

STANDARDS



Don't Teach Me How To Love You

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PROLOGUE

Zenkosi



Me : mom are they here ?

She gives me the same look of
pity she's been giving me the
whole day

I sigh

Tears burning my eyes

I've lost count , of how many
times I've called her just to ask

And still , there's no sign of the
these people nor the groom

I wonder what's wrong

They should have long been here , for the whole day we've been waiting for them

And we haven't heard anything from them

There's no text , nor call

Absolutely nothing

They're just quite , at this point
I have a feeling this is not
happening

There's no wedding that will
take place here , even though
I'm trying so hard to convince
myself they're coming

And this , this was supposed to
be my most happiest day ,
marrying the love of my life

But seems like it's ending in
tears , and most definitely not
happening at all

I don't know what to do , what
to think or say . This is so
unheard of

Me : where is he ? They were
long supposed to be here

Mom : baby , he's not coming .
They're not coming , we've
been waiting the whole day .
There's no sign of them ,
they're not coming

Me : nowhat if something
happened to them ?

Maybe

Yes , maybe something
happened to them and that's
why they are this late

Me : maybe

Mom : definitely not to his
whole family , someone could
have called us

My heart sinks

How can he do this to me , to us
?

On the day that we're supposed
to be getting married , he's
disappeared on me

I've been calling him the whole
day , his phone is off

I can't find his brother and
cousins on their phones as well

All of our friends are here , they came to celebrate us . They seem to know nothing , because they came here for us

But he and his family are a no show , not even one single person from his family is here

Mom : we have to tell these people to leave , clearly there's

no wedding that'll happen here
. They've been waiting the
whole day , it's just torture now
. Let's tell them to leave ,
nothing will happen here

Me : ma(mom)

She gets up

Mom : no Zenkosi , we have
been embarrassed enough . To
the core , so this ends here

She's not kidding

Mom : the whole day , we've
been waiting for these people .
Clearly , they have decided
otherwise , and left us as fools .
I am tired of this now

Me : please the day hasn't ended yet , they can still come .
Please don't do this

Who am I fooling ?

But I don't want to believe that he did this deliberately , and just chose not to show up

No I don't believe that

Something must have
happened

They were coming , I know they
were

He had no reason to do this ,
why would he ditch me ?

The door opens Thuto walks in

Thuto is my best friend , him
and I we share the same circle
of friends

And all of them are here

To support us , on what is
supposed to be our day

So it doesn't make sense that
he's not here , and his family
either

Thuto : I'm sorry , but have you seen this ?

She hands me her phone , my hands tremble as I look at the picture he posted

Like 5 minutes ago

Me : nono.... he's oh my God !

How could I have been such a fool ?

I'm busy waiting for a man here
, while he's busy getting
married at his family home

No !

This is not happening , not to
me not to us

I look at Thuto , the look of pity
on her face says it all . This is
true

No ways , like this has got to be
a joke

Or a prank of some kind

I've been waiting for a man
that's getting married

He didn't even tell his friends ,
and that's why they're all here

He fooled me , he played me for
a fool . And I fell for it

How does he get married to
another woman , while my
family is waiting for his family to
come and marry me ?

How could they do this to my family ? The shame and the embarrassment

They should have told us , they're marrying their son to someone else

Tears stream down my face , I feel my chest closing up

Thuto : water

I hear her screaming

Mom : Zenkosi ...baby don't do
this to me

I close my eyes slowly
everything just going blank

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A FEW DAYS LATER

Lizwi

Lizwi



My guilt is just eating me up

I have fucked up in life , I've
made messes

But nothing like this

How will I ever face her again ?

She will never forgive me for
this , that one is certain

I can't even begin to imagine
how she has been , and her
family

Especially her mother

That woman loves me like a son
, oh well she did

I'm sure now , she wouldn't
even look at me twice . I sure
fucked up a good thing

Dad : I don't want to hear any complaints , you better treat Esihle well

He doesn't even feel bad

Me : I can't believe you forced me to do this , and now you want me to play happy families with her

Dad : did I send you to cheat
with her ? And get her pregnant
on that , was I there with you ?
Son , you fucked up on your
own

Me : I could have taken care of
my child , you didn't have to
force me to marry Esihle . It was
a mistake sleeping with her , I
was drunk

Dad : I don't care , you're her husband now . And you'll man up , stay away from that Masiu woman

Me : I love her , and she could have forgiven me for cheating . I will never forgive you for this

Dad : Zulu is my good friend , I wasn't going to stand by and watch you tear our friendship .

You made your own bed , lie on
it

I drop the call on him

It's just useless , because he
doesn't care of what he's done .
He's sure ruined me

It was a mistake sleeping with
Esihle , I don't even recall how
that happened

But I do know I was drunk

I have never cheated on Zenkosi
, that was the first time ever

I walk in the bedroom , and
she's already in bed

I sigh sitting down on the small
table , opening my laptop and
getting to work

Esihle : baby please come to bed

Me : I'm coming , I just need to finish this proposal

Work will keep me sane

Esihle : your work is really demanding , we didn't even get

our honeymoon . And you're
already working

Me : we will go on the best
honeymoon ever , you just wait
. That's why I'm working , so
you get it

I heave a slight sigh

I don't know how I'm going to pretend this happy marriage shit

I am not happy , I won't even lie and say that I am

I can't even stand my situation

Esihle : but you're seriously working a lot

Me : you want a honeymoon ,
we're having a baby soon .

Those things don't come cheap
, that's why I'm working this
much . And I've been hearing I
could be given a promotion ,
that's more money that we
need and could use

That's if things will go well for
me now , I have this job
because of the same Zenkosi I
fucked up . She can still ruin me

, as much as my father and Zulu combined can

Esihle : great news on that promotion , but of course less more time at home

Me : the benefits will make it worth it , don't worry

She sighs

Esihle : we're newlyweds Lizwi ,
we should really be celebrating
our marriage . And the news of
our baby

Me : I know , but all this is for us
and our future and that baby

She shakes her head slowly

Esihle : fine

She goes on to cover herself

My phone rings , I look at Siya
calling me

My phone has been off since
over the weekend

I didn't want to talk to anyone ,
or even see what they're saying
about me on social media if I've

been posted . By the people we
had invited on our wedding

I know Zenkosi is too much of a
lady to do that

I heave a sigh

Me : sure

Siya : you're such a dog , how
the fuck do you do what you

just did to Zenkosi ? Do you know what you have done ?

Me : let me explain this

Siya : I don't care what your reasons are , you were just a fucking coward to even call things off with her . You opted to just embarrass her , and her family . I thought I knew you better than this

Me : then don't come hard at me for shit !

Siya : you have no idea what you have lost , and hopefully you're glad and happy that she's been admitted to the hospital twice . And all thanks to you

Me : whatwhich hospital ?

I'm on my feet in seconds , but
he's dropped the call on me

Me : fuck !

I call him again

Me : what the fuck ?

He's blocked me

Talk about being childish , but if he knows then the others know as well

Someone will tell me something

Me : Siya has a crisis , and has been admitted in Hospital . I have to rush there now , I'll be back before midnight I promise

Esihle : Lizwi

I'm out of the door , before I
even hear what she wants to
say

I get into my car driving out

I call Sfiso , after a few rings he
answers

Sfiso : you

Me : spare me the lecture ,
where is Zenkosi ?

Sfiso : in hospital , where she's
admitted twice . Where else ?

I sigh

Me : location ndoda (man)

Sfiso : she's at Busamed

I drop the call , heading there

It's late , and it's going to be
hard getting in to see her

But I won't leave that place
until I see her

I wonder what happened

She's the strongest woman I
know

Despite what happened ,
Zenkosi would never try to kill
herself

If that's what happened

I don't want to believe that

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Esihle

She sits up and takes her phone
calling him

But he's not answering his phone

What kind of a crisis could Siya be having at this time of the night ?

It's only been days married , but she doesn't feel like a newly wed

Seems like she's all alone in this

She didn't even get a
honeymoon , because her
husband is working

He chose to put money and
work before them , and
celebrating their marriage

She calls him again , and it takes
her to voicemail

She clicks her tongue , scrolling
to WhatsApp

She sends him a voice note

Esihle : Lizwi ! How do you just
walk out on me , and your child
? At this time of the night ? Call
me at least , or answer your
phone when I call

She sends it , and it only shows
one tick

She sighs frustrated , brushing
her tummy

Esihle : daddy loves us , he left
that woman who thinks she
owns the world for us . He's
going to come back , I shouldn't
stress . I worked very hard to
get him , there's no way he's
leaving us . Not now

She lays back down covering herself

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Zenkosi

Doc : twice in just a few days ,
you must be enjoying your stay
here with us

I chuckle

Me : I shouldn't be here , please discharge me tomorrow

He smiles

Doc : no , not yet . Maybe I love seeing you here

Me : please don't , I hate men now

Doc : ouch

The door opens and this fool
walks in

Doc : uhm sirplease you
shouldn't be here

Lizwi : baby I'm so sorry , please
my love let me explain this .
Let's talk , I came as soon as I

heard you're in hospital . I am
so sorry

Doc : sir please leave , it's not
visiting hours . It's middle of the
night , you shouldn't be here

Lizwi : can you just shut up , I'm
trying to talk to my wife

Wife he says

Doesn't he know where he left
that woman he married ditching
me for her ?

Maybe he needs a memory jog

Doc : this is a hospital , you
can't come

Lizwi : don't annoy me , just
give me 5 minutes and I'll be
out of here

He looks at me

Lizwi : baby please , I didn't mean to hurt you like this . My father forced me to marry her , she's pregnant it was a mistake . I was a fool to cheat on you , I know that . I was drunk that night , I don't even remember what happened . It wasn't my intention to get her pregnant , she threatened that I marry her

. And that if I marry you , she would abort . You know how much I've always wanted a child , and you don't want a child . I just did this for my child , I don't love her . Please , don't try and hurt yourself

Me : stupid ! Do you look at me and see some idiot who would try and kill herself for you ? You must be insane , but hear me and hear me well . I am so going

to come for you , and I'll come for every single thing you have . You don't get to embarrass me like that , and life goes on . That one , you best believe . You couldn't stand up for yourself , and be a man . Don't tell me how your father forced you to do shit , you cheated . And that's how she got to have your bastard inside of her , don't use any excuses . After everything I have done for you , this is how

you thank me . I was a fool , but
I learnt

Lizwi : you know I appreciate
everything you've done for me ,
I just

Me : stay away from me Lizwi ,
you're a married man now

I look at the doctor

Me : patients are not supposed to be disturbed , get him out or call security . I really pay a lot of money to be here , to have bother like this . How was he even allowed in ?

Doc : Sir please ...

He says walking towards Lizwi , and pushes him out . Who's putting up a fight

The nerve to come here and spit shit

He clearly doesn't know who he's messed up with

He can't tell me about his father

The same father who couldn't even get him a job , when he

was struggling to find one after
graduating

Today his father calls shots in
his life

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Zenkosi

Mom : please , don't come back
here again

I smile

Me : I'm sorry

Mom : you've never been a sick person , now because of this you want to end up having a heart problem ?

I look down

As much as I don't want this to hurt

It hurts

Like Lizwi hurt me so much

And I'm sure , he doesn't even regret his decision

Like what's wrong with me ?

How does a man leave me , on
the day we're supposed to get
married ?

And marry another woman

Like what does she have that I
don't ?

What is it that she gives him ,
and he didn't get from me ?

I am hurt , I don't want to lie

I thought we could make this work , and I was so ready for marriage

But he went and did this to us

How do I move past this ?

Honestly I feel cursed

How can I have everything go so well for me in life

Except this one thing

I'm a CEO , I have my own money and a house . My own cars and independence

I never even bothered him with anything , because I can afford myself

I lack nothing

Except I'm not good enough
being a wife to Lizwi Msomi

Really something must be
wrong with me

Or maybe I'm just not meant for
marriage

Like what kind of a shame and embarrassment has he bought upon me and my family , especially my mother ?

What hurts the most , is that she was so found of him

Mom : let's go

I am getting discharged , she's come to pick me up

Me : can I please go to my house ?

I think I need to be on my own

Mom : Zenkosi

Me : mom please , it's not like I'm suicidal . You have nothing to worry about , I will never hurt myself . Not over a man , I just

want to go to my place . And
have my space

She sighs

Mom : okay , but I thought it
was just going to be better if
you came home with me

Me : no , I'll go to my house

She says nothing taking my bag

I know she's not happy , but I
need to go figure myself out

I follow slowly behind her ,
taking out my phone

I make a call

After a few rings , he answers

Sky : to what do I owe this ?

I chuckle , stepping back a bit I don't want my mother to hear this

Me : remember that favour ?

Sky : calling in ?

Me : yeah

Sky : I am listening

Me : you still hold some
powered at Black Industries ?

Sky : I believe

Me : the guy I got the job there
, I was in talks that he gets the
Chief Financial Operator
position . Now I don't even
want him considered for it , not
even by a chance

Sky : I see , Lizwi Msomi ?

Me : yes

Sky : I'll make do

Me : sure

I drop the call , I could do worse
. Because his father is just as
pathetic as him

He can't do shit to help his son

I helped him , and he didn't
think twice about screwing me

He so can forget about earning ,
more than what he already is
right now

Which is barely nothing , let's
see how they survive on that

Especially with a brat coming on
the way

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Kenan

Kenan



Siya : Mr Black , welcome back
sir

I chuckle

Me : Siya , Kenan will do just
fine

We walk inside my office

I take my suit jacket off

Me : I'm glad you've been
keeping everything steady

Siya : just doing my job sir

Me : modest much

I hang my jacket on the hanger ,
and pull my chair sitting down

Me : please take a seat

He pulls the opposite chair and
sits down

Me : there's a few slots opening
, anyone you can recommend ?

Siya : the MD and CFO ?

Me : yes

I lean back on my chair

Me : as much as I'm back , I don't have much time on my hands . And I don't want HR handling this matter , I need those filled by tomorrow

He sighs

Siya : well there's ...Lizwi Msomi

Me : really ?

He darts his eyes around

Like he's not sure of what he's
just said , but my trusted guy
just recommend him

And not the other guy

Now , I know Siya . And I trust him enough with my company

Because I always leave him in charge when I leave

Me : I think you'll make the perfect CFO , HR will have your contract ready by the end of today . Unless you don't want the job

Siya : but sir Not to sound ungrateful or anyhow , Lizwi is more qualified than me . I don't have the right qualifications for that

Me : you should know me by now , I most definitely don't play by rules . Go on , clear out your office . We have a pitch to work on , I need you fresh as they come tomorrow

He gets up

Siya : I don't know what to say
sir , but thank you very much

I nod , he walks out

I grab my phone making a call

Trevor : Black

Me : have you got what I want ?

Trevor : yes

Me : come by next week

I drop the call

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Zenkosi

This place seems dull in a way

It's like I haven't been here in a while , like months and months . Of no one being around here

And it's only been a few days , I guess it felt like a ghost town .
And it's a bit creepy

I could get a cleaning company ,
or just ask my helper to come
around

It needs to be spotless

But with my situation , maybe
it'll do me good to just clean for
myself

My mother is not happy about
this , she wanted me going

home . She wasn't happy at all
dropping me off

But I'll rather be at my house
than anywhere else

I grab all the cleaning
detergents I'll need , and a cloth
along with a broom

I start in the lounge first ,
heading to the kitchen

I'm disturbed by my phone ringing , I wipe my hands and answer

Me : hello

Thuto : your mom says you're at your place

Me : yes

Thuto : why didn't you say you were coming out ?

I sigh

I really just want space

Me : friend , I said I don't want to see people . Believe me I'm fine , I'll see you soon

She sighs

Thuto : if there's anything you need , don't hesitate

Me : thanks

Thuto : bye

I drop the call

I know they care and all , but this is complicated

And the fact that we're all
friends doesn't help

Her husband is best friends with
Lizwi , and she's my best friend

This situation is just a lot

Like who do they support right
now ?

Like all of our friends

I'll rather stay away for now ,
until I'm fine and okay again

Then I won't mind being in their
presence

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Lizwi

Esihle : babe what was
happening with Siya ?

I look at her

Me : why ?

Esihle : no like , you just haven't
been yourself since you came
back

I sigh

Me : he's fine

Esihle : oh ?

Me : yeah

She better let this matter go

Me : it was nothing to worry
about

Esihle : okay , if you say so

I'm thankful as she walks away

What we're trying to have here
can never even come closer to
what I had with Zenkosi

And now I've gone and ruined
that

My father wasn't for me
marrying a woman , we don't
even have kids

And leaving the mother of my
kid out

He told me to marry Esihle , and
I can marry Zenkosi as a second
wife

I could hold my own

But that man can end my career
with a snap

And I would be dependent to
him for dear life

That's why I just did what he
wanted

Worse , he and Esihle's father
are friends and business
partners

Sleeping with this woman

I fucked up

But I feel like crap , because I
know I fucked up almost
everyone

Except my father , and hers
along with her

Siya is not talking to me , I don't
even have anyone to offload to

It's just a lot , I'll be back to
work tomorrow . I'll distract
myself with that

I'm even scared to reach back
to Zenkosi

When that woman says
something , it's not a threat but
she does it . I know she wasn't
kidding with what she said

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Lizwi

Me : have you talked to Black ? I
heard he's back

Siya : what do you want ?

I sigh

Me : can we just put this behind us ? I'll talk to Zenkosi and fix things

Siya : I really don't want to feel like you're crowding me in my work space

We both get in the elevator

Me : she's pregnant , Zenkosi made it clear she doesn't want

kids . My father wasn't letting me marry her and leave Esihle , who's pregnant with my child

Siya : please don't annoy me with your domestic issues

The elevator stops , and I get out but he doesn't

Me : what

He just closes the door

I chuckle shaking my head

This is childish now

We're going to the same floor ,
so what's the reason for him to
just pass ?

I pass by his office going into
mine

But I'm shocked seeing that his name is not on the door

And well , it's empty as I pass by the blinds

What the hell ?

I open the door , and it's not locked

I find a cleaner inside , but it's damn empty

Me : uhmwhy is Mr Nteko's office empty ?

Her : he's moved to third floor

What ?

Could it be that I've been moved to third floor as well ?

But that's for executives only

I walk out , and pass the two
doors getting to mine

But my name is on my door , I
open walking in and all my
things are here

So why was Siya moved to the
executive floor ?

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Siya

He settles on his chair , in his new office as the new CFO

He feels bad , that Lizwi was gunning for this position

He did not even get the MD one

Because Kenan just decided to place someone else on it z without even considering Lizwi for it

Lizwi is definitely going to feel betrayed by this

But the pay is twice what he was getting

And it will come in handy

He smiles remembering his
wife's words

“You need this as much as he
does , you can't turn down this
job to spare your friends
feelings . His feelings won't feed
us “

That's what she said to him

When he told her yesterday
that he's been appointed as the
new CFO

Siya : I deserve this

He says to himself

He knows Kenan is anything but
the business man he appears to
be

So why not enjoy this , because
he sleeps very well at night

Even though the CFO of his
company , is not even qualified

He does not care

So he might just as well enjoy
the benefits

He knows he's good at this

Just because he doesn't hold a qualification , that can give him such a huge position

Doesn't mean he's incapable of doing the job

He has been working in Finance for over 6 years

He can do this , and he knows

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Kenan

Me : come in

He walks in

His eyes dart to Siya , and I can
just tell by his expression

He's not a very pleased man

Lizwi : Mr Black ...

Me : give me a sec

I motion with my finger , I press
on my laptop

He's on his feet this whole time

I lift my head and look at him

Me : can I help ?

Lizwi : uhm

He looks at Siya

Like he wants to say something

Me : we're kind of caught up , is there a matter ?

Lizwi : sirI just found out Siya has been moved from our floor . But the rest of us are still there

Me : so ?

He sighs

Lizwi : I just wanted to ask if ...well if we'll all be moved ?

Me : why ?

He rubs his knuckles

Me : Siya is an executive now ,
that's why he moved . Not that I
needed to explain that to you ,
excuse us we have work to do .
And you should also be in your
office , doing what I pay you to
do

Lizwi : with all due respect ...

He sighs

Lizwi : I am more qualified for that CFO position , Siya doesn't even hold that degree . I don't understand how he get the job , he didn't even apply for it

Me : my company my rules , if you feel your qualifications are not appreciated or under

looked here . Then there's the
door

He looks at Siya

Lizwi : I thought we were
friends

He walks out , and leaves my
door opened

I chuckle shaking my head

Siya : I'll get it

Me : no , leave it

I dart my eyes back to my
laptop , he opens his

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Lizwi

Esihle : Are you going to tell me what's bothering you , or you'll

just keep cussing and pacing
around like a mad man ? What
you're doing is annoying

Me : please don't start with me
, not today !

Esihle : well , clearly it's not a
good day . Spit it out

I can't believe Siya screw me
over like that

I mean , the promotion had nothing to do with Zenkosi and what happened to us

I call him

Esihle : fine ignore me , but I hope you come to bed with a sane mind . I don't need your negative energy around my child

She walks away

He finally answers as I'm about
to drop the call

Siya : what ?

Me : is this what we have
turned to ? Backstabbing each
other

Siya : what are you talking about ?

Me : fuck ! Don't act like you don't know

Siya : well , you would know better about back stabbing wouldn't you ?

Me : fuck off !

I know he will take her side

I don't care because I know I
wronged her

And she's best friends with his
wife

So surely , they're with her on
this one

But this is not even about that

Me : you knew I wanted that promotion , I worked my ass off all those months Black wasn't around . And the second he's back , he just gives you a position . One that you don't even qualify for , what did you say to him ?

Siya : he gave it to me , what was I supposed to do ?

Me : turn it down !

He chuckles annoyed

Siya : are you crazy , turn down
more money ?

Me : now I know where your
loyalties lie

He chuckles

Siya : keep your emotions out of it , clearly he saw me more deserving

Me : bullshit , you could have just told him to give it to me

Siya : yeah you're insane , and for the record I did suggest he takes you . He didn't even respond to that suggestion , was I supposed to force him ?

Me : and I'm supposed to believe that shit ? You were just too happy to take it

Siya : believe what you want , the job is mine now . And if table were turned , you wouldn't have turned it down either

I drop the call

This is just fucked up

What was the point working my
ass off , only to be overlooked ?

Worse for someone I call a best
friend to go under me like this

He seems way too happy that
he got the job , and not me .

But we both know , I deserved it

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Zenkosi

I thought maybe going out of
the house

And getting some air would do
me good

But here I am , tearing up

Why am I so weak ?

Letting that idiot have so much
power over me

He really doesn't deserve my
tears at all

I need to pick myself up , and
just go on with my life

I owe myself that much

Especially after letting a man ,
that's so below me use me like
that

I'm startled by a knock , on my
window

I lift my head

And it's some guy

He must be coming from the
rank

I'm just parked near it

I wind the window down

Him : are you okay ?

I sigh

Me : I'm fine

I wipe my tears off

Him : you're really crying over a man ?

What the hell !

Me : excuse me ?

Who does he think he is ?

Him : get away from here , the taxi rank is really not a place to be crying and nursing emotions

I chuckle bitterly

Me : please look at yourself , and look at me . You don't know me like that , do you own this rank ?

He furrows his brows

Him : you're a very ill mannered woman , that's why you're getting dealt by men

The universe really hates me ,
what the fuck is this now ?

I close my window , he walks
away

I drive off , not believing what
he just said

Like really ?

Just some stupid random guy
spitting such to me ?

He doesn't even know me

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Kenan

Lizwi : sir , can I please have a minute of your time ?

It's way too early for this

This guy is going to start pissing me off

But what the hell

Me : take a seat

Lizwi : thank you

He pulls the opposite chair and
sits down

Me : by the way congratulations
on your marriage

He sighs

And that's not a reaction of a man who just got married

Me : did I say something wrong ? Isn't that why you took a few days leave ?

Lizwi : no you said nothing wrong , thank you

Okay

Me : what can I do for you ?

Lizwi : I was under the impression that I'm getting the CFO post , I have been working in finance for over 3 years now

Me : I wasn't around , I most certainly did not give impressions to anyone

He sighs

Lizwi : but sir

Me : I'll save you and me time , I hold no single qualification . But I am running this company just fine , I want determination and hard work

Lizwi : I have been working my ass off , I have what it takes for it

Me : true , but I still saw Siya
more capable

I get up

Me : if you'll excuse me , I have
a meeting to get to

Lizwi : thank you for your time
sir

Me : and like I said , if you feel you have been overlooked . You can always leave , you're entitled to feel however you feel

Lizwi : I will gladly keep my job

Me : right , don't ever pull that stunt you pulled yesterday . My office is not a play ground

Lizwi : it won't happen again

Me : sure it won't

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Siya

Musawenkosi walks into his office and slightly whistles

Siya : this is not the taxi rank

They laugh

Wenkosi : you're living it up my
boy

Siya : what brings you by this
side ? I've been meaning to
come see you , a lot has been
happening

Wenkosi : I see

He pulls a chair and sits down

Wenkosi : no , I just wanted to get away from the kingdom a bit . I'll be gone soon

Siya : we should definitely have a beer sometime , I didn't think you'll swing by here

He chuckles

Wenkosi : I was on this route

Siya : funny how when you get tired of the kingdom , you come here and just do the most insane job ever

They laugh

Siya : how I wish I could be like you , it must be reliving

Wenkosi : not so much , some
crazy woman came hard on me
this morning

Siya : not you hitting on women
already , don't be pulling your
stunts

They laugh

Wenkosi : I wasn't even there

Siya : you should come for
dinner

Wenkosi : definitely , one of
these days . Let's go grab a
plate by the rank

They both get up walking out

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Zenkosi

Me : I'm coming back tomorrow
, can I have my office fixed ?

Zelda : I'll inform the cleaners , I
thought you'll take more days

Me : no , I am good

Zelda : I'll fix your schedule ,
and have everything ready for
you

Me : thank you

I drop the call

It's about time I get my life back

This nonsense of crying about
Lizwi won't help me with
nothing

I just need to make peace that
he's gone and never coming
back

He's not mine now

And I am moving on with my life

That's very much needed , for
my own peace sake and sanity

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Esihle

She walks out of the store , and bumps into Thuto and Lerato

She smiles greeting them , they greet her back . Thuto looking annoyed as ever

Esihle : it's so nice seeing you ladies , even though you missed my big day

Thuto : yeah

She says with a tone that's off

Esihle : I know you must be very sad , that Lizwi chose me over your friend . But surely she's over the break up now , it's

been a whole month . She
needs to heal

A whole month she says

The two look at each other ,
clearly understanding she
doesn't know the deeds her so
called husband has been up to

Esihle : but anyways , we should
be nice to each other . Not

saying we should be friends ,
but my husband runs out
middle of the night to attend
your husband in hospital . So
surely , we can all
accommodate each other

Thuto : what ?

Lerato : uhmlet's go , it was
nice

Thuto : please , let Lizwi not use
my husband as his scapegoat
when he goes on getting up the
his shit

They turn and walk away from
her

And she's left confused , by
what Thuto just said

What does she mean ?

So if Lizwi didn't run to go see Siya at the hospital like he said

Then where did he go ?

That's the question she's asking herself

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Zenkosi

Thuto : why are you shutting me out ?

Me : I am not

Thuto : I had to go your house by force , to find out you're back at work

Me : okay , I appreciate you
right now . But can we not go
back , to talking about
everything that happened ?

She sighs

Me : please , I'm over it . I'm so
over Lizwi and his wife , they
can go to hell for all I care

She laughs

Thuto : I'm sure he's already cheating on her , apparently he left her at night and said he was attending to Siya in hospital

I have no doubt it's that night he rocked up in my ward at the hospital

Has he no shame ?

Lizwi is really disgusting , maybe
I dodged a bullet

And I should be grateful

Me : well that's her business ,
she married him

Thuto : and now he's on Siya for
getting a promotion he was
after

Me : the CFO position ?

Thuto : you know ?

I laugh

Me : of course I know , I was the one who encouraged him to go for it

Oh yeah ! And he also lost it because of me

How ironic

Thuto : shame , he didn't get it

Serves him right

That was my doing after all

Me : he should get over it , and
just be glad he still has the job
that he has because of me

Thuto : some men are ungrateful , he has totally forgotten that you made him

Me : I've learnt my lesson , I will never ever settle for a man that's beneath me . Trust me on that , anyways enough about Lizwi

We can go on forever about this

And it won't change anything

Thuto : can we do a girls day
out sometime ? I really miss my
friend

Me : maybe , but now I have
lots of work to catch up on . So
as soon as my schedule clears
up , we're up for it

Thuto : I understand , let me
leave you to work

We hug , as I bid her goodbye

I guess it was a good thing to
leave the house , and come
back to work

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Kenan

Me : you did good

He nods

Me : I will not be around for a few months , or maybe it could just be one . I won't appoint anyone , so you'll have to juggle both posts . I'll make sure you're paid

Siya : I will do what's needed

Me : I could always count on
you

We part ways I get into my car ,
driving off

I make a call

Trevor : Black

Me : you can come through

Trevor : tomorrow works fine
for you ?

Me : today

He sighs

Me : let's not get into each
other , I'm leaving tomorrow

Trevor : I'll make it

This one loves taking chances ,
he just annoys me

I tolerate him , because he's
very good at what he does

When he's not fucking up

I drop the call , taking the turn
to my place

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Zenkosi

This is crazy

How can I have a flat tire , at
this time

And just look at where I am

I have just dropped Zelda off at
the rank

And now I'm stranded here

I get out of my car and lean by
the side

A taxi stops by , and I'm hoping I
can get some help

The guy walks over

Me : hi

Lord no !

Not this one again , I will be
damned . Hell no !

Him : you

For real , the universe hates me

Me : I have a flat tire , can you please give me a ride ?

Him : where are you going ?

Me : Midrand

He chuckles

Him : take a good look , where you are . This is not your

suburbs , I'm not taking you
there . You'll figure yourself out

No ways he's leaving me here

I grab my bag , locking my car

As he gets inside the taxi , I
open the door and get in

Him : get the fuck out of my car

Car ?

This a taxi , isn't there a
difference ?

Me : it's late , you're seriously
not leaving me middle of the
road . You can just take me to
my house

Him : you must be thinking I am
crazy

And he drives off

Me : I'm going to Midrand bare
in mind

He ignores me and starts
playing Maskandi music

Lord !

I cringe

Argh , just as long as he gets me home

I'll have my car attended to , so nothing happens to it

He could have just changed my tire

But he's a mean human being

Me : waitwait where are you going ?

He's taking the route to Soweto

Me : come on

He raises the volume up

What have I gotten myself into ?

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Musawenkosi

This damn fucking rude woman

He thinks to himself

The nerve to get into his taxi ,
and tell him to drive her to
Midrand

Like who does she think she is ?

He gets into the yard , and park
getting off the taxi

She gets off and runs after him

He opens the door , and she's
inside with him before he closes
the door

Zenkosi : please take me back

He doesn't mind her

Zenkosi : you're a taxi driver ,
that's what you do . Driving
people around , why couldn't
you take me to where I asked ? I
was going to pay you , I'm a
stranger right now in your
house . This is awkward

Wenkosi : asked ?

She holds her bag

Zenkosi : well can you take me
back ?

He just walks off , to his
bedroom leaving her there

He makes a call

Siya : my king

Wenkosi : that rude rank
woman , with her English and
suburbs attitude is here . She
jumped into my taxi

Siya laughs

Siya : here where ?

Wenkosi : Nkazi's house , in the
lounge

Siya : you were so fast to fuck her

Wenkosi : she had a flat tire , trust me if I saw it was her I wouldn't have stopped . Then she jumps into my taxi as I'm to leave , I just drove to my house

Siya is dying of laughter

He's never heard of such

Siya : so what are you going to do about her ?

Wenkosi : she will see herself , she looks a bit crazy . So if I end up , in a house of fire just know it's her

Siya : king , I don't even know her

Wenkosi : doesn't matter , at
least I told you

He drops the call heading to the
shower

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Zenkosi

I cannot believe this

This man left me in his lounge

And I spent the night on his one
sitter couch

I couldn't even lie down

I was basically on my ass the
whole night

I went to knock on his room ,
and he ignored me

Of course I tried to let myself in

But he had the door locked

And now , he's just woken me
up by the taxi sound

I look at the time and it's like
05:05 in the morning

Who in their sane mind is
awake at this time ?

Honestly this is inhumane

I put on my heels , I had taken
them off

And my feet hurt like crazy

Serves me right , for acting like
a crazy person

I could have just called an Uber
or requested a cab

Just anything , but no

I followed a taxi driver , I really
must be having a problem

He walks back in , and he's in
tracksuits

Looks like he's ready to leave

Me : can you please drop me home ?

He looks at me while he grabs something off the counter

The house is just a four room ,
and the kitchen and lounge are
not separated by anything

Him : take an Uber or something

Me : please ...

Him : no , I'm leaving . You can stay here if you want

If I want ?

I'm on my feet following him outside

And getting to the taxi , there's
a guy inside on the front
passenger seat

I get in the back , the seat on
the first row

Me : good morning

He turns and looks at me with a
frown

Maybe my breath stinks , or I
look ugly

I don't know which is which

This one gets in , and drives out

Him : you have changed gears ?

It's the guy asking the mean one

Him : fuck no ! I like my women natural and all , no make up and fake hairs . Humble still , and not looking down on others

He responds with a chuckle

Wow !

So gears is me ?

Me : I would never be caught
dead with you

They both look at me

I lean back folding my arms

And the annoying Maskandi
music graces us

They erupt in laughter , I feel so
stupid right now

I don't even know what I was
doing following this guy

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Kenan

Trevor : sorry I took long I

Me : the next time I say
something to you , just do it

Trevor : there were not flights going out , we.....

Me : stop giving me excuses
Trevor , that's not what I pay you for . If the tasks I give to you , are suddenly a problem to you and you can't deliver . Let me know , you're not irreplaceable

He sighs

Trevor : I am good at what I do

Me : and I can always find the best , all it takes for you is for me to be away . And then you use every opportunity you can , just to fuck up !

I raise my voice a bit

Trevor : the last order is
honestly not my mess , your
customers are making ridiculous
demands

Me : I don't care , what you
have to do is just deliver . If
you're failing tell me

Trevor : my guys were just
finding trouble scouting well

Me : don't make your problems mine

Trevor : understood

Me : let me see them , I have a plane to catch

I follow him to the abandoned building

Walking inside , I dart my eyes around looking at the girls . And I am not pleased to say the least

Me : this is better , but I don't appreciate this mediocre work of yours

Trevor : I understand , it won't happen again . I know I was supposed to be here yesterday

Me : that's done , call Drew and
have the ship ready to leave

He nods taking out his phone

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Musawenkosi

Nkazi : come on , look at her . At
least get her some food , she
looks hungry

He laughs

Nkazi : I'm serious

Wenkosi : with my money ? Hell
no , she's too rude

Nkazi : so how long do you plan
to keep her in your taxi for ?

Wenkosi sighs

Already she made him do his
morning loads annoyed

Because she was in his taxi

And it was a loss , for those four
trips of one person not paying

Wenkosi : I'm coming

He says to Nkazi walking to his
taxi

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Zenkosi

Me : I'll be late , I've requested an Uber . They've alerted me , they've fixed my tire and my car will be taken home

Zelda : no problem , I'm just glad you're okay . I got very worried

Me : don't worry , I'll see you soon . I'll probably be looking like a mess

We laugh

Zelda : don't worry , I will have your fix ready

Me : you're a star

The door opens , and it's the
mean rude taxi driver

Him : how long you do plan to
sit in my taxi , like a hobbo ?

Whoa !

Did he just call me a hobbo ?

Me : excuse me ?

Him : you're a excused

Me : I've taken your mean self ,
it's enough now . You've made
your point

I get out of his taxi , and bump
into him on purpose

Him : I hope I never see you
again

Me : okay

I walk away , standing a bit
further away from his taxi

My Uber should be here soon

I just want to forget about
yesterday and this morning

As well as this mean man , it's
okay if I never see him again

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Zenkosi

She laughs

Zelda : no you lie

Me : I'm telling you

Zelda : but why would you even do that , in the first place ? It doesn't make sense

Me : I don't know , but you know what's actually the sad thing ?

Zelda : what ?

I smile

Me : I actually think he's cute

She laughs taking a sip of her drink

We're having lunch in my office

As much as she's my PA , we get along

And she's basically the one woman , who doesn't have beef with in this company

So we can be free with each other

And I can talk to her about everything

Zelda : he must be very cute if you noticed him

I laugh

Me : he is , but he's a taxi driver and well very rude and has been nothing but mean to me .

Honestly , I am done with men
who are not in my calibre

She sighs

Zelda : I have a feeling it wasn't
the last you see of him

Me : he said he never wants to
see me again , like he was so
rude saying that . Not forgetting
he said I look like a hobbo

Zelda : Bree and MTN are not
OR Tambo airport

We laugh

Me : but tell me , do you think
I'm bitter and rude ? And too
fake

She frowns

Zelda : what do you mean too fake ?

Me : well his friend I think , had asked him if he's changed gears . Mind you referring to me , I got so pissed anyways . But this one said no , he still likes his women natural and beautiful . No make up and fake hairs , and whatnot . Of course , he didn't forget to make remarks about my attitude

Zelda : but he's rude himself ,
and honestly this thing of make
up and natural is just a choice .
Some men actually prefer
women who use make up , over
the ones who don't

I sigh

Me : mhm , but it's clear this
one really doesn't like me . He

let me sleep on his couch , the
whole night

Zelda : he's just mean , my
brother is also a taxi driver and
he's definitely not like that

Me : oh well , maybe love is just
not for me

Zelda : he is not for you

Why am I even thinking about
him though ?

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Lizwi

Esihle : I thought you were certain that the promotion was a sure thing

Suddenly she's interested , just because I didn't get it

She's never seemed to be interested ever , every time I spoke about the promotion

Me : yeah well , Siya got it . So can we please stop talking about this

Esihle : speaking about Siya , his wife knew nothing about you running off at night attending to

her husband . So how come she didn't know , her husband was admitted in Hospital ?

Fuck !

Esihle : we just got married , I don't want to think the worst

Me : are you accusing me of something Esihle ?

Esihle : no , but how come Thuto knew nothing about something that concerned her husband ?

Me : am I Thuto or her husband ? How the fuck am I supposed to know that ?

Esihle : just over a week married , already there's lies . I hope you did not run to that snobbish woman , you married me and

not her . So please , know your place . And don't run after her , you will be giving her power to disrespect my marriage

Yes , her marriage

Everything is about her

It's always good for one to be content with what they have

I just felt intimidated having a woman like Zenkosi

She lives in a mansion , drives expensive cars

She's one bad ass CEO

She has everything , what can a man possibly offer a woman like that ?

A woman who has everything

I even have this job I have today
because of her

I also just wanted someone
below me

How we got here , I don't know
. Because I've never even taken
a liking into Esihle before

But here we are today

If only I could turn back the
hands of time

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Zenkosi

Mom : are you okay ?

I take a deep breath

Me : yes I'm okay , I'm back at work

Mom : isn't that too soon ?

Me : no

Mom : I think you need time to yourself

I chuckle

Me : life goes on , I am not
going to cry nor sulk about what
happened anymore . I do not
want to be depressed

Mom : you sound very sure

I laugh

Me : that's because I am

Mom : okay , you know I'm here
if you ever need anything

Me : thank you

I close my laptop

Me : is Bendalo there with you ?

Mom : yes

Me : please give her the phone ,
I've been trying to call her all
morning

Bendalo : hi sis

Me : what's wrong with your
phone ? It's not going through

Bendalo : it has been giving
problems for a while , it just
went off last night . Until this

morning , it's still refusing to on
. I think it's dead

Me : why don't I know about
this ?

Bendalo : I didn't think it was
serious , I'm just waiting for my
stipend . Hopefully it'll be
enough , I'll take it for repairs

I shake my head slowly

Putting the phone on loud , I log
into my banking app

And send her 20K

Me : go buy the iPhone 13
you've been crying for , and
please Nana when I call you I
need to find you . I worry

Bendalo : oh my gosh

She screams , I let out a smile

At least I know she's happy

Bendalo : mntaka ma !

She's crying now

I don't want to get emotional , I
am at work

Me : have fun , and maybe you
can take your mother out so
she stops stressing about me

Bendalo : enkosi Sisi (thank you)

Me : you're welcome Nana
(baby)

I drop the call , fighting my own
tears

I'm like a mini deputy parent

And I go all out when I get the
chance

My mother and my sister mean
the world to me , they're the
only family that I have and
know

I don't know my father

Buhlebendalo and I don't share
a father

We have different father's , but
she knows hers unlike me

She's 17 now , in her final year
of high school

The love that we share , and the
bond that we have . It's like we
share the same father

She always says , if we so
shared a womb then most
definitely we're siblings

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Zenkosi

Zelda : whoa ! You look so
different

I laugh

Me : different good or bad ?

Zelda : good of course , is this a new signature look ?

Could I rock short hair ?

And natural at that , also the minimal natural make up ?

No nails , just very short and natural with just nail paint

Me : just trying this out

Zelda : you're something else

Me : I'll see you tomorrow

Zelda : bright and early

We part ways

I can't believe I'm doing this
nonsense

I just want to see really if men
go for what they want and
prefer

Like can a man would mould
you into what he wants you to
be

I walk around

And I'm I not just in luck

His taxi is in line

I get in front , mind you I don't
even know how much is a taxi

I have Uber on standby

He said he never wants to see
me again

Let's how he'll take to this , he
might just kick me out

The taxi finally gets full and he
gets in

With just one look , he doesn't
even look somehow

Him : if you think I'm taking you
to your suburbs , you have
another thing coming

I chuckle

Me : you can drop me middle of
the road , I don't care really

He shakes his head driving off , I
smirk

And he's really not kidding , he's not going my way at all

As people start paying , I don't even know what to do

I just put their money next to him

Voice : can we have change ?

Someone shouts from the back

I look at him , and he's not even bothered

Me : drop me here

He just stops , and I place R50 getting off

This guy !

I laugh to myself , as I Uber

Silly me thinking I'll change my hairstyle and look natural , and he'll notice or say something

I make a call

Thuto : girlfriend

Me : are you home ?

Thuto : yes

Me : okay , I'm on my way

Thuto : no kidding

I laugh

Me : no

Thuto : okay , I'll see you soon

Me : alright

I drop the call

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Musawenkosi

Siya : where is your crazy rank
woman ?

He hands him a beer

Wenkosi : she landed in my taxi today

He laughs

Wenkosi : and couldn't even give people their change . She clearly doesn't know how much a taxi costs , and had me dropping her off middle of nowhere

Siya laughs

Siya : why don't you just fuck her , and get her off your system ?

Wenkosi : she changed her whole look , pity she's not royalty . I can't wife her

Siya : wait

Wenkosi : she looked good man
, with the short hair . And
almost natural with less make
up , and those long nails gone .
That woman is beautiful , I can
give her that much . Even
though she annoys me

Siya : she can be a city second
wife , I mean that's allowed
right ?

Wenkosi laughs

Wenkosi : my mother can handle two men , I won't handle two women . That shit is just not for me , I won't go nowhere with that woman

Siya : she clearly wants you

Wenkosi : pity I'm not there

He thinks to himself , would it hurt so bad though

Just to entertain this woman , and see where this might go

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Zenkosi

Thuto : you changed your look ?

I laugh

Me : for nonsense might I just tell you

Thuto : what ?

Me : some stupid guy , where is Siya ?

Thuto : his friend is around , he went to see him

Me : Lizwi ?

She laughs

Thuto : I don't know about that
friendship anymore , it's King
Musawenkosi from the Cele
Kingdom

Me : he's friends with a king ?

I am shocked

Thuto : yeah , he's barely this side though . But when he is , they always make sure they get together

Me : that's nice , he's rolling with royalty . Lord he should hook us up

She laughs , I know I am just spitting nonsense

Thuto : what's with the look ?

Me : some taxi driver who said he likes his woman , natural and whatnot . He's an idiot , pity he's so cute . I really wouldn't mind him

She burst out laughing

Thuto : moving on already ?

Me : I still hate men , but
there's just something about
him . But as for relationships , I
don't think I'm there yet

Thuto : take your time , and it
doesn't hurt anyone to fool
around

Me : I don't think it'll happen ,
he's so not interested

Thuto : I'm sure he's deep Zulu

We laugh

Me : too much , he has a
toothpick in his mouth . He
plays Maskandi music , it's so
annoying

Thuto : does he wear bathu
shoes ?

I laugh

Me : no , he's clean . Too clean ,
no Brentwood either . He's your
tracksuits , skinny jeans and
sneakers kind

Thuto : wow , you've really
taken a look at this man . Even
his dressing , friend ! You're
taking taxi rides

Me : right ? But it's not worth it
at all

Thuto : I'm just glad you're
letting go , and just living your
life . I love seeing this on you ,
like you're getting yourself back
. I really love it

What's the use of holding on ?

I'll forever live with the fact that
a man ditched me on our
wedding day

And married a better woman
for him

And that's fine

I can't cry and weep about it
forever , life is not all about that
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Zenkosi

Me : I'm dropping you off

Zelda : you have done a lot this week , I feel like I'm putting you under strain

Me : what ? Don't be silly ,
you're working extra hours for
me . Sacrificing your family time
, for work . The least I can do , is
do my bit

Zelda : thank you , my car will
be done soon hopefully . I'll go
check on it by weekend

Me : no stress , I'll be in the car
while you get your bag

We walk out , I lock my door

She goes to her desk , I head
out to my car on the parking lot

I have to go home this weekend
, just to see my mother and
sister

I know my mother is still
worried about me and all

So maybe seeing me

And seeing that I'm okay and so
over what happened

She will feel better , and stop
worrying about me

Zelda gets in , I drive off
heading to the rank

Me : if you weren't heading to Pretoria , I would be taking you home

She laughs

Zelda : the fact that you take me to the rank is a lot , and saves the Uber money

Me : I don't mind

PA's are not to be overlooked ,
these people make our lives
very easy

I park by , near the taxis

Zelda : I'll see you on Monday

Me : have a productive
weekend

Zelda : you too

She walks away

As I'm about to drive off , a
knock comes at the window

I'm shocked seeing it's him

I wind the window down

Him : get out of the car

Me : I don't

Him : woman ! Just get out of
the car

Wow !

And why am I getting out of the
car ?

I fix my dress leaning against my
door

He gets closer , way too close

Him : you disturb my peace

Me : what

He shuts me up with a kiss , I'm
taken back by that

But our lips just move in sync

He grabs on my waist ,
deepening the kiss

I am so lost , into the kiss I've
even forgotten we're at the taxi
rank

I pull out slowly , out of breath
and just taken aback

Me : whatwhat was that ?

Him : if I see you again , I swear
I will fuck you

Oh my God !

Nothing I've heard , has ever
sounded that sexy

He moves back and walks away

I gather myself , getting a few
stares

I quickly get into my car , and
drive off

Just so lost into what the fuck
just happened ?

My phone rings , and it's Thuto

Me : hey

She laughs

Thuto : wait Were you at Bree ?

Me : just now

Thuto : oh my gosh !

She burst out laughing

Me : what's up with you ?

Thuto : was that you changing
spits with Musawenkosi ?

Wait

Me : you know that taxi driver ?

Thuto : some taxi driver he is ,
he's a king

I laugh

Me : what nonsense ?

Thuto : that's Siya's friend , the
one I was telling you about . The
king

Oh shit

Me : impossible !

Thuto : I am telling you

Me : it can't be , that guy is a taxi driver

Thuto : those are his grandfather's taxi's , when he's this side he goes on to assist the drivers at the rank

Me : that guy stays in Soweto in a four room house , and he let me spend a night on his one sitter couch . What's a king

doing , living in a four room house ?

Thuto : oh my God ! It's you , you're the rude ill mannered woman he was telling Siya about

What the hell ?

Thuto : that's not his house , it belongs to Nkazimulo one of

the drivers . He just used it ,
cause Nkazimulo is getting
married and he's been at his
parents house

Lord !

Me : what are you telling me ?

Thuto : honestly , I thought it
was you there . But I couldn't
make it out , even though I saw

your car . But I was already in
the taxi

Me : I need deliverance , is he
not married ?

Thuto : no he's not , but you
know royals with their bullshit

Argh !

It sucks

Me : they marry royalty , I am
running away

After he just kissed me like that
, and threatened a fuck

Like what the hell ?

I was so ready for him to see me
again , just for that fuck . The
hoe in me is speaking

Thuto : give him a chance , or
just score yourself dick . It won't
hurt

We laugh

Me : girlfriend , I am thanks

Thuto : we need wine and
cheese for this

Me : I'll pop in on Sunday , I'm going home tomorrow

Thuto : I can't wait

I drop the call , shocked to the core

I am staying away from that man

As much as I don't want to

He doesn't even look like a
prince , never mind being a king

He's a no go area

I don't need to be told , or wait
to get burnt first

He's a no go area , and I'm
playing very far away from him

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Lizwi

She walks in laughing

I look at her

Esihle : baby , you will not
believe

Me : what ?

She takes her shoes

Esihle : your ex , was busy sucking on a taxi driver . Right at the rank , in front of everyone there . She wasn't even ashamed , nor embarrassed . I am telling you , you have dealt her by marrying me . She just had to settle for a taxi driver , just a downgrade for a CEO

Fuck no !

This can't be

There's no way that Zenkosi is
dating some low life taxi driver

She will never do that

But how does she just get over
me , so quickly ? I mean she was
hospitalized , not so long ago

I'm sure Esihle is just trying to
rattle me

Or she just wants me to think
Zenkosi is done with me

There's no way

And I can't ask any of our
friends

They won't know

If any one would know anything
, it would be Thuto and Siya

She's more closer to them

But I don't want to believe this
at all

Esihle : and then ?

Me : what ?

Esihle : why are you so quite ?
Did you hear me saying
anything ?

Me : what am I supposed to say
?

Esihle : wow , I guess you really
don't care either

Me : should I care ?

I get up

Me : Zenkosi can do whatever
shit she wants to do

Her laugh is just annoying me

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Zenkosi

Mom : thank you for coming to
see us , it was great to see you

I pull out of the hug

They got me to spend the night
, and now I have to go see
Thuto

But it was great being home
with them

Bendalo : and I'm glad to see
you look this good

Me : I'm always slaying , what are you talking about ?

We laugh

Mom : let's not keep you , and please don't drink and drive .
Make sure you're not home late

You think I'm 26 , I have independence

I can't be scolded like a child

Oh well !

Not with this woman

Me : yes mom

Bendalo opens my car door

Me : please be a good child ,
don't give mom grey hairs

She laughs

Bendalo : always , like sis what
are you talking about ?

I get in , and wave driving out

It did me good coming home

I thought I was just doing it for my mother , so she can be at ease

But no

Turns out , I needed this too .
Just to spend time with them

It's still early though , I'll get to spend the whole day with Thuto

We have too much to gossip
about

I can't believe that guy is a king

I guess he won't be seeing me
again to fuck me

I sigh

Don't give me that look , no !

I mean , I wouldn't have minded at all . He's a catch after all , so it would have been a bonus

But now , even if it's just for dick

I know I shouldn't go there at all

The gate is opened , I drive through

And there's a car on the drive
way , I just park behind it

I don't know it

Maybe Siya got new wheels
since he got a promotion now

I smile getting out of the car

Elevating is just great ,
especially on people you adore

I should have gotten him a gift

I make a mental note for it
tomorrow , I'll have it sent to
his office

I knock already letting myself in
, and I freeze at the door

Him : so we meet again ?

The hell we do

And Thuto just burst out
laughing

Me : I can't believe you did me
like this friend

I walk inside

Thuto : I didn't , Siya bought
him here

Me : but why ?

Siya : uhI heard about your little business , but trust me I wasn't setting anything up .
We're actually on our way out , he's leaving for his kingdom

Me : ah the gods are shining down on me , because this isn't going to happen . Honestly you

didn't have to be some king ,
I'm bruised . But I'll get over it ,
I also didn't have to be born not
royalty . I feel so deprived , it's
actually aching

And the joke is on me as they all
die of laughter

Wenkosi : it was great meeting
you , give me a hug as leave

I will not refuse to be in his
embrace again

He walks over

Thuto : you two are awkward
no lies

I smile as we hug

Wenkosi : it's really a pity , I
really intended to fuck you

Jesus

He whispers right next to my
ear

His voice just making my whole
body vibrate

Me : I hate your royal business

He deep chuckles

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Lizwi

Wow !

And I find her car here

I just took a chance , because I
wanted to talk to Siya

And just see if we can't fix our
shit

I miss my friend , and I really
don't want what happened with
Zenkosi to ruin us

But I guess I am in luck

The door is slightly opened , but
I knock anyways

And I'm welcomed by laughter ,
as I open the door

And Musawenkosi is pulling
away from her

I fume

Looking at Siya

Me : Really Siya !

Siya : what are you doing in my house ?

Me : you couldn't wait to hook your king fried with my woman really ? Dude I thought we were friends

Siya : were , and what woman of yours ? Didn't you ditch her for your side , like do you need

a memory jog ? So what the hell
are you talking about ?

I click my tongue looking at
Zenkosi

Me : babe really ? You just
couldn't wait to move on from
me , like from us ? You didn't
even give me a chance to make
things right , or just explain
what happened . You have
given up on us

Zenkosi : you married the
woman giving you a child ,
please don't bother me again . I
will file harassment against you
, stay the hell away from me
Lizwi

She looks at Musawenkosi

Zenkosi : until next time , if ever

He chuckles with a smile

Siya : let's go , and wena (you)
you're not staying in my house .
Let's go

They walk towards the door , as
Thuto and Zenkosi disappear

We all walk out

Me : I trusted you man

Siya : just like she trusted you ,
go get into your car and leave

This is what has become of us

My own best friend doing this
to me.

Me : first it was the job , you
screwed me over it . Now
you're giving Zenkosi away ,

knowing how I feel about her .
Knowing that I love her , and I
still want to win her back ?

Siya : spare me okay ? I don't
care really , you're a grown ass
man . Just go fix yourself , and
leave me out of your shit

I shake my head , walking to my
car

I won't even bother about that
apology I came here for

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Zenkosi

Thuto : I'm sorry

She hands me the bottle of
wine

Thuto : honestly , I didn't know
he was coming

Me : who ?

She laughs

Thuto : Lizwi

Me : Argh ! I could care less about that guy really , it seems like he rushed marriage with a woman he's not sure about .
And now he just can't bring

himself , to stomach what he started . Honestly , he can go to hell for all I care

His wife should be making him happy

And enjoying their marriage and child , so he can leave me alone

Thuto : wow , I love this for you

We laugh , she pulls down the chair and sits down

Thuto : what if I said King Musawenkosi Cele , would have swept you off your feet ?

We laugh

Me : I've been denied an orgasm there , trust me it's so not fair that our roads crossed .

And we didn't even get that fair
chance

Thuto : the hoe in your has
come out to play

I stare at her bored

Thuto : I'm sorry

She burst out laughing

Me : I just love at how I'm
making you laugh at me as of
late

Thuto : honestly my friend ,
you're being you . And it's nice ,
I'm happy for you

Me : yeah well , that's that . I
won't stay the whole day , let's
make the most of this

I say opening the bottle of wine

I remember my mother's words

So I won't get drunk , just two
classes and I'll be done

I don't want to exceed

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THREE MONTHS LATER

Zenkosi

Siya : thank you for coming

Me : no problem , and I will
definitely help in planning the
shower

This man just got the best
surprise ever last month

Finding out that his wife is
pregnant , like she's four
months now

And they weren't even aware ,
and he asked me to help plan
the baby shower

He's going all out

From hearing his plans and all

But I will gladly help

The fact that I don't want kids ,
doesn't mean I have anything
against kids or people who have
them

That's just me and my choice ,
there's nothing to it

Siya : I should get back to work ,
it's not easy juggling two jobs .
But at least the money makes
up for it

We laugh

Me : that's the only satisfying
thing about hard labour , it's
that it pays . And the fruits are
always sweet

Siya : my boss is said to come back some time this week , so I'll go back to my job . That man sure can disappear , he was supposed to be gone for just a month . But it turned to months

Me : well

I dart my eyes as I feel that intense stare on me

I cannot believe my eyes

The man is not a legend alright

He exists yes

Me : well I guess you're in luck ,
cause he's back

I've never actually been any
close to Kenan Black

I've never exchanged words
with him

But , oh well !

I know about him , he's a shark
in the business world

Siya : I hope , he doesn't make a
big deal about this . It was my
lunch break , that's why I'm out

And the man walks over to us

Me : for your sake , I hope he
doesn't . Cause he's coming
here

Siya takes out money paying for
the bill

Kenan : Ms Nhleko

Oh lord !

He knows me , like he knows my
name

Me : Mr Black

I just hold myself , I can't
tremble in front of this man

Kenan : Siya

Siya : sir , welcome back

He chuckles

Kenan : I'm sure you're relived

Siya : I wasn't complaining

Kenan : that's good , we'll see
each other at the office

Siya : yes sir

He turns his gaze my way

Kenan : Siya , I know you to be a very devoted married man

Siya : oh that I am sir , very much so

Kenan : good , Ms Nhleko . Any chance to have a meal with you ?

Wait

What is he doing ?

Me : uhm

I clear my throat , and he
doesn't move an inch

Me : of course , business or
pleasure ?

Kenan : for business , I would
send my PA . But I am here in
person

As if he walked in here for me ,
smooth much

Me : a meal won't hurt

Kenan : great

He hands me his phone , I
punch my number in

Kenan : I'll be on my way

And he walks away

Me : what the hell ?

He laughs

Siya : don't ask me , he
definitely came this way for you
. So ask me nothing

Me : oh wow ! Please don't go
gossiping about me to your wife

He laughs

Siya : she's the one that's
always starting the gossips , but
I won't dare . He's my boss

He gets up

Siya : we will be in touch

Me : bye

He walks away

I gather myself over what just
happened right now

I also need to get to the office

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Lizwi

This pregnancy is going to be
the death of me

Honestly , I don't even know
what to do

At this point I'm asking myself if
really it's hormones

Or just her craziness has
surfaced

I'm barely home , because I
cannot deal with her nonsense

The house is always dirty , it's
like there's no one here

There's dirty dishes in the sink ,
whether it's morning or noon .
It's the same thing

She barely bathes

Like she's just a mess

I don't even remember the last
time she did laundry or just
ironed clothes

Every time I want to wear something , I have to drag it from the laundry basket

And iron it myself

If it's dirty , I have to wash it

Honestly I can't live like this , it's too much and it's a lot

When I try to speak to her

She plays the pregnancy card ,
and gets defensive

I can't afford to hire a maid ,
with the job I hold

And the expensive baby clothes
she's busy buying

There's no way I can afford help

We live like pigs , and it's taking
a toll on me

Voice : dude !

I lift my head

Me : what ?

He sighs

Siya : I'm talking

I say nothing , he walks in

Siya : what's up ?

Me : what do you care ?

Siya : you know it's been months , Zenkosi is glowing . My wife is happy , so I don't care about the shit you did anymore. Whatever is eating you up , you

can talk . And I'll hear you out ,
if you're willing I'm ready to
have my friend back

What ?

He's been pushing me away ,
like at every chance I get

Me : you're being serious ?

Siya : yes

The lift stops on my floor

Siya : are you talking or I should
pass ?

Me : let's go

It hasn't been easy

I can't talk to the other guys like
I can to him

Me : it's Esihle

Siya : what's wrong ?

Me : that woman is lazy , and she's using the baby as an excuse to not clean around the house . She doesn't do laundry , like man have you see how I'm always dressed lately ?

We get into my office , I open the door and we get in

Me : I feel like I've married my karma

He chuckles shaking his head , and I'm serious

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Lizwi

Siya : I know you have many regrets

I sigh

Me : honestly , I don't think you have an idea . But it's hard

I messed up a good thing

Even today , I will still admit it

And now it hurts , it hurts so
bad because I am stuck with
Esihle

And clearly , she's not the
woman for me

There's nothing there

I wish I could turn back the
hands of time

That I could have stood up for
myself to my father

And not let him dictate to me

Surely , if I stood my ground I
wouldn't be here honestly . And
things wouldn't be like this

Siya : have you thought of involving parents ? More especially your father , because you're in this situation because of him

I shake my head

I'm glad he's here , and I can talk to him again . This has been a lot

I just had to tell him things that
have been happening in that
house

Me : I'm even embarrassed to
say this

I heave a heavy sigh

Me : but I'm scared to tell them
. Because they will think I'm

weak , and I can't control my
own household

Siya : pride aside

He gets up , and just paces a bit

Siya : when times get hard in
marriage . You seek to those
who have been before you

Me : I don't know man

Siya : what I know is that you can't live like this , you look like shit . And this is no way a man is supposed to live , you married Esihle . She has wifely duties to do , don't give her so much power

Me : maybe I can talk to her family , and they can talk some sense to her . And teach her

manners as a wife , she's not
the first woman to get pregnant

Siya : my wife is pregnant , but
you don't see me looking like
you

I chuckle

Me : what ?

Siya : yeah

Me : wow , man I'm happy for you . Like congratulations

Siya : thank you , unlike you I have no pregnancy quarrels in my house

We laugh

Me : yeah , have fun at my expense

Siya : honestly you can do better

He's telling me ?

Me : Man , I had better

Siya : why don't you leave her for like a few days or maybe a week ? So she can be left alone in that house

Me : maybe that's what I need

Siya : that's exactly what you need , book into a hotel or something . And make sure she doesn't know where you are , because she will bother you

She will be pissed I know

But I need this

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Kenan

Me : I hope you won't start your
shit again

Trevor : I am back , and fully
devoted

Me : good , and one important
thing . That woman you were

gawking at , at the restaurant .
She's a no go area

Trevor : we don't have any ships
right now

Me : Trev , I saw how you were
staring at her . Now I hope you
heard me

Trevor : crystal

Some things just have to be put
out the

So they can be heard

He was gawking as Zenkosi , and
I did not appreciate that at all

Me : you can leave

He gets out of my car , as Ace
stops by with his ride

I drive into my place

It's very late now

We got so caught up , making
sure our place is secure this side

Covering our tracks , to be sure
that if we're caught in anything

No evidence will expose us

I look at the time , but I can't
sleep without doing this

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Zenkosi

People who call other people at
night , just lack manners

Honestly you shouldn't call me
at night

Especially if you're nothing of
mine

Or you have no business with
me whatsoever

If this phone wasn't making
such a noise , I would be
ignoring it

And I don't know why I didn't
put it on do not disturb today

I turn over and I reach for my
phone answering

I so hope that someone is dying

That's the only way I will forgive
this phone call

Me : hello ?

With such a sleepy voice

I am really being consumed by
sleep

Voice : I know it's late , please
do forgive me . But I just had to
call

Wow !

I sit on my ass

Me : uhm hiyes it's very late

Kenan : I'm sorry , once again

I nod my head with a smile
bitting my finger

Me : I didn't think you would
call

Kenan : no benefit of the doubt
for the man ?

I chuckle

Me : just thoughts

Kenan : I will have to change
them

Good luck to him

Kenan : that date tomorrow ?
Please avail yourself for me

I'm stuck on "date"

Me : aa date ?

Kenan : I will be with the most
beautiful woman after all

Stupid me !

I have one insane huge smile
right now

Like for what ?

Getting compliments from
Kenan Black

Is it maybe because the past
three months , it has just been
me and work nothing else

Like it won't hurt , just to get a breeze

Me : I don't see why not

Kenan : please , do send me your address . I will come fetch you

Me : okay , will do

Kenan : do get your beauty
sleep , I'll see you tomorrow

Me : goodnight

After a few seconds he drops
the call

Me : wow !

I don't know what's this

But one thing is certain , Kenan Black can never ever want me anyhow

Like why would he ?

Okay enough of that , I need to search this man

Maybe he's married with 7 kids , I need to know . For the sake of , I'm going on a date with him

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Zenkosi

I tried to look as natural as I can
be

But not because I'm trying to
impress

I am so over that impressing a
man business , I did with
Wenkosi

Never again !

Kenan : you're so beautiful

I let out a smile as he pulls the
chair for me

Me : thank you

I say sitting down

He pulls the chair opposite me ,
and sits down

Kenan : I appreciate your time ,
out of your busy schedule

Me : I just got curious

He chuckles

Kenan : nothing much to it , I
just want to know you . And of
course , sharing a meal

This man is as strange as they
come

There's nothing about him
personal , that's out there

Only his business

I feel like to know things , I will
have to ask him

Hopefully , he can be honest
about that

Me : can I just ask ?

He nods

Me : are you not a married man
Mr Black ?

He flashes me a side smile

Kenan : I am not married , I
don't have kids . I know my life
is not out there , but that's
because there's nothing to say .
I can't put it out the that I'm not
married , I would be asking for
every single woman who lays
their eyes on me see a target

Target ?

I let out a slight laugh

Me : I hear you , thank you for clarifying that

Kenan : out of curiosity

Me : I'm single as they come , a man left me on our wedding

day and married another woman . While I was waiting for him , and his family to arrive .
So yeah

Kenan : he did good , because then I wouldn't be here

I feel like screaming

And for what ?

I do not know

Me : that's mean

He smiles

Kenan : for him , not me

Whatever he means by that

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Kenan

Zenkosi : dinner was lovely
thank you

I fix her jacket

Me : until I see you again

Zenkosi : you don't wanna come
in ?

I smile

Me : we might end up very far
with each other

Zenkosi : oh , I understand

Me : don't sound so
disappointed now , I actually
won't hold myself

I lean for a hug , which she
gladly accepts

Zenkosi : come in , for a
nightcap

She whispers softly against my
ear

I chuckle

Me : I won't refuse

She pulls back , and takes my
hand as we walk to the door

She opens , we walk inside

I stand over as she closes the
door and locks

Turning facing me , I have her in
my arms pinned against the wall

She places her hands on my
head , I lean over meeting her
lips halfway as we kiss

Our lips just devouring each
other

I lift her up , making sure she's
balanced

I pull her dress off , she locks
her legs behind my back

I unclip her bra , she's
unbuttoning my shirt

I cup her boobs , sucking on her
nipples

Zenkosi : on shit !

I unbuckle my pants , sliding my
dick out

I position myself , aiming for her
open

As I slide her panty to the side ,
and slide through

She clings tight on me , biting
my lower lip

Her walls hugging on me

Me : damn you're so sweet

She throws her head back as I
pound in her

Her moist just gracing my dick

I tap harder , giving her deep
strokes

She sinks her nails on my back ,
as a wave of pleasure hits her

And she screams out my name
in moan

Zenkosi : OhhhhKenannnn

I move back rubbing on her clit ,
as I walk over to the couch with
her still in my arms

I place her down on the couch ,
my dick sliding out of her

Drops of her cum sliding down
my dick to her mould

I take my clothes off , I'm left
butt naked

Pulling her panty off

I move her leg up sliding
through , and she balances to
the arm rest with her hands

I hug her one leg against me , as
I continue to pound in and out
of her

Watching her cream all over my
dick

I shoot up my load inside of her
, as her cum graces me

She cups her boobs

Zenkosi : oh shit

Her lower body shivers insanely

I slide my dick out , stroking it
just pouring the last drops of
cum on her stomach

I pick her up , placing her on the
armrest

Me : don't fall now

Zenkosi : wait

I chuckle , shutting her up with
a kiss

As I get on the couch , and I'm
on my knees parting her legs up

As I position myself , sliding
through her wetness

Zenkosi : Ohhhh fuck ! You're
going to kill me

I trail down to her neck

As i take slow deep strokes

I suck hard on her neck , leaving
wet kisses trailing to her boobs
sucking and nibbling on her
nipples

My hands balancing her ass ,
and back so she doesn't fall

Zenkosi : oh shit I'm gonna
cum.....

She places her hands on my
lower waist , and tries to push
me off

Zenkosi : ahhhhhhh
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She clings her hands to my back
holding me tight

Zenkosi : oh fuck ! Please
.....don't stop

I chuckle , as her walls close in
on me and she orgasms

I lean over giving her a kiss , she
kisses me back lazily

Me : where is your room

She's panting insanely

Zenkosi : mhmsecond floor
the first one

I pick her up into my arms ,
walking to her room

I place her down on the bed ,
and get on top of her

Balancing my arms not pulling
all of my weight on her

I part her one leg , she brings it
on my back

We lock eyes , as I slide inside of
her

And slowly making love to her ,
taking it missionary

Zenkosi : kiss me

She slowly closes her eyes , as
her coochie flaps hug me so
perfectly . I lean down my lips
gracing hers and we kiss

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Zenkosi

Kenan : wake up

He's inside of me , going in and out

I feel such an intense pleasure , like my whole body will freeze into a stand still

I feel fucked and made love to

I slowly open my eyes

He smiles

Placing kissing all over my face

I let out a slight giggle , as i lock
my shaky legs and thighs behind
him

Just enjoying the pleasure of
the orgasm

He deep grunts , as he holds me
tight cumming

We hold each other for a few minutes tight in silence

After a while , he slowly moves back

We lock eyes

I'm grinning

Kenan : good morning

He pecks my lips

Me : it's a very good one indeed

He deep chuckles

Still buried deep inside of me

He leans over looking at the
time

And heaves a sigh

Me : you have to go ?

Kenan : I have a meeting in
Sandton

Me : you'll leave without
breakfast ?

Kenan : I can stick for that , if
you let me shower

Me : help yourself

He slowly slides out of me , I let
out a slight moan

And we kiss before he moves
off of me

He slides over to the side ,
laying down

I get up , and picking up his shirt
from the floor putting it on

Me : anything you don't eat ?

I ask buttoning it up a bit

Kenan : no

I smile

Me : okay

I walk out heading downstairs

A quick breakfast , and nothing
too complicated will do

Someone is in a happy mood

I always overlooked white guys

I never thought a white man
can fuck and make love like that

He gave such intense strokes

My coochie is still feeling the effects of it

As I set the table , he walks down

He's wearing his vest , since I have on his shirt

Kenan : it smells very nice in here

I smile

Me : I hope it tastes just as nice

Kenan : I am sure it does

He walks over , hugging me from behind placing a kiss on my neck

We sit down and eat

And he has his plate clean

Kenan : both breakfast's , were
scrumptious

I laugh

Kenan : walk me out

Me : you don't need your shirt

Kenan : it looks even better on
you

He takes my hand , and grabs
his suit jacket by the lounge on
the couch

We walk out , and lean against
his car

He gives me one mind blowing
kiss

After a few minutes we pull out

Kenan : I will call

I nod

He gets into his car , I open the
gate for him as he drives out

I close the gate

And walk back inside the house

I lock the door , throwing myself
on the couch

Closing my eyes just reminiscing
about events of last night

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Siya

He looks at his wife

Thuto : what ?

He pecks her lips

Thuto : babe , you have been
looking at me this morning .
What do you want to say ?

Siya : I fixed things with Lizwi

Thuto : you're friends again ?

He nods

Not knowing how she will take
these news

Siya : things have been
awkward between us as guys ,
we can't even hang out

anymore together now . Even as
the circle of friends we had , it's
been far too long . And I guess
things are just awkward ,
between us all

Thuto : true

Siya : I know he fucked up with
Zenkosi , he should have told
her the truth instead of what he
did

Thuto : it was his choice , he choose to cheat on her . And that's why things ended the way they did , instead of being honest . But he did cheat

Siya : worse now he's having it hard

Thuto : how so ?

Siya : he's just a mess , and he says Esihle is very untidy . And using the pregnancy , as an excuse not to do anything

Thuto laughs

Siya : she's definitely not the wife he thought she will be , and he doesn't want to involve family . Because he doesn't want to be seen as weak

Thuto : he sure is reaping his karma , he should just leave my friend alone . Cause she's happy now , and definitely will move on given a chance . Zenkosi is really over Lizwi , she's not even pretending

Siya bites his tongue , as he almost tells about the Kenan situation

If those two happen , Lizwi
won't be able to take it

That's his boss

And the man will be having the
woman he loves

And clearly still haven't moved
on from

That's elevation on another level

Moving on with the boss of the man who played you

He chuckles shaking his head

Siya : he just needs to find himself again

Thuto : good luck to him

She says taking his clothes
placing them in the laundry
basket

Siya : I think aunty should start
coming more days , so she can
help with the load

Thuto : oh please ! I am not
your friends lazy wife

They laugh

Siya : I know that , but I also
don't want you over working

Thuto : I am still fine baby , if it
gets too much I will tell you

He knows his wife very well

She loves and likes being hands
on

Being a housewife , doesn't
mean sponging off of his money

She works , and makes sure
their house is a home

Siya : I will go see him later on

Thuto : okay , I don't mind this
friendship again . Cause I know
Zenkosi , doesn't give a rats ass

about him . Even if she were to see him , she wouldn't be fazed by anything

Siya : yeah , once things have settled we should all get together again . Just for old times sakes

Thuto : just not at my house , I will not clean after lazy Esihle

Siya laughs as she walks out of
the bedroom

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Zenkosi

Zelda : are you okay ?

I nod with a smile

Zelda : something looks very
different about you

Me : what ?

She laughs

Zelda : I don't know , but you're
glowing

Oh please !

Don't tell me she's one of those
people who believe sex makes
women glow

I mean , sure I got it well

But are we there already ?

I laugh

Me : I have no idea what you're
talking about

Zelda : oh well , let me leave you . Tell me if there's anything you need

Me : I need to work on this proposal for Sterling , I probably won't bother you

Zelda : okay

She gets up and walks out

I let out a chuckle , shaking my head

Zelda is something else

That's why I regard her more than just a PA

My phone rings , i sigh picking up the call

Me : Mrs Mosia

She laughs

Thuto : you're at work I know ,
don't be so formal with me

I hope Siya did not talk about
me and Kenan to his wife

Me : what's up ?

Thuto : hear it from me , Siya
and Lizwi made up

Me : good for them

Thuto : you're okay ?

I laugh

Me : more than okay , I really
don't care . Lizwi is my past , so
his life basically doesn't bother

me . I am not against anything
he does , or his friendships

That's why I won't even waste
my breath on him anymore

Honestly , he's not worth my
energy

And being bitter will just
suffocate me , I can't and will
not give him that much power

Especially not over me

He can go jump off a cliff , I
don't care

Thuto : wow , if I didn't know
any better I would say you have
a new dick

Me : oh please

We laugh

Thuto : anyways , I just wanted
to tell you

Me : no , it's all good . Thanks
for always considering me
though

Thuto : girl ! Ain't no body got
you , like I got you

Me : yeah yeah flex

She drops the call laughing

It's just fulfilling to know there's
still people , who considers me
and my feelings

I'm really over what happened
three months ago

It's a no bother really

He clearly wasn't mine to have

And that's fine

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Kenan

Trevor : the shipment is going
out tomorrow

Me : that product better be good

Trevor : it is

Me : Trev , I don't know if it's okay to trust you anymore .
You're just making me appear like a mediocre

Trevor : I promise it good , I tasted it myself

Me : while you're at it , you better contact the buyers . And find out if they're not in need of slaves , I need something that will be bringing me money . Not this nonsense of cocaine

Trevor : I'll get on it

I look at my wrist watch

Me : call me when you have a report back

He nods , I get up

Me : I have to go somewhere

I grab my jacket and phone walking out

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Lizwi

Siya : who are you avoiding ?

He asks laughing

Me : everyone

Siya : what ?

Me : I took your advice , I didn't go home last night . I slept at a hotel , so they're just busy

bombarding my phone right
now

Siya : you're in shit

Me : I know , but I need this for
my sanity . I'm telling you ,
karma really is a bitch . See how
I lost a dime , for a pig

He burst out laughing

Siya : and the sad thing , is that she's so over you . She doesn't even care we're friends again . She is over you

Me : fuck that hurts

Siya : just cheat on Esihle , you'll get over Zenkosi

Me : what kind of advice is that ?

Siya : come on , it's not like
you're a man in love . You
cheated on Zenkosi you love ,
you can cheat on Esihle

Me : I don't want my father and
Zulu on my back

Siya : I don't wish to be you

I sigh

Esihle hasn't stopped calling me
, and leaving messages

My father is on my case

My mother is the only one who
doesn't support this shit

But then again , it's not like she
can stand against my father

A few more days , and Esihle will probably run back to her father

And he will also be on my case

But right now , they can give me a break

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Zenkosi

Me : yes

I lift my eyes , and she walks in

I dart my eyes back to my
laptop

Zelda : you have a visitor

Me : Zelda , I'm working on that proposal . So please , whoever it is send them back

She clears her throat

Voice : thank you

What the

I lift my eyes , just getting goosebumps all over my body

An involuntary smile just creeps
on my face

He's in a dark blue slim fit suit
with white sneakers

He has his suit jacket opened

Looks like he has a fresh hair cut

Gosh !

What is he doing parading
around with a fresh cut ?

He should stay locked in , until it
fades

Just listen to me , what do I care
?

Zelda : uhm

Me : it's okay Zelda , thank you
. Mr Black come in

She walks out , he closes the
door

I get up and walk over my table
to the other side

He walks closer

Gosh ! He smells good

Kenan : I'm disturbing ?

I smile

Me : uhm ...kind of

He chuckles

Leaning forward , he brushes his
lips over mind

I let out my breath , as he
places his hand on my waist
pulling me closer to him

I gasp as he pulls my lower lip ,
and involuntary my lips just
invade his

He welcomes the kiss and we
kiss , It's so slow . And just full
of passion and lust

His crotch pokes me , directly
on my coochie twitching

These 8 inch heels , have me tall
almost to his level

He slowly pulls out

After this , I need to attend to
myself down there

Cause I'm drenched

Kenan : have you eaten ?

Me : no

It comes out as whisper

Kenan : indulge me for lunch

Jesus !

Where did this man come from
?

Kenan : my place

I let out a smile shaking my
head

Now I'm going to leave that
proposal , just for lunch at his
place

Doesn't he work ?

Like who is minding his
company when he's here ?

Me : lunch it is

He smiles

Kenan : you'll drive before me ,
I'll direct you

Whatever he says

I grab my bag , and we walk out
heading to the parking lot

I just ignore the stares , I will
probably end up being the
office gossip

But it won't mean much , this
man is a business man

I'm the CEO , so it can be
business

We get to the parking lot

Kenan : Don't lose route

I laugh

Me : I won't

He pulls me closer , and we kiss

If anyone sees us , there goes
that stunt of business

We pull out of the kiss , and he
walks me to my car

Opening the door for me

I get in , and he closes the door
walking to his car

Crazy thing , as we drive out he calls me

That's how he directs me to his place

We get to this private estate in waterfall

I am not that much shocked , seeing the kind of house he lives in

Of course , his standards
approve of such

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Esihle

Esihle : he's pulling away , he
didn't sleep home last night . I
called him , and he's ignoring
my calls

Lera : what happened ?

Esihle : what do you mean ?

Lera : did you fight or
something ?

Esihle : no

She sighs frustrated

Esihle : can't you hook me up
with something ?

Her cousin laughs

Lera : something like what ? I
already gave you the drug to
get him , you're pregnant now .
You have the man , what else
can I give you ?

Esihle bites her lower lip

Esihle : like a potion or something , that will draw him to me

Lera : what makes you think I would know such things ?

Esihle : you managed to get your baby daddy get his life in order , and to get in line . That didn't happen magically

Lera sighs

Not sure if her cousin
understands , what she's asking
and want to involve herself in

And all this for a man , a man
she already got using
underhanded tactics

She shakes her head slowly

Lera : cuz , just wait maybe he has an explanation

Esihle : I don't want to hear his explanation , I just want him back home with me and this child

Lera : you're playing a dangerous game , because you're not even sure that baby

is his . What if it happens that he's not the father ?

Esihle sighs

Esihle : wether he is or not , he will father this baby . He doesn't know he found me with a man

Lera : I will ask around , and see if I can't find anything

Esihle : thank you

She drops the call , brushing her tummy

Esihle : sometimes men just need a push in the right direction , and that's where I will take Lizwi . I am not loosing , not after so much work . I will do whatever it takes , to give us a proper home

She sits down

And calls Lizwi again , this time
his phone goes to voicemail

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Zenkosi

Me : lunch was great , thank
you

Kenan : we thank the chef

See what I mean ?

Standards men have chefs

Kenan : don't be looking at the
time like that

Me : II was working on a proposal , I should get to the office

Kenan : you can work through it , with your laptop around here

Me : so now I'm not going back to work ?

Kenan : please indulge me here

I laugh

Kenan : come here

He takes my hand , we walk
upstairs

And heading to this ensuite
bedroom

Sitting down on the bed , he
takes my shoes off

Kenan : sit back

I move back on the bed

Just thinking , I left work for dick
again ?

But the touch on my feet , just
sends me pushing that thought
at the back of my head

As he starts massaging my feet
slowly

Kenan : I want us to talk about
us , relax in a comfortable space
. In our pace

Me : us ?

Kenan : this relationship I want
with you

It's been what ? A day honestly ,
and we're speaking
relationships

Kenan : I'm not a boy , but a
man who knows what he wants

Oh well , I see that

Me : uhm ...you want us to be in
a relationship ?

Kenan : yes

I sigh

Me : I was dealt by a man , and
I'm scared to give my heart
again

He side eyes me

Kenan : tell me about that

Me : we got engaged , and on our wedding day . He stood me up , and got married to another woman . Seemingly he cheated , even though he claimed he doesn't remember what happened and he was drunk . Also his father forced him into the marriage with her , because she's pregnant . I don't want kids , and he does . So he said he did it for his child

Kenan : you will give me a child ,
so willingly when the right time
comes . I won't even ask for one

Did he just miss me saying , I
don't want kids ?

Me : I don't want to have kids ,
just a personal choice

Kenan : it takes a sperm to
make fertilize an egg , but it

takes a man to be a father . And well , I'm not at the space yet of being a father . And you're not at a space to be a mother , but when we get there the baby will come

I don't understand that

And I'm taking precautions , to make sure I do not end up with bones inside of me

Kenan : I am most definitely not that idiot , and I can spot a diamond between rhinestones .
I know what I want

This I did not expect , nor see coming

Kenan : are you not over him ?

Me : without a doubt I am

Kenan : when you agree to be
with me , we're doing this . And
not giving it a try

He doesn't even say if , he says
when

He's so sure of himself

Me : I don't want to be changed
, I don't want you to mould me

into something I am not . I've never dated a white man , and I know if I date you

Kenan : when

I chuckle

Me : fine , when I date you . I most definitely will not compare you to black guys , now I don't know about you . But I'm not

white , I do wear make up to an extent that my scars and pimples are covered . And I so wear weaves , I most probably do not have such stunning legs as white girls . I am not a natural person , and that's just me

Kenan : let me give you something to think about , don't teach me how to love you

Love , like are we there ?

He says getting up , taking his
clothes off

I just can't take my eyes off of
him , and he pulls me down

Getting on his feet , standing in
front of his naked chiselled
body

He takes my clothes off , leaving
me with nothing on

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Kenan

Pinning her against the wall

I lower myself a bit , sliding
through her coochie

She tries to lift her leg , but I put it back down

Zenkosi : shit ...

I stare at her , as she looses herself as I keep on thrusting in inside of her

I take deep slow thrusts , giving it to her missionary standing

She gets on her toes , as she
buries her face on my neck

Clinging her hands behind my
back

I lean over giving her a deep kiss
that she welcomes

She quivers , I pull back out of
the kiss slowly

Watching her , as her coochie
walls push me out

And she squirts

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Zenkosi

I place a few pecks on his lips

And he seems to be out with
sleep

He can't keep me up most of
the night

And it's morning now , he's
asleep

Worse , I have to work full day
today

Unlike him , I'm an employee in
that company

And not the boss like he is

I slowly move down , and get on
top of him

Grabbing his dick , and I stroke it
slowly

And he expands in my hand

I smile , as veins pop on his dick

At least someone is up

I lean down , licking the tip

I grab his balls with my one
hand , while the other is giving
his dick a hand job

While still sucking on his tip

He grunts

I chuckle , taking it in my mouth

I deep throat , and feel his
hands on my head

He moves , thrusting in as he
fucks my mouth slowly not
going too deep

Kenan : fuck !

He lets go of my head , I move
my mouth off his dick

And it hits on my cheek

I lift my eyes looking at him , his
sleepy eyes staring at me

He smiles

I lean over down sucking on his
balls

Stroking his dick , and precum
dropping on my hand

I move over , taking his dick
back deep throating

And stroking his balls , and he
shoots his cum in my mouth

I swallow slowly looking at him

Kenan : come here

I crawl on top of him

Kenan : woman ! You evening
the odds

I laugh

Me : you were taking forever to
wake up

Kenan : well I am up , what do you want ?

Me : I agree to being in a relationship

Kenan : you already woke me up insane , so of course you agree

He brings my face down

Me : I would love to stay like this all day , but I have work

Kenan : I'm going to the office too , let's go shower . I'll have breakfast prepared

I try getting off him , but he holds me in place and we kiss

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TWO WEEKS LATER

Lizwi

Dad : what nonsense am I hearing that you spend nights away from home ?

I haven't been there in two weeks

I even have my phone closed

Because I don't want to talk to them

He saw it fit to come to my
work place

I can only hope that Black ,
doesn't walk in here

Because I would be in shit

Dad : you're going to stop this
nonsense , and go back home .
Because that woman is there

crying herself , because of you .
That time she's carrying your
child , and you should be glad
she hasn't told her family . She's
only been crying and
complaining to us

Me : I don't love Esihle

Dad : she's your wife , and you
will learn to love her

That's not going to happen

Me : why don't we call her family , so they can see the kind of pigsty we live in . And I can't even say anything about that , because she's using the pregnancy as an excuse to be lazy

Dad : she's pregnant , can't you get a maid ?

I chuckle

Me : a maid and pay her with
what ?

Dad : you're working

Me : and I earn enough to just
make ends meet , I never
needed a maid when I was
staying alone . So why do I need

one now that I'm married and have a wife ? This is the time where I really shouldn't be needing a maid , what you're just saying doesn't even make sense

Dad : you will go home after leaving work , and you and your wife will sit down and talk

He gets up

Dad : what kind of a man leaves his house when he has issues ?

Boy , you need to start having a back bone and stand up for yourself . Get your house in order

Me : I should have long started having it with you , when you forced me to marry a woman I don't love

Dad : you will learn to love her ,
don't make me come back here
again . Go back home

He walks out

I sigh shaking my head

I feel like Esihle is just a curse of
some kind , that I'm just stuck
with

If there was a way , to take the
baby out of her I would most
definitely do it

And just take my child , and
leave her alone

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Esihle

Esihle : what has been taking
you so long ?

She asks her cousin frustrated

Lera : calm yourself down ,
people are chancers out here .
Do you want to get scammed
for nothing ?

She sighs

Esihle : his mother called , and
said they're coming with his
father . He will be back home

later on , I need to make sure
he's back for good

Lera : give me time

Lera drops the call on her

Esihle : damnit !

She paces around , trying to
think of what to do

She had to hire someone to
come clean for her today

The house was so filthy , she
even felt like it's making her sick

She sits down going on
Facebook , searching for witch
doctors

She clicks on a few profiles ,
they don't promising

She goes on pages , and finds one that's rated very high

She thinks of inboxing , but that might take a while

Especially if this guy is this good as he appears to be

Surely there's tons of people inboxing him

Luckily for her , there's a
number

She takes the number and dials
it

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Zenkosi

Thuto : wow , this is just sad

Me : what ?

She lifts her eyes

Thuto : in just two weeks , more than 15 girls have gone missing

Me : uhm yeah

She laughs

Thuto : did you just say , uhm
yeah ?

Me : I mean it's sad yes , but we
have a crappy justice system .
They will never be found if it's
human trafficking , if not then
they'll probably be found dead

Thuto : people who are capable
of doing such things , are just
despicable

Me : true that , but this is also a very despicable world

Thuto : to think we're bringing kids into such

Me : ah ! Don't even think about that

She sighs

Thuto : it's scary friend

Me : yeah , I know . But don't say that , like something will happen to your kids

Thuto : one just can't help but worry , we all should have just been like you

I laugh

Me : come on , my choice doesn't even have anything to do with this crap . It's just that , look how 15 girls go missing in two weeks . Police have no lead , they didn't even have any suspects . It's just insane , because why are there more girls still missing ? Like what are they doing ? Unless these fuckers are paying them

Thuto : you make a good point

Me : and you don't need this
stress this level

It's the baby shower this
weekend

And I still haven't gotten her a
present

Like I don't know what to buy

Maybe Zelda can help me with
this one

She's a mother after all , unlike
me . Surely she can help

I've just been down , not
looking forward to anything or
even doing anything

I miss my man

He left a week ago for Spain ,
and he wasn't even sure when
he's coming back

We talk , but it's not the same
as seeing him or being with him

Being in his arms and all

I may sound crazy , but I think I
have fallen for that man

Just a week away from him ,
and I feel like something is
missing

I haven't even told Thuto about
him , and I see Siya kept his
mouth shut

Like she's still in the dark

And she hasn't even said
anything , or hinted

Nor even asked

I just need time , before I can
tell her

I don't want drama

Not that she will bring any

But once she knows

Lizwi will know

And lord knows what he will do
or say

He might even blame Black on
the fact that he didn't get the
promotion

While that was just my doing

Me screwing him nothing else

I will just focus on this baby shower , it will uplift my moods

And I have to go home

The way I barely go home , I swear you'd think I live in another country

I'm that financial support , than I am there physically

But I miss them now , talking on
the phone is not enough

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Lizwi

Siya : just listen , maybe they
will give you solutions

Me : this is just stupid

He laughs

Siya : soldier on

He drops the call , as I walk
inside

And my parents are already
here , and for once the house
looks clean

Ever since the sham marriage , I
haven't seen this house this
clean

I sit down

Mom : you don't greet ?

Me : can we please just get to
why we're here

She sighs

Dad : why haven't you been sleeping home ? Are you being unfaithful on your wife ?

I chuckle

Me : please , you see how clean this house is ? This house has never been this clean ever since we got married , she doesn't do my laundry . She doesn't cook ,

there's absolutely nothing she does except to call orders wanting things . I tried to speak to her , many times . But every time I spoke , she makes the pregnancy an excuse . I cannot afford a maid , I was due for a promotion and I didn't get it . The money I make isn't enough to afford someone's salary

She has her head bowed down

Me : honestly , I cannot live in a pigsty . That's why I left her , I left her so she can see how dirty she is

Mom : Esihle ?

She slowly lifts her head and looks at my mom

Mom : is this true ?

Esihle : the house is big , I can't clean this big house on my own . Lizwi is always at work , and he doesn't get to help me

My mother gets up

Mom : you're a wife , your husband and your home come first . You're not the first woman to get pregnant , you're not sick . No man can stand a filthy woman , have shame on

yourself . You're barely even taking good care of yourself , just look at what you're wearing . And your hair , it look like you haven't combed it in years . When Lizwi starts cheating , don't cry . Just tell yourself he has seen better than you

She looks at dad

Mom : I am leaving , this is nonsense

In all my life , I have never
heard my mother speak like this

She's always been the partner
that listens to dad , and that's it

Me : honestly , if Esihle can start
doing better as a wife . I will
come back home , this is my
house after all

Esihle : I will do better , I
promise . Please don't leave ,
and I'll start being a wife .
Starting from now

Me : go take a bath , and cut
this hair honestly if it's a
problem for you to have it taken
care of

She quickly gets up and walks
upstairs

I just look at my father , he
looks very disappointed that he
didn't get to scold me as much
as he wanted

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Zenkosi

My office phone rings , I reach
for it knowing it's Zelda calling

Me : hello ?

Zelda : uhm There's
someone here to see you

I sigh

Who could be coming to see me
now ?

I have only been at work for an
hour or so

Me : who ?

Zelda : Mr Kenan Black

This better not be a prank

Me : he's here , like right now ?

She laughs slightly , and sounds
like she's scared

Cause her voice is so low

Zelda : yes

Me : send him through

I drop the call

I can't believe he's back

But why didn't he tell me that
he's coming back ?

After a few minutes he walks in
, without even knocking

And it's like I haven't seen him
in months

I get up and walk over to him

Kenan : hi

I smile

He pulls me closer to him

Kenan : how have you been ?

Me : you were dearly missed

Kenan : this much

He leans down , meeting my lips
halfway

I place my hands on his waist as
we kiss

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Lizwi

Me : I am back home

Siya : and how's that working
out for you ?

Me : well , it's only been a day

Siya : you really shot yourself in
the foot

I chuckle

Me : I have bit more than I can
chew

Siya : you'll figure it out , you're
a grown ass man

Me : yeah well

Siya : we should go out for
drinks

Me : that will do me well

Maybe that's what I do need

Siya : so the intent is to work on
the marriage ?

Me : I think for the sake of the baby , I don't know though

Siya : I hope you can keep up , but just know that babies don't make homes

Yeah , I think I am catching very quickly on that

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Esihle

Esihle : are you sure this will work ?

Lera : yes , just pour this power on his underwear . Write his name and yours on a piece of paper , tie the two black candles and bind them together along with your underwear and his . Call him out , and declare that he's yours

Esihle : I hope this works , he's back home . I don't ever want him to go

Lera : what will you do about your dirt issue ?

Esihle : I'll hire a maid

Lera : I thought he can't afford

Esihle : my husband is working ,
he has money . Just that right
now , he's saving for our
honeymoon and the birth of the
baby . He only wants the best
for us

She says

Not very convincing , even to
herself

But she can't have her cousin
looking down on her

Lera : if you say so

Esihle : even if she comes once
a week , it won't be the same as
not having one

Lera : alright , let me go .

Remember , hide that where
Lizwi will never find it . Because

if he does , it will turn very
badly against you

Esihle : okay

Lera gets up taking her bag ,
Esihle walks her out

As she leaves , she goes back
inside the house

Finally

Hopefully this will work

Because the guy she called ,
was nothing but a scammer
who took her money

She rushes upstairs to their
bedroom

Laying a towel on floor

She tears a piece of paper and writes both their names on it

Taking the two black candles and a black wool string

She binds the candles together using the black string

She moves over and takes his briefs and her panty

She pours the black powder on
his briefs

And takes the candles along
with the piece of paper and her
panty

She binds them all together

Esihle : Lwizi Msomi , you're
mine . You will be a husband to
me , and love me . You will be a

father to our child , and love
him or her . You will never walk
out of this house ever again ,
leaving me to be on my own .
You will love me , you won't
look at another woman ever
again . You're bound to me ,
until death do us apart

She gets up , moves around
trying to find a place where she
will place the thing at

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Zenkosi

Me : Zelda , I am leaving

She looks at me

Me : Honestly , I don't know
why I'm still here

She laughs

Me : judge me , but my man is back and I should be home cooking for him

Zelda : you and Mr Black , I would have never expected that

Me : oh well , I will see you .
Tomorrow , I need some help with shopping for a baby shower . I am very clueless ,

you're a mother . Help a sister
out please

She laughs

Zelda : don't worry , I will send
you a list of things you can buy

Me : you're a star

Zelda : don't buy all , just pick
one or two

I laugh

Me : I'm not that bad , please

Good thing she gave that
warning , I am that bad . So I am
thankful

I probably would have bought
everything on the list

Not knowing which one to pick ,
and which one to leave

I grab my bag walking out ,
heading to my car

I call him , after the first ring he
answers

Kenan : mine

I smile

Me : baby , where are you ?

Kenan : at the office

Me : what time are you
knocking off ?

Kenan : in an hour or two

Me : okay , would you mind to
come through ?

Kenan : I don't , but I was
hoping you will come

Well I don't mind

But I will just have to go to my
house and get a change of
clothes

I have that baby shower
shopping to do

And then going home

Me : okay

Kenan : I'll see you later

Me : I love you

Kenan : I love you more

I drop the call , driving to his office

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Lizwi

Me : yes have flowers delivered to my house , I gave the address earlier on

I drop the call , turning to walk back to my office

I freeze on the spot , seeing her

She looks so flawless

And this blond fade suits her so
perfectly

She's in an olive formal dress ,
that's just below the knee

Me : Zenkosi

She turns and looks at me

Me : hi

Zenkosi : hi

Wow , I didn't even think she
will talk to me back

Me : how are you ?

Zenkosi : I'm good

Me : I seeyou look very good

She smiles

Zenkosi : thank you

Puleng : Mr Black is not in any meeting , you can go through to his office

Puleng is the receptionist

Zenkosi looks at her with smile

Zenkosi : thank you

She walks past me

Me : it was nice seeing you

Zenkosi : likewise

She walks to the elevator

I can't believe this , she looks so calm

I'm just wondering if she has forgiven me yet for what happened

I wonder what business does she have with Black

I've never seen her come here ,
not even once

Even when we were still
together

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Kenan

Me : yeah

I lift my eyes as the door opens

And I smile seeing her walk in

Zenkosi : hi

I move back with my chair

Me : come here

She walks over , placing her bag
on the desk

I hold my hand out , and she takes it

Me : this is an nice surprise

She laughs

Zenkosi : honestly , I just need your house key . I am not visiting

Me : I made you a copy , it's at home . Remember to leave with it

Zenkosi : so you think ahead of me ?

I lift her skirt up , as she straddles me

Me : it's only fitting , why did you knock off so early ?

Zenkosi : it's a surprise

Me : you don't say

I bring my zip down , she laughs
as I slide my dick out

Sliding her panty to the side

I peck her lips , a few times

Me : do the right thing , and just
ride your man

She smiles

She lifts her ass up a bit , as I
slide my dick inside of her pussy

Her walls clinging tight on me as
she slides down , taking all of
me in her

Zenkosi : how loud can you get
?

I chuckle

Me : just shut me up , and I'll be
as quite as I can be

She starts moving her waist in
circular motion , taking my lips
into hers

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Lizwi

Honestly , I have been watching
and hoping I'll see Zenkosi
walking out

But it's been over 30 minutes
now

My phone rings and it's Esihle

Me : hi

Esihle : hi baby , thank you for
the flowers

I smile

Me : I hope you like them

Esihle : I love them

Me : okay I'll see you later

Esihle : I love you so much

Me : me too

I drop the call , getting up

And walk to his office , I knock

He doesn't answer , I slightly
open the door

And a sight welcomes me

I quickly close the door

Not believing what I just saw ,
and hearing Zenkosi's moans

Me : shit !

I turn fast and walk back to my
office

Just struck with shock

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Zenkosi

I laugh as he fixes my dress

We didn't even bother to stop

The fact that Lizwi just budged
in here , or that he saw us .

After all we did see him

But that didn't get in the way of us getting our pleasure

Me : I'll see you at home ?

Kenan : mhm , I can't wait . Let me walk you out

He takes my hand and we walk out

His phone rings , he sighs
looking at the caller

Me : take it , I'll see you soon

Kenan : give me a kiss

He answers the call as we kiss , I
can't help but just smile

This man is disturbing

I pull out

Kenan : woman I love you

Me : I love you too

I pull away from him , walking
away

I just get bored seeing Lizwi

He walks over to me

Me : what now ?

Lizwi : you and Black ?

Me : what ?

Lizwi : When did that happen ?

Me : what's it to you ?

Lizwi : he's my boss

Me : yeah , he's your boss . And not mine , but even if he was mine I would still fuck him

He gasps

Lizwi : at least lock doors when you fuck in the office

I laugh

Me : learn to knock , you will go
blind

I turn walking out of the
building

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Lizwi

Me : did you know about Black and Zenkosi ?

He chuckles

Siya : what about them ?

Me : are they together or just fucking ?

Siya : how would I know ? Why are you asking ?

Me : because I walked in on
them having sex in his office

He laughs

Me : it's not funny

Siya : waitso they subjected
you to live porn ?

Me : shut up !

Siya : I don't know why you would think I know

Me : she's friends with your wife

Siya : well , if it makes you feel better . I didn't know , but if they started it when I saw them weeks back . Then it's been a while

Me : saw them ? And you didn't even think to tell me ?

He chuckles

Siya : what's this now ? Are you jealous ?

Me : well she moved on too fast , so soon she's already riding another dick . And not just

anyone but Black , she's just
trying to hurt me

I heave a sigh

Siya : come on , don't give
yourself so much credit .
Zenkosi is anything but spiteful
like that

Me : mxm ! Then what do you
call that nonsense ?

Siya : it's not mine to even call it anything

Me : you're not helping right now , it could have been anyone but Black

He chuckles

Siya : let me be of help , stay away from Black and Zenkosi . If

you know what's good for you ,
I'll give you free advice . Black is
anything but a legit business
man , don't get on his bad side

I sigh

Me : I'm home , we'll talk

Siya : you're fixing things with
your wife now , or so it seems .
Focus on that

Me : you know I don't feel
anyhow about Esihle , why am I
suddenly so bothered about her
?

He laughs

Siya : man , I know nothing
about your issues

Me : sure

I drop the call

Taking a moment in the car

Today is just awkward

Like ordering her flowers ? Like
what was that all about ?

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Esihle

Esihle : I am telling you , he sent me flowers today saying he loves me . Those things must be working , in high speed

Lera laughs

Lera : I'm glad for you , just don't blow things for yourself again

Esihle : I won't

Lera : and remember , he must
never find that

Esihle : trust me , he won't . I
made sure it's safe

Lera : okay

Esihle : we will talk , he just
drove in

Lera : good luck

She drops the call , and walks in
the lounge waiting for him

After a few minutes the door
opens , and he walks in

Esihle : hi baby

He looks at her and smiles

Lizwi : hi

She walks over to him , and
places a kiss on his cheek

He pulls her in for a deeper kiss
, that takes her by surprise

This stuff really must be
working

She thinks to herself , as she
melts in his arms and loosing
herself in the kiss

Hoping it will end in more

But even if it doesn't , she's still
glad about the kiss

For the first time ever , he's
kissing her

Not that pretence of a kiss on
their wedding day , that didn't
even last for a minute

Nor the one she took herself ,
when he was out of it

The night she drugged him

This is a real kiss , their first real
kiss

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Zenkosi

Kenan : all done ?

Me : mhm

He pecks my lips

Kenan : and you got everything
you need ?

I smile , with a slight laugh

Me : I think so

Zelda sent the list last night

And I think I still went
overboard

People who have kids are
strange no lies

Kenan : okay , I'm dropping you off . Then tomorrow I'll fetch you and drop you . After the woman thing , call me so I can fetch you

Isn't he just sweet ?

He accompanied me for the baby shower shopping , and didn't even get tired going to shop to shop

And now he's offering to take
me to my mother's house

Also to pick me up tomorrow

Where does he get all this free
time ?

Me : it's a baby shower

He chuckles

Kenan : yeah that , and you
must miss me when you're
there . Call me early , and not
late

He pecks my lips

I laugh

Kenan : you should miss me ,
and call me to come pick you up

I hug his lower waist

Me : baby ?

Kenan : huh ?

Me : do white people practice
witchcraft ?

I laugh giving him a brief kiss

Kenan : I don't know , I should try so we can see

Me : I need to be safe

He laughs taking my hand as we walk inside the car

This one , will put spells on me

Why is he emphasizing that I should miss him ?

He drives off , I punch my
mother's address on his GPS

He takes my hand into his

Intertwining our fingers

He quickly places a kiss on my
lips

I chuckle

Leaning my head over to his
shoulder

Kenan : I love you

Me : I love you baby

If I fall too hard , that's if I
haven't fallen already

I so hope that I don't get dealt
again

I'm loving with fear here , but
so far so good

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Lizwi

Esihle : so , I was thinking

I smile , but quickly it turns into
a frown

Since from yesterday , I just feel
somehow

And it's like something is a miss

I just can't put my finger on it

Or maybe it's because , I'm suddenly getting feels about Esihle

Things I just don't understand , or where they come from

Esihle : I saw that Thuto is having a baby shower tomorrow

Me : Siya didn't tell me

She laughs

Esihle : and they call themselves
your friends , yet I'm not even
invited

I think it's clear why she's not
invited

Esihle : anyways , they're not
the only ones who can do this

Me : do what ?

Esihle : I know , I am almost due soon . But I am at 7 months , and we can still have the baby shower

I look at her

Me : you want a baby shower ?

She sighs

Esihle : baby , let me get at least
that one thing

She walks over to me , sitting on
my lap

Me : babeyou're not
competing with Thuto , so
please just

Esihle : please

She flaps her eye lashes

I chuckle

Esihle : just something small ,
even if it's just with my cousin's
and yours

She pecks my lips

Esihle : please baby

Me : okay

She laughs , attacking me with a hug

I chuckle shaking my head ,
hugging her back

What follows , is a sigh

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Zenkosi

Kenan : now ?

Me : yes , I don't want to be late
. And I have to be there before
Thuto gets there

Kenan : okay

I know it's still early

But when he made me leave my car at his place yesterday

He very much so offered to be my chauffeur

Me : I can always Uber there

Kenan : don't start with me , it's still way too early

I laugh

Me : you don't sound ecstatic
much

Kenan : give me 15 , I'll be there

Me : I love you

He laughs

Kenan : don't sweeten me , I am coming

I drop the call laughing

This man !

When this man sleeps , he sleeps

For someone with energy like he has , it's very much creepy

Just the way he can sleep for
hours and hours

And still want to sleep again

Someone clears their throat , I
turn back

She smiles

Me : what ?

She laughs

Me : share

Bendalo : are you dating ?

Me : I am so not discussing men with you , but we can talk about boys . I'll most definitely warn you against them , I would even prefer you as a lesbian

We laugh

Bendalo : spare me , but I hope
he's good . I am happy , seeing
you this happy

Me : ncoow child ! Stop it

Bendalo : mom was asking ,
who dropped you yesterday

Me : you and your mother ! Like
, what's that ?

Bendalo : you didn't come with
your car

Me : yeah , there's cabs and
Uber . Not to mention taxis

She laughs leaning against the
counter

Bendalo : anyone but you in a taxi

Me : do not

My phone rings , and it most certainly cannot be Kenan so quick

I don't recognise the number

Me : hello ?

Voice : you're with him to hurt me ?

Lord !

Exactly what must I do for this guy to leave me alone ?

Me : please stop , I will end up reporting you

Lizwi : I'm just asking myself ,
you moved on so quickly . And it
had to be my boss , like couldn't
it be someone else ? Are you
trying to make me jealous , by
moving up the standards . From
employee to employer

I sigh

Me : get over yourself , my life
certainly doesn't revolve
around you . I am not that

bored , and stop analysing my relationship like that . You're not that important Lizwi , get it through your thick skull . I am over you , clearly the love wasn't that deep . Do the same

I drop the call , blocking the damn number

I look at my sister

Me : say nothing

She laughs

Bendalo : relationship you say ,
huh ?

Me : stop !

Bendalo : it's all good , but hear
me well . That woman should
feed her husband some potion ,

so he can leave you the hell
alone

I laugh

Me : she would be doing me a
favour

Now it looks like I'm the one
who gave him a potion , cause
he can't leave me alone

Like he needs to stay the hell
away from me

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Kenan

Dad : you look tired

I chuckle

Me : I am

Dad : rough night ?

He hands me the cup of coffee

Me : thanks , you can say that

Dad : these shady businesses of yours ?

He sits down with his cup

Me : no , I was home

Dad : then ?

Me : I met this woman , a while back . And things are just great between us , I've fallen for her . Like she's just that missing part of the puzzle , I lacked

He laughs

Me : you laugh

Dad : she must be a gem , I have never known you to be this type

Me : mhm , she's something else . I will bring her soon

Dad : it would be a pleasure to meet her , maybe she can tame and get you into line

Me : that's taking it far

We laugh

Dad : she's giving you sleepless nights ?

Me : she was at my place , but yesterday I took her to her home . And I couldn't sleep , like my bed just wasn't the same without her

Dad : you're in love , that's how
it's supposed to be

Me : come on !

Dad : you lack sleep without the
love of your life , it's definitely
love

I sigh

Dad : why do you think 7 years later without your mother , still I have no woman in my life ?

Me : maybe you think you're too old

I chuckle

Dad : I am still very fine thank you , I just fuck around .
Because I know , no woman will

bring me that peace your
mother used to bring me . And
sometimes I do feel her
presence , and those nights I
sleep like a new born . It doesn't
happen with every woman , it
takes a very special one

Me : how am I going to survive
?

He laughs

Dad : marry her , that way you'll
have her in your bed every
night

I wouldn't mind that

But a woman dealt like that , I
don't know if she's even
considering marriage

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Zenkosi

Siya : she's happy , like thank
you so much

I laugh

Me : I did nothing

Siya : come on , this was all you . You did everything , and I just paid . My wife is happy , so all thanks to you

Me : well , it was only pleasure . And I'm glad that I could help

Siya : I'll get you a bottle soon

We laugh

Me : oh well , thank you sir

Siya : sorry for calling so early , I
just wanted to thank you

Me : no problem

Siya : bye

Me : bye

I drop the call , looking over at
this one next to me

I am tired from the baby shower
yesterday

Pity I have to go to work

Honestly , I deserve a massage

Like I need to be massaged ,
and just pampered

Me : are you going to wake up ?

He shakes his head , his eyes
still closed

Me : okay , well I have to leave

Kenan : you have clothes here

Me : three pairs of suits , what if
I don't want to wear them ?

Kenan : just make do my love

I laugh

Me : it's a Monday , I at least
have to look my best just to feel
my best

Kenan : I'll bring in a designer ,
you'll have outfits for everyday

I can't deal with such drama so
early in the morning

A designer for what ?

I have clothes at my house

They might not be designer
clothes , but I love them very
much

Thank you !

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Esihle

She's looking at the baby
shower pictures

Palesa posted them on her
Instagram

And they follow each other

Just seeing how beautiful
everything went

She so badly wishes that it was
hers

Esihle : mine will be better

She says to herself

But also asking herself , just how Lizwi is going to afford to give her the best baby shower

One that will top Thuto's

Maybe she should have people she's going to invite contribute a bit

Esihle : yes , maybe R500 each

She says with a smile , but
quickly frowns

They might just judge her

They'll be giving out money and
gifts , not just any gifts but
expensive ones

Okay , maybe that's the plan to
go about this

Have them bring gifts , only
things that she wants

And will definitely be specific on
who must get what

Yes !

That's what will work

Cause they won't just bring any
gifts , but it'll be what she wants

Then her shower will have
expensive gifts , that will top
Thuto's

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Zenkosi

Me : I am getting a visit from
you , mom is everything okay ?

I sit down next to her on the couch

Mom : my baby , I worry about you

Me : whatwhat do you mean ?

Mom : between you and your sister , I know I raised you to be very strong . And you have

grown a thick skin , and you can
stand and hold your own

I smile

Mom : but I also know that ,
behind all of that . There's a
sweet and loving woman , and
also a woman who's vulnerable

She takes my hand into hers

Mom : I am not blind , I'm glad that you have moved on and that you're okay . I don't ever want to see you hurt again , not like that

Me : II won't

I'm fine with things as they are right now

I'm rushing nothing

Kill me again , a man gets on his
knees and ask me to marry him
and I say yes

Like , kill me dead

That will never happen ever
again

I saw once , I don't want to see
again

Mom : is it too early for me to know about this boy , that's keeping you this happy ?

I slightly laugh

Mom : I need to know he's not here to hurt you , but if you two are just playing . Make me aware of that , so I don't make a big deal out of nothing

I get up

Me : I don't knowwhat we
are per se , but we're good right
now

This is a relationship , nothing
too intense

Even though there's feelings
involved now

But I don't want to think , it's
actually more than that

Or that it's going to lead
anywhere beyond where it is
right now

And I am okay with that to be
honest

The fear of rejection again

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Kenan

Trevor : you have many cars

Me : there's no such thing as
that

I flip through the file

Me : this is good , keep up the good work

Trevor : sure

Me : about the car , how quick do you think it can get here ?
Did you talk to anyone directly from the dealership ?

Trevor : yeah , they said a few days . You're in luck , cause they

do have two . One white and black

Me : is it metallic ?

Trevor : the black one

Me : I think that one will do , I would have liked to make certain features custom made . But I need the car , so that can wait

I grab my keys and get up

Me : I am going out , you don't
have to linger around here

He laughs getting up , we both
walk out

And doesn't Lizwi just pass us
without even greeting

Maybe he's still on that , he
walked in on me and my baby
fucking

He better get over it

This is my company , I do
whatever the fuck I want to do

He must just be lucky , I didn't
fire him for that stunt . Last he
walked in my office , and left

the door opened . Then it was
him budging into my office
without knocking

This guy has attitude for days ,
and it's just insane

Slowly creeping under my skin

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A WEEK LATER

Zenkosi

Me : shitoh shit !

He goes in deeper moving back
, just watching his dick going in
and out of me

I grab tight on the sheets , my
lower waist burning with
pleasure

He rubs on my clit with his
thumb

Me : oh yesyes ...yesah
fuck !

I roll over to the side , as an
orgasm hits me

My walls pushing him out , I
bring my thighs together as I
squirt

Tears streaming down the sides
of my face

I turn , laying on my stomach
flat

Panting like hell

I grab on the pillow , and muffle
my moans

Just trying to calm down , and
gather myself

He places kisses from my ass ,
to my neck

Kenan : I love you so much

I am dead tired

I have been worn out

Kenan : I'm going to take a shower , please don't fall asleep baby

Me : I'm hungry

Kenan : go eat then , you can't starve

Me : I also love you

He laughs

Kenan : but I know that

I turn over , he leans down to
my lips and we kiss for a few
minutes

He slowly pulls out , and walks
to the shower

I get up , and put on my panty

Grabbing his shirt , I put it on

And barefoot walk out heading
downstairs

I smile being greeted by a full
fresh farm breakfast

Perks of having a chef

I don't have my helper cook at my house

I cook myself , she just cleans and does laundry

But here , I feel like a madam of some kind

I take a plate , and dish up for
myself

I sit down and eat , after a while
he walks back down

In sweat pants and a t-shirt

He walks over to me , and side
hugs me placing kisses all over
my face

Me : I'm eating

Kenan : there's something I
need you to come see very
quickly

I turn and face him , he
captures my lips into his

His fingers tilt my chin

Me : baby

He chuckles moving back

Kenan : let's go

And he carries me into his arms
, walking out using the kitchen
door

On the driveway , there's this
beast of a car

I'm already in love , someone spoiled himself

I'm a very bad person , when was it the last time I spoiled myself for anything ? And just ate my money on myself

I look at him

Kenan : do you like it ?

Me : this is the 2022 Audi RS Q8
Quattro

He nods with a smile

Kenan : so ?

Me : it's a machine

Kenan : and it's yours

Hell no !

I look at him , my jaw on the
floor

And I know my man when he's
not kidding

Like he's barely kidding , half
the time

Me : no ways !

Kenan : don't get too excited
putting plates on there , I'm
having custom plates designed

I don't even care about that , he
just said the car is mine

I jump off him , and run to my
car

He's laughing at me , but I don't
care

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Lizwi

Siya : it's a chilled weekend

Me : yeah

Siya : we barely see you , I was thinking we can have a braai tomorrow

I chuckle

Me : I feel very strange man

Siya : what do you mean ?

Me : it's like there's just two
beings in my body

He laughs

Siya : that doesn't make sense

Me : right , but like there's this part that's loving Esihle now or it likes her I don't know . And caring about her , seeing that the marriage works . But there's this part , that's just always pulling back . And it makes me feel like something is wrong here , I just don't know what . But I can feel it

I sigh

Siya : we definitely need that braai , so will it be my place or yours ?

Me : I think mine will be fine

Siya : alright , let me call the guys

I pick you my beer , taking a sip as he grabs his phone

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Zenkosi

Thuto : who is this man ?

It wasn't the plan

I wanted to stay in the house ,
and not go anywhere

But after getting brand new wheels , I had to bring these two out

We're at a Spa , getting pampered

Me : why must there be a man ?

She laughs

Thuto : I know you , and right
now I know you're getting hit at
every spot . So it's just
happiness galore

I laugh

Me : don't hate me cause I've
been keeping it as a secret of
some sort

Thuto : I am listening

Me : it's Kenan Black

She frowns

I take the glass of champagne ,
and take a sip

Thuto : Kenan Black , like Siya's
boss ?

I nod

Thuto : shut up !

Me : come on !

We laugh

Thuto : when did that happen ?

Me : it's been a while now

Thuto : you'rewow ! This is some serious chest pains , girl do you parade there at Black Industries ? Shoving hot plates down Lizwi's throat

I laugh

Me : never for what ? If anything , Kenan is the one that's always in my office

Thuto : you just had to change everything huh ? Even the colour , like friend !

So much exaggeration

Thuto : I swear that Esihle won't be able to compete with this one

Me : ah , why would she even do that ?

Thuto : girl ! Why is she holding a baby shower , and asking people to buy expensive gifts . I told Siya I'm not attending that shit , and Lerato said the others are not going either

I laugh

Me : shame

Thuto : like she just had to wait , after my baby shower so she can have hers . And worse , it's like she's not affording it . Why ask people to bring gifts , and expensive ones . Mind you , when she sends you an invitation she already tells you what to buy , that was a first and never heard of

Wow !

Thuto : this time around , she
won't be able to change Lizwi
into a vanilla

We laugh

Thuto : and she's definitely not
affording a car worth millions
like that

Lord help us all !

Her phone rings , and she
answers

Thuto : babeyeah she's here
...oh okay , yeah I'll tell her . I
love you too

She hangs up

Thuto : there's a braai
tomorrow , at the Msomi home
. We're invited

Me : I don't think I will go there

Thuto : please , and sounds like everyone will be around

I sigh

I don't want to look somehow

But I also want nothing to do with Lizwi and his wife

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Zenkosi

My mother called

And told me , that the furniture
arrived

I just bought my mother a new bed , and new couches for the lounge

She wanted me to come and see them

Just to indulge her , here I am

And there's Kenan in the car waiting for me

Bendalo : I love these couches ,
but they cost

Me : no they don't

Mom : how much are they ?

Me : nothing to worry about

This woman never wants me to
spend money on things

I always make it a point that
when I buy her something

I don't tell her the price

If it's clothing , I always make
sure I remove the tag

Mom : Bendalo ...

She laughs

Bendalo : just costly enough

Mom : don't be wasting money

Me : I am not , I'm glad you love them

Mom : that bed is so comfy

I laugh

Me : I knew you'll love it

Bendalo : let me settle , this is
the only comfy thing I have

We laugh walking out , leaving
her sitting on the couch

Mom : who's car is that ?

I lean by the counter

Me : mine

Mom : I know both your cars ,
you didn't tell me you bought
another one

Me : it was a gift

Mom : who are you with , and
why is it parked by the gate ?

I laugh

Me : uhmit's someone

Mom : someone who bought
the car ?

I nod

Mom : seems serious

Me : maybe

She laughs

Mom : child you can't fool me

Me : I'm scared to get hurt
again

Mom : you're loving in fear ?

I nod

Like it scares me

Mom : when you're ready for me to meet him , invite him for dinner

Me : really ?

She nods with a smile

Me : wow , let me get going

Mom : thank you for my things

I smile

Me : you're welcome mama
(mom) , Bendalo ndimkile (I am
gone)

Bendalo : bye

We laugh

This child

She won't even come to see me
or say goodbye

Me : bye

Mom : bye baby

I walk out

With just a thousand thoughts
going through my mind

I get in the car

Kenan : is everything okay ?

I nod

He holds my hand

Kenan : talk to me

Me : I think my mother wants to
talk to you

Kenan : really ?

I nod

Kenan : like now ?

I shrug

Me : she said I should invite you
over , when I'm ready

Kenan : are you ready ?

Me : babe , wouldn't I be rushing things if I do that ?

He chuckles

Kenan : I am not playing with you , so I don't understand

I sigh

Kenan : go offer me a drink

And he's not kidding

Now I am sweating

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Kenan

She looks at me like she wants
to protect me from something

I chuckle

Me : I'm okay

She smiles opening the door

Zenkosi : you don't have to see her , if you're not ready for this

I hold her hand

Me : why are you worried ?

She sighs

Zenkosi : in our culture ,
honestly meeting parents
means a different thing . It's
taking things to another level

Me : I am so on that level

She slightly laughs

Voices are coming from the
lounge

We walk in , heading to the
lounge

Zenkosi : mama (mom)

The eyes are on us

It's her mother and sister

I have seen their pictures at her place

Mrs Nhleko : I thought you left

Zenkosi : uhmI'm back

She says so nervously

Zenkosi : this is Kenan Black

I greet , and they greet back

Mrs Nhleko : get us something
to drink , and you excuse us
with Bendalo

Zenkosi : leave you ?

Her mother smiles

Mrs Nhleko : yes

Zenkosi : oh

Her sister gets up , and they
pass going out

Mrs Nhleko : please take a seat

Me : thank you

I walk in and sit down , on the
opposite couch

She looks at me

Mrs Nhleko : it's a pleasure to finally meet you

Me : likewise

Mrs Nhleko : I don't know what's this , but I see my daughter is in love . She might be in denial to me , but I know her

Me : well , I love her . And I
have no intention , to be
wasting her time

Mrs Nhleko : I don't know
further , but she has been
through a lot

Me : I understand that , but I
have no intentions of being a
reminder of that past

She smiles

Mrs Nhleko : does this mean ,
you understand what it'll take
for you to love a woman who's
been through what she's been ?
And be able to give in to love
again ?

Me : I understand perfectly ,
and I am willing to go through
that

She walks in , with the drink and cookies

After serving us , we thank her and she just stands still

Mrs Nhleko : leave

She sighs

I let out a chuckle

Mrs Nhleko : we're still talking

Zenkosi : okay

My poor woman

She better be okay , because
her mother has her back

And I am okay with all this

It's only the heart of a mother ,
that will look after her
children's best interest

Because that's what she has at
heart

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Zenkosi

I asked last night , I even got
tired

He wasn't telling me anything
they spoke about with my
mother

And I know she won't tell me
anything either

As for my sister , she was on my
case about dating a white man

That one just loves things

But I think all went well ,
whatever the talk was about

Because they're both okay , and
no one is acting anyhow

Me : baby

Kenan : mine

He's on his laptop

Me : uhmso I forgot , and
just remembered now when
Thuto texts me

Kenan : what ?

Me : they're having a braai of
some sort , and it's at Lwizi's
place

Kenan : okay

Me : I've been invited , and I
want to go with you

He looks at me and chuckles

Me : please

Kenan : and I'm guessing that's
today ?

I nod

He sighs

Me : when we get back , I will
let you cum between my
breasts

He laughs

I end up laughing

Cause what the fuck ?

Kenan : that is so not fair

Me : baby

Kenan : it's not fair

Me : I love you , let me fix your
outfit

He shakes his head , I head to
his closet

The way I have taken over his
space

It feels like I've moved in here

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Lizwi

Did she have to bring here

Me : what's that ?

He smiles

Siya : don't cause drama , you seem very happy with your wife

I don't know what's happening there

But something is just off

Even though my actions towards her , I just can't help

myself . But something sure
does feel forced

It's like there's just a force
that's pushing me to love her

Me : she's just making things
awkward , I get they're fucking

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Siya : or in love

Me : all I'm saying is that , she
doesn't have to rub it on my
face

Siya : get over it

He walks over to them

I turn heading back , I bump
into Sfiso

Sfiso : did we miss the memo ?

Me : what are you talking about
?

Sfiso : you two are back to being
comfortable in each other's
spaces

Me : we are over are we not ?

Sfiso : keep fooling yourself

He chuckles walking away

I walk inside the house

I won't lie and say I am over
Zenkosi , because I am not

So seeing her with Kenan like
this does hurt

It's a reminder of what I lost ,
and another man has taken

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Zenkosi

Me : I need water

They only have drinks here , and
I am not interested in drinking

Kenan : should I go get it for you
?

Me : let me go , if I don't come
back in 5 minutes come find me

He laughs

It's not like he doesn't know the
history here

I told him everything

He knows about Lizwi

I get up , and walk inside

The ladies are in the kitchen ,
finishing off salads

It's the wife of the house , and
Palesa with the other one I
don't know

I think she's a girlfriend of one
of the guys

Me : Esihle , can I please have a glass of water

She looks at me and smiles

Esihle : oh wow , I heard you're here . I wanted to come greet , I got held up . I am busy as you can see , trying to make our guests welcomed

Me : that's nice

Esihle : you look beautiful

That's just nonsense

She brushes her baby bump ,
it's just so huge and out there

Me : and you look like an
elephant

Palesa laughs

Esihle : you move very fast ,
they said you brought a white
guy ? Like from the taxi driver
now

Me : duh ! King , please respect
me

She frowns

Esihle : you wanted water

Me : I might just choke on it

I turn and walk out

Getting back outside to the
table

Kenan : you okay ?

Me : I shouldn't have come here

Kenan : we can go home , I
don't mind that at all

I laugh , remembering what I
said to him

Of course he doesn't mind
leaving at all , cause I have
debts to pay for getting him
here

Siya walks by , and sits down

He was sitting besides me , and
Thuto is on his other side

Siya : someone wants to talk to
you

He whispers , holding his phone
. I look at her

I laugh

Me : so why are you whispering
?

Siya : I respect my boss

Finish me

Me : who is it ?

Siya : Cele

I figured as much

I take the phone from him , I
look at Kenan

Me : baby can I take this ?

He nods

Me : my king

He laughs

Wenkosi : you will bore me

Me : you don't want my respect
?

Wenkosi : mxm ! I hear you're
betraying brothers there ,
dating white men ?

I laugh

What's wrong with Siya and his wife ?

Like they gossip to no ends

What business did he have telling Wenkosi , that I'm dating a white man ?

Me : betrayal , please excuse yourself . And I know you cannot be racist

Kenan looks at me , I put the phone on speaker

Not too loud , and I lay on his shoulder

He places his hand on my shoulder

Wenkosi : I don't care , he better know not to hurt you .

Otherwise , we will really see
how racist I am

Kenan chuckles

Me : he heard you

Wenkosi : I am not moved

Wow !

Me : you should make me your second wife

He laughs

Wenkosi : what is wrong with you ?

Me : you can't be threatening my man , what if he leaves me ? You better make me your back up , and you be mine

Wenkosi : sies ! You want to use
me , once sisters go white they
never turn back

A tear drops on the side of my
eye

Now I'm even getting stares

Wenkosi : I wanted to say hi ,
bye

Me : yhoh ! Goodbye

I hand Siya his phone back

Kenan : I came and saved you
from crazy insane men

He must not bury me , cause my
ribs are already hurting

Me : baby

He looks at Siya

Kenan : you need new friends

Jesus !

Siya frowns , I am sure he's
confused right now . He
probably didn't see that Kenan
was listening to the
conversation with Wenkosi

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Lizwi

Just seeing how happy she looks

It's just annoying me

Like , I am not even enjoying
this braai

And they seem to be having the
time of their life

Kenan is conversing with the
guys , he doesn't look like the
boss I know in the office

I regret agreeing to this braai

If only I knew she was going to
bring him

I would have never agreed

Esihle : she looks happy

Me : baby pleasewhy are you so concerned about her ? Like why are you even paying her attention ?

She sighs

Esihle : I am not , just that we're all happy now

Me : and we can move on

She smiles , I lean over giving
her a kiss

I am already battling stuck on
Zenkosi

And she also seems to be so
focused on her life

It's annoying

I pull back , and she smiles

Esihle : I love you

Me : me too

We may fuck , and kiss

Live like there's love here and
all that

But I still can't bring myself to
say I love her

I do feel like I am being
influenced here

I'm just uneasy

Thuto : it was nice guys ,
unfortunately we have to get
going

Sfiso : so soon ?

Siya chuckles

Siya : my wife is tired , she
needs to rest my baby

We laugh

Sfiso : you will never let us rest

They both get up

Thuto : babe ...

She says to Zenkosi

Zenkosi : ah , we're leaving too

Great !

I didn't even get to talk to her
today

Not even exchanging two words

Kenan walks over to her

Zenkosi : thanks for having us

Esihle : it was a pleasure

She takes Kenan's hand getting
up

And the four leave

Palesa : and there was no
drama

They laugh

Sfiso : that woman is living the
life of every woman on this
earth

The fuck !

Sfiso : did you see that Beast
she's driving ?

Esihle : she's living off the white
man's money

She says so annoyed

Sfiso : and that's exactly what's
making her the shit

I get up

I won't listen to this

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Zenkosi

He deep grunts , with a smirk . I
let out a smile

Me : get off me

He laughs , as his cum drops
lands on my cheek

Me : fuck baby , you're
disgusting

He laughs leaning down , as he
lowers his body

Kenan : I fucking love you

I giggle

Me : my breasts are painful ,
you're taking advantage

He pecks my lips

Kenan : I love you

I laugh

Me : I heard you

Kenan : should I ?

Me : baby nolet's go shower

He chuckles

Kenan : I know you're hungry

Me : actually I am not

Kenan : oh wow that's first

He gets off , and takes his t-shirt
wiping his cum off of my breasts

Me : I am famished

He laughs

Kenan : I knew it , let's go

He picks me up , walking to the
shower

We take a shower , and I'm
thankful he just let's me be

When we're done , we walk out
dry and lotion

I put on bum shorts with his
shirt

He puts on pants and a t-shirt

Kenan : my love

I look at him

Kenan : can you please move in
?

I choke on my own spit

Kenan : like really ?

He asks so bored

I laugh coughing like hell

Me : that waswow !

Kenan : I am not saying move out of your house , just move in here . Keep your house still

I did not expect this at all , where is it coming from ?

This just out of nowhere , and
so unexpected

Me : baby ?

Kenan : you can think about it

Me : waitI know I'm spending
a lot of time here , but moving
in

Kenan : scared that much ?

Well , maybe I am

But he doesn't need to know
that

I shake my head slowly

Kenan : yes you are , but think
about this

Wow !

I am stunned

Me : living in together , are we even ready for that ?

Kenan : why wouldn't we be ready ?

I sigh

I guess he's very much serious

Kenan : we can try it for two weeks , just to test it out

Me : two weeks ?

Kenan : it definitely cannot be less than that , unless you're going to say a month

In his dreams

I mean , he just dropped this bomb on me . And I did not even see it coming

Kenan : let's go

We walk down , but on the stairs going to the kitchen he picks me up

Me : dare drop me !

Kenan : you'll fuck me out of my
mind , I know

I burst out laughing

But shut my mouth up , the
second we walk in the kitchen

And there's an older version of
Kenan sitting down on the
barstool

He has a cup in hand

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Kenan

This man !

Me : you need to stop letting
yourself in my house

He chuckles

Dad : are you going to put her down ?

Me : no , for what ?

I walk over and place her on the counter , but she's on her feet in seconds

If looks could kill , I would be dead now

Me : meet my dad

She's literally behind me , like
she's hiding herself

It's just funny , and cute

Dad : now I see why you're
insane , you really chose well

Me : you're telling me ? But
stop coming here unannounced

, you're making her
uncomfortable

He chuckles

Dad : my bad , but I did well .
When would I have met her ?

I hold her hand

Me : he's harmless , don't be so
scared

She greets finally , and he
greet's her back

It's funny how she's gone all shy
, and no longer like the loud
mouth I know

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Kenan

Dad : it was very nice to meet
you

Zenkosi : likewise

Dad : walk me out

He says heading to the door

I'm like , he better not be on my
case

Me : I'm coming

She nods

I place a peck on her lips , and
head out following my father

I close the door

It wasn't bad at all , she finally
just relaxed and became herself

Somehow I am glad he rocked
up here

And now , this meet and greet is
done

Dad : does she know ?

I shake my head

Dad : you look like a man with
intentions

Me : I do

He sighs

Dad : then don't you think she
deserves to know ?

I sigh

Me : no

Dad : what's going to happen
when this lands on her lap ?

Me : I know how to protect my own

Dad : I don't dispute that , but I think she's better off knowing the whole truth

Me : no , I won't tell her . And she must never find out

Dad : this is life , and nothing is a guarantee

Me : I know that , but if it ever gets to that then I will cross that bridge when I get there

Dad : you're being stubborn , it's useless to talk to you . Let me get going

He pats my shoulder getting into his car

I open the gate for him , he
drives out

I walk back inside the house

Me : mine

She smiles

Me : baby I love you

She lets out a slight laugh

Zenkosi : that wasn't bad right ?

Me : it wasn't bad at all

Zenkosi : so now we've met the
parents

Me : yeah , we have . And are
you moving in ?

She laughs

I walk over to her

Me : mhm ?

Zenkosi : I need to go to my
house

Me : wow , so you're running
away from me ?

Zenkosi : give me a kiss

I chuckle

Me : baby ?

Zenkosi : I love you

I laugh

Me : it's fine , you can leave me

I turn my back to her , heading
to walk upstairs

And she just jumps on my back

Zenkosi : you're very strong

Me : what if I fell ? I wasn't
anticipating you , we would
have both fell

Zenkosi : we didn't

I chuckle

Someone doesn't want to move
in with , but I still have to baby
her

Such is life

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Zenkosi

This is crazy

But here I am , I left and went
to my house

Packed this bag , I think it has
everything that I need

I let myself in , using my key

I didn't tell him that I'll be back

I hope he's home

But Kenan barely leaves his
house for the office

It's just these strange meetings

But that's it , he's mostly home

I head to his room , and what
do you know ?

He's sleeping

Like he's in bed , inside the
sheet and sleeping

I smile , dragging my bag to his
closet

I take my clothes off putting on
his t-shirt

I walk back

But I'm worried just seeing the
state he's in

He keeps moving his head , and
he's shivering

From the look of it , his whole
body is shaking

Me : baby ...

I call him out a few times , but
he doesn't wake up

I trail my fingers to feel his
pulse , and it's very much there

I touch him , and he's hot

So I don't understand why he's
shivering like this

I try waking him up again , but
still nothing

I don't understand why he's not
waking up though

I get into bed , and just snuggle
him closer to me

Me : it's okay

I place a peck on his forehead

And just seconds in my embrace
, he stops the shivering

I wonder what was that all
about

Because I have never seen it , I
just hope he's okay

And hopefully he doesn't have
some crazy condition that I do

not know about , he seriously
just scared me

Worse he's not waking up

But I just think he's asleep ,
maybe it's a deep sleep

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Kenan

Me : when did you get back ?

Zenkosi : in the afternoon , you
were sleeping when I got here

We're having dinner now

I woke up , and she was
cuddling me in bed

I was just so happy to see her ,
and find her next to me

I thought she left , and wasn't coming back

Zenkosi : you seem to make sleeping during the day a norm , you must be liking it

I chuckle

Me : I was tired , didn't get enough rest last night

Zenkosi : baby , you were shivering and shaking when I got here . And you couldn't wake up , after I tried quite a few times to wake you up . I got really scared to be honest

Me : shivering ?

She nods

I frown

Zenkosi : like you were cold ,
but when I touched you . You
were very hot

I sigh

Zenkosi : seconds into bed with
you , you were okay

Me : okay , I struggle to sleep
without you

She frowns

Me : no like for real , I even told
my dad about it

Zenkosi : soI'm moving in to
help you sleep ?

I chuckle

She laughs

Me : no , you're here cause I
need and want you here

She smiles

Me : I love you , and I'm sorry if
I scared you

Zenkosi : I love you , and there's
no sickness that maybe I should
be aware of ?

I chuckle

Me : no , I am not sick

She laughs

Zenkosi : okay , don't scare me
like that again

Me : I won't

Zenkosi : Okay I love you too

I smile , as she leans over and
gives me a kiss

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FIVE MONTHS LATER

Kenan

Me : I need a favour from you

She laughs

Bendalo : what ?

Me : but you most definitely
cannot tell your sister

Bendalo : secrets , sir what do I
get out of this ?

This one is always looking to
make a quick buck

Me : what do you want ?

She laughs

Bendalo : tell me a place and a
time , I'll be there

Me : remember , you can't tell
her

Bendalo : trust me , I know I
can't keep my mouth shut

We laugh

Bendalo : but your money gives
you the assurance , I'll be quite .
Believe me you

I chuckle

Me : okay , and I need to talk to
your mother

Bendalo : yhuh ! Now I'm eager
to know

Me : until we meet

She walks in

Me : bye

I drop the call

Zenkosi : who was that ?

Me : just business

Zenkosi : you're not leaving
again are you ?

I have realised she doesn't like
it when I leave

That's why I have to make
dramatic changes

Because I hate it when she's not
okay

I had to go with her , every time
I had to leave

But last time , she couldn't
come with

And she called like every hour
of the day

Taking her with is better

She can tolerate me leaving her
in a hotel room

Or she goes shopping , even just
sight seeing

While I attended my business

Me : no , I told you when I came back that when I leave again you're coming with

Zenkosi : I was just asking , you've been back for a week . So please , don't be leaving going anywhere

I smile

Me : I promise I am not

Zenkosi : okay , I have to go to
work

Me : I love you

Zenkosi : I love you too

I pull her closer for a kiss

And walk her out , to her car

Me : I'll bring you lunch

She smiles

Zenkosi : perks of dating you

I laugh , she gets into her car
and drives out

I head back inside making a call

Trevor : Black

Me : I have travelled a lot the past months , it's taking a toll on me

Trevor : you want me out ?

Me : I need you to take over the operation

He goes quite

Me : I am talking

Trevor : like the whole human trafficking operation ?

Me : yes , will that be a problem for you ?

Trevor : not at all , it won't be a problem

Me : okay , we'll meet and talk .
Bare in mind , I'm giving you the
ropes . But I'll still be in charge

Trevor : I understand

I drop the call , calling Siya

Siya : sir

He will never stop calling me
that

Me : there's something I need
us to discuss , but I can't come
to the office . Can you make it
to my place ?

Siya : today ?

Me : yes

Siya : lunch time I can make it

Me : alright , I'll see you then

I drop the call

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Lizwi

Siya : you look like shit

I sigh

Siya : what's wrong ?

Me : the damn baby , she's crying day and night . Like there's no peace in that house , and Esihle is acting like she doesn't know she's a mother . She can leave the baby with the nanny for like hours and hours , if she's attending to her and she cries she also cries with her

Siya : what ?

Me : it's driving me insane ,
dude I'm on the verge of
breaking apart

Siya : that's fucked up , doesn't
she have that depression thing
most new mothers have after
giving birth

I shake my head

I actually don't care to know

That baby is hers

Me : honestly , ever since Esihle came into my life I know no peace

Siya : this is bad , I thought you guys were handling this and making things work

Me : even that , I don't know
what's going on with me man .
But something is wrong ,
even that child !

I sigh

Siya : what about the child ?

I chuckle

Me : Siya you have seen that child , she looks nothing like me

Siya : uhm ...

His quietness tells me I am not insane

Me : she's busy saying , kids look the same when they're born . But that's just shit , that baby is three months now . And

still , she looks nothing like me .
There's not even a slight
resemblance

Siya : this is deep

Me : I don't know what to do

Siya : I'm not saying do this , but
you'll end up resenting the child
. Rather do a DNA

Me : she will never agree to that

Siya : don't tell her , you really don't need her permission .
Clearly , she won't question you if you want to start playing daddy for a day . At least even if the tests are positive , she will never know you doubted paternity . And there won't be any talks

I sigh

He might be onto something

I feel like I'm being played here
big time

Siya : like I said , I am not saying
go do that . But at least the
possibility is there

Me : I hear you

He looks at his wrist watch

Me : going somewhere ?

Siya : Black called , he asked to see me

He gets up

Siya : I have to go to his place

I chuckle

Me : the way that man is barely here , you'll swear this company isn't his . Good thing he has you , keeping things in check for him

He chuckles

Siya : he has all of us , everyone is doing their bit

Me : get going , so you don't get delayed

Siya : Sure

He walks out

I am glad to have my friend ,
because I have someone to
offload on these things
happening

On the other hand , Zenkosi is the happiest I have ever seen her . Like she's doing so great , and definitely over me

Who knew it would take my own boss , to treat her right

Just for me to see exactly what I lost

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Kenan

Siya : I got held up in traffic

Me : it's okay , you're here now
. Let's go to my study

We walk to my study

Me : take a seat

Siya : thank you

We sit down , he looks so nervous

Me : I know I haven't been in with two feet , in the company . And you have been doing most of the work , I really do appreciate that

Siya : I am just doing my job ,
and I do get paid for it

I chuckle

Me : I know I gave you the CFO
position , you've been doing a
great job . But now I have an
offer for you

Siya : an offer ?

Me : I have been travelling a lot
, and that's also taking a lot of
my time . So I think it's only fair
, that I give you the CEO
position now officially

He looks at me in shock

Siya : siruhm

Me : don't give me that , you're
not qualified nonsense again .

He chuckles

Siya : I really don't know what
to say

Me : you can think about it

I reach over in my drawer ,
taking out the contract

I hand it over to him

Me : I have the contract here ,
go over it and if there's any
changes you'd like . I'm willing
to sit down and listen

Siya : thank you so much sir , for
considering me for this

Me : it's the least I can do , you
have been very loyal to my
company

I hope he agrees

Me : loyalty is always rewarded

He nods slowly , clearly still
taken by shock

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Siya

Thuto : what ?

She asks placing their son on his cot

Siya : yeah

Thuto : let's go talk in the lounge , and not wake him up

Siya takes the baby monitor , and they both walk out heading to the lounge

Thuto : did you agree ?

Siya : he said I should think about it , and if there's something I don't like we can talk

Thuto sighs

Thuto : baby , what does this mean ?

She sits down

Thuto : as CEO of his company ,
he has been halfway across the
world more than I can count .

Zenkosi has been to places I do
not even know , nor can I even
pronounce . Does that mean ,
you will barely be home ?

He smiles taking her hand

Siya : no , I doubt Black was doing anything to do with the company . I've been holding the fort for him

Thuto : so no travelling ?

Siya : no , and I'm sure he will now find someone else for the CFO position

Thuto : better benefits ?

He says

Siya : more

Thuto : just as long as it doesn't
take you away from home baby
, then take it

He smiles pulling her closer for
a kiss

He wanted to take the offer
right there and there

When it was presented to him

But he wanted to talk to his
wife first

Hence he was okay with being
given time to think

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Kenan

Me : you think you can pull this off ?

She smiles

Bendalo : and you're seriously giving me your black card ?

I chuckle

Me : for this purpose

Bendalo : fine , I will do it . Just
trust me

Me : that's exactly what I am
doing

She laughs

Me : you only have a few days
to pull this

Bendalo : I won't sleep day and
night

She opens the door

Bendalo : mom is waiting for
you

I sigh , getting out of the car

We both walk inside the house

I greet her mother , she greets
back and offers me a seat

I sit down

Bendalo : I will leave you good
people

She walks out of the kitchen

Mrs Nhleko : she told me what you asked her to do

Me : of course with your blessings

Mrs Nhleko : do you think she's ready ?

Me : to be honest , we have never talked about it

Mrs Nhleko : I am not against it , but I don't want her to get hurt again like last time . Also I fear you might get hurt , if she rejects you

Me : whatever the outcome may be , it will not change anything . I will be with her still , because I am not passing time

She smiles

Mrs Nhleko : you do have my
blessings

Me : thank you

Now I hope the little sister
comes through for me

Although I trust her

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Lizwi

Me : can we go out ?

She smiles

Esihle : out where ? That would be great , we haven't been out in such a long time

I sigh

Me : I mean me and Emihle

Esihle : without me ?

She asks with a frown

As if she didn't understand me

Me : yes

Esihle : that doesn't make sense
, why would you want to leave
me behind ?

As if I have ever taken her
anywhere , without her forcing
it on me

Me : are you not tired ? And us
going out will give you some
time to yourself , and you can

rest . I think you need the rest ,
we will be okay

Esihle : but you know how fussy
she can get , how will you
manage on your own ? Baby ,
let me come with

Me : I will manage just fine , and
if she gets too much we will
come back

Esihle : maybe we can go out ,
and leave her with the nanny

I sigh

Esihle : she's too young to go
out

Me : yhoh ! I'm trying to spend
time with her , you're
complaining . And you're
competing , with your own child

. It's fine , I won't take her
anywhere . And don't start
complaining , that I don't spend
time with her . Because when I
do , you're just trying to pinch
yourself in

Esihle : it's okay , you can take
her out

She walks out

I sigh

This is for the better good , and
just to know the truth

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Lizwi

Me : congratulations man , you
deserve it

Black just announced him as the
new CEO of Black Industries

He smiles

Me : and I really mean it

Siya : thanks

Me : you were already handling
this company , and your job . So

it's only fitting he appointed
you

Siya : I hope I can hold my own

Me : sure you can , let me get
back to work

Siya : alright

I turn to walk away , but face
him

Me : uhm so Yesterday I took the baby and went to do tests

Siya : you did ?

I nod

Siya : wow , uhm when will you get the results ?

Me : the doctor said in a few days

Siya : hoping for the best ?

I sigh

Me : I don't know , honestly I am hoping she's not mine . So I can have Esihle out of my house , this baby is the one thing that got me here . And worse , I've

lost Zenkosi now . I know even if
the baby is not mine , she won't
take me back . But I'll be rid of
Esihle

Siya : that's deep

I chuckle

Me : let me go , I'll see you

He nods , I walk out of the
boardroom

Voice : Msomi

I turn back , and look at him

Hoping he did not just hear
what I said to Siya

Me : sir ?

He walks closer

Kenan : serve your last day in finance , and be ready to start as CFO tomorrow . Probation of 3 months , impress your new boss . I'll be sure , he appoints you permanent after your probation period

What the hell ?

Did I just get a promotion ?

Like out of nowhere

Me : thank you so much sirI
promise I won't disappoint
....thank you so much

Kenan : don't mention it

He walks to the boardroom

The excitement is just too much

I find myself punching in the air

It's a pity I don't have anyone to
share the news with

I heave a sigh

But what the hell ?

Siya might be CEO , and above
me

But finally I have my dream job ,
and I mostly certainly can do it
in my sleep

Fuck !

I made it

Things are looking up now

I can't wait to clear out my
office

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Kenan

Me : I have meetings , the
whole of tomorrow

Zenkosi : I won't be seeing you ?

I laugh

Me : my love , we live in the
same house

She sighs

Zenkosi : see how I'm at your
house more than I am at mine ?

Me : your two weeks probation
, was sterling . It's been five
months , my love . I think you

should just move in ,
permanently . And we make it
official

Zenkosi : don't take this bad , I
don't want to sell my house and
be left stranded

Me : I won't deal you , but it's
okay to also be cautious . That's
why I think , both of us owning
this house is the way to go

Zenkosi : but it's your house

I sigh

Me : let's make it our , and this is a relationship . Can things be ours , and not mine or yours . Like it's us now , no longer me or you

She gets up and straddles me

Zenkosi : why are you getting frustrated ?

She pecks my lips

I place my hands on her waist

Me : I don't think you understand , just how much I love you

She smiles

Zenkosi : remember how you
told me , I shouldn't tell teach
you how to love me ?

I nod

Zenkosi : I am learning , to
under how you love me . In your
own way , without my
expectations and all . And

you're exceptional at that ,
because I don't know when I've
ever felt the way I am right now
. I don't think , I've ever been
loved this right

Me : it's all about being with the
right man for you , the man on
your standards of love

She laughs

Zenkosi : maybe I don't have to
sell my house

This I would like to hear

Zenkosi : the house my mom
and Bendalo live in , doesn't
belong to my mother . It's her
mother's house , that she was
asked and left to take care of .
After my grandmother passed
away , but she has brother's . I
don't know what this life holds ,

but if God was to remember my mother . They can still come back , and fight us for that house . I have Bendalo to think about , and consider through this all . She might not have a need for a house now , but it doesn't mean later she might not . So instead of selling the house , I'll just give it to her . In cause things go south

Me : that's fine

I don't have any siblings , so I might not understand the depth of this

But she's like the parent to Bendalo , the one that's like I'm your friend

While their mother is the strict parent

So it makes sense that she
wants to look after her sister
like this

Zenkosi : okay , that's better .
But before I settle in here , I
want a title deed in hand

I laugh

Zenkosi : I am not taking
chances

Me : that's fine , I'll make that
happen tomorrow

Zenkosi : I love you

She kisses me

Me : I love you too

I kiss her back , lifting her skirt

Parting her panty to the side , as she brings down my zip taking my dick out

She lifts her ass , sliding my dick inside of her . Welcoming it with a sweet moan in my mouth

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Zenkosi

It's too early for this

Me : Buhlebendalo you better
be dying , for you to be calling
me so early !

I am annoyed

Kenan : why are you snapping
on the child ?

He better not

Me : what reason does she have
calling me this early ?

Kenan : anger management ,
you're just ready to attack these
days

Mxm !

Me : what ?

She sighs

Bendalo : it's definitely not a good morning to you that much I can tell already , but I have an important event . And I need your help , one of the models pulled out . And I need a model , for like today

Me : no

Bendalo : I will be loosing out on money , like the show stopper dress has no model

I don't understand how she's juggling school

And on the side still be organising these fashion events

Even though it's not a thing that happens regularly

But once in a while

Me : I am not a model , like
what is wrong with you ?

Bendalo : I already asked Thato
to help too

Me : I thought you said a model
?

Bendalo : yeah , but there's an extra dress . I figured you'll be okay , if you're both there .

Please I am in a tight corner

I sigh

I want to support this child , and her dreams and whatnot

Me : what you're asking me

Bendalo : I need your help , I am desperate . And this is happening in three hours

Oh lord help me

She sniffs

Me : waitare you crying ?

She goes quite

Me : Bendalo !

Bendalo : I might as well forget about this , the same thing that cost me a gig last time is happening again . Like nothing I ever do , ever works out . I guess I'll amount to nothing , I'm sorry for calling you and bothering you

Me : I

She drops the call

I am not even sad , but I'm hurt

I call her back , but she doesn't
answer

Kenan : what's wrong ?

Me : baby , I am really a bad
sister . Can you call her , and ask

where must I come ? And tell
her I'm getting ready , seem like
I was angry at you for nothing .
Going to meetings on a
Saturday , I now have
commitments too

I get off the bed rushing to the
shower

I hope she can take his calls

If not , hopefully Thuto knows
where this is happening

I didn't mean to hurt her , now I
feel really bad

I should send her flowers and
chocolates to brighten up her
day

The things we do for those we
love

Now I'm going to be a model

Wow !

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Zenkosi

Me : this dress looks like I'm
getting married

They laugh

Now I regret agreeing to do this

I feel like she blackmailed me
honestly

By crying and saying all those
things she said

Now look at me

Make up done , by a
professional make up artist

Hair and nails done

The dress and shoes

It's beautiful , except that this dress looks like a wedding gown

Thuto : there's nothing wrong with this dress

Me : it looks like a wedding gown

Bendalo : such a wedding gown ?

It's not your princess kind

Just a simple white open back
mermaid dress , with pearls

But still , it looks like a wedding
gown

I already lost out on marriage

I don't feel comfortable wearing
this

Me : yes

Bendalo : who would wear such
a wedding gown ?

Thuto laughs

Thuto : definitely not me

Me : white people , this is what
white people wear when they

get married . They're all for
simplicity and elegance

They laugh

Bendalo : you're definitely not
white , just dating a white guy

Me : can we just go and get this
and done with ? So I can get out
of this dress

We get up , and walk out

Bendalo : the shoot is
happening at the back , allow us
to go before you . And when
music starts playing , you come
through . They'll snap a video of
you walking in , before taking
place on the scene

I sigh

This is crazy

Me : okay fine

We walk out

And the weather is beautiful ,
maybe I understand why they
chose an out door shooting

Bendalo : you're so beautiful

I don't know , but they both
look so emotional now . It
doesn't make sense

Like what am I missing ?

Bendalo : you wait here ,
remember please don't miss
the beat

I take a deep breath

They both turn walking away
from me

I just look at myself , wondering
if they'll get the shots they need

I just want to leave

This is bringing up memories of
something probably I'll never
have

The music comes up , I can't
make out the song

But it's definitely a love song ,
and very soothing

I walk in , and my knees go
weak

He's the first person I lay my
eyes on , standing there on the
alter

And his cousin Drew , behind
him

There's my sister opposite them

Of course that's a priest

As I dart my eyes around , all
our friends are here

And his cousins , also his dad

Few of my cousin's , I see my
aunt's and uncles

And my mother

I take deep breaths as I feel my
chest closing , tears stream
down my face

Lord no !

This can't be , I do not want to
be in this nightmare

I know for certain , this is not
happening for real

My mother walks over to me

I'm a crying mess right now

I'm sure the make up is ruined

She just engulfs me into a tight hug

Mom : it's okay , he said if you're not ready he will understand

I pull back , and look at her

Me : please wake me up , this can't be

She smiles

Mom : baby , this is not a dream

Me : no

What kind of a man would
Kenan Black be ?

That he wants to marry me

Me ?

The very same woman who
waited the whole day , waiting
for a man to come marry her

While he was busy marrying
another woman ?

There's no man , that would
want to marry me

No !

I refuse , not after that shame
and embarrassment

That's why I never cared about
being married , ever since that

Mom : are you going to marry
him ?

I'm still thinking she'll say , wake
up

But no

I let her take my hand , and we
walk down the isle

I look at him , and his eyes
glistening

He has one expression on his
face , that's just so assuring

He doesn't wait for us to get to
him

There's slight laughter

He meets us half way

My mother hands me to him ,
as a tear drops down his cheek

My own tears haven't stopped
streaming

He engulfs me into a hug

Kenan : I have never seen an
ugly bride

He says with a chuckle

Me : this is happening ?

He pulls back , and cups my face

Kenan : yeah , I couldn't ask you to marry me because I was a coward . And I feared you would reject me , so rather I bring you a wedding . And when it's done , you can have the one you want

Lord !

I need a serious reality check

I am getting married , like right
here right now

I am getting married

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Lizwi

Like how bad can a man be
cursed ?

Wasn't it enough , that he took
her

And treated her better than I
ever had

And took her all over around
the world

Things I couldn't do for her , nor
even afforded to

I had to see them loving each other

Her coming to the office ,
whenever she pleased

Hearing from Siya that they live together

The very same Siya who now has posted on his status

Black and Zenkosi getting
married

Like I just cannot believe this , it
feels like a dream of some kind .
More like a nightmare

I didn't even know they were
engaged

But like , even Siya didn't even
tell me

My phone rings , while I am still
stuck on his status

And it's the doctor

I am not in the mood , but this I
know I have to hear . So I can't
ignore him

Me : doc

Doc : Mr Msomi , how are you
?

Me : please tell me you have
the results

He sighs

Doc : would you like to come in
?

For what ?

Me : no , please just tell me the results

He heaves another sigh

Doc : I am sorry , but little Ms Esihle Msomi is not your child . The results came back negative , there's no slight chance that you're even related

Fuck !

It's like I knew , because I
suspected

This is a slap on my face

She thought she could fool me

Esihle has no idea what her
stunt has done to me

What it has cost me

Me : thank you

I drop the call

Placing my phone down.

I get up , and head upstairs

She's not in our room , I don't
know where she could be

Me : Esihle ...

I call her out , but she doesn't
answer

I head to the door

And almost bump into her

Esihle : you

I grab her by her neck pushing
her against the wall

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Lizwi

She tries to remove my hands
on her neck

Scratching me a bit

Esihle : Lizwi you're hurting
.....me

Me : listen here

I grab her jaw , making her face
me

Me : you will take your bastard
baby , and leave my house . You
will go out there , and find the
father of that baby and use him

. You're so not worth me getting blood on my hands , and going to jail . Not when things are starting to look up for me again , after you made me lose so much . And the woman that I love

Esihle : she'sshe's yours

Me : you must be thinking I am crazy , I've been telling you that child doesn't look like me . And

you've been shitting on me , I don't know how you got me to sleep with you that night . But I so regret not being truthful to Zenkosi about it

Esihle : please you're Hurting me

Me : take your child and leave , I will be sending your father those DNA results . So he can

leave me the fuck alone , I did
not knock you up

I move away from her

Just filled with rage

I have an urge to beat her up

But something is just stopping
me

Esihle : oh Lizwi pleasewe
can talk about this

I walk into the closet taking out
her clothes , just throwing them
out

Esihle : oh shit !

She rushes to me , like
something has just hit her and
she regained her memory

Esihle : oh please , stop doing that ! Stop doing that

I push her back , as she tries to pull me

My elbow landing on her stomach , she falls down crying in pain

I keep taking her clothes out

Esihle : LizwiI will leave
....stop that ...

I turn and look at her

She's crying with her hand on
her stomach

I turn to close the door , but
something catches my eyes

I reach for it , and my eyes pop
in shock

As I untie it , and everything just
drops down on the floor

The anger that just comes over
me , as I look at her

Esihle : please , I am so sorry . I
just wanted youto love me ,
please

I land a few kicks on her
stomach , and she cries out
coughing blood

The door opens , and my
parents walk in with the nanny

Poor thing

She must be the one who called
them

Dad : what the hell ?

He charges to me

Me : lay your hands on me and I will fuck you up , I dare you . I'll forget you're my father

Dad : boy ! Are you talking to me like that ?

My mother walks over , and she
looks at the candles and this
nonsense

Mom : oh my God ! Esihle
witchcraft

Only my father now looks , he
can't keep his eyes still

He heaves a sigh looking at
Esihle

Me : and that baby is not mine ,
I went and did DNA tests . She's
not mine

He looks down and sighs in
shame

But that's not helping me with
anything right now

Not after I've lost so much

Me : this is what you brought me in my house , a witch . Who knows what she did to get me to sleep with her , you forced this on me . I hope you're happy now dad , that I've been played and turned into a fool by this woman

Mom : baby I am so sorry , but please . Don't beat her , you'll

go to jail for nonsense . Just let
her go

Dad : let me call Zulu to come
fetch his daughter

He says walking out

Mom : yhoh !

She claps her hands once

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Zenkosi

Kenan : are you okay ?

I can't believe this

I said I do to this man , and in
front of these people

But still

It feels so surreal

Me : baby , this happened ?

He smiles , and turns facing my
way

Holding both my hands into his

Kenan : yes Mrs Black

Lord !

That's me , I am the Mrs

Me : I can't believe this , what if it's just a nightmare and I'm dreaming . When I wake up , things won't be like this ?

He chuckles , leaning forward giving me a kiss

Kenan : give it a day , and see how it goes

Me : everyone knew , except me ?

Kenan : you couldn't know , I asked for your mother's blessings . My father always knew my intentions , he was looking forward to this . And I had to ask the little sister to help plan all this

I smile

Me : how did you pay her ?

I know my sister

She and money did not fight

Kenan : an iMac , and she wants
an X5

I laugh

Me : she's not getting my car

He chuckles

Kenan : don't worry , she's
getting hers by the end of today

Wow , Bendalo knows how to
score . Now she's getting a car ,

I know she's always wanted
mine

Me : you dug into your pockets

Kena : but it was so worth it , I
have my wife now

I slightly laugh

Like he did everything on his
own

Even our rings and all

I'm not complaining , I love my
ring it's just stunning

I am still in shock , and I still
can't believe this

But this was way so much
better than a proposal , I
wouldn't have said yes

Having to wait again , and plan a wedding

That would have just been a reminder of last time

He knew how to play his cards ,
I give him that

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Lizwi

Zulu : I don't know how this happened

Me : ask your daughter , ask her what she did . You weren't there , so how will you know ? Ask her , she knows what she did . Unless you sent her

Zulu : watch your tone

Me : don't ! I have taken
enough of her nonsense , I can't
anymore . I married her , and
lost the love of my life . And all
for what ?

Dad : we can all calm down

Me : don't tell me to calm down
, I have never loved Esihle not
even once . If she can bring

witchcraft things into my house
, just for me to love her . Then
what else did she do , to get me
sleep with her ?

Zulu : don't

Esihle : it was Lera , she's the
one who gave me the drug that
night . I swear , I didn't know I
was pregnant already . I would
have never assumed the baby
was yours . I swear , it was a

mistake . She's the one who also gave me the things , I told her when you left home for a week . And she offered to help

Mom : you drugged my son ?
And you cried , how he took your innocence and got you pregnant . That's why he was forced to marry you !

She looks at my father

Mom : this

Motioning to the whole of
Esihle.

Me : is what you brought my
son home for a wife , Khehla
you should really be ashamed of
yourself . Look at what we put
our son through , all because of
your relation with Zulu . I have

been quite for too long , but
this time you have gone too far
. You really should be ashamed
of yours , Lizwi is your son for
God's sake !

Zulu : we can try and find a
solution

Me : I am not interested ,
please take your daughter and
her child out of my house . I will
serve her , and she better hand

me that divorce with no hassles
. Try to make things difficult for
me , and the whole country will
know all her dirty deeds . Now ,
get out of my house

He gets up

And takes the baby from the
nanny

Zulu : Esihle , let's go

She gets up , and looks at me
bursting a sob

I just stare at her , she swallows
very hard and walks out
dragging her bags

I turn to walk back upstairs

Dad : I am sorry son

Me : your sorry won't fix
nothing

Dad : maybe we can go to the
Nhleko , and explain this to
them . And we can pay a fine ,
for what we did

Me : for what ? You should be
happy , I lost the love of my life
and got your friends witch
daughter . Zenkosi was getting

married today , to my boss .

Imagine that

He looks down , and my mother
just has eyes of pity

I head upstairs leaving them
there

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Zenkosi

I smile , as he places a peck on
my neck

Events of yesterday playing in
my head

And I'm just wondering still

Was that really happening ?

Kenan : Mrs Black

Oh shit !

I turn facing him , and his lips
grace mine as I slowly open my
eyes

Me : what did you say ?

He chuckles

Kenan : I was waking you up ,
we have a flight to catch

Me : yeah , what did you say ?

Kenan : Mrs Black

I smile

Me : that's me

He chuckles

Kenan : yeah

Me : baby you married me , I'm
a wife now . A whole Mrs ...

I'm on top of him , he places his
hand on my waist

Me : you really married me ?

Kenan : yeah

I lean down kissing him

Me : thank you , I also love how
you saved me the trauma of
thinking you'll run away from
me

He chuckles

Kenan : I am no coward , I stand
up for what I start

I bring his left hand up , and
gosh ! We both have rings

He looks at me , I'm sure I look
ridiculous right now

We laugh

Me : Mrs Black , that's definitely
me

Kenan : I think I should start
addressing you like that from
now on

Me : please do

Kenan : I owe you a honeymoon
, I can't tell you where we are
going . But we have to leave

Me : I'll go shower , rather than
bathing

I get off him

Me : come get a quickie

I say turning , and he gets off
the bed like a force is pushing
him

Me : like really ?

Kenan : that quickie my love

He picks me up into his arms , I
laugh heading to the bathroom

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Lizwi

Siya : that's messed up

Me : yeah , and for her to try
and shift the blame to her
cousin

He shakes his head

Siya : I guess you should be glad
, that the truth is finally out

I sigh

Me : what does it matter now ?
Because I have lost everything

He looks down

Me : why didn't you tell me she's getting married ?

Siya : honestly I didn't know , I didn't know until we got there and I saw what was happening

I nod slowly

Siya : Black surprised her with the wedding , she also didn't know

Wow

Me : you think she would want to hear me out ?

Siya : I don't know , but you'll have to wait for that . I heard Thuto say , Bendalo said they're going to Santorini

Me : in Greece ?

Siya : yeah

I chuckle

Me : maybe I really should just forget this , I fucked up and lost

Siya : you'll be fine man

Yeah well , I hope so

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Zenkosi

Me : are you going to tell me
where we are going ?

He smiles

We're flying out on a private jet

And he did everything himself

He's really keeping this from me

He hasn't told me anything

Clearly , he doesn't want me to know where we are going

Kenan : it's a surprise

Me : wow !

He places a peck on my lips

Kenan : you will be fine

Me : how long is the flight ?

He laughs

Kenan : I am not telling you that

Wow !

I give up asking , and trying to
find out

Kenan : you know what we
should really be doing , to pass
time ?

I laugh

Me : what ?

Kenan : better I just
demonstrate

He takes his t-shirt off , and
unbuckle his pants

I am dying of laughter

He's insane

The first time we had sex on the
plane , I was shit scared

But damn now , I am all for this

There's just something , about
having sex while on air

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Esihle

She looks at her child , making
sure the door is locked

And the key is there , so no one
will be able to open

Esihle : I am sorry , but I don't see how we can go on after everything . I have to do this , for both our sakes

She picks the baby , putting a duck tape on her mouth

As the baby lets out a muffled crying , kicking with her legs and arms in the air

She takes the baby , and puts
her inside the bathtub filled
with water

Removing the duck tape making
sure she's under the water

And her cry is not even heard

She tears up , as the baby slowly
stops fighting

Loosing breath under the water

Eventually she keeps still

And Esihle moves from the
bathtub

She picks the stool , standing on
it making sure the rope is
securely tied

She closes her eyes , as she
places the rope on her neck

And kicks the stool , it falls
down

As the rope tightens on neck ,
she tries screaming

But it's tightening her , closing
her air pipe

Her eyes move back , she tries
to remove the rope

But it's of no use

She pees on herself , the tighter
it gets faeces come out

She gives up the fight , just
letting the pain consume her

Until she takes her final breath

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Lizwi*

Siya : can you get your phone , I left my wife and child to drink with you . Stop looking so sour

I chuckle

Me : I appreciate you man

My phone has been ringing off
the hook

I don't want to talk to my father

I reach for it and answer

Me : yeah ?

Voice : Lizwi , it's Zulu here

I sigh

Zulu : please don't hang up

Me : I really don't want to hear anything you want to say

Zulu : Esihle drowned Emihle , and hanged herself

Me : what ?

He sighs

Zulu : we found them this morning , when they didn't come for breakfast

I shake my head slowly

Me : I'm sorry for your loss , but those two were not my business anymore . Please stop calling me

I drop the call blocking his
number

Siya : what ?

Me : that crazy woman killed
herself and her child

He whistles popping his eyes

Good riddance to rubbish if you
ask me

Even though that child knew
nothing , and was innocent

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A MONTH LATER

Zenkosi

A whole month , just enjoying
Greece

And the honeymoon , was
everything and more

Way more than I could have
ever imagined

But it's back home now , and
back to reality

And getting back to reality

Me : I am tired baby

He smiles

Kenan : I know , we'll get home
and relax

Me : sleep

We laugh

Kenan : I don't know about that
, but

His phone rings

He looks at it , and frowns

Me : take it , you'll find me in
the car

Kenan : I didn't ask to be
excused

He says with a chuckle

Me : it seems somehow

Kenan : my love , that doesn't
even make sense

It stops , he takes my hand

But it rings again

Me : honestly !

He laughs

Kenan : okay I'm sorry , let me answer

I walk away heading to the parking lot

The car is exactly where it was said to be

But as I reach to it , two cops appear

And stand in front of me

Me : uhmcan I help ?

Cop 1 : Mrs Black

Me : that's me

He smiles

Cop 1 : I am detective Conan
O'Brien

Me : okay

Conan : and we would like to ask you a few questions about your husband

Me : why are you trapping me in an airport parking ?

Conan : I am sorry , but that's not what's happening . We saw

him leaving you alone , and just capitalised on the moment

The other cop keeps looking back , he looks very much unsettled

I can bet a penny , he keeps looking to see if Kenan is not coming back

I sigh shaking my head

Conan : I understand you had your honeymoon out of the country

Me : I do not appreciate what you're doing right now , unless you want to arrest me

Conan : why would we do that ? Unless you're also linked into the crimes your husband is

facing , then you can share a jail cell together

Me : crimes ?

Conan : I can bet , you are not clueless . But of course , we can always cut you a deal if you hand him over

Me : I have no idea what you're talking about

Conan : come on now , all the trips you have taken out of the country

Me : people travel all the time

Conan : and he leaves you alone in the hotel , or you go shopping while he's busy doing business you have no idea about . The bags he always

carried out , and came back
without them

Me : you have been spying on
us ?

He chuckles

Conan : I am an officer of the
law , just doing my job . Tell me
, you didn't suspect that
something might be off . He

also bought you a car that costs over 2 million cash , and the mansion he just bought you back in Santorini

What the hell ?

Well , I loved that place so much

I figured I wouldn't mind moving there , or even visiting

He thought why not buy me a house there

So we don't use hotels when we go back there

I keep quite

Conan : it's all the money he's making from human trafficking girls , and dealing drugs

Me : what ?

Conan : don't act surprised , we
can charge you as an
accomplice to all his crimes .
He's taken you a lot out of the
country , while he does his
businesses . So give him to us ,
we'll spare

Voice : like hell you will

We all turn , and he's right in front of us

Landing a punch on this Conan guy

Me : babe

The guy is bleeding through his nose

Kenan : come after me all you want , but leave my wife the fuck alone

Conan : you just laid your hand on an officer of the law

Kenan : so charge me

Me : baby please

Conan : take him

I tear up

This shit is not happening

The other one walks closer with
cuffs in hand

Me : please no.....

Kenan : come here

He pulls me to him , giving me a tight hug

Kenan : it's okay , go home to your mother . I'll be out soon , I'll come get you okay ?

The other one pulls him off

Kenan : don't fucking handle me like that

I watch as he cuffs him , and
reads him his rights

Kenan : go home my love

Me : I love you

He smiles

Kenan : I love you my love

They take him away as I watch

Everything just comes to a
stand still

My phone rings , I reach for it in
my bag

Me : hehello ?

Voice : get in the car I'm coming
right now

Me : they took him away , they

....

I just break down

Mr Black : it's going to be okay ,
I'll fix this . Get in the car , I'm
coming

I open the door and get in the
car

This has to be a nightmare

How do we get back home to
this ?

After a while , his father knocks
on the window

I unlock the door , getting out

Mr Black : it's going to be okay ,
I am sorry you came home to

this . It's going to be okay , I'll fix
this

Me : they took him

I can't help , holding my tears
back

He engulfs me into a hug

Mr Black : let me take you home
, and I'll go sort this out

We walk to his car , leaving the car we were supposed to take back to our place

Mr Black : please don't cry , your mother can't see you like this . This is nothing serious , your husband will be home soon . You don't want to stress her , she will ask questions . And what will you say ?

I can't tell her he's been
arrested

Me : they said he's involved in
human trafficking , and drugs

I am more than shocked

Mr Black : there's no such thing
as that , right now they have
him for punching that cop
nothing else

He wasn't here , how does he know all of that ?

I don't know , but my father in law is sounding very suspicious right now

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Zenkosi

I feel and look like shit

Nothing is making sense right
now

I'm just a mess of a person

But I tried my best to gather
myself

Not to show my mother
anything

Because if my mother questions
me , I will have no answer for
her

Mr Black dropped me and left

He said he will call me
tomorrow

I don't know if I'll even be able
to sleep

I'm worried sick about my
husband

Like I just want to know that
he's okay

And that he will come home

I don't think charges of
punching a police officer, are
that intense

We just got back from our
honeymoon

For Christ sake , we don't need
this drama

I don't even want to think about
everything else , that cop said

It's just insane , and very much
so sickening to the stomach

Mom : I didn't think you'll come
see us same day

I smile

Me : I missed you guys

True

I did miss them

But coming here today ,
definitely wasn't part of the
plan

Mom : you could have come
with your husband

I love the relationship that our
families have

And I don't even mean the
extended ones

But like his dad , my mom and
sister

These people get along so fine

Me : he had something to do ,
he'll come soon

She nods

Mom : you know something is different about you

I am avoiding eye contact by all means

Me : it's nothing

Mom : if you're pregnant , you can tell me . You're married now , there's no shame in that

I laugh

Me : that was a good one , but I
am not pregnant mom

Mom : are you sure ?

Me : yes

Mom : just take a test to be
sure

This woman !

This is the last thing I need to be
hearing

Especially because I know it
can't be true

I mean , I don't want a child

And I can't even imagine myself
having one

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Kenan

Dad : what happened ?

Me : I don't know how these
guys missed this , I wasn't even
supposed to spend an hour in
here

I sigh frustrated

Me : in front of my fucking wife
, they pulled this stunt of theirs
. This is annoying

Dad : she's not okay

Me : of course she's not okay ,
how can she be ?

I sigh

Me : Trevor called me , but he was clearly late . Because by then , as I walked out they had already said their shit to her

Dad : they don't have proof , right now their only charge is the assault

Me : since when is a punch an assault ?

Dad : because he's a police officer

Me : this is nonsense

Dad : this can't stick

Me : it shouldn't , they better have something hard to come at me with . Or else I will fucking make them all pay

Dad : let me go see what
superiors can tell me , and
please don't break walls

I chuckle as he walks out

I don't even care where I am
right now

My worry , is just my wife

Seeing her break down like that

That fucking hurt me

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Zenkosi

I didn't even bother to look my
best

I just think that I don't care

And worse , my mother got to
me with her words

I woke up heading to the doctor

And I just couldn't believe my
ears

The whole way here , his words
just kept ringing in my head like
a broken record

Mr Black called this morning ,
asking how I am

And I just told him I want to see
my husband

I didn't care about anything he
said

The door opens , and he walks
in . I can't believe he spent a
night in a holding cell

I've just been pacing around
this room

Me : baby ?

He smiles

Kenan : come here

I rush to him , he engulfs me
into a tight hug

Me : are you okay ?

Kenan : stop crying , and I'll be okay

He says pulling out of the hug

Me : pleaseplease tell me you're going to get out of here

I say wiping my tears off

Me : what those men were saying , those were very serious accusations

Kenan : and it's lies , I am not involved in drugs or human trafficking . Like I can never do such things , that's just despicable

I sigh

Kenan : they have nothing on me , just accusations that are unfounded . The only reason I am here , is because I punched that guy

I don't know what to believe right now

There's never a smoke without fire

Me : you promise me , that there's no criminal activities here ?

Kenan : trust me , there's nothing like that . I have businesses , not just one . Why would I resort to crime ? That's just being inhumane my love

I heave a sigh

Kenan : just because I do my business outside of the county , I am being painted with a brush of a paint I've never even touched

Me : I am scared and worried , I don't want to lie

Kenan : this is nothing , it will pass . Clearly my success and

money is a bother to them . I do business with a lot of people , maybe one of them is linked to these things . And now I'm just caught in between , I don't know . But I didn't do anything , I swear to you

Me : baby you need to come home

Kenan : they can't arrest me without would proof and

evidence , right now they don't have that . I will come home , once this dies down and they see this is a mistake . I'm here because of that punch

Me : I don't think you understand , you need to come home

I unzip my jacket , taking out the small white vest

I hold it in front of him , taking a hard swallow . Tears burning my eyes

My heart beating fast like crazy

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Zenkosi

His eyes pop out , but soon
curve into a smile

Kenan : we

I nod , with tears streaming
down my face

Kenan : “hi , you’re going to be
my daddy”

He reads out , what’s written on
the small vest

Kenan : oh mine !

He chuckles giving me a hug , I hug him back tearing up

Me : we need you

Kenan : don't worry , daddy is coming home . I will be out of here , I promise you that . I am coming home

I rushed to the doctor this
morning

Not being able to just ignore my
mother's words

That woman has never
suspected me to be pregnant

It was the first time , and i
wondered why

And so it was hard to ignore
that

That's why I went to the doctor

And turns out , I am pregnant

7 weeks

I never planned for a baby , and
I most definitely never wanted
one

But it's here now

I am not killing anyone , even
though I didn't see this coming

Nor even happening

But for this to even work , I
need my husband

Kenan : it's okay

Me : I can't do this without you

Kenan : you will never have to , I
am here . And together , we will
do this

We pull back , he looks into my
eyes cupping my face

Kenan : I can never thank you
enough for this gift of life , and I

won't leave you alone in this
matter

I hope he means this

Me : your father said he will fix
this

Kenan : he will , he brought you
here ?

I nod

Kenan : okay , right now I need you to go home . Get some rest , stop crying . And feed my baby , I'll come get you later and take you home

Me : don't play like that , don't say you'll come later

Kenan : trust me , I will okay ?

I nod slowly

He pulls me over , and we kiss

Me : I love you

Kenan : I love you two

I laugh

He took this better than I
thought he would

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Kenan

Dad : they haven't leaked this
out

Me : because I will slap them
with law suits

Dad : and they want to slap you
with a fine

Me : what ?

Dad : let's not be hard headed ,
Mabuza thinks it's only fair .
Because you did put your hand
on an officer

Me : how much ?

Dad : don't worry I'll see to it

Me : he better get his dogs off
behind my back

Dad : don't worry about that .
You know they don't have
anything , you just ended here
because you punched him

Me : they came for my wife

Dad : that's how they work ,
and when they can't get

through . They try to break into
your circle by all means , and
you're a married man now .
She's the first target to your
enemies , your only link of
weakness

I sigh

Me : she's pregnant

He smiles

Dad : really ?

I nod

Dad : well that's great news

Me : give Mabuza his fine , so they can let me go . I want to take my wife home , staying here doesn't make things better . I denied everything to the core

, and that's how it'll remain .
She will never see me as a
criminal , I am not admitting
anything

He sighs

Because he long told me to be
honest

I will not do that , my wife will
leave me . She won't stand for

this , I know that . So I won't
take that chances

No matter what

Dad : let me do it , he wasn't
fussy much

These cops are just full of shit

Now they just want to make a
quick buck nothing much

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Zenkosi

I keep looking at my phone

It's like I'm expecting a call of
some kind

Or maybe a message

But it's just so quite

The door opens Bendalo walks
in

Bendalo : hey

She says with a smile

Bendalo : Mom says I should
give you this

Me : I am not hungry

Bendalo : I don't know what's wrong , but for someone who's come from her honeymoon .
You're very worrying

Me : I am fine

I guess I really can't hide how I'm feeling right now

Me : thank you for the food , I'll eat . You can leave it there

She puts the food on the night stand and walks out

I just cuddle myself , with tears just streaming down my face

Right now I just want my husband home

I don't know how he could be
connected to such crimes

But I don't want to believe he's
involved in such things

No ways

And he denied that , I believe
him cause he was very much
convincing

Maybe one of his business associates is tied to these things

Just not Kenan , no !

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Kenan

Me : is she okay ?

She shakes her head

Bendalo : I secretly thought
maybe you're fighting , that's
why she's looking like that

I chuckle

Me : we don't do that

She laughs

Bendalo : she's in her room

I walk into her room , and it's
not locked

I'm welcomed by sniffs , and I
am not happy

The stress is not good for her ,
or the child

I sit down on the bed , and take
her hand

She opens her eyes and almost
a screams as she looks at me

Me : hey

Zenkosi : you're back ?

Me : I told you I'll be back , they
just gave me a fine for punching
that guy

She sits up and we hug

Zenkosi : don't ever put me through this , honestly if you're involved in any crimes stop

I hold her tight in my arms

Me : I am not

I will never admit that shit , never !

Me : let's go home , I miss you .
After the hell of last night , I just
want you riding the shit out of
me

She smiles

Zenkosi : you promise me , all
this is done ?

Me : all done , a man of my
standards cannot be associated

with such nonsense . My love I
hold my own , you should know
that by now . And my word is
my word

She caresses my face

Zenkosi : thank you for loving
me

Me : I wouldn't have chosen
another

I brush her flat tummy , she
giggles as I lean over for a kiss
and we kiss

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