

PROLOGUE

Mqoqi



Me: my king

He chuckles

Mnisi: how are you?

Me: what are we?

He laughs

Mnisi: it's called humanity

Me: no, why did you call?

Mnisi: how busy are you?

Me: what's going on?

Mnisi: I need you this side

Me: something wrong?

Mnisi: no, we have to talk

Me: okay, well I was thinking of coming down to PE for the hotel deal. Along with Sambulo

Mnisi: how soon can you come?

Me: how soon do you need me? It was going to be in a few days or so

Mnisi: come as soon as you can

Me: will you tell me what's going on?

No he will not

I'm just asking, but expecting a no already

Mnisi: just come

Me: alright

I drop the call

I close my laptop

Packing my files and get up grabbing my car keys and jacket

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Ndoni



Amahle: looking forward to going home?

I smile

Me: I miss my aunt so bad

She laughs

I grab my sports bag, and place my clothes on the bed

I need to pack appropriate clothes for the village

Even though I'll be home for just two weeks

I don't need a lot of clothes

Amahle: I don't think I will go

home

Me: why?

I fold my dresses

Amahle: you know the relationship between my mother and I just sucks, which

is why I'm happy being stuck in boarding school

Me: it's just two weeks

She laughs

Amahle: two days with her, is just enough

I wouldn't know there problems she has

When my father passed away, my mother and I moved with his sister

And since my mother passed early last year

She has been staying with me ever since

Coming to boarding school was a choice

I've always loved boarding school from a very young age

My aunt only has one child

A son, but he lives in Joburg

I love going home like every chance I get

So I'm always excited about going home

Me: I'm sorry

Amahle: it's okay, just enjoy

home

Well I know I am going to

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Sotshongaye Palace

King Mnisi walks in his chamber

He looks at his wife who's breastfeeding one of the twins, while the other one is sleeping

King Mnisi: doesn't he ever get full?

They laugh

Queen Sino: he loves food

King Mnisi: I don't blame him, he gets the best kind of food

Queen Sino: stop being nasty

He walks over and sits down next to her

She looks at him, and sees how distraught he looks

Queen Sino: did you talk to

Mqoqi?

He sighs

King Mnisi: I asked him to

come

Queen Sino : he doesn't know why?

King Mnisi: no

Queen Sino: for your sake, I hope your brother doesn't end up resenting you

He heaves a sigh

He just can't bring himself to tell his brother the truth

And his wife has long advised that he tells him

King Mnisi: his life is somehow, he has the likes of Gabisile

She laughs

Queen Sino: stay out of that

He looks at her

Queen Sino: Gabisile is his girlfriend, he will see how to deal with her. It has nothing to do with you, and you shouldn't use it as shield from being honest with him. Tell Mqoqi why he needs to come home

He knows she's right, because there's no running away

And he's also soon to step down from the throne

He needs to get his house in order before he does that

He needs to do it now, while he's still in power

And his word still holds some weight

King Mnisi: he will come, and we will talk

She just nods, at least he is coming. That's something

They can talk face to face

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Mnisi

Gabi: who are you leaving with?

I look at her

Me: Sambulo

Gabi: and how long will you be gone?

Me: I don't know

Gabi: babe?

Me: what? I am not sure, we will see how the deal goes

Gabi: so I'll be here left all

alone

Me: there's nothing I can do about that one

It's not like I'll carry her on my back

Gabi: can I come with?

Insane!

I chuckle without even giving her my eyes

As I turn my gaze away from her

Me: I'm going home, and you want to come with. For what? You're my girlfriend, why would I take you to my

Kingdom? So my brother can feel disrespected, about me bringing a girlfriend home

She sulks

Me: and we're going there to work, while we do that what will you be doing?

Gabi: but babe I am going to miss you

Me: yeah, and I'll come back

Gabi: maybe we should just get married

Crazy!

Me: I am not ready for marriage

Gabi: you're 27 Mqoqi, if you're not ready now when will you be ready?

Me: maybe when I'm 37

She pops her eyes

Me: I have to go

She sighs

Gabi: waitlet me give you something to leave with

Me: no, I'm going to be late. Sambulo is waiting for me

Gabi: and he can wait

Me: so I should miss my flight for a fuck?

She moves back and folds her arms sulking

Me : you're dramatic

I chuckle shaking my head

I peck her lips and grab my car keys off the coffee table

I walk out and get into my car driving to the airport

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Ndoni

Me : hey

He laughs

Me: oh my gosh, you look so

buff

Thami: stop

Me: what? Like what

happened to you?

Thami: nothing

Me: is it the SANDF thing?

He frowns

Thami: you know I failed the test right, I didn't get in

Me: yeah, aunty told me

Thami: yeah, but I did train a lot. Hence all of these muscles

Ilaugh

Me: you look amazing

Thami: yeah where are you going?

Me: home, I'm in the taxi now

Thami: for how long?

Me: the whole two weeks

Thami: I will come see you before you leave

Me: aren't you just sweet

He laughs

Thami: so what did you bring me?

Me: waitI'm from school, not a mine. I brought nothing

Thami: you poor thing

I laugh

Me: bye, I want to shut an eye

Thami: don't get lost

Imagine that!

Me : bye

Thami: I love you kiddo

Me: and I love you

I drop the call

We're like 45 minutes before we get home

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Mqoqi

Sambulo: we're headed to the palace?

Me: Mnisi wants to see me, so we might as well

He nods

Sambulo : how did you leave Gabi ?

I laugh

Me: that woman is dramatic, she even wanted to come with me

Sambulo: what?

Me: in her head we must be husband and wife or something, she even said we should get married

Sambulo: you've been together for two years though, when will you marry her? Like do you even intend to, or this is just not it for you

Do I? Well, I don't know

Marriage and Gabi, doesn't make sense to me like at all. So I don't know

Me: leave me with these marriage talk, it'll happen if it happens

He laughs

Cause he knows I'm just fucking with him right now

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Ndoni

Aunt: I'm so glad you came home, you gained

I laugh

Me: I did, and I'm not happy. I feel like I should go to gym

Aunt: nonsense, it's just glow

Me : really ?

Aunt: yes

This one is just hyping me

I've gone from 32 to 34

I feel like I am fat

Me: I was talking to Thami on the way home

She smiles

I'm sure she misses him

It must be lonely living here alone

Aunt: is he good?

Me: yes, and he looked good

too . The training changed him

Thami is older than me

He's 23

Me: I think he should try the police force or security, since he failed in the army

Aunt : oh , these jobs are dangerous

I laugh

Me: that's what he loves, the danger

Aunt: it doesn't make sense to me, at least he has you who understands him. Because I don't

She shakes her head

Ilaugh

It feels good being home

These are the conversations I miss

When I'm at school we barely talk much

It's merely just texts or few minutes calls checking on each other

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INSERT 02

Mqoqi

I just know by the royal council being here

That this can't be something small

Mnisi: thank you all for coming

They nod in acknowledgement

Mnisi: we all know the wishes that my father had, and it's no secret that he wanted my brother to marry from the Biyela when he marries

No shit!

Mnisi: I have been worried and concerned

He sighs

Mnisi: the girl is no longer at

the village

Sibisi: I heard she's studying

Mnisi: yes she is, but she stays at school. And unfortunately, we know our kids today.

There's a possibility she might date while she's there, and we know she's our next queen.

We can't have her being defiled by someone else

Crazy how I know this

But I don't even know this girl

Mnisi: I'm soon to step down, I will hold reigns for my brother while he wraps up his dealings in Joburg . But I think it's in his best interest, and the interest of this kingdom. That him and the Biyela girl marry, as soon as possible. To avoid any mistakes that might happen

Okay! Wow

I didn't think this is what I'm coming home to

And couldn't he at least talk to me about it first

Before announcing this to the royal council

Like some heads up would have been nice

Mnisi: what do you say?

Is there a choice in the matter?

Me: it's okay, but can I meet

her?

Mnisi: I will have to send word to her home, and find out if she's home

I just nod

Mnisi: if the prince agrees, then word can go out that he will be taking a wife. As soon as we have spoken to the Biyela's

There's an agreement

Me : can I be excused ?

He nods

I get up and walk out

Just as my phone rings

There's like 10 messages and 7 missed calls

Me: I am not dead nor lost, like babe please stop with the drama

Gabi: you haven't called

Me: because I am busy

She sighs

Gabi: I just miss you

Me: I get that

Gabi: then I'm all I'm asking for

is some communication

Me: babe stop! When I can, I will call. But this is crazy

Gabi: call me crazy for caring and loving you

Me: don'tI did not say you're crazy

Gabi: you might as well have

She drops the call on me

If she thinks I'll be calling her back

She's got another thing coming

Mnisi walks out of the throne room

Mnisi: you're getting married, what will you do about Gabi?

Me: stay out of it, and I would have appreciated you telling me this before you announce it to the council

Mnisi: there's no big deal here, it's not like you didn't know this

Me : sure , but it's called common decency

He laughs

Me : at least you find it funny, cause I don't

He turns and walks back inside the throne room

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Ndoni

I'm back from the river

As I see a royal car leaving our gate

I wonder what's going on now

And as it passes me it slows down a bit

But I don't even bother looking who's inside

I just pass, and head home

As I get inside the yard, it picks up speed and drives off headed to the palace

I'm intrigued to know what's going on

I open the door, and get in

I take the bucket off my head

Aunt: you're back?

Me: yes

We have taps

But sometimes it happens that we don't have water

So we have to go fetch it from the river

Me: that was the royal car

Aunt: yes

Me: what's going on?

Aunt : come sit down

Okay!

Me: should I make you tea?

Aunt: after we talk

Me: okay

I pull a chair and sit down

Aunt: you do know that you're to marry from the royal house

Jesus!

I am only 17, what's this now?

Like isn't that supposed to happen when I'm 21

Or maybe they don't want to marry me anymore

Like that would be great

Me: yes, I've always known that

Aunt: I know you're my child, and I know you. So I know you're still pure

Ilaugh

Me: of course

She smiles

I'm not even dating at school

I always get picked and teased about it

But I don't care

Aunt: but the king has expressed that he's worried, that you might get influenced.

And so they're asking for the marriage to happen

Me: what?

Aunt: like now, as you're still

home

Me: wow!

I don't believe this

Not even the marriage on its own

But the fact that they're pushing it

Because the king thinks I'll lose my morals and open my legs out there

Aunt: I told them you'll be home for two weeks

Me: they can do whatever they want to do

I honestly don't want to stress my aunt

It's not like I didn't know this

Just that I didn't think it'll happen while I'm still this young

Aunt: I will go see the queen tomorrow

Me: okay, let me make you tea

I get up and boil the kettle

I really didn't think I'm coming back home to get married

Right now I wish I was Amahle

I don't even know this prince

Like there's 4 of them

And I only know the king

I don't know the others

Only because I'm barely around here

I was doing grade 7 when we moved to this village

And I've always attended school away

I guess maybe their worry now is that I'm old

And of course educated about sex and whatnot

Of course and the attraction to guys

Me: I will die if they marry me to some village stuck prince

She laughs

Aunt: the prince lives in Joburg

I look at her a bit shocked

Like that's far

I'm not in the village yes

But I'm still in Eastern Cape

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INSERT 03

Mqoqi

Mnisi: she is around, so this can be done this week

I don't get why the rush

But I won't even say anything

It's very hard to make drama or dispute things

Especially when you've known for like years

It's almost 4 years now knowing

So it can happen it's fine

Mnisi: if you marry by Saturday, then she can get next week with her aunt. Before she goes

back to school, just to spend time with her family

She gets next week with her aunt

So when do I get her?

Mnisi is speaking nonsense right now

He should keep quite

Me: Sambulo has a contact at home affairs

Mnisi: that's better, so
Thursday we will go pay bride
price. Then Friday, we'll have
the gifting ceremony. Saturday,
you can officiate the marriage

Yes!

The king has thought of everything

So let it be

Me: okay, I'm going to Joburg tomorrow

Mnisi: you're getting married, don't bring the drama of that woman you're living with here

I laugh

Me: just leave me alone

Thinking about Gabisile, she must be going out of her mind

The fact that I didn't bother calling her back yesterday

After she dropped the call on me

I think she was just overreacting

That's why I won't pay attention to that shit

Me : so when do I get to see

her?

He laughs

Mnisi: you saw her, and you just passed

Me: that's crazy, she was carrying a bucket from the river. She didn't even pay attention to the car

Mnisi: you just became

Me: don't say it, but I want to meet her. Just her and me,

make it tonight. Because tomorrow I am leaving

Mnisi: I should make it?

Me: you're the one who called this so yeah

He must not think I am kidding with him

King or not

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Ndoni

Me : are you not bored?

She laughs

Amahle: no, Cash sneaks in every now and then

Me: the day you get caught

We laugh

Amahle: my man is just keeping me occupied

Me: lucky you

Amahle: how is home?

I heave a sigh

Me: home is home, and

My aunt walks in

Aunt: sorry if I am interrupting

Me: I'm just talking to Mahle

Aunt: okay, you have to wrap that up. Because the prince is requesting your presence

Me: friend I'll call you

I drop the call

Me: what do you mean?

I get off the bed and stand up

Aunt: when I left the palace, I was asked to relay the message

Me : see me where ?

Aunt: at the palace

Me: okay, it's like raining cats and dogs outside. Look you're wet, and they want me to go there

Aunt: I got wet getting off the car, they've sent a car

Great!

Why must I go see him?

But maybe that's good

Then finally I'll know him

Why if he's an old man that's just disgusting?

They better not had dealt me

Me: okay

She smiles and walks out

Me: yhoh!

No, we should have been warned not to grow up

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Gabisile



She looks at her friend

After trying to call Mqoqi, for the 5th time

And his phone is not going through

Gabi: maybe I should call his brothers

Amira: stop ...

She grabs the phone from her friend

Amira: this is crazy now, you're acting like a crazy girlfriend

Gabi: he hasn't called me today, he doesn't call when I dropped the call on him

Amira: when will you even learn that Mqoqi, is not the kind of a man who begs a woman

Gabi: friend something is wrong here, I am telling you something is wrong

Amira: you don't know that

Gabi: seriously, you wouldn't know. Because you're not faced up with what I'm faced up with

Amira: what you think you're faced up with, now you even want to call his brothers. Like for what?

Gabi: you should never ignore your woman intuition, it's never wrong

Amira: intuition my foot, just leave the man alone. You're nagging and annoying him right

now , just stop . You're acting like a desperate woman

She grabs the bottle of wine and drink from it

Amira: you're crazy

She takes the bottle from her friend and downs it down the drain

She shakes her head just frustrated

Amira: you don't know when he's coming back, I'm going to Cape Town for my shoot. Come with me, an all paid expenses trip. You will let him do his work, while we have fun that side

Gabi sits down and sniffs

Maybe going away is exactly what she needs

Gabi: fine

Amira smiles

Amira: fine we're leaving?

Gabi sighs

Gabi: yes, I'll leave a message for him

Amira: good, so Friday we're leaving

Gabi takes a deep breath, she can't help but feel this way

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INSERT 04

Mqoqi

This rain is bad

And Jama is not getting back

He should he here by now

It doesn't take over an hour from her place to here

Sambulo: they'll be here

Me: they should have long been here

Sambulo: so you're seriously getting married?

I heave a sigh

Me: yeah

Sambulo: what about Gabi?

Me: what about her?

Sambulo: will you tell her this?

I look at him

Me: right now, I'm worried about why Jama hasn't arrived. You can really give me a break about Gabi

He laughs

Sambulo: I feel for her

He shakes his head

Me: screw this

Sambulo: and now?

Me: I'm going to drive out

Sambulo: no, do you see this rain?

Me: that's why I am going out there

I just hope something didn't happen to them

I turn and head to my hut

I grab my car keys and run out heading to my car

I drive out, using the route we used yesterday heading to her home

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Ndoni

Me : can't you just call someone ?

He looks at me and sighs

Him: I don't have network coverage

This is crazy

The rain is bad

And a tire burst

Now we're stuck in the middle

It's just nonsense

He doesn't have network coverage to call anyone

And I'm not going to sit here for hours and hours

Especially when we don't know how long we'll be stuck here

The rain could go on for hours and hours

And I'm not sitting here for this

Me: okay

I open the door

Me: I am leaving and going

back home

Him: you can't

He must leave me alone

I close the door and turn headed back home

And it's a long way

This rain is heavy

Seconds out of the car and I'm already dripping wet

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Mqoqi

And half way through

I spot the royal car

I stop next to it and there's Jama standing next to the car

In this rain

I roll the window down

Me: and then?

Jama: tyre burst, I don't have a spare

Me: you could have called

Jama: there's no coverage

I get out of the car and walk to his

I open the back door and it's empty

Me: where is she?

Jama: no offence but that girl is stubborn, she got out of the car and walked back

This is nonsense

She walked back in this rain

Me: just be glad she's a priority right now, or else I'll be fucking you up

He moves back

I turn back heading to my car

I get in and drive off

Just like 10 minutes later I see her

She's drenched

I stop the car and get out

Me : come

She stops and looks at me

She's even shivering

Me: come on

Her: I'm dripping wet, I can't go into your car

Me: it's leather seats

She just stares at me.

I take her hand, and we walk to the car

I open the door for her she gets in

I walk around and get on my side

I put on the heater

I make a call

Sambulo: yeah

Me: come pick Jama

He laughs

I drop the call and turn driving back to the palace

Her: you're passing him?

She asks as we pass the royal car

And Jama is back in the car

Me: he fucking let you out of the car in this rain, I'm pissed at him. I don't want him anywhere near me

She says nothing

Almost reaching the palace we pass Sambulo driving out

We get to the palace

I drive through near my hut

I get out and open the door for her

The rain has gotten better now

I open the door and make way for her

She walks in taking her shoes off

I shake my head saying nothing

I head over to the bathroom and run her a warm bath

I walk back

And she's still by the door

She's now closed it

Me: go take a bath, you shouldn't have gotten out of the car and walked. The rain is cold, you'll get sick

She just looks at me

Me: if you get flu, we will have a problem. Go bath

She takes her clothes off and gets naked

Like right in front of me

She's not even shy about it

She walks over to the bathroom

Me: okay!

I shake my head picking her clothes up

I take a mop and wipe off the water and mud

I take my sweatpants, briefs and a t-shirt with a hoodie

With some socks

I place them on the bed

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INSERT 05

Ndoni

The bath is so refreshing

Honestly at school we live by showers

So to get to have a bath

And just relax

It's soothing

But I'm disturbed by the knock on the door

Me: yes?

Silence

Me: come in

He already saw me naked

So what do I care

I really have no problem whatsoever getting naked in front of people

Call me whatever

But I even undress in front of Thami

I'm like when he looks at me he sees his younger sister

And not a sex toy

But as for this one

I don't know what he sees

But I am marrying him am I not?

And if he wants sex he will see me naked

So what exactly am I hiding?

He walks in and stands by the bathtub

He looks at me

He's handsome

I don't care

For the mere fact that he's not light skinned

I find him handsome

Him: you've been in here for a while, I'm sure the water is cold. Come out, I bought you coffee it'll get cold

Mood killer

Me: please hand me a towel

He leans over and reaches for it

He holds it as I get out of the bathtub

I take the towel from him, and dry then tie it over my breasts

I drain the water, and clean the bathtub

While he's still standing and just watching me

When I'm done I take his lotion and lotion

Him: your clothes are in the dryer, I put clothes for you on the bed

Me: thanks

We walk out of the bathroom

And get to the bedroom

I don't think I've ever seen such a huge hut

This is like a whole house

There's the bathroom, the bedroom

The kitchen and the lounge area

Like it's huge

I can see the kitchen because the door connecting to it it's opened

And also you can spot the lounge area a bit from there

I take the clothes and put them on

He's a size smaller than me

His sweatpants literally hug me

But they're not tight

Him: come

He holds his hand out

I take it and we use the connecting door and get in the kitchen

It's so beautiful

Like really specious

And the open plan between the kitchen and the lounge

Just makes this homely

Him: let me bring your coffee

I head to the lounge, where there's a fire place

And it's so warm

He goes to the kitchen and comes back with the cup

We sit down on the couch

Me: thank you

I say taking the cup from him

He nods, and leans over reaching for a fleece

He covers me up

I'm like what about him?

And why is he not having coffee

Although he's changed

And he's in sweatpants and just a long sleeve t-shirt

With the sleeves rolled up

It's like he's not cold

And I'm cold, I don't want to lie

I take a few sips of the coffee

Him: what's your name?

This is funny

We don't even know each other's names

Me: Ndoni

Him: Mqoqi

I would have never guessed

Mqoqi: how old are you?.

Okay!

I guess we're having the talks now

Me: 17

Mqoqi: mhm

He goes quite

I can tell he's old yes

I'm just wondering like how old

I will flip if he's over 10 years older

Me: isn't that the part where you randomly call your age

Mqoqi: if you want to know you should ask

Me: I never asked for your name

I mumble that

But his chuckle says he heard me

He grabs the remote and switches on the TV

Why is current affairs playing?

And why are we watching that

Like is there nothing we can watch on TV?

I look at him and his eyes are so focused on whatever nonsense that is

Me: here

I hand him the cup

Mqoqi: you didn't finish

Me: yeah, we both got wet. So you take that and finish it, and I'll take this

I grab the remote from his hand

I cover him up with the fleece

And as I flip through I see he has Netflix on there

I look at him he chuckles and takes a few sips of the coffee

He takes the remote and helps me out

I settle on the movie Little

Now this is perfect

Not some current affairs

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Mqoqi

I chuckle switching off the TV

Her movie finished and she watched another one of Marvel

That one of some guy with water powers or whatever

And now she's fallen asleep

I move slowly making sure that I don't wake her up

And I carry her into my arms

The plan wasn't for her to spend the night here

But this was just unforeseen

I just wanted her to come so I can meet her

I walk to the bedroom and open the sheets

I take off the hoodie and she slowly opens her eyes

Me: it's okay sleep

Ndoni: the pants

I chuckle

Me : okay

I take the sweatpants off as well

Leaving her with my briefs and t-shirt

I take the socks off

I don't know if she's the type that sleeps with them or not

I cover her

And take my clothes off, I leave only my briefs

I walk to the lounge and grab my phone

I call Gabi, and it rings for a while

Gabi: and you're alive

The fucking attitude, she should be grateful I'm even calling her

Me: I've had a busy day, I'm just checking on you

Gabi: well Cape town is where I am headed for the whole of next week, enjoy your stupid village

She's drunk no lies

That's why she's spitting shit

I drop the call, and walk back to the bedroom

I get in bed and hold my hand out, bringing her closer

I place a kiss on top of her head and cuddle her

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INSERT 06

Ndoni

These strong masculine arms holding me

It's like I don't want to get out of this embrace

But I'm pressed

I need to pee, there's no avoiding this one

Mqoqi: do you want to pee?

Does he read minds?

I lift my eyes and look at him

He looks like he's been awake for a while

Mqoqi: you're moving your thighs a lot

Wow!

Me: I'm pressed

He lets go , and I immediately go cold

But crazy!

Because I'm still covered in sheets

I get up and rush to the toilet

Okay!

Like nothing beats this morning pee

That makes you feel so relieved

Like the world has no problems

I wipe myself and flush the toilet

I wash my hands and use his Listerine to rinse my mouth

I walk back to the bedroom

I get back in bed

I'm sceptical about moving closer to him

But he still has his arm held out

I just lean over and snuggle myself next to him

Mqoqi: why are you so chilled about all of this, marrying a stranger and you're just yourself?

Alright

Me: it's no use to fight the inevitable, I've always known ever since I was 14. That I'll marry into the royal family, even though I didn't know who or even why . But I knew , and now that the time has come acting up won't help with nothing. And it won't change the situation either

He goes silent for a bit

Mqoqi: I am old, I'm sure you can see that

Well

I am not blind yes

Me: I'll say you're matured,

not old

He chuckles, his chest moving up a bit

Mqoqi: I'm 27

Okay!

At least it's 10 years older

Not over 10 years

Me: yes, mature

He runs his fingers between my shoulder blades

Mqoqi: I don't stay here, I'm in Joburg most of the time. I heard you're at school

Me: boarding school, doing my matric

I can't wait for the last two months and a half

And just be done with school

Honestly, all I want is to have a salon and a nail bar

Like I even do hair at school as a side hustle

I do nails sometimes

Because school kids really don't wear nails

But the rebellious ones, always ask for clear gel that's small

It's easy to fool the teachers

Mqoqi: I am going to Joburg this morning, I'll be back tomorrow for the negotiations.

Will he?

And like why is he leaving today, when tomorrow it's his negotiations?

It doesn't make sense to me

But let me not question that

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Mqoqi

Two missed calls from Gabi and a text message

This woman just doesn't want to grow up

She wasn't in my moods last night

And she goes on to call just becoming a bother, when she's the one always acting up

I open the door and it's Sambulo

Ndoni is having breakfast

It helps having my own kitchen

Because I don't have to go outside in the main palace for food

After we woke up, she cooked

And she's one mean cook

Me: yeah

He laughs

Sambulo: open the door

Me: no

Sambulo: really? You just couldn't wait for the wedding

I chuckle

Me: fuck off, what do you

want?

Sambulo: Jama is asking to talk to you

Me: no, I'm still pissed at him

He laughs

Sambulo: I'm staying out of this one, tell me when you're ready to go. I'll drop you off at the airport

I'm returning back alone

Me: sure

He walks away, I close the door

I sit back down in the kitchen, and finish eating

Me: pass my apologies, it wasn't my intention to make you sleep here. I am not being

disrespectful towards your family or anything like that

Ndoni: it's okay, I'll tell my aunt. I'm sure she'll understand

As we were talking, she told me she's an orphan

And lives with her aunt

She's has an older brother who is a cousin

From her parents she's an only child

So far, I would say we're getting to know each other better

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Ndoni

He decided to drive me back home

I'm wearing his clothes

Not the ones he gave me yesterday

And he refused with my clothes

Said that's my house now

So I need to have my things in that house

That definitely wasn't something to have an argument about

Or go back and forth

So I left them

He's parked right by the gate

And the stares, even from the neighbours

It's just a lot

But I love that the car is tinted

Mqoqi: let me have your

number

He hands me his phone

I put in my number, and save it

I hand him his phone back

Mqoqi: I will see you tomorrow

That's if he'll be back from Joburg

And he's not running away

Me: if you're running away, don't embarrass me or my family

He chuckles

Mqoqi : I said I'll see you tomorrow

Fine!

Me : okay

I lean over to open the door

But he grabs my arm and leans for a hug

I'm caught off guard

But I gladly welcome it

Inhaling his scent, like this man smells so good

Mqoqi: don't deny me tomorrow to your uncle's and say you don't know me

I laugh

We pull back

And I open the door getting out

I close it back, and walk a bit opening the gate

Once I'm in and I close the gate

He drives off heading back to the palace

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Mqoqi

I park on the drive way, I don't see Gabi's car here

So maybe she's not around

That would be a miracle

Maybe the car is in the garage

That's if she didn't go somewhere else

I take out my phone and make a call

It rings for a while and just as I'm about to drop she answers

Ndoni: hello?

She sounds asleep

Me: why are you sleeping, are you okay?

Ndoni: mhm, there's too many people here at home

I request a video call

Me: accept my call

She says nothing but accepts

Me: I just got home, I wanted to see if you're really okay

Ndoni: I'm okay, the designer was here. So it was just a lot, and there's tons of people around here. I just wanted to be alone

Me: not having second thoughts?

Ndoni: no

I heave a sigh of relief

This is a lot, in a short time

Just because she knew about this

It doesn't mean she's not allowed to have fears about it

Or feel that maybe it's rushed

Me: okay, I'll call you later

She nods

I drop the call and get out of the car

I grab my keys incase there's no one

I knock at the door and there's no answer

I open the door, it's not locked

I walk in

And it's quite downstairs

I head upstairs

And she's in my room

She looks at me and smiles

Gabi: baby, you're back

Oh so now she's happy to see me?

Me: what's with you and drama? Like does it make sense to you, you're 24 and not a child anymore. Like why can't you just grow up, and stop behaving so immature. Honestly you're tiring to be honest, you seriously need to grow up . I'm a working man , I can't be on my phone with you 24/7. I can't answer your call, every 2 minutes . You're acting like a crazy girlfriend right now, as if I've ever given you a reason not to trust me. This behaviour of yours is annoying

Gabi : babe

Me: I am talking!

She looks down

I heave a sigh

Me: get yourself in order if you see this relationship working, or even going anywhere. But I will not have a crazy girlfriend, I won't . It's like communication fails you, every time you just have to be on attack mode. Like the Cape Town thing, what's that about?

Gabi: Amira invited me to Cape town for a week

Me: and you couldn't tell me that without being nonsensical about it?

Gabi: I'm sorry

Me: just get your act together, we're not kids. And you think I'll marry a woman who behaves like this? Men marry for peace and do you think

you've given me any peace ever since I left?

Silence

Me: like get yourself together

I take my clothes off and walk to the shower

She walks in minutes later naked

Gabi: I am sorry baby, I will do better

She hugs me from behind

Placing kisses on my back

Me: I am not having a conversation about this, I've said what I've wanted to say

Gabi: I am sorry, I know I can be a lot. But I'll do better, I promise. You're right, I can't expect you to call me every five minutes, I know you're busy. So I'll be more understanding, please forgive me

I turn around and face her

Me: stop with the crazy behaviour, we're not high school kids

Gabi: I promise

Me: your actions will show that

Gabi: from now on, yes. So

can I go to Cape Town?

That will work for me

Me: yes

She smiles

Gabi: thank you

She gets down on her knees and strokes my dick

She looks up and smiles, licking the tip with her tongue

I grab her head, and position her mouth directly on my dick

She takes it in her mouth, sucking on it

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Ndoni

I am not happy that my sleep was disturbed just like that

I wanted to sleep some more

And now I'm awake

I can't fall back to sleep

Like a whole lot is just going on its too much

I feel like these people are just trying to wear us out completely

Like three consecutive days of ceremonies

I wonder if I'll even have stamina for anything else, Saturday after saying I do

My phone rings, I pick up the call

Thami: I'm in the city, tell me what you want and be fast

Can only be my brother

But I'm so glad he's coming

I just call out random junk

But I know he will bring everything

I can't wait for him to get here

I'll be counting minutes

Thami: I'll see you soon

And just like that , he's dropped the call on me

Crazy dude!

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Mqoqi

With Gabi going to Cape Town

I will be alone

And Ndoni will be having the week

Before she goes back to school

So she can come this side

And spend that week with me

Hopefully she will agree

Me: drop me off at the airport

She smiles

Gabi: okay, thank you for coming. I really do appreciate it, even if it was to put me in line and nothing else

At least she's not making drama about me being back only for few hours and leaving

Gabi: let me put on my shoes

She walks up

I take my phone and make a call

It's late in the afternoon

I'm sure by now she's fully awake

Ndoni: hello

Me: you're up?

Ndoni: I never slept back

Me: what are you doing?

Ndoni: I'm cooped up in my room

Me : okay , I am coming back .
I'll see you tomorrow

Ndoni : I'll believe you're back when I see you

The lack of trust

Ditching this marriage doesn't only mean embarrassing her and her family

But also mine

Me: I'll arrive late

Ndoni: okay

Gabi walks back

Me: we will talk

Ndoni: bye

I drop the call

Gabi: they need you back

already?

Me: something like that

Gabi: okay let's go

She grabs my keys

We walk out

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Ndoni

Thami: you're so chilled about this

He arrived minutes ago

I don't know what took him so long

But he's blaming me

Because I sent him to shops

Forgetting that he offered

Me: there's no use to be crazy

Thami: you're young, are you ready for marriage?

Ishrug

Thami: how old is this guy?

Me: like a 10 years difference

Thami: couldn't they find someone younger?

Me: I really don't care, so it's fine

Thami: if he ever mistreats you, we'll have serious problems.

He must not take advantage of the fact that you're young

I smile

Thami: did I say something funny?

Me: no, it's just nice knowing I have you having my back

Thami: if I had my way, I would say they give you a few years

Me: it's okay

The door opens my aunt walks in

This woman is busy shame

Aunt: this is why you didn't come to eat, because you're stuffing your face with junk

The good thing is that I'm not concerned about being the perfect bride

I don't even care about a figure

Aunt: the prince is asking to see you

It's almost 21:00

Why is he here?

I mean , he did say he'll arrive late

Me: it's late

Aunt: so?

Me : so ...I'll see him tomorrow

She laughs

Aunt: cover up and go out, don't disappear come back. Your in-laws should find you here when they come tomorrow

She walks out

Thami: you're being given permission to go see a man

We laugh

Thami: she must be liking him

Me: or she just feels she must, just because he's royalty

He shakes his head

He could have just called and said I've arrived

I get up and grab my gown

I'm already in sleep wear

Because I wasn't needed in the kitchen

I put on sleepers

Me: don't go

Thami: don't get funny with him, you'll shower when you

get back . Cause I'm spending the night here

Me: your mind runs too wild for me

I walk out

And just pass everyone in the kitchen like I'm not even seeing them

There's even lights on outside

Because there's women inside the tent

Village people never miss anything

They don't even wait to be invited

I get outside the yard

And he's parked a bit towards the end of our yard

Not directly at the gate

I head over to his side and knock on the window

Mqoqi : get in the car

Me : but

He opens the door , I move back

Mqoqi: get in

He has his seat adjusted back

And he's laying down

Me: I'll go to the other side

Mqoqi: no, you came this side. So get in

So much drama!

I get in and slide my gown a bit so I can straddle him

He places his hands on my waist closing the door, I adjust myself a bit

We stare each other in silence for a few minutes

Mqoqi: why didn't you trust I'll be back?

I shrug

Mqoqi: you understand by tomorrow we will be husband and wife right?

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Mqoqi: there's nothing that'll make me want to run away

Me: if you say so

He tilts my chin, his cold breath hitting my face

There's a bit of nicotine there

So he's a smoker

Mqoqi: there's no harm in kissing my wife is there?

I shake my head slowly

Oh but what did Thami say?

But it's just a kiss right?

He brushes his lips over mine, and takes on my lower lip

I lean over placing my hands on his chest

I kiss him back, just following his pace

The kiss is slow and so passionate

It feels so right, and just evoking things inside of me

I feel funny down there

As his dick grows beneath me

And I feel it hitting right on my coochie

He deep groans grabbing tight on my waist

I deep the kiss, feeling my nipples pressing hard on my t-shirt

Mqoqi: what are you doing to me?

Me!

What is he doing to me?

He deep long pecks my lips

We pull back slowly and lock eyes

His eyes are slightly shut, and reddish

Mqoqi: hug me

I smile and place my hands on his lower waist

I lay on top of him burying my face on his neck

Taking his scent

Can I please not fall for a man who will not fall for me

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Mqoqi

Sambulo: so you went there to calm her down?

I laugh

Am I crazy?

But then again I did drive to the village

Just to ease someone's feelings

So she can see I'm really back and have peace

But I could never do what I did if it was for Gabi

Me: no, I went to buy a ring.
But I told her about this
behaviour of hers

He laughs

Sambulo: you went all the way to Joburg to buy a ring?

Me: yes

Sambulo: you're crazy

Maybe I am

Like spending that hour with her in the car

Just sitting there with her in my arms

I don't even know what to say

Sambulo: You're getting married, we can't even flex about it

Me: post it, and Gabi finds out. Leave me out of if

We laugh

Sambulo: women need to be careful of men

Yeah

Says another man

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Ndoni

Thami: you look beautiful

I smile

It's nice having him here

There's nothing beautiful about the simple traditional dress I'm wearing

I even have on sandals, and a head wrap

Covered with a small blanket on my shoulders

Thami: so this is it?

I laugh

Me: if I didn't know better, I would say you're really working hard to make me doubt this

He chuckles

Thami: you already love him, so it's too late

Me: love him? I haven't even told him that, so please

Thami: actions speak louder than words

Me: whatever

My aunt walks in

Aunt : baby

Me: mhm-mhm, spare those emotions

We laugh

It'll be a long three days

Aunt: your in-laws are asking to see you

We woke up very early today

And I'm tired, I'm even sleepy to be honest

Me : okay

She takes my hand we walk out to the lounge

My uncle and aunt are here

So basically that's the only family we have

And the royal family is packed

I would say all the brothers are here

Along with the king and queen

And the chief as well

That's a lot of people

Now I'm even nervous

I sit down on the grass man

I have my head bowed down

I feel intense eyes on me

I lift my eyes to the side a bit

And there he is, staring right at me

Looking so handsome, in a grey suit

With a white shirt, and the first buttons not buttoned

He winks at me, I smile staring back down

The things this man makes me feel

I just replay last night all over in my head

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Mqoqi

Me: can you just make sure those people know they can't post those pictures they're busy taking

Sambulo: I got it, and I think they heard your brother well

He looks over as Ndoni walks towards us

Sambulo : I do not blame you after all

We laugh

Sambulo: she's a beauty

Me: rather tell me something I don't know

He laughs walking away

The negotiations are done everything went well

Tomorrow is the gifting ceremony

It'll be happening here again

And the wedding on Saturday will take place at the palace

Me: are you okay?

I ask taking her hand as she stands in front of me

I'm by my car outside their yard

Everyone is just enjoying the festivities

Me: mhm?

Ndoni: I'm tired

Me: you want to go home and rest? I'll bring you later

Ndoni: won't they say we left?

Me: no, today is done. We just have to prepare for tomorrow, and they've already sent people out for the gifts

Ndoni: okay

I smile opening the door for her

She gets in

I walk over to the side and get in driving off to the palace

Me: would you have a problem coming with me to Joburg on Sunday? You can spend the week there, and I'll take you back to school next week weekend

Ndoni: like for a visit?

Me: yeah, you'll have to do a lot of those visits. Because it might be a while, before I come back here

Ndoni: it's okay, we'll see how next week goes

That's better

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Ndoni

As soon as we got here, he had me changing into the clothes I was wearing

He gave me his clothes

And I felt comfortable

I sure slept

And I've just woken up

He's cooked, and now we're eating

I told Thami where I am

I'm glad I got to rest

My phone rings, and it's Amahle

Mhm!

I haven't spoken to her in like days and days

I'm such a bad friend

Me: hey

I put the phone on loud speaker

Because I'm eating

Amahle: waitthat's you right there on Insta. Looking like a bride of some sort, I know I am not blind

I laugh at just how she's saying it

Me: I'm a bad friend I know

Amahle: no kidding, you're getting married?

Me: something like that

The eye Mqoqi gives me

Me: yeah ...yeah I am

He focuses back to his food, why does it even matter what I say?

Amahle: lord Jesus! Now this makes sense, why you were virgin Mary. And you didn't even want Cash

Okay, this was a bad idea

Me: Cash is your boyfriend

She laughs

Amahle: yeah, but he wanted you first

Me: well now you know why I never dated

Amahle: who is the lucky nigga?

I only posted a picture of myself there

I will never post him, like never

I'll rather post him hidden or just a hand

Like just something

Just not the whole of him

Me: he is the hubby girl, give it up

Amahle: when you get back here, I need and want all the juicy details

I laugh

Amahle: let me go see Cash, we'll talk

Me: mhm bye

I drop the call

I focus on my food, to avoid any talks about that phone call

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Mqoqi

Me: I'll see you tomorrow

She nods

I pull her into my arms we hug

Ndoni: thank you for giving me rest

I pull her over and slightly tilt her chin

Giving her a brief kiss

Me: so what will you be gifting your husband with?

She smiles

Ndoni: am I even supposed to tell you that?

Me: no, but I am just curious

Ndoni: well, I'll be gifting you with all of me

Fuck!

Me: really?

I place my hands on her waist

Ndoni: yeah

Me: well, I can't wait

She slightly laughs

Ndoni: let me go it's late

Me : okay , don't fall asleep before I call

Ndoni: don't call too late

Me: I won't

She pecks my lips and pulls away walking inside their yard

I watch her until she's inside the house

I get in my car and drive off

I make a call driving to the palace

Gabi: baby

Me: hey, are you okay?

Gabi: I miss you, but yeah

Me: okay, I won't be able to call tomorrow or Saturday. It'll be very busy for me

Gabi: oh?

She sounds somehow

But she must just take the fact that I told her

So she shouldn't expect any form or kind of communication from me

Me: yeah

Gabi: uhm, thanks for telling me

Me : are you ready to leave ?

Gabi: yes, we're leaving tomorrow morning. I was packing

Me : okay , you enjoy yourself in Cape Town

Gabi: thanks, but baby won't you be giving me something

Me: what?

Gabi: like money for spoils and enjoyment

I chuckle

Me: I will see what I can do, but I am not promising. Things are tight right now

Gabi: and I have to understand, that you leave me alone. For work purposes, but also you don't have money to send me just to enjoy myself

Me: and this is the end of this conversation

I drop the call, she calls back I decline the call

I send her 2.5K and in seconds she calls

Me: you're welcome

She laughs so loud and annoyed

Gabi: is this a joke? You've never given me anything less than 5K, what the hell is 2.5K? Am I joke to you, like what am I

supposed to do with those peanuts?

I chuckle

Me: there's someone out there who doesn't even have R5, and that's my hard earned money.
But it's okay, I'll do a reversal.
Cause I don't have the thousands you want

I drop the call and do the reversal

Of course it charges on me

But it's fine

She keeps calling and I'm just ignoring her calls

Her texts just come flooding through

And I ignore them

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Ndoni

Thami: where were you?

I laugh getting into bed

My aunt didn't say anything

I just told her I'm tired and going to sleep

She was okay with that

The people are still out there now

Preparing for tomorrow

I don't know how I'll survive tomorrow and Saturday

I need me some retail therapy after this

I have some funds saved

Thami sends me 2K every month

And my aunt sends 1.5K

I barely use half the money

I always tell them to decrease it

But they don't want to

And Thami was looking forward to increasing it

If he had gotten the job at the army

I barely have too many needs for that money

I buy too many toiletries at once

That lasts me for about four months

Me : did anyone ask where I was ?

Thami: of course

Me: what about the prince?

He laughs

Thami: what about him?

Cause he disappeared too

Me: yeah, did anyone ask about him where he is?

Thami: no, just you

Me : ah ! Why me alone ? That doesn't make sense

We laugh

Thami: so you two disappeared again?

Obviously

Me: I was tired, he took me to sleep at the palace

Thami: why couldn't you sleep here?

Me: it's noisy, his hut is far from the main palace. So I

don't hear the noise that's happening there

Thami: don't cuddle me, I hope you didn't get sneaky with each other

Me: yhoh!

He covers himself

I laugh

Me: have you thought maybe of venturing into security, or maybe the police force?

Thami: no, I don't want to be a cop

Me: why?

Thami: it's a lousy job

Me: a job is a job, and maybe after a year or two you can start the process for the army again

Thami: mhm, I'll think about it

Me: okay

I should get some more rest

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Gabi: I feel like he's cheating

Amira sighs

Amira: just because he sent you less money?

Gabi: he's also distant, it feels like I'm loosing him

Amira: friend, you're just overreacting

Gabi: no, I can feel it. His money is going somewhere else

Amira: get some rest, we're leaving tomorrow. You're stressing over nothing

Gabi: I should propose to him

Amira: don't do that, you're not that desperate. And you'll be embarrassing yourself, if that man rejects you and a whole proposal

Gabi: but I am, I am that desperate. He said he's not ready for marriage, but I feel

like I'm loosing him. Maybe if I take the first step he'll see I'm serious, and committed to us. He will also commit

Amira: so if he's cheating, will you settle for a cheating husband?

Gabi: maybe marriage will change him

Amira: no, men cheat because they want to cheat. Nothing can stop them, not even kids. So don't do that to yourself, you can't change a cheating man

She sighs

Gabi: I can't loose him, and I'll do whatever it takes to keep him

Amira: let's just sleep, I think right now you're just overthinking this whole thing

Gabi: I'll see you tomorrow

She drops the call, telling herself she must do something to keep her man

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Ndoni

Thami: the way you're so annoyed and bored, but if that man rocks up here and wants to see you. You'll be gone in

seconds, without even thinking twice

I look at him with a frown

Me: stop!

He laughs

Thami: you're going to be a sour bride tomorrow

I'm doing this make up trial thing for tomorrow

My dress and shoes also arrived

The gifting ceremony went great

They're just finishing up outside

And it's late now

Like after 19:00

I really don't see a need for this

Thami: and don't disappear, you're not supposed to see that guy until tomorrow

Me : says who ?

Thami: the law of getting

married

Me: I'll rather not

My phone rings, and I let out a fade smile

Thami: you're not going anywhere, tell him that

Me: excuse me

I say to the make up artist

I get up from the chair and answer my phone

Me: hello

Mqoqi: can you answer my calls, and make me feel like I am your husband really

I laugh

Me: I wouldn't know what to say

Mqoqi: anything but hello, hi or hey

Me: okay, I'll try

Mqoqi: just do it

Me: fine then

He chuckles

Mqoqi: you owe me

Me: what?

Mqoqi: don't be so quick to forget your words from last night

What have I done?

Me: mhm

Mqoqi: where is your brother?

Okay!

Me: uhm ...he's here

I say looking at Thami

Mqoqi: can you give him the phone?

Me: whatwhy?

Mqoqi: please nana (baby)

Bury me now!

That hoarse voice saying nana

Men will kill us

Me: okay

Mqoqi: that's my girl

Mxm!

I walk over and hand him the phone

Thami: I am not covering shit for you

I motion for him to make it loud speaker

He laughs shaking his head answering the call

Thami: sure

Aibo!

A whole sure to a prince?

What's wrong with Thami?

Thami: yeah alright

He hands me back my phone

Me : so ?

I whisper

But he lays back down on the bed

Mqoqi : ndiselapha (I'm still here)

I left him hanging, because I'm not happy with this one

Me: Xolo (sorry)

Should I ask him what he was saying to Thami?

I mean I want to know

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Mqoqi

Sambulo: and?

Me: he's good didn't make a fuss they'll come

He chuckles

Sambulo: I can't believe you're using this guy, to get your woman

I laugh

Me: I am not using him, I was going to ask him to come around anyways. It'll be a long night for the guys, so he might as well come around. But now he will come with her, and they'll leave together. I've

been taking her a lot, I don't want to end up paying a fine for this. So this way, it'll just be like they were together wherever they were

Sambulo: sneaky ...

My phone rings

And I heave a sigh

Sambulo: on the real, you need to do something about this

I answer the call

Me: yeah

Gabi : yeah ?

Me: what do you want?

Gabi: you really did a reversal of the money you sent

Me: if you have nothing to say, keep quite and stop calling me. You didn't want that money, you wanted more. And I don't have more

Gabi: baby, I'm sorry send it back

Me: no ...

Gabi: but ...

Me: no, you said you'll change this behaviour of yours. But it just doesn't end with you, does it? It's always one thing after the other, you're tiring

Gabi: I am trying ...

Me: I am not doing this with you

She sniffs

Gabi: who's wedding are you attending?

I look at Sambulo

He shrugs

Me: no one's

Gabi: but I saw a video on Sambulo's Insta, looks like he's at a wedding

Me: yeah, and he went there alone. I did not attend any wedding

Gabi: oh

Me: yeah, listen I am busy

here

Gabi: send the money back

Me: no!

I drop the call

Me: next time at least just

warn me

He laughs

Sambulo: I didn't even post you, just the beautiful bride and what you gifted her with

Me: idiot!

Sambulo: your wife is beautiful, and she doesn't deserve a hidden wedding like this

Me: hey! She's also hiding it, she's posting herself alone not including me

Sambulo: because you're not posting her

Me: I barely even post myself

Sambulo: yeah, you're not that handsome. But she's a 11 out of 10, come on

Me: one of these days, I will knock out your teeth

We laugh

Sambulo: I am not blind

Me: you should be

Sambulo: no, you need to fix this mess of yours

This isn't even a mess

I'm a married man, and that's just that

Everything and anything else I don't know

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INSERT 12

Ndoni

My aunt was very strict on her rules and whatnot

We're not sleeping out

This one didn't tell me where we were going

Until I saw he was headed to the palace

I can't believe he's the one who brought me here

After his mini lecture

And now he's here with me

Mqoqi: the guys are in there

Thami: sure

He says it so casually

One would think they're friends

He walks towards the quarter Mqoqi was pointing to

And it's a bit loud

Sounds like a party of some kind happening

Mqoqi takes my hand and we walk to his hut

He closes the door, and locks as soon as we're both in

He pins me against the counter

He's breathing down my neck

Just causing me funny feelings

Mqoqi: we don't have a lot of time, so let's make it worth it

Oh my word!

Like really?

Is it happening, like happening right now?

He zips my dress down, and unclips my bra

The dress falls down, he pulls the bra out of my arms

He picks me up, and places me on top of the counter

He brings his face between my breasts, and he cups them both into his hands

He brings them together, while his tongue plays with my nipples

I get a hot flush and let out a slight moan

He trails his one hand to my coochie

And runs his fingers above my panty

Fuck!

He pulls my panty down, to my legs and it drops

He leans down and pick it up

He shoves it inside his pants pocket

He parts my folds with his fingers

And moves back staring at my coochie

As he lifts my one leg, and places it on the kitchen counter

His eyes just intensifies

He grabs both my thighs, and he leans down

Burying his face in between my things

His tongue invades my clit

He nibbles and sucks on it

I grab on the counter

But I feel like I'll slip

I grab on the back on his head

The way he's just moving his tongue

It's driving me crazy

He pulls on my clit, and I place my foot in his back

I look down at him

And just seeing his face between my thighs

Just throws me off

Me: Ineed to pee

He doesn't move off

I move back on the counter

But he brings me back, he moves back and taps his hand on my coochie

Me: don't

This feels so good, but damn embarrassing

I just couldn't hold myself back

And some of it landed on his tshirt

He moves back and gets up placing his hands on my waist

He pecks my lips quite a few times

Mqoqi: that wasn't pee, you squirted. It's all part of giving you pleasure, during sex

He picks me up into his arms and walks to the lounge

He lays me down on the couch

I've never seen him with a bulge, he always hid it putting his hands inside his pockets

He takes his t-shirt off, and his pants

His dick is even throbbing inside his briefs

He takes his briefs off and it springs up

Surely this one won't hurt like, it doesn't seem like it will

Right now I don't know what to say or think

Considering what Amahle has said about guys who are not big

I don't want to starve sexually, I would die

Mqoqi: touch it

He takes my hand and places it on it

Me: mhm....

I bite my lower lip

There's just a feeling having this inside my hand

I stroke him a bit and he thrust in my hand

My clit twitches

I'm having a craving right now

But I am scared a bit

I moan a bit, not being able to control myself

He parts my legs and he gets in between them

He goes on to get on top of me

Mqoqi: hold your twins for me

I smile, and cup my boobs

He slides his dick through them

Mqoqi: fuck!

He thrusts through

And I'm looking at his dick going in and out in between my boobs

The feeling in my coochie is just getting worse

And I feel myself getting more and more wet

He grabs his dick and strokes it roughly along with his balls

And he cums all over my boobs and chest

Mqoqi: fuuuck!

The deep hoarse grunt he lets out

Shutting his eyes

I don't think I've ever heard anything this sexy

He comes up and gives me a deep kiss

While lowering his lower body

I part my legs further as I feel his dick on my coochie

He goes on to thrust in between my folds

I deepen the kiss as I feel my urge just going worse

Me: Ahhhh

He moves back pulling out of the kiss

He gets on his knees

And holds his dick as he thrusts against my clit

Me: ahhhshit

I grab his arm

Me: please

I'm yearning for him inside of me

Mqoqi: you're not ready nana

Like hell I am not

Me: please

He smiles and presses my thighs together

He thrusts harder, and it gets a bit painful

Clit is damn sensitive

He goes on to move his dick in circular motion

I close my eyes just letting go of this painful pleasure

I feel his cum dropping on my thighs

He moves back as I squirt

I close my eyes tears streaming down the side of my face

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Mqoqi

Priest: I now pronounce you Mr and Mrs Sotshongaye, my prince you may kiss your princess

I smile lifting the veil

She asked me not to kiss her in front of people

But how can I not?

She's the most beautiful bride I have ever seen

I love that her makeup is not too much

And is not taking away from her natural beauty

This mermaid dress suits her perfectly

It's hugging her in all the right places

I lean over and she smiles

Ndoni: don't ...

She whispers

Me: I'll keep it short

I whisper back

I peck her lips , capturing her lower lip

She kisses me back fisting on my suit jacket

The ululations make her all shy

She giggles pulling out of the kiss

Me: and this is why I'll keep you all night long

She gasps I smile and wink at her

Me: I love you

Alright!

She's taken aback by that

Like from out of nowhere

She smiles as soon as the shock wears off her face

Ndoni: I love you

I peck her lips taking her hand

And we walk down the isle

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Ndoni

Thami: it was creepy seeing you kiss him, I actually wanted to punch him. Like why did you even kiss?

I laugh

I'm changing into the royal dress now

And this one is here

I swear, sometimes it's like he's gay

But I know for a fact that he's not

He's straight as they come

I'm just too comfortable around him

So he doesn't care

Me: you should have skipped that part

Thami: clearly you two know each other beyond kisses

Last night was crazy

But he refused to penetrate me

But I can't lie and say I wasn't satisfied

And honestly, I don't know what to say

Like he's not big no

I doubt he's even a medium to dick experts

I saw him erected and thought he's big

But as I took a good look at him, I saw he was small

But I can safely say right now, he knows what he's doing

I don't think I have to worry about his sex game

Because of his small dick

No ways, I refuse

That man just doesn't initiate sex but he gives me pleasure

And leaves me very much satisfied

Me: let's go

Thami: ignorance?

I laugh

Me: I am not discussing such things with you

He grabs his suit jacket and shakes his head

He takes my hand and we walk out heading to the throne room

That's where the reception is taking place

I'm glad he's awake this morning

And he managed to walk me down the isle

Cause he did have a wild night

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Mqoqi

Mnisi: you're a married man now, soon you'll be king. Ruling with your queen, by your side Me: I got married two hours ago, the ink hasn't even dried. And you're giving me lectures

Mnisi: you need to understand this, we will never condone what you're doing . Yes we know Gabisile, and we hold nothing against her . But Ndoni is our wife, she's who we care about. You must never hurt her Mqoqi, otherwise me and you will have problems. We

don't care about any other woman, she's who we care about

Me: yeah

Mnisi: I hope you heard me, this whole situationship of yours must never hurt her in any how. Because if it does, I won't hesitate to teach you a lesson

Me: I heard you, it's enough now

He shakes his head walking away

Sambulo: intense

Me: khawundehlike yhoh (leave me alone)

He laughs

They're busy acting like I don't know how fucked up this

And how it might blow up on my face

Like I know all of that

And I'll deal with it

Well, I hope I can be able to deal with it

Before it even gets to Ndoni

I don't want to hurt that woman

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Ndoni

Aunt: more than anything, bare in mind you're someone's wife now. Everyone might see a teenager, but that's not what your in-laws will see . Respect your husband, and respect your marriage. No marriage is perfect, everyone has their own faults . And you don't run away at the sight of trouble, I'm not saying bare even when

you can see and feel it's beyond your control. But you don't give up on marriage, because of faults . Don't take your issues to public, and not your friends definitely. You don't take advice from someone who is not married and doesn't know the hardships of marriage . People will lead you astray, because you have what they don't have . Some people pray for marriage and it never

comes, they seek for it everywhere. You're blessed to be married this young, and the road is still long. Dowry and gifts are not marriage, nor is this white wedding. Marriage starts when it's the two of you and your husband, and you know him on his good and bad days. When he has money, and when he doesn't. Don't listen to people when they say marriage is not an achievement

, because it is . Not everyone has it, and not everyone will have it. Wherever you are, carry yourself with that pride that you're someone's wife and you represent your husband where you are . Don't be caught acting ratchet out there , you carry this royal family with you wherever you go . Yes you're young , but don't take that advantage of being young. And say no expectations,

should be put on you. Marriage is difficult even for people twice your age, so age has nothing with it . It's all about maturity, and knowing your place in your marriage. You're also not expected to be perfect, you will learn as you go along . Because there's no manual to marriage

This is like hopping on the Titanic

And hoping that it doesn't sink

Why do people even get married?

Queen Sino: you have said it all MaBiyela, and we're also here to help you. And hold your hand as you walk through the journey of marriage as young as you are

Crazy!

The Lord better carry me through this

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Ndoni

Mqoqi: what did they say?

I smile

He places a few kisses on my neck

Me: am I supposed to tell you?

He chuckles and pecks my lips

Mqoqi: no, but I want to know

I laugh

Me: it was a lot, but they told me to respect my husband

Mqoqi: yeah?

I nod returning his smile

Mqoqi : I have my own I wanna pass

Me : oh ?

Mqoqi: yeah

Me: let's hear it

Mqoqi: you're no one's slave, you still have your say and rights. You don't endure nonsense, just be for me and I'll be all for you

We kiss briefly

Mqoqi: and don't ever take this ring off

We laugh

Crazy how he has me wearing a ring

But he's not wearing one

I must say

I am not happy about that

Me: should I get you a ring as well?

Mqoqi: if you want to

If I want to?

Isn't that what's supposed to be ?

Like why is he not wearing a ring, yet he's a married man?

Me: you'll wait, rings are expensive. And I don't have that kind of money

Mqoqi: will 8K as your allowance be enough?

Me: allowance for?

Mqoqi: monthly allowance from your husband

Me: they give me money at home

Mqoqi: well, you're my problem and responsibility now . I'm the one who supports you

now, and who's supposed to give you money

Me: that's a lot of money

Mqoqi: only you're allowed to spend your husband's money, and you can start right now

I smile

Me: I need retail therapy

Mqoqi: we're leaving Monday, you'll get all the therapy you need. I promise, I'll make sure of it

I bring his face down giving him a kiss

He pulls my dress off leaving me with just my panty

He goes up and take his clothes off

I'm so eager and excited

But a bit scared

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Mqoqi

I look into her eyes

Me : are you ready?

She nods

Me: tell me nana (baby)

She smiles

Ndoni: I'm scared

Me: don't be, I won't hurt you

I peck her lips holding her one leg up

I rub my dick on her coochie

And slide through just tearing her walls as I stretch her apart

She screams clinging tight on me

Ndoni: babyit hurts

Me: I'm sorry, I'll make it better

Ndoni: no ...nowait

I move back looking at her

Me: I'm already in, let me just do it. And you'll feel better

Ndoni: be gentle baby

Me: I will, I promise

I place a peck on her lips thrusting in

She holds both her legs

As pleasure comes through

She starts to relax

And I shoot up my cum inside of her

I slide back a bit, and thrust in faster

Her moans fills the room

Ndoni: ohhh babyit feels so good

I chuckle, rubbing my thumb on her clit

Stimulating her arousal

She lets go of her legs and grabs on my arms

Ndoni : yes baby Just like

that

She rolls her eyes back throwing her head on the pillow

I slide my dick watching her orgasm

It comes out shimmery with her cum

Ndoni : nodon't stop , come back

She locks me in with her legs

I chuckle

Me: nana, I'm not going

anywhere

Ndoni: put it back

Oh shit!

No!

What is this?

I slide back in , she flinches a bit because of pain

I position up thrusting

Ndoni: Ohhh yes

I lean down and give her a kiss

Me: I love you

Ndoni: oh baby ...I love you, I love you so muchahhh

Her thighs shake against my sides, as she grabs tight on the sheets

I thrust in harder

And her walls push me out as she squirts

Ndoni: Ohhhh shit!

She bites her lower lip , twisting her body facing to the side

I lay her back and bring her legs to her chest Me: are you happy?

Ndoni: very

She laughs pushing out lasts of her squirt

I lean over giving her a kiss

Me: I just want to pleasure you

She smiles placing her hands on my head

Ndoni: it feels so good now, I just want you inside of me. But I'm getting tired

I chuckle

Me: we have the rest of our

lives

I push in , and her walls just expand accommodating me in

I thrust in as my dick twitches inside of her

The warmth inside of her just drives me insane

She puts her hands on her thighs, holding them still

I pick up my pace pounding in

She creams all over my dick

I shoot up my cum inside of her

I lean down and engulf her into my arms

She closes her eyes panting

I cuddle her up

Me: I love you

Ndoni: I love you

She places her hand on my chest, and buries her face on my neck

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INSERT 15

Ndoni

I close up his bag and my suitcase

I'm tired

If I had my way, I would sleep

Like I wouldn't have even gotten up to begin with

I turn and look at him

He's busy on his laptop

Me: what time are we leaving?

We're going to Joburg today

I doubt I will even get to see my aunt and Thami

I'll just have to call them

Mqoqi: at 10:00

Okay!

It's 09:00

Now we still have some time

Me: okay, I'm going to see the queen and play with the twins a bit. You'll come get me when it's time to leave

He looks at me with a smile

Mqoqi: what twins?

Me: your nephews

He laughs

Mqoqi: okay, not in a bad way. But you know those people are only 3 months?

I smile

Me: yes I know, but they're just so cute. I can't resist

He gets up and walks over to me

He places a kiss on my forehead, putting his hands on my waist. He bites his lower lip

Mqoqi: nana you love kids?

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Mqoqi: how many do you want?

Me: 3

Mqoqi: okay, but no kids until you're done with school right?

Me: right

That should wait a bit, I still want to enjoy my marriage

Before I have to share him and his attention with little people, so I'm in no hurry

Mqoqi: we should get you a pill, and get you on a contraceptive method so we don't get any surprises

Me : okay

He leans his face down, I get on my toes meeting him half way

And we kiss

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Mqoqi

Sambulo: explain to me how you're taking your wife to Joburg?

I chuckle

Me: flying first class

He laughs

Sambulo: you know exactly what I'm talking about

No , like Sambulo and Mnisi don't know peace

Kamva: you're braver than I am big brother

My younger brother is here

Sambulo: Gabi is at the apartment 90% of the time

Me:so?

Sambulo: come on

He takes a sip of his beer

Sambulo: so you're taking your wife there right now

Kamva: how will you explain another woman's clothes there?

Me: I am not stupid

Sambulo: you cleaned her clothes out?

Me: no, I'm taking my wife to my house not the apartment. Why would I take her there?

They laugh

Sambulo: you're playing with fire, and the day one of them finds out ...

Kamva: or both

Sambulo: yeah, or both. You will be in deep shit

Me: okay, but for now none of that is happening. Gabi is in Cape Town, and I'll be with my

wife. By the time Gabi gets back, my wife will be going back to Boarding school

They laugh

I will fix this nonsense before it even gets far

I'll just have to

It's not like I have a choice

My family have already made it clear where they fall

And who'll they'll choose

Me: I've been telling Gabi I'm not ready for marriage, every time she brings the topic. But I didn't even hesitate when I saw Ndoni, the royal house didn't pay for her dowry. They didn't

pay for the wedding, I did all of that by myself. Because I wanted to

Sambulo: you just don't see Gabi woman enough to be a wife

Me: not for me

Kamva laughs

Kamva : I doubt you ever loved her

I don't know where I stand with that

Gabi can be a lot

And that makes one always think twice

You don't just settle

But I also don't know Ndoni that well

She could also be another mini Gabi

I don't know what's what

But from what I've seen

She's nothing like Gabi

And maybe that's what draws me to her

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Ndoni

Me: can I sleep?

Mqoqi: yeah

Me: you'll wake me up?

Mqoqi: I will

I stare at him

He chuckles with a smile

Mqoqi: what? It's not like I'll leave you on the plane

Me: don't

Mqoqi: I won't, if I do where will I get another wife?

I smile

He leans over and pecks my lips

Mqoqi: I love you okay?

Me: and I love you

We kiss briefly

We're flying out to Joburg now

He was nice and kind enough to take me home first

I got to see my aunt and Thami before leaving

I was so grateful for that

But right now I want to sleep

I am tired seriously

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Mqoqi

I texted Gabi that I'm coming back

She didn't respond back

Surely she's still sulking even now

But too bad for her

I'm no longer there

So she can take all the time in the world she needs sulking

Me: take my hand

She holds tight

I sure feel her grip

We're headed to the parking lot

Me : are you cold?

Ndoni: no

Me: what's wrong nana?

Ndoni: I've never been to Joburg, I'm scared a bit. It's a big city

I smile

Me : don't worry , I am here . I got you

She clings to my arm, we walk to the parking lot

And my car is still safe and sound

I open the car, putting our bags in the bag

I open the door for her

She gets in and I head to side

I get in and drive off headed to my place

Our place now

I will respect that house as our home

It's not like I've fucked anyone in that house

Gabi has come, but like once

And it was during the day

She didn't even spend a night

So that's my personal space

And now I'll respect it

Because it's the home where my wife and I will stay

We arrive and I drive in, parking on the driveway

I don't have the garage keys with me

I get out and open the door for her

I pick her into my arms

She screams laughing

Ndoni: don't drop me

I chuckle

Me: never

She's a big girl sure

But I can handle her

I unlock the door and open

I lay her on the couch

Me: welcome home

She smiles, I get in between her legs leaning down giving her a kiss

And she gladly welcomes it

I take my t-shirt off

And she unbuckles my pants

I chuckle

Me: you're becoming an addict

She smiles

Ndoni: you give it to me so good baby

Me: it's yours, all yours nana

She grabs the back of my head deepening the kiss

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Ndoni

I turn and look at him

He's so focused on his laptop

I don't even know how he's busy giving me such pleasure

His one hand is on my coochie

Rubbing on my clit

He's just causing me to yearn for him

Because this man gives it to me so good

Amahle would swallow her words

If I were to even to tell her what goes around

The whole small dicks tickle thing she used to tell me

Was just nonsense

Because this man gives me pleasure throughout the night

In the morning and during the day

Like he just gives it to me

He tires my body out

He gets me passing out because I've squirted too much

Not only does he makes me squirt

He makes me cum and cream

He gives me intense crazy orgasms

He hits that G spot like nobody's business

I hold his hand

He turns and looks at me

Me : are you not supposed to be working?

He smiles and pecks my cheek

Mqoqi: I am

I slide his hand down from my clit to my open

I part my legs further, as he finger fucks me

I bite my lip suppressing my moans

My legs slide down as a wave of pleasure rushes throughout my whole body

Causing me to close my eyes momentarily

I grab the sheets so tight, as he slides his finger out

He turns over and gives me a kiss

I lazily kiss him back

Mqoqi: get some sleep

Me: mhm-mhm

I slide over and get off the bed

I walk to the bathroom and pee

As I wipe myself he walks in and stares at me

Mqoqi: are you okay?

Me: yeah

Mqoqi: you coming to bed?

Me: heading to the shower

He chuckles

Mqoqi: I won't focus without

you

I laugh

He's being crazy

He's supposed to be working

Me: join me for a shower, you'll come watch me when I'm cooking breakfast

I try by all means to be that wife

Getting his clothes ready for work

Preparing his bath, even though he prefers the shower more

I cook for him

And I clean around the house since he doesn't have a helper

Mqoqi : well , I'll take what I'm given

I lean over giving him a kiss

He takes his briefs off and we walk into the shower

The few days I've been here have been amazing

He sent me to the spa yesterday

That was great

I sure needed it, after the past weekend we had back at the village

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Mqoqi

Me: I am not coming in

He sighs

Sambulo: you have been working half days

Me: it's not like I haven't been there, I come in and clock for work. I work, I do my work

Sambulo: you're

Me: enough! I'm spending time with my wife, she will be leaving soon

Sambulo: I understand that

Me: no you don't, do you expect me to just leave her in the house alone and come to work. Then come back tired feeling like crap

He laughs

Me: it's not a joke, you stupid

Sambulo: hey, at this point I just can't wait for Saturday to come and your wife leaves

Me: whatever, I am not coming. Don't call me

I drop the call

She walks in , wearing sweatpants with a crop top and sneakers

Ever since she's been here

She's out of the wife dresses

Ndoni: you're staring

I smile walking towards her

Me : oh , you are so beautiful

She smiles

I peck her lips

Me: want to go out?

Ndoni: where?

Me: anywhere you want to go, and you can do some shopping. Spoils of the husband my princess

She laughs

Ndoni: okay, should I change?

Me : no , you're perfect

Ndoni: okay, let's go

I chuckle

Ndoni: waitare you done

working?

Me: yeah

Ndoni: okay then

I grab my car keys and take her hand walking out

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Ndoni

Mqoqi: what's this?

Me: fragrance

We've had an amazing afternoon

We had lunch

And did some shopping for clothes

And then went to watch a movie around 18:00

And now we're just finishing my shopping

Mqoqi: I thought you bought those already, unless I didn't see well

Me: yeah fragrances I use during the day

Mqoqi: huh?

Ilaugh

This is a lot

Me: babe, these are night fragrances. I use them before bed after my shower

He places his hand on my shoulder

Mqoqi: oh, that's why you're always smelling so delicious. Even after taking a shower at night, you don't smell like soap

Me: yes

He gives me those small eyes of his

And I just laugh

The way our sex is crazy

I so hope we don't get bored with each other as time goes on

We just fuck like rabbits

I don't think that's normal

But I also can't get enough of him

I don't even want to lie or act all holy holy

Me: okay I am done

Mqoqi: alright, let's go pay

He takes my hand and the basket

We walk over to the till

He pays

Voice: my my Mqoqi

Sotshongaye

I turn my head and look at the lady

Your out of a magazine model, with a stunning weave

She walks over to us

Mqoqi holds tight on my hand, I look at her

Her: oh my, it really is you. Like you haven't changed a bit

He's just looking at her

Her: mhm, I didn't know you have a little sister

Mqoqi: wife you mean

She pops her eyes

Her: oh wow, so you married a teen and not the whore you replaced me with? If this isn't the universe's way, then I don't know what is

So she's an ex

And she sounds very bitter right now if you ask me

She looks at me

Her: you're so young, and you look so innocent. Good luck taming a beast like him

She slightly laughs

Her: good luck

Me: keep it for someone who actually needs it

I wink at her, her jaw drops

Mqoqi chuckles taking the bag with my things, and we walk out heading to the car

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Mqoqi

Damn fucking stupid ex's

She's been quite the whole way home

She's never said anything

And right now, I'm even scared to approach her

She's leaving in just two days

The last thing I want is us not getting along

Me: hey nana

She looks at me

Me: uhm I'm sorry about that woman tonight

She smiles

I don't know what does that mean

Me: I

Ndoni: come

I heave a sigh and walk over around the couch

I sit down next to her

Me: I am sorry

Ndoni: you're not a boy, but you're a man . Obviously you have a past, and I would grow older than you . If I were to throw a fit , every time your past is thrown in our faces . I am not intimidated, I don't have any self esteem issues. Honestly, if you were to deal me . You would do it because you want to , I know myself .

And I know I lack absolutely nothing

I engulf her into a tight hug

Me: I love you, I love you so much

She laughs with a groan

Ndoni: let me breath

I slowly move back

Me: I just want you right now

She laughs

Maturity speaks levels

And nothing attracts a man like a woman who's mature enough

Despite her age and whatnot

Ndoni: are you not tired?

Me: no

Ndoni: come on!

Me: no, there's no getting away from this

She bites her lower lip

Me: I know you're horny

She laughs

Ndoni: this much sex ...

Me: it's very healthy and

needed too

She squints her eyes

Me : you'll be missing me when you're gone

Ndoni: will I survive?

Me: mhm, you'll have to

I hold her hand

Me: there's no looking else

where

Ndoni: I'll be seeing you in

December

Me: that's far

Ndoni: I know

I get up

Me: come here

She gets up

I engulf her into a hug, she laughs hugging me back

Me: we'll need self control, a lot of it

She moves back and stares at me

Ndoni: I have it

Me: I know, I'll use my hand and cold showers

She laughs burying her face on my chest

Me: it's painful

Ndoni: you'll survive

Me: I have to

I take off her pj top

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Ndoni

I am butt naked as he carries me into his arms

And walks in the dinning area

He places me on the dinning table

I laugh

Me: babe wait

Mqoqi: what?

Me: this is a dinning table

He chuckles

Mqoqi: yes

Me: and people eat on this

table

Mqoqi: they do

Me: we can't do this here

Mqoqi: we can and we are

Me: no

I close my thighs

Me: how will I feel when I see people eating on this table?

He laughs

Mqoqi : but I'm also about to eat

Me : you can't compare the two

Mqoqi: food is food nana

He parts my legs and gets in between them

He rubs himself on my coochie

Before he slides in

When this man says he wants me.

My coochie just rains

And I don't even need him to stimulate me

For me to be wet for him

That's just how insanely good his dick game is

I grab on the chair next to me for balance as he just thrusts through

He cups both my boobs with his hands

Rubbing his thumb on my nipples, sending insane feels throughout my whole body. Just giving me pleasure

I move my hands and grab on his writs

He deep thrusts

I part my legs further just letting him ravish me

Feeling that I'm getting closer to my end

One thing about sex, it's not about how long you can last or not

If you're too good, there's no lasting hours and hours

You reach your end and just keep on going

Ain't no man that's a two minutes

The warmth and goodness of a woman determines how long a man lasts

Unless he has early ejaculation

But that's also a totally different thing

I can cum three or four times in one round

And he cums twice, but he just goes on

He leans down and we kiss, as my walls close in wrapping around his dick

And I orgasm

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Mqoqi

Me: I am going to miss you

We're cuddling in bed

And it's middle of the night

We just can't seem to fall asleep

I guess it's hard for me

Seeing that her days will be finished

And then the crazy mad Gabi will be here

Breathing down my neck

I've had peace honestly

And I'm going to miss her when she's not around

I didn't even think I will love her

But here I am

I have no regrets though

None whatsoever

Ndoni: promise you'll call?

Me: always, like everyday

Ndoni: thank you

She looks at me and smiles

Me: I love you, and I mean that

Ndoni: and I love you

I caress her cheek

I really need to fix my shit

Before she gets hurt

I know she will never stand finding out I'm with another woman

Things have gone way too far between us

This means something

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I'm packed and ready to leave

Someone is sulking like a baby

I'm the baby here

I'm the one who should be sulking

But no

It's him

It's kind of cute anyways

And he said he's driving me to school

That's just crazy

I don't understand why he wants to drive for hours

Like sure we'll rest the night

And definitely arrive tomorrow

But it'll be a Sunday, so it's okay

Me: baby let's go

Mqoqi: give me a kiss

I laugh

Me: come get it

He doesn't even want to get up

I don't know how we're supposed to leave

He walks over

Me: you know I will be back right?

Mqoqi: yes, once you come back you're coming home right?

Me: yes

Mqoqi: great, because I don't think I will survive this whole long distance thing

For now, there's nothing we can do

We must just endure these few months

And it'll be okay

Worse, it's my birthday in a month

And I'll be all alone

It sucks

He leans over for a kiss, having a tight hold on my waist

And we kiss

After a few minutes, we pull

Mqoqi: let me get your bags

He walks over taking my bags

Now I have like a huge suitcase, and a sports bag

We sure did a lot of shopping

But he's to blame for that

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Mqoqi

My poor baby is tired

And I don't blame her

It's tiring being in a car for too long, just hours and hours of driving

I've been driving the whole day

And obviously I wasn't rushing for anything

It's crazy to drive from Joburg to PE

I know that shit

But I want to spend more time with her

We're at the hotel

She's taking a shower now

Her food just arrived

And I'm just replying to my emails

I just wanted one last night with her

Before we part ways

That's why I opted for driving

My phone rings and I see the caller ID

I'm quick to put it on silent

Me: yeah

Gabi: yeah?

Me: you've been ghosting me, don't come and start with your drama

She sighs

Gabi: baby I miss you

Me : oh because now you're coming back

Gabi: I just needed a break, and I was really hurt

I scoff

Me: right

Gabi: I thought best I keep quite, before you say I'm dramatic and whatnot

Me: Because you are

Gabi: I didn't call for a fight

Me: what do you want?

Gabi: can I see you tonight?

Me: I am not around

Gabi: what? But you said you came back

Me: yeah well, now I'm not there

Gabi: but

Ndoni walks out wrapped in a towel

Me: I'll call you as soon as I'm back, sure

I drop the call putting my phone on do not disturb

Ndoni: I didn't know you were on a call, sorry

Me : it wasn't important , come here give me a kiss

She grabs one of those night fragrances of hers and walks over to me

Ndoni: I want to try this one tonight, you'll tell me how it smells

I bring her over to my lap, she straddles me

I part the towel and slide my finger under it

She giggles as I touch her bare coochie

Me: I want to ask you something

Ndoni: okay

Me: I have no issues whatsoever about my size, I know myself and I'm fucking confident in that. But I know women want men with big dicks

She laughs

Looking all sorts of pretty

Ndoni: you found me a virgin, after sex I close up and still feel the same. I would never handle a monster cock, that would just tear me apart and I'm left opened causing me pain

I chuckle

At first, she was a bit closed

But now she's just so free around me

Me: what I want to know is, do I satisfy you? Because you know sex now, and you'll crave it. And if I don't do enough, I want you to tell me so I can improve

She puts the fragrance down on the bed

And she cups my face

Ndoni: is there a woman that gets satisfied like me? I love that I feel pleasure, I don't think I would enjoy sex if it was causing me pain . I'm not boosting your ego, but you do me good . Like I would be insane to even complain, I am sexually satisfied. You know how to move your waist, you

give insane strokes . I always found sex strange , but you make me crave it even when I'm not thinking about it . And I don't think there can ever be a man , who'll do me like you do . I'm happy that you were my first

Me: and I'll forever be your first and last

We laugh

Ndoni: exactly

Me : you know what I want to do ?

Ndoni: what?

Me: I want you to take charge, I want you to fuck me tonight

She shyly smiles

Ndoni: I don't know how

Me: don't worry, I'm going to teach you. Sex is all about giving each other pleasure, I told you that you're not a minor in this marriage. So I want you to feel free to fuck me when you want, and just have me however you want

Ndoni: that friend of mine,
Mahle. She always said woman
on top is very hard, and it's
embarrassing at first because
we move our shoulders

I chuckle

Me: your friend is corrupt, but we'll get there. And I'll help you, no need to even be embarrassed even if you're doing it wrong

Ndoni: oh

Me: should we try?

Ndoni: yeah

This is my wife

I love that she's not shutting down the idea

Me: we won't be long, cause you're tired and you need to rest

Ndoni: I'll sleep in the car tomorrow

I laugh

Me: you eating?

Ndoni: I'll eat middle of the night

I realised that's something she does

And I don't think I understand the concept of waking up from sleep

And just eat

But it's fine, she's harming no one

Me: okay then

I capture her lips into mine, as we kiss slowly and passionately

She hugs tight on me deepening the kiss

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Ndoni

Mqoqi : don't overthink it , just do it

Lord!

I should be asleep right now

But mhm-mhm

This is my last night with my husband

And I think we deserve this

Like it's not even about him

But it's about us

He brings my thighs high up a bit

And grabs on my ass cheeks with both his hands

I slide my hand over , grabbing his dick

And slide it to my open

He deep groans

I look at him as he closes his eyes slightly

I move my ass up and down his length

And by his groans, I think I'm doing this good

I'm also feeling that feeling of pleasure

And the more it intensifies

I pick up my pace

I place my hands on his chest, riding him with a much faster pace

He parts my ass cheeks

And I feel his dick growing inside of me

There's a slight pain

But the pleasure is just surpassing the pain

He deep grunts, as I move back

I feel his cum sliding down my ass

I lean over

And bring my ass down taking his whole length inside of me

He removes his hands

And cups my boobs

I take slow paces, just feeling him deep inside of me

I throw my head back as I feel it hitting a certain spot

And I just explode in pleasure

Me: Ahhhh

He holds me in place

I remain still, until I calm down

He brings me down on his chest

With both his arms wrapped around my back

And as I lay down on him, he thrusts in

More like pounding in so fast

I feel like I'm passing out as I scream my lungs out

Me : oh shitit feels so good

The faster he goes, and I just let out squirting

And he slowly slides out

On a hotel bed

Like really?

I look at him and he smiles

A whole perfection of a man

I mean , like kind of in all aspects

If he were to deal me

I really don't know what I would do

Mqoqi: I want you to do Amazon, and fuck me

Well, he touched basic on that

I smile giving him a kiss

I slide down as we pull out of the kiss

I get on my feet

And there's no balance

I'm a bit wobbly

As my legs just shake

But he slides over to the edge of the bed

And he holds me in his arms

After a few minutes I pull back

I don't know, but this seems somehow

Sex to me has always been a man being on top or whatever

Maybe I'm not that smart

Because I haven't always been liberated in this

But just seeing him part his legs for me

And he balances his elbows on the bed

Both his hands holding his legs

I get in between his legs

And grab his dick, as dripping wet as I am

I slide it in

I roll my eyes back, as it hits on the right spot

No this feels even better than the woman on top

I place my hands on his knees, and I look at him

His eyes are exactly on his dick and my coochie

I thrust in

Me: fuck!

Who knew fucking a man felt this good?

Me: you should have taught me this all along

He deep chuckles

I pick up my pace, and keep on thrusting in

I've watched him move his waist many times

And it's at this point I pick up that move of his

Mqoqi : fuckNana waitshit

He moves his hands from his legs, and places them on the back of his head

I thrust against his dick hard

And when I move in , it's just pushing my clit

And I feel like I want to burst

I'm just holding on right now

But I'm failing

Mqoqi: ah fuck!

And he shoots up his cum, as some comes out as I move back

I take a few hard thrusts, and move back

I press my thighs together bending a bit

My stomach is in knots

My body feels lifeless

But as I squirt, I crouch down and lay down on the rug

As I part my legs and I just let go

I close my eyes screaming my lungs out in pleasure

After a few minutes I calm down

I'm panting and just running out of breath

He comes down and lays next to me

I look at him with lazy eyes

Me: it's wet

He smiles

Mqoqi: it's okay

He leans over and we kiss

But I get so lost in that kiss as I feel sleep creeping in

Mqoqi: sleep it's okay

He flips me over to him

I cuddle him laying on top of him

Mqoqi: you're one of a kind, I fucking appreciate you

I close my eyes with a smile trailing off as sleep takes over me

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Gabisile

Arriving, she went over to his apartment

But he wasn't there

And it looked it he hadn't been there in a while

In fact, everything looked the same as when she left a week

ago. Meaning he's never been at the apartment

And she went to his house

But she couldn't even go in

As she has no access to the house

Amira: just go home and rest

Gabi: right now, I am more convinced than anything that he's cheating

Her friend sighs

Amira: I feel like you need help, it's not sane to be obsessed about a man like this

She grabs her handbag

Amira: I am leaving, I am tired. You can continue to drive around, looking for a grown ass man. I need to get my beauty sleep, it's been a long flight

Gabi just looks at her friend as she walks out

Tears blurry her eyes

She doesn't think Amira understands just how much she loves Mqoqi

She takes her phone and calls him

But it doesn't even go through

She leans on the steering wheel, as her emotions get the better of her

And she breaks down, feeling the pain on her chest

As a lump gets stuck on her throat

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Ndoni

We're finally here

I'm tired

I just want to sleep

I hope I'll be up for my classes tomorrow

Mqoqi: you behave right?

Me: always

He grabs my hand

Me: you promised you'll call

Mqoqi: every day nana

I smile

Me: can I ask?

Mqoqi: anything

Me: please get a ring

He smiles and pecks my lips

Mqoqi: okay, the reason why I don't have one it's because I

have metal allergy. That's why I don't even wear watches, my skin reacts badly to that. But I'll get one, in a form of a rubber band ..okay?

Me: okay

He leans over and we kiss

Mqoqi: I have to go, I'm leaving my car behind. I'll get it

from the dealer when I come back, to pick you up in December

He's so dramatic

He drove all the way here with me

But now that he's going back

He's flying

Me: okay, I love you

Mqoqi: I love you more

He grabs the back on my neck, and captures my lips into his

We kiss for a few minutes and pull out

Mqoqi: bye

Me : be safe , call me when you get home

Mqoqi: I love you

I just nod with tears burning my eyes

He goes on to his car and gets in

I put my hands inside my sweatpants

I want to burst and let out a sob right now

I watch as he drives away

And I'm like, yeah that's that he's gone

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Mqoqi

I snap a picture and send it to her

My phone rings , I smile picking up

Me: Makoti

She laughs

Sino: how are you?

Me: good

Sino: I am glad to hear that, how is your wife?

Me: missing me like hell

We laugh

Me: I dropped her at school, I'm flying back to Joburg

Sino: I guess things are that

good

Me: yeah

Sino: I called because I want to talk about the house in Joburg

Me: the family house?

Sino: yes

Me: what about it?

As oSotshongaye, we have a family home in Joburg

Things weren't always as they are right now

And as soon as we started having money

We saw the need for us to have a family home

For our families, and us

Sino: your brother says you'll be king soon, so when that happens I figure we should move to the house

Me: but why leave?

Sino: it will be your time to rule, you'll need the palace

Me: no, my wife loves our hut very much. I don't think we will move out of it, maybe Kamva or Mzingisi can move in the palace

She laughs

Sino: still, I think me and your brother have had our fair share of the palace

I smile

When my brother married this woman

He built this family

He gave us his younger brothers, a mother and a sister we've never had

Me: alright, so when do you want to come?

Sino: I still need someone who will come with, and help with the twins

Me: okay, I don't see a problem though. That's still our family home, you'll let me know when you're coming

Sino: alright, thanks for the

talk

I chuckle

Me: okay bye

Sino: bye

I drop the call and lean back on my seat

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Ndoni

I smile looking at the picture that he sent

I post it on my WhatsApp

But placing a love sticker on his face

Amahle: why are you hiding him?

I lift my eyes looking at her

She's already seen the status

Me: just

Amahle: you don't, I didn't think that your husband is older than you. That'sthat caught me off guard

Me: spare me, I don't think I would have gone and gotten married to a teenager. That wouldn't have made sense to me at all, doesn't have logic

Amahle: I hear you, and well I'm the last person to judge

I chuckle

Amahle: after all, I am dating Cash. You know the guy is douchebag, but the heart is stupid. Like very stupid

Okay!

Something must have happened again

They're always at each other's throats

They fight half the time

I don't know how people deal with relationship stress this young

Maybe that's also one of the reasons I didn't date

Despite knowing I was going to get married at the royal house

I just thought relationships are just a lot of work

And they require a lot of commitment

Into something you don't even know if it's going to work out in the end or not

And I think it's just a lot of drama and stress, that's just unnecessary

I don't get why people fight in relationships, isn't that a stage that's supposed to be fun?

Honestly, I find myself somehow lucky

The fact that I just got married

And missed all that dating part, with everything that comes with it

Like my aunt said

It's not all roses, there'll be tough times and all

But isn't it better that it's in marriage

Than with a boyfriend that might walk out tomorrow

Knowing he invested nothing much, just his time

Mqoqi spent a lot of money for the wedding and all

Surely, that's something to be considered

And marriage you walk out when you see, it has gone down the drain

It could have never been me

Going through all the stress of a relationship, because of a boyfriend

Me: I am tired, you mind if I just sleep?

Amahle: no, you need it. And this much glow, just attest to it. I'm guessing you were thourouly serviced, and not given time to rest

We laugh

I place my phone under my pillow and lay down closing my eyes

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Mqoqi

Me: are you okay?

Ndoni: I miss you

I smile

Me: I miss you too nana

She's getting dressed now

And the uniform suits her

Me: you have a great day okay

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Ndoni: thank you

Me: I love you

Ndoni: I love you too, have a good day too

Me: thank you nana, I'll call you later alright?

Ndoni: okay, bye

Me: I love you

I drop the call

The door opens, and Gabi walks in

I didn't see her last night

Maybe she was at her place

I thought I'll find her here

She walks over and engulfs me into a hug

Gabi: I missed you baby

She moves back

I heave a sigh

Gabi: did you miss me?

Me : sit down , we need to talk

Gabi: waitI know Ithings are not okay, but I'll put in the work now. I promise

Me: we have been through this , and it didn't work. So we can stop now

Gabi: what?

Me: this is not working, so let's just stop altogether

Gabi: no, you're breaking up with me?

Me: yes

Gabi: no, Mqoqi you can't do that. Not when I'm willing to make this work

Me: you have been willing, but it's just words and no work

I need to stop this

Because if Ndoni finds out

I don't know what will happen to our marriage

And I don't want to hurt my wife

I don't

Me : don't make this hard , we're not kids

Gabi: you're not breaking up with me

Me: I am, you can't force me for a relationship

Gabi: we will see, you can't just use me and toss me aside

when it suits you . I invested in this relationship, and I'm not giving up. This relationship is not over

This is crazy

Me : just know you're in it alone

I get up and grab my laptop

Me: you have to leave my apartment

Gabi: I am not going anywhere, make me leave

Madness

Me: suit yourself, but you and I are done. Just know that, and stay away from me

Gabi: in your imaginary world maybe we're over, but I'm the woman for you. And we will make this work

How can a person refuse to be dumped?

Does that even make sense?

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Ndoni

I look at him

And he looks like something is weighing on him

Me: babe what's wrong?

He looks at me and smiles

We're on video call

He said he'll rather video call

Than just call

Cause he wants to see me

Mqoqi: can I tell you

something?

Me: yeah

Mqoqi: I know you said, you know I have a past and it doesn't bother you

Me: please, if you have a child out there. I don't want to know, and I don't even want to know that child. I'm only 17, I will not be anyone's step mother. If you have a child, don't tell me and keep that child away from me. I must never find out

He chuckles

Mqoqi: I don't have a child

Me: okay then, xelela unana wakho k'ba nton ingxaki (tell your baby what's wrong)

We laugh

Mqoqi: just some ex, who doesn't want to get away. She's following me around, next thing I don't want you finding this out there

Me: what do you mean?

He sighs

Mqoqi: she's an ex nana, and she doesn't want to accept that

Crazy woman!

Me: but if there's nothing going on between you two, then you can promise me that I have nothing to worry about

Mqoqi: I promise nana

Me: thank you, I feel like I can kiss you right now

He laughs

Mqoqi: you want me flying down there, for a kiss

I laugh

Me: if you come, you might not even want to leave so don't tempt me like that

Mqoqi: that could also be a plan

Me: no ways, you need to work

Mqoqi : cause nana needs money

Me: yeah

We laugh

Mqoqi: I'll send your allowance tomorrow

Me: but I'm still covered

Mqoqi: I told you that you need to chow your man's money

I laugh

I don't know what I'll be using that much money for

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Mqoqi

I just couldn't bring myself to telling her the whole truth as it is

That she came into the picture while Gabi was there

And how I've only broken the relationship yesterday

I hope Gabi can just accept this

And we move

Me: I need locks at my apartment changed, also have the clothes delivered at the

address I sent . Leave nothing behind

Him: understood sir

I drop the call

Best I take her things to her

And change my locks so she won't let herself into my apartment

Because she has access there

I send my wife her allowance

Making it 10K

I'll just see how my finances go like as time goes on

I just think 8K is a very strange amount of money

So 10 will do

My phone rings, and I'm thinking it's her but it's Gabi

Me: what do you want now?

Gabi: if you think you'll toss me aside, you have another thing coming. And if it's another woman, tell her she shouldn't

get too comfortable . You're mine, and that's that

I drop the call, blocking her number

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THREE MONTHS LATER

Ndoni

Sino : does he know you're here ?

I smile shaking my head

We spoke this morning yes

But I didn't tell him that I'm done writing

And so I'm coming back home

They let us leave early

Although I did leave some of my things

I'll have to go back and get them

But I'm done with school

And having not seen him in two months

I just couldn't wait

I had to come

I last saw him on my birthday

He came on that weekend, and gave me the best birthday ever

I didn't even think he would come

The whole week I kept getting presents everyday

That was too much if you ask me

But hella cute

And darn romantic

And that was the last time I saw him

Sino: you should go see him, I know you're tired But he would love seeing you

Me: what if he's busy?

I'm at their family home here

Sino is staying here with her husband

But they're in between Mathata and here, since they're still king and queen

It was much easier to find the place

And rather I be here

Than go to his house, and find no one there

He's at work I know that, so there's no one at his house

Sino: work will wait

She laughs

Me: isn't it better I wait?

Sino: no, you missed your man. Go see him, I'll have a driver take you

This woman

Me : let me go freshen up

I hand her one of the twins

Sino: and congratulations

Jesus!

I shyly smile

I let out a slight laugh and walk to the bedroom

She said it's his

I take a quick shower, just to get rid of the sweat

It's been a long morning

Although I flew this side

That's the perks of getting 10K as a monthly allowance

You end up having money to book flights

I walk out of the shower, dry and lotion

Being a wife here, I just love that I'm not subjected to what to wear

But I respect the king and the other brother Mzingisi

And the queen said they're all around

So I opt for a dress

It's just below the knees, and hugging my body like a clove

With my bump there slightly showing

He doesn't even know

I take a deep breath

As I put on light make up

Nothing too hectic

I apply rouge matte lipstick

If I didn't want to leave my phone, I wouldn't be taking the bag

I take a side bag, and walk out

Sino: you're stunning nana

We laugh

This nana is what I'm called in this family

And all because of my husband

Sino: I like your weave

Me: thank you

Sino: the driver is ready for you

Me: wish me luck

Sino: you don't need it

I think I need it

I don't know

Maybe I'm being crazy or something

But now I have this uneasy feeling

Maybe it's because he hasn't seen me in two months

And things have changed

Or what?

I just don't know

But I'm feeling somehow

I even feel like tearing up

This is stupid

Maybe it's just hormones and the excitement to see him

Sino walks me out to the car

And the driver opens the door for me

He gets in and drives off heading to Centurion

I can't help but just be more nervous

I feel like a wreck

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Mqoqi

Life has just been insane

I miss my wife

But just a few more days, and I'll going to fetch her

I can't wait to have her back in my arms

It has just been crazy

With Gabi on my back not giving up

Still maintaining that we're together

But I can admit that I fucked up

And slept with her

That was just over a month ago

She came over to the apartment

Waited for me to open as I was coming back from work

And she forced her way in

I beat up, but still she didn't want to leave

That night we slept together

But I still told her we're done

But I just fucked up more by sleeping with her

I know that

Because that gave her an idea that we'll still be together

Even now, she's still on my back

I don't know what to do

I don't know what will get her off my back

Right now I just want my wife back home

And if shit hits the fan

I'll have to put out fires

A knock comes at the door

Me: come on

My PA walks in

Sindi: MrS, you have a visitor

Me: I am busy Sindi

Sindi: she's asking for just a minute of your time

Me: she?

Sindi : yes

I heave a sigh

It better not be Gabi

She has developed this stupid tendency of coming to my work place now

Me : if it's that woman I don't want to see her

She smiles

Sindi: it's not her sir

I shake my head slowly

And get up

Me: it better be a minute

We walk out heading to reception

I don't even want whoever it is coming to my office

We get down

And I scan the room, I see her sitting on the waiting area

I walk over to her

She lifts her head and get up looking at me

I can't believe she's here

I let out a smile and she returns it back

And noise just erupts

I turn my head and look back

Shit!

Gabi: baby

She smiles and getting down on one knee

Holding a small box, she opens it

The silver band just pops

And she's right behind me

Gabi: I know you said you're not ready for marriage, but I've been ready. I've always been ready, I'll give you the time you need. But at least accept this, will you do me the honours of being my husband?

I turn and look at Ndoni

She has a blank stare

Her eyes glistening

My heart sinks as I see the hurt on her face and eyes

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Ndoni

This has to be a joke

But it's definitely not a dream

This woman is confident

And she knows what she's doing

Voice: she's bleeding

Says a voice behind me

And the Sindi woman rushes to me

A bad cramp hits me as she holds my hand

Sindi: Mr S

He lifts his eyes

Looking at me

And I just let out an excruciating sob, as I feel the pain intensifying

He rushes to me and just picks me up rushing out

Heading to his car

I'm just a mess crying

I'm wondering what's happening right now

But I can't help thinking of what was happening in there

As he drives out that woman runs out of the building

He clicks his tongue speeding off

He tries holding my hand, I yank it off

Me: don't touch me

I bend as the cramp hits again

And I'm wet now with blood

Right now I am scared, this can't be normal

I'm pregnant

I'm not supposed to be bleeding like this

I shouldn't have come here, I should have trusted my gut and stayed home

None of this would be happening

I knew something wasn't right

The fear that was striking me

Mqoqi: nana are you on your periods?

I just ignore him

Does this look like it's periods to him?

Oh no!

It can't be no!

I can't be loosing my kids

Please lord no!

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Mqoqi

The doctor attended to her

And they wanted me out of the ward

He let me in as he was done

He didn't even tell me what's happening

She's sleeping now

I hold her hand

Me: I am so sorry

I sit down on the chair next to the bed

After a while she finally opens her eyes

She looks at me and just tears up

Me: I am sorry

Ndoni: leave me alone

Me: nana please, I know I hurt you. I know I messed up, and I'm I'm very sorry

Ndoni: you've been living with another woman here, that's why you didn't want to wear a ring. Why did you commit to me, knowing you have another woman. Knowing you're in love with someone, why?

Me: I wasn't in love with her, we were dating yes. But I tried to call it off, she just couldn't leave me alone

Ndoni: don't lie again to me, you already did that it's enough now

Me: I knowI know, but when II just couldn't tell you. But when I told you, I had broken things with her. She just didn't want to stay away, and after that I slept with her once. I know sorry is not going to erase any of this

The door opens and the doctor walks in

He looks at us and his eyes are just full of pity

She wipes her tears off

Ndoni: doc, are my kids okay?

What the hell?

Me: what?

He walks closer

Me: you're pregnant?

Ndoni: please tell me they're okay?

Doc: Ms Biyela

Me: Mrs Sotshongaye

Doc: sorry, uhmyou bled very heavily. I'm sorry

She looks down and tears just drop to the bed sheet

Doc: we could only save two kids, you lost the other two. I'm very sorry for your loss

A whole fucking four kids?

Me: waithow far along was she?

Doc: just over 7 weeks

Fuck!

Ndoni: are they okay? Will they survive, the two that's left?

Doc: I have to admit you, your stress levels are high. And one of them is in distress, and your blood pressure is high as well

Ndoni: please save my kids

Why didn't she tell me this?

Doc: I will do the best I can do, but please promise me no stress. Otherwise I will put you

on bed rest, for two months. Your pregnancy is very delicate, and that puts you at risk. Mr Sotshongaye, you can stay but please not for long. She needs to rest, and I'll be back to sedate her

He walks out

Me: why didn't you tell me?

Ndoni: what do you care? I lost my kids, all thanks to you. You can now go marry your woman, and leave us alone. I don't want you here, leave

Me: they're my kids too, and I didn't know

Ndoni: you're not a child Mqoqi, leave. Unless you want to kill the remaining two Okay!

This is my fault

I get up

And she turns looking over the other way

I place her bag with her phone on her bedside

Along with my card

I walk out going to my car

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Gabisile

She has never been so embarrassed like she is right now

Everyone just laughed at her

And looked concerned about the woman Mqoqi ran out with

Gabi: Sindi who was that girl?

Sindi looks at her annoyed

Sindi: his wife

She pops her eyes

Clearly there's a mistake here

Mqoqi is not married

No!

Her Mqoqi is not married how can that be?

Sindi: you're so stupid and an embarrassment of a woman coming here, chasing after a married man. Worse proposing him, infront of his wife. You should be ashamed of yourself, side chicks know their places. And they stick to them, not the nonsense you did

She raises her hand to slap Sindi, but she grabs her arm Sindi : I will mop this floor with you

Laughter erupts

And she turns looking around

People are just looking at her

She runs out with tears streaming down her face

Her eyes get blurry, and she falls down at the door rolling on the stairs

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Mqoqi

Mnisi: open the door!

He's knocking on the window

Why are they even here?

Like who called them?

Mnisi: should i break this window?

Will he fucking pay for it?

I unlock the car, they all get in

With Mnisi getting on the passenger seat

Kamva: nana called Makoti crying, what happened?

Mzingisi: he's also crying

I don't even remember when it was the last time I cried

Not even when my parents died

But today

And this is all my fucking fault

If I had just put Gabi in her place

None of this would have happened

But I kept entertaining that shit

Ndoni will never forgive me for this

It's not even about the fucking spectacle of a proposal that happened

But the fact that she lost the kids

Me: Gabi arrived at work,
Ndoni was there. And I didn't
know, she fucking proposed.
Nana saw all of that, she bled.
I rushed her to the hospital,
andshe's pregnant. She lost
two kids

The slap that comes

I was not fucking anticipating it

I didn't even see it coming

Mnisi: and you're sitting in your car crying feeling sorry for yourself?

I look at him

Mzingisi: heyyou fucked up, let's not do this shit. You're not going to raise your hand at

Mnisi, this shit is not worth it. We're not doing this

Mnisi opens the door and walks out slamming my car door

Kamva: does he want to die?

He chuckles shaking his head

Me: Mzingisi, go fucking talk to your brother. He must not

fuck with me like that, his wife will mourn him

Mzingisi: stop! He's just angry okay, I'm sure he didn't

Me: he can fuck off, those were my kids. Did I call Gabi to come and do that shit?

Mzingisi: don't fight him

Me: get him in line, I'm not his friend. He must never put his hands on me like that

Kamva: yhoh! Mnisi acting like some bully, calling his death so far away

He gets out of the car

Mzingisi gets out and comes on the passenger seat

Mzingisi: forget Mnisi right now, you have to fix this

Me : she won't forgive me

Mzingisi: but sitting here crying, won't help nothing. Go be with your woman, she needs you now more than ever right now. She's hurt and she will blame you, that's just hurt.

Don't give her a chance to even think about walking away

I lean my head back

Mzingisi: as soon as we leave, go in there and be with your wife. And stop with this Gabi nonsense, had you cut ties the second you knew you were getting married you wouldn't be here

Me: where is my ring?

He chuckles and reaches in his pocket

Mzingisi: right here

I take the box from him

I take out the rubber band ring

I had to make it custom made with rubber

I really cannot wear anything with metal on my skin

Now not wearing a ring seems like a way I used to justify my cheating

I put it on

Mzingisi: we're not loosing Nana because of this

He pats my shoulder

Me: there's two more kids

He pops his eyes

Mzingisi: she was carrying four?

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My heart sinks at the thought of her

And how she must be feeling right now

Mzingisi: this is your chance to fix things, and make sure these two kids live to see years

I look at him

Mzingisi: hey! I am crazy I know, but I also know a good thing when I see it. And Nana is that for you, our kingdom will never find another Ndoni

I chuckle with a slight smile

He's right about that

That woman is my queen

And she's the life of my kingdom

I'll be no king of nothing without her

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Ndoni

Lumps of pain just stuck on my throat

And I couldn't even tell them anything

But they know about the kids now

And what happened at the office

Sino: this is all my fault

I shake my head

I'm tired

Like I'm really tired

I feel so drained

I just had to call someone

Because as soon as he walked out of here

I felt like I'm choking

Sino: if I didn't tell you to go there, none of this would have happened

Me: maybe it was supposed to happen, I've been with a man that's busy building a home with another woman

Sino: I am sorry, I really thought this relationship was done when you got married

I'm not even angry or sad that they knew

Clearly she was here before me, and they know her

And they owe me no loyalty

Me: he should have told me, he should have told me he has a woman. I would have respected that, I wouldn't have expected anything from him. I would have made peace that he's not mine

I wipe my tears off

The door opens and the doctor walks in

Doc: I am sorry, but my patient needs to rest now

Sino: we understand doc, we will be back tomorrow. Do you need anything?

Me: just enough change of clothes for a few days, and toiletries

Sino: okay, rest and don't stress. Please, and I am really sorry. If I knew, I wouldn't have insisted that you go there

Me: I hold nothing against you

She leans down and we hug

She's just making me sad cause she's crying

We pull out and Mqoqi walks in

He's dark sure

But I've never seen him this dark

This is just anger and nothing else

Mnisi looks at him

And the stare they have, I can tell something happened between them

Mzingisi: put your hands on him again, and Sino will be left husband less

What?

Sino: no fighting, let's go

I'm like who fought?

Mnisi: you call a slap fighting?

Mzingisi: well slap him again, and he will give you shit

Me: Bhuti please, I'm not worth you laying hands on each other

I beg

Now it explains why he's so black turning green

And right now it seems like Mqoqi is feared more than Mnisi

And I always thought Mzingisi was the one feared

Doc: please

Poor man!

Sino: sorry doc, we're leaving ... we're sorry

She ushers them out

Except this one

Doc: Mr Sotshongaye

Mqoqi: ndoda, leave me alone (man)

He says so calm

I lay down and turn to the other side

He's paying the bill, he can stay

But I don't want to talk to him

Even if he leaves, I really don't care honestly

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Ndoni

Me: are they okay?

My only worry right now is my kids

I don't care about Mqoqi and his woman

Like I don't

But my kids

I've already lost two

I just can't afford to loose these two

He smiles

Doc: yes, your stress levels are calming down. And I'm happy about your high blood this morning

I smile

He wipes the gel off my stomach

Doc: I'm still going to keep you

here

Me: it's okay

Nothing really matters to me right now

Only my kids

Doc: I'll ask them to bring you

breakfast

Me: thank you

I don't even have that appetite

But I'll force myself because of them

Just for their sake

I will do anything

The doctor writes on my file and he walks out

This one is laying on the couch like he's at a hotel

I sit up straight

I look at him

Me: I want a divorce

He doesn't look at me

Mqoqi: just like that, that's how you give up on us?

He must not bore me

Me: I'm really young to be fighting for a man, fighting

with women almost twice my age. Never! I love you, I love you so much. And that's why I know my worth, and I know to walk away. I will not stand for shit, just because I'm in love. I will not endure a man making me an idiot, I will not

Mqoqi: where do you think you're going with my kids?

Me: the very same kids you killed? Just because you couldn't be a man

He sits up and the looks he gives me

My heart pounds

Mqoqi: what?

I swallow a few times blinking

Me: your kids are dead, you killed them. Because you failed to keep a skirt away from your dick, the two kids are yours. These ones are mine

He chuckles

Me: don't think you'll scare me to shut me up, that will not happen

Mqoqi: you clearly married yourself, so give yourself divorce. Stop telling me nonsense

He must be thinking I'm joking

I don't remember signing that I'll stand for this nonsense

No ways

When they said it's tough and all

I don't remember hearing I must accept such things

So, no!.

I will not

His phone beeps, after looking at it he gets up

He goes on to open the door

And he takes the bags from the guy at the door

Mqoqi: thanks

He walks back in

And he places the Mr D food delivery bag on the stand next to the bed, and another plastic

Mqoqi: here are your clothes and toiletries, eat

And he walks back to the couch

He lays back down and places his hand on his forehead

I roll my eyes just annoyed

Because I am hungry, I am eating

The doctor and his people will find me halfway

And it's not like he restricted me from eating anything

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Gabisile

She has been cooped up in her apartment

Amira called her numerous times

With her mother also calling

Swearing at her

Calling her all sorts of hoe's names there is

She only left out what she forgot

The video is still trending even right now

And by now she thought Mqoqi would have long been here

And beat her up

But there's no sign of him

And that pains her even more

He clearly doesn't care at all

He's probably with the girl said to be his wife

How did she miss it?

Now it's making sense

That week he left months ago and went to his kingdom

Sambulo kept posting wedding celebration pictures

But Mqoqi said he wasn't even there

But it's clear now

It was him, it was him getting married

And Amira kept saying she's crazy for thinking he's slipping away

He slipped to such an extent that he got married

He married someone else while still with her

But he said to her he's not ready for marriage

Pains chokes her, as she coughs crying

Now she can't even show her face in public

A video of her proposing surfaced

And after that another one came, showing the annoyance and anger on Mqoqi's face

As he realised what was happening

After the second video more just popped up

Where Mqoqi rushed to the girl said to be his wife

How he panicked and ran outside with her

Everyone commenting on the video just sympathetic with the girl

Some saying she looks pregnant

Others praying she doesn't lose her kids

Ending with the last one of her falling on the building stairs

People coming hard on her

Calling her a home wrecker

A side chick who doesn't know her place

Calling her all sorts of bitter names

She ended up switching her phone off

Not being able to stomach everything people were saying about her

How can a man she loves so much embarrass her like this?

Now how will she face everyone?

She can't bare being out there

Everyone who has internet has seen the videos of her, and people just shaming her

Just maybe one or two comments, saying clearly the man deceived these two women

But majority didn't care

They were coming hard at her, and no one else

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Ndoni

Me: he should have told me, and I wouldn't have fallen for him. I would have saved myself, and knew my place

Thami: I'm sorry kiddo

He called saying everything that happened is on the internet

And I told him where I am

He didn't even take an hour

He was here

The way I saw Mqoqi showing respect

I wouldn't have believed that, if I wasn't here

He just walked out , and didn't even try to act like Rambo

Me: I want a divorce, I won't stand for this nonsense. He can go be with her, I don't care. Right now I just want my kids okay, he can do whatever he

wants to do . It doesn't matter, when my kids are here I'll cry . But I'll get over it, right now I don't even want to cry myself about this nonsense . He's not a child, he knew what he was doing

He leans down and cuddles me

I know he's angry when he's not saying much like this

And until he gets this off his chest

I know he won't say anything

I just hope he doesn't go and fight Mqoqi

What I saw with his brother's yesterday scared me

Because even they looked scared of him

I don't want him hurting my brother

Thami: I love you three

I let out a fade laugh

I place my hand over his on my stomach

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Mqoqi

Sino: I know she's not okay, considering everything

She sighs

Sino: but she doesn't look okay, this is not how I expected she would react. She's seems somehow, I'm worried

Ndoni is back home

The doctor discharged her this morning

But she's on bed rest this whole week

And she'll go have another check up

We're at the family home

Sino: like she's not crying, she's just emotionless and not reacting. She shouldn't shut her emotions, you should get

her to talk . I don't think this is healthy for her

Me: nana is not emotional, she cried once and that was it. Right now really, she doesn't care. And you won't see her crying, or moping around over this. Her concern is just the kids

Sino: if you say so, but I am worried

Me: don't worry

I guess she was expecting a reaction of some kind

But it's not happening

I know she won't be crying about what happened day and night

That's just not her

And she walks in , they all just look at her

She looks fine to me

Even though I fucked up, and I still need to fix things

Sino: are you okay? Would you like something to eat?

Ndoni: uhm I'm okayI just want to say something. About everything that has happened

Sino holds her hand

She takes it and sits down next to her

Ndoni: I do blame your brother for the loss of my kids, it was

less than a month ago when I found out. And I was so excited , I wanted to come home and tell him face to face than over the phone. He wasn't expecting me when I came, but we finished early and I was just excited to see him again. Had I known what was going to welcome me, I wouldn't have come . I feel like a fool, because he lied to me. Had he told me he had someone, I

wouldn't have opened myself to him and let my heart love him. Now my kids are gone, maybe it was God's will that those two don't survive. But he hurt me, and seeing another woman so sure of herself proposing to my husbandthat broke me . I'm a child , he found me pure . I didn't expect that I'll find an old man pure, I know he's been around . But this is not an ex case , it's

a thing of a woman I found him with. He married me still with her, and lured me in to fall for him . I don't want to fight , and I will not fight anyone for Mqoqi . I love him yes , but I won't stay with a man who can hurt me like this without even thinking twice . I want a divorce , my aunt still hasn't used the dowry money. So you can go back and get it, and these two

kids I'm carrying they're minehis, he killed

Sighs just go around the table

And I know they're hearing this nonsense

Mnisi: if a divorce is really what you want, it shall be granted to you. And Mqoqi shall not stand in your way

I chuckle

Me: don't annoy me Mnisi, you've never seen me involving myself in your marriage affairs

Mnisi: you cannot refuse her what she wants

Me: if you chipped in your two cents when I was marrying her,

then you can tell me something
. But stay the hell away from
my marriage, and that goes to
all of you

Mnisi: it's what she wants

Me: and she told you, unless me and you both married her. And I don't think so

I get up

Mzingisi: whatever you do, please don't lock us inside this house!

Kamva shakes his head

Me: and wena ...did your aunt tell you you'll get a divorce, and that's why she hasn't used the dowry money?

Ndoni: did she know that you can't keep it in your pants?

I chuckle

Me: nana, let's not fight. You and your aunt better not test me please, I'm being nice right now. Because I know I fucked up, and I want to fix things. But let there be no one busy pushing me, please

Mzingisi: I will do no pushing

I look at her, and she's angry

Me: no one is getting a divorce here, I'll rather live with you in a miserable marriage than to watch you walk away from me

Sino claps her hands once

Sino: this is toxic

Mnisi: he's a toxic himself

I turn and walk to our bedroom

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Ndoni

Thami: and?

I smile

I had him come over to the house

I just wanted him near me

I'm glad that he came

I know my aunt hasn't seen nor heard anything

Because I called her this morning.

And she was chilled as ever, so she doesn't know

She didn't even have enough time to talk to me

Because she was rushing to town

It's just helping me right now having Thami this side

Even though the royal family is supporting me

But I tell you, those people are scared of Mqoqi

Since I mentioned the divorce, no one has repeated it

He's a bully that one , like a whole Rambo

And clearly, they know him better than me

Because we've been married for close to four months now

And we've never fought

Like this is the first time

Thami: come on, you serious you want a divorce?

I take a sip of my milkshake

I don't even think I'm allowed to have this

But what the hell?

Me: I don't know if I can trust my husband anymore, actually I don't trust him. And what's marriage without trust? Like I do not have self esteem problems, and I don't want an unfaithful husband to inflict those to me

Thami: I understand, but I know you love him

I laugh

Me: yeah, the heart is stupid. It fell for him, and now he's taught it a lesson

Thami: all I'm saying is, if a divorce is what you want. Then be sure and certain that it's what you want really, and you won't wake up tomorrow

changing your mind and forgiving him . I'm telling you now , if you divorce him I'm going to hate him . And down the line you decide to forgive him , I'll be back again trying to like him . Like no!

He shakes his head

Thami: if you're not certain about a divorce as of yet, then

don't . Wait around , until you're calm

Me: I doubt I'll ever be able to trust him again, and if I don't trust him that means issues

Thami: you know what they say, inhliziyo ayiphakelwa

Hell no!

We laugh

Me: like really dude

He nods

Thami: yeah, you're going to be queen to the Sotshongaye kingdom

I shake my head

I don't want to dwell on this issue

But I don't know where it puts it our marriage

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Ndoni

It's been a few days

Almost a week now

And things are tense and somehow in this house

I've spoken to my aunt and told her what happened

All she said was, whatever I decide she will support me in that

Thami was right

Now I don't even know what to do

I feel like I'm just stuck

And it's annoying

And not literally stuck like we all are in this house

It's a lockdown of some kind

He said me and him we're not leaving this house

Until we're okay

Which is crazy if you ask me

I walk in the bedroom

And he's on a call

His phone is on speaker

I take my sleepers off and walk to the dressing table

I sit down

And take my wipes wiping my make up off

Sambulo: you haven't been to work for almost a week now, seriously

Mqoqi: don't annoy me, I do my work. The fact that I'm not there doesn't count, fact is I deliver Sambulo: remember this is not the first time you do this, honestly come to work tomorrow

Mqoqi: Sambulo my marriage is more important than your company, I'll do you a favour. Have my severance package ready, I resign with immediate effect. Nxl!

I turn and look at him in shock

He's dropped the call, and his phone rings but he ignores it

He gets up and grabs his laptop

He goes back to sit down on the bed

I'm on my feet in seconds as I see him just typing

Me: can you just go to work?

Mqoqi: no

Me : you can't quit your job !

This is crazy

How does he just quit his job?

Mqoqi: I have

Me: you're not thinking like a man who has two mouths to feed

He looks at me and smiles

Mqoqi: three

I look away and roll my eyes

Me: fact is, you need your job

Mqoqi: I don't, I was doing Sambulo a favour. And now he's annoying me, like I'm on his mercy. He can go fuck himself

May all the forces come down and help me

Cause now I'm forced to beg him to go back to work

We're pregnant, and kids don't come cheap

Me : can you just

A knock comes at the door

I heave a sigh and walk over to open the door

Sino: sorry, am I disturbing?

Me: no

Sino: can we have a word?

Me : let me put on shoes

She moves over

I walk back and put on my sleepers

I walk out, and we head to the balcony

Sino: you two are worrying me , couples have whatever you want to call them . But things shouldn't go this far, and I'm not here advocating for anyone . But Mqoqi loves you , he wears that love on his sleeves for you . He's not really a man who's big on emotions and all, he's the one that's closed up. I

was actually very scared of him , until I dated Mnisi and I got to know the Sotshongaye brothers . Now I respect him , more than I am scared of him. He's probably never told you this, but they haven't always had it easy. At one point, they were so poor . That I had to steal food from home, just so I can give them something to eat . At first, I wasn't aware. And I would give Mnisi a Tupperware

of food, only he would take a spoon or one. And say he has to go home, only to find out he gave the food to his brother's ...

She wipes her tears

Sino: sorry

Me: it's okay

She takes a deep breath

Sino: they had to fight to get their grandfather's throne, and it wasn't easy. Their father was a drunkard, one day he came home with his friends and they raped their mother. Mgogi got home before his brother's, and he saw this happening. He killed his father, and hehe went to jail for 9 years for murder. And do you know what happened?

Do I?

I mean what is she telling me right now?

Mqoqi killed his father, and he even went to jail for so many years

Like what is she saying?

Sino: the mother that he protected, turned against him. And that's why he was sentenced, andMnisi finished the job. You may see them fight and not get along, but those two killed their own parents. The brothers were so angry at their mother, and they felt she didn't deserve to live. So he killed her, lucky for him he staged it as suicide. And he never got arrested for it, to

this day. People think their mother committed suicide, for many reasons. And because of that, it become even hard for them to get the throne. Even though it was rightfully theirs, but they were already casted out . But when things finally came up for them , they didn't stop fighting. They even went as far as getting a logistic company for Mqoqi, he came out of jail and he was set

Wow!

Okay, this is crazy

It's a whole more than a shock

Sino: all I'm saying is that,
Mqoqi don't easily show his
love. Being in prison for so
many years changes one, but
when he met you. I saw the old

Mqoqi who killed his father in cold blood, just to protect his mother. And I knew, you were it for him. I'm not excusing his nonsense, he knew what he was doing. And now he will live with the consequences of his mess up forever

I don't know what to say

Like this is a lot

Sino: I've said a lot, it's getting chilly. Let's go inside, you'll get sick

She gets up and I'm just left dumbstruck

Me : can I get a minute ?

She smiles

Sino: families are not the same, and this is ours

Yhoh!

She laughs going inside the house

And I'm like what the heck?

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Mqoqi

Me: you know I like you

She smiles

Me: what did you say to her?

She laughs

Me: I don't find it funny

Sino: what did she do?

Me: no, what did you say to her? cause she's crying

Sino: she's okay, we just had a talk Nothing much

Me: a talk that got her crying?

Sino: I'm sure she was sniffing, and not wailing ..can you stop worrying and take her food

I look at her without saying nothing

Sino: don't worry, she will be fine then

She hands me the tray

I doubt there's anyone who just cries for no reason

And I know my wife, she's not a cry baby

I take the tray and walk to our room

I find her lotioning her legs

She's wrapped in a towel

Me: what did Sino say?

I'm just fishing right now

Because I know she's not going to tell me anything

She's still upset with me

Might take me forever to get her to forgive me

And get her trust back

Me: talk to me

Ndoni: it was just a talk

Me: a talk that got you crying, I'm asking you cause she thinks whatever she said wasn't that deep

She sighs

Ndoni: do you have trauma?

What's this?

Me: trauma of what?

She closes her lotion, and I'm getting ignored

Me: waitshe told you ...

I shake my head

Me: that wasn't her place

Ndoni: maybe you have trauma, and that's why you're this angry and being a bully. Maybe you need therapy ...

Me: yhoh spare me

I walk over to the closet grabbing my t-shirt for her

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Ndoni

I can't get my mind off what the queen said

Like it's just a lot

And I just can't wrap my head around it all

It's all just so surreal

And so hard to believe

Like you look at the brothers, and just think they grew up with a silver spoon in their mouths

They're royals after all

So it only makes sense to just think that

I've been tossing and turning

I can't sleep

I don't understand why someone is sleeping so peacefully

While I can't even shut an eye

I snuggle closer to him and place my hand in front of him

He has his back turned on me

I don't even know why

I slide my hand down to his dick

And he's a bit hard

He must be damn horny

I brush my hand over his briefs

And slide it inside

He's so quite

And I know he's not sleeping

I stroke his dick slowly

And it twitches inside my hand

Mqoqi: stop

I smile kissing his shoulder

He turns and sleeps facing down

I move over with him

My hand still holding his dick

Mqoqi: I'm trying to sleep here

Me: I can't

He groans

Mqoqi: well that's your

problem

Says who?

Me: I'm horny

Mqoqi: sort yourself out

Me: you want me to masturbate?

I ask with tears on the brink of falling

I used to do that a lot when I was at school

More like we used to

He would video call, and we would have phone sex

And just watch each other masturbating

Until we get off

It was fun and all yes

But now I want him

I want the real thing

I thought I would come home

And we would fuck like nobody's business

But no!

I got home and shit hit the fan

I try turning him, but he doesn't budge

Mqoqi: don't you dare rape me

What?

Me: rape you?

I laugh wiping my tears with my one hand

Me: I'm entitled to this dick

Mqoqi: no, rape is rape. Husband and wife or not

He's serious!

I remove my hand and wipe my tears as they fall even more

It's so painful to be horny

Mqoqi: you're crying for my dick?

He turns and looks at me

Me: when did it become yours? We're married!

He laughs

Mqoqi : you said you want a divorce

Me: and you said you're not going to give it to me

Mqoqi: okay wait ...so now we're having an argument over sex. We want people in this house to hear us?

Me: let them, I'm sure they don't accuse their wives of rape

He burst out laughing

Mqoqi: I did not accuse you

Mxm!

I get off the bed and sit down on the couch

Mqoqi: nana come back to bed

I ignore him

Mqoqi: fuck! You're crying for real?

He gets off the bed and walks to me

Mqoqi: I am sorry okay, I'm sorry. But I don't want you to use me for sex, right now you're not happy with me. We'll have sex, with things as

tense as they are between us. And I'll think we're okay, only for you to wake up tomorrow morning. And we're back to square one again

I did not say I want make up sex

He sighs shaking his head

He gets up

Mqoqi: I am sorry

He wipes my tears off

He takes his briefs off

And I can't help but smile when I see it throbbing

He pulls his t-shirt I'm wearing off

He lays me down slowly, and parts my legs

He gets on the couch on his knees

He strokes his dick and rubs it on my coochie

He slowly slides in , I grab on his arms letting out slight moans

Mqoqi: I'm sorry okay!

I nod

He leans down and we kiss

I move my hands to the back of his head

Deepening the kiss as he thrusts in

And this is not some fuck

He's giving me something he rarely does

He's just making slow passionate love

I wrap my legs around his back

As pleasure rushes through my body

I pull out of the kiss, letting out a scream of pleasure

Mqoqi: I love you so much

He whispers against my ear

My thighs shake against his waist

Me: ahhhohhhh yes babyjust like that yes

He moves back

Mqoqi: look at me

I slowly open my eyes and look into his

Mqoqi: I am sorry

A tear drops on his cheek

He thrust in harder

Me: ah ...ahhhh ...ah

With each stroke, I just scream in pleasure

Me: I love you

He closes his eyes and leans down, bringing his face to mine

And we kiss

He deep grunts, and he cums

He slowly slides out, and gets me on the side

Getting behind my back, and he lifts my leg over him

He slides in, and thrusts in

My lower body is in knots, just crying to release

He slides his hand over , flicking my clit

I grab tight on his wrist, as I push his dick out squirting

I press my thighs together, grabbing his arm muffling my screams with it

After a few minutes, I calm down panting

Me : don't ever hurt me like that

He snuggles me like I'm a baby of some kind

Placing kisses on my should and shoulder blades going to my neck

I close my eyes with a smile

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Mqoqi

I keep brushing her forehead

She's sound asleep

Sounding and looking so peaceful

I wonder if I'm forgiven really here

Or she's okay cause she just wanted sex

I hope that's not the case

Cause I really do miss my wife

I'll always regret my actions and what I did

And the pain I've caused her

But letting her go is not an option

She's just one of a kind

And I know there'll never be another her

Not now, and not ever

That's why I cannot lose her

I finally have what I've always wanted

And thought maybe it's a dream

Or just maybe destined for others

But I have it, and it's her. No one else

I place a kiss on her head

Me: I love you so much

It'll take actions more than words

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Ndoni

He keeps looking at me

Like there's something he wants to say

But he just can't get it out of his mouth

I sit down and look at him for a while

He finally darts his eyes my way

And finds me staring at him

Mqoqi: what?

We haven't said anything to each other after last night

And I have an appointment this morning

We're already ready

I guess he's taking me

Even though I didn't say anything to him, and he said nothing to me

I don't know

I thought maybe he would spite me

And say I'll figure myself how I get there

Since I said these kids are mine

Me: when are you going back to work?

Mqoqi: I resigned

I heave a sigh

Me: please ask Sambulo to give you your job back

Mqoqi: no

Me: I don't know, if you know this. But kids don't come cheap, you need to be working and having a salary to father kids

His stare is just blank

I don't know what's the meaning of this

Me: I'm done with school, and I have no intentions of furthering my studies. I am asking for a nail bar with a salon, so I can bring an income

Mqoqi: and what else?

I frown

Me: what else ...what?

Mqoqi : what else do you want ?

Me: I did not say I want anything, I asked

He smiles

Mqoqi: sorry nana, my bad

I heave a sigh

Me: it's okay

Mqoqi: you'll get your salon and nail bar, and a car

Me : don't buy me please

He laughs

Mqoqi: I am not, but I saw you got your license while at school

I did not tell him that

Me : saw where ?

Mqoqi: I wasn't snooping around, but I saw it in your bag

Great!

Me : you have two cars , you'll borrow me one

Mqoqi: no, you deserve a brand new car. And I'm selling my cars

Me: what?

Mqoqi: we'll need a bigger car now, so I'm thinking we just get two small cars. One for each, and a bigger one for everyone. Even people we don't know

What the hell?

Me : people we don'tlike really ?

Mqoqi: do you know them? Have you met them before?

What?

He gets up with such an annoying laugh

Mqoqi: I'm still yet to meet these people, for now really I don't know them. And I can't believe we have to take them to our house, and live with them. We have to raise them, feed them and clothe them. Like it's just a lot, now there'll

be more of us. With people who will just be annoying us, needing our attention . I don't think I'm ready, for the money I'll be spending on people I don't know . Imagine when we meet them for the first time, what do we even say to them? Like hello, who are you?

I'm just looking at him like

What is this?

Why so much drama, and like for what?

Where is it even coming from?

And why?

Me: these are your sperms, please stop with the drama

His jaw drops, before that annoying laughter erupts again

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Mqoqi

Doc: everything is looking good, I must say I'm happy with the improvement. So let's keep it

that way, and avoid stress at all times

She looks at me

As if I did something

Well besides what I did

And what brought us all here

But why the look

Ndoni: I am stressed

Doc: please stop with the stress, because we don't want you going into early labour. Or having complications during labour

Ndoni: well it's his fault

So really I am not forgiven?

Doc: Mr Sotshongaye

Me: waitI don't even know what I did

Ndoni: he's denying me sex

Okay!

I did not see this one coming

Like really ?.

We're telling our doctor that

Me: what?

Ndoni: I cry for sex

It happened once

Like just freaking once

And I had my reasons why

It's not like I didn't want her

I've been wanting her ever since she got home

But well, I fucked up

Doc: Mr Sotshongaye, it's still early. She's in her first

trimester, yes it's the most difficult time of the pregnancy. But don't deny her sex, her hormones are very high. And it differs with women, some want sex and some don't. But she wants it, so please. Help us all

Help us all!

Like what the fuck!.

That just sounds very wrong to be honest

Where does he fit in that equation?

Me: sure

Doc: thank you, now are we ready to see how the soldiers are doing?

Ndoni: yes

She says with such a big smile

She really does love kids

The doctor goes on to prepare her for the scan

But as the heartbeat, or should I say two come up

He frowns, and looks intensely at the monitor

I want to ask what's wrong

But I don't want to stress an already stressed person

Doc : uhmplease give me a second

He puts everything down and walks out

Ndoni: he's scaring me

I hold her hand

This is the shit I didn't want

She's not blind

And she was looking at him

Ndoni: I can't lose more kids, I would rather die and be with my kids

She tears up

Me: nana, please don't cry.
We don't know what's going on, let's wait for the doctor to come back

I lean over wiping her tears off

The doctor walks back in with another doctor

Ndoni: what's going on, are my kids okay?

She wants to tear up now

And now I'm freaking out too

Doc: yes ...I just need another eye checking out something here

He goes back in to start the scan process

And they both just stand in front of the monitor

We can't see anything

And they're pointing there, there's whispers we can't hear

I hope there are no complications

Because of the two kids that already didn't make it

We're still yet to go back to Eastern Cape And have a ceremony

The longer we're waiting

The more frustrated she's getting

And now this I think is the stress that's not good

But it's being caused by her own doctor

Who was busy telling me to help them all

He's not helping anyone right now

Doc: thank you

He says to the other doctor who turns and walks out

He looks at us

And we just look at him in anticipation

I hope it's nothing bad

If I knew how to pray, now would be the perfect time

But I wouldn't even know what to say

Even if I tried

I just hope any energies or powers from the universe

They can feel and see what's in my heart

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Ndoni

Me: are my kids okay?

He sighs

Doc: it seems you were not carrying quadruplets

Me: what?

Doc: when we were cleaning the two sacs, we must have missed another one

Me: what do you mean?

Doc: you were carrying quintuplets, there's three babies. The other sac, is too

attached to another. We must have missed it

Mqoqi: whoa! There's three kids now not two?

Doc: it seems like it, which is why your bump will be showing this soon

This is crazy

Doc: there was a lot of bleeding, and we were looking to clean you up. And save the two we saw, but we missed

I am defeated

Doc: but all three are doing well

That's a relief

I look at Mqoqi, and his expression is just insane

Mqoqi: what are we going to do with three kids?

Me: what were we going to do with five?

He heaves a sigh

I let out a slight smile

Doc: this is where they're marked, with the letters

We look at the monitor

And there they are

Doc: I will get you some supplements, and a prescription for medication. And I'll see you in 2 weeks

Not what we expected

But I'm glad they're okay

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Gabisile

They walk inside the restaurant

Amira went over to her apartment

And dragged her out

Gabi: these people are

Amira: they will look and stare, but you can't hide forever

Gabi: I embarrassed myself

Amira: that man lied to you

They sit down at the far end of the corner

Gabi: I just don't get how could he do just that to me

She sniffs

Gabi: I understand we were not perfect, we had our own problems yes. But what couple doesn't? He went and got

married, behind my back. He gave me hope, kept saying he wasn't ready for marriage. I guess it was just me he didn't want to marry

Amira: it's his loss

Gabi: he married a child, like a mere child. Who the fuck does that?

Amira laughs

Amira: a desperate man

Gabi shakes her head

Gabi: how do I move on from this?

Amira: time, and don't hide because people are talking about you. It'll pass, and

they'll find something else to talk about

Hearing a familiar voice, she turns and looks at him

He's making an order at the counter

Not even looking around

Hurt just graces her

Amira: let him be

She looks at her friend

Gabi: no

She gets up

Amira: Gabi

She ignores Amira and walks over to Mqoqi

Gabi: why?

He turns and looks at her

Mqoqi: add some ribs, and big pieces don't be stingy

The waitress nods with a smile

Gabi: don't ignore me, don't you think I deserve an explanation?

Mqoqi: I owe you nothing, relationships come to an end all the time. This is no different, I'm married and happy. Move on, you'll find a man who'll endure you as you are . It was just not me , just get away from me okay. I let you be, after the shit you did. But try something

else again, and I won't let you be. I'm warning you

He moves to the side as the line moves forward

Gabi looks at him, feeling the lump getting stuck on her throat

She runs out with tears streaming down her face

Amira gets up and runs after her

Amira: I am sorry

She holds her friend

Gabi: he doesn't even care

Amira: it's okay, you'll get over him. He's not the only man

They hug so tight, as Gabi goes on to cry on her shoulder

She doesn't understand how he can hurt her this much

And he doesn't even care

This is the same man she loves so much, and doesn't see herself with anyone else

How does she really move from this?

Amira: don't cry, you'll get over him

She shakes her head

Not believing this is her now

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Mqoqi

I'm watching her as she eats

And she looks okay

It now feels like we're also okay

Mnisi: you didn't have to give her 5 kids

We laugh

Me: she looks okay

Mnisi: yeah, don't fuck up again. Or else you'll lose her, women like Ndoni don't come everyday. She came home, and was told she's marrying

you . She didn't even fight that . She deserves you at your best, it's the least you can do for her . There'll never be another Sino for me, she's been with me through my worst . And that's why now at my best, there's no one deserving me like she is . Please do the right thing , and just love that woman right and those kids

Me: yeah

Mnisi: with that being said, it's time you go back home and get crowned

A topic I have no say in whatsoever

Mnisi: I think Sino and I, are ready to take off the crowns.
And Joburg is welcoming, we'll settle here in the family home

Me: I will talk to nana, but she didn't have plans to persuade her studies anyways

Mnisi: Sino will go back home with her, so she can give her lessons on what she can

She's only 18

Isn't this a bit too much to her?

The marriage, now kids and being queen

But I honestly wouldn't want to be doing this life thing with anyone

But just her

I think we'll be okay, both learning in our new roles

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Ndoni

Mqoqi: Nana

I look at him

He sits down

Mqoqi: Mnisi wants us to go home, so he can step down

Me : okay

Mqoqi: is that fine with you?

Me: we knew that was going to happen, but I have an ask

Mqoqi: anything

I laugh

Men will screw up

And they'll try by all means to be saints

While trying to be in your good books

After their nonsense

Me: we're going to stay at the palace, no more the city for you. No more your exs and their drama, we will live there and raise our kids in peace. I don't wanna deal with anymore of your exs, I am done with that

Mqoqi : yes , we will move and stay home

Me: okay

Mqoqi: my queen

I laugh

Mqoqi: inhliziyo ayiphakelwa

I laugh

Me: it's very stupid, look at

me now

Mqoqi : don't say that , I fucked up ..but no more

I lean over giving him a kiss

It's only because of love that I'm here

That my heart yearns for him so much

That I'm choosing to move past this

Because indeed the heart still wants him

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