

Pieces On The Ground

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Musa: What?

Me: who is she?

Musa: Rea, I'm not cheating on you.

Me: Musa!

I was screaming.

Musa: You making noise.

Me: tell Me who the hell she is.

Musa: Rea, stop it!

I grabbed the glass I had in my hand and threw

it at him but he ducked.

Me: Musa don't drive me crazy!

I grabbed the vase.

Musa: Rea stop it!

He ducked again.

Me: Tell me who she is.

Musa: I am not...

I got a hold of the remote and it missed his head. He must have played a lot of tinbox when growing up coz he was good at ducking.

Me: Musawenkosi

Musa: stop throwing things at me

Me: Who is she? Who are you cheating on me with?

He kept quiet.

Me: Musa!

Musa: Let me explain.

Me: tell me who she is!

I was tearing Up.

Musa: I will not.

I couldn't stand him anymore so I went to the bedroom and locked it

I buried my face in between the pillows and

cried. So I had to deal with his infidelity? I g
Had not signed up for this. I was suppose to be
happy. I deserved to be happy. I had been
through alot and I deserved peace.

Musa: Rea!

He tried opening the door

Musa: Baby, Please open the door.

I kept quiet.

Musa: Baby please

Me: Musa, dont make me grab a shoe and stab
you with it. Get away from me

Musa: Rea, can you not cry?

Was he stupid?

Me: Musa get away from the door.

Musa: allow me to come in.

Me: Musa leave me the hell alone. Go to your fragrance girl.

Musa: I'll sleep here.

He could sleep there all he wanted. I cried myself to sleep and the next morning, when I opened the door, he was there.

Me: get away from me.

Musa: take my phone, check whatever it is you want to check.

Me: You think I'm stupid? You think I don't know

that you probably covering it up?

He kept quiet.

Me: Move please.

Musa: Just let me...

Me: Musa, Move!

He moved and I went to get coffee, I wasn't going in. I was too depressed.

Me: Go to work!

Musa: I'm not leaving you like this

Me: Musa, I said go to work.

Musa: please just listen

Me: No..you are a liar. You cheating on me?

Really? Musa, I gave you everything, I submitted

to you, I gave you sons, made your house a home, I do all that you ask of me And you treat me like this? Really? All coz of vagina? Please get away from me!

He went to the bathroom and I grabbed the broom to go clean up the broken glass. I got a call from Tshepo as I was busy.

Tshepo: Tourist how are you?

I chuckled.

Me; Hey Tshepo.

Tshepo: You back?

Me: From?

Tshepo: Zim.

Me: duh!

Tshepo: Hai suka.

Me: I miss you.

Tshepo: I miss you too.

Me: When will I see you?

Tshepo: today.

Me: Besides today. Im not Okay.

Tshepo: What's wrong?

Me: Girl stuff.

Tshepo: hot water bottle and drink lots of water.
Ask Musa to give you a rub if he's around.

Tshepo though!

Me: Thanks Doc.

Tshepo: pleasure my patient.

Me: how are the kids doing?

Tshepo: Well they are fine.

Me: And the mum?

Tshepo: she's pregnant.

Me: Well she's with you..

Tshepo: We have to have 3 more kids.

I almost choked.

Me: What?

Tshepo: Yes.

Me: Tshepo!

Tshepo: I'm just saying.

Me: I'll talk to you later.

I had another call.

Tshepo: get well Okay?

Me: I will.

I ended his call and took Grace's call.

Me; Babe.

Grace; Hey Rea, you at work?

Me: I'm at home.. Are you Fine?

She wasn't the bubbly Grace I knew.

Me: Is Bonga okay?

Grace: Can I come there at around 13:00 or so?

Me: Okay.

Grace: Thank you Rea

Me: Bye babe.

I hung up and finished cleaning, Musa was in his study working. I didn't understand why he couldn't leave me alone. I went to take a bath and went to sit outside. I won't lie, I was broken. I didn't know whether to leave or hang in there but the signs were there. Lipstick marks and fragrances. Was I not enough. At around 12:30, Grace's car parked outside.

Grace; Hey.

Me; Hey G.

Grace: you don't look okay

Me: I think I'm going to get flu.

Grace; Oh I'm sorry.

Me: How are you?

Grace; wish I could say I'm fine.

Me: Let me get you a drink..

Grace: Thank you.

I went to get us something to drink.

Me: what's wrong?

She took a deep breath.

Grace: Bonga is cheating.

Oh my Goodness! How was I suppose to deal with this? I had a cheating husband as well.

Grace: he doesn't touch me anymore. He only spends time with the girls. Its like I don't exist.

Me: I'm sorry.

Grace; He gets calls at night. His clothes are covered in women's fragrance.

Oh Godness! I had a lump in my throat.

Grace: I don't know what to do Rea.

I swallowed hard.

Me: Did you talk to him?

Grace: he doesn't give me the time of day.

I didn't know what to say.

Grace: please talk to him.

Me: Grace...

Grace: Please Rea, he listens to you.

Me: I don't think I...

Grace: Please.

I sighed.

Me: I'll talk to him.

Grace: Thank you.

Wow!

Grace: How are you anyway?

We spoke for about an hour and she left. When I went back in, Musa was watching soccer

Musa: Let's go.

Me: Don't talk to me.

Musa: Reabilwe let's go please!

Me: I don't want to go anywhere with you.

He switched off the TV and grabbed his car keys.

Musa: Please. Rea, don't make me carry you out please.

I walked out and he locked up.

Musa: Please get in.

Me: you going to tell me who she is?

Musa: just get in please.

I got into the car and he drove out, we drove to one of his friend's restaurant. It was my favorite actually

Musa: Let's go

Me: Musa...

Musa: Please.

I got out of the car and followed him in. He spoke to the manager, Les, we were used to him and he led us to some room.

Me: Let my hand go.

He did.

Les: here.

We were in the monitor room.

Les: Last night's footage.

Musa: in the private room.

Les: Here you go. Dan will help you.

I fixed my eyes on the screen, He was with a man and a woman. Documents on their tables and they were signing them. Date was there.
Time 18:45.

Musa: zoom in to the Lady please. Get her face.

Dan did.

Musa: To her lips.

It was the lipstick, I saw on his cheek. Maroon.

Musa: Thank you. Go on.

They stood up after putting the documents in their bags and Musa shook the Guy's hand, he hugged the lady and she planted a kiss on his cheek.

Musa: thanks Dan.

We went out.

Musa: I sped home to you after that meeting. Rea, I love you! I love my kids and I would never hurt their mother. I am not cheating.

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Musa: Please believe me. Baby please.

I kept quiet.

Musa: Tell me what I should do then.

Me: Tell me the truth

Musa: baby that is the truth.

Me: You've been coming home late.

Musa: I've been working.

I kept quiet..

Musa: Okay.. Please get in

I got into the car.

Me: Where are you taking me?

Musa: Hopefully this will convince you that I'm not cheating..

I kept quiet.

Musa: Aren't you hungry?

Me: I know how to take care of myself.

Musa: Ouch.

He kept quiet and focused on the road.

Me: Are you serious?

Musa: Come.

Me: seriously?

Musa: Come Rea.

I got out of the car.

Me: Let go of my hand.

Musa: Okay.

We walked in.

Frida: Mr Mabasa how are you?

Musa: I'm Fine Frida.

Frida: Mrs Mabasa.

Me: just Rea.

Frida: I'm sorry. I spoke to Mr Clifton about the meeting.

Musa: Oh thanks but I'm not here for that. Actually I'm going Be off work for a few weeks.

Frida: Oh okay. I'll reschedule a few meetings..

Musa: Thank you..I need footage for the past 3 weeks. From my office and the boardroom okay? Also a copy of my schedule.

Frida: Oh I'll go get them from Marlon.

Musa: Thank you. Shall we ma'am?

I led the way to his office. He had added a photo of the four of us on his wall. We were in Zambia. Happy moments.

Musa: Can I get you anything?

Me: no.

Musa: Okay.

I kept my eyes on the picture and He kept his on me. I could feel it. Frida came with the footage and the schedule.

Musa: thank you.

Frida: Pleasure.

She excused herself.

Musa: can we go home now?

Me: please.

We went home. I kept my eyes on his schedule And he was busy the entire time. Even on the weekends. When he got home, he got his laptop and came to sit next to me. I watched the footage. He spent the entire time in his office,

meetings in the boardroom and He left late at around 23:30 or 00:45. Not just him but his team as well.

I felt embarrassed.

Musa: baby, I would never hurt you. Maybe I've stepped on your toes, pinned your hands down on the bed, hurt your pelvic girdle but I've never cheated on you. I don't have eyes for anyone but you.

I cleared my throat.

Musa: And if it means I have to make up for it then I'll work to gain your trust again..

I had to admit that I was wrong.

Me: I'm sorry.

Musa: Don't apologize. I gave you reason to doubt me.

Me: You did actually.

He smiled.

Musa: So because my late coming is causing a drift between us I'm going to make sure that I bring my work home.

Me: And they better stop hugging And kissing you.

He laughed.

Musa: okay baby.

Me: Im sorry.

Musa: I'm sorry too my love.. Can you apply for leave?

Me: I was on leave a few weeks ago..

Musa: It was for a week. And it months ago

Me: don't lie.

Musa: I'm trying to fix this

Me: I can try.

Musa: Thank you .

I analyzed his face. He was real

Me: Fine.

Musa: and after what I experienced last night, it gives me more reason to not cheat on you.

I smiled.

Me: you good at ducking.

He laughed

Musa: I had to.

Me: you provoked me.

Musa: Well I know. I was forced to admit to something I'm not even doing.

Me: I don't want to talk about this anymore.

Musa; Are you hungry?

Me: I am.

Musa: I knew it.

Me: Really?

Musa: 6 years is a long time.

Me: Yeah right.

Musa: it is.

Me: can we go make food now?

Musa: Yes we can.

I closed the laptop and we went to the kitchen.

Musa: What do you feel like?

Me: Tuna sandwich.

Musa: okay so, before our fight...want to go to my inbox?

I unlocked his phone and went to his inbox.

Musa: search for Erica.

I did.

Me: You want us to go to Vana Belle?

Musa: Yes

I laughed.

Me: you?

Musa: Me.

Me: You?

Musa: Me!

Me: Last time when I said we should go there you said "Rea, you can take Your sons with I'm not going there" and now you enquired about it three days ago?

Musa: Yes ma'am

Me: Wow.

Musa; so?

Me: So if I get my leave gets approved we can

go.

Musa: It's a nice place.

I laughed.

Me: wow! Finally! Its secluded.

Musa: it is.

Me: so this is How we going to live?

Musa: by always travelling?

I nodded.

Musa: If I remember correctly, We said, on our first trip that no matter how busy life gets we'll Always travel.

Me: I remember that.

Musa: So don't fight it.

Me: I won't

There was a knock.

Me: Come In.

"Hey baby"

She ran into his arms.

Musa: Hello my love how are you?

Pabi: I'm fine.

She kept her little arms around his neck.

Bokang: Dumelang.

Me: Hey Sbilu.

Bokang: she wanted to come here

Me: Can imagine..they haven't seen each other in a while.

They were laughing at something.

Bokang: You guys will bring her back tight?

Me: We will.

I took her bag.

Bokang: bye Pabi.

No response. She was too busy playing with Musa's hair.. I walked him out and when I went back in, they were still laughing and talking..

Their bond was unexplainable. I took my sandwich and went to watch a movie. I fell asleep and when I woke up at around 20:00, Musa in the other room, putting Pabi to bed.

Me: You....

Musa: Shhh...

I kept quiet and he tucked her in..switched off the light and we stepped out.

Musa: I'm sorry baby, you were saying?

Me: Nothing.

A part of me was shattered..

Musa: Baby?

Me: Do you think I've failed you?

Musa: No why?

Me; Why do I feel like I did. I mean, we've been trying...

Musa: Rea, Don't do that to yourself...

Me: I'm sorry I can't give you that.

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Musa: don't say that..

Me: Really?

I felt like I failed him.

Me: You give me everything I want and I just can't give you the one thing you want..

Musa: Baby, it will happen.

I kept quiet.

Me: do you think something's wrong with me?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Oh...

Musa: what's wrong with you is the fact that you overreacting

Me: Musa, don't try to make me feel better..

Musa: you know me better than that. It will happen baby. Stop over thinking things.

I took a deep breath

Musa: That's it.

Me: what did you two eat?

Musa: the usual.

I laughed. Pabi loved noodles, so we had to make sure that we stocked them up for her.

Me: you going to eat that for as long as she's here.

Musa: Eish.

Me: you'll be strong.

Musa: I need the energy for tomorrow.

Me: She's not going to school?

Musa: she said she doesn't want to.

Me: that's the Pabi I know.

Musa: Come on. Tub or shower

Me: tub. I need you to wash my back.

Musa: okay.

Me: Just that.

Musa: What did I say?

Me: Don't Get any ideas..

Musa: Well I had a few.

I giggled.

Me: You turned me down last night.

Musa: I didn't turn you down. I said "not now"

Me: That's rejection.

Musa: no. That's "baby, can I just get my energy first then I'll give you all of me"

Me: mmmm

Musa: so that means you going to turn me down today?

Me: Yes.

He smiled.

Musa: Baby let's go..

He took my hand and we went to our bathroom.
He filled the tub with foam and pulled me closer
so he could take my shirt off.

Me: I can undress myself.

I said giggling.

Musa: I'm only trying to help.

Me: My hands work.

He unbuttoned my jeans.

Me: You not letting it go are you?

Musa: I'm trying to help. You've gotten thin.

Me: and I wonder why.

He smiled.

Musa: I apologized.

Me: Then apologize for calling me thin.

Musa: okay I'm sorry. You got new underwear?

I giggled.

Me: You notice everything about me don't you?

Musa: yes. I have to.

Me: well?

Musa: Its very sexy.

Me: but?

Musa: But where's the other piece. The bra.

Me: I'm not going to wear it.

Musa: why?

Me: Coz I've got small boobs and I don't like bras.

Musa: I see.

Me: You have eyes you should.

He blushed.

Me: the dimples finally come out.

Musa: they only come out for you.

Me: they should. They are just like Luyanda's. Lwandile's are nicer though. My babies have cute smiles.

Musa: I'm their father.

Me: And I'm their mother..

We got into the tub.

Musa: they dont want to come back.

Me: Coz their grandmother is spoiling them.

Musa: We need our own space.

Me: Your wife is here..

Musa: my wife is not a problem. All she does is talk, sing, dance and call me "baby"

Pabi though! She heard me call Musa "baby" and in her little head, that was the right word to call him.

Me: And tire you out.

Musa: I can handle that...

He ran his index finger between my breasts and moved down to my navel.

Me: You suppose to be washing my back..

Musa: I did...

Me: Only.

Musa: Are those goosebumps I see?

Me: Musa, dont go any further.

Musa: why not?

Me: Coz I said so.

Musa: Or else what?

I turned and faced him.

Musa: Go on.

I stared at his lips and smiled before kissing his lips. I stopped and looked at him, bit his lower lip and got him inside while doing that. I moved slowly on him coz I had to be cautious of the water. He tried touching my back...

Me: Don't touch me.

He gave in. I made sure I kept my eyes on him and stopped when his breathing rate was getting faster and kissed him again.

Me: goodnight.

Musa: Baby don't do this...

Me: Some of us are going to work tomorrow.

I pulled myself up, got out of the tub and wrapped a towel around my body.

Musa: Rea...

He was getting out too.

Me: I love you.

He smiled.

Musa: You getting back at me?

Me: I am not..

Musa: baby?

Me: I love you.

I got one of his shirts and put it on after I
lotioned my body. I went to him and kissed him.

Me: goodnight.

Musa: it is going to be a good night.

Me: let me go.

Musa: You don't get to that to me.

I smiled coz I knew what I was in for. He just kept going on and on and I had only 4 hours of sleep.

Musa: Good morning.

Me: Morning.

Musa: How are you?

Me; I'm fine. What time is it?

Musa: 08:30

I jumped out.

Me: Why didn't you wake me?

Musa: you looked peaceful.

Me: Musa man!

I rushed through everything and got to work at 10:30.

My goodness! I kept yawning and remembered to apply for leave. At around 11, Musa put up videos of him and Pabi singing a song from some cartoons. They looked really cute. My admiring moment was disturbed by a call.

Me: Yes, I'm still coming in...thank you...bye"

I hung up and as soon as I put it down, it rang again.

Me: you jerk!

Bonga: Haibo!

Me: where are you?

Bonga: I'm around..

Me: can you come to my house later on?

Bonga: I'm busy today.

Me: Bonga!

Bonga: I'll come Tomorrow..

Me: You better.

Bonga: Can I ask about you now?

Me: No..

Bonga: you want to hang up?

Me: I'll see you Tomorrow.

I hung up And continued working. I knocked off early so I could go to my doctor.

Dr: how are you?

Me: I'm fine.

Dr: you Look thinner.

I kept quiet..

Dr: when you came here I told you, you don't have enough iron right?

Me: You did

Dr: Rea, you are going to have a hard time falling pregnant..

I swallowed hard .

Dr: your fallopian tubes are blocked so that's why your eggs can't be fertilized.

Me: how did that...

I kept quiet.

Me: So what now?

Dr: Treatment to open the tubes. Just pray they are not beyond repair.

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I don't know why but even though I was told I'd undergo treatment, I was crying on my way to mum's. I just wanted to see my sons. I fixed my face when I got there and to my surprise, they were very happy to see me. We sat on the lawn and they both looked at me.

Luyanda: Why are your eyes red?

Lwandile: Are you sick?

Me: Yes I'm sick.

Luyanda: So it makes your eyes red?

Me: Yes and I need to sleep..

Lwandile: What do you want me to get you?

The gentle brother... You see?

Me: Nothing my baby. I just came to see you.

Lwandile: Where's dad?

Luyanda: Why didn't he come here?

Me: Dad's at home with Pabi..

They looked at each other.

Me: What is it?

Those two!

Me: You don't want to come back?

They shook their heads.

Lwandile: Pabi doesn't allow us to play with dad when she's there.

But the nice thing is, they understood, I mean something inside of them just triggered that she's only 3 and they gave her everything she wanted. Attention when she wanted it and gave up their time for her.

Lwandile: We'll come back next month.

I laughed.

Me: No you will not. You don't even know what next month is.

My boys though..

Me: I'll fetch you guys soon.

Luyanda: When will we go back to the caves?

Me: dad and I will make a plan..

Luyanda: Okay.

"Rea!"

Me: Gran's calling me. I'll be back.

They helped me up and I went to mum.

Mum: Were you crying?

Me; No ma.

Mum: Rea..

Me: I'm just tired.

Mum: really?

Me: Yes ma'am.

Mum:okay.

She didn't believe me.

Me: I Just stopped by to check on the boys.

Mum: You miss them?

Me: I do.

Mum: they are happy here.

Me: Mama, my kids aren't coming to live here with you.

Mum: what did I say?

Me: I'm also just saying.

Mum: They are here 99% of the time.

Me: no 75%

Mum: Okay

Me: I know you love being a Granny but you can't take everyone's kids.

She kept quiet.

Me: But I love you anyway.

Mum: I love you too Rea.

Me: I'm going back to my kids.

Mum: They are gone.

Me: Where?

Mum: Next door.

Me: Oh.

They loved playing there.

Me: I'll come see them tomorrow

Mum: We going out tomorrow.

Me: Where?

Mum: Gold reef city.

Me: Mama!

Mum: holidays Rea.

Me: Okay mama, I'll come later then.

Mum: they'll be tired.

I laughed.

Me: okay what is it?

Mum: I want you to focus on having a child.

I couldn't really.

Me: I need to go now.

Mum: You need to stop avoiding this Rea. You've seen how Musa is with Pabi. I think a daughter is exactly what you two need.

Me: Mama, I don't want to talk about it.

Mum: I've been around.

Me: I'll call you when I get home.

Mum: Okay.

I took my bag and went to say bye to the boys. I drove to Ella's. I hadn't seen her in ages.

Xolani: Couldnt recognize you.

Me: Hey X.

Xolani: Hey Ms Kelly ka Musa.

I giggled.

Xolani: You need to eat

Ella: Tell her please.

Me: Wow!

Xolani: Pap and amasi for her baby. Now please.

Me: No thank you. My goodness!

I laughed.

Xolani: Okay fine then. I'll see you around.

Me: cool.

Their house was very beautiful. I liked going to Ella's. Very comfortable home. Cosy and well warm. She looked at me, analyzing me, she knew I wasn't fine but I missed her and honestly, I was going to lie.

Ella: What's going on?

Me: With?

Ella: you. The Rea I know, doesn't lose weight. You look like you were crying or maybe you not getting enough sleep..

Me: Work's been hectic

Ella: You need to take a break then.

Me: Ella, it doesn't work like that.

Ella: Look at yourself.

Me: Ella, I came here to see you

Ella: And I'm grateful

Me: so can we not talk about me and how thin and horrible I look.

She poured me a drink.

Me: You dont have anything stronger than juice?

Ella: No.

Me: Okay.. No weed?

She laughed.

Ella: I thought you quit weed.

Me: I only smoke when I'm with Tshepo and Bonga.

Ella: And Musa?

Me: he thinks I quit.

Ella: you should quit for real. You are almost 30.

Me: Ella, there's no age restriction on weed..

Ella: I dont have weed.

Me: It's exactly what I need now.

Ella: Too bad. Drink that juice and it should make you feel better.

Yeah right!

Me: How's life?

Ella: Life is okay.

Me: Really?

Ella: Yes it is. We are trying to make this work..

Me: and you still enjoying being a stay home mum.

See... I was Surrounded by stay home mums.
Tshego, Noma, Ella and the newest addition
Cassie. Atleast Grace worked so I could relate
to her.

Ella: It's nice. Join the club.

Me: Nah I'm good.

Ella: Rea though, you have enough money

Me: it's not about money.. I'll self destruct Like I
did when I was "mommying" those twins for a
year.

She laughed..

Ella: They are a handful..

Me: I know right.

She helped me feel better coz she kept sharing crazy stories about her and Xolani.. And I thought I had problems! Wow. When I got home, I heard voices coming from the bathroom.

Pabi: 22 25 26

Musa: No baby. 22 23 24

Pabi: That's what I said baby.

Musa: No you didn't.

They giggled. It was bath time for her.

Me: Good evening.

Pabi: Hello Aus'Rea.

Me: Hey Pabi.

Musa: Hey baby.

He wrapped a towel around her.

Me: I'll go make us something to eat.

Musa: I'll be with you now now.

Me: Okay.

I took my shoes off and went to prepare us something to eat. I couldn't stop thinking about what the doctor said.

Musa: Rea!

Me: Oh hey.

Musa: I've been talking..

Me: You were?

Musa: I asked how your day was.

Me: Oh. Wheres Pabi?

Musa: She fell asleep after I got her into her PJs.

Me: Oh.

Musa: So your day was rough.. I can tell.
Something to cheer you up, I spoke to Erica

I would see his lips moving but I heard nothing
after I heard "Erica".

Musa: Reabilwe!

He frightened me.

Me: Damnit Musa! Don't do that!

Musa: I'm talking about our trip. Pay attention
please.

Me: Musa, I don't care about the trip!

I was snapping at him.

Me: I don't care about That. Why don't you take someone else with. Jeez Allow me to breathe!

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Musa: Don't talk to me like that! Dont! Respect me!

He grabbed his bottle of water and headed to the study. I didn't mean to snap at him but at the same time, I didn't want to tell him. I just didnt want to break his heart.. I buried my face in my hands and found myself sobbing. After about 5 minutes, I wiped the tears off my and took a chance. I knocked and slowly opened the

door..he was going through a document. He stared as I put his plate of food on the table and I sat across him.

Me: I'm sorry for snapping at you.

He put the document down.

Musa: What is it?

He was calm. I kept quiet.

Musa: Reabilwe, I'm talking to you.

Me: Nothing really.

Musa: Is it work?

Me: It is.

Musa: Rea, don't lie to me.

He knew me.

Me: I...I...

I couldn't.

Musa: Go on.

Me: I don't want to talk about it

Negative thoughts had taken over. I had forgotten about my ectopic pregnancy with the twins coz the doctors had treated it and made sure they were safe so I think that might have caused the fallopian to block.

Musa: You sure?

Me: yes. I just wanted to apologize.

Musa: I see.

Me: I'm gon go bath then sleep.

I didn't give him the chance to analyze my face too. I quickly got up From the chair and as I turned..

Musa: Get it off your chest when you ready.

I walked away. Got into the shower and went straight to bed. He came in an hour later, I wasn't asleep but faced the other way

Musa: You not sleeping are you?

I felt his hand around my waist. He pulled me

closer to him.

Me: No I'm not..

Musa: You want me to tell Erica to...

Me: No. I think my leave will be approved .

Musa: You sure?

Me: I think I need it.

Musa: I think so too

Me: How was Your day?

Musa: It was exciting. I actually can't wait for you to fall pregnant with our little girl.

My heart bit faster..

Me: That nice?

Musa: It was. Girls are fun.

Me: And sons aren't?

Musa: well they were. Luyanda and Lwandile don't care about us anymore.

Me: That's true. I was with them today.

Musa: And?

Me: Mum doesn't want them to come back..

Musa: I thought as much.

Me: I Don't get those kids.

Musa: those kids are independent.

I managed to laugh.

Musa: I'm serious.

I turned to face him.

Musa: That's better.

I could see His face coz of the light that passed through our window.

Me: is it?

Musa: It is.

Me: Mm...

Musa: You need to let it out.

Me: Its really nothing

Musa: Is it a female thing?

Me: I think it's just my hormones getting the better of me.

Musa: Maybe.

Me: Yes sir.

Musa: How was work?

Me: Work was okay.

Musa: are they still treating you good?

I laughed.

Me: No they aren't.

Musa: quit and come work with me.

Me: Nope.

Musa: Then?

Me: then I'll soldier on

Musa: Okay on the real though...

He wasn't giving up.

Musa: you should reconsider it.

Me: No.

Musa: Why not?

Me: Coz you are someone else in suits.

I didn't want to work with him. He didn't take any nonsense from anyone.

Musa: I have to be.

Me: So knowing me, I wouldn't be able to control myself.

Musa: I think you would.

Me: How about I think about it?

Musa: That's Okay.

Me: But I doubt I'll say yes.

Musa: just think about it.. Every kingdom needs a queen..in this case, an empire. It already has two princes.

Me: I hear you.

Musa: so just two more ladies and it's complete

it.

I kept quiet.

Me: I think we should sleep now.

Musa: I should probably give you a break tonight.

Me: Yes.. I was yawning the entire time at work

He giggled.

Musa: No late night conversations?

Me: Nope.

Musa: you used to love that.

Me: And I still do..

Musa: Okay sleep then.. Come closer.

I did. I was really sleepy. We spoke about something else and I eventually fell asleep. The next morning, I left for work early and luckliy, my leave had been approved. I was glad. I was tired.

Me: hey girl.

Cassie: hey.

Me: And to what do I owe this?

Cassie: let's see, you hardly respond to any messages on WhatsApp.

Me: Im Always busy.

Cassie: Lunch?

Me: Well, I would like that..

Cassie: Time?

Me: In an hour. I'll text you the place.

Cassie: Okay cool.

Me: See you soon.

I hung up and continued working then went to join Cassie for lunch.

Cassie: You Look tired.

Me: I am.

Cassie: you okay?

Me: I'm fine. You.

Cassie: I'm fine.

Me: how are the kids and Themba doing?

Cassie: All fine. I wanted to give you this.

It was an invite

Me: Oh nice. Gugu's turning 5

Cassie: In two weeks.

Me: I hope Musa and I will be back.

Cassie: From?

Me: We have a trip planned.

Cassie: that's bad

Me: But I'll RSVP.

Cassie: I'd like that.

Me: And if I don't make it, I'll definitely buy her a nice gift..

Cassie: She'd like that.

We ordered food.

Cassie: I emailed you some pictures.

Me: You did?

Cassie: Lingerie pictures.

I laughed.

Me: You remembered?

Cassie: I did.

Me: you know I hardly check my emails. Musa does that for me.

Cassie: Musa checks your emails?

Me; He's like my PA. Reminds me of my meetings and so on.

Cassie: You can't do that?

Me: I can. Just that he likes checking emails so why not let him.

Cassie: makes sense.

We had lunch. I had fun with her and honestly, I

didn't want to go back home when I knockes off coz I didn't want to face him but had to. I found them playing outside. They were playing soccer. They looked happy.

Musa: Good evening. You back late.

Me: Hey..was busy.

Musa: how was your day?

Me: It was okay.

Musa: you going to greet her?

Me: Hello Pabi.

Pabi: Hello Aus'Rea.

Me: You okay?

Pabi: I'm fine..

Musa: Go get your juice baby.

She ran to the house.

Musa: Why you being cold to the child?

Me: I'm not being cold to her

Musa: You are.

Me: When is she going back home?

Musa: She's only been here for two days.

Me: She needs to go back to crèche. Take her back to her parents tomorrow.

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#6

Musa: Listen to me, don't include that child in whatever issues you have. What is wrong with you?

Me: Just take Paballo back to her parents.

Musa: Pabi is my guest.

Me: In whose house?

Musa: Rea, she is your niece!

Me: you don't get it do you?

Musa: you can't exactly expect me to get something that has never been explained to me...

I turned to walk away.

Musa: Rea!

I kept walking and Pabi ran out to go back to him. I changed into jeans and a baggy top, wore my sneakers and headed out again. I drove straight to Tshepo's.

Noma: Hey girl..

Me: Hey Noma..

Noma: You good?

Me: I am. You?

Noma: Well what can I say?

She touched her belly. Bad move! Shouldn't have.

Me: Where's Tshepo?

Noma: In that outside room

Me: Smoking?

Noma: Yep.

Me: Okay. I'll be with him

Noma: Rea, don't smoke.

I laughed and went to the room.

Me: "roll one, smoke one.."

Tshepo: "when you live like this you suppose to party"

We sounded horrible.

Me: Can I please have that?

Tshepo: Welcome back.

Me: I need it!

Tshepo: You look like you do.

I laughed

Me: Thanks Bro Tshepo.

Tshepo: On a serious note..what's stressing you out?

Me: Work.

Tshepo: I can imagine. So you and your husband take turns?

Me: What do you mean?

Tshepo: I hardly saw him over the past weeks. Who's that PA of his?

Me:Frida..

Tshepo: said we was always in and out of meetings.

That's confirmed.

Me: He was

Tshepo; Now it's you?

Me: Well atleast, I'm on leave now.

Tshepo; For how long?

Me: Two weeks .

Tshepo: person is you.

Me: Huh?

Tshepo: Motho ke wena.

I laughed.

Me: I missed you.

Tshepo: Bathong, I missed you too.so listen...

I paid attention.

Tshepo: You know my 35th is in 3 weeks Right?

Me: Yes.

Tshepo: so we not throwing a party.

Me: Why not?

Tshepo: listen.

Me: im sorry.

Tshepo: I told everyone else besides you and Musa coz y'all live in a world of your own

Me: Anytime now.

Tshepo: We going to Millionaire's bend.

Me: What?

Tshepo: Ko Vaal man. We renting out a mansion for the weekend..

Me: Oh!

Tshepo: Google it.

I did.

Me: this is so pretty.

Tshepo: I knew you'd say that.

Me: so it takes 14 guests?

Tshepo: yes. 6 bedrooms.

Me: other rooms have double beds.

Tshepo: Then other people wont have privacy then

Me: Tshepo! Who's coming?

Tshepo: Tshego and Bokang, Noma and I, Grace and Bonga, Fezile and his girl. Bonginkosi and his girl, you and Musa.

Me: That's only 12

Tshepo: Get the other 2

Me: Ella an....

Tshepo: don't drive me crazy

Me: I'll invite Cassie and Themba.

Tshepo: Who?

Me: we met in Zim..

Tshepo: they are from Zim..

Me: no. They were also on holiday .

Tshepo: oh.

Me: I'll ask them though, they are throwing a party for their daughter in 2 weeks so hopefully they won't be broke..

Tshepo: I'm paying for the accommodation. You can chip in for food

Me: 10 grand on your own?

Tshepo: Have it.

Me: Yeah and You have a baby on the way. Can I help?

Tshepo: Why are you such an accountant?

I laughed.

Me: Take it as a gift.

Tshepo: Just half..

Me: That's fine. I'll sponsor the snacks and basics as well..

Tshepo: Hai wena! Who said I don't have money?

Me: I don't care. You've done a lot for me so just let me please!

He didn't want to.

Me: Please.

Tshepo: Fine. Stop sulking..

I laughed And hugged him.

Tshepo: you better give it to Musa real good tonight then tell Him. You know group things aren't for him.

Me: He's a "secluded places" type of guy.

Tshepo: This is secluded..

Me: yes but 12 of you will be there...I'll talk to

him.

Tshepo: do that.

Me: Cool..

We continued smoking weed and I went home at around 19:00

Tshepo: Be safe

Me: I will be..

I hugged him and left.. When I got home, Musa and Pabi were watching cartoons. Maybe I waa wrong for taking it out on the little one but I knew no other way on how I could deal with this. Musa looked at me as I went to the bathroom to shower and I went to watch TV in our bedroom. About an hour later, I heard him go into the bedroom Pabi slept in, to probably put

her down and I knew I was in for it.

Musa: So they told you that I'm a psychic?

I kept quiet.

Musa: I'm talking to you..

Me: no.

Musa: What is wrong with you?

Kept quiet.

Musa: Reabilwe!

Me: please don't shout..

Musa: I'm suppose to coz I can't understand why you treating a 3 year old like that. I thought you loved her.

Me: I do love Pabi. She's my sister's child.

Musa: you have a funny way of showing it then.

I didn't answer that.

Musa: Rea, stop shutting me out! What is going on?

Me: Musa please.

Musa: You can't go on like this. We are married, you can't just change, go out to smoke weed...

Oh crap!

Musa: And I should act as if that's okay?

Me: That was wrong of me..

Musa: Damn right it was.

Me: But can I just deal with whatever I'm going

through alone?

Musa: Sure you can do that but taking it out on a 3 year old is no way to go about it.

Me: Im sorry

He kept quiet and spoke up after two minutes.

Musa: you have to be..

Me: She can stay.

Musa: she wasn't going anywhere...

I was going to have to ignore them how? I didn't know.

Musa: She'll leave on Saturday.when we leave for Vana Belle.

Me: that's fine.

I didn't mean that.

Me: Can I sleep?

Musa: Sure. I have a soccer match to watch..

Me: Tshepo wants us to go away for his 35th.

Musa: "us?"

Me: Yes 14 of us.

Musa: Couples?

Me: yes.

I told him who and who.

Musa: okay.

Me: Okay?

Musa: Yes. As long as my time doesn't get

taken up with you I'm good.

Me: Okay then..

Musa: Rest then.

He kissed me.

Musa: I love you. With your flaws and all.

Me: I love you too.

I watched as he left the room and my hormones just started acting up, I sobbed softly till I fell asleep. The next morning, I went to check on Pabi who was still asleep. It was 09:00, she hardly slept till that time must have been tired. Musa wasn't in bed but he was outside washing his car.

Me: Morning.

Bonga: Are you still sleeping?

Me: No I'm not.

Bonga: Sorry I didn't come yesterday.

Me: Coz you know what you did.

Bonga: No Rea.

Me: Yes Bonga.

Bonga: That's not it.

Me: What's wrong with You?

Bonga: its too early to be shouting.

Me: Bonga, I thought you and I spoke about this before you got married.

Bonga: Its more complicated than that.

Me: Really?

Bonga: Yes.

Me: Please come through okay

Bonga: Lunchtime.

Me: thank you.

Bonga: cool.

I hung up. Musa came in minutes later.

Musa: We don't greet each other anymore?

Me: Bonga's call came through.

Musa: Oh how's he doing?

Me: he's okay.

Musa: Pabi's not up yet?

Me: No. I think she's tired.

Musa: she is.

Me: your phone's ringing.

He quickly went to get it from the Lounge.

Musa: Yes....

He paused.

Musa: That's correct Ms..what I don't get is why our medical bill is so high. I mean our kids hardly get sick..

I felt my heart beat faster...

Musa: Oh....okay thanks then. Thanks for getting back to me...have a great day too Ms.

I kept my eyes on the kettle.

Musa: Rea?

I slowly turned and took a deep breath

Musa: is there something you want to tell me?

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#7

I looked down at my tea. I pushed down the lump in my throat but I knew I already had tears in my eyes.

Musa: Baby?

I let the tears drop, they hit my slippers and I put my tea down and took a deep breath..

Me: My tubes are blocked.

He pulled a face..a confused face.

Musa: Baby what did you say?

Me: My Fallopian tubes are blocked, that's why I'm having a hard time falling pregnant.

Musa: But you had the twins so...

Me: Remember the ectopic pregnancy was treated and everything was fine.

Musa: Yes I remember that.

Me: so I think that might have been the cause.

He looked at me.. There was a lot of love in his eyes.

Musa: So what now?

I took a deep breath again.

Me: I'm on treatment.

Musa: That's...

"baby!"

She was up.

Musa: Hey baby. Let's go brush your teeth

Pabi: Hello Aus'Rea.

Me: Hello Nanas.

Musa got up from the chair and they headed to the bathroom. I figured he already bathed her coz when they back back, she was dressed, hair brushed and she looked cute.

Musa: How about we go out for breakfast?

Pabi: can we go to Wimpy?

Musa: yes we can. You can go watch your cartoons now.

Pabi: Okay baby.

They both went to the lounge..that kept her quiet. Musa went to bath and I went after him.

Musa: Ready?

Me: I am.

Musa: Let's go...

Pabi switched the TV off and off we went. On our way, Musa got a call from Bokang. Phone was connected to the car.

Bokang: How's it?

Musa: all good mjita and on your side?

Bokang: All good. How's your little girl doing?

Musa: She's good..you know her.

Bokang: I need to come fetch her. We going down to Mafikeng today.

Musa: oh no problem.

Pabi: I don't want to Go to Mafikeng.

Bokang: Hello Pabi.

Pabi: Hello dad.

Bokang: I'm coming to fetch you.

Pabi: I don't want to go.

Bokang: Granny wants to see you

She was sulking.

Musa: I'll talk to her.

Bokang: Thanks Man.

Musa: No problem.

Bokang: Later.

Musa: Sharp sharp.

They ended the call.

Musa: You Dont want to go to Mafikeng?

He was looking at her via the rearview mirror.

Pabi: No.

Musa: Why?

Pabi: I don't like it there.

She really didnt though.

Musa: just go see Granny baby.

Pabi: Will you fetch me?

Musa: Yes.

Pabi: Why don't you go with us?

I stared out the window.

Musa: I'll come tomorrow.

Pabi: Stru?

Musa: Strus bob.

Pabi: Okay.

Musa: I promise.

Pabi: okay baby...

They started talking about Some movie they were watching and I kept my eyes on my phone.

Musa: What do you want to eat?

Pabi: This.

She pointed at something. I was facing her and Musa.

Musa: And what do you want to drink?

Pabi: let me tell you.

She wanted to whisper something into his ear so he lowered his face and giggled after she pointed at a milkshake someone at another table was having.

Musa: Will you finish it?

She nodded.

Musa: Okay fine then. Rea?

Me: Hey.

Musa: Do you know what you want to eat?

Me: I'm really not hungry.

He called the waitress

Musa: 2 orange juices and a bubblegum milkshake for the little one. Regular size. She wants that.

Waitress: got it. And food?

Musa: 2 mixed grills and ribs and Chips from your kiddies meal.

Waitress: anything else?

Musa: No. Just that.

Waitress: Okay.

He left our table.

Pabi: is Aus'Rea sad?

I looked at her.

Musa: She's just tired.

Pabi: Why?

Musa: She was working.

Pabi: you must come with us to Mafikeng okay
Aus'Rea?

Me: Okay Nanas.

She continued talking to her baby.

Waiter: Here you go cutie.

Pabi: Thank you.

Waitress: pleasure.. She looks like you.

She said looking at me. I gave off a half smile.

Waitress: you two have a cute kid.

Musa: Thank you.

He wanted to dismiss her I figured.

Waitress: I'll bring your food shortly.

She went to wherever. I kept my eyes on my phone just going through news on news24.

When the food came I was forced to eat coz after all, we had to pay for it. Musa and Pabi had a great time. We even went doll shopping. When we got home, they were still checking out the new toys and I was happy to see Bonga.

Bonga: Yho.

Me: Hey.

Bonga: Whats up with you?

Me: Nothing..

Bonga: Right..anyway, I've been summoned.

I rolled my eyes.

Bonga: Yes?

Me: Why are you doing this to Grace?

Bonga: what am I doing?

Me: Cheating.

Bonga: I'm not cheating.

Me: Then?

Bonga: She saw me talking, well I was being friendly to this other girl, I gave her my business card and she assumed I'm cheating.

Me: Well I would to.

Bonga: I was helping her out..she got a job now.

Me: Really?

Bonga: It was all innocent. Rea, I have daughters, I'm a father, I dont want my kids to see their mother cry because of me..I want them To look up to me.

Me: Did you talk to her?

Bonga: I tried.

Me: And?

Bonga: It resulted into a fight.

Me: Just try please.

Bonga: Yes Rea.

Me: Grace loves you.

Bonga: And I love her too..I wouldn't have married her if I didn't.

Me: Good.

Bonga: Done mum?

Me: yes.

Bonga: And what's wrong with you?

Me: nothing.. Just need to sleep.

Bonga: That's all?

Me: That's all

We spoke about other things and he went back to work. Bokang came to Fetch Pabi. She really

didn't want to leave.. Musa had to make sure she slept first before they could leave.

Musa: Should we continue?

Me: I guess so

Musa: So you on treatment?

Me: yes I am

Musa: for how long?

Me: Depends on my body.

Musa: why didn't you tell me?

Me: I didn't know how to

Musa: So seeing me with Pabi...did it...

Me: It broke my heart yes coz there's a possibility that my tubes might be beyond repair. it's a 50/50 thing.

Musa: Don't say that

Me: it's the truth

I was tearing up.

Musa: Everything's going to work out.

Me: And if it doesn't?

He kept quiet..

Musa: We'll figure It out.

Me: If it doesn't work out then you can go have a child with someone else. You might be lucky and get the daughter you want

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#8

Musa: Rea?

I looked at him.

Musa: I would never do that. If we meant to have a child then we will and if we not then we not. We can always consider IVF and whatever options we'll have. Can you stop over thinking things?

I kept quiet.

Musa: Rea...

Me: I heard you baby

Musa: it's not healthy.

It was hard not to.

Musa: Okay?

Me: Okay.

Musa: You want to go out for dinner?

Me: Sort of.

Musa: Kind of?

He pulled a face and I laughed.

Me: You look ugly when you do that.

Musa: don't lie to me..I'm handsome.

Me: Yeah yeah.

Musa: and stop crying please.

Me: Mmm

Musa: I said "please"

Me: I heard you.

Musa: Thank you.

Me: So where to?

Musa: You can choose.

Me: Wombles Steakhouse.

Musa: you?

Me: Me!

Musa: You don't want to eat leaves today?

I laughed.

Me: They aren't leaves.

Musa: They are..no wonder you getting so thin.

Me: I'm not getting thin.

Musa: You are thin.

Me: I'll start eating.

Musa: Be the old Rea..the Rea that was always hungry.

Me: That Rea?

Musa: That Rea.

I looked at him

Musa: Can we bring you back? I know I'm part of the reason.

He was.

Musa: So how about you stress less?

Me: And eat more?

Musa: Yes..more fries, more meat.

Me: I can do that.

Musa: Thank you!

Me: Can we go to the steakhouse now?

Musa: Yes Ms Kelly.

We went to freshen up and went out for dinner.

Musa: You ready to go away?

Me: I'm very ready..

Musa: No Snorkelling, No Kaytching.

I giggled.

Me: Kayaking.

Musa: Same thing.

Me: No its Not.

Musa: No any of that.

Me: So we going to chill in our room?

Musa: Yes..

Me: you can go Alone.

Musa: The problem is you are too Adventurous.

I laughed.

Me: and that's a bad thing?

Musa: Well yes.

Me: Its a holiday

Musa: Exactly.. We suppose to relax.

Me: You don't know the meaning of that word.

He laughed.

Musa: I do.

Me: No you dont.

Musa: We'll chill in the room

Me: And?

Musa: Eat.

Me: I can do that.

Musa: And do a whole lot of things.

Me: Right!

Musa; And get you under me.

I smiled.

Me: that..that I knew you wouldn't leave that out

Musa: I was suppose to?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Well I won't.

Me: Figured.

Musa: You have a problem with it?

Me: even if I had a problem...

He sipped on his drink.

Musa: Say it.

Me: You just take it.

He laughed.

Me: And you know it's true

Musa: You know that's not going to change me
right?

I smiled.

Me: Can I eat?

He smirked.

Musa: Yes ma'am

We had dinner and when we got home, we just slept.

Musa: Good morning.

Me: Hey.

Musa: Here you go ma'am.

Me: Breakfast in bed?

Musa: I'm trying to get you fat..

Me: well I can see that. Am I suppose to finish this food?

Musa: yes.

Me: Okay fine. Let me go brush my teeth.

Musa: hurry.

I quickly brushed my teeth and went back to bed.

Me: You not eating with me?

Musa: I already ate.

Me: okay..thank you though.

Musa: Now eat.

Me: What did you put in here?

Musa: Fat.

I punched him playfully.

Musa: Eat.

Me: Fine.

Musa: go on.

I had my breakfast and we went shopping.

Musa: Can we go back home?

Me: No..

Musa: Rea thats enough.

Me: Just one more bag baby.

He sat down.

Musa: Go..

Me: With you.

Musa: no

Me: All you need to do is just push the trolley.

Musa: Im tired.

Me: Come baby.

Musa: Fine.

He got up.

Musa: One more bag.

Me: one more bag.

Musa: I want to go home

Me: Choose it

Musa: That brown one is Nice.

Me: I don't like brown.

Musa: Rea! Can we please go home?

Me: just one more item baby.

I chose a bag finally and we paid then went to get something to eat

Musa: Can I have a beer?

Waiter: yes sir. Juice for you ma'am?

Me: Yes sir

I laughed after he walked off

Musa: I am going to get you for this.

Me: I dare you to.

Musa: I will..Let Me get drunk first.

I laughed.

Me: Go on baby.

We had lunch and I drove us home.

Me: what do you think of these shoes?

Musa: how about you try on the lingerie I chose.

I smiled.

Me: No..do you like the shoes?

Musa: Yes..lingerie now please.

I laughed.

Me: No.

There was a knock

Me: I'll get It.

I ran to the door.

Musa: don't hurt yourself! Baby careful.

Me: I'm good.

I opened the door.

"Hello"

Me: Hi. Can I help you?

" I'm Mamello"

Me: Oh hello.

Mamello: Are you Rea?

Me: Yes.

Mamello: Oh my Thank God!

She calmed down

Mamello: I'm your fraternal twin

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#9

Me: I'm sorry...what?

I didn't hear her right. That was bull!

Mamello: You and I are not identical but...

Me: I know what fraternal twins are!

Mamello: Can I come in?

Me: no.

Mamello: I know this is a shock.

That was an understatement.

Me: you think?

Mamello: I came here with my husband so can I just go fetch him from the car and we can talk about this?

Me: Can I please talk to my mother about this first.

Mamello: Ma'ngwane Kgalalelo?

Okay...so she knew my mother.

Me: Yeah..

Mamello: okay. Here.

She gave me a piece of paper.

Mamello: My numbers.

Me: Okay.

Mamello: Thank you.

Me: Okay.

Mamello: Have a nice day.

Me: You too.

I watched her walk off and closed the door. I went to the lounge.

Musa: You saw a ghost?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Male or female?

I looked at him.

Musa: Okay what's up?

Me: So this girl pitches up and tells me she's my twin sister.

He almost choked on his drink.

Musa: Does she look anything like you?

Me: She said she's my fraternal twin.

Musa: Are you serious?

Me; Yes..I don't believe her

Musa: Why don't you talk to mum first and ask.

Me: that was the plan.

Musa: but baby do you think she'd lie about this?

Me: people are chancers out there. She probably saw you at mall with your sexy self and is finding a way to snatch you.

He laughed.

Musa: And she'd failed dismally. I'm yours..

Me: I like that..

Musa: Now, enough with the flirting..

Me: I don't know really.

Musa: Explains the twins.

I rolled my eyes...

Me: that's all on you. I know you had a twin brother. Passed on when you were six..

He kept quiet.

Musa: Who told you that?

Me: Nompi.

She had asked me to wait for him to tell me but he never did for 5 years. I had forgotten about it but Mamello's pitch up reminded me. Nompi said that, it's something Musa didn't want to talk about a lot. She too, had heard it from their dad and Apparently Musa got really upset when people touched on that topic.

Me: why didn't you tell me?

Musa: He's gone. What was the point?

Me: Identical?

Musa: Luyanda and Lwandile.

Me: That type of thing?

Musa: That type of relationship.

Me: And what happened?

He took a deep breath.

Musa: So we were walking back home from school, we were extremely close, I remember him chasing after a ball, one of those balls we used to make with newspaper and plastic, you know them right?

Me: I do.

He took another deep breath

Musa: so I kept shouting so he could leave it and that we'd make another one but Ntandoyenkosi had a mind of his own and before he could run back to me, a car had already thrown him off the road.

There was alot of pain in his eyes.

Musa: he had turned darker in just split seconds, he was bleeding internally, so I tried bringing back to life by calling him and eventually figured he was gone.

Me: I'm sorry.

Musa: Its all in the past.

Me: So are you over it?

Musa: In a way. Yes. I've accepted that he's gone. And having the twins helped me make peace with it.

Me: So you didn't tell me this because?

Musa: Because I really don't like talking about it.

I nodded.

Me: I'm sorry.

Musa: Baby, its all in the past.

Me: you sure?

Musa: Yes. It happened 27 years ago.

Me: I'm still sorry..

Musa: Stop apologizing. You were 2 when it happened.

I giggled.

Me: wow thanks.

He laughed too

Musa: so who's prettier?

Me: Between?

Musa: You and your "twin"

Me: Me.

He giggled and shook his head.

Musa: Why didn't Gloria mention this though?

Me: Or mum.

Musa: You think she was raised by someone else?

Me: I don't know. All I know is, I want DNA tests done.

Musa: I can talk to Gordon.

Me: Your friend?

Musa: Acquaintance baby. You my only friend. He can come through and take your blood samples then get the results ready by the end of the day...

Me: You sure?

Musa: Yes. I'll call in a favor but first we need to go talk to mum..

Me: Im hungry.

Musa: baby you...okay. Go put away those things

Me: They are not "things"

Musa: Okay go put away your new clothes, shoes, bags, all of that. I'll fix you something to eat..

Me: Better..

Musa: whatever Baby.

He was still mad at me for making him walk like that. Even worse, I made him push the trolley...

Me: It's not like I didn't buy you anything..

Musa: I didn't want anything.

Me: You so mean...

Musa: Go on...

I went to pack everything in, changed into something comfortable and went to eat.

Musa: What are you reading?

Me: Some story about a woman who was cheated on. She says that the husband slept with two of her friends and gave them children. You guys though.

Musa: Don't count me in there. I Dont cheat..

Me: what drives you guys to that?

Musa: What drives them to that?

I smiled.

Musa: I'm serious. They have commitment issues. This thing is like business, you start a business because you have dreams that it will work out. You know there are high and lows in business and just because you going to go through lows doesn't mean you shut it down. You need to remember why you started that business and stay committed to making it grow. So when other men cheat, I really don't understand it, you can't marry someone only to hurt them, it's normal that people fight, it's normal, its part of the process so that man that cheated on that woman didn't only hurt her but he broke her spirit. And having your spirit broken is the worst thing one can ever experience. I've had my spirit broken when Ntando passed on, when I was forced into that marriage and when we lost Our first child. I don't want to see anyone go through that.

I looked at him.

Musa: what?

Me: that sounds so....

Musa: smart?

Me: real.

Musa: Coz I am real. Men who cheat are stupid. In my opinion they are, rather be like what Bonga was.

I laughed.

Musa: He wasn't married when he was a player and he made things clear to those girls he slept with. And trust me, men like Bonga, when they finally find someone they really love, they don't cheat on them. They don't even think of it.

Me: well well,

Musa: I sound educated don't I?

I giggled.

Me: I love you.

I mean I really did.

Musa: I love you more Mrs Mabasa.

Me: we should get going. I'll eat this in the car.

Musa: in whose car?

Me: Yours.

Musa: only if you'll try on that lingerie.

Me: fine..when we get back.

Musa: Good.

His phone rang.

Musa: ma?....we actually on our way there...
Okay see you soon. Bye.

Me: mum?

Musa: yes baby. Let's go.

I locked up And we drove to mum's. I was so happy to see my kids. They were happier to see their dad. I needed a child that would love me more really. When we walked in Mamello was sitting next to some guy, the husband I assumed. Musa greeted them and the guy was nigerian could hear from the accent. He was cute though. I greeted them after and we sat down.

Mum: Rea, this is Khutsafalo my sister.

Me: you said she's dead. Didn't you?

Mum: yes she was.

Me: she rose from the dead?

Musa pinched me.

Mum: No. She was dead to me. For 29 years. When Gloria gave birth, she gave birth to twins, you and Mamello, Khutsafalo was there and she decided she wanted one of you, we had a huge fight about that but because your father was a peaceful man, he said we should let her take Mamello.

Khutsafalo: And that was the last. Gloria didn't want any kids. She was still living life and besides it was something your mum and dad asked her to do .

Me: So why did you take Mamello? Don't you have kids of your own?

Khutsafalo: I do. Boys only. I wanted a girl.

Me: So why didn't you have one of your own?

Khutsafalo: My husband had said our 4 boys were enough.

Me: So when we were born you thought "here's a chance?"

Khutsafalo: Yes..

Me: And Gloria? Why didn't she tell us this?

Mum: I dont know.

Me: Okay forget Gloria, I don't know her, why didn't you tell me? You the only mother I know.

Mum: I wanted to forget about it.

Me: mum!

Mum: I'm sorry baby..

Me: How did you find out about it Mamello?
Have you met Gloria?

Mamello: I was told by one of my brothers. The eldest but I didn't believe him. He told me this a month ago, I asked mum and she said it's true. I

haven't met Gloria. Your mother tells me she's in jail. We were lucky enough that mum still had your mother's address and that she hadn't moved. I came to your house coz I wanted to talk to you first before we could meet like this with the elders.

I looked at mum.

Mum: She's your sister Rea.

I didn't know how to feel.

Me: will it ever end ma?

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Mum: Rea, I'm sorry.

Me: when will it end ma?

Mum: this is the last

Me: Really?

Mum: Yes.

I kept quiet.

Khutsafalo: we are sorry.

Me: you should be Mme Khutsafalo. You can't keep sisters apart.

Khutsafalo: I know.

I guess I had to make peace with it.

Me: Nice to meet you Mamello

She smiled.

Mamello: Nice to meet you Reabilwe. You pretty.

Musa: she's very pretty.

We all laughed.

Me: Thank you. You also pretty.

She was. We got up and hugged each other.

Me: You smell nice.

She giggled.

Mamello: Thank you. Should we step out?

Me: you not introducing me to your husband?

Mamello: pardon me. Baby,

He got up.

Mello: This is Mike, my husband, baby this is my twin sister.

Me: Nice to meet you..

Mike: Likewise.

Me: And this is my husband Musa.

Musa: Nice to meet you.

Mike: Is she as crazy as the sister?

He looked at his wife with so much of love in his eyes

Musa: She's probably even worse.

We laughed.

Mamello: may we be excused now?

Mike: yes

we left our husbands there with the oldies.

Mamello: I'm glad I finally found you.

I smiled.

Mamello: You have any kids?

Me: Yes. Those two over there.

They were making cars out of 2 litre bottles of milk.

Mamello: Twins...how cute.

She smiled.

Me: and you?

Mamello: I have 4. 10 year old boy, 8 year old girl and fraternal twins.

Me: What?

She giggled.

Mamello: Yes. Boy and Girl. They just turned 5 three days ago.

Me: Oh nice.. So they are the same age as my twins.

Mamello: okay that's very nice. And I heard we have a sister.

Me: Yes Tshego, she's an amazing soul.

Mamello: Where is she?

Me: Mafikeng. At her in-laws..she's coming back on Sunday.

Mamello: I can't wait to meet her.

Me: You'll love her. She's strict though.

She laughed.

Me: What do you do?

Mamello: I am a housewife basically but I help out my mother in law at her clothing shop most of the time.

Me: Okay..that's nice.

Mello: And and you?

Me: I am a HR manager.

Mello: You lucky Musa lets you work

I laughed..

Me: Oh no..was a struggle.

Mello: He loves you.

I smiled.

Me: I love him too. Mike loves you.

It was her turn to blush.

Mello: I love him too.

Me: you can stop blushing now.

She laughed.

Mello: can we do something this weekend?

Me: not this weekend..Musa and I are going away this weekend.

Mello: When you come back then.

Me: Okay no problem. So where do you live?

Mello: Ormonde.

"Twinnie"

It was Tshepo.

Me: you two met?

Mello: Yep. Hey Tshepo

Tshepo: How are you twinnie?

Mello: I'm okay..

Tshepo: Herb partner.

I laughed .

Me: Hey Tshepo.

Tshepo: You good?

Me; I'm fine.

Tshepo: you came here alone?

Me; No Musa's in the house with Mike.

Tshepo: Cool..Happy bonding.

Me: Bye Cuz.

I continued talking to Mello, she was a very nice

person. I knew Tshego would love her..Musa and I left for Vana Bella on Friday.

Musa: Okay...very Beautiful

Me: It is Right?

Musa: secluded

Me: Romantic.

Musa: Intimate.

I giggled.

Me: Yes.

Musa: what is it?

Me: Can you just appreciate the place first?

Musa: I did say its nice.

Me: When are we going back home?

Musa: You want to go home?

Me: No.

Musa: In 2 weeks..

Me: Poor me.

He laughed..

Musa: lucky you!

Me: Yeah right!

Musa: I'm serious..

Me: aren't you hungry?

Musa: I am actually.

He looked at me lustfully.

Me: For food.

He laughed.

Musa: Rea hai man!

Me: I'll order room service.

As I reached for the phone, he pinned me down.

Me: Musa stop it.

Musa: make me.

Me: I'm serious.

Musa: So am i...

His hand was already under my dress and he was taking my panties off with two of his fingers.

Me: Musa...

Musa: Rea.

Me: Stop it.

Musa: make me.

I couldnt. He smiled.

Musa: should I?

Me: Go on.

And so he did and that's pretty much how we spent the 2 weeks at Vana Bella. That man was an animal. I video called Mello and Tshego...actually they video called me when they were together. They got along. Tshego had even created a group chat. "Sister Sister sister". I couldn't wait to be with them.

Musa: you not going to miss this place?

Me: No.

Musa: Really?

Me: You kept me locked in

Musa: It's not like you didn't like it

Me: Well I did actually.. A lot to be honest.

He smirked.

Musa: When you're good, you're good.

Me: Musa let's go.

We checked out and after a few hours we were home. When we got home we just slept and the next morning he had to go to the pub, and I had to meet up with the sisters at Tshego's at 12.

Me: Hello ladies.

Mello: Hello Lady.

Tshego: Look at you all glowed up.

Mello: Is that even a word?

Tshego: Its my word.

Me: How are you sisters?

Tshego: We good..how was your holiday?

Me: Perfect.

Mello: Any gifts?

Me: Nope. We didnt go out shopping.

Tshego: Oh!

They looked at each other.

Mello; we see.

Tshego: anyway.. I got you girls something.

Me: Oh God.

Tshego: You'll like it.

She went to get the gifts.

Me: Oh wow!

Mello: and this?

Tshego: Lingerie for the sisters.

Mello: You really ordered it online?

Tshego: Yes.

Me: You obsessed with lingerie aren't you?

Tshego: Yes. And I got you guys matching heels as well.

Mello and I liked at each other and laughed.

Tshego: I'm an older sister who actually cares.

Me: I love this.

Mello: So do I.

We had lunch and I had to go for an appointment. I hated Friday appointments but anyway. After that I went home and tried on the lingerie Tshego bought me. She was suppose to open a lingerie shop. I put on the shoes and put my robe on and when I heard the kitchen door open, I walked towards it.

Musa: No 6 Nkosi man...I told you. Ask Fezile...Tomorrow...I'll get the soccer match tickets

He still hadn't seen me and got a bottle of water when he finally turned, I let the robe drop.

Musa: Shit!

I giggled.

Musa: I'll call you back Bonginkosi!

He hung up.

Musa: Damn! And I thought you banned me from touching you.

Me: Well This is for a good cause...

Musa: Oh? Go on

Me: unblocked fallopian tubes.

He smiled.

Me: you want Us to work on your daughter?

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Musa: Feel free to go to The party baby

Me: With you.

This was after an awesome night.

Musa: We should stay in..I mean your treatment went well and honestly, dont you think we should be celebrating that?

Me: By having me under you right?

Musa: no. We can go out..

I giggled.

Me: Baby Cassie invited us to the party.

Musa: No. She invited you and the twins.

Me: No.

Musa: baby, I'm not going to the party.

Me: baby please...

Musa: Take Mamello with..

Me: Musa!

Musa: besides, I have to meet up with Fezile and Bonginkosi. Mike is coming too.

Me: really?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Mike?

Musa: Mike baby.

Me: Wow.

Musa: He's a cool guy. Smart too.

Me: Well okay. I'll call her and ask.

Musa: Take the kids. Her kids, your kids, Tshepo's kids.

Me: That's how you do me?

Musa: yes. Take the minibus.

Me: You serious?

He nodded.

Me: Fine.

Musa: I love you though

Me: Yeah Right..I'm going to bath.

Musa: Can I come?

Me: No. Stay there.

I called mum and asked her to get the kids ready and called Mello as well.

I finished bathing and got dressed.

Musa: You going out dressed like that?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Rea you can't go out like that.

Me: why not?

Musa: Coz I'm your husband and I said so

I put on my heels.

Me: Really?

Musa: Rea, that dress off..

Me: and If I say no?

Musa: Then I'll be forced to take it off for you.

Me: Good luck.

I grabbed the minibus' keys.

Musa: Reabilwe!

Me: I love you.

Musa: Fine!

Me: "fine?"

Musa: I'll make it up to you.

Me: By doing what exactly?

Musa: I'll take you shopping.

Me: I don't want to go shopping.

Musa: mountain climbing then.

Me: Nope.

Musa: Stargazing.

Me: I'd like that. We haven't done that in ages.

Musa: The last time we did that. You said "no" to my proposal.

I laughed

Musa: That hurt me

Me: then you kicked me out. That also hurt me.

Musa: I apologized.

Me: You had to.

Musa: okay please change.

Me: Fine...

I changed into jeans and one his v-neck tops.

Me: and?

Musa: I don't know why you tied up the T-shirt in front though.

Me: Coz it looks nicer.

I got matching pair of heels..

Me: And now?

Musa: You Dont look like a mother of 2.

Me: Thank you baby.

I grabbed my bag and kissed him..

Musa: Have fun .

Me: You too.

He walked me out

Musa: Take care of yourself.

Me: You too.

Musa: Baby keep in touch.

Me: Musa I will. Stop worrying.

Musa: Well I can't exactly do that.

Me: Okay baby, I'll text, call...

Musa: Email, WhatsApp.

I laughed .

Me: Bye baby.

Musa: Bye my love.

Me: I love you..

Musa: I love you too

I went to fetch Tshego's kids, went to fetch the kids at Mum's and finally Meme and her kids

Mello: So whose party are we attending?

Me: my sort of friend's kid's party.

Mello: It better be worth it. I miss my husband.

I laughed.

Me: Your husband is meeting up with my husband.

Mello: He did say.

Me: So we just need to enjoy the kiddies' party.

Mello: We have no choice but to.

Me: Hey Luyanda! Lwandile!

They were ganging up on Tshepo's son.

Luyanda: He started it.

Me; Leave Agang alone.

Lwandile: But he started it Ms Kelly.

Me: you two better sit down before I stop this car and beat up your little bottoms

They went back to their seat.

Me: Stop pouting!

They looked at each other.

Me: And keep quiet.

Lwandile: Where's Dad?

Me: Lost. Now keep quiet.

They looked out the window till we got to the party..it was fun for the kids yes and It gave Mell and I time to bond. I was glad to finally go back to my husband. The twins refused to go back home with me..

Me: how was your day?

Musa: fun. Yours?

Me: We not having parties for any of our kids. I can't deal.

Musa: You'll be okay..we were with Tshupo.

Me: Okay and?

Musa: And he found another place coz of Mello and Mike.

Me: oh nice.

Musa: And private rooms.

Me: Finally!

So we finally went to celebrate Tshepo's 35th. Mum agreed to look after Tshego's little one. Cassie and Themba had joined us as well.

Tshepo: Time to have fun.

Fezile: Can you two keep your hands off each other?

We were touching and laughing at his crazy talk and not really paying attention to whatever they were talking about.

Musa: Cynthia, dont you want to hold your man?

Bonginkosi: But on the real though. In fact, we going outside to have our beers there.

Musa: yeah sure.

The gents went out.

Tshego: This should be a very interesting weekend.

Me: The first.. We never go out as a group.

Cassie: Its fun.

Mello: Drinks At the balcony?

Noma: Well juice for me.

Cynthia: So sorry.

She was Fezile's girl and Lesego was Bonginkosi's.

Noma: I'll be fine.

Lesego: I'm sure you can't wait.

Noma: You have no idea.

We went up to the balcony. We could see the guys from where we were..the view was also very beautiful. My eyes met with Musa's, he was talking to one of the staff memeners there, he had brought the wood for our braai. After he left, I got a text from Musa.

"heated pool on the other side"

I giggled.

"You have any ideas Mr Leornado?"

"Plenty ms Kelly, you game?"

"You know I am Mr Leornado"

I saw him smile and looked up then winked at me. I blushed.

Cassie: Haibo Rea! We here.

Mello; Oh Cassie, Let her love her man. Blush all you want sister.

Mello though! I turned my attention back and when everyone had dozed out, I found him waiting at the pool. The things he did to me!

Me: I think someone's watching.

Musa: Let them.

We went to bed at around 3 and in the morning, Cassie called me aside after breakfast.

Me: Yes Cas.

Cassie: Rea, you and Musa are freaks.

I cleared my throat..so I wasn't imagining things.

Me: Oh..it was you

Cassie: Couldnt sleep

Me: We didnt traumatize you did we?

Cassie: no..just saw figures moving up and down in water and decided to not be the candle holder and went back to bed.

Me: Well I'm...

Mello: Rea?

Me: sis.

Mello: Two minutes please.. Sorry Cassie.

Cassie: Its cool.

I followed Mello to the lapa near the other pool.

Mello: I love you okay?

Me; I know that.

Mello: And I'm 10 minutes older than you.. So you need to listen to me

Me: Mello, what is it?

Mello: Cut Cassie off.

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Me: Mello.

Mello: Bilwe.

Me: you don't think you overreacting?

Mello: okay maybe I am. Maybe. But watch your back I don't trust her.

Me: Okay I'll do that.

Mello: just keep her at a distance.

Me: Yes I will..I've always kept her at a distant.
What did you see?

Mello: I think she envies you.

I laughed.

Mello: I'm serious.

Me: Okay, I'll keep away from her.

Mello: Don't tell her anything about your life.

Me: I don't tell Anyone about my life anyway.
Well besides my husband.

Mello: Good. Keep it that way.

Me: okay.

Mello: you got it?

She was grilling it in.

Mello: You can go to your husband now. You two have a smoothie appointment?

Me: Yes.

Mello: You better love him right. He loves you

Me: Yes ms Mello.

Mello: I'm gon give my husband some now.

I laughed.

Mello: And Rea...

Me: Yes ma'am?

Mello: Watch your back

Me: I will.

Mello: I don't like.. My goodness!

I laughed.

Me: Twin sister I heard you.

Mello: Good.

Me: Bye.

Mello: Bye.

I went back inside. Bonga and Grace looked happy again. Actually everyone was. Tshepo kept on singing to his unborn child, Tshego and Bakang looked happy to have taken a break away from their newest addition, Bonginkosi and Fezile looked happy with their girlfriends Cynthia and Lesego, Themba and Cassie were talking about something and I went to find my husband..

Me: You didn't!

I laughed.

Musa: I did.

Me: We having smoothies even on Weekend getaways?

Musa: Well for starters, we have all the appliances we need, we bought extra food and you and I love smoothies.

Me: I miss home.

He laughed and put me on the counter.

Musa: Here you go.

Me: thank you baby.

Musa: its a pleasure.

I looked at him, he was such a blessing, such a

blessing, and honestly I was going to hold on to him tight. I had been given an amazing man and he loved me. I looked at him and smiled. My heart felt warm

Musa: it's just a smoothie.

I giggled.

Me: So I have something to tell you

Musa: Yes?

Me: someone saw us.

Musa: Making out in the pool?

Me: Yep.

He laughed.

Musa: Did they like the show?

Me: Apparently we are freaks.

Musa: lady right?

Me: Cassie.

Musa: she looks deprived.

We were in whispers. I giggled.

Me: Hey!

Musa: it's creepy..

Me: It is actually.

Musa: but we do exist in a world full of creeps right?

Me: yes we do. I feel like making out

Musa: You want to make out now?

Me: yes

Musa: in a house full of people.

Me: yes

Musa: no Rea

Me: yes Musa

I reached for his zip. He had shorts on. He held my hand.

Me: Musa stop it.

Musa: Stop telling me to stop. Are you nuts?

I smiled

Musa: Rea you better not do what I think you about to do

Me: Or else what?

Musa: Rea...

"There was still some beers in the fridge. I'll go check"

I was disturbed by that. I quickly zipped his pants and we waited for Nkosi to come in.

Bonginkosi: Smoothie date for two?

Me: something like that.

Bonginkosi: We about to start playing a game. Care to join?

Musa: What game?

Bonginkosi: Twister.

Musa: Okay. We'll be there now

Bonginkosi: Cool.

He got the beers and we followed him out.

Mello was back from "working out"

She was facilitating the game.

Mello: Musa, Rea, Themba and Cassie. Your turn

We moved to the sides. I was opposite my husband.

Mello: Right...right hand on red.

We followed instructions until I was under Musa.

Musa: you see, even games show you where you belong

He was whispering..I giggled and almost fell on

my back but he quickly caught me.

Musa: game over Mello?

He was getting bored.

Mello: you two...fine.

He helped me up and they continued playing.
We on the other hand, decided to take a walk.

Musa: we should come live here..

Me: It's peaceful right?

Musa: And it has a great view.

Me: But I'm happy with our house

Musa: Let's think about this...

We sat on what looked like a river bank.

Me: I'm all ears.

Musa: So there's a possibility that we might be welcoming our third child soon right.

Me: Yes..

Musa: You don't think we should get a bigger house?

Me: No. Musa you Like wasting money. That house has 4 bedrooms.

Musa: Two of those are occupied baby. You think the twins will want to share a room forever?

Me: Fine..

Musa: I'm listening.

Me: We not moving..

Musa: then?

Me: We extending.

Musa: Rea.

Me: No Musa. I'm tired of moving. Look, that is a great neighborhood. It's safe and it's peaceful. You don't like its view anymore?

Musa: I hear you.

Me: Yes you hear me but if you don't like my suggestion then I'm willing to compromise.

Musa: okay how about, I think about it then I'll get back to you.

Me: That's fine.

Musa: okay then.

Me: well that was easy..

Musa: right this won't be...so I was thinking...

Me: you not getting a bike babe.

He laughed.

Musa: You read minds now?

Me: I read yours

Musa; How did you know?

Me: your Google history. Saw it when I was using your phone to look up this place. You not getting a bike.

Musa: That's not fair.

Me: Well if you want to die and leave me then go ahead and buy it.

Musa: Am I being emotionally blackmailed?

I giggled.

Me: No..

Musa: Yes.

Me: I'm Not.

Musa: You are.

Me: say whatever.. You not getting a bike.

We had a lot to talk and laugh about and about 3 hours later, we went back to the others.

Tshego: This is not a "Musa and Rea" getaway.

Me: We are used to being together

Musa: And we thought you still playing twister.

Mello: For 3 hours?

Musa: we black after all.

We giggled.

Tshepo: We are going out. Can you two go get ready?

Me: Out to?

Tshepo: party.

Me: Oh.

Noma: Make it snappy please.

We went to get ready and the place we went to, looked fun.. Musa was drinking whiskey. Noma, Tshego and I were on juice. The rest of the gang were living it and drinking it up

Tshego: I wonder how my baby's doing.

Me: She's doing fine.

Tshego: you sure?

Me: Mum would have called.

Tshego: True..

Me: just have fun

Mello: you can have wine Tshego.

Tshego: Breastfeeding?

Mello: You cant?

Tshego: No little sis.

Me: You have 4 kids.

Mello: I forgot I have kids.

She was tipsy...

Me: I think I need to take pics.

I turned.

Me: Where's Musa? I can't see him and he has my phone.

Tshego: I think he went to the bathroom.

Mello looked around as though she was looking for someone.

Mello: And where the hell is Cassandra?

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Me: Mello calm down

She was going to start screaming..

Mello: I'm calm

Me: nothing's happening.

Mello: Let's go find them

We stood up and as we turned, Cassie was coming with a waiter towards our table.

Cassie: Thank you.

Waiter: Pleasure ma'am.

She tipped him and he left.

Cassie: more wine anyone?

She opened the bottle and poured more for those that wanted wine.

Mello: I almost killed her.

I saw Musa coming back from the direction of the gents' bathrooms. I took a deep breath.

"Insecurities please fade" I said in my mind.

Musa: Baby?

I went to him.

Musa: What is it?

Me: I'm just bored.

Musa: You are going to have to be strong.

Me: I'm not used to this life. Running a pub sure makes you hates parties.

Musa: Oh Welcome to my world Wife.

Me: We can't go?

Musa: No..this is Tshepo's day baby. Don't ruin it for him.

Me: Are you having fun?

Musa: Honestly...

He shook his head.

Musa: I'd rather be at home. These "group things" aren't my kind of thing.

I giggled.

Me: How did you become a businessman?

Musa: That's actually a very good question.

He wasn't drunk.

Me: You want to answer it now?

Musa: Can we go get water first?

Me: Okay.

He took my hand and we went to get his water then went to chill outside. There was a sort of hill that we just near the parking area. It was quiet but we could obviously still hear the music. The frequency was not so high though.

Musa: Better?

Me: Way better.

I was looking at the stars.

Me: you think those two ones represent us?

He smiled

Musa: Maybe.

Me: And there's Luyanda and Lwandile over there.

He giggled.

Musa: There's a little kid that comes out when you see stars hey.

I smiled.

Me: True. So whenever I missed dad, I would always sit on the stoep and gaze at them. It would go on for hours and hours. That just really made me feel like he was near.

Musa: And you grew with that?

Me: Yes I did. Eventually I fell in love with just looking at the stars.

He kept quiet and gazed at them too.

Me: that could possibly represent my first child.
That one not far from the ones I said
represented the twins

He took a deep breath.

Musa: We not revisiting the past are we?

Me: I was just saying baby.

Musa: And I hear you but can we not talk about
that?

Me: Okay.

Musa: thank you.

I continued gazing.

Musa: we fetching the kids?

Me: mum's kids?

He laughed.

Musa: yes

Me: That's if they'll want to come home..

Musa: they haven't been with us for quite some time.

Me: We don't have kids baby.

Musa: Oh that I know.

Me: it's time we took them back.

Musa: their sensei called me.

Me: they've been missing their karate lessons!
Oh crap!

Musa: I explained to him.

Me: did he understand?

Musa: yes he did..

Me: No, we are definitely taking those kids back.

Musa: But after we rest.

I giggled.

Me: Musa what kind of a father are you?

Musa: I'm a good father. We need to rest. Even if its just for Sunday and Monday. Those kids are tiring..

Me: Tell me about it. Lwandile is going to find something to complain about.

Musa: Luyanda will definitely complain about us not having food.

Me: and we don't. Now I have to go grocery shopping?

Musa: you love shopping.

Me: For clothes baby.

Musa: shopping is shopping.

Me: it's different. I'll go anyway.

Musa: simple.

Me: with you.

Musa: Dream on baby.

Me: Musa...

Musa: I'm not going. No.

Me: Fine.

Musa: you have the next holiday destination?

I giggled.

Me: Can we just be parents for 2 months?

Musa: then go back to being a couple with no kids?

Me: yes. I'm always away From my children.

Musa: coz they are always away from you too.

Me: I'm fetching them on Tuesday and they will only go to mum's on Sundays.

Musa: To mum's on Friday and return on Monday. There's something called "us time"

Me: Fine then.

Musa: deal?

Me: Deal.

Musa: that's it.

We were very happy when they closed up at 2. When we got home, we were all so tired so we just went to bed. We had to check out at 12pm so Mello decided to be kind enough to make us breakfast. She was the submissive type. You could see in the way she carried herself and you could tell she was a mother unlike me. I was

probably the most chilled person that had babies. Tshego and Noma kept calling mum to check on their kids. Grace kept calling her mother in law as well and So did Cassie. Well she kept calling her ten year old coz she had a phone. I didn't even want to bother myself. Even Fezile and Bonginkosi's girlfriends called to check up on their children.

Mello: so I've been watching people call their kids. When are you calling yours?

Tshepo: that's a good question. Just because you have a flat stomach and able to flaunt in shorts doesn't mean you have no kids .

Me: I'm not going to waste My time. Those kids will only say two words to me and find something else to do.

They laughed.

Tshepo: you and Musa are weird parents.

Mello: no, when people are addicted to each other, they forget about everyone in their lives

Tshepo: Even their kids?

Mello: Yes. It happens.

Me: I'm going to find my husband. I'm not listening to you two.

The rest of them were outside. I found Musa in our room, he was reading something on his phone. I slowly looked the door and went to him.

Me: why are you hiding in here?

Musa: I was actually looking at the company's figures

Me: anything wrong?

Musa: no. We doing really well.

Me: that's good news..

Musa: it is.. And you missed me?

Me: For the road.

I took off his shirt.

Musa: You not serious are you?

Me: Im very serious.

Musa: okay.

He put his phone down..

Musa: let me take control.

He pulled me up roughly and it went for about

an hour and 45 minutes. We went to join the others when it was almost 12. Tshego and Mello kept looking at me but I kept my eyes off them. I was glad to finally be home. In my own space. We spent The rest of day relaxing and spent monday in bed, sleeping. We were both exhausted really. On Tuesday we had to go to work. Cassie called to ask me out for lunch. Tried to resist but she was nearby so I just went to join her.

Me: whats up with bandages on your foot?

Cassie: a glass fell on me. Broke and now..

Me: oh I'm sorry. Be careful next time. What brings you here?

Cassie: there's a shop that sells Bedding over there.

Me: Oh I know it.

Cassie: That's why I'm here and I thought why

not?

Me: oh that's nice. I was famished actually.

Cassie: helped you. You and Musa have plans this weekend?

Me: no but it's probably going to be us with our kids why?

Cassie: Oh I was just asking. Thought we could hang out

Me: Maybe next weekend.

Cassie: I thought I saw your kids at your mum's on Sunday..

Me: oh Tshepo didnt drop you guys off first?

Cassie: No. Tshego wanted to be with her child and Noma wanted to rest.

Musa had given them one of his taxis to use for the weekend. So it was basically the Quantum and our private car. He had told Tshepo to

return it whenever coz he seemed like he was enjoying being a "taxi driver" for the weekend.

Me: Oh I see. They are at mum's. How are your kids doing by the way?

Cassie: They are okay...

We had lunch and when I knocked off I went to fetch the twins.

Mum: Your kids attacked someone yesterday.

Me: Who? Lwandile? Luyanda?

Lwandile: I dont who the person was.

Me: But you attacked them?

Lwandile: Yes

Me: When?

Luyanda: Yesterday. After school

Me: Where?

Mum: When they were playing with the other kids outside. On the street.

Luyanda: They said you told them to come fetch us.

Lwandile: And we said we dont talk to Strangers. They told us at school and Sensei told us.

Luyanda: but the person got out of the car

Lwandile: And tried to grab Luyanda.

Luyanda: And then Lwandile took a brick and hit them on the foot.

Me: WHAT?

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Luyanda: Yes Ms Kelly.

I scrolled with my gallery till I found one of the pics we took.

Me: Is this the person?

Lwandile: Luyanda let me see.

He took my phone.

Me: zoom in baby

He did.

Lwandile: Yes.

Luyanda: Where do you know her from?

Me: okay. Stop asking questions. You guys did good okay?

Lwandile: Yes.

Me: go fetch your bags.

They left the room.

Mum: you know the person they attacked?

Me: yes ma. We were with her this weekend.

Mum: How is she?

Me: well I thought she's a nice person

Mum: and now?

Me: I'm going to do what Mello said I should do.

Im going to cut her off.

Mum: Rea, be careful okay?

Me: yes ma.

The boys came with their bags.

Me: Say "bye" to Granny.

Mum: When are you coming back.

Lwandile: When Are we coming back Ms Kelly?

Me: Soon.

Luyanda: Soon koko

Mum: Okay then

She hugged them and we left.

Lwandile: Dad!

Musa: Hello boys

Luyanda: Howzit?

Musa: grand boys.. How was school?

Lwandile: it was fine

Musa: Homework?

Lwandile: We don't have any homework

Grade R after all!

Me: How about you guys go watch TV and I talk to dad?

Lwandile: Tell him about the brick lady.

Luyanda: Tell him Ms Kelly

Me: Okay Sirs

I watched them run off.

Musa: Brick lady?

Me: Your sons attacked Cassie.

Musa: What?

Me: yep..with a brick.

Musa: what? Why?

Me: Baby I don't know. I really don't. They said she told them that I had asked her to fetch them

Musa: But why would she do that?

Me: Baby I don't know..kidnap them maybe.

Musa: And gain what?

Me: I don't know..did she say anything to you?

Musa: Anything like?

Me: anything? Try to flirt with you.

He shook his head.

Musa: I only said 5 words to her

Me: 5 being?

Musa: "please pass me that glass" you were there.

Me: Oh!

Musa: yes baby

Me: maybe she's in love with you.

Musa: No. Tell her to stay away from my kids and my wife coz If I do it. It won't end well.

That scared me.

Musa: Tell her.

Me: I will.

Musa: how was your day anyway?

Me; Well...

I sat down.

Me: Besides the Cassie drama. It was quite hectic.

Musa: You want to come join me?

I laughed

Me: Yes actually

Musa: Baby I'm serious

Me: well so am I.

Musa: Rea.

Me: Musa.

Musa: I'm serious Reabilwe

Me: and I am too

Musa: Swear.

Me: I swear on my father's grave.

He kissed me.

Musa: Best news ever.

Me: But first I need to Resign

Musa: I'll even help you write or type that letter.

I giggled.

Me: Musa stop it

Musa: okay fine then.

Me: I look forward to working with you Mr Mabasa.

Musa: So do I Mrs Mabasa..I could do with a deputy CEO like Yourself ma'am

Me: mm.

But I felt like we were going to fight a lot.. I had learnt a lot from him...and luckily, after I started working, I studied BM part time and completed

my qualification.

"Mum"

Me: What do you want?

The only time I was called "mum" was when they wanted something

"Can we..."

Me: Lwandile come here!

They ran in.

Me: What do you want?

Luyanda: can we have popcorn?

Me: Microwave?

Lwandile: please.

Me: Okay. I'll call you guys

Luyanda: Thank you ms Kelly.

Lwandile: pleasure Ms Kelly.

Musa and I giggled.

Me: Thank you Lwandile go back.

Luyanda: Can we have money?

Me: what for?

Luyanda: toys..

Me: Don't you have enough toys?

They shook their heads.

Musa: Weekend.

Lwandile: Saturday?

Musa: Yes.

Luyanda: Okay.

Off they went again and I Made them popcorn
and took it to them

"Thanks mum"

They said at the same time and I went back to
Musa

Me: what do you want me to cook?

Musa: pap.

Me: And?

Musa: Amasi.

Me: You don't feel like meat?

Musa: Nope.

Me: Okay then.

I called the twins and asked them what they wanted to eat and they told me "pap and amasi". We had a very nice family night. We were watching Tom and Jerry till they fell asleep at around 22:00. The next morning, I got them ready for school and I, for work.

Musa: Lunch?

Me: Meeting with the sisters baby

Musa: Okay. Don't cook today

Me: we going out?

Musa: As a family yes.

Me: For pizza?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Knew it. Okay then.

Musa: Love you.

Me: I love you more.

I kissed him.

Luyanda: Dad can we go now.

We broke off the kiss. They had turned their backs on us. I hugged them and they Left. I left minutes later and worked till 12 then took the rest of the day off and went To Mello's.

Her house was Beautiful! I loved going there.

Mello: She did that?

Tshego: Something's wrong with her.

Mello: tell her to come here.

Me: Mello.

Mello: Rea just call her.

I did.. And sent her the location. She arrived 30 minutes later.

Mello: Drink?

Cassie: Yes please.

Mello: okay.

Cassie: Thanks for inviting me.

Mello: oh pleasure Darling. What happened to your foot?

Cassie: Oh a glass fell On me.

Mello: I have a story to share. Speaking of glass.

Cassie: It hurts.

Mello: very. So my story...

Tshego and I looked at each other.

Mello: So about 5 years ago, a bitch came into my life right... She was after Mike and she snuck into this house and tried to kill one of the twins with a pillow. I took the bottle, smashed it against the wall and as she was trying to fight me, baby I stabbed her to death. Self-defence and she's in hell and Im still on earth..I know Im going to heaven coz my in laws have a church and Im a devoted christian.

Mello though.

Cassie: She really died?

Mello: she's in hell. Ask Mike about her. Ask my mum. They'll tell you. Or better yet, ask that man you saw at the gate. He was here. Too bad

the footage aint here anymore. We took it to the police.

She took a sip of her juice and started again...

Mello: So if you don't leave my sister alone. You'll join her in hell. You choose.

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Mello smiled at her and she put down her drink.

Cassie: I have an appointment. I forgot all about it.

Mello; With who?

She had a smirk on her face. Mamello though.

Cassie: My nurse...I mean doctor.

Mello: Tell him or her we said hi.

Cassie: I will.

She quickly grabbed her bag and left.

Tshego: Mamello!

Mello: Hey Sissy.

Me: You were bluffing right?

Mello: I'm a Christian Twini, I don't give false testimony.

Me: You really murdered someone?

Mello: not this house though.

She was as serious as a heart attack

Mello: I didn't murder anyone. I defended myself and I would do it to for you.

Me: Thanks sis

Mello: You want a cider?

Me: Nope.

Mello: Doesn't she drink?

Tshego: This tank. She does.

Mello: Are you pregnant Rea?

I laughed.

Me: Not yet.

Tshego: You have tests..

Mello: I'm married to a Nigerian man sis. I have to have tests.

We laughed.

Tshego: Please get them for her.

Mello: They are In my bathroom..in the top left cabi.

Me: Guys... I'm not pregnant.

Tshego: we want You to be sure.

Mello: Why aren't you drinking then?

Me: coz I'm trying to keep my iron levels high.

Mello: Iron levels?

Me: Yes.

Tshego: Wait, you and Musa are trying for a baby?

I nodded.

Tshego: Thats good news. So it's taking you time to fall pregnant coz of your iron levels?

Me: well that was part of the reason.. In my recent check up, my levels were fine but im just trying to balance them now.

Mello: what's the other part of the reason?

Me: My tubes were blocked.

Tshego: what?

Me: It's okay now.

Tshego: and you didn't tell me?

Me: I wanted to deal with it on my own. Only Musa knew about it.

Tshego: Duh! That man's your human diary.

Mello: Okay so is everything fine now?

Me: Yes

Tshego: I'll forgive you..go take the test now.

I wasn't going to win anyway. I went to take the test and we waited.

Mello: She's not pregnant sis.

Tshego: Another one.

Me: I'm not pregnant. Can you guys leave me alone?

Mello: you still enjoying the sex?

I laughed.

Me: I'm not going to answer that.

Mello: Oh he hitting it right.

Tshego: And we see how happy you are these days.

I felt myself blush.

Mello: Look at that!

Tshego: you deserve it.

Mello: The same way you deserved getting it in the heated pool.

Me: What?

I laughed.

Tshego: Pool?

Mello: Ask your little sister. Those two are freaks. I went out, hurried back in and never went out again.

Tshego: You and Musa made out in the pool?

Me: I'm not talking about this

Tshego: You guys though!

Mello: I just saw this one trying to catch her

breath and went back in. I thought you guys were having a midnight drink but no.

Me: what were you doing outside anyway.

Mello: Smoking.

Me: Mello you smoke?

Tshego: Yes but Mike doesn't know.

Me: what do you smoke?

Mello: Cigarettes.

Me: oh okay.

Mello: and you smoke weed

Me: I've stopped again.. Musa doesn't like it.

Mello; I don't either.. Stay away from it.

Tshego: She won't listen to you.

Me: I will.

Tshego: Go take the second test.

I sighed and went back to take the second test.

Tshego: Okay you not pregnant.

Me: Thank you. Now let's terminate this.

Mello: I pray you get fraternal twins.

I laughed.

Me: I pray I get a daughter. Just one.

Tshego: You've waited for quite some time hey.

I watched as she breastfed her daughter.

Me: 5 years?

Tshego: Yep.

Me: I guess it's worth the wait.

Mello: you need to pop more kids

Me: No. I can't be popping more kids after the one we trying for.

Mello: that's your duty.

Me: that's my duty?

Mello: Yes to pop more kids

Tshego: Rea you don't know?

Me: No. That's not how it works in my world.

Mello: You enjoy working?

Me: Yes.

Mello: So you going to work in that company till God knows when?

Me: No. I resigned.

Tshego: Why?

Me: So I'm going to work with Musa..

Mello: You going to work with your husband?

I nodded.

Tshego: so that's done.

Me: Obviously I didn't resign with immediate effect. Until they've found well, I've found a suitable replacement since I'll be dealing with the interviews then I'll go.

Mello: to work with your husband?

I laughed.

Me: Mello yes.

Mello: The tension.

Me: We are professional. I need to bounce. My kids are about to come out of school

Tshego: And Don't be a stranger.

Mello: And get pregnant.

We laughed. I hugged them and then went to fetch the boys at school

Me: And now?

Luyanda: he made me angry.

Lwandile: He started it.

Me: Okay.

I wasn't getting involved in whatever it was. I didn't want to be ganged up on.

Me: how was school?

Lwandile: It was fine.

Luyanda: We going on a trip

Me: Oh?

Lwandile: To the lion park.

Me: That's interesting.

Luyanda: Can we go?

He had already told me they were going but anyway...I listened to them go on and on till we got home. We went out for dinner with dad

Musa: How the girls doing?

Me: Mello threatened Cassie

Musa: Did it work?

Me: Well I think it did coz she rushed off.

Musa: If she knows what's good for her, She'll stay away.

Lwandile: can we have more pizza?

We continued dining and the next day I went to work. Mello called to say She'll come see me at

around 11:30. And at around 10, Cassie stepped into my office.

Me: Can I help you?

Cassie: I didn't appreciate how Mello treated me.

Me: The same way I didn't appreciate how you lied to my children. What were you trying to do?

Cassie: nothing.

Me: Cassie don't fuck with me. You don't want to see me angry

Cassie: Your little rascals are lying.

I held it in. I didn't want to get angry. I hardly got angry. The only times I'd snap was when people had triggered it. I didn't want to lose it.

Especially at work. And besides, I wasn't the type to physically fight. That wasn't me.

Me: Okay. How about we act grown and start telling the truth!

She took a deep breath.

Me: or maybe you should leave my office.

Cassie: Why are you like this?

Me: My children wouldn't lie to me.

Cassie: 5 year olds lie

I was tempted to grab the stapler and hit her On the head.

Cassie: You know this..

I was getting pissed.

Cassie: Rea, we are friends.

Me: no. Just because I attended Your kid's party
And invited you to my cousin's celebration
doesn't make us friends.

Cassie: oh? Well if that's the case, I'll tell you.
Your kids are the reason I have this bandage on
my foot. Those little...

Me: say it!

She got up.

Cassie: I want your life and everything in it! And
I'll fight till I get it.

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#16

Me: Good luck..

She got up and left. The nerve she had. I continued working and Mello finally came.

Mello: You resigned at such a nice place?

Me: I'm going to a nicer place.

Mello: Wena Na!

Me: How are you sis?

Mello: You know me.

Me: You good?

Mello: Always. Has Cassandra tried to contact you?

Me: yes. She was here.

Mello: Here?

Me:to tell me that she's after my life and everything in it?

Her eyes Almost popped out of her sockets.

Mello: She did?

Me: yep.

She kept quiet.

Me: hello!

Mello: don't worry about her.

Me: I'm not worried.

I wasn't really.

Mello: Good. Continue glowing and making out
in The pool Okay?

I giggled.

Me: you not going to let this go right?

Mello: Nope.

Me: I see.

Mello: Want to go out?

Me: Now?

Mello: Yes.

Me: Nope. I have interviews in 30 minutes.

Mello: Bathong!

Me: Keng?

Mello: It just seems like a lot of work..

Me: It is.

Mello: So why you doing it?

I smiled.

Me: Coz I love it. Listen...

Mello: Yes?

Me: You dont want to see your mother?

Mello: Kgalalelo or Khutsafalo?

Me: Gloria.

Mello: I'm not interested in her..

Me: Okay.

Mello: You want to see her?

Me: No actually. I just thought maybe you'd want to see her.

Mello: No. I'm okay.

Me: Okay then sis how's Mike doing?

Mello: We going to Nigeria soon. You want to Come?

Me: You asking me that?

Mello: Yes.

I laughed.

Mello: What?

Me: Anything that includes a flight and passport I'm in..

She laughed.

Mello: with my nephews and your husband.

Me: oh we coming with.

Mello: I'll tell Tshego.

Me: I'm sure she'd Like to Come too.

Mello: Good.

She looked at her watch.

Mello: I need to go.

Me: Now?

Mello: I actually have things to do.

Me: Let me walk you out.

I did.

Me: My goodness Mello. You are a Queen!

She laughed

Me: How many cars do you have?

Mello: Enough.

Me: You were driving a BMW just the other day.

Mello: And now watch me get into my range rover.

I laughed.

Mello: I'm well taken care of.

Me: I can see that.

No she was.

Mello: And I'm happy.

Me: Clearly.

Mello: But I'll see you later okay?

Me: Okay then.

Mello: Cool..

I hugged her and I watched her drive off. I had the longest day and boy was I happy to go home and see my kids and Husband.

Lwandile: Ms Kelly.

Me: Mr José.

Lwandile: how are you?

Me: I'm fine baby how are you.

Lwandile: I'm fine. You want me to rub your feet?

What was going on?

Luyanda: you want tea?

Me: no. You'll burn yourself. Juice.

Luyanda: Okay Ms Kelly.

He went to the kitchen.

Me: what do you two want?

Lwandile: Nothing.

He took my shoes off.

Me: where's your dad?

Lwandile: phone call..

Me: Okay .

He started massaging me. For a 5 year old he was good.

Me: Who taught you?

Lwandile: I watch dad do it all the time.

Me: But what do you two want? Thank you Luyanda.

He had just given me my juice.

Lwandile: nothing Ms Kelly.

Me: Mm okay.

Luyanda: You want a peanut butter sandwich?

Me: No.. What do you two want?

Lwandile: we got the shoes.

Me: What shoes?

Luyanda: The sneakers we showed you Ms Kelly. The white ones.

Me: Oh!

I had ordered some sneakers they liked online.

Me: They finally came?

They both nodded.

"Thank you Ms Kelly".

I got two warm hugs. Musa must have told them to pamper me.

Me: It's a pleasure.

Luyanda played with my hands while his brother continued massaging me.

Musa: Ms Kelly.

Me: Hey you.

He gave me a quick kiss.

Musa: I see they listened to me.

Me: They did.

Musa: We raising gentleman.

Me: You have to.

Musa: How was your day?

Me: It was long.

Luyanda: We done.

Me: Okay you can go play now.

I watched them run off and turned my head to Musa.

Me: How was yours?

Musa: I need to go away..

Me: Mello wants us to go to Nigeria.

Musa: should be nice. You told her we in?

I nodded.

Musa: good.

Me: With the twins .

Musa: what?

I laughed.

Me: Yes. They are your kids you should...

My phone rang.

Me: B.

Bonga: Hey how are you?

Me: Im good.

Bonga: Your friend's in hospital.

Me: Ella?

Bonga: Cassie. I bumped into Themba at the filling station and as we were talking, he got a call that Cassie is in hospital.

Me: what happened?

Bonga: She got shot.

Me: What! Okay. Which hospital.

Bonga: Milpark.

Me: Thanks..

I hung up.

Me: Cassie's been shot.

Musa: you going?

Me: To support Themba yes. You coming?

Musa: nope.

Me: Musa did you do it?

Musa: No!

Me: Then?

Musa: I don't know. Just go.

I got my flats and drove out again. I called Mello on the way and she said "coming". If it wasn't her then it was Definitely Musa. She got to the hospital before me.

Mello: how is she?

Themba: She's just woken up.

Me: how long have you been here?

Themba: about 2 and a half hours.

It meant Bonga called me late. He was probably

busy with whatever.

Me: can we go see her?

Themba: yes. I need to go fetch her things..

Me: okay.

We walked there.

Me: Mello?

Mello: Of course I did. Got her got at on both legs.

Me: Mello!

Mello: she'll learn to not mess with my twin sister.

We went into her ward.

Mello: Oh Darling'..how Are you feeling?

Cassie: You did this?

Mello smiled.

Mello: I told you I sent someone to hell already.
You lucky I told them to shoot your legs. You'll
be able to walk again.

The fear on her face!

Mello: I did say I'm a devoted Christian right?

I looked at her.

Mello: So here Cassie Gal 5:26 "Let us not
become conceited, provoking and envying each

other"

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Mello: get well soon though. Let's go

We left her ward.

Mello: She won't bother you anymore.

I couldn't believe it!

Mello: believe it!

It was as if she had read my mind.

Me: Okay. I should probably get back to my kids and husband.

Mello: So do I.

Me: thank you.

Mello: You not mad at me?

Me: Hell No!

Mello: Good..coz I'd shoot you too.

I laughed.

Mello: I love you.

Me: I love you too sis.

Mello: Go to your husband now.

I giggled.

Me: Bye

Mello: Bye sis.

We hugged, kissed then we went our different ways.

Musa: Hey.

Me: Hey. Where are the boys?

Musa: Sleeping.

Me: At 18:30?

Musa: I think They had a long day.

I sat next to me.

Me: okay then.

Musa: How's Cassie doing?

Me: She'll live.

Musa: so?

Me: Mello got her shot at. On both legs.

Musa: Are you serious?

I nodded.

Musa: Isn't Mello suppose to be some kind of strong Christian coz her in laws have a church?

I giggled.

Me: Not My sister.

Musa: and I thought You crazy.

Me: She takes the cup right?

Musa: yoh!

Me: That's Mello for you.

He giggled.

Musa: her timing was on point.

Me: My thoughts exactly.

Musa: Poor Cassie.

Me: You would have done worse.

Musa: We'd be preparing outfits for the funeral.
I don't play when it comes to My wife.

I smiled

Me: That I know all too well.

Musa: So you think she'll leave you alone?

Me: Yes.

Musa: good.

Me: I'm not going to meet new people now.

Musa: Impossible.

Me: Try me.

Musa: You going to be with clients on a daily.

Me: I know that.

Musa: So get used to it

Me: Yeah right. I'll try though.

Musa: You have no other choice maybe.

2 months later, I was working with Musa, I had refused to just come into a company and be the deputy CEO, so I was using my BM skills. I dealt with different accounts, with clients, worked

closely with the marketing team, I actually enjoyed that. I also refused to be called Mrs Mabasa. I was Ms Kelly at work. Cassie had left us alone. I was glad. Mh twin sister didn't play Like that and we had also grown closer. The three of us. We had the utmost respect for our sister Tshego and trust her to put us back in line when we started acting crazy. I was on the pill. No, don't judge. I couldn't start working at a new place then just fall pregnant! No! Musa didn't know though. And I had made sure that the pills were out of reach

Musa: Baby?

Me: Hey

I looked up from my laptop.

Musa: I'm here now. Can you stop working?

I closed My laptop.

Me: Welcome home

Musa: Thank you.

Me: so you left me this morning?

Musa: I had an early meeting. I'm sorry.

Me: Its okay.

Musa: How was your day though?

Me: Busy..

I sighed.

Musa: where are the boys?

Me: mum came to fetch them

Musa: good for us. weekend getaway then

I giggled.

Me: no

Musa: We haven't been on one since Tshepo's.

Me: we went to Nigeria after that Cassie thing.

Musa: let me remind you.....

I giggled coz I knew what he was going to say

Musa: It was a family getaway. Mum, Mme Khutsafalo, the twins, Mello and her family, Tshego and her family, Tshepo and..

Me: Okay I get it!

Musa: and I think its time we seriously worked on our child now.

I froze

Musa: anyone home?

Me: Yes baby..

Musa: talk to me.

Me: I have no problem working on your child..

Musa: you quiet when we talk about it

Me: no baby. It's just that...

It was time to be honest.

Me: I mean, I just started working and do you think this is the perfect time for that?

Musa: Baby, yes. You have a sudden change of heart?

Me: No..no actually.

The little voice in my head had told me to stop being selfish.

Me: I guess It's the perfect time.

Musa: So where to this time?

Me: you asking me that?

He smiled.

Musa: yes baby..

Me: Well Mozambique.

Musa: Okay.

Me: Is that fine?

Musa: whatever you want.

Me: Thank you..

Musa: Pleasure Ms Kelly.

Me: What are we having for dinner?

Musa: You.

I laughed

Me: I'm serious!

Musa: So am I.

He picked me up.

Musa: I haven't had you in weeks.

Me: Coz we are always busy.

Musa: Well That's about to change then.

We kissed passionately and he had me every way he wanted. We even woke Up late and arrived late at work.

Musa: Have a good day.

Me: you too baby.

Quick kiss and he went to his office and I went to mine. I kept thinking of him and was disturbed by a call from Bonga.

Me: B

Bonga: Stranger.

Me: I know right. I'm so sorry.

Bonga: We need to meet up soon

Me: Kotas sometime?

Bonga: TSA last number..

Me: done deal..

Bonga: Good then.

Me: How are the kids and Grace doing?

Bonga: All good. We expecting our third.

Me: What?

I was happy.

Bonga: Nice right?

Me: Im happy for you.

Bonga: Plan the baby shower.

I giggled.

Me: I'm on it.

Bonga: Queen of parties. Love you and take care.

Me: I love you too B..

I hung up and a second later, there was a knock.

Me: Come in Frida.

Frida: Morning again.

Me: morning.

Frida: These came in for You.

Me: Oh thank you.

Frida: pleasure.

She left and I read the message on the card.

"Had Fun last night? M.M"

I giggled and dialled him.

Musa: Leornado Mabasa.

Me: So professional.. Hello.

He giggled.

Musa: hello Ms Kelly. We in the same building you know?

Me: Yes. Can You act professional?

Musa: I am.

Me: So why are you sending me flowers at work with "Had fun last night?" Messages?

Musa: Baby?

Me: Love.

Musa: I didn't send those

Me: if you didn't then who did?

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Musa: I'll be there now.

Me: Okay.

I hung up. It really puzzled me. Even worse, the message was typed. I stared at the card until Musa came in and closed the door.

Musa: Let's see.

I passed him the card.

Musa: "M.M?"

Me: Hence I thought it's you.

Musa: "Had fun last night?"

Me: The only fun I had last was being under you.

We both laughed then came back to it.

Musa: You can't think of any "M.M?"

Me: no.

Musa: Okay this is creepy.

Me: I know baby. Maybe it's Cassie?

Musa: No. I doubt.

Me: really?

Musa: Wouldn't make sense. She got the message loud and clear.

Me: You think so?

He nodded.

Me: I guess you right.

Musa: Maybe it's nothing.

Me: Maybe.

Musa: Don't worry about it baby.

He was actually so chilled.

Me: Okay then.

Musa: You going to keep those?

Me: Nope. I'll throw them away on my way out.
For lunch that is.

Musa: I'm not invited today?

Me: Ask me nicely..

He smiled.

Musa: Can I join you for lunch?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Thank you.

Me: Pleasure. Can I work now.

Musa: You look beautiful by the way.

Me: I know.

He laughed and got up. As he turned to leave...

Me: You look like a snack.

He stopped, turned and smiled.

Musa: I'm a very nice snack baby. I'll see you at 12:30.

Me: Cool.

Musa: I love you.

Me: I love you more

He left my office and I continued working, I made sure my pills go down the hand basin and at 12:30, I found him waiting for him at the reception .

Musa: We are out Frida.

Frida: Yes sir.

I threw the flowers away before we could head out.

Me: So I found a nice secluded place for us to stay In.

Musa: In Mozambique?

I nodded.

Musa: let's see.

I showed him the pictures..

Musa: You know you not going to step out right?

Me: Really?

Musa: Yes.

Me: We'll see about that..

Musa: Don't defy me. I'm your husband.

I giggled.

Me: That's how it works?

Musa: Yes.

Me: the twins are coming with us?

He almost choked on his drink

Me: I'm serious

Musa: I'm not coming.

Me: those are your sons.

Musa: oh I know that very well. They look like me.

Me: So?

Musa: That doesn't mean, I want them there.

Me: you are a horrible father..

Musa: Don't lie .

Me: Okay you not a horrible father.

He giggled.

Musa: she knows it.

Me: So when do we leave?.

Musa: the usual.

Me: Thursday night?

Musa: Yes Ms Kelly.

Me: I'm going to have to clear my Friday schedule.

Musa: You haven't?

Me: No. Not yet.

Musa: you are very forgetful these days.

Me: I know baby..its work.

Musa: slow down

Me: you are a slave driver.

He laughed.

Me: I have to deal with you at work and at home as well..story of my life.

Musa: A little appreciation?

I smiled.

Me: Nothing to appreciate.

Musa: I'm offended.

Me: That's all on you. Tshego invited us for dinner.

Musa: Will Pabi be there?

Me: I trust that she will.

Musa: I'll be there.

Me: Missed her?

Musa: a lot.

Me: I think she'll be very happy to see you too.

Musa: Should get her something.

Me: I'm not going toy shopping.

He laughed.

Musa: The twins got you didn't they?

Me: I can't wait for them to turn 16

Musa: 11 years to go baby.

Me: imagine that. Get Pabi a cute dress and shoes..

Musa: You'll help?

Me: I'd be glad too. This will be practice.

Musa: Listen to you.

I giggled.

Me: I'll help.

Musa: I'd Like that.

Me: Might Get myself a pair of shoes and a cute dress

Musa: Oh you can forget about that.

My mouth hung open.

Musa: You want to go down on me?

I laughed and called the waiter. We had lunch, went back to the office and after work, we went to get Pabi's gift then went to Tshego's. Pabi was so happy to see her "baby".

Bokang: and I don't have a daughter anymore.

Me: You know how it gets. Life's rough. Are the sisters inside?

Mike: Yes they are.

Me: Thank you.

I went inside.

Tshego: Look at You!

Me: Hey ladies.

Mello: You are forever glowing!

I blushed.

Me: I'm happy..

Tshego: Are you pregnant yet?

Me: Nope.

Mello: What is wrong with you?

Me: Nothing..

Tshego: Are you getting shots?

Me: No..I was on the pill.

Mello: What?

Me: I'm off them now.

Mello: Did you see how your husband is with Pabi?

Me: Guys. I'm off them now..

Mello: Good. We'll take Cassie take him oho!

I laughed.

Me: What's for dinner?

Tshego: Food.

Me: I know that!

Tshego: Really? You look like you have Musa for dinner.

I laughed. My sisters though. They weren't going to let that "pool makeout" thing go..

Me: I should probably call the guys in..

Tshego: You should get the plates.

Mello: Can you stay away from Musa?

Me: Musa Is my husband..

Mello: Stay away from him..

I got the plates. The dinner went well. We went home very late and woke up early so we could go to work. It was going to be a very long Wednesday. At around 11am, I went to get the car keys from Musa coz I had a meeting.

Me: you not going to use the car are you?.

Musa: no baby. Have a good meeting.

Me: I will.

Musa: how long will it take?

Me: baby I Don't know. You know how it gets with Abigail.

Musa: Take care of yourself.

Me: Will do.

I left the office and as I was about to open the door, I saw something that disturbed me. A paper stuck on the passenger window.

"Hope you like the flowers, Im back"

It read.

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I was stuck between choosing to reschedule or to go to the meeting. I took the paper off the window and drove to meet with Abigail. I was glad when the meeting finally ended and went back to the office. I knocked softly on Musa's door.

Musa: Come in....

I slowly opened the door.

Musa: You got that right Frida?

Frida; yes sir.

Musa: Thanks. That will be all.

Frida: Ms Kelly..

Me: Ms Frida. How are you? Love your hair.

Frida: Thank you.

I liked Frida. She was so polite. Married and a hard worker. I had convinced Musa to pay for her studies. She showed interest in Marketing so I told her to apply and that Musa would pay. Companies needed to help employees grow.

Musa: Hey..

I went to sit on the couch

Musa: bad news?

Me: no. We got It.

Musa: What! Baby that's great.

Me: It is..

Musa: okay.

He closed his laptop, closed the door and sat next to me.

Musa: You want to tell me what's wrong?

Me: Someone's stalking me.

Musa: Are you sure?

Me; Here..

I passed him the paper..

Me: I found it on the window.

Musa: Of the car?

I nodded.

Me: This is serious baby. Can we get the parking lot footage?

Musa: They were upgrading it today when you left.

I had forgotten.

Me: Someone must have seen the person.

Musa: how did they even get in coz security is tight?

Me: I don't know

Musa: We'll get to The bottom of this.

Me: Can I go home? I'm not feeling well. I'll take a uber.

Musa: no. I'll ask one of the drivers to take you home. I need to take care of this security issue.

Me: okay then.

He called one of the drivers to get home and I locked every door, closed every window and slept. I had a headache. I took painkillers and finally managed to sleep.

Musa: Hey.

Me: Hey. What time is it?

Musa: 17:30

Me: Oh. Let me go freshen up then start cooking.

Musa: I got us takeaways. Figured you wouldnt be fine.

Me: when did you get home?

Musa: 16:45.

Me: Why didnt you wake me?

Musa: Coz you looked peaceful and I didnt want to disturb you.

Me: I'll be back.

I went to freshen up, grabbed one of shirts and got out of the clothes I was wearing..

Me: Did they see anyone?

He shook his head.

Musa: We adding more security.

Me: Do you have to?

Musa: For your safety yes.

I understood.

Musa: And I'm getting you a driver.

Me: No. Don't do that.

Musa: It's important.

Me: I don't need a driver.

Musa: Rea

Me: I don't need a driver.

Musa: Baby I'm getting you a driver okay. And a bodyguard.

I wasn't going to win

Musa: They'll be here when we get back from Moz.

Me: Okay.

Musa: This should help us find who this person is.

Me: I'm getting sick.

I was. I wasn't feeling okay.

Musa: What do you want me to get you?

Me: water.

Musa: We going back to living on water?

Me: Just for today.

Musa: Okay. Don't think About it too much okay?

Me: Okay.

He went to get me my bottle of water and he chilled with me in the bedroom.

Me: What if they try to Get my kids?

Musa: they wouldn't dare. Security is tight at mum's.

Me: you sure?

Musa: I think they are safer there.

Mum didn't allow the kids to play outside on the street anymore after that Cassie saga. She was overprotective of her grandkids. All of them.

Me: you think?

He nodded.

Me: okay..

I put my head down on the pillow..

Musa: Everything's going to be fine

He was my serenity. I could never imagine life without him. Really. Was that even normal?

Musa: so can you stop thinking about it now?

Me: Okay

Musa: And think about Mozambique.

Me: and how you going to lock me in?

Musa: Yes.

I giggled.

Me: Okay

Musa: that's better. We getting that new car?

Me: You want to get it?

Musa: It's very nice and spacious

Me: you only looking at the "nice".

Musa: And at the " spacious"

Me: I doubt that but we can get it.

Musa: really?

He couldn't believe it. I giggled.

Me: Yes we can.

Musa: thank you.

Me: it's a pleasure. My turn now

Musa: No. You not getting new bags and shoes.

Me: that is not fair

Musa: life's not fair

Me: Musa!

Musa: Baby you have enough.

Me: Really?

Musa: some shoes you haven't even wore yet.

Me: Musa don't lie.

Musa: Don't make me open your closet

Me: Fine!

Battle lost .

Me: You managed to get in contact with that other school?

Musa: Yes I did.

Me: And?

Musa: They've been admitted for Grade 1.

Me: That's good. Now it's time to fight.

We both sighed. I wasn't ready for the complaints that were going to come about those two. I wasn't at all.

Musa: I just hope they not in the same class..

Me: You think those two care? I just hope they

are able to tell them apart.

Musa: It's going to take them sometime.

It was. We could coz we were the parents. Those poor teachers were going to have to look closely at Lwandile who had a small and I mean small scar on his face or look at his medium sized ears to know it's him. Luyanda on the other hand, they would have to look at the slightly bigger ears. And really there was no difference between those ears unless you paid attention. They walked the same. Sounded a little different but it's something that needed attention as well, same height, same body type! Identical! Musa and Ntando. I couldn't even tell who Musa was when he showed me a picture

Me: A lot of time. Want to start packing?

Musa: Not feeling sick anymore?

Me: I'm a woman.

Musa: pardon me..

I smiled and got up to start packing. The weekend was amazing. I had so much fun with Musa, I wasn't locked in luckily. Parties, drinks, sex, swim was all we did. When we landed we both couldn't keep our eyes open, we were glad to finally get home and only woke up at 12:30 on Tuesday.

I was forced to go meet up with Ella at 14:00 coz she wanted to see me. I left Musa there catching up on the weekend's soccer matches

Ella: What the hell?

Me: I look horrible right?

Ella: Haibo! Are you and Musa married?

I kept my sunglasses on.

Me: Yes

Ella: Rea?

Me: Ella?

She shook her head.

Me: How are you by the way?

Ella: I'm fine. I won't ask about you.

Me: please don't. I just need cold water.

She called the waiter.

Ella: Water please.

Me: With ice.

Waiter: Yes ma'am. This for you.

Me: From?

Waiter: The person just told me to give you this and they left.

Me: Male? Female?

Waiter: couldnt tell. Was in disguise.

That didnt make sense but anyway...

Me: Okay thanks.

He left our table.

Ella: Let me see

She took the little box and opened it.

Ella: sea shells. Weird gift. Who buys people sea shells?

Me: is there any note?

She checked.

Ella: "how was Mozambique?"

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Me:Ella

Ella: Secret admirer?

Me: No Stalker

Ella: What?

Me: the person first sent me flowers. They were signed "M.M"

Ella: Musa is "M.M"

Me: It wasn't him.

Ella: That's weird.

Me: I know right. Can you think of any "M.M?"

Ella: No.

Me: this is creepy.

Ella: I know right.

Me: I'll throw those away..

Ella: These are cute.

Me: keep them then.

Ella: does Musa know?

Me: He's hired security..

Ella: you going to be guarded 24/7

Me: Until I know who the person is.

Ella: Cassie again?

Me: I doubt. She's not so stupid.

Ella: But who then?

Me: I Don't know.

Ella: Maybe ke Gloria.

Me: She's in the for life.. She can't even be granted parole due to other charges that came up.

Ella: okay so it's definitely not her.

Me: Okay. Ella let's think.

We tried but no one came to mind. We had lunch and when I got home, Musa was sleeping. He was exhausted. I grabbed my towel so I could go shower again coz I was feeling very hot. As I grabbed my face wash...

Musa: Are we back?

Me: you not sleeping?

Musa: just resting my eyes.

I put down the things I had in my hand and crawled to him then kissed him.

Me: hello baby.

Musa: Hey Mrs Mabasa.

Me: how are you sir?

Musa: I'm Fine. How was lunch with Ella?

I sighed.

Musa: Y'all had a fight?

Me: Nope. My stalker sent another gift.

Musa: what this time?

Me: shells.

Musa: Sea shells?

I nodded

Me: The person knows we were in Mozambique.

Musa: Baby this is serious.

Me: I know.

Musa: okay maybe we need to get a private investigator.

Me: The person will show up soon.

Musa: Your life is at risk.

Me: baby stop wasting money.

I was tired actually.

Musa: this is serious.

Me: And eventually, the stalker will show up.

Musa: You sure?

Me: Yes.

Musa: But the bodyguard and driver aren't going.

Me: I know that.

Musa: and I'll get ready for war.

I didn't like the sound of that.

Me: I'm going to shower.

Musa: can I come?

Me: Nope.

Musa: Why not?

Me: Coz I said so..

Musa: you know I'm going to come anyway right?

I laughed

Me: just come.. And expect nothing.

Musa: after the weekend we had, I still need to get my energy back.

Me: And I need to prepare myself for the presentation we have.

Musa: I hope you guys changed the concept.

Me: No we didn't.

Musa: Rea, that's not what the client wants.

Me: Really?

Musa: yes. I told you guys to find another way to...

Me: That's a perfect concept. Its going to work.

Musa: No. That's not...

Me: I'm not discussing this with you. We not at

work.

He kept quiet coz he knew I was right.

Me: Can we go see the twins after the shower?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Thank you.

We took a really quick one and when we got to mum's.. They were more than happy to see us.

Lwandile: Where were you?

Luyanda: you forgot about us?

Mum: they did.

Lwandile: you did Ms Kelly?

Me: No.

Luyanda: Dad?

Musa: no we didn't.

Lwandile: they didn't koko.

Mum: okay. I'll call you back in. I want to talk to them.

Luyanda: Okay.

They ran off.

Mum: Musa?

Musa: Mama?

Mum: Are you two husband and wife?

Musa: Yes ma'am.

She was starting to sound like Ella.

Mum: and you two are aware that you have kids?

Musa: Yes ma'am.

Mum: How many Rea?

Me: 2 ma..

Mum: Oh you know that you are a mother?

Me: Yes.

Mum: Then why do you two act like you not parents. You two Act like you just met each other

No we didn't.

Mum: okay, you can go away, I love spending time with my grandkids but call them. You Don't do that. Do you?

Me: Mama.

Mum: as soon as you get to the airport, it's

about you two.

We kept quiet.

Mum: can you two start acting like parents?

I mean she fetched them all the time. What were we suppose to do?

Musa: Okay ma. That's all?

Mum: Yes Musa that's all.

Musa: we heard you ma.

He was so polite

Mum: Wife did you hear me?

I almost giggled. Mum though

Me: yes ma I did.

Mum: good..

Me: We are taking our kids home.

Mum: I know they'll be here on Thursday. What's next? Mexico?

I looked at him.

Me: We've always wanted to visit Mexico hey.

He tried to hide his smile and turned to mum.

Mum: Rea!

Musa: we not going anywhere ma.

Mum: Good.

Me: I think we need to go home now. Lwa! Lu!

They ran in with their bags.

Me: Time to go home..

Lwandile: bye koko.

Luyanda: see you koko.

They hugged her.

Me: bye ma..

Mum: bye Rea.. Bye bye Musa.

Musa: bye ma.

She walked us out and we left. When we got home, the twins were already asleep so we didn't even spend time with them. We drove them to school the next day and Musa called a meeting 2 hours before the presentation.

Musa: you will all need to work through this Again. I'm going to call Mr Holmes and reschedule.

Me: No you won't.

Musa: Yes I will. This wont work.

Gerald: But Sir, this is a new concept that Ms Kelly and Ms Charmaine thought through. It will work..

Musa: Gerald, you know how Holmes is.

Me: Mu..Mr Mabasa.

I quickly corrected myself.

Me: Just let us have the presentation.

Charmaine: We really believe it will work out

I mean why was he being so difficult? I was getting pissed but kept it in.

Musa: If we don't bag this...

Me: We will.

Musa: You better. We not here to lose money.

I watched his handsome self walk out. They looked at Charmaine and I.

Gerald: You know you need to ace it right Ms Kelly?

Me: We will G. Don't worry.

We left the boardroom and I had my presentation after an hour and a half. 30 minutes after the presentation, we were called into the boardroom. Musa was serious AF! My word. He kept his eyes on us.

Charmaine: oh crap. With the entire office here?

Me: Just breathe.

She did..I like Charmaine. She was lesbian. Got raped when she was 17, had a baby by her uncle and hated being with a man ever since..

Musa: Okay. I take it we all here.

We were.

Musa; Right so...

He was still very serious.

Musa: Ms Charmaine and Ms Kelly, you bagged it.

Me: Oh we did?

I was being sarcastic. Giggles.

Musa: Yes you did. Well done ladies.

A round of applause for us.

Musa: Drinks and snacks will be served shortly and I think we can call it a day at 15:00 today.

The staff looked happy. He was a great boss.
No lie.

Musa: enjoy!

Another round of applause and he came to
congratulate us

Charmaine: Thank you sir.

She then moved from us.

Musa: Well done.

Me: Thank you. I have a meeting to get to. So I'll
see you at home?

Musa: Be safe. Love you.

Me: Love you too.

I went to get my things and was driven to my next meeting. After that, I had to go buy a few things for dinner and told Chris. My bodyguard to not come with me. I was at a mall for heaven's sake. I picked a few things and as I struggled to choose between blue chesse and Lwandile's 1000 Island sauce.

"Did you like my gifts?"

I got the shock of my life. My heart Almost stopped. He had grown. His voice was deeper.

Me: So it was you. Why didnt Ella and I think of it. Monde Malope.

He cleared his throat.

Monde: Weren't you suppose to wait for me?

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Me: Wait for you?

Monde: yes.

Me: Are you crazy?

Monde; Maybe.

Me: Monde, you left when I was 21, you were 23.

Monde: I know that.

Me: You went to go work in Lesotho and never came back.

Monde: I'm back now.

Me: after 8 years?

Monde: You look beautiful.

Me: Don't you dare touch me.

He kept his hand back.

Me: Stay away from me.

Monde: Remember we used to talk about the future. How we'd get married and....

Me: Life happens. I'm married to someone else now.

Monde: You weren't suppose to do that.

Me: To hell with you.

I picked my basket.

Monde: Rea.

Me: Don't touch me! Damnit!

Monde: Rea.

Me: Monde I'll scream. Leave Me alone.

He let my hand go

Me: Get a life! And stop stalking me! Or else I'll have you arrested Monde.

I left him there.. Paid for the things and was driven home..Musa was watching the boys race in their mini cars.

Me: Hey! You not suppose to do that!

Musa: let the kids be!

Me: Lwandile stop it! Luyanda I'll smack you!

They stopped and drove properly!

Musa: Let the kids be.

Me: No. I'm not raising reckless drivers.

Musa: okay..hello baby

Me: Hey.

Musa: What's wrong?

He knew me too well.

Me: I know who my stalker is.

Musa: How?

Me: he showed up..

Musa: "he?"

He was getting angry.

Me: Calm down!

Musa was so possessive.

Musa: Who is he?

Me: He's my ex.

Musa: What ex?

Me: Before I met you I had a boyfriend.

Musa: Wait...the Lesotho guy?

Me: Yes that one.

Musa: he left you 8 years Ago.

Me: I know baby.

Musa: He better not fuck with me.

He meant it

Musa: Should I Let you handle this?

I nodded.

Musa: And if you fail...

Me: I'll let you take care of it.

Musa: thank you.

Me: Pleasure.

He was serious as a heart attack.

Me: I'm going to cook now.

Musa: don't think you should

Me: Why not?

Musa: coz we going out.

Me: and you didn't tell me this why?.

Musa: I just did.

Me: What's the occasion?

Musa: you bagging it

Me: Oh that! Well in that case....you lookalikes!

They all laughed.

Lwandile: Twins Ms Kelly.

Me: Come!

They ran towards me.

Me: Bath time.

Lwandile: It's 16:30.

Me: No its not. It's 17:30

Luyanda: are we going somewhere?

Me: Yes.

Luyanda: Come Lwa.

They ran in.

Me: denim torn jeans, blue shirts with the little pockets and converse shoes.

Musa: For who?

Me: Your sons.

Musa: why dont you do it?

Me: coz I'm going to bath.

Musa: Am I paying for saying your concept won't work?

Me: smart man..

We both laughed and I went to bath. When I

was done, the twins were nicely dressed.

Me: Looking good fellas.

Lu: Thank you Ms Kelly.

Lwa: Where are we going?

Me: Thank me.

Lwa: Thank you Ms Kelly.

Me: We going out for dinner.

Lu: Pizza?

Me: no..

Lwa: Where are we going then?

Me: what do you want to be when you grow up?

Lwa: FBI agent.

Me: Okay. You watch too many movies. Go sit down. I'll get you guys snacks.

Lu: Okay.

They went to the lounge, I got them snacks And we waited for dad to finish Bathing then we left.

Musa: and where to?

Lu: To play..

Me: Be safe.

Lwa: Okay Ms Kelly.

They quickly drank up and ran off again.

Me: I could use with their energy.

Musa: Your time is up.

Me: tell me about it.

Musa: are you okay?

Me: I am.

I could see the boys from where I was sitting.

Musa: You sure?.

Me: Relieved.. At least I know who was stalking me

Musa: That's all?.

Me: I'm really not feeling okay.

Musa: Why?

Me: I don't know.

Musa: Doctor?

Me: I'll be fine.

I felt really sick after I saw Monde.

Me: Can I have that?

Musa: No.

I took one of his wings.

Musa: Hey!

Me: it's my night.

Musa: Then order your own

Me: What's yours is mine.

Musa: not when it comes to my Buffalo wings.

Me: Be a good husband.

We had such a great night. The next morning, I didn't even want to go to work but had to.

Mello: Sister!

Me: Hey!

I was so happy to see her.

Mello: Here you go

Me: What's this?

Mello: Chocolate hao. You told me you'd like some. So I bought you your own box so you can stay away from mine.

She gave me the slip.

Mello: EFT.

I laughed.

Me; No going to happen.

Mello: I know it won't. So listen, my husband

and I are going to Nigeria.

She was bragging when she said "husband".

Mello: I came to say "bye"

Me: When are you coming back?

Mello: After a week.

Me: Im going to miss you.

Mello: Come with me..

Me: I wish. I have a lot to do.

Mello: I'll bring you something nice.

Me: You better.

She giggled.. I walked her out and when I went back ti the office, Frida said I had a call.

Me: Reabilwe Mabasa hello.

"Hi, It's Monde"

Me: hi.

Monde: How are you?

Me: Didn't I tell you to leave me alone?

Monde: I know.

Me: So?

Monde: Just two minutes.

Me: What do you want?

Monde: Something you said you'll keep for me.

Me: what?

Monde: If you don't do it then I won't stop.

Me: Okay I'm hanging up.

Monde: One night of pleasure with you.

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I laughed.

Me: Are you crazy?

Monde: I'm serious.

Me: Okay bye.

Monde: Rea I'm serious.

Me: Okay.

I hung up and laughed.. I was being tested really.
My notification tone went off. I took mu bag
and went to Musa's office.

Me: Bye.

Musa: "bye?"

Me: I have a check up.

Musa: will you be Fine?

Me: Yep.

Musa: You sure?

I nodded..

Me: I'll talk to you later.

Musa: Okay baby.

Me: Bye.

I left the office and went to the doctor.

Dr: how are you feeling?

Me: just sick.

Dr: let's see. Symptoms?

Me: just feel really sick.

She giggled.

Dr: You know you going to have to be more specific.

Me: Headaches, I just complicate.

Dr: Okay.

She checked me up.

Dr: Flu.

Me: Thought as much.

Dr: But take this.

It was a pregnancy test.

Me: Not again!

Dr: for now. We going to run blood tests as well.

She drew a sample of blood from me and I went to her bathroom for the test

Me: I Just got off my pill you know.

Dr: Exactly!

Me: I doubt it will happen so soon

Dr: some get pregnant on contraceptives Rea. These things aren't 100% accurate. A lot still needs to be achieved in the medical world.

Me: I guess so.

Dr: and its negative.

Me: I did say.

Dr: don't be too excited. Still taking your blood in for tests.

Me: same results.

She smiled.

Dr: Here's your prescription!

Me: Thank you.

Dr: How are the boys doing?

Me: growing up! Getting naughtier.

I could feel my face relax.

Dr: look at you! You lighten up when you talk about them

Me: You know how I was after I lost my first child.

Dr: I remember.

She had been my doctor since the first pregnancy. She was sad that I had lost the child in Mpumalanga

Dr: still breaks my heart.

Me: It's okay. If it happened here I'm sure you would have saved him. Anyway..

I looked at my watch.

Me: I need to go back to work.

Dr: I've prescribed medicine that won't be harmful to the baby.

I laughed.

Me: if there is one and it's not a baby yet.

Dr: Rea get those at the dispensary and go to work

Me: fine thank you.

Dr: And eat!

Me: Got it.

I left her office and went back to work. At around 15:00, I heard little voices asking for me.

Lwa: is she here?

Frida: yes she is. Go ahead and knock.

Lu: Ms Kelly!

Me: I'm here

The door slowly opened.

Lu: hello Ms Kelly.

Me: hey boys

Lwa; how are you Ms Kelly?

Me: I'm fine. What are You guys doing here?

Lu: We came to see you..

Me: really?

Lu: Yes.

Me: How was school?

Lwa: it was fine..

Lu: it was boring

Me: you know you going tomorrow right?

He sat back on the couch. His body language said it all

Me: And who brought you here?

Lwa: Uncle Freddie.

Me: Oh okay.

One of the drivers

Me: Are you guys hungry?

They both nodded.

Me; Come then.

I couldn't work anymore. I knew that. I grabbed my purse.

Lu: Are you sick?

Me: no.

Lu: then why do you have medicine?

Me: oh. Flu Yanda

Lu: you went to the doctor?

Me: yes.

Lwa: without us?

Me: You were at school.

Lu: why didn't you wait for us to come back?

Me: but why?

Lwa: so that we can get sweets Ms Kelly!

I laughed.

Me; let's go get you food okay? You want to go greet your dad first?

They shook their heads. They were really hungry, we left my office and walked towards the reception to get to the cafeteria.

Musa: and I'm not invited?

Lu: Dad!

They both ran into his arms and he picked them up

Musa: so I ask Uncle Freddie to pick you up from school and the first person you go to is your mother?

They nodded.

Musa: Oh! Ouch

The twins and I giggled.

Lu: we wanted to see Ms Kelly first

Lwa: she said she's sick.

Musa: She went to the doctor.

Lwa: can we take her home?

Oh wow! Finally my kids cared for me. Who would have thought?

Musa: I guess you can.

Me: And what about your food?

Lu: We'll eat at home.

Me: Okay. Let's go fetch my things then..

Their dad put them Down and they ran back to the office.

Musa: what did the doctor say?

Me: flu.

Musa: will you be fine?

Me: I should be. I'll see you at home okay?

Musa: okay baby.

I went to the twins, they had already taken My bag and laptop and my assigned driver took us home. I made them food and we went to watch movies in the lounge. Their dad came back an hour and a half later and I went to make him something to eat as well and we just chilled with the boys. They were talking crazy I didn't even know why. They slept at around 20:00 and we went to bed an hour later.

Musa: You really don't look fine..

Me: I Don't feel fine. Blocked nose. My eyes hurt now. My throat hurts.

Musa: can I get you something?

Me: no.

Musa: you sure?

Me: I'm sure.. Must be nice to be you.

Musa: Why?

Me: Baby you hardly get sick

Musa: my immune system is strong..

I giggled.

Me: Wow! Okay.

Musa: but I'm serious..

Me: So Monde called

Musa: oh?

Me: he said, in order for him to leave me alone,
he wants a night of pleasure

He laughed.

Musa: Is your ex crazy?

Me: Must be.

Musa: And what did you say?

Me: I laughed the same you did. Monde's crazy.
I wont stress myself about him

Musa: No you don't. I will do the stressing

We changed the topic and eventually slept. At around 2, I woke up feeling thirsty, went to check on the boys and went to the kitchen to get water. I looked for something to snack on as I was feeling very hungry.

"Good morning"

I felt my heart stop then it started beating faster as I turned.

Me: Are you crazy?

Monde: about you yes.

Me: How the hell did you get in here?

Monde: doesn't matter. I came to fetch you.

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He grabbed my hand and my back hit against the fridge.

Monde: kiss me!

Me: fuck you!

Monde: Rea!

He tried to get to my lips but I kept moving my face.

Me: Musa!

Monde: stop it!

Me: Musa!

As he tried to pick me up I managed to use my knee and it hit against his stomach, he got off me and fell down

Me: Musa!

I ran to get a frying pan to hit him with and as I turned, I saw him go out the window and

immediately after he disappeared...

Musa: Rea?

He was still sleepy.

Musa: baby are you okay?

My breathing rate was fast.

Musa: what are you doing with a pan? Don't tell me you called me here so I can make you food.

I started breathing right.

Me: Monde was here .

His face Changed.

Musa: in my house?

I nodded.

Musa: in the wee hours of the morning?

Me: yes

He chuckled.

Musa: you know I'm going to kill him right?

He was as serious as a heart attack.

Musa: go back to bed I need to think about this.

Oh crap!

Me: Musa...

Musa: Reabilwe go to bed!

He had spoken. I took another bottle of water, went to check on my boys again and I couldn't sleep. When the alarm went off, I didn't get up. I wasn't going to work and my boys weren't going to school. Who knew what Monde had up his sleeves.

Musa: you not going to work?

I shook my head, he was in the bedroom. I didn't even hear him come in.

Musa: I'll stay with you

Me: I'll be fine.

Musa: you sure?

I nodded.

Me: You tightened up security at work. Can you do it here at home?

Musa: okay baby.

Me: thank you.

Musa: What do you know about Monde?

Me: Not much.

Musa: His parents house. Could be where his hiding.

I shook my head.

Me: When he moved to Lesotho, he left with his mum. They sold that house.

Musa: Aunts? Uncles?

Me: I don't know.

Musa: I'll get his number from the office. Im sure you don't have it.

Me: No I don't.

Musa: Okay baby.

I put my head down again.

Musa: I'll be back before 13:00

Me: Okay.

Musa: And please eat.

Me: I will.

Musa: I love you.

Me: I love you too baby.

He went to shower then left for work.. Lu was very happy about not going to school.

Lwa: are you still sick?

Me: Yes I am..

Lu: Why are your eyes red?

Me: I didn't sleep much baby.

Lu: why?

Me: I couldn't sleep.

Lwa: Sorry Ms Kelly.

Me: its okay. You two want food?

They nodded.

Lu: Porridge..

Lwa: With peanut butter

Me: Okay. Let's go..

I made them porridge and decided to clean while they watched TV. I got texts and pics from Mello. She was having fun. She loved going to her in-laws anyway. As I was cleaning the kitchen, I got a call from my doctor's office.

Me: Good morning.

Dr: morning Rea. Your results are back.

Me: So quick?

Dr: Yes Mrs. You want to come through?

Me: I can't. Can you just give them to me over the phone?

Dr: well okay. I'll keep them for you.

Me: Thank you.

Dr: You are pregnant.

Me: What?

Dr: Yes.

Me: How many weeks?

Dr: Two.

Me: I just stopped taking the pill a week ago

Dr: you missed some days?

Yes. Yes I did.

Me: ummm sometimes.

Dr: well then. Congratulations. I want you to come in okay? So I can make sure you okay.

Me: okay thank you.

Dr: Have a great day.

Me: You too.

I was suddenly ecstatic. I couldn't wait for Musa to come home. The twins didn't have time for me. They had movies to catch up on. I went to bath and chilled with them after cleaning. At around 13:30, Musa came back.

Musa: Boys.

Lu&Lwa: Hello dad.

Still paying attention to their movie.

Musa: Its one of those days?

Me: Yep.

Musa: Want to go outside?

Me: Go change first.

Musa: Okay baby.

5 minutes later, we were chilling outside.

Me: How was work?

Musa: Fine.

Me: And?

Musa: and I got someone to look into Monde.
The numbers he called you with are u
untraceable. He's a smart one.

Me: so we have no leads?

Musa: For now.

Me: okay. Let's not talk about him

I wasn't stressing about Monde.

Musa: And how were the first few hours without

me?

I giggled.

Musa: For someone who was attacked you look happy.

Me: Life is a Beautiful gift.

I smiled and he shot a smile back. He was still
In the dark but seeing me smile had him happy.

Me: Right so you ready?

Musa: For?

Me: for hitting baby shops and sleepless nights.

His face lit up.

Musa: what!

Me: She called to tell me I'm pregnant.

Musa: Baby that's great.

He was suddenly on his knees reaching for my lips. I felt the warmth of his heart and body. This man really loved me. No doubt. The amount of love he had for me gave me goosebumps.

2 weeks later, no word from Monde. I was enjoying the early stages of my pregnancy. Was very careful. Miscarrying causes a woman to be very insecure with every pregnancy. On that particular day, I drove myself to my gynae. Everything was fine. As soon as I stepped out, I saw Monde standing outside my car. I wasn't

going to live in fear because of him.

Me: Move.

Monde: No.

Me: Monde damnit Move!

Monde: no. Let's talk.

Me: No.

Monde: Rea don't make me do this to you.

Me: Monde move. I'll kick your balls this time!

Monde: why are you always visiting the doctor?

Me: That's none of your business.

Monde: Are you pregnant?

I folded my arms.

Monde: So I was right!

And out of nowhere, he forcefully grabbed me and as I was trying to fight him off me, he injected something in me and the next thing, I knew I was in my gynae's bed.

Dr: Rea.

Me: What happened?

Dr: Someone tried to attack you but the guards were able to see him and he ran off before they could catch him.

Me: What? Is my baby fine? What did he do?

Dr: he injected a very harmful and fast substance in your body. We almost lost you as you were struggling to breathe.

Me: Okay but we are fine now right?

Dr: You'll be fine.

Me: "you'll?"

Dr: You lost the baby.

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Me: Please check again.

Dr: Rea, don't do this to yourself.

I didn't know how to feel..

Dr: I've Called Musa. He's on his way. I didn't tell him about the child. Told him you collapsed.

Me: please check again.

Dr: Rea...

Me: Please.

She put gel on my body and I turned my head to the screen.

Me: There's nothing there.

Dr: Rea

Me: Maybe this thing is broken.

Dr: Rea please.

She wiped the gel off my belly.

Dr: You'll be fine. I promise.

I could feel the lump in my throat.. Why me? I hated Monde, I hated him so much. I hated him with everything in me.

Dr: we've cleaned you up Okay?

I felt my cheeks wet.

Dr: just drink up.

I shook My head.

Dr: Okay I'll let you be okay.

I kept quiet and turned my face to the window.
10 minutes Later, Musa was next to me.

Musa: Baby?

I kept my eyes on the window

Musa: Where's the security team?

I took a deep breath.

Me: I gave them the day off and came here alone.

Musa: what? Rea...you not suppose to do that. Anyway...are you and the baby fine?

I kept quiet.

Musa: Rea?

I took another deep breath.

Me: Monde followed me here...

I was tearing up again...

Me: then we got into a fight. I tried to fight back but he injected some substance into my body and I....I....

Musa: Did he hurt you?

Me: I lost our baby.

Musa: What?

It was a very sad "what?"

Me: I'm so sorry.

He was quiet now. He sat back and minutes later, he grabbed his car keys and left the room. I got up from the bed and put my shoes on. My doctor came in a few minutes later.

Dr: Rea?

Me: can I go home?

Dr: no. We transferring you to a nearby hospital

Me: But I'm fine.

Dr: We are keeping you there for the night.

Me: Okay..

Dr: The ambulance is here.

Me: What about my car?

Dr: Musa said he'll call someone to fetch it.

Me: okay.

I was taken to the hospital. They ran a few tests when I got there and I found Mello and Tshego in my ward when I went back.

Mello: hey Sissy

She looked so worried. Tshego's eyes were bloodshot red.

Me: Hey.

Mello: are you fine?

I shook my head. I was tearing Up.

Me: The one thing he wanted so much Mello, I couldn't give it to him. I couldn't keep my child safe from...I'm such a bad wife.

Mello: Don't do that to yourself..

Me: Its the truth..

Mello: You didn't ask for this to happen. You didn't know you'd miscarry..

Tshego: Is it True that Monde did this?

I nodded.

Mello: Tshepo said Musa called him and told him. They are looking for him now.

Me: Okay.

Tshego: when did he come back?

Me: I don't know..

Mello: Is he your ex?

Tshego: yes. He left for Lesotho when she was 21

Mello: What the hell?

Tshego: I know.

Tshego was really sad. I was just trying to be strong. I really was but I just wanted to cry

Mello: You'll be fine.

Me: I Just need to rest.

Mello: okay we bought you clothes.

They had bought me new PJs and tracksuits.

Me: Thank you.

Tshego: and here's your toiletry bag .

Me: Thanks sis

Tshego: Rea..

Me: Yes?

Tshego: You need to let it out.

That's the problem with Tshego. She knew me well

Me: Can I just rest?

Mello: Okay .

Me: Can you fetch me tomorrow?

I was asking Mello. Tshego had a baby to take care of

Mello: You don't want Musa to fetch you?

Me: I can't face him yet.

Mello: Okay then. We love you.

Me: I love y'all too.

They both hugged me and left. Trust Musa to send my bodyguard to stand Outside my ward. I actually cried myself to sleep. That had taken me back to that horrible place. To that place I

didn't want to go back to. The next morning, I went to bath and waited for Mello, I would have easily left with my bodyguard but I didn't want to.

Mello: Hey sis.

Me: Hey sis.

Mello: how are you feeling today?

Me: I don't know.

Mello: Did you eat?

Me: I did.

Mello: Horrible food Right?

I smiled...

Mello: let's go. For real breakfast.

We went to get my medication and my bodyguard drove behind us to some restaurant. Mello ordered us food.

Me: Where's Musa?

Mello: I don't know..

Me: he Didn't come last night. Mello I think he hates me.

Mello: No he doesn't.

Me: he does.. Why hasn't he called me?

My phone rang

Mello: There.

Me: Its not him. I don't know The number.

Mello: Okay just answer your phone.

Me: no Mello.

Mello: Rea...

I answered it.

Me: Hello.

"Hey it's me"

Me: Fuck you.

Monde: The little bastard is out of the way. We can start our life as husband and wife now.

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I hung up.

Mello: what's Musa saying?

Me: Mello. Its not him. It's Monde.

She quickly snatched my phone and did something. I didn't even Want to ask. probably blocked the number.

Me: Can we go home now?

Mello: To your house?

Me: Please..

Mello: Okay.

We asked for doggy bags and we went to my house. Mum was there with the Twins.

Me: mama.

I ran into her arms.

Mum: Oh baby.

I let it out. I was in my mother's arms after all.

Mum: It's okay.

I sobbed in her arms and she was able to calm me down.

Mum: Its okay Rea.

I shook my head.

Mello: Here.

She passed me a bottle of water.

Mum: breathe and rest okay?

I nodded.

Mum: go on.

Mello and I went to the bedroom.

Mello: Please Eat.

I looked at the food.

Mello: Rea dont make me slap you.

The way she said it made me giggle.

Mello: And that's how you deal with pain. You laugh a bit.

Me: Going through something twice is not the greatest thing In life.

Mello: but you know how to deal with the pain.

True.

Mello: you know how I dealt with it?

Me: You miscarried?

Mello: twice. Before I even met Mike. I dated a very abusive guy.

Me: And he's the cause?

She nodded.

Me: Im sorry.

Mello: Its Okay.. Anyway, I went to buy all the ingredients I needed to make sqho.

I laughed. Sounded just like Tshupo.

Mello: I'm telling a story don't laugh.

Me: Im sorry.

Mello: so I made a drum full of that and it last me for weeks.

Me: Did it make the pain go away?

Mello: Nope. It made it worse.

I gave me my food.

Mello: So cry if you have to. Scream! Break

dishes. Lash out but don't blame yourself for it.

Me: I shouldn't have told security to stay away.

Mello: you didn't know this would happen Rea. You didn't. And you need your space too. You can't have tough men walking behind you all the time. He's very hot by the way hey.

I laughed.

Me: Please stay.

Mello: I will come here everyday till you fine. Mum is here to take care of you.

Me: You promise?

Mello: I promise..

Me: okay.

Mello: eat now.

Me: I can't.

I had no appetite.

Me: I dont know where Musa is.

Mello: Musa is fine

Me: How sure are you?

Mello: Rea, he is with Tshupo where he is.

Me: you sure?

Mello: Im sure.

Me: okay.

Mello: now sleep since you dont want to eat.

Me: Can I just see my sons?

Mello: Did you see how sad they were when you broke down and cried?

I didnt.

Mello: Rea, stop being stubborn and rest.

I was losing. I was forced to rest even if I didn't want to. When I woke up, Mum was cooking.

Me: Is Musa back yet?

Mum: No Rea.

Me: mum where is he?

Mum: I Don't know..he said he's going out.

Me: Since?

Mum: Since the morning. He spent the night in the study and left this morning.

Me: mama...

I was crying again.

Me: Mum please tell me where he is.

Mum: Rea baby I Don't know. He was on the phone with Tshupo when he left.

Me: he could be hurt where he is ma..

Mum: no negative thoughts Rea.

I was stressed out. Really.

Me: Okay.

My phone rang in my hoodie and I jumped up. I quickly took it out and saw Bonga's name.

Me: Hello.

Bonga: R.

Me: Hey B

Bonga: Are you okay?

Me: I'll be fine.

He cleared his throat.

Bonga: Rea!

Me: Hey.

Bonga: what's wrong?

Me: Bonga, I don't want go talk about it now.

Bonga: Think I should come there after work?

Me: Well you can

Bonga: Okay then.

Me: I'll see you when you get here.

Bonga: Rea?

Me: B?

Bonga: Whatever it is. Please eat.

Me: Okay.

I hung up and went back to mum. The twins kept their eyes on me the entire time. They wanted to say something', they wanted to ask questions but didn't know how to go about and do it. The rest of the afternoon was just weird. Bonga came through after work. He was shocked to Learn about Monde's behavior. Mum and the boys went to bed at around 22:00 and I just stayed in bed. Endless tears rolling down my eyes. The light came on and I quickly turned my eyes to the door.

Musa: hey!

He pulled me into his arms.

Musa: Stop crying.

Me: I'm so sorry.

Musa: it's not your fault.

Me: It's not?

I drew back and he wiped the tears off my face.

Musa: you thought everything is back to normal since he wasn't harassing you anymore.

Me: I was so worried about you. Where have you been?

He took his jacket off.

Me: Musa?

Musa: Baby?

Me: you?

Musa: looked for him till I found him, we had a physical fallout then buried him alive yes. He

probably took his last breath a few minutes ago.

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Me: you did?

He took his dirty shirt off.

Musa; I did. I'll be back..I need to burn this.

Me: okay.

About 25 minutes later, he came back.

Musa: Come.

Me: where?

Musa: to bath.

I got up from bed and followed him to the bathroom.

Musa: Is the water warm enough?

Me: It's perfect.

He rested my head on his chest.

Me: You really buried him alive?

I was in disbelief.

Musa: Yes I did.

Me: I can't say I feel bad.

Musa: You not suppose to.

Me: are You mad at me?

Musa: Never.

Me: really?

Musa: You are my wife.

Me: and?

Musa: And I can't go to bed mad at you.

Me: I like that.

We both kept for about 2 minutes

Musa: I'm sorry..

Me: Me too

Musa: It's not Your fault baby.

Me: I should have listened.

Musa: It's All done now.

I kept quiet

Musa: it's going to be fine.

Me: really?

Musa: it always works out in the end.

Me: won't the police come looking for you?

Musa: no.

Me: how sure are you?

Musa: baby I'm sure.

Me: thank you.

Musa: For?

Me: Always protecting me.

Musa: I'm your husband. I'm suppose to protect you. I'd go to war for you.

I took a deep breath

Musa: baby?

Me: Love?

Musa: You not okay right?

I was broken inside. I was just trying to act strong. I lifted my head from his chest and faced him then shook my head.

Me: I just want to scream.

Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: I'm so tired of people taking the people I love away from me.

Musa: It won't happen again .

Me: really?

Musa: No one is going to take anyone from you

again. I promise you that much. And you know I keep my promises.

I put my head back on his chest.

Me: I just want to go away.

Musa: on vacation?

Me: Be away from all of this yes.

Musa: I'm with you on that.

Me: can we?

Musa: Yes.

Me: With the boys.

Musa: That's fine.

Musa: Okay you choose.

Me: I say we put 10 in a hat and let them pick.

Musa: not a problem.

Me: They need a break.

Musa: And I finally agree with you. We always leave them behind.

Me: They are a handful.

Musa: no they aren't.

Me: Yes they are.

Musa: I won't argue with you.

Me: Thank you.

We relaxed in the water and eventually went to bed. I managed to sleep. The Next morning, mum was making breakfast

Me: mama.

Mum: Hello Rea. How are you?

Me: Feel better than yesterday.

Mum: is Musa back?

Me: he is. He's still sleeping.

Mum: okay that's good.

Me: Yes ma'am. Where are the boys?

Mum: School Rea..

Me: Oh..

Mum: And now you need to sit down and eat

Me: I'm not...

Mum: Eat!



A week later, we were back in The mumbo islands. The twins saw one of the pics I took there and they wanted to go too so we thought why not. Still beautiful as ever. I was dealing with my loss the best way I knew how to..

Musa: You okay?

I nodded. We were watching the boys play.

Me: You?

Musa: Happy when you are.

Me: You know I love you Right?

Musa: But?

I giggled.

Me: But I love you.

He smiled.

Musa: I love you more. If only you could eat.

Me: Please don't force me to eat.

Musa: You only eat two spoons of cereal. Take two bites of whatever and you drink a lot of water

Me: and that's good coz I'm not dehydrated.

Musa: Baby please.

Me: Musa I have no appetite

Musa: for an entire week baby?

Me: Please....

I didn't want to eat. I had no appetite

Musa: Okay.

Me: Thank you.

Musa: Where to from here?

Me: We drop those two off and head to Mexico

He laughed

Musa: so you leaving them behind?

Me: On that trip yes. They need to go to school.

Musa: listen to you.

I laughed.

Me: but I'm right.

Musa: You think they are proud of us?

Me: I'm proud of the parents we are. If they aren't then that's all on them.

Musa: Well I think they are happy.

Me: We do our best to make them happy.

Musa: that's true.

Me: So I was speaking to NOMPI.

Musa: oh?

Me: She invited us to the relaunch of her salon.

Musa: So we must drive to Mpumalanga?

Me: Yes

Musa: Okay.

Me: Proud brother?

Musa: I am. She's really succeeding. She owes you.

Me: No she doesn't.

Musa: I'm surprised she was able to keep it afloat for the past 4 years..

Me: She has you as a brother. She doesn't have a choice.

Musa: That's right

My WhatsApp notification tone went off. I didn't know the numbers.

"Do you really think you know that man you're married to well enough?"

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"Who are you"

"Let's meet up"

Musa: Rea!

I looked at him.

Me: I'm sorry.

Musa: I'm going to join the boys are you coming?

Me: No. Go on without me.

Musa: Okay.

He kissed me then ran to his boys

"Why would I want to do that?"

"Your husband is not the person you think he is"

"Then I'm not interested"

"Really?"

"I'm about to blacklist you"

The person sent a photo. Female.

"What do you want from me?"

"Can we meet?"

"Fine, I'll tell you when I get back"

"Thanks"

I watched Musa play with his boys and when they came out of the water, we went to some restaurant for food.

Lwa: Ms Kelly!

Me: Hey..

Lwa: I asked you a question.

Me: Yes?

Lu: He asked you if he could get what you drinking.

Me: No.

Lwa: Why?

Me: Coz it's not for kids.

Lwa: Can I taste.

I passed him my glass of wine.

Lwa: It's bitter.

Lu: Let me taste.

He drank up too.

Lu: Sies!

Me: Exactly!

Musa giggled.

Musa: Those kids aren't suppose to be drinking that.

Me: They love things. You want more?

They quickly shook their heads.

Me: Good boys.

Lwa: Can we go to the play area?

Me: Is there a play area here?

Musa: Yes. Over there.

Me: You can go.

Lu: Thank you Ms Kelly

They ran off.

Musa: baby?

Me: baby?

Musa: Are you fine?

Me: I'm fine.

Musa: What's on your mind?

Me: What happened..

I lied.

Musa: You need counselling?

Me: No. No I'm fine.

Musa: Baby are you sure?

Me; Baby don't worry about me.

Musa: I'll act like you didn't say that.

I giggled. I didn't want to tell him. Until I knew what's what. I didn't want to jump into conclusions like I did the last time.

Me: I'm fine

Musa: I hope so baby.

I took a deep breath..

Me: You think we'll ever find peace?

Musa: We are at peace

Me: For now yes

Musa: Negative thinking baby?

Me: I'm just saying .

Musa: Do me a favor.

Me: Okay..

Musa: Nothing will happen.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Got it?

I nodded.

Musa: so I was thinking..

Me: oh oh...

Musa: its nothing bad

Me: Really?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Okay.

Musa: I think It's time we Renewed our vows

Me: Oh No!No

He laughed.

Musa: Rea...

I giggled.

Me: Baby?

Musa: stop being dramatic.

I smiled.

Me: Let's do it.

Musa: You sure?

Me: So we having a wedding?

Musa: is that what you want?

Me: well would be nice.

Musa: Okay then.

Me: but with a romantic feel to it.

Musa: So our wedding wasn't Romantic?

Me: I didn't say that.

Musa: Indirectly.

Me: okay so you going to be a part of the planning.

Musa: baby, you know I need to work right?

Me: then we not renewing our vows

He giggled.

Musa: You can't be serious.

Me: 50/50 baby.

Musa: Okay fine

Me: Good so I have a few ideas...

I scrolled through my Gallery.

Me: What about this?

Musa: When did you download these pictures?

Me: I've always had them.

Musa: okay that's nice.

Me: You see?

We enjoyed our time at the mumbo islands and when we got home, I figured I should go see this girl who was pestering me.

Me: Hi.

"Hi, I'm Linda"

Me: Hi..did you get anything to drink?

Linda: No. Was waiting for you.

Me: Okay.

She called the waitress and we got our drinks.

Linda: You very pretty.

Me: Thanks. So?

Linda: Musa is not the angel he thinks he is.

Me: Really?

Linda: we had an affair just after you got

engaged.

Me: Oh?

Linda: And he has been hitting me up since.

Me: Hitting you up?

Linda: Yes. He wants us to get back together. I can't let him hurt you.

Me: And I'm suppose to believe you because?

She got busy with her phone and I suddenly heard my notifications tone go off. She had sent pictures on WhatsApp about 10 of them. They were in bed. Some she had taken while they were having lunch or breakfast or whatever

Linda: because I've got evidence.

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Me: Evidence you say?

Linda: Yes.

Me: okay. Thanks.

Linda: I'm really sorry.

I took out a R200 note.

Me: Bye.

Took my bag and went back to the office.

Frida: Mr Mabasa asked you to see him after lunch.

Me: okay.

I went to his office.

Musa: Good afternoon.

Me: Good Afternoon Sir.

Musa: How was lunch without me?

Me: It was fine. You called for me?

Musa: Yes ma'am... Here.

Me: What's this?

Musa: Your new project.

Me: Oh.

Musa: you ready to take it on?

Me: Yes I am.

Musa: Good.

Me: great. I need to get back to work work now.

Is there anything else?

Musa: Yes. You bagged another contract.

Me: Oh wow.

He passed me the contract.

Musa: Well done again.

Me: Thank you.

Musa: pleasure.

I gave it back to him.

Me: work smart.

Musa: You too. Baby?

Me: Hey.

Musa: Need to be in Cape Town on Wednesday.

You want to tag along?

Me: For?

Musa: Networking.

Me: I mean, why do you need to be in Cape town

Musa: I'm meeting a potential client and I've been invited to one of the dinners there.

Me; Oh. Can I think about it?

Musa: that's okay.

Me: Okay then.

I left his office and went to work. I then called Jono, Bonga's friend. Well my friend too in a way. It was always me, him and Bonga in high school. We spoke from time to time.

Jon: Mrs Mmapaseka Reabilwe Kelly Mabasa..

Me: It's Reabilwe first.

He laughed

Jon: And to what do I owe this pleasure of a phone call?

I giggled.

Me: How are you?

Jon: Married and you?

I giggled again.

Me: I know that. I was at your wedding remember?

Jon: Oh yes. Your passport rested that weekend.

Me: Oh shut up Jon

He laughed

Jon: are you good?

Me: I am.

Jon: Bonga told me what Monde did. I'm sorry.

Me: thank you.

Jon: Hope he's dead wherever he is.

Me: You and I both. So listen..

Jon: yes Pasi.

Me: Stop calling me that please.

Jon though!

Jon: forgive me.

Me: I'm about to send you pictures Mr IT.

Jon: okay...

Me: Can you check them out for me?

Jon: that's all?

Me: and find a few phone records, messages, emails etc for me.

Jon: sure thing. Send it all now.

Me: Thank you.

Jon: You lucky I'm on leave and I'm bored

Me: Thank God. I Wonder whose hard drives you stealing now. You stole a lot from school.

He giggled.

Jon: I took them. Big difference.

Me: Yeah right.

Jon: just send whatever please so I can get started

Me: okay thanks.

Jon: sure thing Rea B.

I hung up and sent him everything I had to then continued working.

An hour later, I got a call from my sissies.

Tshego: How was Malawi?

Me: It was great..

Tshego: You had fun?

Mello: Any gifts?

Me: Nope.

Tshego: Again?

Me: we didn't go out.

Mello: But you were with the kids.

Me: yes I know that.

Mello: So no gifts?

Me: No.

Tshego: Okay so when's the next lunch?

Me: We should do that hey.

Tshego: tomorrow?

Me: When?

Tshego: Tomorrow.

Mello: Rea what's going on with you?

Me: Oh nothing. I'm sorry.

Mello: You sure?

Me: Yes.

Tshego: Let's meet tomorrow.

Me: Tuesday?

Mello: Yes. Cancel all your meetings we are your sisters.

I laughed.

Me: I have no meetings. I'll work half day.

Mello: Oh yes. That's good.

Me: And we can go to the spa?

Tshego: You paying?

Me: yes.

Mello: nice to have a sister mos.

We giggled.

Me: can I get back to work?

Mello: Okay wife..

Me: Okay then bye.

Tshego: Tell us you love us.

Mello and I laughed..

Me: I love you sisters.

Mello: We love you too.

Tshego: Love you baby.

I hung up and continued working. Went to fetch the kids from school and Musa arrived an hour later, he Was always on time if not earlier than the usual. I heard him making noise with his boys outside and about 15 minutes later, he came in.

Musa: Baby.

Me: Hey my love.

He came to kiss me.

Musa: Had a good day?

Me: Yes I did.

Musa: I'll be back.

He went to go change then grabbed a few things.

Me: you cooking?

Musa: Yes I am. Want to grab my phone?

Me: Okay.

I switched it on.

Musa: so I took the time to get ideas for our "wedding"

I laughed.

Me: You?

Musa: Me. Spent my lunch hour doing that.

Me: Okay Gallery?

Musa: yes. By the way...gave Capetown a thought?

Me: I'm coming with you.

Musa: Great!

I unlocked his phone and started looking at the pictures he downloaded.

Me: Baby these are nice

Musa: So I've done my 50 Right?

I giggled.

Me: No. Stop dreaming. We still have a long way to go.

Musa: oh Lord!

A message popped up.

"Hai Musa Mfethu, why was your phone off? We have a problem mfana. Fez spotted Rea with Linda earlier on today"

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I didn't delete the message.

Musa: So?

Me: Babe?

Musa: You found a venue you like?

He was so chilled. I didn't want to attack or confront him.

Me: not yet.

Musa: Okay.

Me: I'll Loik at these later.

Musa: You sure?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Okay so you've decided when you want to go to Mexico?

I shook my head.

Me: Not now.

Musa: Why not?

Me: Want to take a break.

Musa: You want to take a break?

Me: Yes..

Musa: that's new.

Me: We need to relax a bit.

Musa: I guess that makes sense.

Me: And we are about to get into the new year.
A month and a half so we need to make sure
the boys are ready for school.

Musa: You don't want to send them to boarding
school?

I laughed.

Me: No. Is there even one around for kids their
age?

Musa: I don't know.

Me: they aren't going anywhere.

Musa: Okay.

Me: So that's It.

Musa: But its settled baby.

Me: You've paid the fees?

He nodded.

Me: Good. I got their uniform and stationery already so I guess it's settled.

Musa: see so we can focus on other things now

Me: we can.

I was really holding it in. Another message came in and he took his phone from the counter as I had put it down. I watched as he typed something and looked at me.

Me: Is everything fine?

He seemed uneasy. He didn't respond.

Me: Is everything fine?

Musa: Yeah. It is..

His eyes still On his phone.

Me: Musa!

Musa: Rea stop screaming.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Excuse me.

I watched as he went to his study and closed

the door.

I didn't follow him there instead I went to My boys.

Lu: Ms Kelly

Me: Mr Jaden

Lu: You here to play with us?

Lwa: You here to watch us?

Me: Yes.

Lwa: We won't break your windows.

I laughed.

Me: Coz if you do that again... I'll break you

Lwa: You don't have to watch us.

Me: I want to.

Lwa: You do?

Me: yes.

Lu: Okay Ms Kelly.

I watched as they played and Musa came out 15 minutes later.

Musa: Dribble boy!

He was back to his chilled self. This man though. I was still going to keep quiet.

Musa: Sorry about that.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Had a conference call with Nkosi and Fez.

Me: Oh are they fine?

Musa: Yeah. They are. They are just steessing

over nonsense.

Me: mmm

Musa: Yes ma'am.

It was as if he was expecting me to say something.

Musa: Going back to Cook.

Me: okay babe. I'll stay here with the boys.

Musa: You sure?.

Me: Yes Mr M.

Musa: Okay babe.

I watched him walk off and called Noma.

Noma: She finally gets back to me.

Me: I'm sorry..

Noma: how are you?

Me: Im fine.

Noma: You sure?

Me: Yes. How's the pregnancy?

Noma: Horrible. I can't wait to give birth.

I giggled..

Me: I'll come see you soon .

Noma: I'd like that.

Me: I'll come.

Noma: Before you go on another vacation.

I giggled again.

Me: listen, the girls and I are going to the spa tomorrow. Why don't you join us?

Noma: Wish I could. I'll be with your Rakgadi tomorrow.

Me: Mum?

Noma: yes

Me: Is she fine?

Noma: Oh yes she is.

Me: Okay I'll see you soon then.

Noma: Okay. Take care of yourself..

Me: you too babe.

Noma: Love you..

Me: I love you too.

I hung Up and watched the boys. Musa called us in for dinner.

Me: This looks nice

Musa: Thank you. Feast family.

My appetite was back.

Lu&Lwa: thanks dad.

Musa: pleasure boys.

We had dinner and they went to bath then went to bed

Me: You not coming to bed?

Musa: I just need to work through these.

He was busy on his laptop.

Me: its almost 23:00

Musa: I'll be in bed soon.

Me: can you reduce the brightness on that thing?

Musa: baby it's okay.

I walked up to him and reduced the Brightness on his laptop.

Musa: I never win with you do I?

Me: no. Just do the right thing.

Musa: I will.

Me: Just 30 minutes.

Musa: yes Mrs Mabasa..

I went to our bedroom and couldn't sleep. I was used to him next to me. At 23:45, I went to get hot water bottle from the guestroom and

realized that the study's light was still on. I walked slowly towards it..

Musa: Yini kanti?

I made sure I was as quiet as a mouse.

Musa: Linda what are you doing? Are you stupid?.....why the fuck would you go and do that?....fine! What? Just name your price and stay away from my wife.

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I tiptoed to the bedroom and faced the other way, 15 minutes later, he was in bed. I pretended to be asleep so I wouldn't have to

talk to him. I kept my eyes closed until I finally fell asleep. I was more than happy to wake up when the alarm went off.

Musa: Morning baby..

Me: Hey babe.

Musa: Slept well?

Me: I did hey. You?

Musa: Slept okay.

He was tossing and turning.

Me: We going in different cars okay?

Musa: why?

Me: I have an appointment with the doctor and my sisters.

Musa: Okay.

Me: And I'll be taking the rest of the day off..

Musa: Okay baby.

Me: Yes love.

I wore one of the dresses I had bought but never wore and a new pair of heels to match.

Musa: You going to the office like that?

Me: Yes.

He whistled.

Musa: You look like a snack

Me: Coz I am one Mr Mabasa.

I changed bags, tied my hair in a cute side bun.

Musa: can I just get you out of that dress?.

Me: No

Musa: baby...

Me: Tell your little man to behave coz we have to work.

I grabbed the other car keys.

Me: And you taking the kids to school.

Musa:again?

Me: Yep..

Musa: Rea...

Me: I'll take them tomorrow baby. And you fetching them

Musa: okay.

Me: love you.

Musa: Love you too.

I went to say bye to the boys and left. I got a call from Jono at around 10:30.

Me: Jono..

Jon: Hey hey.

Me: you good?

Jon: yes I am you?

Me: I'm fine..

Jon: so listen...

Me: Yes?

Jon: Can you come over after work?

Me: you done?

Jon: Yes I am.

Me: I'll come through at around 15:30

Jon: Okay no problem.

Me: See you soon

Jon: Cool..

I hung up and continued working, went for my doctor's appointment and then went to see meet with my sisters.

Me: sister sister!

Tshego: Look at you.

Mello: If I had Your figure girl. I would take that dress.

Tshego: You look really nice..

Me: Thank you.

Mello: How are all your boys doing?

Me: my boys are fine.

Tshego: And you?

Me: I'm also fine.

Mello: She's lying.

Tshego: She is.

I looked at them..

Me: Can we just get our facials done and go hang out?

Tshego: Okay.

We did and chilled at the pool

Mello: So?

Me: So?.

Tshego: Something's wrong.

Me: Yes something is. Musa is cheating on me.

Mello laughed.

Me: I'm serious.

Mello: Musa ain't cheating on you. That man loves you.

Me: I met some girl, and she...

Mello: That's the problem. You can't be meeting these loose girls. She's out there to destroy your marriage.

Tshego: I agree with Mello.

Me: but guys...

I told them what went down.

Mello: yes money for her to stay away from him.
Not silence her.

Tshego: Musa would never do that to you.

Me: I dont know

Mello: you stressing over nothing. And Bonginkosi was just trying to warn him that the bitch was going to strike.

Tshego: I think she's an ex

Mello: Her ass is lying. Give me her number.

I laughed.

Me: Deleted them.

Tshego: And the pics.

I showed them the pics. Mello deleted them Afterwards.

Tshego: still think she's an ex.

Me: I hope you right.

Mello: we are very right. Stop stressing.

Tshego: And besides even if he is cheating then I feel sorry for the girl coz Musa is always with you.

Mello: and that's why I say its all a lie.

Me: okay.

Mello: And he knows you met up with Linda?

Me: Obviously.

Tshego: But kept quiet?

Me: Yes. I think he's waiting for me to ask.

Tshego: Duh!

Mello: But stop stressing over nothing.

Me: If he's cheating...

I paused.

Tshego: don't bore us please. Your husband loves you

Me: okay..can we get drinks?

Mello: Please!

We got more drinks.

Me: aren't you going to pour more?

Mello: Oh No..

Tshego: Mello are you pregnant?

Mello: Yes. 3 weeks.

My eyes almost popped out of my sockets.

Me: What's going on with you guys?

Mello: What's that suppose to mean?

Me: So you only have kids?

Tshego: You suppose to bear your husband kids.

Mello: And I have 5 more to go.

She was just Like Tshepo. They went on And on about being a wife and I went to meet with Jono.

Jon: Hey wena. Your husband lets you go out in that?

Me: Yes. Work.

Jon: I would never let my wife go out looking like that.

Me: I was at work.

Jon: Okay so you good?

Me: yes I am.

Jon: So you think Musa's cheating on you?

I nodded and he laughed.

Jon: Right so here. I've marked all the relevant things.

Me: okay.

I checked it out.

Me: All these pics were taken 5 months before I met Musa.

Jon: Exactly and those were the only pics taken.

Me: And the records.

Jon: Here.

Me: They last spoke...

Jon: Im guessing after you got engaged. Girl called Musa. Spoke for about 48 seconds and

they never spoke till 2 months ago. He only answered one call and never did after that. As you can see...Musa never made a call to that number. Infact seeing that the duration of those calls are 0's makes me believe she has been blocked from Musa's phone.

Me: So she was lying?

Jon: She was lying..she probably wants your husband back and thought she could use you to get him.

I took a deep breath.

Jon: Pasi babe look, I Dont know much about Musa but I've chilled with the guy a couple of times. He loves you. He really does. And you can see it in his eyes that you mean the world to him. He's genuine.. He really is. Some men are kings and would go to great lengths to love and

protect their Queens..I believe your husband is one of those Kings.

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Me: I know that now. Thanks Jono

Jon: its a pleasure babe.

Me: invoice?

He giggled.

Jon: just go to your husband and kids.

Me: Ouch..

Jon: we'll hang out soon. You still on the herb?

I laughed.

Me: I told y'all... Put herbs as flowers on my coffin. Make sure my coffin gets lowered down with that.

He laughed.

Jon: remember that very well.

Me: Great days..

Jon: Great days indeed.

B, J and I had fun in high school. In a week I would chill with Ella once and trust me that would be on Mondays only coz Bonga and Jono

took every Monday off. In every class, we'd sit at the back, even the teachers knew we were a trio. And they didn't even try and separate us.

Me: Thank you.

Jon: Its a pleasure.

Me: Love you.

Jon: love you too Ms passport.

I hit him on his arm and hugged him

Me: Soon Jono.

Jon: I'm always here.

Me: Fine.

He walked me out and when I got home, Musa had his spectacles on, laptop on his lap, files

right beside him and he had dozed off on the couch. The twins weren't there so I figured they were at mum's coz we had to head to Cape Town the next day. I cleared everything from the couch and sat on top of him.

Musa: Hey love

Me: Hey baby.

Musa: How are you?

Me: I'm fine.

Musa: You are back late.

Me: I was with Jono.

Musa: Jon?

Me: Yep.

Musa: is he okay?

I nodded.

Me: so I've got a confession to make.

Musa: I've got one too.

Me: can I go first?

Musa: sure.

Me: so when we were in Mumbo, I got a text from a girl named Linda, asking us to meet. And I did.

He sat up. I was still on top of him though.

Me: She sent me pictures she took with you and said you had an affair after we got engaged.

He giggled.

Musa: I'm sorry go on.

Me: and that you are trying to get back with her. I didn't ask you about it but I saw the text from Nkosi and I overheard your conversation with Linda. The one you had last night. So Jon confirmed that the pictures were taken months before we met and that there's a possibility that you blocked Linda coz there aren't any durations showing except the 48 second call two months ago. I just wanted to be sure before causing a fight.

He took a deep breath.

Musa: she's an ex. I broke up with her after you and I made love.

Me: Oh.

Musa: And yes...I tried to give her money but for her to stay away from us. We last spoke when I broke up with her and she called me two

months ago telling me that she wants me back.
I blocked her.

I was relieved.

Me: I'm sorry for going behind your back.

Musa: It's okay.

Me: It is?

Musa: I was going to have to prove it to you and we were going to fight again so I think you handled it well.

Me: I went the "innocent till proven guilty" route

He giggled.

Musa: we okay?

Me: What did she say?

Musa: after I offered her the money?

Me: Yep..

Musa: she's persistent

Me: Oh. Is she married?

Musa: yes.

Me: is she successful?

Musa: Not really

Me: Can I handle her?

Musa: Okay.

Me: And it's unlike you to try and buy people off.

Musa: I know. I just didn't know how to handle it.

Me: you not giving that bitch our children's money.

Musa: No I won't. I don't know what came over me.

Me: Am I forgiven?

Musa: only if you let me get you out of that

dress.

I giggled.

Me: That's all it takes?

Musa: That's all it takes.

I reached for his lips while unbuckling his belt. I don't know how he did it but he flipped me over before I knew it and I had my dress right above my belly and I was restrained. I couldn't even move. He moved in and out. His pace slow and suddenly fast. There were times were I felt myself running out of breath.

Me: Damnit!

Musa: you are forgiven.

I had marks on my wrists. They looked like bruises. My back hurt and I felt like my neck was broken.

Me: I think I'm bruised.

Musa: No you not baby

Me: I think I am.

Musa: Try walking.

I took my heels off, fixed my dress and he helped me get up from the couch.

Musa: try walking.

I couldn't feel my legs. I almost fell but he quickly caught me.

Musa: okay now, you are really forgiven.

Me: What did you do to me?

Musa: I made love to you.

Me: Like this?

He nodded.

Musa: How was your day by the way?

He had changed the topic. Musa though.

Me: It was Fine.

We had forgiven each other. It was as if nothing happened. I, on the other hand, got my things straight while we were in Capetown. I had so much fun with Musa. Everyone who was there

knew him. Everyone sang his praises and went on about what a great businessman he is. As if I didn't know that already. I worked for the man! He was a slave driver for heaven's sake! But it was great anyway! When we got home, I asked Linda if we could meet up. I had found out something that I was sure would keep her away.

Linda: Hey..

Me: Hi. So the pics you gave me...they were taken months before I came into the picture.

Her expression changed. She suddenly had a look of guilt on her face.

Me: And You are the one that's been trying to get him back. Am I right?

She put her drink down

Linda: yes I am. You know what I found out...he left me for you. All along I thought "no he wasn't ready" but I was wrong.

Me: So you decided you want him back?

Linda: yeah. Have you seen your husband? You know every woman wants a piece of that.

Me: And you ready to get it?

Linda: It was Mine before. It will be easy to.

Me: Well I'd like to see You try. Try and see if you won't end up broke and homeless. You think I don't know that your third child ain't your husband's? You think I don't know that your husband's friend is the father?

She kept quiet.

Linda: You wouldn't dare

Me: you want us to play dirty? Let's do that.
Nobody comes between Musa and I. Keep your
cheap ass away from my husband.

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Me: Want me to pay for your drink?

Linda: No.

Me: I'll pay anyway.

I left a few notes and went back home. Musa
was busy working in the garden.

Me: We have someone who does the garden.

Musa: He's not doing it Right.

He looked really sexy, topless, shorts, Chucks.

Me: You dressed inappropriately.

He laughed.

Musa: how was your meeting?

Me: It was okay.

Musa: You beat her up?

Me: I don't beat people up.

Musa: Then?

Me: turns out your ex has a baby by her husband's friend.

Musa: what?

Me: Yep.

Musa: You used that against her?

Me: yep.

Musa: She should stay away.

Me: Oh she will.

Musa: You not going to join me?

Me: Nope..

Musa: Why not?

Me: Coz I said I'm not the garden type.

Musa: Oh?

Me: Yes.. I've been working on gardens since I was 12 baby.

I was tired of gardens really.

Musa: and I've always been a farmboy but you won't hear me complain..

Me: You are you.

Musa: Baby just get your cute ass changed and come join me.

I smiled.

Me: Fine.

I went to change into something comfortable and joined him.

Me: oh those are beautiful.

Musa: You only see them now?

Me: Baby you didnt tell me we have white roses

Musa: Because you dont care about the garden.

Me: But I hardly spend time out here.. I'm always away from home.

Musa: That's quite true

Me: Jon says I should give my passport a break.

Musa: He's not the only one. Dad called.

Me: Is he fine?

Musa: He's fine. He's on his way.

Me: he's not stressed about the Friday traffic?

Musa:no. He's with his daughter. You know them.

Me: And the grandkids?

Musa: No.

Me: Baby where's Aunt Nomvula?

Musa: she's around. I spoke to her a day ago and she said...oh speak of the devil.

Her car had just parked outside.

Musa: Felt it?

Me: Maybe.

"Sanibonani"

Me: Hello Aunty.

We watched as she came in.

Aunt N: This is new. You two at home?

Musa and I laughed.

Me: Yes Ma'am.

Aunt: when did you two get back from CPT?

Musa: Last night.

Aunt: and it's Friday today so you getting on the next plane to which country?

Musa: We not going anywhere. Dad's coming.

Aunt: Oh thank you Father!

Me: We not that bad.

Aunt: You are addicted to travelling and the sad thing is, you forget you have kids.

Musa: That's not true.

Aunt: yeah right.

Me: I'll go get us something to drink. What would you like to eat?

Musa: She's not staying long.

Aunt: Bantu!

Musa: Quality time Aunty. A drink is all we can offer you.

Aunt: you two have been spending quality time since you two met.

We giggled and I went to get us drinks.

Aunt: Thank you baby.

Me: pleasure ma.

Musa: Okay so what brings you Here?

Musa pulled me closer.

Aunt: Can you two just let each other breathe?

Musa: No.

Aunt: I hope and pray you two die together coz if not... I foresee danger.

Musa: No one's going to die..what brings you here Aunt wam?

I pinched him.

Aunt: I came to see you two.

Musa: We are fine.

Aunt: I can see that Musawenkosi.

Musa: okay so Rea's mum is organising a family lunch sort of thing.

Aunt: When?

Musa: Tomorrow. She said I should tell you but I forgot.

I had forgotten about that.

Aunt: I'll be there.

Musa: 19:30 Aunty.

Aunt: Occasion?

Musa: Rea and Mello.

Aunt: Oh your sister?

Me: Yes ma'am. Just a family get together.

Aunt: Okay then.

We chilled with her and I was happy to see Nompoti and my father in law. The next day, we went over to mum's. The family was there, including, Thapelo... Our brother. Gloria's son. Aunt Khutsafalo's son. Mum had invited Bonga and his family. Ella was there with her family. Trust Tshepo to have a problem with that..I had invited Jono and his family. The three of us, I mean, B, J and I had smoked one before we were called in. Fez and Bonga were there obviously. I had confronted them about the Linda issue.

Musa: baby are you high?

Me: No.

I was a bit.

Musa: And I know you are.

I wasn't going to argue with him.

Me: Think we should tell them about renewing our vows?

Musa: That we having it elsewhere. Without them?

Me: But we going to host a lunch party when we get back from The Maldives aren't we?

Musa: okay. We'll tell them then.

Me: done.

We spoke to the kids and mum called us. Said a few words and Musa and I got up to announce that we renewing our vows.

Tshepo: When?

Me: In a few weeks.

Mello: So we need to get new dresses?

Me: We not renewing them here.

Tshego: Meaning?

Musa: Meaning, we having a private ceremony..
Rea, myself and the pastor/priest.

Nompi: And then when you two come back?

Musa: We have a lunch party.

Mello: why are you guys so private?

Tshepo: Its annoying.

The elders were just quiet.

Me: this is our relationship. Not a familyship.

Musa: So we'll let you guys know when the party is.

After that, food was served. Mum called me to the side.

Mum: Rea.

Me: Mama?

Mum: You and your husband...

Me: Yes ma?

Mum: Rea, I'm a bit heartbroken about the decision you and Musa made.

Me: About not renewing our vows here?

Mum: Is It because you dont want me to be there?

Me: No. Never! We just wanted to do our own thing.

Mum: Ever since you found out I'm not your biological mother, you've done your best to shut me out of your life.

Me: That's not true ma.

Mum: The only I have access to the twins..
When last did we do something together?

Me: Mama that's not it.

Mum: But it's okay Rea, if you feel you Want to have it then that's fine. I'll accept that Gloria came out and I lost you forever. Have fun in your divers or wherever you going. It doesn't make me love you any less.

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Me: That's emotional blackmail.

Musa: baby let's just have it here.

Me: But we wanted to go to The Maldives.

Musa: we can always go there after.

Me: Musa, mum is emotionally blackmailing me.

Musa: baby she just wants to be a part of this.
Actually everyone does.

Me: But...

Musa: Come sit down.

I went to sit next to him.

Musa: I know we wanted to have our ceremony privately.

Me: Yes. I had already envisioned what it would be like.

Musa: Here.

He passed me his laptop.

Musa: Pictures

Me: There.

Musa: folder's name "Paarl"

Me: Okay.

I opened the folder and scrolled through the pictures.

Me: Oh wow.

Musa: what do you think?

Me: The place is beautiful.

Musa: Romantic?

Me: Absolutely.

Musa: And we can all fly there. It's convenient for everyone.

The place was stunning. It was really stunning.

Me: can I think about it?

Musa: Yes you can.

Me: I still want my private ceremony.

He giggled.

Musa: Just think about it.

Me: yes I will baby.

Musa: Good. Sunday lunch?

Me: Where?

Musa: The Pub.

Me: You want to have lunch at your lounge?

Musa: Yes..

Me: Okay.

Musa: And you better not get there and start checking the books.

I giggled.

Me: I wont.

Musa: promise.

Me: I promise.

Musa: go get your shoes on and let's go.

I did that and off we went.

Musa: I shouldn't have given you this lounge

Me: Why not?

Musa: I feel like the other two lounges aren't as good as this one.

Me: I know.

It was packed as usual.

Musa: What are you doing?

Me: its a secret. Hey Gift.

Gift: Hey Boss lady. Mr M.

Musa: Sho Sho Gift.

Gift: Books?

Musa laughed.

Me: No. Just a table.

Gift: And the menu?

Me: Yes please.

Gift: Are we in trouble?

Me: are you?

He and Musa laughed.

Musa: Just get us the menu. Heineken for me and a long island ice tea for the boss lady

Me: extra vodka

Gift: Okay then.

He got us a table.

Musa: The vibe is nice.

Me: The vibe is always nice.

Musa: Okay stop bragging.

Me: Don't be jealous.

Musa: I'm not.. Think I should give you the other two to manage.

Me: sell them

Musa: That's actually a good idea.

Me: You didn't think of it?

Musa: No actually.

Me: we can go into property with the money you'll make from selling the two places.

Musa: And its something we've always wanted to get into.

Me: So why not do it?

Musa: But my taxi business is not going anywhere.

I giggled.

Me: I know that.

Gift came back with the menus and our drinks. Took us exactly 30 seconds to decide.

Me: Thank you.

Gift: Pleasure.

He left again.

Musa: how's that project coming along?

Me: Musawenkosi...

Musa: Yho! Okay I'm sorry.

Me: Exactly. Stop asking me about work.

Musa: But I was just asking.

Me: Don't.

Musa: I apologize.

Me: And I forgive you.

Musa: Can I ask?

Me: Its not work right?

Musa: Nope.

Me: Okay.

Musa: When do you want to start trying again.

I put my drink down.

Me: Okay...

I took a deep breath.

Me: I Dont know..

Musa: you don't?

I shook my head.

Me: I'm not still trying to get over the miscarriage and I'm still a bit insecure.

Musa: Thats understandable.

Me: It is?

He nodded.

Musa: I'm not rushing you.

Me: So it means I can get on the pill till I'm ready to....

Musa: is that what you want?

Me: For atleast 2 or 3 months.

Musa: 3 months?

Me: Fine..2

Musa: That's better.

Me: deal.

We shook on it. We had a great time at the lounge and the next day, I worked from home..

Musa had given me a big project that I had to work on..I was expecting Tshego to come through though. She did at around 12:30.

Tshego: My goodness! What is Musa doing to you

Me: I know right. I need to finish this.

Tshego: And I'm disturbing you.

Me: it's okay.

I put her little one down.

Me: How are Thato and Pabi doing?

Tshego: They are fine.

Me: Okay.

Tshego: So you and Mum?

Me: What about Us?

Tshego: she told me what she told you. She's very hurt hey.

Me: I'm not shutting anyone out.

Tshego: So?

Me: so eng?

Tshego: what now? Still renewing your vows at the Maldive?

Me: 99% yes.

Tshego: Rea...

Me: I won't be emotionally blackmailed by mum coz she wants to invite her church friends and have Round 3 of my wedding.

Tshego: She's not emotionally blackmailing you. She just wants to be part of it.

Me: Okay Tshego.

Tshego: her days on this earth aren't guaranteed.

Me: no one's days are.

Tshego: Damnit Rea man! Your mother is sick! She has a heart bypass surgery that she needs to undergo and isn't even sure if she's going to make it alive or not and all you want to do is refuse her the chance to be there for you for probably the last time in her life! Stop being self-centered!

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Me: Self-centered?

Tshego: Yes. You don't care about your family. You don't even care about your kids! You are forever leaving them at mum's and heading to foreign countries. God knows for what! Do you ever take time, even if its just a minute to call and check on your mother! Ever since you...

She was pissing me off.

Me: am I telepathic? Am I? Mother was suppose to tell me that she's sick not wait for my husband and I to announce that we are renewing our vows.

Tshego: Well she did.

Me: Oh really Tshego?

Tshego: Did mum not call you, tell you she wants us to come over so she can talk to us and you told her you going to Mumbo?

Me: so I was suppose to sense that she was going to tell me that she has heart problems?

Tshego: Make time for her! Is that too much to ask? Is it? Rea you are selfish!

She took her child from the couch and walked out. I stared into space for a few minutes,

closed my files and laptop, changed into sneakers and drove home. I was hoping Tshego wasn't going there and luckily she wasn't.

Mum: You not at work?

Me: No ma, I am working from home today.

I sat down..she looked fine to me.

Me: You have heart problems?

Mum: The doctor said so.

Me: but when did all this happen ma?

Mum: For a few months now. I had No symptoms at first but started having chest pains and short breath.

Me: And you still didn't tell me?

Mum: You always Busy Rea.

Me: But mum you should've told me. I'm always here to fetch and drop off the kids.

Mum: you don't even spend more than 5 minutes here anymore.

Me: That's not true.

Mum: You know it is. I tried telling you but you said you are going to Mumbo with the boys and Musa..

Me: Does he know?

Mum: Musa?

Me: Yes

Mum: No. I haven't told him.

Me: Oh. So you going for this operation in three weeks?

Mum: yes.

Me: but what makes you think you going to die ma?

Mum: Rea, I'm not as young. Alot can go wrong.

I could feel myself get emotional as she passed me her xray.

Me: I'm so sorry ma.

Mum: I just want to be there for you. It might be the last time I ever be there for you. That's why I always fetch your kids so I can spend a little more time with them.

She spoke as if she knew what was going to happen.

Mum: But if you don't want me to be there as I said...

Me: no ma. Musa came up with another idea. We can have it in Paarl.

Mum: you sure?

Me: Yes but we going to have to check with your doctor and see if its okay for to fly or not.

Mum: Okay.

Me: so you don't need anything?

Mum: no.

Me: A nurse? Anything?

My phone rang.

Mum: Answer it.

Me: Okay.

I stepped outside.

Me: Baby.

Musa: Hey you. How's it working from home?

Me: It was fine.. I'm with mum.

Musa: Is she fine?

Me: She will be. I'll tell you when you get home.

Musa: Okay then

Me: You'll fetch the boys?

Musa: no problem baby.

Me: thank you my love.

Musa: I love you.

Me: I love you more.

I hung up and went back inside.

Mum: I'm sorry you had to find out this way..

Me: You should have really told me.

Mum: You were also going through your own things Rea so when you said you going to Mumbo I thought I should just let you go coz

you also hurting. Didn't want to add on to it.

Me: I'm really sorry.

Mum: It's Okay.

Me: Is it ma?

She nodded.

Me: And I haven't been distant since I found out you not my biological mother. That hurt me..

Mum: That's how I feel.

Me: no. You'll always be my mum. You the only mum I know ma you might have not given birth to me but you've given me life. Don't you for once think I don't love you.

She nodded again.

Me: Your church friends aren't coming though. Its only family and friends. Well Bonga, Jono and Ella aren't really friends so its family.

She giggled

Mum: You still have something against my church friends?

Me: You can invite MaMohajane. Coz She'll stop me and complain when she sees me.

We both laughed.

Mum: Okay Nana.

Me: And you'll make it out alive.

Mum: I'm ready to meet my...

Me: Yho mama bye.

Talking about death depressed me. Really. And she knew that's why she smiled when I got up.

Mum: You leaving already?

Me: I have to ma. I have this big project I'm working on so I want to finish working on it then focus on the planning. We having it in two weeks. The weekend before your surgery.

Mum: Okay then. I love you.

Me: I love you too mum.

I went back home and I was hard at work.

Musa: Baby.

Me: Hi.

Musa: Reabilwe!

I looked up.

Me: I'm so sorry. Hey baby.

Musa: So this is how it's going to be for the next few days?

Me: Yes. Want to be done in 3 days.

The boys were looking at me.

Me: Hey boys

Lu&Lwa: Hey Ms Kelly.

Me: how was school?

Lwa: fine.

Lu: I'm hungry.

Me: okay. Go change then come eat.

I went to make them food and Musa joined me after he had changed.

Musa: How's mum doing?

Me: she has heart problems.

Musa: What?

Me: apparently she has had them for a few months now. Coronary artery disease.

Musa: So she has to undergo bypass surgery?

Me: Yep. In 3 weeks.

Musa: Why didn't she tell us though.

Me: We are always unavailable. She wanted to tell us but we were going to Mumbo with the kids

Musa: And I'm guessing she also said nothing after coz she didn't want to burden you?

Me: Yep

Musa: are you okay?

Me: I don't know but she'll be fine. The doctors know what they are doing.

Musa: That's Right.

Me: So we can go ahead and have our private ceremony gone public at Paarl..

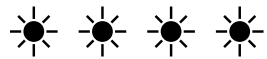
He giggled.

Musa: Just family and friends. That's still private.

Me: I guess we having it at Paarl then. I lowkey still feel emotionally blackmailed. And I've got a good mind of telling Tshego to not come.

He laughed.

Musa: Stop being dramatic



2 weeks later, I was in a cream white dress.

Nompi: All good.

She had just finished doing my hair and makeup.

Nompi: You getting married twice?

I laughed.

Me: We are renewing our vows. Not getting

married again.

Nompi: same thing. You look beautiful.

Me: Thank you so much.

Nompi: Its a pleasure.

The door opened. Tshego and Mello came in.
She had apologized. I made her apologize to me
for being rude to me.

Mello: Re...yhooo. You look stunning.

Tshego: You look really beautiful.

Me: Thank you. You ladies look beautiful as well.

They did. I made them wear matching outfits.
Made Nkosi and Fez too.

Mello: Okay time to go.

Me: Okay.

We left the room and they obviously went to join the others. Everyone stood up as I walked towards my husband who looked so good. He looked like a snack.

Me: You look like a snack.

I whispered and he giggled.

Musa: Wish we were in the Maldives?

Me: Yes.

Musa: our flight leaves at 20:00

Me: What!?

Musa: You can snack on me till Wednesday.

Pastor: can you two pay attention to me now?

Everyone laughed

Pastor: Some things don't change do they?

Musa and I giggled. He started the ceremony with a short prayer, said a few words obviously from the bible and it was time for us to say something to each other. Mello was already emotional. My twin sister though.

Me: We have been through a lot, but there's no one else I'd rather be through it with. You know me better than anyone else in this world and somehow still you manage to love me. You are my best friend and one true love. There is still a part of me today that cannot believe that I'm the one who gets to marry you. Again!

Giggles

Me: I love you so much. And there's no one else I'd rather be with. I promise to be your navigator, consoler, sidekick, best friend and your wife. Finally, I promise you myself

Pastor: Musa.

Musa: I feel truly blessed because I've found a love that transcends and grows, despite bad times, arguments, and conflicts over shoes and bags.

We all giggled

Musa: I see these vows not as promises but as privileges I get to laugh with you and cry with

you; care for you and share with you. I get to run with you and walk with you; build with you and live with you. I promise to hold your hand every night and to never let us lose our spark. I love you so so much Ms Kelly.

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Everything went well.

Mello: Have fun at the Maldives okay?

Me: We will.

Mum: See you when you get back.

Me: will you be fine with the kids?

Aunt Khutsafalo: I'm here Rea. Go on.

Me: I feel bad

Aunt K: she's surrounded by family.

Mum: Go dive nana.

I giggled.

Me: Okay.

Mello: Take pictures.

Me: I will.

Tshego: Go on..Musa's waiting.

I had just changed into jeans, shirt and sneakers.

Me: Bye family.

I waved at everyone else.

Tshepo: Here's some weed.

Mum: Tshepo Voetsek!

It's the way she said it that made us all laughed.
I kissed my boys who were with Musa, they
seemed unbothered..they just wanted money

Me: I love you.

Lwa: I love you.

Lu: I love you too Ms Kelly.

Me: See you too soon okay?

Lwa: Okay.

Me: Take care of...

Lu: There's a frog there...

Me: Okay.

They ran off to try and catch it

Musa: Your sons.

Me: You know.

We said our goodbyes and off we went to the airport.

Me: So you sneaky man.

He laughed.

Musa: Win-win situation right?

Me: Definitely.

Musa: Mum looks happy.

Me: well she does. I mean she took 5 of her friends.

Mum hey. We had agreed on MaMohajane only remember? She added 4 more to that. I tried to fight it but her Son, Musa told me to let it go.

Musa: let mum be.

Me: Oh I have.

Musa: Ready for some fun?

Me: Yes.

Musa: let's go.

He took my hand and we headed towards the boarding gates.

Musa: You packed enough clothes?

Me: you know I always over pack.

Musa: That Was a stupid question.

Me: its a safe question..I should have said "no".
I'm so dumb.

Musa: Even if you hadn't overpacked..you know
there's a solution right?

Me: Your solution is me being naked in our
room till Wednesday right?

He laughed

Musa: Yes.

Me: Too bad.

Musa: right?

Me: Yes.

Musa: it might just happen.

Me: Oh God.

After 7 hours we landed..

Me: So tell me...

Musa: yes?

Me: Mum's operation is on Thursday..will we be home by the.?

Musa: Yes ma'am. Our flight leaves at 10:00 on Wednesday.

Me: Okay.that's fine.

Musa: all good?

Me: Yes..all good.

We settled in. Beautiful..

Me: imagine how nice it would have been.

Musa: Paarl was also beautiful.

Me: Oh Yes..Paarl was stunning

Musa: no regrets?

Me: Nope.

Musa: if you happy I'm happy.

Me: besides me being happy, are you happy?

He smiled.

Musa: I think happy is an understatement

I blushed.

Me: I'm glad you in my life.

Musa: I consider myself blessed.

Me: Want to go sleep now?

Musa: sleep?

He pulled me by my Shirt.

Musa: Define "sleep"

Me: Rest.

Musa: I don't want to rest.

Me: Well I want to.

Musa: The pastor said Ephesians 5:22...

Me: Okay fine. Take it.

He giggled and carried me back into our room. Good loving. We spent the next three days having fun. It was really great. We connected again, we laughed more, set new goals, created a new bucket list, planned more, shared dreams and created them into one. On Thursday, Tshego, Bohang, Mello, Mike and I spent the day at the hospital.

Me: Stop it Tshego.

Tshego; I can't keep cam.

Mello: For my sake please.

Tshego: Okay.

Mello: Where's Musa kanti?

Me: on his way to the airport, he needs to do some damage control. They messed things up.

Tshego: Cape town?

Me: No Durban.

He didn't even want to go.. All he wanted to do was be with us at the hospital but I told him we'd be fine..

Tshego: oh okay.

Mello: They've been in there for hours now.

Me: Its only been 2 hours.. The doctors said it can take up to 6 hours.

Tshego: what time is it now?

Me: 11:00. Can we go get breakfast.

Tshego: Mum's in there and all you can...

I grabbed my bag and left the hospital to go get us Breakfast. Mello had to eat, she was carrying a life. I wasn't going to let Tshego work on my nerves.. I was as stressed as she was but I had to control myself.

Me: Here you go Brother M.

Mike: Thank you.

I gave Everyone their food. Put Tshego's on the table and put my sets on. Listened to soothing music to calm me down. After 3 hours, Mum was out.

Doc: She'll be fine.

Me: Oh thank God. Can we see her?

Doc: Yes..she's still a bit out of it though. 2 at a time.

We took turns to see her and after that, I went to fetch the boys from mum's as they were with Aunt Khutsafalo then drove home.

Lwa: Where's dad?

Me: Durban

Lu: Is he coming back today?

Me: no. I don't know when he's coming back.

Lwa: Who's that outside our house?

Me: I don't know. Stay In the car.

I pulled over and walked towards the person..

Me: Hi.

"Hello"

Me: Can I help you?

"Yes. I'm looking for Musawenkosi Mabasa"

Me: He's not around..can I help you?

"When will he be back?"

Me: I don't know.

"Please call me when he does"

She passed me a note with her name and number. I looked at the infant she was carrying.

Celi: I'll see you soon. Please tell him I was here.

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Me: sorry Lady...

She walked away

Lwa: Who's that?

Half of his body was out the window.

Me: Get in.

Lu: Don't talk to him like that.

Me: You two better keep quiet.

They did, I opened the gate and parked In. I still hadn't received a call or text from Musa so I figured he was really busy. The twins changed

into their play clothes and started playing TV games.

Lwa: Ms Kelly.

Me: Mr José.

Lwa: can we have pizza for dinner?

Me: You having pap and amasi for dinner

Lu: We always have that at Gogo's!

Me: Well you having some here.

Lwa: please.

Lu: Please Ms Kelly.

I already had a pizza menu in my hand.

Me: Just play your games.

Lwa: Are We having pizza?

Me: yes Lwandile. Stop making noise.

Lu: Thank you Ms Kelly

Me: pleasure Mr Jaden.

He was the sweet one and I thought he'd be the troublesome one..Lwandile, he was always so curious, demanding, experimenting, leading the pack and I just didn't know who he got it from. I called Musa and his cellphone was off. I put the number in my purse and went to join the boys.

Me: let's go.

Lwa: Where?

Me: To fetch the pizza.

Lwa: They are not bringing it here?

Me: Nope. We going to fetch it.

Lu: Why?

Me: coz I want to buy something at the mall.

Lwa: Okay.

They switched their game off and we went to get the pizza and a few of the things I needed.

Lwa: Where's dad again?

Lu: Durban.

Me: Thank you Lu.

Lwa: Can we go to him?

Me: no.

Lwa: why not?

Me: coz he's working.

Lwa: Okay.

We were walking to the Car.

Lu: I'm thirsty.

Me: here you go. run over there and get a drink.

Lwa and I watched as he ran off and got his drink

Me: you don't want one?

Lwa: no. I'm hungry.

Me: one's thirsty the other's hungry. Okay.

Lwa: What's this?

Me: strawberry daiquiri.

Lwa: can I have some?

Me: no..its not for Kids.

Lwa: Ke Juice mos.

Me: No its not.

Lwa: it's strawberry juice. You said its strawberry dakiri.

Me: Daiquiri.

Luyanda came back and we drove home. We had pizza, played games and they slept at around 21:00. I heard my phone ringing when I was in the shower, wrapped the towel around myself and went to answer it. Video call.

Me: Hey baby.

Musa: hey wifey. Why arent you dressed?

I showed him the towel.

Me: Was in the shower.

Musa: Disturbed you?

Me: Its okay. So hows everything that side?

Musa: Under control now..how's Mum doing?

Me: She's out.. The doctors said She'll be Fine.

Musa: That's good. I miss you hey.

Me: I miss you too.

Musa: You know we can video call all night right?

Me: Well I wish but Im really tired.

Musa: Think you can?

Me: I'll have to try.

Musa: do me a favor.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Dont go to work tomorrow.

Me: I wont.

Musa: Until mum is out of hospital

Me: And when are you coming home?

Musa: tomorrow.

Me: seriously?

Musa: yes.

Me: Thank God!

He giggled.

Musa: 16:00?

Me: To fetch you at the airport?

Musa: Yes ma'am.

Me: I'll be there Sir.

Musa: How are the boys doing?

Me: My Luyanda Is fine. Your Lwandile on the other hand...

I shook my head.

Musa: that bad?

Me: I don't know who he takes after.

Musa: You dont know?

Me: You tell me.

Musa: His mother.

Me: No. The only child that takes after me, is Luyanda.

Musa: yeah right. I love you okay?

Me: I love you too. Can I go back to showering?

Musa: Yes ma'am

Me: To the moon and back baby.

Musa: To the moon And back my love.

We ended the call and I went back to the shower texted him before I slept and I was up by 4am. As I reached for my phone to call him it rang.

Me: Mr Leornado.

Musa: Ms Kelly you not sleeping?

Me: No sir, I was about to call you.

Musa: slept well?

Me: Not really you?

Musa: nope..been up since 3.

Me: That bad huh?

Musa: Was bad..you know how I get when things spiral out of control.

Me: Even when they are back to normal you still want to be sure.

Musa: Yes..for the next 3 days I won't sleep.

Me: oh you will..I don't want you stressing over something thats already been taken care of.

Musa: I'll try.

Me: Please do..

We spoke for an hour and I had to go get the kids ready for school. At around 12:00, I went to see mum who was still weak but I was happy she was okay.

Mum: Rea..I'm fine.

Me: Really?

Mum: Yes..Dont you need to be at the airport in an hour?

Me: oh yes.

I had been there since forever. I went to fetch the kids from school and we went to fetch daddy..we were all so happy to see him

Musa: angithi Lu?

I Looked at them.

Me: Your sons are sleeping.

Musa: hardly 15 minutes.

Me: they are probably tired.

Musa: Well how's my wife doing?

Me: Your wife's doing fine. So there's a Celiwe that was looking for you.

He kept quiet.

Me: I'm talking to you Baby.

Still quiet. His expression had changed.

Me: You know her? Celiwe Lediha.

Musa: Yes I do. She's Nomasonto's bastard.

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Me: bastard?

Musa: yes bastard.

Me: How old is she?

Musa: 15 or So. She was conceived around the time I was forced to marry Noma. Do the math.

She sure as hell didn't look 15

Me: And you don't give a damn about her?

Musa: No.

Me: She's your sister.

Musa: Nompilo's my sister

Me: So is Celiwe.

Musa: nah.

Me: She didn't ask to be a product of an affair.

Musa: listen Rea anything that hurts my father I do not care about it. Why do you think I hate cheating so much? Why?

Me: You are seriously going to turn your back on a 15 year old?

Musa: I don't know her. Rea, she went to live with her father after she turned 5 months.

Me: She has a child.

Musa: Nice.

He wasn't interested.

Me: Musa...

Musa: don't make me pull over and request an uber.

Me: okay.

I kept quiet. I was in no mood to fight with him really. I just stared out the window and he put his sets on. The mood had completely changed. When we got home, we carried the boys to their beds and he went to shower.

Musa: What should I get mum?

Me: You going to the hospital?

He nodded.

Me: Juice and bananas will do.

Musa: okay. See you when I get back.

Me: Okay.

He took his car keys and left. I cooked dinner, I knew the boys were going to be up before 21:00, eat then go back to bed. I finished cooking at around 18:30 and started working on a new account. Musa came back at around 20:00.

Me: is she still weak?

Musa: No. She is fine now. Mello said I should give you these.

It was a set..bath salts, bath pearls, gel etc. She had promised to get Tshogo and I those could she thought we needed it after all the stressing over mum's operation. Sweet Sissy.

Me: Thank you. You hungry?

Musa: Yes I am.

Tension. Hated that. I warmed up his food and he went to chill in the lounge.

Me: Thanks sissy.

Mello: Its a pleasure.

Me: I'll see you tomorrow.

Mello: You not going to work?

Me: No I'm not

Mello: good then..

Me: Any weird cravings so far?

Mello: just Mike

I was speechless

Me: I'll see you tomorrow.

Mello: I love you.

Me: I love you too Sissy.

I hung up and went to shower, I decided to wake the boys up so they could eat then the three of us went to bed.. Well I was working in bed. Musa came in.

Musa: Laptops aren't allowed in here remember?

Me: Sorry.

I closed it and put it in its rightful place.

Musa: We not on speaking terms?

Me: I just wanted to give your space.

Musa: Did I ask for it?

Me: You looked like you needed it.

He shook his head.

Musa: No..

Me: When did you become so cruel?

Musa: I'm not cruel.

Me: You are.

Musa: No I'm not. I don't want anything that connects me to that woman anymore.

Me: Even your own sister?

Musa: Even my own sister.

Me: That's a bit harsh.

Musa: Why doesn't she go to her father? I mean she's been living with him

Me: If I had siblings, I'd want to go out there and know them.

Musa: And I'm really not interested my love.

Me: she's your sister baby. Don't punish her for your mother's mistakes

Musa: Well we bear the sins of our parents.

Me: so it doesn't bother you?

He shook his head.

Musa: We should sleep. I've got an early meeting tomorrow and you need to sleep

Me: Okay.

Musa: And stop bringing in work to the bedroom...

Me: I apologized

Musa: the apology wasn't good enough.

I smiled.

Me: Musawenkosi?

Musa: ma?

Me: didn't you say we have an early meeting?

Musa: yes and a late one now. An apology meeting to be specific

He had already started running his fingers on my skin

Me: leave me alone.

Musa: leaving you alone is not part of the apology..

Me: Musa leave me alone.

He Just looked at me then pulled me till I was on my back. I had given in. We slept very late

and woke up early. He was exhausted. He kept yawning.

Me: serves you right. Go on.

Musa: what kind of a wife are You?

Me: what kind of a husband are you?

Musa: I'm a great husband. And you it.

He had his hand around my waist.

Me: is that what you think?

The twins were looking at us like we weren't from earth.

Lu: Dad, can we go to school?

Musa: okay. Love you.

Me: Love you too.

I kissed him then went to kiss the boys.

Lu&Lwa: Love you too Ms Kelly..

Me: Have a great day.

I watched them walk out and decided to start with the dishes first then cleaned the rest of the house. At 12, I went to see mum who was really strong.

Me: Mama, you were suppose to still be a bit out of it.

Mum: I'm a woman of faith. My God works for me.

Me: It's so good to have you back.

Mum: It's so good to have you back.

I giggled.

Mum: Thank God this happened. I get to see my daughter again.

Me: You'll get to see me more ma.

Mum: I pray so.

Me: I promise.

I was with her for a while then had to go Kliptown coz I had made a call before going to mum's.

Me: hi.

Celi: how are you?

Me: I'm fine. Who do you live with here?

Celi: my friend and her boyfriend.

Me: when did you come here?

Celi: A few weeks ago.

Me: What happened?

Celi: After my dad found out I was pregnant, he told me to go to my mother's family. So I went to live with aunt Nombuso, mum's sister. She told me about Bhut'Musa and gave me money to come to Gauteng but I kept coming and you were not there.

Me: Yes we were away.

Celi: I just wanted to know him

Me: How old are you?

Celi: 15

Me: this is no place for you or him.

It really wasn't.

Me: pack your things. You coming with me.

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Celi: Really?

Me: Yes

She got her bags and I picked up her child from the bed.

Celi: Can I call my friend and tell her we've left?

Me: Sure.

She did and went to leave the key with some other lady.

Me: Come on.

We got into the car and I drove us to some mall.
The little child didn't have decent clothes.

Me: Go on and pick whatever you want to pick.
For yourself and the baby

I was carrying him. He was cute.

Celi: Sis'Rea...

Me: Celi we just go on

Celi: Thank you.

She picked a few items, I helped her coz some she chose were a no no. After shopping, we went to grab something to eat.

Celi: Thank you.

Me: it's a pleasure.

Celi: you have a good heart.

Me: Do good unto others.

She looked sad.

Celi: How will Bhut'Musa receive me?

That was a tough one.

Me: Why do ask?

Celi: he's never had time for me. I'd go visit our mother during school holidays and he'd sometimes come visit his father Bab'Mabasa but he never had time for me.

What was wrong with my husband?

Me: I'm sure it will all be fine now.

She nodded.

Me: Go on and finish your food.

She did and I got a call from Mello.

Me: Hey.

Mello: sister!

Me: Aren't we suppose to meet today?

Mello: Yes. But not anymore.. I want the kids to come over today.

Me: The twins?

Mello: And Tshego's too..so Im going to fetch them all At school. Including Tshepo's.

Me: Why?

Mello: Why?

Me: why? Are you hosting something?

Mello: Yes. We going to camp here with the kids.

Me: Oh that should be fun.

Mello: so I'll fetch all of The kids from school then I'll stop by to fetch their bags.

Me: okay.

Mello: In an hour coz I'm on my way to fetch Luyanda and Lwandile..

Me: okay fine.

Mello: are you at home?

Me: no.

Mello: Rea do the right thing.

Me: I will.

I hung up and Celiwe and I went home. So my plans that I had for the boys were jinxed again but oh well. I packed their bag and Mello hooted when she arrived. Squad. Tshepo's 6, my two, Tshego's two and her four. I didn't understand why mum wanted more grandkids. The noise they were making. Pabi, on the other hand already had her back on her shoulder. She wanted to see her "baby".

Mello: We going to buy baby a present.

Pabi: No I'll stay here.

Mello; And we going to McDonald's.

Pabi: Baby will take me there.

Me: Go buy baby a present

Lwa: Sala! Stay

Me: Here you go baby.

I gave Pabi R10.

Mello: Let's go buy baby a present then we'll come back okay?

Pabi: Okay.

Mello: Shuu.

Me: tough one.

Mello: Too tough.

I closed the door and she drove off. I went to make sure Celiwe settles In the cottage.

Me: Will you be fine here?

Celi: Yes I will.

Me: if you need me I'll be in the house.

Celi: Thank you so much.

She just hugged me unexpectedly.

Me: Its okay. Just relax okay?

Celi: Okay.

I left the cottage and before I could walk into the house, Bong and Jon opened the gate.

Me: Roll one

Jon: Smoke one.

Bonga: when we live like this we suppose to party.

It was our jam back then..when I was working and studying part time and they were

well...studying full time.

Me: its so good to see you two.

Jon: You good?

Me: I am. How did you two know I'm home.

Bonga: Coz you usually take the week off after vacation.

Me: Oh.

Jon: And to check on you.

Me: I missed you two!

Bonga: We missed you too..

Jon; So listen.

Me: Yes?

Jon: we doing it like we did back then this weekend

Me: party, drink,sleep for 2 hours, then party again?

Bonga: yes.

Me: all weekend?

Jon: Yes.

Me: I can't.

Bonga: Rea hai man

Me: I can't..I want mum to be fine first.

Jon: That makes sense.

Bonga: Okay fine.

Me: Deal?

Jon; Deal. Beer please.

Me: I knew it.

Bonga: We'll be chilling in the garden.

Me: Okay.

I went to get them beers and got my strawberry "dakiri" And snacks.

Jon: You still love that sweet thing.

Me: Its nice.

Jon: it's sweet.

Bonga: want to taste this?

Me: no.

Bonga: you sure?

Me: Yes.

Jon: And we can't smoke one.

Me: You can.

Bonga: You sure?

Me: yes.

I chilled with the boys and they left 2 hours later.
I went to check on Celiwe who was sleeping
and Musa came back later.

Me: Hey.

Musa: Hey.

Me: You good?

Musa: I am and you?

Me: I'm okay. You hungry?

Musa; Yes actually.

I prepared him something to eat.

Me: how was your day?

Musa: Long. Back to back meetings..

Charmaine misses you.

Me: I miss her too. Drink?

Musa: ple...where's that coming from?

Celiwe's baby was crying.

Musa: can you hear that?

Me: Yes..it's Celiwe's baby.

Musa: What? Reabilwe what did I say to you?

Me: She was In Kliptown baby...

Musa: Reabilwe!

Me: Baby please...

Musa: why don't you listen?

Me: Musa baby please...

Musa: I want them out by tomorrow. Why do you always do this? You are so pushy!

Me: I was trying to help.

Musa: oh?

Me: Yes.

Musa: By bringing her to this house?

Me: She's family

Musa: I want her out.

Me: Musa...

Musa: And pack your bags too coz you leaving with her!

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Me: What?

Musa: You heard me.

Me: Damn it Musa what is wrong with you?

He kept quiet.

Me: You need to deal with Your issues!

Musa: and you Need to stop defying me.

I took a suitcase and started packing my clothes. I wasn't going to abandon a 15 year old and an infant. Took everything I had to and went to the cottage.

Me: Celi?

Celi: Sis'Rea.

Me: let's go Nana.

Celi: go where?

Me: We'll see.. Come.

She hadn't unpacked luckily, I put our bags in the Car and drove to some BnB

Celi: Is everything fine

Me: Your brother kicked us out.

Celi: He kicked you out too?

I nodded.

Celi: I'm so sorry..I just wanted to come see him
but I can go back...

I shook my head.

Me: no..

He needed to work through his issues.

Me: Don't worry about him.

Celi: okay.

She looked exhausted.. The little one was still asleep.

Me: How old is he?

Celi: 3 months old.

Me: okay.do you plan on going back to school?

She nodded.

Me: That's good..Rest okay?

Celi: Okay. Thank you once again.

Me: It's okay baby.

She rested her head and I started working. At around 21:00, I decided to call Mello.

Mello: You never call Me this late.. Is Musa

missing?

Me: No.

Mello: Are you fine?

Me: I am..how's the camp going?

Mello: Its fun.

Me: you going to be very tired tomorrow.

Mello: I know. Mike has hired 3 more nannies.

Me: Nannies?

Mello: Yes

Mike and Mello had money to waste I tell you. 4 of their kids were assigned a nanny each.. Why? Nobody knew.

Me: okay.

Mello: We can meet Tomorrow..Im going to need a break.

Me: We can do that.

Mello: Your passport's resting this weekend?

I sighed.

Me: yep.

Mello: Something's wrong.

Me: I'll actually come there tomorrow.

Mello: that's also fine

Me: Cool..have fun

Mello: you too.

Me: bye Sissy.

Mello: love you.

Me: I love you more.

I hung up and worked till 1am.. The next day, I

took Celiwe and Langa with me to Mello's.

Mello: Musa kicked you out?

Me: yep.

Celiwe was with one of the nannies..Actually some 17 year old who babysat on weekends for extra cash.

Mello: is he crazy?

Me: I dont know.

Mello: But he can't punish Celiwe for his mum's sins.

Me: he's not Interested.

Mello: come stay with me then..

Me: You sure?

Mello: Yes..

Me: I'll go to mum's when she gets discharged.

Mello: You can do that.

Me: And I need to go see her now. Celiwe and I will move in here tomorrow.. After the squad leaves.

Mello: And now?

I had already grabbed my car keys.

Me: I'm going to see mum. I'll come fetch her. She looks like she's having fun.

Mello; that's okay

Me: See you in an hour or two

Mello: Okay.

The kids were having fun.. I drove to the Hospital and found Musa there.

Me: Hi.

Musa: Hey.

I kept my eyes on my cellphone. 5 minutes to visiting hour. I was texting Ella who was complaining about Me being scare. We walked to mum's ward in silence when it was time.

Me: Hey mum.

Mum: Hey Rea..Musa.

Musa: Hello ma, how are you feeling?

Mum: Feel stronger today.

Musa: That's good me.

Me: Do you know when you'll be out?

Mum: Next week..

Me: Okay..

Mum: Why do you ask?

Me: just curious ma.

Mum: are you okay Rea?

Me: I am ma..

Mum: Are you sure?

Me: Yes I am.

Mum: Musa is she fine?

Musa: Baby are you fine?

Me: Im just tired ma.

Mum: It's the travelling

Me: I think so too

We chilled with mum. She was talking to Musa more than she was to me. I went to fetch Celi and Langa, then I decided to go get us food.

Bonga: Rea!

Me: Bonga.

Bonga: We can see you.

I giggled.

Me: where are you?

Bonga: Nandos.

I looked and he waved.

Me: okay. My order is almost out.

Bonga: Cool.

I hung up, 3 minutes later, my order was out and I went to him.

Me: I'm guessing you drunk.

Bonga: tipsy

Me: And you feel like hot chicken today?

Bonga: extra hot

Me: Bonga!

Bonga: You not rolling with Hubby today?

Me: Nope. Where to from here?

Bonga: Diepkloof

Me: I envy you.

I did.

Bonga: lets go

Me: I cant.

We waited for his order, spoke for 30 minutes

or so and I drove back to the BnB. The door was slightly open.

Celi: No Ncane....I wont be able to do what you asked me to do....Im going to tell the truth....She's a good person...No, I will not help you destroy her marriage. Bhut'Musa kicked us out as we speak...No its not a good thing...I wont do it! I will not hurt Sis'Rea, she doesnt deserve to be hurt..if you want to destroy her marriage with Bhut'Musa then come do it yourself but Im going to tell her the truth and apologize.

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I went back to the car to chill for about 20 minutes then went back in. She was feeding the

baby his bottle.

Me: You okay?

Celi: I'm fine

Me: When you feel hungry okay...

Celi: Thank you Sis'Rea.

Me: Okay baby.

I texted Tshego. I won't lie, first weirdest weekend. One without Musa. I missed him so so so much. At some point I felt like crying but my pride wouldn't let me.

Celi: Sis'Rea?

I looked at her.

Celi: Can I tell you something?

Me: sure.

She had finished feeding and burping the child.

Celi: I was sent by Aunt Nombuso here.

Me: you told me. To your brother

Celi: Yes but to also destroy your marriage. She said you poisoned Bhut'Musa against the family.

Me: Oh?

Celi: she wanted me to cause fights between you and Bhut'Musa and that eventually you two will get a divorce.

Me: Is that so?

She nodded.

Celi: but after you came to fetch me from Kliptown, it wasn't hard to see that you are a good person and everything Ncane said about you is a lie. She said Bhut'Musa and mum were fixing things and you came into the picture and ruined everything.

Me: That's what she said?

Celi: yes and that you poisoned your water, killed your own child and blamed mum for it.

She had been manipulated.

Me: That's what you were told?

She nodded.

Me: Those are all lies.

Celi: Now I know. Why would you want to kill

your own child? Risk your own life just to shift the blame on someone else. I'm only questioning these things now. I'm so sorry. I'll go back to...

Me: You are not going anywhere.

Celi: But I've started causing fights.

Me: don't worry about your brother and I..

Celi: I shouldn't?

I shook My head.

Me: Do you want to go back?

Celi: she told me I shouldn't and that I'm useless..

Me: So who were you going to go back to?

Celi: My friend in Kliptown..

Me: Just don't worry okay?

Celi: Okay.

Me: he's sleeping. Put him down and eat.

Celi: Thank you.

I went to call Nompi outside

Nompi: My skwiza.

Me: How are you?

Nompi: Im fine.

Me: Nomp is dad there?

Nompi: Yes.

Me: Can I talk to him?

Nompi: Sure. Hold on.

Minutes later...

Dad: Koti.

Me: How are you baba?

Dad: I'm fine. How are you?

Me: Im not okay. Can I come there tomorrow?

Dad: Rea, this is your home.

Me: thank you baba.

Dad: Is everything fine?

Me: Can I explain when I get there?

Dad: Okay. See you tomorrow.

Me: Goodnight baba.

Dad: goodnight Koti

I hung up and went back inside.

Me: I'm going to Mpumalanga tomorrow to try and sort this out okay?

Celi: with me?

It was as if it was something she was against.

Me: do you want to?

She shook her head.

Me: then you'll stay here.

Celi: Thank you.

Me: now eat.

She smiled. It was the first time I had ever seen her smile and boy was she beautiful. When she smiled, her eyes looked like Musa's. They just shone.

Me: I'm going to take a shower then we can do whatever you feel like doing.

Celi: Can we talk?

Me: Yes we can do just that.

I went to shower and she went after me..her child was an angel. Slept nonstop.

Me: Where's Langa's dad?

Celi: Langa's not mine.

Me: Celi?

Celi: he's Amanda's child.

Me: Who's Amanda?

Celi: Aunt Nombuso's 17 year old daughter.

Me: they were using a child as part of the plan?

She nodded.

Celi: they said you'll feel sorry for me if I pretend I have a child

Me: how sick are they?

Celi: I'm really sorry Sis'Rea

I shook my head. She was tearing up.

Me: its okay. So your dad didn't kick you out?

Celi: my dad kicked me out. But for not being a virgin anymore. I was tested two months ago. He said I'm an embarassment to the family.

Me: so you have a boyfriend?

Celi: he left me after he slept with me. Im not pregnant though. We used protection.

Me: Good. You are not suppose to be sleeping with boys. You still young. Im glad he dumped you.

Celi: I'm sorry.

Being a teenager though.. She was heartbroken. You could see it. These "first love" things! Death to the soul.

Me: I'm here now. To guide you.

She smiled again

Celi: You are a very good person Sis'Rea. Its no wonder aunt Nombuso doesn't want you to be happy. Our bible study teacher once said... "Evil people try by all means to hurt and destroy the good people". I didnt understand till now.

Me: You are a smart kid. How was it like being raised by your dad?

She told me, she was a cool kid. She loved Music, Loved painting and drawing...definetely Musa's sister. Musa was a great artist, he just didnt have time anymore. She also loved accounting and maths. And loved Reading. Interesting kid. The next morning, I drove to Mpumalanga.

Dad: Koti. You came alone?

Me: Yes sir.

Dad: Where's Musa.

Me: We...we had a fight.

Dad: that bad?

Me: He even kicked me out of our house baba.

Dad: No. That's not good...

He was reaching for his phone.

Me: No baba don't call him.

Dad: What's going on Rea?

Me: Celiwe came looking for Musa.

Dad: Nomasonto's daughter?

Me: Yes baba.

Dad: I saw her at Nombuso's a week ago.

Me: She's in Johannesburg. She had been sent by Nombuso to destroy our marriage.

Dad: she told you this?

Me: Yes. Musa kicked me out after I had taken her in. She told me everything.

Dad: That's Nombuso's style. She's like Nomasonto.

Me: So Musa, doesn't want to welcome this child as his sister.

Dad: he still has a grudge?

Me: Says he won't accept something that hurt

you. So I'm here to Ask if I did the right thing by sticking to Celiwe's side or will this by any chance hurt you baba? And if I'm wrong, I want to be corrected.

He shook his head

Dad: I was angry for the longest time but in all honesty, that child did nothing. She did nothing wrong and she didn't ask to be on this earth. I spoke to Nompilo, a week ago and she listened when I said, we can't punish Celiwe for her mother's deeds. I am not hurt nor am I angry. You did what a noble woman would do and that makes me proud to have you as a daughter in law. It is your duty as a wife to bring peace and harmony to a family and to bring siblings together like you did with Musa and Nompilo. Its only fair that you do the same with Celiwe.

I bowed down as sign to thank him for his time.

Dad: MaMolefe raised a strong, wise woman in you. Go on and do good my child. Blessings have already been bestowed upon you.

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Me: Thank you baba.

Dad: no thank you. You are the best thing that has ever happened to my son.

Me: Now I have to deal with him.

Musa! Musa! Musawenkosi!

Dad: It will be fine.

Me: I hope so. I need to go back. I have to see mama at the hospital and go back to the boys and Celiwe.

Dad: you must tell Me when she's out of hospital so I can come and see her..

Me: I will baba.

Dad: Go well.

Nompi was at her salon so I figured I would pass there before hitting the road.

Dad: safe travels.

Me: Thank you baba.

I got into the car and drove to The salon.

Nompi: Hey.

Me: Hey.

Nompi: you came?

Me: And now I'm leaving.

Nompi: Hai wena Rea.

Me: I have to go but first.. Are you busy?

Nompi: No actually I'm about to close up.

Me: Sundays aren't so busy are they?

Nompi: No. House calls mostly. But luckily I have none today.

Me: So can you accompany Me to your aunt's?

Nompi: Aunt?

Me: Nombuso.

Nompi: Why?

I told her.

Nompi: What? Let's go.

She locked up and I drove behind her to aunt Nombuso's.

Nombuso: Rea?

Me: Dumelang.

Nombuso: What brings you here?

Me: Can I see Amanda?

"I'm Amanda"

She had an attitude

Me: You want to pack a few things so you can go fetch your son?

She and her mother looked at each other.

Amanda: I don't know What...

Me: I'm being kind kid. Either you pack an overnight bag or you get reported to officials.

Nompi: And I'm coming with you to Johannesburg. To make sure she doesn't ditch her child again.

Me: Thank you Nompi. You driving back with her today?

Nompi: Yes.

Me: No need for a bag then. Let's go.

Nombuso; Rea...

Me: Don't talk to me! You are a disgusting human being!

Nompi: Let's go wena!

Amanda got up from the couch, got into Nompri's car and we drove back to Johannesburg.

Nompri: Hey Celi.

They hugged.

Celi: Sis'Nompri.

Nompri: stay away from them..

Celi: I will.

Nompri: You Dont want to come with?

Celi: Can I just stay here with Sis'Rea until she's okay.

What a thoughtful child.

Nompi: That's okay..get your child wena!

Amanda took Langa

Nompi: You need to rest.

Me: I do. Getting up at 3am to hit the road at 4am isn't child's play and I still need to go to the hospital.

Nompi: Now?

Me: I'll go later on at 19:00

Nompi: I'll come back to see Mum.

Me: Okay babe. Be safe.

Nompi: I will be.

Celi and I walked them to the parking lot and they left. She took a deep breath.

Celi: I will not have a child.

Me: wise decision.. Now we need to go.

Celi: go where?

Me: To Aus'Mello's. We can't live here forever.
We'll be there till I get us an apartment okay?

Celi: okay...I feel bad...

Me: You did nothing wrong. Stop apologizing.
Let's go.

We went to get our bags and checked out then I drove to my house. I called my father In law to tell him that I had arrived safely and that NOMPI was on her way back with Amanda and the child..

Me: I need to get the twins' clothes then we can go to Mello's okay? You want to come in?

She shook her head.

Me: Okay. I'll be back.

I walked in, Musa was in the kitchen getting snacks.

Me: Hey..

Musa: Hi.

Me: How are you?

Musa: I'm fine.. How are you?

Me: I'm okay. I just came to fetch the kids' clothes for tomorrow.

Musa: I kicked you out not my Sons.

Me: Musa you can come take them tomorrow and we can work out when I can see them. We'll be at Mello's.

I wasn't in the mood to fight with him really. I wasn't even going to involve my kids in our issues.. I went to their bedroom to pick out a few outfits, picked out one for myself.. I had decided I was going back to work. He had told me to go back when mum was fine so I was doing exactly that.

Me: Bye.

Musa: Bye.

Me: I'll forward you the budget for The new project.

Musa: Okay.

Me: I love you.

Silence! I could feel my heart sink. I walked out and went back to the car. I had to be strong.

Me: let's go..

I drove to Mello's.. The boys were happy to see me.

Lu: Who's this? She looks like Aunt Nompilo

Lwa: Why do you look like our Aunt?

Me: Coz she's also your aunt..

Lu: so young?

Me: Yes.

Lwa: what's your name?

Celi: Celiwe.

Funny how they didnt notice her before. Maybe they were too busy playing.

Lu: I'm Luyanda.

Lwa: I'm Lwandile.

Lu: We are twins.

I rolled my eyes. I mean duh!

Lu: Do you want water?

Celi: No. I'm fine..

Lwa: Do you want to sit with us?

Celi: Yes sure.

I took her bags and left them there..Tshego and Tshepo's kids had already left.

Mello: where's the baby?

I told her.

Mello: Smart kid. How evil is Musa's aunt.

Me: Beats me.

Mello: You two are still not fine?

I shook my head.

Mello: This is tough.

Me: I know right.

Mello: You'll be Fine.

Me: Hopefully..you have vodka?

Mello: Don't you still need to drive to the hospital?

Me: oh yes. Crap! I'll drink it when I get back then

We chilled and I went to the hospital with bra

Mike..mum was doing good, the next day, I drove the boys and Mello's kids to school then went to work..lunched without Musa. The only time we spoke was when we discussed the budget. I was glad when I knocked off and later that day, Mello and I drove Bra'Mike to the airport. Mello forced me to come with as she didnt want to come back alone. He was travelling to Kenya for something. I couldn't stand being around them. They were all touchy touchy and kissing.. I was glad when he finally said goodbye.

Me: Wow!

Mello: And that's exactly how you and Musa make us feel.

Me: Ke revenge?

Mello: spot on!

The next day, drove the kids to school and Musa wasn't at work. I didn't even want to ask Frida. Another long day, went to see mum after work and went back to Mello's. It actually helped being there coz I'd only take the kids to school and the nannies would fetch them. Saved me the trouble. Celiwe also enjoyed being with the kids. I was going to ask Bokang to pull a few strings so she could go back to school in the new year. A friend of his was a headmaster. Musa also knew a few people but I obviously couldn't get help from him. I was willing to wait..wait for him to come around. And I was also willing to be there for Celiwe who had no one by her side all I had to do was pray for a glimmer of hope as Sam Smith said.

Mello: Oh Rea, just take the damn voucher and go get something.

Me: who gives you all these gift vouchers?

Mello: Mike. You know how he is.

Me: He gifts you every week?

She nodded..

Me: Lucky bitch!

Lwa: Ms Kelly!

He ran into the kitchen.

Lwa: Dad's here to see you.

Me: Okay.

Mello: Go get the others and tell them to come outside

I went with him to the lounge and he told his brothers and sisters what Mello told him.

Celiwe got up from the couch as well and left with them.

Musa: Hey.

Me: Hey.

Musa: you good?

Me: I am..you?

Musa: Im good..

Me: Why werent you at work?

Musa: Dad had called for me.

Me: you were in Mpumalanga?

Musa: left last night.

Me: Oh okay.

Musa: he sat me down and spoke to me. Im sorry I let my anger cloud me.

Me: You need to work on it.

Musa: I know that and Im so sorry I kicked you

out. That was wrong of me.

I kept quiet.

Musa: Rea, Im sorry. I am so sorry. I shouldnt have treated you two the way I did.

Me: You shouldnt have.

Musa: can you call Celiwe for me?

Me: okay.

I went to call her..she looked nervous.

Me: relax.

Celi: Okay.

Went back to Musa.

Musa: Hey how are you?

Celi: Im fine how are you?

She looked so nervous. Poor kid.

Musa: Im fine. Im sorry for the way I treated you.

Celi: Sis'Rea explained. Its okay. I forgive you.

Musa: thank you. Im Musawenkosi Leornado Mabasa. Your big brother.

Celi: And Im Celiwe Lesedi Lediha. Your little sister.

They shook hands and smiled at each other.

Musa: nice to meet you lil sis.

Celi: nice to meet you too big bro.

They fist bumped, amazingly at the same and he looked at me.

Musa: Can we go home please?

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I looked at him.

Musa: can I talk to your sister for 5 minutes?

Celi: okay.

She left the room

Musa: please talk to me

Me: I'm suppose to accept Your apology just like that?

Musa: No. But can we just go home and fix this?

Silence

Musa: please.

Me: I don't know.

Musa: Its not a home without you.

Me: I know that.

Musa: Baby please.

He was begging..

Me: Fine stop it!

Musa: Thank you.

I called Celiwe back in and she went to get the bags while I told Mello that we leaving.

Mello: Come back

Me: oh I will.

Mello: Love you.

Me: I love you too.

I hugged And kissed my nieces and nephews.
The boys decided they'd ride with daddy and I,
with their aunt.

Me: How do you feel?

She took a deep breath.

Me: Let it out.

She did.

Celi: I'm happy.

Me: I'm glad you are..

Celi: You think we'll get along?

Me: Okay let me just brief you...

She giggled.

Me: he's a fun guy, likes spending money carelessly, sweet, strict and he doesn't take nonsense.

Celi: that's all?

Me: For now.

She giggled.

Celi: thank you for making me a part of your lives.

Me: Don't sweat the small stuff.. The twins like you Dont they?

Celi: they are so sweet..especially Luyanda. Lwandile is the curious one right?

Me: correct.

Celi: Thought I'm wrong.

Me: Anything else you've picked out?

Celi: Lwandile has a small scar.

Me: That's Right but its something you'd need to observe or else you wont notice anything.

Celi: is there anything else?

Me: Their ears.

Celi: I'll take a closer look.

Me: Do that.

We got to the house and Musa and the boys carried the bags.

Celi: This house is so beautiful

She had only been in the cottage

Me: Thank you.. Come. Let me show you your room

I led her to one of the rooms.

Me: Here you go.

Celi: Thank you.

Me: pleasure.. Make yourself comfortable. Ask the boys to give you a tour of the house.. I would but Im tired.

Celi: No problem Sis'Rea.

I left her there unpacking her bags and I went to check on the boys who were already falling asleep.

Me: You sleeping?

Lu: Yes.

Me: Change into your Pjs.

They did..

Me: Goodnight.

Lwa: goodnight Mum.

Lu: love you.

Me: I love you too.

I kissed them and walked out.

Musa: So they going to bed without eating?

Me: We already had dinner at Mello's.

Musa: Where's Celiwe?

Me: Settling in.

Musa: Oh okay. I'll go check on her.

Me: Okay.

I went to our bedroom to take a shower and when I was done, he was watching soccer..I put lotion on my body and changed into my PJs. I went to join him thereafter and he switched the TV off. He tried touching me and I drew back.

Me: Dont...

I hit his hand.

Me: Sex should be the Last thing on your mind.

He kept his hand to himself

Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: You kicked me out of our home.

Musa: Baby I'm sorry.

Me: No Musa, you need to deal with your demons.

Musa: And I will.

Me: You refuse to go for therapy so you can let this go..damnit Musa your mother is dead. Can

you get over it?

Musa: Im over her death. Look, I'll admit, I didnt want anything that was going to remind me of the bad things Nomasonto did.

Me: So you took it out on a 15 year old and your wife?

Musa: That was wrong.

Me: It was very wrong!

Musa: I know. I know and Im sorry.

Me: You should be..

I fixed my pillow and faced the other way.

Musa: Rea...

I switched my side lamp off.

Musa: Okay.

I closed my eyes and eventually fell asleep, the next day, I got the kids ready for school.

Musa: So here's some money for you. There's a shop down the road.

Celi: Thank you Bhuti.

Musa: And if a guy says hi to you walk faster.

I stopped myself from giggling..Celi wanted to laugh.

Celi: I'll walk faster.

Musa: Good. Keep the gate closed. The burglar gates locked.

Celi: I will

We left the house and dropped the kids off at school then went to work.

Musa: Still mad?

I kept quiet.

Musa: okay we are still mad

I looked out the window till we got to work and I went straight to my office. At Lunch, He softly knocked on my door.

Me: Im working.

Musa: You need to eat..

He had a basket with him.

Musa: Here you go. Chocolate?

Me: I'm serious.

Musa: "Please forgive me, I know not what I do

Please forgive me, I can't stop lovin' you

Don't deny me, this pain I'm goin' through

Please forgive me, if I need you like I do

Please believe me, every word I say is true

Please forgive me, I can't stop lovin' you"

I giggled.

Me: Stop singing.. Bryan Adams should sue you.

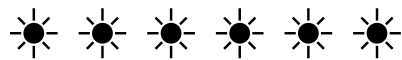
Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: Fine. Stop begging

Musa: Am I forgiven?

Me: Yes you are.

Musa: Thank you.



The festive season was great. Mum had recovered and Musa had pulled a few strings so Celi was going to repeat grade 10 but she was the right age so it wasn't a train smash..she and Musa got along really well.. The twins had started at a new school so it was new beginnings for the kids.. Pretty much the same for everyone else..Bonga was getting ready for his third child as he had mentioned, still had to plan the baby shower and Noma was also about to give birth to their 7th child.. Mello was also getting ready for her fifth child though she was months away from giving birth.

Me: Time to go! Lesedi come on!

Celi: Im coming.

Musa: Boys!

The three of them ran to the kitchen..

Musa: Second week of school and you already late? Not good..come on!

We all rushed out and dropped Celi at school then the twins. We had a big meeting at 12 that bored me to death but I got through it luckily. I went to Musa's office after so he could sign some documents. Some Vivian client came in.

Vivian: Musa, I was in the neighborhood. Hello sweety.

Me: Hey.

Vivian: I wont take much of his time..sorry to interrupt your meeting. Just two minutes. You don't need to go.

Me: No problem.

Vivian: Thank you.

She turned to Musa again.

Vivian: Thought I should Invite you to a business Dinner Frank.inc invited me to.. You know...take you there as my plus one.

Musa: That won't be necessary.. I got an invite too and I'm taking my wife with.

Vivian: You have wife? The last time we met you had no ring on.

Musa: We met once Vivian, my ring was in for cleaning that day besides you've been dealing

with Gerald ever since..take him with.

Vivian: Its just a business thing Musa. Don't be so uptight. Wifey will understand.

Musa: she will?

Vivian: Yes. I mean after all housewives need to understand that their husbands need to constantly be out trying to bring in the money.

I looked at her. Wow! So this is what Musa dealt with.

Vivian: Am I wrong?

She was asking me.

Me: No except I'm his wife, a shareholder of this company and you need to stop trying to wreck homes. Take "self-respect" as your plus one to

the business dinner and leave married men alone!

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Vivian: No I didn't mean to...

Me: your two minutes is over.

She took her invite and walked out.

Me: Right... Page 9.

He laughed.

Musa: Rea, what the hell?

Me: What baby?

Musa: That was mean but she deserved it. High five.

I high fived him.

Musa: remind me to never mess with you..

Me: Oh you always mess with me but I just let it go coz I love you

Musa: Is that so?

Me: Yes Sir..

Musa: See what I deal with?

Me: Is it always like this?

Musa: Why do you think I want to deal with male clients only?

Me: Makes sense now. Please sign..I need to go.

Musa: Want to go out tonight?

Me: And its a Friday right?

Musa: Yep.

Me: let's do it.

Musa: No shots today.

Me: Thou shall not be a party pooper

Musa: I can't keep up with you and you know it.
Its like you were born at a club...

I giggled.

Me: just sign baby.

He did

Me: thank you.

Musa: pleasure Ms Punchline..

I smiled.

Me: you know she deserved it.. 15:00 baby.

Musa: Okay my love.

I went back to my office and at 15:00, we all knocked off. We went to fetch the kids then took them to mum's. She had asked us to coz she hardly spent time with her. They were always with us as we had decided to put travelling on hold.

Mum: Thanks for bringing them.

Musa: Its a pleasure ma.

Me: See you on Sunday.

Mum: Where are you two going?

Me; Home.

Mum: you not going to the airport?

Me: Nope. We are broke.

She and Musa laughed.

Mum: Good. You can focus on other things now.

Me: Yes we can ma. I love you..

I wasn't up for mum's lectures.

Mum: I love you too Rea.

Me: bye ma.

We hugged her then left.

Musa: And why did you dismiss her like that?

Me: Because I knew where this was heading..

Musa: The baby issue?

I nodded.

Musa: which is something we need to discuss actually.

I was heating Up.

Musa: You don't think its time you got off the pill?

Me: Is it?

Musa: What do you mean "is it?"

Me: I'm asking..

Musa: didn't we talk about this?

Me: We said two months..

Musa: We are going on the third Rea!

Me: Musa just give me a bit of time please.

Musa: you wont get off it will you?

Me: I will.

Musa: When? Coz I've been begging and asking you to get off it since the beginning of this month. We not getting any younger.

Me: Musa I will get off it!

Musa: I don't understand why you going back on your word.

Me: Work's hectic, I have accounts that I'm working on. I've got kids to stress about, I'm running a household and trying to make sure that everything goes well.

Musa: Hi!

He waved.

Musa: You are not a single parent. You have me.

I kept quiet.

Musa: But you know What! Its okay. Whenever you are ready Rea. Whenever..

He took his beer and went to chill in the lounge. I went to cancel my doctor's appointment for the shot and flushed my pills down. I was doing this for the second time and it didn't feel right. Something was holding me back as I got rid of the pills but I did it anyway. I went to the lounge.

Me: Are we still going out?

Musa: Do you want to?

Me: I'd love to..

Musa: Cool then.

Me: I have a few places in mind.

Musa: bring it on baby.

Musa and parties a no no! Should've just called my boys.

Me: or we can get wasted together and stay here.

Musa: that's a better idea. In all honesty..

Me: cool.

I went to get us drinks.

Me: Listen, I was wrong..

Musa: about?

Me: The baby thing. We had agreed on the pill

for two months .

Musa: so you finally decided to play fair?

Me: Yes.

Musa: thats good to know.

Me: Come on

Musa: What baby?

Me: I'm going to get such responses all the time.

Musa: I just dont understand why you were being so difficult. maybe I'm the wrong one here and not getting it. Can I just ask you something?

Me: Yes.

Musa: do you think you are Ready for a child?

I swallowed hard.

Me: I think I am.

Musa: You need to be certain.

Me: Yes.

Musa: Rea, I wont force you to have a child then the next thing you wont give him/her the love they deserve.

Me: Im not cruel.

Musa: I didnt say that.

Me: Then?

Musa: I just want you to be sure.

Me: okay Musawenkosi.

Musa; Just sleep on it and decide okay?

Me: okay.

Musa: You really want to drink vodka?

Me: Yes.

We were slowly getting back to ourselves. The weekend was rough! We didnt even fetch the kids from mum's on sunday and we went to

work with heavy eyes.. There was a soft knock.

Me: Come in Charmaine!

"It's not Charmaine"

Me: Oh sorry hello

" I'm Edwin, from Malcolm's, we've been assigned to work on the...

Me: on "silver project"

Ed: yes.

Me: Oh nice to meet you. I'm Kelly

Ed: Nice to meet you too.

Me: How about we go work on this outside?

Ed: Rough weekend.

Me: Too rough.

I got my things.

Ed: After you ma'am.

We went to the garden. I needed the fresh air.

Me: Okay so let's see work out how our companies can both benefit from this..

Ed: sure thing...

We started working. I liked his work ethic, we were just flowing, in fact, we covered most parts and the next time we'd meet, we just had to work out a suitable budget.

Ed: If they don't approve then I don't know...

Me: Then they should probably get new people to work on this.

I was walking him to the other side of the building so he could get back to his car.

Ed: I agree.

We were laughing at something when we bumped into Musa.

Me: Okay so Ed...this is Musawenkosi Mabasa, he's the CEO of this company. Mr Mabasa this is Edwin Lithole. He works for Malcolm's. He's my silver project partner.

Ed: nice to meet you Sir

Musa: Likewise Sir but next time keep your hands off your colleague's in this case your project partner's waist.. It's a bit unethical.

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He quickly took his hand off my waist. It was innocent

Ed: Forgive me Sir. I'll call you so we can schedule our next meeting?

Me: Sure.

Ed: Good day Mr Mabasa.

Musa: Good day Mr Lithole.

He walked away.

Musa: And that?

Me: Don't make a big deal out of it.

Musa: Don't make a big deal out of it?

Me: Yes. It was a friendly touch .

Musa: Just like that?

Me: Baby don't be jealous.

Musa: Rea, you're my wife.

Me: I know that.

I grabbed the car keys from him.

Me: Follow me

Musa: I have a meeting in 20 minutes where are you taking me?

Me: Just follow me Musa.

Musa: Rea.

Me: Just follow me.

He did.

Musa: What are we doing here?

Me: Give me your brief case..

Musa: Rea...

Me: Just give it to me.

He hesitated at first but gave it to me. I put both our briefcases in the trunk and opened the passenger door for him.

Musa: What's going on?

Me: Get in the car. We have 17 minutes..

He did And I got into the driver's seat then drove to another parking spot where there weren't any cameras. On the other side of the building. No one ever came that side.

Musa: you not serious...

Me: I am.

I grabbed started unbuckling his belt.

Musa: Rea...

Me: don't say anything.

I decided shut him up with my lips, lowered his seat till he was on his back and I got inside of me. I moved at my own pace, taking my time and when it was a minute to his meeting, I got off him and got my lips off his.

Me: Thank you.

Musa: what the hell just happened?

He was in disbelief as he fixed himself up.

Me: I just did to you what you did to me 5 close to 6 years Ago now.

I fixed my dress and wiped the lipstick off his lips with my fingers.

Musa: Rea...

Me: You are late for your meeting Mr Mabasa. Fix your tie.

I got made myself comfortable and drove back to our parking spot

Me: Goodluck.

He got out of the car, went to take his briefcase and rushed back in. I took my time and after 15 minutes went back in.

Tshego: we've been waiting.

Mello: we just saw Musa rushing into the boardroom he didn't see us though. Where were you?

Me: I was with him..

Tshego: all the time?

Me: yes. What brings you ladies here?

Tshego: we are taking you out for lunch .

Me: oh that's nice.

Tshego: Want to grab your things?

Me: Sure thing. Let me just tidy up this desk.

Mello: That's a cute picture.

It was the three of us, we were laughing at something Tshepo had said on that day and Noma captured the moment.

Me: It is. Great angle.

Tshego: Noma should consider being a photographer..

Me: Oh no. Noma is a mummy.

Tshego: 7 kids is a lot. I told her.

Mello: it's not your place to. Besides she's on 4 kids. The three Tshepo came with into the marriage make it 7.

Tshego: She's still going to have 3 more kids. So it will make that 7 of her biological kids and 3 which are her stepchildren.

Mello: she must go for it. When this one I'm

carrying turns 4 months, I'm getting pregnant with my 6th.

Tshego: Mamello!

Mello: Keng sister?

Tshego: What are you? A baby machine?

Mello: No. I'm a wife.

Tshego: So you need to keep popping babies?

Mello: Yes. Mike and I decided ages ago that we want 10 kids. Tshepo and Noma have the same vision as us.

Tshego: That's one messed...

There was a knock.

Me: Come in..

He stepped in. I couldn't help but smile.

Musa: Sisters.

Tshego: Hey Musa.

Mello: Hey Musa

Musa: are you sisters good?

Mello: We are. How are you?

Musa: I'm good..

Me: Arent you in a meeting?

Musa: No, I couldn't concentrate.

I giggled. I could tell he wanted us to take the rest of the day off so he could have me his way.

Me: Is that all?

Musa: And they weren't well prepared

Me: And how can I help you?

He put his hands in his pocket.

Musa: I actually don't know. I just came to check on you..

Me: oh?

Musa: Yes.

I smiled.

Me: I'm fine.. I'm going out for lunch with the girls. I'll bring you something..

Musa: Okay. Thank you.

Mello: Well atleast you still remember he's still your husband even at work.

Musa and I giggled.

Musa: Have a great one ladies..

Tshego: You too Musa.

He left the office and I finished.

Me: let's go.

Tshego: please. Im hungry.

We left. Tshego get getting calls from some number but there was a network problem.

Mello: If they are serious, they'll call again .

Tshego: Okay so where were we?

Mello: Rea are you pregnant yet?

Mello was so Random.

Me: No..

Mello: Why not?

Me: Coz I'm not.

Tshego: Will you ever have a third child?

Me: Lwandile is my third child.

Tshego: Rea, stop thinking about the kids you lost .

Me: How about we stop talking about kids?. The topic has started annoying me.

Mello: okay fine

Tshego's phone rang again. Mello and I spoke about the babyshower, I had to organise for Grace

Mello: Do you have a theme yet?

Me: Not yet. I don't know why Bonga asked me to do this

Mello: I can help.

Me: I'd like that

Tshego: Twins

We stopped talking and paid attention to her ..

Tshego: The person that has been trying to call me is Thapelo.

Me: Thapelo our brother?

Tshego: Yes..

Mello: Is he okay?

Tshego: He's fine. We have something new to deal with now .

Me: If it involves Gloria count me out.

Tshego: Rea!

Me: I'm serious. That woman almost put my life in danger. I'm not interested.

Mello: I won't have to deal with it coz I don't even know her.

Me: So you can deal with it alone. Keng she's getting parole so she needs a place to stay?

Tshego: No. She passed on this morning. What she needs is a funeral

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Me: She died?

Tshego: yes.

Mello: What happened?

Tshego: Apparently she was sick.

Me: oh shame!

Mello: may she rest in peace.

Me: So maybe we can go for yellow, gold and a bit of Navy.

Mello: Do they know the gender yet?

Me: Boy.

Mello: Oh those are the perfect colors then.

Me: I think we'll be able to find the...

"hey!"

We kept quiet again.

Tshego: Your mother just died.

Me: and we are not interested.

Tshego: Reabilwe!

Mello: no..dont shout Tshego.

Tshego: I'm suppose to shout.

Mello found a parking spot..

Me: You not supoose to.

Mello: Like she said sis...we are not interested.

Me: Exactly!

Tshego: Mamello and Reabilwe...

We were in for it.

Tshego: Fine...I get it, you not interested but what about Thapelo?

Me: Can we go inside?

Tshego: Fine.

We got out of the car and went into the restaurant, we ordered drinks and food.

Tshego: Are you two willing to listen?

We kept quiet.

Tshego: It's okay, you don't need to be interested. You just need to be there for Thapelo.

Mello: but why?

Tshego: Because he's your brother.

Me:yes he is.

Mello: And we are sorry for his loss.

Tshego: what kind of children are you?

We sat still and folded our arms at the same

time.

Tshego: We are going to support Thapelo.. No one is asking you to contribute towards the funeral.. Just be there for Thapelo.

Mello: Okay Tshego.

Tshego: "okay?"

Me: Yes.

Tshego: elaborate on that "okay"

Me: Mello and I will attend the funeral.

Mello: for Thapelo's side.

Tshego: Good.

Me: where's the food?

They both giggled.

Mello: you back to being a food lover?

Me: Yes!

Tshego: Good to see you eat.

We weren't sad at all. I mean we didn't even know her so whatever..

Me: But we'll be there on Saturday morning.

Tshego: you'll get there on the Day of the funeral?

Me: Yes.. My kids need to go to school..

Tshego: Bathong Rea!

Me: Let's not fight about this please..

Tshego: Fine.

We had lunch and they took me back to the office.

Me: here you go Sir.

Musa: Thank you Ma'am.

Me: pleasure.

Musa: How was lunch with the girls?

Me: It was fine..so Gloria passed on.

Musa: that's sad..how do you feel?

Me: like myself.

Musa: You not hurt?

Me: nope.

Musa: at all?

I shook my head.

Me: But Tshego wants us to be there for Thapelo.

Musa: And?

Me: And we going but that's about.it.

Musa: Sure?

I nodded.

Musa: You know I'm a 110% behind you right?

Me: Oh that I know.. And thank you.

Musa: Don't mention it my love.

Me: And let me get back to work

Musa: By the way...

I giggled.

Musa: What is it?

Me: No nothing. Go on.

Musa: What happened earlier on was nice.

Me: I'm nice..

Musa: You're a very nice..

I smiled and got up.

Me: Enjoy your food. To the moon and back.

Musa: To the moon and back my babe

I went back to work. The weekend went by real fast and we went to the funeral on Saturday. Our kids stayed with Celi and the nannies Mello had. I didn't go to the gravesite, I stayed with Mello, apparently pregnant women weren't allowed to go there. Customs or something like that.

Me: What time will they be back?

Mello: You miss Musa?

Me: Yes. They've been gone to the cemetery forever.

Mello: they not exactly using a tractor to fill the grave with soil you know?

I sat down.

Me: fine.

Mello: Rea, Musa will be the death of you.

Me: I know that.

Mello: the love you two share is dangerous.

Me: You sound like Nompilo now..she once said that.

Mello: Then it means I'm right.

Me: Okay if that's what you think. Do you want something to drink?

Mello: A cider would be nice

Me: forget it!

I was glad when Musa And the rest of the family and friends came back from the cemetery. At around 16:00, we left and fetched kids from school. Another busy week, but I managed to meet with Edwin so we could discuss a few things. We made a great team. We even went out for lunch on Wednesday and I got to meet the love of his life, Anele, what an amazing soul. On Thursday, we went for the business dinner, Vivian was there but only greeted Musa. And when it was Friday, I was happy. I really was. And I was going to recharge coz In that week, I had to deal with Lwandile who Was every experimental..he thought he was a scientist. Luyanda on the other hand, was very chilled.. A gent. Calm, Smart and understanding..Celi was also very busy, grade 10 wasn't pap en vleis.. Plus she had changed subjects.

Musa: peace finally!

They had just left.. Tshego was having them for the weekend.

Me: You do know that they are coming here next week right?

Musa: you kidding me.

Me: Yep.

Musa: That's bad.

Me; You'll be strong.

Musa: Do I have a choice?

Me: Nope actually

I packed the last few things.

Musa: And now?

He asked as I zipped my bag.

Musa: Where to?

Me: Potch baby.

Musa: Potch?

Me: Potchefstroom

Musa: To do What?

Me: but I told you Im invited me to a business conference for the weekend.

Musa: Rea...

Me: baby, I emailed you the details and I told you we'd talk when we got home but you were helping Celi with accounting till late so we couldn't.

Musa: so how did you find out about it?

Me: Edwin..we going together.

Musa: what?

Me: yes.

Musa: No.

Me: Musa, its a business conference! It will be good for...

Musa: Rea! I don't care. Even if he had invited you to a church conference I'd still say no!

Me: Mus...

Musa: You not going anywhere.

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I could not believe my ears. I threw the toiletry bag on the bed.

Me: are you serious?

Musa: Yes

Me: Its a conference! Edwin is....

Musa: I don't care Rea!

Me: You do not own me.

Musa: you going to a conference with a man and I'm suppose to be okay with that?

Me: It's Edwin.

Musa: The same guy who puts his hand on your waist right?

Me: You are just being impossible.

Musa: no I'm not.

I got out of the shoes I was wearing and texted Edwin to tell him that I'm not going with him anymore.

Musa: Rea, put your phone down I'm talking to you.

I tossed it aside.

Me: what else would you like me to do your Majesty?

Musa: Don't get cheeky with me.

He had a straight face. It was intimidating. I folded my arms and looked at him.

Musa: You are married.

Me: I think I know that.

Musa: So behave like a married woman.

Me: Just like that?

Musa: how would you feel if I were to do the

same?

I kept quiet.

Musa: Exactly! Can you get into something comfortable I want to take you out.

What the hell? Seriously? I sat still.

Musa: Rea please.

Me: No!

Musa: Reabilwe

Me: Musawenkosi.

Musa: I asked you to do something.

Me: You didn't ask me. You told me. I didn't hear a "please" you want me to do ever...

Musa: Okay. I don't want to fight with you. You

are wrong and you know it. I won't allow my wife to go on a getaway with another man.

Me: its not a getaway..

Musa: baby it's still wrong! Can you just change? Please.

I got up from the bed and changed into a bodysuit and shorts, decided to wear sandals. I let my hair down.

Musa: Rea..

Me: no. Leave me alone..

He wanted to complain about the outfit. I took my bag and looked at him.

Me: Let's go

Musa: Okay.

He took the car keys and locked up then we left

Me: where are you taking me?

I was putting on lipstick.

Musa: You really trying to provoke me today aren't you?

Me: How so?

Musa: Rea, you decide to wear bum shorts and You grab a body suit that is very....

Me: cute..

Musa: No.

Me: You have a problem with my outfit?

Musa: Yes..

Me: Okay. I like it.

Musa: Of course you do coz you like provoking me.

Me: Im not provoking you.

I put my makeup bag back in handbag.

Me: Where are you taking me?

Musa: I'm taking you out for dinner.

Me: who said I'm hungry?

Musa: You look hungry.

Me: You are a lot of things aren't you?

Musa: Maybe. But out of all those things, I love being your husband, a father to my sons and being a brother the most...

I looked at him.

Musa: did I do anything wrong?

Me: No..

Musa: still mad?

Me: no point in being mad

We finally got to where he was taking me.

Me: Steakhouse?

Musa: yep.

Me: well well well...my favorite!

I got out of the car first and I heard him laugh.

Musa: Can you wait for me?

Me: please hurry.

I was hungry. Just seeing the word "steakhouse" made me hungry.

Musa: Fine

I waited for him to come my way and slid my hand into his then we went inside.

Musa: I don't appreciate how everyone is looking at you..

Me: Why's that Sir?

Musa: The eyes of the men here are full of lust.

I giggled.

Musa: I'm serious Rea. You don't even look like

you have two kids.

Me: and you need to chill and eat.

Musa: Oh?

Me: Yes Sir.

We had a lovely evening, when we got home, let me just say...we slept at 4am. I was woken up by fingers moving around my neck and my breasts. I was still naked...

Musa: good morning..

Me: what time is it?

Musa: 9:30.

Me: I should...

Musa: keep quiet.

He pulled me to him and I was suddenly on my

back.

Me: Musa don't do it..

Musa: what shouldnt I do?

Me: I'm still tired from..

He was already doing what I told him not to do.
I finally caught my breath when he was done.

Me: You woke me up to hurt me more?

Musa: Did I hurt you?

Me: Yes.

Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: It was exhilarating though.

Musa: Oh?

Me: Yes.

Musa: well it's a pleasure Mrs Mabasa.

Me: what are we doing today?

Musa: We can chill indoors all day.

Me: Or?

Musa: or we can go out.

Me: I don't feel like going out..

Musa: Then we chill.

Me: Okay cool then. And you're making breakfast.

Musa: I always make breakfast baby.

He got out of bed and pulled his shorts on. He got me one his shirts that I always put on. We went to the bathroom to refreshen up and he went to work on breakfast while I tidied up.

Me: So I was thinking...

Musa: Oh no!

I giggled.

Me: What is it?

Musa: I feel like I'm going to be in trouble..

Me: No. My phone's on you right?

Musa: yes and Mello's been texting you.

He took it out.

Me: That phone's always busy. Anyway..

I went to sit next to him and started scrolling through my phone.

Me: This!

Musa: You want to change the garden set up?

Me: Yep.

Musa: Its nice.

Me: It is right?

There was a knock

Musa: I'll get it.

He opened the door, greeted and thanked someone.

Me: Who's that?

Musa: Delivery guy.

Me: On Saturday?

Musa: Yes baby. Money doesn't rest this is for you.

Me: Oh you can open it.

He did and it was two piece lingerie.

Me: So That's probably Tshego. She likes buying us lingerie.

He giggled.

Musa: Tshego should really open a lingerie shop.

He opened a card and started reading.

"Hi Kelly, hope you good. Just checking up on

you and reminding you that I love you. Potch is dull without you. Had fun with you on Thursday, have this on, the next time we meet. Love, Ed"

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Me: Huh?

Musa: dont say "huh?" What's going on?

I was also confused.

Me: I Dont know..

Musa: You don't know?

Me: No.

Musa: This came through for you.

Me: I know.

Musa: Rea what happened on Thursday?

Me: nothing.

Musa: Reabilwe!

I was getting scared.

Me: look, We had lunch on Wednesday.

Musa: And you didn't tell me this?

Me: And on Thursday morning, we met for coffee at the little coffee shop near Total garage..

Musa: You went out for lunch with Ed?

I nodded.

Musa: You are colleagues not friends.

Me: He's really good company Musa...

His eyes almost popped out of his sockets.

Me: No that's not...

Musa: Rea, do you love this guy?

Me: Yes...I mean...

I didn't know to say.

Musa: And this is the same guy you told me to not worry about!

Me: Musa...

He walked away from me.

Me: Baby please listen...

He kept walking.. I followed him and before I got to the door, he shut it. I went to get my phone so I could call Ed but it was off..minutes later, he came out changed.

Me: Musa please listen...

Musa: To what? Rea, You have lunch with other men, meet up with them for coffee, pack to go with them on conferences in Potch and now lingerie?

Me: Its not what you think.

Musa: I thought we didn't keep secrets.

Me: it's not.

Musa: It is. I'm going to Bonginkosi's.

Me: Musa...

Musa: Rea please.

He left. I had even lost my appetite. I cleared up, washed the dishes and changed too. Ed's phone was off and I didn't even want to call Anele. Besides I knew they weren't together. Anele wasn't into business conference.. Heard it from the horse's mouth. I drove to Ella's.

Ella: Dumelang.

Me: hey Ella.

Ella: You get here and just sit?

Me: Im sorry.

Ella: You okay?

Me: I'm fine.

Ella: What's on your mind?

Me: A lot hey..work.

Ella: You look tired.

Me: I am.

Ella: You and Musa are still party animals?

Me: something like that.

Ella: you okay?

Me: I am Ella..can I have some water?

Ella: Okay.

She gave me a bottle.

Me: Can we go out? Where are the kids?

Ella: They are at their Granny's.

Me: Xolani's mum?

Ella: yes.

Me: Can we go out for drinks?

Ella: sure.

Me: Thank you.

she grabbed her bag and locked up.

Ella: You really look tired. Rea are you fine?

Me: yes. And I'm sure

Ella: okay.

We drove to some pub

Ella; Just one cocktail for you.

Me: Why?

Ella: Coz you driving..

Me: Okay Ella.

We ordered drinks.

Ella: how's life?

Me: All good.

Ella: And is making you so tired and stressed.

Me: Work is hectic.

Ella: how are the kids doing?

Me: Celi is fine. Luyanda is still a smart gent and then there's Lwandile...

She giggled.

Ella: he's still a scientist?

Me: We have to keep everything from him, Domestos, handy Andy etc from him.

Ella: He's also smart.

Me: he is. However, he's very experimental. Luyanda on the other hand, wants us to also watch the animal channel. Those kids are weird.

Ella: They are your kids.

Me: Lwandile is too Active.

Ella: He'll get Better.

Me: Or worse.

Ella: Okay yes

Me: And how your kids doing?

Ella: Still the same.

Me: still love Granny more.

Ella: You know them

We sighed.

Ella: Growing up hey.

Me: If only they had told me.

Ella: Its Inescapable.

Me: That's true.

Ella: and when's your next vacation?

I shook my head.

Ella: What's that suppose to mean?

Me: We still have alot of things to do. Vacation will come after why?

Ella: Coz we going to have a party for Nondumiso..

Me: You guys and parties for kids.

Its something Musa and I didn't believe in. We'd rather travel with our kids than have parties.

Ella: In a month..

Me: I'll be there..listen, Grace's Babyshower.

Ella: When is it?

Me: next weekend.

Ella: Okay cool.

We had our drinks and when I got home at around 20:30, Musa was watching a movie on his laptop. He had sets on and I decided to go straight to bed..on Sunday morning, we went to church, Musa spent the afternoon with Pabi and we had lunch at Mum's. Family things. We went back home late and he locked himself in the study coz he had something to work on. I finally got a hold of Edwin on Monday and asked if we could meet up.

Me: Hey.

Ed: Hey Rea.

Me: How are you?

Ed: I'm fine..are you angry at me?

Me: how was your weekend?

Ed: Quite nice. You should have come through.

Me: Mmm...

Ed: Hai Rea why are you moody?

Me: I should be.

I Gave him the gift.

Me: I'm confused now really Edwin coz I thought you happy with Anele and now this? Are you confused?

Ed: Whoa! There's nothing to be confused about.. I am happy with Anele. And you know this. Rea, you are beautiful yes but I'm not attracted to women. And you know this.

Me: You didnt send these?

Ed: no. I didnt send you those and I didn't even sign this card.

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Me: You didn't?

Ed: I'd send you chocolate and liquor.

I laughed.

Ed: clearly someone is playing games.

Me: That's true.

Ed: but who?

Me: I really don't know.

Ed: Please eat.

Me: Musa is mad at me. He thinks I'm cheating on him.

Ed: Did you tell him I'm gay?

Me: He didn't even give me the time of day

Ed: Try today.

Me: I will. Anyway, how was Potch?

Ed: Potch was fun.

Me: Interesting?

Ed: Very..good for networking.

Me: wish I was there.

Ed: other conferences will be hosted.

Me: and I'll definitely tag along.

Ed: So on Saturday, I'm having a braai.

Me: I'm hosting a baby shower on Saturday.

Ed: who's having a baby?

Me: My bestfriend's wife.

Ed: Can Anele and I come?

I giggled.

Me: You sure?

Ed: Yes.

Me: Okay.

Ed: Boy? Girl?

Me: Boy.

Ed: Venue?

Me: I'll SMS you the details.

Ed: and you'll be fine.

Me: I hope so.

Ed: You really love him don't you?

Me: That obvious?

Ed: Yes. You look weary.

Me: Oh wow.

Ed: but I really hope you'll be fine.. I'll conduct my own investigations as well..

Me: Oh no. Dont worry about that.

Ed: You sure?

Me: Yes.

Ed: Okay.

Me: And I need to get back to work.

Ed: me too. See you on Wednesday?

Me: See you

We hugged.

Ed: Anele will want that lipstick.

Me: I'll wait for him to ask

Ed: he doesn't ask. He takes.

I giggled and we hugged again.

Ed: Take care.

Me: You too.

Ed: Like/Love you man!

Me: I like/love you too babe!

He walked me to my car and I went back to the office.. I saw Musa in the boardroom and I just decided to go work. I got a call from Mike minutes later.

Me: Bra'Mike.

Mike: Hey Rea, you good?

Me: I am you?

Mike: Not good. I've just received a call. Mello' has been rushed to the hospital in Park town, can you go there?

I was already up.

Mike: I'm on my way back from the Free State.

Me: Okay.

I hung up and grabbed my things, rushed to the hospital, asked where she was at reception.

Me: Mello.

Mello: Hey.

Me: Are you fine.

Stupid Question.

Me: what happened?

Mello: I just collapsed.

Me: Why?

Mello: Apparently I'm dehydrated.

Me: You are.

Mello: Rea hai man.

Me: Will you be fine though?

Mello: yes..

Me: okay

Mello: you can go back to work now.

Me: No.

Mello: "no?"

Me: I'll stay here with you until I'm certain everything's fine.

Mello: You know I'm going home today right?

Me: And its okay.

Mello: Rea.

Me: Mello?

Mello; Are you fine?

Me: I'm just tired.

Mello: You didn't seem fine yesterday.

Me: I Was a bit sick yesterday

Mello: Is everything okay?

I nodded.

Mello: You sure?

Me: I'm just tired and I actually feel like vomiting.

Mello: You ate Mayo?

Me: chicken mayo sandwich.

Mello: we told you stop Eating that.

Me: I love it.

Mello: It doesn't love you.

Me: This is not even about me...it's about you.

Mello: And I'm fine.

Me: until the doctors say so then you not Fine.

Mello: Reabilwe!

Me: keep quiet.

Mello: Oh no you didn't!

Me: Oh yes I did.

I got my magazine out of my bag.

Mello: And don't think I can't see that you not fine.

Me: Mamello...

Mello: Read your magazine.

I did and I drove her to her house..I texted Musa, asking him to fetch the kids and Explaining that I'd be late and why.

Mello: I'm fine.

Me: No you're not.

Mello: It's hot outside.

Me: I know.

Mello: so why are you tucking me in?

Me: Coz I want you to be warm.

Mello: Rea, I'm just pregnant.

Me: Just be warm. And drink water.

Mello: Is that all?

Me: and take your vitamins.

Mello: Is that all?

Me: Yes.

Mello: You can go back to your husband now.

Me: Oh so you asking Me to leave?

Mello: Yes!

Me: Fine.

I kissed her, went to say bye you Nieces and nephews and went back home. I found Musa cooking.

Me: Hey.

Musa: Hey.

Me: You good?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Where are the kids?

Musa; In Celi's room..she's helping them with homework.

Me: Oh okay how was your day?

Musa: Fine. How's Mello doing?

Me: she's fine. She was just dehydrated.

Musa: And how's Edwin doing?

Me: he's fine..Edwin's gay.

Musa: is that so?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Rea, you must think I'm stupid.

Me: Musa....

He took out some papers.

Musa: there.

Printed photos of Ed and I that were taken earlier On. One of me, giving him a kiss before I left but it was an innocent kiss...it actually looked like it was on the mouth when infact, I had just given him a kiss on his cheek, us laughing, us hugging. They were very compromising.

Me: This is not what it looks like.

Musa: You still insist your Edwin is gay?

Me: No

Musa: so he's not gay?

Me: Ye...

Musa: Okay.

Me: Musa this is not what it looks like baby please!

Musa: It's exactly what it looks like. I hope you find cheating fun.

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#49

Me: I'm not cheating on you. How about you and Edwin meet so he can tell you himself?

Musa: Tell me himself? I've already met Edwin.

I didn't know What to do or say anymore.

Me: Musa Baby please!

Musa: "baby please?"

Me: I'm not cheating. Edwin is gay!

Musa: The funny thing is, You say one thing yet the pictures tell a different tale

Me: I know but please believe me

Musa: No Rea.

Me: why are you being so difficult? Can't you see someone is trying to break us up?

Musa: Oh?

Me: Yes!

Musa: The truth is being revealed and you want to blame it on someone else?

Me: Open your eyes and see!

Musa: I Don't have time for this. How sure am I that you were with Mello and not with him?

I walked away from. I couldn't take it. Really I couldn't. Why was he being so unreasonable?

Me: Hey kids.

Celi: Sis'Rea.

Lwa: Ms Kelly.

Lu: how are you Ms Kelly?

Me: I'm fine. How was school?

Lu: It was fine..

Me: that's good and you madam?

Celi: It was okay.

Me: Settling in well?

She nodded.

Me: Please tell me you made new friends!

She giggled.

Celi; Made two.

Me: Oh thank the heavens! And are you two behaving?

They looked each other.

Lu: Yes.

Me: really?

Lwa: yes Ms Kelly.

Me: You better behave at school.

Lu: Can we have hot chocolate tonight?

Me: After dinner..

Lwa; Please fetch us tomorrow.

Me: you didn't have fun with dad?

Lwa: No..

Me: why's that?

Lu: he was quiet.

Celi: his body was there but his mind was elsewhere

Me: Okay. I'll fetch You guys tomorrow.

Lwa: thank you Ms Kelly.

Me: Finish up.

I got up and went to take a long bath. I was tired really. Got into PJs and found the kids eating..

Lu: you going to bed?

Me: Yes.

Lwa: What time is it?

Me: its 19:30.

Celi: Are you fine Sis'Rea?

Me: I'm just tired.

Celi: I'll wash the dishes its okay.

Me: And don't sleep late today. Study smart not hard. Told you this before.

I Kissed them.

Lu: I love you.

Me: I love you my Angel.

Lwa: I love you.

Me: I love you too Scientist.

They both hugged me

Me: And I love you.

Celi: I love you more.

Me: goodnight babies.

They said goodnight and I went back to the bedroom. I felt horrible. I heard when Musa came in at around 22:00 and I wanted us to talk but decided to keep quiet. The next morning, I got the kids ready for school.

Lu: You not going to work?

Me: No..

Lwa: Why?

Me: I'm not okay..

Celi: Do you need anything?

Me: Yes. I need you kids to go to school.

Celi: that's all?

Me: Yes..

Celi: okay then.

They finished eating breakfast and they left with Musa, I took asprin for My headache, tidied up, took a bath and I started working. I called Ed.

Ed: Rea.

Me: Hey Ed, you good?

Ed: I'm all good..

Me: Are you at work?

Ed: nope.. Im at the guesthouse

Me: guesthouse?

Ed: I told you our house is getting renovated so we are currently at a friend's guesthouse .

Me: Oh you did yes. Listen, there's something

that we need to discuss so just text me your location..

Ed: Sure..

Me: see You soon..

Ed: cool.

I grabbed my car keys and drove there after he sent the location.

Me: These are going to cost us a lot of money so we must minimize costs. I was also thinking that we change this a bit?

We were working in their room.

Ed: We can.

We finally finished after two hours

Ed: are you Okay?

Me: Ed, I'm going to need you to stay away till I fix this..

Ed: You haven't fixed this?

Me: Someone took pictures.

Ed: Rea, this is getting out of hand.

Me: Musa won't believe you're gay after those pictures.

Ed: I won't come to the baby shower then.

Me: You don't...

Ed: Sort your marriage first..

Me: Okay.

Ed: is there anything I can do?

Me: Ed, I'll Just try to handle this on my own okay?

I didn't want to put his life in danger. Musa was danger in all honesty.

Ed: So our meetings?

Me: we going to have to Skype.

Ed: Okay

Me: You good with that?

Ed: Yep.

Just then Anele came in, he was wearing denims and a tunic shirt , he had just shaved, you could tell and he Had a pretty wig on. His voice was deeper than Ed's but from a distance, you'd swear he's female from the way he carried himself.

Anele: So I want that lipstick.

I giggled and took it out.

Me: Here.

Anele: Thank you.

Me: You look cute.

Anele: Thank you babe. Are you okay?

Me: I'll be fine.

Anele: you sure?

Me: Yep. I need to bounce now. I'll call you guys

Anele: You better. We need to go out for drinks soon..

Me: We will.

They walked me out and I drove home, went to fetch the kids at around 14:30 and we had lunch then went home after that at around 16:30.

Musa was busy on his laptop. He greeted the kids and I told them to go start doing their homework.

Me: hey .

Musa: Hey.

Me: You okay?

Musa: Come over here.

I went to his side.

Musa: You refuse to stay away from Edwin don't you?

Me: what are you talking about?

Musa: This. This came through.

Me: From?

Musa: The same person that sent me those

pictures.

Me: Oh the person that's trying to break us up!
Anonymous!

It was footage of me going into the room with Edwin coz he had fetched me from reception.

Musa: For two hours?

Me: We were working! Can't you see the briefcase I'm carrying

Musa: That's What you wanted everyone to think.

I sighed. I was really not going to win.

Musa: Makes perfect sense coz about two hours later the wife came.

Me: That's a guy.

Musa: Really?

Me: That is a guy who likes dressing like women! Anele is a guy!

Musa: Rea, you must think I'm an idiot. I did research on your Edwin guy, he has two kids.

Me: I know that. He has two kids from his previous relationship. One's 9, the other's 7. This was all before he finally came out. He was always in denial.

Musa: And I'm suppose to believe that? Everything is right before my eyes and you want me to believe that?

I was tired really. I didn't even have the energy. In fact, I felt sick.

Me: Musa, I'm tired, I'm drained and I'm sick!

Either you believe your wife or that bitch or bastard that's trying to break us up. I thought you smarter and bigger than this. Believe what you want to believe. I'm not interested in this anymore. And you know what..I've changed my mind, I will not stay away from Edwin, Edwin is gay and he's happy with his Anele! I will meet with him for as long as I want and until this project is over! I was going to ask Jono to look into this but I'd be wasting my time coz you've made up your mind. So you know what, Musa, believe what You want to believe. I'm done! I'm so over this!

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I walked away from him.

Musa: Rea!

I didn't stop nor look back. I went straight to the shower and decided to cook with my sets on. I slept really early that night, the next morning, I got the kids ready for school.

Celi: You not going to work?

I shook my head.

Lu: Are you still sick?

Me: something like that

I was still a mess. I was just so tired. Musa drained me and I really couldn't stand being in the same building as him

Me: I'm going to spend the day at Aunt Mello's
so Her nannies will fetch you okay?

Lwa: okay.

Me: come here.

They both came to hug me.

Me: I love you both so much

Lu&Lwa: We love you too.

Me: and you my babygirl.. I love you.

Celi: I love you Sis'Rea.

Me: off to school.

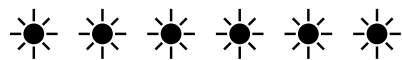
Musa: Go to the car.

They grabbed their bags and left.

Musa: Have a good day

Me: You too.

He left and I tidied up, took a bath and got ready to go to Mello's at around 10:30. As I got into the car and went to Mello's to organise the baby shower.



Saturday, Finally came. Musa and I were still strangers living in the same house. He clearly didn't trust me so I wasn't going to stress myself..

Me: Just move that table over there so we can have space please.

Day of the baby shower. I was going crazy.

Me: Don't break that please.

Ella: You look stressed.

Me: I just want this day to be over.

Ella: It hasn't even begun

Me: Oh tell me about it.

I had asked Ella to come help me out.. We were having it at Bonga's. I had told Grace to go to the spa. Actually, I got Her a voucher so she couldn't see the mess. She knew about the baby shower but I didnt want her to stress.

Ella: Are you good?

Me: Oh I'm good.

Ella: You sure?

Me: Yep. Cake over there please.

After an hour, All was good.

Ella: better?

Me: yes.

Ella: I'll go check on the food.

Me: Thank you

After we made sure everything was fine, I went to take a quick shower and changed so I could welcome the guests.

Bonga: Good job.

Me: Thank you

Bonga: Rea are you fine?

Me: I can't wait for this to be over.

Bonga: Haibo.

Me: I'm just really tired.

Bonga: Are you really fine?

Me: I will be. Oh there's Tshepo And Noma...

I went to welcome them. Got Noma a chair coz she looked so tired.

Tshepo: Hey wena stranger!

Me: Hey Cuz.

Tshepo: All good?

Me: Yes hey. You?

Tshepo: I'm all good..where's Mus...oh there he is.

Me: Yep.

He had just arrived.

Tshepo; Let me go talk to him okay?

Me: Sure thing.

30 minutes later, All the guests that had RSVP'd were seated. So was the mum to be.. Tshego opened with a prayer and we began the ceremony.

Mello: Rea, stop drinking wine. Tshepo just called you to give a short speech.

The bottle was half empty. I was a bit tipsy. I walked towards Tshepo.

Tshepo: here.

He passed me the mic.

Me:ummm...Dumelang.. I wasn't aware that I'm on the program but anyway... you two are doing this for the third time, It should be very simple I hope. I'm glad you finally having a boy and I wish you all the best.. Bonga, teach him great values that you have, I hope he grows into a younger version of you..all the best guys.

Round of applause, Tshupo was the last speaker And we finally ate.. At around 17:00, I went to say bye to my sisters.

Me: Mum is keeping the twins and Celi for The week

Mello: Rea, you travelling alone?

I nodded. I was travelling to Zambia

Me: I really need to be alone for sometime.

Tshego: how long will you be gone?

Me: a week.

Mello: should we ask Musa what's...

Me: No! He doesn't even know where I'm going.

Mello: we also dont know where you going. We just know that you travelling out of Tue country.

Me: I love you girls.

Mello: Are you still tipsy?

Me: Not anymore. I really have to go. My flight leaves at 19:00.

I hugged them and left Bonga's.. My flight left at 19:00 and boy was I glad! I was going to be alone with my thoughts. I landed safely and

checked into my to

I videocalled the sisters the next day.

Me: So how was the party after I left?

Tshego: It was actually fun hey.

Mello: I drank your wine!

I laughed.

Me: I know.

Mello: how's it there?

Me: All good.

Tshego: And are you eating?

Me: Yep.

Tshego: Rea, what's going on?.

Me: Musa thinks I'm cheating on him

I told them everything.

Mello: This person's got you.

Me: Yep.. But I've decided to give Musa his space

Tshego: Do that

Mello: Take care of yourself.

Me: I will.

I spent the week relaxing and on Friday morning, went back home..I felt better.. Went for my scheduled appointment and went to see the kids..I wanted to take them with but my mum said No. When I got home, I went straight to bed and woke up at around 19:00.

Me: hi.

I sat down.

Musa: where were you?

Me: Zambia.

Musa: You missed out on important meetings.

Me: I skyped..I didn't miss any of my meetings.

I took a deep breath

Me: I just want us to fix this.. I thought a bit of space will do us some good.

Musa: Fix? You broke this and now you want to fix this?

Me: Musa, I am not cheating, I didn't cheat..listen, I'm really trying to fix this coz I'm not suppose to be under Any stress. I can't

afford to put the child I'm carrying in danger

Musa; Child?

Me: I'm pregnant again

Musa: And how sure are you that the child is mine?

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I couldn't believe it..I gasped for air and felt my cheeks get wet.

Musa: I'm asking you.

I got up from the couch, took my PJs from the

bedroom and went to lock myself in the guestroom and cried myself to sleep. The next morning, I woke up with bags under my eyes. I went to brush my teeth, took a shower and started cleaning with my sets on.

Me: Musa!

No response.

Me: Musa.

I looked around the house and one of his cars werent there. At around 11:30, I decided to go to Bonga's.

Bonga: Hey!

I hugged him.

Me: hey where's Grace?

Bonga: Went out with mum

Me: Okay. Are you fine?

Bonga: I'm fine. Where were you? Tried calling you this week and nothing.

Me: was in Zambia.

Bonga: Alone?

Me; Yep.

Bonga: You never travel alone..

Me: I did this time.

Bonga: Rea, what's going on?

I didn't want to talk about it.

Me: it's nothing I can't handle.

Bonga: Well It has you messed up.

Me: I know that.

Bonga: and you look sick.

Me: I feel sick.

Bonga: Did you have anything to eat?

Me: Nope

Bonga: let's go to eKasi.

Me: we going to Alex?

Bonga: For Kotas.

I laughed.

Me: you driving.

I gave him my car keys.

Bonga: Not fair..

Me: I am. Let's go.

We drove to Alex.

Me: This Smells horrible..

Bonga: Hai wena since When?

Me: I don't want this..

Bonga: Rea, you always... Oh!

He paused.

Bonga: are we expecting?

I nodded.

Bonga: Is that why you sad?

Me: Sort of.

Bonga: Kids are a blessing.

Me: I know that B

Bonga: So rejoice..

I smiled.

Me: Can you buy me something else. This really smells awful...

I gave two little boys my kota so they could share it and he ordered me a steak roll.

Bonga: And this smells good?

Me: Very..

Bonga: Where do you feel like going?

Me: Jono's.

Bonga: I think we should go chill on our secret hill

Me: Memories. We haven't chilled there In ages.

Bonga: Should I?

Me; Please.

He called Jono. We went to buy alcohol and found Jono waiting for us.

We twerked for each other..it was a "Rea and Jono" thing everytime we met.

Jon: Where were you? On a Baecation?

Me: I was on a "Reacation" man.

Jon: where?

Me: Zambia.

Jon: one minute you were at the baby shower the next you were gone.

Me: I had a 19:00 flight to catch.

Jon: Anyway, you good? Where's Musa, you two decided to not make us jealous at the baby shower by keeping away from each other? You only spoke to him when you gave them drinks.

Me: Jon, no Musa talk today. Its a squad day today.

Bonga: And she can't drink coz she's pregnant.

Me: I can have wine..

Bonga: Non alcoholic yes..

Jon: You pregnant?

Me: Apparently so.

Jon: then we celebrate tonight.

Bonga and I looked at each other. Jon's definition of "celebrate" was way different.

Jon: I'm serious..

Me: what do you think we should do?

Jon: oh you wait. I'll get drunk later.

He put his drinks back in the cooler. We chilled there for two hours and went to Jono's to park his car.

Jon: My turn to drive. Rea, a jacket for later on.

He passed me his jacket.

Bonga: Jon?

Me: Where to?

Jon: Rusty Dusty sweedat!

I giggled.

Me: Are you kidding?

Jon: Hell no!

He turned on the ignition.

Me: I'm in!

Bonga: You are married.

Me: Oh Bonga, we are all married but that shouldn't stop us from living. All rings.

They took their rings off and so did I.

Me: No wives. No husband. No One night stands though. Just music, booze, dancing and weed! Deal?

B&J: Deal.

Me: let's go!

In 2 hours, we were in Northwest. Boy was it fun! Dancing, I smoked. I wasn't going to say no to weed. They were so wasted. We met another squad of three. One girl and two boys and they invited us for a morning braai at one of the Guy's place. He had a stunning house but we obviously went to get toiletries and went to buy new clothes before the morning braai. We freshened up at his place And at around 15:30, we left Rusty dusty. Girl was Helen, Guys' names were Kananelo and Kabelo. No they weren't related. Just friends.

Bonga: Till next time!

Kabelo; We are coming to jozi next time!

Me: You better..

Helen: Drive safely Kelly..

Me: I will..

Kananelo: Jon, slow down on that Hennessey.

Jon: I have to be prepared for hell Tomorrow.

We laughed, said goodbye to them and and left.

Bonga: Too nice!

Me: Very nice. How are you doing over there
Buddy?

Jon: all good. All good!

Me: You can take your rings back. In my purse
Jono.

Seconds later, we were all married again. I
missed my boys. It felt like the olden days..we
really were "young, wild and free". I dropped Jon

off first then Bonga. I dreaded going to that cold house but I did. I dragged myself into the house and I found Musa reading through some files, I just wanted to bath and sleep.

Me: Hi.

I made my way to the Bathroom.

Musa: Rea.

I stopped.

Musa: can you come here?

I walked back.

Me: yes?

Musa: your disappearing stunts are getting to me, you can't just...

Me: Why? Why do they get to you? Why? I mean you have someone keeping tabs on me so I'm sure they let you know where I was. Have they stopped sending you emails and pictures now?

Musa: Rea...

Me: you better get used to me disappearing like this! You led me to it! Was with Bonga and Jono this week. I'll probably be with my lover Edwin next week! Tell your source to get the camera ready!

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I walked away from him, went to take a long

bath, ironed his clothes for the next day, got my outfit ready and went straight to bed..I woke up at 4am the next day and left the house when he woke up.

Charms: You early.

She was getting coffee.

Me: Missed out on a lot last week didn't I?

Charms: No actually. But I missed you.

Me: I'm back now.

Charms: I'm making you my partner.

Me: Oh oh!

She giggled.

Charms: Been assigned to this new account..

Me: and you want me to be a part of it?

Charms: Rea, you know you and I make a great team right?

Me: Yes I know that but whoa Charms.

Charms: still have a Heavy workload?

Me: Yep.

Charms: I understand.

Me: But I'll throw in my 2cents where I can.

She laughed.

Charms: I missed you man.

Me: I missed you too.

Charms: want some?

Me: Not today.

Charms: let me love and leave you then.

Me: Okay babe.

I went to my office and started working. At around 10:30, we were called.

Musa: Gerald, Charms and Lloyd well done.. Vivian is very happy with your work. Its in the bag. You've bagged an additional 2 contracts.

We applauded. He was with Abigail. My difficult client. That 45 year old woman was a tough cookie but I liked her.

Musa: Ms Kelly, you have 3 more contracts in the bag.

Lloyd: In just a week?

Musa: In just a week yes.

They applauded.

Gerald: You go Girl!

I high fived him.

Abigail: And Im extending my contract for an additional 3 years Rea. You've also managed to snatch HUB.ent. They want to work with you.

Me: What?

Charms: Kelly you are a witch!

We all giggled.

Abi: Congratulations! Careful Musa, these 4 might just snatch your CEO title from you.

We giggled again.

Musa: So feel free to help yourselves to one or two Glasses of champagne at 12:00.
Congratulations to the four of you.

Charms came to hug me.

Charms: well done.

Me: Thank you.

Gerald: and Boss was worried you wouldn't bag them coz you were away.

Me: well Gerald in Bey's words..."I slay " and you slay!

I high fived them.

Me: I have a lot to do

We all went back to work and I got a call from Mme Dorah..Remember her? My caring nurse in Mpumalanga?

Me: mama.

Mme D: Rea Nana.

Me: How are you?

Mme D: I'm fine. How are you?

Me: I'm okay. I miss you. Last saw you on Christmas.

She came to spend Christmad with us.

Mme D: Lucky for you. I'm here.

Me: In Gauteng?

Mme D: Yes. At my sister's.

Me: Oh you in Voslo?

Mme D: Yes.

Me: Can I come there?

Mme D: yes you can.

Me: I'll be there.

I was happy. Mme D got me. She understood me better than mum did and Wow! Her timing was perfect. Drove to Voslo during my lunch hour.

Mme D: What's wrong?

Me: That obvious?

Mme D: Yes.

Me: Musa thinks I'm cheating on him.

Mme D; Are you?

Me: No.

Mme D: Then?

I told her EVERYTHING!

Mme D: He is wrong, he insulted you. That "is it my child thing" is wrong. However, Rea, you are giving him reason to doubt you. You kissed Edward.

Me: Edwin..

Mme D: you kissed him. In Musa's eyes, its no action of a gay man..you not suppose to disappear for a week and go smoking for a night. That's wrong. You both need to sit down like adults and talk this out.

Me: I tried.

Mme D: you can't let this person break you guys

up.

Me: I'm tired.

Mme D: start showing him he's wrong.

Me: Why must he doubt me?

Mme D: you weren't exactly straight with him. You just said it yourself that you gave wrong answers to questions and soon pictures were sent to him. Pictures that are compromising. You are both wrong. And this can be fixed. Do you love him?

That was a rhetorical question.

Me: a lot.

Mme D: Be the old Rea, if he doesn't change his ways then I'll support whatever decision you make.

Me: Okay.

Mme D: Okay?

Me: Yes ma'am..

Mme D: Here.

She had cooked for me.

Mme D: I know you haven't been eating.

I laughed. I had such a great time with her then went back to work. I had my final meeting with Ed at 14:00 and went to see the kids later at Mum's.

Me: we going home right?

Lu: Not today.

All the kids were there. I mean all! Mello's,

Tshego's, Tshepo's. All.

Me: why?

Lwa: coz our brothers and sisters are here..

Me: Ma?

Mum: Let the kids be Rea..

Me: I feel like my kids are being taken away from me.

Mum; Rea, you will all come fetch your kids on Friday. Ella's having a party for her child on Saturday right?

Me: oh yes. Forgot about that.

Mum: Let them be.

Celi: And its fun here.

She had made friends with MaMohajane's granddaughter.

Me: Okay then.

I chilled with them for sometime and went back home.

Me: Hey

Musa: Hey. Where are the kids?

Me: They decided they want to stay at mum's. Their brothers and sisters are there.

Musa: Oh okay.

We both reached for the fridge's handle at the same time. He was close. I just wanted to strip him naked and make love to him.

Me: Sorry.

He chuckled.

Musa: Black Seude.

Me: Huh?

Musa: Black Seude perfume on that dress you wearing.

Me: What are you talking about?

Musa: Please take it off. I can't stand the scent of another man on you.

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I could Smell Ed's perfume on my dress. I rolled

my eyes.

Me: Im going to bed.

I grabbed the bottle of water, went to the bathroom, then to the guestroom. I decided to work there. I got a call from Mello.

Me: Sissy.

Mello: Why didn't you tell me you're back?

Me: I'm sorry..

Mello: Anyway are you fine?

Me: I am.

Mello: are you and Musa okay?

Me: No.

Mello: Rea what is it?

Me: Can we not go there?

Mello: Okay.

Me: Thank you.

Mello: Can I take you out for dinner?

Me: Now?

Mello: Yes. It's 18:30.

Me: With?

Mello: Tshego obviously.

Me: Okay. Where?

Mello: here around Ormonde.

Me: Okay I'll come.

Mello: Now..

Me: Yes.

I hung up and changed into jeans and A shirt.
Grabbed my bag.

Me: I'm going out for dinner with the girls.

Musa: Okay..

Me: Do you want me to get you anything?

He shook his head.

Me: Okay.

I drove to Ormonde and we decided on a restaurant to eat in.

Tshego: How was Zambia?

Me: It was okay..

Mello: You look stressed.

Tshego: Tired.

Me: I am very tired.

Tshego: Work?

Me: And life?

I called the waiter so we could order drinks.

Mello: Rea o sharp?

Tshego: You look different.

Me: Do I?

Mello: Thinner.

Me: Wow!

Tshego: What is it?

Me: so turns out I'm pregnant.

Mello: That's good.

Tshego: Its about time.

I rolled my eyes at them.

Me: Can we order food?

Tshego: yes

Mello called the waitress and we ordered our food.

Me: Can we go out this weekend?

Mello: we can't.

Me: Why not?

Tshego: Ella is...

Me: Oh!

I kept forgetting.

Tshego: Yes

Mello: You forgot?

Me: I honestly keep forgetting.

Tshego: you better not forget on the day.

Me: No I won't.

Mello: Set a reminder.

Me: Okay.

I did.

Mello: And we saw the pictures.

Me: What pictures?

Tshego: Of you and your guy squad.

Me: Oh!

Mello: You went partying?

Me: Yes.

Tshego: Rea!

Mello: You are married.

Me: So?

Tshego: yho!

Me: can we just have a good evening?

Tshego: Yes we can actually.

Our food came and we had such a good time..I went back home, worked till 00:00 and woke up early..Musa was already up.

Me: Morning.

Musa: good morning.

Me: How are you?

Musa: I'm fine..you?

Me: Okay.

I wasn't..

Musa: Really?

Me: Yep. So I have a doctor's appointment today.

I had decided to take Mme D's advice.

Me: It's at 12:00. If you want to come.

He shook his head.

Musa: I'll pass.

Me: Okay.

I went to get ready for work and got to work..

Bonga: Hey!

I closed my laptop.

Me: Hello Sir.

Bonga: How are you?

Me: All good. Come. Take a seat

Bonga: Take it where?

Me: Hai suka!

We both laughed.

Bonga: Delivery.

Me: what's this?

Bonga: Breakfast.

Me: toasted chicken mayo.

Bonga: yes!

Me: Oh thank you.

Bonga: I know you forgot about food.

I laughed.

Me: What brings you to this side of town?

Bonga: Let's see...I had a meeting here at 9.

Me: Here?

Bonga: Yes. Around man. So I figured I should come check on you.

Me: Oh man! Thank you.

Bonga: And I need to go now.

Me: aw man!

Bonga: Dont sulk!

He got up.

Bonga: And eat!

Me: yes!

Bonga: Love you R.

Me: Love you too B.

He left and I worked till 11:30 and drove to my doctor.

Doc: Where's Musa?

Me: He's not coming..

Doc: okay. So let's check you up.

Me: you said I'm What 4 weeks?

Doc: Yes. Get on.

Me: I'm forever checking up blastocysts.

She laughed.

Doc: pull it up.

I pulled up my shirt.

Me: Jeez...this is cold.

We heard a knock.

Musa: Is it safe to come in?

Doc: Yes.

He Sat next to me.

Doc: Okay so here's your blastocyst.

Me: I was bleeding this morning.

Doc: Light bleeding?

Me: Yes.

Doc: Its called Spotting.. Its normal in the first trimester.

Me: Okay.

Doc: Musa, you have any questions? You usually the one with questions.

Musa: just one.

Doc: Okay.

Musa: Is it possible, at a later stage that is, maybe after the first trimester...can we have a paternity test done on the baby?

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Me: I'm sorry. What?

Musa: Is it possible doctor?

Me: Please ask him to leave.

I was getting upset.

Doc: Musa leave.

Musa: Its a simple question.

Doc: Please leave.

He got up.

Musa: I'll ask someone who'll answer me.

I felt my cheeks wet. He took his phone and left.

Doc: Rea, don't cry. Baby! Focus.

I wiped the tears off my face.

Doc: What's going on?

I shook my head. I felt so humiliated.

Me: I just want to go..

Doc: Okay. I'm booking you off.

Me: No don't...

Doc: I'm the doctor.

She passed me a towel to wipe the gel off and I fixed my shirt.

Doc: Here

Me: Thank you.

Doc: Stay away from Musa, he is upsetting you.

Me: okay.

Doc: Good.

I left the office minutes later and drove back to work. I just had to really attend one meeting. One, in which Musa was present.

Charms: that's exactly how we'll be able to balance this.

Gerald: And in this way, we bring in a new concept to it. As Ms Kelly had suggested, we bring in a bit of light to it..right Ms Kelly?

Me: Yes

Musa: Will that not cost us money?

Me: to make money you need to spend money. You'll be getting triple the money that we would

have spent.

Musa: how sure are you?

Me: coz I did this with my previous accounts and It worked. Just let us do what we good at without questioning us.

I couldn't stand being around him.

Musa: Such need to be questioned.

Me: And like Charmaine' said, we are going to balance this. We have calculated everything..worked out everything.

Musa: Should this flop then you will all be held accountable.

I quickly ran out to go to the bathroom. The nausea got to me. I rinsed my mouth and as soon as I went out, they were all done.

Charmaine gave me my things.

Charms: Are you okay?

Me: yes. I'll be fine..

Charms: This is not the Rea I know.

Me: I'm not okay yes. But I'll be fine. I've been booked off..

Charms: What?

Me: Doctor's orders

Charms: for how long?

Me: Till next week Monday..

Charms: what? Oh My god!

Me: you'll cope without me..

Charms: no!

I giggled

Me: you'll be fine

Charms: And will you be fine?

My lesbian one was so concerned. I loved her!
She was such a beautiful soul.

Me: yes .

Charms: You sure?

Me: 100%

Charms: okay.

Me: we should probably get back to work..

Charms: You should go home.

Me: Charms...

Charms: Kelly go home please.

Me: okay.

I went to get the rest of my things and on my way out, Musa was talking to Frida.

I said bye to her and went to see my kids at mum's.

Mum: Rea?

Me: ma?

Mum: how are you?

Me: I'm fine ma.

Mum: Really?

I nodded.

Mum: What's going on?

Me: I'm just pregnant .

Mum: That's good news

Me: I guess

Mum: You don't think so?

Me: ma, can you keep the kids for atleast one more week.

Mum: You are not okay right?

I shook my head.

Me: I'm a wreck ma. I don't want my kids to see me like this. I came all the way here to see them but I'm actually glad they not here.

Mum: what's going on Rea?

Me: things aren't good between Musa and I..

Mum: Why?

I didn't want to tell mum. I knew whose side she was going to take.

Me: It's nothing I can't handle ma.

Mum: are you sure?

Me: I am..

Mum: okay.

Me: I'm going to see Ella..

Mum: are you walking there?

Me: yes. I'll be back after an hour or so..

Mum: Okay then.

It was so refreshing. I was welcomed by Ella's beautiful and friendly children. I found her in the kitchen. As always

Me: you are forever cooking..

Ella: Some of us weren't blessed enough to find men who can cook

Me: shame..

Ella: Hey babe.

Me: Hello my love.

Ella: How are you?

Me: Tired.

Ella: You look drained.

Me: I am...

Ella: how was work?

Me: work's work

Ella: Well I'm glad I don't work. Look at yourself!
Wreck!

Me: Wow!

Ella: I'm serious. So you go out with Jono and
Bonga and I don't get invited?

Me: You don't like being around Bonga..

Ella: we've grown up..

Me: Okay would your husband allow you to?

Ella: Eish.

I laughed.

Me: Exactly..

Ella: You guys are still wild.

Me: no. We hadn't lived in a while so we figured why not?

Ella: Rea! You need to just sit down and realize you almost 30.

Me: So 30 year olds need to stop living?

Ella: No.

Me: You should join us next time. Y'all think marriage is a prison.

She laughed...

Ella: Is it not?

Me: It all depends on you.

Ella: okay then. You still coming on Saturday?

Me: I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Ella: I'll be set up "lab" entertainment for Lwandile.

I laughed...

Me: oh he'll love you forever.

I chilled with her then went to mum's. I had to be strong around the boys. I was with them for another hour and went back to the house. I took a bath, changed into tracksuits and sorted myself out. As well as the kids' things.

Musa: Hi..

Me: Hi..

Musa: And now?

Me: "and now" really?

Musa: what's going on?

Me: You suddenly suffer from amnesia. I will not be abused by you. You insult me! You upset me! And you don't even care...so you know what Musa, find something else or someone else to insult. I'm leaving you. The only that connects us now is work and it's only a matter of time till I quit, Celiwe,I won't ditch her coz she has an absurd brother She didn't even ask for And the twins.

I took my ring off and threw it at him.

Me: you can go to hell for all I care.

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Musa: Rea...

Me: Move out of my way.

He did.

Me: And stay away from me!

I packed the bags in the trunk and drove off. I didn't even know where to go to but found myself in Voslo. I dragged myself to the door and Knocke. Mme Dorah's sister opened the door.

Mme Sophie: Rea.

Me: Hello ma.

Mme S: Why are you crying? Come in.

I stepped in.

Mme S: Dorah is in the lounge.

I went there.

Mme D: Rea?

Me: Hello ma.

I wiped the tears off my face.

Mme D: what's wrong?

Me: I didn't know where to go

Mme D: what do you mean?

Me: I moved out.

Mme D: You what?

Me: I couldn't take it Anymore.

Mme D: what happened now?

Me: I told him about the doctor's appointment and he said he wouldn't come. He eventually did and the only thing he was concerned about is the paternity of the child.

She looked shocked.

Mme D: Musa asked that?

Me: yes ma.

Mme D: Musawenkosi Mabasa?

I nodded..

Mme D: Okay. Go get your bags.

Me: Okay ma.

I went to park my car in and got my bags.

Mme S: Go settle in and come eat.

Me: Thank you ma.

She directed me to the guestroom and went back. I just stared at the food.

Mme D: Rea eat.

I forced one spoon down.

Mme S: This is not healthy you know. Do you want porridge? I can make you some.

Me: No. No. You don't have to ma.

Mme D: Eat.

I forced the second spoon down.

Mme D: Force the third one down.

I did... I ate all of it and went to wash the dishes afterwards.

Mme D: Rea come here.

I went to sit next to her.

Mme D: I want you to think about what you went

through okay?

Me: Okay.

Mme D: Think everything through then come back to me.

Me: I will do that.

Mme D: Okay go rest.

I said goodnight to them and went to rest. Well I only slept at 03:30. At around 9am, The next day I got a call from the office.

Me: Reabilwe Molefe hello.

Musa: So you've changed surnames?

Me: what do you want Musa?

I wasn't in the mood to talk to him.

Musa: Aren't you coming in?

Me: No.

Musa: why not?

Me: Coz I've been booked off till Monday.

Musa: by?

Me: The doctor.

Musa: where are you?

Me: why do you care?

Musa: It's messing with business hours so I should care

Me: Oh?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Okay.

I kept quiet.

Musa: Rea!

Me: What!

Musa: Can you talk to me? You are needed here at the office.

Me: I told you...

I hung up! I took a bath, wore jeans, sneakers and an oversized shirt.

Mme D: And now?

Me: I'm needed at the office.

Mme D: will you be fine?

Mme S: You didn't eat..

Me: I'll grab something at the cafeteria at work.

Mme D: She won't.

Me: I will.

Mme S: You better.

Me: I promise.

I drove to work.

Me: hey Frida..

Frida: Ms Kelly.

Me: where's your boss?

Frida: In his office.

Me: Thank you.

I went there.

Me: what do you want?

I asked as I opened the door. He was on the phone..

Musa: I'll call you back...thanks...bye.

He put his phone down.

Musa: what are you wearing?

Me: What does it look like I'm wearing?

Musa: That's not how you should dress to work..

Me: I'm not suppose to be at work.

Musa: You have projects.

Me: So?

Musa: Rea, don't give me an attitude..

Me: Musa, please! What do you want? I've been booked off work. I will do my projects! I will handle my accounts! What do you want?

He drained the life out of me.

Musa: There.

He passed me some files.

Me: This is not for me to handle.

Musa: I know that but H.J wants you on the account.

Me: Tell Frederic I have alot on my plate.

Musa: He wants you on it.

Me: Okay fine.

Musa: Before the end of the week.

I got up from the chair and left his office. I drove back to Voslo and the first thing I heard was....

Mme D: Your food is in the oven

Me: I have to work ma

Mme D: and you have to eat. Get your food and come to the lounge.

Me: Okay.

I did as I was told.

Mme D: Did you sleep on it?

Me: I did.

Mme D: what have you decided? Did you speak to Musa?

Me: yes About work..and yes I've slept on it.

Mme D: Okay...

Me: I've decided to file for a divorce.

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Mme D: Rea are you sure?

Me: Yes.

Mme D: Are you certain?

I nodded slowly

Mme D: You don't think you two can work things out?

Me: I don't know.

Mme D: okay.

Me: Can I go work?

Mme D: yes.

I finished eating and went to work outside in the garden. I got a call From Mello an hour later.

Me: Sister sister.

Mello: Rea, where are you?

Me: how are you?

Mello: Im fine. Where are you?

Me: Do you want to meet up?

Mello: yes

Me: okay

Mello: my house..

Me: Sharp.

I hung up, went to put the files and my laptop in the house.

Mme D: you going back to the office?

Me: no ma..I'm going to see Mello.

Mme D: be safe..

Me: I will be ma.

Mme D: okay then.

I drove to Mello's. I took a deep breath before going inside as I saw Mike's car parked outside. I got out slowly and walked in.

Mello: Don't do that.

They were laughing at something.

Mike: I won't. Just come here..Taste.

He fed her something.. They couldn't see me.

Mike: see?

Mello: I still feel like Apple dipped in peanut butter though.

Mike: you have weird cravings.

Mello: And we still have 5 more to go.

Mike: I'm ready.

Mello: Are you?

Mike: Yes.

Mello: I've been ready.

Mike: Come here.

I cleared my throat before they could kiss.

Me: I'm here.

Mike: Hey Rea

Me: Bra'Mike.

Mike: How are you?

Me: I'm okay..

Mike: Good to see you...let me leave you ladies.

He kissed his wife.

Mike: see you on Saturday.

Me: Sure thing..

He left us and I went to find something to snack on in the fridge.

Mello: You always wait for Mike to leave why?

Me: I need to respect him.

Mello: He doesn't mind.

Me: Doesn't matter..there's nothing to snack on in Here.

Mello: Then try the cupboard Rea.

Me: I didnt think of that.

Mello: Clearly.

I got snacks and marshmallows.

Mello: Tjo!

Me: what?

Mello: You going to eat all of That?

Me: yes.

Mello: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine.

Mello; You sure?

Me: Yep.

Mello; why aren't you at work. I called Frida and she told me you were there for 15 minutes then left..

Me: My doctor booked me off.

Mello: Why?

Me: Mello ask her.

Mello: Hai wena!

Me: Askies man.

Mello: So Thapelo is coming.

Me: our brother?

Mello: Yep.

Me: when?

Mello: Tomorrow.

Me: why?

Mello: To see me.

Me: that's nice.

Mello: We going to show him a good time?

Me: Please count me out.

Mello: Rea..

Me: Mello please.

Mello: It will do you good..

Me: dinner maybe. Handle the rest

Mello: Okay.

Me: Is that fine?

Mello: It is

Me: Okay so...what's up?

Mello: Mike wants to throw me a babyshower.

Me: Oh That's nice.

Mello: But we are having it in Limpopo though.

Me: Heat!

Mello: be strong.

Me: You serious?

Mello: Yes. I Saw nice places there so....

Me: Okay that should be interesting.

Mello: You in?

Me: Oh anything that involves a beautiful place

I'm In.

Mello: Good.

Me: When is it?

Mello: I'll let you all know.

Me: Great.

Mello: And you?

Me: Me?

Mello: yes you.

Me: what about me?

Mello; Baby shower?

Me: Nope.

My child didn't even have a father.

Mello: You dont want one?

Me: Nope..

Mello: I'm going to throw you one.

Me: Mello please.

Mello: Give it Up!

Me: Okay.

I chilled with her then went back to Voslo.

Me: Dumelang bagolo.

Mme S: Dumela Rea.. Your food is in oven.

I giggled.

Me: I'm going to get fat.

Mme D: You have to..

Me: Can I eat it later?

Mme S: No. Go on.

I went to get my food

Me: Thank you ma.

Mme S: Its a pleasure.

I ate, washed the dishes, chilled with the oldies, went to bath then went to bed..the next morning, I cleaned, bathed and started working on my accounts and projects. I went to take a nap at around 15:00 and was woken up by Mme D.

Mme D: Come eat

Me: what time is it?

Mme D: 20:00

Me: Okay..I'll be there now.

She left the room and I went to refreshen up and walked to the Lounge..my heart almost stopped when I saw Musa. He was shocked to see me too. He was sitting next to Ntate Molete, Mme Dorah's husband.

Me: what are you doing here?

Musa: what are you doing here? Ntate Molete told me he's coming to Gauteng so I came to see him.

Me: Dumela papa...when did you get here?

Mr M: about two hours ago.

I shook his hand.

Mr M: Hello Rea. Go sit next to your husband.

I did.

Mme D: I called Ntate Molete here..

Me: Oh.

Mr M: My wife tells me you kids are going through something.

We kept quiet.

Mr M: And you want to divorce him Rea?

Me: Yes. I want to divorce him

I looked at Musa who was looking at me.

Mr M: So it seems like we have to stay up till midnight MmaMolete.

Me: We dont have to.

Mme D: Yes we have to. We have been married

for over 35 years And we won't sit And watch
you kids destroy what you've built..go get a
blanket. Its going to be a long night

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I did as I was told.

Mr M: Rea, what's the issue?

I cleared my throat.

Me: Musa has been accusing Me of cheating.

Mr M: why?

Me: there's a guy that I've been working with
and he thinks there's something going on

between us.

Mr M: Musa?

Musa: Ntate, I told Rea to keep things professional. She kisses this guy, goes on secret dates with the guy. Goes to guesthouses and claims he's gay when confronted about it. Doesnt give straight answers.

Me: Edwin is gay. You refused to meet him!

Mme D: Calm down.

Mr M: So that's the problem?

Me: And that I disappeared for a week.

Mr M: Without informing him?

Me: I needed space from his accusations.

Mr M: Why do you want to divorce him?

Me: He insulted me.

Mr M: How so?

Me: I found I'm pregnant, told him to come to

the appointment and the only question he asked was if we could have the paternity test done on the child

Mr M: okay. Mme?

Mme D looked at us.

Mme D: Musa, who's been sending you this "evidence"

Musa: anonymous.

Mme D: And you believe it more?

Musa: Its compromising.

Mme D: okay but why didn't you look deeper into it?

Musa: I did. The guy she claims is gay has 2 kids and the current partner looks pretty much like a woman.

Mme D: Rea?

Me: I explained that Edwin's partner likes dressing like a woman. Told him that they should meet and he said "no"

Mme D: Musa why?

Musa: I wasn't interested.

Mr M: It doesn't work like that Musa. Has Rea ever suspected you of cheating?

Musa: Yes Sir.

Mr M: And?

Musa: I proved it to her that I'm loyal.

Mr M: yet when she wanted to do the same, you weren't interested.

He kept quiet.

Mr M: Rea have you ever suspected him?

Me: yes twice. The first he gave me the

evidence and the second I did my own investigation and discovered that the pictures were taken before I met him. I only told him about it after. Even apologized for going behind his back.

Mme D: Musa, that's unfair.. If Rea could do that why couldn't You? Okay, There were pictures but shouldn't you have trusted your wife more?

Mr M: You weren't even suppose to hurt her like that. You've basically called your wife a Jezebel.. That's not what a man does. Reabilwe... You can't disappear for a week. When Musa asked you to stay away from Edwin, you should have. You were suppose to keep things professional and not go to the guesthouse. What were you doing there?

Me: We were working.

Mr M: Were all restaurants closed on that day?

Me: no Sir.

Mr M: So you see what the problem is... You two don't communicate. You not working together. You are working against each other.

Mme D: and that is what is going to break you. This person sending Musa evidence is trying to break you guys up and they have succeeded coz Rea wants a divorce..

Mr M: Do you Remember the vows you took in Paarl.

" yes Sir "

We said at the same time.

Mme D: Musa, you said you feel blessed coz you've found a love that transcends and grows despite of bad times. Am I wrong?

Musa: No ma'am..

Mme D: I'll never forget those words because I felt them. When you said those words you said them with love. You were bragging and showing off that anyone who wants Rea, should sit down coz you've already snatched her. Now you want them to snatch her from you?

Silence.

Mme D: Reabilwe.

Me: Ma?

Mme D: you said there's no one else you'd rather be with. What happened to that Rea that fought hard? The Rea that wouldn't let anyone come between her and her husband?

I didn't answer.

Mr M: I won't Sit here And lie. When My wife called and said "Rea wants to divorce Musa" I dropped everything and told her I'd be here today. You two love each other. In fact, I've never seen a young couple love like you do. I will not sit here and tell you that marriage is a walk in the park coz its not. Sometimes you want to strangle your partner, sometimes you want to scream at your partner but its normal. We are human. Rea, I understand your hurt, But also understand his. Musa, you were wrong. You not suppose to insult her like that. You not suppose to humiliate her. Protect her. Love her. She's your wife.

Mme D: Rea, he's your husband, maybe when he told you to stay away from Edwin, it was something that he felt would go wrong and it did. You are not cheating on him but your actions made it seem like you were. Don't mistreat her Musa, she's your helper. She's your right hand woman and she's the mother of your

children, including the one she's carrying now.

Mr M: I donot condone divorce. I never did. Do you Still love him?

I looked at Musa.

Mr M: Rea?

Me: I do..

Mr M: Musawenkosi? Do you still love your wife?

Musa: Yes I do Sir.

Mr M: then you have something to fight for.

Mme D: They've got alot to fight for.

Mr M: It is evident that people are watching you guys. They want to have what you guys have.

Mme D: And it's either you fight for your love or you let it down the drain.

Mr M: Communication is key.

Mme D: Rea, trust yourself with him. Musa do the same.

Mr M: That's the only way to stay winning.

Mme D: And don't let nobody or anything come between you two. You did that before. You can do it again.

Mr M: and Rea, tell your lawyer he or she is not getting your money anymore.

I smiled at him

Mme D: We are going to sleep now. You two must talk now that is.

Mr M: And if you decide you want us to help, then we will.

Mme D: But only in the morning coz we are very tired.

Mr M: God bless your union and may you both

find healing.

They got up from the couch and went into the bedroom Mme D slept in. We sat In silence for about 5 minutes.

Musa: So you were really going to file for divorce?

Me: You deserved it. And you still do.

He nodded.

Musa: okay I guess you're right..

Me: what happened to you?

Musa: I could ask you the same.

Me: Are you serious?

Musa: okay look, Rea, the way you acted made

me doubt you.

Me: You weren't suppose to.

Musa: I know that but the pictures, the footage was incriminating.

Me: You've hurt me..

Musa: I know that. And I'm aware that I took it a step further at your appointment..

Me: You know what Musa, I don't care about you doubting me, you believing pictures over what I had to say but thinking that I'd go out there and have a child with someone else.

Really?

He kept quiet.

Me: but you know what, it's fine. You can continue loving your sons and I'll deal with this one I'm carrying. I'll tell him or her that you are

dead..

Musa: Rea come on.

Me: Its almost 1am can you leave? I want to sleep.

Musa: I'm sorry it took me this long to see my faults, that things went this far and that I let my "anger" cloud me. That I let the evidence that was brought before me cloud me. But most importantly, I'm sorry that I insulted you and our child. I'll accept whatever decision you make. I'm sorry. I really am.

He grabbed his car keys and walked out. I went to lock the doors, and went back to bed. When I woke up, I cleaned, took a bath and started making breakfast for my elders.

Mr M: Did you two talk things out?

Me: I think so.

Mme D: And?

Me: And we didn't come to a conclusion.

Mr M: understandably so.

Mme D: I hope you two work things out .

Mr M: oh they will mama. I'll make sure they do.

I spent the day working on the account that had been assigned to me the day before and completed what was required. I also got through with the other projects and I was glad when Saturday finally came coz I got to see my kids at Ella's. She had thrown a beautiful party for her daughter. Musa came through as well and he was also happy to see his sons. The next Sunday morning, I went to church with Mme D, Mme S and Mr M. Beautiful service.

Mme D: Good to finally see you eating..

Me: been hungry..

Mr M: You can't skip meals Rea.

Me: I wont anymore....so I've thought things through.

Mr M: Okay...

Me: I'm going to go through with it.

Mr M: You divorcing him?

Me: I'm going to go through with the healing process. I Forgive him and I'll give us another chance.

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Mr M; Oh good.

Mme D: That's a very wise decision.

Me: I'll leave after washing the dishes.

Mme S: Even if you don't.

I giggled..

Me: I have to.

Mme S: I'm going to miss having you around.

Mme D: This one that doesn't want to eat?

Mr M: she'll have no choice but to eat now..she had a baby on the way.

Mme D: We can go back to Mpumalanga now..

Me: Do you have to?

Mme D: yes

Mr M: And you know you always welcome.

That I knew very well.

Me: thank you Parents.

Mr M: Thank you child. For listening.

I giggled And we finished eating. I washed the dishes and got my bags ready. My life!

Mme D: Call when you get home.

Mr M: And drive safely..

Mme S: You should come back.

Me: I will

Mr M: Rea?

Me: pa?

Mr M: He's incomplete without you.

Me: Is he?

Mr M: Trust me. I know. I'm a man and I think I've lived. 76 years on this earth. I know a thing or two.

Mme D: I hope you two Make it work..

I sighed.

Mr M: take care of him.

Mme D: He better take Care of you.

I hugged them and drove back to the house. I parked the car in the garage and the house was locked. I took my bags to the bedroom and passed out as soon as I put my head down. I was woken up by the sound of keys falling on the floor.

Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: it's okay.

Musa: hey.

Me: Hi.

Musa: Can I hold you?

That's all I wanted him to do. I nodded.

He came to my side of the bed and hugged me. We hugged tight and after about three minutes, we let loose.

Me: You smell nice.

He smiled

Musa: And you look crusty.

Me: Who's fault is it?

Musa: Guilty. I missed you

Me: I know.. I missed you too.

Musa: things went an extra mile this time right?

I nodded..

Musa: baby, I'm really...

Me: stop apologizing.

I wanted him to. I wanted him to stop apologizing coz honestly I had forgiven him. The sermon had made me feel that.

Musa: I was wrong.

Me: so was I.

Musa: Baby please forgive me..

He was on his knees.

Me: Musa, I have forgiven you.

Musa: And I'll spend the rest of my life making it up to you.

Me: Luk 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
Please get off your knees.

He did

Me: makes part of Today's sermon. I have forgiven you.

He looked at me.

Me: I just want you inside of me.

He giggled.

Musa: That's all?

Me: Please.

He slowly unbuttoned the dress I had on and pushed me gently till I was on my back. He moved slowly, kissing my skin. No lies I missed him.

Musa: Get comfortable.

I moved so I was comfortable enough.

Musa: relax baby.

It felt like the first time he made love to me..he

told me to get comfortable and relax. He probably thought I wasn't comfortable or relaxed enough coz he was a stranger back then but the truth was that... I was still pure.

Me: I'm relaxed.

He moved up to my face and we kissed passionately, he was slow. I felt my blood rush as he moved inside of me. We went on for what seemed to be a long time. I had goosebumps when we were done.

Musa: what's wrong? Are you feeling cold?

Me: I was on a verge of going celibate.

He laughed and reached for something.

Musa: Please put this on.

It was my ring.

Me: why?

Musa: because when you threw it at me, it hurt me.

Me: Go on.

He put It on.

Musa: Thank you.

Me: Okay.

Musa: And I am...

Me: I dare you to apologize again.

Musa: I am sorry.

I punched him lightly.

Musa: Come closer.

I did and he pulled me till I was close to his face.

Me: so when you gave me that HJ account, were you trying to punish me?

Musa: no. Frederic wanted you on the account. I'd never bring our personal matters to the office. We vowed to keep things professional.

Me: Okay.

Musa: you thought I'm punishing you?

Me: I mean yes.

Musa: No.

Me: Okay.

Musa: I would never. You, Lloyd, Charmaine and Gerald Are like the light of that company..
Everyone wants you on their accounts.

Me: can you meet Edwin?

Musa: I've met Edwin

Me: and his babe.

Musa: Look Rea, Dont prove anything to me.
You said he is gay so I have to take your word..

Me: fair enough.

Musa: all good?

Me: Zambia was dull without you.

Musa: You think? I had no partner to lunch with,
I wanted to strip you out that black dress you
had on when Abigail came to congratulate you
and I couldn't. And then you disappeared for a
week.

Me: You deserved that. You behaved like a jerk..

Musa: Can't say you're wrong. No more baby.

Me: For real?

Musa: For the last time!

Pinky swear.

Me: Nothing or no one.

Musa: Nothing or no one Baby.

We were laughing and talking like nothing happened. The next morning, we left early coz we had a meeting at 9:00 and I honestly wasn't feeling well.

Musa: can I take you home?

Me: No.

Musa: You could barely keep it together in the meeting.

Me: Musa, I'm fine.

Musa: pack your things. I'll go get mine then I'll take you home okay?

He left the office and as I was packing my things, my phone rang.

Me: Hello?

"What will it take to keep you two apart?"

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Me: who are you?

"I asked you a question"

Me: Either You tell me who who are or you can go to hell.

"Answer my question"

Me: The answer to that is nothing!

I hung up. Took a screenshot of the Number and send it to Jono..minutes later, Minutes later, Musa came in.

Musa: let's go baby.

Me: Okay.

I passed him my laptop bag And my handbag.

Musa: Hungry?

Me: a little. I actually feel like toasted chicken ma...

Musa: You not suppose to eat Mayo.

Me: cravings..

Musa: baby tell them to change.

Me: Tell my cravings to change?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Bonga brought me one the last time. It tasted so good.

Musa: Bonga has been your friend from when?

Me: That's not the point.

Musa: Point is, he's suppose to know you allergic to Mayo.

Me: he's allergic to cheese but I give it to him anyway.

Musa: and I fail to understand how you two are friends

He opened the door for me

Me: Thank you.

Musa: Its a pleasure ma'am.

He got into his seat.

Musa: what did I do?

Me: Someone called me.

Musa: Someone?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Male or female?

Me: Female. She asked what should be done to keep us apart.

Musa: Are you serious?

Me: But don't worry about it.

Musa: What do you mean?

Me: Jono will find out who it is.

Musa: You sure?

I nodded.

Me: I trust him.

Musa: Okay then.

Me: can we go get something to eat?

Musa: Yes. We can.

Me: Thank you..

Musa: So I was thinking...

Me: don't lie.

He laughed

Musa: I was looking at homes.

Me: there we go

Musa: we need a bigger home.

Me: I agree.

Musa: You do?

Me: Yes. That house is getting a big crowded now. Celi will need her space and we need to start preparing for this little one

Musa: and a bigger car.

Me: One thing at a time.

Musa: okay

Me: Thank you. I really feel like milk tart.

Musa: you just said you...

He decided to reroute.

Musa: Okay.

Me: thank you

Musa: it's going to be a long one

Me: no

Musa:it will. You dont even like milk tart..

Me: but I feel like it now..

Musa: Im having a vasectomy after this child

Me: Good. I'm having my tubes tied .

Musa: good!

Me: great

Musa: deal?

Me: deal!

We got to the mall and he grabbed a trolley. I started throwing things in.

Musa: okay..done?

Me: I think so..

Musa: okay come..

I followed him to the till. We paid and went home.

Musa: baby are you fine?

Me: I am..

Musa: you sure?

I had just ran to the bathroom to puke

Me: it's normal .

Musa: I know that but you weren't like this when you were pregnant with the twins.

Me: pregnancies differ baby.

Musa: You dont want me to get you pills?

Me: I'm fine.

Musa: You sure?

I rinsed my mouth.

Me: I'm fine.

Musa: okay. You should rest..

I followed him to our bedroom..

Me: don't tuck...

He had already tucked me in

Me: okay.

Musa: Sorry

Me: it's not cold.

Musa: Its chilly.

Me: You can go back to the office now.

He started unbuttoning his shirt

Musa: no.

Me: "no?"

Musa: I'm staying here with you..

Me: Okay. Can my kids come home today?.

Musa: I spoke to mum earlier on before our meeting. She wants to keep them.

Me: no! Musa no!

Musa: calm down

Me: I want my children home. I asked her to keep them for a short while. We are fine now. I want my children home.

Musa: Okay..I'll fetch them.

Me: what did you say when she told you that?

Musa: I told her I'll talk to you..

Me: Okay. Call her and tell her we are talking them back please.

Musa: I will. Now rest. I'll go work in the study

Me: And I'll do...

Musa: Don't touch any files or your laptop Rea. You better rest

That's what I wanted to do.

Me: okay I'll rest.

Musa: good. Go on.

He changed and I put my head down and rested.

"We are back!"

That's what woke me up. I was so happy to see

them.

Lu: are you fine?

He already had his hand on my forehead.

Me: Mum's Just tired. How was school?

Lwa: it was fine..

Me: And you ms?

Celi: Long!

Me: You'll be fine. Let me go make you food.

Celi: it's okay Sis'Rea. I'll do it. Bhut'Musa said we should let you rest.

Me: Okay.thank you baby.

Lu: I'll be back okay?

Me: okay.

He kissed my cheek and Lwa kept playing with my fingers.

Lwa: You want Oros?

Me: no. Im fine. Go to the kitchen with your aunt and come back when you done eating okay?

Lwa: okay.

They followed Celi to the kitchen and I went to brush my teeth. I found Musa in the garden.

Me: you said it's chilly. Its pretty hot out here. Why Dont you have a hat on?

Musa: I'm Just checking on these flowers. I'll be in the house soon.

Me: these are beautiful. You decided to plant these?

Musa: yes

Me: But now, we going to leave these coz we are looking at buying a new house

Musa: That's the sad part but I'll start over

Me: You sure?

Musa: Yes ma'am. Who's that?

Me: Jon. That's his wife's car

He had just parked outside. We waited for him to come in.

Jon: Musa.

Musa: Jono. You good?

Jon: I am. You?

Musa: all good.

Jon: heeey!

Me: heeey Jono.

We started twerking then hugged.

Jon: right so you have a stalker?

Me: yes.

We sat down.

Jon: The numbers were traceable.

Me: okay

Jon: Traced them to a Zandile Thabethe.

Me: I dont know any Zandile.

Jon: here's a picture.

I looked at it

Me: Dont know her. Baby?

He looked at it

Musa: What the...

Jon: You know her Mus?

Musa: yes. One of my past flings.

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Something in me wanted to strangle him. I got drained, cried, hurt because of his flings?

Jon: and my Job here is done. I need to go home

Me: Thanks Jono.

Jon: Sure thing.

I Hugged him And watched as he drove off.

Me: What the hell Musawenkosi!

Musa: Baby I am sorry.

Me: Stop apologizing! Who's this Zandile?

Musa: An old fling.

Me: And old fling?

Musa: we sort of dated.

Me: Fling? Sort of dated... Which one is it?

Musa: We dated.

Me: Then?

Musa: broke up.

Me: oh?

Musa: yes.

Me: When?

Musa: After I met you.

Me: what? That's what You said when Linda resurfaced.

Musa: I was dating both Linda and Zandile at the same time.

Me: Musawenkosi Leornado Mabasa!

Musa: I know it looks bad.

Me: you think?

He kept quiet.

Me: I don't blame these poor girls. You probably whispered sweet nothings to them...

Musa: I didn't.

Me: Musa dont lie. It's the very same thing you did to me. We all know you are a smooth

operator.

Musa: yeah but I didn't whisper sweet nothings to you. I've given you everything I said I would.

I rolled my eyes.

Me: really?

Musa: Look baby I'll handle it.

Me: No you won't.

Musa: it's my fault that...

Me: Musawenkosi I said I will handle it. You'll end up whispering more sweet nothings to the poor girl..

His eyes popped out..

Musa: Baby I said I'm sorry.

Me: and all I want to do is strangle you!

Musa: You can do that in bed.

Me: this is not a joke..

Musa: I'm sorry. I just dont get it.

Me: Well get it! This person almost tore our family apart.

His serious face came back on..

Me: Whatever Musa!

Musa: baby...

Me: leave me alone.

I went Into the house and joined the twins in the lounge.

Me: where's Celi?

Lu: Busy with her homework.

Me: And dont you two have homework?

Lwa: Lu?

Lu: Lwa?

Lwa: Do we have homework?

Me: You two aren't in the same class. How would he know?

Lu: We are..

Lwa: We asked Ms Moodley to put us in one class.

Me: what?

Lu: Yes. They sent gogo a letter and she went to school

Me: They sent your grandmother a letter?

Lwa: it was for you but we were at koko's so she went to school.

Me: So they put you in the same class?

Lu: Yes.

Horrible mother I was! Wow!

Lwa: And we sit together.

Me: and you cause trouble?

Lu: No.

Me: Really?

Lwa: yes.

Me: That's good then. Go get your books.

They ran to get their books.

Me: Let's see...

They had no homework.

Me: And I guess we are reading.

Lu: Haa!

Lwa: Why?

Lu: I want to watch the animal channel.

Me: We are reading. Go get the newspaper.

Lu: This is not right.

Me: Don't make me pinch you. Go on.

He went to get the newspaper and for an hour and 30 minutes we improved on their reading.

Me: Better. Now you can watch TV.

Lu: Are you fine?

Lwa: Are you really fine?

Me: I want to ask you something.

Lu: Okay.

I felt bad.

Me: what kind of a mother do you think I am.

Mind you me, I was asking kids going on 6.

Lu: I think you are awesome.

Lwa: You make us read.

Me: you not answering the question.

Lwa: You are a beautiful mum Ms Kelly.

Lu: And you love us.

Lwa: you always buy us gifts.

Lu: You always check on us when we are at Gran's.

Lwa: And we know you always fight with koko when she wants us to stay.

Me: So I'm not a bad mother?

They shook their heads.

Musa: why do you ask?

I turned to look at him

Me: Just a question.

Musa: You should never ask that question. You not doing a bad Job.

Me: Okay so dad and I have something to tell you. Celi!

Celi: Sis'Rea.

Me: Please come here.

Lwa: We getting new clothes?

Me: No.

Lu: we going on vacation?

Me: Actually that's not a bad idea. Your dad will sponsor it.

Celi sat next to her brother

Me: We have something to tell you.

Musa: We are moving to a new house soon.

Celi: What's wrong with this one?

Musa: it's going to get crowded.

Lwa: why?

Me: Because you two are going to have a little brother or sister.

Musa: or both

Me: God Forbid!

Celi: well thats good news. I like being an aunt.

We looked at The twins who were looking at each other.

Musa: Bad idea.

Me: right?

Musa: Boys?

They whispered something to each other then nodded.

Lu: We accept.

Lwa: we accept your child..when is it coming home?

Lu: You still waiting for God to give it to the pastor so he can come give it to you?

Musa and I looked at each other.

Lwa: koko said babies come from God..

Musa: yes she's right. The pastor will bring the baby later on in the year okay?

Me: In October if not November.

Lu: okay.

We spent time with them and the next day at around lunch, I went to meet with Zandile.

Zandi: Rea. You are beautiful.

Me: So are you.

She was. We sat down.

Me: You want to tell me why you went out of my way to ruin my marriage?

Zandi: Okay, if that hurt you I'm sorry.

Woah! What? In her head I'm sure that made sense.

Zandi: See, Musa and I were dating then you came into the picture, I actually saw you two leave together the very first day you met at the lounge and after 2 days, I got dumped. Via skype. He was apparently on a business trip

Me: okay?

Zandi: I tried moving on, met a few guys, had two babies but my heart fails me. I love Musa. He's the first guy I ever loved and you know the heart wants what it wants.

She reminded me of Tshogo when she told mum that she wanted to be with Bokang and not Richard anymore.

Me: I understand all of that but he's taken by me! He has children. A family. What should he do now?

Zandi: I don't know. All I know is I want the heaven and earth he promised me. I love him Rea, and I'm sorry you getting dragged into this but I tried, failed and I can't keep it in anymore. I love Musawenkosi.

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Me: okay.

She was polite so I had no reason to be rude. I didn't think she was crazy. She was crazy in love not mentally disturbed. She wasn't someone I'd label as "psycho" or "bipolar". "Go-getter" was probably a better term.

Zandi: That's about it

Me: Okay. I'll talk to the man that promised you heaven and earth then set up another meeting okay?

Zandi: okay..

Me: Great..

I wanted no drama. Really. I had a child to think of. I paid for her drink then went to mum's.

Mum: Aren't you at work?

Me: Musa made me take the week off.

Mum: Why? Are you two Okay?

Me: We are fine. How are you?

Mum: I'm fine. You are glowing.

Me: Really?

Mum: Yes.

I looked at my reflection on the microwave

Me: I look okay.

Mum: I think you look stunning.

Me: must be the gift I'm carrying.

Mum: You are pregnant?

I nodded.

Mum: And you didnt tell me?

Me: I was going through a few things mama.

Mum: what things?

Me: I won't dwell on that.

Mum: Okay. Here you go.

Me: Mabele?

Mum: Eat.

Me: I'm not hungry.

Mum: Rea..

Me: Ma?

Mum: eat up.

I got the sugar

Me: So why didn't you tell me that the boys are in the same class now?

Mum: You were out of the country

Me: Okay so why are they in the same class?

Mum: those kids take after their parents. They can't live without each other..

Me: oh wow ma!

Mum: ke nnete

Me: so what did the teachers say?

Mum: they said Lwandile never participates in anything if Lu is not there and Lu always wants to be next to Lwandile

Me: Oh.

Mum: Yes.

Me: and is everything fine now?

Mum: Yes. Perfect.

Me: okay thats good.

Mum: dont stress.

Me: I'll try.. This is nice

Mum: It is.

Me: Porridge at 13:30.

Mum: Just eat.

Me: I am eating ma.

Mum: have you seen Thapelo?

Me: Not really.

Mum: He's your brother.

Me: he's at Mello's isn't he?

Mum: Yes. You should go see him

Me: I should?

Mum: Yes.. When you leave here.

Me: No.. I need to go home and...

Mum: Rea!

Me: Fine ma!

I finished eating.

Mum: And I'll call Mello to ask her.

Me: I'm not a kid anymore. I'm turning 30 soon.

Mum: You'll always be my kid.

Me: I'll go.

Mum: Take care.

Me: You too ma.

I kissed her, got into my car and as I reflected on everything that had happened over the past few days, I called Mme D.

Mme D: You two lovebirds forgot about us?

Me: Oh never ma.

Mme D: how are you?

Me: I'm fine ma..how are you?

Mme D: I'm okay..how are the kids doing?

Me: the kids are fine.

Mme D: Their father?

Me: He's fine.

Mme D: Are you two okay now?

Me: We are getting there.

Mme D: That's good.

Me: it is ma.

Mme D: I think you two should come over one weekend.

Me: I would actually love that.

Mme D: Next week?

Me: Can I talk to him then get back to you ma?

Mme D: Yes

Me: Okay Ma. Thank you.

Mme D: its a pleasure.

Me: I love you Mme D.

Mme D: I've always loved you Rea

Me: Talk to you soon.

Mme D: Okay my child.

I hung up and 30 minutes later, I arrived at Mello's.

Mello: well well...the glow is Back. You and Musa are fine?

Me: we are.

Mello: What was going on?

Me: Told you what I had to Mello.

Mello: Fair enough.

Me: Where is Thapelo?

Mello: You missed him. He just went out with Mike

Me: Oh.

Mello: You wanted to see him?

Me: Yep.

Mello: He's actually fun..

Me: I saw the pictures you took with him and Tshego.

Mello: You should really spend time with him..

Me: I spoke to him At the party though.

Mello: For three minutes..

Me: I'll come back tomorrow.

Mello; Hai wena.

Me: Keng?

Mello: You don't want to chill with me today?

Me: No.

Mello: you have moods.

I laughed.

Me: I just really want to get to Musa.

Mello: Why?

Me: I'll come tomorrow Mello.

Mello: Okay.

Me: Love you.

Mello: I love you too.

I went to get the kids and went home. Dinner, some Tv, bathtime then bed.

Musa: I Dont have time for madness.

Me: why did you promise her heaven and earth?

Musa: I didn't.

Me: Musa.

Musa: Baby I didn't.

Me: you did.

Musa: please believe me?

Me: what is it that you have?

He laughed.

Musa: Baby, Dont let her get to you. I have other things to worry about.

Me: Oh?

Musa: Come.

I got into bed. He slid the sleeve off my shoulder

Me: Musa leave me alone..

Musa: are you serious?

Me: Yes.

Musa: Rea...

Me: Leave me alone.

I put my head down.

Me: We are meeting with Zandi tomorrow.

Musa: Good. So I can tell her to leave me alone

He didn't go to work the next day, and we went to meet with Zandi.

Zandi: Hey Musa.

She had stars in her eyes.

Musa: Hi..

Zandi: You look good..

Musa: Thanks. You want to tell me why you went all out to ruin my marriage with Rea?

Zandi: coz I love you..Remember what we had?

Musa: Look, It was nothin serious. I'm happy with Rea. Move On.

Zandi: And I love you.

Musa: and I don't.

Me: So Zandi, what do you suggest we do?

Zandi: I want to bear him children, do all the things he said would do.

Me: So you want him to marry you?

Musa: Hey baby don't do that.

Me: Baby stop it.

Musa: what things did I say we'd do?

Zandi: Live the good life. Have fun

Musa: You've had your share Zandile. I did all of that for you.

Zandi: Not satisfied..don't you get it? Musa you are my first love.

Musa: You are not mine.. Don't you get it?

Zandi: You hurting me.

Musa: You're a big girl. You can look after yourself.

Me: Zandi, I asked you what you want us to do.

Zandi: I want to live the rest of my life with him.

Me: And what about us?

Zandi: Sharing is caring Rea.

Musa laughed.

Musa: I don't have time for this.

Me: Musa...

He folded his arms.

Me: We can share him Zandi.

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Musa: Rea! Are you crazy?

Me: I'll be in touch Soon.

Zandi: Great..

Me: We'll talk this out together?

Zandi: I'd love that

Me: Baby let's go.

He got up and I followed him out. We drove in silence and when we got home, he just burst.

Musa: Are you crazy?

Me: No!

Musa: Look, I know the hormones are driving you...

Me: leave my hormones alone.

Musa: Are you crazy? You are worse than Zandi.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Stop this madness.

Me: I will not.

Musa: Rea!

Me: Musa!

Musa: is this your way of punishing me?

Me: No.

Musa: then?

Me: This is my way of making life simple for everyone.

Musa: you couldn't find another way?

Me: No.

Musa: Well good luck.

Me: No. Good luck to you. This is what you get for your sweet nothings.

He left the kitchen and I heard him bang the door of the study room. I made something to eat and after what seemed like ages, I watched TV. An hour later, I went to check on him.

Musa: just send me the email

Frida...thanks...ask Gordon to deal with the figures... Okay thanks.

He hung up and I went to sit opposite him.

Musa: Mrs Mabasa.

Me: You okay?

Musa: do I have a choice?

Me: What's that suppose to mean?

Musa: never mind Rea

Me: You know I love you right?

Musa: And You are showing it to me by forcing Zandi on to me?

Me: Im not.

Musa: Rea, I am sorry. Baby please. I'll do whatever just don't do this to me.

Me: Its not about you. Musa she loves you.

Musa: And I love you.

Me: Its best this way

Musa: Rea no

Me: It is baby.

Musa: How's this going to work?

Me: I will figure it out.

Musa: Just let us find a better way of handling

this.

Me: Which is?

Musa: I dont know baby.

Me: This is the only way. Trust me.

He kept quiet.

Musa: I'm going to fetch the kids from school.

Me: Can I come with you?

Musa: no.

Me: Okay.

I watched him walk out and called Tshego.

Tshego: What kind of trouble are you in now?

Me: Im in no trouble.

Tshego: Then?

Me: Then nothing. My just checking up on you.

Tshego: You remembered you have an older sister?

Me: yes.

Tshego: Are you okay?

Me: Im fine..

Tshego: Are You sure?.

Me: Yes .

Tshego: And Musa?

Me: He's also fine. Everyone's fine.

Tshego: That's good..

Me: And there?

Tshego: We all fine .

Me: I was just checking up on you..

Tshego: Are you fine Rea?

Me: Tshego I am...

There was a knock.

Me: Im perfectly fine. I'll talk to you later, there's a knock .

Tshego: Okay. Take care of yourself.

Me: I will. Love you.

Tshego: I love you too.

I hung up and went to get the door.

Bonga: What took you so long?

Me: Hey B. Was on the phone..

Bonga: Okay.

Me: How did you know I'm here?

Bonga: I called your office.

Me: Oh .

Bonga: You good?

Me: I am fine. How are you?

Bonga: I'm good. Here

It was chocolate ..

Me: Oh thank you..

Bonga: Its a pleasure. Was going to bring you vodka but situation man.

Me: And to what do I owe this?

Bonga: Well, I was "cravings" shopping for my wife and Remembered that I had a pregnant bestfriend who must also be going through the most so I figured why not. Besides I missed you man..

Me: I missed missed you too. How are the girls doing?

Bonga: Divas.

Me: It cant be that bad

Bonga: It is. I should have worn a rubber.

I laughed.

Me: You don't mean that.

Bonga: Of course I Dont. I can't imagine life without them.

Me: But they are divas.

Bonga: You know them.

Me: Atleast you'll have someone to do boyish things with

Bonga: I can't wait.

Me: Who knew Mara?

Bonga: knew what?

Me: That we'd get to this?

Bonga: mum did. MaMolefe knew it. Remember when we disappeared for 4 days and she said "I can't wait for you three to have children, I want them to put you through what ylu put us through"

I laughed .

Me: Jono wasn't even Interested.

Bonga: He's always been the most high and drunk one.

Giggled.

Me: Jono's living life as best as he can. But he's also a very hands on dad.

Bonga: Have to be Rea. The world needs men who are fathers to their children. Be there for your children.

Me: That's true.

Bonga: but disappear on weekends.

I Laughed and shook my head

Me: What do you want to drink?

Bonga: Anything with acid

Me: Bonga o extra waitsi.

He laughed as I poured him a drink. We spent time together and he left after spending 30 minutes with the boys. They loved him. Dinner was quiet. Musa was mad at me.

Me: I love you..

Musa: yeah right.

He faced the other way and switched off his side lamp. The next day, I spoke to Zandi over the phone. Musa And I weren't in at work.

Me: Thanks sis.

Mello: Okay babe. Do best.

Me: I will.

I hung up.

Me: what do you want me to make you for lunch?

Musa: Nothing.

Me: You mad At me?

Musa: Have you dropped your crazy idea?

Me: It's not a crazy idea.

Musa: Hormones are...

"anyone home?"

Me: Come iin

She stepped In.

Musa: And now?

Me: I asked her to move in. Welcome Zandi.

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Musa laughed.

Musa: What?

Me: She's moving in.

Musa: sisi, excuse us. Follow me.

Me: take a seat.

I followed him to our bedroom.

Me: What is it?

Musa: are you crazy?

Me: Nope.

Musa: Rea hai man!

Me: She'll stay at the cottage.

Musa: What are you up to?

Me: Nothing..

Musa: What are you up to?

Me: Nothing.

Musa: the Rea I know would never do such.

Me: I'm tired of people trying to ruin my life so I'm keeping her close.

Musa: oh.

Me: yes.

Musa: okay Rea.

Me: Yes Musa..

Musa: you will Put our kids lives in danger.. Did you consider that?

Me: no. My kids are safe at my sister's.

He shook his head.

Me: This is the best way.

Musa: do you Rea..

Me: I will.

Musa: Okay.

He grabbed an overnight and started packing his clothes.

Musa: I'll see you Tomorrow.

Me: why?

Musa: I'm going to Bonginkosi's.

Me: Are you serious?

Musa: I'm very serious.

Me: Okay.

Musa: If she kills you.

Me: she won't kill me.

Musa: you lose this one...I'll kill you myself.

I looked at him as he grabbed his car keys.

Musa: Sharp.

Me: bye baby.

He came to kiss me and I followed him out.

Zandi: Where to?

Musa: I'm not your husband. Don't ask me such.

He took a bottle of water and left.

Me: He'll be fine.

Zandi: will he?

Me: Yes. He'll come around.

Zandi: you think so?

Me: Yes. He needs to get used to this first

Zandi: You sure?

Me: he needs to give you your heaven and earth.

Zandi: that's true.

Me: Okay so let me show you where you'll be staying.

She followed me to the cottage.

Me: This is where you'll be staying.

Zandi: Not in the house?

Me: no..

Zandi: It makes sense.

Me: so feel free

Zandi: Thank you

Me: Okay.

I left the cottage and found Celi in the kitchen

Me: shouldn't you be at school?

Celi: we came out early

Me: Why?

Celi: Teachers workshop.

Me: Okay.

Celi: Is Bhut'Musa at work?

Me: Nope. He went to Bonginkosi's

Celi: what time will he be back?

Me: he'll be back tomorrow.

Celi: Bhut'Musa is not a "boys night out" type of guy though.

Me: He's not.

Celi: Then?

Me: I got your brother a new wife.

She laughed.

Celi: Why?

Me: She loves him.

Celi: you would never allow that..where's this new wife?

Me: In the cottage.

Celi: Aus'Rea you serious?

Me: Yes.

Her face changed.

Me: So don't eat anything prepared by her.

Celi: Okay.

Me: or do you want to go to Mum's?

Celi: No. I'll stay Here with you.

Me: okay then.

Celi: got it.

Me: Good.

She went to get changed and Mike came to fetch the boys' clothes and their uniform.

We ordered in and I took Zandi's takeaway to her.

Me: How are you settling in?

Zandi: Okay.. Where is Musa?

Me: he went to Durban to handle Something.

Zandi: When will he be back?

Me: Tomorrow.

Zandi: Okay.

Me: Do you need any thing?

Zandi: I'm fine..

Me: okay.

Zandi: Rea?

Me: yes?

Zandi: Why?

Me: Why What?.

Zandi: why Did you agree?

Me: Like you said... The heart wants what it wants and I don't believe in broken promises

She smiled and nodded.

Zandi: Thank you for sharing him with me. Only a few would

Me: It wasn't an easy decision. Enjoy your food.

Zandi: Thank you.

Me: And I'll make sure he comes around.

Zandi: Thanks Rea.

Me: okay.

I left the cottage and went to Celi. I took her to school the next day and I went to meet with my sisters.

Tshego: Okay good news!

Me: yes.

Tshego: I've decided to open a lingerie shop.

Me: Champagne!

Tshego; Forget it

Me: way to go sis.

Mello: Finally took our advice?

Tshego: I did.

Mello: So you importing?

Tshego: yes I am. Bokang's connection will assist.

Me: Im so happy for you

Tshego: Thank you. I've brought you lingerie.

We laughed as she gave us our gift bags.

Me: Thank you.

Tshego: So I'll update you on everything.

Mello: We'll be waiting. And you? Second wife?

Me: She's moved in.

Tshego: What second wife?

I told her.

Tshego: Are you crazy?

Me: Nope.

Tshego: She might poison your kids.

Mello: I'm keeping the kids.

Tshego: But why?

Me: Tshego, she almost ruined My life.

Tshego: And you've invited Her to continue ruining it.

Mello: get on with the program sis.

Tshego shook her head.

Tshego: what is she doing?

Me: I'm taking my life back. Im tired of people trying to take my children from me. I'm tired of people trying to break Musa and I up.

Tshego: And she will succeed.

Mello: She won't succeed. There's nothing that

hurts more than being close to something you want and not being able to get it.

Me: Exactly! Like I said, Im taking my life back.

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Tshego: She'll snatch Musa from you.

Me: no she won't.

Tshego: Rea.

Mello: Tshego relax

Tshego: I hope you two know what you doing?

Mello: we got this..

Tshego: Rea, I don't like this one bit. Take this from your older sister.

Mello: We got this Rea!

Tshego: You better have it.

Mello: can we order food?

Tshego: Fine.

We did.

Me: how are my babies doing?

Mello: Luyanda misses you.

Me: aw man.

Tshego: he loves you that one.

Me: I'm his mother Tshego.

She rolled her eyes.

Me: And My scientist?

Mello: He asked me to get him Domestos.

Me: oh oh.

Mello: Right?

Me: trouble.

Tshego: Who does he take it from?

Me: You.

Tshego: oh shut up.

Mello and I laughed.

Me: We should plan a girls' trip.

Tshego: Bokang won't allow it.

Me: why not?

Mello: coz he is a control freak

Tshego: He's not.

Mello: he is.

Tshego: we just promised to spend time together.

Me: And you Mello?

Mello: we want to spend time before the little one comes?

Me: Wow!

Tshego: Keng?

Me: I'll just plan my next vacation then..

Mello: With Musa?

Me: And the little ones.

Tshego: then you'll disappear for good?

Me: And Start going away every weekend

Mello: hai Rea. My babyshower is coming up.

Me: when?

Mello: In about 3 weeks.

Me: And you didnt say?

Mello: But I just did.

Me: still having it in Limpopo?

Mello: yes.

Tshego: we should start planning yours.

Me: I don't want a babyshower.

Tshego: Rea come on.

Me: didn't have one when I was pregnant with the twins don't want one now.

Mello: we throwing you one.

I drank up.

Me: I won't attend

Mello: Okay.

My phone rang.

Mello: second wife?

Me: No.

I answered it.

Me: Baby.

Musa: Hey Baby. Are you at home?

Me: Nope. Lunching with the girls..

Musa: Can you go back to the house? I'm coming to fetch you so we can go view houses?

Me: okay

Musa: Thanks my love.

I hung up.

Me: I need to go.

Mello: Where to?

Me: Home.

Mello: is everything fine?

Me: It is.

Tshego: we'll do this soon.

Me: We will. Love you..Mello you'll pay..

Mello: What's new?

I kissed them and left. I found Zandi chilling outside.

Me: Hey.

Zandi: Hey.

Me: You good?

Zandi: I am.

Me: Okay.

I unlocked the house and went to change..wrote a list of a few things then locked up again. As I went to back to the garden, Musa pulled over.

Zandi: Oh He's back.

Me: he is. Im thinking you should go get these and cook his favorite. And get him a gift.

Zandi: I'll do that.

Me: Uber there okay?

I gave her some money.

Musa: baby can we go?

Me: Im coming.

Zandi: can I come with?

Musa: No.

Me: just do as I say. The cottage had everything

you need to prepare the food..

Zandi: Okay then.

Me: You'll be fine.

I walked over to Musa and we left.

Me: I missed you.

Musa: Really?

Me: Yes.

Musa: You kicked me out.

Me: No I didn't.

Musa: indirectly.

Me: I'm doing this for us.

Musa: Really?

Me: Yes.

Musa: okay.

Me: I really missed you.

Musa: did you?

Me: yes.

Musa: I'm back.

Me: And Im glad. Had fun?

Musa: At Nkosi's?

Me: Yep.

Musa: Nope. His girlfriend was screaming and moaning and screaming...

He looked pissed. I couldn't help but laugh..

Musa: It's not funny.

Me:it is.

Musa: I'll go there when she's not around.

Me: good idea.

Musa: Are the boys happy at Mello's?

Me: they are. How Long will we take?

Musa: Viewing?

Me: yep.

Musa: Two hours or so.

Me: Okay.

I called Celi and told Her to go to mum's after school. We went to View about 3 houses. I liked two.

Musa: and?

Me: I think we should get that grey one.

Musa: I liked it too.

Me: And that's the last house we'll ever move to.

Musa: Done deal.

We went to fetch Celi From mum's then went home.

Zandi: So dinner is served.

Celi: I had a kota..I'm fine..

She got juice.

Zandi: Here you go love.

Samp and lamb stew.

Zandi: And I got you a gift. Rea your food is in the oven

Me: I'll have it later thank you.

She passed him the perfume I told her to buy.

Celi: he...he doesn't eat Samp.

Zandi: why not?

Celi: he's allergic.

Zandi: I'll cook pap.

Musa: Don't.

Zandi: Do you atleast like your perfume?

Musa: No. It irritates me.

Zandi: Just try it on.

She opened it.

Musa: stop it Zandile!

He hit her hand and the bottle fell on the floor.

Musa: stop trying so hard Im not interested!

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Me: Musa!

Musa: What?

Me: Did you have to?

Musa: Don't piss me off. Celi let's go for a walk..

Celi put her glass down and off they went.

Me: I'm so sorry.

Zandi: I'll be fine..

Me: I'll talk to him.

Zandi: You will?

Me: I will.

Zandi: I really want this to work..

Me: It will

Zandi: you sure?

Me: I am.

Zandi: Okay.

Me: Rest. I'll wash the dishes..

Zandi: Okay.

She picked the perfume and cleaned up then left. I washed the dishes, made Musa something to eat real quick and went to take a shower. They came back an hour later.

Musa: Thank you.

I had just given him his food.

Me: Pleasure.

Celi: I'll see you tomorrow Mr and Mrs Mabasa.

Musa: Okay Ms Lediha.

They fist bumped.

Musa: Sharp ntwana.

Celi: Sharp bhudas.

Me: Bye babe.

She smiled first.

Celi: bye Aus'Rea

She went to her bedroom.

Me: Tshego got me new lingerie.

Musa: let's see.

Me: Its under my robe.

Musa: And suddenly I have an appetite for you not food.

Me: Oh?

Musa: Yes.

Me: Well eat up.

Musa: Tell me...

I cleared my throat.

Musa: What are you up to?

Me: nothing..

Musa: So you don't want to tell me?

Me: Nothing baby..

Musa: I know your twin sister is part of it too.

Me: Part of what?

Musa: Rea...

Me: Baby, I'll be waiting for you In the bedroom..

I walked away from him and 20 minutes later, I was pulled roughly, I could hardly breathe.

Me: Please stop!

He didn't.

Me: Please stop! Musa please!

He did. I couldn't feel my back.

Me: ouch!

My wrists hurt.

Musa: did I hurt you?

I nodded.

Me: What came over you?

Musa: that fact that you brought a snake into this house.

Me: That felt so bad.

Musa: Bad?

Me: bad.

I got my naked self out of bed and wore my PJs.
I went back into bed and pulled the sheets up.

Me: Goodnight.

Musa: Rea...

Me: Goodnight Musa..

Musa: Look I'm sorry.

Me: For hurting me or restricting me in a painful way?.

Musa: Both

Me: are you that angry at me?

Musa: In a way.

Me: So you had to express yourself through sex like that?

Musa: I'm sorry.

Me: Don't you ever do that again. I'll be intimate with you after I give birth.

Musa: That's like 8 months from now.

Me: that's fine.

Musa: look at me .

I didn't.

Musa: Reabilwe.

I slowly turned to face him.

Musa: I am sorry

Me: I don't thi...

I quickly ran to the bathroom to puke. I rinsed my mouth with mouthwash and went back to bed.

Musa; Are you fine?

Me: I'm fine.

I pulled the sheets up again and switched off my side lamp

Musa: Can you not be mad at me?

I wasn't anymore.

Me: Just sleep.

Musa: Can I pull you close?.

Me: no.

He did.

Musa: you've defied me enough now.

Me: Is that so?

Musa: Yes.

Me: I wonder why.

Musa: Forgive me.

Me: I've forgiven You.

Musa: have you?

Me: Yes..

Musa: thank you.

Me: I love you.

Musa: I love you more.

We spoke till we fell asleep. The next morning, I went to prepare them something to eat while they got ready. One for work. The other for school. I called them 25 minutes later.

Musa: When are you coming back to the office?

Me: In a few days .

Musa: you should work from home.

Me: Why?

Musa: Because the office is quiet without you.
There's no dancing or singing.

Me; Oh You don't like my singing?

Musa: You are terrible.

Me: Im a great dancer though.

Musa: Dreams come true my baby.

We giggled.

Zandi: Oh...good morning.

Me; Good morning.

Zandi: I thought I should come prepare
breakfast but I see you've taken over.

Me: yes. You'll make it tomorrow.

Zandi: Okay.

Me: Make yourself a cup of coffee or tea.

She did. The siblings had their breakfast and took their belongings.

Musa: Have a great day okay?

Me: Okay.

He kissed me.

Musa: To the moon and back..

Me: To the moon and back my baby.

He and Celi left.

Zandi: Did you talk to him?

Me: Not yet. I'm still trying to often him up.

Zandi: Rea, Im no idiot.

Me: What do you mean?

Zandi: I can see What you trying to do.

Sabotaging me won't work. I will get Musa. You said it yourself. "Sharing is caring"

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Me: I'm sorry what?

Zandi: You sabotaging me.

Me: Zandi you are ungrateful. You are very ungrateful

Zandi: Its true.

Me: Musa is not allergic to samp he just didn't want to eat your food. I took you in and this is

the thanks I get?

I lied. She kept quiet.

Me: pack your shit and leave.

Zandi: no. I'm sorry .

Me: Act like you have a brain. I'm working with you not against you..

Zandi: I'm sorry .

Me: Fine .

Zandi: What should we do today?

Me: Okay so you can wash those glasses and please empty out that small salt bottle.

Zandi: Okay. Where should I put it?

Me: Then pack it into that cupboard. Glasses on that other one.

Zandi: Im sorry.

Me: Its okay. I'll start cleaning.

Zandi: Okay.

I took the broom and started cleaning the house.
Took a shower afterwards and started working.
Zandi was in the cottage by then. I heard a
knock.

Me: Come in Ella!

We had set up a date in the morning.

Ella: Hey friend.

Me: Hey friend

Ella: you good?

Me: I am.

Ella: Why aren't yoi at work?

Me: I'm not so okay.

Ella: What's wrong?

Me: Just dizzy.

Ella: I have Just the thing.

Me: Vitamins?

Ella: Yes

Me: Okay.

I drank up

Ella: How are you?

Me: I'm fine..You?

Ella: I'm okay.

Me: How's X?

Ella: He's fine.

She sighed

Me: That's not good

Ella: We are always fighting.

Me: Why?

Ella: Xolani has changed.

Me: Changed how?

Ella: He's always tired. Comes home early but is always tired.

I giggled.

Me: the problem with you ladies that don't work is you don't want us to get tired.

Ella: What's that suppose to mean?

Me: Work is tedious Ella. Imagine, coming home from work, having to cook, having to make sure

that everything is still okay in the household and having to deal with an an minimal inspector and a scientist. Plus having to please your husband again. The only angel here is Celi coz she minds her own. Goes back to X is a busy man. Its not easy.

Ella: You taking his side?

Me: Coz I understand him

Ella: You suppose to be on my side..

Me: I'm your friend yes but wrong is wrong. Right is right. Give X a break.

Ella: I hear you.

Me: Support him.

Ella: listen to you...

Me: You need to listen to me.

My phone rang.

Me: Excuse me.

I went to the kitchen.

Me: Baby .

Musa: love you good?.

Me: I am. I'm with Ella..

Musa: Really?

Me: Yes .

Musa: You and Zandi haven't strangled each other?

Me: Not yet .

Musa: When will she be out?

Me; Soon.

Musa: How soon is soon?

Me: Tomorrow or day after soon

Musa: What you planning on killing her?

I laughed.

Me: No.

Musa: then?

Me: She'll leave

Musa: Without being pushed?

Me: Baby, she will leave. Trust me.

Musa: Okay then. I thought I should Just check up on you

Me: how's my team doing?

Musa: Gerald was here a few minutes Ago. He misses you..

Me: I'm coming back to work..

Musa: Not until you clean up the mess you made there.

Me: Okay fine.

Musa: Have fun with Ella..

Me: I will.

Musa: I love you.

Me: I love you too. Please go out for lunch ..

He giggled

Musa: Without you?

Me: Yes

Musa: join me for lunch

Me: Nope.

Musa: You choosing your friend over me?

Me: Yes

Musa: oh wow baby

Me: You'll be strong.

Musa: Do I have a choice?

Me: Nope.

He laughed

Musa: bye baby .

Me: Bye babe.

I hung up and got Ella a drink and snacks

Ella: Musa?

Me: Yes.

Ella: You two still can't live without each other?

Me: Ella, don't make it sound so bad.

Ella: I'm just asking.

Me: oh my!

Ella: How's life though friend? Who's that girl I saw outside?

Me: Musa's ex

Ella: What?

Me: Long story.

Ella: You up to your stupid crazy tricks?

Me: Stupid crazy going to work tricks

Ella: Rea!

Me: let me be.let's talk about something else

We did and I later called Mello after Ella left.

Mello: hey.

Zandi: Hey.

Me: This is my twin sister.

Zandi: twin?

Me: Oh yes. We just don't look alike

Mello: how are you? Rea told me about you.

Zandi: I'm fine. Nice to meet you.

Mello: Likewise.

Me: Did you Bring my powder?

Mello: I did.

She took it out.

Mello: here

Me: Zandi, please fill up that container I asked you to wash with this.

Zandi: Sure.

Me: Coffee Zandi?

Zandi: Please.

I took out three cups. Made Mello and I tea and made Zandi her coffee.

Zandi: I'll just put your powder over here.

Me: Okay thank you. Here's your coffee.

Zandi: Thank you.

Mello: You don't want to chill with us?

Zandi: I'll let you be.

Me: Okay. Mello your tea.

Zandi went back to the cottage.

Mello: Still won't give up?

Me: nope. Hence I said we should go for stage
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Mello: ready?

Me: ready!

Mello: her hours in this house are almost up.

Me: Oh they are. We gave her a chance to give up. This time leave her no choice but to give up

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Mello: remember. Not too much okay?

Me: okay .

She handed me another pack of the powder

Mello: Just a bit

Me: Got it.

Mello: Good.

We drank our tea.

Mello: I think we should combine the baby shower.

Me: Mello?

Mello: Rea?

Me: I don't even know the gender.

Mello: oh yes.

Me: exactly.

Mello: I know Musa will probably throw you one in Seychelles.

I laughed

Me: no more babyshower talk.

Mello: Fine.

Me: thanks sis.

Mello: For?

Me: For everything.

Mello: don't mention it..

We high fived.

Mello: got your back.

Me: now and forever.

Mello: You know.

Me: Just a bit right?

Mello; yes..And Remember what I said...

Me: yes.

Mello: good..I'll be here so things can go as planned.

Me: Okay. I miss My kids

Mello: They miss you too.

Me: I can't wait to have them back.

Mello: I enjoy having them around.

Me: Mello,

Mello: I'll bring them back.

I laughed.

Me: you better.

Mello: I will Mme!

Me: And I love you.

Mello: And I don't trust you. Let me measure up.

Me: Okay.

I went to get a small container and she measured up the powder

Mello: There.

Me: Okay.

Mello: but like I said...I'll be here.

Me: Okay

Mello: And I'm done now.

Me: You leaving?

Mello: Yes.

Me: Why?

Mello: The rascals Are back.

I laughed.

Me: Those 6 kids aren't rascals..

Mello: Oh trust me. They are.

Me: no.

Mello: the last time you had them they drove

you crazy.

Me: Oh yes.. Your nannies can handle them.

Mello: You need one.

Me: nope.

Mello: Nope?

Me: I'm cool.

Mello: You'll need the help.

Me: I've got trust issues.

Mello: You are too overprotective.

Me: Do you blame me?

She shook her head.

Me: Exactly.

Mello: the nightmare is almost over.

Me: I can't wait.

Mello: You are brave.

Me: I have to be..

Mello: Good. I'll see you tomorrow.. Let me leave.

Me: Okay.

Mello: Don't forget to get to the cottage. And put these on.

Me: I will. And I won't forget.

Mello: Good.

Me: Okay.

She went to say goodbye to Zandi and I went back to the cottage.

Me: Zandi?

Zandi: Rea?

Me: Can you get a few things I'd like to cook for

dinner. I have to go get Celiwe from school..

Zandi: sure.

Me: Here.

I gave Her some money.

Me: will you uber there?

Zandi: sure.

Me: Okay. Thanks.

She got ready to leave. Came to take the list and left. I got the spare keys of the cottage And did what I had to then went to fetch Celi from school. I was very Happy to see Musa when he got back from work.

Musa: Smells good..

Me: it does. Doesn't it?

Musa: yes...too good.

Me: how are you?

I kissed him....

Musa: Missed me?

Me: yes..

Musa: You in a better mood.

Me: mmm

Musa: what happened?

Me: Mello came and just put me in a good mood

Musa: Really?

Me: yes

Musa: anyway, mum says hi.

Me: You went to see her?

Musa: Yes I had to. Had to catch up.

Me: Is she okay?

Musa: She's fine.

Me: And everyone else?

Musa: Also fine.

Me: That's good.

Musa: Where's your sister wife? Tell me she has left.

Me: She's in the cottage.

Musa: When will she leave?

Me: Soon.

Musa: that's what you keep saying.

Me: She'll eventually give up

Musa: she better.

We spoke about a lot. I dished up and asked Celi to take Zandi's plate to her. She was also up to something. I could tell in the way she greeted Musa when he came back from work. The rest of the evening was okay and the next morning, I got busy in the boys' bedroom after Musa and Celi left.

Zandi: You need help?

Me: I'll manage.

Zandi: You okay?

Me: A bit dizzy. What time is it?

Zandi: About 11:30

Me: Please make lunch. Mello is coming.

Zandi: Okay. I'll make Something.

Me: for the three of us.

Zandi: Okay.

She went to the kitchen and I continued cleaning their bedroom.

Mello: I'm here!

I went to the kitchen.

Me: Hey sis.

Mello: You good?

Me: I am.

Mello: I'm starving.

Me: And it smells good.

Zandi: Food is ready.

Mello: Okay.

Zandi: almost served.

She dished up for us and we went to the lounge.

Mello: All good?

She whispered coz Zandi was getting us drinks.

Me: Yes.

Mello: Okay. In a few.

She joined us and we started eating.

Me: This is good.

Mello: It is.

Zandi: Thank you.

I started feeling dizzy and put the plate down.

Me: The dizziness is back.

Zandi: are you fine?

Me: Im fine.

Mello: No. Im taking you to the hospital.

She and Zandi helped me up and Mello was at the hospital in under 10 mins. I was quickly attended to.

Musa: Hey...

Me: Hey.

Doc: How are you feeling? You've been out of it for a few hours now. Since yesterday actually.

Me: dehydrated. Its a new day?

Musa: yes baby. It's 12:30.

Musa gave me some water.

Musa: what happened?

Me: I was just dizzy.

Doc: we found traces of arsenic powder in your system. But you good..and so is your baby.

I already knew that. Mello was cautious enough.

Me: Oh thank God!

Doc: rest when he leaves.

Me: Okay.

Doc: I'll tell them to bring your food now.

Me: Thanks Doc.

She Left.

Musa: You see? I told you bringing Zandi in was a bad idea.

Me: Huh?

Musa: She put arsenic powder in your food.

Me: How do you know this?

I had to be an actress.

Musa: After Mello, brought you in, she decided to follow her instincts and opened a case against her.

Me: She did?

Musa:She's in custody. The police found something that looks like arsenic powder in the cottage this morning So I got a call a few minutes before you woke up.

Me: And?

Musa: The salt container they found indeed had arsenic powder. They are checking for fingerprints now. If they match...She'll be charged with attempted murder.

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Mello: hey Sissy..

It was the day after Musa told me about "fingerprints"

Me: Hey Sis.

Mello: You good?

Me: Im happy. I miss my children.

Mello: they miss you too.

Me: So worked?

Mello: These walls have ears.

She helped me put my shoe on.

Me: Where is Musa by the way?

Mello: With Mike. Somewhere

Me: Oh .

Mello: I said I'll fetch you.

Me: Oh great.

I had just been discharged. She took my bag, I went to get my meds and we left.

Mello: The prints match.

Me: Good.

Mello: Well played..

Me: Well played yes.

Mello: You okay?

Me: I'm fine.

Mello: mum wants to see you.

Me: We have 2 mums.

Mello: Kgalalelo.

Me: Oh..

Mello: we going there.

Me: she made porridge I'm sure

She laughed.

Mello: And Im in the mood.

Me: oh well... So Musa better not find out about this.

Mello: Musa hates Zandi.

Me: more now?

Mello: More.

Me: I didn't want to do it to Her.

Mello: No. That's how you deal with women that try to ruin your marriage. Imagine!

I giggled.

Me: Can you play music I can understand.

She was listening to Nigerian music.

Mello: Practice.

Me: For What?

Mello: When Musa dies you marrying Mike's brother.

I laughed.

Me: Musa won't die.

Mello: Hai wena Rea.

Me: I'm serious. I'll die first

Mello: Don't say that..

Me: let's not talk about this .

Mello: so news.

Me: Yes .

Mello: It turns out we went about things the right way

Me: What do you mean?

Mello: Zandi has two kids.

Me: I'm aware.

Mello: Different daddies..

Me: I'm aware.

Mello: turns out, she once tried to kill the 1st baby daddy's girlfriend.

Me: Did she get reported?

Mello: Yes. But the girl got a protection order.

Me: Is she crazy?.

Mello: She's got a good heart. Didn't want her to go to Jail coz of the kid.

Me: But the daddies raise their own kids. Zandi didn't live with her children

Mello: True. So maybe they might also use this Tricia girl as part of your case.

Me: Maybe..

Mello: And besides she deserves what we did. She wrecked one home already

Me: you serious?

Mello: the world is smaller than you think.

Me: What's that suppose to mean?

Mello: Okay. Remember Molly?

Me: Your friend?

Mello: Yes. Her second baby daddy is Molly's husband. Now ex.

Me: What?

Mello: Yes. Its understandable to get into a relationship with someone thinking he/she has no one but getting into one knowing very well that there are wives and kids involved. Come on. Have a bit of class.

Me: I just hope it doesn't take time. This case thing.

Mello: It will be a very short trial. Trust me! And she's going in. I mean its evident that she's been trying to get you for ages now. From the Edwin thing. So it will be over soon.

Me: Oh it better.

And it was. It took a week or so. She was sentenced to 10 in jail. Other things even came up in the trial. Assaulting others, harassing. Most closed cases were reopened and it was mainly by women

Musa: do you want anything?

I was starting to show.

Me: I want to sleep..

Musa: Baby you just woke up

Me: Musa! I don't need you to understand!

Musa: Don't snap

I was So moody.

Musa: you are 7-8 weeks pregnant. Is it going to get worse?

I threw the cushion at him

Me: Don't talk to me .

Musa: You are so moody.

Me: I know. I don't want to see anyone. What are you cooking?

I was suddenly hungry.

Musa: Food

Me: You not going to answer me?.

Musa: You'll see.

Me: So we have to go tomorrow?

Musa: To Limpopo. For the babyshower. Yes baby.

Me: Oh. Boys!

They came in running.

Lu: Kelly.

Me: Hey.

Lwa: Ma?

Me: Your toys outside .

Lu: We leaving them there.

Me: Luyanda!

Lu: But its our toys!

Me: Whose money is it?

They kept quiet..

Me: Exactly! Go on.

Lwa: What's happening?

Me: Where?

Lu: what's in here?

Me: Stop poking my belly.

Lwa: What's in here?

Me: food..

Lu: You don't eat.

Musa looked at his sons and pressed his lips together.

Me: Go fetch your toys.

Lu: Okay. Lwa.

Lwa: Let's go.

They went out.

Musa: You know eventually you'll have to tell them right?

Me: No.

Musa: yes..

Me: will you answer the questions?

Musa: No. The mother will.

Me: Wow. I'm going to see Zandi

Musa: You going?

Me: Yes. With Mello.

Musa: Baby you sure?

Me: 100%.

"Hello"

Me: Good. My sister's here..bye baby.

Musa: you love her more than me.

Me: mmm...I love you.

Musa: I love you too.

Mello greeted him and we left.

Mello: so Here she comes.

She Was cuffed. Mello made sure that she was searched first. By someone she knew who worked there. My sister! She got away with everything coz she knew people. She was a walking criminal.

Mello:She's still wearing that dress she wore during the trial.

Me: I'm sure She'll get her uniform soon.

She got to us .

Mello: Hello sweety.

Zandi: what do you want?

Mello: Be nice..

Zandi: You two are evil..

Me: Really?

Zandi: How could you do this?

Me: What did we do? You know what Zandi, you seem to forget that you almost ruined my life. You forgot haven't you? And you've shown no remorse. My kids were going to grow up in an incomplete home. Do you even know the pain I went through? Do you? You kept planting doubts in my husband's head. Did you think of how I was feeling?

She kept quiet.

Me: our father was taken from us by a drunk driver, my children were taken from me by an evil mother in law and a bitter ex. You were on a 95 baby. You almost took everything from me. Keyword: Take. At some point this didn't sit right with me but after things kept popping up during the trial...I figured... "Twins you did good". We weren't brought on this earth to suffer.

Mello: exactly. The world turns you into a cruel person unwillingly. When the good book said Deu 5:21 "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor"- in your case. Your neighbor's husband, it knew what it was talking about.

Me: Enjoy your time in here.

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Musa: please don't do that.

Me: Musa leave me alone.

Musa: baby I'm trying. Rea what's wrong with you?

Me: Stop it.

He was trying to help me pack my bag. We were getting packed for Limpopo..

Musa: So you Dont need my help?

Me: No.

Musa: Rea, stop being Moody.

I rolled my eyes at him and continued packing.

Me: There's not enough air in the room for the three of us.

His eyes popped out.

Musa: are you telling me to leave?

Me: yes.

Musa: Fine

Me: Bye..

He left the room and I finished up. 45 minutes later, we were on our way to Limpopo.

Musa: So you not going to talk to me?

I looked at him.

Musa: What did I do to you?

I didn't know too.

Me: I really don't know.

Musa: Your hormones baby.

Me: I know.

Musa: so do you hate me?

I laughed.

Me: No.

Musa: then?

Me: I really don't know.

Musa: You just pregnant?

Me: I think so.

Musa: so I must be strong?

Me: I think you should.

Musa: I guess I dont have a choice then.

Me: When can we move into our new house?

Musa: Yvonne said next week.

Me: that's better.

Musa: Is the house getting crowded?

Me: it is.. I feel big

He giggled.

Musa: Dramatic baby.

Me: I'm telling you.

Musa: We'll be out of it soon.

Me: Better

Musa: Celi asked us to get a pool at the new house.

Me: and what did you say Bhudas?

Musa: I said I'll talk to you first

Me: I think we should give them what they want..they don't ask for much.

Musa: okay makes sense.

Me: I mean Lwandile has asked for a lab and Luyanda has asked for two more pets.

Musa; Hamster and a snake?

Me: Imagine. I'm so not getting a snake.

Musa: Come on baby.

Me: I'm not getting a snake.. He'll get in his house. He also asked for fish.

Musa: Oh that he told me.and I was asked for a

dolphin.

I shook my head.

Musa: So we getting him which first?

Me: We are getting him fish and a hamster after

Musa: And a lab?

Me: oh baby you'll deal with that. I'll be dealing with a baby.

Musa: that's not fair.. you know how Lwandile is. I'll deal with Luyanda.

Me: No baby.

Musa: let's let the aunt deal with it.

I laughed...

Me: Oh Celi will be glad to.

Musa: so we'll let her deal with the lab.

Me: And deal with her pool

Musa: That's fine.

Me: You still want to do The nursery?

Musa: Yes.

I sighed.

Musa: okay What Is it?

Me: I'm not helping you.

Musa: Rea...

Me: baby please count me out.

Musa: You in on it.

Me: You forcing me?

Musa: no. This is our last child.

Me: Okay fine.

I wasnt going to win anyway.

Me: We can do it.

Musa: Neutral?

Me: Yes. Cream white.

Musa: we order things online.

Me: So what do you think? Boy or girl..

Musa: Girl. Definitely!

We had a great drive to Limpopo. We were the last to arrive. We found them chilling at the pool after settling into our room.

Mello: Finally!

Me: hey sis.

I hugged her.

Mello: Musa why did you take so long?

Musa: We were having quality time.

He already had his hands around me.

Tshego: My Goodness!

Me: No. Don't start.

Tshego: Get off of each other.

I turned to Musa..

Musa: Its okay.

He whispered.

Me: Okay.

Musa: I'll go join the guys over there.

It was the same squad. Minus Cassie and Themba obviously. Mum had decided to babysit for Noma. Babygirl and Grace was still heavily pregnant.. Her child was chilling. Not ready to face the world.

Me: Okay.

Musa: Have fun.

Me: You too baby.

I walked towards the ladies.

Mello: Ready to have fun?

Me: Yes!

It was an exceptional weekend! Fun was had. A lot of It.



When I was 12 weeks pregnant, we had already moved into the new house. I loved it! So much! The kids did too. Celi was already imagining her sweet 16. Musa was not having it. Told her to get straight A's for the first and second term then she could have one.

Me: Hey baby.

Musa: hey my love.

He kissed me.

Musa: Doc.

Doc: Afternoon Musa. Just in time. Ready?

Me: Yes.

Doc: Pull it up.

I did. Could never get used to the EGC gel.

Doc: Everything's okay. Can't get the face coz the hand is over it. No twins this time.

Me: Well thank God.

Musa giggled.

Musa: And gender?

Doc: Boy

Musa: Ah.

Me: Well its not double the trouble.

Doc: True.

We listened to the heart beat and after the appointment, Musa got busy on his phone.

Me: Are you listening?

Musa: You said something about clothes.

Me; I was talking about a cot.

Musa: Oh.

Me: Musa!

Musa: Rea?

Me: What is it? You not happy about our child being a boy?

Musa: No. I'm just not as excited.

Me: Oh wow!

Musa: no..that's not what I mean.

Me: Then?

Musa: What I'm saying is, I know what its like to be a father to boys so it wont be a new experience. It doesn't make me a horrible father.

Me: Well it makes you a horrible husband. Stay uninterested in my son's life! I'll raise him on my own!

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Musa: whoa! Rea...

Me: Don't talk to me.

Musa: okay.

He opened the door and I got in. He went to the

driver's seat and drove me to mum's.

Musa: I'll fetch you later on.

Me: I'm not coming back today.

Musa: baby...

Me: can I spend time with my mother?

Musa: Okay.

Me: And bring my kids.

Musa: I'm taking the boys to a soccer match.

Me: well bring Celi over.

Musa: I'll tell her to uber here.

Me: thanks.

I got out of the car and went in.

Mum: hello preggies.

She looked happy to see me.

Me: hello ma.

Mum: how are you?

Me: Been better.

Mum: what's wrong?

Me: I'm sick.

Mum: I can see that.

Me: can I go sleep?

Mum: did you eat?

I shook my head.

Mum: Well you need to eat.

Me: I'm not hungry.

Mum: Rea...

Me: Okay.

I wasn't going to win anyway. I went to my bedroom to see if I have enough clothes. Always had extra clothes there. I texted Celi to pack a bag then uber to mum's.

Nkele: what are you doing here?

Tshepo's sister. Y'all remember her Right? The cousin I didn't like. The one that ratted me out to mum when I went to Zanzibar with Musa.

Me: Isn't this my mother's house?

Nkele: I was just asking.

Me: I was also asking.

Nkele: You so mean.

Me: Get off my back.

Nkele: Fine!

She sat opposite me and starting switching channels.

Me: I was watching something.

Nkele: I didn't realize.

I wasn't going to let her get to me.

Nkele: You looked uninterested.

Me: That's disrespectful.

Nkele: is it now?

Me: Don't make Me beat you up. I'll take you 14 years back.

We once had a physical fight. It was rough. I gave her a scar on her forehead. We were fighting over jeans.. She took a pair that belonged to Tshego, claimed they belonged to her and I just went in. I hit her forehead against the sliding door handle and that's how she got it.

Me: Back to BET.

She switched it back.

Nkele: You are so Flippin mean.

Me: you need to get some. Maybe you'll stop being such a prick.

Mello: Haibo!

She giggled.

Mello: you are such a bully

Me: No I'm not

Mello: you are. Hey Nkele.

Nkele: hey Mamello.

Mello: So why are you Here?

Me: came to see mum.

Mello: want to go outside?

Me: Sure.

I got up and we went to chill in the garden. Mum gave us food

Mum: make sure she eats.

Mello: She will mama.

Mum: Good.

She left us.

Mello: half of me.

Me: Half..

Mello: what's wrong?

Me: so I know the gender of the baby.

Mello: Genders.

I giggled.

Me: no! Gender.

Mello: And?

Me: Boy.

Mello: So you sad?

Me: I was hoping for a girl.

Mello: We don't always get what we wanted.

Me: Musa's not interested.

Mello: what do you mean?

I sighed.

Me: He said "it's nothing exciting" or something like that.

She giggled.

Mello: your hormones are showing you flames.

Me: No they aren't.

Mello: he probably means...its not a new experience. He has boys so he knows What to expect.

Me: doesn't matter.

Mello: Drama half..

Me: There's no drama here.

Mello: You know everything will be fine right?

Me: Really?

Mello: yes.

Me: I told him to stay uninterested. I'll raise my child on my own.

She laughed...

Mello: I feel sorry for Musa. I wouldn't be able to deal with your crazy ass..let alone sleep with it!



Months later....

Lwa: don't shout at me yho!

Lu: Why are you screaming at him?

Me: I'll beat you up.

I wasn't myself. The twins knew how to deal with me though. I had stopped going for my ultras. Musa found ways to deal with me. Whenever I was on another he'd just lock himself up in the room but he was still very supportive though. Celi was the only one who got me and was very patient with me.

Lwa: Ms Kelly.

Me: Lwandile?

Lu: Dont shout okay?

Lwa: Do you want something to drink?

They were suddenly very patient.

Me: No.

Celi: food?

Me: No. Im actually fine. Where's your brother?

Celi: In the study

Me: Baby call him.

The twins went to get him.

Musa: Baby?

Me: my water just broke.

He quickly got Me up. I was wet. Celi ran to the bedroom to get the bag I thought and we were all rushing to the hospital.

Celi: Sis'Rea breathe.

Me: Musa driver faster.

The contractions were getting stronger.

Musa: Baby I'm trying...

Me: Musawenkosi try harder.

I was even grabbing him by his shirt.

Lwa: leave my father alone!

Me: I'll smack you...ouch...

Lu: shhh Ms Kelly we are getting there!

He was next to me holding my hand. Lwandile was sitting with his dad in front still mad at me for grabbing his dad coz he was mumbling something to his dad.

Lwa: Drive slower baba..

Musa: not now boy.

I had had enough! When I got the little life out of myself I was tired. See me in the labor room again kill me! Worse than when I had the twins. Musa obviously got to see him first.

Me: Let's see. Can you bring him here?

He slowly came to me.

Me: Where are the kids?

Musa: Mello came to fetch them.

Me: okay. Give me my son please.

Musa: Your daughter.

Me: What?

He smiled

Musa: Dr Matthews must pay us back.

He carefully gave me my child.

Me: Hey...

I checked. It was a girl indeed.

Me: Hey mini me.

Musa giggled.

Musa: she's perfect isn't she?

Me: She is.

Musa: Lu said we must name her "Lu"

I laughed.

Musa: And Lwa said she's "Thando"

Me: And you?

Musa: I said okay. So I'm guessing Luthando?

Me: That's fine.

Musa: And you?

Me: Amahle.

Musa: Luthando Amahle Mabasa.

Me: That's it.

Musa: I love you.

I looked up at him.

Me: I love you too.

Musa: And I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for me.

I smiled.

Musa: you still want me out of our child's life?

I laughed

Me: No! Hell no!

Musa: I wasn't going to listen to you anyway.

Me: I know that.

Musa: Thank you Mrs Mabasa..

Me: It's a pleasure. Still think I'm the love that grows and transcends?

Musa: You'll always be the love that grows and transcends. I don't deserve you but I have you anyway. And that's enough proof to show me that God's got my back.

I looked at my daughter and my tear hit her tiny hands.

Musa: Hey...we made it baby.

He took the little one from me.

Me: nothing or no one right?

Musa: nothing or no one my love.