. I didn't want to go home. I needed someone to vent to. Mom would have sent me here anyway or went crazy about the baby "

Aiza:" you are pregnant "

He looks at my stomach. I put my hand on it. "

Me :" yeah. "

Aiza :" come in "

We both walk inside and it's cold and empty. He was sitting on the couch by the look of things. He sat down.

Me :" How are things ? "

Aiza :" They repossessed all my cars and left your car the house is under your name so it's still safe. "

Me :" how did you get here ? "

Aiza :" i got myself here Siza. No one else "

I wipe my tears.

Aiza:" why are you crying ? "

Me:" nothing "

Aiza :" you know I deserved loosing you I deserve everything that's bad "

Me :" that not true. You don't deserve bad things. No one does"

Aiza :" and you didn't either "

Me:" Iknow "

Aiza :" I will take your bag to the guest room "

I nodded and he walked up the stairs. I sigh and look at the blank tv till he came back. I looked at him and he went to the kitchen and came back with hot chocolate and sat down. I smiled. Just like how baba made it with cream and sprinkles.

Me :" I miss him "

Aiza :" me too "

Me:" we can seek the house and then take the money and out back in the business "

Aiza :" I was thinking that but going to a smaller place "

Me :" you can rent for two months before buying a small place. "

Aiza:" with what?"

Me :" I can contribute my money "

Aiza :" it's your money "

Me :" it's our money Aiza"

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" we will talk this through "

He nodded. I checked my phone and opened it and saw some missed calls and. A message.

Siyanda :" Siza I won't beg you. Answer the phone "

I switched it off. Just imagining them.

Aiza :"what's on your mind ? "

I out my mug down and I leaned in and kissed him. He broke it off.

Aiza :" Siza what wrong ? "

I kissed him again. I wanted to feel everything. He returned the kiss and broke it.

Aiza :" I don't want to take advantage of you "

Me :" I love you "

Aiza :" I love you with everything in me Siza and I am truly sorry about everything I did. I lost you and that's ok. If you are happy that's ok. "

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Me :" I am not "
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I kissed him again and he responded.

Me :" I love you "

He bit his bottom lip then kissed me.

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Ingathi :" What should I do? "

Me :" Pour ice on me. "

Ingathi :" Where would I get ice and you will be sick. "

I can't bare the pain anymore. I am trying.

Me :" I am dying "

Ma :" Don't say that my child "

I looked at Ingathi.

Me :" Inga come close "

He did and I held his hand.

Ingathi :" Baby "

Me :" lean close "

He did and I slapped him.

Ingathi :" The fuck Kamo ! "

Me :" let it be the last time you leave your sperm in me or I will kill you ! "

Ma:" Calm down "

Me :" Ah ! "

Ingathi :" Fuck where are these doctors "

Me :" Ah ! Get this baby out Ingathi !!"

Ma :" I will look for the Dr "

I cried.

Me :" Oh my god. I am dying "

Ingathi :" you will be fine "

I shook my head crying. She cradled me as I am laying on the hospital bed. I am tossing and turning. I want this baby out of me at this moment because I can't bear it.

#### $\star$ ANDILE $\star$

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Me :" I am leaving baby "

Zama :" Mmmh "

I kissed her cheek.

Me:" Something wrong?"

Zama :" no "

Me :" Talk to me "

Zama :" it's nothing Andile. Go "

Me :" I am not leaving if you don't talk "

Zama :" ok I feel threatened "

Me:" bye who? "

Zama :" your ex. She is young and beautiful. Same as your age group. "

Andile :" So ? I won't leave you and definitely not for her. "

He kissed my lips.

Andile :" I love you more than anything and I don't need anything else besides you "

Me :" you mean that ? "

Andile :" I mean it sthandwa Sam "

Me :" ok. I am sorry for being moody. You can go "

He chuckled.

Andile :" can I kiss you ?"

I nodded and he leaned in and kissed my lips and we broke it.

Andile :" I have to go "

Me :" Bye baby. "

He walked out. I smiled and rubbed my stomach. I have never felt this happy.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

I have taken off everything by the way I am feeling. Ingathi is not yet back is he going to fetch an angel from heaven? Why is he taking so long? My throat is dry from crying and the pain. He comes back. Ma :" what took you so long? '

Ingathi :" this hospital is big and couldn't find her Dr "

The Dr followed with two nurses .

Dr :" The father is going to stay ? "

Me :" Just take the damn baby out !!"

Ingathi :" I will be here "

Ma :" good luck "

Me :" I can't anymore "

I shook my head and the Dr opened my legs and checked how far I am.

Dr :" We can start. Are you all ready ? "

The nurses nod and he holds my thighs before he starts talking.

Dr :" Now I want you to give me a push on the count of 3. 123 push "

I tried to push. This is hard. This is really hard.

Me :" I can't "

Nurse :" push sisi "

I tried again but it's like it's just draining my energy. .

Ingathi :" try baby "

I shook my head.

Me :" I can't "

Dr :" the baby will suffocated. Let's do a c-section on her quickly "

I close my eyes.

Ingathi :" Baby open your eyes "

His voice was very faint. I couldn't do anything.

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I Took my phone and returned Siyanda 's calls that I just saw. He answered on the first ring and I am by the balcony.

Siyanda :" Babe. How are you ? "

Me:" I am ok you?"

Siyanda :" I am good "

Me :" how are things at home ? "

Siyanda :" they are going "

I nodded. I wanted to ask him.

Me :" is there something you want to tell me? "

Siyanda :" like ? "

Me :" stuff "

Siyanda :" Shit ! You spoke to Kamo ? "

Me :" sort off "

There was silence.

Me :" why didn't you tell me the whole truth "

Siyanda :" would you have taken it ?"

Me :" don't you hear how calm I am ? Honestly what's going on between us now. Since your kids surfaced it's like I am loosing you "

Siyanda :" so you don't want me to know my kids "

Me :" I didn't say that. I just feel like I am loosing you to their mother "

Siyanda :" Why are you being insecure ?"

Me :" Why are you making it seem like we are starting a fight ? "

Siyanda :" because you are starting one "

Me :" Talk to me when you have calmed down. "

Siyanda :" Siza "

I hung up when he called for me I sighed and turned. He was holding milk in his hands.

Aiza :" You need to calm down and think of the baby "

Me :" You are right "

I sighed. He drank it first then gave it to me.

Me :" why did you do that ? "

Aiza :" so you can see I didn't bewitch you or Anything "

I giggled and drank my milk.

Me :" nice and warm "

He smiled.

Aiza :" I will be in the study if you need me "

He turned to walk off.

Me :" Aiza "

He turned to me.

Me :" thank you "

Aiza :" I should be thanking you "

I nodded. He walked off . I sighed and kept on drinking the milk.

 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

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I hate fighting with Siza but she keeps on seeking a fight with us. Ndalo comes out and I look at her and she stands infront of me. Ndalo :" i won't do anything "

I kept quiet.

Ndalo :" Why though ? This is a big crime sin"

Me :" I know "

Ndalo :" he is angry very angry. I had to make him drink sleeping pills so he can sleep and calm down. "

Me :" he has the right to be "

Ndalo:" what about Siza?"

Me :" about her ? "

Ndalo :" where does she stand "

Ndalo :" do you love her ? "

Me :" ofcause I do. "

Ndalo :" do you love Thabisile ? "

I looked down and she sighed. I looked at her.

Me :" I really love Siza "

Ndalo :" seems like you are hurting her. Did you tell her ? "

Me :" about the kids yes but not Thabisile. Her friend told her before I could "

Ndalo :" you could've avoided it. You choose what you want "

She walks off and I look at her. What do I want?

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I walked down the stairs and went to make some food for us all. I am hungry at the same time. Memories of this place are not good at all I can't stop thinking about everything but I keep on moving till I am done cooking. I dish up for myself and Asia and I went to his study and knocked before getting in and there was a pile of papers infront of him. He sighed and looked at me

Me:" what is this?"

Aiza :" Finances "

Me :" Here is some food "

Aiza :" thank you "

I put the food down and removed the papers and gave him his food and we sat down in silence and ate.

Me :" I am thinking the sooner we see the house the better "

Aiza :" Yeah "

Me :" Maybe moving home wouldn't be a bad idea after all "

Aiza :" yeah I have no option "

Me :" So how much do we need ? "

Aiza :" At this point I am not sure "

Me :" Ok Let's use the million and the money we will get from the car if we sell it we will keep the other one for you to travel in and also sell the home appliances on websites like Olx Gumtree and also Cash Crusaders. " Aiza :" That's not bad and we bought them at an expensive price "

Me :" We would use a reasonable price "

He nodded.

Aiza :" I hear you "

We keep on eating and talking.



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He didn't budge

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He shifted a bit and looked up before getting up to my side.

Ingathi :" Hey how are you feeling ? "

Me :" In pain "

Ingathi :" It will be ok "

He kissed my forehead and smiled.

Ingathi :" Thank you "

Me :" I am never going through that again "

Ingathi :" we will see "

Me :" don't even. How does she look like ? "

Ingathi :" beautiful and handsome Gumtree and also Cash Crusaders. "

Aiza :" That's not bad and we bought them at an expensive price "

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Ingathi :" beautiful and handsome They both look amazing "

Me :" Mmmh both ? "

Ingathi :" The Little brother was behind our baby girl. He is tiny but the Dr said he will grow "

Me :" So we had two kids ? "

He nodded.

Me :" Please call the Dr "

Ingathi :" are you ok ? "

I nodded. He walked out and came back later with the Dr.

Dr:" you are awake "

Me :" Yes. Did you tie my tubes because I can't give birth anymore. "

He laughed.

Dr:" No I didn't. "

I looked at ingathi "

Ingathi :" if you want to "

Me :" please "

Dr :" I will book you for that "

Me :" Thank you "

He walked out.

Ingathi :" I love you "

Me :" me too "



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I woke up in the morning and freshened up. Already started taking pictures of the appliances and uploading them on line. Siyanda called again while I was busy and I answered him.

Siyanda :" Siza "

Me:" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" where are you ? Why are you not home ? "

Shit ! Why is he back early ?n

Me :" Thembisa. I am home. '

Siyanda :" you informed who about that ? "

Me :" No one. I am sorry. I just missed my family "

Siyanda :" Entlek uyamthanda masilwa neh ( You like it when we fight ? )"

Me :" who said we are fighting. ? "

Siyanda :" I love you Siza "

Me :"me too Siyanda. I do "

There was silence and he sighed.

Siyanda :" But I love Thabisile as well "

That broke my heart.

Siyanda :" I don't know "

Me :" You want to choose ? "

Siyanda :" I don't want to "

There was silence and tears streamed down my cheeks.

Me :" I wish you the best Siyanda "

Siyanda :" Siza "

I hung up and blocked his number before bursting into tears. He held me and I cried on his chest.

Aiza :" It's ok. It's gonna be ok "

Me :" I keep on being done like that "

Aiza :" Shhh. I am sorry "

I kept on crying it hurts so much.

## $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

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I tried calling Siza again but it didn't go through. I sighed and sat on the couch.

Me :" fuck ! "

I looked up to the ceiling. Did she just break up with me?

Me :" No she can't "

I took my phone and called Ndalo she answered.

Ndalo:" Siyanda "

Me :" I am in a situation "

Ndalo:" what?"

Me :" Siza broke up with me "

Ndalo :" oh shame. Eish sorry '

Me :" what should I do ? "

Ndalo :" Give her time to cool off "

Me :" ok "

Ndalo:" I have to go "

She hung up. We can't break up.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I wiped my tears after I was done crying.

Aiza :" we better as friends "

Is it break Siza's day today?

Me :" I agree. "

Aiza :" I am here ok ? "

I nodded.

Me:" ok "

He kissed my forehead.

Aiza :" let me make some pancakes for you "

Me :" Just like how I love them "

Aiza :" Just like how you love them. "

He went to the pantry and I say down he came back.

Aiza :" your sister she has been looking for you "

Me:" Zamile?"

He nodded.

Aiza :" sne told me "

Me :" I wonder what she wants "

Aiza :" me too "

I smiled and watched him make the food for me. We ate after and then started on agents and getting one suitable for us.

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A week passed and things are going acrodingly. We have sold half of our home appliances and also the car that we are selling has alot of people wanting it as well. The agent that will be selling our house said that we will get a huge profit from it so that was music to our ears. I don't want Baba's business to go just like that. I was going to see my mother. I have missed her so much. I even changed my sim card by the way that Siyanda tries to call me Honestly I am glad things are turning out this way. I don't have to please anyone or fight for anyone as well. Our friendship is strong. I guess being friends was the best decision as well He is supportive at the same time as I am to him. We get home and I look at him and he looks at me.

Aiza :" come let's go "

We hopped out of the car and we made our way. I saw MaZuma watering her garden and I waved as he waved back. We carried on walking and I knocked on the door and it opened.

Mom:" Siza Mntanami ( Siza my child )"

She gives me a tight hug.

Mom:" Oh I missed you. Mkhwenyana "

Aiza :" Uhm. Ma "

Mom :" Yini unoJam ngami Ayize ? ( You are shy with me Ayize ?)

We chuckled.

Aiza :" no. I am good. "

Mom :" come in. All my kids and their husbands are here. Oh my grandchildren. I am so happy as well. "

I don't understand my mother at times. I really don't. We get in and we see some guy sitting with Zamile and they are talking to dad. They turn and she stands up. I ran to my father.

Me :" Dad "

I hugged him. His hugs are always warm. I want to cry in his arms like a little girl but I have to keep myself together.

Dad :" I missed you you don't call anymore "

Me :" I changed my number and lost yours "

Mom:" Sit down. "

Aiza and I sat down.

Mom :" let me go make some tea "

I nodded. It was silent.

Dad :" I will help your mother "

He stood up and walked off. I just kept quiet.

"You are ok?"

The guy asked Zamile. She nodded with a smile on her face. How could she be happy when she destroyed my life.

Zama :" Siza "

I looked at her.

Zama :" How are you ? "

Aiza :" I need some air "

He looked pissed and Zama sighed.

Guy :" I will be outside too. Tell me if you need anything "

Zama :" I am fine. "

He stood up.

Guy :" I am Andile. Nice to meet you "

Me :" Siza "

We shook hands before he walked out. There's was silence.

Zama :" I am sorry "

Me :"For what ? "

She looked down.

Zama :" For what I did to you and Aiza "

Me :" You don't know what's you did Zama yazi awazi ! ( You don't know ! )"

Zama :" I am sorry. "

Me :" you tormented me what did I ever do to you "

Zama :" I was jealous "

Me:" congratulations you succeeded. Honestly I tried my best with you but bewitching me was the last straw "

Zama :" Please don't say that. I want to fix us. "

Me :" fix what ?!"

Mom :" That's enough Siza don't shout at your sister. "

Zama was crying.

Me :" The fuck she broke my marriage and I am sure you are happy "

Mom :" No body breaks your marriage like you do fix it yourself "

Dad :" MaBhebhe "

Mom :" No ! Siza stop blaming your sister "

Zama was crying.

Me :" I forgive you but I don't ever want to have a sister like you. "

I took my bag.

Dad :" where are you going ?"

Me :" I can't stand them dad "

Tears ran down my cheek as I walked out. The guys were talking.

Aiza :" are you ok ? "

I shook my head and he hugged me and I cried.

Aiza :" we shouldn't have come "

I hate mom. She always on Zamile's side. Not my side for once.

" Can I talk to her ? "

Aiza let go of me and nodded before walking off. Dad hugged me.

Dad :" tell me what's wrong "

Me :" everything dad. Ngikhathele umoya wami ukhathele ( I am tired. My soul is tired )"

Dad :" Speak to me "

I sniffed.

Me :" Zama Bewitched me and Aiza because she was jealous. I lost two kids and have scars on my body because of her. MaZuma tried to cleanse us but I guess it didn't work well because we broke up "

Dad :" why didn't you tell me ?"

Me :" Mom said I must fix my marriage "

Dad :" thats nonsense "

I sniffed and looked at him.

Me :" this baby is not Aiza's. "

Dad :" Siza "

Me :" I want to tell you "

He nodded.

Dad :" who is the father. "

Me :" Siyanda Khumalo. "

Dad :" does Aiza know ? "

I nodded.

Dad :" I am disappointed in your mother and sister. I will talk to them "

He kissed my forehead.

Dad :" don't stress "

Me :" thank you "

Dad :" you can go "

Me :" bye "

Dad :" bye "

I walked off. I felt good that someone is in my corner as well. I got in the car and looked at Aiza.

Aiza :" I won't pretend. I don't like her "

Me :" me either "

He held my hand.

Aiza :" let's go home "

I nodded and he drove off.

Me :" too bad I will be moving in with them month end.

Aiza :" if you need anything. I am here "

Me :" Thank you "

 $\star$ THABISILE  $\star$ 

Me :" Nqoba "

He looked at me.

Me :" did you eat ?"

Manqoba :" yes mommy "

Me :" ok. "

"Where are you?"

Me :" here at the lounge "

He came in.

Siyanda :" I have to leave "

Me :" aren't you staying for breakfast ? "

Siyanda :" No I need to go "

Me :" Siyanda "

He walked off. Why doesn't he love me? All he things about is Siza he does show affection but when we are intimate he calls out siza like yesterday. I am hurt. I have to come up with a way for him to forget siza. .

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

I am glad my mother is coming back today. I have been waiting for this day for a long time. I stood by the drive way holding the baby monitor and the car stopped. Ingathi got out and helped her out of the car and she came to me with a smile. She looks good wonderful as well. We shared a teary hug and she kissed my head.

Mom:" kamogelo "

Me :" mama "

Mom :" how are you ? "

Me :" I am happy to see you "

I held her tight.

Mom :" I missed you too. I heard I am a grandmother now. "

I smiled.

Me :" a boy and girl "

Mom :" let's go inside I want to see them. "

She walked in and ingathi came to me with her bag. He kissed my cheek.

Ingathi :" I am sorry I left early "

I perked his lips.

Me :" it's ok. And thank you "

Ingathi :" I love you "

Me :" I love you too "

We walked inside the house and already mom is holding them in her arms.

Mom:" they look beautiful "

I smiled. It's good to see her like this.

Ingathi :" I am going to put this down. "

He rushed up the stairs. We stayed with the kids.

 $\star$ ZAMILE  $\star$ 

I messed up I thought we would be ok but it's clear she doesn't want anything to do with me. I was crying on my mother's lap and Andile was brushing my back.

Mom:" don't mind her. "

Me :" Mom "

Dad walked in and looked at me.

Dad :" I want nothing to do with the both of you. "

Me :" dad "

Dad :" leave Zamile "

Me :" I am sorry. "

Mom :" you can't say that to my daughter "

Dad :" follow her "

Mom :" what !? "

He walked off and she followed.

Andile :" don't stress. "

If he finds out. He will leave me.

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

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It has been a minuet. My life is a mess that I don't know how to pick up at the moment. I miss Aiza but I am living with out him. Currently dating this guy his name is Daniel. He is a white guy and actually really sweet he is a sweetheart and is helping me pick up my life actually enrolled me into UNISA just so I can get some sort of qualification. Something Aiza has tried doing for so long. My mother is disappointed in me. I told Daniel I can't conceive if it gets that far and he said it's fine. Adoption is an option. lam starting to love him. Not sure but I am. He owns a primary private school. Kids there are so respectful and not rascals. He actually enjoys his job so much and offers scholarships to kids who can't afford as well. He just picked me up from home I am going to his place for the night.

Daniel :" how was your day ? "

Me :" it was ok yours ?"

Daniel :" as usual "

I nod.

Daniel :" I want you to move in with me "

Me :" Uhm ...."

Daniel :" and my sister wants to meet you "me :" I don't know. It's been like 3 months of us dating "

Daniel :" No rush "

Me :" thank you baby "

I kissed his cheek.

Daniel :" We are eating out ? "

Me:" no I will cook "

Daniel :" I live your cooking "

I smiled. He held my hand .

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I took a spoon of icecream and he looked at me and I sighed.

Aiza : "how are you feeling ? Have you calmed down ? "

Me :" yes "

Aiza :" tomorrow we are meeting the agent"

Me :" the sooner we get everything the sooner we get done

Aiza :" thank you for this "

Me :" We are in this thing together "

He smiled.

Aiza :" I didn't deserve you. And still now I don't deserve your help "

Me :" Hey we are besties right ? "

He chuckled. We were at McDonald's. Parking lot .

Aiza :" you remember the time dad poured chocolate on us "

Me :" hayi you ganged up on me "

Aiza :" that's because we polished his shoes with oil "

I laughed.

Me :" he couldn't take a joke. It was April fool's "

Aiza :" that old man "

Me :" and remember when I put castor oil in your food ?"

Aiza ;" that was you? I sat in the toilet for two days "

I laughed. He chuckled.

Azia :" You were something else Siza "

Me :" it was pay back "

I laughed.

Aiza :" when are you giving birth ? "

Me :" end of this year or early next year. "

Aiza :" ok "

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We carried on talking about our memories. It was nice and refreshing.

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Aiza :" Do you want more ice cream? "

Me :" No I feel better now. "

He nodded.

Me :" we should go I am tired. "

Aiza :" Ok "

We threw out cups away and then we left the place. I sighed and looked out of the window.

Me :" do you think I should fix our relationship?"

He looks at me.

Me :" me and Zamile "

Aiza :" it's up to you "

Me:" really?"

Aiza :" yeah "

Me:" Ok "

I sighed and looked out the window.

Me :" I have to go and see Kamo and her kids. She has given birth "

Aiza :" when ? "

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Me :" When everything has settled. I am sure she will understand "

He nodded. I laid back and looked out and kept my silence.

## $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

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She sings softly to their ears as we both lay them in their cot. I put the toy away it's too early for them but it's exciting to have them around. She hovers over them and she smiles looking at her grandchildren. She turns to look at me and I smile as well.

Mom :" when is this boy marrying you ? "

Me :" not anytime soon please "

She nodded.

Me :" How was rehab ? "

Mom :" Something. I had to talk and find a way to accept that your father and brother are no more "

Me :" I understand "

Mom :" ( holding my hand ) I am sorry for neglecting you "

Me :" I am just glad you are ok "

She smiled.

Mom :" go and check on him. I will watch the kids "

Me :" have you eaten ? "

Mom :" no. I am fine "

Me:" ok Uhm I will go then "

She kissed my cheek and engulfed me in a hug. I hugged her back. It was warm and inviting as well. We broke it and I sighed and walked out of the nursery into the bedroom and Ingathi was by the balcony. I walked towards him and held him from behind. I could follow his breathing patterns just by how his upper body would move a bit.

Ingathi :" where is your mother ? "

Me :" with the kids "

Ingathi :" Ok "

Me :" when are you going back to work? "

Ingathi :" When you are ok "

Me :" I am ok "

He turned around and hugged me.

Ingathi :" I just want to hold you "

Me :" me too. "

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We stood in the same position just holding each other.

 $\star$ BONGILE  $\star$ 

My phone rang and i searched my bag and found it. It was a call from Lindi. It's been a long time since we talked to each other I can't And don't have time to socialize with anyone. I am trying to get my life together. Daniel looks at me.

Me :" it's my friend "

Daniel :" Answer it

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And don't have time to socialize with anyone. I am trying to get my life together. Daniel looks at me.

Me :" it's my friend "

Daniel :" Answer it she must be wondering "

I sighed and answered.

Me :" chomi "

Lindi :" Bongile kunini ( Bongile when last )"

Me :" yeah "

Lindi :" I have been trying to contact you for so long "

Me :" I have been busy yazi oe "

Lindi :" eish. I am a mess "

Me:" what?"

Lindi:" he just had kids. They are beautiful I miss my husband "

Me :" Find another partner Lindi you can't be stuck on one person. "

Lindi :" I love him. "

Me : " I have to go. "

Lindi :" wait!"

I hang up and looked at Daniel

Me :" I am not cheating "

Daniel:"I know "

I nodded. I can't loose him as well. I like him I kiss his cheek.

Me :" Wish to see the child that will inherit those blue eyes "

He chuckled.

Daniel :" No one because we are in this together "

I swallowed. He kissed my hand. I wish I can conceive .

Daniel:"I love you "

Me :" I love you too baby"

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

We got home and got out of the car. The sign was already there stating the house is being sold. Packing and getting things put of the way is a mission as it's just the two of us. He looked at me I looked at him.

Aiza :" Something wrong ? "

Me:" I should be asking that "

Aiza :" You are resting ? "

Me :" he please. I need some time to rest just a little while before we do anything "

Aiza :" I will cook "

Aiza 's behaviour has changed alot.

Me :" uhm sure. Thanks "

Aiza :" You may go rest "

I didn't protest but made my way up the stairs running my stomach. I am glad that I am still pregnant and nothing has happened to my angel. I got in the bedroom and I closed the door and laid on the bed. I wonder how Siyanda is is he happy at this moment ?

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## ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

**INSERT 59** 

I dozed off too long that it ended up being morning. I couldn't keep up well with this pregnancy but I am trying too. Aiza was up and putting things in boxes that we are selling I watched him as I walked down the stairs. I am not about to relax not that I think bad of him but my past experience with him has told me something. He is both good and bad as well.

Me :" Good morning "

He turns around.

Aiza :" morning "

Me :" You are up early "

Aiza :" I couldn't sleep. I was trying to set up a meeting with the shareholders. "

Me :" What did they say ?"

Aiza :" the are angry that their investment is going down the drain "

Me :" Not yet. We will pick up "

Aiza :" I am worried "

Me :" we have to be confident about this "

Aiza :" I should take you back to school after this do we can work well partner "

He lets out his hand after tapping the box closed.

Me :" I will hold you to that partner "

We laugh. He smiles.

Aiza :" I just want to thank you for being here. Even though you would rather be somewhere else "

Me :" I am fine here. We have work. "

The door bell rings and he looks at me.

Aiza :"I am going to make breakfast '

Me : " you live here. You should check "

Aiza :" It's your house as well "

I gave him. A stare. He sighs and walks to the door

Me :" I will be in the kitchen. "

I walk to the kitchen and I take out some eggs and lay it on the counter. I take out a trying pan and I put it on the stove. I hear footsteps approaching and I look up and they are both standing there. My air is sucked out of my body. I don't know what will happen this time. Will they kill each other or decide to act like adults.

Aiza :" I will be upstairs "

He walks off and I swallow my saliva. He is looking at me and I can't help not stare at his handsome looking face a well. It's like he had a huge glow up since the last time we parted. I just stare at him from top to bottom and see him walk closer and places the keys on the counter and he engulfs me into a warm hug and I am taken in. I want to wrap my arms around him and take in his intoxicating scent. He eventually breaks it and places his hand on my stomach but I move back and fold my arms.

Me :" what are you doing here ? "

Siyanda :" I came for you "

Me :" Me and what ? Did you leave something with me ? "

Siyanda :" Yes. You and my baby "

I look at him and he sighs.

Siyanda :" Siza "

I am still silent.

Siyanda :" I am sorry "

Me :" for ? "

Siyanda :" being a jerk. "

Me :" Honestly if I would get a dollar for every 'I am sorry and jerk lines I would actually be a billionaire. "

Siyanda :" I am not Aiza "

Me :" You hurt me just like him Siyanda ! "

Tears prickle my eyes.

Me :" you lied to me "

Siyanda :" I am sorry "

He comes closer and I am blinded my my tears and my cheeks are drenched in salty water. He engulfs me in a hug once more and I am crying and a sobbing mess. He brushes my back and honestly I feel vulnerable I want to be loved and shielded and have someone to have my back always. I need that person. I break the embrace and he wipes my tears.

Siyanda :" I know I messed up I am sorry. I am sorry that I love you both and Thabisile

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I am sorry. I am sorry that I love you both and Thabisile I can't handle loosing you and so as her. I want both of you "

Me :" You have one heart Siyanda and it's only ment to love one person. Don't put me in the equation because if you really loved me we wouldn't be in this situation. I need my own peace. We should break things off. "

Siyanda :" Siza "

He says softly not even recognising his own voice. He chose my face and he leans down and lays his soft lips on mine before parting them as we kiss. I could feel myself getting wet by just a simple kiss. He touches my breast and his hand goes to my back stroking it slowly. He breaks the kiss and looks at me. I am drenched in my salt down there and I need to be released from such thirst.

Siyanda :" I won't give up on you. I will come back once you are ok and we will be married I promise "

He gives me a perk and I look at him. He takes the car keys and kisses my belly before walking out. I watch him disappear before I hear thedoor closing and it's silent. Damn why didn't he help me out before leaving. It was his intention. I rush up the stairs and go to my bedroom and I get in and throw myself in the bed and take off the leggings and underwear and I surely close my eyes while I trial my fingers from my thighs to my wet folds and play around them. I imagine things that could be done to me.

## $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

It felt weird being without Siza for some time. I really love her and my behaviour lately hasn't been good. I just hope she forgives me so I can give a good home to my children. I drove from Durban all the way here just so I can clear my head properly in what I want. I want both Thabisile and Siza to be mine. I want these two women because they complete me in their own way. I get in the car and okay my head on the steering wheel while gripping it and I groaned and sighed. This is messed up maybe I should give her time to think but hell dare I won't give up on her.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Having my mother around is a bliss. Already her mothering skills have come out to play as I find her in the nursery with both my berries changed and fed. She lives her grandchildren and it's more than visible. I am happy to see that as well.

Me :" you woke up early "

Mom :" they were awake so I thought I should help "

Me :" that's big help"

She holds my hand.

Mom:" I couldn't stop thinking about them "

Its silent.

Mom:" your brother and father "

I look at her "

Mom :" maybe they are happy where they are. "

Me :" they are in a better place "

She smiles through her sorrowed eyes.

Me :" everything is well "

Mom :" very well "

We watch the babies.



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My finger isn't enough. I knew I should've bought that dildo a long time ago when I needed it. I am holding onto the sheets moving my waist a bit while thrusting my fingers. I moan softly bitting my bottom lip. I want to build my climax perfectly for me to be satisfied. Siyanda how do you turn on a woman and leave her like that. A pregnant one even. The door opens and it's not closed. Not that I care who is watching as I want to orgasim. Is it that hard to ask.

Me :" damn ! "

I feel nothing building up but I try twice as hard into fucking myself.

" Siza "

I open my eyes and he is watching me.

Me :" are you leaving or not ? "

He swallows and still looks at my. Fingers trying to magic myself. I could see his buldge growing at his pants my wetness starts to exceed dripping onto the bed covers.

Me :" mmmh "

I close my eyes.

" Fuck ! "

I hear him curse as I keep on going. It's making me drip more. I feel my hand being moved and I open my eyes open and his is between my legs sucking on my clitoris. I moan and roll my head back and curled my toes.

Me :" yes "

This is satisfying my thirst.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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Andile :" are you ok ?"

He is up as I fold his clothes from the basket.

Me:" yes "

Andile : come here "

I haven't slept properly. I let go of what I am doing and went to bed and got in when bed and I laid my head on his chest and I sighed. He played with my ear. Andile :" talk to me "

Me :" I wrong Siza too much "

Andile :" she will forgive you "

Me :" she did. She doesn't want anything to do with me "

Andile :"give her time "

I hold onto him and he brushes my back. I hope it works out.

 $\star$ AIZA  $\star$ 

My body stiffens as I lay beside her. She is already softly snoring next to me and I look at her. I remove the hair from her face and keep on staring. I love Siza so much and my actions haven't been showing but I am truely wanting to be a better man one day for her. I won't let my mistake happen too many times. I ran my fingers on her bare back and whispered in her ear.

Me :" I love you "

It's soon and I know where she would want us to be. Any step I have to take to be with her and prove myself would be a step that I will take. I pull her close to me just to feel her warmth. Sangoma :" take this and bury it outside this hut and say what you want. It should be burning as well. After that you will cut a bit off your blood and it drops in the same hole for it to work. Lay this spear. Plant it in the soil and no one would remove it and all shall be done. "

Me :" I want Siyanda to hurt her and love me alone. I want him to when he thinks about her he goes crazy. I want Siza's life to be miserable and have nothing. I want nothing Good for her. "

I look at the sangoma. She is powerful so I know it will work.

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Time passes by well when you are busy to think about any body else but yourself and the life you are carrying. Aiza and no managed to sell the house and also put the business to its feet. It may not function as well as before as we have lost numerous clients but we will get there again. I am just glad that Baba's legacy will still continue to be worked for and still will stand. I have forgotten about Siyanda for a while as well. Only been living at an apartment with Aiza we are roommates and basically fuck buddies as well. Hey I need to quench my thirst every now and then and no I am not getting back with him ever again. I made that statement clear and he was fine with that. He is trying to date as well let me rephrase that. I am setting him up most of the times and he comes back not pleased at all. I haven't been home in a few months as well and I am avoiding that situation. Ndalo is coming down to go and see Kamo and jer kids and I decided to tag along. The are the cutest thing ever and I can't wait to have my baby with me kissing him and smothering him. Yes I am having a baby

boy. I don't want it to be a surprise and I am sure he will look like Siyanda probably with silky hair as well.

" Are you done ? "

Me :" I am coming "

I take the bag from my bed and I walk out of the bedroom. He is in a suit and ready for whatever he is about to do today.

Aiza :" I have a meeting today with one of our old clients. "

Meet a new business partner with Aiza. I really like his old self before we got married. It's refreshing to have that back.

Me :" I hope it works out "

Aiza :" Me too. Come let's go so I can drop you off. "

I nod and we walk out of the apartment. From a mansion with lavish cars to a two bedroom apartment and one car. Life neh? It's too quick to change direction. We get in the car and he drives off. We hold a light conversation slightly laughing here and there as well and get to Kamo's place. I wonder when ingathi is gonna marry her really because she gave him kids. They love each other by the way they show it. It's a lovely sight as well. Aiza hops out and helps me out. I look like I am about to pop and ready to give birth. He gives me my bag and helps me to the door.

Me :" I am fine here "

He kisses the top of my head.

Aiza :"call me ok?"

I nod and I wave and turn to the door and ring it before it opens and our eyes meet. I swallow scared to be in her presence. She intimidate me and I feel a slight headache from looking at her. "Who is at the door ? "

Kamo appears and she smiles. I wish I stayed home if I knew it would be more than Ndalo.

Kamo :" Siza oh my your stomach. That champ is growing "

I slightly smile.

Me:" mommy "

We share a hug. Kamo clears her throat.

Kamo :" this is Nhlanhla's twin "

Her :" And Siyanda's baby mama "

Kamo :" yes that. Thabisile "

Me :" am I gonna come in because I am tired of standing "

Kamo:" Sorry babes "

She moves Thabisile out of the way and I walk inside. The kids are playing with the small ones that are in the adults hands. Laughter is here and there as well. They all stop once I enter and its silent.

Ingathi :" Siza !"

Thabani :" long time "

He comes and hugs me. I have always been fond of him.

Me :" I have missed you "

Thabani :" me too Makoti "

We break the hug.

Thabani :" how has everything been ? "

Me :' good I guess. "

Ndalo :" Come here I want to hug you "

We share a hug and Thabisile seems annoyed. We settle down and I ask for one baby and hold in my arms. The love is there. It's instant and effortlessly as well. I hope her hand and she smiles looking at me.

Me :" they are still beautiful "

Thabisile :" Siyanda can you help me with something ?"

Nhlanhla :"I will help you with that "

Ndalo :" you can sit down Thabisile we will handle it "

They walk off. She didn't even say what she wants to be handled. It's awkward and silent.

Siyanda :" so Siza you are fucking with your ex now "

I gulp.

Me :" I don't see if it's any of your business but we are business partners "

He chuckled.

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Siyanda :" it is my business. "

Thabisile is annoyed. So as I. I ignored him and the others started conversing.

## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

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We walk to the outside and I am following him He can't adjust and this thing seems a bit permanent.

Me :" calm down "

Nhlanhla :" how can I Ndalo ? "

He says turning to me. I move closer to him.

Me :" there Is nothing we can do. The damage is done "

Nhlanhla :" I hate this Ndalo "

Me:" I know "

I wrap my arms around his shoulder.

Nhlanhla :""he has to go back to siza "

Me :" it's between them. "

Nhlanhla :" I just ..."

Me :" Shhh talk to them and tell them how you feel and how they feel. "

Nhlanhla :" Ndalo "

Me :" mmmh ? "

He leans down and cups my face and he slowly kisses me as I return the favour before we broke It off.

Nhlanhla :" I love you so much "

Me :" I love you more "

He bites his bottom lip and leaves a perk thereafter

★ZAMILE★

I am so close to my due date that I moved back home to give birth. Andile is busy building something solid and i am proud of him. I miss siza and her when I thought she was annoying me. They don't live where they used to live with Aiza . I wondered where they now went. I tried to trace back and maybe locate her.

Mom:" have you put your feet in warm water?"

Me :" No I haven't "

Mom:" I will get it. "

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Me :" i am worried over Siza "

Mom :" sucks fixing her marriage. Stop spoiling her "

I nod and she walks off. Still I am not ok.

it was too awkward for me to be here so I just asked to leave early I couldn't stand being here especially with Siyanda's girlfriend being here.

Me :" I will visit some other time. "

I said standing up.

Kamo :" that's bad. "

Me :" I promise "

Kamo :" let me walk you out. "

Me :" tell Ndalo I said bye "

They have been gone for a while with her husband.

Siyanda :" you are mine Siza ! "

He shouts that and I feel terrified by his statement.

Kamo :" don't mind him "

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I nod as we walk out. I can't help mind it. I called Aiza to come and pick me up .

I was in a lunch meeting and pulling this client in is difficult. He doesn't seem interested. My phone rings and I panic immediately and she talks.

Siza :" can you pick me up. It's awkward. "

Me:" Ok "

I hang up.

" I have to sleep on it "

Me :" take your time "

We stand up and shake hand before we go our seperate ways. I rush in the car and I drive off fast. When I get there

she is waiting for me. I hop out and greet Kamo who greets back and I help siza in and close the door. I keep on looking at her.

Siza :" she is draining. "

Me :" who ? "

Siza :" the girl. I felt so uncomfortable "

Me :" I am sorry "

She lays her head back as I drive off.

Siza :" how did the meeting go?"

Me :" he is not convinced"

Siza :" it's ok. We can get something else. "

I nodded

Me :" yeah hopefully "

Siza :" I am hungry I didn't eat "

Me :" let's pass by somewhere and buy food. "

Siza :" Nandos is fine "

I nodded and looked at her close her eyes. I won't stop loving her but we are going at her pace. What's not to love about Sizakele. I just need to keep on proving that I am not that guy anymore. To be continued

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I couldn't stop looking at her. It disgusted me that she Is always with Aiza and pisses me off. She is my woman no one is supposed to have her either than me. I clenched my jaws as I looked at the direction she and Kamo disappeared to. Ndalo and Nhlanhla haven't come back from where they have gone too. I take a sip off my drink and I feel a hand on my thigh.

Thabisile :" are you ok?"

Me :" yeah sure "

I held her hand for reassurance.

Ingathi :" so what's really going on with you two? "

Me :" is ut something we should discuss "

Thabani :" It's weird "

Thabisile :" it's feeling we can't control "

" You should have "

Nhlanhla and Ndalo walk back in.

Ndalo :" where is Kamo and Siza ? "

Thabisile :" Siza is leaving. Kamo accompanied her "

Kamo walked in.

Kamo :" I think the food is now ready "

Ingathi goes to her and I stand up as well. Thabisile does the same and we follow.

## $\star$ SIZA $\star$

We get home and get out of the car we are consumed by silence. Alot of things are going through our minds at this moment. He heaves a very heavy sigh and deep down I can feel it. Life is draining when things don't look up as much.

Me :" I need to eat and relax as well "

Aiza :" I just need to get away for a while "

He walks to the fridge and I take out some biscuits and I go and sit down. He joins me and already my feet are on his lap ready for him to massage them as they are aching. He puts his water down and does just as that. It's relaxing and just what I needed.

Aiza :" I shoukd open a spa "

I laughed.

Me :" And who will work there ? "

Aiza :" me

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clearly i give good massages " Me :" ok if you say so "

Aiza :" you know i am right "

Me :" I didn't say anything so don't put me under the comment section "

He carries on massaging.

Me :" I don't want to be pregnant anytime soon. "

Aiza :" Struggle ? "

Me :" you don't know"

His phone rings and he takes it out of his pocket and looks at it before answering.

Aiza :" mah "

Some relief washed over me.

Aiza :" No i am busy with stuff. Can we talk next week "

He hung up.

Me :" that wasn't nice "

Aiza :" she only cares when it concerns her "

Me :" fair enough I guess "

Aiza :" I will order food "

I nodded.

# $\star$ THABISILE $\star$

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Siyanda has been in a bad mood since Siza left and it's disturbing me. He is too Possessive and obsessed over her. Why is the muti working this way? I need some clearance.

Ndalo :" This was nice. I actually enjoyed it "

Kamo :" yeah. We should plan a baby shower for Siza "

Ndalo:" yes "

Ntando:" I am in "

They look at me.

Kamo :" how about supporting your fellow sister ? "

I don't want to.

Me :" sure "

Ndalo :" settled then. This would cheer her up after alot of stuff "

Kamo :" yeah "

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She shot a dagger eye at Siyanda who didn't much care what she had said.

## $\star$ AIZA $\star$

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Siza:" Ah Ayize I am pregnant. I should have the last slice "

I took a bite.

Me :" I am a man. We have a big appetite "

Siza :" angihlangene nalokho ( I don't care )"

She grabs the slice and takes a bite. I chuckle and she looks at me.

Me :" something wrong ? "

Siza : "no just inner thoughts "

Me :" mind sharing ?"

Siza:" some day "

She took a bite and I looked at her.

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#### $\star$ AIZA $\star$

I pulled the blanket over her so she wouldn't feel the morning cold. I was already dressed and ready to go to work. I have wrong the woman who had always been by my side. What's wrong with me ? I ask myself that but still I can't find a solid answer. I feel like I should work harder just to make her proud. I would be there for her as much as possible just to rectify my mistakes as well. I haven't signed the Divorce papers so we are as much as married still but we are friends That help each other in hers and my situation as well. We don't go beyond that just stay on the line. I take my phone and snap a image of her that I will look at all day. I smile as much as he is asleep but she still looks beautiful it's like she is imported from a human beauty factory. Her beauty is accompanied by a beautiful fragile heart as well that keeps on being broken yet she still holds on to it . She shifts and turns the other side and she touches the bed. Her leg is exposed of her creamy skin and she opens her eyes and sits up a bit panicking only to find my face looking at her. I out my phone away and she runs her eyes.

Siza :" I thought you ...."

Me :" I didn't leave you "

I sat on the bed and I hugged her body and she held on me.

Siza :" I am not ok. I don't feel ok "

Me :"tell me "

I remove the hair from her eyes.

Siza :" I had a bad dream of ..."

She sighs.

Siza :" You are going in ? "

Me :" in two hours yes "

She nods. I kiss her forehead.

Siza :" I don't know what to do all day. "

Me :" Watch something I will come and by for lunch "

Siza :" you want me to cook "

I chuckled.

Me :" Yes. "

She is silent.

Siza :" I know it has been a few months but I like what we have "

I kiss her forehead once more.

Me :" me too. "

Siza :" it's scary "

Me :" I will never cause you pain again "

Siza :" I ..."

She becomes silent.

Siza :" let me go and bath. I smell you "

I chuckled and let her loose and she stood up and walked out of the room. I changed the sheets and made the bed and when she came back I was done. She dropped her towel and I watched her lotion her body and getting dressed. The little guy down there was excited way too much just by looking at her. I cleared my throat and fixed myself.

Me :"I didn't make breakfast "

Siza :" It's ok. I can't down some of those stuff "

I nodded . She wore her shoes before we went to the kitchen.

# $\star$ KAMOGELO $\star$

I looked at Ingathi being so deep in his sleep. I ran my fingers on his chest down to his V-line and up again just softly but it seems to be doing things to him because he holds my hand in his .

Ingathi :" Don't poke a snake when it's at rest "

Me :"what do you mean ?"

Ingathi :" you don't want to suffer the consequences "

Me :" please. Don't I always ? "

He opens his eyes and chuckles.

Me :" good morning "

Ingathi :" Morning. "

Me :" yesterday was ...."

Ingathi :" I don't want to mention it "

I nodded.

Me :" I am sure the twins are awake "

Ingathi :" No stay here a bit. "

He holds me.

Me :" ingathi"

Ingathi :" I love you "

He kisses my cheek.

Me :" Lenna baby (me too baby)"

Ingathi :" Mmh "

I stayed engulfed by his arms.

### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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Me :" Yazi ubahluphile Ayize ( you are troublesome Ayize )"

Aiza :" I just wanted to see what is that you are eating "

Me :" It's wheat bix and Sour milk "

He had a frown. I went to the sink and washed my bowel and drank some water.

Aiza :" you are craving weird things "

Me :" I haven't craved that much "

I cleaned my glass and put it away he went to the lounge and I followed and we both sat down. I put my head on his lap and he played with my ear.

Aiza :" does it hurt ? "

Me :" No "

There was silence between us. We never spent time like this. It's really taking us back to when were were the best

of friends. His varsity days. I would visit him every weekend

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he went to the lounge and I followed and we both sat down. I put my head on his lap and he played with my ear.

Aiza :" does it hurt ? "

Me :" No "

There was silence between us. We never spent time like this. It's really taking us back to when were were the best of friends. His varsity days. I would visit him every weekend clean cook. Basically I did everything for him after a rough week. I still don't know how he managed school and his busy social life he used to party every chance he got. Typical and peer pressure as well I guess. The silence was very comfortable. I not back to when he first dated Bongile. His relationships didn't last. Bongile and I were the longest if I include myself. 4 months tops and he had a new girl with him. I am surprised he is turning down all the candidates I get for him. Maybe he is growing. Just maybe.

Aiza :" you are silent "

Me :" I am just thinking "

Aiza :" mind sharing ?"

Me :" no "

I looked at him and his hand went to my stomach.

Aiza :" I am sure it's heavy "

Me :" it's not bad. "

Aiza :" if you say so "

I nodded. He kept in rubbing it.

# ★ZAMILE★

I tried her number once again and it didn't go through. I really want us to fix things with Siza. I don't want to get married with my sister. I have been selfish and cold hearted. Really what's the purpose of hurting her. Look where I am today. I stood there outside just to make this call but I sigh. I see maZuma coming out of her house. She waves and I go to her and greet.

Me :" hello mah "

MaZuma :" unjani ? (How are you ? )"

Me :" ngiyaphila mah wena ? ( I am fine and you ? )"

MaZuma :" kuyaphileka. USizakele ukephi ? ( Where is Sizakele ?)"

Me :" I don't know. She moved with her husband from their house. "

MaZuma :" mmmh. She forgives you but you killed your sister "

I swallowed.

Me :" I am sorry "

MaZuma :" It's late. You cursed the both of them with what you did and Siza's fruits won't turn out well. Their future is full off darkness and alot of bad things all because of you. It won't be as bright it will never be and so as you . Your womb won't have any luck "

I held my stomach.

Me :" mah "

MaZuma :" May God be with Siza and Ayize. Ubalethele okubi Zamile Kubi ngempela ( you brought bad luck over them. It's bad ) they are bewitched because of you. You started the way. Aiza's father can't do anything now it's too dark for him. He just has to let things be. We all can't. Because of you. I hope you are happy about your sister and how her life is gonna turn out "

She turned and walked out of her gate. I watched her. What she said was a mouth full. I regret everything I touched my stomach. Tears welded in my eyes as I looked at her walking.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

Aiza left for work and I have been in here bored on my own. I do do something like check if the books are going well. We can't trust anyone but ourselves now with the business. What I am happy about is that not everyone is up in our lives. Yes we had made a few headlines. True and fake stories but that didn't bother us. We are doing what we are supposed to do with our lives. A knock on the door disturbs me and I get up from the couch which is a mission and I go to the door and I open up and he is standing infront of me. He holds my cheek and kisses my lips slowly. His hands are warm and his scent can't be lissues. I pulled out and gave him a slap and he kept quiet.

Me :" Keave "

Siyanda :" I can't "

Me :" I don't want you in my life anymore Siyanda "

Siyanda :" we have a baby together "

Me :" yes a baby not each other so leave ! I don't want to see you m "

Siyanda :" you are mine Siza I love you and Thabisile. I love you so much that I can't stand anyman touching you "

Me :" Leave me alone ok. I ...ah ! "

I held my stomach.

Siyanda :" what's wrong. ?"

Me :" mmmh "

Siyanda :" are you ok ? "

I breathed in and out and I felt liquid running down my leg. It was clear.

Me :" oh my God the baby is coming "

Siyanda :" what ?"

Me :" don't just stand there. Take me to the hospital !"

Siyanda :" calm down "

Me :" mmmh "

He picked me up and I held my stomach

Me :" call Aiza "

Siyanda :" I am not doing that shit ! This is my child "

Me :" fuck! Call him Siyanda ! "

Siyanda :" mxm "

He put me inside and he rushed back to lock the flat. I held my paining stomach. This is going to be worse than period

pains. He came back and got in. I opened the window before he sped off.

Siyanda :" you have to move back to Durban now "

Me :" I am not doing that shit !! "

I moaned in pain.

Me :" mmmh "

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★KAMOGELO★

I shook the bottles before I put them in the jugs filled with cold water just so they could be warm. Mom walked in the kitchen. I love this Grandmother her . This side is a wonderful side and she has been off alcohol side she came back. She even started churches. It's safe to say I have got my mother back all thanks to Ingathi I owe that man so much.

Mom :" Hello "

Me :" Hi. "

She went to the fridge.

Me :" I am thinking of going to the mall Ingathi is going to drop us. Do you want to come with me and the kids "

Mom :" ofcause I would want to spend some time with you "

I smiled.

Me:" ok then "

Mom:" I am here for the bottles "

Me :" they are still hot "

Mom :" I will wait then. Where is your boyfriend ?"

Me :" Uhm upstairs. "

She leaned on the counter.

Mom :" Puleng? "

Me :" I haven't heard from her in such a long time "

She nodded.

Mom :" if you are ok and happy "

Me :" I am. You are better. "

Mom:" I am sorry that I hurt you "

Me :" It's understandable "

Mom :" I will be a better mom "

Me :" you have always been the best mom "

I hugged her.

Mom :" I feel like I failed you when you needed me "

I was silent. She sniffed.

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Me :" it's ok mom.

I brushed her back comforting her.

 $\star$ AIZA $\star$ 

I burried myself in work. I couldn't afford to slack off. The most important things that should have my focus from now on is the business and Siza as well. Those are the only things that need my focus on . My door opened without any knock and my P.A appeared and I looked at her.

Her :" Sir you have an emergency call from the hospital "

Me :" What is it ? "

Her :" Your wife is at the hospital "

Me :" Shit !"

I got up and took my phone and car keys.

Me :" Which hospital is she in ? "

Her :" it's ...it's "

She kept on stuttering while running after me.

Me :" Just forget it "

I used the stairs instead of the elevator. I shouldn't have left her all alone. If anything happens to the both of them then it's my fault. I ran out of the building and went to the parking lot. I got in my car and sped off to the hospital. I searched for the nearest hospital from the apartment and drove right there. I hope I make it on time.

# $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

My phone kept on ringing and it was Thabisile. I couldn't talk to her at the moment. Siza needs my attention and so as my child. I was waiting outside while she gave birth inside. I can hear her screams and it frustrated me alot. My phone rang once more and I just switched it off. Her screams kept on ringing in my ear and I hear a loud cry as I was pacing up and down. I felt relief wash over me. I smiled.

Me :" I am a father again "

Siza is mine forever. Nothing could seperate us I am just giving her time to cool off from her craziness but I think that was enough time to cool off. She and my child are moving with me to Durban. I will marry her and Thabisile and we would all be ok. Yeah I love the picture. The problem is Aiza. What am I gonna do with him. ?

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

I passed out after giving birth. I was satisfied when I heard his cry and felt happy but I was drained to even keep my eyes open. I opened my eyes and it was a dark outside. I looked by my side and a small baby cot was next to me . Commotion was heard outside.

" she is mine Both of them so back off Biyase ! "

"She is no bodies and it's her choice Khumalo "

Its definitely Aiza and Siyanda.

"Guys stop it. This is a hospital "

Kamo rushed in the ward.

Kamo :" Hey mommy "

I smiled a bit.

Me :" hi "

Kamo :" You look drained "

Me :" What's going on outside ?"

Kamo :" your husband

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Kamo :" You look drained "

Me :" What's going on outside ?"

Kamo :" your husband Your baby daddy Her baby mama and Ingathi. Basically you know "

Me :" Siyanda are just parents "

Kamo:"I get you "

She looked beside me. I closed my eyes huffing just by their sounds arguing. She took the small creature next to me.

Kamo :" My God. He is so pink. "

Me :" Can I see him ? "

She handed the baby to me. I held him. I instantly fell in love with him.

Kamo :" What are you gonna name him ? "

Me :" Usakhona "

Kamo:" meaning?"

Me :" Usakhona umdali ( The lord is still there )"

Kamo :" that's beautiful. "

I held his tiny hand.

Kamo :" Let me sort them out. "

She walks off. I could hear her talking and there was silence. Slowly they walked inside.

Thabani :" Siza "

Me:" Bhuti "

I smiled. The baby mama rolled her eyes.

Siyanda :" you should be leaving "

He said to Aiza

Aiza :" I am not going anywhere "

Me :" Aiza "

He was by my side.

Aiza :" He looks pink "

I giggled.

Hlubi :" you are back together "

Siyanda :" That ain't happening "

Ingathi :" Siyanda shut up !"

Us :" No "

We looked at each other.

Siyanda :" we are going to Durban "

Me :" I am not doing that wena "

The nurse walked in.

Nurse :" please leave. You have caused too much other mother's need to rest and you are making noise. You are stressing the one you are with "

Siyanda :" I ..."

Hlubi :" Let's leave "

He huffed. Aiza looked at me.

Aiza :" I will see you "

Me :" Please stay "

Siyanda :" What ? "

Ingathi :" Come "

They pulled him out. I sighed.

Me :" this is too much.

Aiza :" hey I am here. "

Me :" I appreciate it so much "

Aiza :" I should be the one saying that. "

He looked at my baby.

Aiza :" what's his name ? "

Me :" Usakhona "

Aiza :" wonderful "

I smiled. We stayed looking at the baby. He does look like Siyanda. Thats for sure.

 $\star$ THABISILE  $\star$ 

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What Siyanda did in there was uncalled for. I can't believe she gave birth. Why is he obsessing over her like this? We got in the car and he banged the door.

Siyanda :" I am gonna kill Aiza "

Me :" For her. ? "

Siyanda :" Who does he think he is ? "

Me :" We should leave them "

Siyanda :" Like hell I will. "

Me:" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" I love the both of you. You need to accept that I am getting her. "

He started the car. I won't accept that. I won't at all.

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 $\star$  AIZA  $\star$ 

The following day I didn't go to work. I went on some errands at the mall. Getting clothes for Siza first before I went to buy some baby clothes and some snacks for her. Still after birth she craves weird things. I bathed and changed before going to the mall. I got out and went to buy the things she needs.

" Aiza "

I turned around and it was Bongile. Haven't seen her in a long time.

Bongile :" Hi "

Me :" Bongile "

I looked at her.

Bongile :" I se congratulations are in order "

She looked inside the trolley

Me :" Thank you "

Bongile :" Say hi to Siza for me "

" Babe "

A white guy came towards us and held her waist.

Him:" Did I disturb something? "

Bongile :' No I was just saying hi. "

Me :" I will greet Siza for you "

Bongile :" Thank you "

Me :" I have to go "

I pushed the trolley and took what was left and went to pay. I hope she is off my back because I don't need anything coming between us now. I went to the parking lot and loaded the things inside and then I drove off once I got in . My Life is crumbling. Aiza He just left me like that after everything I have done for him. My friend Swazi came by she is a nurse . He life is intact unlike mine that I thought have improved. I brought juice in the lounge and we sat down.

Swazi :"Thank you mngani "

Me :" It's been long hey ? "

Swazi :" So long "

She took a sip.

Swazi :" Mmmh Siza Biyase just had a baby. Oh my it's the cutest thing ever "

Me:" Siza?"

Swazi :" Yes. She is a very lucky woman to have such a man like Aiza but what I heard with everyone arguing that it's not his child "

Me :" What ? And he knows ? "

Swazi :" By the looks. He is very supportive shame. Langazelela a man like him "

Me :" He is a jerk "

Swazi :" I forgot you used to work for them "

Me :" He is broke "

Swazi :" that didn't look like broke to me "

Me :" trust me. Jus wait and see "

Swazi :" Bring some biscuits "

I stood up and went to get them. Does he love her that much to forgive her cheating ways. A baby? I could have one for him.

Me :" Fuck you Aiza !"

The glass broke.

Swazi : everything ok ? "

She shouts from the other side. "

Me :" everything is fine "

I pick up the pieces



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The Nurse showed me how to feed my son. I can't get enough of him. Aiza informed the hospital security not to let Siyanda in. Honestly I liked that

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I don't feel safe anymore. He is like psycho when he is here. I am scared he might harm me or his baby. Maybe not his son but me. I craddled him and touched his plump cheeks.

" you look good together "

I smiled looking up and he walked inside.

Aiza :" I got what you needed "

Me :" Thank you "

He put everything down.

Aiza :" When are you getting discharged ? "

Me :" Tomorrow "

Aiza :" Ok "

Me :" wanna hold him ? "

He washed his hands before he came to hold the little one.

Me :" You seem natural "

Aiza :" I am scared he might fall "

Me :" I am scared of his father "

Aiza :" I will protect you "

Me :" Thank you. "

He played with the baby. He sat down and I watched them before I went to bath.

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Mom :" Kwenzakalani ? ( What's going on ? )"

The sangoma shook his head.

Sangoma :" Drink this so you can give birth at this moment.

Me :" Won't it harm my child ? "

Sangoma :"No. "

I am now 10 months pregnant. I should have given birth last month but nothing. I don't get why so mom brought me here to find out what it is. I drank the bitter substance and he carried on with his bones.

Sangoma :" Your sins are catching up to you "

I swallowed.

Sangoma :" Distraction in your sister's life is getting worse "

Mom :" Sizakele ? Wenzani Zamile ? ( What did you do Zamile ? )"

Tears welded in my eyes "

Me :" I am sorry "

Mom:" What did you do? "

I sobbed and my stomach started paining

Me :" my stomach hurts.

Sangoma :" Give it time then you can give birth. "

Mom :" What's going on ?! "

She kept on asking that but nothing comes out of my mouth.

# $\star$ THABISILE $\star$

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I Went back to the Sangoma I went to last time. His magic is not working the way I want it to work. It's not. I got in the hut after taking off my shoes and I sat down.

Me :" Makhosi "

Sangoma :" It's working. Wait "

Me :" I don't see it "

Sangoma :" It's working the way you wanted it. "

Me :" he is obsessing over her "

Sangoma :" You said when he thinks about her he should go crazy. That's what he is doing "

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Me :" I hope so . "
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Sangoma :" Go. Your things are coming together "

I smiled.

Me:" really?"

Sangoma :" Just be patient. She won't be in your lives anymore after that "

Me :" Her son "

Sangoma :" All in due time "

I stood up.

Me :" thank you "

He nodded and I walked out of the hut. I loved the sound of things. I rushed to my car as fast as my legs could take me before I drove off. I hope no one saw me go there.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

I got discharged. I haven't been feeling ok since morning and Aiza could sense it. He tried to cheer me up and it worked. We got inside the flat and I was happy to be back. Really I was.

Aiza. :" i cooked "

Me :" That's so sweet "

He smiled.

Aiza :" Let me go and put this little one down"

He walked to the bedrooms and I sat on the couch. I was tired and drained. My phone rang and it's Siyanda. I have been avoiding him but I answered.

Me :" What ? "

Siyanda :" Siza "

Me :" What do you want ? "

Siyanda :" Why was I stopped into going inside the hospital "

Me :" I didn't want to see you "

Siyanda :" Bullshit "

Me :" Siyanda I have to go "

I hung up while he was talking. Aiza came back .

Aiza :" Something wrong ? "

Me :" Argh just Siyanda. He is bothering me "

Aiza :" He is obsessed "

Me :"tell me about it "

Aiza:" You are hungry ? "

Me :" No. "

He sat next to me and I sighed.

Aiza :" A hug ? "

Ne :" I need one "

He hugged me and there was silence. He kissed my forehead.

Aiza :" I am here. "

Me :" thank you for that "

Aiza :" If you need anything "

Me :" I wish we could stay like this "

Aiza :" me too "

I looked at him and then rested my head on he chest. He played with my hair. I was getting drowsy by him doing just that.

# $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

Siza is testing my patience. I am sure she is with that Aiza wherever she is. That man is. Prick that can't get away He is taking my woman now and that irritates me alot. What is he doing ? Who does he think he is by just taking Siza from me ? I will get him for that. I am just letting him relax. Thabisile walked in the door and I looked at her. Thabisile :" Oh hey "

Me :" Where do you come from ? "

Thabisile :" A drive "

I put my glass down and went closer to her and kissed her lips. She responded.

Thabisile :" are you ok ? "

Me :" I love you "

Thabisile :" I love you too "

I bit my bottom lip and went on kissing her. She responded and I picked her up and she squeeled.

Thabisile :" Siyanda "

I went and kissed her neck.

Thabisile :" mmmh "

Me :" Marry me "

Thabisile :" mmmh? "

I cupped her one breast and caressed it slowly while still nibbling on her neck.

Me :" Marry me "

I laid her on the bed and her breathing hitched. I am glad the kids are in Durban with Ndalo and Nhlanhla.

Thabisile :" yes. I will marry you "

I kissed her lips hovering her.

Me :" I love you. "

Thabisile:" I love you too. "

### $\star$ LINDI $\star$

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My life. I couldn't say much about it just that it hurt me seeing Ingathi with his children. I was by the tree across

the road looking at him loading the little ones in the car. Kamo comes out and he kisses her cheek. They look happy They look inlove and complete and that shattered me. I sniffed and the remote gate opened and the car got out and drove off. I watched it speed off away from me. I moved from the tree and walked on the road just so i could get a closer look when a car honked coming my way and it stopped.

"What are you doing at the middle of the road !"

I went on my knees and cried as the driver shouted and got out.

Me :" you should have bumped me "

I said while crying. There is nothing to live for. The man I lived for is not mine any . He is someone else's now and has a family. I have nothing. No friends Nothing at all. I carry on crying while on my knees on the road.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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The baby didn't want to come out and I was in excruciating pain. I held my mother's hand as I tried to push.

Mom :" Push Zamile ! "

I tried my best and pushed harder before the baby slipped out and it cried. The sangoma took it and wrapped it in skin.

Sangoma :" here she goes "

He fed her something and she stopped crying for a while before crying once more.

Me :" What are you doing ?"

Mom :" rest "

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I sighed and licked my dry lips before resting.

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# A FEW WEEKS LATEE.

Things have been looking good. The business is getting back on track and better. It's nice living with Aiza. We do have our moments but he is grown as I have said before. He loves Khona like his very own. He is very light skinned and has grown silky hair. His eyes are light blue as well. I am not even sure what he is anymore. It's like he is not my son. Siyanda hasn't been bothering me and that's very ok with me. I find my life peaceful now. I am doing a course as well while working with the financial team at the company Started a property business with Aiza after we moved into a more accomodating place for the three of us. I haven't seen my parents and Zamile. I am avoiding her and Mom the most. My mother in Law is still on my case and actually said hurtful things about my baby. Aiza defended me and we decided that we should just carry on with our lives like how they are. Don't judge but we do get intimate at times. Really can't resist when we want to but we are still string friends. We are not labeling what we have and that's very ok with me. Ndalo did visit me though and left as well. We talked bandla and i am happy with her support and so as Kamo.

" We are gonna be late "

Me :" Wait. Let me fix this Blouse "

Aiza :" It doesn't matter "

Me :" You might meet a client. Who knows. I have to look good "

He chuckled.

Aiza :" You gained a bit of weight "

Me:" Is it bad ? "

Aiza:" no it's not "

Me :" Ok then. "

He took the car keys off the table. The nanny came with Khona and i went to kiss his cheek.

Me :" Bye baby. Mommy will see you "

He made sounds blowing the air . I chuckled.

Me :" You have the emergency numbers right ? "

Nanny :" yes mam "

Aiza :" Come let's go "

Me :" Bye babies"

I blew kisses before taking my handbag and i walked out following him. He opened the door for me and I thanked him getting inside and he got in as well and he drove off.

Me :" your P.A keeps on shooting daggers at me "

Aiza :" Don't mind her "

I nodded. I took out dried Mango's from my bag and I started eating them.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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I opened my eyes and touched next to me and there was no one. I panicked. I got off the bed and I rushed to the other bedroom and he was in there looking at his sleeping daughter. I tied my gown together and walked closer to him.

Me :" Is she still breathing ? "

Andile :" Yeah. Don't worry "

I sighed and he kissed my forehead.

Andile :" How are you ? "

Me :" I am ok "

Andile :" We should be setting a date "

Me :" Yeah. We shouldn't delay "

Andile :" Yeah "

He perked my lips and hekd me in his arms. We watched our daughter sleep . She is cute and I am happy with my fruits just those disturbing dreams I have but they can't ruin me or anything at the moment. I love Andile . I guess me getting closure with Siza is something I should throw out of the window. ★KAMOGELO★

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Ingathi :" these boys shouldn't talk to you. Even watch you "

Me :" I know "

Ingathi :" Maybe online schooling would be better "

Me :"Hey "

I held his hand.

Me :" I am not going to entertain any boy besides you "

Ingathi :" I am a man "

Me :" Same difference. "

I kissed his lips. I am about to start varsity today and I am nervous.

Ingathi :" you look beautiful "

Me :""thank you "

I opened the door.

Ingathi :' Kamogelo "

Me:" mmmh?"

I turned to him.

Ingathi :" I love you "

Me :" I love you babe "

Ingathi :" ok you can go. I will pick you up "

Me :" Thank you "

I hopped out.

Ingathi :" They shouldn't look at you "

Me :" Relax ok. ?"

He nodded. I giggled and closed the door. His jealousy is so cute. I started walking off holding my books in my hand just so I can put them in my back pack. I don't even know where I am going. I bumped into someone and my books fell. Typical movie scene. I started licking them up.

" I am sorry about that "

Me ;" it's ok "

I didn't look at him. I got my books.

" you are new ?"

Me :" I need to go. "

Him:" i have never seen you her before"

Me :" The campus is wide and big. You can't know and see everyone "

Him :" what's up with the attitude "

I left him standing there. He clicked his tongue. I am not entertaining anyone. My eyes are on Ingathi alone. That's the only man I will ever need in my life.

 $\star$  AIZA  $\star$ 

We got to the office and we got out of the car. We made our way inside and went to the elevator. Siza is just a floor below mine. The elevator closed and there were 4 of us. The first people got off and it closed.

Siza :" I feel heavy "

Me:" like?"

Siza :" Just heavy "

I looked at her. I am trying my best in this friendship thing.

Siza :" I need to get something from your office "

Me :" oh the file ? "

Siza :" yes. That. "

The elevator pinged and we walked out. My P.A was already on her feet.

Her :" Good morning Mr and Mrs Biyase. Can I get you coffee sir ? "

Me :" No. I am fine "

She faked a smile looking at Siza .siza opened the office door and she walked in and went to my desk. I followed inside and closed the door. She put her bag on the table and crouched behind

my desk and opened the drawer and took out a file and she then rose her head up. She looked at me.

Siza :" I will look into it and see if everything is good "

Me:" Ok "

I walked around the desk and held her waist.

Siza :" mmmh "

I felt fuzzy just by holding her. I kissed her neck softly and her breathing hinched.

Siza :" I have to go "

She turned around and I kissed her lips . I was getting heated I am trying to resist her but she is not resistable. She put her hands on my chest and I broke the kiss. I picked her up and put her ontop of the desk and got between her legs and carried on kissing her and caressing her face softly. I went on to kiss her neck.

Siza :" Aiza "

She said softly and I took the file from her hands and placed it on the desk. I slid my hand under her blouse and went to her breasts.

Siza :" Someone might walk in.

Me :" wait here "

I perked her lips and went to lock the door and took off my blazer and got to her.

Siza :" it's early in the morning Aiza"

Me :" I will be quick "

I kissed her neck and ran my hands under her blouse to her bra and unclipped it capturing her breast in my hands.

Siza :" Your hands feel warm "

She bites her bottom lip as I caress her breasts softly

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her soft moans were waking up the little guy. I kissed her shoulders and chest to her neck and lips again.

Me :" I want my wife back"

She was silently as I kept on taking bits off her clothing off.

Siza :" be gentle "

Me :" I will be "

 $\star$ THABISILE  $\star$ 

Siyanda's obsession is getting worse and it's driving him crazy that Siza is not here. It's been a few weeks and I have been waiting patiently for him to stop obsessing over Siza. For everything in Siza's life to go wrong. He went somewhere and I dropped the kids at school before going to work. I do work as a PR. I love my job so much and Its made for me. I call him.

Siyanda :" Baby "

Me :" where are you ? "

Siyanda :" I will be back "

Me:" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" I will be back baby "

He hung up. What's going on with him. ? I looked at my ring. Nhlanhla still doesn't approve. He doesn't say it but I know so. Many of the family members don't but we are going through with everything. I don't care what anyone says. I sigh and put my phone away before carrying on with work.

 $\star$ SIYANDA  $\star$ 

I left wee hours from Durban till I got here. I have had enough. I am coming for Siza even if she kicks and screams her lungs out. I parked Infront of their house. Ndalo told me in passing about where they lived. I took my gun out and I walked inside putting it behind me. I got in front of the house and I knocked on the door. It opened by an old woman. She looked at me.

Her:" Hello "

Me:" Hi is Siza and Aiza here ? I am here to see my son "

Her :" oh. No they went to work "

Me:" I did inform them I am coming "

Her :" Siza didn't inform me "

Me :" She might have forgotten. I can call her "

Her :" yes. I will do that "

I took out my gun and crocked it and pointed it at her. She raised her hands.

Me :" go inside "

She walked inside.

Her :" Please don't hurt us "

Me :" I want my son "

She sniffed. The little guy was kicking in the air making baby sounds.

Me :" I am taking him "

Her :"please don't "

I hit the back of her head and she cried going down. I went to my son and picked him up. Me :" Daddy is taking what's his "

He just looked at me. I went over the old woman and put my gun behind me and I walked to the car and got us inside before driving off. I made a phone call I am going to Ingathi's before going to their company. I have to end this once and for all.

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His arms nestled around my body. Our breathing was heavy but we are trying to catch our breaths. He removes the hair from my eyes and he engulfs me in a one arm hug. I don't feel ok I look at him and the corner of my eyes are already filled with tears. Aiza :" What's wrong ? "

Me :" I don't feel ok. My soul is not ok "

Aiza :" Maybe it's because you haven't rested enough "

Me:" Maybe. We should get dressed and get back to work "

Aiza :" We should've stayed at home. "

Me :" Hayi "

He chuckled and i got off him and we started getting dressed. My body wasn't in my normal state but I will get into the gym and get it back to how I want it. We finish up and I fix my hair and open the office windows. Aiza's phone rings and he answers.

Aiza :" Hello "

He frowned.

Aiza :" Please speak slowly. I can't hear you "

He listened attentively and looked at me. I wonder why.

Aiza :" We are coming back. "

He hung up.

Me :" what's wrong ? "

Aiza :" Siyanda Stole Khona "

Me :" What ?! "

I took my bag.

Aiza :" Let's go "

He takes his car keys. I take out my phone and we walk out. The Pa looks at us but I am Not even interested. I dialed his number and it went through.

Me :" I am gonna get you arrested for Kidnapping."

Siyanda :" It's my child as well "

Me :" My foot Siyanda why do you want to torment me !! "

We get in the elevator and it closes. I am fuming.

Siyanda :" I won't sit back and watch Aiza take over my family "

Me :" He is my husband. Nothing will change that "

Siyanda :" not for long. You are mine Siza !!"

Me :" you are crazy !! "

Siyanda :" Nx "

He hung up and I was frustrated. Tears rolled down my cheeks by the way I was angry.

Aiza :" We will get our son back "

Me :" Why is he doing this to me? "

Aiza :" I will sort it out. I will get him back "

Me :" Please "

He kissed my forehead.

Aiza :" I will "

We got out of the elevator and rushed out of the building. We both rushed to where his car is at. I wish it was right here at the front. My phone pinged and it was a message from an unknown number.

\*\*tick tock. Boom \*\*

I was confused as ever. I was behind Aiza running after him. These heels aren't doing any justice for me . A gun shot was released and One shot behind his back and I stopped my tracks as he went down.

Me :" Aiza ! "

Aiza :"(groaning ) Siza "

Two guys wearing masks got out of a parked car and one went to him and I kicked my heels off and ran after the guy. He shot his back and I attacked him. Me :" No "

I fell ontop of the guy. He pushed me off and the other one held my legs and I tried to free myself.

Me:" Aiza!"

He picked me up and held me tightly. He was stronger than me no matter how much I fought. He threw me inside the car and got in as well locking me inside with him. He put a gun on my neck.

Him:" Don't move "

I looked out the window and the other guy fixed himself before shooting Aiza three times and rushed towards the car and got in and they sped off. Tears ran down my cheeks as I watched him lay there.

Me :" No ... No ... No !!!! "

They put a cloth over my mouth and nose. I tried resist but nothing till I passed out.

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" A Devastating scene was found at the ZIQUBU inc. an Unexpected turn of events from our lovely young business man Aiza Biyase we will hear from the family when is his final day of rest. This is Kiesha Khan with your 19h00 news.

There was silence. The tv was switched off and my eyes were glossy. Thabani just broke down and his mother has

been crying since we came here. We don't know where Siza is They said she walked out with him and next thing they found him dead. There was a footage of him being killed but we don't know who. The door opened and Thabisile rushed in with her kids and put them down.

Thabisile :" I came as soon as I can "

Ndalo:" He is dead and Siza is missing "

Thabisile :" What ? "

Kamo :" he is alive somewhere right ? "

Ingathi rubs my thigh .

Ingathi :" I am sorry. "

Nhlanhla :" We checked. He has two bullets on his back and three on his head. "

Me :" Oh my god "

I gasped.

Thabisile :" Oh my "

Thabani :" I need to leave "

He walked out. We all became silent. His mother came down the stairs.

Her :" You all killed my son "

Hlubi :" Calm down aunty "

She sobbed.

Her :" Aiza !"

Ntando rushed to catch her before she falls. We are all heart broken.



I opened my eyes and I was in a hotel room. I could hear shuffling. My eyes were puffy and my heart was aching. I could see the tv playing by the corner and it's showing Aiza's face and then the paramedics covering his body.

"MURDER OF BUSINESS MOGULE'S SON AIZA BIYASE "

Tears ran down my cheeks and a sob escapes my lips. This cant be. Please this can't be. I got off the bed and went on my knees and lost my will to stand. Tears made ut known they are there. I sobbed.

" It won't help crying "

I looked up and he was only in a towel.

Me :" You killed him. You monster killed him "

I said softly. What did I get myself into ? How could he kill his family member like that.

Siyanda :" You didn't want to listen. He was standing in my way "

Me :" You are sick "

Siyanda :" You are gonna keep quiet and we are going to his home. "

I stood up and punched his chest.

Me :" I hate you

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! I hate you ! " Siyanda :" Shhh "

He hugs me. I feel the urge to puke and I run to the bathroom and I puke inside the toilet and I cry my lungs out.

Siyanda :" Tell me when you are done "

Me :" Fuck you "

Siyanda :" get done "

He walked out. I cried my eyes out.

Me :" Aiza '

I said softly. I never thought I would loose him this soon. When he was becoming a great person when we were about to try one last time and he dies. It's so soon. I hate life and God. Why did he take him away so soon. Why am I going through this much? This is rubbish. I hate Siyanda I hate God and i hate Aiza for leaving me. For leaving me so soon. Siyanda comes back.

Siyanda :" let's go "

He pulls me up. I am defeated. All I do is just cry.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

I went home with Andile. We are passing by to see the grandparents. We got out if the car and I held our baby girl in my arms. MaZuma was walking outside her house busy with something. I looked at her and Andile got done.

Andile :" let's go "

Me:" Ok "

We went inside the yard and I knocked on the door before opening. Mom and dad were silent and only the news were on.

Me :" Hello grandparents. "

Mom:" Oh Sizakele Umntanami ( my child )"

Andile and I looked at each other.

Andile :" Nikahle ? ( Are you well ? )"

Dad :" We are well. "

Hestood up.

Me :" What's wrong ? "

Aiza's picture with Siza popped up and the headlines appeared. I almost dropped my baby.

Andile :" Woah "

He took her from my hands.

Me :" where is Siza ?"

Mom:" I don't know. "

Me :" Let's go to Aiza's house. "

Andile :" I am sorry for your loss "

Mom was silent. She stood up and rushed to the bedrooms. I looked at Andile.

Me :" My sister "

Andile :" It's ok "

I am worried about Siza. This so so bad and tragic for her.

### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

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I looked at him. I detest him at this moment. I will never forgive him for what he did and he acts like nothing happened. This man is not right in the head.

Siyanda :"I asked Thabisile to marry me. She will be the first wife and you second "

Me :" I am married to Aiza and always will be "

Siyanda :" You surely love that woman beater "

Mw:" Aren't you a murderer?"

Siyanda :" I just removed someone for what i want. I did warn "

Mw:" Where is Khona? "

Siyanda :" He is safe. I would never harm our son or you "

Me :" I don't trust you "

Siyanda :" You should "

We got to Aiza 's home. My heart sank. Memories came back and tears streamed down my cheeks.

Siyanda :" come "

We got out of the car and made our way inside the house. Everyone stood up.

Kamo :" Siza where were you ? "

The elders are here as well.

Aiza's mom :" I don't want you here. ! You took my son away "

Ndalo :" where did you find her ? "

Siyanda :" she was deserted on the high way "

Kamo :" I am glad you are safe. "

I held onto her and cried.

Me :" I want him Kamo. I miss him "

Kamo :" I am sorry babes. "

Ndalo :" It will be ok "

Siyanda :" I got you "

He rubbed my back. I felt like spiders were crawling through my whole body. I cried in Kamo's arms .

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Siza cried till she had a black out. One of the guys took her upstairs to rest a bit. Aiza's mother really doesn't like Siza and i wonder why? She is sweet. I can feel her pain. I know her pain but here will be permanent. Ingathi woke up from the dead but Aiza won't. He is gone forever.

Ndalo :" This is a mess "

Me :" I hope she gets out fine "

Ndalo :" we will have to support her. She has us "

Mw:" Yeah you are right "

Thabisile :" So she is married to the guy who just died. "

Me :" I don't see it your business but yes "

Thabisile :" I smell ....

Ndalo :" Don't start. "

She kept quiet as we fixed some tea for the elders.

#### $\star$ SNE $\star$

Its all over. The death of the man I loved. Aiza Biyase why did he have to die so soon. Atleast he should have died with me having his child. I will have to go to his home and lay my respects. How mother likes me alot. That I have gathered. Aunty:" Awu ishwa ( such bad luck )"

For us. I could've worked my way back to his heart once again but now Siza will get everything all the riches

Me :" Aunty "

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She shook her head. I sighed and wiped my tears.

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## ~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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"I still believe someday you and me

Will find ourselves in love again.

I had a dream someday You and me

Will find ourselves in love again ...."- Mariah Carey

"Siza "

I stood up from the floor and I went towards where the water sounds are coming from. I got in the bathroom and he was in the shower leaning his head on the wall while the water hit his back. My heart was at ease just watching him. I took off my clothes and opened the shower door and got in and closed the shower door.

Me :" Aiza "

He turned around and he looked at me. His legs were chained.

Aiza :" Siza "

Me :" You are here "

I hugged him and our bodies were close together. I held onto him.

Aiza :" Siza "

I looked up to him.

Me :" I love you Aiza"

Aiza :" I love you too. I am sorry about everything "

Me :" It doesn't matter I want you back "

Aiza :" Take care of yourself for me "

Me :" No Aiza don't say that "

I laid my head on his chest and he brushed my back.

Me :" I wish we could stay like this forever "

Aiza :" Me too "

I held onto him.

"siza "

I opened my eyes and they met Kamo.

Kamo :""its almost noon. I thought you wouldn't wake up. "

Me :" where is Aiza ? "

Kamo :" don't so this to yourself it hurts "

Me :" You don't understand Kamo. I want him "

Kamo :" babes. There is nothing we could do. I am sorry. "

Me :" I curse the day I ever crossed paths with Siyanda "

Kamo :" Siyanda what did he do? "

" Nothing Kamo "

We looked at the door. He had my son in his hands.

Me :" Bring my son here "

Siyanda :" It's my son as well "

I got off the bed and went to him and grabbed Usakhona out of his hands. He cried.

Me :"why baby. Mommy is here. No one will hurt you Daddy loves us. He does wherever he is and he is coming back. "

Siyanda :" You let him know that Aiza is his father ? !"

Kamo :" Stop the shouting "

Me :" ( sobbing ) Mommy loves you. Mommy will always love you. "

Kamo :" Let's leave Siyanda "

She pushed him out. I sobbed.

Me :"Mommy loves you "

I held him close to me. I was shaking as well. Tears wouldn't stop streaming down. I sat on the bed and held him in my arms.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

We got ourselves ready to go to the Biyase resident. Mom was ready and dad went to work. Andile drove us there and we got out and he did as well.

Mom :" I hope that woman won't give us a hard time "

Me :" We are her in laws "

Mom:" You are right "

We made our way inside as we heard some church singing. People were in loads and some men who looked important as well were there. We got in and I scanned my eyes to see Siza.

Mrs Biyase :" You are here to take your daughter ? "

Mom :" We are here to give my daughter a shoulder from loosing her husband. She is supposed to be on that matress. "

Mrs Biyase :" She will not do such. Over my dead body !"

Thabani :" Calm down mah "

Mrs Biyase :" Get her daughter and get them Out of here "

Mom :" We are not going anywhere. Where is Siza ? "

Lady:" Let me take you to her "

Me :" I am coming too "

Mrs Biyase kept on shouting after us. Doesn't that women catch a break at all. We got up the stairs and we were Infront of Aiza's old bedroom. I remember it so very well. Aiza and Siza were so very much close. Before they could be married and a couple they were best of friends. More than that I always got sicken by the mention of Siza Everytime Aiza saw me. He didn't notice me. Just that I am Zamile Sizakele's sister. We were the same age but we never had that bond. What special thing did Siza have for them to be that close and not him and I? I wonder.

Lady :" Siza it's Ndalo. Your family is here "

Mom bangs the door.

Mom :" Sizakele Vula usekhona umama manje ( Sizakele open

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mommy is here now )"

We kept on knocking but she didn't open.

Mom :" Kodwa Nkosi Yami ungenwe yini ? ( What has gotten into her )"

Ndalo :" Let's give her some space. It's hard to digest. "

Me :" Yeah sure "

Ndalo:" Snacks?"

We nodded and she led the way I looked at the door and followed her down the stairs.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

We were in the car. It was silent and Ingathi was resting a bit. I have been watching him since we got here. I am worried about Siza alot. Ndalo says she will be fine with time but I am just worried about her. Ingathi opened his eyes after a few hours and looked at me.

Ingathi :" You are staring "

Me :" I have been for the past hours "

Ingathi :" Why didn't you wake me up ? "

Me :" You needed to rest "

Ingathi :" Mmmh "

He sat up. He kissed my cheek.

Me :" How are you feeling ? "

Ingathi :" I don't know. "

Me :" I am here "

Ingathi :" I know. I love you "

Me :""I love you too "

He pulled me to him.

Ingathi :" I need to change my Will anything can happen "

Me :" And what ? "

Ingathi :" I just need to get Lindi out of it and put the twins and you in it "

Me :" The twins. "

Ingathi :" He didn't deserve to die like that "

Me :"yeah "

I hugged him. The thought that I almost lost him as well a Year ago. It's scary now that Siza actually lost her husband. I wish she could heal from this somehow. I really pray for that. Life is tough.

Me :" we should go inside when you are ready "

Ingathi :" ok "

We sat in silence once more.



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Siyanda is busy pacing up and down and it's making me dizzy. His mother has arrived and the kids are with her at the moment.

Me :" Sit down "

Siyanda :" After the funeral. We are getting married "

I smiled. I stood up from the bed and went to him. I hugged him from behind.

Me:" Thank you "

I kissed his lips.

Siyanda :" Then I will marry Siza in the place of Aiza "

Me :" What ? !"

Siyanda :"you know I love you both "

Me :" Nx "

Siyanda :""i am gonna fix everything "

Why is everything not going my way? Why didn't Siza die vele vele?

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

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It's bad. It's worse when listening to music. I thought it would comfort me but it's not. It's actually hurting me. I did hear Mom and Zamile and I don't want see them. They didn't support me and they hurt me so now they want to be in my life.

Me :" Baby "

He looked at me as we are laying on our sides.

" I won't forget how you called my name and

I was a afraid now I'm afraid

So Will you remember me?

Will you remember the way that I was

Will you remember me?

Will you remember the way that you felt when you're next to me ? ....."

I switched off my phone and payed Usakhona on my chest and wrapped my arms around him and kissed his forehead before my face was drenched in tears. My heart was aching and very painful. I felt like I was dying. I wish those bullets entered me as well. I wish they killed me as well.

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The day of the funeral came. We went straight to the Hall after we were done getting dressed. Siyanda wanted to control me and be with him every second I felt disgusted by him. I want to report him but he warned me that it wouldn't be easy to get him behind bars. It's my word against his. I am stuck. I am really stuck and I want justice for Aiza. Thabani spoke on behalf of the brothers and his mother also spoke. His business associates people who were close to him did and my turn came to speak for him. I went up with Kamo and she held Usakhona. I stood there and watched everyone. I hoped he would walk in and I looked at his casket and sighed before starting to talk.

Me:" I didn't prepare anything "

There was silence.

Me :""i will just speak from the heart "

Kamo patted my back and I wiped a tear.

Me :" I have known this man for 24 years. I was 4 years when we met. He had his times but overall he was a good guy. Our marriage was short lived as well. I hope the person who did such to him never finds peace in his life. Ever !"

People :" mmmh "

Me :" I love you Aiza Biyase. No one else. A huge chunk off my soul is gone. "

I got off the podium and went to sit down.

Siyanda :"What was that ? "

He whispered. I ignored him. The service commenced and after that we went to lay him at his final resting place next to his father. Two important people in my life gone. For baba it was expected but Aiza I wasn't ready.

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Ndalo:" Let's go "
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We walked off to the cars and went home.

Ndalo :" Everything would be alright.

They just don't understand that concept. It's not going to be ok.

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I wasn't ready.

Ndalo :" Let's go "

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Ndalo :" Everything would be alright.

They just don't understand that concept. It's not going to be ok.

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I wasn't happy when he was laid to rest. That means he is really gone. He really is gone We watched the whole thing on tv. Siza was crying for the Cameras. I hate her. She killed him I am sure for everything.

Me:" I hate her "

Aunty :" there is nothing you could do "

I sobbed.

Me :"why did he die aunty?"

Aunty :" I am sorry. "

Me :" Sorry won't help "

I tried to wipe my tears. They kept on flowing.

# $\star$ SIYANDA $\star$

We got back at the house. I walked up the stairs searching for Siza. She was curled up on the bed with Usakhona. It really pisses me off that she is crying for him. That thing that used to hit her. She liked that ?

Me :" You should stop crying "

She ignored me and carried on laying on the bed

Me :" I love you Siza "

Siza :" I hate you "

She looked at me and got off the bed fast and went to the bathroom and she vomited.

Me :" Why are you vomiting ? "

Siza :" I don't know ! Leave me alone "

Me :" I will know "

Siza :" You disgust me that's why ! "

Me :" I will check you later "

Siza :" I hate you "

Me :" well I love you."

Siza :" you are sick Siyanda. "

Me :" Let me leave you "

She sobbed as I left her there on the floor.

#### $\star$ SIZA $\star$

I hate Siyanda and it's not funny. I want him out of my life but how? He is worming his way in it. He killed Aiza just so he can be in it. I rushed out of the bathroom and went to Kamo. I haven't eaten anything so maybe it's that. Kamo :" Babes "

Me :" Do you have HPT's with you ? "

Kamo:" Why?"

Me :" I just want to do them "

Kamo :" Ah babes don't torture yourself like that "

Me :" do you have them or not ? "

Kamo :" I will check the car. I doubt though. I think Ingathi has some stashed from the stack he bought after I was pregnant "

Me:" ok "

Kamo :" let me go "

She walks out and I rushed up the stairs and took my baby into my arms and hushed him cradling his hair. Aiza should be here with us. He should be holding us close to his body and saying how much he loves Usakhona and I. Kamo came back with the HPT's and I went to the bathroom and did them. For some reason I am just hoping for the best. I sat in there for awhile after I www done and Kamo knocked.

Kamo :" Are you ok in there ? "

Me :" yes "

I stood up and took them in my hands.

Kamo :" Come let's go. The will is getting ready. "

Me :" Ok "

I looked at them and tears welded my eyes. I wrapped them in a tissue and I threw them inside the bin and opened the door.

Kamo :" And ? "

I faked a smile.

Me :" Uhm negative "

Kamo :" I am sorry "

Me :" It's ok let's go "

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We walked out of the bedroom.

## $\star$ NDALO $\star$

Me :" this is tough "

Nhlanhla :"mmmh"

He hugged me.

Nhlanhla :" You won't loose me ok ?"

Me :" I would die "

Nhlanhla :" me too "

" The will is getting ready "

We looked up and its Thabisile.

Thabisile :"Nhlanhla "

Nhlanhla :"we are coming "

She walked off.

Me :" She is your sister. Talk to her "

Nhlanhla :" I don't know what to say to her "

Me :" Try talking to her please "

I kissed his cheek.

Me :" Come let's go "

We stood up and made our way inside.

### $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

Everything was devastating. I can't imagine loosing Andile in my life. I would die I love him so much to even think about loosing him one day. I am feeding our daughter who is in his arms. He looks at me.

Andile :" Have you talked to your sister ? "

Me :" ( sigh ) No. She doesn't want to talk to me "

Andile :" Let a grieve a bit "

Me :" I will let her be a bit. I want to comfort her "

Andile :" You will. Let me babe "

He takes the bottle and puts her nicely on his arm and feed her. He is a natural.

Me :" you are a natural "

Andile :" I have to be "

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I smiled. My little family. I love them both so much. I hope what MaZuma said wasn't true. I really hope.

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Lawyer :" Great. Everyone is here. "

We all looked at him.

Lawyer :" I will just get started. It's very quick "

Mah :" Why are we doing this ? "

Lawyer :" It's what's supposed to be done "

She clicked her tongue.

Lawyer :" I won't say much because I can see everyone is impatient and irritated. "

Ingathi :" you are wasting time. Say who gets what "

Lawyer :" No one is listed here to get anything except his wife Sizakele Biyase. She gets everything "

Mah :" What ! ?"

Kamo patted my thigh.

Mah:" No. Over my dead body "

Nhlanhla :" It's done and I think we can carry on with our lives "

Money won't bring him back or numb my wound. It's easy for him to say that . I stood up and Mah was shouting and i got in the bedroom and I closed the door and went to the balcony and I looked down. I wanted to throw myself over the balcony but I couldn't. I moved back and held my stomach and cried. I went down on my knees holding on the rails. There was a loud bang on the door.

" Sizakele !!"

I sobbed.

Me :" I am sorry "

I kept on crying. I held my neck as the lump was about to choke me. I took a deep breath but it seemed to be difficult. I tried to breath but I couldn't properly. I was hyperventilating. I laid on the floor trying to calm down atleast.

 $\star$ NDALO  $\star$ 

Me :" Nhlanhla she is alone. Break the door down ! "

Nhlanhla :" step back. "

We all stepped back and he took out his gun and shot the door handle until it opened and he kicked the door and we rushed in. Siza was loosing breath as she was laying on the floor.

Nhlanhla :" let's get her to the hospital "

Kamo :" Hurry. She might be having an attack "

Nhlanhla rushed out with her.

Kamo :" I hope she gets ok "

Me :" Me too "

I know her pain. I know it very well. To loose someone you love. I know she can get through it and find someone who will love her. It won't replace Aiza but will help her. We just need to be there for her as much as we can. The guys left with her. Aiza 's mother is still on about the Will.

### $\star$ THABISILE $\star$

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People die. Why is Siza wanting attention so much? Siyanda was on his way out. Seeing everyone followed out.

Me :"where are you going ? "

Siyanda :" To check on Siza. I will be back "

He kissed my cheek and rushed off. I groaned.

Me :" Damnit. Why are things like this? "

I walked back inside the house.

# $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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We saw Siza being rushed out and wondered what is going on. We asked one of the ladies and they told us she was having an attack so they are rushing her to the hospital. I wish she could be ok.

Andile :" We should leave "

Me :" Yeah "

We packed our things and said our goodbyes. Mom said she will come back on her own. She will wait on Sizakele to come back. We nodded and left everyone. My feet were killing me. I just needed to lay down and relax after such a long day.

 $\star$ NHLANHLA  $\star$ 

Her eyes were flapping back turning white. You would think that she would stop breathing anytime now and be silent. That's what is scaring most of us at the moment. Is her stop moving Thabani is trying to calm her down but it doesn't seems to work. It's still the same thing over again. Ingathi :" We just need to get to the hospital "

I became silent. My phone rang and I know that it's Ndalo but I couldn't answer untill we were at the hospital. We need to find the person who killed Aiza

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He shouldn't just get away like that. That's not what we are all about.

Me :" We need to find who killed Aiza on our own "

Hlubi :" I agree. "

Ingathi looked at me.

Ingathi :" Sure "

I looked at Thabani through the review mirror. He just nodded.

Me :" good then "

It was silent in the car till we got to the hospital. We met inside with her and they attended to her very fast as they could and we waited for the Dad's to just come out with feed back. I called Ndalo back.

Ndalo : "how is she ? "

Me :" They are still with her "

Ndalo :" call me once you have something "

Me :" I will. I love you "

Ndalo :" I love you more. "

I smirked. I feel lucky everytimes I have her in my arms or hear her say those words.

Ndalo :" I have got to go. The drama is still on "

Me :" Good luck "

Ndalo: " thanks "

We both hung up and Siyanda was approaching us.

Siyanda :" Where is she ? "

Thabani :" Dr's are still with Her "

Siyanda :" why are they not fast ?"

I have been noticing. Siyanda is too clingy and obsessed over Siza more than Thabisile. This is dangerous and he never did that before so what changed ?

Me :" Sit down like the rest of us "

We haven't talked in a while and I won't start now. My gut tells me that there is something fishy but I can't point out because I don't know as yet. We waited for the Dr till he came and he appeared.

Dr :" Sizakele Biyase "

We all stood up.

Dr :" She is ok. She was just having a panic attack nothing much. I am still monitoring her so I will keep her overnight " Me :" thank you Dr "

Dr :" I will give her some medication to help calm her down.

Thabani :" Yes Please do that "

Siyanda :" Can we see her ? "

Dr :" She doesn't want to see anyone except a Nhlanhla "

Everyone looks at me.

Siyanda :" What ? "

Ingathi :" calm down "

He huffed.

Me :" Sure "

Dr :" Right this way sir "

I followed him. I wonder what Siza wants to see me about. I wonder what she is on about.

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I thought I was dying for a second there a part of me was very happy when that was happening but I just thought of Usakhona and just touched my stomach. As hard as everything is. I am tired of crying but I can't stop the tears on my own. I tried to wipe them off but that wasn't happening. " Crying will make you sick at times "

He walked in. I sniffed and tried to wipe my tears. He stood next to me. This man is intimidating I don't know where to start talking. I sniffed and tried to wipe my tears.

Me :" I ...."

I sniffed and cleared my throat properly. I looked at him and he was waiting for me to talk.

Me :"I don't feel safe "

Nhlanhla :" Why is that ? "

Me :" Aiza was killed right infront of me. Who know what S...the person who killed him might do to me? "

Nhlanhla :"do you know something that we are supposed to know ? "

Me :" No "

He looked at me. He is terrifying. I get why Kamo runs all the time when he is in her presence. How does Ndalo deal with this everyday of her life.

Nhlanhla :" No one would harm you.

Me :" I don't want to go to Durban. I want to stay with Khona

Nhlanhla :" You will "

Tears streamed down my cheeks.

Me :" I wish the killers get found as soon as possible "

Nhlanhla:" they will be found. I promise. "

I nodded and wiped my tears.

Me :" Thank you "

Nhlanhla :" I will bring Ndalo to come and see you "

Me :" Thank you "

He nodded and walked out. I laid on the bed feeling the headache coming on. I touched my stomach and I breathed out and sighed. I just want that Monster away from my son. Away from me. I was laying on Daniel's chest after watching the funeral on tv Man it was devistating and I did she'd a few tears here and there. He ran his hands on the side of my arm and held me close to him.

Daniel :" I didn't know funerals could get you emotional "

Me :" They do. It's just sad. "

Daniel :" Let's watch something else "

Me :" Like ? "

Daniel :" Like Something else. Wine ? "

Me :" Surely "

He kissed my forehead and stood up going to the kitchen. I scrolled through the channels and found a suitable watch to drown myself in after that picture. He came back and sat next to me with some snacks and some wine in a glass.

Me:" Thank you "

Daniel :" You are welcome "

He pulls me to his chest and we watch some tv.

Daniel :" I would like for us to adopt a new born "

Me :" Mmmh ? "

I looked at him.

Daniel :" A new born baby. Those that are given up by their mothers. "

Me :" Uhm we need to think about that "

I say up and drank my wine.

Me :" There is alot to consider. We can't parent the child seperately "

Something was in my mouth. I took it out and held it up.

Me :" I could've choked "

I was more shocked the most.

Me :" Daniel

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Me :" Daniel it's beautiful "

He took it fromnmy hands.

Daniel :" Will you marry me? "

Tears welded up in my eyes. I nodded.

Me :"yes I will "

We shared a kiss. I feel so happy and emotional.

Daniel :" About that baby "

I nodded and kissed him getting ontop of him. He chuckled.

Daniel :" you are gonna swallow me "

Me :" please "

He chuckled.

Me :" I love you "

Daniel :" I love you too Bongi "

I smiled and we shared a kiss.

#### $\star$ NDALO $\star$

Commotion is loved by Aiza's mother. She couldn't stop talking about the Will. I think it's fair. That Siza gets everything. She has been with that man through thick and thin. In riches and in poorer She has stuck by her husband after everything he had done so I think that it was very fair for him to leave everything to her. I just don't get why this woman is being so dramatic about anything. I wish I could just shoot her and let it be the end because I can't deal with this. I walked inside the kitchen and Kamo is downing some stolen wine.

Kamo :" I am tired. I am sure Mom is tired if looking after my kids as well "

Me :" me too. I should check on my mother in law "

Kamo:" Poor Siza "

Me :" I know her pain. "

Kamo :" We will help her through right ? "

I nodded.

Ne :" Yeah we will. We have to "

"Ndalo!"

I turned and the guys walked in.

Me : "how is she?"

Nhlanhla :" Fine. It was a panic attack. She will be discharged tomorrow "

Me :" that's good. "

Nhlanhla :" we need to talk "

Me :" Ok "

We went out with everyone looking at us. We found a room and closed the door and he locked it.

Me :" what's wrong ? "

Nhlanhla :" we need to find the killer "

Me :" I couldn't agree with you more "

Nhlanhla :" and I think I know how "

Me :" How ? "

Nhlanhla :" I think Siza knows who it is best scared to say "

Me :" how do you know ?"

Nhlanhla :" we were talking with her and she almost seemed like she will mention the killers name but didn't. "

Me :" we should get her to say the name "

Nhlanhla :" I was thinking of you "

Me :" I will do so. I will try "

Nhlanhla :" Thank you "

Me :" You seem tired. Should I get some food for you while you freshen up?

Nhlanhla :" That would be great "

I smiled and went closer to him and stood on my toes before I laid a perk on his lips. He wrapped his arms around me.

Nhlanhla :" That's not a proper kiss "

Me :"hah"

He leaned down and we shared a kiss. I put my hands on his neck as he held my waist. We broke the kiss.

Nhlanhla :" Now that's proper "

Me :" Let me go make some food for you "

He let go of me and I walked out leaving him in there.



I don't get why Siza wanted to see Nhlanhla alone. I am still pissed on about that matter so much. I walked in the bedroom and Thabisile sat up from the bed. I took off my watch and threw it on the bed.

Thabisile : "you don't seem ok. Is she ok?"

Me: " she is fine "

She nodded.

Ne :" I am going to shower "

Thabisile :" can I join you ? "

Me :" Sure "

She got off the bed and I held her waist and kissed her. She responded. I picked her up.

Me :" I love you "

Thabisile :" I love you too "

I carried on kissing her as I got in the bathroom. With her in my arms.

 $\star$ SIZA  $\star$ 

Why am I shielding Siyanda ? I don't know as well. I kept on looking around the ward and lost in thoughts. My eyes are tired. Very tired from crying My soul is dead. It's no more. I can't feel where I am or who I am. Am I coming or going? Am I still alive or not . I am basically alone in the world . Aiza was my everything in this world. I was his as well. We only had each other and now I have no one. Siyanda took someone so precious to me. I feel drained and more hurt than angry. I wanted to tell Nhlanhla but it would cause conflict. I wish I could just kill myself but I couldn't even if I wanted to. I tried to calm down thinking of the creature inside of me. It's the last piece I have of him. A reminder of who Aiza Biyase was someone who would have been a joy bringer between his father and I just like Khona.

Me :" Lord why are you punishing me ? "

I ask myself that question. Why is the lord punishing me in such a way that he brings pain into my life. That's all he brings into my life. Pain. I sob myself to sleep. To be continued

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~UNSEEN PAIN ~

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#### ~SEASON FINALLY ~

\*A YEAR LATER \*

" I Now pronounce you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride "

I don't know why I am dragged to this. They kissed and Siyanda turned to me as I looked at him. He winked thinking it would charm me but he got that wrong. I still live in Gauteng and Siyanda decided that it's best to move here. Like I need him to do that. I got everything into my name Aiza left everything and his mother was not plessed at all. We all stood up and they walked down the aisle together.

Kamo:" Are you ok?"

I nodded.

Me :" Yes I am fine "

I faked a smile and we all walked out going to the reception. I won't join in the photos. How I wish Siyanda can be caught and thrown in the lions den. I wish he can choke on anything here and die. I sigh. I miss Aiza every single day of my life. I feel like I am going crazy when I hear his voice in my head as well. I went inside and sat down joining the others. I refuse to be with Siyanda. Ever in my life.

I look by my side and Thabani is smiling while playing with him in his arms. He looks just like his father every single day.

Thabani :" I want to take him home "

Me:"no. I want my Mpendulo with me "

Ntando :" you are obsessed "

How can I not obsessed when he looks like his father. It's painful seeing him grow like this everyday. A stab in my heart as I see Siyanda smile with his girl when Aiza and I could be happy like that today.

Me :" Kamo "

She leaned in. I opened my clutch bag and took out the letter and gave it to her.

Kamo :" What's that ? "

Me :" keep it safe. I am going to the loo. Watch Him for me please. I trust you "

Kamo :" sure. You will come back and find him here in my arms. "

I smiled and stood up and kissed his cheek. I whispered in his small ear.

Me :" Mommy loves you "

I walked off wiping my tear. I searched my bag for a phone and I took it out and requested. I walked out of the lodge and went to stand outside waiting for an Uber to come and it came. I got in.

Driver :" Where to ? "

Me :" the place please "

He nodded and drove off. I looked outside the window. I couldn't handle anything anymore. It got too much for me. I know he is in good hands. Kamo's hands. I trust her

### DEAR KAMOGELO

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You have been nothing but an Amazing sister to me. Yes a sister more than my own sister. That's why I want to open up now. Since the death of Aiza I haven't been ok. I almost lost Mpendulo 2 times. What I am about to say don't tell anyone. I know who killed Aiza I can't say because I am protecting you but he is closer than you think. Keep that to yourself for your own safety. I love both of my sons they are my everything. God blessed me with them. Usakhona I wish he would grow up and be the opposite of his father and Mpendulo Being the sweeter side of his father. I put Mpendulo in your care and hands. Please love him like your own. I hope one day he forgives me for doing this to him. Both of them but I can't live in this tormenting situation. I need to get away and start afresh and find peace where I am going.

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I stood ontop looking down and then turned around and held my dress the breeze was hitting me smoothly and nice. I breathed in and out i could feel all the pain in my heart No one could feel it more than me. No one knows it like me.

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Mpendulo Biyase and Usakhona Khumalo. Mommy will always love you forever. She is always in your hearts.

From Sizakele

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I stepped back and my body was free from standing. Floating in the air as I closed my eyes and took a deep breath. My heart was suddenly starting to be at ease. My soul was resting from the ache as well. Me :" I love you "

Was my words before my body came incontact with the tar. It was dark after and that was it.

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

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Me :" Siza is not coming back "

Hlubi :"it has been an hour now "

Ndalo :" I will go and check on her "

I nodded and she stood up and went to the bathrooms. She came back after some time.

Ndalo :" She is no where "

Mpendulo and Usakhona started crying their lungs out.

Me :" Shhh Baby. Mommy is coming back. "

Thabisile :" Keep them quiet "

MaK took Khona and tried to hush her.

Ingathi's mother :" they are feeling something "

Me :" What is it ? "

Nhlanhla :" Where is Siza ?"

Me :" We don't know "

Ingathi :""lets look for her "

I hope she is ok wherever she is. I shoved the letter in my bag and followed after him.

## $\star$ ZAMILE $\star$

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Andile :" Oh my "

Me:"what?"

Andile :" come and see "

I got off the bed and went to the kitchen and She was on the floor licking sugar from her fingers. She was covered in it.

Me:" Baby "

Andile :" She is naughty "

Me :" I need to find locks for the cupboards "

She giggled.

Her :" Mama "

Me :" Mama for nothing. You messed up "

Andile chuckled.

Andile :" it's no big deal "

Me :" Daddy will clean up "

Andile :" that's not fair "

Me :" I am bathing her "

Andile :" Zama "

I walked off with him calling me. I giggled I am glad we just didn't make a big deal wedding. Though I wish Siza was there but she has her own issues to deal with.

 $\star$ NDALO $\star$ 

Me :" Where could she be ? "

Nhlanhla :" I don't know "

We were now driving away from the lodge. I looked at my boys at the back. Nhlanhla's phone rang.

Nhlanhla :" Please put it on speaker "

I answered it and did just that.

Nhlanhla :" Detective what have we done now ? "

Detective :" Nothing. It's not a friendly call like the usual times. "

Me :" Is it ever friendly ?"

Detective :' the beautiful Mrs Rhadebe "

Nhlanhla:" Cut to the chase "

Detective :" We have a lady found on the streets "

Me :" Lady ? "

Detective :" I presume it's wife to the late Aiza Biyase "

Me :" Oh my god Siza. What is she doing there ?"

Detective :" it's best you come to the station. "

Nhlanhla :" Talk !"

He was getting impatient.

Detective :" It ... I am sorry "

Me :" What ? "

Detective :" It looks like she committed Suicide. She didn't make it. "

Me: "What? No...Nhlanhla no."

Nhlanhla :" Shhh "

Tears welded in my eyes.

Nhlanhla :" Can we come and identify the body ?"

Defective :" I know that face but you can. She is not in a good shape. Her brains were scattered on the road "

Me :" ( sobs ) oh my God "

Nhlanhla :" we are coming "

The detective hung up. He stopped the car and came to my side.

Nhlanhla :" I am sorry "

Me :" can it not be her "

Nhlanhla :" we will just have to see. "

 $\star$ KAMOGELO  $\star$ 

Ingathi :" Let go to the police station. "

Me :" Why ? "

Ingathi :" we might have a lead "

Me:" Ok "

I am hoping Siza Is ok. I took out the letter she gave to me and looked at it.

Ingathi :" What is that ? "

Me :" Maybe she ...."

Ingathi :" Let's not assume the worst "

I nodded. He kept on driving. We got to the police station and we got out and Ingathi rushed inside. I went to Ndalo.

Ndalo :"I am scared of going inside "

Me :" What's going on ? "

Ndalo :" I ...."

Her phone rang and shw answered it.

Ndalo :" Hello "

There was silence. She went on her knees.

Ndalo :" No "

She said softly.

Ndalo :" Nhlanhla Tell me it's a look alike "

There was silence and she dropped the call and looked at me.

Ndalo :" Uhm she ...she "

She cried and I went down and hugged her.

Me :" it's ok. She will be ok "

Ndalo:" Kamo "

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She still cried. I held on her I am praying to God that Siza is ok where she is "

# $\star$ BONGILE $\star$

Daniel and I got married. His family is very nice. I am now Mrs Franklin to be precise and I have never been happier. He makes me happy all times It's been a year since the death of Aiza. I don't know how I feel. A pang of hurt that he is gone but With Daniel here it's comforting. We got out of the car and held her in my arms. She looks wonderful and pink. He comes out with him in his arms as well.

Me :" I wonder what they are gonna say when they are older. "

Daniel :" I don't know. I just hope they won't ask questions.

Me :" We shouldn't say they are twins. It's will just blow things over. "

He kisses the little guys forehead. I kissed the baby girl.

Me :" he looks pink "

Daniel :" I looked like that when I was young "

Me :" I love them "

Daniel :" I love them too "

I was so happy. We adopted two kids. A white boy and a black girl. I hope they grow to love us as much as we are gonna love them. Daniel makes it seem ok that I can't give him kids and I am happy he makes me feel this way. Valued if I could say. I have never been this happy.

# $\star$ THABISILE $\star$

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"Fuck!"

Tears streamed down his eyes. Finally she is gone. I am so happy that she will be one with the soil. It took some time though

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her life seemed perfect . I rubbed his back we are supposed to be on a honey moon and not here in the middle of the hotel room floor. He is sniffing I don't know why he is crying for her.

Me :" Siyanda "

Siyanda :" It's my fault. I shouldn't have killed Aiza "

That's a shocker. I didn't know but I kept quiet and carried on rubbing his back.

Me :" hey. You loved her. That's that matters "

Siyanda :"how could she be selfish ?"

Me :" She is Where to now? "

He is still crying. I am silent. He stands up and takes off his blazer.

Siyanda :" Uhm we are going to her home "

Me :"sure "

I want to see it with my own two eyes.

Me :" I will drive "

He nodded. I undressed and changed into comfortable clothes so as him before we left. The whole mood was somber. Everyone was now heading to Siza's home. We got to Thembisa and got out. He rushed inside and I locked the car. There was a woman who was standing by the gate. She was in white clothes and looked weird. As soon as I walked in she sprayed water on me.

Her :" You will reap what you sow "

Me :" What ? "

Her:" no bad deed goes unpunished. Mark my words "

I swallowed. She is crazy.

Me :" Mxm "

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I left her standing there. She is delusional I am happy that Siza is gone. The cries confirmed everything that I needed. Perfect one. Bye Siza See you on the other side.

#### A LETTER FROM SIZA

In the mist of me living The mist of me loving and bearing. I found myself in a lot of pain. My soul can't be repaired. It can't be fixed but only be at peace. The world wouldn't give me that peace. I found tears in my sister's hands My husband's hands His mother Distance cousin and my own mother but the most pain I found in God. He was never there for me. My marriage was set for pain the day I said I do. I looked at his eyes and so did he in mine. They were filled with love though I didn't notice. He was my Bestfriend Still is but died as my lover. I died as his wife I left an Heir to carry his father's name. I left two Cargo's that I will always cherish in my heart for all eternity. I will watch over them if I can. I wish to meet my Aiza wherever I am going . Heaven couldn't wait for me. No I couldn't wait for heaven. I couldn't wait to find what I have always been looking for. Physical pain is much better than Emotional pain. I was a dead woman walking. I love you Mpendulo and Usakhona. I am proud of you boys. "i love you " is the

word. That's what my life was all about. No one could understand and see my pain. They all saw this beautiful woman married to a successful man but beyond that was pain. An Unseen pain that only I the person going through it knew the depth of it no one else.

~SIZAKELE BIYASE

THE END

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