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"I looked at my mother not knowing whether I should help her or not. I sucked my thumb and cried silently all the neighbors closed their doors and curtains as I hid behind my mother's hedge, I saw blood oozing from dads mouth and moms head.

Another shot was fired I kept my eyes shut.

I opened them again and looked at my uncle who killed them cold-heartedly, he poured paraffin at them, I watched them burn to ashes. I could smell their flesh, from that day I hated meat because it smells exactly like them.

When he was done he lit his cigarette and

walked away, his goons followed him I was also bleeding from my head I held my mouth as they passed me I couldn't let them hear me.

I heard the car leave, I stood up and ran in between the shacks stepping on puddles and stones. I reached a police station my feet were bleeding and my clothes were torn.

I bended catching my breath a police woman came to me

Her: Sawbona girl(Hello girl)

I sucked my thumb and backed away when she tried touching me.

Her:Mingakhi iminyaka yakho?(how old are you).

I still kept quiet.

Her:How old are you?

Me:I'm 6.

I untied my bun and gave her the piece of paper mom gave me before uncle budged in.

This woman looked at me with so much pity.

Me:Call grandma.

Her:Okay.

She dialled the number and spoke for a while she came back smiling.

Her:Granny said we can take you home,is

that alright?

I nodded.

Her:Who hurt you?

I shrugged.

Her:Did they touch your private part?

Me:No.

I was tired and drained the room started spinning then lights out.I woke up and looked around I saw my grandmother.

Me:Nana.

She stood up and touched my hair.

Her:Granny is here worry not child.

I smiled, a few days later I was discharged but the doctors said I might have bipolar disorder, according to my behavior and diagnosis.

Nana got me foster parents she used to work for them and they were white.

Me:Nana I don't want to go.

Her:My Black Pearl Nana can't afford your

treatment the Harpers will take good care of you.

Me:You promise?

Her:I promise.

I smiled,She brushed my hair and tied it back.

Her:My Mexican rare flower you'll grow and be beautiful like your mother.

My concentration was on the road,we reached a beautiful place it had automatic gates the house was lovely and huge Nana rang the doorbell a lovely woman opened she had her blonde hair dangling over her shoulders.

Nana:Afternoon Mrs Harper.

MrsHarper:Hello Nana.

Nana:I have brought Pearl.

MrsHarper:Come on in.

We went in and sat down.

Mrs Harper:She is so pretty and adorable.

Nana:Yes she is.

Mrs Harper:You said she's African-Mexican.

Nana:Yes yes she is.

Later on grandma left and I was to meet my new family which were my older sister and a brother who was the same age as me and ofcourse my father.

A month passed and I continued with grade 1 together with my brother(Quinton) and sister(Sarah). It was a great experience to be around such people they treated me like family though at times I'm happy next minute I feel like banging my head against the wall. They loved me regardless.

My name is Pearl Kamalei Harper and this is my story.

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10 Years Later

I arrived home from school and dad was about to leave.

Me:Daddy.

Dad:Hey baby girl.

Me:You're leaving again?

Dad:I'll be back, study hard I want you to go to matric these exams are important.

I folded my arms and looked at him,it hurt me when he had to leave for work.

Dad:If you do well I'll buy you a new car.

Me:Really?

Dad:Yes,I have a plane to catch bye my love.

Me:I love you daddy.

Dad:I love you too Pearl.

I smiled and watched him leave I found my mom drinking wine.

Me:Hey mom.

Mom:Hello.

Me:What's wrong with you?

Mom:Why are you assuming somethings wrong with me?

Me:You always drink wine when you're not okay.

Mom:Has the rain stopped?

Me:I'm going to study.

Seeing she didn't wanna talk.

I had 2 weeks before my final exams father always expects good marks ,even if it means promising me a trip to Miami.

I went to Quintons room he wasn't there,which was really not surprising. Following day nothing interesting happened except Clara and Langa being absent together and they were my good friends and school .

On saturday Quinton and I drove to the beach for surfing lessons.

Que:Are you good?

Me:Yes I'm good.

Que:Okay,you're going to gymnastics practice?

Me:Yes and you are taking me to your martial arts lessons on monday.

Que:You're not even asking me.

Me:You were going to take me anyways..

We arrived at the beach and took the waves surfing always does me good

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apparently it's healthy for my mental health and whatever bullshitt the doctor mentioned to my parents.

After that Que dropped me off at gateway mall I had to buy a few things.

“Nice tattoo”

I kept quiet I don't get people who compliment without greeting I fall inlove with someone with manners.

I had a Dragon tattoo on my back just above my butt.

“Uhm excuse me” I turned around slowly

Me:Damn you're fine.

Nigga smiled he was killing me.

Him: Thank you are also pretty very pretty,I saw you at the beach surfing how come you still have make-up on?

Me:Oh it's water proof.

Him:Okay you are beautiful.

Me:Haha thanks I gotta go.

He shouted from behind.

Him:I didn't get your name.

I smiled and walked away,I saw a painting shop I bought my mom AKM painting it's her favourite I hope it'll make her feel better.

I got home I was already late for gymnastics I, didn't go anymore. I decided to call Clara and come clean I can't carry this heavy burden anymore.

Her phone rang unanswered she called back a few minutes later.

Her:I just missed your call.

Me:Uhm yeah we need to talk.

Her:About?

Me:Let's meet up at the shelter.

Her:Okay.

I took off the Mini clothes and wore a tracksuit again I found mom drinking

Me:I have something you might like in my room mother.

She smiled.

Her:I'll go check it out.

I found Clara already waiting for me we hugged and sat down.

Me:How are you and Langa?

Clara:We have our ups and downs like every other couple.

Me:Mhm.

Clara:Are you going to tell me why we here?

Me:Uhm you remember the mystery guy who broke my virginity?

Clara:Your friends with benefits now right?

Me:Yep that one.

Clara:What about him?

I sighed.

Me:It's Langa.

She kept quiet.

Clara:Langa my boyfriend?

I nodded.

Clara:So all this time I've been dating your fuck buddy?

Me:I wanted to tell you I just didn't know how to.

Clara:You should've told me from the beginning,we friends for Christs

sake.I wasn't gonna date him,what type of a friend are you?

Me:If you didn't throw yourself at him we wouldn't be having this talk. Don't blame me for everything.

Clara:So you are the reasons Langa doesn't have sex with me,fuck you Pearl.

She stood up and left .I went home too I was pretty angry I bumped Sarah at the door

Sarah:Is the bipolar back?I see your face is turning red.

Me:Sarah leave me alone.

Sarah:I have the right to say anything I want.

Me:When I get a chance to fuck you up I will,haven't they told you about the worst things a person with bipolar can do?Watch your back sister.

I walked away I've always had the urge to kill people and Sarah was the first one on the map. With her wide mouth that looked like it had 50 teeth.

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I always jog in the afternoon it calms my nerve and keeps me fit on my way home a car stopped next to me. I continued jogging as it drove slowly next to me the window rolled down. I looked at the person annoyed.

Me: You've got to be kidding me.

Driver: Hello pretty girl.

Me: Hi fine guy.

Driver: I didn't get your name.

Me: I didn't send it.

He laughed.

Driver: I'm Mandla.

Me: Who?

Driver: MANDLA.

Me: Mandila.

Mand: Just call me ManD.

Me: Okay I will call you.

ManD.

ManD: So what is your name?

Me:Pearl,It's getting late I should get home. ManD:Bye Pearl.

I waved and ran home I bathed and studied then I joined the family for dinner I was eating my veggies and they were eating steak. The helper washed the dishes while I watched horror movies. I'm inlove with scary movies I logged on to facebook I had plenty of friend requests a "Mandla Dlamini"caught my eye I looked through his pics it was the audi guy his timeline wasn't that interesting,I accepted his request,minutes later a call came through. Caller:Pearl it's ManD.

I should hide my number on Facebook.

Me:Are you stalking me?

ManD:Is it that obvious?

Me:Yes and it's getting to me.

ManD:I'm sorry,can I see you?

Me:When?

ManD:Uhm tuesday after school.

Me:If I'm free.

ManD:I know you'll be free,so it's a date? Me:Yeah sure.

ManD:Goodnight.

Me:Night.

I'm not up for any relationships I'll do those when I'm 18 if Mandla thinks we'll date he has another thing coming Mom woke me up the following day.

Me:It's sunday mom.

Mom:And you must go see your therapist.

I kept quiet

Mom:Be ready in an hour.

She left me I made my bed and took out an outfit I'll wear which was a short jean dress and sandals. I like showing off my body I bathed and got ready, I found mom eating breakfasts I ate rusks with milk then we went to my therapists an hour later we were done. Mom:Remove that frown.

I faked a smile.

Mom:That's better the shrink was pretty happy with you.

Me:I'm glad this means I can stop finally. Mom:Why are you excited?

Me:That woman is a bore mom and I've been under control the pills do me good.

Mom:Do they?Do they really?

Me:Yes mom they do.

She sighed. On Monday I got ready for school Sarah was still on her mission to piss me off. Me: Morning big sis.

Sarah: So much make up?

Me: It's just a little eyeliner and lip gloss no need to exaggerate.

Sarah: I'm sure you're Mrs Glamour in your school.

Me: Sarah what's your problem? Are you beefing because it's grown old now it's no longer beef it's biltong.

Sarah: Oh you disrespecting me now?

Me: I don't have anything against you but you pushing me sis please stop pushing me.

I got my car keys and drove to school I found Sasha sitting with Quinton.

Me: Hello dear friend.

Sasha: Hey.

Me: Are you two?

Que: What?

Me: You guys are dating.

Que: We would if your friend said yes to my request.

Sasha was blushing.

Sasha:Stop it Que.

I rolled my eyes,as we were having a good time Clara came in with Langa.

Clara:Why did you lie Pearl?

Me:About?

Clara:You and Langa having sex.

I looked at Langa

Me:Is that what you told you?

I didn't break contact.

Clara:He told me he has never even kissed you nor hugged you right Langa?

Langa:If you have something against Clara don't involve me.

Me:Wow that's just wow Langa

what was gonna happen had I let you break up with Clara the other day?were you still going to deny our sex sessions.

Clara:You are evil Pearl.

Me:Oh honey evil is an understatement but right now I'm just being honest.

Langa:Why would you do something like this Ug-

Me:Ugly Betty?Say it call me by the name you use when we in bed

I went over to Clara.

Me:He has a box of Lovers condom on the left handside of his headboard,he has a navy boxer pants with white dots,the other one is red and black,he has two Calvin Klein boylegs one is black and the other one is grey,He likes kissing the lower lip then biting it before he lets go and he's obsessed with breasts he has a tattoo of his mothers name on his right inner arm,and a beauty spot on his dick.

I walked away.

Me:Oh I almost forgot,his bed cover is grey and white his sheet is grey,now Clara go search that before coming here and telling me shit.

I sat down.

Que:Uhm that was too much information sis.

Me:I hate being labelled as I liar I tried to do the right thing to have it thrown back at my face,Langa fucked the wrong girl.

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After school Que and I drove to Karate lessons I was so tired by the time we were done. Que:You were pretty good with swords today sis.

Me:You think?

Que:I know,wanna grab something to eat?

Me:I wanna get home and rest.

He nodded and drove off .We were singing Rihanna-Rockstar on our way my brother and I are good singers I tell you.The following day Mandla really did come fortunately I didn't bring my car he was leaning against his car trying to look hot,you know those dudes? Me:Hey ManD.

ManD:Hello pretty full.

He opened the door for me.

Me:How long have you been waiting?

ManD: + - an hour.

Me:You're patient soul.

ManD:Not really I just wanted to make sure you don't run away from me.

Me:Why would I do that?

ManD:An old guy like me?

Me:You're not old.

ManD:So I'm cute.

Me:No I just said you're not old or you don't look old.

ManD:Ncoar that's sweet.

Me:You are messing with me.

We drove to the mall.

Me:Why are we here?

ManD:For ice cream.

Me:That's sweet.

We walked out he walked behind me in fact. Me:Can't you walk next to me.

ManD:Your legs are killing me,your brackets are sexy.

I smiled.

Me:Thanks.

ManD:Let's go.

He grabbed my hands we went to Milky Lane for Ice Cream then we played games.

Me:I should get home.

ManD:So soon?

Me:Yes I'm still a kid my curfew is at 6 and it's almost 6.

ManD:Let's get the kid home then.

ManD had a great sense of humour and I enjoyed being with him but I needed to study him.

ManD:What you thinking about?

Me:Nothing.

ManD:So can you be my friend.

I chuckled.

Me:Sure why not?

ManD:You are a sweet.

He parked in front of my house.

Me:I had a good time.

ManD:Me too,when can I see you again? Me:After exams.

ManD:That's like in 4 weeks time.

Me:I know bye-bye.

ManD:I'll call you.

J smiled all the way to my room,the week went by fast.Clara was still angry at me .We were not on talking terms as for Langa

I was still planning my revenge on him and it won't be nice.
Friday after school at home I was welcomed by a familiar
cologne in my house Mom:Hey are you tip-toeng.

Me:I was trying to how are you mom?

Mom:I'm good guess who'll be joining us for dinner.

I faked a smile.

Me:Jade my ex yay.

Mom:I know you are excited sweetie he's in your room.

Me:I could smell him all the way from the door Mom:You are
weird little girl.

Me:I'm more than that mom I ran to my room he was laying on
my bed.

Me:Jade.

Jade:Kamalei.

Me:Pearl just call me Pearl.

Jade:You're still pretty Jade was my first boyfriend

he's my neighbour he broke up with me because I didn't want
to have sex with him,he's cute and all my parents love him I
hate him he's one of the people who are on my"Kill List".

Me:Why are you here Jade?

Jade:To fix things with you.

Me:What?

Jade:I want you I miss you.

Me:Jade get out of my room.

Jade:I'll get you back mark my words.

He looked at me then walked out.

Me:Fucker.

I took off my uniform and took a walk I got a call from Nana.

Me:Nana.

Her:How are you?

Me:I'm fine nana how are you?

Her:I'm not good when are you visiting nana? Me:I'll make a plan since dad isn't here.

Her:He still thinks I'm a witch?

Me:Pretty much.

Her:I wonder why?.

Me:Because you always make me walk on burning coal and you burn incense when I'm around.

Her:It's to pave your ways and to cleanse your aura.

Me:I know nana but they are white they don't understand your religion.

Her:Okay I hear you,take care of yourself nana loves you.

Me:I love nana too.

The walk took me to another street And it was getting dark as I was about to walk back home a car stopped right in front of me almost bumping me.

Me:The Fuck?

"Hey sweety remember me?"

Me:Langa why are you here?

Him:Clara broke up with me,you no longer give me pussy I came here for you.

Me:Your mind is twisted.

Him:Not at all sweetheart,I want you.

Me:Well I don't.

Him:You will.

He picked me up and placed me inside the car, he held me tight while some guy was driving I kicked and scream but it was all in vain.

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Me:Langa stop hurting me.

Langa:If you were to stop kicking I would.

I acted calm.

Langa:Lock all doors man.

He said to the driver.

My phone was on the front pocket of my jersey I speed dialed any one I just hoped it's Mandla or Quinton.

Me:I hate you Langa you know I can get you arrested for this.

Langa:Not even by chance I'll lock you up in my room till you agree to me my girlfriend,Bra we going to my house.

Me:You are sick man you are making angry right now.

Langa:Uuh I'm so scared.

I hit his chest with my elbow then I strangled him.

Me:Tell your friend to pull over or I'll kill you.

His friend tried to hit me almost swerving the car out of the road,Langa tried pushing me off since. I had my knee in his ball.

Me:Pull over damnit!

He pulled over on the side Langas eyes were turning red his veins were visible on the forehead.

Me:Unlock the door or he dies.

He did as told.

Me:I'm good with martial arts dare try me , are we clear?

He nodded I got out of the car and ran back home as quickly as possible I stopped to check whom I called and it was nana, she didn't even pick up .I almost died damn.I continued running I opened the gate and ran inside I collapsed on the patio,I woke up and I was in my bed mom was sitting on the chair with her back facing me.

Me:Mom.

She wiped her tears and faked a smile I hate seeing mom like this.

Her:You're awake what happened?

Me:Nothing I couldn't handle.

She nodded.

Her:Jade found you at the door he's the one who got you in bed.

Me:He must be very strong

"You're not that heavy"

Mom:Let me leave you two.

She kissed my head and left.

Me:I guess I owe you a thank you.

Jade:It was nothing,where were you coming from?

Me:You don't wanna know.

Him:I do.

Me:Well I don't want you to then.

Him:I'll let you rest.

I stood up and made my way to the kitchen leaving him behind ,my voice was hoarse and my chest was fucked .I poured myself tap water I looked at myself in the window and thought should I or should I not report

Langa? but I assaulted him,I better let this go

I ate my super then went to bed I couldn't sleep and I didn't feel like studying either. I took my laptop and did a research on ManD I felt as though something about him was off he didn't look Zulu at all infact he looked more like Toronto

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the Uncle that killed my parents.

My mind is probably playing tricks with me people do look alike right?after all we were created by God.

Maybe I'm seeing things I drank my meds and fell asleep,they did say my mind will over imagine and over analyze people.

Jade went back to wherever he came from,Langa bothered me less he had a collar around his neck I probably cracked a few bones well done, Spank.I manage to go through exams in a good state after my last paper I decided to visit nana I had to pave a good path for myself. She stayed in Newlands

I drove there she was sweeping the yard.

Me:Hola nana(Hello Grandma).

Nana:I'm not Mexican come here.

She hugged me then we sat down.

Me:Nana I'm tired of this,I have two guys obsessed with me now.

Nana:Child the only person who can break this curse is your uncle.

Me:Toronto??

Nana:Yes you and him will have to copulate.

Me:Have sex nana he's the same men who killed my parents.

Nana:I know it child but he's the one who brought this upon you and he's the only one who can break it.

Me:Nana I don't even know the full story of how this happened,he's the one who made me addicted sex at 15. Now I must sleep with him?

Nana:Your anger is controlling you I ca.n't explain to you when you are like this

Me:Fine, I just hope you'll be happy when my sex leads me to death.

Nana:Find Toronto all will be well.

Me:I guess it won't be well I'll never sleep with that man Nana.

I stood up and left her there I furiously drove home I was even crying I was shocked when I found dad and mom seating together outside.

Me:You're the best.

Dad:I know.

I kissed his cheek then went to my room

I starred at the laptop screen thinking should I or should I not do a reasearch on Toronto, maybe this might be the only chance I'll ever have to kill him or for him to kill me,I'm screwed.

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Before I could even search for Toronto I wanted to know more about this curse. I need to come up with an idea ,dad doesn't want me anywhere near nana. I see her secretly after all she is my mothers mother and I can't just resent her .Later dad and I went out to gymnastics classes on our way home I got a call from Sasha.

Me:Sup.

Her:hey babe I'm at Claras house.

Me:Okay so.

Her:Can you hala?

Me:Why?it's 8:30 pm.

Her:Please girl.

Me:Fine.

She hung up,dad looked at me Me:Daddy Him:Where you want me to drop you?

Me:At Claras house.

Him:Call me when you're done.

Me:What will happen if it happens I fall asleep? Him:Then daddy will call you after an hour. Me:Okay.

He dropped me off.

Me:Bye dad.

Him:Bye angel.

I got off the gate was opened I went in and rang the bell at the door Sasha opened Me:Hey.

Her:Come in.

We hugged then went to Claras room she was on the floor crying I rolled my eyes.

Clara:Hi Spank.

Me:Hey.

Sasha made me sit down Clara had a crystal in front of her.

Me:Oh no.

I attempted standing up but she pulled me to the ground,Clara has this voodoo ish going on. I don't know why she couldn't see her that her boyfriend and I were fucking,or maybe it's because she can't use it for her personal things.

Clara:Please pay careful attention to what you going to see I was a bit terrified,I saw a woman carrying a child they spoke in a foreign language then nana appeared they opened a door they went in it was as though they were under water the woman appeared to be my mother.

Mom: Mom do we have to do this? Nana: Yes, now say the words.

Mom: To the gods of the seven seas I bring forth my child Kamalei who will carry out my duties when I die, I pass on all that is mine to her, she will feed on males for power and immortality.

She looked down and cried.

Nana: You have to continue.

Mom: She will be a sex slave, every man will be attached to her

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she will feed on their blood and Lucifer will feed on her.

Then there was an apparition.

Voice: It is done the child will be praised by every man, they will bow down to her they will be attached but there are consequences to this.

Nana: They will fall to the child right? Voice: Yes, but be careful of the person she can turn out to be.

Nana: What's the worst that could happen? Voice: She could kill you.

Nana: No no how?

Voice: You made a deal with the devil the worst that could go wrong is that this child can kill cold heartedly, and to us that's good because we get to feed off the blood of the people she killed.

Then there was a picture of me killing a woman and 2 man .Then the crystal ball went blank Me: No no I've never killed people.

Clara: It wasn't you but the beast inside of you.

I was in tears

Me: Nana how could she?

Clara: Calm down.

Sasha: You...you are a killer Pearl you killed 3 people.

Clara: Sasha I told you that if you stay you better shut that hole of yours.

Clara had her hands wrapped around me. Me: I'm a cold hearted killer.

Clara: You mother brought this upon you. Me: My Nana she oh Lord.

I couldn't stop crying.

Clara: It's going to be okay.

Me: She said I must sleep with my uncle. Clara: What?

Me:She said the only way to break the curse is if I sleep with my uncle.

Clara:What nonsense how can you right a wrong by doing another wrong?

I shrugged.

Sasha:I'm going home.

Clara:Bitch sit,this will be our secret got it Sasha?

Sasha nodded.

Clara:Now let's go.

Me:Where to?

Clara:How many people have you slept with? Me:It's Langa only.

She sighed.

Clara:Let's go get him,bring my car keys Sasha.

Me:Wait we going to Langas place?

Clara:Yes we need to fix this.

Me:We can?

Clara:Yes,Sasha you'll drive.

Sasha:You guys will meet me in the car,she left.

Me:Uhm Clara I'm sorry about Langa I should have been open with you guys.

Clara:I've forgiven you,Langa never loved me anyways.

Me:And that look.

Clara:Nothing let's go.

she wrapped her arm around mine we went to the car,I told dad that we having a pj party he was cool .We parked infront of Langas house Clara had already called him,she waited outside the car he came outside they spoke Clara opened the door. I hated every piece of him but after what Clara showed me I'm not sure anymore.

Langa:Ugly Betty.

Me:Sunshine.

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Langa & I shared eye contact for a while, I looked away first I didn't have time for this, he got in and Sasha drove off. I took out my phone Someone had to know about my whereabouts, although my vision is useless at night this is the reason why Langa calls me ugly Betty I texted Quinton "Gone with Clara and Sasha don't know where to, will send the location at every place we stop at incase I don't make it back home" Sent.

Me: So Clara where exactly are we going? Clara: Verulem my grandfathers place.

Me: Ow.

I texted that immediately Langa was awfully quiet I kept looking at him Clara and Sasha were having their own talk.

Langa: Why are you looking at me?

Me: I'm thinking.

Langa: About.

Me: About what might've gotten to you the other day.

He looked outside then at his phone.

Langa: I don't know I wish I knew but I don't.

I bit my lower lip then decided to let it go, we reached Verulem finally. We got out of the car Claras grandpa was waiting for us

already I found that really weird his house had this weird vibe too.

Grandpa:my beautiful grandchild.

Clara:Hello.

Grandpa:Come on in leave your shoes at the door.

Sasha:I'll wait here inside the car alone.

We went inside the house I saw a cat and jumped on Langas back.

Clara:Cats freak her out.

Me:Please hide it grandpa.

Langa:I'm so not enjoying this.

Me:Oh brother you and me both.

Grandpa took the cat with him I got down from Langas back.

Grandpa:so Clara you used the Crystal ball? Clara:Yes I didn't mean to I found it on my bed I didn't know how it got there.

Grandpa:I know you'll explain yourself till the sunrise.

He left us and came back without a cat but a book.

Grandpa:Premature sex.

I swallowed hard.

Clara:Can you help them?

He fixed his glasses then looked at us Grandpa:No.

Clara:But-

Grandpa:I don't know how I'll help the girl she's blank.

Me:How?

Grandpa:You were adopted right?

Me:Yes.

Grand:Do you probably know your fathers family?

Me:I don't.

He sighed.

Grandpa:The only person who can help you is your fathers sister.

Me:I have an aunt?

Grandpa:Yes and as long as you haven't found them you will be cursed.

Me:I don't even remember my fathers surname how the hell am I supposed to find them? Grandpa:Bipolar,you have bipolar right? Me:This is ridiculous.

I stood up and went out

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I was pissed, how am I going to find my father's family I don't even remember where we used to stay Sasha: Spank why are you standing there all alone? I shook my head and got inside the car I was angry and tired I even fell asleep I'm one heavy sleeper but someone was messing with my thumb.

Me: Fuck yo.

I noticed I was sleeping on someone's lap I removed my head.

Me: Why did you take my thumb out of my mouth?

Langa: I still find it amusing.

Me: Dick.

Langa always does this to me and I would smile but I was just not in the mood for anyone We dropped Langa at his house.

Me: Can you also drop me home?

Sasha: I thought we were having a sleepover at Clara's house?

Me: Sasha please.

We drove silently they dropped me off, I looked at the fence I wanted to perform my gymnastics there but I thought otherwise I called Que He picked up.

Me: Can you open the gate and door for me please?

Que:Okay.

A minute later the gate opened I walked to the house Que was standing at the door. Que:Hey,are you okay?

Me:I don't wanna talk about it.

Quinton knows when to or not to be forward and right now he was being cool.

He went up to his room while I unlocked the back door,I took off the jacket I was wearing and the pants.I was left with only a costume I dived inside the pool I swam to the floor I closed my eyes then let loose I wanted to let go of everything for a while and be me,I remembered that soon it'll be my birthday. I always feel like this when my birthday is close It's a reminder of my mom and now I hate it even more. I felt someone pull me out that's when I realized that I sinking,I was close to dying.

Que:Are crazy? I coughed.

Me:Yes I am crazy,you just robbed me a chance of getting myself out of this misery

I said with coughs inbetween.

Me:You should've let me die.

Que:You are cold look at you.

Me:I'm fine just leave me alone and don't follow me please.

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I could hear my phone ring but my sleep is more precious to me, more especially because I had a blocked nose and my throat was sore. Whoever was calling was not giving up I took my phone and answered.

Me: I'll call you back I'm still sleeping.

I hung up the person called again.

Me: What the hell?

Caller: Bad timing?

It was ManD.

Me: You're asking an obvious question

.Him: No need to be rude geez.

I removed my phone's battery and threw it on the ground people should wake up early alone, no need to involve us all. I stood up and locked the door my eyes were swollen and red.

Me: Great Sinus just great.

I was planning on spending my day in bed just changing sides on which I sleep on. I managed to sleep quarter of the day but mom decided to bang the door.

Me: I'm not here.

Mom:Why is your voice hoarse?Are you okay? Me:I am mom please just give me some space. Dad:No one will get space in my house now open this damn door.

I rolled my eyes and made my way to the door. As soon as mom saw me her face had a concerned look.

Mom:Oh my God look at you.

Me:I'm okay mom.

Dad:With that voice and those eyes we are taking you to the doctor.

Me:I'll be fine I just have sinus.

Mom placed her hands on my forehead. Mom:You are burning up baby she has high fever.

Me:Quit it mom I aint seeing no doctor.

Dad:Yes you are.

Me:Can you guys give me a break please?

I shouted then made my way to my bed I don't want to get out of the house ,my parents should just understand that I heard the door close.I tried to sleep but I was hungry I wore my glasses then made my way to the kitchen. I made cereal Quinton walked in he looked as though he has been exercising.

Que:It's 30 degrees outside and you wearing a fluffy gown and those warm slippers. Me:Problem?

I sniffed.

Que:That water hit you hard you must consider drinking med-lemon and bathing you look horrible and with those glasses.

I took my bowl and went to sit in the living room. I turned on the heater then tuned in on channel 110 I love action,thriller and scary movies.I started having a weird feeling on my vagina I really needed to have sex I don't know why but I just felt the need to have sex I pressed my thighs against each other but nothing changed.

Me:Maybe a shower will help.

I took a shower as I was walking out I looked at my phone then put it together. At that moment I totally forgot how me having sex with a man might put me in danger. I took my phone and charged it I looked at myself in the mirror as I lotioned and admired my body.I changed my belly ring then got dressed, as cold as it was i had to look sexy. I wore a crop top that was bra like, a short and an ankle boot then a bomba jacket on top

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I fixed my make-up then dialled Mandlas number it was as though something is pushing me to him.He picked up.

Him:Sure.

Me:Uhm hi.

Him:Can I help you?

Me:Sorry about this morning I'm not a morning person.

Him:I reckoned.

Me:I truly am sorry Mandila.

He chuckled.

Him:That's a first

Me:So am I forgiven?

Him:Not entirely.

Me:Okay let me make it up to you.

Him:Mhm and how will you do that?

Me:Early lunch at a restaurant of your choice. Him:John Dory's.

Me:Cool send me your address .

Him:But girl you voice is so manly.

Me:Fuck you just send me you address.

I hung up.I puffed my perfume took my purse,car keys.I wore my glasses then walked out I'm sure my parents are in church .As soon as I got the address I drove there I called telling him I'm outside he was staying at some beautiful estates ,a bit far

from my house . He came looking cute as ever I could feel my body shiver I got out off the drivers seat.

Him:Damn girl are you seducing me?

Me:Is it working?

Him:Damn right it is.

We hugged.

Me:You'll drive I can't have traffics on my tail. Him:I'm cool.

I sat on the passengers seat.

Him:Why is it so hot in here?

Me:Is it too much?

Him:Yeah it is.

I looked at him then turned the heater off he kept looking at my thighs,we had our lunch then drove back to his place.

Me:Drive fast I gotta pee .

Him:You'll pee at my place we close aren't we? Oh I'm so close to riding this guy,whoever did voodoo on me is coldhearted I'm only 16 for Gods sake and look at me acting 18 but I'll get there. We got to his place I went to the bathroom to think, I needed to think. I flushed the toilet then took off the jacket.I found him in the living room

Me:Thank you sir.

He looked at me from head to toe,he stood up and came to me.

Him:May I?

Me:You may.

He pulled me closer to him and kissed me the kiss was a bit intense he unbuttoned my short and inserted his hand he played with my clit I moaned,he got it out the rubbed my small twins before I knew it he pulled up the top and before I knew it we were stripping each others clothes .

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When ManD layed me softly on top of the bed kissed my lips slowly with no rush,the way he pulled down my underwear and how he slowly went in,his flexibility and how he moved his waist ;made me feel somehow sex with him was way better than my last encounter. Ge was gentle and made sure I was satisfied though our session ended by us realizing what we've just done.I quickly got dressed and rushed out he didn't even follow me .I was fortunate when I found the house empty I bathed and wrapped a towel around my body as I looked at myself in the mirror I noticed I had a love bite I closed my eyes and bit my lower thinking about the moment.

Me:Snap out of it kid.

I said to myself,I prepared myself for super I wanted to cook I just felt like it I was humming all the way to the kitchen,The whole family walked in mom came to me.

Mom:You look better.

Me:I feel better.

Mom:That's great,tomorrow you and I are going to get your report Me:Oh uhm okay My good mood faded I don't how but I just felt sad Me:Mom can I ask you something? Mom:Mmhm go on.

Me:Have you ever heard of my fathers family,It's not because I want to go to them just that I'm curious.

Mom:No honey I haven't heard of them I only know your nana.

Me:Ow.

Mom:Are you alright??

Me:Yes mom uhm can you please dish up Mom:Okay.

I walked up the stairs,what have I done?what if ManD becomes obsessed as well?This is bad this is really bad Mom called us down for super I was buried in my thoughts when I felt a pinch.

Me:Hey cut it.

Que:Dad is talking to you.

Dad:Are you okay?

Me:Yes uhm just nervous about tomorrow. Que:Your birth-.

Mom shook her head indicating that he mustn't say the word birthday.

Mom:Nervous about what sweetheart?

I smiled

Me:The results

Dad:You'll be fine you know you'll pass cause you learnt hard for the car am I right?

We all laughed.

Mom:You spoil these kids too much.

Que:But mom we really need new cars I mean we are using your 2nd hands.

Me:Exactly brother.

Dad:Your marks will determine your future ladies.

Que:Dad.

Dad:I'm sorry son.

Mom:Oh Aunt Nancy and Julia are coming for christmas.

Que:Julia.

Jeez Quinton and I hate Julia she is exactly like Sarah no no erase that

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she is worse than Sarah I might be a diva but Julia believes she owns the world,I hate her she envies me we're even.

Me:And I'm going to bed goodnight family. Them:Goodnight.

We all went to our rooms next morning mom woke us up I checked my phone there was nothing from ManD ,although those were good news I was hurt .We got our reports then went home.

Que:You did it sister.

Me:No no you did it brother.

Que:No you did it sis.

Me:My subjects are easy.

Que:So are mine.

Mom:Can you guys quit it,we get it you passed well.

Me:Oh my I can't wait to get car3

My brother and I started dancing man were we jolly,dad got us TSIs mine was red Ques was blue and we both had the Learners sign it was so cool.I called Clara and Sasha to take Spank II for a spin,we drove to the mall we entered a Jewellery shop.

Me:Look at this choker.

Sasha:Do you know what they call it in Xhosa? Me:Do I even know Xhosa the only words I know that aren't english are Yebo and Sawubona.

Sasha:You know sometimes I forget you're mexican.

Me:My father was African.

Sasha:It's call umkrinya izifebe.(Bitch strangler)

Me:No ways.

Clara:Guys so what are we going to buy?

"I think this belly ring would suit you Pearl" Me:ManD.

Clara:Uhm Sasha let's go before we hear details.

They moved away from me and Mandla.

Me:Are you stalking me?

ManD:I need to talk to you.

Me:After 3 days?

ManD:It took me courage to stand here now please can we talk.

Me:Uhm sure,guys I'll text you about my whereabouts.

Sasha:Okay

We went to the parking lot,We were leaning against his car.

Me:Sorry I ran off the other day.

Him:I shouldn't have let you run off like that.

Me:Mhmm.

Him:Uhm look Pearl I'm falling for you.

Him:Can you be my girlfriend?I love you.

I swallowed hard there goes the curse.

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I gave him a sharp look, ManD looks old; like someone who's into woman not just a basic girl like me. He had a pleading look, I couldn't possibly say no especially because of how my heart felt about him not because of other things and I was hoping his love for me was true.

Me: is it because you feel guilty about what we did?

He had a shocked look.

ManD: No that's insane, I loved you from the first day I saw you and right now I won't sweet talk you or use pick up lines but please please be my girlfriend I really love you and it's from the bottom of my heart.

Me: You do?

ManD: Yes I do.

Me: I also feel some tupa way though I can't understand whether it's love or not but I can give you a chance.

ManD: Are you serious Oh my God thank you so much Spank.

He pulled me in for a hug then kissed me I pulled back.

Me: We in a public area.

ManD: So?

Me: Nothing.

I kissed his lips again.

Me:I have to go back to my girls now I.

ManD:I'll call you.

We parted ways Sasha and Clara were in an Underwear shop.

Me:I'm back.

Clara:Girl your face is all pinkish and you can't stop smiling.

Me:I'm a happy girl.

Sasha:We are going to have lunch over that smile girl .

They paid I bought myself a few things then we went to spur.

Me:Okay the guy who stole me from you is my boyfriend.

Clara:You sly thing you,since when.

Me:Uhm today.

Sasha:He's fine damn.

Me:I know right.

I took a sip on my drink.

Clara:Bitch you are inlove.

Me:You think?

Clara:Duuh.

Me:It feels good.

We ate then I dropped them by their homes I was in a good mood which was ruined by Julia. Me:You are here earlier than I thought. Julia:Hello to you too.

I shook my heard.

Me:Just make sure you don't step on my feet you check?.

Julia:You know it's my hobbie.

I smiled at her then left.

Ke:Quinton!!!

Que:I'm in my room.

I placed my bags in my room then joined Que in his.

Me:You skinny ass why aren't you dressed? Que:It's nothing you haven't seen.

Me:I hate Julia.

Que:Sarah is back.

Me:Whaaat!!

Que:You are ruining my eardrums geez. Me:They are going to team up against me again.

Que:We'll team up against them then.

Me:Now that's my brother,touch my blood.

We fist bumped.

Que:Wanna go for a swim?

Me:Now?

Que:Yes.

Me:Let me go change.

Que and I do things together we enjoy each others company
After our swimming session aunt nancy called us she wanted to
say hi and congratulate us.

Julia:Mom got me an Audi.

Que:So?

Julia:I was just saying.

Me:We are in high school

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you're in tertiary. AuntNancy:Owkay Braces can you go charge
my phone.

I looked at her.

AuntNancy:I'm talking to you Pearl dear.

I chuckled and took her phone,Aunt Nancy and her daughter always do something to remind me that I'm adopted,I just went to my room I wanted to get some air and ManD called just in time.

Me:Hey.

Him:I miss you.

Me:Do something about it then

Him:Can you spend the night with me?

Me:Yes but I'll have to sneak out.

Him:Call me when you can do that okay? L

Me:I sure will.

Him:I love you

Me:Mhmm.

He laughed then hung up. We had dinner I stayed up trying to make sure that everyone is asleep ,then I called my boyfriend he came after his own sweet time. Jgot dressed then walked out barefoot when I was outside the gate I smiled.I've always been good at this I went inside the car.

Me:Hi. ManD:Can you give me your lips?

He pecked my lips then drove to his place. ManD:So what time do you need to be home? Me:5 I think.

ManD:Mhm okay that's enough time to rectify last sundays situation.

Me:Is that why you called me?

ManD:Ah-hah.

We got to his place and the lights were dim,we went in he had a nice picnic on the floor Me:This is so nice.

ManD:Yes Uhm let me formally introduce myself but let's sit down. We sat on the pillows.

ManD:My name is Mandla Dlamini from Butterworth in the Eastern Cape,and I'm 25 can I know this lady of mine.

He was dishing up I was pretty impressed with the food there was no meat.

Me:I'm Pearl Harper 16 years of age and from Durban Kwazulu Natal.

He scratched his head.

ManD:I'm not that old right?

Me:No just 9 years older.

He chuckled,I hoped it stays like this forever no surprises but something told me there was more to Mandla than what I know but I had a good evening.

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Next morning ManD took me home I managed to get to my room without anyone seeing me, but I noticed that something was missing ;my pills.Okay,wants to see me lose my cool I searched everywhere, I even turned my room upside down I sat on my bed rocking myself back and forth.

I wore a dress and went downstairs and drank water I smashed the glass against the wall and screamed mom rushed down the stairs.

Mom:Are you okay sweety?

Me:Someone was in my room.

Mom:Who?

Sarah came down.

Me:I don't know mom.

Sarah:Maybe if you were home you'd know.

Me:Sarah it was you,mom she stole my treatment.

Mom:Sarah did you do that?

Sarah:My brain functions well why would I steal her Bipolar pills?

Me:Mom that treatment won't come till February how will I even survive this month

Mom:Just keep calm my love.

I was so disgusted I got closer to Sarah but mom held me back,I laughed.

Me:I'm going to clean my room Mom let me go.

Sarah has gone too far this time but I'm sure she's expecting me to strike back but I'll do it when she least expects it I cleaned

up my bedroom.I took out my bag and placed it on my bed.

Me:Hello kids

I had different types of knives and blades I touched each one of them I bought them a long time ago I think it's time they become useful.

I was disturbed by mom calling us for breakfast we all gathered around the table for breakfast people were conversing while I was thinking of my revenge but firstly I had to pay grandmother a visit she has a lot of

explaining to do .I will make sure she talks.

After breakfast I took a long shower and got dressed in Jeans and a bomba jacket they are my obsessions I wore gloves and took my knives with me incase things become too much.

I was met by Sarah and Julia.

Julia:Shouldn't you be staying indoors?

Sarah:After all you might lose your mind and go crazy in public.

Julia:But that would be a good thing right it would benefit us cause she'd probably trend.

Me:I think the both of you need the pills more than I,now move.

I shoved them out of the way I called a cab it took me to Nanas place she was in the living room drinking tea.

Me:Nana.

I sat opposite her.

Nana:Ow hi what a pleasant surprise.

I looked at her this woman is so fake.

Me:Have you located Toronto so I can get rid of it?

Nana:I thought you were the one who was gonna look for him?

Me:Isn't he your son?

Nana:He is.

Me:So?I'm sure he contacts you after all he killed my mother I'm sure you had a hand in it.

Nana:Don't talk to me like that Pearl.

Me:Nana you are a hypocrite

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why would you want me to have sex with Toronto?What brought you guys to South Africa?

Nana:What is your point?

Me:Nana you and your daughter cursed me don't act as an angel.

I stood up and went over to her.

Me:You made me,I'm like this because of you and I will kill you Grandmother I will make sure you die a slow and very very painful death.

I took out a knife and stood behind her with it pressed hard against the neck.

Me:Nana the only person I care about on this earth is myself,and watch your back cause I'll strike when you starring at the future be careful now tell me where my fathers family is?

Nana:I I don't know but I'll look for them.

Me:Good call me.

I placed my knife back in my pocket I looked at her as she was gasping for air she had her hand against her chest. I called

another cab as I walked outside then went home .I was so furious I kept wondering what this

woman has in her mind,I went straight to my room and cleaned the knife then hid it I opened my laptop and researched about the Predro family that being my mothers family. I found nothing at all did these people even

exist not even a trace of them on the internet a week passed ,I heard Nana was admitted at a hospital I wasn't even interested I was trying to keep myself sane and I did that by sleeping all day which I found weird and this love for soup from KFC grew so this day I took my car and drove to KFC I bought a Milkshake and soup I almost vomitted my heart out when I saw ManD leaning against my car.

Me:Hi

ManD:Are you ignoring me?

Me:No why would you say that?

ManD:We haven't seen each other for 2 weeks?.

Me:Mhm

ManD:Mhm is that all you going to say?

Me:What do you want me do?

ManD:Spend the night with me.

Me:You're tripping it's christmas tomorrow.

ManD:Let's see how trippin I can get.

He snatched my car keys and forced me inside MY car,he drove off in maximum speed.

Me:If you scratch my car I'll kill you.

ManD:I'd like to see you try.

I looked at him he was angry ,very angry.

ManD:I'm going to make sure you don't think of leaving me

I swallowed hard and pretended as though I didn't hear that.

Okay I guess I've found my match.

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Me:You can't force me to spend the night with you if I don't want to.

He looked ahead I took out my soup and started eating while singing.

ManD:Stop that.

Me:Eating or singing ?

ManD:Both.

Me:You wish.

ManD:Thank God I'm home.

Okay so now I'm invisible?

ManD:Go upstairs I don't want to drag you.

Me:No need to be rude geez.

I got out and went upstairs to his apartment I waited for him he unlocked the door I went inside and sat down.

I could feel him looking at me but my attention was on the milkshake.

Me:Why are you standing there?

ManD:Cause I want to.

Me:It's irritating.

ManD:You can't get irritated by things I do it's my house.

Me:Nywe nywe nywe nyee nyim nyim nyim arh

I was about to roll my eyes when someone pulled my hair and that someone happens to be my boyfriend.

Me:Stop it man are you insane?

He let go and I looked at him.

Me:Try doing that again I swear yo-

ManD:Are you threatning me?

Me:I was about to warn you sweetheart I got 99 problems and being sane aint one.

He gave me a smile before sitting on top of me he took my Milkshake and placed it on the Coffee table

ManD:I wouldn't warn me if I were you,but I'd warn myself if I was you.

He then kissed me unexpectadly,I was still trying to figure out what he said. I pushed him he fell down I stood up as I was about to run he held my leg making me fall I turned around and kicked his face instead he pulled me and got on top of me both our breaths were heavy.

ManD:That was impressive.

Me:I'm a black belt.

His lower lip was bleeding he kissed my neck I closed my eyes he nibbled with my ear then kissed my jawline then my lips I couldn't say no tasting his blood made me want him and the song that was playing on the background was driving me insane.

"I've been travelling on this road too

long(too long)

just tryna find my way back home.

the old me is dead and

gone dead and gone"

We stripped each others clothes off the cold floor was doing things to me,ManD entered without a warning it was pleasurable yet painful but it was more painful cause the round took long.

Besides the pain on my vagina my back was also painful from lying down,so Mandla decided to tire me our and rested on top of me

Me:Move I need to bath.

ManD:Not so fast sweetheart.

His lips were resting on my neck he bit it.

Me:You're such an asshole.

ManD:Your asshole

Me:Get off from me or I'll kick your gonnuts.

ManD:Do you think you Rambo or something?

Me:I think I'm something.

He clicked his tongue then got off I went to the bathroom big dick rough sex equals to bad walking skills. I opened the shower and bathed he used the tub I finished first then used his lotion.

Me:Why you never use a condom?

ManD:I trust you and myself.

Me:What about your pull out game?

ManD:Pull ou-Why am I entertaining this conversation?

I closed the lotion and threw it at him.

ManD:Pearl do you want me to hit you?

Me:Can you please answer my question without being rude?

I wore his boxer shorts.

ManD:Do you want to fight with me Pearl?

Me:Maybe I do.

He threw a vest at me.

ManD:Let's have a one on one now.

Me:With pleasure.

He got closer and threw a punch I ducked and threw one straight in his face he threw another one straight in my eye.

Me:You fucking idiot do you want me to go blind?

ManD:I'm sorry are you okay?let's get you ice

He held my waist and walked me to the kitchen he helped me sit on the kitchen counter he took out an ice bag and placed it on my eye I was already in tears.

ManD:I'm sorry.

Me:Atleast your nose and lip are busted.

ManD:You can punch keep up the good work.

Me:Well thank you.

He pulled me for a hug.

ManD:I love you.

Me:I love you too

ManD:You mean it?

Me:Why would I say something I don't mean?

ManD:There goes your mood,go get dressed I'm taking you home.

Me:Thank you sweet mood.

ManD:You know I can change my mind?

Me:Then I'll get a perfect chance to chain you up or even kill you.

He shook his head the left me there I threw the ice in the sink my eye was sore I took out a yoghurt and ate while I got dressed.

ManD:Let's go.

Me:You really going to take me home in my own carm

ManD:In case you haven't noticed sweetheart I'm so over protective of you?

It was already past my curfew the elders were sitting on the pool area.Quinton wasn't home it was only Sarah and Julia in the living room. I

walked pass them and went to my room ManD called.

Me:Can I help you?

ManD:Take care of yourself I've made an appointment for us to go see the doctor

Me:For?

ManD:Weren't you the one asking why I never used condoms?

Me:Oh I guess you shoot blanks and you're negative.

ManD:We'll find out on the day after tomorrow sweetness.

Me:Don't call me sweetness.

ManD:Already did.

Me:Oh Lord where the hell did you come from?

ManD:A pussy just like you did.

I hu ng up ManD is so irritating God.

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I rested in my bed and thought of a killer plan but first I had to take care of my relationship and the curse of which I had forgotten about, but ManD doesn't look obsessed to me or maybe I love this side of him,I really love

a challenge and Mandla challenges me. I took out my phone I dialled my mothers mother.

Nana:Hello.

Me:I'm sure you out of the hospital now.

Nana:I still need time to recover.

Me:I'll give you time to recover after you've given me what I want and that's the whereabouts of your son-in-laws family ,you know what's the worst I could do after all you brought this upon me.

I ended the call and went downstairs I was farmished. I made bread with fish paste and Carrot juice Quinton walked in.

Que:Spank is that you?

Me:Why would you ask such a ridiculous question?

Que:You are eating fish paste?you hate fish paste.

Me:Since when?

Que:Since forever.

Me:I guess it's change of seasons.

He scanned me.

Que:Is that a red or blue eye.

Me:It's gotta be red cause it's new.

Que:Who did you like this?

Me:Someone important.

Que:Your boyfriend.

I shrugged.

Que:I'm not going to involve myself but he doesn't deserve you.

I smiled, his sister walked in

Que:I'm going to bath

Sarah:Can't stand the crazy Bee over there?

Me:Are you referring to me?

Sarah:Yes your the only person that's crazy in this room.

Que:Sarah stop.

Me:Quinton let her talk.

Sarah:Yeah let me talk I need to clear my chest.

She moved closer to me.

Sarah: You should go back to where you came from you are nothing but pain I don't why mom and dad brought you to this house but I'll make sure you leave soon I'm tired of tolerating you

I don't know what got to me but I saw myself strangling her I pressed her hard against the fridge.

Quinton tried to stop me but I was just too powerful I pushed him by now .I should've probably be declared master of strangling.

Sarah: Sor..Soo.sorry.

I looked at her.

Me: I have no reason to spare you.

Sarah: Please.

I let go of her she held her self down while holding her neck she was crying.

Mom and dad came running followed by aunt Nancy and Julia.

Mom: What happened?

Dad: Give her a glass of water.

Me: You did this to yourself Sarah you...

I then ran to my room and locked myself inside I paced up and down what if mom and dad disown me? I couldn't hold back

the tears anymore .I just broke down I sat on the cold floor till a knock came through.

“Pearl it’s me open up”

It was my father,I wanted to open but something said I shouldn’t I ended up opening the door

Dad walked in and sat on my bed.

Dad:What happened?

Me:I got out of control I’m sorry she pushed me too far I didn’t mean it .

Dad:Please don’t sit down.

Dad:Sit down.

Me:Huh?

He tapped next to him

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I sat down and sucked my thumb.

Dad:What made you strangle your sister?you are not crazy and you wouldn’t do something like that without reason.

Me:I know that her a Julia stole my medication and she kept saying I’m crazy I couldn’t handle it anymore dad I’ve had it.

Dad:Ssh don’t cry it’s okay.

Me:Can I stay at my apartment dad?So that I can give her space.

Dad:No all of you are going to stay here under one roof and when were your pills stolen?

Me:It's been a week

Dad:A week?do you know that your body can refuse the treatment after a long time?

Me:I didn't know.

Dad:Tomorrow I'll book a plane ticket and go get it for you for now just keep calm and do what you enjoydon't listen to anything anyone says about you,you are my daughter it's either they accept that or leave my house.

Me:But dad.

Dad:You're my Pearl you precious to me now let's go have super downstairs.

Me:Is Sarah okay though?

Dad:She'll be fine what happened to your eye?

Me:Just a misunderstanding that went out of hand.

Dad:Misunderstanding?

Me:Let's just go eat before you start asking for details

We all gathered around the table Sarah also came

Julia:You're okay.

Sarah nodded.

Me:Sarah where are my pills?

She looked at Julia.

Me:Julia where are my pills?

Julia:I I'll look for them.

Dad:So you really took them?

Mom:This is unbelievable.

Everyone went quiet and we continued eating, dad didn't go anymore because Julia brought back my pills.

Christmas was wonderful,I was busy with the goodies while everyone was eating meat It looked good but I was cool Mandla showed up on the 26th as promised.

Me:You really came.

ManD:Yes you whine a lot.

Me:I do ???

ManD:You didn't know?

Me:Just drive I have no time for your lady stunts.

He raised his hand to clap but held himself I decided to keep shut before I get a beating.

We finally got to the doctor who was starring us probably wondering why we look like we were in WWE Raw or something,She took our blood and told me to pee.

Me:I don't get why I'm the only who gets to pee.

ManD:I'm so close to slapping you.

He whispered,the doc sat down.

Her:Should I reveal both your statuses at once

Us:Yes

Her:Okay you are HiV negative and have no other sexually transmitted diseases but there is something

Me:Something???

Her:Yes you are 4 weeks pregnant.

US:WHAT!!!!

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We were both pacing up and down I can't be pregnant how will I take care of my baby?I have matric to complete,I can't be pregnant.

Me:I will abort.

ManD:Oh no sweetheart you ain't killing my baby.

Me:You're being selfish Mandila,you done schooling and doing God knows what and I have to sacrifice my matric because you couldn't pull out on time.

ManD:You are insulting me.

Me:Am I am I really?What do you do with your life huh?I've never heard you saying you are going to work yet you own an audi and an ix 35,tell me what's your occupation?

ManD:Are we really going to talk about what I do with my life huh?My Life Pearl get that?Mine?

Me:Oh it's my life too and I aint caring no damn child for nine months ,now take me home.

ManD:You aint gone kill my child Kamalei you get me?

I looked at him with tears.

Me:Never call me b that name again.

He pushed me against the wall and grabbed my thigh it was painful I won't lie

ManD:You are not going to kill my child if you dare do an abortion I swear you'll meet your ancestors don't test my patience.

Me:You're hurting me.

ManD:Did I make myself clear?

His grip was getting tighter.

Me:Yes you did please let me go.

He let go of me.

ManD:Ow and don't even think of crossing me I got eyes on you baby girl,now get your ass in the car.

I love Mandla so much but I am not gonna keep this child imagine what the Harpers would say.

He dropped me off at home I went straight to my room and stayed in my bed crying I wasn't ready to be a mom Quinton got in he placed my head on his lap.

Que:Talk to me.

Me:My life is ruined Quinton,mommy and daddy will never forgive me for this.

Que:Can you calm down and tell me what's bothering you?

He said in a low tone

I sat upright and wiped my tears.

Me: promise not to tell.

Que:I promise.

Me:Picky swear.

We locked our pickies.

Me:I'm one month pregnant.

His facial expression showed shock.

Que:Pregnant?

Me:Yes it was a mistake I swear to God.

He pulled me in for a hug.

Que:Dad will surely be disappointed on you Spank as for mom she forgives easily.

Me:I don't want them to know.

Que :But they will find out sooner or later.

Me:They won't.

Que:Are you planning on hiding your pregnancy?

Me:I'm going to do an abortion.

Que:What? !

I covered his mouth.

Me:Ssh don't shout.

He removed my hand.

Que :You want to kill a child?

Me:It's not a child yet.

Que:I didn't even know you had a boyfriend.

Me:Don't make me feel guilty than I already am please.

Que: I don't know how you will solve this but just know I don't support your decision.

He stood up and left, great now I have to do this on my own. I looked for hospitals where I could do an abortion and in private hospitals they needed your parents signature so I had no choice but to go to a public hospital and I'll go after the 1st as I was busy I got a call from bae I took off my glasses.

Me:ManD.

ManD:Hey how are you?

Me:I'm good yourself?

ManD:I'm wonderful I was just checking up on you and my baby the one you are carrying.

Me:Uhm we're fine.

ManD:Mhm I see bye then.

Clara and I were going to a Club in Mhlanga on New years eve so I needed to fix my brows and get new make-up ,you need to fix yourself especially when the bouncers have a problem with age. My cravings were still very

much the same and ManD made sure he brings my Soup when I need it ,and I was still going ahead with the abortion.

So finally the day for partying came I was going with a nude make up and I got my hair braided it took patience, time and money since I have silky hair.I went with a nude short jumpsuit and black heels, mom and dad were out on a date Julia and her mom were busy with whatever and Sarah left after

christmas.

I sprayed perfume and took my expensive sunglasses my eyes give me shit when they come in contact with heavy lights so I had to cover them.I picked up the ladies.

Clara:And we call her Spank why?

Me:Cause she always slay.

Sasha:We are so getting free drinks tonight.

Me:We have to I mean it's only my 2nd time going to a club.

Clara:Ncooh my friend you look adorable.

Me:Arh shut up and you two need to start planning what we going to do on your 18th.

Sasha:You remind me of these two hot twins.

Me:Twins from where? Sasha:I'm not sure but they are super rich and hosts the best parties you guys are coming with me this year.

Me:How old are they?

Sasha:They're kids.

Me:How old are they Sasha?

Sasha:17. Clara and I burst in laughter Sasha always crushes on kids.

We reached the club and it wasn't that packed it is expensive after all we ordered cocktails and started drinking. Sasha got her big butt on deck and started twerking Clara joined her. I looked around and people were cheering I shrugged and joined them,we were drunk already though. I had to be a lil sober since I was going to drive well our festival was disturbed by someone pulling me I couldn't see clearly till I was outside I took off the sunglasses.

Me: Mandy Mandy how did- ManD: You'll pay for this.

He slapped me I swear I could hear voices from all over the world God was I in shit,how did Mandla find me?

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Me:Please don't beat me up.

I couldn't even look at him he pulled me to his car he pushed me in then drove to his apartment he was dead quiet.

Me:My car.

ManD:It'll be taken care of.

He parked in the garage then he got out.

ManD:Do you want me to pull you out of the car or what?

Me:Sorry.

I was really freakin out,yhis guy is mad I tell you his face was red his anger was visible.

ManD:Take off your clothes.

Me:Huh?

ManD:You heard me.

I took off the jumpsuit,scared to my tits

ManD:I want you naked.

Me:Why?

ManD:Just do it damnit.

I took off the bra then my thong I was about to take off the shoes.

ManD:No no you are going to wear your heels sweetheart now face the wall.

I heard him take off his belt then a zipper sound he turned the radio on all I could here was rap music.

ManD:Touch your toes.

Me:Pardon?

ManD:I said fuckin touch your toes.

I heard him well but I thought he'd say he's joking or something but instead he thrust himself from behind I flinched in pain I almost hit my head but he held me back.

ManD:You wanna hoe I'll treat you like a hoe.

I just closed my eyes cause I knew this was going to be long Mandlas sex drive is on some other ,tears flowed freely at that moment I wanted no sex .

I hated sex I screamed till I became tired."Aaah" I exhaled that means he

has climaxed he pulled me up with my hair which was so painful since it just got braided.

ManD:So what were you and your friends doing?

He dranked water from the bottle.

ManD:You twerk with my kid now?

I continued crying I had my hands on my breasts,I felt like a rape victim he threw the water and me.

ManD:You can't talk now!!!

Me:We we.

He came closer to me.

ManD:Twerking?am I right.

I nodded

ManD:Say it with your mouth.

Me:Yes you're right.

I sniffed.

ManD:Take off your heels.

I did as told he sat on the couch.

Me:Can I get dressed?

ManD:No we not done yet,get your ass on this coffee table.

Me:On top of it?

My voice was breaking well broken.

ManD:I'm gonna press this remote and you are going to do exactly what you and your friends were doing the same way you did it.

Me:With no clothes on?

ManD:Yes Pearl.

He pressed the remote I started twerking facing him he was so close to me I felt disgusted by him but scared at the same time.

I felt something hit me,I screamed and touched my butt I realised he hit me with a belt. I guess I was being scoldedMandla pulled me down and lowered the volume

ManD:You are going to face the other direction and don't you dare stop when I hit you got that?

Me:You are not my father

got that?

I was pissed

ManD:Are you back chatting me?

Me:Yes I am I hope you child dies from this.

ManD:Get on the table

He took out a gun from under the couch and pointed it at me.

ManD:Still got something to say?

Me:No.

He indicated with his eyes that I must get on the coffee table again I got on top he played Brick and Lace-Love is weaked,which was true. He hit me till I couldn't take it anymore

I knelt down

Me:Kill me now,ahoot me on the head and make things easier.

ManD:I don't want to kill you I just want you to respect yourself and me.

Me:It's not like I was making out with a guy I was having fun.

ManD:You are pregnant for Christs sake.

He said helping me up ,he gave me his sweatpants and T-shirt walking was a challenge so was sleeping and sitting I should probably get him arrested but I love him too much.

I cried till I fell asleep which took decades I even had a throbbing headache, in the morning I was woken up by the beloved.

I opened my eyes and the events of yesterday came back I couldn't stop my tears

Me:I want to go home.

ManD:I'm sorry about yesterday Pearl I got too angry I couldn't contain myself.

I stood up slowly and held on to the dressing table my butt wasn't the only thing that was hurting so was my vagina.

He handed me my car keys.

Me:How did you?

ManD:Your phone is inside the dashboard,you can go home whenever you want.

Me:I can't even seat down how will I drive myself home?

He gave me a blank look

I looked at him then dragged myself to the kitchen there was no cereal so ,I settled for hot chocolate and bread with cheese
Mandla came in.

ManD:I have to go.

Me:I'm also going home and Mandla I can't do this anymore.

ManD:Can't do what?

Me:Us I don't want to be in this relationship anymore I'll carry your child full term then give it to you but me and you are not longer an item

He smirked.

ManD:You crazy.

Me:So are you,I'm going home.

I walked slowly to my car the minute I sat down I cried silently I decided jto play music so I could shift my attention to something.I was surprised as to why Mand didn't follow me or even get pissed I guess his bug was on the low which was really shocking.

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It's already been a week since my butt got busted but I was doing pretty good and very much glad. I wasn't being bothered by Mand which worried me a bit; like shouldn't he be begging me or something? I had fallen in love with the life that was growing inside of me but I wasn't gonna bring it on earth. I was drinking my medication the way I should and it

was doing me good. Julia and Aunt Nancy left so it was just us mom and dad called us all

downstairs they were being lovey dovey as always. Quinton and I sat on the two seat couch Sarah sat on the single couch

Mom: Uhm your dad and I have bad news?

Que: Should we be worried?

Dad: No they not that bad.

Sarah: Okay.

Mom: Your father and I are going to visit my family in Australia and we'll stay for a month.

Que: Those aren't bad news.

Me: To some of us they are, so when is your departure?

Mom: Tomorrow morning.

Me: And you guys are only telling us now?

Dad: Pearl honey we'll be back soon.

I looked at them as they tried explaining themselves, it didn't make me understand them any better. Their day of departure came and I was going to the hospital to get the abortion pill later, we hugged and watched them leave. I wore my glasses my eyes were just too

much I was going to use a cab I got to the hospital they asked dozens of questions as I was about to walk to where the cabs were a car stopped directly in front of me.

Me: What the hell?

One guy opened the door from the back and pulled me inside the car people watched but did nothing so much humanity.

Me: Please don't kill me, I beg you please.

The guy who pulled me inside tied my legs and hands then covered my mouth he took off my glasses and blindfolded me, I've never been this scared in my life I am not a person that prays but I asked God to help me I promised I won't kill the baby, the car stopped after a long drive. One of them put me in their shoulder after some time they threw me in a bed then opened my eyes, they removed the tape from my mouth the blind

fold and the rope Me: Please don't kill me

They kept quiet and went out. I stood up and went to the door I tried opening it but it was locked what was weird was the fact that the room I was in looked cool it had a fridge,tv,air conditioner a stove,cupboard,a bathroom and a bed it was pretty but there weren't any windows so there was no chance of escaping, when I saw a sink I knew I had to take my pill

but I promised God I won't kill the child I searched for it but couldn't find it it's either it fell or these guys found it and took it away but why?

I looked in the fridge weirdly there was every food I like mainly fish paste

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Mushroom sauce,Green salad,Calamari,And soup from KFC okay now this has Mand written all over it, but I have no proof it's him who needs proof he's the same man who promised me that I won't do an abortion and he knew I wouldn't be stupid enough to drink the pill while

kidnapped cause I'd need a hospital after 3 hours of drinking it ate the food and slept,It was only the tv that made me see what time it

was. It's already been 3 days since I've been locked here schools were opening soon, I can't miss itI've been crying

myself to sleep almost daily I stood up on the 4th day and bathed then wrapped a towel around my body.

Me:I'm tired of being locked up in here!!!

I removed the tv from the wall and hit it against the door,I was so furious I could kill someone. I started scratching my head with tears gushing down my cheeks

“Calm down sweetheart,destroying the things in your room won't help you”

A voice said from somewhere in the room it was loud and creepy.

Me:Why don't you face me then kill me?Face me for fucks sake!!Stop being a coward.

I said destroying all the plates I broke them then stood on top of them with my barefoot I felt pain but didn't mind.

I had a struggle on the door someone was trying to open the door but the tv was there they pushed till it opened.

I finally got to see the man who's been holding me hostage.

Me:You.

He gave me a smile.

Me:I knew it was you how dare you?

ManD:And I think I told you to not kill my baby and you go to a hospital to get an abortion pill how dare you?

Me:This is my life and you have no say,you're not my father.

ManD:You are carrying my sperm.

Me:You are shit.

ManD:And that break up stunt you pulled it's not going to happen you'll be mine till you die or I die.

Me:I hate you.

ManD:And go wash that blood on your feet I'm taking you to work tonight, I'll ask someone to bring clothes for you.

Me:I'm not going anywhere.

ManD:If you not going anywhere you'll never go anywhere by that I mean you'll stay here till you give birth then I might kill you.

I kept quiet.

ManD:It's 18:00 you have plenty of time 5 full hours then clean yourselfhe came closer to me,pulled me closer to him with my waist he lowered his head a bit then kissed my neck I closed my eyes.

ManD:Make sure you eat before we go to work.

He went out,I sat on the bed where the fuck did I get this man?

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I spent the hours given to me sitting on the bed. I was having my own wicked thoughts some time later someone opened and threw the duffle bag inside then closed the door something told me to just sit there and not .

do as I was told but the door opened again Mand walked in.

ManD:Why aren't you getting dressed?

Me:Why aren't I getting dressed?

ManD:Pearl please don't piss me off.

Me:Don't piss you off.

He came closer and pulled me I had no energy to fight him at all I was just drained;it was though I was given something that made me feel numb.ManD took me to the bathroom he bathed me,lotioned me then dressed me.I was really feeling like a zombie but whatever was happening to me started wearing off I found myself on top of Mandla I did him like how I

did Langa. Strangling the life out of him.

Me:What the fuck do you want from me you crazy man?you are a sick bastard!!You don't deserve to be alive.

He managed to flip me over and get on top of me I was fighting him I gave him a few scratches on the neck.

ManD:Calm down sweetheart.

Me:I'm tired of you telling me what to do.

ManD:I just want you to listen for a few minutes just listen to me.

Me:You don't deserve my attention I should kill you now.

He looked at him.

ManD:Just calm down.

After a while I was a bit calm.

Me:Let go of me.

ManD:Don't try anything funny.

Me:I won't.

ManD:You promise?

Me:Yeah now move.

ManD:Good we'll talk in the car my boss will kill me if I'm late.

He helped then held my hand as we walked out this building was just creepy it looked as though prostitutes lived or live there. Anyways how the fuck did ManD calm me down?I swear he has a spell of some sort on me.

We walked underground there were black sports cars there all of them had no registrations one guy came to ManD.

ManD:Everything is packed in here?

Guy:Yes dawg.

ManD:Sure.

He opened the boot there were some staff that looked shady and big guns .

I could hear myself swallow my saliva he took off the leather jacket. I was wearing then slipped on a bullet proof vest he put back the jacket then zipped it.

Me:What is all this for?

ManD:For safety now come close and give me a kiss.

I leaned forward then stood on my toes as he grabbed my ass so tightly and his fingers were just under my vagina I held his neck pulling him closer to me he pulled out and looked at me

ManD:I love you.

Me:I love you too.

ManD:Let's get going.

We got inside the car he locked all doors and drove in full he noticed I was freaking out because of the speed they were driving in.

ManD:You know Pearl you are the only woman who controls me like this.

Me:Pardon.

ManD:I don't want to lose you and I don't see myself losing you,you are the only person that matters in my life right now.

He parked in front of an atm with other cars and a truck only,he took a gun cocked it then gave it to me.

ManD:If you see a police man aim for his dick.

Me:Huh?

He winked I heard him open the boot he pushed something to the atm he left it there two guys were busy with something the I heard a baam sound,a truck got closer and pulled something that looked like a black box,people got in their cars and drove away ManD did so too I was shocked yet fascinated by what I was watching I just witnessed people rob a bank.

Me:Wow.

ManDs concentration was on reaching the maximum of the speed after some time we parked underground but the place was different this time ,all of them got out together some cars weren't with ManD. They placed the

money bags on top of a big table one guy came and took all the money inside he came with small bags and gave each and every one of them ManD came back with a huge smile.

ManD:I'm rich cause God said I'm rich.

Me:Was that your boss?

ManD:Which one?

Me:The one you gave the money to.

ManD:Nah he's just the bosses frontman we've never seen the boss.

Me:You work for someone you've never seen.

ManD:Yes it's loyalty

Crane helped most of us.

Me:He's got to be rich.

ManD:Very,so you didn't freak out after what you saw?

I shrugged

ManD:Wow I guess I chose the best girl.

Me:So you are gangster?

ManD:No I'm a \$aint

Me:That's the name of your crew?

ManD:Yes.

Me:Mhshm.

So that's how ManD got hold of me he's a fuckin gangster What have I gotten myself to? This time we went to the penthouse he gave me a new phone. Me: Who's phone is this?

ManD :It's yours. He kissed my cheek. ManD: Goodnight

I opened the phone, it had all my pictures and my whatsapp contacts I logged on to Facebook I had so many notification and a wallpost from Clara*Enjoy your baecation*, Same thing was happening on whatsapp what I found weird was my. Facebook profile picture it was Mandla and I

in a cruise ship we were looking at each other smiling then below the picture it was written "Seychelles", how did he even do this? So he destroyed my phone, kidnapped me, bought me a phone and pretended as

though we on vacation so that he doesn't become suspect and I don't get to be declared "missing", but ManD is smart. I went to the kitchen and made myself a fruit salad I took a butcher knife and tiptoed to the

bedroom. I looked at ManD as he was sleeping this man is succeeding in making me a monster and this monster will be the one to kill him if not today some other time then but his day will come just that today my clit

is vibrating and my love for him is on flames but one day is one day or maybe one day is today.

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My thoughts were disturbed by another great idea I had it was insane but I had to avenge, ManD has been shitting on my head for too long for what? He hasn't even done shit for me except for buying me an expensive

phone. I looked for an old CD and a light, I covered my mouth and nose then placed the CD in a sauce. I took it to the bedroom then lit it. I looked for a rope and found it after some time later. I rested for a few minutes then

went back to him, I dropped a lamp just to make sure my CD stunt worked and indeed it worked he didn't even lift a finger

Me: What's your name? Spank.. What you do? smash ass.

I tied his hands and knees so tight that he'd get marks especially because he is light skinned I looked for something I found the Clutch bag I had in the club and it had a lipstick I wrote "Spank" on his chest ; then rested on his one arm. I couldn't sleep so instead I sat up straight and looked at him while hugging my legs with a huge smile.

Me: He's not waking up, I'll go make myself some food.

I dished up some food for myself when I came back he moved . I was happy he's going to wake up soon. I knelt on top of the bed

and ate while impatiently waiting for him after some time he opened his eyes all confused.

Me:Finally you are awake.

I placed the food on the headboard.

ManD:What the fuck is happening?

Me:I'm playing tie boyfriend up.

I had the largest smile on earth.

ManD:What?You are full of shit.

I became sad.

Me:You don't wanna play with me,I guess I should engrave my name on your chest with a knife.

I made my way to the kitchen and came back with a knife.

Me:I think I should use italics

I said sitting on his tummy I scratched him with the knife.

ManD:Stop!!!Stop!!

Me:Isn't you don't wanna play.

ManD:Fine we'll play what do you wanna do?

Me:You sure you wanna play?

ManD:I'm so sure.

I dropped the knife then laughed.

Me:I'm so happy.

ManD:Can you loosen the ropes a bit?

Me:NO!you'll escape.

ManD:Okay no need to get angry.

Me:But you always get angry but you don't want me to get angry ,you taught me to get angry then why shouldn't I get angry?

ManD:I'm sorry my love.

Me:It's fine.

I laid on his shoulder and sang for him.

Me:"this time is different feel

like I was just a victim

when you cut me like

a knife and you walked out of my

life now I'm in this condition and I got

all the symptoms of a girl with a broken heart but no matter what you'll

never see me cry"

I looked at ManD

Me:Do you know that song?

ManD:No.

Me:It's Rihannas.

ManD:Still don't know it.

Me:Am I boring you?

ManD:You?hell to the no I'm having fun sweetheart I'm really enjoying this.

Me:Well let me give you more fun then how's lunatic sex?

ManD:That'd be great insane but great.

Me:Let's wipe off that lipstick first.

I took a towel then wiped it I looked for scissors.

Me:You don't mind me cutting your boxers do you?incase you haven't noticed I don't wanna untie you

ManD:It's fine.

I cut them then took off the clothes I was wearing I was left with only an underwear. We kissed for some time I had to make sure he's in it too deep,I kissed his neck,bit his chest and abs when I reached his cock .I used

my hands to play with it I could hear him moan,I inserted it in my mouth then played with it he was cursing and screaming my name

I pulled it out and kissed him from the tummy back to his lip.I sat on a good position to ride him my arm was placed on his chest while the other one on his

manhoo. I inserted it inside slowly as I bit my lower lip I went up and down till there was an easy road through then ,I buried my face in his I could hear the bed move because of the ropes he had,I made sure he gets

tired I reached my orgasm he followed me I cleaned us up then moved to the side.I rested my leg on top of him and cuddled myself at that moment I felt at ease though I couldn't sleep I got down from the bed & wrapped

a towel around my body.I sat below the bed I took my phone and texted my friends telling them I'm at Mandlas place we back from the

"baecation" I cut the rope from Mandla he was fast asleep he didn't even move,I went back to my spot and just sat there starring at the wall I saw the room grow alight it was evident it's morning,I heard Mandla get off

the be.d he went to the bathroom and came back

He had a towel around his waist and fresh bruises around his waist and ankles.

Me:They killed me. ManD:How long have you been sitting here?

Me:My family killed me.

He took me and placed me on the bed.

ManD:What? Me:Nana,Momm.a I want them dead.

He touched me ManD: You are freezing cold,are you tryna get yourself sick?

He wrapped a blanket around me it was as though something shocked me,it was as if I was snapping out from deep thoughts.

Me:What the fuck are you doing?

ManD :Warming you up,it's school today.

I got down from the bed.

Me:Don't touch me unless I ask you to,fuck school fuck you!

ManD:But- Me:No Mand you are a monster it's your fault.

ManD:Pardon?

Me: Arh Shove your dick up your poophole.

I walked to the bathroom and left him with his hands in his waist trying to figure out what just happened.

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I went to the kitchen because my tummy was growling ,ManD walked in and leaned against the fridge trying to study me I wasn't even bothered by his presence. I didn't want shit from him I finished eating and stood in

front of him.

Me:It's school today?

ManD:Yes.

Me:So why am I not at school?

ManD:I was going to wake you up and drive you home but you changed the plans.

Me:I didn't kidnap myself.

ManD:I had no choice.

Me:You did.

ManD:I didn't.

Me:Kidnapping me was a choice,how much did you pay them?

ManD:What is your point?

Me:There's only a question no point.

ManD:I won't answer you.

Me:Can you borrow me one of your cars?

ManD:Why?

Me:I wanna drive myself home,there's trust in this relationship right?

ManD:Take the Hyundai keys.

Me:Shoor.

I left him there since I needed a bath. I took a hot long shower I wore the clothes I had yesterday then drove myself home without even saying a work. I got home and took 5 pills I was covering up for lost time I started

feeling dizzy .I drank milk then went to bed I was tired after all I didn't sleep I was woken up my friends.

Me:Mhmm you guys the fuck?

Sasha:Stop being grumpy we just came to check how you doing since you didn't attend school.

Me:I'm doing fine.

Clara:Someone's in a bad mood.

Me:Please give me some space.

My friends both know I'm bipolar so they stood up ,brushed my shoulders and left as soon as they got out I cried hard I couldn't hold it back. I heard the door open I didn't bother looking,I

couldn't even figure out why I was emotional from the cologne that filled the room. I knew it was my brother he slept next to me and cuddled me I ended up falling asleep I was woken up by someone shaking me.

Me:Quinton.

Que:Are you okay?

Me:Yes.

Que:You were shaking I thought you were having fits.

Me:No I'm okay.

Que:Okay let's go have super.

Me:We slept for that long?

Que:Yes.

Me:Wow let me wear something warm I'll meet you downstairs.

Que:Sure.

He was about to exit but I stopped him.

Me:And thank you.

Que:Anytime.

He smiled and went downstairs I wore a gown and slippers then I joined my siblings downstairs

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it was quiet the only thing that made a sound was the forks and knives after dinner I packed away the dishes. Sarah came in the kitchen as I was about to exit.

Sarah:Who's car is parked in front of the garage?

Me:My boyfriends.

Sarah:It's huge.

Me:I know.

Sarah:Ow.

Me:Problem?

Sarah:No.

Me:Good.

I left her and walked up the stairs I felt dizzy but decided to brush it off ,I was tired but not sleepy I logged on to facebook and searched Mandlas wall it was clear,nothing at all. I closed my laptop in the morning I was really in no mood Quinton walked in as I was making breakfast.

Que:Wow you trying to break that bowl it's your favourite remember?

I gave him a cold look then continued with what I was doing I drove to school and parked. I don't know what happened but I

dozed off I heard someone banging the window I first stretched then opened my eyes it was the security.

Me:Hi uncle.

Him:Are you okay?

Me:Yes I am is it still assembly?

Him:No it's registration.

Me:Shit okay.

I ran to the office area and looked at my class I ran there and knocked we had the same class teacher as last year Mrs Boris.

Me:Morning ma'am I'm sorry for being late I am not feeling well.

Mrs:Where's the doctors note?

Me:I didn't say I went to the doctor.

Mrs:You know my rule.

Me:Ma'am may I kindly join the class.

Mrs:This isn't your school Miss Harper.

Me:I didn't say anything about the school being mine, are you going to let me in or we gonna have this conversation for the entire day?

I looked at my watch.

Me:2 minutes,you can shut the door in my face if you want to.

Mrs:Don't talk me like that Pearl you have no respect for me.

Me:Do you have it for me?

Mrs:I don't owe you respect.

I shove her out of the way then got in this teacher if full of shit she always has something against me.

I slept throughout the day my friends gave me the space I required after school I waited for all the learners to leave. I saw Mrs Boris drive out. I followed her I was playing Nicki Minaj-Freak I drove ahead of her in full

speed then drove slowly when she was close enough. I drove faster she was right behind me I hit the brakes then I had a baam sound .I bumped my head on the steering wheel then drove away in full speed no one is gonna fuck with me. I drove to Mandlas place I knocked he opened for me looking sleepy.

Me:I brought your car.

ManD:You done with it.

Me:Yes but someone bumped me and I had to run away since I have no license.

ManD:Who bumped you?you pregnant for goodness sake.

Me:My teacher Mrs Boris she has an agenda for me I had to flee.

I started crying.

ManD:Is that why you have a bump on you heard?

I nodded,he pulled me to his arm.

ManD:Don't worry my love this Mrs of yours will have hell to pay.

I broke the hug.

Me:What you gonna do to her?

ManD:Something painful.

Me:Can I be there to witness it please?

ManD:Yes but we need to get you to the doctor first then I might think about it.

He hugged me again I was smiling Mrs Boris messed with an abnormal person with an abnormal boyfriend.

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Bae pulled me inside the house he made a quick call to someone the came back and sat next to me.

Me:I'm hungry.

ManD:I have wholewheat pizza it has no meat.

Me:I'd love that.

He went to the kitchen and came back with two slices of pizz.a

Me:Thanks.

ManD:We'll go to the doctor the day after tomorrow.

Me:What day is it today?

ManD:It's thursday.

Me:okay I guess I'm behind time.

He smiled staring at me & his attention went back to the tv he was watching crime series,we were disturbed by a knock at the door.He took

the keys then attended the door,he came back and sat down.

Me:Who was that?

ManD:Someone who's going to fix the car incase Mrs Boris reports us there'll be no proof that you bumped her car.

Me:You're very cleve.r

ManD:Thank you.

Me:I have to get home I've already began with my matric studies..

ManD:I guess I'll have an intelligent kid.

He said brushing my tumny.

ManD:But I'm driving you home.

He took his keys and my school bag,he was in pyjamas we drove home. I noticed his wounded wrists and bit my lower lip. We kissed he then he drove to his place.

Following day I took a cab to school Mrs Boris didn't look like she was in a good mood she was a wreck.

After school I was about to call a cab when I saw ManD parked outside the car he was leaning against it.

Me:What a pleasant surprise.

ManD:Well I wanted to see my dapper dap girlfriend and the troublesome teacher

Me:How are we gonna do that?

ManD:Lean against the car.

I did so,Mrs Boris was standing across the road looking at the car no she was actually pointing at it with a questioning face,I looked at Mandla,he winked at her then got inside the car I did so too,we drove to McDonald's. I bought a veggie burger and orange juice ManD bought a Fold over and Orange juice.

Me:So where to?

ManD:I was going to take you home and lay on top of the bed then have sex with you but unfortunately we have a doctors appointment.

Me:Really?

I said with my mouth full.

ManD:Sies swallow first.

I laughed

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we arrived at the doctor just in time.

Doc:You guys are ready?

ManD:Yes we want to check if the baby is fine she's been involved in a few incidents.

Doc:Incidents?

ManD:Yes,so can you?

Doc:Okay this way ma'am.

We stood up and went to the little room.I lied down then I took off my pullover and unbuttoned my shirt she applied a gel then took a handle like thing.

Doc:Look at the screen.

It wasn't clear. ManD: What's that?

Doc:Heartbeat. Me: Is it supposed to be that faint?

Doc:Can you please stand up?here you can wipe your stomach I wiped my tummy the doctor also did a few checkups then told us to sit down

Me:Doctor is everything okay?

Doc:Do you take any prescribed medication?

I coughed. ManD:You okay? Me:Yeah yeah I am.

Doc:Please answer my question.

Me:Uhm yeah.

Doc:What kind of medication?

I looked at Mand then bit my nails

Me:I'm not ready to talk about it.

Doc:Would you like some privacy?

She looked at Mandla I was rubbing my thighs with my wrist.

Me:It's fine he can stay.

ManD had a straight face I couldn't tell whether he was angry or he was okay actually I was confused.

Me:I take antipsychotics for Bipolar disorder.

ManD let out a soft chuckle

Doc:Do you know how dangerous they are during the first and last trimester,you child will also be at risk of the disorder.

Me:What are you suggesting doctor?

Doc:I suggest you don't drink your pills during the first and last 3 months there is someone who is pretty good psychopaths and I can give you his number

Me:I'm not a psychopath.

Doc:I meant someone with a disorder she'll help you learn how to calm yourself down and control yourself when you are angry.

Me:I have someone I know I guess I should go back to her then?

Doc:Yes. ManD:Uhm doctor we don't have much time can we go now.

Doc:Yes but please do calm back next week, you'll be two months one week pregnant by then.

Me:Yes doc thank you.

ManD:Can I know when she'll show?

Doc:It depends some people on their 5th month,and Pearl keep your stress levels low. Me:I will.

I got out first and stood near the car ManD stood next to me.

ManD:You know I feel like leaving you here right now but I fuckin care about my kid if he wasn't there I swear I was going to leave you.

I looked down in shame.

ManD:Fuck you for not being honest with me Pearl fuck you. He shouted and kicked the wheel.

ManD:You are pretty good at hiding things huh,how come I didn't find that out about you?After all I know everything about you. Me:You did a research on me?

ManD:That wasn't supposed to come out.

Me:What sick person are you?how dare you?

ManD:Just get in the car I don't wanna talk about it.

Me:Well I do. He looked at me then went inside the car he started it then drove off I placed my hands on my waist but he reversed.

ManD:Get in or stand outside and ask the wind what you were asking me.

I rolled my eyes then went inside the car,Mandlas bullshit is really on another level like you can't bare it it's uncontrollable,how dare he digs up my past?

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Mandla has been angry at me for over a week, although he went to the doctor with me he still gave me a cold shoulder, I loved his baby I loved him even more even after what he put me through. My heart still beat for him. Clara has been nagging me about finding my family but Nana decided to disappear on the face of earth, I tried calling her but nothing I went to her house it was closed. I was going to a therapist I was doing well if I may say so myself, it was beginning of February mom and dad were coming back. I had to tell them my stomach had a shape now and it was soon gonna show. Quinton and Sarah were going to drive to the airport I didn't want to go with them I received a call from ManD.

Me:Hi.

ManD:I saw your missed call

Me:uhm yeah I wanted to tell that my parents are coming back today and Uh I will tell them about the pregnancy.

ManD:So?

Me:I was going to appreciate if you came to support me atleast they'd see that you'll be responsible.

ManD:I'll see what I can do,what time will you tell them.

Me:After they arrive I'll wait for an hour for them to settle down then I'll let them know. ManD:Okay.

He ended the call I exhaled I decided to take a shower in the meantime the waiting was killing me after some time. I heard laughterdownstairs I wore and robe and walked slowly down the stairs.

Mom:My Baby decided to come out?

I faked a smile.

Me:Hi mom, where's dad?

I asked hugging her.

Mom:Oh so you didn't miss me.

Me:I did just that..

Mom:You love your father more I get it. Me:That's not true.

Dad:Oh so you don't love me?

Dad said walking in.

Me:You guys are really putting me in a tight position.

Dad:Come give me some love.

We hugged he kissed my forehead.

Me:I missed you guys.

Mom:We missed you too honey we bought you guys lots and lots of clothes only the best. Dad:And you Pearl are going to love them more since you ade more like your mother.

I zoned out as while we were having thiconversation Mom shook me.

Me:Huh.

Mom:You look beautiful by the way.

Me:Thank you,look you guys I have to do my homework.

I went to my room I needed to prepare myself get ready for whatever they'll tell me.I hope they don't kick me out, I can't afford to live in the streets.Minutes later I decided to go to their room they weren't there, I found them sitting at the pool area.

Me:Uhm guys do you have minutes?

Dad:Yes sit.

I sat down and looked at them.

Mom:What is it dear?

Me:It's Uhm.

Sarah came to us.

Sarah:There's a visitor who wants to talk to you guys.

Mom:Bring them here

I was surprised when ManD joined us.

Mom:Can you come back later my love? ManD:Morning Mr and Mrs Harper,My name is Mandla Dlamini.

He shook their hands and sat down

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he looked amazingly beautiful ,blazing if I may say so. He was wearing skinny jeans,a long sleeve white muscle T and sneakers he had a watch on he looked nothing like a gangster.

There was confusion on my parents face ManD:And the lady can stay I'm with her.

The maid served juice and some snacks,I was busy downing the food.

Dad:What brought us here today?

ManD:Mr Harper I am not supposed to but here by myself but since my family is far I came alone,the reason why I'm here is because I took your daughters pride and dignity then I didn't stop her but also fertilised her egg.

What pride did he take?

Dad:Can you be more specific?

ManD:I took Pearls virginity then impregnated her,I know I should've waited or used a condom but-

Dad:Why didn't you use a condom then? ManD:Sir we were in a bit of a hurry and got caught up in the moment but that doesn't make what we did right and I want to justify my mistakes.

Dad looked at me I continued eating.

Dad:How?

ManD:My culture says that I should pay damages to the mother for her virginity then I must also pay for making her pregnant,and sir I promise to take care of the baby and Pearl.

Mom:What about her education?

ManD:She'll give birth before her trial and final exams by then the baby will have a nanny

Mom and Dad kept quiet for a while.

Dad:What will happen in future?

ManD:Sir I love Pearl neither I nor the baby will stop her from that

Dad:You ruined my last born and her education,she comes off expensive.

ManD:I wasn't expecting her to come cheap either sir,if you may can you name your price right now sir.

Dad:We will call you when we've decided I'm sure you know your way out.

Dad said standing up heading inside the house ManD:Thank you for your time Mrs Harper. Mom smiled before shaking his hand. ManD:I better get going

He looked at me I stood up.

Me:Come this way.

The driveway was closer so I helped him get to his car without him having to pass inside the house.

Me:Thank you. ManD:For?

Me:What you did today,not everyone would do something like that. ManD:I want what's best for you and my child.

I smiled,he kissed my forehead before droving off .

I watched his car disappear thoughts roam around my mind

I didn't fully trust Mandla even today,something told me to leave space for disappointment although that's hard I have to do it for my hearts sake.

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My parents totally ignored me, I felt hurt by this. I really was planning on righting my wrongs but they didn't want to let me in, it was hard. I woke up with tears everyday it was so bad that I had a stiff neck I decided to go out to the mall with my friends.

Me:Let's go to ackermans I want to check few baby clothes.

Clara:Baby clothes who's pregnant?

I looked down.

Sasha:You?oh hell no!

Clara:Mhmm the outcomes of a baecation. Me:Shut up let's go before my tummy starts growling

We checked a few baby clothes we bumped into 3 cuties it reminded me of the first time Mandla and I met it was also in a shop Guy1:Good afternoon ladies.

Clara:Hey gentleman.

Me:You guys will meet me at Wimpy I am going to grab a bite.

I attempted walking away Guy2 softly grabbed my arm he looked like a down to earth person,humbled to be exact

Guy2:We want to be friends with you guys the 3 of you if you don't mind.

He asked starring at my eyes.

Clara:Ofcourse we don't let's give you guys our digits.

Guy3 and Sasha were flirting while Guy2 still had his hands around my wrists I couldn't break the eye contact.

Me:Can I have my arm back?

Guy2:Not before you give me your name. Me:Pearl my name is Pearl.

He smiled Fire Fire ,he had those The Rock white kinda teeth he was beautiful,handsome doesn't describe how he looked, he finally let go of me we bounced Clara & Sasha held my figure.

Clara:You're sweating.

Me:Me.

She giggled.

Clara:Yes.

I touched my head.

Me:Might be catching a bug.

Sasha:Or couldn't take the heat those guys are fire.

Me:Can I not comment?

They laughed my day was splendid but I had to go home. I didn't feel like driving so Clara dropped me off home I found

mom and dad with Quinton in the leaving room I was walking slowly.

Me:Good evening.

Dad:Come sit.

I looked at him in shock after all this silence he's been giving me he decides to talk I became scared at an instance I sat down.

Dad:What is it that we don't do for you?

Me: Nothing.

Dad:Why would you have unprotected sex?Out of all the things you chose to get pregnant,you are smarter than that Kamalei.

Tears threatened my eyes as the events of my mothers death came like a hurricane,I blinked that led to showers of tears.I remember how mom used to comb my long dark brown silk hair then tie it neatly before making a bun then put a beautiful band on top which I kept till today.

Mom:Honey why would you want to kill yourself?

I looked at Quinton.

Dad:From today onwards we keeping a close eye on you we not going to lose a child,you are suicidal.

I looked down dad stood up and left.

Mom:He's disappointed he'll come around just don't make the matters worse okay?

Me:yes ma'am.

She stood up.

Mom:Mommy loves you.

Me:I love you too.

She followed my dad after that I looked at Quinton who had no words to defend himself,I took the stairs to my room and sat below the bed sucking my thumb,how can I be so irresponsible?This curse has brought nothing but pain

I needed to find my family but I didn't even know where to start I was disturbed by Chris Browns voice.

Me:Hello.

Caller:Hi.

I kept quiet.

Caller:Are you there?

Me:Yeah who's talking?

Caller:Siyanda the guy you met at ackermans Me:The skinny guy?

He chuckled.

Yanda:Yes.

Me:What can I do for you?

Yanda:You can say yes to my request of being your friend.

Me:I hardly know you.

Yanda:A good reason for us to become friends.

Me:Okay.

Yanda:Really?

Me:You want me to change my mind?

Yanda:No please don't.

Me:Okay can I go back to sleep?

Yanda:You were sleeping.

Me:Duuuh.

Yanda:Okay sleep tight.

Me:Sleep loose.

He chuckled before saying bye I went straight to bed, following day was school and valentines day .I wasn't planning on doing anything just go to school then come back,Mom was the only person whos anger was starting to way off ,as for dad that's another story M.andla sent me a valentines day text next day it was sweet unfortunately he told me he was in EC so he'd see

me before the 25th why didn't he tell me he's leaving?Pussy. As time passed I was become a bit heavy but swimming did its job .Yanda was a nice soul and showed no signs of wanting to date me,we spent time together occasionally to a point where my friends had suspicion,s after all Siyanda was a handsome skinny nigga not too skinny but he lacks a bit of flesh if my explanation explains it correctly,Mandla decided to come back unexpectedly he surprised me just after my afternoon jog his car parked on the side of the road.I ran to him and hugged him.

Me:Jeez I missed you.

ManD:You still got it I see.

Me:I'm young and love sports I need to stay fit,when did you get here?

ManD:An hour ago,I think.

He pulled me to him and kissed me his hands brushing the sides of my waist and pulling me up to him he broke the keys and looked deeply in my eyes.

ManD:Who's this guy that has been playing boyfriend with you while I was away?

Me:Which guy?

ManD:The tall faded guy.

Me:Oh him his name is Siyanda a friend of mine,wait how did you know that?

He chuckled.

ManD:His surname

Me:Uhm Ndovu or something.

ManD:Siyanda Ndlovu,okay look stay away from him.

I got away from him and folded my arms. Me:Excuse you?

Mr ManD:I saw you on his dp and I didn't like it Me:You stalking me and him.

He kissed my cheek.

ManD:Go back to your jog and ow stay away from him I mean it.

Me:Mean it my left bum.

I mumbled.

ManD:Say what?

I smiled then walked away,what a dick of a boyfriend this one is talk about the mother of Queen Moroka the drama queen herseld arh.

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When I got home I went straight to the kitchen for food Sarah walked in .

Sarah:Someone is tryna balance.

Me:Who me?

Sarah:I'm not telling.

I laughed.

Me:I'm so hungry bra I'd eat you.

She looked shaken by this but I guess the smile I had eased her a bit.

Sarah:How far are you?

Me:A month,2 weeks and 6 days.

Sarah:Yes you still look pretty.

Me:Perks of excersicing.

Sarah:But your body looks not preggies at all.

Me:Well it's still early.

I said shrugging,I took a bottle of water then went for a shower we had dinner then I studied drifting off on top of my books a call woke me up.

Me:What?

ManD:I meant what I said.

Me:I'm not going to entertain your jealousy,I'm not stopping you from have female friends.

ManD:Well I am.

Me:Okay.

ManD:I love you.

Me:Whatever.

I switched my phone off before ManD becomes a bug,then I slept. Yanda was taking me out tomorrow which was a Saturday I wore a short

jumpsuit and gladiators I admired my legs and feet but my feets are a killer .I put on light make up then took my car keys Yanda texted me about where to meet.

I saw him standing outside the car.

Me:My man.

Yanda:You wish.

He said hugging me.

Me:Someone smells good.

Yanda:What can I say? I always do after all.

Me:Well it's new to me hey.

We were in a Zoo we took selfies then grabbed ice cream,we were going to grab some food at Spur but something caught my eye.

Me:Shit

Yanda:What?

Me:My boyfriend.

Yanda:The one leaning against the car?

Me:Yes this isn't good at all look I'll call you.

Yanda:you'll be alright?

Me:Yes.

I was suprised when Mandla did something like a salute.

ManD:Ta.

Yanda:YizoManD:hlukana neNtsaiza yam mfethu(stay away from my girlfriend bra)

Yanda smiled.

Yanda:Uyena ongnanyawe,xoxa naye hayi nami. (She's the one that likes me,talk to her not me)"

ManD:Mandiku khuze kanye ta. (Let me warn you once).

Yanda:Fede.

He got into his car I could hear a bit of Zulu but Mandla was talking in Xhosa,what was weird was the fact that they were smiling too bad I

couldn't understand them..

ManD:Let's go.

Me:Where to?

ManD:My place.

I got in my car and drove off first his car passed me after some time and it wasn't even slow

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I found the gate opened at his place I parked the car then went up I found him drinking alcohol.

Me:I'm here.

ManD:Didn't I tell you to stay away from him?

Me:You did.

ManD:Did you?

Me:No but-

He threw the glass a few inches away from me it smashed against the wall ,the alcohol had already poured itself on me.

He came close to me in full speed and gave me a mother of all slaps.

ManD:Are you deaf?Do you have any clue who Siyanda Ndlovu is huh?

He threw a punch I could feel my teeth clinch.

Me:I'm sorry.

ManD:You'll be more than sorry when I'm done with you.

I was already bled from my mouth the metal from the braces wasn't doing justice either,next thing I know I was on the floor my arms wrapped around my tummy trying as hard as I could to protect the life I had grown

to be fond inside of me.

Me:Forgive me.

Another kicked followed it went straight to my chest I held it coughing,he unexpectedly kicked my stomach the pain .I felt was everything compared to the pains I've come across before, especially when I felt it come

repeatedly and with every kick I lost my energy tears fell involuntary,my main concern was my unborn child the one I wanted to kill ,but the person who's killing it now refused.I was weak he stopped when I felt some liquid in between my eyes and I could taste blood in my mouth. I've never in my life

encountered such pain or came across such cruelty I closed my eyes

and thought of what Mandla said with every kick "You ruined things for me, my father knew this would happen, you're the devil's child he said, I believed him." some of the things I blocked from hearing because what I've

heard made me hate him already. I opened my eyes and looked at him as he slid down the kitchen wall sweating he held his head.

ManD: Think man think

He took out his phone placing it on loudspeaker. I gasped for air.

ManD: Asive hi

Asive: What do you want Mandla?

ManD: You to clean the footage of this place 15 minutes from now.

Asive: You didn't kill another girlfriend again? did you?

Mandla brushed his head

Asive: Mandla!

ManD: Her eyes still have life.

Asive: Get her to the hospital.

ManD:And get myself arrested hell no.

Asive:I'll pin it on someone.

ManD:Siyanda Ndlovu please.

Asive:Another Ndlovu?

ManD:Please.

Asive:Fine.

I closed my eyes for good and slowly I slowly lost consciousness.

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Narrated

Mandla paced up and down trying to figure out how he'll fix this mess, he picked Pearl up and ran to the car he locked and drove to the hospital as fast as he could. It was starting to sink in that he might have killed his child.

He became frustrated, he was fuming with anger.

As soon as he parked the car in the emergency parking a security came with a wheelchair.

ManD: She needs a bed you idiot.

He said with Pearl in his arms as he went inside the hospital, blood was all over his T-shirt, he was a little hurt but he brushed it off; as soon as Pearl was taken away he rushed to Pearl's house to inform folks about the incident that just took place.

"Pearl better not blow this cover" he said worried that when Pearl wakes up he might notify the police but she won't have any evidence.

Apparently the family wasn't there so instead he called Mr Harper whose phone went straight to voicemail.

ManD: I don't have time for this.

He texted him that Pearl is at the hospital and its name,he drove back to his place to clean up the mess he made then called Asive.

ManD:Hey are you done?

Asive:Yep they won't find a thing.

ManD:Okay can I come to your place right now?

Asive:For?

ManD:You know for what.

Asive:Okay I'll wait.

After that he showered and drove to Asives crib he received a call.

ManD:Mr T

MrT:I want you back home.

ManD:But dad I just found out that Pearl is still alive and the Ndlovu is keen in protecting her.

Mr T:Ndlovu?

ManD:Yes Siyanda Ndlovu

Mr T:Bruce you have the best team on your side.

ManD:temporarily it's not permanent.

Mr T:Use this as an opportunity.

ManD:I can't ask the gangs help for personal things.

Mr T:You better come up with something son I want that girl here.

He hung up,Mandla looked rather disappointed. She arrived at Asives place and found her sitting on the couch with a laptop he went behind her and kissed the back of her neck.

Asive:Missed me?

ManD:You have no idea.

She put the laptop away as Mandla sat next to her he sighed.

ManD:I'm so done with using my dick to get back to my enemies.

Asive:You really should it's starting to get to me,worse you had to get. her pregnant.

ManD:I wanted the child

Asive:You have a child already worse it's not even mine,were you falling for her?

ManD:No I wasn't babe you know I'm pretty good at pretending.

Asive:Which scares me actually.

ManD:But you know everything about me.

Asive:That also scares me cause that might be the reason why you sticking around.

Mandla or Bruce looked at her in disbelief.

He went closer to her and pulled her for a kiss he got inbetween her legs to notice she was only wearing a G-string.

ManD:Damn Asive I love you.

Asive:I love you too.

They had a foreplay before Mandla pulled her up and continued kissing her from the way he kissed her you could clearly see that he's inlove

they took their session to the bedroom where they made love not sex just love ,then

they cuddled naked.

Asive:When is this thing going to end?

ManD:Can we talk when I wake up please?

Asive looked pleased as soon as he saw that he was fast asleep she went downstairs and called someone.

Asive:Sive.

Sive:What do you want?

Asive:Do you always have to ask that when I call you?

Sive:You have a minute I'm feeding the twins you know how they are.

Asive:I want you to kill someone for me.

Sive:Who?

Asive:My boyfriends fiance she's starting to get to me.

Sive:is that the reason you want her dead,how long have you and Bruce dated?

Asive:5 years.

Sive:Yet he's not marrying you open your eyes sister get rid of this so-called boyfriend of yours.

Asive:He loves me I love him.

Sive laughed.

Sive:let me meet him then after all it's been 5 years.

Asive:You're not going to help me, you won't meet him.

Sive:Bye then.

Asi clicked her tongue she knew very well that he can't tell his brother that Bruce is a gangster after all he is his boss and Bruce doesn't know,she knew very well that both her brother and boyfriend were dangerous

though. Mandla's real name wasn't known and Sive was an undercover gang leader, Mandla was also a good gangster but Sive was excellent, he was beyond dangerous he had connections both nationally and international.

That worked on his favour so he was pretty much untouchable.

Asive was pretty disappointed but what did she expect after all, Mandla would roast him if he heard that she tried to kill the mother of his son she shook her head thinking of how stupid she was thinking about this, it was ruthless and that was just not her. Asive was a nerd very good.

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Narrated

Mandla gets home and finds a parcel at the door it's already midday he looks around and there's no one watching him, he picks up the envelope and takes it inside the house. He opens it he finds a small bottle and a

knock"Inject her with this she won't remember the incident and this time make sure you finish the job I asked you to do." this had his father written all over it, he sits back and sighs by the look of things he isn't ready to do what his father has asked him to do. Later that day he visits the hospital he finds a doctor with Pearl.

ManD:Will she be okay?

Doc:She suffered a lot of injury it'll take time for her to walk and she had to be operated after losing a baby.

ManD:She really did lose the baby?

Doc:Yes, and she might take time to wake up excuse me I need to see another patient.

Mandla nodded the Doctor left him and Pearl alone he checked the coast, then took out the injection he looked for a vein; since Pearl was pale it was easy.

ManD:I'm sorry I really am,I didn't want any of this to happen
I'm sorry.

The needle went in he pushed the injection and from there
knew that Pearls memory has been wiped,he kissed her dry lips
and looked at her she was still beautiful she had those full soft
lips that don't close fully. She was bruised her nose bridge was
navy and her face buttered she should have handed her in
before feelings became deep, but he couldn't go
back he bumped on Pearls mother.

ManD:Hey ma'am.

MrsH:Hey son.

ManD:I'm sorry about what happened I wish I knew what
might've led her to this,she's missing out on school and life. I
just lost my son Pearl isn't waking up I don't even know what
do to

Mrs Harper already had tears in her eyes,You could see the
guilt on Mandlas face.

ManD:She'll be okay Ma'am.

MrsH:She's strong I know she will make,let me not hold you up.

ManD:Be strong ma'am for her sake.

They separated.

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Pearl

I always hear people talk to me and this went on for some time. I felt like I was trapped in a small room that had no doors and windows all I did was sleep or stare at the walls that was basically the life I lived, it felt okay to me but I felt like something was missing and I found that something when I woke up and looked around the room I was in. It was so blue, I looked around there were machines all over I started panicking when I thought about why I'm here or who am I for that matter? I started feeling very uneasy and scared. I was panicking I heard the machines beep and people came running in they held me back and someone injected the drip .

I slowly rested, when I woke up there was a white woman next to me she was beautiful but who the hell was she? she saw me.

Her: Oh sweetheart you're awake

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what scared you so much?

She tried touching me I shifted a bit.

Her:What's wrong?

Me:Who are you?

Her:What?

Me:Leave me alone I don't know you.

She held her mouth and stepped back.

Her:Oh my goodness.

She went out and came back with a doctor I assumed.

The Doctor was with a nurse they checked me.

Doc:What's your name?

Me:Who?

Doc:Yours?

I thought so hard but I didn't know who I was,I didn't know my name.

Doc:This woman is your mother,do you know her name?

Me:No,why don't I remember anything.

The woman was crying she looked like in pain and I really wanted to believe she is my mother but I couldn't trust anyone.

Doc:Ma'am we have to discharge her.

Ma'am: Will she even want me to take her home? she doesn't know me Doctor.

Doc: She needs her family the most make sure she is welcomed by all the people close to her, don't pressurise her take things slowly

Ma'am: I will make sure she regains her memory, but what led her to this

Doc: We checked everything she might have hit her head.

I cleared my throat this wasn't going anywhere.

Me: I'm not leaving.

Doc: Ma'am the hospital caters for people who need medical help, it's been already a month since you've been here, we can't keep you here forever.

I sighed maybe this woman's family wasn't that bad. I might as well consider giving them a chance.

Following day the same woman came to get me she had a nice car.

Me: So what's my name?

Her: Pearl Kamalei Harper, turning 17 this year and you are doing grade 12.

Me: So how come I'm not white?

Her:Uhm well you were adopted. Me:Wow my life seems fucked up.

Her:Trust me it's not. Me:Why is my body so painful and why am I having difficulties walking?

Her:you were attacked and had a miscarriage.

Me:I was pregnant?Wow I think I've heard enough .

We got inside a really beautiful house. Her: Welcome home.

We went inside there were so many people mostly whites,I still need to know why I'm like this and not white.

The woman called my mom spoke again,she was introducing me to these people.

Her:This is your dad,Your big sis Sarah,brother Quinton,your best friends Clara and Sasha and your boyfriend Mandla.

This boyfriend was one hot guy he was light skinned had trimmed hair cut and a good smile.

Me:Uhm Ma'am I don't mean to be rude but can you help me to my room.

Everyone looked disappointed but I didn't bring this to myself and I couldn't force myself to remember them all of this brought me a headache.

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Narrated

Mandla was in his apartment drinking alcohol he looked rather devastated,he was disturbed by a knock on the door he kept quiet and

continued drinking,Asive walked in.

Asive:Mandla.

ManD:You're pretty scarce these days.

He said sarcastically.

Asive:Tell me when I'm invading your space.

Mandla looked at her from head to toe.

ManD:You're not,what brings you here?

Asive:You are in deep shit,have you visited your girlfriend lately?

ManD:It's only been 3 days and no I haven't,what do you mean I'm in deep shit?

Asive:Okay I mean you remember we set Siyanda up for Pearls incident unfortunately there is an actual footage and whoever has it is threatening us.

ManD:How the fuck did that happen?

He said banging the counter.

Asive:We were outsmarted.

Mandla faced Asive.

ManD:You wanted this to happen,you were careless.

Asive:Oh excuse me?I didn't beat you to a pulp then asked you to tamper with the footage so please.

ManD:How the fuck are you going to explain this then?

Asive scanned Mandla.

Asive:Fuck you.

She said walking away Mandla looked more than pissed worse now he couldn't bring down another Ndlovu if he happens to try the footage might end up in the police or even worse Pearl,before he gets what he

wants.

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Pearl

I've never felt so lost in my life or maybe I did but I just don't remember, I was confused it was hard catching up especially at school. Though I had people helping me Sasha and Clara were with me through it all which made things a bit easier for me, as I was sitting home I got a visit from Mandla, I really scored on this guy he had his silk trimmed hair, and the way he dressed took my breath away.

Him: Hey beautiful.

I smiled.

Me: Hi.

Him: How are you feeling?

Me: I'm getting better.

We sat in silence for a while maybe he was still tryna figure out what he'll say to this new me, I was nothing less than a stranger and same thing applied to him.

Him: How are you feeling after losing the baby?

I looked at his pitiful eyes it was as though he was hurt.

Me: Honestly I don't know how I'm feeling about this whole thing, my brain has no memories of me bonding with the baby nor being pregnant.

Him: I'm hurt I didn't imagine myself losing my baby, our baby.

Me:Are you doing something to find the person responsible as the baby daddy and my boyfriend?

He shifted a bit it was as though I made him feel uncomfortable.

Me:Know what forget I said anything, I don't even remember the person who buttered me.

Him:You don't?

Me:Yeah,are you always like this.

Him:I'm still grieving but I'll be fine

He said moving closer to me he used his hand to remove the hair from my face

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my intestines were turning or wait those were butterflies?I might be inlove.

Him:May I?

I nodded hesitantly as my lips and his were touching,he pulled my upper lip while I kissed his lower one our breaths increased as the kiss went by and already we were done with lip kissing,we were tongue kissing,I had

this desire for sex I wanted to strip him and myself naked then make love to him unfortunately I'd never do that in my fathers house I broke the kiss and looked away shyly.

Him:Hey look at me.

I turned my head slowly and was welcomed by a smile..

Him:I love you Pearl.

Me:I don't know Mand'la

Him:It's no rush,and it's ManD you couldn't pronouce the Ndla so you called me ManD

Me:Okay ManD.

Him:I'll come see you again okay?

Me:Yeah sure no problem

He left me in that boring house honestly I was bored to my tits. I better try remember my life before this I'm sure it wasn't that bad.

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Asive

I was sitting at my place doing work when a random call came in I don't usually panic when such calls come in but after what Mandla put me in I'm so not relaxed, I may be older than Mandla, but the love I have for him is real I put the phone on loudspeaker.

Me:Hello.

Caller:Asive,what are you and Mandla planning?

Me:What are you talking about?Who am I even talking to?

Caller:No relax my love I have nothing against you,you're a good person but that boyfriend of yours better tell the truth to Pearl about everything.

Me:And what is everything?

Caller:Ow so you have an idea that there might be something. I opened my laptop I needed to track whoever was doing this.

Me:Mandlas business has nothing to do with me.

Caller:Surely Crane would be happy to hear what his sister is doing,we both know Mandla or Bruce is only using the \$aints to get to Pearl since they are so good.

Me:I don't know what you talking about.

Caller:Don't act smart with me,try tracking me again even Crane won't help you.

He ended the call with only 3 seconds left for me to see who it was.

I called Mandla who came right away.

ManD:What's up with you?

Me:Am I missing something here,you want to get yourself killed?do you know what Crane is capable of.

ManD:And you do?

Me:Ofcourse I do he's my fuckin brother.

ManD:What?

I covered my mouth knowing the next Saturday will be my funeral,Sive made it clear that his identity must be kept a secret because he has a wife and 5 kids.

ManD:You said what?

Me:I didn't say anything.

He was coming closer and I was moving back,this dude can strangle me right now for no reason.

We were disturbed by a breaking window and a bottle smash
Mandla ran to the window to check.

ManD:Someone is sending a message.

He said unfolding the letter.

ManD:The Ndlovus will never surrender we bringing you down
Bruce,better come clean.

He looked at me.

Me:Someone called saying the same thin.

ManD:If I find out you snitching on me

Me:Rhaaa awuzo ndixelesa loKaka(you won't tell me shit)not
after the shit you put me in.

ManD:Stay alert.

He exited,where the fuck did I get this thing of a boyfriend?I
can't believe a Ben 10 is controlling me,there's more to this guy
than what he is revealing.

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Mandla

It's already been 3 days trying to find out who was trying to scare me, I had totally ran out of ideas and dad was my last option. I drove to Lamont where we were to meet I can't be seen with him around Mhlanga, how will I explain that to anyone who sees me I went inside the house after parking my car he was sitting there with his men.

Me:Dad

He gave me a cold look, this man looks like me a lot but he scary as hell.

Dad:Sit,excuse us.

The bodyguards left us,I sat down.

Dad:What are you planning on doing with your life?

Me:What I'm doing now.

Dad:Being owned by man you don't even know,have you ever met him for all we know the man behind the \$aints might be a woman.

Me:I don't care the money is good,and I can't even access the band.

Dad:What is so difficult about removing the heard band from Pearls bun and taking out a fucking card?

Me:She only wears it when she's at school, never has she made a bun when coming to me that's how difficult it is.

Dad:Son the card stick has a huge amount of money kidnap her if you have to.

Me:Why don't you kidnap her yourself dad cause you aren't happy with what I'm doing.

Dad:What is it that you doing?

Me:I'm having sex with my fuckin cousin you know what's worse I impregnated her and I've fallen inlove with her dad that's what I've been doing.

Dad:I told you to use your mind and not your heart

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you are nothing like me.

Me:I'm Bruce dad not Toronto we're cool?

I stood up and left dad,this man never does things on his own if he desperately wanted Pearls band he should ask to style him and get the money on his own besides Pearl will never know how rich she is.

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Pearl

It was after school Quinton and I were supposed to drive together but he

had tutorials so I waited for my mom instead I was picked up by a guy who said to be "Siyanda" he showed me his pictures I was there too, and his chats he even told me to send the cars registrations to the person. I

trusted the most and that was my brother simply because he was my brother.

Me: Why do you want me to go with you so bad.

Yanda: Today is wednesday right?

Me: Yeah why you asking?

Yanda: Come with me I'll show you something, I promise it will be worth it.

Me: Fine let's go

I went inside his car and we drove a bit away from my house he was renting an apartment at some place I didn't really take note off.

He told me to sit down

Me:Thanks .

Yanda:Juice or water.

Me:Juice.

He gave me a sealed bottle of Krusher juice

Me:Thank you.

He smiled and looked at my hair.

Yanda:Can you untie your bun please.

Me:Why?

Yanda:So I can show you what I wanted to show you.

I did and gave him the band

Yanda:It's pretty old and a little heavy,don't you think?

Me:Mom said it was my favourite.

Yanda:You did tell me before you totally forgot about us being friends.

I smiled.

Me:Wish I could change that.

Yanda:I can change it for you.

Me:How?

Yanda:Let's do this first

He started typing something on his laptop before I appeared in a hospital bed with Mandla besides me looked as though he was saying something ,he then took out a small bottle and injectionYanda paused then zoomed it in I was lost really blank.

Yanda:Take a careful look at the shape and color of the bottle.

Me:It's pink and it looks like a pyramid.

Yanda:Okay continue watching.

ManD injected me with the thing.

Me:And then?

Yanda:Let's Google what he injected you with,what did you say it looked like?

Me:It's pink and looks like a pyramid.

He typed that but wrote memory eraser and the same thing appeared with other things.

Me:Whoa wait hold up,are you trying to tell me my boyfriend made me lose my memory?that's insane.

Yanda:is it,okay can you search the antidote for me?

I typed the "antidote for memory loss"and viewed the images Siyanda placed the exact same bottle next to me.

Me:I'm not injecting myself with something I was given by a stranger.

Yanda:Call Clara or Sasha they will vouch for me that you and I were friends.

Well my friends once told me about how Siyanda and I met and that we were cool,also what do I have to lose with no memory.

Me:Fine I'll take it.

Desperate times calls for desperate measures and what I'm doing was an act of desperation.

Yanda:Now please be careful when you take that.

Me:How?

Yanda:It will make you feel uncomfortable at first but your memory will come back slowly and then you will know why Mandla erased your memory.

Me:And the band

Yanda:When he asks what happened to it cause I know he will just tell him you lost it and please keep it safe.

Me:why are you helping me?

Yanda:You will know why I'm doing this in due time just not yet.

Me:Okay can I go home now.

Yanda:yeah sure.

I really didn't trust this guy but I had to have faith and when he dropped me off in front of my gate I knew very well that I should trust him.

"And where are you coming from?" Said Mandla came behind me

Me:School

ManD:Oww.

Me:Why are you here?

ManD:I was just passing by but I saw you getting out of that car thought I should say hi.

Me:That's nice.

He gave me a sharp look before pecking my lips.

ManD:I'll see you Friday.

Me:Sharp.

He went inside his car and drove off I sighed that was a close one.

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I ate plain yoghurt then went to my bedroom, I changed into fresh new clothes before hiding the band between the mattress, I took out the bottle and the injection.

I placed it on my study desk, I had doubts but the faith was more than the doubt okay don't be scared to inject yourself I took a doek and placed inside my mouth after locking the door, my veins were visible I injected

myself and damn was it the most painful thing I've ever done. I wrapped the injection and bottle with a tissue then threw in the bin I

started feeling sleep. y I sat on my bed and leaned against the pillows I might have dozed off I had a horrible horrible dream, it gave me an idea of how I came out to be a Harper, my parents death them being killed by uncle Toronto, my Nana and the 1st day I came here I was woken up by a phone call.

Me: What Quinton?

Que: Dinner is ready get your ass here now.

Me: I'm coming geez.

I wore my pyjamas and made my way downstairs, I started feeling dizzy I held on to the rails.

Me: You can do this?

I reached the dinner table tired as hell and I was sweating, I looked at everyone around the table their eyes were fixed on me I gave them a smile.

Mom: Are you okay?

Me: Ah-hah.

Dad: You're sweating honey.

Sarah: I don't think she's okay.

Me: I SAID I'M FINE!!!

They were all shocked, Quinton touched my hand I was really losing touch with reality I kept tilting my head to one side.

Que: It's okay.

I don't where that anger came from but after what I dreamt I knew well the antidote was working.

I dished up green salad for myself and poured myself a glass of water I had no intentions of apologising.

When we were done I went to the kitchen I really needed ice water I was feeling extremely hot and angry because of what my brains kept

reminding I held on the counter as I felt like I was going to collapse.

Mom: Baby drink this.

Me:What's that?

Mom:Your uhm antipsychotics.

I looked at her and laughed.

Me:So I'm crazy.

Mom:No sweetheart you not just that you get angry easily.

Me:So I have mood swings?

Mom:No.

Me:Mhmm.

Mom:Huh?

I was feeling really sick to a point where I collapsed,I woke up there was a doctor busy touching me.

Me:Hey hands off lady.

Doc:Your attitude won't help you.

Me:And yours will?why are you even here?

Doc:You seem fine to me and girl your attitude stinks..

Me:Bath it then.

Mom and Dad walked.

Me:You guys even called a doctor?

Mom:Yeah we need you baby and from how you were in the kitchen I thought I'd lose you.

Me:Sure you were just protection me ncooh thanks.

Mom:Harper talk to your daughter I'm out.

Doc:She seems fine I'm also leaving.

Dad:Thank you doc.

She smiled then walked out.

Dad:Why are you snapping on everyone who's trying to help you?

Me:Dad I am a total mess

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I don't understand why I'm short tempered.

Dad:You have to see your therapist,you have bipolar.

Me:So you also think I'm crazy

Dad:You are a special kid who went through a rough life,you just have to allow us to help you,I love you Pearl with my heart you are my baby girl the last thing I would want to see happening is you having a meltdown, you've

already missed out on school because someone attacked you and I can't let you miss it again because life got too much to

handle or because your memory is coming back please let us help you.

I looked at this man in front of me I loved my father I love him with every fibre in my body.

Me:Okay.

Dad:You want us to help you?

Me:Yes I want to lead a normal life dad,I don't care whether I get it with pills or not but I just want my life back.

Dad kissed my forehead then brushed my hair I giggled.

Me:Dad stop.

Dad:You will always be Precious to me Angel got it?

Me:I got it daddy.

Sarah brought me Super and my pills later I looked at her she seemed scared I smiled I can't let people see that I'm slowly remembering the things of the past as far as I'm concerned Sarah and I don't have a good one.

Me:Thank you,I'll take them downstairs.

Sarah:No mom said-

Me:Don't worry I'm fine.

Friday I was the old Pearl or should I say Spank I regained my memory in the fastest manner, I even had tension headaches it was just too much to handle especially Mandla being abusive funny thing isI still love him a lot to be clear sure he killed my child whom I didn't want but loved dearly he landed me in a hospital bed for more than a week, he's a shitty person, I felt as though I wasn't remembering something and that was call conversation I was hearing when I was slowly losing consciousness .Mandla is an ass 100% and the only way to bring him down is to make sure I fall for him and he does the same thing too. I must make there aren't any assumptions then I will find out who the fuck he is and why is he with Pearl ,then fuck him up so deeply that he won't be able to pick himself, he shouldn't under estimate this 17 year old .I got something big going on and it's not even close to being visible, I'm crazy and he has unleashed the beast behind the craziness.

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We were now making our way to the bedroom but I had to stop him as much as I was enjoying this I had to make myself feel as though I'm not comfortable.

Me:Mhshm.

Mandla pulled back.

ManD:Baby please you killing me.

Me:I don't think I can do this.

He placed me down.

ManD:I understand let's watch a movie then.

Me:I think that'll be alright.

We sat down I couldn't even see clearly my eyes were again giving me trouble I was even squinting.

ManD:What's up?

Me:My eyes are acting up it's like they have needles .

ManD:When last did you change your glasses?

I shrugged.

Man:That was a stupid question xolo.

Me:It really was.

ManD:Can you please sit on top of me cause we not even watching the tv.

Me:Squat or just sit.

ManD:Any how as long as you're comfortable.

I squated on top of him no I placed my knees on the sides and he played with my feets.

Me:That's ticklish.

ManD:You got cute feets they flexible and so short.

Me:I'm only a size 3 don't exaggerate.

He just smiled looking at my lips,he pulled my vest up and kissed my ummy he was making me bend he kissed my belly ring ,then pulled me up again he took off the bra I was wearing and started sucking my boobs,I couldn't hold back the moans or how much I wanted him anymore he took off my vest as his hands slid under my butt he was grabbing it while kissing me.

Me:I want you

I said between the kiss he placed me on the couch flat and got inbetween my legs we had a foreplay before.

After some time Mandla was thrusting and I flinched at first but got the hang of it I felt more pleasurable as time went by.I

could feel my love for Mandla growing but I had to play my cards right ,but as far as feelings are

involved things do get complicated a lot,but I had to make Mandla pay even if it meant stalking him and finding out what he does with his free time.

We spent the weekend indoors and at the beach on Sunday he sent me home. My homeworks were already done.

We stopped a few houses away from my house though my rents knew about us I still had to show them respect.

ManD:I wish you'd stay here forever.

Me:Marry me then.

ManD:You know I'm capable of doing that right?

Me:I didn't know,and I was joking.

ManD:You can't make such jokes.

Me:it won't happen again.

He lowered my seat before getting on top off me

Me:Mand what will people say.

ManD:The windows are dim and people hardly pass here

Me:Mhm okay

He gave me a slow,passionate kiss which went on and on and on till I could feel myself losing my breath.

Me:Okay that's enough.

ManD:But-

Me:Your boner is poking me and I need to get home.

ManD:Okay fine I think I need to tame you.

Me:I'm not a beast.

ManD:Oh yes you are baby trust me.

Me:Arh whatever.

I pecked his lips.

Me:Gotta bounce

see ya.

ManD:I'll call you.

Me:Sharp.

I took the morning after pills and drank them then I went to my house the family was in their room thank goodness.

I called Siyanda.

Yanda:Babe.

I swallowed my saliva that name was doing things to me.

Me:Hey how are you?

Yanda:I should be asking you that.

Me:I'm okay I just need something from you.

Yanda:Anything.

Me:Can you please find someone to follow Mandla for me?

Yanda:Huh?

Me:I want to know Mandlas everything his exits and entrances,his visits or visitors,allies.

Yanda:Uhm yoh okay buka I mean look.

Me:I understand what buka means dude I aint that bad.

Yanda:Okay look I will get someone just not yet.

Me:I'll pay them with my allowance please.

Yanda:Don't worry about that I need to do a check up first before risking someones life.

Me:What is that supposed to mean?

Yanda:He's a gangster.

Me:I think I know.

Yanda:For the \$aints.

Me:I think I know that too.

Yanda:Do you have any idea how messed up that gang is?they are powerful.I need someone who'll know their job and that takes time sweetheart.

Me:Fine do what needs to be done I will avenge myself on Mand though even if it takes me years,I'll even marry him if I have to.

Yanda:Owkay I'll do something quick.

Me:You better.

I ended the call and sat on my bed was I really ready for whatever will be revealed,yes I was but what was leading me the most was anger.

I took out my exam timetable I needed to engage in studying ,June exams were super close,as I was about to take out a book a call came through this is why it needs to be off when studying.

Me:Hello.

Caller:Hey can you meet me at the gate?

Me:Langa,why are you calling me?

Langa:This is the most urgent call I've ever made now please come.

Me:Fine you full of shit though.

Langa:I thought you lost your memory.

Me:Not permanently you fool.

I should've acted dumb but either way I took my knife I can't risk him kidnapping me again

But what would he want from me?Claras granddad cleansed him I'm sure the curse is gone from him now or maybe there's more to this,only he can tell me.

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He was waiting inside his mothers car, I haven't seen this person in months why would he come here?He is not the person I expected to see, this was going to be rather awkward being around him. I felt as though I was walking slow cause I couldn't reach his car I finally did I stood next to it.

Langa:Please get in the front.

I rolled my eyes and went the other way around.

Me:So?

Langa:How are you?

Me:I'm fine you?

Langa:Me too,why can't you look at me.

Me:Just get straight to the point.

Langa:Fine,why did Clara take me to her grandfather the other night?

Me:We're here to have a history lesson?

Langa:No I'm here to make you see things clearer your glasses aren't enough.

Me:Are you mocking me?

Langa:No can you please listen to me without getting angry please.

I went silent

Langa:Jah Clara just made me drink coffee with his grand dad he was busy telling me how he would do anything for lil Cla and by the look he gave me he'd kill he said Claras happiness is his joy.

Me:Can you get to the point?

Langa:You were tricked.

Me:I saw the crystal ball with my own fuckin two eyes and don't bring up my weak eyesight story.

Langa:Spank either you let me talk and go back to that hypocrite of a friend.

Me:But what are you saying?

Langa:There might be a curse sure but it definitely aint in your vagina.

Me:I witnessed you becoming obsessed with me I saw the rage in your eyes when you kidnapped me.

Langa:That didn't go as planned I loved you yes and I still do,the plan that day was to scare you. I was childish I know but Clara and his grand father are fowl players.

Me:But why?Clara and I have been friends for 5 years.

Langa:And she's been jealous of you ever since,I realised that now Clara would do anything to make girls stay away from me I witnessed her telling my girlfriend I have AIDs.

Me:She did that?

Langa:Yes and my girlfriend broke up with since Clara told her she's my girlfriend.

Me:Isn't you and her broke up?

Langa:We got back together.

Me:Give me a few minutes to digest this.

He kept quiet,all this made no sense for real I felt so humiliated I was indenial I thought I had a curse how dare she?and that old hag?I'll start by him.

I breathed heavily that Langa brushed my back.

Me:Mandla he seems obsessed

Langa:Who?

Me:My boyfriend he's obsessed with me I've seen it but was indenial.

Langa:Either that or he is bipolar.

Me:No, I disagree I know what bipolar is.

Langa:Then he must be deeply inlove with you.

Me:I need to sleep I've had enough shit to last me a lifetime.

Langa:And goodluck I'm a call away.

Me:Sure.

I opened the door and went back home,what really is going on in my life can't things get better?

I sat on the bottom of my bed and had myself deep thoughts I took out my kill list which had Sarah,Julia

Nancy,Langa,Nana and the fucker who killed my parents my uncle Toronto his was written in bold,I played some music and practiced gymnastics. I was doing just for fun I needed to cool off,I took off the clothes I was wearing and wore a swimming costume

and a swimming cap I took my towel and made my way to the pool,I swam all the stress away till I heard someone calling me.

Me:What?

Que:If you don't come out I swear you won't make it to the English paper on thursday.

Me:I can swim.

Que:You're good but it's been long your joints haven't done that for a while you'll get cramps for days I tell ya.

Me:Fine.

I swam out I was wiping myself Quinton stood next to me smiling.

Me:What?

Que:It's back right.

Me:What?.

Que:Your memory,let's go inside it's cold.

He accompanied me to my bedroom and sat down.

Me:I need to get dressed.

Que:I've seen you naked just tell me when your memory came back.

Me:are you trying to make me feel sad?

Que:Cut the act I know you lil sis.

I rolled my eyes.

Me:It don't matter.

Que:So it did come back?

Me:Only a few memories I didn't want jinx things.

Que:Does mom and dad know?

Me:I'll let them know when I remember everything.

Que:That's good then I'll see you at dinner.

Me:Mhm.

He went I didn't feel like bathing at all so I just wore my pjs and ,slept I didn't even feel hungry at that moment what I needed was a great nap and it's exactly what I got.

I fixed my super short skirt and blazer,applied eyeliner and a pink lipgloss .I took my back pack and made my way to breakfast mom and

dad were probably gone.

Me:Morning Sarah

Sarah:Hi,you look good today.

Me:I feel good honey.

I said making weetbix with plain yoghurt a banana and a nectarine.

Sarah:That's a huge step.

Me:It is.

Sarah:I have to bounce.

Me:Sharp.

She left Quinton was already done.

Que:Let's go.

Me:I'm taking the bowl with.

Que:Haha nice try.

Me:I won't make your car dirty.

Que:If you dare I swear I'll take yours for the entire month.

Me:Let's go.

He took both our bags what a great brother this why he was trying by every chance to make me spill but God is good.

We finally reached school I went to class I knew that I'd find the girls there.

Me:My besties.

Sasha:Spanks.

Me:Are you guys good?

Clara:Always.

Me:Really I admire your strength Clara.

Clara:Why specifically mine?

Me:After the news that are going around here in school I thought you'd be devastated even the members of HOD knows.

Sasha:Knows what?

Me:Clara is said to be expecting and is infected.

Clara:Infected with what that's absurd?

I shrugged,I knew she'll call a meeting to defend herself and that will give people suspicions,this is just the beginning of her miseries..No one fucks with me before I fuck with them or it won't end well and Clara betrayed my trust undermining my capability.

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Luvuyo

With the upcoming exams my twin and I cut down a bit on preparing for the party, mom thought getting an event planner would do us good, but we will plan our own party our way I was sitting on a stair case it was at 00:00 midnight

I don't why I do this I guess it's a bad habit I saw the guards get in with a girl that was bruised.

Me:Not again.

I saw mom run down the stairs on the other side.

Mom:Go to your room.

Me:This is becoming boring honestly.

Alondwe joined me.

Dad came down he hit our shoulders.

Dad:Your mom said you must go to your room.

Alondwe:We were here first.

Dad:Don't make me repeat myself.

Me:You guys should stop bringing these people here and you must hire new girls this scenery is really disturbing.

Dad gave us a sharp look before going down.

Alondwe:I think one of the twins is crying.

He said making his way to the rents room well our rooms were downstairs.

I stood down the stairs and waited for one of the rents,mom made her way to me.

Mom:Kodwa mntanam why do you always have to be so hard headed?

Me:I'm just watching is there a crime in that?

Mom:The anger you have within you worries me.

Me:I don't have anger.

Mom:I'll tell your grandfather to perform another ritual for you if you continue giving me attitude young man.

Me:I won't have another ritual.

Mom:Good then I'll see change in your attitude go to your room.

I stuck my tongue out and went to my room ever since.

Eversince I shot my girlfriends ex, mom and dad have been watching me like a hawk,mom knows I'll never do something like that again. I couldn't stand the disappointment in her look when she got to Michelles place and found a dead body,mostly she was disappointed that I pulled a trigger at

16. She helped me through everything my father was supportive too after all he is the one that covered the death. As for Michelle I love her with everything in me. I won't say I'll marry her one day after all I am turning

17 in 3 weeks getting married is so a no no, I wrote her a goodnight message and went to sleep.

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Pearl

I was in stitches with laughter it was within though, Clara just made a long speech.

She told the class to stop being nosey and to mind their business she told them she isn't HIV positive and definitely not pregnant

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our classmates were so confused.

Me: Is she always like this?

I whispered in Sasha's ear.

Sasha: Sometimes.

I stood up and walked to her.

Me:Come sit my love they're not worth it.

Clara:These people are unbelievable.

Our English teacher walked in on.

Me:Sit please.

We sat down the day proceeded,so did the week we started with exams ,it was a bummer cause I had no time to torment this backstabbing bitch,that witch I wonder how she did this whole thing. On Saturday I decided to visit Siyanda I took a cab to his place.

His door was already open.

Me:Hey boo.

We hugged.

Yanda:Is your man following you?

Me:I doubt but either way he'll see what he wants to see so how is it going with this guy.

Yanda:I found him and he's not that expensive so I'll pay half and you'll pay half.

Me:Mhm you don't need to.

Yanda:I want to.

Me:Why are you helping me?

Yanda:Because your my friend and I love you as a friend.

Me:You almost got me right there but I love you too bra so how does this guy work?

Yanda:Just know he goes unnoticed.

Me:Exactly what I want.

We spent a few hours together then he drove me home.

I called a family meeting fortunately mom a dad were leaving later that day for Cape Town.

Me:Hey people.

Dad:Okay such formality.

Mom:Scares me if you may ask.

Dad:So why are we here?

Me:I wanted to let you guys know that I remember a few things.

Quinton chuckled.

Mom:Quinton stop,honey are you saying what I think you saying?

Dad:I think she is.

Me:I got some of my memory back but only up to when I was 15 that's as far as I can remember.

Mom:Oh child thank goodness.

She stood up and hugged me she had tears.

Me:It's okay mah don't cry.

They hugged me individually.

Sarah:Good to have you back lil sis.

Me:Good to be back can I have my car keys?

Dad:I was wondering when you'd say that.

Mom:This girl and her car.

Me:I'm kidding I'm having fun riding with my dearest brother.

Que:And it's becoming a bore.

Me:Arh you're such a snob.

I also told Mandla about the memory he looked uncomfortable but I told him that I only remember up to 15 he gave me the largest smile,I had already made up how I'll make Clara go crazy this holiday and thank God

we were finally done with exams. I was chilling at home looking at the information and pictures he PI got me apparently Mandla has a house in Glen Anil or his girlfriend has a house in Glen

Anil,he usually visits her. She goes by the name of Asive Ndabeni I was caught between who I must go to first till a call disturbed me.

Me:Sasha

Sasha:Hey friend you home?

Me:No.

Sasha:You're lying.

Me:What do you want?

Sasha:Get dressed we are going to the twins pre party.

Me:What twins?

Sasha:Ah friend the rich boys Luvuyo and Alondwe they invited a few people imagine friend we are one of those People.

Me:What is it with these twins?

Sasha>Please don't drop me friend I beg you.

Me:What's the dress code?

She scre.amed.

Me:Cut it

Sasha:Okay just wear something sexy.

Me:Mhhm.

Sasha:We driving our own cars and please go do your nails we'll meet up at your house since it's close, around 7.

Me:Sure.

She hung up,I put the papers away safely then took my car keys and purse .

I am going to party after such a long ass time

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Luvuyo

Our folks had already left for Eastern Cape and that made things a lot easier since we having a pre party,we've been up and down trying to get things for the party tomorrow .We should've taken moms idea into consideration it ain't easy compiling a guest list after all we can't just invite anyone Alondwe has just got in with some of the things we were going to need for the pre party.

Me: Bra Michelle isn't coming again, imagine 3 years in a row.

Alo: Atleast you'll get pussy.

Me: you really not my twin all you ever think about is pussy.

Alo: Trust me when you see the chicks I've invited you'll want nothing but the bed ow and Clara will be here too apparently she's into you.

Me: Sounds promising.

Alo: Regarding?

Me: Sex? isn't that what you wanted me to do.

Alo: My nigga you aint no saint.

I gave him the finger, I had more important things to do.

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Pearl

I was done with my nails and eyebrows I went straight home .I ironed my hair and let it loose,I had maroon matte nails so I matched it with a long lasting Maroon lipstick and A high waist baggy ripped jean with a crop top and leather jacket and black timberlands.

Sasha called me saying they were waiting for me,I took my car
Sasha was riding

ahead of us.

My parents house was beautiful but this one was breath takingly beautiful ,not only was it located near the sea but their drive way went all the way round it was nicely paved with lights and flowers gosh.

Me:Wow this house is huge.

Clara:Not to mention beautiful damn there are even guards in here.

Sasha:Let's go in you guys.

My phone disturbed me.

Me:I'll be with you guys just now.

It was Siyanda I was so nervous.

Me:Hey.

Yanda:How are you?

Me:About to be awesome,yourself?

Yanda:I wanted to check if you okay?

Me:I am fine.

Yanda:Put your phone on vibrate so I can call you.

Me:Will do.

He hung up I was looking at my phone hoping Mandla would call I ended up bumping someone.

Me:The fuck..

Him:Watch where you're going.

He was handsome,caramel skinned,had braces and juicy lips
he had small cute eyes he has short curly hair and damn he was
so well dressed and tall.

I looked at him and walked away pissed

I found my friends already drinking.

Me:Thank God there aren't disco lights in here.

Clara:I'm inlove with the music.

Me:Great taste bra Rihanna and Lady Gaga.

I took a drink from the bucket and a straw there were about 30 people it was fun I must say and I was getting drunk I tried stopping because I'll be driving. The guy I bumped into had a twin I've never seen people so

identical after. The Major League Djs honestly such beauty really needed to be split.

Clara:No wonder Sasha was so crazy.

Sasha:Can you say that again?

Me:They coming.

They sat in front of us

Twin 1:I'm Alondwe this is my Ninja Luvuyo.

Oh so the one that gave me an attitude is Luvuyo.

Alo:Can you introduce us?

Me:Me?

Luh:Can she?

Me:I'm sure you know Sasha,this one is Clara and I need to go to the toilet,where is it?

Alo:Brother I'll mix some lean for them you can take her to the toilet.

Luh:Why me?

Me:Actually you can just direct me.

Alo:No don't worry he'll take you.

He shook his head and walked ahead of me his walk was so peaceful yet charming and his hands were inside the pockets.

He opened the bathroom door for me.

Me:Thanks.

I wanted to sit but he held the door.

Me:You going to watch me pee,suit yourself then.

I said sitting down he looked at me with no emotions none whatsoever I finished my business and washed my hands.

He was now rolling a blunt

Me:May I pass?

Luh:Can you let me finish what I'm doing?

Me:You being real,are you kidding me?

He looked at me with those eyes,you see those were the kinda eyes that you wouldn't say no to they were just too beautiful to be seen by the human eye.

I sat down he threw the lighter at me then handed me the blunt.

Me:I don't do weed.

Luh:You are going to light it for me nothing major.

Me:I can't light.

He held the blunt against my lips ,he was close I could feel his cologne flood my nostrils.

Luh:Turn on the light then pull.

I did as instructed,he pulled it back then I exhaled the smoke he instructed me to inhale it again I had 3 pulls and I coulffeel my eyes becoming smaller and the urge to laugh when we were done he threw it away.

Me:Hey rudey just because we smoked together doesn't mean we friends.

Luh:You just took the words out of my mouth.

Me:Guess we have an understanding then.

I said then laughed we joined the others Sasha gave me my codeine.

Me:Thanks.

Sasha:That took long thought you too were doing more than peeing.

Alo:I also noticed it was like 30 minutes.

Clara:It was less actually come on you guys

My phone vibrated.

Me:I have to take this.

I stood up and went outside it was Yanda.

Me:I hope you have good news.

Yanda:Yes apparently Mandla just brought in a girl and they looked cosy.

Me: Okay thank you.

I went back inside and sat down the twins were now the centre of attention they were dancing to house music they were pretty good I must

say they both had tumblers in their hands.

Me:Wow they are pretty good.

Sasha:It's called ukubhenga.

Me:Pretty cool but I gotta bounce.

Clara:Where to?

Me:I'm not feeling well.

Sasha:Luvuyo hit it hard.

Me:No you fool.

I kissed their cheeks and went to my car,I was really not okay but I was going to manage the lean made me really slow.

“The party isn’t over yet”.

I looked at him and went inside my car.

Me:I’m not feeling well.

Luh:Oh is it the weed

Me:I’m light headed that’s all.

Luh:How can you drive?

I smiled.

Me:Trust me I will.

Luh: Wait here. He went inside the house and came back with a lunchbox.

Luh: This will sober you up. Me: Ice cubes.

Luh:Yes,I’m just helping you,we're still not friends okay.

Me:oh please.

I took the lunchbox and drove home. I was having them till I got home.

I needed to change and go to Glen Anil it’s about time I show this man what I’m made off.

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Luvuyo

I was now back inside house music was playing some people were dancing I was sitting with Clara and the other girl was sitting on top of

Alondwe.

Me:Why does your friend have such a hard head?

Clara:Arh she just likes attention you shouldn't give it otherwise she'll walk all over you.

First thing I smelt # Jealousy#Alcholol.

Me:Talking from experience?

Clara:Oh yes just because she's Mexican and have white parents she thinks she is beautiful and have a body to die.

Okay those were news to me.

Me:But she is beautiful and has a good body.

Clara:Are you flirting with me yet complementing my friend?

Me:Honey I'm the most fluent person you'll ever meet and right now I want this.

I placed my hands on top of her thighs she was wearing a mini skirt she blushed and I kissed her.

Me:Would you like to go to my room?

Clara:Any day.

Okay easy target,I took her hand and walked upstairs I layed her on the bed and kissed her I wanted to have sex with her but I couldn't something just didn't allow me to.

Me:Would you like a movie?

Clara:Are you fuckin me up?

Me:No I'd like to get to know you first maybe take you out and call you.

Clara:Is that you asking for my tens?

Me:Is that a yes?

I said taking out my phone which had Michelle as my wallpaper,I wrote it down and saved it.

I kissed her again then we joined the others down stairs.

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Pearl

I got home safe and the alcohol was slowly dissipating. I change the clothes I was wearing or the pants I was wearing

I wore shoes that won't make a nose and I also wore my gloves, took the knives.

I called Siyanda for confirmation.

Me: Babe.

Yanda: Good thing you called, I was about to tell you that Mandla is back at his place.

Me: The penthouse?

Yanda: Yes.

Me: Okay.

I looked at the keys and found them. I bought myself a strong drink as I drove to Mandla's place. I was getting infuriated by the minute my anger was increasing.

I parked the car and waited for a few minutes, I looked at the time. I'm sure Mandla has his dick deep inside the girl's vagina. I know when he loves sex and how long he takes how loud he groans. I unlocked the door then

locked it again.

I took the gun from under the couch. I looked at it and remembered how he made me twerk on top of this very same table with this gun pointed at me. I got to the kitchen and took out a glass and ice cubes. I had my bag on my

back as I went to the bedroom

“Aaahh...fuck...go deeper baby...I love you”

I poured myself a drink as I opened the door as carefully as I could I sat on the dresser after carefully locking the door they didn't even noticed the main switch was off,they were busy fucking undercovers I took their phones

on the side then sat down again I was really getting turnt.

ManD got down from her breathing heavily then cuddled.

Me:I thought Mandy Mand was going to dispose the condom.

ManD:The fuck!?

The bitch scream.

Me:Scream again I'll make sure your brains are scattered all over this place.

I said pointing the gun at her.

ManD:Pearl.

Me:Who else would it be?

ManD:What are you doing here?

Me:I came here to see my boyfriend suprise you.

Girl:Boyfriend?Mandlas who's this?

Me:Yeah who's this?

ManD:It's uhm.

We both looked at him.

Me:Are you done fucking? you can go back to it again if you want?

ManD:Pearl don't do this.

Me:Do what huh?I'm such a good person I'm giving you one last chance to honeymoon before you both die.

Girl:Mandla if you don't explain to me what is happening I'll ask this crazy girl to kill you right now.

Me:Bitch are you calling the person who has your life at their hands crazy,I have a name.

Girl:As if I want to know it.

ManD:Noma please,Baby please calm down.

Noma:Are you calling her baby infront of me Mandla we have kids and we are getting married

how the fuck am I supposed to trust you?

Me:So Mand do you fuck every woman without a condom?

He looked down and I snapped.

Me:ANSWER ME!

ManD:Just you two

Me:The nerve,you have a fiance and you couldn't tell me what really are you after Mandla?

He looked at me shocked by the fact that I called him by his full name.

I poured another glass waiting for him explain himself and try to calm me down.

Me:I'm the only one that ask questions around here alright?

They both nodded

Me:Smells like sex in here but good thing we have an air con.

I pulled the blanket down and left them with only their hands as a cover .

I turned on the air conditioning to the last negative I'm freezing these motherfuckers.

I was on my 3rd glass

Me:Over to you Mr M.

ManD:I can't tell you the truth Pearl you won't handle it.

Me:Oh boo I handled you making me twerk on top of the table with a guynon my head,the dry sex,I went to a heist with you,You impregnated me on top of that hit me to a pulp I lost my pregnancy and landed in a coma.

Noma was now shivering and crying she was in a bad state but it didn't shake me.

ManD:I won't tell you anything kill me rather.

Me:You really don't love me do you?

I took out a knife and threw it it landed straight on his upper arm.

Me:I loved you Mandla you made me lose my memory,you almost killed me.

ManD:Aaah you you know

Me:Don't patronise me,do you know what's pissing me off huh finding you with a woman who claims to be your fiance?

He closed his eyes and flinched in pain.

Me:I still love you Mandla,whatever you came to me for I want to know. ManD: I do love you a lot.

Me:Fuck You Man Fuck the both of you,Why? I screamed.

ManD: I'm s- Me: Talk dammit!!

The look on his face was priceless Noma was trying to stop the bleeding and my anger was increasing by the moment the more I looked at them naked the more I became furious.

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It's already been a hour of me sobbing and looking at ManD,waiting for him to explain himself but all he has done is moan in pain .I went to the bathroom and came back with jik,I was wiping my tears with the back of the hand that carried a gun and poured the jik around the bedroom.

ManD:Pearl please stop.

Noma:Just tell her the truth

She was stuttering because of the cold I took a matchbox.

Me:I think it's cold here I should warm us up don't you think?

ManD:Okay fine I'll talk.

I looked at him.

Me:I'm listening.

ManD:We are cousins.

I laughed.

Me:I think you've been stealing my alcohol.

Noma had her hands in her mouth disgusted,

I was now pap drunk I was really fucked.

Me:Don't lie if this is your way of trying to soften me it ain't working.

ManD:Toronto remember him?

Tears flowed freely down my cheeks yet I was still laughing.

Me:You might have researched me you are a gangster.

Noma:A what?

Me:Girl don't make this about you please,you'll sort your thing out once I'm done with him.

I cocked the gun and pointed it at him I was now a total mess I was pissed,drunk

wet from all the tears and mucus.

Me:Mandla don't mess with me.

ManD:My real name is Bruce de Copous the only son of Toronto and Lwazi de Copous.

Me:No te atrevas a lio conmingo(.Don't you dare mess with me.)

ManD:No quise decir que todo esto pasara.

(I didn't mean for all of this to happen.)

Me:Oh my God you even speak Spanish,your father killed my parents in cold blood.I witnessed that as a kid it still haunts me Mandla and you had sex with me tell me the full story I'm not satisfiedMan.

D:Please Pearl.

Me:ManD I'm carrying a silent gun I can shoot both of you with your own gun then fuck outta here.

Noma:They will arrest you.

Me:I'm bipolar they might lock me up in a mental institution for a few months it'll be one of those mental breakdown cases.

She leaned back on the bed looking defeated I went closer to Mandla.

Me:I'm waiting

ManD:The reason why my father killed your parents is because of the hand the one you always use,apparently it had a small chip that can destroy my father and it contains money.

Me:Money my parents had no money.

ManD:They did they were gangsters.

Me:No No.

ManD:My job was to get the band then kill you but I couldn't.

He looked at Noma.

ManD:I have been following you before we met at the shop when I finally spoke to you I fell in love with you,4egardless of knowing you are my cousin I fell for you deep and I asked father that I get closer to the band and not kill

you. I agreed but the more time you and I spent the more difficult it became for me to steal the band .

I stoop up scratching my head the alcohol was almost finished and it was almost morning but the sun was not up yet.

Me:I can't believe you I don't want to believe so you were doing this for a stupid stick or chip whatever you want to call it?

ManD:I was doing it for my father.

I shot his other arm Noma screamed again.

Me:I'm tired of your screaming I think I should kill you first.

Mandla was now in tears.

Me:You did this for your own benefits?

ManD:I didn't ,my dad would have killed me if I hesitated.

Me:You're gangster I'm sure you would have done something.

ManD:He's more powerful than me.

Me:He isn't more powerful than the \$aints is he?

We were both sniffing and Noma was crying silently.

Me:You hurt me my heart is broken,if I didn't find out about this would you have told me?

ManD:I wanted to but I didn't know how to.

Me:What about her?You have kids and a fiance I didn't know about how did you do it.

ManD:I knew how fragile you were.

Noma:Mandla I hate you right now.

Me:Noma I said shut the fuck up.

ManD:Noma and I met when I went to visit my mother in the Eastern Cape we had sex once then she fell pregnant tradition forced me to marry her.

Me:What about the 2nd child?

ManD:Noma lied about it that child isn't mine.

Noma:I didn't.

ManD:Don't you dare lie to my face or I'll tell Pearl to kill you right now.

She kept quiet.

Me:There's someone else besides me and her right?

He looked down.

Me:Just answer me Bruce please.

ManD:Yes there is.

Me:Do you love her?

ManD:I love the fact that she is connected and very smart she can get me out of anything.

Me:What about me?

ManD:Although you my cousin I wish you weren't have find out about maybe we would have had a long life.

Noma:I know you don't love me I'm a sex machine but you shouldn't have said it to her.

I took Mandlas phone.

Me:What's your password?

ManD:Kamalei.

I looked at him for the longest time.

Me:Asive is smart and well connected right?

ManD:Yes.

I wiped my tears and dialled the number.

Asive:Bruce it's 2 am what do you want?

So I'm the only one who didn't know about this name.

Me:Hi this is Mandlas cousin.

Asive:A female? I didn't know Mandla has a cousin

Me:We'll explain some other time.

Asive:Where's Bruce?

I sniffed.

Me:He said I should call you someone broke in and shot him in his arm he needs stitching.

Asive:Is he okay?

Me:Please come quick.

Asive:Okay give me 20 minutes.

I hang up and looked at Mandla.

Me:And we wait.

ManD:Lo Siento Kamalei.(I'm sorry)

Me:Guardalo.(Save it)

I said taking out ropes from the bags and tied them on the bed I can't have them squirming or screaming I needed to think.

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I was looking at them. I turned off the aircon and covered them with a blanket after making sure they don't reach the door bell rang.

I unlocked the door then went downstairs.

Me:You must be Asive?

Her:Yes.

Me:Come in.

She came in I locked the door.

Her:Is he okay.

I pointed the gun at her.

Me:Give me your phone.

She handed me her phone and was left with the 1st aid kit.

Her:What the fuck?

Me:Just move I have no more fight in me.

I placed the gun a bit far from the back of her head.

Me:Unlock the door.

Her:Who the fuck are you?

Me:Pearl I'm Mandlas cousin.

She opened the door.

Her:Rhaaa

I couldn't help but laugh at this woman or girl whatever it is.

Me:You can help Bruce there.

I watched her take out the bullet, Noma was falling asleep I let her be. How brave of her though.

Asive:Why did you tie him up?

Me:Don't worry once you done he'll tell you.

ManD:Pearl please.

Asive:How old are you?

Me:Me?

Asive:Yes.

Me:I'm 17.

Asive:I thought I only shared you with a baby momma but a kid a teenager

Me:Atleast you knew you were sharing him,I was fooled.

Asive chuckled before helping Mandla drink some med.

Asive:So you decided to kidnap them,that's low.

Me:And perhaps you have a better idea?

ManD:Asive don't.

Asive:Don't what Bruce?this kid locked us up because she wasn't good enough for you.

I took a knife and threw it a few inches away from her face she was shocked.

Me:Next time I won't miss.

ManD:Pearl I can help you.

Me:With what?

ManD:Taking down my-

Me:You are not going to trick me okay?

Asive:What the hell is going on?

Me:You thought you knew it all didn't you Asive?You thought I was just a kid angry because of a dick honey I can get that anytime, though I can easily kill a person who fucked me up and the one who was fucking with them .

Asive:Meaning?

Me:Just passing the message you are a smarty pants after all so read between the lines missy.

Asive:I can't believe I'm caught up in a love triangle.

Me:Uhm it's a square this time there's 4 of us,Mandla how old is your kid?

ManD:3.

Me:So all this is recent wow unbelievable.

Asive:I knew dating you was going to be a waste of my time you are still a boy.

ManD:What?

Asive:Yes you are a little kid I'm too old to be caught up in such drama.

ManD:Is it?

Asive:Mandla ,I have been fooling myself all along thinking the love I have for you is real, but you are never going to settle with me even if you do I can't age before you do.

Me:Bruce these girls of yours really like taking my spot light,now I want you to tell me where Torontoot. It's about time I avenge on my parents death.

ManD:He stays in Lamont I can accompany you

I promise I'm on your side

Me:On my side?Really?I don't believe you at all sure I do love you but truth is you'll never side with me against your father.

He looked down

Me:Did you know our grandmother once said I'm cursed and I should sleep with your father in order to break it jeez that would be so disgusting sleeping with father and son.

ManD:I swear I'll help you Pearl I love you with every thing I have. I can easily let go of all these girls,even call off the wedding so I can spend my time with you,you bring out the best in me I'm sorry I wasn't truthful to you I really am this is from the bottom of my heart.

Me:I'm not buying that.

He looked down defeated.

Me:Why should I release you?

ManD:You can kill us all in cold blood or you can let me help you bring down Toronto ,he has never been a father to me anyway ;all he has done is abuse me he killed my mother because she was against the fact that he's a gangster I also witnessed that.

He was crying.

ManD:Pearl believe me when I say I love you,I'd do anything for you.

Asive:Okay this is a really lovely scene but the sun is rising and I need to be in the Eastern Cape this afternoon so can I bounce?

I looked at her the eyes,they look so familiar.

Me:Have we met?

Asive:Maybe in another life not this one.

Me:You aren't going anywhere,Mandla wake your wife up.

Noma woke up.

Me:You're brave sleeping at a time like this.

Noma:I thought I was having a nightmare,Who are you?

Asive:I'm Mandlas girlfriend.

ManD:Ex girlfriend you and I are done.

Noma:Good I'm Nomafu Mandlas fiance.

Asive:Nice meeting you clouds.

ManD:Actually we won't go through with the wedding the both of you are asses.

Me:Nice act Mandla I don't believe you.

ManD:Believe me please.

Me:I will release you all alright but ManD one bad move I kill the baby momma.

I pointed the gun and Noma.

Me:I kill you.

I pointed at ManD .

Me:And I kill both the children.

He swallowed hard.

ManD:I swear I won't double cross you.

Me:Let me alert my people one wrong move you entire family in Eastern Cape goes us in flames I'll make it a barbecue shop.

ManD:That won't be necessary.

I texted Siyanda I needed someones eyes on me and my family he agreed I'll pay for this.

Me:Sugar momma you first.

She stood up I gave her her things and she went out.

Me:You have no reason to contact any of us right.

She showed me a peace sign and I smiled I went back to the room.

Me:Baby momma get up

I took out the knife from the wall and cut her ropes.

ManD:Don't try anything Noma she's a black belt.

Me:Ncaw.

I called a cab for Noma she got dressed in the meantime.

Noma:I hate you for this Mandla the humiliation of being tortured by a kid.

ManD:Pearl untie me so I can fuck this perpetrator.

Me:Hey!!!'m the one who gets to insult people

There was a hoot downstairs Noma took her things I watched her leave and I went back to Mandla.

Me:How's your arm?Never mind don't answer that.

ManD:Are you planning on being a gangster? Me:Nope.

He gave me a side smile. ManD:You'd make a good one.

Me:Just brief me on how we'll take down your father.

ManD:We'll need more people.

Me:Who? ManD:The \$aints can help us if you pay.

Me:I will. ManD:Can you untie me?

Me:Let me write down how I'll kill your father first then I'll think about untying you.

He sighed I took a pen and a note pad from his drawer and started jotting down my plan,Mom and Dad I hope you'll rest in peace after this.

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Mandla: We need a person who will open from the inside.

Me: I'll do it.

ManD: You're not fit enough.

Me: Watch and learn.

I got out of the car and jumped, I held on to the wall and did like I do in gymnastics classes, the coast was clear. I jumped inside as carefully as I could then opened the gate for them. The other guys walked in first.

Mandla smiled at me.

ManD: Would you look at that? girl you flexible.

Me: Thank you.

There were two guys walking in front of the house, these idiots had sunglasses on late at night no wonder they didn't see me.

I saw them down.

Me: Who sh-

Mandla closed my mouth.

He signalled I follow behind him and another guy why the others stayed behind .I was a bit heavy from the things I had around my body.I had handcuffs,A gaslight,more knives and a gun we walked inside there 3 more dead bodies, we heard giggles upstairs or maybe moans I have a luck

of walking in on people having sex yeah tell me about it

Mandla pulled me first

ManD:Are you sure about this?

Me:I am,I should direct that question to you?

He exhaled looking at the gun he was carrying before handing me a mask that he took from behind him.

ManD:We can't risk those skanks seeing us.

I smiled he pulled me in for a kiss we kissed for a while then I broke it.

ManD:This isn't a trick or anything I'm doing this for me ,I, Mandla and a little bit for you all in all I am sure.

I smiled.

I opened my dearest uncles door we were pointing the guns at them.

Me:Out bitches you Mr don't move.

The girls were so nervous they picked up their clothes and ran for their dear life.

Me:A 3 some really?

ManD:Can't believe I just witnessed that.

We took off our masks.

Toronto:Bruce Bruce

ManD:Hey dad.

Toronto:What are you doing?

ManD:Getting my revenge on you,you see dad you have mistreated my mother and I since I was a little boy

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you made me fee I useless together with my "black" mother you hanged her on the room and let me watch her take her last breath because you didn't want change,you scarred to many young souls,you made me a slave instead of your son.

Toronto:You are weak and useless like your mother.

Me:Okay okay I love this whole thinghappening but you Toronto are a bitch.

Toronto:I'm guessing this is the beautiful Kamalei ,nice to meet you niece.

I didn't hesitate I shot his shoulder he screamed.

Me:Do you remember how my mother your sister begged you to stop but you shot them anyway and burnt them?

I shot another shoulder.

Toronto:Forgive me child.

Me:You made me hate meat I can't bear the smell of braaid meat because it smells exactly like my parents.

ManD:I'll take the last shot.

Mandla fired his heart I looked at him taking his last breath.

Mandla gave me a 5 litre of paraffin ask me where he got that from,I poured it in Torontos body then lit it I looked at him going up in flames

ManD took the rest of the paraffin then pulled me.

ManD:We have to leave

Me:I want to see him become ashes

ManD:Pearl stop being crazy let's go

I looked at Toronto and smiled,I did it mom and dad. I killed your killer we ran down the stairs pouring more paraffin then burnt the entire house. I was coughing because of the smoke we reached the car and drove off in high speed we went to some place underground

I took out my phone and transferred money .to their accounts
Mandla did so too. I looked at him and smiled.

Me:Thank you babe.

ManD:Anytime.

Me:And thank you guys good job.

ManD:Now the gangster code.

Them:If you get caught not a word must be said.

ManD:Good let's go home

Me:No just take me home

ManD:You sure?

Me:Please.

He drove me home I went straight to the room and washed the
things I was wearing. I left the weapons at Bruces place.

The minute I got inside the bathroom I started vomiting, even
in death Toronto will still own me,just because I killed him
doesn't mean the

bipolar went away I still hate anything with meat even chicken I
want all this to end.

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Luvuyo

My parents were back from Eastern Cape and I was back from accompanying Michelle.

Mom sat down next to me, she brushed my hair

Me: Mom stop.

Mom: What's up honey?

Me: Nothing.

She was about to say another word when aunt Asive walked in .

Me: Hey aunt.

She looked at me.

Asive: What do you want?

Mom: China.

Dad came down.

Dad: Hey sis.

Asive: Don't hey sis me.

Dad: Why?

Asive: I was involved in a love circle or square whatever some maniac kidnapped us.

Dad:Why aren't you hurt then?

Asive:If you pulled through for me you'd know.

Dad:I told you to never involve me in your love affairs.

Asive:She had a gun and Bru my boyfriend had 2 wounds,she wanted to kill me I swear.

Dad:How old is that girl?

Asive:17.

Dad:I'm guessing your boyfriend is younger too.

Dad said laughing I cleared my throat.

Me:Aunt Asive. Asive:What?

Me:Even if you angry you don't shake me,can you track someone for me? Asive: No.

Dad:Is it a girl? I kept quiet.

Mom:I thought you were dating Michelle. Dad:What?

I stood up

Me:Aunt Asive I'll tell you who it is as soon as I find out.

I ran to my room before mom and dad stand on my throat now. I need to ask Clara the girls name I don't know whether I forgot it or she didn't tell me at all either way ,I need to see her no no I need my mother's Tupperware.

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We drove to his apartment both buried in our thoughts.

Me:Can I have my phones back?

He ignored me totally okay that hurt.

Me:Are you angry?

He opened the door then led me in.

ManD:You're hungry?

Me:No I'm not.

ManD:Good go wait for me in the bedroom you can undress yourself I want to find you naked.

And he meant business his room looked different black linen,red pillows weird if you ask me. I took off the clothes I was wearing and sat there looking stupid he walked in and closed the door, he looked at me like a

hungry dog he placed the jacket on top of the dresser before coming to me and parting my legs he was moving on top of me I was getting wetter by the minute,his hands left trails till it reached the forbidden fruit he rubbed my clit I moaned,I wasn't ready when I felt him going in. I took off his clothes a long time ago and damn did I enjoy that but Mandla went on and on till I couldn't moan anymore we covered our bodies and cuddled

ManD:It's. been a while huh?

Me:H

His hands were slowly making their way to my cookie again.

ManD:One more please.

Me:You said that 5 rounds ago I'm not having a 6th round my pussy is overheating already.

ManD:Fine tomorrow then.

He kissed my neck.

ManD:I love you.

I smiled.

Me:I love you too.

Atleast it was still there and indeed he did have me for breakfast after begging me to let this Clara issue slide but I was having difficulties living with it.

We were almost done with our exams

it was the month of September we had a short holiday and 2 weeks before we write our final exams I was so busy with studying. I hardly had time to myself.

I got my report today mom and dad were waiting eagerly for me to reveal my results but I was still counting the percentage overall.

Me:Daddy I told you I wanted a red Gti right?

Dad:I'm guessing you got more than 80.

Me:Ah-hah.

I said giving him the report.

Dad:I want these results on your final exams then we'll have it delivered.

Me:But dad we'll only receive them next year and that wasn't part of the deal.

Dad:My money my rules.

Me:Okay look dad get me the car now if I do well tou'll get me an apartment if I don't I'll continue staying here.

Dad:Fine.

I screamed as I made my way to my bedroom have easy subjects and a smart mind you'll get anything you want.

My ride arrived 3 days later I couldn't stop thanking daddy. I took it for a ride to a shopping centre I needed ice cream any ways. I parked the car then went inside the mall humming a song I was just happy Mandla has

to see this soon.

“Someones happy”I was so shocked I almost lost my breath.

Him:I didn't get your name.

Me:It wasn't lost.

I said walking away this dude intimidates he is just too hot and straight up guy.I wonder how he'll be like when he grows up He chuckled then followed me.

Him:Come on.

I turned around bumping on his chest I closed my eyes and inhaled his scent, I looked up and was welcomed by a side smile no teeth shown just his lips on the side,okay what's happening? Why am I explaining this guy

so much ?I took one step back but he held my waist.

Him:I don't want you to run.

Me:I'm Pearl my name is Pearl.

Him:I'm Luvuyo.

Me:Good.

Luh:Are you going to buy Ice cream?

Me:Yes I was.

Luh:Good I guess you can give me a ride back home.

Me:What a nice way to ask.

Luh:Actually I saw you and told my dad to drop me off cause mom needs her tupperware.

Me:You should have called and said so.

Luh:Right I totally forgot I had your numbers.

He said sarcastically.

Me:Whatever.

I bought Ice cream first.

Me:Let's see if you'll catch me and my car.

I said leaving he followed behind me I wasn't backing down.

Luh:Are you really going to leave me behind?without Ice cream .

Me:I was actually,get in.

Luh:Nice ride.

I smiled and drove off I played Chris Brown on loud hoping to piss him off instead he sang along .I stopped when jealousy kicked in,this guy was one hell of a singer I mean he hit the high notes like nobody's business I switched the radio off he laughed.

Me:It isn't funny.

Luh:It is I mean it's rare for a girl like you to choose the talking me more than the singing me.

Me:Your point?

Luh:You love talking to me don't you?

I stole a glance at him he played with his eyebrows I wanted to laugh but held back.

Me:Fuck you.

Luh:You wouldn't mind doing it yourself would you?

Me:You see that house?

Luh:Yeah.

Me:It's Claras place I might drop you there if you don't stop nagging me.

Luh:Try me and see if you'll pass babe.

I decided to drive straight home I parked in front of the house took the tupperware and handed it to him.

Me:I can call you a cab.

Luh:Please drive me home I'll buy you a full tank.

I folded my arms and raised an eyebrow.

Me:You fucking me up now?

Luh:No I'm being real I might even offer you something sweet cause girl your ice cream melted.

I looked at it gosh I was too busy giving my attention to Luvuyo I totally forgot about the ice cream.

Luh:Besides you need sugar hun you are not the sweetest person I know.

Me:I think we'll share cause you aren't sweet either.

Luh:Thank you for noticing.

I went inside the car while he GPSd us to his house,ask me why I agreed to this I wouldn't tell you I don't even know why I did myself.

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I really had no idea why I took my time and my brand new car to drive this idiot who was making senseless conversation yet I was laughing my lungs out ,once again I was back at his house.

Me:Get out I need to go home.

Luh:Awu atleast come inside I want to offer you something that will make you forget about your ice cream.

Me:I forgot about my ice cream long ago.

He smiled.

Luh:But I reminded you right?

I sighed.

Me:Fine.

I got out and locked my car, now I got a chance to look at this house in broad daylight.

Luh:Hello aunty.

He kissed the twins that were nicely dressed on the floor.

Luh:Wait here.

Me:Hi.

Their nanny smiled back.

Her:I'll be back.

I took one of the twins she looked so adorable with dimples Luvuyo had those too.

Me:Hey you are so cute,you look like your brother.

My heart ached when I thought about my baby he'd probably be close to poppin now,I wonder how big I was going to get with the rate of my food intake by that time, this cute bundle smiled I was already in tears just by the thought of my pregnancy.I was becoming attached to my kid.

"You're okay?"

Me:This is the second time you startling me today.

I said placing the twin down and wiping my tears.

Luh:You're crying.

He said pulling me in for a hug I swear I died right there dead and buried.

I moved awa.y

Me:I'm fine.

This is a first time I ever shed an emotional tear for my child,he was a piece of me right now .I'm missing a part of me a void that no one can ever fill.

I looked at Luvuyo no I starred at his lips but held back.

Me:Ahem I have to go home I need to study.

Luh:Uhm what about your ice cream?

Me:I'll have it some other time

Luh:our last paper is English I'll pick you up at school.

Me:You don't know where I school.

Luh:I know your name that's all I need.

Me:Weirdo.

I stood up he followed me

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I sat on my seat he took out a pen and paper.

Luh:Can you give me your tens?

Me:Where's your phone?

Luh:My father confiscated it for the time being.

Me:I like your father.

He gave me the pen and paper I wrote my numbers then handed them to him instead he held my hand looking at me .I swear my cheeks were red from blushing .I cleared my throat.

Luh:I'll frame this and put it on the wall.

Me:Yeah right bye Vuyo.

God the way I was smiling you'd swear I won a jackpot what is this guy doing to me? Nothing. yet it feels like he did dozens of things. Even before I went to sleep I thought about him no Spank he's your friends boyfriend arh Clara isn't my friend.

I thought Mandla would confront me since he has people following me ,but he didn't instead I received a message from Siyanda asking me to visit him. I said the day after tomorrow it's been a while since we saw each other.

The following day Quinton & I were practicing Maths we were pretty good especially with Sarahs help she was a mad genius but struggling to get a job but she had hopes. Next day I got ready to meet up with Siyanda.

I found him busy on his laptop as always we hugged then sat down.

Me: You seem a bit off.

Yanda: You've been scarce.

Me: Exams bru.

Yanda: Even before that.

Me: Ow yeah isn't I was handling that issue with Bruce.

Yanda: I thought he'd be dead by now or you two would be separated.

He said standing up he sounded like a jealous boyfriend he gave me some snacks and juice.

Me:We fixed things.

Yanda:Yeah right,why are you still with him?

Me:Who?

Yanda:Your boyfriend.

Me:I love him and he completes me.

Yanda:Does he? does he really?

Me:What's wrong with you?

Yanda:You are the one I should be asking,after what Mandla did to you, you're still sticking around.

Me:That's what you do when you are in love.

Yanda:No that's what you do when you are scared of someone, You always think of Mandla when a boy asks you out he scares you.

Me:He doesn't.

Yanda:You can deny it all you want but deep down you know that truth.

I exhaled Yanda was being amateur about this whole thing.

Me:Okay something is bothering you and it's not me or Mandla now spill it.

Yanda:There's nothing.

Me:You lying I know you are.

He sighed loudly.

Yanda:I recently found some disturbing news.

I looked at him waiting for him to continue.

Yanda:Remember last time you were here?

I nodded.

Yanda:I was sent by Aunt Dorothy to come to the city and study but I decided to look for my little sister and study,when I saw you I saw your mothers resemblance but my fathers ears.

I listened attentively expecting him to not say what I thought he'd say.

Yanda:I took the glass you drank with to the lab and my saliva it came back saying we have 98% chances of being siblings.

Me:No you are lying I have no family my father died so did my mother the only family I have are the Harpers.

Yanda:I'm sorry for dropping such a bomb but it is the truth we can do the tests again.

Me:You didn't even think of telling me or giving me a hint?

Yanda:I wasn't sure too though I felt it when I first spoke to you,Pearl they need you at home for a cleansing ritual then you can come and live your life.

Me:I am not your sister.

I said taking my bag.

Yanda:Pearl please.

Me:Bullshit.

I had no tears at all my eyes were dry but I was hurt and broken the only guy I thought had sense is my brother and on the other hand I'm fucking my cousin how am I going to fix this?how will I fix me? The 2% means

something right?doesn't it?

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I didn't know what to do anymore, the more I try to fix my life the more complicated things get, maybe I should just lay back and let things be instead of being a fixer the situation. What was bothering me the most was the current one and the fuckin heavy rain. I could hardly see a thing because my eyes too were flooded I felt like I was losing control of the car and I did next thing I knew there was a truck hooting then I lost real control of the car. All I remember was a smash and baam all that happened after wards were thoughts I really thought I was dead when I was hanging upside down.

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Luvuyo

I was spending my day with my beautiful Brunette though her mind seemed to be far far away from her ,though we just had a mind blowing love making session.

Me:Michelle.

Silence.

Me:Michelle.

Her:hm.

Me:You're pissing me off.

I said getting out of bed wearing my pants.

Her:What did I do?

Me:You are doing nothing Michelle,are you going to tell me what's going on?

Her:Nothing is going o.n

I looked at her Michelle is like this when she has a new boyfriend she knows I can see right through her ,but continues fucking around I swear if a nigga touched her cookie. I'll blow someones nuts.

She laid on the bed facing the other direction,I opened the windows and left her there. I wanted us to cuddle because the weather was bad now but she is thinking about her boyfriend.

I went downstairs and made us food Ahlume walked in she was busy on her phone.

Me:Morning baby sis.

Ahlu:What do you want?

Me:Your phone and can you please take this plate upstairs to my room.

Ahlu:This is not telkom.

Me:I know.

She took the plate and gave me the phone,I dialled Pearls number that was already saved on Ahlumes phone I wanted to tease her a bit since I saw how much I get to her.

It rang twice then she answered.

Pearl:Help Me

Me:Pearl.

Her voice was scratchy.

Me:Don't hang up.

I placed my food down and ran to Dads study I know I shouldn't be doing what I was doing but I did it anyway I took Dads laptop and plugged the phone in"Search Location"She was 15 minutes away from my house . On

the road okay weird. I ran back to my room Ahlume and Michelle were having a girly talk.

I opened my closet took out a jacket I tried kissing her but she ducked I pinched Ahlus cheeks took the spare car keys I drove to where Pearl was there was an accident I ran to the scene but the police held me back.

Me:I want to see the car man.

Police:No you can't.

Me:Don't fuckin push me.

I pushed him and it was Pearls Gti I saw her being wheeled inside the ambulance she was badly hurt but it was quite obvious her car was smashed by a truck.

The ambulance drove off with me following it.

I was also pushing her to where they'll help her,the nurses pushed me out.

I sat near the ICU not knowing what to do I had no phone I had only R50 in the car that was my best. I wondered if they have called her relatives either way I am not going anywhere. After hours of waiting they wheeled her out to her own room.

Me:Doctor how is she?

Doc:Are you a relative?

Me:No I am her friend.

Doc:She is stable but we don't know for how long.

Me:What is that supposed to mean?

Doc:It means anything is possible,she has fractured ribs broken arm,and her neck too was broken then bruises we will still check if there isn't internal bleeding because it's too early too tell.

My mouth was wide open what the doctor was saying was too hard to swallow trust me with being emotional. I cry at every sad situation that takes place. I was now sitting next to Pearl ask me why am I here I wouldn't answer you but I didn't see the need to not be here.

Me:Hey Pearly.

I wiped my tears seeing how weak I was I needed to get out of that place instantly I bumped on some guy.

Him:Watch it.

Me:I am actually.

Him:Why were you in there?

Who the hell is this guy supposed to be?

Me:Was I supposed to tell you?

Him:If you want my girlfriend I swear I'll kill you.

Me:Act your age man not like some pussy.

I walked away I am in no mood for niggas acting like females this dude was really on some insecurities shit,pity he didn't shake me.

Aint nobody going to kill me,I found Michelles face red for sure she was furious.

Michelle:I hope the red eyes are because she broke up with you.

I looked at her.

Michelle:Are you going to act like there's no one else?

Me:When do you want me to take you home?

Michelle:Answer me first. Me:I don't have time for shit.

Michelle:Shit really Vuyo are you gone do me like this?

Me:Like what Mich huh,If you are cheating that doesn't mean all of us are ,your guilty consciousness is making you believe that all of us are doing what you doing. Michelle: I'm-

Me:Ssh don't you dare breathe another word,I will know who's fucking you before the end of today and when I do find out make sure that the two of you are done.

Michelle:You and your empty promises,all bark and no bite.

I chuckled. Me:Don't bullshit me.

With that said I went to bath,I wonder how much pain she felt,I wonder if she's still feeling any pain?did she even hear me?poor Pearl.

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Luvuyo

I found Michelle sleeping or pretending to be asleep,I got on bed with her falling asleep almost immediately.I felt her warm hand making their way to my pants. I knew she was going to give me a hand job but I was too

drained though my man betrayed me by standing firm. I turned around and got on top of her I kissed her neck she moaned. I held her mouth I can't have my parents hear moans.

I noticed she wasn't wearing a thing just the way I like it,I played with her clit before going in slowly she moaned. I smashed my lips against hers we had 2 rounds she rested on top of me.

Me:I love you.

Mich:I love you even more.

She made a hickie.

Me:You always make those.

Mich:Just marking my territory.

I knew she did that because of the girl she thinks I'm with.

Following day I took her home then passed by the hospital to visit Pearl there was a white guy and Sasha there.

Me:Good Afternoon.

Sasha:Luvuyo why are you here?

Me:For the same reason as you.

Sasha:Hm,this is Quinton Pearls brother Que this is Luvuyo our friend.

Me:Nice meeting you man.

Que:Same here.

Me:How is she?

Sasha:We were about to go in too we will see from then.

I nodded,the doctor came out she said we can go in.

She looked the same but more pale,she looked dry.

Me:To they bath patients like Pearl.

Que:I would answer if I had an answer.

I touched her hand Sasha looked at me I cared less. I looked at Pearl then left I was hoping I'd be alone but unfortunately I didn't.

The same guy who is Pearls boyfriend walked my direction.

Him:I told you to stay away.

Me:Why don't I remember that?

He punched me making me bite my lip.

Him: Listen here young man I want you to stay far away from my girlfriend got that?

Me: If your dick game is weak don't take your anger out on everyone else.

He punched me again on my eye.

Him: I'll remove these braces of yours with my own fist.

I was charging to him when Quinton got in between us Sasha pulled me out.

Sasha: Mandl. a stop.

Me: The fuck

Sasha: Why were you fighting with Spanks man?

Me: Who's Spank?

Sasha: Spank is Pearl are two timing my friends.

Me: What? are you insane Clara and I are Fuck mates

Pearl and I are friends.

Sasha: Clara is madly in love with you.

Me: Tell her to fuck off then.

I got in the car and drove home unfortunately mom and dad were present.

Me:Morning.

Mom:Come here.

I didn't look at her.

Me:But mah.

Mom:Vuyo come here.

I looked down and walked towards them.

Mom:Sive look at this child.

Dad:I thought we went through this

Me:Dad I didn't fight some dude did this to me after promising to kill me.

Mom:Who said that?

Me:It's fine I got this.

Dad chuckled.

Dad:He says he got this look at your eye it's red tomorrow it'll be blue and you have a swollen lip.

Trust my parents with making everything a big deal now they'll want the name next thing this dude will be declared dead.

Mom gave me a cloth with ice cubes I placed it against my eye.

Dad:Who did this?

Me:Mandla my friends boyfriend.

Dad:Hm okay.

He stood up and left mom felt my lip.

Me:Ouch mah it hurts.

Mom:Suzenza iCherry(Stop being a sissy)your father will fix this,this Mandla seemed to be dangerous.

Me:You guys make a big deal out of every little thing.

I threw the cloth in the sink and went to my room Alondwe was camping there.

Alo:And then.

Me:And then what?

Alo:You fought?

Me:I didn't fight I was hit.

He laughed.

Me:It's a joke I'm glad you finding this whole thing to be funny I really am.

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Narrated-Later that day

Mandla was tied in a seat Sive who is Luvuyos dad walked in.

Sive:Bruce.

Bruce:Who are you and what do you want from me?

Sive pulled a seat and sat opposite him piercing him with his eyes.

Sive:You work for the \$aints and you're a pretty good asset.

Bruce:Fuck you

He said trying to move the sit but it was stuck on the ground.

Sive:And next week you are supposed to go with the rest of the team to do a heist in Colombia.

These were news to Bruce he has shock written all over his face,who is this person and how did he know so much?

Bruce:I'm not scared of you.

Sive:Why did you punch my son?

Bruce seemed confused so he didn't answer.

Sive:Your life depends on me so does your salary and everything.

Bruce:Is that supposed to scare me?

Sive:You must consider yourself lucky you have met the boss,my name is Crane the leader of the \$aints.

The look on Bruces face was priceless you'd swear he is on scare tactics or had seen a ghost no words came out from his mouth.

Sive:Not so brave now are we?

Bruce knew what his boss is capable and now that he has messed with his son meant he is in big trouble.

Sive:Because I need you to perform the heist I'll let you go unharmed but you must know you are on the leash I have my eyes on you.

Bruce:Forgive me boss,I'm sorry.

Sive chuckled.

Sive:You hurt my son and disrespect me.

Bruce:I didn't know boss forgive me I'm sorry I really am.

Sive:That's sweet.

He stood up and left him shaking to his glans not knowing how he'll get him self out of this mess.

He surely was regretful and sad because he had to leave while Pearl is in hospital fighting for her life, but he knew that he can't risk his life knowing how dangerous the Saints are more especially because he went head to head with the boss unknowingly.

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Luvuyo

I was again sitting on the stairs dad walked in right after midnight trust my dad with being dodgy

Me:Hey pops

Dad:Don't call me that tata to you I'm tata

Me:I'm coloured so I can call you dad

Dad:Your mom is coloured not you,just because you have curly heh, psh this boy

I looked at him confused,this man either drunk or mom gave it to him good,he's acting gayish

Me:You're okay dad?

Dad:Son next week I might be the richest man in South Africa.

He giggled walking upstairs that explains it he is happy .I had insomnia so I took out my books and studied

Next day I prepared to go to the hospital after begging Dad to give me a car

Luckily I got there just as the visiting hours started and I was alone today

I sat next to her

Me:Hey Pearl,I am so happy to finally be alone with you

I took her hand placed it against my cheek

Me:I want you to know that I miss you even though I only spent one day with you,I was hoping we'd be friends when you wake up I will take you to milky lane for Ice cream

Again my tears betrayed I was suprised when she held my hand.

I looked at her she had her eyes opened.

Pearl:Come here

Me:Must I call a doctor

She spoke again with her hoaky voic.e

Pearl:Come close.

I went closer to her,she whispered.

Pearl:You are such a cry baby.

I laughed wiping my tears.

Me:Whatever.

I pressed the button the nurses came runnin.g

Nurse:Everything okay?

Me:She's awake.

I was beyond excited I don't even know why but my heart was jumping for joy.

Nurse:I'll call the doctor.

I looked at Pearl who had a collar around her neck and a cast on her arm a bandage on her cheek and head she looked horrible but she was still a beaut the doctor came in.

Doc:Welcome back Miss Harp.er

Pearl smiled she seemed tired I was watching as the doctor checked her.

Doc:Everything seems fine but you have to stay here for a few more day.

Me:We are starting with exams in 3 days.

Doc:I'll release her in 3 days time but she isn't fit enough to write her exams.

I looked at Pearl who seemed to be in deep pain.

Pearl:What happened to your eye and lip.

"Your boyfriend hit him."

I turned around and was met by Clara and Sasha,Clara came to me she kissed my lips.

Pearl:Owkay.

Sasha:I'm so glad you are awake we've missed you.

Me:Let me leave you guys.

I walked out with Clara following me I faked a smile and looked at her trust this girl with being a nuisance.

Clara:Are you avoiding me?

Me:No why would I?Do you want a fuck?

Clara:No I'm fine I thought you'd be a bit friendly let me go back and let you cool down.

She held my shoulders and kissed me I responded she broke it .

Clara:See you when you call.

We parted ways.

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Pearl

Man was I glad that I wasn't dead though I wish I could lend someone else my body the incidents of the truck will haunt me forever

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I don't want a car anymore. I'd rather walk to school, Luvuyo has been a sweetheart but

what bothered was the fact that Mandla beat him up why would he do that.

Me: Can you help me drink water?

Sasha: Of course.

I pressed the bed so it could allow me to sit in an upright.

Sasha: The receptionist called your family they will be here soon.

I drank the water.

Me: Why did Mandla hit Luh?

Sasha: I think because he came with you to the hospital and yesterday he was here with us.

Me: Really?

Sasha: Yes I'm for real.

Me: How is Clara taking this?

Sasha: She said you're a conniving bastard and that she-
"Bestie I'm so glad you're awake".

Me: I was awake all along just lazy to open my eyes.

She seemed happier.

Clara:I'm glad,so what's the deal between you and Luvuyo?

Me:Deal?

Clara:Yes,I mean he was here when you woke up

Me:I think I need to rest

Sasha:We'll come back tomorrow

Me>Please bring me a carrot cake from McDonald's.

Clara:Sure.

They kissed my cheek then left,I closed my eyes and let tears flow freely.I was weak I really was I almost died and my body is bruised I could still feel myself suffocating,my bones breaking the glass cutting my cheek and

other parts,I was finished this time.

"Oh my baby"I opened my eyes and was met by my family with the widest smiles.

Mom:Are you crying?

Me:I'm just glad I'm alive.

Sarah:Are you holding up?

Me:Not really,my chest hurts and my whole body too.

Mom:You'll be fine you are a strong girl.

I tried smiling but my cheek didn't allow me to open my mouth that wide even the way I open it when I talk is limited the collar had an effect too.

Dad:What happened?

Should I tell them I've found my family or my family found me?Where should I start?Is it even the right thing to do?these people did take me in and made me their own I really feel bad.

Mom came through for me fortunately.

Mom:The doctor said her eyesight had an effect together with the rain.

Dad:So it was her fault?

Me:I'm sorry I ruined my new car daddy I'll probably not drive again.

Que:She's still traumatised she'll be fine.

Mom:But baby you look as if you are in great pain.

Me:I am mom.

We continued conversing but I had little input I was tired,as for the Ndlovus I don't know how I'll sort that issue what if the Harpers decide

to disown me, that would be the end of me.

Luvuyo continued visiting me till I was discharged. Mandla was nowhere to be seen even his phone went to voicemail. I always made sure I leave a voice message incase he decides to call back . Aweek passed but nothing,I missed him; I missed being with him I miss how jealous he was I miss everything about him. I was really lonely but I concentrated on studying and tried not to lose focus.

I was blessed to have Quinton as a brother,we drove together to school he helped me to the exams venue he was a blessing and I was ugly betty having to wear glasses every day was boring with a capital letter B.

Today I had only written one paper Quinton picked me up from school.

Me:I can't wait to get rid of this cement on my arm and this collar.

Que:You still have paparazzi?

Me:All day everyday but it's better cause we go in and out of school no staying during breaks.

Que:But sis this thing on your neck makes you look like you practicing to become a model you always walking upright and have a special desk at school.

Me:You're being a dick and keep your eyes on the road don't drive fast.

He imitated me silently.

Que:You have to get over this sis.

Me:I will when the time is right.

There was an unfamiliar car at home it was dirty as though it was travelling we got in to the shock of my life,I found Siyanda with two males and a female I froze for a minute.

Que:Afternoon.

Dad:Afternoon son.

Me:I will be in my room.

Quinton followed with my bag the struggle of taking off my clothes began once again,when I finished dressing up. I looked at my self in the mirror I wasn't Spank anymore it so painful but I was used to it. I went downstairs to the kitchen mom came to me.

Mom:How are you?

Me:Better than yesterday.

Mom:Oh can you join us in the living room.

Me:Why?.

Mom: Pearl

She gave me a straight look.

I followed behind her then sat next to her.

Dad: Good thing you are here Pearl, these people have something to say.

For a while I felt angry my eyes weren't moving from Siyanda who was looking down.

Dad: They have something to say.

Female: I'm aunt Dorothy, your father's sister.

I looked at her without saying a word, I wasn't expecting this though I showed no emotions after all I knew this day would come.

Aunt: These are your uncles.

I still didn't say a thing.

Dad: Pearl.

Me: Are you here to take me away?

Uncle: No but.

Me: I'm not going anywhere if that's what you expect.

Uncle 1: Ihlaza leNgane .(This child is rude.)

Me:I didn't get that.

Aunt:Bhuti please.

Uncle 2:No child we won't take you away if you don't want to,we just want you to come with us to the rural areas,a ceremony must be performed for you so the ancestors can protect you and keep you safe.

Me:Am I lost soul?

Uncle 2:No but we need you to meet the rest of your family and know your roots or you'll go astray in life your parents can come too.

Mom:Oh No thanks I'm fine here.

She said with a smile I looked at her she kept a straight face then pushed her blonde hair back.

Me:I'll have to talk to my parents about that.

Aunt:We need to do it when school close.

They stood up and left I was pissed no lie ask me why my answer wouldn't make sense,I spoke to my parents they said I must go but they'll hire a bodyguard for me he will drive me and watch me

these people have trust issues my goodness .Dorothy was the one who came imagine I had to cancel my appointment will Luvuyo he was sad but understood.

So there I was at the backseat of dads SUV with Aunt Dorothy at the front seat.

Aunt:The family is so excited to see you they have been talking about you none stop.

Me:That's sweet I hope they will like me.

Aunt:They will.

Aunt Dorothy seemed nice and I liked I her was scrolling through my pics this is what I do almost everyday miss Mandla and end up in tears but today I was shocked because of the sms that came through it read.

"Queen

of my heart,love of my life,I'm sorry for disappearing like this I am not in

Africa at the moment and I won't be there for some time please be patient

with me and wait for me to get back I love to eternity-Mandla."

I called the number but it went to voicemail,I was filled with emotions .I was happy he is alive and still remembered me but

hurt he never told me and I don't know for how long he will be gone tears welled on my eyes I wiped them quickly then laid back and slept I was woken up by someone shaking me lightly.

I rubbed my eyes.

Me:Mhm.

Aunt:We here.

I opened my eyes,my goodness why am I here this place had mountains and houses far apart they weren't the same as ours back in durban some were round with brown grass as roof while some were hexagon like I'm

not sure,the grass wasn't cut,there were cows and the air was dry it was just to plain for me.

Me:Aunt for how long am I supposed to be here?

Aunt:1 or 2 weeks?

Me:Huh? Why such a long time ?Aunt:Cleansing,welcoming and grooming ceremony take time sweetheart we can't rush things.

Me:Lord help me,Aunt what am I standing on?

Aunt:Cow dung,you should get out from there before you ruin your shoes.

I wanted to scream and cry but I held back,there were people singing I'm

standing on top of shit and there are people that are jolly, imagine how I'd look with a collar and cement thank God they were removed but a bandage on my arm and plaster on my cheek.

The people were jumping and dancing while coming my direction and there I was standing on top of shit clueless.

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I got out of the dung and took off my shoes. I was so disgusted this stinks damn, I fixed my glasses I had to walk barefoot.

Aunt: Smile they're singing for you.

I did as told though I couldn't understand what they were saying, it was Zulu though.

The bodyguard was following with my bags.

An old woman came to me she held my hand and smiled.

Aunt: She doesn't talk a lot but her smile says a thousand words she's happy to see you, she's your father's mother we call her Gogo.

Me: Hi Gogo.

She touched my other cheek she was wrinkled but I could feel the bond between us.

Aunt: Come I'll show you where you'll be sleeping.

Me: My bodyguard.

Aunt: He said he will be fine inside the car he is used to it besides he will guard you at night but sleep in the early hours of morning.

I nodded.

Aunt:Come mama ngsamyisa egumbin lokulala.

Gogo nodded to whatever was being said.

Aunt:You will be sharing with one of your cousins the family is big rest now my darling.

Me:Thanks aunt,can I have a glass of water?

Aunt:I'll ask Nonhle to bring it to you.

She left I wore my pjs I needed a bath though,a girl came she was smiling like a retarded person.

Her:Hi I'm Nonhle you can call me Noh.

Me:Hi No I'm Pearl.

Noh:I know here's your water.

It was in a metal like green mug.

Noh:It's clean.

I drank the pills.

Me:Where is the bathroom I need to refresh?

Noh:We don't have a bathroom.

Me:So you guys don't bath.

She laughed.

Noh:AmaCoconut,we do but we use a dish it's on top of the wardrobe.

Me:Huh?

Noh:You boil water with a kettle then pour it inside the dish when you're done throw the water outside rinse the dish and wipe it.

Me:So much staff,how will I keep up? I need to call mom.

I took my phone and went outside great no service I walked around bumping on someone.

Me:You.

Yanda:You want to make a call.

Me:Yes.

Yanda:Follow me.

We went out of the gate and stood on a cliff like place.

I dialled moms phone it rang answered I texted her saying I'm home safe .I also called Luh

Luh:Ugly Betty.

Me:Fuck you.

Luh:Where you at?

Me:I'll tell you all about it when I get back.

Luh:Fine I'll hear from you then.

Me:Dick.

Luh:Say what?

Me:Bye.

I hang up.

Me:Thanks.

Yanda:Can we talk?

Me:No.

Following day I was woken up by drums and music ah these people don't sleep damn man

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Nonhle came in with water.

Noh:Because I like you I mixed water for you bath quickly the ceremony will start.

Me:Ceremony.

Noh:Yes you still have to be introduced to the elders then the ancestors I feel sorry for you.

Me:Why?

Noh:You aren't cut out for this.

I looked at her undressing myself this girl wants me to go cray cray on everyone

Noh:You have a belly ring and tattoo yooh. uncle will freak when he sees those.

Me:Why?they aren't his.

She clapped her hands and walked out talk about struggle I couldn't even fit in that dish as for the water it was so little not even a baby fish would swim there, after some time I finished aunt Dorothy walked in.

Aunt:Good thing you're donecome let me help you wear this.

He helped me get dressed.

Me:Let me get my shoes.

Aunt:No today you'll walk barefoot.

Me:What!!??Aunty please don't punish me.

The guard came in.

Me:It's fine I'm okay.

He walked out.

Me:Aunty please look at my feet they aren't that strong.

Aunt:You'll be fine just get it over and done with now come.

We went out with the guard following we went to the kitchen there were elders there.

Aunt:Kneel.

What the hell is ip with these people?I did as told regardless,an old man came towards me he was saying our clan names I assumed. I had to go around shaking everyones hands then we went to the kraal where I sat down.The rude uncle that came to my house came to me.

Uncle:We are going to slaughter the sheep but you must catch it first.

Me:Catch it that's absurd I'm not running after an animal.

Uncle:Either that or slaughter the cow.

I quickly stood up.

The other uncle who is Mxo came to the rescue.

Mxo:Bhuti she can't run after a sheep she is a girl.

Uncle:She is a Zulu she must learn.

Mxo:I know but she is not familiar with this.

Uncle:Fine she won't do the difficult things but she has to participate in all the rituals.

So these people are going to act as though I'm not around.

They slaughtered the cow and goat the burned incense 97% of the things they were saying I couldn't hear, they said it was the introduction now the only thing left is for me to be cleansed which will be done at night, the only thing I ate was steamed bread which was the first time ever.

Now the problem started at night when they decided to give me meat.

Me: No thanks.

Grandpa: Gatshenis don't say no to meat.

Me: No I don't eat meat Pops it makes me sick.

He gave me a confused look before saying "Pops". We were sitting near a fire by the Kraal, uncle Mxo came with cow dung inside a dish the same ones we use for bathing.

Mxo: Stand up.

I stood up, he scooped the dung with his hands then squatted in front of me.

Me: What's going on?

Mxo: We have to apply this on your legs arms and chest.

Me: No you can't do that.

Mxo: Everyone in this family did that.

Me: No I can't do it.

He rubbed it on my leg, why are these people torturing me this much? I couldn't hold back anymore I cried fighting the urge to vomit I smelt like a kraal, the minute he stopped I ran to the back and vomited why are they doing me like this though? I hope they won't say I must eat it next time cause I'll kill someone.

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I felt really sick at that moment I continued vomiting, Siyanda gave me water.

Yanda: I'm sorry.

Me: It's fine I'm acting like a spoilt brat am I?

Yanda: No you not, you just aren't use to this.

Me: What else is bad?

Yanda: Well there's nothing much left but next Saturday there'll be a ceremony where we will all be taught about our roots.

Me: So you are really my half brother right?

Yanda: I guess, I have something for you.

He gave me a picture.

Yanda: It's your mom and dad.

I looked at the pic.

Me: Thanks.

I took it to my room.

Trust me when I say I was bored I had goat skin on my wrists, imagine 3 of them they had this odour.

Sunday I had to go home I was sick very sick if you ask me, I slept all the way home

My family was already waiting for me.

Dad:What happened to you?

Me:I was just unfamiliar with the environment.

I sneezed.

Mom:What kind of place is it?

Me:It's a cool place just not for me.

Mom:Come rest are you hungry??

Que:She needs to sleep look at how she looks.

Sarah:I'll make you something to eat and give you meds.

Me:Can I have a green salad, Prawns, a fruit salad and orange juice.

Sarah:So much food?

Me:Trust me I need it.

I went my room while running myself a bath, I had a long ass one finally .

I was on my bed alone, eating real food, how cool is that?

They way I slept you'd swear I haven't done it for weeks . I woke up midday following day there was no one at home but a note on the

fridge" Went out for Christmas shopping" Christmas is in a week that

means I'll have my results in two weeks time just awesome how did that slip my mind?

I took food and went back to my room Luh called.

Me:Sup?

Luh:Weren't you supposed to tell me when you come back?

Me:You should stop thinking you're my boyfriend

Luh:Someone is grumpy what's eating you?

Me:I don't know.

Luh:I'm coming there I still owe you ice cream.

Me:Really are you being serious?

Luh:Actually I am are you alone though?

Me:Yes you can come call me when you are at the gate.

I quickly went upstairs and made my bed I was about to bath when my phone rang.

Me:You are here already?

Luh:Duuh.

I buzzed him in then unlocked the door he can see himself in,I took a shower then wore high waisted shorts,and tucked in my vest I then wore sandals.

Me:Booh.

He was so startled he jumped up from the couch I couldn't help but laugh.

Me:Hahaha payback time ass.

Luh:I see you no longer have a collar and you not carrying a gun.

Me:I never carried a gun.

Luh:Oh really that cement on your arm?

Me:Whatever.

I took my keys locked up and drove off,he was driving a red sports car talk about being forward.

Me:So where are we going?with a fast car that scares the shit out of me.

Luh:You don't like fast drivers?

Me:I do but after the accident it terrifies me.

Luh:I understand.

He lowered the speed.

Luh:So why were you in the village?

Me:For some ceremony shit

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It's a long story.

Luh:Okay,so would you like meat?

Me:Hell to the no I hate meat.

Luh:Whaaaat???

Me:I don't eat meat have but never will.

Luh:My goodness why?

Me:Story for another day.

Luh:Damn girl you have so many stories.

He parked at South Beach.

Luh:We are going to have fun then we will have meat.

Me:No thanks.

Luh:Fine we will have fun only and vegies or rice with cooking oil now let's go rent bikes.

We took the bicycles and rode near the ocean man it was fun we then went on to the snake ride,and swing boats.

Me:That was so fun.

Luh:Let's buy some food then I'll show you my apartment.

Me:You already have an apartment my dad told me to wait.

Luh:You'll be alright.

Me:Yeah whatever.

We bought food & headed to his apartment which was located in Glenwood.

Luh:My grandmother own this flat I can put in a word for you.

Me:No thanks.

We went inside it had a bedroom and kitchen in the same room then the bedroom had a bathroom,it was small but beautiful grey and white.

Me:Nice choice of colours and nice place.

Luh:Thanks let's eat.

He ordered the same thing as I did we were watching a movie of which I ended up falling asleep, he woke me up I opened my eyes and looked at him he was right in front of my face.

Me:Hi.

Why did I say that?God I'm so stupid,he gave me that smile of his before coming close. God tell me it's not going to

happen, but it did he placed his soft cold moistured lips on top of mine our lips interlocked for some

time, we inhaled each others breaths he pulled my lower lip we both kissed the way we kissed was so passionate although there was a bit of

surprise for both of us but we continued either way, after each one of us tasted each others lips his tongue explored the tip of my lips. I don't know but that made my blood heat I swear the degrees went from 25 to 40

instantly, we both came to realization of what we've done and broke the kiss.

Me: Ay uhm ahem uh it's getting late.

Fuck I was so turned on, his eyes they were small and a bit red, he was just beautiful a beautiful dude.

Luh: Must I take you home?

Me: Uhm yes please.

I wanted to kiss him again, did he go to kissing tutorials? if so where? damn .

I felt like asking for more but I held back he's an excellent kisser A+ we kept stealing glances of one another till he parked in front of my house.

Me:That took long.

Luh:I'll call you.

I went out of the car bumping my head shit why am I nervous?

Me:Bye.

He drove off I exhaled,what the hell?I brushed the top of my head I'm sure I'm not the only that has bumped their heads whilst getting out of a car. But it had to be in his car.

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Luvuyo and I haven't been communicating for the past week I missed him .

I always get flashbacks of when we kissed it gives me hot flashes,I could feel moist inside my pants,I decided to find myself a new boyfriend just to get my mind off things,and there was this guy named Cameron he was

white and has been asking me out for a while he was nice , but just not my guy maybe he'll get my mind off things.

He asked to spend the night with me on New years eve since everyone at home was gone except for me and Que who was also going out with his friends.I was going to a beach bash heard there'll be celebrities,Clara and

Sasha were coming too but we were going to meet there Cam called me.

Me:Cameron.

Cam:Are you ready?

Me:Yeah uhm are you here already?

Cam:Yeah.

Me:I'll be there now now.

I did a few touch ups then set the alarm Cameron was inside his car when he saw me he got out.

Me:Hey you.

He opened his arms we hugged.

Cam:You look beautiful.

Me:Thank.

He opened the door for me something noone has ever done for me.

Cam:I bought you wine and a glass you can drink in the meantime.

Me:No I'll drink when we get there.

I put my phone inside my jacket I was wearing a brown leather jacket my obsession.

Cam:My friends are already there are you going to be fine with being the

only girl.

Me:Oh don't worry my friends will be there too.

Cam:That's good but I want you next to me for the countdown.

Me:Oh don't worry about that.

I took out my phone again and dialled Sashas number we were already parking she said they'll be with us, Cam had 4 friends 2 were Africans and 2 were whites ,he took out a camp chair for me I sat down and had my

wine glass on the left bottle on the right. Cameron came to me.

Cam:You're still okay?

Me:Yeah.

He came closer and kissed me God forbid I've never had such a kiss before the way he was pulling my lip ,I swear I felt them bleed when he finally stopped I took the glass and placed it against my lips they were burning.

“Spanky spank”.

Me: Finally.

I stood up and hugged them.

Clara:What happened to your lip?

Me:Don't worry it'll go down just now,come let me introduce you.

I introduced them to Cam who introduced them to his friends around 11 .

I went to the bathroom I was drunk my walk said it out loud unfortunately I bumped on Luvuyo.

Me:Hey stranger.

Luh:What a suprise?

Me:I see you do outdoors too.

Luh:Who's that guy you came with?

Me:Oh that is.

“Babe I'm done hey.”

I looked at Luvuyo then at this girl standing next to me.

Me:Hi.

Her:I'm Michelle Luvuyos girlfriend.

Me:I'm Spank Luvuyos girlfriend.

Her:Huh?

Me:I'm his friend.

Her:Ow him and I are dating we going on our fourth year now.

Me:You didn't know?

Her:I did.

Me:Then who are you telling?

Her:I thought-

Luh:Michelle just go.

Michelle looked at both of us then left Luh pulled me to a quiet place.

Luh:You've been scarce.

Me:You too.

Luh>About the kiss.

Me:Can we do it again?

Luh:Come again.

Me:Can we kiss again?

I took a step towards him I was looking at his lips he wrapped one hand around my waist and pulled me towards him

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he kissed me with so much hunger this kissed erased the bad experience I had earlier on ,he broke it

then took out his phone he typed something then put it back

Luh:Are you having fun?

Me:A little.

Luh:Okay.

I saw an uber making its way to us he pulled me we got inside the car the driver drove off

Me:My boyfriend your girlfriend,your fuck buddy my God Lu.

Luh:Do you want the car to take you back?

Me:Uhm No.

Luh:Good.

I was already drowsy I was woken up by Luvuyo picking me up.

Me:You're strong I see.

He placed me down.

Luh:Was trying to be a gentleman but since you are awake walk.

Me:Pussy,this is your folks place?

Luh:Yes.

Me:Are they here?

Luh:No now come.

We went to his room I took off my jacket he locked his door.

Luh:Where were we?

I didn't say a word he came forth and kissed me his kiss went to my ear and my neck,He pulled me up with my ass. I wrapped my legs around is waist he laid me on the bed and continued kissing me

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Luvuyo

One minute Pearl and I are kissing the next she's asleep
bummer,I let her be I needed the loo.

Pearl looked so angelic in her sleep.She was even sucking her
thumb a big mouth like her does this too.I guess we have
something in common I took off my clothes then took out a
comfortable shorts and vest for her took off

her clothes damn she had a nice body a tattoo and a belly ring. I
was so turned,her lace thong was the cherry on top the butt
was so firm. Lord lead me not into temptation I joined Missy
then made her sleep on my chest I hope she doesn't freak
when she wakes up tomorrow,I can't believe I left my girlfriend
she can fuck my cousin like she's been doing the past

months,I'm having this countdown with Magnum,Hey that's a
nice petname from today onwards she will be Magnum.

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Pearl

Before I could even open my eyes I knew I wasn't home I opened them and looked around, unfamiliar surroundings, unfamiliar clothes, but a familiar scent.

The first thing that struck to me was what if I had sex unknowingly? yesterday I was fucked like really drunk that's what happens when you finish a wine bottle by yourself, Luvuyo walked now shit hit the fan.

Luh: Morning.

Me: Uhm hi.

Luh: Slept well?

Me: I wouldn't know.

Luh: I think you did, you were even sucking your thumb how cute.

Me: Yeah, how did I end up here?

Luh just smiled at me and it all came back, Cameron will be so angry my goodness.

Me: Oh shit.

Luh: You must be hungry, here's a toothbrush there's the bathroom door.

I took the toothbrush,so I'm in his clothes that means he undressed, so he saw me naked,no man I rinsed my mouth and went back to himMe:You undressed me?

Luh:Yes.

Me:we didn't do anything out of the ordinary right?

Luh:Trust me you would know if I did something to you,your pussy would be thankful now let's go have breakfast.

He said with a smirk,his twin looked really bad downstairs he was making greasy food.

Alo:Morning babe.

Me:Morning.

He kissed my cheek then left Luvuyo was so chilled.

Me:So why did you take me away from the bash?

Luh:You were sleepy,happy new year.

Me:Whatever.

He handed me my food I ate while he was bathing,I also bathed and went back to the clothes I was wearing results were coming in 3 days time I was so nervous.

Luvuyo drove me home

I wasn't in the mood for anything, so I watched movies instead my phone rang Cam was calling.

Me:Hi.

Cam:Hey sweetheart I'm sorry for passing out like that.

So he passed out yes yes yes.

Me:It's fine I left anyways.

Cam:Can I make it up to you?

Me:Maybe next week I'll be free.

Cam:Okay happy new year and I love you.

I swallowed saliva before saying words I don't mean.

Me:Uhm me too

He chuckled then hung up. The big day finally arrived but before I could even go to school I received plenty of SMSs;well DUT and UKZN have accepted me for Event Management,I was beyond happy when I saw my statement my marks were a little better than my trials thank goodness,all I had to do was register and get myself a place.

I chose DUT,Clara was going to Varsity College whereas Sasha went to AFDA for media and Luh was going to UKZN I don't know for what.

Daddy found me this cool place in town for me. We spent the remaining week doing shopping for my new place I spent little time with my friends including Luvuyo and my boyfriend Cameron.

I had finally settled in my new place in was orientation week, I had so much trouble with cooking mom decided to bring for me after every 5 days.

I had a visit from Cameron he was boring me I pretended to be sick but when Luvuyo came I was excited.

Me: Twinny.

Luh: eww don't call me that.

Me: Aren't you a twin?

Luh: You are dumb your crib is nice.

Me: My neighbours aren't.

Luh: Uuuh so tell me sweetness when is that boyfriend of yours coming back because you seriously need a fuck.

Me: Oh really? how would you know?

Luh: I see things Maggie, wanna hook up?

Me: Hell No I'm fine.

We stayed like that till late he wanted to sleep in my place but I got rid of him, we've been besties lately we tried to lay off from

kissing a little though I missed it I couldn't, did I tell you that this year I'll finally be turning 18 ow yee I'll be legal.

Next day I was woken up by a knock it was Clara and Sasha.

Me:What a suprise.

Clara:You have been scarce Luh is keeping you occupied.

Me:You are really insecure.

Sasha:It's not they are fucking,and Michelle buttered you.

We sat down.

Me:Who got buttered?

Sasha:Clara,Luhs girlfriend found out about her she beat her so bad.

Me:Oh my when did this happen?

Sasha:A few weeks back.

Clara:Can we just enjoy this moment together.

I chuckled then we spoke about something else later on they left. I decided to call Cam to check if he was still coming since he said he will come before he leaves for Cape Town he answered.

Cam:Love.

Me:You're still coming?

Cam:Yes I'm on my way.

Me:Okay .

I dropped the call a knock came through.

Me:That was quick.

I said opening the door,there he was in his \$aints T-Shirt he had a cap on .He looked different not the bad different but he was flames like really hot wait how did he find me?I remembered he's a gangster.

Me:Mandla

A went to his arms and hugged him,my tears wetted his t-shirt I broke the hug and looked at him.

He bent his head and kissed me,God knows how much I missed him, he laid me on the couch while kissing me.I totally forgot about Cameron coming over if he comes here while I'm with Mandla surely there'll be hell to pay but I'll cross that bridge when we get there right now I'm having sex with my lover though the person I see is Luvuyo.We stripped each others clothes off I noticed how tight his grip on my waist was.

Me:Ouch.

He went in with no notice I know it's been long but patience was going to do.

Mand:I see your bitchiness didn't reach a point of you opening your legs.

He groaned I was moaning not because of pleasure.

ManD:Are you a bitch now?

This was the most awkward situation I've ever been in,Mandla looking at me in the eye asking me stupid questions.

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Mandla was holding both sides of my waist,do you know pain?have you ever been in a fight well that's average because both of you are hurting each other.

Tears were flowing on the sides of my cheeks.

Me:Pl..Please.

ManD:I love you damnit.

Me:I am sorry please forgive me.

My phone rang he moved from top of me my vagina was on fire.

Me:Hello.

Voice:Is this Mrs Harper?

Me:Yes.

Voice:Can you report to City Hospital?

Me:Now?

Voice:Yes a person by the name of Cameron was wheeled in a few minutes ago you were the last person he called.

Me:I'll be there.

I hung up Sasha called me.

Me:Sasha.

Sasha:Clara she-

Me:Calm down and talk.

Sasha:Clara was involved in an accident,she is in ICU and we might lose her.

I dropped my phone,Oh my God what is happening I took my underwear

and wore it.

ManD:Where do you think you are going?

I looked at Mandla this had him written all over,he stood up and walked towards me the rage in his eyes made me want to piss in my underwear.

Me:What did you do?

I no longer had control of my tears and mucus his hand made its way to my neck he tightened his grip,I was standing on my toes.

Me:Stop.

I swear I could see death in front of me,I managed to kick the side of his leg he let go I held my neck trying to breathe.

ManD:You want to fight me?

Me:You're a monster.

He chuckled before pulling my hair and dragging me across the room I was screaming and crying the pain on my back and butt.

Again he made me stand up with my hair I could feel a few hair strands unrooting themselves he turned me around and punched my face till I bled

he placed me in his arms and threw me on the couch. I was still naked

mind that.

He was about to get on top of me but I punched him on his face elbowed him he kneeled.I was about to run to the kitchen but he held my leg making me fall .

Me:Stop please.

ManD:Who made you a whore huh?

I flipped over and kicked his face we were now heads to heads with each other I was in pain,running of a breath I was just a mess he charged to my direction I ducked he hit his head on the wall. I limped towards the kitchen

but he held my hair and threw me on the wall the only thing that was close to me was a chair I quickly took and hit his heard.

He groaned then went quiet.

Me:Oh shit I killed him.

I felt his pulse but there was nothing,I was also losing breath
the first person that came to mind was Luvuyo.

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Luvuyo

I was shocked when I received a call from Pearl we were having
dinner I looked at mom with begging eyes.

Mom:Go.

Me:Thank you.

I went to the kitchen.

Me:Magnum.

She was breathing heavily.

Pearl:I killed him Lu He's dead please come.

Me:Killed who?

Pearl:Come please.

She hung up at that moment my heart broke I was hurt ,I've grown fond of Pearl I had no option but to ask my dad to come with me it was the only way to be safe and make sure Pearl is safe.

I made my way to the living room.

Me:Dad can I have a minute with you in the kitchen?

Dad:What is more important than dinner?

Me:My life.

He placed the folks down before standing up we both walked to the kitchen.

Me:You remember the guy that beat me up for a girlm

Dad looked at me I'll take that as a yes.

Me:I think he is killing her

Dad:So?

Me:Please let's go help her if we don't dad I will never be happy again please daddy.

He sighed.

Dad:Fine.

He took his car keys then kissed moms lips,fortunately Pearls flat wasn't

locked she was sitting in a corner rocking herself back and forth and naked dad was walking behind me I took off my jacket and wrapped it around her.

Me:What happened here?

Pearl:He strangled and kicked me he beat me up.

Dad:We should report this.

Pearl:No no he is a gangster his boss will kill me.

I looked at dad.

Dad:Where is his body?

She pointed behind the couch,She looked horrible blood on her face.

Dad:Shit.

Me:What's wrong?

Dad:He is one of my guys.

Me:The same man who punched me is a \$aint?

Dad:Yes.

Pearl:You you are the unknown right?

Her voice was scratchy and hoaky.

Me:This is a mess.

Dad:We can't have this take her to the car I'll be with you just now.

I went to Pearls bedroom and took a fleece blanket I wrapped it around her I noticed she couldn't walk.

Me:Are you okay?

She shook her head , I picked her up and walked her to the car we sat at the backseat she was sobbing silently on my lap dad came in and drove off.

Me:Thanks dad a lot.

Dad:It's okay son.

When we got home we took her to the basement she had already passed out.

How can a normal nigga hurt such a cute girl?I must say I admire Pearls strength by the looks of things it was either her or him.

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I wasn't shaken by the fact that I killed, but I killed my boyfriend was he even dead? I kept wondering.

Luh's dad was a good person, he got doctors for me they attended to my bruises and gave me an ointment for my leg they said it will be fine.

I was in a big bed and Luh was besides me, the medication was taking its toll on me I was fading and Luvuyos singing had an impact.

Luh: "If I should die before awake

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you it was living in the world with no air, but somehow I feel alive inside

took my breath my I survived I don't know how but I don't even care...but how do you expect me..."

Those were the only lyrics I managed to hear.

I woke up the next day I was in a different room, it had white curtains, white linen, white linen, white everything.

I still had a drip Luh walked in.

Luh: How are you feeling today?

Me:A little pain on my back.

Luh:Have some food then drink the pills.

Me:Thank you.

I ate slowly with him looking at me I had my eyes fixed on my plate what

if I get arrested?My parents would die

Luh:He is not dead?

Me:Hm.

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Tears threatened my eyes the lump on my throat grew bigger
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He held my hand.

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He looked straight into my eyes his eyes had that hypnotising effect on me I couldn't utter more words instead I used my head.

Me:I need to go to school tomorrow.

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Me:No I can't.

Luh:Okay how about my flat in Glenwood?

Me:I'll go back to my place it's fine.

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No begging no nothing,I guess I had no will to say anything but my throat was fucked eversince I had a collar when I speak I don't open my mouth that much but with my voice sounding like a truck I was suffering.

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Pearl: You know I never thought it'd come down to this, why does life have to be like this?

Me: To make us stronger I think.

Pearl: No I don't think so, it didn't make me stronger but it ruined me.

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Pearl: Mom and Dad looked good together you know? we had a very simple life but little did I know.

She was starring at the sea not blinking

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Pearl: Mandla's father killed them, 4 shots in each then he poured paraffin on them they went up in flames I witnessed it.

She rocked herself back and forth while illustrating her story with her hands she was crying.

Pearl: My own uncle killed my parents, his sister and brother in law.

What so him and Mandla are relatives? this some twisted shit.

Pearl: I was diagnosed with Bipolar

I get mad and it never ends nice, Mandla approached me made me fall pregnant hit me plenty of times, he hit me till my child died what an ass, you know what I did?

She asked looking at me.

Me:No.

Pearl:I shot his father then burnt him like he did to my parents,want to know what happened next?

Me:Yes

Pearl:I almost killed the son of a whore,but do you know what's fucked up about this whole thing?

I shook my head no.

Pearl:It didn't change a thing Kidnapping Mandla and his girlfriends changed nothing,I'm still bipolar I still hate meat,I hate the name my mother gave me.

Me:Why?

Pearl:She didn't turn out to be what I expected her to be.

This girl was experiencing the worst thing ever.

Me:What did she name you?

Pearl:Kamalei.

Me:What does it mean?

She chuckled with tears.

Pearl:It means close to the heart.

Me:She must have really loved you despite of her deeds otherwise she wouldn't have named you that.

Again she looked at me.

Pearl:You think?.

Me:I know so ,when a mother names their child there's always a deep meaning,I'm sure your mother would like to see you moving on enjoying life forget about that day.

Pearl:I haven't celebrated my birthday ever since they died I mean I'm a curse why should I celebrate it when that day brought forth to me nothing but grief?

Me:You are a blessing Pearl just because some people don't appreciate you doesn't mean we all don't your family cares for you I do too you can't torture yourself for your families mistakes they lived their lives and got

done with that you must live yours like a normal child.

Pearl:I'm not normal I am a million miles from being normal.

Me:That's what outshines everything Pearl you are precious regardless of what has happened.

I went over to her and pulled her in for a hug

Pearl:Guess I should take this as an eye opener right?

Me:Yes you should.

I was also swimming in my own tears why do I have to be so emotional around this girl?

Honestly Pearl didn't come out as the not normal type of person to me,she seemed fine but what you see isn't what you get,Pearl can be a million or billion or infinity miles from being normal but I still want her,for me and

I am going to help her through and through no matter how hard it gets,I will make her appreciate herself and forgive even if there are obstacles along the way.

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Pearl: My own uncle killed my parents, his sister and brother in law.

What so him and Mandla are relatives? this some twisted shit.

Pearl: I was diagnosed with Bipolar

I get mad and it never ends nice, Mandla approached me made me fall pregnant hit me plenty of times, he hit me till my child died what an ass, you know what I did?

She asked looking at me.

Me:No.

Pearl:I shot his father then burnt him like he did to my parents,want to know what happened next?

Me:Yes

Pearl:I almost killed the son of a whore,but do you know what's fucked up about this whole thing?

I shook my head no.

Pearl:It didn't change a thing Kidnapping Mandla and his girlfriends changed nothing,I'm still bipolar I still hate meat,I hate the name my mother gave me.

Me:Why?

Pearl:She didn't turn out to be what I expected her to be.

This girl was experiencing the worst thing ever.

Me:What did she name you?

Pearl:Kamalei.

Me:What does it mean?

She chuckled with tears.

Pearl:It means close to the heart.

Me:She must have really loved you despite of her deeds otherwise she wouldn't have named you that.

Again she looked at me.

Pearl:You think?.

Me:I know so ,when a mother names their child there's always a deep meaning,I'm sure your mother would like to see you moving on enjoying life forget about that day.

Pearl:I haven't celebrated my birthday ever since they died I mean I'm a curse why should I celebrate it when that day brought forth to me nothing but grief?

Me:You are a blessing Pearl just because some people don't appreciate you doesn't mean we all don't your family cares for you I do too you can't torture yourself for your families mistakes they lived their lives and got

done with that you must live yours like a normal child.

Pearl:I'm not normal I am a million miles from being normal.

Me:That's what outshines everything Pearl you are precious regardless of what has happened.

I went over to her and pulled her in for a hug

Pearl:Guess I should take this as an eye opener right?

Me:Yes you should.

I was also swimming in my own tears why do I have to be so emotional around this girl?

Honestly Pearl didn't come out as the not normal type of person to me,she seemed fine but what you see isn't what you get,Pearl can be a million or billion or infinity miles from being normal but I still want her,for me and

I am going to help her through and through no matter how hard it gets,I will make her appreciate herself and forgive even if there are obstacles along the way.

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I don't know what will happen after this but what was happening at that point in time gave me joy,I reached my orgasm and Vuyo followed after me he flipped over dispoed the condom then came back to bed.

Me:I think I should go to my room.

Luh:Says who?

I swallowed.

Luh:Come here.

He made me sleep on top of me him my face was on his neck his hands were holding my butt.

Luh:I could live like this you know?

Me:Like what.

Luh:How we are now,I'd do it everyday.

Me:And not run out of breath?

Luh:Even if I do it would be because I was doing what I love.

Me:I shall say no more then.

Luh:Goodnight.

Me:Night.

Luh was serious when he said my pussy would feel it when he fucked me, but it was still begging for more.

I was woken up by him kissing my shoulder and his hand playing with my clit, this I'm not used to but I loved it.

Me:Luh.

Luh:Please.

He turned me around leaving bites all the way down I thought he was going to my castle but no he went as far as sucking my toe it was ticklish, he kissed my legs, thighs and came up to me.

Luh:Nice toes

I giggled like a kid.

Me:Thanks.

Luh:Let's go have breakfast.

Me:What?

I was dumbfounded

Luh:I was waking you up.

Me:I'm horny and you thinking about food, piece of shit.

He laughed as he tossed his T-shirt to me man I wanted him so bad, he made waffles a knock came through as he was busy kissing me I made sure I left cream on his lips.

He came and sat next to me followed by Michelle.

Michelle:Morning.

Me:Hi.

Luh:Hi.

Michelle:Uhm what's the meaning of this?

I looked at Vuyo who had his mouth full.

Me:Us?

Michelle:Yes.

Me:We're house mates

Michelle:House mates share t-shirts and walk around naked?that's new.

Me:It's the 21st century deal with it.

Michelle:I will beat you up so bad even Vuyo wouldn't recognise you.

Luh:Actually it would be the other way around Pearl has mad skills.

Me:I'll be in my bedroom.

Luh:You can wait in mine I'll be there just now.

I went to my bedroom and continued eating honestly I think it would be best if I moved back to my flat

this was bound to happen I can't leave with a guy and do nothing. I also get lonely I'm human I left the plate on the dresser and went to shower I heard the door open and I felt him behind me, he pinned me against the wall I could feel his dick grow on my butt.

Luh:What was that all about?

He took the soap and started applying it on my body.

Me:Your girlfriend showing up at your place?

His hands were now rubbing my butt he turned me around rubbing the soap on my breasts thighs legs.

Luh:No I thought I'd find you on my bed.

Me:Plans change.

God what was he doing,he crouched in front of me then took one leg and placed it on his shoulder I could feel his breath on my inner thighs damn was I turned on.

Luh:Is it?

Me:Yes and uh uhm.

He was washing my vagina or playing with my clit I don't know.

Luh:And what?

Me:I think I need to go back to my place.

Luh:Close your eyes.

He washed my face.

Luh:oh right?

Me:Yeah.

Luh:Open your eyes.

I did.

Luh:Okay you'll leave month end but you won't take all your clothes.

Me:Why not?

Luh:You'll know someday.

He brushed my lower lip with his thumb then inserted it inside my mouth,

Damn I wasn't myselfLuh kissed my nosebridge before leaving me in the shower and using the bath tub .I sighed good riddance I almost lost my breath. I found him still

bathing I wrapped a towel around my body and made my way to my bedroom I looked at my self in the mirror biting my lower

lip and my eyes closed I removed the towel,I had love bites on my breasts,stomach and my thighs gosh Luh.

"You don't have to fantasise about me you know?"

Me:Why didn't you knock?

Luh:The door was opened and I've been watching you for more than 5 minutes.

Me:more reason for me to leave you are weird

I lotioned my body and called mom and dad..

Me:hey parents.

Mom:Hey love I miss you so much.

Dad:I hope you are not playing there.

Me:Daddy I'm not I am serious about school.

Dad:You better be,do you still have enough money?

Me:Yes I do.

After all I haven't been using it.

Mom:You haven't called asking for food.

Me:Actually there's a friend that helps me with cooking so I'm cool.

Dad:That's good you must learn to be independent.

Me:Okay okay I have to go guys.

Them:Love you.

Me:I love you too.

I went to the living room and found Luh there.

Luh:Can you accompany me to my soccer game.

Me:You play?

Luh:Yes and my family will be there too,it's a big game.

Me:Okay I guess.

We drove to the stadium it was full I sat next to his twin.

Alo:You and my brother are doing vat n sit.

Me:What's that?

Alo:Never mind I'll tell you some other time.

The game started Luh was pretty good I found myself smiling,that sweat made me feel things and the run.

All that faded when I saw his dad walk in talking to Asive the very same girl I kidnapped I knew she looked like someone when I saw her but I couldn't make out who,He might be Luhs sister or aunt either way I'm scared.

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I kept a straight face my eyes fixed on the ground, they sat next to Alo they were cheering. I saw Michelle too, oh she here to support bae thing went wrong when Luh scored .I stood up and screamed the Asive chick grabbed my hand.

Luh's Dad: Asive not now?

Asive: Bhuti this the girl.

Luh's dad pulled her we sat down the game ended I stood up first and ran to Luh's car Was I afraid of Asive? No but my problem was the fact that she's siblings with the man that saved my life , few minutes I saw them

coming my way Luh sweaty and smiling and shit, he was showing his legs () you know that walk.

He hugged me and spun me around.

Me: Get off me.

Luh: Come on I can score a goal on your

Ahem.

Me: Sir hi.

Luh's Dad: I see you are better?

Me: Way better sir and all thanks to you.

Asive:Ok wait,Ninja are you dating this girl?And Sive you know her?

Luh:We are close friends.

Asive:Bhuti this is the girl that kidnapped me and my boyfriend she held us gunpoint.

Luh:Is that boyfriend Mandla?

Me:Yes.

LuhDad:This is the girl that made you freak out,what did I tell you about dating my men?

Asive:You said I shouldn't.

LuhDad:Good that Bruce was nothing but bad he beat this girl up now don't cause unnecessary drama.

Asive:Hah.

LuhDad:We're clear?

Asive:Fine.

LuhDad:Good let's go home

Luh dad shook my hand then left.

Luh:We can finally go celebrate.

Me:Your aunt almost attacked me.

Luh:She wasn't going to do that around dad trust me Mrs Ndabeni.

Me:Who's that?

Luh:No one.

3 weeks later I was back at my place after being forced by Asives aunt to stay away from Ninja cause I had a mental problem,he even told Ninjas father about that because he wanted his son to be safe he thought it was

best too.Because I cared about Luh I decided to stay away from him before I become too attached and hurt him,he knocked a few times at my door

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he called my phone,he left texts but all that was in vain cause I didn't answer

to them . I couldn't go against a man with such great authority I didn't want to disappear like Mandla,though I spent my days stalking Sasha and Clara who were closer than ever as for Cameron I had no idea.

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Narrated

Mandla was drinking beer and watching soccer his hair was longer now and he had a beard he wasn't that old but he was hairy, he looked at the picture of Pearl next to him and his anger grew bigger.

"All I ever wanted was you." He shouted in anger, he was a broke man now had a few thousands to keep him alive for the next few months but other than that there was no luxury at all. A knock came through he was shocked after all he didn't have any friends left, he opened the door a white guy stood there with bodyguards he pushed Mandla aside and got in.

"After all the put in on the Saints you live in a dumpster" Mocked the stranger Bruce's anger was surfacing but he couldn't do anything.

The white man sat down.

"I've been looking for you everywhere Bruce"-Said the guy folding his legs.

Bruce: Who are you?

Guy: I'm a guy that you'd like to work with.

Bruce: Doing what?

Guy: Say uhm avenging on the leader of the Saints but taking out his people first they trust you don't they?

Bruce looked at this man.

Bruce:Why are you doing this?

Guy:A few years back Crane took out guys from my dads ship then he made it his.

Bruce:The same ship that transports minerals and drugs through out the world?

Guy:Yes but back then it was only for drugs I want it back but we must kill his guys first.

Bruce:What's the catch?

Guy:Except for the money,you'll get your girl back and your revenge.

Bruce smiled.

Guy:By the way I'm Bradley.

They shook hands

Bruce:We have ourselves a deal.

Bradley:Pack up we starting with the guys in Joburg.

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2 weeks later

Crane had called all his man from Durban

Sive: We have lost 20 guys in 14 days in do you know what that means?

A No came from the people, he banged the table.

Sive: It means someone is after me, you guys are next some of the \$aints might be dying as we speak I got a call from Cape Town 2 dead bodies were found all killed in the same way one shot in the heart either back or front.

The crew became uneasy at that moment

Sive: I want you to find that killer now.

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Pearl

The only person that came to my mind was Luh God please help him I took a cab to his place Alo opened for me

Me: Where's your twin?

Alo: Hello to you too.

Me: Is he okay?

Alo: Drunk very drunk.

Me: Oh goodness uhm can you give me ice cubes please.

I said making Luh place his head on my lap, he was fucked.

Alo:There you are.

Me:Please drive me to your father it's urgent.

Alo:What?

Me:Please.

Alo:What about my brother?

Me:He will come with.

Alo:Daddy will kill us Pearl I swear.

I already had tears in my eyes.

Me:Please Alo I beg you.

He looked at me then sighed let's help him up he was so heavy we reached the car but one wheel was slashed in both their cars.

Me:We don't have enough time.

Alo:They have slashed tires.

Me:Take one from the other one and put it here we don't have much time.

He quickly did as told me and Lu were at the back I was crying and trying to feed him the Ice cubes to sober him up.

Alo drove in full speed to his house.

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Luvuyo was slowly opening his eyes he looked at me.

Luh:Baby love of my laugh.

Me:It's life.

Alo:nigga is inlove.

Me:With who?

Alo:You damnit.

Me:I hate your attitude.

He gave me a mid finger,finally we arrived where Luhs dad was.

Me:What's your surname?

Alo:Ndabeni

Me:Oh.

I felt a lump on my throat remembering the day Luvuyo called me Mrs Ndabeni once and I was clueless.

Luh:Why are we at my dads place?

Alo:I'll take him to his room the maid will show you where father is.

I nodded following behind him the maid led the way he was in his study .

I took out my phone and knocked.

MrN:Come in.

He looked a bit off.

Me:Afternoon sir.

MrN:Afternoon child how may I help you?

Me:well sir Mandla sent me a text.

MrN:A text?

Me:Yes,I figured you would want to hear it.

MrN:Read it.

Me:"Crane won't stop me from getting to you,you and I are a match made in heaven cousins or not you are still mine,You know what the good news are my love?I'm fighting for you I have someone who hates that man

that is controlling you and I will fight the \$aints till I get to the kings family starting by that little tart that has been following you, to the king

himself tell him Bradley says hi."then there were pictures.

MrN:Bradley Bradley oh shit this doesn't look good,Give me the phone.

I gave him the phone it showed people that were killed and poured with blood on their faces including Cameron.

MrN:Go call one of the guards for me and can I hold on to this?

Me:Yes.

I was shivering with fear I called the first guard I saw then I went to the living room I looked around Alo joined me.

Me:Your father loves Angela N?

Alo:With all his life.

Me:A crush or something?she's a good painter after all.

Alo:Haha nah they went past that stage Angela N is my mom actually.

Me:Oh you're lying.

I was squealing, he pointed at the wall and really the majestic painter was there with the rest of the family.

Me:You guys are so blessed do you know how much mom and I love her paintings?

Alo:I do now.

Wow some people are fortunate having a famous mother and shit I love that woman she's a professional painter and the

treasurer at Absa .I knew she was married and had kids but that's as far as the media revealed.

Alo:Oh Ninja is calling you,you know his room right?

Me:I do.

I went up to Luvuyo room,his head was hanging on the side I tried to put him in position instead he pulled me in his arms I tried to push him away.

Luh:I knew you'd fall for it,for me.

His eyes were still shut was he dreaming?

Luh:I'm not dreaming if that's what you thinking I smoked a lot of weed.

Me:Feeling sober.

Luh:Not really but I'm better.

Me:You need to rest.

Luh:I would if you'd stop moving.

I smiled he was still the same assy nigga my head was where it rested when we had sex my eyes were on his lips how I wish I'd kiss him I ended up falling asleep we were woken up by Alo telling us we are needed downstairs

there was Asive, Mrs Angela, Luhs Dad, other guys and 2 old twins they looked like Trey Songz and people I didn't know.

There was

also an older couple they looked 50 or so but fresh and other people Luhs mom looked at me and smiled, I smiled back was I excited? Super.

MrN: I'm glad that we are all here and please let us not panic, the reason behind this is because Pearl here brought forward a good information.

Luvuyo yawned I pinched him.

MrN: Word is out that Mandla and Bradley have formed a rival to go against the \$aints.

Asive: Mandla as in Bruce?

MrN: Correct.

Asive: He wouldn't.

MrsN: China I thought Brad was out of the picture a long time ago.

MrN: He's back and he wants the harbour.

Asive: How does Bruce fit in all this?

MrN: He's obsessed with the girl.

Asive: Luvuyos girlfriend?

Me:Actually we-

Luvuyo pinched me

MrN:As I was saying I think this house and The Khumalos house is the safest place to reside in,Pearl your family is on guard 24/7.

The woman from the old couple spoke.

Her:Heh Sive I heard that Mandla is using a parasite to kill some of the guys.

MrN:Parasite,the same parasite that Asive created?

He asked looking at his sister.

Asive:I showed him the sample

MrN:For fuck sake why would you do that?

Asive:He was my boyfriend.

MrN:Find a way reprogram them.

Asive:I need one of them.

MrN:Kids go to your room,Luh take Pearl with you dare have sex in my house I will kill you.

Luh showed him his thumb we went to his room he locked and we sat on his bed.

Me:Who are all those people?

Luh:My family.

Me:Your family are all gangsters.

Luh:Well not all of them some of them do killings and stealing only on emergency cases like this one.

Me:The old couple.

Luh:That's where it all started I'll tell you the tale of where it all started some time.

Me:So those are your grandparents?

Luh:Yes.

Me:They look so fresh.

Luh:They aren't that old just 55.

Me:And your mom.

Luh:36 my dad is 43

Me:Wow yoh so I'm assuming the others are your aunts and uncles.

Luh:Correct they are from my mothers side though and only Asive is a Ndabeni.

Me:So cool.

This family had killers yet acted so cool about it.

I looked at Vuyo and he was looking at me.

Me:I'm sorry for disappearing on you.

Luh:You were forced I understand they make it sound as if you are the only one with a problem.

Me:Meaning?

Luh:I'm short tempered.

Me:Your a twin it happens.

Luh:Really?

Me:Yes,it's divided into 2.

We laughed then we went silent again Luh made me look at him brushing the side of my

face. Luh:I love you.

My eyes widened I had no words at all. Me:Hm?

Luh:I love you can you be my girlfriend?

I don't know what came over me but I jumped on top of him and kissed him. Luh: I'm guessing that's a yes.

I nodded and pulled him for another kiss,God has finally answered the prayers I've been praying privately .I am going to have great sex and a cutie by my side for the rest of my life if possible.

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We were interrupted by a loud sound as if something exploded we ran downstairs but Luhs father didn't allow us to go out the main door.

Alo:My car.

Me:He is close he did this.

MrN:You mean Bruce.

Me:Yes the message said something about starting with your tart the twins might have confused him.

Luhs mom came running.

MrsN:This is getting worse.

MrN:What happened?

MrsN:There was an explosion at my flat.

Luh:Where we stay?

MrsN:Yes it came from the parking the whole building collapsed.

Alo:Pearl you saved us.

Luh:She did.

I smiled.

MrN:Bruce is coming for the family now can we all go to the ground floor.

I stood there confused while everyone was taking their things the guards pushed the couches there were stairs going down,there was a a living room kitchen and the other room was closed. It was beautifully furnished and had bedrooms for the little ones.

MrN:Right if you are in this room that means you are also part of the team.

This came as a shock to me.

MrN:Choose a gun.

Everyone chose their guns I stood there dumbstruck.

Luh:Why are you standing there?

Me:I'm not that good with guns I am not a fast shooter.

Luh:There must be something you can use?

Me:Anything sharp and throwable.

MrN:Really?

Me:Yes.

MrN:Follow me then.

I walked behind Luhs older resemblance.

We walked into the room that seemed like a training room with different types of knives and blades I was fascinated and in love with this MrN: There's a dummy hit the X

I failed for the first one but I maintained my balance and hit it straight.

MrN: When I use a gun I can fire 5 bullets in less than 3 seconds.

I laughed I didn't believe him he handed me a timer cocked his gun.

Fired five shots in 3 seconds I swallowed hard

MrN: Question is how many knives can you throw in ten seconds.

He asked putting them around my waist.

Me: Pardon?

MrN: You must throw as many as possible, take them out of the belt without even looking.

The training went on for an hour he even made me stand on a pole like thing as soon as I came out Luh gave me a plate of food.

Luh: We've all been there trust me, at least he didn't turn you upside down.

Me: He did.

Luh laughed I ate my food then ended up sleeping on top of his lap,I was woken up by someone kissing my ears lobe.

Me:Stop.

Luh:Wake up.

I opened my eyes and there was only him,Alo and I.

Me:Where is everyone?

Luh:There is a blood war going on in town I'm sure it's Bruce and Brad.

Me:What if they wanted the family to leave this place so they can come here?

Luh:Grandma and Grandpa are upstairs waiting for an suspicious activity.

Me:So I'm guessing we wait here.

Luh:Yes.

We waited for about 4 hours when finally Mr Ndabeni decided to join us he looked tired.

MrN:We have to make a plan and kill Mandla fast.

Luh:He is still out there.

MrN:Yes with more enemies,we will need a bait in order to catch Bruce.

He said looking at me.

Luh:Not going to happen dad.

Me:Me???

MrN:Yes surely he won't kill you after all he is killing for you.

Me:Sounds like a plan

what is it that I have to do?

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Narrated

Bruce was putting on his gloves Brad came behind him and held his shoulder.

Brad:Good job I didn't know you were this good.

Bruce:Then why did you come to me?

Brad:What is it now young man?

Bruce cocks his gun.

Bruce:I'm going to blow the Ndabeni palace.

Brad:I need those papers first you can't just blow it.

Bruce takes out dynamites and put them in a safe bag.

Bruce:You better come with me.

Meanwhile back in Sives place they were ragging Pearls clothes
Luhs mom quickly came downside.

Her:Ndabeni Bruce and Brad are on their way here.

LuhsDad:In my house.

Her:Yes.

He nodded upstairs the family is ready for blood while the
guards are hiding close to the house to kill anything that
threatens the family.

As Bruce was behind a military truck he receives a text from
Pearl it read" Don't do anything stupid, and please be safe we
will meet at the back of the house where they have me."

Bruce smiled like a man inlove little did he know he was being
fooled. The truck that was on the front was already being
attacked only the one with Bruce and Brad made it, when
everyone was dead from the trucks

the shooting stopped.

Bruce: This isn't right.

Brad: The fact that we outnumbered the \$aints?

Bruce: Yes.

Brad: We are going to make inside the house.

The truck broke inside, no alarm went off and there wasn't any shooting either.

Meanwhile upstairs Luvuyos grandma and grandpa were on the watch.

Yolisa: They're here.

He said over the phone.

MrN: We are ready.

Pearl was sitting at the back waiting for Mandla while pretending to be crying, as soon as they jumped off they started invading the house some of Brads goons stayed outside while some were inside, the minute they

stepped in all lights went out. Brad: What kind of game is this?

"We are going to play a game called now you see me now you don't". Brad: Sive face me you coward.

Sive: You can't tell me what to do this is my house.

Smoke started to feel the entire house, Outside Bruce had a gun in his hand he wasn't aware of the silent shooting that was taking place outside. Brads goons dying without even fighting, his eyes were fixed on Pearl who was

sitting down. Luh and his uncle were already on the watch waiting for any stupid move that will be made by Bruce.

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Narrated

Inside the house Brads guys were already down the lights went on again.

Brad looked around he was the only one left in his team he was about to shoot Sive but Elihle came behind him.

Elihle:Goodbye.

One shot in a head and he met his ancestors the lights went down again .

Bruce noticed that this wasn't Pearl but a reflection.

Pearl jumped behind him.

Pearl:Boo.

He dropped one off his guns.

Bruce:But I-

Pearl:It was just an alliteration.

Bruce took out another gun.

Pearl:Are you going to kill me?

Bruce:Pearl what are you doing?

Pearl:What you thought me to do.

She took out knives and aimed at Mandla shoulders in 10 seconds he had 5 knives buried in his skin and no gun.

He was about to take a knife but someone shot his leg making him unable to move.

Bruce:I will haunt you in my death Pearl,I love you.

Another shot then Bruce was a dead man for good this time.

Pearl:Descansa en la puta de la paz,el que penso que esta invicto (Rest in

Peace fucker,the one who thought he is undefeated).

She then spit on him,everyone was tired so they all went to their designated bedrooms no one saying a word to anyone else.

The Khumalos went back to their house in Hillcrest,and the rest went to their houses.

Mr Ndabeni called the company that usually dispose the dead bodies fortunately their house was far from the other houses.

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Pearl

Luvuyo pulled my hand and we went to his room.

Me:What's the time?

Luh:4:00 am.

Me:So we're not attending tomorrow?

Luh:Yes,I still need to find a place to stay.

Me:You can stay with me in the meantime if you don't mind though.

Luh:Let's go bath.

He undressed himself I laid in bed with my back.God was I tired

Luh went inside the bathroom then came back,he took off the vest I was

wearing then turned me around he unhooked my bra I could feel his breath on my neck he turned me around and unbuttoned my jeans.

Luh:Damn woman.

Me:You are doing this to yourself.

Luh:Let's just go.

He helped me inside the bathtub as he sat behind me I got between his legs.

Me:So he really is dead?

Luh:Yes and you didn't kill him hey otherwise it would be a burden to you.

Me:You think?

Luh:Trust me I know.

He kissed the back of my head,we bathed then went to sleep I only woke up during the day. I wore Luhs things then went downstairs I found his mom in the kitchen.

Me:I'm sorry.

Her:No come on in.

Me:I guess I should say afternoon.

Her:You are very beautiful.

I blushed.

Me:Thank you ma'am.

Her:Just call me Ma.

Me:I will learn to get used to it

Her:How long have you known him?

Me:Almost a year now we met before his birthday.

Her:Yes he is so crazy about you,come help me with food .

Me:I didn't know that.

Her:He reminds me of his father but his father was a charmer,he was troublesome.

Me:Even ninja is trouble some.

Her:You guys have petnames for one another.

Me:No I once heard his brother call him that and it stuck with me forever.

Mr Ndabeni walked in I was about to walk out but he stopped me.

Me:Thank you for what you have done for me and my family.

MrN:If it wasn't for you my children would have died when that building collapsed but you got to them in time.

Luvuyo came downstairs.

Luh:Mom can you please borrow me your car.

Ma:Why?

Luh:I need to buy myself books,clothes

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a laptop and take Pearl home.

Ma:Go take the keys in my room I'll pack food for you.

Luh took the car keys while I took the lunchbox we were eating in silence ,while he drove to Glenwood he parked where he used to stay and the place was swallowed whoever did this has been involved in war I wondered how many people died.

Luh:My school work,My DJ gear my everything.

I thought about the few clothes I had left and they were nothing compared to what Luh was going through he was really frustrated and stressed he seemed pissed,I held his hand he looked at me and smiled though he was frowning.

Me:It will be fine.

Luh:Just not yet right?

Me:Exactly.

We went to Waltons he bought a USB then we went to Vodacom he got himself a laptop,we went to Sportscenes he bought clothes and shoes by the time we were done my feet were killing we reached my place I had an empty space he put some of his things there Lu is a cry baby I could see tears in his eyes.

I went over to him and gave him a hug he picked me up with my butt as we made our way to the bedroom we kissed while standing and stripping each others clothes off,he was rough like really rough and whatever he wanted he wanted it fast,he placed me on the bed and thrust deep inside me he went in as he pleased he was rough but I was enjoying it he

flipped me over without notice. I rode him while he groaned and moaned he flipped me over again but this time turned me around and made me give him ass,he pressed me further down his hand was on my sensitive sexual spot,he did reach my G-spot that alone made me crazy ,I did drink a morning after pill the following morning.

Time passed on the twins birthday they didn't celebrate it but Luh spent with me indoors,they found a place to stay though I was always there or him here. DIDI tell you Quinton was studying in Cape Town he was running away from home ,either way I wanted to celebrate New years eve with the love of my life but firstly we had to celebrate my birthday which was in a few weeks time

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Luvuyo was up and down doing things while I chilled at my place later he visited m.e

Luh:I should be the one studying event planning.

Me:I don't know why you are making this such a big thing I wanted it to be at my house.

Luh:During the day?

Me:Yes.

Luh:Are you really a December baby.

Me:I am.

Luh:You are boring.

Me:You are boring,stabane.

He laughed hysterically.

Luh:Did you just say stabane?

Me:Yes I can theta now.

Luh:I guess my classes are finally paying off but you sound funny.

He said getting in between my legs and laying his head on my abdomen.

Me:Tomorrow we're going home.

Luh:Home where?

Me:Home my home.

He jumped up.

Luh:Why?

Me:To introduce you,they think I'm still mourning for Mandlas death I can't live with that knowing very well I have a boyfriend that I love.

Luh:You love me?

Me:Remove your big head it's heavy.

He laughed.

Luh:Let's cuddle I'm sleepy.

He pecked my lips then we cuddled,Luh and Alo were sharing a car but we used a cab home I was planning on getting my car back it's time I move on from the accident.

Me:Why are you so nervous?

Luh:I don't know.

Me:Just chill please,breathe in and out stay calm.

I buzzed us in mom and dad were having a wine outside.

Me:Parents.

Dad:Finally she decides to come home.

Mom:Oh my baby you look beautiful.

Me:Life is treating me well.

Mom:I'm glad you are taking this grieving thing okay.

Dad:Who is this young man?

Me:His name is Luvuyo he is my boyfriend.

Mom:Your boyfriend, isn't it too soon?

Dad:Leave the child alone come sit down son.

Luh sat next to dad.

Me:Mom can we go inside for a little while.

I smiled a Luh then followed my mom.

Mom:Honey is your heart ready?

Me:Mom my heart has never been this ready for anything.

Mom:He is black.

Me:So?

Mom:I don't trust him.

We were whispering.

Me:That's absurd,Luh is coloured besides what's wrong with Black people?

Mom:I just don't like them.

Me:Even if I told you his mother is AN.

Mom:Angela N.

She said smiling.

Me:Oh mother you are so fake.

I left her and ran up to dads room she was following me.

Me:Where are my car keys?

Mom:Check the closet,is he really Angela Ns son?

Me:So now you want to know about him? I'm leaving I'll see you guys on my birthday.

I ran down the stairs dad and Luh were having a nice chat.

Me:Daddy we have to run I took my car keys thank you for having it fixed.

I kissed his cheek then left.

Luh:Are you sure you can do this?

Me:No please take the wheel.

I handed him the keys then we drove off he was happy he met my dad.

My birthday finally came my family was there all of them and Luvuyo we had a nice time but Luh,Que,Sarah and I left.

Me:So where will my birthday party be?

Luh:It will be in my house.

Me:I've never heard of what you are telling me

Luh:It a special day for my lady,wear heels I'll pick you up at 7.

Me:Okay.

Luh:Give me a kiss.

We smooched then I left him.

Me:What can I wear?

I chose a royal blue short jumpsuit,black clutch bag and nude heels my make up was going to be nude too.

I showered then made myself beautiful,Luh knocked before I got dressed.

Me:Give me 10 minutes.

I shouted,I got dressed then went to babe.

Luh:Hi ma'am I'm looking for Pearl.

Me:Don't piss me off.

He walked towards me and hugged me.

Luh:The stars are jealous of you right even the diamond itself is trembling.

The way I was blushing goodness.

Luh:Come.

He was wearing a Shirt that was neatly tucked in his skinny jeans and folded the sleeves

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he wasn't wearing a tie and the first button wasn't buttoned he looked sexy as fuck ,the house looked lovely with something that looked like a stage.

Luh:In case you may know I'm Mr party.

I laughed every one gave me hugs I was shocked when I saw my ex best friends and my boyfriends ex together but I wasn't even bothered by that,this looked like some kind of a classy pool party. I could see bikinis

under some people's clothes.

Luh:Attention everyone I welcome you all in the celebration of my beautiful queen please enjoy yourselves drink dance and break a few

bones,happy birthday my love.

Cheering took place I couldn't stop smiling when he made his way to me.

Me:You like acting old don't you?

Luh:I'm older than you come let's take a few shooters.

They were blue like we took about 4 or 5 I'm not sure then I drank lean.

Luh went up to stage again.

Luh:I can see laughter and a few dance moves here and there it is good see that people are drunk and high.

We laughed Luh is silly,even he was high.

Luh:Can we all stand around I want to strip for my girlfriend.

Me:No Luh No.

Those words hit on deafs ear two guys picked me up and made me sit on a chair in front of Lu Wale ft Tiara Thomas played at the back.

" Is it bad

that I never made love, no I never did it

But I sure know how to fuck

I'll be your bad girl, I'll prove it to you

I can't promise that I'll be good to you

Cause I have some issues, I won't commit

No, not having it

But at least I can admit that I'll be bad no to you (to you)

Yeah, I'll be good in bed but I'll be bad to you

Bad that I never made love, no I never did it

But I sure know how to fuck"Lu literally took off his shirt and danced on top of me he even pretended as though he was riding me,he twerked my goodness I had the best celebration, my God was it hilarious. I officially

have a stripper as a boyfriend,my ears went deaf from the girls scream and guys whistling my face was burning from the blushing and

laughing,This guy I call a boyfriend does the unexpected.

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I was coming from school tired as hell even driving totally drained me I was welcomed by Luvuyo sleeping on the floor on his sponge I kicked him.

Me:Hey.

Luh:You're back?

Me:Duuh,why didn't you go to school?

Luh:Alondwe will register for me.

Me:One day the law will catch you for what you are doing.

Luh:Can I sleep for now?

Me:Do what you do best boo.

I went to his bedroom everything was a mess Luh has changed if he isn't sleeping he is eating he can't do anything productive,as tired as I was ,I cleaned his bedroom took his dirty clothes and placed them inside the washing machine then I made lunch while preparing supper . He walked kn the kitchen yawning and rubbing his eyes.

Me:Babe

He kept quiet.

I banged the table.

Lu:Magnum.

Me:You are out of food.

Luh:I'm sure your cupboards are full at your place today I'm moving out.

Arguing with this ass wasn't an option I made spaghetti and mince with cheese.

When I gave Luvuyo his plate he frowned.

Me:Do I make you sick?

Luh:No but cheese does.

Me:Since when do you have a problem with cheese,know what don't answer that.

Forever complaining,I knew what he was going to say next.

Luh:Can you be a darling and drive to the garage for me?

Me:You a a definition of nuisance,how many?

Luh:4.

Luh has been obsessed with Chocolate chip muffins every day I have to go and buy them I don't know whether I'm married to him.

I bought them then drove back.

Me: This is the last time I'm playing errand girl for you, if you want chocolate chip muffins you take the car keys and drive your damn self to the garage.

He gave me a remorseful look knowing very well I always buy it.

Luh: I love you.

He kissed my neck then ate his muffins, I started feeling a bit dizzy I stood up to get myself some water but collapsed on the way, I remember Luh trying to wake me up with tears in his eyes when I woke up I was in what

looked like a bed, Luh was holding my hand smiling with tears in his eyes. Confusion struck.

Me: Hi.

He handed me a print out it was a scan.

Me: No Luvuyo how? when?

Luh: I also don't know how it happened but baby you are 3 weeks pregnant.

I shook my head with tears gushing down.

Flashbacks of my birthday came back

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the party was buzzing especially after what tend to be a lap dance people went to the swimming area. Luh

and I went to the jacuzzi after midnight we went to his room next morning we woke up with clothes scattered around his room we were cuddling on top of his bed totally naked. I remember having bruises on my

thighs,scratches & there was no sign of a condom at all.

Me:No I can't,I have school to finish both of us have school it's our second year we can't be parents now.

His face went from smiley to saddy.

Luh:Pearl please don't hurt me like this,I promise you will finish school and graduate let's keep the baby.

Me:Luvuyo my parents will kill me if they finf out.

Luh:You don't have to face them we can go tell my mom I'll try to convince her and dad to go to your parents house just please accept the child.

Me:Yoyo I can't just accept this baby,I can't do it because you are telling me to.

He formed a fist with both his hands while mine was inside he put his forehead on it I heard him sniff.

Luh:Maggie if you are thinking of killing my child I swear to God I will kill myself.

The word “No” came out of my mouth but the voice wasn’t there we were both overwhelmed with emotions the doctor walked in.

Doc:We are done here..

Luh:Thanks doc.

He helped me get down and we walked to the car for a change he drove while I was buried in my thoughts,he asked me to drop him off at his place and I drove to mine.

The moment I walked up the stairs I was met by a group of girls Michelle included I gave her a cold look then went past them Michelle held my hand.

Me:Let go of my hand before I rearrange your whole squad.

Michelle:You are outnumbered baby girl so when are you planning on leaving Luvuyo I mean I gave you enough time to nag him.

Me:Michelle I don’t have time for you if you continue with this I swear to God I will add you to the list of the people I’ve killed.

She looked scared but fixed her fist I held her wrist tight.

Me:I'm not in the mood for your tactics if you want to fight me meet me at the tennis court in Glenwood tomorrow then we will see who is the bigger bitch between me and you.

Her friends weren't giggly anymore I was so furious I'm sure my eyes had turned red from the fury I had within.

Me:Now vacuum this place immediately or I will hunt you down,kidnap you one by one then let you watch as I kill these friends of yours and you Michelle will be the last one.

Michelle:You are crazy.

Me:You aint seen nothing yet.

The tears in her eyes gave me enough evidence that I was hurting her I let her go then pushed her.

They made their way to the lift,this bitch better thank her ancestors she wasn't alone or I would have kicked her ass I'm in no mood for bitchiency .

I have a baby on the way and I already have another baby who is my boyfriend my phone vibrated I took it out it was from Yoyo it read.

"Pearl

I know this baby didn't come planned but we can't just close our eyes and ignore Gods blessing,this is evidence of our love,the one that will breathe after some time,I'm not forcing

you to love our baby but I know you will as time goes by I just told my parents about it they weren't happy that I am going to be a father but they were happy to be grand parents they promised to go see the Harpers tomorrow and in the weekend they will

go to the Ndlovus...Yoyo loves you Pearl"

I placed the phone on my chest and went to think land.

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It is said when love touches you once it lasts for a lifetime, I love Luvuyo to a point where I go crazy without seeing him for 2 days, I would do anything to keep him happy and to make our love stronger.

Even if it means keeping this child I held my tummy then slept . Honestly God is giving me another chance to be a mother since Bruce decided to kill ours it was fate I think . Next morning I was so stressed I could hardly do anything, what was funny was the fact that I had no morning sickness or cravings maybe Yoyo is the one who took them come to think of it.

Around midday I got a call from mom I was so nervous I almost didn't pick up.

Me: Mom.

Mom: Guess who was here?

Me: I can't.

Mom: Angela N you child, baby girl you might have disappointed us by falling pregnant but bringing a great woman to us I love you for that.

I rolled my eyes mom is unbelievable.

Me: So you aren't mad?

Mom:I am disappointed in you but there's nothing we can do you are pregnant we can't unpregnant you now can we?

Me:Yes mah.

Mom:Okay bye take care of yourself we love you

Me:I love you too guys.

Mom loves the spotlight but I was thankful I got off so easily,during the day Luh decided to pay me a visit.

Luh:May I come in?

I moved aside.

Luh:I brought seafood I hope you are hungry.

Me:Thanks.

We sat down I started eating

Me:How did it go?

Luh:It went well actually,mom said you must stay with her when you are about to pop I know she will feed you that waterbirth shit.

Me:As in giving birth in water,she did that?

Luh:Yes I actually have the cd of that day Alo and I were born in water.

Me:Wow that's wow surely you guys can swim.

Luh:Men swim darling.

Me:But I'm sure you can't beat me.

Luh:You my love swim like a fish I can't compete with that.

I hit his shoulder while laughing.

Luh:I'm happy to see you smiling

Me:I can't stay angry with you forever you didn't make this baby alone.

Luh:I'm glad you aren't taking it the wrong way

Me:Yes,guess who paid me a visit last night?

Luh:Siyanda. Me:Your ex actually. Luh: Michelle???

Me:Yep,she was telling me that my time with you is up and shit.

Luh:And I'm sure you told her where to get off.

Me:Of course I wasn't even in a good space a piece of my mind wasn't enough I gave her the entire brain.

Luh:Oh poor Michelle,she broke up with me after you and I had sex probably she thought I will go after her after she slept with my cousins son,but I was tamed. Me: By who?

He took the takeaway placed it on top of the table then made me squat on top of him.

Luh:By you.

He kissed me, the pregnancy brought Luh and I closer I had finally made a best friend at school, the Ndlovus asked for damages which were paid I was 2 months pregnant in love with my baby and in love with her father. I was sane I even forgot I had bipolar that's the effect Yoyo had on me his mother was sweet very sweet she would ask me what I need how I'm feeling and then there was his son who was sleeping in the bedroom as we speak I was preparing lunch for the both of us when I was done I took it to the bedroom.

Me: Yoyo lover. He stretched.

Luh: Maggie. Me: Here is your food.

Luh: Sorry I slept I didn't mean to.

Me: That's what you say everyday I am very much used to it.

Luh: I don't understand why it had to be me who is emotional, me with cravings, me who forgets easily, me who sleeps a lot.

Me: It's fair punishment because you won't carry the mini us for 9 months besides baby you were emotional long before I fell pregnant.

He had shiny eyes I knew he wanted to cry I held his hand.

Me: I am joking baby it really isn't fair I'm sure it will go away soon.

He smiled then stretched his hand to the headboard he took out something that looked like a ring box he opened it there was a small ring with something that looked like a Pearl it was really beautiful.

Luh:stay calm I'm not asking for your hand in marriage

I sighed.

Me:You scared me for a minute there thought you were gonna go down on your knees. Luh:I know can I have your left hand.

Me: There. Luh: You have nice hands. Me: Thank you.

Luh:You know I love you with everything that I have, I loved you from the day I saw you just that I was in denial,I don't ever want to stop loving you,you give me joy that no one has ever given to me,with this ring I promise to be always by your side through thick and thin,to always love and take care you and the life growing inside of you,I want you to call me

whenever you feel lonely at anytime of the day or night I don't care, this promise ring is a sign of our love,a promise that I won't hurt you well not intentionally and I would hurt anyone who dares hurt my Pearl,Kamalei the love I have for you is undiluted it's pure I love you babe. It was my turn to cry now.

Me:I love you so much it hurts Yoyo you complete me.

He inserted the ring I jumped on top of him and hugged him both of us in tears, this might not be our happily ever after but we make each other happy that's all that matters after love does conquer all

Pearluh

.....**The End**.....

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