



His Desire

A Love Redemption

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PROLOGUE

Reatile



I look at the time , seeing just
how late I am

Very late

So much that I overslept and
didn't even hear the alarm ring

If Swazi was around , she would
have woken me up

But she had her own lectures to
attend

And well , I needed the rest

Last night was a bit crazy and
intense , the things we just put
up with just for money

And now , now I need to attend
to my own lectures

And I'm running late , because I
was tired

I hardly got any sleep

It's not easy , juggling being a
student . I'm trying my best not
to fall far behind . And it's like

very hard , because I am feeling
the pressure

And having to hustle for money
to support a family back home

My father is very sick , it's bills
and just bills every month of
medication

I'm trying to better my life here
, but I also have to think of
them back home

Well mostly him , I could care
less about everyone else .
Except Lerato

Because she's the only sibling I
have , even though we don't
share a mother

Because I'm the first person the wife calls , when he starts needing something . Like medication and proper food

You'll swear he's just with strangers there , and not his wife

I can't say much about her kids , because he's not their father

Even though he did everything ,
everything he could for him

And took his money , put them
through varsity

He spent so much on them that
he had nothing to spend on me
when it was my time , to go to
varsity . That I had to settle for
collage because of fees

I put myself through the first year of college , and it was hard

Very hard , that I had no choice but to adapt

It's not easy having to rely on yourself with no financial help

I'm not the smartest in the case

So I put myself through college ,
I have no financial aid at all

Therefore , sleeping on a
chance to make money doesn't
work for me

I'm hungry right now , I won't
make it to college without
something to eat

I look around checking for a taxi
, but I don't see one coming

Maybe I can run and make it
back in time , just to get
something to eat very quickly

I sigh , turning on my heel
running towards the shops

Holding my backpack tight

I get into pick n pay , and rush
to the food kiosk

My stomach grumbles , but I
cannot afford to crave on all
these foods

I grab a sandwich that's already
made , it's less cost R19,99

I can't cry over that

I check on the tills , just looking
for one that's not too full

I finally spot one by the end ,
but there's 6 people in front of
me

I sigh joining in line

I keep checking the time , and it
feels like this line is not moving
an inch

Yet people on this side , they
have only baskets

Voice : let me pay for that

Says a masculine voice behind
me

And involuntary I turn , not
knowing if the person is talking
to me or what

I look at this man , somehow my eyes just trail down to his shoes . I'm not the type that says , to know a man's pockets look at his shoe

My eyes just trailed down

Damn Italian !

Very expensive taste

I trail my eyes , from his shoe up

And this suit , looks very much
tailor made . And it's a perfect
slim fit

My eyes finally meets with his ,
and he's boring deep into me

I clear my throat , quickly
turning my head

I caught a glimpse of him , and I
don't remember when was the
last time I laid eyes on such a
handsome man

And I see one person has left
the line , I go forward

Voice : you seem to be in a
hurry , you could have long
been out

Okay !

I turn facing him

There's just something about
his voice , it's too deep and
inside

Me : you'retalking to me ?

Him : yes

Me : I...I can pay for this

He must be trying to take
chances , and today is not the
day

Men see opportunity
everywhere, and with
everything

Him : I know

Good !

I turn forward again , I feel him getting closer . I close my eyes for a brief moment , he has a presence

His hand comes forward , and he grabs the sandwich from my hand

Me : rea.....

He walks away

I'm left stunned and just
annoyed !

I feel somewhat

I look at him , until he's out of
sight and I can't tell where he
went

I move out of the line , because
I don't even see anything I can
take close by to eat

I can go back to grab another
sandwich , but I'll have to start
the line from the back

I feel tears burning my eyes , i
have to get a hold of myself . I
can't cry in front of these

people . That would just be an
embarrassment

I sigh , heading towards the
door

It's no use sticking around here

I'll attend lectures with a
grumbling empty stomach , I'll
eat after them

Because that's the only time I'll
be able to go to the cafeteria

Voice : here

In seconds I lift my eyes ,
meeting his

And he's standing right by the
door , holding out a plastic

Me : where is....

Him : the more time you waste
gawking at me , the more late
you'll get

He's right , and I hate that he's
right

I take the plastic , and peek
inside . Obviously , it's a lot it's
almost even full

Mostly snacks , sweets and
there's also cola . But I see my
sandwich

Me : thank you

I say as polite as ever

He nods , and I'm on my feet
running to the exit and
hopefully I get a taxi

I stand by for a bit , a Jaguar
stops right next to me

As the window opens , I see it's
him

I swallow hard not knowing
what to make of this situation

I don't know him , I've never
even met nor seen him . Not
even in any of my encounters

I see a taxi , and rush forward
stopping it

I'm crossing fingers that it stops

Because I don't want to find
myself inside the man's car

It stops and I get in

I sigh in relief as it drives off

I have an urge to just stuff
myself with food , but I can't eat
in front of people

And I think it's just disgusting
chewing in a taxi , with people
just looking and staring at you

I take out the cola drinking half
the bottle in one go

I'm thankful , as the taxi stops
by the college

I get off , closing the door I
don't miss the jaguar right
behind the taxi

I shake my head annoyed a bit

Like is he seriously following the
taxi ? Or it's just a coincidence
that he's on this route too

I rush in the gate , before he stops and tries to say something to me

Buying me a few snacks I didn't ask for , means absolutely nothing

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Monde



I lower speed at the robots

My phone rings

Me : o bata eng ? (What do you want)

He sighs

Me : I don't have the whole day
wena sahn ! Bua (talk)

Mpho : ke tswa factory...(I'm
coming from)

Me : eh wena sahn , o ta ja
marete wautwa ? (You'll eat
testicles do you hear me)

He sighs

Me : that package better not be late because of you , get your ass to Joburg as in like right now . Is that clear ?

Mpho : it's clear

Me : nxn !

I drop the call , driving past the
green light

Khaya : why are you always full
of anger ?

Me : shut the fuck up boy

He laughs

Me : and you're not staying
more than two days at my
house

He sighs

Khaya : lord knows that ghost
town you call a house , is scary
as shit and it feels haunted . Not
to say creepy , and cold as hell .
I'm not looking forward to it

Me : and because of that shit ,
you're going to a hotel

Khaya : but

Me : I'm not having an
argument with you

Khaya : shit !

Me : don't swear in my car

Khaya : but you swear like ...

Me : it's my damn fucking car

He sighs shaking his head

Khaya : no wonder Thembi
doesn't come this side , she
can't deal with this man you are
. I wonder how she even....

Me : see me giving a fuck ! And that's why she's leaving ?

He pops his eyes

Khaya : Velile said you're....

I give him an eye , he keeps quite

Khaya : okay , so where are you coming from anyways ?

Because you came that way ,
and you were supposed to
come this way

Me : what are you ? I'm here
aren't I ? So what does it matter
which way I came from

Khaya : it's just

Me : shut up , I've talked a lot

He sighs leaning back on his
chair

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A WEEK LATER

Reatile

I count the last R100 notes , and
the few R50 . I place them down

I sigh , rubbing my eyes . It's not bad

But knowing I have to send money home , I will be left with absolutely nothing for myself after deductions and all

Swazi : this overworking yourself , cannot be good for ones health at all . How do you even manage at school ?

I look at her and smile

Swazi : at least tell me you're
resting today

I wish

Me : I.....I just need to shut my
eye for an hour or so before my
shift

I don't know , if I should be
happy that I don't have to go
out there to find clients or what

I get called , and I know I just
have to show up

So maybe not even a pimp or
whatever , works better for me .
Cause I work at my pace

I take R650 and hand it to her

Me : my share for groceries , I know it's short . I'll try and patch up during the month , I have to cover rent or I'll be put out this month

She sighs

Swazi : let me cover groceries this month , don't worry about it keep this

Me : that would be fine , if I knew I would be able to cover for it next month

Swazi : come on ! It's only this month , why worry about the next ? I know you're good for it

I laugh , knowing she's just being nice and all . And maybe taking pity , knowing my

struggles when it comes to
finances

Me : thanks

She nods

Swazi : you rest

I put all the money in the
envelope

Me : please lock when you leave

Swazi : no , I'm going to bury myself in books . I have assignments coming

Me : have fun

I wish I was studying too

I lay on the bed , closing my eyes .

I have a bad pounding
headache , I just hope sleep
finds me

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Nomaswazi

Nomaswazi



My phone rings , I smile picking
it up

Me : babe

Mpho : where are you ?

Me : in my room

He sighs

Me : Rea is asleep what do you want ?

Mpho : I want to see you

Me : okay I'll come over

Mpho : you're not busy ?

I look over at Rea , she's asleep
now

And I know she won't be up for
a while

Me : no

I'll study when I get back

Mpho : okay , I'm leaving
campus I'll find you there

Me : okay cool

Mpho : please cook , I love you

He drops the call laughing ,
knowing very well I am going to
complain about the cooking
part

But he works very hard , so I
understand he's hungry and
he's been at campus like the
whole of today

So he didn't get a break

Just like Rea , he's holding a
piece job

I get up , packing my books .
Hopefully I don't sleep over at
his place , so I can study when I
get back

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Monde

She opens the door and walks in

I watch in anticipation as her
heels make the clicking sound

Until she stands still in front of
my desk

Sofia : you got the deal

She places the file in front of
me on the desk

Me : I know

She smiles

Sofia : of course you know , why
wouldn't you ?

I chuckle

Sofia : now I know for a fact
that you missed that meeting ,

because you were driving off to
some strange place

Me : was I ?

Sofia : oh I remember very well ,
beats me how you secured the
deal really

I chuckle with a nod

Sofia : but then again , the most interesting thing here is that for the past week you have been driving through that same road everyday

Me : why are you on my trails again ?

She laughs

Sofia : it's my job , you actually pay me to know where you are at all times

I sigh shaking my head

Sofia : so is there any problems at the college ?

She sighs

Sofia : don't tell me they want more money

Me : no they don't , not that I mind funding the college you know that . And it keeps my image good , so the more money they need I look good

Sofia : yeah I know , but the real reason you've been driving there is ?

Me : I met this girl at the mall
and.....

Sofia : and you're not going
there

Me : too late

She sighs

Sofia : why must you be this difficult ?

Me : Do you think I like to ?

Sofia : what's her story ?

I shrug

Because I haven't even exchanged any words with her since that day at the mall

Me : I've just been checking her out , nothing insane or intense like that

Sofia : you want her ?

I keep quite

Sofia : think she would be able to handle you ?

Me : I don't need to be handled

Sofia : you know what I mean

She pulls the opposite chair and sits down , her eyes fixated on me

Sofia : is this one of those or what ?

It's probably not

Because if it was , I would have
long approached her from that
mall time

But I haven't

Yet the past week , I've been
going to the college

And I've seen her like four times

And in all those times , she was
alone

I could have approached her ,
but I didn't

Me : what else could it be ?

She sighs in relief

Sofia : good , because being
attached it's just troubles . And

now I remember why I don't like men , why I will never get married or be committed to one . It's because of men like yourself

I chuckle

Sofia : stop going there , I will check her out for you and I'll tell you what's what . You just need to show me her once

Me : I don't need....

Sofia : I know , but I value what you have incase you don't . So I'm helping you out here , and you have a reputation to protect . Besides that , you know I always deal with this . What's different about her ?

I sigh leaning back

I don't want to do any of this ,
but I know she thinks she knows
better

And I don't want her on my case
, so it's best I let her be

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Reatile

He opens the door , I get in

He looks at me with a seductive
smile

Placing his hand on my thigh ,
that's almost all exposed

Alex : you look beautiful tonight

I force a smile

Me : thank you

Alex : shall we go ?

Me : please

He nods , taking my hand
placing a kiss on top of it

He drives off

Alex : it's been a long week , I've
been missing you

Me : really ?

Alex : you know you're my best ,
it sucks when I'm not in town . I
even panic when I think , of
some random guy just having
you

He shakes his head

Alex : can't we work out a deal ?

Me : I don't do those and you
know

He sighs

Alex : fine , but we'll have to not use a condom tonight

I look at him

Alex : I missed you really so.....

Me : so , no condom no night with me . Drop me off here

Alex : what ?

Me : don't what me , you think I'm going to put myself at risk just for a few thousands you must be crazy . And I'm not kidding with you Alex , drop me off here now ! What nonsense is this you're talking about now ? You know how I work , if you can't take that ...leave

I scream my lungs out at him ,
he stops the car abruptly on the
side of the road

Me : don't call me ever again ,
go find yourself another whore
who will handle you without a
condom

Alex : come on ! You don't have
to back out now , just because
of that . We can always use that
condom , and I'll pay you triple

Me : you think I'm stupid ? I know how you guys are , next thing you'll drug me so you can have your way with me

I grab my bag

Me : I hope we understood each other , don't be a pest

I open the door getting out

And I shiver like hell as the cold
breeze hits my barely covered
skin

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Reatile

Swazi : here

I take the cup from her ,
rubbing my nose

Me : thanks

She nods

Swazi : what happened last night ?

I sigh

Me : date bailed on me

Swazi : what ?

I nod taking a few sips of the ginger tea

I gathered some cold last night

And I'm not feeling my best this morning

I had to walk back for like 15 minutes

And it was cold

But I had no choice but to walk back

Swazi : men are evil , you should just dump Alex

Me : I know right

She laughs shaking her head

I had to lie , because at one point she saw him calling and questioned me about it

So I made the boyfriend story

Swazi : you should have called me , I would have come with a blanket or something

I chuckle

Me : doesn't matter babe , I'll sleep this one off and I'll be fine . I have class around 12 , I'll probably even steam

Swazi : well , I'm leaving in a few minutes

Me : mhm-mhm , thank you for this

Swazi : you're welcome , have a cup before you leave

Me : right

My phone rings , I sigh in relief
seeing it's not Alex just a
number I don't know

He has a tendency to call me ,
unless he's using another
number now

Me : hello ?

Voice : you're speaking
to....uhm...

He clears his throat , like he's
trying to come up with a fake
name

I guess we don't know each
other

Me : don't tell me

He sighs in relief

Him : are you available today ?

I could use the rest , but then I need the money

Every little bit I make counts , I do this even when I don't want

Me : around ?

Him : possibly in the afternoon ?

Me : after 14:00

Him : it's perfect , should I send a driver or

Me : give me a location

Him : alright , the grand hotel room 407

Me : okay

Him : I'll make the deposit right away , on this number right ?

Me : yeah

Him : alright

I drop the call , and after a few seconds the money comes in . It doesn't even make me happy

I don't know if there's anyone
on this earth , who does
something so effortlessly that
they hate themselves to the
core for it

I've just gone way too deep ,
that I don't even cry after like I
used to before

Even though the emotions are
still there , I wonder what's my

mother saying watching over
me

And seeing the kind of life that I
lead today ?

Just to take care of a man , who
took our money and cared for
another man's kids . And today ,
they don't care about him

Swazi : I'm gone

I look at her , trying to blink my
tears off

Swazi : I'll be late , Mpho is off
so he's going to take me out on
a date

I smile

Me : enjoy , and be safe

I look down quickly , so she
doesn't see how I am

She walks out , I let the tears
out

Just wondering when will I get
my break ?

Will I ever even get it ? Like will
I know the peace I long for ?

Will I ever have a life outside
being a struggling student , and
selling myself ?

I have been doing this for 4
months , yet it feels like I've
been doing it for my whole
entire life

One night of desperation was
supposed to be just a once off

Just a once off so I could send money home , and pay for my father's medication and to buy the kind of food he's required to eat

But that , was the beginning of my problems and this life I lead today

Selling myself to men for sex in exchange for money

It wasn't supposed to be like this , I got the first guy and I was supposed to be done

But I got the 2nd and the 3rd , and well here I am today

I don't even want to keep a record , I'll just hate myself more than I already do

I hate this !

I'm damn good at hiding it , not even Swazi knows what I do

I mean , the girl is a good person . She comes from a very good home

I wouldn't want her knowing such despicable things about me

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Monde

Velile : you don't sound good

I chuckle

Me : why do you feel the need to check up on me ?

Velile : Khaya and Nkazi won't do it , so someone has to do it

I chuckle

Me : I'm good , don't worry . I'll
come to Joburg soon

Velile : hopefully we'll get to see
you

Me : yeah

Velile : I see business is good ,
saw in the news you scored a 12
million deal

Me : nothing ever misses you

Velile : well done little brother

Me : don't push it , bye

I drop the call

Sofia walks in , and I don't like
the smile on her face .

Its just a turn off

Sofia : you will be pleased to know , that she's a no go area . I've been watching her the past two days

She pulls a chair and sits down

Sofia : you're a man with many things I know , strange things to even say the least . But she's

definitely not who you want ,
not even for a night . So you
better go find another girl to
please you

Me : you were against this ,
from the beginning

She smiles , leaning forward
folding her hands on the desk
still smiling

Sofia : I followed her , and after her 12:00 class today , it was round about 14:00 she headed for the grand hotel

Me : am I supposed to be questioning you like a child ? I mean is there something you want to tell me ?

I'm already annoyed just hearing this

Because it could mean there's a man

Sofia : no , but the girl is an escort . She went there to meet a client

I look at her

I just feel my blood boiling , and she's not lying

I know her very well , I would know if she's lying

Sofia : you don't want to keep her , not even for a day . She's a no go area , and I hope you stop this stalking business you're doing

She gets up

Sofia : even you have standards
, and she's so below those

She walks out

I clench my jaws , just feeling
anger arise in me

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Reatile

I pick up my top putting it on

He slowly sits up , looking at me

I sit down on the couch putting
on my sneakers

Pule : you....can I see you again?

I chuckle

He finally told me his name , as
he got more comfortable and all

Me : I haven't even left

Pule : I....I know , it's just...

He sighs

Me : don't worry , it does get a bit awkward first time

Pule : but I would really like to see you again

Me : you will call me

Pule : I'm in town for this month

Me : well then , I'm in town this month as every other month

He slightly laughs

Pule : today was really great

Me : I'm glad

I get up

Pule : uhm let's.....

The door just burst open , and
I'm stunned seeing this guy
here

I would never forget his face

Pule : what's.....what's this ?

Who...are you ?

He looks at me , and his calm face says he's pissed like very pissed

I grab my bag

If this is their business , I don't wanna be a part of it

Him : go get in the car now !

Wait....he's saying that to me

Me : what ?

I ask with a slight laugh

I didn't intend to , but like who does he think he is ?

And why would I go wait in his car ?

I don't even know him , so
exactly what's his deal ? And
why did he just bust the door ?

Him : do I look like I'm joking to
you ?

I shake my head , shutting my
mouth

Pule : Rea you know this man ?

Why is he questioning me like
he knows me now ?

Me : no....no I don't

Why am I answering him ?

Of course he's my client , and
there's a possibility that he
might be a regular

And now he will think my clients
, harass other clients

Which would be insane

Because I don't know this one

And I'm very certain of that

Him : he knows your name !

Why does he know your name ?

Like why is he getting more
angry ?

Me : he doesn't , my name is
Reatile.....well technically I'm
not just Rea so he doesn't know
my name

He frowns

Him : what do you want to see
happening here ? The more I

look at him and I look at you I'm
just pissed . Go get in the car ,
or I kill him then that will get
you going

What the hell ?

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Reatile

Me : okay , I don't know who you think you are . Coming here dictating to me , like kill him for what ? If anything you're the one who will walk out of here , because this has nothing to do with you . Unless you're here for a threesome , pay your fee . Like what's with the tantrums ? I don't even know you

The disgust on his face

And lord knows I hate those ,
but I just said to annoy him and
seems like it worked

Like who does he think he is ?

It's when I hear Pule scream , I
turn my eyes and I see the guy
holding the gun

He looks at me right in the eye
as he shoots , and it's a silencer

There's blood everywhere on
the sheets

I have my hands covering my
ears , I swear I'm screaming my
lungs out

As tears stream down my face

But as I realise , he has his one
hand on my mouth

So that scream wasn't even
heard

Him : let's go

He just shot a man dead , on
the bed . And he thinks I'm
going anywhere with him

Him : I'm not playing with you ,
I'll carry you out of here .

I'm shaking , and tearing up

That poor man is dead , he's
dead and for nothing

He turns to the door , sliding his
gun back to his back

He looks at me once , and I
don't wanna be told twice

I follow suit , if he kills me
what's going to become of my
father ?

I shake my head , as more tears
just come down

And I feel my head Pounding ,
like it'll burst or break into half

I keep wiping my tears off ,
maybe now I can scream and
people will help me

But something is telling me I
should just keep my mouth shut
if I want to live

Before I get more other people
in trouble , or killed like for no
reason at all

We finally get outside , and I spot the same jaguar he was driving from that day at the mall

I guess he knew I would see it , that's why he kept saying I should go get in the car

He opens the door for me

Me : please don't....

Him : get in the car

I'm trembling with fear as I get
in the car

He gets on his side and drives
off

I'm even scared to look at him ,
or even say anything . What if

he turns and kills me ? I am not ready to die

At one point , I just have my head faced down and I'm crying

Him : do you have a boyfriend ?

What the hell ?

I just keep quite , wiping my tears

He thinks I have time to answer him , about having a boyfriend or not

After what just happened

Him : well if you do , you better dump him

That's a command

It's after a while he drives into
an estate , I see we're in a
certain part of Centurion in
Pretoria

It's beautiful I won't lie

But I wonder what's going on ,
and what am I doing here

He gets out , and opens the
door for me

I get out following him inside
the house

My eyes can't help but dart
around

Him : come

He says heading up the stairs ,
and I follow him

Until he gets into a room , looks like the master's bedroom

Him : go in there take a shower , and fucking scrub him off of you

I stand still on my tracks

He walks closer grabbing my bag , I let out a slight scream

He's not even fazed , he just
looks at me

And he throws the contents of
the bag on the bed , like just
emptying the bag

It's just lip gloss , my phone
that's probably dead right now .
My purse , and just my bank
cards

And of course condoms

He takes them , and clicks his tongue throwing the condoms in the bin

Him : do you have a problem with understanding ?

I shake my head no

Him : I said go take a shower

Okay !

I see the bathroom door , I head there getting in

I see the shower , and the bathtub

I take my clothes off , and walk in the shower . I open the water at room temperature

As soon as the water runs , I cry

I cry that I end up sitting flat out
on the floor

I even feel like my chest is
closing up

I saw a man getting killed , and
we left him there all alone and

dead . Like without calling for
any help or anything

And I'm here with this man , I
don't even know what he wants
from me

What if he's kidnapped me ?
But how cause I came here with
him , what's wrong with me ?

My mind runs wild with scenarios , that I end up even feeling numb

I get up and start scrubbing , at some point my skin feels like it's on fire

I finally rinse , and grab a towel on the rail

I see my clothes are not where I left them

I just dry my feet so they don't make a mess

I walk in the bedroom , and his back is turned on me

Me : I....

Him : use my things to lotion ,
I'll get you toiletries soon

Me : my clothes

Him : wear what's on the bed

Those must be his , sweatpants
and a t-shirt with a hoodie

I go back to dry myself and I
lotion

I put on his clothes , seeing he also put on his briefs . And they're a bit bigger

Him : who do you stay with ?

Me : a....you want to kill them too ?

He turns , and I take a few steps back

Him : stop with this nonsense of being scared of me , who do you stay with ?

I saw him kill a man , and he thinks I won't be scared of him

Me : uhm....a friend

He reaches in his pocket , and I'm already fearing for my life

He holds a phone out , his I
believe

Him : call her , tell her she
shouldn't expect you back
tonight or any other time soon

Seeing I don't take the phone ,
he places it on the bed

Him : you better get on with it ,
in 25 seconds that phone will
close and you won't be able to
use it again

He walks out , closing the door
slightly

I reach for the phone , and slide
up it opens . I sigh in relief

Me : God please save me , I
know I don't pray . I....please
don't let me dieplease

I wipe the tear that falls off

What will I even say to Swazi ?

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Monde

I lost it there , I can admit

I got too upset , and I just
couldn't contain myself . Just
the thought of her and that
man there

Then getting there and seeing
them

I fucken lost it , and I feel bad
that she had to see all of that . I
can't shake how she cried and
terrified she looked

I take my phone making a call

Sofia : yes

Me : I'm dealing with a situation
, I'll be held off from coming to
the office for work

Sofia : how intense ?

Me : nothing to concern
yourself with , I'll pop in just for
a bit

Sofia : okay , your guy made his
deliveries . We're good there

Me : okay , make sure there's
enough product for the
Columbians in a week

I drop the call

I walk back in the bedroom ,
she's sitting on the bed her legs
folded one under the other

She has her head bowed down ,
and the hoodie hat is covering
her head

Her body slightly shaking

Me : here is food

She lifts her head , and her eyes
are blood shot red

Me : I'm sorry I shot him in
front of you like that

She blinks a few times

Rea : why did you ?

Her voice is strained

I place the tray on the night stand , sitting down on the bed

Me : I was just angry looking at him , knowing that he was on that bed naked like that because he was sleeping with you

She shakes her head

Me : don't cry again please , I'm
sorry

Rea : you shot a man , and you
took me by force here why ?

Me : I want you

I heave a sigh

Rea : what ?

She wipes her tears , and
there's a bit of shock on her
face . I mean I get why , I'm
sounding insane right now

Rea : you want me ? Then why
don't you pay and....

Me : don't say that , I don't
want to fuck you . I want you to
stop

I shake my head , just seeing
the look on her face

She will take offence when I say
that

Rea : I don't like sleeping with
men for money , I don't want to
. But unfortunately for me , I
don't have a choice . Don't even
tell me there's always a choice ,
because I'm stuck putting
myself through college without

any financial aid . I have to take care of my father who is sick back home , because his wife and her kids are not taking on that burden . I tried okay ! I tried finding a job , anything I would do and it would have paid the bills . But I didn't find anything , I have nothing to fall back on . So I have to do what I have to do , either that or I crumble and let this poverty swallow me

She wipes her tears , placing her hands on her face folded into fists

I pull her over to me , hugging her so tight . She flinches at first , as if I'm going to hurt her

Me : then let me take care of you , and you stop doing this . That's all I'm asking

She shakes her head against my chest

And let's out a loud cry

Me : I will keep killing these men you sleep with

She tries pulling back , but I hold her still

Rea : what do you want ?

Me : I told you , I want you

Rea : if you want to be my only client then....I can't make you a deal , what will happen when you change ? I can't...

Me : I don't want to be your client , like what so hard about understanding what I said ?

Rea : then....what do you mean
?

I heave a sigh moving back , she
wipes her tears I look at her
placing my hands on her thighs

I look into her eyes

Me : I want you to be my
girlfriend

She laughs a bit , I'm guessing
I'm the idiot right now

But she stops laughing as she
sees I'm serious

Rea : what ?

Me : I will do everything and
anything you want , you'll never
lack for anything ever again .

And I'm not buying your love ,
but a man takes care of his
woman . I loved you the first
time I saw you at the mall , and I
spent the whole week going to
the college just so I can see you

She sighs

Me : just give me a chance ,
that's all I'm asking for . A
chance and nothing else

Rea : how can.....how can you
love a woman that's....

Me : you're not , so don't say
that

Rea : but you know my past , I
don't want you to end up
controlling me using your
money over me . And you seem
like a man with power , you will

end up using my past against
me

Me : I will never do that , I
know right now I have nothing
to assure you with . I can only
give you my word , trust that

Rea : no

I sigh

Rea : it won't workno !

She moves back leaning against
the headboard

Rea : there's no man that can
want to be with a woman like
me , especially knowing what
you know . So , I don't know
what's really your plan .

Because what you're telling me
right now can't be it

I get up from the bed

Maybe I should give her time
and space , because even my
approach is just off

Me : okay , did you make that
call ?

She shakes her head

Me : give me my phone I need
to make a call

She pulls it out and hands it to
me

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Reatile

I barely slept a wink

Not only thinking about what
happened yesterday at the
hotel

But also what he said to me ,
wanting me to be his girlfriend

Honestly , at some point I could see myself leaving this miserable life

But then I remembered , life is no one's pedestal

Ain't no such thing that he would want me to be his girlfriend . Knowing that I slept with men for money

What man wants a girlfriend
who used to sell her body to
other men ?

I know that if I was a man
myself , I wouldn't

Trust me , it doesn't make him
any different . There's no way
there can be a relationship
between us

He's trying to sell me a dream ,
a dream that one day I will wake
up from

And realise it was nothing but
just a dream

He will throw that in my face

And the man seems like he's a
man with power

He commands , and carries an
aura

So I believe he believes he can
get anything and everything he
wants

It's enticing and attractive in a
way , he's just like some
mystery of a man

And I don't want to believe , he
doesn't have a decent woman

Because I know , I am not . I'm
far from being a woman a man
like that would want to be with

I don't know what's this , or
what he thinks he's doing

But I hope he gets over it , and
like very soon

He walks in , I woke up all alone
in bed

I don't know if he slept in here
or what

He's already dressed in a suit

Him : good morning

I nod

Even though I don't get or
understand what's good about
it

Him : I guess it's not a very good
one for you

Definitely it's not , and at least
he gets that

Me : you kidnapped me

Him : I took you , there's a difference

Me : against my will

Him : so what do you want to do about that ?

Me : I'm going to report you

He chuckles

Him : get up , take a shower and go have breakfast

Me : you think I'm joking ? You won't keep me here forever

Him : okay

He sits down on the bed , taking out his phone . He fiddles with it for a bit

I don't know what he did with
mine

Cause I haven't seen it

Him : call the cops and report
me

Is he crazy ?

I just stare at him

It's very hard to do something ,
when sometimes dares you
with a mock to do it

Him : okay , I'll dial them for you

He fiddles with his phone , and
it rings on speaker phone

Voice : Centurion police station
department how can we help
you ?

He shrugs at me

I grab the phone dropping the call

Him : mhm , let's stop acting on each other . You're not leaving this house , until me and you have an understanding with each other . For now , you're still angry and all . So I'll give

you the time and space you
want , but you'll stay here

Me : my friend will be worried
when she sees I'm not coming
back , she will call the police

Him : the same police you
couldn't talk to ?

I sigh

Him : I told you to call your friend

He opens his phone placing it in front of me

Him : I'll be back for that phone in 5 minutes

Me : what's your name ?

He looks at me with a side smile

Him : husband

I frown

Me : like for real

Him : yes like for real it's
husband to you

He gets up and goes out

Me : stupid !

I grab it putting Swazi's number
in , I dial her it rings for a while
before she answers

Swazi : hello ?

Me : it's me

She sighs

Swazi : Rea where are you ?

Me : I'm....I'm okay don't worry
, I'll come back soon

Why can't I just tell her the
truth ?

But what if he's listening or
maybe watching , like even this
place just seems beautiful yes
but it's creepy

Won't I be getting Swazi in trouble for knowing the truth ?

There's already Pule who's dead , I can't afford to have Swazi follow and suffer the same fate . I'll never forgive myself

Swazi : okay , but where are you ? Like you missed your morning class

And then there's also that

But I'm sure that man doesn't
even care that I'm missing out
on college caged in his house

I need to get out of here

Me : I'mI'm with my
boyfriend , and he wants me to
spend the....the week with him

Another lie

Swazi : boyfriend ? I thought
you and Alex broke up ?

Me : yeah , it's not...him , it's ..

What's his name again ?

Oh , I don't know . I asked and
he just answered me nonsense

I quickly pull the Rolex watch on
the night stand

Mhm ! The rich bastards , they
always show off

Most would just engrave initials
or something , but he has his
name . Well I think it's his name

Me : it's Monde

She laughs

I find myself smiling , just
because of her laughter . Even in
my shitty situation

Swazi : I swear my friend I can
never keep up with you , when
do you even find the time to
move on so fast from
relationships ?

Me : men are shit okay ! They don't deserve those tears , and weeks or months of heartbreak . I move , I can't waste my tears on those species

Swazi : lord ! Please let me meet Monde this time around , because I have got to see these kind of men you keep associating yourself with

He walks back in and stares at me

He just has this deep intense stare , it's creepy

Me : mhm , I'll let you meet him

Swazi : as long as he's good for you

Me : don't worry , he's good

Swazi : okay , love each other
and please last this time

I laugh

Me : I'll get married this time
don't you worry , waitsi o ta
swaba (you'll get shame)

She laughs

Swazi : come down on me it's all fine

Me : I have to go , we'll talk soon okay ? And please do me a favour , there's about R5000 in an envelope in my wardrobe . Take half send home to my father if you still have his account number from last time , and then you can use the other half

Swazi : okay.... What happened because....

Me : don't worry about it

I got that R5000 from spending time with Pule , pity he's dead now

But at least he had already paid me

Swazi : okay babe

Me : bye

I drop the call deleting her
number from his phone

I sigh rubbing my eyes

Him : Mrs Nkosi , can I have my
phone back please ?

I look at him so annoyed , and I think for the first time since last night I see him amused

Him : what....you're getting married aren't you ?

Me : I wasn't talking about you

He chuckles taking his phone , his eyes not leaving me

Him : of course you weren't ,
it's not Alex it's Monde

Bloody prick !

Me : are you Monde ?

I'm asking for his name in a way

Him : Monde Nkosi

I give him a bored look

Monde : but it's husband to you
, so don't you even dare call me
Monde . I'm leaving , I'll be back
in an hour or so

Me : you can't leave me here

Monde : I can and I am , you're
going to think very hard about
what I said to you . Because
until then , you're going

nowhere . Tell me you don't want me , and I'll let you go freely . But if there's even a slight chance you think you might like and actually love me , then think some more .

He turns walking out

Me : I want my phone back

I shout

Monde : you're not getting it
back , you'll get a new phone . I
don't want those men calling
you again

He says peeking through the
door , and leaves

Me : it's my damn phone

No answer back , I guess he's
really gone

Me : Argh nxn !

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Nomaswazi

Me : what ?

Mpho : what has you smiling
like this so early in the morning
?

I laugh

Me : I'm sleeping next to you

He chuckles

Mpho : I know that's not it , I was with you last night . But you were busy worried about your friend

Me : well that was her , she's fine and with her boyfriend

Mpho : that white boy ?

Me : no , she says she's with
Monde now

He frowns

Me : what ? Don't even call her
name's

He laughs

Mpho : I won't , when
relationships don't work people
move

Me : mhm , that's my friend

Mpho : do you know this
Monde ?

Me : no , I'm hoping I'll get to
meet him

Mpho : okay

He nods , I place my phone
down

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Monde

Me : Robert

He looks at me

Me : I have a guest , I have to
leave now . I'm not sure how
long I'll be gone for , make sure
she's taken care of and that she
eats . Let her outside around

the estate if she wants , and she can do whatever she wants in the house . If she wants to leave , get security to go with her . I don't want her going outside the estate on her own .

Robert : okay sir

I grab my car keys walking out

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Monde

Sofia : what is this ?

She puts the paper in front of
me

Her tone is off , she doesn't seem nor sound happy

I ignore that , and look at her

Me : listen , I need you to go do shopping . Women clothes , sizes 28 and small . Shoes size 3 , today would be great

Sofia : you killed this man didn't you ?

Me : what now ?

Sofia : I told you they were there , and he's found dead . In the very same hotel she was at , and I know his face cause I saw them with my own eyes

Me : watch your tone , and don't forget I'm not your friend . You don't tell me what to do ,

and I most certainly don't listen
nor answer to you

She moves back

Sofia : I hope you know what
you're doing , and that she's
worth all of this

Me : okay well , now those
clothes . Have them delivered
to my house , enough changes

for two weeks will do . And get
a phone as well , the most
expensive you can find and the
latest

She shakes her head

Sofia : Monde what are you
doing ?

Me : what ?

Sofia : this is more than just your one night stands , you've never brought them to your house . You've never bought them clothes , and you've never killed for them . Have you fallen for this girl ? Forgetting that you're a man with a family

I sigh

Me : let's not do this

Sofia : when this blows up in your face , remember that I warned you against this

I take my card out , she takes it and walks out

As she walks out Nkazimulo walks in , and he looks back at her closing the door

Nkazi : your side kick is on a foul mood today

He laughs

Me : you know how she is

He pulls a chair and sits down

Nkazi : when did you get this side ?

Me : earlier on

Nkazi : going to see the family ?

I frown , he laughs

Nkazi : so there's no going back
?

I shake my head

Nkazi : have you told her ?

Me : no , I was talking to my lawyer he's speeding the process as fast as he can

Nkazi : this will give people heart attacks , especially Thembi . I don't get why you don't just tell her , even Khaya asked me about this . And he didn't hear from me , you best believe that

Me : what's the point ? It's just long overdue , and I don't get why Velile is blabbering my business to everyone

Nkazi : there's a child , this is complicated . And we're your brothers not everyone

Me : why are you here again ?

He laughs

Nkazi : okay , sorry I'll let this matter go . When are you leaving ?

Me : in a few days

Nkazi : I'm coming to Pretoria with you

Me : alright

I don't want to get into an argument with him

I know he won't stay around for a long time , he'll be out of my hair in a few days

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : are you done ?

Me : almost

He sighs

Me : you offered

He laughs taking my hand

Mpho : yes , but now we're
going to ever single store . Baby
my feet hurt , and I'm tired . I'm
never coming to the mall with
you , like ever again

Me : I'm sorry

Mpho : what do you have to do left ?

Me : I have to go deposit this money to Rea's father

The look he gives me

I laugh

Mpho : this is a lot

Me : she asked me when she called yesterday , I was with you all day . I couldn't , I can't afford not to send the money . He needs it for his medication , I understand it's important

Mpho : okay fine I understand , how much are you depositing ?

Me : R2 500

He frowns

Mpho : babe , what exactly
does your friend do ?

Me : what do you mean ?

Mpho : like the work she does

Come to think of it honestly , I
don't know what she does

I have never even seen her with any kind of a work uniform

Me : uhm.....I'm not sure

He chuckles

Me : why are you asking ?

Mpho : just , I mean she seems to have money

I look at him

Me : there's no such , if only you know how much Rea struggles . It's really heart-breaking , cause she has to support her family back home . And sometimes , she even lacks on money to spend on herself . She pays her school fees , rent and contributes for groceries as well

Mpho : yet she sends home so much money

Me : babe....what are you trying to say ?

He chuckles

Mpho : nothing , let's go so we can get back . I have to rest , I'm working crazy hours this week .

I'll probably see you less , so
let's make the best of this time
that we have together

Me : okay

We can continue walking , going
to the bank

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Monde

Looking at the time , it's late
now

I don't see if I'll be able to make
it back to Pretoria

And now that Nkazimulo knows
I'm this side

I might have to stick around a
bit

My brother has a loud mouth ,
and I know he will tell the
others

The wives might ask Thembi if
I'm home or not

And I don't need her
interrogating me

So I'm forced to head there

I hope Rea will be okay ,
without me for a few days

And maybe she can use the
time to think things through

Because at this point , I don't
want to walk away from her

Like I don't even know if I'll be
able to walk away , if I were to
even try to

I'm counting on a miracle here ,
just for a chance to be hers

Crazy as the situation looks like ,
I want that girl

And way more than just a fuck ,
or a side thing

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Reatile

I am going to die in this house ,
like I can feel it

Like is that man even thinking
about school ?

Like I have lectures to attend
and all

Like what's going to happen
with them , while I'm locked up
in this beautiful house ?

Even in my anger I can still
appreciate good taste

But this is nonsense !

I need to leave this place ,
maybe I can escape

I mean he has been gone since
morning

And it's like late now , he was
supposedly supposed to be
back in an hour

Hours and hours have passed

I get off the bed , I'm still
wearing his clothes even today

I walk out of the bedroom , and
I thought maybe the door
would be locked

I mean , I did fall asleep a while
back .

And in that time , I don't know
what happened

I just see tons and tons of
corridors , and just passages

It's like I'm lost

Me : what the.....

I sigh defeated

Like what kind of a house is this
?

I mean , I will probably get lost
through these many passages
and corridors

I don't even know which way to
take going to the outside

Me : so I am really stuck here ?

I lean against the wall

Closing my eyes for a brief
moment

Voice : ma'am is everything
okay ?

I scream opening my eyes ,
hearing the voice of a man

Him : I am sorry , I didn't mean
to scare you

Me : uhm.....!

I hold my chest nodding

Him : can I get you some water
?

Me : sorryyou live here ?

Him : my name is Robert , I'm
the caretaker of the house

Me : right ! Uhm....where is
Monde ?

Robert : Mr Nkosi is held up , he
tasked me to make sure you're
well taken care of and that
you're okay

Me : okay.... Robert right ?

He nods

Me : I'm not part of the house ,
so can you kindly let me go

Robert : unfortunately , Mr
Nkosi said I cannot let you
outside of the estate alone . So
security has been tasked to take
you anywhere you want to go ,
and they'll bring you back

Me : secu.....you have got to be
kidding me

So I can leave this place , but I have to be guarded by security ? Then how do I get away , if I'll be watched by men

Robert : it's just orders ma'am

Me : stop calling me ma'am !

Robert : apologies Mrs Nkosi

Me : oh morena ka , bana ba
gao ! (My lord , your kids)

I am defeated right now

Robert : I will leave you , please
let me know if you need
anything

Me : a tour around this prison
will do , you think you can do
that ?

He chuckles

Robert : this way

I follow suit , just looking
around paying attention to
detail

As we reach the areas exposing
the outside , I swear this is
fortress

Doesn't look like I can be able to escape this place

Me : am I allowed to be out in the yard ?

Robert : you're not restricted to anything ma'am , it's just orders to have security outside the estate . But of course you can go outside

Me : then please

He nods and leads the way , but
as he opens the door

A whole out of a magazine
model , is on the doorstep with
two guys

Robert : Ms Sofia

She smiles

Sofia : Robert

She darts her eyes to me , and
I'm asking myself what is
Monde doing with me if he has
such a woman ?

Sofia : please Robert give us a
few seconds

He walks away

Sofia : hi , I'm Sofia

Me : Reatile

Sofia : mhm !

I hate her tone , and just the way she's making me feel by the way she's picking me with her eyes

Even in a house like this , I'll still be looked down on

Sofia : we...here is clothes for you , and a phone . Please , don't be using it for things that have no business with you being in this house , at this moment . In other words , just keep the phone clean as possible

The two guys move forward
with the shopping bags

Sofia : just put them here so we
can go

And they put them right in front
of me

She sizes me up again with her
eyes , before they turn walking
away

Voice : let me

I'm startled by his voice , as he
takes the bags

Me : who is she ?

Robert : Ms Sofia is an
acquaintance of Mr Nkosi

Acquaintance my left foot !

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Monde

Thembi : hi

I place a peck on her cheek

She turns her face , giving me a
kiss . I return it for a few
minutes

Me : hey

Thembi : uhm....it's good to see you home . I didn't know you were coming back , this is a nice surprise

Me : last minute thing , I didn't know I'll be this side

She smiles , but quickly frowns

Me : what ?

Thembi : I don't want to rejoice
, only to find out in two days
you'll be gone again

I chuckle

Me : I'm here

Thembi : I'll see that , if a week
can actually pass

Me : where is he ?

She smiles

Thembi : sleeping , he's a bit
down . Took him to the doctor ,
but he said it's nothing

Me : I miss him so bad

Thembi : at least someone was
missed between us

Me : don't be jealous , it's not necessary . You know I missed you too

She leans over , placing a kiss on the side of my face . Her hands grabbing on my arms

I move back , she looks at me slightly a bit sad

Me : it was a long drive

Thembi : let me go fix you a bath , then you can see him and come eat

Me : thanks

She walks up , I take my phone out making a call

Sofia : Mr Nkosi

The drama of this woman !

I look back at the stairs , just to see if Thembi is not coming back

Me : did you manage to get the clothes ?

Sofia : yes

Me : that wasn't hard

Sofia : I just do what you pay me to do

Me : how is the Columbians product ?

Sofia : coming well , the girls are also ready to ship . They have their papers ready

Me : good , I'm sticking around in Joburg for a bit . Don't come back this side , remain in Pretoria and see things are taken care of in the office

Sofia : alright

I drop the call

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A FEW DAYS LATER

Reatile

I don't know what this guy is
trying to do

Or what point he's trying to
prove

It's been days , and I'm left in
his house like this

I feel like some kind of a
criminal in a way

Honestly I feel confined in here

It's like I'm being punished for
my deeds , and being deprived
of the freedom to just be

I don't understand how his mind works , like how can he leave me like this ?

My life is basically just on a stand still , all because of him . And he's probably going about with his life out there

I'm worried because of my father

I don't know if he's okay or
what

If he has his medication enough
or what

I could call them back home ,
cause I do have the new phone

But a part of me is scared , what
if I call them and he finds out
and he kills me ?

I saw this guy kill a man

I don't get how I'll be okay ,
thinking he can spare me

Especially when he has me
locked in his house like this

It gets boring having to only go
outside , walk around the estate

And you're just confined in here

There's no chance of an escape
even , the walls are like high up

I didn't even know they had
such places in Pretoria

A knock comes at the door

And I know it's Robert

He can knock and move away , I
don't want to talk to him

I don't want to see him , I just
want to be left alone

I don't feel okay at all today

This reality of me being here , is
really sinking in . And it's just
dawning in on me

And wether I like it or not , I'm
stuck here

I have college to attend , I
haven't gone there in days

What's going to happen to me if
they kick me out ?

Like that's my one chance of
making it out as someone in this
life

At this point prayer doesn't
even work for me

I long ruled that one out

I just feel like when I pray ,
that's the more things go sour

So I won't even try it right now

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Monde

Me : is she still okay ?

He sighs , and that's just a
bother for me

She's been there for days
without me

Thembi is happy I'm home , but
I don't even want to be here

I know though leaving will just
mean her nagging me

Me : Robert !

I close the sliding door to the
bedroom

Robert : I don't think she's okay
sir

Me : and what makes you think
that ?

Robert : she has been in your room the whole day , she didn't come out I called her three times . She's locked herself , and hasn't eaten anything the whole of today

I sigh

Me : thanks

I drop the call

Me : fuck !

I dial her number , it rings
unanswered . I call again , and
after a while she answers

But I'm welcomed by sniffs

It's like middle of the night , and
she's not asleep but she's crying

My heart sinks

Me : MaNkosi....

I take a deep breath

Me : can you not do that ,
Robert tells me you didn't eat
today ?

Rea : what do you care ? You
locked me up in your house

Monde , took me away from my life . And now I'm stuck here like some prisoner , so that's exactly how I will live . Because I didn't say I want to be here , yet you expect me to go crazy over your lavish lifestyle . And just be happy I'm allowed to be anywhere inside the house , and outside to face your crazy walls . You wanted a prisoner , you got yourself one . I hate you ! You're ruining my life , I have

missed college for days all
thanks to you , but of course
you don't care . My father is
sick , he could be dead for all
we know right now and I don't
know . Because I haven't talked
to anyone home in days , you're
a horrible person and I hate you
. Why are you doing this to me ?

She bursts into a cry , dropping
the call !

I close my eyes for a brief
moment taking a deep breath

I open the sliding door walking
back in the bedroom

And Thembi is still asleep

I walk in the bathroom taking a
quick shower , I can't arrive in
Pretoria smelling of another
woman

I'm dressed and leaving the
bedroom in like a few minutes ,
the shower woke me up

I go into the nursery , and he's
also asleep

Me : I love you

I place a kiss on his forehead ,
covering him with his blanket

I walk out , heading outside .
Getting into my car , and I drive
out heading to Pretoria

I'll just speed up , and cover the
drive

I left unexpected , it wasn't my
intention to leave her alone for
that long

Especially in that manner

After the long drive , I finally
arrive

Parking my car , I walk inside .
And it's quite , so everyone is
gone to their quarters

I head to the bedroom , and the
door is locked I use my key to
open

She's in bed , I can't tell if she's
asleep now or still awake

I take my clothes off , leaving
just my briefs on

I get in bed , bringing her closer
to me

Me : I'm sorry

She moves , I guess she's still
awake

Me : I am really sorry

Rea : no you're not , you clearly
don't care about anyone just
yourself . You're ruining my life
right now

Me : can you give me a chance
to make it right ?

Rea : I want....please let me go !

She starts tearing up again

Me : okay , but are you giving us
a chance or what ?

Rea : I told you that won't work
, please just stop this.....stop
this and let me go home

Me : you're judging me on something I haven't done already

Rea : you're unhinged , I don't understand how do you think I'll be comfortable being with you . You killed a man in front of me , and you can't possibly say you'll be comfortable being with me knowing what I did for money . That's just insane

Me : yeah and I'm sorry that
you had to see that

Rea : so you're not sorry that
you killed him ?

Me : no , I'm sorry you saw it

She sighs

Rea : then how many more men
are you going to kill ? What

happens when we meet one who I used to deal with , and maybe they say something to me or rubs you off the wrong way . Will you kill him too ?

Me : probably yes

She shakes her head

Me : but all that , doesn't have to be a reason for you not to

give us a chance . I fucked up on the college part , and your father I didn't think it was that serious . But you have a phone Mrs Nkosi , I don't understand why you didn't call them home

Rea : I was scared that you'd punish me for that

Me : my punishment to you , would come in other forms .
And best believe , until you give

me a chance we're not there
yet

I cuddle her into my arms ,
giving her a kiss on the
forehead

Me : please give me a chance , if
I fuck up I'll fuck up on my own
and you'll leave me . I did what I
did , because I want you

She lifts her head slowly and looks at me , putting the lamp on her side on

Me : don't just assume that I'll fuck you up , just because you don't think no man is capable of loving you . You saw me kill a man , do you think after that there's a chance any woman will be with me if she saw that ?

She slightly laughs , and it's the most beautiful sound ever

Rea : but you're expecting me to be with you

Me : I'm asking , and I'm trying to make a point across that everyone is fucked up in their own way . And so am I , so ain't no being that's a saint

Rea : why couldn't you just approach me right ?

Me : I don't know

She shakes her head

Me : but we're here now

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Monde

Me : mhm ?

She smiles

I let out a chuckle

Rea : make me feel anyhow and I won't even hesitate , and I hope I'm not setting myself for heartbreak . I don't get how a man like yourself , doesn't have a woman

Me : yes , I fuck up and you can leave

She shakes her head slowly , I
lean my face closer to hers

Watching intensely as she
slowly closes her eyes

Biting her lower lip

I can't help but just picture her
in all sorts and kinds

But mhm !

Still too early for that shit , and I might even make her run away . Because I know most women don't stand for that

I bite her lower lip , she parts her lips with a gasps

My one hand trailing to her thigh , and she's wearing a short

She kisses me back , her one hand trailing to the back of my head

She pulls me in deeper

Moving her body slightly , and I can tell that she's a bit hesitant

I flip her over getting on top of her

I pull out of the kiss , parting her
legs getting in between them

My eyes gazed on hers

She runs her leg over mine

Me : you're mine

She smiles

I trail both my hands to her waist , pulling her shorts off

She just stares at me , uplifting her ass a bit . I grab her panty , sliding it down

She pulls her vest off , exposing her perky firm round twins

Her nipples are very much erect

I trail my hand from her lower stomach going up to her boobs

I pinch her nipple , she flinches letting out a moan of pain

Fuck !

Not tonight , can I just not blow this ?

Be gentle

I move back down , burying my
face in between her thighs

My lips gracing her coochie , I
fiddle with her lips with my
tongue

I place my hands on her thighs ,
holding them tight

I suck and nibble on her clit

Her moans increase , she moves her feet and places them on my shoulders

Moving her lower waist , her hands grabbing on the sheet more like she's gripping on them

I let go of her thighs , taking my briefs off

My dick is jerking off , throbbing
like hell

Rea : use a condom

I knew that was coming , but it's
not happening

Me : I've never brought a
woman into my house

She sighs

Me : we'll get tested tomorrow

Rea : I am clean

Me : so am I

Rea : I don't know , you can't
expect me to just take your
word for it

Me : but MaNkosi , I'm taking yours

Rea : I'm sure you understand why I know and I'm confident that I'm clean

I clench my jaws at that statement , because I don't want to take my mind and thoughts there

I move up , rubbing myself on
her before I slide in

Quite after a few times teasing
her

I lay down , balancing myself so
my weight doesn't fall on her

We lock eyes

Me : I'm serious , I am clean

She brings me down , coming in
for a kiss

I thrust in deeper , she places
her legs over me and ends up
locking them on my back

Her hands all over my back ,
with her nails drilling me as she
tightens

I can only hope these damn
things of hers , won't make me
bleed

Not that I mind the pain or the
scratches her nails will leave on
my back

Her screams mixed with moans
, grace my ear against her
mouth

She holds tight on me , as she
orgasms

I move back a bit , bringing her
one leg over my shoulder going
in deeper with pounds

She frowns

And the expression just causes
me to erupt

I cup both her boobs , leaning
down sucking on her nipples

I trail to her neck slowly ,
sucking hard leaving wet kisses

The louder she gets with her
moans , my hand goes to her
neck

She grabs my arm on the wrist ,
tightening her grip

I move back watching her , and
it's a fucking sight

She tears up lifting her lower
body , having another wave of
orgasms

She turns her face , I'm quick to
turn her straight with my hand
that's grabbing on her neck

She opens her bloodshot red eyes , as tears stream down the sides of her face

And her screams getting muffled up a bit by my hand , tightening on her throat

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Reatile

Me : shit

I turn my head , looking clearly

It's just one love bite , but it's clearly visible

But as for these damn bruises , it'll take a while before they wear off

I feel him behind him

I left him in bed , I didn't even hear him open the bathroom door

He hugs me from behind ,
leaning down placing pecks on
my shoulder blades

I look at him through the mirror

Monde : good morning Mrs
Nkosi

I smile

He lifts his head , and his eyes
meet mine in the mirror

Monde : it's a beautiful day ,
waking up next to the most
beautiful woman ever

I slightly laugh

Me : you don't say

Monde : I am telling you

Monde : are you okay ?

Me : are you into BDSM ?

He moves his face back , staring
deep into my eyes

And his eyes darken with
intense

Monde : was I too rough ?

Just last night , I figured this
man doesn't know how to make
love

He fucks

He doesn't thrusts , he pounds

He knows no slow pace , he
goes in deeper and harder

Monde : I'm sorry if I caused
you pain

I turn my head so he can see

Me : I don't care about the love
bite , see this ...

I point with my finger

He looks down

Me : it's your hand marks on my neck , I have the same mark on my arm

I turn and face him , hugging his waist

Me : are you ?

He lifts his eyes they meet mine , and there's just something dark there

Me : only a man who's into
BDSM or rough sex , can do this

He clears his throat

Monde : sorry it won't happen
again

He places a peck on my cheek ,
and he pulls back walking out of
the bathroom

I sigh

I've never had that kind of sex ,
where I'm left with bruises and
all that . But I've had enough
sex to know

I walk back to the bedroom ,
and he's putting on sneakers
talking on the phone

Monde : yeah I hear you

He sounds annoyed

I'm thinking he'll pay me
attention or say something , but
he walks out

Me : great !

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Monde

Thembi : are you serious right now ?

Worst call ever to get in the morning

Especially after that
conversation with Mrs Nkosi up
there

That was intense

I couldn't even talk in the
bedroom , because Mrs Nkosi is
there in the bedroom

Me : what's with the noise ?

Thembi : all you could spare us was just a few days , not even a week !

Me : why are you shouting again ?

Thembi : don't start with me Monde , honestly if you knew you weren't going to stick around why did you come ?

Me : Hey....hey.... you won't tell me shit about coming to my own house

Thembi : you left middle of the night , leaving me alone in bed . Like what nonsense is that ?

Me : the kind that makes you call me so early in the morning , not even giving me a chance to

call you first and explain myself
. Or why I left like that

Thembi : I don't....

Me : I have an incoming call

I drop the call

Me : fuck !

As if I don't have enough to deal
with

I didn't mean to hurt her like
that

I know I wasn't gentle , but I
didn't think it'll be like that

I honestly didn't want to drive
her away on our first night

I am such a fuck up !

My phone rings and it's Thembi
, I decline it

Walking in the kitchen , I see
Robert with the chef

They both turn greeting me , I
just nod grabbing a bottle of
water from the fridge

Robert : the chef is done
preparing the food , where
would you and Mrs Nkosi like to
eat ?

I chuckle

Me : ask Mrs Nkosi when she
comes down Robert , I have a
call to make

Robert : sir

I take my bottle of water ,
walking to my study I call
Nkazimulo

Nkazi : it's still.....

Me : I'm back in Pretoria

Nkazi : wonders never cease to
amaze me

I chuckle

Me : I had to rush back man like
last night middle of the night

Nkazi : so when should I come ?

Me : I don't know , I was just
telling you so you know I'm no
longer that side

Nkazi : alright , I'll see you soon

Me : sure , don't bring your
brothers to my house

He laughs

Nkazi : I don't know about Velile
, but Khaya might be keen he
said he didn't stay long last time

Me : no don't

I drop the call , leaning back on
the chair

How the fuck do I face her after
that ?

And she didn't even shy away
from asking

I'm in shit , if she says she's out
that door

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Reatile

He hasn't said anything to me

I asked Robert to call him so we
can eat

And he hasn't laid his eyes on
me

He hasn't said anything , I keep
looking at him

This is starting to become
awkward now

Me : can I ask ?

He nods not even looking at me

Me : can you at least look at me
?

He takes a few seconds , like
he's thinking about it

Me : as your girlfriend , you're not keeping me here right ? I'm getting to go back to my place

Only now he looks at me , and it's only for a brief moment

Because I can tell he's focusing his eyes somewhere else

Monde : yes

Me : okay....so I can leave today ?

Monde : why so soon ?

I chuckle , at least he's talking in a way and answering me

Me : when do you want me to leave ?

Monde : at least spend a week with me , let's get to know each other

That's very much needed

Me : but I have college , and I've missed days already

Monde : I'll drive you there today , then you can get what you missed . I'll help you catch

up , I'll take you everyday when
you have classes

I laugh , he looks at me

Me : all of that , just so I can
spend a week here ?

Monde : yeah

So much drama

Me : wow okay ! So now I am allowed to go out on my own right ?

He sighs

Monde : don't say that , it's not like I held you captive and now I'm allowing you out into the wild but I want you tamed . I don't control you , I don't tell you what to do . I'm just your boyfriend

I nod with a smile

Me : I understand , I'm sorry for
saying the "allowed" word

He chuckles

Monde : it's fine

I look at him

Me : but I have to see my roommate , and get a few of my things

Monde : it's fine , we'll go after you're done getting what you need

I don't know , but maybe just maybe this boyfriend and girlfriend issue just might happen

He sighs

Monde : uhm.....I'm sorry
about....

He clears his throat , and I can
tell it's about the bruises

Monde : I'll get you ointment
for it , so it can fade quick

Me : it's okay , don't worry
about it

I don't know , but there's just
something off about him

It's just the way he's moving his
eyes

Monde : it won't happen again ,
I promise

Why is he lying ?.

Making promises he knows well
, he won't be able to keep

But I won't ask him that , we
shall see next time if I won't be
having any more bruises

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Monde

I wasn't expecting that talk
during breakfast

So right now , I don't know what
to make our situation

Or maybe she's just awaiting to
see , how she'll be after next
time

And she'll finally walk out

After dropping her at collage , I
went on about my business

And got her the ointment , then
we went to get tested . We're
both clean

Now we're at the flats where
she stays , I'm parked by the
gate

I side eye her as she zips her
jacket , and I know it's to hide
the bruises

Rea : you don't want to come with ?

Me : is your friend in there ?

She nods with a smile

Me : and you don't mind her seeing me ?

Rea : I don't mind that , if you're okay with that yourself

I chuckle

Me : okay , let's go

She opens her door first , I get
out

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : thanks

I take the plate from him , and
place it on the small cupboard
we have in here

I'm glad he came this late ,
because I got a chance to study

I have been worried about Rea

As much as she said she's okay ,
and with her boyfriend

She hasn't been coming to
college , and like for days now
so that's a worry

And I know just how much she
values her school work

So her absenteeism has me
worried

Mpho : I should get going babe

I sigh

Me : I thought you were
sleeping over ?

He smiles

Mpho : you know I'm doing.....

A knock comes at the door

Mpho : who are you expecting
this late ?

Me : no one

I open the door , and let out a
laugh seeing her

Me : at least you're still alive

She laughs

I make way for her

Rea : you seriously think I'm
possibly dead ?

Me : well.....

I'm shocked seeing the man
who walks in after her

I didn't see him as I was
opening the door

No like !

My jaw is on the floor

I see his eyes trailing to Mpho ,
and I remember he's here

I look at him and he's on his
feet , looking at thee Monde

Rea : sorry to just budge in , I
just came to a few things I need
for college . I should have called

Me : don't be silly....you still live
here

She smiles

Rea : this is my boyfriend

Monde , and baby this is my
friend and roommate

Nomaswazi we call her Swazi
and that's her boyfriend Mpho

I clear my throat

I didn't expect thee Monde
Nkosi , I won't even call him a
guy

He's a man

Monde : pleasure to meet you
two

Mpho : likewise

I'm just dumbstruck

I could have never imagined that Rea is dating this man , like not even in a million years

Not only is he filthy rich , he's damn handsome

Monde Nkosi is the youngest south Africa man to make it to the list of Forbes magazine

And that was like years ago , but
even today he still makes it to
Forbes each time a new list is
out

It's like it's what he lives and
breathes for

What he strives for

Mpho : babe please walk me
out

Rea : oh....you don't have to
leave on our account , like I said
I'm just here to get my things .
And we're leaving , like we
won't be long

Mpho : no it's okay , I was
leaving . I have a shift this
evening

Rea : alright

Monde moves away from the door , Mpho goes out giving him a nod

I walk him out

Mpho : what the hell was that ?

I shrug

Me : I didn't know she's dating
the man !

Mpho : the way she just said
Monde , do think she knows
who he is ?

Me : babe....who doesn't know
Monde Nkosi ?

He sighs

Mpho : your friend better be careful

Me : careful of what ? His money and riches maybe ? Or maybe his handsomeness ?

Mpho : she should just know him better , and isn't the guy like 30 or something ? That's like 10 years older than your friend

Me : babe that's their business ,
and I mean she didn't shy away
from saying he's her boyfriend .
So clearly he's not some blesser

Mpho : if you say so , just don't
get attracted by such things . I
don't want to end up ,
competing with the guy just to
make you happy . Because next
thing , your friend will be driving
an expensive car . I don't wanna

be expected to deliver such things , I'm a student and not a billionaire

I shake my head , he's just making a big deal out of this honestly

I know he's not that man , and so I will never compare our relationship with theirs . I mean that would just be stupidity

And I mean honestly , if he really loves Rea enough then she will be the most spoiled girl ever

Some girls are lucky !

Like how do you even get a man like Monde Nkosi to even say hello to you ?

Never mind being your
boyfriend

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Monde

Rea : what was that ?

I look at her

Me : what ?

Rea : that silly reaction Mpho
gave you ?

That stupid boy

The second I was in the door he
was on his feet , like had seen
some ghost

He can be a fool at times

I had to shake my head , just to
get him back in line

Me : I don't know what you're talking about , I didn't see anything

Rea : oh ...okay

She zips her bag , she didn't take a lot of things

And it's mainly things she needs for school

I'm just glad , she's going to be with me for a week . Like that's some time we need

The friend walks back , and it's clear unlike my woman she has a clue or an idea of who I am

I take my phone out , as they talk to each other

I send him a text message

“I hope you kept your mouth shut”

I delete the message after sending it , he better be smart like I know he is

Rea : I'll call , and thanks I'll call my father later on and hear how he's doing . I just hope all is well

Swazi : and now , what are you doing about work ?

She looks at me , and I'm wondering if the friend knows what she has been doing as work

Rea : uhm....I'm kind of struggling to balance everything , I'm starting to be behind with

college . So this was my last
week at work

Swazi : oh

Rea : yeah , I'll see what to do
though . Don't worry about rent
and my share for groceries , I
hope that 2.5K helped because I
was short

The friend nods

Rea : okay , I'll see you

They briefly hug

She walks over , I take her bag
as we walk out and heading
outside the gate

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Nomaswazi

That didn't take long

So soon in a relationship with
the billionaire

And she's quit her job , like it's
clear he's the reason she's quit
and not this she's struggling
with work and school

I hope she never lives to regret
this decision of hers , just
because she's now dating a man
with money

Surely she's banking on his money , to cover everything else

Otherwise how would she cover expenses ?

Rea is always coughing money , everything to be done for her is money

It's rent , food and toiletries .
It's monthly school fees ,
because she doesn't have a
bursary

It's sending money home , to
support her family

It's clear she's going to lean on
him for that financial support

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Monde

The dinning room table is full of books

She's been up for hours

I had to get her to sleep , and that only took an hour

And then she was up

Me : you're going to wreck your brains

She looks at me and smiles

Rea : I need to catch up

Me : take a break

I hold my hand out for her , she
takes it getting up

I peck her lips

Me : I know how important it is for you to catch up , but don't bombard yourself like this . You need to rest

I lean in for a kiss , she kisses me back

Rea : I can take an hour I guess

Me : I said I'll help you

Rea : you seem like a very busy man

Me : I'll make time for you

Rea : are you going somewhere right now ?

Me : no , but I want you to go out and get pampered

She smiles

Rea : for what ?

Me : anything to get you away
from the books

Rea : well , I won't say no to
that . I need to get my hair done

And the hair seems and looks
fine to me

But she can go get it done

Voice : I've been

We both turn looking at him

Nkazi : uhm....hi love birds

The fool !

What's with the love birds ?

Nkazi : Nkazimulo , his younger brother . The last born of the four

I chuckle

He holds his hand out , for a hand shake to her

They shake hands , he looks at me

And I know he's about to spit
nonsense out

Rea : Reatile

He smiles

Nkazi : his?

She looks at me a bit shy

Me : his wife , Mrs Nkosi to you

He slightly laughs

Nkazi : nice to meet you sister-in-law , I couldn't have chosen the best time to come visit

Me : don't overstay

He laughs

Me : go get ready , I'll take you
to the salon

Rea : okay

I kiss the side of her head , she
walks out going upstairs

Nkazi : she's beautiful

Me : I didn't say follow me back
so soon

Nkazi : does she know ?

I sigh

Me : no

Nkazi : are you going to tell her
?

Me : no , and keep your mouth
shut

Nkazi : what's this ? Cause it doesn't seem nor looks like she's passing

Me : I can't have Sofia on my case , and you too so please

He shakes his head

Nkazi : I'm here for all this , so I'm not getting involved . Just

like how I still don't understand
, that Thembi is fine with you
without wearing a ring .

Because there wouldn't be no
woman getting closer to you ,
now it seems like you have
moved on . You even have her
in your house , and she's given
our surname . That sounds
serious

Me : I didn't sign no contract to
wear a ring

Nkazi : like I said , I'm all for this

Me : good ! I'm going to take her to the salon , are you coming with or staying ?

Nkazi : I'm coming , and you'll get me a drink while we're at that . Seems like one has to visit frequently , things are happening here in Pretoria

I chuckle , we pull chairs sitting
down

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Reatile

Monde dropped me off with his
brother

And they left

He said I should let him know ,
when I'm almost done so they
can come back for me

I'm done getting my hair , I'm in
love with it . I don't want to lie

And now I'm getting my nails
done

I still loved the set I had , but I
wanted a change

Just because it's not my money
paying

My phone rings , and it's Swazi

I answer , putting the phone on
loud speaker

Me : babe

Swazi : thought you'll be
drowning in books

I laugh

Me : I'm at the salon

Swazi : and I'm not invited

Well we do once in a while get
our nails done together

But today , it's not my spoils

I couldn't say let her come as
well

Me : you know I'm poor as they
come , Monde just treated me
so I can get out of the house . I
was buried in books

Swazi : and girl !

The exaggeration

I wonder what gossip is coming

Swazi : when you were telling me about your new man , you just said it's Monde like that name means absolutely nothing

Me : what ?

Swazi : come on ! Did you think I wouldn't believe you , or maybe I would snatch him from you ?

If only she has the slightest idea
, of what was happening when I
told her about my so called ex
and new boyfriend

Me : what are you talking about
?

Swazi : you're dating Monde
Nkosi , not only is the man filthy
rich but he has the looks . Now
imagine the shock on my face ,

when he was standing at our
door last night

I frown with a slight confusion

She's speaking like she knows
him

Swazi : no lies , you have scored
yourself there . And I don't
blame you for not telling me ,
but we're friends I'll never do

you bad . And I'm happy for you
to be honest

I just feel like , the more I listen
to her the more I'm just
confused . Cause I have no idea
what she's talking about

Me : okay yeah , I didn't think it
was that important . But can I
call you once I'm done ?

Swazi : not a problem , I have to study anyways

Me : okay , bye

I drop the call

And I'm straight on Google trying to see if I can't find anything , like where would Swazi know Monde from ?

And the shock as the results
pop up

I tap on , and scroll down and
bam ! His picture

Me : what the

I gasp in shock

Like this man is no ordinary man
at all

Voice : like what rock do you
live under that you have to
Google your boyfriend ?

I lift my eyes , and it's the nail
technician

I laugh embarrassed

Like what's wrong with me ?

I have never heard of this man ,
like not even once

Her : it's cute though , and
proves you're with him because
of love not his status and
money

Me : this is a shame

We laugh

Her : it's cute , at least there's hope that we woman can still love men without looking at who they are and what we can get from them

True but like what's wrong with me ?

Her : you clearly didn't see how the girls gasped when they saw you two walking in here

Me : I just saw stares , but
didn't think much about them . I
mean , I thought they think I'm
one of those who gets their
men to go spend hours with
them in salons

She laughs

Her : it was because of the man
next to you

Wow !

Like he doesn't even act all that important to me

Like he's a man on Forbes , and definitely on the billionaires net worth

I'm stunned

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Reatile

I know Monde said I should call
him when I'm done

But I don't know where they are

And I'm hungry

His brother just seems like he's
a vibe

What if they go somewhere
after picking me up ?

I want to eat

So I walked to the closest
restaurant , so I can eat and
then I'll call him

A waitress attends to me , I
place my order

And then my phone rings , and
it's him

Me : hello

Monde : is that how your
answer my calls ? After calling
me Monde , and I ignored that
because you were angry

I laugh

Me : are....am I really supposed
to say husband when I answer

your calls ? Like you're serious
about that

Monde : can we not fight ?

Me : Mphazima

He chuckles

Monde : I should punish you ,
for coming to my life this late

I laugh

I googled his clan names , while
I was busy stalking him

And there's nothing personal
about him , just his businesses

Monde : are you done ?

Me : yes

Monde : okay , we're coming

Me : I'm... I'm getting
something to eat so please
come when I'm done

He sighs

Monde : where ?

Me : at Oceans

Monde : why didn't you tell me
? We could have come to eat
with you

Me : it's loud where you're at ,
are you even anywhere near
here ?.

Monde : mhm , we're at the
club near the salon

Wow !

Who goes to a club broad
midday like this ?.

Me : no it's okay , you'll come
get me when I'm done

Monde : okay , I love you

I smile

Me : I love you

I drop the call

Voice : can I sit ?

I lift my eyes , and it's Mpho

Me : uhm....hi

He smiles

Mpho : hi

Me : uhm yeah , you can sit

He sighs

Mpho : thanks

This is strange , because we've
never conversed with each
other

We just talk , but always in passing

Mpho : please don't take what I'm about to say out of context

Me : you're worrying me

He chuckles

Mpho : uhm....I'm worried about you

Me : what ?

Mpho : Rea , do you know who
Monde Nkosi is ?

I sigh

Me : what....you and your
girlfriend were talking about me
?

Mpho : no , she doesn't even know I'm here

When people say such things , you ought to be prepared for anything

Me : okay and you know who Monde is ? So like I believe you're going to tell me who he is

Mpho : don't be fooled by the riches and all , best to know the devil behind the man . Because trust me , there's one . And you don't want find yourself trapped , with no way out .

Stuck with someone you cannot control , and you find yourself in a world you don't know and don't understand at all

He gets up

Mpho : be safe , and make sure
you know who this man is
before you get in too deep

He turns walking away , I watch
him until he's out of the door

And he passes Monde and Nkazi
walking in , at the door

He has his head bowed down ,
as Monde looks at him

I'm just left stunned asking myself , what the hell was that talk all about

They get to my table , and sit down . Monde sitting next to me

Monde : you okay ?

I fake smile nodding

He chuckles placing a kiss on my
cheek , he can see right through
my nodding lie

He takes my hand , looking at
my nails

I don't know what I'm smiling
for , but I find myself smiling

He side eyes me

Nkazi : sawubona Makoti (hello daughter in-law)

I frown

He laughs

Nkazi : you better know how to speak isiZulu , because I can't
bua with you . No matter how
much I love you

I laugh

Nkazi : I'll bite my tongue , so I
can't do that . And I'm a Zulu
man , I'm sure you understand .
I pride myself in my language
and my roots

Lord help us all

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Monde

I look at her , and she's not
reading

The book is reading her

Her mind is far away from this

I lean over closing the book ,
putting it besides her

She looks at me

Me : what's wrong ?

She sighs

Me : you were fine when I left you at the salon , what happened after that ?

Rea : uhm....I know this is new , and we don't even know each other that well

Me : I'm Monde Nkosi , the second born of 4 boys . Velile , Khaya and Nkazimulo . Both parents deceased , I'm a business man and I'm 30

She laughs

Rea : come on

Me : what else Mrs Nkosi ?

Rea : the business man , is that all that's there ?

Me : no

She looks at me intensely

Me : you saw me kill a man , and here I am . The whole thing has just gone off with air

She tucks her hair behind her
ear

Me : what did you hear ?

Rea : that , I should know the
devil behind the man

Me : I'm no saint no

I turn facing her well

Me : I manufacturer and sell
drugs

She pops her eyes

Me : that's not worse than
killing

Rea : no....wait , so you're about
to tell me right now that you're
a drug dealer ?

Me : that idiot who told you
nonsense about me , is the drug
dealer that I pay

She frowns

Me : all the companies I have ,
are not legit . They're all just a
front for cleaning dirty money ,
the money I make from the
drugs and counterfeits along
with the heists

Rea : coun....what ?

Me : you wanted to know , and well that's the devil . I kill everything and everyone who stands in my way , like nothing and no one is an exception

She swallows quite a few times , like she's thinking hard

Me : now do you want to walk out that door and never look back ?

She darts her eyes away from me

Me : is there danger around me ? Yes most definitely , but I will protect you . I'll lay my life down , before I let anything or anyone harm you . But your life is yours , and if you feel that

you can't be with a man like me
then I can't force you .

She looks at me , placing her
hand on her cheek . Like she's in
thought , or perhaps amazed

I chuckle , just the way she's
looking at me

Me : what ?

Rea : is everything okay with you ?

I smile

Me : don't start with me ,
everything is perfectly fine with me

Rea : I feel like you need help ,
no one can do the things you do
and be sane

I lean over , brushing my lips
over hers

She turns getting on top of me

I trail my hands to her waist , as
she leans down and we kiss

My dick reacts , she deepens
the kiss

I get hot flushes , and she's not making me have it easy

I pull out of the kiss

Rea : what ?

I clear my throat

Me : I....I have a call to make , it slipped my mind

She sighs a bit disappointed ,
getting off me

Me : continue to study , and
please study this time Mrs Nkosi

I peck her lips , she laughs as I
get off the bed

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Monde

Mpho : ta Monde

Me : o bata go bona marete
wena sahn ? (Do you want to
see testicles)

Mpho : ke.....

Me : o ta nyela outwa ? (You'll
shit yourself , do you hear me)

Mpho : eya (yes)

Me : ke go bone o bua le
mosadi wame gape , ke ta gofa
masepa (let me see you talk to
my wife again , I'll give you shit)

Mpho : it won't happen again

Me : you're damn right it won't
, don't fucking forget who feeds
you

Mpho : I'm sorry ta....

Me : Wena sahn , I told you to
keep your mouth shut didn't I ?

Mpho : you did

Me : and you couldn't do that
shit ? Keng o bolaiwa ke nopa
(is horniness killing you)

He keeps quite

Me : o bue wena sehlama ko
batele sefebe to help you out
(talk you shit I'll find you a
whore)

Mpho : I'm sorry....

Me : nxn ! You're going to
fucking pay for opening your
mouth

I drop the call

This boy can be so stupid

He better be glad I like him ,
otherwise he would be dead
right now

But he's not getting scot free
with his nonsense

I should just be glad , that Rea is
still in this house

And she doesn't seem like this
turned her off to want to leave
me

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : I have to go

What now ?

Me : what's wrong ? Who was that on call ?

Mpho : no one , I just have to leave I can't be here

Me : can't be....babe what's going on now ?

Mpho : it's ...nothing , don't
worry

He gets up , and I'm just
wondering what's going on

Because a few minutes ago he
was fine , before he got that
phone call

He walks over to me , trying to
place a kiss on my cheek

I move away

He looks at me

Me : no , you want to leave so
leave .

I'm now annoyed with him
honestly

Mpho : babe...

Me : Mpho hamba (go)

He sighs

Mpho : I'm sorry

Me : keep it , what do you mean
when you say you can't be here
? Since when do you have a

problem being here ? Just leave
, don't apologize

He walks to the door and walks
out

Whatever nonsense is going on
with him

It better not be another woman

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Reatile

Right now , I'm just looking at
this man and I'm questioning
my sanity

After everything he said I'm still
here

And I don't want to lie , but
there's feelings and I think I'm
just falling like way too soon

Monde is handsome , and he seems to have his life in order

Is he single ?

Like there's no woman there

How can a man like him have no woman ?

Monde : why are you staring ?

He asks still looking at his laptop

I close the book I'm holding

Me : uhm.....where is your
girlfriend ?

He turns and looks at me with a
slight grin

Monde : are you not there ?

Me : no , like I mean did I find
you really without a woman ?

He chuckles

Monde : I'm with you , so what
does that tell you ?

Me : that's not an answer ,
you're getting smart with me

He just looks at me

Me : just warn me , so I don't
fall hard for you only to be
broken

Monde : you think I'm going to
hurt you ?

Me : I don't understand why a
man like you doesn't have a
girlfriend

Monde : I do have a girlfriend

Mrs Nkosi

I laugh

Monde : and I'm thinking you
should find a place , and get a
car

Me : where is that coming from
?

Monde : we're not doing a cohabitation here , and soon you'll be leaving . It won't work for me , going to see you in that place . It's infested with students , and you need a car because when you're this side visiting I can't take you to college everyday

Are we not just moving too fast ?

Monde : can you drive ?

Me : I do have a learners

Monde : you need to work on getting a licence , and find a place

Me : what am I going to do with a house staying alone ?

He chuckles

Monde : I'll be visiting ,
spending nights . Even a
bachelor pad is fine , or a single
apartment

I say nothing opening my book.

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Monde

He looks at me , his lip busted
and he's bleeding through his
nose

Mpho : ta Monde , it won't
happen again.... I'm sorry

Me : clean yourself up , o tlo
ntena sahn (you're going to
annoy me)

He gets up limping , walking to
the other room

I wash my hands

My phone rings , I wipe my hands taking it out

Me : mhm

Thembi : is that how you answer your phone now ?

Me : Thembi what's wrong ?

Thembi : what's.....when are you coming back ?

Me : I'll come back , when I
come back and I can

Thembi : should we come that
side ? Because honestly we
hardly see you , and you've
been distant ever since you left
us midnight

I sigh

Mpho walks back in , holding a towel

Me : you're being unnecessary right now , and I don't understand for what

Thembi : come home to see your wife and son Monde , and I'll stop being unnecessary as you say

She drops the call

Me : lock up when you leave ,
and let's never find ourselves in
this fucking situation again . I'll
end you if it ever comes to it
again

He nods

I grab my jacket walking out

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TWO WEEKS LATER

Nomaswazi

I look at her , and with holidays
approaching I don't know if
she'll be here or what

Me : is everything still well with you and Monde ?

She looks at me turning , opening her wardrobe

Rea : yeah why ?

Me : well , you've been here for a week , and that's so unlike you . I mean after staying a week at his place , you stayed

here for like three days and you
were gone again

She laughs

Rea : everything is fine , Monde
wasn't around this week . So I
got to stick around for a while

Me : oh okay , that explains it .
Cause you're basically never
here

She takes out clothes from her wardrobe , placing them on the bed

Honestly , I thought by now she would be flexing about her relationship

Posting online , going on shopping sprees and all that

Some weekends away , and
such

But even her style hasn't
changed , basically she's still the
same Rea she was before dating
Monde

I don't see any change , so she's
clearly not spending his money

Or maybe he's not giving it

Me : doesn't it bother you , that
your man leaves for trips
leaving you alone for a while ?

She chuckles , taking out a small
bag packing the clothes in

Rea : we've only been together
for three weeks , so we're not
there . And I understand he has
to work , I also have to focus on

my school work . And I guess it
wasn't that bad this time ,
because he was just in Joburg

Me : oh okay

I nod

Rea : he's coming to pick me ,
I'll be spending the weekend at
his place

Me : wow

I don't know what to say now

Because between my boyfriend
and I , things are just so sour

After he left that night , he
came back three days later with
a busted lip and black eye

With a patch on his nose , and
worse he was limping

And to this day , I still don't
know what happened to him

People are happy in
relationships , and I just feel like
mine is ending

I'm trying so hard , not to think
that he's cheating

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Reatile

I pull out of the kiss slowly ,
looking down

He tilts my chin with his fingers

Monde : I missed you

I let out a side smile

He leans over , capturing my
lower lip I kiss him

After a few minutes we both
pull out

He holds my stare

Me : I missed you too

He grins

Monde : let's go home

He drives off , placing his hand
on my thigh

And he grips there , I just take
out my phone keeping myself
busy with it

Monde : have you found a place
? It's been two weeks

I look at him , and he's focusing
on the road

Me : you were serious ?

He chuckles

Me : okay , I found a loft
apartment

Monde : mhm , there was
nothing else ?

Me : I'm sure there was , but I liked it

Monde : okay , schedule an appointment so we can see it .
Where ?

Me : in Fourways

Monde : that's not bad

I feel like rolling my eyes

Monde : and the car ?

Me : I'm writing my license in a few days

Monde : yeah but , have you found a car ?

I shake my head

Monde : use words Mrs Nkosi

I sigh

Me : no

Monde : you didn't even look
did you ?

I clear my throat

Monde : you have two days ,
let's not fight please . I could
have found you a place and a
car in like a day , and it took you
two weeks . I just want you to
find them yourself , so it's a
place and a car you'll love .
That's why I'm saying find them
yourself , not because of
anything else

I say nothing

Because I don't want to seem
like I'm after his money

To be honest , I love Monde

Crazy and insane as he is , I love
him

Monde : you'll let me know
when we're going to see your
place , it better be this week

Me : okay

He drives through the gate at
his place

And there's just one car parked
out , I wonder just how many
cars he is

Because now he's driving a
Rover

We get off , he takes my bag
and we walk inside

Me : it's quite , where are your
people ?

I say as we walk in

He chuckles , placing my bag on
the couch

Monde : in their quarters

I nod , walking to the kitchen

He has Robert , who I still don't
get exactly what he caters in
the house

Then there's a chef , and a
helper that cleans and does
laundry

And they all live around the
estate

Monde : come here

He says as I open the fridge

Me : I need water

Monde : I'll get water for you
come

I turn walking to him , he picks me up placing me on the counter

We just stare at each other , in silence

He runs his hands on my thighs , and I miss him so bad

I lean forward giving him a kiss , which he gladly accepts

I trail my hand to his waist ,
pulling his shirt . He holds my
hand

And I'm annoyed , because he
has started again

Me : okay...what's going on ?

I ask annoyed pulling out of the
kiss

Monde : what ?

Me : you're avoiding me , like
for two weeks you haven't
touched me

Monde : what do you mean I....

He's shaking his head , and just
trying to act like he doesn't
know what I'm talking about

Me : please , you know exactly what I mean . Every time we kiss and things get heated up , you always pull away . Or you make some silly excuse , just to avoid having sex with me

He sighs

Me : Mo...please , if the first time we were intimate you

didn't like it . You didn't feel me
, then tell me . Because knowing
the truth , will be so much
better than feeling like a reject

He sighs

Monde : why would you say
something like that ?

His eyes stare into mine

Me : what am I supposed to say
?

Monde : You don't say such
things , you're hurting me
because I think that's how you
think I see you

I look down feeling emotional

Me : then what is it ? You can't
tell me it's normal , we've been

together for three weeks . Yet
we've had sex , like only once .

He caresses the side of my face
with his one hand

Me : is it because of the bruises
?

Monde : partly

Me : wow , so you won't touch me because of that ?

Monde : I hate hurting you

Me : well , deal with it cause you can't deprive me sex

He chuckles

Me : I'm not laughing with you

Monde : I know

Me : you said partly , so what else ?

Monde : I feel like I was quick to have sex with you , I don't want you to think I'm doing everything I'm doing for you because of sex . You're my woman , and I want you to see my money or anything else I do for you as just me spoiling you .

Not like I'm buying you , or
doing things for you and in
exchange for sex

I smile

Monde : I'm sorry I've been
starving you

He pecks my lips , placing his
hands on my hips

Monde : can I get one round ,
nna ke bolaiwa ke nopa (I'm
being killed by horniness)

I laugh

It's like the first time I hear him
speak my language , and the
accept

But it's like he speaks it

Me : that's your business , leave me out of it .

Monde : mphe kuku , ke bata go ja (give me pussy , I wanna fuck)

Me : you turned me down for two weeks , keep on with your pace and lane

He frowns

Monde : tthe mma (please)

Me : no , get away from me

I get off the counter , pushing
him out of my way

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Monde

Velile : what's going on ?

Me : you called me , so how am
I supposed to know what you're
talking about ?

He sighs

Velile : Nkazi tells me you were
this side , and you met with
your lawyers

Me : yeah , I don't get why you
always discuss me every time
you meet

Velile : and this woman ?

I shake my head

Me : what about her ?

Velile : do you love her Monde ?
Because if that's the case , then
you have to divorce Thembi .
And just be honest with them
both , don't hurt the woman
you claim to love . Tell her the
truth , so she's with you
knowing . Because in this way
it's like you're deceiving them

I rub my eyes

Velile : I'll be in Pretoria tomorrow with Khaya , and I want to see her . Just make a choice , because this will blow up in your face . Unless you have a plan , you're seriously playing with fire . Some women don't take kindly to betrayal , and she will feel used and lied to . And not just her , but your wife as well . Get done with

Thembi for good , before you reel in this girl . I don't know how you're going to do that , because there's a child to consider in all of this . Don't be selfish and put yourself before your son

He drops the call

Sofia : at least your brothers have more sense than you do

I look at her , putting my phone
down

Sofia : you have a wife and a
son , yet here you are acting like
a bachelor to a....

I shoot her an eye

She clears her throat

Me : go ahead say it

She blinks a few times

Sofia : I.....I didn't mean to
offend you

Me : help me , keep your mouth
shut where she is concerned .
Unless you're tired of living and
breathing

I get up , grabbing my suit jacket

Sofia : Monde I'm sorry , but we have work to do

Me : no , you work . I pay you after all

I grab my car keys walking out of the office heading to my car

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Reatile

I'm feeling a bit light today

Like I spoke with my father , and
he sounded so much better

I have hope that he's going to
get better

And that makes me happy , at
least I know he's getting better

But what I'm about to do right
now , I hope it doesn't get me in
trouble

As I was going around the house
, I stumbled upon this read door

I still roam around these walls ,
every time I'm here

And I don't know , it just looks
out of place

Because color's in this house
are just dull , so this red stands
out

I open the door , and with shock
it opens . I thought it'll be
locked or something

It's so dark inside , you can't say
it's just after 12:00

Monde left in the morning ,
saying he's going to the office

I don't know when he'll be back

And I don't see Robert ,
anywhere around

I walk in the darkness , I fiddle
for a switch on the wall and I
find it

I gasp in shock , as my eyes look
around this room

It just screams sexual tension

There's a bed in the middle ,
covered with a black sheet

There's a black leather whip ,
next to it there's black leather
cuffs

And to top it off , there's two
red roses next to them

The light , is not bright either

It's a dim of red

I swallow walking closer to the
bed

I trail my hand on the silk sheet
, picking one rose smelling it

It's fresh , like it was just put
there this morning or so not
long ago

I place it back , touching the
hand cuffs

I look at them , just feeling the
texture of the leather

Just wondering what kind of
bruises , would these leave on
one's wrists

I place them down , running my
hands through the whip

I close my eyes , just feeling the
leather against my fingers touch

That heavy presence , I open my
eyes in seconds

My armpits itch , sweating like
hell

I slowly turn facing him

He has a dark gaze in his eyes

I keep shifting my eyes from
him

Monde : Mrs Nkosi

I am scared , like I don't think
I'm supposed to be in this room

He's leaning against the door
frame

Me : I'm.....I

I sigh

He walks in , and I just keep
taking steps back until I'm
restricted by the bed

He stands in front of me

Monde : curious much ?

I look at him taking a swallow

Me : you.....you said you've
never brought a woman here

Monde : mhm , besides me
you're the first person to enter
this room

I shake my head slowly

Monde : I used to do these
things far away from my house ,
and since you came around . I
haven't

Me : so.....this is what your into
?

I turn facing the bed , and I feel
him just boring into me

He hugs me from behind

Me : I'm scared

Monde : take a leap of faith

I close my eyes

Monde : I desire this with you

His voice has gotten far too deep , and it's so darn flirtatious

He trails his hands to my shoulders , sliding the straps of my dress down

I start breathing heavily

Monde : relax , we'll keep it to
your pain tolerance

That just gets me shivering

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He runs his fingers on my back ,
down my spine just sending
chills and shivers all over my
body

He trails his hand to my lower
waist , pulling me against him

My bare body against his , and
he's still in his clothes

Monde : take it off

He places a few cold pecks on
my shoulder blades

I lift my legs up , with his one
hand running down my thighs

My panty slides off from my
ankles

With just one sway , he turns
me facing him

His eyes are a sight under this
red light

We lock eyes

His hands trailing to my ass , I
feel his palms grabbing on my
ass cheeks spreading them
apart

Massaging them slowly , his
stare intensifies

He places me on the bed , and
has my legs wide open

His eyes on my coochie , he's
staring

I even feel a bit somewhat , like
I can just close my legs

He leans over , trailing his hand
I look over seeing him pick the
whip

My insides go cold

Monde : relax , close your eyes

He moves back

I look at him , slowly closing my
eyes

My breathing is uneven

I shiver as the whip makes
contact with my body

I let out a slight gasp

He parts my legs even further ,
and I feel the whip trailing down
my coochie and up

The coldness on the leather ,
just causing me shivers

I so badly want to open my eyes
, but I feel like it won't be as

intense as this if I'm looking at
him

I feel him parting my coochie
lips with his fingers

It's then a slight tap of the whip
makes contact

And the sound of it , is just
enticing

Another follows , and I can feel myself just getting wet down there

The next whip that follows is a accompanied by slight pain

I shiver letting out a slight moan

And he goes on to whip my coochie quite a few times , I feel like it's burning now

And the moist down there is not helping anything

I feel my lower waist slightly getting painful , because of the pleasure that has built up

I can actually feel him , getting in between my thighs smelling my coochie that's dripping with liquid

He kisses my inner thighs ,
slowly going to my coochie

He slid his finger , before he
devours me with his tongue

I feel pleasure just shooting
through my body

I release all over his face , he
doesn't move away

He slides another finger , just
picking up his pace

His one hand trail to my boobs ,
he pinches my nipple

I scream out in pain and
pleasure

His thumb pressing on my clit , I
grab on the sheet for dear life

as another wave of pleasure
shoots through

And with just that , my thighs
are tired , they're shaking

I don't know when or how he
took his clothes off

But I just feel his bare lower
body , against my thighs as he
slides his dick through

He grabs on my thighs roughly
bringing me down , as he starts
pounding in

I feel like he's poking my inside

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Monde

She tries pushing me with her hand , going down on the bed

I bring her back up

She trails her hand on her
stomach , like she's holding it

Bending her back far over , her
face facing down

As she lets out a cry , it's just
pain mixed with pleasure

I place my hand on her sweaty
back , her ass bouncing on me

Rea : please.....cum....please I
can't.....I can't please cum

She cries out muffled by the
sheet

I take a few deep strokes ,
bringing her down flat on her
stomach

I lay over on top of her , my dick buried deep inside of her as I cum

I take a few seconds still , she shakes underneath me as she orgasms

I slowly get up , standing on my feet . With my dick twitching

I could take another go at her ,
but she's worn out

Me : come

She doesn't move nor turn for a
few minutes

She turns her face looking at me
, with tears still streaming down
on her face

Me : come

She is just staring at me

Me : you can't sleep in here ,
let's go to bed

She closes her eyes , I chuckle

Me : okay , I'm sorry . Are you in
pain ?

She nods

I walk over , picking her up into
my arms

As naked as we are , walking out
the door

I turn to lock it

Heading to our bedroom , I
open the sheets and put her
down

I go to lock the door , going
back to get into bed

I cuddle her into my arms

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Reatile

I open my eyes to find him
gawking at me

And I honestly don't like the
look that he's giving me

I turn over , giving him my back
making sure I'm covered

Monde : how's the pain ?

Me : I'm fine

I say , not knowing how bad he
bruised me this time

I don't even know how my
coochie is looking after getting
those whips

Just thinking about it , gives me
feels

I'm sure I look worse than last
time , I don't know

But it's whatever

Monde : should I run you a bath
?

He must have long been up ,
and just trying to scan my body

Me : I'm sleeping

He chuckles

Monde : Mrs Nkosi , it's
morning and my big brother
and the one after me are
coming

It was nice when Nkazimulo was
around

At least we get along

I don't know those two , they
might not even like me

Me : I'm sleeping

Monde : okay

He kisses the side of my head

Monde : I love you

Me : I love you

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Monde

Me : this is my big brother Velile
, and Khaya comes after me

She nods with a smile

Khaya : we're pleased to meet
you MaNkosi

She looks down smiling shyly

Velile : don't be shy now , that's
how your man calls you and
that's how we're going to
address you as well

Her phone rings

Me : you can get it

She nods walking away

Khaya : wow , it's one thing
hearing something and then
seeing it

Velile : she's beautiful

Khaya : she is , I never thought
I'll see you falling in love

Me : it's not like I planned it

Velile : but the situation is
fucked up like I said

I keep quite

Velile : you know we're getting
together at my house on

Saturday , so like who are you bringing ? MaNkosi or Thembi

Khaya : I don't know , but I think it'll just be the worst for the wives

Velile : I will get Pretty in line , but if we're having MaNkosi we can all best believe it'll be awkward

Me : then I might as well not
come

Velile : now that's nonsense ,
you know what you want . And
we all know , you're just going
to do what you want

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Reatile

I guess I was scared for no
reason

The brothers seem like nice
people

And they've been around like
the whole day

I'm in the kitchen doing dishes

As my phone beeps , and it's a
please call from Lerato

Every time I get something from him , I just become numb

Not knowing what will the person on the other side say

I call her , it rings for a bit and her mother answers

MaLerato : you haven't sent money this week

Me : what do you mean this week ? Since when do I send money weekly ? Especially because I sent money just last week

MaLerato : your father suddenly doesn't need medication now ? And you know we cannot afford those expensive foods the doctors require him to eat

I just drop the call , tears
burning my eyes

I don't even hear Monde
walking in , I just feel him next
to me

Monde : can I please not be a
failure to you

He places a kiss on my cheek ,
turning me to face him

Monde : what's wrong ?

Me : they're demanding more money again at home , after I send them half of the 10K you sent me last week . Like who spends 5K in a week

I sigh

Me : right now , I know they're just using me . And my father being sick is just a convenience for them , so they can keep demanding money from me

Monde : it's just money , herekeep this card , so you won't have to wait on me for your wifely allowance

I laugh wiping my tears off

Monde : money is the last thing
that has to get my wife crying

He hands me the black card

Monde : Velile and Khaya are
leaving , come say goodbye

Me : they're not sleeping over ?

Monde : no

Me : oh okay

Monde : we have the house to
ourselves

I laugh

Monde : so you know once they
leave we can

Me : not happening

Monde : hawu !

Me : don't , I'm swollen down
there

My poor coochie even looks
reddish

I don't know how I'm going to
survive Monde to be honest

I just have slight fading bruises on my wrists , it's when he was grabbing on them at one point

Sex with this man is something else , I swear you'll feel like you have been used sexually when he's done with you

It's just insane to be honest

Monde : let me see

I laugh

Me : for what ? Just take my word for it , but know it's not happening .

He sighs

Me : let me fix my face

He kisses both my eyes with a smile causing me to laugh , and he walks out

I lean over the counter heaving a sigh

I am really getting tired now , having to carry this responsibility over my shoulders

I'm a child myself , I still need to
be looked after

But here I am , feeling like a
grown ass woman

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : thank ...

Me : what am I doing here

Mpho ?

Mpho : hah babe ?

I fold my arms just looking at
him

Mpho : okay , I can see you're
upset

Me : with reason

He sighs

Mpho : okay fine , but can you sit down so we can talk

Me : I'm fine here

Mpho : I don't understand how we're going to talk , when it's like you came here ready for a fight

I sigh

Me : Mpho are you cheating on me ?

He frowns

Mpho : Babe....

Me : just the truth please

He walks closer , taking my hands into his

Mpho : babe , I'm sorry . I know I've been acting off , and I'm sorry my actions have made you think like this . I love you so much , I don't even dream of hurting you like that , please trust me . It's just that things have been hectic at work , and having to balance with school work it's getting hard . And my boss is not pleased , he's on my neck . So I've just been under pressure , and I'm sorry I made

you feel this way . I'll do better ,
I promise I'll try my level best
and balance my things

I sigh

Me : why didn't you just tell me
that things are hard at work ? I
would have understood , and I
know it can't be easy for him

Mpho : I'm sorry , I didn't want you to think that I'm making excuses

Me : I would never think that , it's when you don't tell me things I start thinking you're making excuses and fooling around

Mpho : I'm sorry , it won't happen again

I snuggle him for a hug

Mpho : I love you

I smile

Me : I love you too babe

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Reatile

He brings the glass of wine
closer to me

I look at him , as he takes a sip
of his Irish whiskey

Monde : what ?

He asks putting the glass down ,
his eyes boring into mine

Me : are you trying to get me
drunk , so you can have an easy
way ?

He chuckles

Monde : I don't need to do that

He pulls the glass , and pours
water in another and he slides
the one of water

Me : your drama Mr

He laughs

Monde : you don't know what
you want

I grab the wine glass , and take
a sip

Me : thank you for this

He smiles

We're out on a date , in one of those expensive restaurants

And all dressed up , even I feel all fancy tonight

I was bought a dress and shoes , specially just for tonight

Monde : I want us to go on a trip

Me : where ?

Monde : Columbia

Okay , that strange

I mean , Columbia is not the first place you expect to hear when a person mentions going on a trip

Me : okay , when ?

Monde : you're closing in a week , so after that

I was planning on going home , like I just want to see how my father is doing

Me : okay

Monde : you're cool with that ?

I nod with a smile

Monde : great we'll....

Voice : hi Rea

What the hell ?

I look at him , and he smiles

I shake my head annoyed

I look at Monde , and he's
looking at Alex

This is why I knew a relationship
would never work

Alex : it's been a while....

Me : are you stupid or what ?

Alex : I'm....

He turns his head and looks at
Monde

Alex : oh shit ! What are you
doing with this guy ? As far as I
know you don't wine and dine
clients , is it maybe because
he's a criminal ? Did he
intimidate you , or what maybe
you're just charmed by his
blood money ?

I feel tears just at the brink of
my eyes

I knew one way or the other ,
something like this would
happen

Monde can never be with me ,
and overlook my past

Like how can any man just do
that ?

Alex : get away from this guy , if
you know what's good for you .
He's a wanted felon....

Monde : fuck off , felon and
what the fuck do you actually
have on me ?

The way his voice is so deep , I
know he's not happy at all

He's angry

It reminds me of the day he
shot Pule , right in front of me

My hands are shaking right now
, I just want to burst and cry

Alex : well , you think you're so
untouchable and you're not .
The arm of the law , is very long
. Every dog has its day

Monde : mhm , call me names
and I'll fucking sue you and that
station

Alex clicks his tongue

Alex : what.....have you changed
careers now ? You're turning to
being a mule , and selling drugs
now ?

I get up abruptly , grabbing my
bag walking out of the
restaurant in a hurry

I get out , feeling the cold
breeze

I lean on the wall , catching my
breath as tears stream down my
face

What relationship did I think I stand with a man like Monde ?

Of course he won't be comfortable , with other men just throwing my past in my face in front of him

This is a disaster

He will see exactly what kind of a woman he has

There's no man that would ever
be with me and overlook that

I close my eyes , just trying to
calm myself down

I let out a slight scream , as I
feel hands engulfing me into a
hug

I relax when I inhale his scent ,
and I know it's him

Monde : I'm sorry your evening
was ruined

Me : please....take me back to
my place

I was still at his place , and was
going to leave tomorrow

But right now , I don't even
know if he still wants to be
anywhere near me

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Monde

I look at her , and she's not
happy

But there's no way I was going
to take her to her flat

Like for what ?

Me : need something ?

She shakes her head , taking her heels off walking up the stairs

I sigh taking out my phone

I dial his number , after a few rings he answers

Mpho : ta Monde

Me : I have a job for you , come
over to my house tomorrow
morning don't be late

Mpho : okay

I drop the call

I head upstairs , and she's in
bed

I lean against the door frame

I don't know what she's feeling
right now

But I know she's not okay , I
mean what that fool said sure
got to her

I walk further in , closing the
door

I sit down on the bed

Me : are you angry with me ?

Maybe she's angry , that I didn't stand up and speak for her

I mean , it did look like I didn't defend her there

Cause I barely said anything about what he said about her

But I was very quick to just jump in , when he mentioned my name

Me : MaNkosi

Rea : I'm not

She moves covering herself , that I can't even see her head at all

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Nomaswazi

I look at him , with sleepy eyes

Mpho : sleep

Me : babe...what's with calls
this late ?

Mpho : it's....it was just my boss

Me : this late ?

He lays back down

Mpho : it's nothing serious , just
that I have to come in early
tomorrow morning

Me : oh ? Couldn't he tell you
that earlier on ?

Mpho : it's okay babe , I'm sorry
I woke you up

Me : mxm , your boss sounds
and seems like he's a bully

He chuckles , placing a kiss on
my forehead

Mpho : it's okay let's sleep , I
need this job

I close my eyes snuggling closer
to him

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Reatile

I put on bum shorts , and his
shirt with half socks

I walk down , yawning still

I wonder where he is

Because I may have overslept ,
but then it's still early

Though with Monde you never
know

It's so quite , I guess even the
people around here are not in
the house yet

They're still in their quarters

Me : eish

I scratch my forehead , walking
in the kitchen

And am I not shocked , seeing
Mpho leaning against the
counter

Please let it not be that Monde
was serious , when he said
Mpho deals drugs for him

Like no ways !

Mpho : uhm....hi

Me : mhm

Mpho : what...

Me : what are you doing here ?

He scratches his head

Me : Mpho !

Mpho : please okay , can you
please not tell Swazi about this

? She thinks I'm working at
some warehouse , like please
don't

Wow !

Me : it's funny how you were
warning me against the devil
that you work for

Mpho : I'm sorry about that , I
was just.....

Me : Ng ng , forget about it . But please , stay in your lane and I'll stay in mine . See how we're just the same ?

He sighs

His eyes shift to the door , and I know someone is coming

I turn and it's Robert

Robert : Mrs Nkosi

I give up

Me : Robert

Robert : the chef has prepared
breakfast , should I set up for
you ?

Me : please , on the balcony

He nods with a smile

I turn to walk out , Monde walks
in talking on the phone

Monde : yeah , bring the file
over I'm busy

He places a peck on my lips , his
one hand on my waist

Monde : alright

He drops the call

Monde : Mrs Nkosi

I smile

I don't know if this is giving me
hope or what ?

Because even after last night ,
I'm still called Mrs Nkosi

Monde : I'm sorry I left you in
bed all alone , I had work

Me : mhm

Monde : I won't join you for
breakfast , I have a file coming
in that I need to work on

Me : okay

I turn to walk away , but I look
at him

Me : who is bringing the file ?

He smiles

Monde : it's Sofia

I frown

Me : I don't like that woman

He chuckles with a smile

I walk away from him going out
to the balcony

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Monde

Me : I need you to take care of
Alex

He pops his eyes

Mpho : the cop ?

Me : no the cleaner , of course
the cop

He sighs

Me : will that be a problem for
you ?

Mpho : no , but.....

Me : that but

Mpho : what I mean is when you say , take care of him . You mean off your back , or like off the face of the earth

Me : whichever one works for you , just as he learns the lesson to stay the fuck away from my woman . Is that clear ?

Mpho : crystal

Me : good

The gate monitor goes off

Me : let's walk out

My phone rings , and it's Sofia

Me : yes

Sofia : I'm at the gate

Me : I'm coming

Sofia : just open

I drop the call

We walk out with Mpho ,
getting to the gate . I open the
small one

Me : don't make me ask you anything

He nods walking away

I head to Sofia's car

Me : the file

Sofia : why can't I come in ?

Me : my woman is around

She laughs

Sofia : so because that girl is here , I'm not allowed in ?

Me : she doesn't like you , so less drama for me

She nods , with a slight smile

Sofia : wow !

Me : the file

She reaches to the back
handing me the file

Me : thanks

Sofia : I hope your personal
issues are resolved , so this
doesn't blow up in your face

Me : drive safe

I turn back going inside

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Nomaswazi

Me : what ?

I ask shocked

And I guess I shouldn't be , but I
didn't think it'll be so soon

Me : you're moving out ?

Rea : yes , Monde and I went to check this loft apartment today . And he's bought it for me , I've already signed the deed

Me : deed ? It's not a rental , like it's yours ?

Rea : yes it's mine

Me : wow , so why are you moving ? I mean what's wrong with our place ? Or maybe it's not enough for Monde Nkosi's girlfriend ?

She laughs

Rea : don't be like that , I'm not cohabiting with Monde . And I can't always be at his place ,

and we share so he can't come there to spend nights

Me : mhm , I guess you're right

Rea : yes , don't be sad . I'll still see you at campus , and I'll also come see you

Me : okay , I'll come see your place

She laughs

Rea : of course , once I've moved in . I'll come get my things , say tomorrow after my test

Me : test ? I didn't know you were writing tomorrow

Rea : oh it's just my license

Me : what ?

Rea : mhm , Monde said I need
a car apparently

Wow !

Me : I....I didn't even know you
were taking a licence

Everything is just happening
and moving so fast

Rea : it happened just last week
, I was lucky to get a spot for
tomorrow

Me : must be nice

She goes quite , I roll my eyes

Me : listen , I have to go

Rea : oh okay

I drop the call

Me : that didn't take long , not even a month in a relationship she's getting an apartment and a car .

I put my phone down

I guess things are happening for her now

I hope she knows what she's doing , because if not she will cry a river when this honeymoon phase passes

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Reatile

Monde : still hung up on your
conversation with your friend ?

He stands in front of me ,
getting in between my legs

He places his hands on my waist

Me : she was just off

He chuckles

Monde : one thing I hate about women , is that you're bitter and jealous of each other .

You're moving out , getting a car . Of course , in a way she does wish that could be her

I smile

Me : but , why would she be bitter about that ? I mean , if it was her I was going to be happy

Monde : maybe you should just stop telling her things , so she can see them happening . Next thing , she'll be wishing that things get fucked up between us . And she'll be saying I told you so

Me : mhm , that's just sad

Monde : very sad , because
you're mine and that's that

I laugh

He picks me off the counter

Monde : you really love this
place ?

Me : yeah , very much

Monde : it's small

Me : it's perfect for me

Monde : I guess you won't be
having any visitors ?

I shake my head with a smile

Me : no , this is a personal
space

We came in today , just to see
how they set up the furniture

And it's exactly as I wanted

The apartment was empty , so
after buying it yesterday

We went furniture shopping

They promised to bring it today
, and they did

I can't believe I now own my
own place , like I just never saw
this happening

I didn't even think of it

Monde : now you're just left
with a car

I went to take the test this morning , and I got it

I'm still scared of driving though , because coming back Monde had me driving his Jaguar

That felt like power

Gave me some insane rush

Me : I want an Audi R8

Monde : mhm

Me : metallic black , with red
seats

He laughs , giving me a kiss

Monde : it's all yours

I bite my lower lip , his stare just intensifies

I trail my hand down to his pants , brushing it over his dick

I feel it coming to life

Monde : I.....

He takes a deep breath cursing

I get down on my knees slowly ,
kneeling in front of him

I unbuckle his pants , taking
down his zip . Reaching inside
his briefs , taking his already
hard dick out

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Monde

She looks into my eyes , pulling
down my pants

She leans down , picking my
dick over her face

Getting under , licking on my
balls for a few seconds

She takes them into her mouth ,
sucking on them

I let out a deep grunt , grabbing
the back of her head

She lifts her eyes looking at me ,
slowly pulling out licking my
dick until she reaches the tip

She licks on it , her tongue just
doing things on me

I grab her hair , pushing her
further in as she takes half my
length into her mouth

I let her take control sucking
and licking

Until I feel I've filled her mouth

I let go of her hair , grabbing
both her hands to my sides

I thrust in , and with a few
thrusts she moves her head
back her eyes closed

I let go of her arms , bringing
her back taking more deep
thrusts

She places her hands on my
thighs grabbing hard , I feel her
nails sinking in

She gags , as I bring her further
in and she deep throats

Shaking her head , as tears
stream down her face

I let go of her head , grabbing
her throat tightening my grip

She moves her head back
coughing

With drips of my cum out of her
mouth

She looks at me , her eyes
reddish

I hold my hand to her , she
takes it

I help her up , tongue kissing
her she kisses me back

I rip her dress , she gasps in
shock pulling out of the kiss

I pin her up against the wall ,
holding her panty

Rea : you're just nasty , did you
have to tear my dress ?

I chuckle

Me : it's just a piece of cloth

She leans down pulling her
panty

I grab her neck bringing her
back

We lock eyes , I lift her leg with
my one hand

She grabs on my arms

I slide my dick in , taking a deep
thrust

She closes her eyes letting out a
scream , biting her lower lip

Me : look at me

She opens her eyes , I go in
deeper thrusting harder

She closes her eyes , I grip
harder on her neck

Me : don't do that , look at me

She shakes her head opening
her eyes

I loosen my hold , she lets out a
deep breath accompanied by a
moan

Her legs shaking

She holds tight on my arms ,
and tears stream down her face

as she graces my cum and she
squirts . I pull out , some of it
landing on me

I slide my dick again , as she
squirts some more pulling it out
again

She leans forward , letting out a
moan that's muffled with
screams and a cry

Laying her head on my chest

I hold her tight on her waist ,
making sure she's balanced and
won't fall

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : wow

Me : yes wow ! That's exactly what I said , I think she's just moving way too fast . And she'll crash and burn , because speed kills .

Mpho : but baby , Rea is not a child . And she knows what she's doing

Me : well for her sake , I hope she does know what she's doing . Because Rea knows no one here basically besides me , and if all this ever goes south . She will come back to me , and I'll have to take care of her

Mpho : I think you're
exaggerating this issue

Me : oh really ? They haven't
even known each other for a
month , but already she's acting
like they're soulmates

Mpho : now you're just
sounding like you're jealous

I gasps

Mpho : I am not saying you are ,
I'm saying you sound like

Me : well , I didn't know that
caring for your friend or telling
the truth is suddenly now called
being jealous

He sighs

Mpho : now you're just twisting
my words , I didn't say that

Me : doesn't matter , she's just
happy now . Because it seems
like her financial strain , has
been taken off her shoulders .
This just has way too many red
flags , like first it was her job .
Now an apartment and a car ,
it's too much

I clap my hands

Me : this is how it starts with toxic men , they make sure they lure you in . That you end up being dependent on them , so even when they screw you over you don't have a way out . So you'll be stuck with them , and this just seems like it . She doesn't have a job , once she moves out her place here is gone

Mpho : babe

He shakes his head

Mpho : right now , you're
sounding like that's what you're
hoping happens

Me : okay fine , say whatever
you want to say . But you'll tell
me , and remember this day .

This.... This is just a disaster in
the making awaiting to happen

He sighs

I know he might think I'm
jealous , and maybe I am

But there's just so many things
to be cautious about

And it seems like Rea is just
being oblivious to them

But I'll shut my mouth , because
I don't want to be labelled as a
fake friend

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Reatile

I have to go to the flat today ,
and get my things

But the way I'm so tired

I can sleep the whole day , and
just do nothing

Monde left in the morning

I have no idea where he went

I've just woken up , taken a shower and had my food

It's late , just after midday

I'm glad to not be going to campus today

I'm startled out of my thoughts
by a ringing phone

I'm sceptical , because I know
that's not my ringtone

I look around , maybe it's his
he's around

But I see nothing , and I don't
see him coming in or anything
else

Just when I look over the
counter , I see his phone

Doesn't make sense to me ,
how he left and left his phone
behind

I walk over to the counter , and
I look over checking the screen
and seeing who's calling

And the caller ID is saved as
Thembi

Me : Thembi ?

I've never heard of the name ,
nor has it ever come anywhere
in passing

I hold the phone , debating
whether to answer or just leave
it

It drops

Me : oh well

I turn to walk back , but it rings again and still the same caller

I take a deep breath answering

Me : hello ?

I can hear whoever is on the other side is breathing

Me : sorry , but the owner of the phone is not here . Please call back in a hour

Still nothing

I drop the call , going back to take my seat

I guess whoever she is , she
wanted to talk to Monde alone

So much that she couldn't even
just say two words to me

Or a simple hello at least , or
respond back when I say he's
not around

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Monde

She pulls out of the kiss

I place my car keys on the
counter

Me : I swear , the way you deep
sleep . One day people will
kidnap you , and you'll wake up
in a foreign country

She smiles

Rea : it will be your people

I frown , she laughs

Me : it's not funny

Rea : apparently

I pull a chair , sitting down

Me : I...listen , Velile is having
something at his place this
Saturday

Rea : you're going to Joburg ?

Me : we're going to Joburg

Rea : we as in....

I nod

Rea : whoa ! What's something
?

I chuckle

Me : just a barbecue get
together , nothing intense

Rea : who will be there ?

Me : my brother's and their
wives , well I'm sure Nkazi will
being his girlfriend

Rea : so you're all married ?

I chuckle

Me : who's all ?

She laughs

Rea : oh sorry , I meant Velile
and Khaya

Me : yeah they're married

Rea : okay , I hope it won't be awkward

Me : if it gets awkward we leave

She smiles

Me : there's something I want you to see outside

Rea : what ?

Me : let's go you'll see

She gets up , I also get up
reaching for my phone

Rea : oh Thembi called you

I go cold instantly , just
maintaining a look for her

So she doesn't catch on
anything

Rea : I'm sorry I answered , she was calling for the second time

Me : mhm what did she say ?

Rea : nothing basically , I told her to call you later on she kept quite and of course I dropped the call

I just stare at her

Finding it very hard that's what happened

Like that's so unlike Thembi , I mean the quietness

I doubt she even knows how to do that

Rea : you said you want to show me something

Me : you won't even ask who's
Thembi ?

She laughs

Rea : no , if you don't see the
need to tell me I see no need to
ask . And I don't expect to be
questioned about people who
call me , so I'm just offering you
the same courtesy

Me : Mrs Nkosi , that's hurtful

She smiles

Rea : hurtful how ?

Me : I feel like you're not
jealous over me

She laughs

Rea : what do you want to show me ?

I chuckle

Me : wow , go outside you'll find it . And now you're going all alone , I'm sad

She laughs going out

I open my phone , and
surprisingly there are no texts
messages from Thembi

It's the scream from outside ,
that gets me putting my phone
down . She comes in running ,
laughing and screaming like a
mad woman

She just jumps on me , good
thing I catch her

Otherwise , we would both be
down on the floor

Rea : oh Mphazima it's so
perfect , my god I love it . Like
thank you , thank you so much .
I'm so happy

I chuckle

Me : I'm glad you love it

The screams die down , my shirt
gets wet

And I'm okay , because I know
they're tears of joy

I love that she chose the car
herself , and she chose her
place

I know she's truly happy , and
I'm happy too

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Nomaswazi

Me : I'm happy for you

She just smiles

Mpho : let me take those to the car.....wait , what did you come with ?

Rea : Monde is outside

Mpho : okay , let me take them

He gets up taking the bags from
Rea , and he walks out

Me : I can't wait to come see
your new place

Rea : you should come soon

I don't know , but she's just
sounding off

Me : where is it again ?

Rea : I didn't tell you , but it's in
Fourways

I nod

Me : okay , well I guess I
understand why you would

need transportation every
morning to college

Rea : yeah , I should get going .
I'll see you around

See me around ? Are we not
friends anymore ?

Me : wait , are you going home
as we're closing ?

Rea : no , Monde is taking me to
Columbia

Me : wow , well okay

She walks out , I'm just left just
like that

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Reatile

Me : please bring me panty
liners

He looks at me

Monde : what's that ?

I laugh

Me : the small pad looking like
thing

He frowns

Monde : the thing you put in
your

Me : Mphazima !

He laughs getting up

Monde : okay I'm sorry , I'll
bring it

He walks to the bathroom , I
finish lotioning

And isn't it crazy ?

A month has gone by , and I don't remember using pads like not this month

Me : wasn't I supposed to get my periods last week ?

I mean even when my cycle changes , it's never more than a week

And it's been a week now

Me : oh shit !

Monde : what's wrong ?

I turn startled looking at him

Me : mhm ?

Monde : oh shit ?

I laugh nervously

Me : it's.....nothing , I just thought of something . Can we pass by Dischem or Clicks on our way to Joburg ?

It's Saturday , and we're going to Joburg for his brother's thing

Monde : okay

He hands me the panty liner

I take my panty putting it on

Now my stress levels are just up
high and over the roof

We've been together for like
close to a month

And if I'm pregnant , where
does that put us ?

I mean , can we even have a
child at this stage

Like isn't it too soon

Monde : get done

I look at him , realising I zoned
out

Me : yeah , sorry

Monde : what's on your mind ?

Me : nothing serious

He just stares

I lean over grabbing my jean
and t-shirt putting them on

Me : shouldn't I be wearing a
dress ?

He smiles

Monde : you could wear a short
, and it'll still be fine

He hands me my socks , I put
them on sitting on the bed

He takes my sneakers , helping
me put them on

Monde : Velile would probably
be in an awkward situation

We laugh

Monde : let's go

I get up , he takes my hand I
grab my side bag

We leave , and I'm just so lost in
thought

He goes to Dischem

Me : I'll be in quick and out

Monde : I'm not coming ?

I laugh

Me : no , I'll be quick in and out

Monde : okay

I grab my bag getting out of the
car

I rush inside , and go to the isle
of medicine

I look around , and find the test
like at the end of the isle

I grab two , taking a deep
breath

I'll probably have to take
another , just to be sure

I head to the till and pay

Me : do you have restrooms ?

The cashier looks at me

Her : for staff only inside

Me : eish , I'm really pressed
and we're heading to Joburg in
a hurry . It'll just delay going to
the toilets

Her : you won't leave a mess ?

I laugh

Me : no , I'll just be in and out

Her : alright , come this way

She walks away with me ,
heading to the toilets

Her : I'll stand by and watch

Me : thank you

I get inside , and open one
pregnancy test

I pee on the stick , and sit still
on the toilet

Just looking at it , I don't even
have a watch to look at the time

It'll just be too much , taking my
phone out

I wipe myself , just to pass time
. I place it down on the floor
getting dressed

And as I lean down to pick it up ,
there it is

3 weeks pregnant

Me : fuck !

I bite my lower lip , just feeling
somewhat

I take a deep breath

I'm getting all sorts of emotions
right now

I don't even know where
Monde stands with having kids

But today ...or rather now is
definitely not a good time to tell
him

Maybe later on , when we're on
our own

I flush the toilet , putting the
stick back in the box

I put it inside my back , taking
out R200

I walk out

Me : thank you so much , please
take this you'll buy yourself a
drink

Her : you don't have to

Me : no please , you really
helped me

She takes it

Her : thank you

We walk out , and I thank her
once again grabbing bar snacks

I pay for those and walk out

I take a deep breath getting to
the car

I get in , he looks at me

Me : I didn't find what I was
looking for , got snacks anyways

I take one opening it , and
taking a bite

He chuckles shaking his head
slowly , and he drives out

I wonder how I'm going to tell
him

Or maybe I will just show it to
him , after taking the second
one

I can't believe there's a little
human being inside of me right
now

Like what kind of a mother
would I even be ?

I mean , in all my 20 years of
living

I've never even held a baby in
my arms

So imagine giving birth to one

Like a whole me ?

No , like that just sounds insane

I don't even picture Monde as a
father

He doesn't strike me as one

He places his hand on my thigh

I look at him

Will the baby look like me or him ?

If it's a boy he better look like him , I mean the man is a catch through and through

So that would be nice

Monde : what are you smiling about ?

I laugh

It's a good thing people can't
read nor hear other people's
thoughts

Otherwise I would be done for

Me : you're gripping my thigh

He brushes his hand on it

Monde : I love doing this when
you're wearing shorts or skirts ,
it's much nicer

I laugh , leaning my head back
on the car seat

But this was stupidity

Especially on my side

Why wasn't I on any prevention method ?

Yet I'm letting this man choke me all he wants

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Reatile

He holds my waist , pulling me
closer to him

I place my hands on his arms

He leans down , pecking my lips

Monde : everything okay ?

No

Like those wives , haven't
stopped just giving me nasty
and ugly eyes since we got here

The only person better is
Nkazi's girlfriend

Like it's just an awkward
situation for me

And I can tell , I'm not
welcomed here

Monde : I said , if it gets
awkward we leave

I sigh

I don't want to seem somehow ,
and ruin the day for everyone

So I'll just push through , I've
made it this far

What's a few more hours

Me : it's just the wives , they're
somehow towards me . The
only person that seems fine is
the girlfriend

He captures my lips into his ,
and we kiss for a few minutes

Monde : let's go

Me : no.... I don't even know those people , so it's fine .
Besides , people are about to eat right now . It'll just seem rude if we just suddenly leave

Monde : we don't have to withstand people who are not welcoming towards you

I smile

Me : it's fine really , let's go sit

Monde : after they eat , we
leave

Dramatic much

I lean over giving him a kiss , he
kisses me back

And we walk out , holding
hands back to the table outside

He pulls my chair , I sit down

And the noise suddenly just dies
down

I look at Velile's wife , she's
holding a glass of wine

And her eyes are just piercing at
me

Honestly , it seems like she has
a problem with me

And I wonder what

But I won't stress myself ,
because I don't even know her
like at all

And she doesn't know me
either , she's not worth any
stress

I have a lot of things to stress
about , she's definitely not even
on the list

Because this is the first time she
even sees me , and first time i
see her as well

Maybe she doesn't like me for
Monde

Or maybe there's an ex of his
that she liked , and she believes
they belong together

I mean women are just full of
shit , and you can't keep up
with them

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Monde

Pretty keeps darting her eyes to
Rea

And I told Velile that I don't
want the drama of this woman
of his

But seems like she didn't get
the memo

Because she's fucking acting
right now

She places her glass of wine down , her eyes still stuck on Rea . She's literally just staring at her

Nkazimulo looks at me , clearing his throat

I guess he can also see what's going on here

I pour myself a glass of water ,
taking my eyes off her

Velile : MaNkosi

Rea looks at him

Velile : so far being in Joburg ,
you think you can like it more
than Pretoria ?

She smiles

Khaya : that's definitely a no

They laugh

Rea : I think Joburg is just too busy

Nkazi : yeah right it's....

Pretty : oh really ?

She fucking slams the table ,
placing her wine glass down

Pretty : are we being for real
right now ? We're going to sit
around here , and pretend like
what's happening here is fine ?

And here we go

Velile : Pretty !

Pretty : don't Pretty me , what
is this girl doing here ? Who is
she even ?

The fuck !

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Reatile

Pretty : and what is Thembi supposed to say , when she hears we were here having lunch with some random girl .
Who is being called by our surname ?

Thembi ?

I can never forget that name

Of course I'll remember it
whenever it pops up , or I meet
someone with the same name

I look at Monde , and he's so
calm

So calm that he's scaring me ,
it's like that day when he
budded in the room killing Pule

Velile : don't start with....

Pretty : with what ?

Voice : oh don't worry I am here

Says a female voice , I turn my
head back

And she's beautiful I won't lie ,
a whole dark beauty . I can't
take that from her

I guess she's thee Thembi

Velile : you called Thembi here
? Are you out of your mind ?

So it is her

Thembi : she did right , now I
know exactly where the Nkosi
brothers stand

Pretty picks her glass of wine

Thembi : so this is the whore
that's busy with my husband ?

What the hell ?

Did she just say husband ?

And within a split second , she
grabs the glass of water from
Monde and just splashes it over
me

I'm so dumbfounded , I have no
reaction whatsoever

So many thoughts are just going
through my mind , this seems
and feels like a dream

And I'm thinking of this baby ,
I'm like is this really me ?

I went from selling my body , to
a home wrecker

Like really ?

Thembi : you serve me with
divorce papers , sending your
lawyers to me . Monde what

the fuck do you think you're doing ?

Nkazi : don't talk to him like that

Thembi : I'll show you divorce

I didn't even realise she was holding the papers in her hand , until she tries slapping Monde with them

I'm on my feet in seconds

And I don't know when or how
he got up , and turned

I just see the back slap he
throws at her , she lands flat on
the floor on her butt

The fucking divorce papers just
flying away

Khaya is up , trying to hold his
brother back

Thembi is crying , just begging
Monde

It's all just insane

Thembi : baby please don't do
this to us , think about our child

. Whatever is wrong , we can fix
it

I'm stuck on "our child"

Like what have I gotten myself
into ?

This is way more than I can take
nor stomach

My own tears fail me

I just feel like screaming my
lungs out

I can't even look at Monde , this
woman's tears are a lot

She's still on the floor crying

I need to get the hell out of
here

All this is just beyond me

I should have known , I should
have known that this was too
good to be true

I've been busy with a family
man , thinking I've found myself
a boyfriend

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Monde

She crawls , grabbing my leg

I kick her off on her stomach ,
she folds her legs crying

Velile : Monde !

I dart my eyes seeing Rea
walking away , and she's crying

It's just breaking my heart ,
knowing she's crying like that
because of me

Me : Nkazimulo to the car now

Nkazi : she's angry , do you think she wants any of us near her ?

Me : she's angry with me , not you

He rubs his hands together

Velile : Nkazimulo !

Nkazi : but you saw how she is

Khaya : just go

He sighs

Nkazi : okay fine

Me : now would be the best time , and make sure she gets where she wants to go safe

Nkazi : okaybabe I'll be back

He says to his girlfriend , and
he runs off to the direction she
went

Thembi : Monde how can you
do this to us ?

Me : sign those damn papers ,
while you're at it give me my
son

I walk away heading towards
the house

There's just commotion going
on there

Velile : this is all your fucking
fault , damnit Pretty what is
wrong with you ?

Pretty : I....I....

I disappear from them , while
she's just there stuttering

I take out my phone calling her ,
and it doesn't even ring

Fucking no doubt , she's
blocked me

Well , that didn't take long

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Reatile

Nkazi : I'm taking you to the
hotel ?

Me : why did he send you ?

He sighs

Nkazi : he wants you safe

I shake my head wiping my
tears off

Nkazi : I'm sorry about this

Me : so it's true , he's married
and has a child ?

His silence says it all

Me : wow , he played me and I
fucking fell for it

I place my hand on my mouth ,
muffling my cries

Nkazi : he's getting a divorce

Me : he lied to me Nkazimulo ,
he lied . I asked your brother if
there's anyone , and he just
pointed to me

I feel my heart being ripped
apart

Me : you all just looked at me ,
and pretended to welcome me
...knowing this

I look at him , my eye sight all blurred because of tears

Me : maybe I understand your big brothers , but you Nkazimulo . I thought we get along

Nkazi : we do , I'm sorry okay . It's just that he just damn loves you so much , that he killed to

have you . I don't doubt his love for you , and I knew telling you the truth was best coming from him and not me

I don't even care to know how he knows about that

We finally get to the hotel

Nkazi : let me walk you in

Me : I'm fine , I'll rather all you
Nkosi people stay away from
me

I get off his car , and head
towards the entrance

I get in , wiping my tears off and
just fixing myself

I look at him , making sure I'm
in a view he cannot see me

I see him talking on the phone ,
he is still for a bit before he
drives out

I heave a sigh of relief

Making sure he's gone , I get
out requesting an uber

I've had enough of Joburg for
one day , I'm thanks

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Monde

Khaya : it's that fucking wife of yours

Nkazi : MaNkosi is not okay

Obviously

Velile : since when do we lay our hands on women ?

Me : don't start lectures with
me Velile

He shakes his head

Velile : did you see how she
looks ?

Me : do I fucking care Velile ?
Like do you see me caring ?

He gives me one disappointed
look

Khaya : this was just a disaster

Nkazi : now MaNkosi thinks we
were all just pretending with
her

I heave a sigh

Me : give me your phone

Nkazi : she blocked me

Fuck !

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Reatile

I don't think I've ever cried so
much my entire life

I even went back to Google just
to see if I somehow missed ,

anywhere it talked about him
being a family man

But there was nothing

The only thing that's there is his
businesses and nothing else

I can't believe I've been such a
fool

How can I be so stupid ?

But I guess stupidity is my thing

I fell for this man , I'm pregnant
with his child

And now this

What am I going to do ?

One thing that's for sure is that
me and Monde are done

I don't care if he's divorcing or not

Fact of a matter , now I just look like a reason for their marriage falling apart

And what's to become of our child , when he already has a child ?

How do I even bring a baby into such an environment ?

This was probably going to work , with the father in the picture

But now , that's not happening

Lord what have I done ?

I pick the pillow placing it on my thighs

I lean down , placing my face on
the pillow

I let out a scream of a cry , just
screaming my lungs out

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Nomaswazi

I call her , and her phone rings
for a while

I sigh

As I'm about to drop she
answers

Rea : hey

Her voice is strained , like she's
been crying

We haven't spoken since she
left here , and I just thought I'll
check on her

Me : what's wrong ?

She goes quite

Me : Rea you're scaring me ,
what's wrong ?

She just burst into a cry , and I
can just tell by listening to it

She's hurt , it's like she's in pain

Me : okay babe , where are you
?

Rea : I'min Fourways

Me : send me your address , I'll
ask Mpho to bring me over

Rea : okay.....

And she just cries , I drop the
call calling Mpho

I hope he's available

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Reatile

Swazi : here is tea

I take the cup from her

Me : thank you

She slept over

I was just a mess last night , I
couldn't even utter anything
sane

Swazi : I'm sorry

I chuckle

Me : shouldn't you be telling me
, you told me so ?

She sighs

Swazi : no , I won't . Because I believe you really love this guy , and when you're in love you don't think the person that you love can hurt you

Me : I was stupid

Swazi : babe , you couldn't have known

Me : I should have , like what's a man like Monde doing without a woman ? I should have fucking known

Now that I think about this , I was really stupid

Of course , how could he really want something serious with a woman like myself ? With my past

Swazi : I wish I can stay here
with you all day

Me : you have to go home ,
your parents are expecting you .
Don't worry about me , I cried
enough last night

Swazi : I'll call everyday , and
don't hesitate to call me . And I
think maybe you should go

home as well . Just get a
breather

Me : yeah , I think I should too

We hug

Me : don't burn

She laughs pulling out of the
hug

Swazi : let me make you food
fast , and I'll be on my way

Me : I can't afford a maid sis

We laugh as she gets up walking
down to the kitchen

I place the cup down , getting
up

I reach in my bag , taking out
the sealed pregnancy test

I go to the toilet

I take a deep breath

Somehow today , I'm just
praying for different results

I'm just praying this comes back
negative

I pee on the stick , and sit on
the toilet

I put my hands on my face , just
taking deep breaths

After a while I look at it , and I
swear the universe has turned
its back on me

Like really ?

What am I going to do with this baby ?

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Monde

Velile : and ?

I ignore him , looking at
Nkazimulo

Me : you said you left her here

Nkazi : I did

Me : she's not here

Nkazi : maybe she checked out
already

Me : she was never here ,
there's no such person as her
who checked in here yesterday

Nkazi : what ?

Me : Nkazimulo , don't ask me questions . You better pray to your Nkosi ancestors , that she's okay where she is

Velile : can we not.....

I get in my car driving off

Now the only thing to do , is drive to Pretoria

Hopefully she's back in
Fourways

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Nomaswazi

Mpho : what ?

I lean back on the bus seat

Me : yeah , Monde is married
and he has a child

Mpho : baby are you sure ?

Me : I'm certain

Mpho : wow , I didn't know this

Me : who knew ? Rea has been with this guy for like what ? A month now , and she's never even suspected anything . Only to find out this way

I shake my head

Me : she's not okay at all , like
she's taken this bad

Mpho : well , it's
understandable

Me : I don't know what she's
going to do now

Mpho : with what ?

Me : a place to stay , you know I saw an Audi R8 at her apartment . And I must say , even the apartment itself it's just stunning . It's like something you'll see in a magazine as an advertisement

He chuckles

Mpho : you're exaggerating

Me : no , I'm for real

Mpho : so in that case , she has
a place and a car on too

Me : did you hear anything I
said ? The man is married

Mpho : babe I heard you

Me : And I'm sure now that the
truth is out , he's going to

apologize to his wife and forget
all about Rea

Mpho : but the divorce

I laugh

Me : babe , let's be realistic
please . There's no man , that
will ever leave his wife for a side
chick like ever

He laughs

Mpho : I'm sure Rea meant more than that to Monde

Me : he wouldn't have used her , and lied to her like that if she did . I'm telling you it's just sad , she was a mess yesterday . And this morning , you could tell she wasn't herself

Mpho : yeah well that's

Me : Argh ! The stupid white woman , babe I'm running out of airtime . I'll call you when I get home , please be safe and behave yourself

He laughs

Mpho : okay baby , I love you

Me : I love you.....

And the damn call gets dropped

I deleted my bank app , to run
away from always buying
airtime with the app

That I'll always be broke

I plug in my headsets , playing
music

I lean back closing my eyes

It's a long journey to KZN

I hope Rea survives this

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Monde

She's home

But clearly , she's locked me out

I've been knocking , she's not
answering

But I know , she's here

I use the spare key I kept , she
knows I have it

I open walking in , there's a
sound of the TV

I lean over looking by the
lounge , and she's laying on the
couch

Covered with a fleece , she's
awake though

Me : MaNkosi

She doesn't even look at me

Me : please lets talk

Rea : Monde l....

Me : not this again

Rea : you must be out of your mind right now , if you think I care about not calling you with your name . What are you doing here ? Shouldn't you be with your wife and child ? Leave me

alone , I'm done with you . And I want nothing to do with you , like nothing . You best get away from me , don't ever come to me .

She sits up , wiping her tears off

Rea : if you want your house and car back , then fine . You might as well take the laptop , and the phone . Along with everything else you bought me ,

while at it take your card . And
leave me alone

Me : okay , you're still angry
right now . And I understand , I
hurt you . So I'll just give you
space , no one is walking out of
this relationship . That one is
not happening , and it'll never
happen

I turn to walk away

Me : and don't ever , tell me to
take my things and whatnot .
Do I look that petty to you ?

Rea : then get out , and stop
coming to my house

I look at her

And she's angry , I fucking
messed up with her

Rea : tsamaya Monde o tsile go ntena (leave , you're going to annoy me)

Me : kea go rata (I love you)

She clicks her tongue

Rea : leave my key , you're trespassing walking into my house like you own it

I'm really being kicked out

I take her the keys placing them
on the table

Me : okay , I won't let myself in
anymore

She says nothing , I heave a sigh

Me : I love you , despite everything else . If only you can just give me a chance to.....

Rea : I don't want to hear anything , you've made me an idiot . And now I'll be looked at , as some home wrecker . I won't understand anything , about the fact that you lied to me about being married and having a child . Monde please leave , I don't ever wanna see you again

I hate that now I'm here , and
making her cry all over again

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A WEEK LATER

Reatile

I've been nothing , but just a
mess

I can't eat , I barely sleep

I'm always crying half the time

I don't get how my heart , just
fell so hard for Monde

That I am hurting this much ,
and I feel like I've lost a big part
of me . There's just that
emptiness that's there

But it is just nonsense , because
here I am hurting all by myself

He's been coming here like all
week

He sits outside there ,
sometimes I don't even hear
him when he leaves

So it makes me wonder if he
does leave or not

I've spoken to Swazi , she's
trying her best to cheer me

At least she's enjoying her
holidays back home

I wish I could go home too

But in my state , I know it won't
be the best thing to do like right
now

Those people are just going to
annoy me

And I'll regret why I went there

I've just taken a bath , I want to head out to the mall very fast

I hope I don't see Monde out there

The less I see of that man , the better

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Monde

Thembi : I am not giving you
that divorce , because I do
actually love you . And I want

this family of ours , and we're going to make it work . You don't just throw away a whole marriage , just because you feel like you can't take it . We're not breaking our family , we won't raise our son in a broken family environment . We're not going to make him suffer like that , this home is not broken . I refuse to let go , so you might as well tell that....

Her phone rings , and looks at
me before she picks it up
answers

Thembi : yes , right now ?

She listens for a bit

Thembi : okay , I'm on my way

She drops the call

Thembi : if you don't stop the sale of the house , then we're moving right to Pretoria with you

Me : my son is moving with me , you're going nowhere with me . You'll figure yourself out , and I'm not kidding with you

Thembi : we'll see

She picks him up , grabbing her car keys and she walks out

I take my phone and make a call

Mpho : ta Monde

Me : o kae ? (Where is she)

Mpho : at Fourways mall

Me : okay

I drop the call , leaning back on
the couch

Thembi has been such a nag

I decided to come today ,
because the sale of the house is
going through

I'm selling this house , she'll see
what to do with herself

When she comes back , I'm taking my son and leaving with him

I've already found someone to mind him , just a nanny we got when he was a month

But she couldn't hold the job for long , but I checked with her and she's available

As it stands , I just need to be
done with this

So I can work on getting Rea to
forgive me

It's crazy not speaking to that
woman , not seeing her and not
being able to hold her

It is like pretty damn insane

I need her back , and I'll make
sure I get her

I know now she's still hurting ,
and she needs her space

But I won't stay away , to give
her a chance to be rid of me

And finally let go of me

Because once she does , it'll be very hard to get her back

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Reatile

I get out of my car , rubbing my
sore eyes

I do look like a mess

And now I think I'm just going to
create , another mess . I hope I
can be able to live with myself

But I don't have a choice ,
without Monde being with me I
cannot afford to raise this child
on my own

Where will I even begin ? What
will I do , without no support . I
don't want a fatherless child , I
just can't do it

I take a deep breath ,
continuing with my walk

Voice : if it's not the home
wrecker

I turn my head , and it's the wife

I can never forget her face

Thembi : little girl , how do you
feel taking a man away from his
family ?.

Me : I'm very sorry , Monde and I are done . I didn't know he was married , I would never date someone's husband . Please , I'm sorry for whatever troubles I caused

Thembi : you think your sorry is going to fix things ? You have messed with the wrong woman , and I'm going to teach you a lesson

She grabs my arm

Me : please don't start with me
, not like that . You may be
older , but I'll wipe this floor
with you . I've apologized ,
please take your anger to your
cheating lying bastard of a
husband . You people clearly
have issues , and that's why
he's busy whoering around .
Blame yourself , clearly you're
lacking

She lifts her hand to slap me , I hold it

Me : don't you dare !

Thembi : you think you can handle a man like Monde ? You have no idea , see how my face looks ? It's all him , he did this . Let's see if you can even handle a simple slap from him

I let go of her arm , yanking
mine off of hers

She looks bad , I don't even
want to believe that Monde did
that

Me : please stay away from me ,
go fix your broken marriage . It
all starts at home , before you
can go around pointing fingers

and blaming outsiders . If he
didn't get a reason to cheat
from home , he wouldn't have

She tears up , I walk away from
her

I understand she's hurting , but
she better go face her husband
and leave me alone

I'm not the one who cheated

I didn't know Monde was
married

And now I said all that to her , I
didn't even mean those words

If a man is a cheater , he's a
cheater . And it has absolutely
nothing to do with the woman

I walk in , and head to reception

I've already made an appointment , and I'm right on time

The doctor is ready for me

I walk in the room , and he smiles . I pass greetings , he greets back

Doc : are you ready?

Me : yes

Doc : and you're sure this is
what you want to do ?

I sigh , fiddling with my fingers .
Just overwhelmed by emotions

Me : yes , I want to have an
abortion

He pulls the file , and nods
writing on it

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Monde

Me : what....what happened ?

The officer looks at me , and the
look on his face says they're
gone

I slide through , just looking for
my son

And as I see the small plastic
covering the small body

I feel like breaking down , my
knees go all weak

I uncover the face , and it's him

He's hurt so bad , that he's
bleeding from his forehead . I
can see just how his skull is
slightly opened

I close his eyes , and pull the plastic over his head again

I take out my phone , still crouching down next to him

Velile : bafo (brother)

Me : Thembi and the baby are gone

Velile : gone ? So she finally left
, but I thought you're keeping
Aphiwe with you

Me : they're dead , she got into
a accident just near Fourways .

Velile : what ?

Me : there's bottles here , she
was drunk driving with my son .
She fucking killed him

Velile : I'm coming to Pretoria
right now

He drops the call

I've never felt this much pain ,
he's still young for this

Like he was just a baby , and he
didn't deserve to die like this

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Monde

Khaya : could it be one of your
enemies ?

Me : no

Khaya : are you sure ? Like.....

Me : she was drunk Khaya

I look at him , tears burning my
eyes

Me : she had my son in the
fucking damn car , and she was

drunk . He wasn't even strapped tight , he flew over as the car turned and rolled over . His skull was fucking opened , she did that . There were bottles of alcohol everywhere , near the scene . And the results came back , she was intoxicated beyond . There's no foul play here

Khaya : I'm sorry

He looks down rubbing his eyes

Velile : he meant no harm , just that Thembi has always been a responsible mother

Me : don't accuse me of shit , whatever nonsense happened between us has nothing with her being reckless . She should have died alone

Nkazi : okay don't.....

Me : what ? She couldn't take rejection , like a fucking grown ass woman . She wanted to die , she should have died alone

Velile sighs

Velile : this is done now , what are we going to do ?

Me : I'm driving down to KZN
this evening , they've given me
my son . I'm going to bury him
home

Nkazi : and Thembi ?

Me : what about her ?

He clears his throat

Nkazi : is she....are you not going to bury her home ?

Me : for what ? Is she a Nkosi ?

He looks down

Me : I'm burying my child , let her parents bury her too . She's not my responsibility , they'll see what to do with her . I won't keep my son in a morgue

, he's been there for a day it's
enough . He'll be buried the day
after tomorrow

It goes silent for a while

Velile : I'll get Pretty to fix me a
bag quickly , I'll head home with
you . They'll follow tomorrow
morning , and we'll get things
prepared . I've called the uncles

Khaya : I'm coming with , Pretty
will come with Thandwa and
the kids tomorrow

Nkazi : I guess we're leaving ,
who do I talk to about the jet ?

Me : call Robert

He nods taking his phone out
making the call

I'm not even in disbelief , I've
seen death so much that I know
when it has hit it has hit

And there's no going back , and
nothing will change

Nor will it reverse

But my son was too young , he
still had his whole life ahead of
him

His life was cut way too short ,
he's never even uttered a single
word

Like what kind of cruelty is this ?

He was just a baby

He wronged no one , he knew
nothing wrong

Our quarrel had nothing to do
with him

He didn't deserve to die this
way , this cruel and brutal like
this

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Nomaswazi

Me : wow this is bad

I take a deep breath , was
watching the news

About the accident that
happened yesterday , just near
Fourways mall

It's just sad that the mother and
the baby didn't make it

Although they're not stating
what happened , it's just sad

I call Rea , I haven't spoken to
her since yesterday

It rings for a while before she
answers

Rea : babe

Wow , she sounds so much
better today

Me : how are you ?

Rea : I'm well , and how are you
?

Me : I'm good , just checking up
on you

Rea : thank you , I'm still living
and surviving

She sighs

Me : has he come maybe ? Like
to explain himself or something
?

Rea : I don't want to talk to
Monde

She heaves another sigh

She's really hurt

Rea : I'm so done with him

Me : what about the place he got you ?

Rea : the apartment and car are in my name , but he said he doesn't want them back

Wow !

The shock , like there's already a car ?

I mean I remember only her mentioning it , but the fact that she already has one

I didn't know

Me : what car is it ?.

Rea : an Audi R8

Fuck !

Like how lucky can one be ?

So it must have been the one I saw when I was at her place

Me : wow , so you're comfortable keeping them ?

Rea : I don't know , maybe I'll start looking for a job and find myself another place to rent

I knew there was no such thing
as she's struggling to keep up
with work and school

Her married boyfriend , had
gotten to her

Me : oh well , whatever you
decide I'm behind you

Rea : thanks babe

I guess she's really done with him

It was so quick , in just a month the relationship went downhill

Me : in other news , did you hear about the accident that claimed the life of a mother and child ?

Rea : no , where ?

Me : right outside Fourways ,
actually near the mall

Rea : no , I didn't hear anything
. What happened ?

Me : I don't know really , there
wasn't anything detailed

Rea : wow that's sad

Me : too much , let me cook
we'll talk . I'm glad you're
getting better

Rea : thanks for calling , I
appreciate it

Me : no problem

I drop the call

I thought she would go home ,
but seems like that's not
happening

We just have a week left ,
before we return back to
college

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Monde

We've just arrived back home

I'm in my room

We since built a house , and
built rooms on the outside for
ourselves

We always use them , and not
the main house

The close family members have
arrived

Mostly the uncles and the aunts
, with a few cousins

I just couldn't bare being with
them

Like there's no words that can
comfort me right now

I take my phone calling her ,
and I'm still blocked

I guess she really doesn't want
to talk to me

I sigh rubbing my eyes

The door opens , Nkazimulo
walks in

Nkazi : I'm sorry for not
knocking

I nod

Nkazi : uhm.....you calling her ?

Me : I'm still blocked

Nkazi : you know , I know you
can get a hold of her if you're
determined

I shake my head slowly ,
because he's right

Nkazi : but you're just
respecting the space she wants

Me : I'm loosing her

Nkazi : don't say that

Why not ?

I've lost my son , I'm loosing the
woman I love with everything
that I am

Nkazi : we'll get through this ,
and I know you'll get her back .
That's our wife

I chuckle shaking my head

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Monde

The funeral went well , if I can even say such a thing . Because a funeral is just a funeral

Even though , Thembi's family wanted to cause drama

Because I am not getting involved in anything that has to do with their daughter

And they felt deprived of Aphiwe , I don't even know how

Because they were told about the funeral

Maybe they wanted to bury him

Of which was never going to happen

My family is very big in keeping with tradition , and the cultures we practice

So I got cleansed , right after the funeral . Even though some members wanted me to mourn for like 3 months

Some said even a month

But then again , they place it
mostly on women

And men mostly when your wife
is the one who passed on

But the great uncle , just said
they should get me cleansed .
There's no need to mourn the
baby

Thembi was just a wife on paper
, nothing traditional was ever
done for her in my family

And I'll be heading back to
Joburg tonight , I'll probably just
go back to my house

I don't want to be around my
brother's or anyone

I just want to be alone

If only Mrs Nkosi , didn't hate
me so much right now

And she wasn't this upset

Uncle : are you sure you want
to leave tonight ?

I nod

Uncle : you could stay home for
a few days , just to clear your
head out

Me : no , I want to leave

He sighs nodding

I get up

Me : uhm I'll keep in touch

Uncle : take care son

I nod walking away

Uncle : your brother is strong ,
but Velile keep an eye on him .
He's taken a knock , and I
haven't seen him cry or show
any emotions . We don't want
him taking his life , he's lost a
son that's a very big thing . He
needs to let go

I hear him saying to Velile as I
walk away from them

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Nomaswazi

He laughs

Me : really ?

Mpho : what ?

Me : babe I'm not making a joke

Mpho : I'm sure you're not

Me : so take me serious

Mpho : yeah but , okay I hear
you

Me : so like imagine an
apartment loft that looks like its
for a magazine advertisement ,
and a whole R8

Mpho : Monde can afford that

Me : yeah I know , just that I doubt Rea would give those things back

Mpho : but you said they're in her name

Me : that's what she said

Mpho : so she doesn't have to give them back

Me : yeah but.....

Mpho : babe , how would you feel if I buy you something and take it back when we break up ?.

Me : obviously that would hurt

Mpho : exactly , and I don't think Monde wants to hurt Rea

Me : but still babe , that's a lot of money he spent . It's only right she gives him his things back

Mpho : they're hers now , and he wanted to spend that money . Rea didn't ask him Can we just stop talking about those two ?

Me : fine

Mpho : don't be so sour

He laughs , I lay back now
knowing the conversation will
probably be about anything and
everything

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Reatile

I finish writing the last
paragraph

Now that we're just a few days
away from opening in college

I just want to finish my
assignments , I had before we
closed

And are due as we open ,
because I slacked on them .
With the drama going on , but
I'm glad they're done now

Now I don't have to worry about them , since I just dedicated today to them

I'm hungry , I could use something light

Maybe junk food , cause I'm lazy to even cook . I don't even remember when last I cooked

I probably wouldn't even down
the junk food

I haven't been eating well lately

Basically I just go days without
food and still feel very fine , I
can't even eat well I have no
appetite

My phone rings startling me out
of my thoughts

It's a number I don't know , and
I'm very hesitant answering it

But I take it anyways

Me : hello ?

Voice : MaNkosi please don't
drop the call

It's Nkazimulo

Nkazi : he needs you , I'm being selfish right now I know . But please

I shake my head , just getting all emotional out of nowhere

Me : I don't want to be with a man who couldn't be honest with me , and got me look somehow

Nkazi : please , he lost Aphiwe

I'm lost there , not knowing
who Aphiwe is

Nkazi : his son

Me : what ?

There's pain in his voice

Nkazi : Thembi.....she got drunk
and the baby was with her .
They both didn't make it

Me : wait..... wait what do you
mean they didn't make it ?
Nkazimulo what are you talking
about ?

Nkazi : she got into an accident ,
it was his funeral yesterday . We
laid him at home in KZN , we're
back in Pretoria though

The phone just slips out of my
hand , falling down

And tears just streaming down
my face

I'm just overwhelmed with
emotions and just shock

Like is he for real right now ?

Just thinking about Monde , I
don't even waste a second I'm
on my feet

Grabbing my car keys rushing
out heading to my car , driving
out to Centurion

I get a hold of myself , wiping
my tears

My hands are trembling

I need to make it there still alive
and in one piece

After a while I arrive , the gate is
locked . But as I park at the gate
, the big gate opens

I wait to see if maybe someone
is driving out , or maybe there's
another car coming

But there's no car that's coming
or out , I drive in

I park my car on the drive way ,
next to a car I don't know

Only it dawns on me , maybe
their family is here

But could they be ?

It's possible though

I mean Nkazi said they laid the baby in KZN

But what about Thembi ?

Okay !.

I'm still an idiot even today , I just rushed here not even thinking about anything

Forgetting that this man , just
lost his wife

What am I ? And what am I
doing here ?

I turn looking back , and the
gate is closed

I sigh

I can't drive out now

Why can't I just use my mind
sometimes ?

I get out of the car , worse I'm
in slippers

Sweatpants and hoodie

I knock at the door , and Robert
opens with a smile

Robert : Mrs Nkosi

Me : hi Robert

I dart my eyes to the lounge ,
and I see all three brothers

Velile has a little boy on his lap

Khaya : MaNkosi

They all look at me

Me : where is he ?

I ask as humbled as I can be

Velile : in your room

I take a deep breath

I just turn walking upstairs ,
without uttering another word

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Reatile

I open the door and walk in

It's so dark , like there's no
ounce of light

I turn to my right feeling his
presence

And he's sitting down on the
floor

He has his head bowed down

His shirt rolled on his sleeves ,
and it's not tucked definitely

I lean down , and place my
hands on his arms

He lifts his head , his eyes are
bloodshot red

He wasn't crying no , but the
tears are burning his eyes

Me : hi

I whisper

Me : I'm so sorry

Tears stream down my face

He brings me closer with his
one hand behind my back

I just bury my face against his
chest crying

He holds me until I gather
myself

I pull back , looking at him

Me : did you eat ?

He shakes his head

Me : you have to eat

I slowly get up , he holds my
hand

Monde : I don't want to eat

Me : Mphazima please

He shakes his head , I crouch
back down

Me : don't do this

We stare at each other for a few minutes in silence

He pecks my lips , I sure missed his touch

I lean over for a deeper kiss , of which he gladly accepts

He trails his hands to my boobs
, and I can feel his touch is
rough

I unbutton his t-shirt , he's quick
to hold my hands

Me : please....

Monde : I don't want to hurt
you

I slowly get up , I take my
slippers off along with my socks

I pull my sweatpants down ,
along with my panty

I dart my eyes to him , taking
my hoodie off and my sports
bra

Me : have me , however you
want . I'm here

His eyes darken as he slowly
gets up

Monde : you sure ?

I stand still on my tracks

Me : I'm very sure

Monde : get on the bed

His voice is very stern , and has
gotten deeper

I move back slowly heading to
the bed

I sit down , and trail back my
eyes not leaving his

He takes his loosened tie off

Just tearing his shirt , he
unbuckles his pants

And takes his belt off , he walks
to the bed

Monde : bring your hands

I bring my hands up , he takes
his belt tying them together

I feel the grip , as he tightens
the hold

I flinch in pain

Monde : part your legs for me ,
to the sides

I part my legs slowly , his voice
is commanding

He devours me with his lustful
eyes

Monde : don't bring your hands
to me , don't touch me . Bring
them up , to the back of your
head

I take a deep breath , lifting my
hands to the back of my head

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Monde

I take my pants and briefs off ,
getting on the bed

She looks at me , there's just
lust in her eyes

I bring her legs to my chest
pinning her down

She flinches in pain , I thrust
against her clit for a bit before
sliding in through

Rea : awwww.....

I push in harder , pounding in
deeper

Rea : mhmbaby....

She cries out , pushing her legs
against my chest

Her facial expression says just how uncomfortable she is

She lifts her upper body , I pin her down pinching her nipples

She closes her eyes , biting her lower lip

She moves her hands over her head , to the front pushing my chest

Me : don't

She shakes her head , her eyes
glistening

I slide out of her , getting off the
bed

I untie her hands , she rubs on
them

Rea : I'm.....

I shut her up with a tongue kiss

I grab my tie tying her hands
again , behind her back

She roughly pulls out of the kiss
, looking at me

I grab her off the bed , with her
one arm

Heading to the mirror , I turn her around getting behind her back

I slap her ass cheeks a few times , she lets out moans of pain

I thrust my dick in between her thighs , parting her coochie lips sliding through

I push her hard against the
stand , she screams in moans

I fuck her going on deeper ,
grabbing on her waist

She looks back at our reflection
in the mirror , her screams and
moans filling this room

As I feel her walls closing on , I
roughly pull out

Rea : noooo.....

She says annoyed , I turn her
around lifting her up to the
stand

I part both her legs , putting
them up

I slide through again , leaning forward biting her lower lip pulling it back

Rea : Ohhh shit

Her boobs bounce against my chest , as I ram harder into her

Rea : I'm..... So close , please don't stooooop

She fiddles with her hands
behind her back

She leans forward , I bring her
back placing my hand on her
neck choking her

She closes her eyes , seeing the
struggle on her face

She brings her legs down , and
looks at me with eyes of a plea

I pull them tightly together , just
pounding into her

And it's causing her pain , she
moves back her ass touching
the mirror

I pull her towards me , placing
my hands on her waist

Rea : fuck !.....please open
up.....

She slightly opens her eyes ,
throwing her head back

Her body shaking

Rea : Ohhhh shit !

She squirts in small portions , as
she keeps holding in

I pick her off , heading to the bed

Rea : I'm tired

Me : get on your knees

She looks at me with reddish eyes

I get behind her , placing her on
her knees

She lays down

Rea : my hands

She says muffled by the sheets

I grab a hold of the tie , placing
her back on her knees

I get behind her , sliding my dick
behind her

Me : let's do this nicely please

I place a few pecks on her neck

Rea : l.....

I bite on her neck , she lets out
a moan

My one hand trails to her boobs
, I pinch her nipples my dick
pounding into her

And her ass bouncing on my
lower waist , and thighs

My dick tightens , as her walls
grip closing in on me

I hold her tight , my one arm
trailing to her neck

I bring her head back

Rea : damnit !

She squirts , letting out a cry

I turn her face , capturing her
lips into mine

I shoot up , leaving my seed
inside of her

I lean to the side , bringing her
on top of me

My dick still buried deep inside
of her

Rea : I can't.....my hands

I thrust in underneath her ,
trailing my hand to rub on her
clit

Her body shakes on top of me ,
she presses her ass down

Rea : I can't again.....please.....

She cries out in a moan , as she
squirts splashing all over us on
the already wet sheets

Within the midst of her orgasm
, her body goes still

Me : fuck !.

I can't believe she's passed out
on me like this

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Monde

I slowly remove the sheet off of her , I just want to take a good look at her

And she shivers a bit , as the morning breeze hits her bare skin

I notice the slight bruises on her thigh , and her hand that's exposed

Mostly on the wrist , where the belt was at

And there's trails heading to her neck , from her boobs

I heave a sigh as she turns ,
fiddling for the sheets

And I notice well , even the
ones on her ass cheeks

I place the sheet back , covering
her

She snuggles , folding her legs

Pulling the sheet up , she covers
her head

I stand over watching her , for a few minutes and she's still

I walk to the bathroom , taking a quick cold shower

I walk out , getting dressed

I grab my phone and head downstairs

The masculine voices welcome
me

Khaya : someone is finally
awake

They look at me

Velile : are you okay ?.

I nod

I grab a glass of water , and
down it

Nkazi : wow....that's some thirst

One thing I know , is that they
didn't hear us last night

Because my room is sound
proofed

I just got that after Rea being around , she can tend to be a bit loud at times

Not that she's a screamer

Khaya : your chef cooked

I check the food

And I know she won't want to eat this

I take out a bowl , grabbing
some fruits and making her a
fruit salad

Nkazi : you're going to eat that
?

His eyes are not leaving me

Velile : MaNkosi spent the night
?

I nod , grabbing a glass pouring
orange juice

Nkazi : so you're okay now right
?

I hope so

But I also know , the sex wasn't
us fixing things

Everything else just needs us to talk it out

Nkazi : I mean she slept the night , that's a good sign

Me : or maybe she just felt me pity , that my son died

It goes silent , I grab the bowl and the juice walking out

heading upstairs back to the
room

She's still asleep , I place the
bowl and glass of juice on the
night stand

Me : MaNkosi

I shake her slightly

After a few minutes , she turns facing me

She opens her eyes , and they look so swollen

Me : uhm.... I've brought you breakfast

Rea : I'm not hungry

Me : you have to eat please

Rea : uhm....I have to go

Me : not this early

Rea : it's fine

She slowly sits up , seeing that
she's in pain

Me : can I see ?

She shakes her head

She hates it , when I try and
look at her bruises after having
an intense night

Rea : I'm really sorry about your
son , can you tell me what
happened ?

I sigh

Me : Thembi was driving with him drunk , his seat wasn't even strapped tight

Rea : I'm sorry , when did this happen ?

Me : a few days ago , she left drove all the way from Joburg to Fourways . I wasn't even aware she was there

She pops her eyes like she's
seen a ghost

Rea : what..... It happened the
day she was at Fourways mall ?.

Me : just near the mall

She heaves a sigh , putting her
hands on her face

And it's like she's crying now

I'm stunned , because j don't
get why she's crying . It's not
like she knew Aphiwe

And she most certainly won't
cry for Thembi

Me : uhm....

Rea : I'm so sorry , this is all my
fault

Me : what ?

Rea : she came at me , said some words . Called me a home wrecker , and that she was going to deal with me . I retaliated and said some bad things to her as well , I'm really sorry . I didn't mean any of those things , I was just angry because she blamed me like I deliberately fell in love with you

knowing that you're married
and have a child

She lifts her head wiping her
tears off

Me : you can't blame yourself
over a choice that she made ,
she should have known better

She shakes her head

Rea : no..... She was sober when she came to me , she must have gone and gotten drunk after what I said . I'm sorry , I have to go

She slowly so gets off the bed , and walks her naked self near the door where her clothes are at

She picks them up , and puts them on

When she's done , she fixes her hair

Rea : I'm really sorry

She opens the door and walks out

I heave a sigh leaning over and sitting down on the bed

I look over at the fruit salad ,
and juice I brought

I take a deep breath

I get up walking to the door

I lock up the door , returning
back to the bed

I lay on my back , facing up my
eyes closed

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Reatile

Nkazi : are you okay ?

I wish I didn't see them , but
there's no passing without
them seeing me

Me : I'll be fine , please take
care of your brother for me.

Khaya : please MaNkosi , I know he hurt you but

He sighs

Me : it's not..... I just have a request , please make sure he eats and he's well taken care of . If there's anything , give me a call . I'll be sure to unblock you

Nkazi : but.....

Me : please

I tap his shoulder walking out , I
get into my car and drive out
heading back to Fourways

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Reatile

Me : what ?

Lerato : dad has been admitted
in hospital

I sit down on the bed

Me : what happened ?

Lerato : what do you mean ?

What the hell ?

Lerato : he's been sick for a while , and you know that . So he just got worse

I don't understand what's the attitude about

Because Lerato and I share the same father

But clearly she sides with her mother's kids and not me

Me : why wasn't I told that the medication is not working anymore ?

Lerato : yhoh ! Now you know
he's in hospital

And she drops the call just like
that

I wipe my tears off

Even crying won't help me right
now

I get up , grabbing my sports bag

I take out a few clothes out of the wardrobe

Why is everything just going wrong ?

First it was the accident of Thembi , and I can't help but blame myself

Now this

I can't have my father leaving
me

He's the only parent I have left ,
without him I have no one

I'm basically just on my own
here

I grab a bag , just grabbing clothes from the wardrobe

I have to go home , I have to see for myself just how bad his situation is

The door monitor goes off , and I think I have an idea of who it is

I just open , from the bedroom

Leaning over looking at the
door , and I see him as he walks
in

He's in a black slim fit suit , he
looks so darn handsome

He lifts his eyes , I take mine off
of him

Getting back to packing my
clothes

He walks up , and leans against
the door

Monde : Mrs Nkosi

I look at him , not believing he
just called me that

After everything else , and what
I told him yesterday morning

I'm still Mrs Nkosi

Monde : can we talk ?

Me : no

He sighs

Me : I have to go back home ,
my father has been admitted in
hospital

Monde : should I book you a flight ?

Me : no , the airport there might as well be non existent .
So I have to drive

Monde : okay , take this . And take your father to a private hospital if you must , there's enough money on this card to cover bills

Me : you don't.....

Monde : MaNkosi I'm not
fighting with you over this
please

I take the card , I don't
understand how he has two
black cards

Cause the other one , I use it
since he gave it to me

Monde : drive safe

I nod

He places a kiss on my forehead

And he turns walking away , I
lean over again watching him
walk out

I sit down on the bed , just
tearing up

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Nomaswazi

Me : did they say what's wrong
?

Rea : no

It sounds like she's crying

Rea : I'll probably have to talk to
the doctor , and I'll only know

then what's going on . And what went wrong , because I thought he was getting better

Me : how far are you ?

Rea : two hours max

Me : okay , drive safe

Rea : yeah

Me : call me when you arrive

Rea : I will

Me : and tell me what's
happening once you've talked
to the doctor

Rea : okay , let me drive we'll
talk

Me : okay bye

I drop the call

College is opening , and I'm sure she's going to miss out a lot again

If the situation is worse with her father , she's going to be in free state for a while . I don't see how Rea is going to pass this year

I'm preparing to go back to
Pretoria

I just feel for her to be honest

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Monde

Nkazi : and you're coming back
?

I place my car keys on the
counter

Khaya : uphi uMaNkosi ?
(Where is)

Velile : is she okay ?

I sigh

Me : what are you all still doing
in my house ?

They stare at me

Me : I can't do anything , or go
anywhere without being
bombarded with questions

Nkazi : sorry

As if that will take down my
frustrations

Me : please go back to your
home's

Velile : okay , do we have our daughter in-law back ? Are you two okay ?

I look at him annoyed

Nkazi : the questions again

Me : her father is sick , and in hospital . She's gone home

Khaya : where is she from again
?

Nkazimulo laughs

Nkazi : you don't know that , no
one ever told you that . But
she's from Free State

Khaya : why did she go there
alone ?

They all look at me

Me : what ?

Velile sighs

Velile : she needs support

Me : I don't deny that

Nkazi : but you're here

Me : I didn't go to her place to leave , I went there to talk . But of course she was leaving . Did I anticipate that I'll get there , and things would be the way they were ?

I just wanted to talk to her about this Thembi issue , and why I kept it from her

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Reatile

The situation is bad

I don't understand how a
person can be sick so quick

And in just two days he looks
like this

I can barely even recognise my
own father

And they had just dropped him
at the hospital and left

When I arrived last night , they
told me the wife arrived in the
morning

And since she left

No one came to check on him ,
or bring him anything

It's like they had just abounded
him there

I didn't even think twice or
hesitate using the black card
Monde gave me yesterday

And I asked that he be moved
from Thebe hospital to
Busamed private hospital

I spent the night here

I'm scared to leave , I'm scared
I'll leave and something will
happen while I'm not here

I haven't left his bed side , nor
have I left this room

Just being with him from last
night until now

I feel so drained myself , and I'm
so tired

I place my head on the bed ,
just closing my eyes

Even catching sleep for a few
minutes will do

But I'm disturbed by the door
opening , I lift my head

And I'm shocked seeing him

I thought it's a nurse or a doctor

I can't believe that he's here

Monde : Mrs Nkosi

He stands next to me , looking
handsome as always

In a dark navy slim fit suit

Me : you're here ?

I tear up , just getting all
emotional

Monde : come here

I get up , he pulls me closer for
a tight hug

Me : thank you for coming

I'm so happy he's here

I'm happy that he came , I
honestly feel all alone

Monde : There's nowhere I'll
rather be

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Monde

Me : you've been in hospital ,
the whole night and morning .
You need to rest

She shakes her head

Me : please

Rea : what if something happens ? I don't want to leave

Me : okay , but go lay on the couch and sleep . I'll stay put and watch him

She looks at me with her
reddish puffy eyes

Me : I'm begging you

Rea : okay , don't leave

Me : I won't

She gets up and walks over to
the couch

She lays down me , closes her
eyes

I know she's tired , and in a few
minutes she'll fall asleep

My phone rings , I'm quick to
answer it before it makes too
much noise ringing long

Me : yeah

Nkazi : how is she ?

Me : not good

He sighs

Nkazi : her father ?

Me : neither , he won't make it

I look at her , and she's asleep

Nkazi : Monde you can't say
that

Me : I've seen death way too
many times , trust me I know
when a person is dying . This
man won't be here tomorrow

He goes quite

Me : I'll probably be this side for a while , my woman is alone here . These people don't seem to care about him at all

Nkazi : I don't know what to say

Me : she's going to need me so

He sighs

Nkazi : but like are you sure ?

Me : I know what I'm talking about , even she doesn't want to leave him . She's scared that maybe something will happen while she's not here , trust me she feels it . He's not going to wake up

Nkazi : don't tell her this Monde , she won't take it well

Me : I know , and I won't

Nkazi : okay let's talk later

I drop the call

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Reatile

Monde woke me up , and it was
just chaos in the ward

Doctors were just all over my
father

And right there and then , as we
were told to go outside of the
ward

I knew he was not coming back

I knew he was gone

I can feel it , he's no more

And it's late now , I slept almost
throughout the whole day

Shows just how tired I was

Me : he's not coming back

I wipe my tears

He pulls me closer to him , I lay
my head on his chest

Monde : we don't know what's
going on

I shake my head

Me : it's no use

Just then the doctor opens the
door , and his eyes land on us

Doc : Ms Maphosa

I shift from Monde , wiping my
tears

Me : is is my father okay ?

Doc : please come with me

Me : please just tell me

Doc : we can't discuss a patient

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Me : please just tell me

He heaves a sigh

Doc : I'm sorry , we did
everything we could

I lean against the wall , and just
slide down

I feel Monde holding me into
his arms

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Monde

Me : let's go

She is just staring into space

Me : MaNkosi please

She heaves sigh

Rea : I.... I have to call....

Me : you can do all of that
tomorrow , right now you need
to rest it's very late

I get up taking her hand

We walk out , heading to my car
. I open the door for her

Rea : my car.....

Me : you'll get it tomorrow

She leans back on the seat , I
walk to my side

I'll just order food at the hotel ,
I know she will refuse

But she has to eat

I drive off to the hotel , I'm not
even taking her to her home

She'll go tomorrow

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A FEW DAYS LATER

Reatile

My family has no shame
whatsoever

I've never been so embarrassed
and ashamed like I am right
now

They didn't even have a funeral
policy , like not even a single
one

Everyone just folded hands , to
see what we'll do

Family members , were just
acting like they don't even see
what's happening

I am so ashamed , that I don't
even wish for Monde to see me

He's the one who took care of
all the funeral arrangements

Like everything

He didn't even use the cards on me , he just asked what's needed and did everything

It's Friday today , and I can't wait for tomorrow so I can leave

After the funeral I am gone

I can't bare being here for
another day

I am so done with these people

MaLerato : so , now that your
father is no more what's going
to happen ?

I look at her

Me : with what ?

MaLerato : the money you were sending

I should have known , the man isn't even buried yet

Me : well , it died with him

She pops her eyes , now I doubt they were even using the money I sent for his medication

Me : I won't be sending
anymore money here , not even
a cent . What brought us
together , is no more

Lerato walks in in , and she's all
teary

I wonder what's going on with
her

MaLerato : what about us ?

Me : what about you ?

I shrug

MaLerato : okay , if not for my
kids and me . Then for your
sister

Me : have you no shame , your
son's are even older than me .

My own mother , has long been carrying soil with her chest .

And you expect me to support you all , hell no ! As for her , she's your child too

MaLerato : she's your father's child

Me : and she's never seen , nor regarded me as one . Let me continue being the outcast , and everyone continues being the

way that they were . If she ever
cared , she would have long
understood that I'm the only
sister she has . We share the
same father , but she chose her
mothers kids over me

I look at them both , and Lerato
is crying now

I walk out , and the yard is just
full of women and men

The men are slaughtering , and
the women are peeling the
vegetables

I'm stunned catching a glimpse
of Monde and Velile by the men
slaughtering

I'm like , am I even allowed to
go there ?

But I see a few women with
bowls , so I walk over

I'll just pretend like I'm talking
to them

And as I walk closer , I see all
four Nkosi brothers . I'm
shocked , I didn't expect them

My man in an overall , like okay
that's a sight

I can't help but just laugh , I
place my hand on my mouth .
This is something new

I mean , this is an all nothing
but slim fit suits man

I stand by with the woman , as
they keep taking meat from the
men

Lord , a man who holds a knife
and brings a cow down

I swear , I have scored a man
here

They finally move over , as
Khaya takes the knife from his
brother

Velile is the one who spots me
first

You can tell he's the oldest of
the group , always so serious

Monde looks over , and I just
flash him a smile

I turn over walking away with
one of the women

I hope I can see them before
they leave

I mean , it's already late

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Nomaswazi

Me : we're in town , waiting at the taxi rank next to Bibi . I think , did I say that right ?

Mpho chuckles , and she laughs

Rea : yes , my cousin will be there soon

Mpho rented a car , and I feel
so bad

Because he's using money that
he needs

But when I told him about Rea's
father

And I said I'm coming to the
funeral , he said he's coming

He waited for me to get to
Pretoria so we can come
together

I'll just have to send him money
when we get back

And just pretend like I'm
spoiling him

So he doesn't notice it's for
payment coming this way

I know he's working hard , and needs his money for rent and other things

Or I can cover his groceries for the month , so he doesn't notice

Me : alright , how are you holding up ?

Rea : I feel like it's sinking in , I haven't lost my mind . I survived this week , I think I'll make it fine

Me : you'll get through , I'll see you soon

Rea : okay , be safe

Me : okay

I drop the call

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Reatile

I left Swazi in my room

I really do appreciate her
coming all this way , I didn't
even think she would

Not many people would , even
friends even

I didn't expect that she would
come like at all

Her calling and checking up on
me , was just enough . Because
she did that like everyday

So her presence means a lot

I swear today , I'm getting to
see another side of the brothers

They're sitting outside ,
amongst other men

They're sharing the meat that
was done by the fire

They're all eating from one big
bowl with everyone

Mpho is also amongst them

And there's like a 20L of
traditional beer there , and
they're drinking

This is new for me

Just the overalls and seeing
them drinking such

I mean , especially Monde

He's a whiskey and scotch kind
of a man , a suit man

But today , I'm seeing a sight

He looks my way , and says
something to Velile

Then he gets up and walks my
way

Monde : I so badly want to kiss
you

I laugh

Me : you smell funny

He chuckles

Monde : I've been busy

Me : I saw that

Monde : let's walk over to the
car

He takes my hand , we walk to
his car

He said my car is at the hotel
where they're staying

He took it from the hospital

I was just a mess after the whole ordeal

Monde : how are you holding up ?

Me : I just want tomorrow to be done , so I can leave

Monde : leave ?

Me : go back to Pretoria

Monde : you're not sticking around ?

Me : no , my step mother was already asking me if I'll continue sending them money now that my father is gone

He sighs

Monde : what did you say ?

Me : of course it's not happening , I'm done taking care of them . Now I don't even believe that the money I was sending was used to take care of my father

Monde : okay , but don't you have to like get cleansed ?

I shrug

Me : I know nothing about those things

Monde : isn't there an elder you can ask , so we leave with everything done ?

Me : I can ask my uncle

Monde : okay , you do that and let me know what he says

Me : okay

I snuggle to him

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Reatile

I'm tired , and drained

I don't even feel like myself

As that coffin was going down ,
it sank in that he's gone

And he's never coming back

I'm left an orphan

It's a hard reality , and it has hit me

As much as my father wasn't doing much for me

But the fact that he was still alive , that meant something

I walk over to the brothers , and
today they look like the Nkosi
brothers I know

But there at the grave yard ,
they didn't shy away grabbing a
shovel

Nkazi : Makoti wethu (our
bride)

I smile

Honestly , I didn't think they
would all come as well

It was a surprise seeing them all
yesterday

Me : thank you all so much for
coming , it was a shock

They chuckle

Khaya : we take care of our own
sis

Monde : stop talking nonsense ,
let me steal my wife

Me : wait..... Did you eat ?

Nkazi : yes , but you can serve
us still

Monde : for what ?

Nkazi : just because it's her

Monde : uyahlanya (you're out of your mind)

I laugh , he takes my hand we walk away from them

Monde : you look pale

Me : I'm tired

Monde : what did your uncle say ?

Me : we have to get a sheep , I think that's just crazy

He chuckles

Monde : no it's not , he's right .
They need the bile to mix with the herbs , you'll be bathed

with . And that will happen in
the afternoon , so you can't
leave today

I sigh

Me : that's what he said

Monde : it's almost noon , it'll
be tomorrow before you know
it . Then we can leave

Me : he said they're cutting my hair

He smiles , and I'm so annoyed

Monde : yes they have to , all of it

Me : that's crazy , I didn't even bring my weaves . Now I'll be left with a bald head

Monde : you'll still be beautiful
without your hair

Me : I don't know , I think I'm
going to look ugly

He hugs me

Monde : there's no such

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Monde

My brothers and I , along with
Mpho are back at the hotel

Not my woman calling me , that
she's cold they bathed her with
cold water

She was even crying

It was funny though

I wonder how she'll be
tomorrow morning , when they
cut her hair

Already she wasn't happy about that

Velile : can we send the money ?

I look at him

They said they want to send her money , just as condolences

Me : yeah , don't embarrass me

They laugh

Khaya : wait..... We're not
billionaires like you

Me : just don't give her an
allowance , make it fat

Nkazi : how much do you even
give her as an allowance ?

Me : 10K to 15 , that was before

Khaya gasps

Nkazi : and now ?

Me : she has two black cards

I say with a laugh

Velile : you're insane , Nkazi
let's send the money to you .
And you'll send it to her as a
batch

Khaya : please

This boy !

Me : you're all an
embarrassment

Nkazi : Mpho chip in your
portion , we're going through
the most

They all take out their phones ,
Nkazimulo gives Mpho his
account number

Nkazi : now this looks better

Velile : my wife doesn't even
get 10K

I'm just wondering how much she gets

Khaya : why do you even give women money ?

Nkazi : what are you trying to teach me ?

Khaya : you're ruining these women

He can't be my brother , no I
refuse

We spend on our women , and
take care of them

Monde : imali yendoda yidliwa
umfazi (a man's money is
chowed by his woman)

They laugh

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Nomaswazi

Rea : what's up ?

I shake my head

Rea : come on , I can see something is going on . So just spit it out , I'm about to sleep now . It's been a long day

I sigh

Me : okay , don't take offence

She laughs

Rea : then don't offend me

That's a tough one

Me : so you and Monde are
back together ?

I was shocked seeing him and his brother's , when we arrived yesterday

And even today , they were here

Even at the graveyard , they were there

They wouldn't be here unless the two are okay now

Last I heard , things were sour
and yet that's not how they
looked

Rea : back together ?

She asks with a frown

Me : come on , you wanted
nothing to do with Monde
because he lied to you and just

led you on . As far as I know ,
you two weren't together
anymore . Unless that wasn't
the case

She sighs

Rea : we're fine

This is a clap once situation

Me : so you forgave him and all
?

Rea : there

Her phone beeps , she reaches
for it and goes silent for a while

Me : what's wrong ?.

I ask because of her facial
expression

Rea : uhm.... The Nkosi brothers
have just sent me money

Wow

Life is nothing but a bliss for Rea
lately , she's getting money left
right and centre

And maybe that's why she's still
with Monde , for this money

Me : wow

Rea : it's They said it's their
condolences

I nod slowly

Rea : along with Mpho , I mean
did he tell you ?

Now that's a shock to me

Me : no , how much did they send ?

Rea : it's a lot like 50K

Me : what the

I get up , and get closer to where she's sitting

I lean over , looking at the bank notification

And she's not lying

Me : that's a lot of money

Rea : I know

With that much money , I can only wonder how much Mpho sent her

Me : how much did Mpho send
?

Rea : I don't know who sent
how much , Nkazi sent it and
said it's from all four of them

Me : wow

I'm really just speechless , I
don't even know what to say

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Reatile

Nkazimulo walks out with his
bag

Velile and Khaya have already
left

Along with Mpho and Swazi

It's just us three left behind

But we're about to leave now

Khaya left with my car , Velile
took the one they came with

And we're leaving with Monde's
car

After the cleansing ceremony
this morning , I just took what's
mine and left

Monde : let me see

He's going to annoy me

I have on a doek , and it suits
me

I'm hiding my head

I don't even remember when
was it the last time I've cut my
hair

And now I have no hair at all

Monde : Mrs

Me : no

Monde : but

Me : please leave me alone

I put on my sandals , grabbing
my phone

He stands in front of me , taking
my doek off slowly

He smiles , I feel like slapping
him

Monde : you're so beautiful ,
don't put this one

Me : no

Monde : don't you trust me ?

Me : you're the last person I
trust on this earth

Monde : that's just

Me : can we go , give me back
my doek

He sighs giving it back , I sit
down on the bed tying it again

When I'm satisfied , I get up and
we walk out

Heading to the car

They've already checked out

We get in at the back , Nkazi is
the one driving

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Monde

As we're about to reach Engen garage , I look at her

She has her head on my shoulders , her one hand on my lower waist

Me : did you eat ?

She shakes her head

Me : Nkazi go in

Nkazi : okay

Rea : no , I'm not hungry

Me : you're not hungry , what did you eat ?

Rea : nothing , but I'm not hungry

Me : don't annoy me , you're going to go in at Wimpy or Spur and find something to eat

She moves her head from me and looks at me

Rea : but

Me : but what ? Ufuna ngikulahle ? (Do you want me to dump you)

She pops her eyes , like she doesn't believe what I've just said

Me : don't eat , we'll return back to Pretoria with this done

She makes those puppy eyes , but I'm not falling for that

Rea : Nkazimulo I'm going to eat

She says looking at him , I catch
a glimpse of him smiling on the
mirror

She leans back on her seat

As he drives through the garage
, she looks at me

Her eyes are glistening

Rea : Mphazima you'll really
dump me for not eating ?

Me : yes , I can't have you
starving yourself Mrs Nkosi

She sighs

I hold her neck , bringing her
closer placing a few pecks on
her lips

Nkazimulo gets out of the car

Me : take away or you're sitting down ?

Rea : I'll sit down , I'll eat better

Me : okay , let's go

I open the door getting out , she slides out on my side as well

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Nomaswazi

This has just been eating me

Since from last night , I barely
even slept

So it's best , I just get it off my
chest

Me : so , I heard you
contributed towards the 50K

He doesn't even look at me

Me : so how much did you pay ?

He sighs

Me : babe !

Mpho : honestly , I know you're friends with Rea . But there are

just things she's just not
supposed to tell you

Me : what ?

Mpho : that was to console her ,
I don't see a reason for you to
know how much I gave her or
how much I took out

Me : but.....

Mpho : no buts , you had no business knowing about that

I sigh

Me : I'm just genuinely asking

Mpho : well , I contributed half with everyone

Me : so you contributed the same amount ?

He keeps quite

Me : and now I'm not supposed to ask where you got that kind of money ?

Mpho : why would you even ask ?

Me : for one , it's a worry . And to think I was concerned that

you'll struggle financially this month , because you hired this car

Mpho : well don't be

Wow , like what's all this ? And I'm just thinking 50K split 4 ways

That's like 12.5K

Where does Mpho get that kind of money ?

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Reatile

Me : thank you so much , we'll
do lunch soon

Swazi : okay babe

Me : bye

I drop the call

We've arrived , and we're in
Centurion with the brother's

I'm guessing they're sleeping
here as well

I don't mind them being around
though

I know I'm tired to drive to
Fourways

So I'll go to my place some
other time , just not today

Monde : you're sleeping ?

I nod

He sighs sitting down next to
me

Me : there's something I need
to tell you

I heave a sigh , honestly there's
just a lot of things we're sitting
on

I want this out of my chest

Monde : what ?

Me : on the day we went to
Joburg , remember how I asked

you to take me to clicks or
Dischem ?

Monde : yeah

Me : I..... I wanted to get a
pregnancy test . Because I
caught on that morning , that I
missed my periods

I can't comprehend his facial
expression

Maybe I should have waited ,
but I just want to get this off my
chest

Me : and I took a test in the
toilets there , it was positive . I
didn't want to tell you then ,
because I just wanted us to
enjoy our day . And we had
never spoken about kids , so I
didn't know how you would feel
of take the news

I take a deep breath

Me : but then everything happened , and that day came into ruins we all know just how it ended . And so , I couldn't tell you anymore . I took the second test and it was positive , and I wished it wasn't . I made an appointment with the doctor , I didn't want to keep the baby

He frowns

Me : that day at the mall , when I met Thembi . Well , I went there because I was going to get an abortion

Monde : wait , you killed my child ?

I look at him

Monde : like wasn't it enough that I lost one child , you had to kill the other one too ? Who said I wasn't going to be there for my baby , or be a present father ?

Me : Monde

Monde : don't start with me , I don't even know why you're telling me this shit right now

Me : I was hurt , and I wasn't thinking

Monde : I don't care

He gets up walking out of the bedroom , I turn thinking he'll walk back but nothing

Me : great !

I lay down on the bed wiping
my tears off

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Reatile

I don't know if he slept in here
or what

But I think he didn't

Cause I barely slept as well

So I would have heard him
come to bed

I guess he's that upset

And maybe he wants nothing to
do with me right now

I'm leaving , and going back to
my place

For my own sake and sanity

I won't stay here with a man
that's moping around me

He's angry , I could tell from last
night just how he spoke to me

And Monde has never used that
tone with me , like ever

I just grabbed a few things ,
from my things here

And my bag is still packed

My phone rings

I sight looking at who's calling

What does this woman want
now ?

Like why can't she just leave me
alone

I answer already annoyed

Me : MaLerato

Lerato : sesi ke nna (sister it's me)

I sigh

Me : Keng ? (What is it)

Lerato : I..... why did you leave me ?.

I frown at that

Me : what do you mean ?

Lerato : I don't want to live with them

This is the test of times now

Me : Lerato , just because I said I will no longer send money .

You suddenly don't want to live with your mother and brother's

? I have no reason to take you
with me

Lerato : but.....

Me : please stop calling me , my
father is dead . We all can be
done with each other

I drop the call

Grabbing my bag

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Monde

She walks down the stairs with
her bag

I shake my head slowly

And all eyes on me

Nkazi : what's going on ?

She stands next to Khaya

Velile : MaNkosi

Rea : I'm going back to my place

Velile : why ?

He asks her but he's looking at
me

She looks down , keeping quite

Velile : Monde what's this ?

Me : what ?

Velile : will anyone of you say
what's going on ?

Me : she wants to leave

Velile : don't annoy me

He looks at Rea

Velile : take that bag back to your room , and come join us for breakfast

She stands still

Velile : now would be the best time !

His tone is off , she grabs her bag in a second

Me : don't talk to her like that

Velile : ngizokuhlaba ngempama
mina (I'll slap you)

That's addressed to me , she
takes her bag going back
upstairs

Velile : it's way too early for this
nonsensical drama

After a while she comes back

Velile : Khaya move from there

He is sitting next to me

He gets up

Velile : MaNkosi hlala phantsi
(sit down)

She sits down on the chair
Khaya was sitting on

It's just awkward , and very
silent during breakfast

I get up , walking to the kitchen

He follows me

Velile : what's that ?

Me : she told me she found out she was pregnant , and she aborted

Velile : what ?

I look at him

Me : the day of your braai she found out , the day Aphiwe died she also aborted

He sighs shaking his head

Velile : don't tell me that you
believe that

Me : she told me herself

I'm in pain to be honest

Velile : she lied

I sigh

Velile : that's our MaNkosi , do you think she's capable of doing such a thing ? Maybe she thought about it , because things were just a mess yes . But she didn't do that , she lied

Me : no

I shake my head

Velile : MaNkosi can never do such a thing , it doesn't even suit her . Trust me , she's carrying that baby right now . Stop acting up , fix things with your woman . When she feels like you're in a better space , she'll tell you

Me : why would she tell me about the abortion if she didn't do it ?

Velile : whatever reasons she had , but trust me ayikho leyonto (there's no such)

I'm finding it hard to believe him right now

Because Rea has no reason to tell me lies

Velile : go apologize , because I'm sure you also spit shit and

that's why she wanted to leave
like that

He walks out , I'm left just lost
in thought

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Reatile

I decided to do the dishes after
breakfast

Just to take my mind off things

Velile scared me there , he
wasn't taking nonsense

It was just another sight of him

And really his presence , as the
big brother was definitely felt

And right there and then , I
knew I have to respect that man
he's not my age mate

No matter what , he's the elder
in this family

I remember Monde told me ,
their parents passed away

So he's their family elder

I guess I'm not going anywhere ,
unless he will agree when I
leave

Or I'll just hear from him when I
can leave

I feel him walking in , I close my
eyes for a brief moment

He walks closer , standing
behind me

He slides his hand hugging me
from behind

Monde : ngicela uxolo MaNkosi
(I'm sorry)

I take a deep breath closing my
eyes

He places a kiss on my neck

Monde : please forgive me

I just nod , I feel like words will
just fail me

Just how he went about cutting
me off , and that harsh tone of
his

He trails his hand to my coochie
, brushing it over my dresses

I just get hot flushes

Me : don't

He moves closer , I feel his erect bulge on my ass

He dry humps , I'm being a mess down there

Me : you were letting me leave

He sucks on my neck

Monde : I'm an idiot you know that , but then I wanted to see

how you would get past the
gate

I sigh

Me : your brothers are home

Monde : nna ke bolaiwa ke
nopa (horniness is killing me)

I smile

He turns me around I face him

I'm so horny right now , my
lower waist is even painful

Crying to release

Monde : le one round hela
(even just)

I laugh

Me : carry me up

Monde : I hate these people in
our house , now I can't fuck you
everywhere I want

Me : we're not porn stars

He chuckles , taking me into his
arms

Monde : we're so above that

He captures my lips into his ,
and we kiss going up the stairs

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Monde

I pick her up into my arms , just
ripping apart her dress

She gasps letting it fall down

I grab her panty , pulling it to
the side

Rea : mhm..... Don't rip it

I chuckle , sliding my finger
inside of her

Rea : oh shit !

I finger fuck her , unbuckling my
pants with my one free hand

I slide them down , along with
my briefs

My dick springs up , she grabs it
and slides it inside of her

Rea : Ohhhmy god !

I place both my hands on her
ass cheeks , pounding in inside
of her

Just by how warm and wet she
is , my dick tightens

And I know I'm about to cum

She clings her legs to my back ,
and I know she's about to hold
her orgasm

Me : don't do thatjust let
go... cum

She stares into my eyes , and
loosens her legs as she orgasms

I'm quick to turn her around ,
still into my arms

Her legs on my back

Me : don't fall

She laughs

Me : put it in mommy

She takes hold of my dick ,
sliding it inside of her

I trail my hands on to her boobs

She throws her head back , I
take her lips into mine

Taking deep thrusts , my one
hand trails to her neck

I choke her slightly

Taking harder strokes inside of
her

My dick finally releases as I cum

And I continue thrusting in

She roughly pulls out of the kiss
, and moves up my dick sliding
out of her

As she squirts , she places a hand over her mouth

As she screams , more squirt coming out

I move her back down ,
grabbing my dick I slide it inside

Rea : fuck I'm going to burst

She places her hands to my back , grabbing tightly

I take a few deep thrusts , pinching her nipple with my one hand

She pulls back , and just stands on her feet squirting some more

With a loud scream of pleasure

I chuckle , just looking at her

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Reatile

He looks at me , and I'm so tired

But I'm hungry , like I'm dying of
hunger

Monde : I'm going to work

I frown

Monde : I'll come see you
during the day

Me : Monde I'm hungry

I say annoyed

Monde : so why are you fighting
me ? You know the chef has
cooked by now

Me : and the food is not going
to bring itself

Monde : why can't you just ask ,
that I bring you food ?

I pout

Monde : are you in pain ?

My throat is painful

Monde is going to kill me one of these days

But I swear , I love it when he chokes me when we have sex

He just worn me out last night

It was just too intense for me when I was squirting

My body is a bit painful

But to be honest , I'm always
satisfied with this man

I feel used enough , he doesn't
do a half job

Me : I swear , one of these days
you're going to shift my womb

He laughs

Me : it's not funny

Monde : let me go get you food
, give me a kiss

He leans down , and we kiss
briefly before he walks out

I grab the duvet covering myself
, I need an hour more of sleep

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Monde

Sofia : your brother is here

Me : let him in

She nods walking out

Minutes later Velile walks in

Me : why follow me to work ?

He chuckles

Velile : we're leaving

Me : about damn time

Velile : you two good ?

I frown

Velile : did you apologize ?

I nod

Velile : I don't want to ask her

Me : I did , yesterday . We're fine really

Velile : okay , I came to ask that

Me : there wasn't a need , you could have called

He laughs

Velile : don't upset that woman

Me : yeah

Velile : I'm serious

Me : I hear you , but she woke
up upset with me this morning .
For what , I don't know . And

she demanded in a way , that I
bring her food . And I did , but
do you know what ?

Velile : what ?

Me : she was asleep

He laughs

Me : get out

Velile : you're being dealt ,
welcome to fatherhood

Mxm !

I don't want to entertain this
thing of his , because if there's
no baby

I will be shattered more than I
already am right now

Velile : we'll see you

I nod

He turns and walks out

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A MONTH LATER

Monde

I walk in , and I'm welcomed by
the TV sound , I just hope she's
not asleep there by the couch

I place my keys on the key
holder

She hates it when they're
anywhere , but not the key
holder

Some people's houses , have
rules and whatnot

I walk to the lounge , and I
frown just at the state I find her

Me : Mrs Nkosi

She looks at me , taking a bite of
whatever this is that she's
eating

Me : what..... What are you eating ?

Rea : ice cream

Me : melted ice cream ?

Rea : yes

Me : and What's that ?

Rea : it's a Pear

Me : wait , you melted vanilla ice cream and cut a pear and put it inside there . And you're eating that ?

Rea : yes

Wow !

And she goes back to eating that

Should I be worried ?

Like who eats such things ? Like
to be honest ?

Who melts ice cream ?

Me : are you okay ?

Rea : I'm fine , please move
away until I'm done eating . I

have a feeling you'll make me
loose my appetite

Me : what Okay

I turn walking upstairs to her
bedroom

She's moody , although she
doesn't show it much

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Reatile

I don't know

Honestly we're okay

From having to recover from
everything that happened

The lies , the deaths

I think we made it just fine

He spends more time in my apartment , than I do at his house

I'm busy at college , the work is just too much

So him being here , is the only way that we get to be together more

I don't mind him being around
at all

I get up , walking to the kitchen

There's some spaghetti and
meatballs , I'll just warm that
for him so he can eat

I know he's hungry

I wash the bowl I was using

And I feel his presence behind
me

I don't turn

Monde : MaNkosi , ngicela
umtwana (can I please have a
baby)

I turn looking at him , he's
leaning against the wall

Me : what ?

Monde : ngicela senze umtwana
(can we please make a baby)

I want to laugh , cause what's
bringing this up

And why is he looking like he's
sulking ?

Me : you want a baby ?

Monde : yes

Me : and you want us to have
one ?

Monde : I'm asking

I heave a sigh

Me : what's bringing this up ?

Monde : I'm 31 , I just need an heir . Someone I'll leave my things for , and honestly I do just want a child

I'm guessing he's very much serious

Me : can we go somewhere quickly ?

Monde : but we're still talking

Me : I know , but we'll continue
when we get back

He sighs

Me : please , I promise you it'll
be worth it

He just stares at me , and you
can tell he's a bit hurt

Me : please

I plead with him

Monde : fine

He's not happy at all , he grabs
his car keys walking out

I put my slippers and follow him
out quickly

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Monde

I was just quite like the whole
time

Because I didn't understand her
reaction at all

And seeing we are coming to
the doctor

I was just puzzled , and it didn't
make any sense to me

Me : will you tell me what's
going on ?

We're waiting on the doctor to
come back

She's laying on the bed

Rea : can

The doctor walks in

Doc : I'm sorry to keep you
waiting

Rea : it's okay

Doc : please , pull your t-shirt
up

She pulls it exposing her stomach , now looking at it intensely

I see she's gained a bit , and it's not as flat as it was when we met

Doc : okay , let's see . You might want to hold her hand , the gel is cold

I look at him annoyed

But I hold her hand anyways

He does whatever he's doing ,
and her eyes are just focused
on the monitor

She smiles as a heartbeat sound
, just fills this room

Doc : ah ! We have a strong one

She looks at me

Rea : there you go

I look at her confused , she
smiles

Rea : you asked for baby , there
is your baby

She tears up

I look at the doctor

Doc : the baby is doing well ,
and growing very well . I have
no worries and concerns , but
do lower your stress levels a bit
. Because that can affect the
baby , and you don't want to
put him or her in distress . Your
high blood pressure levels , are
not pleasing me

Rea : it's school , I'll try and not stress

He nods

Doc : on your next appointment , we should be able to see if it's a boy or a girl

Rea : I can't wait

Me : wait

She looks at me

Me : is this a joke ?

She shakes her head no

Me : you said

I have a sigh , not being able to
utter whatever words I want to

Rea : I came here , and when it was time for the doctor to terminate I couldn't do it . I chickened out , I couldn't do it . And the doctor was very happy , that I wasn't going through with that . That's why I chose him as my doctor

Me : MaNkosi

Rea : I'm almost three months now , your baby is growing well

Me : but you said

I sigh

Rea : I said , I was going to do an abortion . You got angry , and said I killed your baby . You didn't give me a chance to finish , so I just let it be . Cause I didn't want to beg you to listen to me

I shake my head with a chuckle

The doctor hands me the wipes
, I wipe her tummy

I lean over giving her a kiss

Me : you're a mean woman

She laughs

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Reatile

Monde : your mother is mean

I laugh

We're back home , cuddling on
the couch

He's in between my thighs , his
head on my tummy

Yes !

He's talking to his child , it's
crazy

I've never seen Monde this
happy , like he's really happy no
lies

Monde : I didn't miss much
though , and I'll make it up

He moves a bit , taking his
phone out

He fiddles with it , and it rings
while on loud speaker

His brother's voice come up

Monde : you're making noise

Khaya : waitwhy are you
calling me ? You never call me is
everything okay ?

Velile : just shows how
important you are , must be
really nice

I can't help but laugh

I so wish and envy this kind of
relationship they have with
each other

I wish Lerato and I were like this

Monde : because you're going
to be an uncle

It goes quite , before their loud
voices just erupt in laughter

Velile : say I'm lying again , I told
you

I look at Monde wanting to
know what he told his brother

Monde : yeah , don't rub it in

Nkazi : where is our wife ?

Monde chuckles

Monde : she's here

Nkazi : why am I only finding
out right now ?

I laugh

Nkazi : I don't appreciate this at all

Me : payback brother man , they say it's a very nice thing you know

Nkazi : after God fear women

They laugh at him

Monde : let's talk , I'm actually having a bonding moment with young Nkosi here

Khaya : we're coming

Velile : for a visit yes

I swear , we'll never see enough of these brother's . But it's always nice when they're around

Monde : I shouldn't have told
you

He drops the call

Monde : now we have to get
married

I choke on my own saliva

Like what the hell ?

Monde : calm down , drink
water

He says with a smile , and I
could be dying

Me : but , like what's wrong
with you ?

Monde : absolutely nothing

Me : like just uttering marriage
out of nowhere

Monde : oh yeah , that's
happening . Asizokhulisa
umtwana emjolweni (we won't
raise the baby dating)

I laugh , like I laugh until tears
blurry my eyes

Me : what ?

Monde : yeah , like what will we be teaching the baby ?

Me : okay wait , I don't want to get married

He frowns , and he shouldn't think I'm kidding right now

Monde : what ?

Me : I've never wanted to get married , I don't even think I'm ready for marriage right now

Monde : we're not raising this baby out of wedlock

And he's really serious

Monde : fine , let's go sign in court . It can even be just between us , and we don't tell

anyone . And when you're ready for marriage , I'll be sure you get the wedding you want

I just stare at him

Monde : this baby will be born a Nkosi , and so will you be a Nkosi too

Me : like you're serious ?

Monde : yes , think about it .
That we're getting married now
, or its court .

He sits up straight , fiddling with
his phone

My phone beeps , and it's a bit
further from me

Me : please hand me my phone

He reaches for it , and hands it
to me

I check the message , and gasps
in shock

My jaw drops , my heart drops
!!

I look at him , and he smiles . I
want to scream , I want to run
around and scream

Monde : thank you for making
me a father

Me : this ?

Monde : it's to thank you for
making me a father , that's the
greatest honour ever

No ways !

So for carrying this human
being inside of me , I've just
secured a million rand

Like just for that ?

Me : Mphazima , I'm going to
make you a father every year

Ask me why I'm crying cause I
don't know.

And he laughs , pulling me
closer to him

He engulfs me into a hug

Monde : we're getting married
?

I nod

Monde : good , but I'm not
giving you money for that

I laugh

I don't know , but I feel like I've
been redeemed by finding this
man and his love for me

From being just a lost girl , in
this city . Selling myself to every
man , that held a fat wallet

To now being here

Me ? I'm worth of being
someone's mother and
someone's wife

I never thought that would ever
happen to me

This man might desire me
however , but at the end of the
day we do have each other .

And I guess everything else
happened for a reason

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Nomaswazi

Me : what the

I frown

Not believing my eyes right now

I look again , actually stopping
on the status just incase I
missed something

But there it is

I log out , and dial her

It rings for a while , when I'm
about to drop she answers

Rea : hello

Me : girl , I just saw your status .
Like are you being for real ?

Rea : yeah

Me : whoa , so the man gave
you that much money just
because he's going to be a
father ?

Rea : mhm , and we're getting married

Now I have heard it all

I don't know , but I just fume like crazy

Even after the drama and disaster that occurred

They're still together

They're having a baby , and
getting married

And she's been given a million
just for being pregnant

Why are things happening for
her like this ?

Me : uhm..... Wait isn't this all
too soon after

Rea : no it's not , I'm telling you as my friend . Well , I do believe that you're my friend . Let's stop discussing my relationship , good or bad . It shall never be a part of our conversations anymore , I'll never cry to you about my relationship . I think that one should just have boundaries

Me : what ?

Rea : mhm it's best this way , if I post something then I posted it for whoever wants to see to see . But if I never tell you anything , just know I wasn't obliged to tell you . And I guess you'll just see when you see , but I think there should be space where my relationship is concerned now

I laugh annoyed

Me : wow , so now you have scored a million from a man you think this friendship is fake ?

Rea : it was true , but it became all fake when I started dating Monde . You think I didn't realise how you acted , every time he did something for me . And you were happy that the trip to Columbia didn't happen , because of everything that was happening . Monde is not

perfect , and he's never portrayed himself as one . Even if he wakes up tomorrow and stops doing things for me , I'll still love him the same . So while he's still doing things for me , please let me be happy in peace . My relationship and Monde are so off limits from now on

Me : what

She drops the call on me

I scream my lungs out ,
throwing the phone against the
wall and it shatters

The door opens , Mpho walks in

He has his eyes popped

Mpho : what's..... going on here
?

I am fuming

Me : can you believe her ? Now because she's been given a million , I'm suddenly not good enough to be her friend . She's suddenly seeing how fake this friendship is

I rub my hair frustrated

Me : Monde will fuck her over ,
he will . And she will come
crying back to me again

Mpho : whoa ! All this drama
because of Monde and Rea
again !

Me : she

Mpho : you know what ? I am
done , I'm so over it . I feel like

our relationship is all about
them , which doesn't even
make sense to me . So I'm done
, come find me when you're
done obsessing over your
friends relationship

He turns and walks out

I'm just left stunned

Did I just get dumped ?

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THE END