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Bloody Beautiful Mistress! by Lydia Gwambe

Introduction

There has always been a huge difference between Anzani's life and any other ordinary girl, she had a very difficult upbringing and the fact that she lost both her parents in a plane crash on their way to Mozambique to find a cure for cancer, Anzani's parents were scientists, their death made things even more difficult for her, growing up in the guidance of her aunt who was very abusive and mean towards her, made her the woman she is today! With all the struggles she had to endure, at the age of 8 she had no choice but to grow up and take charge of her life With her two cousins Mimi and Thando who made sure that she doesn't forget how she lost her parents who thought they were better than everyone, and how her presence in the family took food out of their mouth. Anzani automatically became a maid at her father's house, one mistake her parents

did was leaving the house in the hands of her evil aunt. Her tough situation at home forced her to quit her studies and her only biggest achievement was landing a job as a cleaner at one of the biggest corporate world in JHB, her dream is to go back to school and finish her matric, with her looks and her mind of gold she managed to be one of the richest women in South Africa, Anzani is a grown women now (21) and responsible but she is still harshly abused by her supposedly family. we all don't know who Anzani is, follow me as we explore her world.

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Anzani.

Dreaming

" I looked at my mother as she ran Excitedly with a little snake on her hand, my father is very terrified of snakes so mom finds it so funny to play with it around him, the snake wasn't poisonous ofcouse, but then I noticed something on his face, a scar! a scar that had fresh blood dripping all over, from his face, his knees to his toes, it was somehow creepy. I went closer and tried to touch his face but I couldn't, as much as I got closer to him, he kept moving back like he didn't want me to get closer to him, my mother just passed through me and got to him first, she looked at him and spoke in a language I couldn't understand, she laughed as she went much closer to his face, she started licking and sucking on the blood, I noticed fire on

her eyes like she was some kind of beast, her body started cracking, with scars on her entire body, I tried to scream but my voice couldn't come out, the snake hissed it way on my father's face , it bit him bit by bit until it was no where to be found, it felt weird though, cause when I looked closer all I could see were shadows, they slowly walked to the crashed plane that was on my side, then disappeared"

I woke up to Thando who had a bucket filled with water, with my blankets on her hands, she had this annoying smile on her face that I always wish I could just wipe away with a slap. With sweat all over my body, I was still panting and breathing heavy from my dream.

'Calm down Anzani it was just a dream' I said to my self.

'I don't care about your flipping nightmare, mom says you should wake up and make breakfast for us' she poured the water on me, It was 6 o'clock in the morning so you could only imagine the amount of coldness I had to endure. I screamed.

'Why did you do that? I'm already awake.' I said.

'OH poor Anzani, I'm really sorry... I did it because I can.' She walked out of the room with one hell of an attitude.

Knowing how much I suffer in this house, this was just the least of it all, I was used to it, I was used to being the maid of the house, I couldn't talk back at any of them because if I do I will

have my aunt to deal with, have you ever cooked food that you can't even taste? None of the things that were done to me defined me, yes it broke me that I couldn't find a job, well I once got a job in a local supermarket but with my evil aunt it didn't even last a week.

I stood up from my wet wreck of a bed, got dressed in one of my regular dresses, with my slippers on, I took my sponge out so it could dry as always, if you didn't know better you'd think I wet myself at night, I couldn't stop thinking about my dream, it got me worried because it wasn't the first time, I had a similar dream just the other day.

I heard a painful stroke on my shoulder, I turned and gave attention to whoever did that, it was my aunt.

'Auntie.'

'Don't auntie me, what are you doing here? This thing is making my home look like a scrap yard, remove it ' she said and threw at the sponge away. 'But Aunty...'

'Are you talking back at me, little girl? '

'I'm sorry' I quickly said and ran back to the kitchen, with tears all over my face, found Mimi there busy with the dishes, I wonder why, in this house I do almost everything from cleaning the house to Washing and ironing their panties, I looked at her,

trying so hard that she doesn't notice that I was crying, I stood next to the stove and looked at the floor.

' Are you crying ' asked mimi

'No I'm not, why would I cry?' I rubbed my eyes until they turned red.

' I heard you having nightmares, dreaming about the deads I see, are you dreaming of your dead parents? ' she smiled.

'There is nothing to smile about now, is there? Nxaaa!' I said

' Oh sweetheart, everything about your little miserable life is funny, you are funny, just look at what you wearing, you just don't look like one of us.' mimi said.

Well mimi was the oldest(22), already had two kids, two boys, Thando(18), and me(21).

'Well its not like someone would dream to look like you if you'd like to know ' tears just got of me.

'Come now, just look at me' she paraded at the kitchen, she was on her tight jeans and high sissy boy heels, with a transparent T-shirt.

I rolled my eyes and said nothing, it wasn't worth it anyway.

' what are you waiting for, tell me how beautiful I look' she said.

'Only if you knew...' I answered not realising that my aunt was standing at the door and looking at us.

'Only if she knew what?' Auntie asked.

I had to quickly come up with a plan to defend my own skin

I looked around. ' I meant if only she knew how fabulous she looks, excuse me' I just wanted to get away from them cause I know exactly how they get if they are together.

' OH thank you...not that I don't know' she said.

' where do you think you going? Come back here.' Auntie said.

I knew this was about breakfast, I know I was suppose to prepare auntie's soft brown porridge, Thando's sunny side up egg's and not forgetting miss no it all, nicely made wheat Bix. I went back to the kitchen and looked at my aunt.

'where is our breakfast? ' asked Auntie.

' Auntie, I can't make breakfast today I'm not feeling well, I had a bad dream and I'm....' I said.

My Aunt quickly answered me ' So because Anzani had a bad dream, there is no breakfast for us today? '

They both laughed and looked at me in a funny way, how I wish someone could just care for me.

'I'm hungry mommy and my kids will be late for school, Anzani, won't you finish that so you could help me bath my kids.' Said Mimi.

They started talking about their own matters, things that didn't involve me, they laughed, and I just stood there and watched them, how I wish my mother was still here so that I can laugh with her, gossip with her and let her protect me through this kind of life, only if I could find a job, and get the hell out of this dump, I continued making breakfast for everyone in the house, then went and took a bath, it was no use taking a bath anyway, because I was told I should wash Thando's blankets because her friends are coming over for a night study, Thando is doing her matric but lazy as hell, I mean you could only imagine, who is doing grade 12 and still at home at 7am?

I wanted to sneak out and ran away, I just couldn't do those blankets, I needed someone who could help me explain the dreams I keep on having, perhaps my parents wanted to communicate with me somehow, but what gets to me is the snake that disappears in my father's face, what could be the meaning of that? I took out my torn black panties, and a Jean my friend gave me with my older top and got dressed, as much as I tried to convince my self that I looked good, my self esteem just couldn't let me, to be honest with you I got no shoes except for the slippers that are always on my feets, luckily I

wash them everyday, cause if I didn't do that I'd be smelling like sh*t.

I put on my slippers and waited for everyone to go so that I can go in peace, my aunt took her bags and went to work, she worked as a clerk at a community clinic, Thando went to school, and I was only waiting for Mimi to take her kids to a local crèche, then it will be my turn to leave the house .

'I'm going to my boyfriend, make sure you wash Thando's blankets and don't forget to cook dinner' she shouted from a distance.

I stood up, jumped up and down, I was celebrating the fact that I can take as much time as I want, as long as I come back in time to prepare dinner.

I waited until I couldn't see her anymore, then locked the door and chuffed the keys on our usual spot, under the flower pot near our kitchen window.

I walked as fast as I could, didn't want to make the mistake of being found, what if Thando forgot something and she comes back, I just couldn't risk that.

On the way I met up with one of the most annoying guys in town, he had some kind of a crush on me, well he is kind of handsome, just that I didn't find him that attractive enough for

me, besides who will have time for boyfriends with a family like mine, it will just be torture to the poor guy.

'If it isn't the most beautiful girl in Daveyton' he said.

I smiled, I don't know how but I found my self smiling.

'And she smiles' he added.

This guy looks classy though, he was the type of guys who spend a lot of money focusing on how they look, I think that is a waste of money, sometimes they would tear it up, or burn it, that what mostly annoyed me, they burnt the money that I needed with all of my soul.

'I think you should go back to your crew, I'm in a hurry. ' I said and wiped away my smile real quick.

'Come on girl, I heard that you are a tough cookie but you can't be tough on me now can you?'

He was really annoying me, cause he was blocking my way so I had to stop and listen to his crab.

' what do you have that other's don't? I said I'm in a hurry ' I said rudely.

' Money, I got money and I'll take care of you' he answered.

That almost got me hooked, remember all I want is to get out that house, doesn't matter how as long as I'm out .

I looked at him, deep in his eyes, how can this fool take care of me while he still lives at his grandmother's house.

' leave me alone ' I said and pulled my hand from him.

His friends started laughing, I don't know whether they were laughing at me or him , it just didn't matter anymore, I just wanted to get to the prophet I was told about, maybe he will try and help me with my dream.

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I kept on walking until I met a little girl playing near a very beautiful double story house, she was so beautiful that she reminded me of my self when I was still a little girl, when my parents were still alive, she looked at me and started laughing and pointing at me, I don't know why but I was getting used to being a laughing stock of town, people would just laugh and start gossiping about me, some would just say ' But her parents were scientists '

that statement confused me almost everyday of my life, I walked past the girl and then stopped walking almost 2 metres away from her.

She stared at me and smiled.

'Come here' I said.

She Excitedly ran to me and wrapped her tinny hands around my legs, it was so cute that I almost cried.

'Ma'am you are so beautiful 'she said.

I looked at her, tried so hard not to shed a tear, I couldn't understand her sudden change of heart ,I mean she was laughing at me for heaven sake.

'Ohkay, thank you, why ain't you at school? '

She looked pale though like her blood had been sucked out of her tinny little soul, she frowned.

'I'm only 4 years old why would I be at school?' She said with her super active voice.

Time was really not on side, remember I'm suppose to go back and wash those blankets before everyone returns and dinner should be ready by 5 o'clock.

'Okay then, I think it is too dangerous for a 4 year old to be playing on the streets alone, don't you think nana?'

'My mother used to call me that ' she said with tears on her face.

I looked at the time on my watch and realised it was 9:30 am already, to be quiet frankly, I couldn't care less about her problems, I just wanted to find the prophet, tell him about my dream and then focus on finding a job.

'I'm looking for a church around this area, do you know where it is? '

She pointed at the house near us.

'Okay thanks '

I walked away from her, and headed to the gate, as soon as my hand was on the gate she shouted.

' You are very rude, you know' she frowned and folded her arms.

'I am? '

'You didn't even ask my name ' she said.

'I'm really sorry baby, what is your name?'

This child's confidence gave me strength, she gave me hope in a way i just couldn't even explain, if a little girl like this can stand up for herself whats stopping me?

'I'm Anna, what yours?' she smiled and jumped up and down on what seemed to be something she had drawn to play games on.

'I'm Anzani'

'Okay good luck sis Anzani' she said, and continued playing and speaking the same language I heard my mother speak in my dream, I turned and looked back, I wanted to ask her what she said but as creepy as it is to say this, I just have to say it, the girl just disappeared to thin air.

'Anna' I shouted

This got me so scared, was this girl only in my mind, I ran to the house and was welcomed by a bowl filled with bones, 'what kind of a church is this?' I asked my self but I continued going anyways, the house looked old and aburdened, I looked around, so scared, I have never been so scared in my life, I have never been to a church just for prophecy and by the look of it this was not just a church, it looked like a Sangoma's house, someone behind me tapped me on my shoulder, I jumped and screamed as I looked behind me and saw what seemed to be an old woman in a Sangoma's attire.

'What do you want' she asked

I was practically shaking and sweating.

'I'm sorry, seems like I'm in the wrong house' I answered.

And quickly headed to the gate, she shouted 'You are here because of your dreams, ain't you?'

I looked at her so shocked, wondered how she knew that.

'How did you..?'

'Know that?' She finished the question for me.

I nodded.

She grabbed my hand and pulled me closer to her, you need help and soon or if you don't, you'll be in grave danger.

'Danger?' I asked

'Who directed you here?' She asked.

'A little girl named Anna'

'Anna?' She asked and quickly let go of my hand, and opened her eyes widely.

'But Anna died a long time ago'

I laughed at her, only to realise that she was serious.

'No man maybe, we are not talking about the same girl, I just spoke with her some few minutes ago. ' I answered with a smile trying to convince my self that I wasn't talking to a ghost, I don't believe in ghosts afterall.

'It doesn't matter

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you need to be cleansed so that the nightmares can go away, I will not say anything to you until you bring a goat and two traditional hens.'

'But I don't have the money to buy those things ' I said.

'That's not my problem, now leave and come back whenever

you are ready.' She pointed at the gate .

I was really terrified of her, so I just walked away from her with one hell of a speed, I ran out and closed the gate, I couldn't even look back, I kept on running, until I couldn't breathe anymore, I got to a place near a big tree, I sat down and cried. My biggest worry was how will I get the money to buy the goat and those hens?

Everytime I tried to close my eyes, the only thing I saw was Anna's images. The fact that I had to go back to that dump called home was tiring, I stood up and started walking, the time was 11:30, when I saw gugu, a very great humbled soul, someone who has always been on my side since the death of my parents, she waved at me and I slowly walked to her, I had no power, I know I can't tell her about the dead girl, she would just think I'm crazy, so I had to come up with a story about my sadness.

'Gaz'lam.' She said and gave me a hug.

'Hi'

'What's wrong Anzani? '

'Nothing'

'Try telling that to someone who believes it.' She said

We walked quietly as she was still waiting for me to answer her.

' I need to find some cash... and quick.' I said.

' What for?'

'I need it.' I said

' Don't tell me you still want to run away Anzani, where will you go?

I wasn't in the mood to be judged so I just couldn't answer her.

'I need to go back home, I should wash Thando's blankets. '

' can't she do her own blankets? Anzani this must come to an end'

I shook my head, if only she knew the struggles upon my life, if only she knew that my wicked family was the least of my worries right now.

' You think I like being treated like dump? You think I want to wash Thando's blankets? Or cook dinner that I won't even be allowed to eat' I yelled.

I know it wasn't necessary for me to do that but I did it anyway.

'Look Anzani, at work I heard they are looking for cleaner's, you should try and apply there.'

' I don't even have my matric.'

'It doesn't matter, at least try.' She said with a smile.

'You think I stand a chance? '

'I know they will like you, I mean who couldn't like you?'

'My family ' I frowned.

'Those are just wicked people don't mind them, God will harshly deal with them, are you still having nightmares? '

'No'

I know I just lied to Gugu, I was getting tired of being pitted on. She walked me home, I hugged her and she continued with her

journey.

I noticed that the door was opened, trouble was really brewing, I wonder who was there. I got to the kitchen and there was no one so I tiptoed to my room trying as much as I could to make less noise.

'Where are you coming from'

I stood there and just couldn't turn and look at her, it was my aunt.

'To look for a job'

She laughed and clapped her hands, I turned my head and looked at her.

'You think there is any sane person who can hire a piece of shit like you?'

'Auntie please not today' with tears on face.

'Get out of my face, stupid girl...nxaah! '

I ran to my room, sat on the floor and just cried.

I looked at my parents picture that was hanging on the wall, ' why did you leave me'

How I wished the picture could answer me. I took a pen and paper, wrote a CV, it wasn't much but at least it was something, now what was left was taking it to the place, maybe I'll get lucky.

I stood up and went to the kitchen, it was time for me to start preparing dinner, when I heard a knock on the door, I went and opened it, it was one of auntie's Boyfriends, with a creche of

alcohol.

'Ya' he said and winked at me.

'Hello, I guess you looking for my aunt.'

'yes'

'I'll get her for you' I turned and he spanked my ass.

I didn't take it littly, so I shouted and swore at him, I knew that would get me in trouble but I just couldn't care less, I made noise until my aunt came to the rescue, well more like rescuing the pervet.

'What's going on here ? ' Auntie asked.

'Your daughter is being rude.'

' He spanked my ass '

My aunt just laughed.

'What do you think you are?, you think John could do that to you, come John lets go.'

I looked at them and shook my head, he turned his head and blowed me a kiss, I just felt like dying.

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Gugu.

My name is gugu, I'm a receptionist at a very big corporate world company in JHB. Anzani and I have been friends since her parents died,

I feel it is my responsibility to help Anzani, get her the job she desperately need so that she can get the hell out of that dump called home, if I could, I would offer her a place to stay and do something with her life but with what I earn I just can't, and the fact that I have a sick mother who needs medication and all, I just can't. It saddens me to see her suffer like that, she has been suffering all her life and I just couldn't do anything about it.

'What are you thinking about, are you gonna take that? '

that was a voice that interrupted my thoughts.

I turned around and looked.

It was my super handsome boss, who is always on his best, he doesn't talk much though, he is on his late 30's, very strict, he doesn't smile much, always on his formal wear, the kind of guy who is always about business, tell me about a workaholic, I doubt if he is a family man, a family would suit him though, Mr stanley Zungu.

I panicked and quickly got hold of the phone that was ringing.

'I'm sorry sir ' those were the only words that came out of my mouth, the level of stress I was under could have cost me my

job.

'In my office, now ' he yelled and walked away.

I followed him, got there and just stood still, with my head facing the floor, I started playing with my fingers, I couldn't afford to lose this job, it was my life.

'Sir'

'Yes Gugu, what's your problem? You seem to be far away from your work, is there anything wrong? ' he looked concerned about me.

'I'm really sorry sir, it won't happen again. ' I answered.

'Something is not right about you, I mean you always on top of your game but these days, I have been receiving a lot of complains about you.' He cleared his throat.

Complains about me? I didn't realise that things were this kind of bad, that customers would even complain about me.

'I'm really sorry sir, I promise you it will not happen again.'

'It okay you can go ' he pointed the door.

'Thank you sir.'

I quickly turned around and walked fast, before I reached the door, I realised I needed to try get Anzani a job, I know he may think I'm taking advantage of him since he was kind to me but I just felt I should try, so I went back to his desk and pulled a chair out and sat .

' sir I'm sorry if this would sit on you the wrong way, but I have a friend who desperately need a job' I was shaking.

'Ya!... so? He didn't even look at me, he kept on fiddling with his phone.

I knew by that time that this was a bad idea.

'I was wondering if you could hire her, she is a hard worker. ' I begged

'Uhhmm...' That's all he said.

' Sir are you even listening to me? '

'Oh sure, I am Gugu, but we not hiring at the moment. ' he answered harshly

'But I've seen the cleaners posts '

'Gugu please get back to work. ' he said.

Well I was so disappointed but at least I tried and God is my only witness, Anzani will someday find a job, I stood up slowly and walked slowly to the door, with my frowned face.

'Gugu... tell her to come to an interview tomorrow ' he said.

What, I jumped up and down and ran to him forgetting that he is my boss, I ran and hugged him, I squeezed him so hard as I kept on saying.

'Thank you, thank you , thank you. '

He quickly removed my hands from his neck, and fixed his tie that was now kind of dislocated , he looked angry because of the hug, I had to apologise, I mean this is against company policy, I shouldn't hug or get this much closer to my boss.

'I'm sorry sir'

'Its okay just go' things were now kind of tense, cause we stood

there and looked at each other, hugging him made me realise that I actually have a huge crush on him, I looked at his lips, and quickly shook my head, trying to bring my self back to the world.

' I have to go back to work' I said and walked away.

I couldn't wait to tell Anzani the good news, that I might have found a job for her, but she had no phone so I will have to go pass her home when I knock off.

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Anzani

Just like any other day, I prepared dinner for the whole family, auntie's Boyfriend was there and Mimi's baby daddy

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so obviously I had to prepare more food than the usual, I didn't feel well though, something was not right about me, now the Sangoma's words were starting to scare the hell out of me , maybe the worst that she said was coming has already arrived, it would be so much better if I die , maybe its the only way I could find peace...the fact that I wasn't feeling well was making me very slow, I couldn't finish cooking dinner in time, the porridge wasn't nicely cooked, and the meat was somehow raw, I knew that this was trouble on the way, due to their

demands and how hungry they are, I just had to dish up and give them their food, I dished up and took the food to them, one by one until I was done, the porridge was really hot, seeing that there were visitors at home, I also dished up for my self, I had a feeling that my aunt wouldn't shout at me in front of everyone , I went and sat with them at the dining room, she looked at me, everyone was eating except her, she kept staring at her dish and mine, then finally threw her plate on me, the porridge burned me on my chest, I jumped and screamed , everyone looked at her, even her evil kids.

'Ouch..ouch...ouch' I cried.

'Why did you do that? ' asked Thando.

As surprising as it was , Thando was on my side.

I ran out of the room, and sat outside, I couldn't stop crying, just after I went out I could hear everyone laughing inside the house, it broke my heart.

A few minutes later, Gugu arrived, she noticed that I was crying, she sat next to me and cried too.

'I'm really sorry Anzani, but this is about to come to an end. ' she said.

I quickly wiped my tears.

'What?' I hope that this was just what I was thinking about.

'Anzani, no man! What the hell is this? ' she pointed at the mark left by the porridge, I was red all over my chest, I can't even describe my pain but pain was the least of my worries.

' Don't mind this, what's the good news? '

' I think I got you a Job, tomorrow you are going for an interview, you should get that checked up.' She pointed at my chest and shook her head.

I didn't know whether I was suppose to be happy or worried, I was told a person should look their best for interviews, I don't have decent clothes, I don't have matric, and I don't know how I should react when I get there, this would defenetly be a nightmare, and I will never be hired.

' You don't look too happy for a person who's going for an interview, whats wrong? '

' Nothing, thanks for everything.' I answered.

'I'll fetch you tomorrow morning, so that you don't get lost.'

' No don't come here, I'll come to you before you go. ' I said 'Okay babe, goodnight. She smiled and walked away.

I had my doubts about this, but I'll definitely do it, I'll try my luck.

'Anzani...' that was my aunt calling me.

I don't know what they did to me that made me obey and let them do what they pleased about me, but whatever it is, it was so strong.

I quickly stood up and ran to the kitchen where she was, she gave me one hell of a slap, that I even noticed one tear coming out of my eye.

' What was that for? ' I said with my broken voice.

'For being stupid, what the hell was that?' She pointed at the food.

I looked at her and kept quiet.

With my aunt you will never know what's right, sometimes when she talks, she doesn't need an answer, and sometimes if you don't answer her its disrespect.

'Get the hell out of my face '

I ran to my room, sat down and cried, this was a routine now, every night I would sit here and look at my parents picture that is hanging on the wall and ask my self 'why did you leave me?'

4

Anzani.

I had a sleepless night as usual, the dream just kept on haunting me, clearly I must do something about it, having not to sleep the whole night worked in my advantage though, I had time to prepare for the interview, I had time to pray, with my evil aunt, I had to sneak out and not be seen. So I woke up as early as I could, cleaned my room then took a bath, I went to aunt's bedroom , I realised that she was still asleep, great.

I took her hand bag and stole a R50 note, then took it back where I got it, I knew that this was trouble on the way but I did it anyway, I regret stealing from her but I had no choice , I can't expect Gugu to find me a job and also pay for my transport, never.

So I walked out without being seen, I was so nervous, it was still a little bit dark outside, so I thought I have seen something on the corner there, or is it just paranoia? I went closer to that abandoned one roomed house to check it out, but I saw nothing, I turned and continued with my journey 'Goodluck sis Anzani ' that was the voice behind me.

I got so scared that I even fell, I looked for the person that said that but to my surprise there was no one.

'Who's there?'

'Its Anna, your friend! ' the voice answered.

I quickly remembered the Sangoma's words then stood up and

ran.

I got to Gugus place, knocked and she opened the door.

'You are early' she said

she was still busy fixing her make up.

'The early bird catches the fastest worm' I smiled.

'So are you ready?' Gugu said.

I nodded.

'You look great' she said.

I knew that she said that just to boost my confidence, I mean I looked terrible.

'You look like you've seen a ghost' she said cause she could see that I was breathing heavy, talking about ghosts.

'Would you believe me if I say I saw it?' I frowned.

Gugu just laughed and took her bag.

'Lets go , good bye mom' she shouted.

'How is your mom?' I asked.

'She is better now, just that the medication is now very expensive.' She said with a concerned face.

'She will be alright hey' I said.

'Thank you so much Anzani'

Gugu and I understand each other so much, we feel each other's pain and would die for each other, she is like a sister I never had, a God sent, I love her.

'I love you' I smiled.

'You lie' she laughed as she pulled me closer and hugged me.

'So tell me about the boss, and all the superiors there.'

'Girl the boss there is so handsome ' she giggled.

We got into the taxi, Gugu is very talkative, she doesn't care what people think of her, she is just her own person.

'Girl I'm not talking about that, to you every man is handsome. '

We both laughed, when I'm with her I feel like I'm also human ,like I'm worth something, I just couldn't imagine my life without her.

'Okay they are all handsome but this one is super handsome, I want to seduce him.' She winked.

One old lady who sat next to us, looked at her and shook her head.

'Gugu'

'I'm kidding girl, I think he likes me too.' Said Gugu.

We got to our destination, I was shaking and my hands were shaking too, Gugu went to the lift and waited for it to open.

'What are you waiting there for? ' she asked.

I'm very scared of heights, they are my worst nightmare, if I have to work here, I would but I'll definitely not like it.

'I know you scared of heights but you will have to overcome your fears. '

She grabbed my hand and pulled me closer to the lift, it finally opened and we got in, as soon as it moved, I felt like my entire intestine were coming out of my mouth, like my heart just stopped pumping, I held onto Gugu the entire way, she couldn't

stop laughing at me, she enjoyed seeing me like that, I don't blame her for laughing at me though, I also laugh at her when she run away from spiders, she is terrified of spiders, any spider at that.

'You enjoy seeing me at my worst? I said.

'It pay back time, you have been laughing at me my entire life. '

she said

We got to the office where the interview would be held but there was no one

so Gugu showed me a place to stay and wait for her boss, I don't want to lie and say I wasn't scared, I had all sorts of emotions in one place, I wanted to cry, I could see that coming here was a mistake, Gugu was now nicely seated on her reception desk, and I sat at the waiting room like we don't even know each other. Have you ever been so scared that you even sweat?

A few minutes later, I stood up, I wanted to use the opportunity that the boss was late to my advantage.

' hey Gugu, maybe I should come back tomorrow. ' I said.

'You are not going anywhere, mr Zungu is on his way.

I knew she wouldn't allow such nonsense so I just sat down and kept on waiting.

Whenever I closed my eyes the only thing I saw was the image of the little girl named Anna, if she is dead then why her spirit keeps on haunting me? Why do I see her everyday of my life.

I closed my eyes once more and fell asleep on the couch.

I saw my self in a deep fire, inside a crashed plane, my parents lying there helpless, I tried to run to them but this guy kept blocking my way...I shouted my father's name, there were dead bodies everywhere, I saw the little girl, walking and jumping on top of the lifeless bodies, I screamed...and realised that my father was still breathing but a huge snake strangled him to death.

'Anzani, wake up' she shook me until I woke up.

I was breathing heavy and sweating.

'It was just a dream babe, its going to be alright. ' she hugged me.

'It is that nightmare again, Gugu...I have to find this Job.'

'My boss is here, he called for you, please just be yourself. ' she pointed at the office.

I stood up, did some touch up on my face, remember I had tears so I had to wipe them.

I walked to the office with so much courage, I think the fact that I needed the money to get rid of the nightmares was the nicest encouragement ever, I got there and knocked.

The door was opened so I just got in, The boss there was busy with his paper work like he didn't even see me.

'Hi I'm here for an interview. ' I said.

'Ok hi...you must be Anzani' he answered but didn't raise his head to look at me.

I think that is kind of rude but what can I say, I was used to this kind of treatment.

' should I take a sit or what?' I asked.

He raised his head up and looked at me, God... I don't know anything about handsome people, I don't know anything about love but surely this is just one hell of a handsome man, no wonder Gugu says she have a crush on him.

I tried to contain my self, afterall I'm just a 21 year old virgin, what do I know about love, besides I'm just here for an interview.

' Gugu told me a lot about you, but she didn't mention you are this beautiful. ' he smiled

To tell you the truth, I think people are just lying to me when they say I'm beautiful, I don't see my beauty, I can't even describe myself, I'm a broken girl, abused physically and emotional.

'Thank you sir.' I blushed.

'When do you want to start? '

'What?' I asked

'Work, when are you available?'

' I can start as soon as I get the job'

'Okay the job is yours'

'The interview? '

'What interview? '

I looked around like I was in a wrong place, maybe this guy

thinks that I'm someone else, how can he just hire me without the interview.

'Sir I'm Anzani' I said

'I know who you are, are you surprised you got the Job? '

'A little bit. '

'Well don't be, the job is yours, I'll ask mam mavis the supervisor to show you how you will work, you can start tomorrow, on your way out tell Gugu to contact the uniform guys with your sizes'

He said that pointing at the door, that was a clear sign that we were done talking, so I had to get the fuck off his office. I couldn't stop thanking him for the opportunity he has given me, I walked out of his office with tears of joy running down my face.

'I got it' I said.

' You did? I told you that you are a natural, so when do you start?'

'Tomorrow, mr Zungu said I should tell you to contact the uniform guys.'

'Okay I will, girl I'm so happy for you ' gugu said.

'Thanks my love, if it wasn't for you I wouldn't have got this Job'
I said

She walked me out of the building, she said it was her tea time but that wasn't the only reason why she just wanted to see me when I face my fears so that she can laugh at me once more.

'I'll enjoy working with you here.'

'You mean you will enjoy laughing at me everyday? '

'That too.' She smiled.

I punched her on her shoulder.

'Ouch...so tell me, what will you say to your aunt?'

'That I got the job. '

'Then she will try by all means to ruin it like the first one ' Gugu said.

She actually had a point but I couldn't keep lying and sneaking out of the house everyday so I will have to tell my evil aunt and her kids that I got a job.

'Goodluck telling batista the truth'

That's what we called her behind her back.

'Goodbye Gugu, have great day.'

We hugged and I took a taxi back home, I was so quiet the entire way, thinking of a way to break this to my aunt.

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Anzani

All I could think about was how will I tell them about the news, I know my aunt will probably kill me for stealing her money in the morning but I had no choice and I will not deny the fact that I stole the money, I'm so hoping that she is at work and her kids ain't back yet, I slowly opened the door, one clear sign that there was someone in the house, the door wasn't locked, I felt my heart pumping so hard, my hands started shaking, I was sweating all over my body, things were so bad, I was really scared of them, as usual I tiptoed to my room and managed to get inside without being seen, I smiled as soon as I sat down ontop of what I called a bed.

I looked at my parents picture on the wall and I smiled, for such a long time it was the first time I smiled after taking a look at that picture.

'Where have you been? '

Mimi just barged in my room uninvited.

'Can't you knock?' I asked.

'You must be kidding me Anzani, if you think I'll knock...'

'Hey shut the fuck up and get the hell out of my room' I said
As surprising as it was that I had the guts to actually speak for myself once in a lifetime scared the hell out of Mimi, she ran out of my room very sad and scared, so this actually means she is just all talk and no action, minus one problem for me, as tired

as I was, I went to the kitchen to do the dishes and start cooking at the same time, I knew in my heart that this wasn't the end of it, I knew that my aunt was on her way to kick the hell out of me. Speaking of a devel.

'Ya wena' that was my aunt behind me.

I continued doing what I was busy with, couldn't even look at her.

'I'm talking to you Anzani, where have you been?' She yelled. I just froze.

She gave me one hot slap, I saw some little stars on my face, with a drop of tear on one of my eyes.

'One of these days I'll slap you back. ' I said as I rub my face.

'Anzani, you will do what?' She laughed and clapped her hands.

I looked at her and couldn't even move an inch, I was getting tired of this, being treated like an outsider in my father's house.

'You heard me, now if you will please excuse me, I want to wash the dishes and cook your bloody dinner' I yelled.

She looked at me, she was so surprised and confused, I guess she thought she was seeing someone else, well I felt like a different person too, I felt too proud of my self for doing that, it felt super great.

She walked away from me so fast, she was mumbling and rumbling, she was so angry.

I couldn't care less, I just wanted to have a peaceful night so that I can wake up tomorrow and have a wonderful day at

work.

'So you think you are a women now?' Said my aunt.

She threw all my clothes out.

'Auntie, what are you doing? ' I cried.

'You are a big girl now ain't you? Well then go and be a women else where not in my house...nxaa!

'Auntie please...you can't do that, this is my father's house' I said with tears on my face.

What made me cry was not the fact that I was been kicked out but I cried because Mimi and her kids couldn't stop laughing at me, I cried because I could see that those kids would grow up in such a messed up environment, that they will know no love but hatred, I cried because I couldn't do anything to save them.

'Your what? Say that again. ..'

'It is my father's place, I'm not going anywhere. I answered She went to her bedroom, I continued washing the dishes, when all of a sudden, I heard some strokes of a sjambok on my back, I screamed because of the pain I felt, it was just too much to handle, I sat down and covered my face, she just didn't stop hitting me until Thando rushed in to the kitchen and rescued me from her mom.

'Mother ' Thando said.

'Get away or I'll hit you too.' She was sweating and shaking.

Thando just couldn't allow her to continue hitting me, so she stood in front of her, she was still in her school uniform, with

her school bag on her back.

'Mom this is not right, Anzani is also human you know?' said Thando.

I looked at Thando who was somehow starting to have a heart, she was now always on my side, I remember she didn't like it when her mother decided to burn my chest with her food, has the bad girl turned good?

'Get the hell out of my face' yelled aunty

I stood up and ran to my room, everything I owned was now outside, the sponge that I sleep on, my parents picture, my clothes and to top it all I had the sjambok marks all over my body, I was severely injured. I could the noise coming from the kitchen

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it was my aunt scolding Thando. I went down on my knees and started praying, tears started rolling down my face, I prayed harder until I felt a little bit better, I got out of the room with a plastic bag, took all of my clothes and my parents picture, my Aunt was on the background looking at me, I stood there and looked at her with so much pain in my eyes, I told myself that this has reached an end, I have suffered enough, my body just couldn't afford any more strains.

I slowly walked out of their property as they say, if this is how it should be then let it be, Thando came running to me and

kneeled down.

'Anzani please don't go'

'I'm tired of this, I rather sleep on the streets than live like this '

I couldn't stop crying.

My Aunt just stood there, and was talking none stop with her child Mimi, she kept on saying how nice the house can be without me.

'Anzani please I'm sorry ' Thando said.

'You only sorry cause you won't have a maid anyway '

'No Anzani it is not that, I'm sorry because I have realised that what we have been doing to you is wrong, please forgive us'

'Us?' I asked

'I meant me'

I just couldn't listen to her, I was feeling pains all over my body, I just wanted a peaceful place just to rest and wake up tomorrow and go to work. I pushed her out of my way and walked away. She was still on her knees with her head facing the floor, I nearly felt sorry for her but then I remembered that she is the one who use to wake me up with a bucket filled with water, it doesn't end there, she is the one that complained about how terrible breakfast was, she is the one who made me wash her blankets almost every week, so now tell me, how do I forgive such person?

I walked until I couldn't anymore, I was tired, thirsty and hungry, I was in a place I don't even know, I couldn't go to Gugu

I mean she did a lot already, and it was getting darker, so I just chuffed my self under a bridge, on a corner I thought was safe, now my biggest worry was how will I get the food here, I was hungry and hurting but it felt better this way, I was finally on my own.

'You can't sleep on this dump sis Anzani. . ' that was the voice behind me.

'Who's there?'

God I was so scared, I have never been out at night on my own, let alone under the bridge.

'It's me Anna' she giggled.

I couldn't see her but only her sweet little voice, I was shaking.

'Why can't you reveal your self?' I said.

'Come I'll show you a place to sleep'

I sat there and couldn't move nor say anything, gosh I was so scared.

'Okay, I'll reveal my self but promise you will not scream.' Said the little sweet Anna's voice.

I nodded.

'I want to hear you say it' she giggled.

This Anna girl had this bubbly character she is a huge fan of laughter, by the look of it, she is some kind of protector to me, she is amazing in her own way, I'm beginning to like her, even though they say she is dead.

'I promise I won't scream' I smiled

I was trying so hard to keep it together, I mean if I'm suppose to die then let it be, it will be a will of our heavenly father.

'Okay, close your eyes... no peeking cause I can see you' she giggled.

I closed my eyes but curiosity told me to sneak peek just a little so I did, behold what I saw there was total madness, have you ever seen a ghost turning to human? I saw something like an older version of her but the she changed back to being the little adorable Anna.

' I know you peeked, did you like what you saw?'

Wait a minute, I was still trying to process this entire thing.

'Did you just shrink, from being an elder to being you?'

'Nope, I told not to peek but you cheated' she said.

'I'm sorry this is all new to me, I never in my life spoke with ghosts.'

'I'm not a ghost ' she shouted

All I could see was fire in her eyes, clearly she didn't like being called a ghost.

'I'm sorry'

'Follow me, I've prepared a place for you to sleep' she said as she kept on pointed the place with her hands, my guts told me not to go, so as usual I listened to my guts.

'I'm not coming with you Anna, you belong to the deads, now please leave me alone and go back to your grave, just rest in peace. As soon as I finished saying that she disappeared. I

prayed and forced my self to sleep under the circumstances,
tomorrow I have a long day at work.

'Goodnight mom and dad. ' I kissed the picture and fell asleep.
she giggled.

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Anzani's Aunt.

I wondered if getting rid of my brother's child was a great idea, I mean this is her house after all, if she could find out that this house was supposed to be given to her while she turned 18 and that if she go claim for the money left by her parents for her, she could actually be a millionaire, we could use that to our advantage, she is vulnerable, desperate and seeks our attention, she needs love and if I could offer her that and use her so that she can go sign those papers and give the money to me.

'What are you thinking about?' asked mimi.

'Do not sneak up on me like that.' I said as I jumped from the sofa.

'You are cagey, whats up?

'The sky' I frowned.

'Come on mom, you know I'm not talking about that.'

'Where do you think my brother's child slept? '

'You mean Anzani?' Mimi asked.

'Yes, I mean Anzani '

'Mom, don't tell me you regret throwing her out.' She laughed.

'Actually I do, I'm a terrible person.'

'No you not, Anzani is not one of us nje period.' Replied Mimi.

'How could you say that? look at the dishes, its 6 am, where is the breakfast? I hated Anzani but do not want her to die, what

if she is dead?'

'Mom you are overreacting, Anzani is fine, maybe she is with some man for all I care...just forget about her' said mimi with a very annoying smile.

'I want to go to work, prepare breakfast for me.' I stood up from the sofa.

'Wait a minute mom...is it Anzani that you miss or is it the breakfast, or the maid? What exactly do you miss?' She looked at me.

Well her question got me so stunned, I wondered the real reason why I miss Anzani, I wondered why I've been so terrible to her, I wondered how I made her life a living hell, but what really got to me is how I allowed her to sleep outside the house, knowing Anzani and her pride, she probably slept under the bridge, God will punish me severely for what I did to that poor child.

'Mom...mom...mom.' that was Mimi's voice in the room, I was still deep in thoughts so I could hear her calling me, she came closer to me and tapped my shoulder.

'What is it ' I yelled.

'Are you sure you are okay '

'Yes I'm fine, where is my breakfast?

'Thando is preparing it' she shook her head.

I know I was somehow acting strange, but do you blame me? I feel terrible for the fact that I wanted Anzani to come back, just

to convince her to claim for the money and start abusing her again, being abusive towards her was in my blood, I guess its how I grew up, my parents loved my brother, I'm the second of two, Anzani's father was the first born and was dearly loved by my parents , Anzani was their favourite and they mistreated Mimi, so that built hatred for Anzani in my heart, so that's how all of this started, I hate Anzani and will never love her ever again.

'Mom your breakfast is ready, honestly mom we should look for Anzani.., I miss her.' Said Thando.

'Get ready for school, you miss Anzani or her hands, mtweeew!'

I ate my breakfast then took the dishes to the kitchen, it was time for me to go to work, my plan today is to go to work and knock off as early as I could, so that I can go look for Anzani, maybe she slept at her friend's place.

I took my bags and left.

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Anzani.

I slept like a baby, it felt good to be free, knowing there is no one who can order me around or wake me with a bucket filled with water or tell me how messed up I am, my body was so painful from the slashes I got from my aunt yesterday but I just didn't mind at all, I was super ready for work, I wish the

uniform that I'm suppose to wear can cover my body, I wouldn't want people to see that I was beaten yesterday. I woke up and fixed my hair, I had a very beautiful afro(black long afro), so I could do any style I desired, took the plastic bag that had all my belongings and looked for a place to chuff it, only took my parents picture and the clothes to wear for work, I still had some change from the money I stole from my aunt, so transport was sorted, I can't lie to you and say I had my bath, I mean where can I possibly find the water to bath in the the streets? My plan is to get to the nearest petrol station , get into the ladies and wash my face and some places where water is needed everyday, my shift is at 8:30 so I was still a bit early. I got to the garage did as planned but I was scared as hell, cause this isn't like other first stop garage

you need permission to get to their toilet so me being the tough cookie that I am, I managed to get in without being seen. I got in to the taxi for work, my self esteem was too low but today I feel different, I was starting to love my self, to have self confidence, I got to the building, gosh I had butterflies in my tummy, Imagine how I have to get use to working on one of the biggest towers in JHB everyday, I finally restored my strength and went in the lift, got to the floor and Gugu was already there.

'Hey beautiful, you are early ' said Gugu with a smile.

'I couldn't be late on my first day.' I giggled.

'Are you ready for your big day ' she handed me the uniform.

'I guess I am.' I took it.

I was more than ready to work, to make money to buy the things that the prophet said I should buy, no one could stand on my way, I wanted closure.

'Where should I go change? '

'There' she pointed.

I saw a sign written staff only so I went in and changed into the uniform that fitted me just fine, I looked at my self on the mirror, I didn't look like a million dollar but I looked beautiful, this is not a beauty pageant anyway, mam Mavis showed me where I should work at, so I started cleaning, what puzzled me is the fact that I was told that I'll be responsible for cleaning mr Zungu's office, was it a wise idea though? It was time I go clean his office since I was done working in the others offices.

'Knock knock... ' I knocked at Mr Zungu's office.

'What do you want? He said with a serious face.

'To clean' I answered.

'Here? Now? He asked.

'I was told I should clean here after I'm done with other offices.'

'Okay...suit your self.'

I wonder what changed, Mr Zungu was all nice and sweet yesterday but today he is so rude and annoyed by me, I couldn't care less about him though, anyway I wasn't here to be loved, I was here to make money , I wasn't here to be smiled at,

remember I'm used to being a door mat so this was just something small.

'You can carry on with your work, don't mind me' he said.

'Okay' I said

I carried on with my work, this wasn't something hard for me to do, I had my training at home, if there is one good thing my aunt did for me was to teach me to be a tough cookie , I kept on cleaning, until I realised that Mr Zungu was staring at me but I ignored him.

'You look good on that uniform. ' he said.

'Thanks sir ' I was kind of shy towards him.

'Call me Stanley ' he smiled.

'I'm sorry sir, but I can't call you by your first name, I'm just a cleaner. '

'Anzani you are more than that, you are way too beautiful. '

I blushed, it felt awkward, I didn't know how to react, I mean this whole thing was new to me, this was my first time in the office.

He stood up and came closer to me, I started shaking and sweating. I felt something move in me, something I couldn't even explain, my heart pumped so hard, I couldn't even look at him, so I just looked at the floor, I held onto the mop that I was busy with, trying so hard to hide that I was swept off my feet, I felt bad for feeling that way on my first day at work.

'You are very beautiful ' he lifted my chin up.

'I am?' I asked.

I couldn't even recognise my own voice, I was feeling so weird, in a way I have never felt in my life before.

I remembered why I am here, and it got nothing to do with falling inlove with my boss, worse part he is Gugu's crush, I just couldn't risk my friendship just for a fling.

'Sir I got to finish cleaning the other offices, I should get going. '

I quickly removed his hand on my face and stormed out his office with one hell of a speed, I went to the bathroom and took a good look at my self. 'What are you doing Anzani?' that was a question running through my mind.

I could still smell Stanley cologne, I felt his hands all over my face, I shook my head and focused on the real issue that got me here and that was to work.

'Anzani, are you alright? '

That was a voice behind me, I looked the mirror and saw Gugu.

'Hi' I wiped at my tears and tried to smile.

'Why are you crying? Come here.' She pulled me closer and hugged me.

'I'm okay, I'm just grateful you got me a job. '

'Great then, did you see my husband to be?' She said Excitedly.

'Who?' I giggled.

'I mean Stanley duh!'

'Girl, don't you think you are overreacting? Calling him your husband to be, he is only a crush. ' I smiled.

' who is about to be seduced ' she laughed and gave me a high five.

I hated seeing her like this, she was crazy inlove with our boss, but I doubt if he feels the same way.

'You don't look too happy for me she said.

'I'm sorry, I just don't want to see you disappointed. ' I answered.

'Okay girl, lets get back to work '

I smiled and took my working equipments and started working, Gugu went back to her desk and started answering the phone. This was indeed a long successful day. I frowned.

Stanley Zungu.

I'm a boss yes, but I'm also human. I have my flaws just like any other ordinary person, I've got feelings too and I fall in love, I know it is so wrong to fall for my junior staff, especially a cleaner but I just can't help it, her beauty is beyond measures, she just weakens my knees.

I'm Stanley Zungu, a 36 years old gentleman, a tough guy, I don't smile or talk too much, I talk when it necessary, I smile when its worth it, I may act like I don't have a heart, but get closer to me and you will realise that I'm just as soft as a unicorn.

'Sir, this was said to be delivered to you ' Anzani said.

Just hearing her voice was enough to get my heart jumping up and down, this was getting out of hand, I mean, it was her first day at work, will I be able to control my self around this lady.

'Thanks, so this is part of your job too?' I asked with a smile.

'No sir, your PA sent me, let me leave you too it then.' She said I looked at her as she walked slowly to the door, her body is just perfect, her flawless skin, her black long afro that suits her just fine but then I noticed some marks on her body, like she had been beaten recently.

'Hey Anzani.... come here.'

'Oh God what is it now? ' she whispered.

'What is this?' I asked.

'Its nothing '

'It doesn't look like that to me, tell me who did this to you? ' I yelled

I was breathing so heavily, this got me so worked up like Anzani was my girl already.

'Sir please, I don't like the way you treat me, what will people say? That I'm your favourite already?' she shouted.

'Okay...don't shout okay, so you have a problem with me treating you nicely?'

I really like Anzani but if she feels she doesn't want to be with me, then it fine, I don't want to be accused of sexual harassment.

'Treat me just like any other employee.' She said as she stormed out of the office.

I knew that she felt something too, I could see just by looking deep in her eyes, the passion she had, the fire in her heart, her voice whispering so nice that she turned me on, I will try my luck on Anzani until she belongs to me. I looked at my watch, It was time to go home, I took all my belongings and locked my office, I could see that Anzani had knocked off already but she was still waiting for Gugu, she lowered her head down as soon as she saw me approaching her.

'Do you girls want a lift?' I said with a smile.

Anzani just kept quiet and her friend answered Excitedly 'Yes sir please. '

'Let me just finish off, then we will be with you shortly.' Gugu said.

I didn't mind her tagging along, all I wanted was to be with my Anzani a little more, and if it means being with Gugu too then its fine.

'Anzani you're such a quiet girl, ain't you' I said provoking her. She just nodded and gave me one hell of a beautiful smile, my God never in my entire life have I seen something like this, I'm so inlove.

'All done, lets go guys' Gugu said.

I kept on looking at the beautiful Anzani all the way, felt like I could just eliminate Gugu so that I can hold her tight and kiss her until she starts begging for more.

'So Anzani, tell me where do you stay?'

She frowned and didn't answer.

We got where I parked the car, I opened the passenger seat for Anzani to seat but then Gugu quickly took it, I looked at her, Anzani smiled and opened the other door.

'Wow this is a nice car' Anzani said.

'Thanks...you like it? I looked at her on the mirror, this girl got me so messed up, I really love her. If only she could give me a chance.

Gugu took off her shoes and pulled her skirt up, and pretended she was feeling hot, yes, it was a sunny day but not that hot, so I could see that she was just trying to seduce me

well it won't work.

'I'll take you guys to the taxi rank, I have another meeting to rush to, is it okay with you guys?'

'Ya sure' answered Gugu with disappointment.

Anzani just kept quiet like she didn't hear me, I took out 2 R100 in my pocket and gave one to Anzani and one to Gugu.

'This is for transport, since I can't take you guys home anymore'

'You shouldn't have' said Anzani, I winked at her making sure that Gugu doesn't see me. They got out of the car and went to the taxi rank, I looked at Anzani as she walked like a Goddess, then drove off.

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Anzani.

My mind was so occupied by my problems, I can't sleep under the bridge forever, even if I still want to go sleep there what will I tell Gugu.

'You saw how he looks at me? He can't control himself around me' that was Gugu interrupting my thoughts.

'Anzani did you even hear me?' She added.

We were now nicely seated in a taxi.

'Oh yeah, I heard you.'

'What did I say? '

'Someone is dying to be with you ' I smiled.

'I mean Stanley.'

'You mean our boss, mr Zungu right?' I said

'Come on Anzani lighten up, this is a 21st century.'

'Meaning?' I asked.

'I can fall in love with my boss, without any hassles. '

'And end up losing your job '

'Job? What job? Why would I work if I have a rich sugar daddy?

A super handsome sugar daddy? She laughed .

To tell you the truth, knowing how I feel about Stanley made me so jealous, hearing Gugu talk about him made me sweat, it made me bitter but to save my friendship with her I'd have to sacrifice my happiness and let her have stanley.

'You really like Stanley don't you?' I asked.

'I looooooove stanley' she giggled.

We talked all the way, laughed, shared the best jokes, talked about work and all the funny things that happened at work today it was so great, we got to our destination.

'How was your first day at work? '

'Great '

'Okay...so batista didn't have any problems with you having to work?'

Hiding things for a person who truly cares for you is just not right, I trusted Gugu with my life and I saw no reason to be keeping secrets from her, I realised I needed to come clean about the fact that I was thrown out of my father's house.

'I slept under the bridge yesterday ' I quickly said.

She opened her eyes widely.

'Anzani, you did what?'

' Yes. '

I could see tears quickly rolling down her face, she was so concerned about me.

'Anzani why did you do that?'

'I had no where else to go, besides you did a lot already and I couldn't expect you to take me in'

As much as I tried not to cry, my tears fell down my face like a marathon.

'You coming with me, so that witch chased you out of your father's house?' she grabbed my hand.

'One thing I realised is that my father didn't love me enough, if he did he would have made sure that I'll be taken care of'

'Don't say that Anza, Your dad loved you'

I shook my head.

'Gugu I can't go with you, you have done a lot for me already, I'll be fine I promise.'

'No friend of mine will sleep under the bridge while I'm still alive.' She insisted.

'Okay then thank you, I have to go fetch my stuff where I hid it.'

'I'll come with you' gugu said as we hugged.

I closed my eyes to avoid tears from falling, when I opened them, I saw my Aunt quickly approaching us.

'Gugu lets go, nangu u Batista ' I said shaking.

Gugu turned and looked at her, she frowned.

'We are not going anywhere.'

'Anzani can I talk you?'

'Sawubona nawe (hello to you too)' said Gugu

My aunt just didn't mind, she is real savage she doesn't take any bullshit nor orders from someone else.

'What do you want?' I asked.

'You to come home, please '

'Why? So that you can hit, or kill me? Oh you miss your maid don't you?' I yelled.

'Its okay Anzani, I deserve all the insults but please forgive me.'

My aunt apologising? This was something else, I looked at Gugu she looked at me too with questions all over her face.

'Anzani lets just go ' Gugu said.

'Please Anzani I'm sorry, I was wrong for mistreating you, I promise it will come to an end, actually it will not happen again ' she said.

I turned and hugged Gugu, I'm willing to give them one more chance, once they mess it up, I'll be gone and for good.

' They want you back because you now have a job ' she shouted.

'Anzani got a job?' She exclaimed.

'Yes, I do have a Job and if it means that I am coming back home, I don't want to be disturbed or be told not to go to work

or I should quit my job.'

' that will never happen ' she said

I could see that she wasn't happy that I have a job, her voice says it all.

I know going back home is probably a mistake I'll never forget but nothing is better than being at home, besides going to Gugu's place would be intruding, I love my friend so much for her efforts for trying to help me but I decided to go back home, we weren't too far from where I slept yesterday.

'You can go home I'll follow you, I still want to go fetch my things'

' You will?'

'Ya sure. '

She walked away. Gugu looked at me.

'Are you sure about this?'

'I'm not, but that is my father's house and that automatically makes that house mine, my father built that house for me and I will no longer be abused in my father's house, my house. ' I answered with a lot of confidence.

'Great, I love the new Anzani. ' she clapped her hands twice.

'I love you, will see you tomorrow.'

We went our separate ways. I took the plastic bag where I hid it and then walked slowly until I got home.

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Anzani.

Things have been running smoothly with my aunt trying not to be a pain in the as* , she acted like she was sincere when she apologised, even gave me the money for transport to work, the only person who hated me openly was Mimi, she just didn't like me nje period, today is my off day so I was all alone in the house when all of a sudden I heard a knock on the door, I was in the same Jean that I always wear and my black vest, I stood up from the sofa and went to see who was knocking. I opened the door and just stood there shocked, it was my boss.

'Hi' he said with a smile.

He handed me a bunch of flowers.

'What are you doing here? How did you know where I stay?'

Shocked.

'Your CV, I got your address there, I'm sorry but I just had to meet with you.'

'What for? '

'I would like to take you out.'

'Me?'

'Yes you, beautiful'

'Please you need to leave before my aunt arrive.' I frowned.

'Please Anzani, just lunch.'

'Stop begging it doesn't sit well on you' I said with a smile.

'Is that a yes?'

I smiled, I knew that this wasn't right but do you blame me for listening to my heart.

'Yes I'll go out with you, but only for lunch .' I smiled.

'You have the most beautiful smile in the world. '

'Thanks'

it really feels good to be loved, to be given the attention I always wanted, to be appreciated and adored, and if this is what Stanley is going to give to me then I rather face the consequences.

'Are you ready to go?'

I felt embarrassed seeing what Stanley wore, compared to what I wore, this was the best attire I owned.

'This is the only nice attire I have and nothing else. ' I said.

'You look great, now put on your shoes and let's go'

Stanley's presence made me forget that I was walking bare foot.

I ran into the house to put on my shoes, then went outside, as we got to the gate I saw Mimi.

'Who do we have here?' She asked.

'This is Stanley ' I said.

'One of your clients? ' she smiled.

'What do you mean? '

'What's going on? Are we going or what?' Stanley said.

I guess he was annoyed by what Mimi said, she was so jealous of me that's why she wanted to ruin things for me.

I looked at her and walked to Stanley's car as he opened the door for me.

If you could have seen her face, priceless moments.

It felt good to be in charge of my life, to own my self and to have someone who I can rely on, I don't know what this is but it felt great, if this is what you call love then I am guilty as charged, I was so worried about Gugu though, Stanley kept quiet the entire way, he was so pissed off.

'Are you okay?' I asked.

'Are you a prostitute?' he frowned.

'WTF? Stop this car now' I protested.

He parked the car, near the ground.

' Why would you ask me that?'

'That girl, she ask if I'm one of your clients, what did she mean by that?'

'That's my super jealous cousin, the one who abuses me emotionally everyday, she is just jealous of me, mr Zungu what do you take me for?'

I was so angry that he thought so little of me, do I even look like a prostitute?

' I'm sorry my darling, I'm really sorry '

'Take me home, now' I yelled.

'No please Anzani, let me at least make it up to you. 'He begged.

I looked at him, his puppy eyes melted my heart, I tried to look

away trying to avoid being tempted, for a long time I have longed to experience a proper kiss. He got closer to me, I looked around to see if there was no one near the area, my hands started shaking, I bit my lower lip, and I could feel that I was somehow getting wet for no reason, he lifted my chin up and kissed my forehead, I closed my eyes, my lips were trembling, I was longing for more. I heard the car start and Stanley was back on his seat, I have never been so embarrassed in my life, he was smiling.

'You felt what I feel?' He asked with a smile.

'Just drive. ' I giggled.

To be honest with you, I was kind of changing, Gugu was the least of my worries, I just wanted to focus on me and me only, this is about my happiness and to be happy is what I really wanted .

' So where do you want me to take you?' He asked.

I looked at him, one thing about me is that I cannot pretend, I am the honest type and I wasn't going to lie and say I know where I want to go, like I've been to these places.

'I have never been to a restaurant in my life, I can't eat with a fork and knife, I'm the type of girl who doesn't like a light meal, I eat pap and meat, a lot of it at that.'

He listened carefully while focusing on his driving.

' I like that' he said.

'You lie ' I laughed.

It felt like I knew Stanley my entire life, I was comfortable around him, we got to the mall and he parked his car.

'Let's go '

I got out of the car, looked at him.

'Where are we going? '

'You'll see' he said as he held my hand.

We walked hand in hand.

He took me to Identify.

'Take anything you want.'

'No stanley I can't allow you do that.'

'Why? its my money, just take anything

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I don't mind. '

I was so scared but I needed clothes, I also wanted to look like other girls.

'Okay if you insist. '

I don't have a sense of style but I love beautiful clothes, at home I would sit around and watch fashion shows, it was a dream to own some of the things I saw there, I took two items and and went to Stanley.

'Done'

'Already? Come on girl, this is like an insult, I'm willing to pay any amount of money just for you.'

I hope I won't have to pay back the money with my soul, I had

to lighten up. I mean what's the worst that could happen, I just wanted to make my self happy, Stanley stood up and helped me take all the things that I liked.

'Its getting late, I should go back to work, lets go pay.'

We went to the till and he payed R3500 just for the clothes, I felt bad for spending so much on clothes, I could have done a lot with that amount of money.

'Thanks for this ' I said.

'That's nothing girl,there is more where that came from.

I looked at him and blushed, look at what Stanley made me do, he was changing me without even realising it, I had principles, I once made a promise to my self that I will not depend on any man, but look at me.

'I hope you are not trying to buy my love' I said with a smile.

He shook his head.

'Let me take you home'

I had a thought for a minute there, my aunt won't like this, she will not at all.

'if you don't mind, can I just take a taxi?'

'Why? You don't want to be seen with me?' He gave weird stare.

'It's not that, my aunt will kill me if she sees me with you, any other man.' I looked on the other side of the window.

'Its okay, I understand.'

'Thanks again for these' I pointed at the shopping bags.

'You deserve it, when will I see you again?'

'Tomorrow at work ' I laughed.

'No man, I don't mean that, when can I see you just the two of us? '

I hope I'm not selling my soul to the devil.

'You tell me.' I was even shy to face him

'Okay talk tomorrow then.'

He parked his car near the taxi rank.

'I love you Anzani, I really do...I loved you from the first day I set my eyes on you.' He had tears on his face, it was so cute.

I looked at him, I still had that old saying that you don't answer someone's proposal on the same day because it makes you cheap.

He held my hand, looked at me then bit his lips, he came closer to me and kissed me on my lips, gosh he kissed me on the lips so smoothly, I gave in, I allowed him to run his fingers on my neck, the car windows were dimmed so it was minus one problem, he stopped kissing me and looked at me, I was shaking, so scared and innocent, I went closer to him and kissed him too passionately, his hands ran to my breast, he squeezed them, It felt like heaven, I was feeling things I never felt in my life before, he kissed me on my neck, the moans and sighs were just too much that I had to stop him, I can't be deflowered by my boss in the car, on broad daylight.

'I have to go' I said.

He cleared his throat.

'Yes me too...'

I got out of the car, He got out too and helped me take my shopping bags out.

'Goodbye stanley ' I said.

I walked, Imagine I had no money for taxi, but my pride couldn't allow me to ask him for it.

'Anzani' he shouted and ran to me.

I stopped and looked at him.

'What is it now? Can't you get enough of me.' I asked.

He laughed.

'I know you didn't take any money at home, take this for transport.'

'But..'

'No buts, just take it' he opened my hand and placed the money and then closed it again. He kissed me on the cheek.

'Goodbye my love.'

We went our separate ways, on the taxi all I could think about was how cruel I am, how will I break the news to Gugu, maybe I should keep this as a secret to avoid losing a friend. I was so confused, I love stanley and I love Gugu.

I got home and everyone was outside, I was so embarrassed, like my aunt could see through me, they all stared at me but I just didn't mind them.

'Sanibonani' I said.

'So you have a sugar daddy now?' Asked mimi.

'No that's no sugar daddy dear, its a client just like you said' I smiled and headed to my room.

I sat on top of the bed and looked at my parents picture, 'Mom I wish you were here , to teach me about love, is this love or lust?' Is it the money that I'm after or the attention I never had? ' tears rolled down my face.

I counted the money Stanley gave me, it was a R1000, I smiled a little, I looked for a place to hide it and then chuffed R700.

I had a very exhausting day, so I just took a nap.

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Gugu.

I got to work as early as I could, my plan was to get to mr Zungu before his first meeting with his clients, I heard that he will be here before we all clock in, I pretended to be working, as soon as I sat on the reception desk, he arrived and approached me.

'What are you doing here? '

'I had to get here early today, I need to fix some papers for one of your clients.' I smiled seductively.

'But isn't that Busi's work?' He asked.

Busi is mr Zungu's PA, I had to quickly come up with a plan to cover this whole thing, the real reason for me to be here was so that I could be alone with Stanley.

'Actually never mind, I'll be in my office when you need me.' I watched him as he walked to his office, I looked at his sexy butt, like I could actually have him for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, I wanted him, and now.

I opened some of the buttons on my shirt to show some cleavage, fixed my make up and followed him to his office, well, he did say that I will find him in his office if I need him or didn't he?

I knocked once and couldn't wait for him to answer, I got myself in, stood there and looked at him.

'Can I help you?' He frowned.

'No need to frown, the question you should be asking is, how I

can help you?' I smiled and got closer to his desk, he stood up and looked at me from my toes to my hair, oh wait... his eyes got stuck on my cleavage, I liked it, to be examined, to be studied by him, it turned me on, gave me courage to do what I came here for, I was scared, that I can tell you, but I had nothing to loose.

'Leave my office now.' He said harshly.

I wasn't going to give him that satisfaction, I was not ready to give up, infant I'm not leaving here until I have what I came here for.

'Calm down Stanley, I have seen the way you look at me, well I feel the same way.' I went much closer to him and hugged him, he harshly removed my hands around his neck and squeezed my arms.

'You will not do that to me ever again okay, and oh to you I'm mr Zungu, who gave you the right to call me by my first name?' He yelled.

I laughed, honestly I don't know what has gotten to me, I was acting like a possessed women inlove, like a stubborn child with his favourite toy.

'Come on handsome, don't tell me you don't feel anything at all for me, or is it because you cannot date one of your employees? You don't have to worry, we will be discreet.' I said and licked my lips.

'Are you tipsy?' He asked

'Me tipsy?...no I'm not. ' I giggled.

I took my shirt off, now I was completely half naked, no sane man can resist my sexiest body, my beautiful red bellybutton, I took two more steps closer to him, he grabbed my hand and pulled me closer to him, squeezed me so hard against him, I felt his manhood rock hard, and became strong, Just by how it felt, the guy was really gifted. I wanted to explore more of him.

'What do you want from me?' He asked

His eyes turned red as the fire of hell, he became more aggressive and strong, I was kind of confused by his reaction, he was hurting me, his fingers piecing deep inside my skin, he was shaking and sweating, what did I get myself into?

'I want to make you happy?' I said with my broken voice.

He finally released me from his claws, stood there and looked at his watch.

'Who told you that I'm not happy? '

I guess I went in to poorly, this man is very hard to please, I have tried my best, it time I give up.

'I'm really sorry for what I did sir' I apologise.

He looked at me, have you ever love someone who just won't give you a chance to prove to them how much you do? Well that my situation right now, I took my shirt and ran to the door filled with shame, how will I ever face Stanley, maybe I should prepare for the worst, being fired.

'Gugu' he shouted.

I turned and looked back.

'Come here'

I was too embarrassed to face him, so I just bent my head and looked at the floor, I walked slowly to him with my hands attached to each other, supporting my walk of shame. I closed my eyes and waited for the reprimand.

'Yes sir'

'What was that?'

'Sir honestly speak...'

'Huh?'

He interrupted me, and came much closer to me, I took two steps back, he kept coming and licking his lips, I kept moving back until I got to the wall and it supported my back, he finally got to me and wrapped his hands around my neck.

'Finish what you have started.' He said so softly.

He kissed me so passionately, and reached for the strings on my bra

removed and threw it on the floor, he kissed my neck so nicely, he smelled so good, this was too good to be true so I pinched my self, trying to confirm if I'm not dreaming, I jumped on his strong arms, Stanley is what you guys call a yellow bone, so you could only imagine how his colour turned into, from our previous encounter, he was red all over his body, he walked with me to his desk and layed me there, I pushed all of his documents down, didn't care about anything as long as it

doesn't disturb my moment.

He kissed me from my neck, went on and on until he got to my bellybutton, he started licking, squeezing and sucking on my nipples, I moaned so passionately, I wanted this feeling to last forever.

He kissed me with his eyes closed.

'I love you Anzani' he moaned

I pushed him, and look at him with puzzlement.

'What did you call me? Did you just call me Anzani?' I shouted.

He kept quiet and fixed his tie, he was still fully dressed not like me, I was half naked in front of my boss who seem to be in love with my best friend.

'I asked you a question, why did you call me Anzani? '

'Get dressed and get out of my office.' He frowned.

I looked around his office, I didn't know what to do or think?

Why would he be thinking about Anzani?

I took my bra slowly, like the energy in me had been sucked out.

'Are you involved with Anzani in any way?'

I asked him as I put on my shirt.

'I said get...the...fuck out of my office. ' he yelled

I have never seen him this angry, gosh I nearly had him but I'm glad he didn't have my cookie, how bad would it have been if I had sex with him then he tells me that he loves Anzani, this is all making sense now, the lifts, the money and the little chats

with her, Stanley is inlove with Anzani not me.

I walked slowly with disappointment, how can I be so stupid, why didn't I see this before I made a fool of myself.

'Gugu.'

I turned my head and looked at him.

'If you tell anyone about this, your job is on the line, oh and not a word about this to Anzani, now go' he pointed at the door.

I had no power to answer him, or to argue, I just wanted some air.

I went outside of the building and looked at the cars, the people and all the brightness of the world , I felt betrayed by a friend I love and trust, my colleagues started clocking in one by one, I'm always humbled and bubbly but today I feel so naked and weak, I closed my eyes trying to bring back the spark in my soul but all I could see was Anzani in the arms of my lover, I nearly slept with someone who does not feel anything for me.

'Hey what are you doing here with your eyes closed ' that was Anzani interrupting my thoughts.

'Hey...you are late' I frowned.

'Whats the matter babe' she asked with a smile.

I looked at her and realised she was wearing new expensive clothes, knowing Anzani and her situation she just cannot afford this look, this must be Stanley's work, we walked to the lift quietly, like we didn't know each other, as soon as we got there, I regained my strength, I just had to make sure.

'Anzani, can I ask you something? '

'Yeah sure'

'I know this is crazy, I know its not true but I just have to make sure ' I giggled.

'What is it?' She asked with a smile.

Honestly Anzani is a very beautiful lady, like a Goddess, her smile tops it all, I just couldn't compare myself to her, Anzani is beautiful even if she is wearing torn clothes.

'Are you dating Mr Zungu, she looked at every corner, and rolled her eyes.

'I know right? It madness, you wouldn't date our boss, what rubbish is that? '

'Actually...'

'Actually what?'

'Stanley and I are dating'

We got out of the lift, I was so shocked and surprised, how can Anzani do this and not tell me about it.

'I wanted to tell you today after work.'

'Save it, get out of my face' I yelled.

I wasn't angry because of the affair, what made me angry is that my friend decided to keep a secret from me, look at what I did now, if only she told me, I would have saved myself some embarrassment, It is no secret that Anzani can have any man that she wants with her looks, it would have made me angry that she went after my crush, but eventually I would get used

to it, but how do I overcome the fact that she lied to me.

'Can I at least explain '

'I said get out of my face, and get back to work, oh I almost forgot, you are the bosses beautiful lady, why would you rush to work, you'll get paid even if you don't work.' I said with a very torn heart.

'Gugu'

'Shut up, I hate you.'

People were starring at us, I just didn't care, I was angry and allowed my emotions to control me.

'You don't mean that' she said with tears on her face.

Seing her shed tears broke my heart, I mean she is my best friend afterall. She slowly walked to the changing room, I wanted to follow her and apologise for saying that I hated her but my pride wouldn't let me.

Anzani.

With all that has been happening between me, Gugu and Stanley, it made me feel drained, I love both of them equally, but I just had to sacrifice my love for Stanley to fix my relationship with Gugu, I cannot afford to lose a person who has always been there for me just for a man.

I heard a tap on my shoulder, it was Gugu.

'Can I join you?'

It was lunch time, and I was sitting there, wondering how I'll fix things.

'Hi, sure' I said with a smile.

'I miss you, you know '

She said with a serious face, then she slightly punched me on my chest and smiled, now that's my friend.

'Oh Gugu...you don't know how that makes me feel, I miss you too, so much' we hugged.

I was somehow suspicious, how can she easily forgive me?

'Don't ever hide things from me okay! ' she smiled.

'I promise '

'Now tell me everything ' she giggled.

'Well we didn't plan anything it just happened. '

'So you and Stanley did the deeds? '

I laughed and shyly looked down.

'Not yet my friend but I love him, I know that.'

'Wow I'm happy for you, I didn't love him anyway, he is better off without me.'

'How did you find out about me and him?'

She kept quiet and looked on the drive way, for a moment there I thought she would cry, I went to her and layed my hands on her shoulders.

'Talk to me'

'I just had my suspicions, I know you, remember?' She said.

'Okay'

Hope breaking my friend's heart will be worth it, as much as she tries to pretend that she is okay, I could see that she is not, hope things get back to normal.

'So tell me, have you ever been to Stanley's house? '

'Not yet, our relationship is still new, we haven't done much really' we stood up since our lunch break was over, it was time to go back to work.

'I see, so are you willing to have him take your pride?'

'What do you mean? ' I knew what she meant, but I just wanted her to clarify it.

'You are still a virgin Anzani, don't you think you should be deflowered by someone who really loves you? '

I rolled my eyes.

'You think Stanley doesn't love me?'

'Isn't he old? Isn't he married or divorced? Doesn't he have kids, have you ever bothered to ask him that, or are you just caught

up on this whole fairytale' she yelled.

I looked at her, jealousy was controlling her emotions, I mean not long ago she was crazy inlove with our boss, today she warns me about him, something is fishy.

'What's wrong with you? Just yesterday you loved Stanley and today he is a bad guy, a married or divorced man, tell me what should I do? ' I yelled at her.

I felt like the lift was stuck, the conversation between me and Gugu was heating up, I didn't like the tension between us.

'Oh so you remembered that I was inlove with Stanley but you choose to fall for him '

'I don't have time for this.' I walked out of that lift fuming with anger, I know I was wrong for allowing myself to fall for Stanley but there is nothing I could do to change that.

I walked away not realising that Gugu was following me, I turned and looked back, a hot slap landed on my face, I screamed.

'Gugu....!'

'You deserve more' she said with tears on her face

Some of our co-workers looked at us as, they kept laughing and gossiping, how did things turn out to be this bad between Gugu and I?

'I'm sorry Gugu.'

Seeing her cry broke my heart, it was then that I realised that what I did was wrong, I have to break things off with Stanley.

'I regret and curse the day I got this Job for you' she said and walked away.

I looked at the floor, disappointed, embarrassed and felt naked, I felt like everyone around me could see through me, like all of my affairs have been put to the screen for the world to see, I looked at Gugu at her reception desk, with a tissue on her hand busy wiping tears that I cost, it broke me.

I went to Stanley's office.

'I can't work today.'

I tried my best not to show him that Gugu and I had a disagreement, he looked at me and smiled.

'My love!'

'Sir I can't be able to work today, I have a personal matter that I should take care of.'

'Anzani are you alright?'

'I'm fine, I just need to fix some things.'

He came closer to me and I moved back, this didn't feel right at all, a part of me really loves him while another part of me hated the fact that he was coming between my friend and I, I was so confused.

He touched my my face, noticed the reddish thing on my chic caused by Gugu's slap.

'What is this?'

'Stanley this cannot go on, I can't lose my friend because of you

Gugu is in love with you.'

He looked at me, went and locked the door, I saw him going down on his knees with his hands on mine.

'Please Anzani, you cannot do this to me, I love you girl.'

'Gugu knows about us, now tell me how did she find out?'

He stood up and looked away

'I'll be honest with you, Gugu was trying to seduce me, I tried my best to fight the temptation but...'

'You slept with her?' I covered my mouth with both my hands.

'No babe, I didn't! Because I love you, okay I almost did but God came to the rescue when I called her with your name'

'You did what? Are you telling me that you nearly slept with my friend?'

'Yes... she came on to strong but I didn't babe, I swear.'

I looked at him, felt so disgusted and disappointed, why was I thinking that I could actually be happy and loved, this is not me. I removed his hands on mine and walked away from him, I knew that being there would make me say things that I would regret.

'Anzani...Anzani please I'm sorry...dammit Gugu! He said.

I opened the door and walked past Gugu's desk, she looked at me with disgust then said.

'So the mistress has submitted.'

I looked at her, I didn't understand what she meant but still, I wasn't in the mood to start an argument, I just kept quiet and

kept walking, I went to the ladies and looked at myself on the mirror, to tell you the honest truth, I didn't recognise the lady I saw there, but this wasn't me.

If I go home and not work, I'll give my colleagues and Gugu the satisfaction, so I'm staying and working as hard as it might be. I went to clean the remaining offices and pretended I was on my own world where no one else existed but me, I talked to no one, tried my best to keep out of Gugu's way, and avoided Stanley in any means, we knocked off, as always I went to Gugu's desk.

'Are we going together? '

'No' she answered harshly.

'Okay'

I walked away from her, Gugu is selfish, her attitude was getting to me now, I was getting tired of her, if she is not acting slutty, she will be acting all miss too goody shoes around me, I mean she also lied to me, why didn't she tell me that she nearly slept with Stanley.

I got in the lift, Stanley was in there already, I wanted to go out but he pulled me in, he pulled me much closer, looked at me, his eyes were so wet like he was crying or wanted to cry, I looked down, he lifted my chin up.

'I'm sorry ' he said.

Tears just rolled down my face, I couldn't control my self, I was in a tough situation, to sacrifice what I feel for this man, for a

friend who wants nothing to do with me.

'I forgive you, but I can't date you anymore' the lift opened we got out.

Stanley looked at me with so much disappointment.

'Please don't do this, okay can I Atleast give you a lift home?'

I looked around, I mean what harm could that bring?

'Sure.'

We went to the parking lot, he opened the door for me, I got in.

I saw Gugu looking at us from a distance. She then ran back inside.

'Was that Gugu? ' he asked.

'Yes'

We drove to the taxi rank as usual, I told him to rather take me there than to take me home, I wouldn't want to add to the list of haters. We got to our usual spot and I got out of the car, he got out too.

'Anzani, please you can't dump me.'

'Why? Is it because you haven't had sex with me yet? I yelled.

'No...it because I want you to be my wife, please I didn't want to do this now but the circumstances forced me too, ms Anzani, would you make me the happiest man in the world by agreeing to be my wife.' He went down on his knees.

'What? Man you can't be serious '

I was happy, the excitement of being loved to the extent that someone would even want me to be part of his life forever.

'Yes, I will'

Well this wasn't a proper engagement, Stanley had this paper ring he made I don't know when, but it was the thought that counted, it was cute, I jumped up and down and he lifted me up and shouted.

' I'm the most happiest man in the world, this women just agreed to be my wife. '

People passing by would just look at us and take pictures some would clap their hands and congratulate us. All of this felt like a dream.

Anzani.

After my engagement with Stanley, I felt it was only fair that I tell all of my family about it, I know that they will probably hate me for it but if I want to have a bright future with him, the only thing I should do is to be honest and tell him about my life and my wicked aunt, but in all honest truth, do I really want to marry Stanley? I mean I don't know him, we've just met.

I walked slowly on the side way on my way home, with all the blush in the world, I was somehow happy, I feared one thing though, being used and thrown away like garbage, I think I already had my fair share of misery, I just wish that Gugu understands and be happy for me , just this once.

'Sis Anzani, you look great '

I looked around like a mad women who's lost something, I know it's only one person who calls me that, its Anna.

I thought I scared her away.

I looked on the other side, saw something very blur, she was still on that beautiful floral dress, with her long afro nicely combed and neatly tied.

She jumped up and down and got much closer to me, with so much excitement she grabbed my legs.

'You glowing, sis Anzani who's making you this happy?' She asked with her cutest smile on her face .

'I thought I told you leave me alone' I Yelled.

'But sis Anzani, I can't do that.'

I was starting to wonder if this little girl was an angel sent from above to guard my life, maybe my parents sent her to take care of me, but where was she when I was suffering and slept without a proper meal, where was she when I had to cry myself to sleep at night, when I was be poured with water every morning, when I had no one but my self.

'Why? Who sent you? Why are you following me? Who are you?'

I looked at her waiting for her to answer me, really I was getting irritated by her, nommater the circumstances we met under, I still didn't believe that Anna was a ghost or an Angel, I was in denial.

'Whoaa...sis Anzani, one question at a time, remember I'm only 4 years old. ' she giggled.

'Okay why are you following me?'

'To protect you' she answered.

'From what?'

People passing by looked at me like a crazy person, I wonder why, anyway I just didn't mind them, I just wanted my answers.

'From those who want to hurt you, like...like...like.'

'Like what? Come on Anna talk to me.'

She was fading, slipping away from my hands as hard as I tried to hold her, she kept pointing at something but I was too busy trying to convince her not to disappear, bit by bit she slipped

away until I couldn't see her anymore.

I looked at my hands that felt the touch of the deads, for a dead person, she was somehow soft and beautiful.

'Who are you talking to?'

That was a voice coming from behind, I turned and looked, it was the Sangoma.

'The little girl. '

'Oh where is she now?'

I looked around as she stood there and looked at me with pity.

'I fear that if you don't do as I told you , your life will be in grave danger, in two days time, baby girl, stop chasing man, do as you are told.'

She splashed me with something water like, I didn't know whether it was water, or some of her (muthi).

I was left very confused and concerned, what's the worst that could happen to me?

My life is now worth living for, I don't want to die. 'Why would she say I should stop chasing man?' That was a voice in my mind.

I kept walking until I got home.

I went straight to my room, I was tired from all the things that happened in just a short moment of time, so I took a nap, before I could even close my eyes, I heard a knock.

I woke up since there was no one when I got in, went and opened the door.

'Hi...'

'I'm tired of fighting ' I said

'I'm here to apologise, for real this time.'

'Ohka...y.

'I was just bitter, but I know now that you and Stanley make each other happy, so I'll back off'

I looked at her, I just didn't trust her anymore, I know I was wrong, but her shouting at me at work, where everyone was watching, that was just uncalled for.

'Please Anzani, I need you...my mother is dying, the doctor says she's got leukaemia. ' she said with tears all over her face, my God.

'Oh no babe, why didn't you tell me?'

I quickly went to her and hugged her, this is bad very bad.

'How bad is it?' I asked.

'Very bad

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they say she only have 3 months to live, the cancer has spread' I went to the kitchen to get some water for her, she was crying her lungs out, clearly this is not a good time to tell her about the engagement. I know what it feels like to lose a mother or both in one day, worst day of my life when I lost my parents not one but two. I wanted to judge her but I refused to be turned into someone I don't even recognise.

'Hey Gugu...look I'll be with you along the entire way. ' I hugged her.

We sat down and chat about stuff? Work stuff and Stanley off cause.

'Where is everyone? '

'Don't know, probably to one of those Sangoma's they always go to.' I laughed trying to cheer her up. Gugu and I are just a pair of simple friends, we argue today and forgive each other tomorrow or even today, but this issue with Stanley has changed the uniqueness of our friendship and I hated that.

'Babe I got to go, mommy's alone. '.

'Tell her I'll come see her tomorrow, I don't know what I was doing swinging my hand.

'Anzani, what is that now' she laughed so hard and continued.

' You wish you could get married to Stanley, remove that paper thing on your finger izokufakela amabhadi (you'll have bad luck)

I was just forced to rub the salt on the wound, I know she will get hurt but I rather have her hurt now than to lie to her and lose her again.

'Stanley asked me to marry him'

She stood still like a lightning has struck her, she tried to pretend and smile but I could just see through her that she was broken, for a moment there, there was silence. Then she broke it.

'He must really love you, wow I'm going to be a maid of honour

right?' She started dancing and screaming, I smiled but I wanted her to keep her voice down since I haven't told anyone about this.

'My friend, I can't believe I'm getting married, my dream is coming true, I'm finally leaving this dump, hope you will visit me everyday. ' we jumped up and down screaming .

The door opened it was my aunt, my aunt and Gugu are worst enemies, you can't leave them in one room, they could strangle each other.

'That noise in my house. ' she yelled.

'What is it? Is this a holy place.'

I just knew that a huge argument was about to take place, so I just sat on the sofa and watched, it feels good to watch my aunt being told the way to get off.

'It might not be holy but its my house, my house my rules.' She said pointing at her chest.

'You mean Anzani's house, Anzani's rules. ' Gugu laughed and clapped her hands.

'You are so disrespectful, get out.' She pointed at the door

'Old lady, respect is earned, who do you think you are ?

Treating Anzani like trash in her father's house? '

I looked at them and couldn't say anything, I still had that fear, that without my Aunt I will not survive, the fact that I will never be anything other than being a maid in my father's house, that I will never wear beautiful clothes and have a job, my Aunt was

controlling my every move without even uttering a word.

She slapped Gugu, that's when I quickly stood up, she can treat me like trash anytime of the day but not my friend.

'Auntie ' I shouted.

She slapped me too, I fell so hard and hit my head on a tip of our coffee table, the last thing I remember was seeing blood flowing so much, on my face.

I felt dizzy then finally collapsed.

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Stanley's Apartment.

Stanley.

I sat alone, on my huge califonia bed, a very lonely place at time, I looked at the photo album that was nicely placed on top of the drawer next to my bed, I got to one picture that I really adore, I smiled and without realising it, tears were rolling down my face. ' I miss you '

I kissed the picture and took the wedding ring inside my drawer, I kept staring and polishing it, the memories behind it, the laughters, the tears, I did this to my self, I have everything but no one on my side, everyone I have once loved has turned against me. ' its only you and me Anzani, me and you' I laughed a little and took my glass of J&B on the rocks, I took a long sip to take away my sorrows. I heard my phone ring, I stood up and

ran for it.

'Hello'

'Hi sir its Gugu, I'm sorry to call you this late...

'What do you want? '

'It's Anzani, she's been hurt, she is in hospital '

'What? No! What happened? '

'Just come to the hospital' she hung up.

I panicked, okay this whole thing is new to me, I have never done something like this before.

I took my car keys and ran to the door, someone else opened the door before me.

'Daddy' he jumped on my arms, I caught him and kissed him.

'My love' she got closer and Frenched kissed me. 'I missed you ' she added.

With all this happening, I just stood there and looked at them.

I was so happy to see them, but this is a bad time.

' Lindi...What are you doing here? '

'What? do I need a reason to come back home? '

'No...I'm sorry babe, come to daddy my little junior, daddy missed you. '

We walked to the sitting room, I was so happy to see my wife and my two kids back home, after what I did to them, but now my concern was to get to Anzani.

Stanley.

I was stuck, confused and out of plans, how will I get out of this house, I mean in all honesty I wanted my family back but I still wanted Anzani, I wanted to be there for her since she is in hospital, I practically became a stranger in my own life.

'Honey, you are so quiet, ain't you glad we are back?' she asked.

Lindi was on her beautiful sexy lingerie, it was quite revealing, she was showcasing her beautiful body, I usually feel happy when I see her like that but this time I felt nothing at all, well it is not that I didn't love her anymore, I mean I do love her, the problem is that I was really falling inlove with Anzani and I couldn't do anything about it.

'Don't worry about me honey, I'm okay just that I'm still surprised, you said you wanted a divorce.'

'You know that me and you are soul mates, I can't just leave you' she smiled seductively.

I looked at her, saw Anzani's smile, her laughter on my ears, her voice whispering and her wet lips kissing my neck, that girl is really driving me crazy .

I shook my head. I leaned towards her, pulled her by her neck smoothly and kissed her on the lips, then went on to her neck, she smelled so good, When I closed my eyes, all I could see was Anzani. I pushed my wife away.

'I can't do this'

'What? What is it? She yelled.

'I'm sorry babe, I need to be somewhere. '

I took my car keys and looked at her, she sat there with her mouth wide open, she was so shocked, Stanley denying sex. I couldn't even wait for her to ask a lot of questions, I went to the garage, got in the car and drove.

Without even realising it, I was already in hospital.

' Where is she?'

I just couldn't be patient, I wanted to see the love of my life, I was longing for her kiss, I just pass through the reception area, I saw Gugu roaming around the hospital, so I went to her.

'What did you do to her?'

I shouted at her, she looked at me with so much anger.

'You are stupid you know, you think I can hurt my friend just because of you?'

I realised I was wrong and I didn't handle this matter in a right way.

'I'm sorry Gugu, I just don't want to lose her.'

'Mxm'

'How is she is?'

'They say she is stable, but not awake'

'What happened to her '

'Her aunt... its a long story, so tell me what took you so long?'

That question went straight to the veins in my heart, I felt very

guilty and dirty, I should have been honest from the beginning.

'Hey...'

'Oh sorry, you were saying? '

I looked at her.

'What took you so long to come and see your fiancée?'

I can't tell Gugu that I'm married, she will sabotage me, I just think it is best if Anzani hears it from me.

'I was out of town, but I came as fast as I could. ' he answered.

'I see'

'When can we see Anzani? ' I looked around trying to avoid eye contact with Gugu, she might be just an employee but she is way too clever.

'There is the doctor, lets ask her '

We went to her, but she was still talking to another family there, so we just waited aside.

I realised that the doctor on duty was one of Lindi's friend, Betty, I wanted to hide my self but it was too late, she already saw me.

'Mr Zungu, what are you doing here, Lindi and the boys are okay? '

It felt like my whole world was falling apart, things were about to get real, how do I explain this to Thembi and what do I say to my wife about the hospital visit.

'I'm her friend and this is my boss, her fia...'

'Someone is in here, she is my employee, her name is Anzani'
'Oh okay

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that great. I'm glad you care about your workers.

Gugu looked at me, she looked so puzzled and angry but she kept her cool, thank God.

'Let's go let me take you to ms Anzani's room.'

We all followed the doctor, Gugu walked slowly like she has seen a ghost, I guess she just did the maths, "how is Lindi and the boys? " that enough was clear evidence that I was a married man with kids.

I couldn't look at her straight in her eyes but I kept looking at her with a smile, I just wanted her to keep her mouth shut.

We got into Anzani's ward, what seemed to be an Angel smiled the moment we got into the ward.

'My love ' she said with a broken voice.

Luckily the doctor just showed us the ward then went back to work, just imagine the kind of mess I would have gotten my self into. I quickly ran to her and kissed her forehead, she looked like an Angel, so beautiful, this girl made me feel things I have never felt in my life before, she was the definition of true love in my soul, I just need her in my life, Gugu stood at the door, so disgusted by me, I prayed that she doesn't spil the beans, I wouldn't afford to lose Anzani or my family.

'Gugu, how are you ' asked Anzani.

'I'm fine ' she harshly answered.

'You don't look fine to me.'

I kept quiet, praying.

'I'm just tired , I've been here with you the whole night. ' She said

She gave me one terrible stare, I could see that she was referring to me arriving late.

'The doctor says, I'll be discharged tomorrow.' Anzani looked at me and smiled.

Her smile could make any man's knees shiver, this girl is a beauty.

'I'll leave you to it then guys, I need to go see my mother ' she said.

'Gugu, just wait for me I'll take you home, its too late, you will not find any transport.'

'Okay, you will find me at the waiting area.' She said and walked out.

'What's wrong with her?' Asked Anzani.

'Don't mind her she is still bitter'

'No man, Gugu is happy for us... she is excited to be my maid of honour. ' she smiled.

'Babe about that, there is something I want to tell you.'

'Okay...oh hold that thought, come here'

She spread her fingers around my neck, pulled me closer to her,

looked me deep inside my eyes then said.

'I love you so much, please don't do anything to hurt me.'

'It's okay to cry as a man right? Cause I want to cry.' I said jokingly.

'Yes silly, but I don't want you to cry, this is what I want' she pulled me to her lips and started kissing me , she kissed me so perfectly like a professional, have you ever heard people say sweet lips? well hers were sweet for real.

I realised something was growing inside my pants.

'I love you too baby, I will never do anything to hurt you.

Was that a lie? was I trying to convince my self that I will not hurt Anzani?

'Babe let me take Gugu home see you tomorrow.' I kissed her and she had a firm grip on my hand

'Take care of yourself '

'You too, so you will tell me what happened to you tomorrow right?

'Sure' she said and blowed a kiss .

I waved goodbye, then went to Gugu.

'Let's go ' I said.

'You married, Stanley you've got kids'

I looked around, she was shouting and making noise.

'Let's just go'

'Look here, I only agreed to go with you because I didn't want to hurt Anzani, but I hate you'

'Why ? Because I didn't want to lower my standards and fall for the likes of you? Is that why you are shouting at me?

'Just admit it, you are just using Anzani, you piece of shit, look here... no one and I mean no one messes with my friend and gets away with it.'

'Watch your tone ntombazana, I'm still your boss' I yelled.

Luckily there were only the two of us at the waiting room.

'Or what you will fire me? Try me!' She walked out.

I stood there, the walls were closing in for me, things were really bad, I can't fire Gugu with no valid reason.

I followed her, I knew she wouldn't find any taxi .

So I begged to take her home until she agreed, it was one of the longest drive. No one said anything to the other, I wanted to beg her not to tell Anzani but still I didn't want her to know that I'm a married man.

'Gugu '

'Just shut up and drive'

This got me so angry, being told what to do, but when you are on the wrong you will do anything to be forgiven.

'I'm sorry I rejected you, I just love Anzani please lets not hate each other because of this. '

She laughed and clapped twice.

'You are a fool if you think that's the reason why I'm angry, I'm angry because you are married and won't come clean, tell Anzani the truth or I will' she smiled.

'You are enjoying this ain't you?'

'Enjoying what? That you are hurting my friend? '

'I'm not married, Lindi is my sister and the two boys are my nephews you are just jealous and bitter '

She looked at me and shook her head, like she could actually see through the lies.

I was so confused and just didn't know what to do

Anzani's Aunt.

I looked at the picture in Anzani's room, realising that this was the only thing she had that could remind her of her parents, that it was the only thing that inspired her, the fact that Anzani was growing some balls and letting her so called friend disrespect me in my own house was making me very angry, I took the picture and destroyed it, and by destroying it, I mean cutting it into pieces that it wouldn't even be possible for her to fix it.

'Mom, what are you doing here? '

'Get out and go back to your room Thando. '

The fact that Thando was starting to be on Anzani's side disgusted me.

'Isn't that?...no mom, that will break Anzani ' she pointed the pieces of the pic laying in the floor.

'Like I care, I want her out of this house'

I was shaking with anger, this time she had pushed me too far.

'What? Mom tell me you kidding, you hurt Anzani then say you throwing her out of her father's house, What if Anzani opens a case of assault for you?'

She had a point, I might get arrested and the whole inheritance issue might be revealed.

I looked at Thando, I didn't want to give her the impression that she was right.

'Since when are you on Anzani's side?'

She looked at me and shook her head.

'I'm going to visit Anzani at hospital, that's what any sane person could at least do after hurting the other, but since in this house morals don't exist, then I'll choose to be the different one'

'This time? You going out this time? '

she clicked her tongue and walked away.

I couldn't care less whether Anzani lives or die, same difference. I just want her to sign those papers and get hell out of me and my children's lives.

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Mrs Lindi Zungu.

I can't take this anymore, I mean it is obvious that Stanley does not love me like he used to, since when did he deny me sex, worse part leaving me alone at night and arrive in the morning, he is slipping away from my fingers, I thought giving him space would open his eyes and he will realise that he needs me in his life but it looks like I just dug my own grave. I looked at him as he lay next to me, as cute as ever, he was sleeping so peaceful in the early hours of the morning, I went closer to him and planted a kiss on his sweet pink lips, he moved a bit.

'I love you Stanley '

He smiled but with his eyes closed, I think he liked what I was doing to him.

'I love you too my baby, so much...'

I felt happy to hear him say that, it gave me hope that our marriage can survive any storm, I went on and on kissing him all over his body, he quickly woke up and pushed me, here we go again.

'Stanley, what is it? I shouted.

'What are you doing women? ' he yelled and squeezed my hand.

'Stanley you are hurting me, let go of my hand, what has gotten into you? You forgot the reason why I wanted to divorce you'.

I was starting to be scared now, Stanley was acting way too different and violently, I mean the reason why I left and went back home was because he was abusing me, physically abusing me, I mean I've got scars to prove it.

'I'm so sorry, I don't know what's wrong with me.' He put both his hands on his head, his eyes turned red like a beast , this man actually hurt me without realising it, it was like he was possessed or something like that.

'Stanley where were you?'

Not like I was expecting any honest answer I just knew that he will he will lie to me.

'To fix some important papers at work. '

'Okay...Baby can you make love to me?'

He looked around, trying his best to avoid me in any means, I wanted him but I just couldn't force myself into him, clearly he didn't want to have sex with me.

'Please, I'm tired I need to sleep, I have an early meeting. ' he pulled the blankets and covered his head.

I just wanted to cry but I controlled my self, I looked at the watch on the wall, it was still 3:00am, I needed some air so I just took my car keys and went straight to the garage, took my car and just drove.

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Anzani

Few hours later.

It times like these that makes me miss my parents, I have been discharged but not even one person came to take me home, not even my fiance, it breaks my heart but hey who was I fooling, I mean I'm used to this.

'Ms Anzani, is there anyone coming to get you?'

I had a bandage on my head.

'I don't know doctor Betty, I'm waiting for my fiance

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he promised that he will come and fetch me.'

'Wow, you are engaged. How old are you?' She smiled.

'I'm 21' I answered with pride.

'Kids?'

'No, still a virgin. ' I giggled.

She looked so surprised, she got closer to me and sat on my bed.

'Wow girl, in this century? How did you do it?'

'Well I had my flaws but I was waiting for the right man to come along, now I'm more than ready to give it up.' I smiled.

I actually said that mouth full, I was proud of myself and I was very sure that Stanley wouldn't do anything to hurt me, actually he is the one.

'You must real love your fiance '

'Actually I do.'

'Wow that's great, now tell me Anzani, where do you work at?'

I wasn't ashamed of the fact that I was a cleaner.

'I'm a cleaner.'

'Okay, I see. I assume you work for mr Zungu, I saw him yesterday.'

So this doctor knows my future husband, I felt it wasn't my place to tell her that the person she is talking about is my fiance?

'Yes I work for him'

'He is a good man, Treats his workers with love.' She smiled then walked out.

I was left stunned, I wonder where she knows him from.

I realised that waiting was just a waste of time, who am I fooling, no one is going to come and take me home.

I stood up and took my hand bag, then the thought that I was going back to that hell, to face my aunt was the last thing I wanted to do.

'Hi' That was a voice behind me.

'What do you want? To finish what your mother started? '

'Anzani please, I understand you are angry but mom has no idea I'm here, I heard you are being discharged, I've come to take you home.' She said.

I was kind of relieved and happy that I also had someone who cared enough to come and take me home, but that doesn't change how I felt about her, hate is a strong word, despite all the things my family did to me, I never hated them, I'm just angry.

'Why?' I asked harshly.

'Because I care Anzani '

'Since when? '

She just kept quiet, looked at the floor and tears rolled down her face. I felt sorry for her, so I just went closer to her and hugged her.

'I'm so sorry Thando .'

'No Anzani, I'm sorry. I deserve it, I've been cruel to you, treated you like trash. '

I don't know whether her apology was sincere or just a bluff but

being Anzani, I easily forgave her.

'I forgive you.' I smiled.

'Friends' she stretched her hand for a shake.

'Friends' I stretched mine too and we shook our hands and laughed.

We got out of that hospital like we have been friends for years, my heart was at ease.

Thando was holding my hand and with her other hand she had my hand bag.

A very strange car, beautiful with dimmed windows approached us, Thando and I stopped walking and looked at the car that almost hit us.

A few minutes later, the owner lowered the window, flip it is Stanley.

'Babe its me' he said with a smile.

I don't know this car, I was angry that he didn't get here in time but being new on this relationship field, I just kept quiet and pretended to be okay, I believed that to always keep a man happy, you shouldn't question his every move, you shouldn't be angry ay little things, I don't know who told me that but I just think it works.

'New car?' I asked.

'Yes, you like it?'

Thando and I got in, Thando was so excited.

'Babe this is Thando my cousin'

'Oh hi Thando, I'm Stanley '

'Hi' she said.

'So what took you so long?'

'Work babe, I had to finish up something'

'Gugu is at work '

'Ya'

He drove.

'Where to from here?'

'Let's take Thando home.' I said.

'And you? Don't tell me you want to go to work in this condition'

'Work? No man' I got closer to his ear and whispered. 'I want to make love to you, Stanley Zungu, take me to your house. '

He giggled and turned his head and looked at Thando who was laughing her self to death, I guess she heard everything I said.

'My house?' He opened his eyes widely

'Yes house, you know it? Where you stay?' I said jokingly.

'Okay, lets take Thando home, then I'll book into a hotel, my babe needs a special treat, right Thando? '

' That's true ' she laughed

I didn't like where this was going, I just kept quiet because I didn't want to argue with Stanley in front of Thando but boy, I will not have my pride been taken away at some hotel, if I do this, it will have to be at his house finish and klaar.

Anzani

We got home, Stanley parked his car two blocks away from home, so Thando and I jumped out of the car and walked hand in hand, it was a Saturday, daylight at 12:30, so clearly my aunt was home, I just wanted to make her feel the heat when she sees me with her child on the verge of becoming best friends, We walked in the yard and there she was with her witch daughter .

She stood up and laughed, couldn't stop clapping her hands. 'So you two are friends now?' Mimi asked.

I made sure that I avoided her in any means, I still had a very painful headache, and I just didn't want to entertain those blood sucker.

I went straight to my room and I wasn't pleased at all, My parents picture in pieces, I fell and couldn't breathe, I think the shock of what I got there, got me dizzy, I picked the pieces one by one with tears... how on earth will I ever fix this, I stood up so angry, I mean I couldn't take this anymore, I was quiet for such a long time, it is about time I stand up for my self. I went straight to where they were.

'Who did this?'

'I did' She answered with pride.

'Why aunty? This was the only picture I had' tears couldn't stop rolling my on chics.

'I need you out of this house, this moment.'

Man this time she had bucked a wrong tree, never in my wildest dreams will I ever leave my father's house, if there is someone who leaves, that will be her.

'You lie Aunty...I'm not going anywhere, you will pay for all the things that you did to me, I'll make you pay even if its the last thing I do on earth. '

Thando and Mimi couldn't say anything, that worked to my advantage cause if they had said something, today would have been a day I showed them what I'm capable of.

I went back inside, changed into something comfortable, took my hand bag and some money where I hide it, I remembered the Sangoma's words then went back inside and took all the money that was left, Remember Stanley was still waiting for me.

They looked at me as I walked pass them.

'Where are you going?'

'To open a case of abuse and assault, here is proof' I pointed the bandage.

I was so angry but I will never stoop to their standards, I was just lying I couldn't get my aunt arrested.

'You think I'm scared, go ahead.'

'Mother you need to apologise to Anzani ' Mimi said.

I pretended I didn't hear anything she said and just walked away, I just couldn't stop imagine how she reacted.

I got to Stanley's car, I was still crying.

He hugged me as soon as I got in the car.

'Baby, will you tell me what's going on? '

'My aunt will kill me one of these days, babe I want to move in with you' I said as I squeezed him hard.

'You will tell me everything as soon as we get to the hotel, I have already booked. ' he frowned and drove.

'Babe, why ain't you....I mean I love you.'

I wanted to ask him the reason why he isn't taking me to his house but I got scared.

'I love you too Anzani '

We kept quiet all the way, something puzzled me though, Stanley's phone kept ringing but he just didn't pick it up, maybe it was because he was driving.

'Are you going to take that or should I?'

'Anzani you don't answer my phone ' he yelled.

I got so scared, and looked away.

'I'm sorry babe, just that there is this client that's driving me crazy, he is the one calling. '

'Its okay'

We got to the hotel, a very beautiful hotel, I remember my mom and dad taking me here while I was still four years old, the memories ain't very clear but I still have some great memories about this hotel, a five star country resort, we went to the receptionist on duty and she gave us our access card, Stanley

already booked online, I don't want to lie to you, this was a very beautiful hotel, it made me feel extra special.

We got in our room, the bed was something else, I quickly ran to the fridge, man... there was everything that I wanted

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grapes, apples and a lot more.

'Is home better than this?' He asked with a smile.

He came closer to me and grabbed my hands and kissed both of them, we sat on top of the bed.

'Now tell me everything about your aunt '

I told him everything from the beginning till the end.

When I was done talking I noticed that he had tears on his face, it made me feel special, to actually have someone who listens to your cries without any judgements.

'How can people do this to their own flesh and blood? '

He hugged me.

'Your turn '

'To do what baby?'

'Tell me about yourself, I don't know anything about you'

He stood up, went to the fridge and took a yogurt and some strawberries like he was trying to avoid my question.

He dipped the strawberry in the yogurt.

'Well close your eyes Princess. '

I did as told and opened my mouth widely.

'Now, taste this' He gave me the strawberry, I ate and confirmed that it was nice.

He looked deep inside my eyes, got closer to me and kissed me, we kissed smoothly, I took off his shirt, oh wait wasn't I the one who said that I will not give away my pride at some hotel?

He went for my dress then lifted me up, looked at me, he had tears in his eyes.

'I love you Anzani, and there is something I need to tell you before we do this. '

I was so turned on, I just wanted to get this over and done with.

'Can't it wait?' I said with my sexy voice.

'No it can't. '

'What is it then?'

'You need to sit down '

'Why?'

'Just sit down babe'

I was getting very scared now, really, I'm tired of disappointment. I sat on top of the bed and waited for it.

'What? You scaring me now. '

'There is no easy way to say this, I'm...I'm...'

'I knew it, I knew you would dump me, it was too good to be true anyway. '

I stood up and put on my dress.

'I'm not dumping you Anzani, I'm married.'

I kept quiet, for a moment there I thought I was dreaming, did

he just say he is married? No this is not happening, this is not what I want, I'm not a home wrecker.

'What did you just say to me?'

'I've got two kids, boys, and I love my wife.'

'Okay, thank you so much for letting me know, and hey thanks for playing with my feelings.'

'Anzani, I love you too so much. '

'Are you crazy? You are married. ' I was practically shaking and sweating at the same time, I know pain but this one is worser than any pain I have ever felt.

'I know I'm married but you make me happy, I want you to be my wife.'

'How?'

'Be my second wife'

'Uyahlanya Stanley uyezwa (you are crazy Stanley) I will never settle for less, and I'm not a home wrecker so its over between us. '

'Anzani, I will not live without you, I don't love Lindi the way I love you, please don't leave me'

I have never been angrier, I wanted to get the hell out of that hotel and being there with Stanley longer will get me into trouble, just imagine another woman shedding tears for her man because of me, I mean that's not me.

'Goodbye Stanley. '

'Anzani...Anzani please come back.

I walked away from him and couldn't even look back, I couldn't stop crying, where would I go?

'Sis Anzani '

'Not you again, what do you want? '

'To show you a safe place to lay your head. '

'Look Anna or whoever you are, please leave me alone. '

'I can't sis Anzani '

'Why?'

'If you don't follow me, something sinister will happen to you.'

She said and frowned.

I was still in the hotel when she said that, I looked back and saw Stanley approaching my way. The little girl grabbed my hand and we started running, I ran like a mad person, never in my life have I run in that manner.

I kept on talking on the way, Stanley finally gave up and let me go.

We got to a very floral place like a nursery, it was so beautiful, I saw lillies, my mother favourite flowers, I felt my parents presence in that place, like they both placed their hands on my head, I felt the burden on my shoulder being taken away.

'Anna..what is this?'

'Your legacy '

I smiled and shook my head.

'What legacy Anna?'

She got so upset and shouted.

'You need to fight Anzani, fight for what's yours, the house and the money.'

'What money?'

She started fading and the flowers dying, I saw my self in a cemetery.

'Anna talk to me, what money '

Anna just disappeared and I was all alone on top of my father's grave. How did I get here?

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Anzani.

Two day later. Monday.

I woke up late for work, I did hear the alarm when it went off, I guess I am too ashamed to face Stanley or any other person for that matter, what if people knew about our affair, what if they know that Stanley is a married man, I will look like a fool, a stupid home wrecker, I'm skipping work today.

'Hey can I come in?'

'What do you want?' I asked harshly.

'I've seen the way you've been since Saturday, yesterday you didn't even get out of your room, are you alright?' Thando looked really concerned about me.

'Like you care'

'Anzani you are attacking the wrong person here'

'Look I'm sorry, I'm just not in the mood for a pep talk.' I frowned.

'I'll help you'

'You will help me with what?'

'I'll get mom off your back, and moer the hell out of the person who made you angry.' She laughed.

I don't believe this, I just laughed at Thando's jokes, something i thought I will never do in my life.

'Why ain't you at school?' I smiled.

'The question here should be why ain't you getting ready for

work? '

'I'm not going ' I answered.

She looked at me then stood up and took a very beautiful dress for me, a colourful dress, she kneeled down and took some heels under the bed, I looked at her, I had no idea what she was doing, so I just kept quiet and looked at her. She went on and took my hand bag and placed it on the bed.

'Get up, you are going to take a bath and you are going to work ' she stood stll infront of me and stared at me.

'What the hell? Who do you think you are, trying to tell me what to do' I yelled.

'Your cousin who cares that you might end up losing your job. ' She had a point, I will not give Stanley the satisfaction, I'm not losing my job over a fling, at least I still have my pride with me. Thando grabbed my hand and pulled me to the bathroom.

'Hurry up and take a bath, before you are super late' she clapped her hands and laughed, as she opened the shower and we both danced as the water sprayed all over our bodies, we still had our clothes on, Thando took her teeth brush and pretended she was holding a microphone, she started singing "Nguwe by Ntando" she sang so beautifully that I stopped dancing and listened to her.

'Wow you have such an amazing voice '

'Thanks.' She blushed.

'I didn't know you have such an amazing voice. ' I said.

I was kind of proud of her, her voice was something else.

'Now let's go get you ready for work '

'We still haven't taken our bath man' I laughed.

'Oh yeah, I'll leave you to it then.' She said and stepped out of the bathroom, I looked at her, she just made me a new person, gave me a new mind set. I was more than ready to face the world, its not like I knew that Stanley is a bastard, its not like I approached him, I didn't know he was married, anyway he didn't love me enough, if he did love me he would have come and check on me but since I told him it is over between us, he just didn't bother.

I finished taking a bath and went back to my room to get dressed. Time was not on my side so I realised that a professional thing to do when you late is to inform them, but I don't have a phone but Thando does, so its was wise that I ask her to borrow me her phone, my aunt was already out and Mimi went job hunting so it was only me and Thando, I wonder why she is not at school.

'Thando...Thando... ' I shouted.

She came to my room running.

'Yebo...wow you look stunning Anzani, you are ready to take on the world.'

I laughed.

'thanks hey, look I need you to borrow me your phone, I must inform them that I'll be a bit late.'

' Okay ' she handed me her phone.

I dialed the reception number and Gugu answered it, I told her that I'll be a little bit late, lied about the reason why, she told me to hold on, I did. and a few minutes later, Stanley picked up the phone.

'Hello'

I heard his voice and my heart skipped a bit, I kept quiet.

'Anzani is that you? 'He asked.

'Yes, its me.'

'Are you okay? '

'I wanted to report that I'll be late but only 1 hour, I was at the hospital for check up.'

I hated lying but I just couldn't afford to loose this job, I was just mad when I decided to skip work.

'Its okay baby, see you after one hour.'

I hanged up the phone, he really got me angry calling me baby after lying to me, what kind of a stupid fool is this guy? I was shaking, nearly dropped Thando's phone, she saw me and quickly came and held my hand.

'Anzani, what is wrong?'

'Nothing, I'm just dizzy' I said.

'You are dizzy, ain't you pregnant?'

I laughed. man, this girl just know how to brighten up my day.

'Pregnant? Me? Girl I'm still a virgin.'

'Get out of here ' she laughed.

'I'm serious, hey I'll see you after work '

She was still laughing when I walked out, I laughed too, it was only few people who believed me when I told them I'm a virgin, as soon as I got to the taxi rank

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a pure white range rover, parked in front of me, a very beautiful woman smiled at me and invited me in her car, I had my doubts but my guts told me to get in, my guts are never wrong.

'Hi' the woman said.

'Hello' I looked around the car, my dream car, I have never been close to this car, let alone ride in it, it feels great.

'You like the car?'

'Like is an understatement, I loooooove the car, that's why I was so staring and I guess that's why you waited for me '

She smiled.

'You just reminded me of myself, where are you heading to? ' she asked.

'I'm going to work, thanks for the close experience but if I don't get to the next taxi then I'll be extra late.' I said with a smile.

'Where do you work at? '

'Calton Centre. '

'Good, I'm also heading that way, save the money, we will travel together. '

I was kind of puzzled by the stranger's behaviour, why is she so

nice to me, I mean she doesn't know me, and I don't know her, what if she is serial killer? Or a pimp, what if she kills people and sell their body parts, how did she afford such an expensive car? All of these unanswered questions running on my mind, it was too late for me, so I just accepted that whatever it is that will happen will be God's will, I remembered Anna's words "something sinister will happen to you" I was shaking and sweating, what if this is the end of me?

'You are sweating and quiet, are you okay? ' She smiled.

'I'm fine, just hot'

She lowered her windows.

Then turned on her radio and pressed the play button, she was listening to gospel songs, I felt a little relieved.

'You are beautiful, what is your name. '

I laughed.

'I'm Anzani Ms'

'Wow beautiful name, what do you do at work?'

I looked on the side way, then looked at her with pity.

'I'm a cleaner '

'Okay, I started there too, I'm a lawyer now, any qualifications?'

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I shook my head.

'I see, matric? '

'I don't have it, I dropped out of school when i finished my grade 11.' Tears rolled down my face.

'Its okay Anzani, don't cry.'

I didn't plan to cry, just that the topic we were talking about was kind of sensitive for me, I dropped out of school because of the pressure of the things I went through, being a maid in my father's house.

'Look, it seems like God sent me to you, I need a helper at my house and I'll also take you to school so that you can finish your studies, I like your strength, you dropped out, but you fought harder to be where you are today, I think that you are so strong Anzani.'

'Are you offering me a job '

'Not just a job, I'm offering you a second chance to fulfil your dreams. ' she smiled.

'What? You don't even know me'

'But the spirit of our heavenly father directed me straight to you, I may not know you now but I'm about to '

I shook my head, trying to bring back my self into the world of the living, I thought I was somehow dreaming but I wasn't the woman was still there, driving her big machine.

'I'll have to think about it, just give me your number.'

She pulled on a business card, I took it and stashed it inside my bag.

'Thanks for the ride, it was nice talking to you .'

'Goodluck Anzani, let me know when you made up your mind. '

I waved goodbye to her, and stood there, watched the car the

moment it took off then ran to the office. Gugu was at her desk as usual.

'Hi babe' I said.

And ran to the change room before she could start asking me a lot of questions, knowing her, Gugu is my friend, I love her and all but she is a very talkative person, she gossips a lot.

I took my working equipment and started working.

'Mr Stanley wants to have a word with you' said Busi.

I got so irritated, I didn't want to see him or talk to him.

I continued with what I was doing not minding what Busi said, he then came and called me.

'Anzani, in my office now. '

I knew exactly what he wanted to say, I slowly followed him, Gugu looked at us and shook her head, I wonder if she knows that Stanley is married.

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Anzani

I got to Stanley's office and pulled out a chair and sat down, I didn't see him as anything but my boss.

'Yes sir'

'Anzani I'm sorry '

'What for? Its okay, it was too good to be true anyway.' I smiled.

'It is true Anzani, I love you. '

'No you don't, thats not love its lust.'

I stood up.

He looked at me with his teary eyes, shook his head and went down on his knees.

'I will not be able to live without you, please don't leave me ' he wrapped my legs with his hands.

I looked at him.

'Please don't make this any harder than it is, go back to your family and forget about me' I removed his hands on me.

'I'll divorce her, yes.. please Anzani I'll divorce her.'

'Stanley please, I may be a poor orphan but I will not have another women in tears because of me, if I knew you were married I wouldn't have agreed to your engagement. '

'I don't love my wife anymore, I don't feel her , everytime I try to make love to her, I see you.' He said.

I didn't believe anything he said, husband's don't leave their

wives for mistresses, let alone a poor unqualified mistress, and I will never settle for being a side chic, and the polygamy thing, that's not just for me.

'Stanley this is not going to work, you don't love me, you are just inlove with the idea of being with me, man you know you will never leave your wife for me.'

'Trust me I will, I want you and only you.'

I could see that staying here and trying to convince Stanley that me and him will never work, was just a waste of time, so I stood up and looked at him.

'I quit' I said harshly.

'Anzani, what are you doing? '

'I can't face you everyday, it'll be torture.'

I walked out of the office leaving Stanley shocked.

I went to Gugu's desk.

'Babe I can't do this anymore, Stanley is married and I quit.' I said with tears.

'How did you find out? ' she wasn't surprised and didn't say "I told you so" that got me worried, does it mean she knew?

'You knew? ' I asked.

'Babe I can explain, I....'

'Save it '

I didn't even wait for her to explain, I was so angry, so all along my friend knew that the man I was dating is a married man with kids, I ran to the lift and got in, sat down and cried.

This is all too much for me, I'm tired of being the good guy, I'm tired of pain and betrayal, it is time for revenge, every soul and I mean every one that made shed a tear will pay with their lives, I'm tired.

I got out of that lift a new person, a cruel person, a tired soul.

'I told you to stop chasing after man but you didn't listen. '

I turned and looked at the voice behind me but there was no one, that is what I've been told by the sangoma, maybe it's just an imagination, so I continued walking to the taxi rank.

'Sis Anzani '

'Not you again, what do you want? '

'I hate to see you like this, you are growing more aggressive, what happened to you?'

'Will you just leave me alone, can't you mind your own business for once and let me be'

She grabbed my hands and squeezed it.

'You are not going to shout at me, listen to me before you end up dead'

Her eyes were blazing fire and her skin got irritated, she turned red. God I was so scared.

'Dead?'

'I told you that you have to fight for what is yours but you just didn't listen.' she started scratching her body and blood was flowing with pressure.

'Tell me, what should I do ? '

'You will be guided, I urge you. Go back to that Sangoma, she will tell you what to do. '

'She said I shouldn't go back without the things that she wanted, I don't have the money. ' I answered.

People there looked at me and shook their heads some where laughing at me, it used to disgust me but not anymore, I'm used to it now, the reason why they laugh, they think I'm talking alone because they can't see the little girl.

'Follow me, I'll show you where the money is.'

I followed her, she pointed under the rock.

'Push that '.

I pushed it, there was a black plastic bag there

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I opened it, I was stunned by the amount of money inside that plastic. I have never seen so much money, I looked back to ask Anna about the money but she had already disappeared.

'Anna no, come back please.'

I wrapped the plastic with my jacket and walked faster to the taxi rank, I was so scared, what if this money belongs to some gang and they saw me when I took it. I got in the taxi and kept quiet, a couple of minutes later I got home.

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Gugu.

I wonder how Anzani got the news, I mean I didn't tell her because I wasn't sure about it, she should've listened to me when I tried to explain, now she is angry at me.

I know Anzani isn't brave enough to put Stanley in his place so I'm going to do it for her.

I went to his office fuming with anger.

'You said you are not married ' I yelled.

'Gey out of my office '

'You are so heartless you know, how could you do this to Anzani?

'Stop acting like you are doing this for Anzani, you know very well that you are doing this for your self, look I don't have to explain my self to you...get out'

'Make me'

He had a point though, I wasn't doing this for Anzani, I'm angry because I wanted him all to myself, I wouldn't mind to have him even though he is a married man.

'Gugu, you are so good at your job and I'll hate taking that job away from you, I'll count up to 3 and if you still here, I'll make sure that you regret. '

'I'm still waiting. ' I said.

He started with the counting, I know him he is not a bluff.

'One...two...'

I quickly got out of his office, so irritated and went straight to

my desk.

A very beautiful woman approached me, she had a very beautiful smile she was with a little cute baby boy.

'Hi' she said.

'Hello, can I help? ' I tried my best to smile, its part of my job description to always smile and be friendly.

'I'm here to see Mr Zungu ' she smiled and kissed her child.

'I'm sorry ma'am, but do you have an appointment. '

She laughed.

'Girl...I don't need an appointment to see my husband. '

I opened my mouth widely, she looked young and very beautiful but not beautiful as Anzani.

'Are you okay? ' she asked.

'Yes I'm fine, just that I'm happy to finally meet you mrs Zungu.

' I smile.

'Oh thanks, you must be Gugu the receptionist, my husband has told me a lot about you. '

'Let me take you to his office '

'Just show me I'll go.'

' this is your baby, what's his name? '

She smiled.

'Stanley Junior, our second and last born'

'Wow he is so cute, it was nice to meeting you mrs Zungu. '.

She smiled at me and went straight to her husband's office.

Things are really heating up, I wonder what would have

happened if Anzani was here.

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Stanley.

I closed my eyes and tried to bring back my memories with Anzani, her smile and uniqueness, I cannot live without her, I need to find her, I opened my eyes and she was standing there as ravishing as ever, she smiled and asked.

'What are you thinking about? '

'Wow Lindi, what a surprise, how long have you been standing there?'

'Long enough to notice that something is bothering you '

'Me? I'm fine '

'There is daddy, go to daddy.'

I picked him up and kissed him on his forehead, I was waiting for her to tell me why she is here.

'Was just checking up on you' she said

'Since when? '

'Come on Stan, I don't want to fight, and oh I decided to hire some help, and I think I have a perfect candidate for it'

' Some help?'

'Someone who will take care of the boys, I need to go back to work you know, Junior has grown now.'

'Suit yourself, who is that person? '

'You won't know her, she hasn't agreed yet anyway. '

'Okay'

'Look babe I've got to go, I'll see you at home right? '

'Okay'

'I love you ' she said.

I didn't answer her, I don't know why but those words couldn't come out, I gradually choked on them, she stood there waiting for me to respond.

'I'll see you later '

'I said I love you ' she said with a smile.

'Thanks '

She finally gave up and kissed me, then took the baby and left, she was angry, I mean you would too, but you can't blame me for following my heart. As soon as she left, I went out too, I'm going to look for Anzani, and convince her that I will never live without her, I love Anzani and it is only her that I want and if it means getting a divorce then divorce it is.

'I'm going out, cancel all my meetings.

'Okay sir' said my PA.

Anzani.

I got home and ran to my bedroom, everyone was at the living room watching the news, I locked the door and started counting the money, it was a lot of money, I have never layed my hands on so much money, I was shaking and scared, I couldn't stop thinking about the rage of the owners of the money. I didn't know what to do or where to stash it, so I just pushed the plastic under the bed, the first thing that came to my mind was to buy what was requested by the Sangoma, but before it all, I need to fix my parents picture, the picture wasn't in the condition to be fixed but I'll try my best, I took the pieces and put them together like a puzzle, with tears on my face, I sang my mother favourite song, I couldn't stop crying, I realised how much I missed them, Anna just appeared out of nowhere, I know she always does that but it freaks me out sometimes, sometimes I feel like I want to be alone.

'Don't cry, this no time to cry, it is time you get up and fight for yourself'

'Who are you?' I asked

'What do you mean? I'm Anna, your guardian Angel' she answered with a smile.

'Where does this money come from? Why are so kind to me?'

'Because it is my job to take care of you, you need to hide the money, don't use it until the air is clear, you must use this

money to fight for what's yours.'

'Here we go again, what do I have Anna..? I don't want to fight for this house, let them have it.' I said with tears.

'You stupid, just shut up and listen.'

'Hey don't talk to me like that, I'm your elder ' I yelled.

'Then act like one'

I looked at her and kept quiet, I was starting to be comfortable being with her, her presence in my life was starting to be helpful and amazing, she was like a mother to me, someone who cares and have my best interest at heart. I kept fixing the picture as she stood there, on her beautiful floral dress with her beautiful afro nicely combed and neatly tied.

'What are you doing there' she asked.

'You tell me, ain't you some kind of a shrink? ' I asked harshly. She shook her head and came closer to me, I had a closer look at her, she is a definition of cute.

'Can I fix that?' She pointed at the picture.

'What?'

'The picture, can I fix it for you?'

'Suit yourself '

She did something magical with her hands, like the hands were blazing fire, the picture started burning, I stood up and pushed her.

'What the hell are you doing? Burning my parents picture, get out of my life, I hate you' I yelled. '

I was so angry, seeing that picture in flames made me so angry.

'I was trying to help you '

'By destroying the only thing that reminds me of my parents?'

'I did not destroy it, I swear'

'Just get out of my life, I don't want to see you anymore, I hate you '

She got very sad, and cried, she started fading, I looked at the floor and realised that the picture was fixed, like it was never destroyed, this is amazing.

'Anna I'm sorry'

She was so sad, she didn't even look at me but just disappeared, I felt so bad, I guess I should start listening to Anna more often.

I picked up the picture and put it back on the frame and hanged it on my wall

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a few minutes later, I heard a knock on my door.

'Who is it?'

'Anzani someone is here to see you' said Thando.

'Okay, I'll be there'

I wiped my tears, I was a mess. I woke up and went to see who was looking for me.

I went to the living room and Stanley was there having a chat with my Aunt.

'What do you want? ' I asked.

'Anzani ' Aunty yelled.

'Anzani can I Atleast explain?'

'Follow me ' I said.

Stanley stood up and followed me to my bedroom ,he was emotionally drained, I could just tell by the look on his face, like he hasn't slept for days, I actually felt sorry for him. We got in to my room and he stood by the door.

'What is it Stan?'

'Wow '

'What?'

'You just called me Stan' he said as he came closer to me.

I still love Stanley with all of my soul, being in the same room with him is a very bad idea, I'm afraid of what I might do, I'm afraid I may not be able to control my feelings and will be easily tempted.

'Don't come any closer, say what you came here for, then get out' I said.

'I want you to look me in the eyes and tell me you don't want to be with me, tell me you don't love me anymore Anzani then I'll leave you alone '

Honestly speaking I can't say I don't love him because I do, but the fact that he is a married man and he lied about it just gets to me.

'Stanley please, I need you to leave.'

'Why?'

'Because you'll get me into trouble with my aunt if you stay longer. '

'I will leave but tell me you don't love me anymore. '

I thought saying those words will be easy, but looking at him and realising that Stanley is deeply in love with me made things harder.. he got closer to me and hugged me.

'I'm sorry Anzani, I didn't tell you that I was married because my wife wanted a divorce but now she is back and I don't want her anymore ' he squeezed my tiny body on his muscular body. I felt his tears on my neck, I kept quiet and embraced being on his arms once more, he smelled so nice, I longed for his kiss, call me stupid, I call it love.

'I love you Stanley but this cannot work'

'It can, I'll get a divorce '

'That's the problem, I'm not a home wrecker. '

'Our marriage ended long before you, you don't have to feel guilty, a heart goes for what it desires, and mine desire yours, Anzani I will not live without you. '

I took a deep breath, still on his arm and couldn't answer, I just felt like I should just listen and not say anything, I was feeling things I never felt before in my life, a good feeling, if it is so wrong to be with Stanley then why does it feel so right?

Stanley whispered in my ear 'can I kiss you '

It was that moment when I realised that I was lying to my self, I

will not live without him, he is my all, my Romeo, his wife will just have to be strong.

'Yes' I licked my lips.

As he looked at me with his brown teary eyes.

I couldn't even recognise my own voice, I was so turned on .

He kissed me on my neck, leaving a reddish thing there, you people call it a love bite, I moaned so passionately.

He kissed me on the lips so smoothly, I didn't want him to stop but then my aunt will kill me so I stopped him.

'Not here'

'Let's go then, let's go somewhere out of this house '

I looked at him and laughed, look at what Stanley did, that's the reason why I didn't want to be alone with him, look at me so soft and enjoying his company despite all the things that are happening between us, I hope I'm not doing this for the attention I never had, I hope I'm not destroying a happy family with just fantasies, I hope this is real and it lasts, I wish I get married to Stanley and be the only one.

'Where to?'

'I'll book us a hotel '

'No not today. '

'Okay then, it's fine. '

'Get out before my aunt can beat you. ' I laughed.

He walked then stopped at the door.

'Come with me, I have a surprise for you'.

'What is that?'

'Let's go '

We walked out of my room hand in hand with the love of my life, people were not pleased I tell you, Mimi was worse she couldn't even hide it.

'Where are you going? ' she asked.

'None of your business.' I answered.

She got so angry and went back to the living room.

We got to the car and Stanley opened the front seat for me, I got in an sat down.

I could see my family peeping through the living room windows, I just knew that I'll be given hell as soon as I come back.

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Anzani

Stanley and I drove to the nearest mall.

It was almost 5pm.

'I want to buy you a phone.' He said.

'Stanley, I don't want to die, what if your wife sees us together?

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'It's fine, then she would save me the trouble of confronting her about this'

'Is that what you are going to do to me too?' I asked.

'Anzani babe, you don't get it and maybe it will take you some time to do so, but as for now let's go get something to eat but first I should buy you a phone before the shops close'

I shook my head, I mean I could see that what I was doing is wrong, this go against my values, never in my life have I thought I will deliberately hurt another women, more especially for a man.

We got out of the car, and he held my hand, we walked hand in hand. I wasn't comfortable with him holding my hand in public so I pulled it and walked freely.

'Are you alright? '

'Yes I'm fine. '

'So are you coming back to work? '

'Nope, actually I got another job offer and I think I should take it, you know it's a bad idea working with you in the same

building.'

'What? You can't resist me? '

'Don't flatter yourself Stan'

'I like it when you call me Stan '

I looked at him and smiled, I was enjoying being treated like a queen, to be spoilt, I have never been spoilt like this, so it just feels like a lifetime.

We got in the shop and Stanley bought the phone for me.

'Here you go, I just can't go on a day without talking to you, you know how to use one of those right?'

I laughed a little, this phone looked very expensive, he bought me a Samsung s8 I heard people say its very expensive.

'Stan, I'm sorry I can't accept this.' I handed the phone to him.

'What is it now? '

'This is way too expensive for me'

He laughed at me like I was some kind of a crazy person.

'What are you laughing at? '

'You call this expensive? Well maybe for you but I can afford it.'

'Great, then I'll have to contact my new boss and tell her I'm ready to start.'

'What kind of a Job is it?'

'Like a maid.'

'Okay good luck then, babe lets go I need to get home before my kids fall asleep. '

'You mean you need to get to your wife before she notice that

you are cheating on her?' I asked like a jealous mistress.

'Anzani '

'Its okay, I'm only kidding. '

We went back to the car, Stanley took me home, he leaned over and kissed me goodbye, then started his car and left.

I walked slowly, busy fiddling with my new phone it felt great.

'Anzani. ' gugu shouted my name.

'Hi Gugs'

'Gugs? Since when do you call me that? Anyways it doesn't matter, I just saw Stanley, what did he want?'

I looked at her, her concern and worry was starting to get to me now, she was like a pain in the ass just like the stupid arrogant dead Anna, always on my back, questioning me about how I choose to live my life. This is my life and in my life, I am the captain.

'Is that why you called my name? To ask me about Stanley? ' I opened my eyes widely waiting for an answer.

'Girl don't you dare give me attitude, his wife came to the office today , I'm just trying to protect you'

'Now thats where the problem is, I don't need your protection, I can take care of myself. '

'Anzani...Anzani what is that?'

'What is what?I asked.

'Is that a phone? A Samsung s..? How did you afford that?'

Anzani tell me what I'm thinking is madness'

I smiled and looked at her.

'Depends on what you are thinking, what is it?'

'Are you back with Stanley again, Why Anzani, you know he is a married man?' she yelled.

'Don't you have a sick mother to take of? Just leave me alone. '

She looked at me and shook her head, she came closer to me and placed her hand on my forehead.

'What are you doing? ' I asked harshly and removed her hand.

'I'm just checking if you are okay, the things that come out of your mouth don't make any sense. '

'It is called change ' I rolled my eyes.

'Let me leave you to it then, don't call me when you dodging bullets.' She walked away.

She was angry and disappointed at me, but what did she expect me to do, stand aside and watch my life falling apart

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let Stanley go while he is the only person that makes me feel alive and wanted.

I went home and my aunt was waiting patiently for me in the kitchen. I walked straight pass her, if my aunt knows whats best for her she better not say anything to me cause today will be her day to park up and leave.

'Where are you from?' She asked harshly.

'I was with Stanley, not like its any of your business anyway. '

'What did you just say?' She yelled and raised her hand like she wanted to slap me.

'Go ahead and slap me, see if I will not hit you back '

'So you are a prostitute now? '

'A prostitute ' I laughed. 'Its Mimi right? she is the one who fed you that nonsense, anyway believe what you want to believe, I don't have time for this shit' I took two steps trying to get to my room, she grabbed me by my T-shirt and pulled me closer to her, Mimi came to the kitchen with one hell of a speed, she grabbed me by my hair, there was a banana peel on the floor, she slipped on it and fell, I laughed.

My aunt got more aggressive, she took a frying pan and hit me on my back, I fell and started bleeding with my nose. I got dizzy.

'You will not not talk to me like I'm not one of your friends.' She said pointing at me.

I couldn't open my eyes, like there was some kind of a dark shade in front of me, I could hear them talking, and could sense their movement.

'She thinks she is better than us, with her big clients who always come here with different cars.' Mimi said

'We need to take her to hospital, she is not moving, what she is severely injured and she could die?'

'Mom you worry a lot, its not like you hit her on the head or something, she is just trying to get our attention.'

I could hear everything they were saying, just that I couldn't

answer.

'Look at this phone, mom can I have it? Anzani can't own this phone, this good for nothing girl with such an expensive phone

'Take it my baby, what does she know? Its not like she will use it wisely, I mean she doesn't even have her matric. '

All I wanted that exact moment was to stand up and strangle both of them, I couldn't scream because of my pride, what will people say. I tried to Stand up but the pain on my spinal cord got more sensitive, I closed my eyes once more trying to bring back my eye sight, I cannot afford to be blind, my aunt and Gugu walked out of the kitchen, leaving me there to die.

'Stand up and fight for yourself 'said Anna.

I could see her clearly but when I look on the other sides It turned darker.

'How come I only see you? How will I fight with no eye sight, I can't see Anna, you need to help me.'

'I'll give you your sight back, but first you should stand up and fight for yourself '

'But I can't '

'You can't or you won't. '

'Please help me, Anna please.'

Anna got closer to me and helped me stand up, she blowed some air on my back with her tiny mouth, I felt the pain going away. I looked at her, tears and blood on my face got mixed up

that you couldn't even differentiate, as to which is which.

'Thanks '

'Not yet'

She pointed the dinning room where my aunt was and gave me something like a rope.

'What should I do with this Anna?'

She just raised her eyebrows and moved her shoulders.

'Come...kneel down. '

I did as told and went down on my knees.

She kissed both my eyes and I could see again then she disappeared.

I got to the dinning room, stood there and looked at them, as they laugh in celebration of the new phone, my phone.

'Look at this fool' said mimi They looked at me and shook their heads. 'Pathetic ' said my aunt.

I don't know what happened next cause all I remember was that I was standing by the dinning room door the next minutes I saw myself on top of the dinning table, beating the hell out of my aunt and Mimi, my aunt lay there with blood and scratches on her entire body while mimi managed to ran away and locked herself in her bedroom.

It was like some demon took over my life, like I was kind of possessed, I sat down next to my aunt and cried, with blood flowing all over her body and my hands shaking.

'I have killed my Aunt.'

Anzani.

I sat there so confused, didn't know what to do, there was so much blood, my aunt couldn't move and when Mimi realised that I was settled she come out of her room screaming, calling me all sort of names, calling me a murderer, a human slaughter, I felt numb all over my body, I felt useless and I felt I wasn't worthy of living anymore, whatever it is that Anna gave me was driving me nuts.

'Murderer! You murderer, I'm calling the police and you are not going to move an inch' She was sobbing.

It was just senseless for her to tell me not to move, I couldn't even blink anyway, it was like my feets were chained, I looked at my hands,

I started scratching them, I scratched until I started bleeding, Mimi couldn't even come closer to me, she was so terrified of me, hell...I was terrified of me too.

'You killed my mother, you peace of shit!'

'She is not dead' those were the first words that came out of my mouth since this whole saga.

I felt confident enough to tell her that her evil mother was still alive, I know she is still alive, I guess that was one thing that bothered me, if only I had killed her.

'Anzani, are you possessed or something? What happened to you and your morals? Mimi asked.

'Morals? You want to know what happened to my morals? Well listen very well then, I've thrown away my morals through that window, you see it?' I pointed the dinning room window.

She kept quiet and looked at me, her face was filled with tears of sorrow, at least today she will feel what it's like to always shed tears.

'I am tired of this, I'm tired of you, I'm tired of this women always treating me like an outsider in my father's house, I'm tired of taking care of your little two brats, I'm tired of living, I'd die or go to jail than to be ill treated by you again.'

The exact moment I finished saying that to Mimi, I felt like a burden has been taken away from my shoulders, I felt like a new person, a happy soul, one thing that bothered me though, was how much I didn't care about my aunt, whether she lives or die, I just didn't care.

'Mommy...mommy...mommy wake up ' she shook and pulled her mother, I sat there so powerless, with a smile on my face waiting for the cops to come take me away from my misery.'

'Don't worry she's not dead, although I wish I could have done more to take her life, she will live.' I said so peacefully.

A few minutes later Thando arrived with Mimi's kids.

They were welcomed by what seemed to be a dead human on the floor and with blood all over me, this was just the obvious case, Thando threw away her school bag and covered both the kids eyes with her hands, she took them to the other room and

locked it then she came back.

'Anzani what have you done?'

'Don't worry sis the police and the ambulance are on the way.'

Said Mimi trying to comfort Thando.

She pushed her away and ran to her mother.

'I knew this would happen, it took too long to happen, we pushed Anzani too far! in her father's house, look at what we have turned her into.' She yelled.

'Shut up you stupid little girl, your mother, and I mean our mother is lying there, dying or probably dead and all you could think about is how we pushed Anzani too far? Just shut up okay' Mimi said harshly.

I kept quiet, I felt kind of sorry for Thando, but then again she is not innocent in any of this.

I closed my eyes trying to avoid tears from flowing freely on my face, I saw a darker shade, it's happening again, like I was going blind, the days of judgement were nearing, I saw Anna as beautiful as ever, jumping up and down so happy like she was celebrating something, is she celebrating the fact that I'm going to Jail? I looked on the other side and saw mommy's favourite flowers, what puzzled me mostly was the fact that I saw me..yes you heard me right, I saw my self there, happy, beautiful and young, watering the flowers, near a very beautiful mansion, Anna would run to me and spray me with water, I would chase her with a bucket filled with water, with laughter,

that's the life I want, I want to be happy, I want to be cherished and loved, and the people who are supposed to do that to me, have failed me and turned me into a wild animal.

'Anzani you need to run away, mommy will not die.' Thando said

Mimi slapped her so hard that she started bleeding with her nose.

'I see you and this Anzani girl have been smoking benzene, how can you turn against your blood?'

'Just like we turned against her, and contributed in her sudden change of behaviour, don't you think we owe it to her, just to give her a second chance in life?' Thando said

'Shut up okay, just shut up. Oh thank God the cops are here' she clicked her tongue

The sirens outside the house that pieced my heart so deeply, the fact that I was going to Jail and have probably killed a human soul was starting to sink in, the dark cloud covering my face was no more, I fear of what Mimi's children will become, I hope they don't turn out to be like me

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I hope they don't choose to keep quiet until things are bad like I did, it is too late for me but at least there is still hope for them. My phone was ringing on top of the table, I looked at it, it was Stanley, I just couldn't answer it, I just didn't want to give him a

heart attack, the cops got in the house, Mimi just pointed at me and I couldn't say anything, I just cried, I didn't cry because of the arrest..No! I cried because I was proud, I was proud because I stood up for myself and have probably taught someone like me out there to fight for what they believe in. The police handcuffed me, they dragged me to the police van, with the whole community watching, I looked at them with pride, those who knew my story, were shedding tears, those who knew nothing about me, were throwing on curses upon my soul, what more can I fear, than to fear the Judgement of our heavenly father, I have sinned, I have broken another women's heart by taking away her husband, I have killed my Aunt, I have betrayed the only friend who cared so much about me, now you see...no human curse was worthy of my worry. Gugu came to the van with tears.

'Hang in there okay, I know you didn't do it, I know it's a set up, Anzani you can't even harm a fly let alone a human soul, officer this a mistake. ' she was in tears, it broke my heart.

'It's okay Gugu, go home and take care of you mother, she needs you more than I do.' My heart was tearing apart seeing the only person who genuinely loved and cared for me so broken.

Gugu and I placed our hands on the transparent glass window on the van, it was our way of saying goodbye, Gugu didn't believe I did it, hell..I don't believe it too.

The car took off, I saw Gugu going down on her knees, praying, I connected to her prayer, I knew that she praying for me, but do I really want to prayed for? I need to be punished for what I did, I need to forget about Stanley and what better way to do than to be in jail and serve my sentence.

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Stanley.

I have been calling Anzani for the 20th time now, this is worrying me, or maybe I'm just overreacting, maybe she doesn't know how to use that phone, but something tells me that Anzani is not well and my guts are never wrong, I need to go see her.

I took my car keys, it was already 8pm, so obviously it will be a bit of a problem to go out with my wife around, so I just had to come up with an excuse.

'Babe I'll be right back '

'Where are you going? '

'I said I'll be right back, do I have to explain my every move to you? It's not even 8 yet but you asking me questions, who do you think you are? My mother? ' I yelled.

'I'm your wife' she answered harshly.

'My wife? You are my wife? Weren't you the one who said you wanted a divorce? Weren't you the one who said you done

with me? Didn't you tell me how useless I was in bed? Now tell me what changed? ' I opened my eyes widely.

She just rolled her eyes and couldn't say anything.

'Now if you don't mind, I'm going out and I'll be back when it suits me, you get me?' I walked away from her.

I opened the door and she said:

'Happy Anniversary '

I felt so guilty, I couldn't even look at her, how I forgot our Anniversary, Juniors birthday, Junior was born on our Anniversary, every year we try our best to combine the two and make it extra special. I walked slowly back to my wife ' what are you doing Stanley, disappointing your family for what?' That was the voice in my head, Lindi stood there and faced the floor, she was in tears, I lifted her chin up and wiped her tears, I was an embarrassment, a failure, what kind of a father am I? What kind of an example am I setting on my boys, this is bad, real bad, I need to change and real quick, I'll stop seeing Anzani as of now, I'm cutting all ties, and I'm going to work on my marriage, I'm going to obey my vows "for better or worse " I made that vow in the presence of the world and I'm not about to break it, it's going to be tough I know that, because I love Anzani with all that I am and all that I have. I hugged my wife and squeezed her so close to me and begged for her forgiveness.

'I'm sorry Lindiwe, I'm sorry honey '

With the kind of love she had for me, it wasn't too hard for her to forgive me, tell me, how do you forgive a man who forgets his son's birthday, his wedding anniversary? Now that's a clear sign of love.

'I love you ' she whispered.

I know what she wanted to me say, I'll say to keep the peace but in my soul there is no love without Anzani, Anzani is like my rib, she is the one for me, but its fine, I rather lose her than to keep her and hurt her some more.

'I love you too '

She was so happy to hear me say that, she squeezed and kissed me, I carried her upstairs and threw her on top of the bed, then jumped on top of her.

Mimi.

Thando and I were all over the hospital, we didn't know whether mom was dead or still alive, we have been here since last night, no one has said anything to us, I'm starting to have my fears now, what if she is dead, how are we going to survive this? Who's going to take Thando to tertiary? things are bad...real bad, what if this is karma, we treated Anzani so badly, maybe this is God hearing Anzani's prayers.

My mind is all over the place, for once in my life I feel useless and scared, I looked at Thando who was now falling asleep on the couch in the waiting area, that was bound to happen, we didn't sleep a wink yesterday. The doctors will keep passing us and attending to other people, like we didn't exist.

'Hey Thando ' I tapped her on her shoulder.

'Hmm...what? Is mommy okay? She jumped and rubbed her eyes.

'I think we should go ask that doctor there' I pointed at him.

We got to him.

'Hi' I said.

Thando just raised her hand and waved at the doctor.

'Hi can I help you?' He smiled.

'Well, we have been here since last night, no one is telling us anything about our mother, we are worried sick now ' I said.

Thando is a very talkative wise girl, but what she saw last night

was really traumatic for her, it was like she lost her mind, I, on the side felt like my body wasn't mine, I mean what we experienced was terrifying, now I understand what it feels like to be an orphan, but trust me! I'm not about to forgive Anzani, if it is war that she wants then its war that she will get, no one...I mean no one messes with my mother and gets away with it, I want her to rot in jail, that's where she belongs.

'Your mother?' He raised his eyebrows

I guess he wanted us to explain further, like telling him her name and the reason why she is here, I was so irritated, I mean it feels like we were doing their job for them, I mean how can they do this to us?

'Martha Mthethwa, she was admitted yesterday. ' I answered.

'And why haven't you seen her? Cause she is awake and stable, in fact I might as well discharge her.' He said with a smile.

I felt like I was having hot flashes, I don't know why, I was angry, don't get me wrong I was happy and relieved that my mother is fine, what made me angry was the service at the hospital, how can they keep us on the dark like that.

'Can we see her? ' Asked Thando with tears.

'Sure you can, come let me take you to her.'

We followed the doctor to my mother's ward.

We got there, there she was with that smile that always melts my heart, to tell you the honest truth I love my mother with all of my soul, losing her would have been a tragedy to me.

Thando sat next to her on the chair and I sat closer to her on top of her bed.

'Mom, you scared us' I said.

'Mom are you alright?' Thando said brushing mom's hand.

'Yes I'm okay, calm down. I'm not dying anytime soon ' she laughed.

It so nice seeing her like this after yesterday, I thought my mother was dead.

'Where is Anzani?' asked mom.

'What,' I asked.

I mean why would mom ask me about that witch.

'You heard me' she answered harshly.

Thando just kept quiet and looked at me.

'In jail where she belongs ' I said.

'Why?' She asked.

I looked at her and shook my head, is mom alright or getting insane or what? Man what's going on?

'We don't need Anzani in jail, there's something I need to tell you guys.' She whispered. 'Come closer'

We got closer to her and she started talking.

'Anzani is a millionaire' she rolled her eyes.

I laughed and clapped my hands, its not only the scars on her body but Anzani has bewitched my mother too, its was like she lost her mind.

'Mom what are you saying?' said Thando.

'Yeah mom, care to share the news' I asked.

she sat up and closed her eyes.

'Look...when I tell this story, I don't want any questions until I'm done, agreed? '

'Yes' we both agreed.

Anzani's parents, I mean my brother was a very rich man, along with his wife, they were scientists and I on the other side was a college drop out, I dropped out because I fell pregnant, my parents started putting my brother first

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they always had his best interest at heart, but that time, things became too hectic for me until I gave birth to you' she pointed at me then opened her eyes.

'And then?' I asked, I was dying to hear the story. Well she continued.

'When I thought things would change my brother met his highly educated wife and a year later she was pregnant and gave birth to Anzani, no one cared for Mimi, Anzani was the golden girl, her mother automatically became a daughter to my mother and I was nothing...'

'Excuse me mom, why are you telling us all this?'

'Shut up okay, just shut up, can't you see that mom is trying to talk to us? ' I yelled at Thando.

Mom continued.

'It broke my heart the way I was treated, five years later, I was tired, tired of hearing the praises, tired of hearing the same thing everyday, how I was told about my brother's wealth, knowing that he loved me despite all of my flaws, I just knew that getting rid of them would make me a beneficiary to their property, that I'll just take care of Anzani and her trust fund would just be paid out, but my brother was no fool, your father worked at the airport as an engineer but a drunkard, so I begged him to temper with the engine on my brother's private jet, knowing that he was travelling with his wife made things easier, so he finally agreed to do it after some long conversations and begging, so he did, my plan of getting rid of them worked perfectly, they died instantly when the plane crashed, but what broke my heart deeply was that at the memorial service we were told that the wife was 7 months pregnant, she wasn't showing but my mother knew that she was carrying another girl, so she decided to give her the name Anna, it broke my heart that I had killed 3 souls, what for?'

'Mom you what?' I asked .

I was shaking, I mean all of this felt like a dream, so all along I hated Anzani for my mother's mistakes.

Thando stood up and moved around the room, she was fuming with anger, like she could explode.

'Did you just say you killed an innocent soul? ' Thando asked.

Mom just kept quiet and tears rolling down her face.

'I'm not telling you this so you could feel sorry for me or start liking Anzani, but I want that money, its a lot of money, it could change our lives, I didn't kill my brother for nothing '

'Mom, you disgust me' she clicked her tongue and went for the door.

She opened and two cops were standing right at the door.

I looked at mom, I hope they didn't hear anything she said cause if they did she is gone.

'Can we help you?' I asked.

'We need to talk to your mother about yesterday's incident ' said the cop.

'I'm not pressing any charges.' Mom said.

They both looked at each other.

'Why ma'am? '

'Anzani didn't hit me, I just fell on the steps on my way to my room upstairs. ' She raised her eyebrows.

'Yes that's true ' I said, shaking.

'You need to release my niece, she can't spend another night in the cells, she will not survive it.'

Thando stood at the corner and was busy shaking her head, and laughing each and every time we told a lie.

The two gentleman were taking notes of what we were saying then said their goodbyes.

'We will release her as soon as we get there'

Mom and I both smiled, I know you guys think that I'm kind of

an evil person for hating on Anzani but isn't it true that she took my shines when we were young? Wasn't she a favourite kid? I'm behind my mother all the way, we want that money, I just don't care what will happen to her after that.

They closed the door behind them, leaving me, mom and Thando alone.

'Mimi don't tell me that you are still behind mom after what she just told us.'

'Thando' Mommy yelled.

'I am... and you are' I said.

'You don't seize to amaze me, just when I thought my sister will come to her senses and then boom, here is another surprise. ' she said with tears.

'Hey wena...not so loud.'

'Why ? Because our mother, the Queen can be arrested? '

'We are going to be rich' mom said.

'Oh... I just know you didn't say that, that's not our money mommy. '

'But it can be ours ' I said.

'Just shut up Mimi' Thando said.

Mom and I looked at each other, we had to come up with a plan to change Thando's mind.

She stood up and ran to the door.

'You better keep your mouth shut, cause I could kill you, and you know me I don't do empty threats.' said mom

Thando just looked at her and shook her head then walked out. Obviously it will be so difficult to convince her, but I'm willing to get her to agree, we cannot lose this kind of opportunity because she decides to be a good guy.

Anzani.

'Anzani you are going out, we are sorry for the wrongful arrest, your aunt is not pressing any charges. ' That was the officer behind the bars unlocking the door for me to come out.

I looked at him, it felt like he wasn't talking to me, I mean in my mind I had already declared my aunt dead, does this mean that she's still alive.

'Anzani, come on now, I don't have the whole day.'

I stood up and followed the officer, he gave me all my belongings including my phone, I had no strength to talk so I just walked out , I had no money so there was nothing I could do but to walk home or maybe I'll try to call Stanley so that he can come and fetch me.

I took out the phone and turned it on and then dialled Stanley's number, it rang but no one picked it up.

I called the office number and Gugu picked it.

'Hello, how can I help you?'

'Hi Gugs its me, I'm out' I said with tears on my face.

'Thank God Anzani, where are you?'

'I'm at the police station, I have no money for taxi, I was wondering if Stanley could come fetch me' I sighed.

'I don't know where he is? why don't you try his cell phone? Mr Zungu hasn't been to work since yesterday but he called his PA and told her to cancel all his meetings' Gugu said.

'Why would he do that, does he know that I had been arrested?'

'I wanted to go over his house today to tell him that, but you saved me the trouble.'

'Its okay, maybe he is held up' I was starting to get very worried, what could be the reason for Stanley not to take my calls, what if he realised that I was a good for nothing trouble maker and would probably wreck his home, or maybe he realised that he can't leave his wife for a poor uneducated orphan.

'Look Anzani, wait there I'll come fetch you.'

As I was about to answer her, I saw that woman with a range rover, she didn't see me but I noticed it was her and then waved at her, she parked the car near me and invited me in.

'Gugu never mind I got the lift' I hanged up. I got in the car, I was ashamed to face her so I just looked down.

'You look exhausted, are you alright?'

I don't know why but being in the presence of this lady felt so comforting, she was some kind of an angel, a good samaritan, like I could just open up to her anytime of the day. She is beautiful, not so old perhaps she is on her late 20s if I'm not mistaken, her sense of style is way admirable, I kinda see her as my role model, all the things that she owns, are what I'm dreaming to have as soon as I make it in life, if I'll ever make it.

'I'm not well'

I just broke down and cried.

She leaned closer to me and hugged me 'its okay ' she said as she brushed my shoulders .

'I just spent a night in jail and my aunt will probably kill me if I get back home, I just don't know what to do.'

'You are coming with me, and no objections.'

'You don't want to know why I spent a night in jail?

'Its none of my business, but I cannot let you suffer anymore, I have a very huge house and my husband is always busy, he is a CEO so you can just imagine what kind of pressure he sometimes have, baby girl, I need you to come with me, you'll take care of my kids and I'll take you to school, even if you study part time, you said it is your dream to finish your matric.'

'Why are you being so nice to me? '

'Because I was once like you.' She said with tears.

It will be a good idea to be far away from my enemies but will running away from my own skeletons help me? Will I still be able to fix my problems and take away what's mine just like Anna said...speaking of Anna, she got me into trouble then decided to disappear. What kind of a guardian Angel is she? The money, I need to fetch the money at home.

'I'll come with you, but there's one thing I need to do first, can you drive me home?'

'Sure, no problem let's go, can you fasten your seat belt please.

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I did so and she drove as I directed her home.

We got there and there was a taxi parked besides our gate, I pointed the house.

'This is your house? Wow its huge and beautiful like a mansion, your aunt must be a very successful women'

She parked the car two houses away from home, I got out of the car and went straight to the house, Mimi was busy shouting at Thando as usual, they stopped taking when they saw me, I just walked past them, I was praying that they did not see my money cause if they did and took it, God help me...before I kill someone.

I got into my bedroom and leaned under the bed, thank God the money was still there, I took it, along with all of my clothes and not forgetting my parents picture.

I kneeled down and started praying.

'Dear lord

I know I don't do this too often, I am a sinner...please forgive me, I don't have any direction

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I don't know what's right or wrong, I just need your guidance father, please be with me. Amen.'

I stood up and took my stuff and walked out of my room only to find the whole family waiting for me in the kitchen.

'Where are you going Anzani?' Asked aunty.

'Where I'm needed and will probably be loved.' I just couldn't hold back my tears.

I'm tired of being a victim, I have been victimised to the extent that I even thought life isn't worth living, well I'm just too tired of it all.

'We can still fix this' said aunty.

'Yes we can Anzani please stay, we have realised how much we mistreated you.'

I looked at them, I guess they thought I was still the old Anzani, I mean the one with a good heart and naive, the one who's quiet and apologetic, I'm not that kind of person anymore, I'm ruthless, I am a woman driven by vengeance, I will not rest until I made all of those who made me suffer, go on their knees and beg for my forgiveness.

'Anzani just go...it's for your own good. ' Thando said.

I looked at her as she winked one of her eye like she was trying to warm me.

'Just keep your mouth shut if you don't have anything nice to say, stupid girl ' that was Mimi yelling at Thando.

I pushed her, trying to open a way for me to go cause she was blocking my way.

I walked straight to the car without even looking back, in my heart I just knew that, I'm not going to stay with this lady forever, I was now willing to fight for my father's house, I've got enough money for lawyers, if it needs be war then let it be.

I opened the door and jumped in the car.

'You said you are a lawyer right? '

'Yes I'm a lawyer. ' she drove.

'Great, I need you to represent me' I had never been so serious like this in my life, it was like I had been reborn, to be a strong and independent women.

'Girl lawyers are expensive. '

'Money is not a problem ma'am, I have a rich boyfriend and I have a lot of money in me right now.'

'Call me Lindi '

'Okay...'

'Okay....so where is your rich boyfriend now?'

'Probably with his wife, he is married but lied to me, I only found out but I still love him, and he is madly inlove with me too.'

She didn't look too pleased at all to hear me say that, I guess its only because she is a married women too and hate the fact that I'm a home wrecker, but honestly speaking if I need to stay with her, I need to tell her everything about me.

'Is there anything wrong? ' I asked.

'Something you just said, what if he is cheating? Yes it explains it, why would he always go out at night and not want to make love to me, clearly he is getting it somewhere else. '

'Lindi...are you okay?'

'No man I'm just paranoid, My husband wouldn't do that to

me.'

'Who could cheat on a beautiful successful women like you, that man might be crazy, you better relax, mine is a different story then, my boyfriend wants me to be his second wife.'

'Girl you are too young and beautiful, you don't need to settle for less, don't allow that madness cause trust me you will die young. '

I looked at her, I mean everything she said was making a lot of sense but I love Stanley and I'm not ready to let him go, I'd rather be his second wife than not to have him at all.

'Here we are.'

Wow...now this is what I call beautiful, it is way to peaceful, like a white house, they have a swimming pool next to the lawn, it shows that the owners of this house are well paid.

'Its beautiful, is this where you stay?silly me ofcourse it's where you stay, I'm just so glad I'll be part of this beautiful house.'

'I'm glad you like it, now follow me, I want to introduce you to the rest of the family'

It was almost 17:00

We got into the house, you know those houses you always see on top billing, this house looked exactly like one of those, its looks so clean and spotless.

'Lindi you have a very beautiful home'

'Thanks wait until you see the rest of the family. '

'Mandy' she shouted.

'Yes ma'am ' she came to us running.

'This is Anzani, she will be your assistant in everything you do in this house, treat her well okay'

'Yes ma'am, hi Anzani.'

'Hello' I was so shy.

'Where is my husband? '

'Upstairs with the boys ' answered Mandy.

'Well show Anzani the cottage outside, that's where she will be staying, you will start working tomorrow, today I need you to come have dinner with my family, see you at dinner.'

'Thanks ma'am' I said.

Mandy took me to the cottage, there is everything that a person would desire to have, a bathroom, TVs and stuff.

For once in my life my mind was at peace.

I sat on the sofa and closed my eyes.

Anna came running to me, she kept saying NO but I pushed her away until she fell then stood up and ran away, I quickly opened my eyes and looked around hoping to see Anna but she was nowhere to be found and I know wherever she is, she is not happy.

Lindi.

It makes me feel good that I'm able to lend a helping hand to those who are unfortunate, besides... this who I am, I have suffered in my childhood, that is why it pains me to see another women suffering, well I grew up an orphan, sleeping under the bridges, surviving on left overs in the garbage bins, Stanley and I meet under certain circumstances, his parents took me in, three months later, we fell in love, I realised my presence in the family would make things awkward, and I had to choose between love and a shelter, so I choose love, Stanley was the man that I desired, so I woke up one night and took all my belongings and ran away, couldn't even let Stanley know of my whereabouts, 2 months later I met my uncle who took me in, I went and stayed with them, my uncle turned me into a sex slave, I couldn't tell anyone, I would cry my self to sleep at night, with her wicked wife who made sure that my life was a living hell, while I suffered under my uncle's hands, Stanley was in search of me, he found me and asked me to marry him, I couldn't agree at first because I thought I was damaged goods, my uncle took away my pride, I was too ashamed to open up to Stanley, even today he doesn't know that I was sexually abused by my uncle, his supposedly father in-law, the one who took my bride price money. Now tell me, how do I tell the love of my life that I was raped? Sometimes the memories come back, and its

one of the hardest secret I kept, I have no one to share it with, with this girl Anzani, I see light when I look at her, I have this unconditional love for her, for the first in 15 years, I feel something genuine, like me and her are connected, like we are one, I don't know her and clearly she doesn't know me but I want to take care of her, like my own child.

I looked at the watch and realised my husband was staring at me, my face was a mess, tears messing up my make up, I had to go to the bathroom and fix my face for dinner.

'Honey why are you crying '

'Its nothing honey, I'm just grateful to have you ' I answered.

'Oooh baby, come here.'

I got closer to him and he opened his arms inviting me to his embrace, honestly speaking I love Stanley, please don't get me wrong but sometimes I feel like I don't deserve him and that causes a lot of insecurities for me.

'Honey...I love you so much and I swear to you in my grandfather's grave that I will never ever hurt you again. ' said Stanley.

'Well you know what you just made my day, in fact you made my year , you won't hit me again? '

'I swear '

I hugged and squeezed him, I was happy to hear him say that, and I'm glad no matter how bad things are between Stanley and I, no one thinks of cheating. Well I hope so.

'Babe we should get ready for dinner, we have a guest, actually not a guest...you remember the girl I told you about? '

'The one who's going to help with the boys?

'Yes honey '

'Okay what about her'

'She is here, and she'll be staying with us if you don't mind.'

'No it's fine she can stay, as long as she isn't a freak and won't run away with my kids'

I laughed.

'Come on babe that's extreme. '

'Don't trust anyone with your kids sweetheart '

We laughed as we walked hand in hand to the dinning room, we talked about random stuff, I was happy.

We got to the dinning room, food was ready and the boys already there waiting for us, but Anzani was not here, we sat down and I called mandy.

'Mandy'

'Yes ma'am'

'Please remind our guest about dinner '

'Okay ma'am '

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Anzani.

I don't know if I want to do this, why am I here? Is it wise to run

away from my own home, I mean I should have stayed and fight, that is what I ought to do, how will I ever fight my battles stuck in this place, enjoying the wealth of another women, while I can enjoy mine if I stand up and fight.

'Excuse me, dinner is ready'

'Oh okay' I stood up and followed Mandy

We got into the house, and she directed me to the dining room, I went there with my head up high, there were two boys playing with their father, I couldn't see him cause he was too focused on the game.

'Honey I want you to meet...'

'Anzani ' said Stanley.

I practically froze, I didn't know what to do or say, I kept my mouth open and couldn't look at Lindi, so this is Stanley's house, his wife and his kids....geez this such a mess.

Lindi just smiled and looked at us, I hope she doesn't know anything about our affair.

'You guys have meet before? '

'I...we...' my mind was not functioning.

'She used to work at my company

I'm just surprised now that she accepted your job offer while she has a job'

'Oh...okay.' said Lindi.

'I'm sorry sir but I had to accept this Job, mrs Zungu's offer was too good to refuse, I thought I would hand in my resignation

tomorrow. '

Once again Stanley came to the rescue, he was angry at me, I could tell just by looking at his face, but he was the least of my worries, my worry was the fact that, I don't know Lindi's plans, what if she know about me and his husband and wants to punish and kill me right here, right now?

'Okay lets sit down and have our dinner, honey its okay, its not like you have lost a lover, you'll always find cleaners.' She smiled and took a seat.

When I heard the word lover out of Lindi's mouth, I started sweating and shaking.

'Please ma'am, can I use the bathroom '

'Okay...Mandy will show you'

I followed her as she took me and pointed at the bathroom, I got in and sat down, I wanted to calm my nerves, things were too bad, how will I overcome this, maybe I should just confess, this is a mess, millions of questions and regrets flooded my mind, I stood up and looked at the mirror, this is not me, this is not Anzani Nkosi...a humbled and calm lady.

The person I see in that mirror is a women who is looking out for herself, I don't need to blame myself for any of this, this is my life, I love Stanley and I'm not taking this job, 'Anzani, all of this could be yours'

I said to my self and walked to the dining room, I sat down and started eating, it was very quiet.

Stanley sat on the other chair facing me, things are very awkward, I'm even scared to eat my food, what if the food is poisoned?

We finished eating, Mandy cleared the table Stanley couldn't wait to get up and leave, he was quiet, didn't even look at me. He stood up.

'Good night Anzani'

He took the boys and went upstairs.

Lindi and I remained at the dining room.

'Ma'am if this is going to create problems in your marriage, I rather not take the job ' I said.

'What? Don't be silly...Stanley is like that, he'll get over it don't worry I'll talk to him'

'This is kind of awkward for me, I used to work for mr Zungu and we...

'You what?'

'We had some disagreements'

'Girl, what you need to know is that my husband doesn't take business stuff personal, that's water under the bridge, now go sleep, I wanna go give my husband his cookie ' she smiled and winked.

God she knows, she clearly knows...I mean the remarks she keeps throwing, she wants to kill me slowly, I must come up with a plan.

'Good night Lindi ' I pretend to smile.

I went back to my room before I closed the door Anna pushed it and got in.

'I'm getting tired of you and your deaf ears, can't you listen for once? Do you want to die?'

I looked at her and shook my head, like I didn't have enough problems of my own, what is she talking about?

'What do you want Anna?'

'What are you doing here Anzani?' She asked with flames in her eyes.

'To work and take care of myself I guess, I mean that's what any normal person do'

'Sis Anzani, do you want to die young? '

'Anna listen to me and listen to me carefully, you need to stop talking to me in riddles, if you have something to tell me just say it. ' I yelled.

'I'm tired of warning you, continue your stay here and you will be killed.'

'By who? Look Anna I see you are a very clever kid, since you are a dead person, I guess you know what love is, I'm not leaving this house without Stanley, faith took me here, this is my house' I yelled.

'Your house? Your house...baby girl this is not your house, you left your house, you left your millions, for what? For a married man?' She frowned.

I looked at her, amazed by what she just said, what is she

talking about, telling me about millions, could I possibly have millions?

'You know what, just go I need to sleep.'

'Suit yourself ' she said then disappeared.

I jumped ontop of the bed, I had a very painful headache.

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Stanley.

What is this? Just when I thought I wanted to focus on my wife, then temptation follows me home, how will I overcome this, seeing Anzani made me realise how much I cannot live without her, I'm in love with this girl, and I cannot do anything about it, I can't even complain about her cause my wife would notice something is fishy, I mean I was just shocked, how did they meet, this can't be coincidence.

'Honey...honey...hey.' she tapped me on my shoulder.

I jumped and looked at her.

'Don't sneak up on me like that, whats wrong with you?' I yelled.

'No what's wrong with you?'

'I'm sorry honey I'm just too worried about a client.'

'Can I give you a massage? '

'Yes please ' I said trying to cover up my guilt.

This is the beginning of a mess, how will I handle this?

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Stanley.

00:00 am.

I couldn't sleep, the thought that the love of my life is in my house, sleeping alone is really troubling me, I looked at Lindi she was peacefully sleeping, I woke up slowly trying my best not to wake her, I tiptoed to the door.

'Where are you going baby?'

I guess she wasn't sleeping after all, I stood there about a minute trying to find an excuse.

'I have to finish up some work, sleep my love...'

'This late? Babe you work so hard' said Lindi

She pulled her blanket and covered her head, it was a cold rainy night, some people call it lovers night.

'I love you okay, this will only take an hour ' I opened her blanket and kissed her forehead.

'I love you too baby, don't work too hard'

I walked out then closed the door, I was so relieved that I managed to lie to her, I hate this, I hate lying to Lindi like this, I'm not even sure if Anzani and I, are after the same thing or not, I love that girl and I love my wife too.

I turned and looked back, realising that what I'm doing is definitely not right, what will happen between Anzani and I? But I wasn't too worried about my feelings for her, I want to convince her to leave my house and never come back before

someone gets hurt, I quickly got out of the house and went to Anzani's room, I know this is very much risky, but its better than letting her stay here, I knocked and she responded.

'Who is it?'

'Its Stanley '

If I need to convince Anzani that I don't want her anywhere near my house and my family then I had to be strong and control my feelings. She opened the door then frowned.

'What do you want '

'I want you out of my house this very minute.' I yelled.

'Oh... you do?' She smiled.

Her smile is like a million dollar, can make any man's knees shake, I looked away trying my best to avoid the temptation.

'Not in your wife's house' that was the voice in my head.

'Yes you need to leave before Lindi susp...ect somet..' I couldn't finish what I wanted to say cause Anzani's Hand was running around my trouser's zipper, her eyes turned so freaking red, she kept licking and biting her lips, Gosh she is so sexy, with her little chocolate eye balls, I couldn't hold my breath, clearly this was a bad idea.

'What are you...doing..Anz..' that was me, I hardly finished any word that came out of my mouth, she got me so freaking horny, my machine down there just go so erected, and so hard, now I really wanted her, Anzani just kept quiet and did her thing in a peaceful manner, she went on to the dvd player and

pressed on the play button, Dance for you by Beyonce was playing, she started dancing so seductively, so sexy, like a professional dancer, she came closer to me, grabbed my hand and pulled me closer to her then she whispered.

'You need to sit down, this is going to be a long night.'

I looked at her with my mouth wide open, I was being introduced to a side of Anzani, I has never seen before, and I seem to like this side of hers, no one has ever danced for me, Anzani was in her silky transparent nighties, it's a smaller size, cause I could see her shape perfectly, her breasts were so aroused, I just wish I can suck those nipples.

'Tell me what you want Stan' she said with her seductive voice.

'Well...I do want you just not..'

'Sssshh...that's all that matters, Stanley wants Anzani and Anzani wants Stanley, forget about Lindi, today is my night' she winked.

This is kind of weird and awkward. I looked at her as she turned around and showed me her booty, I was so shy and embarrassed like a teen who's doing it for the first time, she twerked and twerked until I wasn't able to hold myself anymore, I stood up and grabbed her aggressively, I spread my fingers around her neck , our lips collided and we started kissing so passionately, she moaned so sexy, causing my machine to erect harder, I pinned her against the wall and started kissing her from behind, it feels so good, I tapped her

butt and demanded for her to tweak for me, she did.

I licked my lips, enjoying the presence of a beautiful sexy women in front of me.

I took her and threw her on top of the bed, then also jumped in at this moment I had completely forgotten about Lindi, the fact that she might wake up and look for me, had completely skipped my mind, Anzani is driving me nuts.

'Do you love me? Are you still willing to make me your second wife?' She asked

Girl duh! What do you expect from a horny man, obviously he'll give you what you want, I love her but I'm not to sure about marrying her.

'Yes baby...I'll do anything for you, I swear '

'Well then, remember I told you I was a virgin?'

'You were lying right?'

'No silly, I'm a virgin so be gentle' she said with a beautiful blush.

'Where did you learn to do all those things? '

'What things? '

'The sexy dance styles, the way you kiss, the tweaking the.?' she just kissed me to stop my annoying questions I guess.

'Stanley Zungu make love to me this exact moment, devour my pride this very moment, I'm all yours baby.' she striped her night dress and was left with only her panty.

I kissed her, with my hands on her breast squeezing and sucking

them....things getting very hot, we heard a very disturbing bang on the door.

Who could that be if not Lindi? So this is definitely a trap, my wife knew about us, she just wanted to catch us redhanded.

'Who is that, are you expecting someone?'

'Of couse not' she whispered.

'Anzani, I'm very sure that's my wife.. girl I need to hide.'

'Hide? Stanley are you crazy, we should come clean to Lindi, besides I'm going to be your wife right..right Stanley? '

'Don't you think its a wrong time to ask that question?' I took all my clothes and ran to the bathroom.

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Anzani.

Stanley is such a coward, a womaniser, I mean if he loves me like he said why didn't he stay and defend himself.

I went and opened the door, Lindi stood there so wet, well I didn't even know that its raining outside.

'Lindi are you okay? Come on in' I opened the door for her to come in.

She was in tears, shaking and cold.

'Stanley is gone' she sobbed.

'What do you mean gone?' I pretended like I care while I knew exactly what she meant.

'I mean he sneaked out, told me he was going downstairs to finish up his work, Anzani my husband is cheating on me'
It breaks my heart to see another women so broken just because of me and my little adventurous fairy tale, this is not a game but people's lives, I can't continue like this, I have turned into something I don't even recognise, its stops now, I'll find another man.

'Anzani did you hear what I just said?'

'Yes Lindi, I heard you...you have just given me my life back, I've realised that dating a married man is nothing but a burden to me and the wife, I didn't realise that I was making another women shed tears and have sleepless nights in search of her husband like you do, I'm done dating married man' I said with a smile.

I know my words weren't comforting Lindi, but to me...they had reminded me of my morals, they have taken me back to what I really want, first thing for me to do tomorrow morning is to park up and leave, and continue my quest of finding out about what happened to my parents, I looked down then saw Anna sitting closer to the door with her cuttest smile ever, I guess she was happy for me to have made up my mind, I'm not angry at Stanley...No, I mean this was bound to happen, it is just sad it happened earlier than I thought.

'I'm glad I got you to work for me, you are so wise Anzani.'

'About that, I think I need to leave. I've just realised that there

are things I need to do, and working will probably ruin everything, thanks for all you did for me, for opening my eyes, and ma'am, don't be angry with your husband, maybe he isn't cheating on you, maybe you misunderstood him, when he said he is going downstairs, maybe he meant he is going to the office. '

'You think so?'

'Yes ma'am, now go rest and stop thinking the worst, he'll probably explain as soon as he arrive.'

'Thank you so much ' we hugged

I just lied in her face, what does that say about me, what will Stanley think of me? Fuck Stanley, I will not be the reason for his wife's heart attack.

'Goodnight Anzani '

'Goodnight Lindi.'

I watched her as she walked out of my room with sorrow, I felt so bad.

I went and locked the door.

Stanley came out from hiding.

'You leaving me?'

'Its for the best, Lindi loves you and she's a good women, I can't do this anymore Stanley, you need to get out.'

'You throwing me out?'

'Get out' I said harshly.

'Bitch I'm not going anywhere, this is my house and you going

to do what I say'

'Stanley, maybe you mistaken me for your wife, you will do as I say before I scream.'

'Just shut...the hell up'

He slapped me and I fell and hit my chin, then he quickly came to me .

'I'm really sorry Anzani, please forgive me'

'Get out of my face'

He stood up and left.

I am so angry right now, I'm not angry at Stanley but I'm angry at my self for dismissing Anna when she tried her best to warm me. that was the voice in my head.

Anzani.

I woke up very early, I didn't want to see Stanley nor his kids, I just couldn't bare the pain, I'm so frustrated for the fact that Stanley turned out to be a jerk, with all that has been happening in my life, things that made me forget my values, I just didn't want to add more on those. I went to the bathroom and took my bath, then got dressed, I took my belongings and headed to the door, I have a lot of money in me, so as soon as I get home, I'll have to look for a goat and the hens, I heard a knock before I reached the door, my God...who could that be? I opened.

'Who are you?' Asked Mandy.

She was so angry, the look on her face says it all, mandy looks like a humble lady, very respective and all, she looks kind.

'What do you mean ?' I asked.

'I mean who are you?'

'I'm Anzani, Anzani Nkosi' I answered with a frown.

'Are you mr Zungu's mistress? ' she yelled.

'Seriously? Why do you ask me that?'

'I saw everything, okay..I saw Stanley yesterday sneaking into your room'

I can't believe my ears, how can Stanley be so careless, now I have to stand here and explain.

'Look girl..there is nothing going on between Stan and I. '

'Stan? You calling him Stan? I'm telling Mrs Lindi about this, I can't let her suffer anymore.'

I had no choice but to tell her the truth and ask for her forgiveness.

'Look, Stanley and I have been dating, I didn't know he was married, I found out and it was too late, and I didn't know this is his house and the kind lady is his wife, that is why I called it off.'

'You did?'

'Yes, now please don't tell Lindi it will break her.'

'R10000.00' she rolled her eyes.

'What?'

'You heard me, you want me to shut up? Then give me what I want.'

'Girl you are crazy, where do you think I'll get that kind of money?'

'Don't make your problems mine, 5 days, I give you 5 days or I talk.'

She walked away and left me standing here, I looked around trying to figure out what to do or say, I will never allow this girl to blackmail me, besides...where will I get so much money?

I took my things and walked out of the Zungu's property, I waited at the gate for a taxi, I saw the gate sliding and a car came out, it was Lindi.

'Hop-in...let me take you home. '

'You don't have to worry your self Lindi, I'll take a cab'

'No man come let's go, its the least I could do '

With a lot of hesitations, I finally agreed to get in her car, I jumped in and she drove in silence, I kept looking at her as she whistled in excitement, I was so confused what changed her mood.

'You look happy today ' I said with a smile.

'I've realised that I should put my happiness first, I mean if Stanley don't want me anymore...that's okay, I'll give him what he wants.

'What do you mean ' I raised my eyebrows.

She kept quiet for a second and fixed her side mirror and answered.

'I'm divorcing Stanley' she smiled.

'What? No you can't...please don't do that.'

I just couldn't allow it, I'm not a home wrecker, and please oh lord don't let Lindi leaves her husband because of my stupidity.

'Why?' She asked and frowned.

'Stop this car Lindi...just stop '

She parked the car on a side way then let go of the starring wheel and looked at me.

'There is something I got to tell you'

I knew this would probably get me killed but I will never find peace in my life knowing that I have broken a home.

'Come on talk Anzani, you are scaring me'

'Remember the married man I told you about? ' I looked down.

'Ya...the rich one who is your boyfriend.'

'Yes'

'What about him?'

'I'm sorry Lindi but it's Stanley.'

'What? '

She started sweating and tears quickly ran down her cheeks.

'I'm so sorry, I didn't know your husband is Stanley.'

'Okay'

Wow that was too simple, I mean I expected her to shout at me, to slap me, to call me names and throw me out of her car, but she just said "okay".

'Okay what? ' I asked shyly.

'You have been messing around with my husband?'

'Lindi...I swear I didn't know.'

'And is suppose to make things right?'

'Please don't leave Stan

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he is in love with you not me, we where just having fun, nothing more.'

'Last night? Was he with you last night?' She couldn't stop crying

It breaks my heart to see her in that manner.

'I'm sorry Lindiwe'

'Stop saying sorry and answer my question 'she yelled.

I nodded.

'Get out....get out of my car, you lied to me yesterday. Did you have sex with him?'

'I swear in my parents grave, I have never had sex with Stanley or any other man, I'm sorry to have disappointed you.'

I opened the door and took my belongings then closed it , she lowered her window with a smile.

'I'm sorry...come on in , I promised to take you home, let me take you home.'

I have never been so confused in my life, what if she wants to kill me now, just a few minutes ago she was so angry with me and now she is playing nice, this is bad.

'No Lindi really, I will catch a taxi. '

'No Anzani I insist.'

I was shaking, this can't be good , no one forgives this fast. I kept walking and not minding her as she begged that she wants to take me home, this was just too obvious, it's either she kills me or punish me so bad.

'Anzani, it's okay I'm not angry with you.'

I stopped walking and looked at her, this is such a remarkable women, very humbled and a women of God.

Tears rolled down my face.

'Goodbye Lindi'

I started walking faster and the car stopped, I hurried to the

taxi, got in and sat at the back seat, I just couldn't stop crying, a soft yet warm hand brushed mine, I turned and looked, if it isn't the most patient guardian Angel of mine, who else could it be? 'It's okay Anzani, I'm glad you passed this stage and you took ownership of your mistakes, it shows maturity, congratulations sis.'

I smile with tears.

'Did I have to learn this the hard way mara?'

She nodded.

'I just hope you have learned your lesson and will start listening to me.' Anna said.

'I promise '

'You also promise to stay away from Stanley?'

I rolled my eyes and looked away.

'Promise sis Anzani' she looked at me.

'But I love him'

'No honey you don't love him, you are just in love with the attention he gives you, I don't blame you though, you never had someone to love you since your parents died.'

I looked at her , passengers started getting in the taxi so I had to come up with a plan, so that they don't just assume that I'm crazy, I took out my phone and switched it off, I had to make sure you know.

I pretended I was on the phone.

'You think I don't love Stanley? '

'I know you don't love him honey, look... lets get back to the real reason why I'm always by your side.'

'Ya' I smiled.

'There is a lot of things you don't know about the death of your parents'

'Like what?'

People gave me weird stares, I don't know why but I think they could feel the spirit of the dead Anna, the woman sitting next to me wasn't comfortable at all, she kept saying "I can feel the roots of my hair coming out" I just didn't mind her, while some kept talking about how ghosts existed like they could see or feel Anna's presence.

'Just do as the sangoma said...you'll get all the answers there.'
I looked at her awaiting explanation but she just disappeared and I realised that U have reached my destination.

'Shot'left' I shouted.

The taxi stopped and I jumped out.

I stood outside the gate for about five minutes, thinking things through, thinking about all that has happened in just a week, my aunty who nearly died, a marriage I nearly broke, my Pride that I nearly gave away to a married man.

I know my aunt abused me but I'm no longer angry at her, we all make mistakes and my mistake was hitting her, I need to go apologise, I want a peaceful life and they are the only family I have.t want to add more on those. I went to the bathroom and

took my bath, then got dressed, I took my belongings and headed to the door, I have a lot of money in me, so as soon as I get home, I

Anzani

I got closer to the door and just sat down, I had no power to face everyone, I was emotionally drained and to be honest with you, I was just not in the mood to argue. It times like these that make me feel the void left by my parents, where I feel the need to be loved, where I wish someone can show me affection, I have been crying all my life, not letting my parents soul's rest in peace, I blamed them for everything, for dying and leaving me to suffer, for leaving me in the care of my evil aunt, at times I would think that my parents never loved me enough.

The door opened and I turned and looked.

'Anzani...what are you doing here?' Asked Thando

She kneeled down and held my hands as I cried my lungs out.

You see... as much as I try to act strong, sometimes I feel I should just let it all out, I couldn't answer or look at Thando, I just cried.

'Anzani, there is no one inside....come, actually there is something I need to tell you.'

I looked at her as she helped me up, I stood up and followed her to my room.

'What is it?' I asked harshly.

'Anzani, I know I've been awful to you...I feel bad.'

'Okay' I frowned.

'But trust me, you need to hear this.'

'Just talk already' I yelled.

I know she means well, I know I shouldn't be angry at her but this is hard for me, very hard...every moment I look at her, all I see is a bucket filled with water, how difficult she turned my mornings to be, do you blame me for being angry?

'Well its about your parents' she closed her eyes'

'What about them?' I opened my eyes widely.

'Well...promise you won't be mad'

'Thando, just tell me already...what is it?'

'Calm down, I'll tell you everything.'

Well she was about to talk when Mimi interrupted us.

'Anzani you are back' she gave me that evil smile.

I just nodded.

'No need to pretend I know you hate me.' I looked at Thando.

Thando winked at me , I think she was trying to warn me about something.

'What are you guys doing here?' Mimi asked.

Thando panicked, like she was hiding something, I quickly reared her mind, and kept quiet.

'I asked you a question Thando what are you doing here with Anzani?' She yelled.

'Not like its any of your business but I'm just having a chat with Anzani' she stood up and left.

Leaving me and Mimi in the same room.

'Anzani..'

'Please... I need to be alone.'

'I Just want you to know that I'm sorry' she said then walked out.

I went down on my knees, I wanted guidance from our heavenly father, I needed him to show me the way.

I finished praying then took my phone and dialled Gugu's number. A few seconds later it got picked up.

'Hello' that was the voice on the other side of the phone

'Gugs its me'

'Hey Anza, how are you' she answered so calm

It was kind of strange for her to be this calm, Gugu is the type of girl who is loud and hyper, she is never calm.

'Girl are you alright ' I asked out of concern.

'She died Anzani, my mother just died'

I kept quiet for a moment there, confused and shocked, that was way too soon, Gugu's mom was a like a mother to me, she loved me, gave me hope, and never treated me like an animal, she believed in me and always told me to fight for what I believe in and today she is no more.

'I'm really sorry my friend, I'll be there with you before the end of the day...I promise okay!'

I wanted to be there for her just like she is always with me through it all, she always care for me even if I did the worst, what kind of a friend will I be if I don't do the same.

One thing I should do first though is to go to the Sangoma and

see what's going on.

I quickly stood up, got dressed in one of my olders tracksuit

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I wanted to be in something comfortable for this whole thing, I took R5000 and chuffed the remaining balance.

'This should be enough' i said to myself.

Now I was ready to hit the road, I walked fast to the exit door and I noticed that my aunt has arrived but I just didn't mind her.

'Anzani' she shouted.

I was already at the gate when she saw me, I turned and looked at her.

'I need to talk you' she said.

'Aunty I'm heading somewhere, we will talk when I'm back.'

She actually understood, hell things do change.

'Okay... see you when you back, but now I'm going back to work, I just heard that you are back and the excitement got me here.'

I laughed a little.

'Thanks for coming back.'

I just walked away from her, I know I said I wanted to make peace with my aunt but does she deserve it though?

Some old man showed me where I could find what I was looking for, finally I got to the house and purchased everything,

I hired a bakkie that took me to the Sangoma's house.

As soon as I got there, I saw Anna, the little cute girl with her everlasting smile, she clapped her hands, busy jumping up and down in excitement, she kept pointing at the gate, the owner of the bakkie looked at me cause he could see that all this was kind of new to me

'Do you need any help? '

Anna shook her head referring to me to answer the old man.

'No thanks, I'll take it from here.' I answered with a smile.

He drove off.

Leaving me with the goat and the hens at the gate, I got in and went straight to the consulting room, two little boy came to me and took the hens and the goat away from me.

I looked at them.

'What is it?' I asked harshly.

They kept quiet and did as they were told or directed to do.

I looked around but I couldn't see that Sangoma women.

'Where is she?'

'Who?' Answered one of the two boys.

'The traditional healer.'

'Usho ugobela wethu'(you mean our teacher)

They just looked at each other then laughed, these boys looked pail like they have no blood, they can't understand English and worst of it all they stink.

'Yebo, the sangoma' I answered.

'Owo I Sangoma, hlala laphaya.' Okay the sangoma, sit there)
they pointed the chair next to a round hut.

I sat down and closed my eyes, I think wherever I go my parents are there with me to protect me, to hold my hand when I'm scared, well through all these years, I think that mentality is the one that kept me sane, the fact that I always believed that my parents are always watching over me, now to top it all, I have Anna...the beautiful Angel

Maybe you have noticed how I always close my eyes when I want to calm my nerves, I do that a lot.

'Everything is going to be okay' Anna said

'You think?'

'I know sisi' she said with a smile.

Anna always calls me sis Anzani, no matter how angry she is, I wonder why.

'Hope after this I'll find peace.'

I said

'And finally, my soul can rest in peace '

said Anna

'What do you mean?...are you telling me that after this I won't see you anymore?'

'Sis Anzani, you need to focus on this.' She said then disappeared.

I opened my eyes hoping to see Anna but I only saw those two boys in front of me, starring at me.

'Follow us' they both said.

This is so freaking scary, these boys are terrifying.

'You ' I asked shaking.

I need to calm down, if I'm not scared of Anna why should I be scared of them.

'Okay, where to?'

'No questions, and you are not supposed to say anything '

'Okay'

They gave me a weird look, my God I'll say thank you when I'm done.

I followed them but I kept praying for protection, I mean I have not done something like this my whole life before.

I followed them, as they kept giggling, as we passed animals skeletons and some blood, bones all over the place, this place looks like a museum I tell you.

Anzani

Have you ever been to a place of the deads? Where you don't feel like human? Where you just go blind and not realise what's really going on, well that's me right now, I feel possessed...

'Stay there' said one of the boys.

I needed Anna right now but I guess she just wanted me to handle this by myself.

'You need to tell me what's going on' I said.

I was very surprised to realise that the sound of my voice has somehow changed, it was more like a man's voice, I stood up, shaking and looked at my hands, something like a worm was crawling all over my body, I just couldn't do this anymore, this is way too terrifying. I screamed and scratched my skin until I started bleeding, like I was going blind... the women (sangoma) stood by the door and gave me an awkward look, she kept twisting her head like a doll, I rubbed my eyes trying to figure out what really happening, well it kinda felt like a dream! A bad dream of cause.

'What's..happen..ing?' I asked.

My voice struggled to come out but finally I finished what I wanted to say.

It's kinda feels like someone else has taken over my body, like they have taken complete control over it, like I wasn't alive, I even forgot my name. Something pushed me to stand up and

go to the women and I did, I feel strong, like a fighter, a warrior.

I got closer to her and gave her my first look and failed to keep it going, I gave her a second one and realised that her eyeballs were completely white, she is so scary....like a ghost.

'You are ready' she said and started laughing.

She handed me an axe.

I was so confused, but somehow I managed to take it and had a firm grip on it, waiting for the target, my target.

'I want you to slaughter that goat and drink its blood' she shouted.

Drink its blood?...as in like really drink its blood? I shook my head.

'And remember young lady...I can read your mind' she sat down and minded her own business.

I looked at her, then the axe, then the goat, it was either it or I go back home without being cleansed.

I went to the goat that was tied up to a tree, I closed my eyes and chopped its head...I couldn't believe my eyes, I really did it, I killed a goat with only one swing.

The boys came running with a bucket, I guess they wanted to use it for the blood, the blood that I should drink.

I looked at my hands, this whole thing was getting to me now, it actually feels like I have killed a human being.

'I'm done' I said with tears.

She pointed inside the hut, indicating that I should get in there. I walked slowly and powerless until I got inside...I didn't know whether I should stand or sit, so I did the obvious, I sat down. She followed me and went down on her knees, I kept quiet and watched her do her things, the whole thing is very new to me so you'd understand.

'Go out and take off those shoes' she yelled.

I ran out and took off my shoes then went back in.

'Sit down Anzani.' Her eyes got more wider and white.

'Why are you here?'

'I need to know what happened to my parents '

'Didn't they die on the plane crash? ' she asked harshly.

'Ummm...they...'

'Hey hey...you are wasting my time here, just speak up.' She said.

'They are not happy...yes! My parents are not happy, that is why I'm having bad dreams, nightmares, please Mma, you should help me.'

She smiled then nodded.

'Take this, drink up.' She smiled.

This women is so ugly

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even when she tries to smile she is still scary.

I took the cup and looked at the blood that should be

consumed by me.

'Come on drink up...Mama Mercy won't kill you, Mama Mercy won't deceive you, Mama Mercy is here to make everything clear for you.'

I nodded.

'Well think of it as one of your favourite soft drinks. '

'Well if you say so' I smiled and took one gulp and finished the whole thing.

The blood tasted so funny, it tasted so real, this is real.

She smiled and nodded, I think my braveness amazed her.

'What now?' I asked.

'You really want to know what happened to your parents? '

'I just drank a cup filled with blood...Duh!' I said

'Will you handle the truth' she frowned.

'Mama Mercy just tell me already, what happened to my parents, why can't they rest in peace? Who is the young beautiful girl following me?' I just couldn't help it, I wanted answers and I wanted them today.

'Whoa, come down Anzani' she said then threw her bones on top of some lion skin.

'Brave girl' she said and looked at me.

I was just so clueless.

'What is it?' I asked harshly.

'Shhh..., Yeka ukuphazamisa abaphansi.' (Stop disturbing the ancestors)

I was shaking, like I did something wrong.

'Ohkay ' that's all I could say.

'You are brave ...The truth you seek lies on that mirror. ' she pointed a piece of a mirror nicely placed on top of a human skull.

'There?' I asked shaking.

She nodded.

'So what must I do?'

'Nothing, just go there and watch everything that happened 15 years ago will be revealed.'

She stood up and headed to the door.

'Where are you going? '

'This is your battle Anzani, I did my part now it your turn to do yours.' She said then disappeared.

Did she just disappear?

'Mama mercy...come back.' I couldn't stop crying.

I don't really know why I was crying, I don't know whether I was crying because I was scared to face the truth or I was crying because it was hard for me to accept that Mama Mercy was just a ghost. Yes a ghost.

I went down on my knees and prayed, I prayed to God for him to make me strong so that I can easily digest whatever it is that was behind that mirror. The truth! I prayed hard and cried at the same time.

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Stanley.

Without Anzani, my life isn't making any sense, I miss her so deeply. I know I messed up by hitting her, it was one stupidest move I ever did.

'What's on your mind?' Asked Lindi.

I just looked at my newspapers and pretended like I didn't hear anything she just said.

'I said what you doing'

she looked frustrated, I wonder why.

'Where have you been?' I yelled.

'Keep you voice down ' she said.

She is so drunk and smells like a tavern.

'Lindiwe have you been drinking? You haven't touched alcohol in years' I shouted.

'Shhh..you will wake the boys'

'Which boys?'

Earlier today I realised that I needed to speak to Lindi and be honest to her about the Anzani issue, so I took the boys to my mom.'

'My boys, where are my kids Stanley, don't tell me you took my kids to that hoe' she said then fell.

I wonder how she managed to drive back home, I feel so bad knowing I'm the cause of this setback.

'What are you on about women?'

'I know about you and that beauti...fool girl, did you hear me Stan beautiful girl, congratulations, you are the man' she clapped her hands and laughed.

I know I wanted to tell her before she came back home drunk but now seeing how broken she is just breaks my heart, I once loved this women.

'Do you love her?' She asked with tears.

'What? Who? '

'Don't play dump with me Stan, do you love your BLOODY BEAUTIFUL MISTRESS? '

I looked at all the corners, trying to figure out what I should say.

'Just answer me dammit '

'Yes...yes okay, I love her, I loved her the first time I set my eyes on her and will never stop loving her.' I answered with tears all over my face, who said man don't cry?

'What about me?'

This was a very painful moment of my life, I've just realised that my whole life was a lie, I don't love Lindi, I just felt sorry for her, the only right person for me is Anzani and God is my witness.

'I'm sorry for wasting your time Lindiwe, but this is not working.

'

'So you are just going to leave me? Huh Stan...just for that trash.'

'Don't call her that okay ' I yelled.

'You and that girl are messing with the wrong women, that girl will never live to see her wedding day, unless of course you planning to marry her in her coffin.'

'Is that a threat? '

'No baby, its a promise' she said then smiled

'You touch Anzani then you will have me to deal with.'

'Goodnight my love.' She winked then blowed me a kiss.

I know Lindiwe doesn't make empty threats, she is a women of her word, I need to find protection for Anzani before it's too late.

I watched her as she climbed the stairs and whistling, like nothing has happened between us, if Lindiwe is like this, that's where she is most dangerous.

Anzani

I tried to stand up from where I was so that I can go closer to the mirror, but then I realised that my knees were shaking, so I crawled...I really wanted to give up on this whole thing, let the past be the past, but after all the things that I have been through, its only fair.

So I crawled until I go there, I was alone, had no one to cry to, what if this is way beyond me? Will I be able to handle it?

I closed my eyes trying to avoid tears, this is it, its either now or never.

I looked at the mirror and saw my self, but then my face was blur...

'Come on, reveal the truth already, show me why my parents souls ain't resting.'

I took at a deeper look at it, my aunt's face appeared, but what got to me is that she looks younger, this is something like fifteen years ago, anyway Mama Mercy did say that I'll be watching my life for the past 15 years, I concentrated, I heard a slight tap on my shoulder, I jumped out of fear.

'Relax its me, I know this is going to be so hard on you, so I'm here to hold your hand. ' Anna smiled.

To be honest with you, I felt relieved and safe around Anna, she gave me power to take ownership of my life, she made me realise that I am never alone, and for that I'll forever be

grateful.

'Thanks Anna'

She nodded.

'Now take a good look on that mirror, make sure you clear your mind.'

She held my hand so tight, I took a deep breath then looked at the mirror.

The images kept flowing, in each and every image, my aunt was there, not delighted ofcourse, she was angry and bitter towards my parents life, now I could hear voices, but couldn't exactly hear what they were saying, my aunt and some men in a serious discussion, like they were arguing, I've seen this man before, I just cannot pinpoint where but I've seen him.

'I can't hear a thing' I said and looked at Anna.

'That's because you not focused Anzani, just focus okay...' she yelled.

One thing I don't want to do anymore is to piss Anna off, I want her close to me each and every day of my life, ghost or no ghost I just love her.

'I'm sorry okay'

'Now back on the mirror. ' she pointed it.

I listened carefully, and now I was able to hear every word, how my aunt planned to kill my parents, I focused, as much as what I was hearing was unbearable but I kept listening.

I saw my father playing with my mom's tummy, and I was

holding on to his waist, what could this mean? I looked at Anna and she quickly nodded, this means one thing right?

'Was she?'

Anna just nodded, for the first time in my life, I saw Anna shed tears...

'Mom was pregnant? '

She nodded.

I went back to the mirror, this time I was shaking and fuming with anger, this became very difficult for me to handle, this is so sad, I would have had a sister or a brother, but my aunt decided to take that away from me and now I'm all alone, I'm an orphan.

Tears couldn't stop flowing, but I tried my best to pull it together, I need to get this over and done with.

In all the things that had been revealed

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I still had unanswered questions, yeah now I know that the airplane was tempered with, it was my aunt who killed my parents and my mom was pregnant when she died, but then who is Anna in all of this?

I looked at the mirror again, and pictures were disappearing and I could see my self again.

'It is done ' she said with a smile.

'No...no Anna nothing is done, I wanna know who you are, why

are you protecting me?'

She looked down and pulled on a sad face.

'I'm your little sister'

'My what?'

'When our mother died she was pregnant with me'

I felt so lost, so hurt like I have never before, so hopeless, I felt the need to avenge my parents death.

'Anzani, now that you know the truth, I can rest...Anzani do what's right'

'Anna, you going to help me right? You will help me avenge your death?'

She shook her head.

'My mission was to take you closer to the truth and I did, now the rest lies in you hands, and oh dear sister, you have a lot of money, take this' she handed me a contact card.

'What is this?'

'Our father's lawyer, call him...he's been waiting for your call for a long time.'

'And where are you going?'

She was fading and her voice was breaking, its feels wrong for her to leave me alone in this cruel world, it feels wrong for her to expect me to fight this battle by my self. She finally disappeared.

I just blast out of tears and screamed.

'No Anna no...don't leave me here please...Anna!'

Anna is gone, Mama Mercy is gone and the boys are gone, I'm all alone in a lions den, in a place where it will never be easy to get out, I'm all alone with such gruesome truth, I'm all alone with so much anger, I could just blast.

I stood up, my knees were shaking, as hard as this is, I have no choice but to accept that I will never ever see Anna again, my aunt, what will I do to her?

I crawled to the door, then everything became clear, I became Anzani, thee normal Anzani, only this time, I had a purpose, I felt like a newborn, the dark shade covering my eyes was no more, I stood up and started running, I ran like a mad person, with blood streaming down my lips, I felt I was in control of my life, I loved the new me, even though I'm scared of what I'm going to do to my aunt but she deserves everything that's coming to her.

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Anzani's aunt.

'So that fool is not back yet?'

'Who's that?' Asked Thando.

Sometimes I feel like Thando is not my child, she is different from us, stands for the truth, and sometimes I have my fears that she might tell Anzani about my plans, sometimes I have an evil mind and that is to get rid of her, I will not let anyone ruin

my plans, even if its my child.

'Who's the fool that you know?'

'Aaaah maybe you or Mimi' she rolled her eyes.

I slapped her and she fell.

'I will not let you disrespect me in my house..you fool'

'Oh you mean Anzani's house?' She laughed and rubbed her face.

Really! She was getting to my nerves, I don't know what happened to her, she is acting like she is bewitched, something is wrong with my daughter.

'Thando what happened to you and loyalty'

'Loyalty?...really mom, loyalty? What is that mom tell me what is loyalty?'

'If you think you have grown, do me one favour...get the hell out of my house.' I yelled.

She stood up and looked at me the spit on my face.

'I will not have you as my mother, I will rather be an orphan than calling a murderer my mother, to me you are dead'

She walked out, I kept quiet and looked at her, if only she could understand my reasons.

Anzani.

I woke up with a very terrible headache, I looked around and realised I was at Gugu's place, how the hell did I get here?

'You are awake' Gugu said

'Hi...pain killers.'

She opened the cupboard and took out some pills with a glass of water, and handed it to me.

'You are a mess, what's that blood on your mouth?' She asked.

I closed my eyes and tried very hard to remember everything that has happened after finding out that my aunt is behind my parents death...I remember I ran like I was mad but how I got here?

'How did I get here?'

'Anzani, be honest with me, is that your blood?'

'Gugs please my friend, just tell me how I got here.'

'You were running like someone was chasing you, you ran to my room and tried to hide, but then I held your hands and I managed to keep calm, Anzani I'm really worried about you, is it Stanley?'

'Actually yes...everything is fine, now I know the truth, my Aunt killed my parents and I'll make her pay.'

I'm a new person now, a person with purpose, purpose to avenge my parents.

'What do you mean Anzani? Didn't your parents die on a plane

crash?' she raised her eyebrows.

'That was tempered with!'

'Are you telling me that Batista killed your mom and dad? '

'And my unborn sister. '

I trust Gugu with my life, so I see no problem sharing everything with her.

'How do you know all this? '

I smiled.

'In time you will be the first to know.'

'Now what will you do?'

'Just wait and see my friend, just wait and see'

I swear to God and all my ancestors, I will not rest until, I do right by my parents.

'How are you holding up, with mom's death?'

I know it was a stupid question but I just had to ask.

'Well, things are bad my friend, very bad'

'Meaning?'

'Mom and I didn't have a funeral policy, I just don't know what I will do, I have no money to burry her.' She cried.

It broke me to see Gugu like that, Gugu is a cheerful soul, always laughing and make sure that everyone around her is happy, I know how she feels.

'I'll help you'

'What did you say?'

'I'll help you burry mommy, she was my mother too.'

'With what money Anzani? '

'I have fifteen thousand rands at home, I'll contribute all of it.'

The money was given to me by the ancestors, it is only right to use it to valuable things, It was given to me to cleanse my soul and I did that, now its only fair that the remaining balance goes to the only women who contributed a lot into making me the women that I am today.

'Where did you get so much money, and to contribute it all, you think that's a good idea?'

'I know its a good idea '

'Anzani, I don't know what to say...' she just cried.

I went closer to her and gave her a hug.

'I'll forever be with you my friend, I love you '

'I love you too.'

'Look Gugs...there is something I really need to do, I'll see you later...take good care of yourself okay?'

'You too' she smiled.

I know Gugu is going through a difficult time, I can testify towards that.

I stood up and left.

On the way

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my mind was just too occupied, if I do this, there is no turning back...

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Lindi

So my husband wants to divorce me for Anzani, the girl I thought I could trust and take good care of. It is so difficult to let him go, the father of my kids, the king of my heart, the love of my life, how could I let this happen? Where did I go wrong? I took a glass of whiskey and took a long sip, this is not easy for me to handle, it is just so unbearable. I looked at him as he walked slowly from upstairs, he stood before reaching the ground and had a look at me.

'You enjoying this ain't you?' I shouted .

The kids were still at Stanley's mother so it was safe for me to yell as much as I liked, if I can't have Stanley then no one will have him.

'You embarrassing yourself Lindiwe' he answered harshly.

'I'm embarrassing my self? I'm embarrassing my self? Ain't you the one doing that?'

I was shaking, tired of Stanley's behaviour, Anzani is a good girl...with a great future behind her, Stanley will mess her life up and I will not let him ruin Anzani's life.

'You doing that all by yourself sweetheart'

'You've lost the right to call me sweetheart when you decided to divorce me.'

Everything that Stanley did and how he acted recently was a clear sign that he wanted nothing to do with me anymore.

'I'm going out ' he laughed.

I don't know what got to me but the next thing that happened scared me too.

I just stabbed Stanley into cold blood.

'Lind..iwe.' he was bleeding.

I was so scared, but I just couldn't let him leave me for Anzani.

I panicked.

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Thando.

I never really left home, the anger that was within me controlled me, maybe I shouldn't have talked to my mother like that, will I be able to live without her and my sister, perhaps I should go back and apologise.

'Mom is crying and refusing to tell me what's going on, what did you do to her?' Asked Mimi harshly.

'What are you talking about? Mimi...why are you choosing to turn a blind eye on this?'

'On what?'

'We should go to the police with this information ' I raised my eyebrows.

'Are you crazy, that's our mother we are talking about.'

'Who killed her own brother '

'And will definitely get rid of you if you become a nonsense. '

she answered then left.

Can my mother really do that to me?

Anyway it doesn't matter, if I have to die for the truth then it is fine.

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Mimi.

As much as I know that what Thando said is true, it is hard for me to stand for the truth, I want what's best for my kids, and with this money my entire life can change, I'll be a better person, my kids will grow up in a stable home, I hate what mom did to tell you the truth but money is the roots of all evil, I believe that saying now.

Looking at my mom with tears running down her face, I shook my head, her wickedness was annoying me, her teaching us to hate Anzani was something easy for us to learn but this truth she just told us is unbearable, I don't know if I can live happily knowing that my mom is a murderer, she has not killed only one person but the whole family.

'What's on your mind ' she asked then wiped her tears.

'Nothing ' I answered.

'Are you sure? Cause you look like your mind is far away from

your body.'

'Seriously mom I'm fine, I'll be in my room if you need me' I answered then walked to my room.

I couldn't be in the same room with her, will you call me weak if I tell you that I was starting to dislike my mom, if I tell you that I'm starting to regret how I treated Anzani, Will you say that I'm a coward?

For the first time in years I am confused and lost, I need guidance. Will it be money or Anzani's life?

.....The End.....

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