

BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

NB: To understand this story you must read the following stories in chronological order that they are stated.

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introduction

FUNI

Life has been peaceful since the last time we had an encounter, my twins have grown up they now 5 years and unfortunately along the way we had to bid Cowen's Partenal Grandmother Olifant who used to babysit the twins Farewell, she passed on when the twins were 3 years old from complications of pneumonia. Things

between Mama k and Cowen are still rocky, i don't know why Cowen can't seem to forgive her at all..

Since Shane and Cowen made peace, or a truce rather things got better between my Twins but now they have gone back to their old ways.

Sean Junior being the dominant twin still bullies his Brother Sade, i really thought we were making progress i don't know what triggered Sean again. Ever since Nanny Olifant warned us about Sean and Sade's hate for each other dating back to Cowen and his twin Shane, i get very worried that Shane and Cowen might go at it again. I almost lost my husband that time, and i don't wanna go back to that life again...

It was a Monday morning just after 05:00am we always wake up early because i have to prepare the twins first for Preschool, then after i have to get dressed for work.

We were downstairs eating breakfast, Sean and

Sade were fighting for the little toy that came out of the cereal box..

Sean: It's mine!

Sade: no it's mine!

Sean: Leave it you punk!!!

Sean pushed his Brother, and his Brother fell from the chair..

Me: Sean!! (shouting)

Sade was on the floor crying..

Me: and were did you learn that word?

He ignored me and played with his toy. I went and helped Sade to get up..

Me: i am sorry my muffin are you hurt?

He nodded..

I hugged him..

Me: sorry munchkin Mommy is going to buy you some toys later okay?

He nodded..

Sean: i want toys too

Me: you not getting any, you already have!

Sean: i don't like you

Me: the feeling is mutual i don't like you either, and i am going to call Cowen right now and talk to him about you!

He jumped down from the chair and gave Sade the toy then started patting him on the back..

Sean: Sorry

At least i can get to scare Sean with Cowen every now and then when he gets naughty..

Me: go upstairs and get your backpacks

They ran to the stairs..

Me: No running!!

Sade: Yes Mam'

Sade melts my heart, he listens to me, he is very

respectful and then Sean on the other hand thinks i am his friend..

Cowen and the Skulls were at Durban at their base camp training for whatever God knows what, he hasn't been home for a week. He is hardly home these days if he is not doing something with the skulls, he is performing heart transplants..

I took the house phone and called him, but it went straight to voicemail..

Me: Cowen it's been two days now since you ain't called me and the boys. Call me when you get this i love you and we miss you.

I put the phone back and looked at the mess, i really cannot keep up with the boys and my boutique then all the house chores...

The boys came back with their backpacks..

Sean: Ready to go!

Sade: Ready to go!

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DIMA

Today i woke up feeling not good, i had caught the flu. I have been strong for the past days because Funi needed me at the boutique it's just the two of us we haven't hired a Temp yet. My head was heavy, i had a blocked and runny nose, my eyes were swollen and itchy i don't wanna mention my throat..

My baby girl is 4 years old and still cute as she was when she was still a baby...

Thando: 1...2..3..5..6..7...9...10!!

She was bouncing on my bed..

Her: look mommy i can count to...

She showed me all the fingers..

Me: that's good sweetheart

Her: we not going to school today?

Me: Mommy is not feeling well

I can't have anyone drive her to preschool she would never allow. She only wants me or Shabba to drive her...

Things between me and Shabba have been very good, we very much in love. Our marriage is going very good..

Me: Pass Mommy her phone

She passed me my cell phone and i called Funi but she didn't pick up...

I called Shabba, he hasn't been home for a week and i was missing him so very bad. I think a part of my sickness was due to me missing him..

Him: Bunny bear

Me: did i disturb you?

Him: you can never disturb me

I sniffed..

Him: what's wrong? Are you crying?

Me: No i caught the flu

Him: did you get Meds?

Me: i didn't get time to get medication we were busy at the Boutique

Him: sounds bad baby you have to get something

Me: i have to be at work

Him: ucalile uyahlanya neh? (you have started being Crazy)

Me: i can't drop Funi it's just the two of us you know

Him: Funi has done being "But her slowness, but her brains, but her num num" what kind of an Employer is she? She needs a third party for this kind of situations when one of you gets sick

Me: you giving me a headache

Him: don't bore me you not going to work! I need to have a word with that when i get back

Thando: is that Daddy?

Me: Someone wants to talk to you

I gave her the phone..

Her: Hi Daddy... Yes...

She looked at me and then got off the bed to go and speak in a corner busy whispering, i know when she does that she's snitching on me about Something..

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GESH

My Daughter Bontle is a headache, a headache just like her Mother...

Bontle: i don't wanna flesh a lot so i was thinking maybe something like the latest Samsung S8

Me: No

Her: come on Dad i bet Naledi has it already

Me: Tpee is in hospital he can't buy Naledi anything

Her: She has her Grandfather

Me: help me understand you and Naledi ningabo achuzz down the line but you always competing with each other, why?

Her: you will never understand

I opened the fridge and found a bottle of wine, it was half empty..

Me: hurry up Scelo is gonna be here to pick you up any minute, where is Lwazi?

She shrugged her shoulders..

Me: im coming

I headed straight to his bedroom, he was packing his books..

Me: Lwazi

He had his headsets on..

Me: Boy! (shouting)

He noticed me standing there and he lowered them..

Me: are you gonna be ready anytime soon?

Him: ng'cedile (im done)

Me: good go wait for Scelo in the lounge

He took his bag and walked to the lounge..

I came back in the early hours of the morning at around 04:00am,i had business to take care off and my mind tells me that Nokhanya has been drinking while i was not around. I thought we were making progress..

I got to my bedroom and closed the door she was fast asleep..

Me: Khikhi

No reply..

I went to her and woke her up..

Her: what what what?

I squeezed her cheeks hard..

Me: don't give me that attitude

Her: Yini Gesh? (What)

Me: i am not your friend you don't talk to me like that

I could see right through her that she was hung over..

Me: we had a deal that if you touch alcohol again you packing all your shit and get the fuck out of my house!

Her: what? I didn't touch alcohol

Me: ngizok'shaya Nokhanya yezwa? You think i am a fool?

Her: okay i might have got a bit carried away last night with the wine but it was the last time

Me: i want you out

Her: where do you expect me to go?

Me: i don't know and don't care

I stood up and went to the kids and they were chilling with an unusual guest..

Me: Shane? What are you doing here?

Him: i am back in town man!

I don't know if Shane is trying to piss off Braga or he is trying to start a fight between the bloods and the Skulls.

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GESH

I waited for the kids to go to school first before i could talk to Shane i don't know why he was here. The Bloods and the Skulls made a truce, him being back is going to ruin everything and Riley won't be happy about this.

Me: what the fuck are you doing here?

Him: do you have beer?

He went to the fridge, i went and sat on the high chair...

Him: no beer? Only wine?

He took out the bottle of wine.

Him: since when did you become soft? Wine?
Nigga are you for real?

Me: don't dogde the question, what the fuck are you doing here?

Him: i am down on my luck tried pulling jobs here and there never went well, that's why im back. I wanna be part of the team again

Me: are you hearing yourself?

Him: i am

He drank the wine straight from the bottle..

Me: you being back is going to complicate things

Him: i don't know why everyone is scared of

Braga he ain't no God, Nigga I've done seen good Gang bangers! Better than him

Me: Shane don't tell me you back for revenge again

Him: i am not here for Braga, he doesn't move me

Me: fuck! you look soo much like him, except for the eyes you his fucken replica can't the two of you get along?

He shook his head no..

Him: some twins are meant to be enemies

He put down the bottle..

Him: im also gonna need a place to crash

Me: you ain't crashing here i don't want the skulls here i have kids and a fiancé

Him: i am not scared of Braga

Me: you should be

Him: fuck that man! He my twin i know his every

move before he even takes it

Me: you two never grew up together you don't know him.. Look Shane you starting a fight that will never end

Him: i am not here for Braga nigga you deaf?

Me: fine then let's go to Riley he won't be happy about this

I stood up and went to the bedroom to get my car keys, Nokhanya was up fixing the bed...

I took my Keys and phone.

Her: where are you going?

Me: make sure you gone when i get back

Her: Gesh please

Me: i am serious!

I walked out to the kitchen..

I looked at Shane..

Me: let's bounce!

We walked out..

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FUNI

I dropped the kids at Preschool i crouched and looked at Sade.

Me: are you okay baby?

He nodded..

I hugged him.

Me: i love you

He kept quiet..

Me: you don't love Mommy?

Him: i love Mommy

I kissed him on his forehead..

Me: okay enjoy

I looked at Sean..

Me: be good, if i hear you been naughty i am calling Cowen are we clear?

He nodded..

Me: Come give Funi a hug?

He shook his head no and walked away to his teacher...

I don't know why Sean is like this with me, i wish Cowen was here he knows how to get through to him..

I went back to my car, i checked my phone before driving i had at least 5 missed calls from Dima. I know i am a few minutes late but she don't have to call that much..

I called her back..

Her: Funi

Me: i know i am running a bit late im sorry

Her: it's not that

Me: what's wrong?

Her: i am sorry i cannot come to work today i am very sick

She did sound sick..

Her: My flu is worse

Me: i did tell you to get something when you were sneezing a lot last week

Her: Sorry for dropping you

Me: don't be your health comes first

Her: i promise ill try to get something today at the pharmacy then tomorrow ill come

Me: don't be crazy take at least 3 days off

Her: but

Me: I'll manage ill close early

Her: are you sure?

Me: Yes ill come and see you later

Her: okay thank you

Me: Bye

I hung up and leaned on the steering wheel, this cannot be happening. My life is a mess, Pressure left, right, and center.

I took my phone and called Cowen again, went straight to voicemail.

Me: Cowen you know what i am done! I cannot do this anymore. The kids, the boutique i am under pressure i cannot do this alone i need you. You have some major decisions to make Brother its either us or the skulls!!!

I was done, if he doesn't get his shit together i am taking the kids and we gone....

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LAURIAN

My life hasn't been a crystal stair, the last time you heard about me and Austin i was pregnant. Austin and i we were supposed to get married but that didn't work at all, i was still broken by

what my Father did to me i was too proud to even go for therapy because at the back of my mind some small light bulb convinced me that if you haven't been through what i have been through then there's nothing we gonna talk about. I gave birth to a baby boy his name is Sidney and he is 3 years old. Sid has health problems, when he was born he had to stay at the hospital for a while because during my pregnancy i literally put his life in danger. I was drinking heavily, doing drugs, sleeping around i actually hit the point of no return. I lost everything my business, my home, my fiancé, even my Son. Austin has full custody of Sid, i am only allowed supervised visitations three times a week you can imagine how difficult that is. Giving birth to a baby that you can't keep. People can judge me all they want it's okay but you will never understand how deep my pain lies, watching stories of other girls who fell victim to Honour killings and they were

unfortunate that they actually died in the hands of their families depressed me more. Knowing i was a victim of that and being persecuted by my own Father gave me no peace, Remembering the shooting at the back of his car and seeing my little Sister dying next to me i swear to God no human being can come back from that. No matter how strong you are but that kind of pain you never recover from it..

Austin is doing very well for himself, since he partnered with Thobekgale Pharmaceuticals he is well off financially. He sold our old house and got himself another big house and he is also engaged to be married soon. If he is happy then i have to accept, that poor soul waited for me he waited for me to recover but i didn't come back. I didn't come back at all...

I am currently homeless, i sleep on the couch at my Best friend's place. Just like me she is a crack head too, her Boyfriend is the one who supplies us with Heroin but he is a jerk when my

friend turns around he is up on the couch
humping me that's how i pay for my next fix...

I was at the park it was my day to see Sid, i was
wearing a long sleeve tshirt so that Austin
doesn't see the marks.

I haven't gotten a fix for the past two days, i
didn't want Austin to think that i am not making
Progress he has made it clear that if i don't stop
he will make sure that i never see Sid again..

It was difficult for me to be my normal self, i
needed a fix and i needed it now..

His car parked not far from were i was sitting,
he got out and went to the back seat to get Sid
out. I stood up..

Me: act Normal Laurian he won't see, he won't
see that you still using

They made their way to me...

Me: Hey Sid

I knelt down as they got closer to me..

Austin let go of his hand and he came to me, i hugged him..

Me: Hey baby i have missed you, did you miss me too?

He nodded..

I looked up at Austin..

Me: thank you for bringing him

He looked at his wrist watch...

Him: whatever.. You have an hour!

That's how we communicate these days, nevertheless i appreciate him for allowing me to see my Son..

He went and sat on the bench keeping himself busy with his tablet..

I looked at Sid..

Me: do you wanna go down the slide first?

He nodded..

Me: okay let's go

I got up and held his hand then we approached the slide..

I picked him up and tried to get him at the top when Austin called out...

Austin: Eyy what the fuck do you think you doing?? Get my Son down from there!!

I put Sid down as he made his way to us..

Him: are you trying to kill my Son?

Me: he likes the slide

Him: how the fuck are you gonna be able to prevent him from falling when he goes down the slide?

Me: Austin..

Him: No look at yourself! You fucken shaking!
When was the last time you had a fix? 3 days ago? 2 days ago?

Me: don't treat me like that

Him: you disgust me Laurian! If it was up to me you wouldn't even be seeing Sid right now i am just doing it so that he can at least be a motivation for you to go to rehab and get better, get better for him he doesn't deserve this!!
(shouting)

Sid started crying i picked him up..

Me: Calm down you scaring him

Him: put him down the way you shaking i can't trust you, you might drop him

I put him down and he picked him up..

I couldn't stop the tears..

Me: i know that you hurt Austin, i know that I've hurt you but you making a big deal out of nothing! I thought you were happy with your fiancé

Him: opening your legs for every fucken mess out there for a next fix is not a big deal?

Me: don't judge me

Him: i can't even look at you right now!

He walked away..

Me: Austin!.. Austin!!

I stared at him walking away while i tried to hold back the tears. PART 2 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

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AUSTIN

Later that night i was laying on my bed busy on my laptop checking out some of the best rehab facilities that we have in South Africa, i have been checking them for the past 30min that i neglected my paperwork.

Things have been looking up for me, ever since that analgesic i introduced to Thobekgale Pharmaceuticals it made me a lot of money, it overflowed my wallet and bank account. I am currently engaged to a beautiful lady by the

name of Nonhlanhla, she is a pharmacist by profession met her at work but we don't work together she was a student at the Thobekgale Academy so after her studies she was frequent at work while Tpee was trying to get her a spot at some pharmacy...

We have been engaged for a year now and we are getting married in a few months time, My Mother and my Sister love Nhlanhla more than they loved Laurian what i am i saying they hated Laurian they have always hated her..

Nhlanhla is perfect if i can put it that way, she's humble, obedient, doesn't drink, party, none of that shit. She loves my Son and she loves me..

She came out from the bathroom, her body was still wet she had a towel around her body..

Her: you should've joined me love

I was fully focused on what i was doing that i unintentionally ignored her..

After a while she closed my laptop.

Me: and?

She sat down next to me..

Her: Austin for how long are you gonna keep this up?

Me: what are you talking about?

Her: didn't you try taking Laurian to rehab? How many times did she break out?

Me: what's your point baby?

Her: Love you cannot help someone who doesn't wanna be helped

I put the laptop away..

Me: she has to get help for Sid

Her: are you doing this for Sid or you doing this for you?

Me: Sid needs his Mother present in his life

Her: Sid is doing perfectly fine without Laurian

I sighed..

Her: i love you Austin but at the same time i am scared

Me: Scared of what?

Her: you love Laurian i can see and i am scared that you might think of going back to her

I could've taken Laurian with drugs but what really fucked me up was her sleeping around, she cheated on me even when she was pregnant with my baby.. She put Sid through a lot.

Me: Laurian is my past there's no "us" anymore

Her: you hurting Austin trying, forcing yourself to forget about her is killing you i can see

Me: you could've made a good psychologist

Her: if you want out just tell me now please don't hurt me in the long run

Nhlanhla is trying to make herself seem like a

Messiah in all of this, but she knows that if i break up with her my Mother and Sister they literally gonna slit my throat, they always defending her..

My phone rang, it was Jake.

Me: i have to take this, it's from work

I kissed her on her cheek and got out of bed..

Jake is our PI, he works for the skulls and i have asked him to find out for me who Laurian is fucking now and who is her supplier..

I went and answered my phone at the kitchen..

Me: Jake

Him: Austin

Me: talk to me

Him: she is crashing with some drug dealer and the drug dealer's girlfriend who also happens to be Laurian's best friend. From the look of things he is fucking them both, he owns them, and he

even abuses them

Me: Address?

Him: i have E-mailed you

Me: good work Jake

Him: just doing my job

Since Tpee is in hospital i am full hands on at work that's why i couldn't even go to the bootcamp with the skulls. Even though i am busy but i wanna do this alone, without the help of the skulls. I wanna be the one to blow up that Nigga's world for fucking up my baby mama..

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NOKHANYA

I was alone in the house, Gesh took the kids to go and eat out i couldn't join them i didn't wanna join them. Things aren't good between us i don't want the kids to sense the tension..

After bathing i went to the fridge to check my wine and it wasn't there Gesh must have poured it down the drain dammit!! I am dealing with a lot in my life right now that i can only get through each and every day while drunk, i cannot face life sober anymore my life problems are too overwhelming.

Gesh has cut me off financially, my Mother knows that i drink a lot she has cut me off too the only person who has been helping me is my Brother Lunga i guess the news haven't got to him yet. I can't call Lunga and ask him for money, he sent me R1000 two weeks ago and i blew it up at the club drinking every now and then..

I needed to think of someone else who can help me out, someone who does not know about my problem. Qondi came into my mind, she has money she's still working for Gesh..

I took my phone and called her...

Qondi: Khanyo?

Me: hey sis

Her: Fede?

Me: i am good and you?

Her: im good too.. Damn it has been a while

Me: that's true

Her: how is everything?

Me: everything is..

Her: Yeah?

Me: financially i am not doing good

Her: isn't Gesh providing?

Me: he is but we have been fighting lately and we don't see eye to eye

Her: that's bad

Me: too much

We kept quiet..

Me: uhm Qondi

Her: talk to me

I took a deep breath..

Me: can you please help me out with R500?

Her: for?

Me: i have to buy myself some things

Her: what things?

Me: things that i need

Her: can't you ask Gesh?

Me: i told you njena that we not seeing eye to eye

Her: i don't know eyy

Me: what is R500 to you?

She kept quiet..

Me: Qondi

Her: Khanyo i know

I swallowed..

Me: know what?

Her: uyisdakwa Nokhanya (you are a drunk)

Me: Wow! My own sister saying such to me?

Qondi: you need help

I lowered my phone..

I was mad how can she say that to me? I am not a drunk i don't even drink everyday. There's people who drink everyday and i am not one of them!

The door opened, Gesh walked in with the kids..

I looked at them..

Me: hey guys

They kept quiet my kids didn't look like they wanted anything to do with me..

Bontle: I'll be in my room

She walked away followed by Lwazi..

Gesh: i thought that you'll be gone

Me: Why do you tell people that ngiyisdakwa?

Him: uyisdakwa vele Nokhanya

Me: that's how you see me?

Him: i am not in the mood to go back and forth with you about this im going to bed night..

I was hurt very hurt that Gesh sees me that way, he has lost all respect for me..

I sat down on the kitchen floor and started crying..

If only he understood what i am going through, he is also part of my pain. Him sleeping around with Prostitutes, the trauma he put me through i couldn't anymore...

He came and sat next to me...

Him: what should i do to get my fiancé back? I want my old Khikhi back

He tried touching me but I shifted...

Him: Yini kanti Nokhanya? (what's wrong)

I was done i was very hurt..

Him: you know what hurts me the most? You don't wanna talk to me, please talk to me

I don't wanna talk anymore, i don't want anything..

Him: (exhaling) as much as you hurting you also hurting me too. Uyang'khawatha blind futhi!

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FUNI

I was up in my bedroom packing the first thing i did when i knocked off was to fetch the kids and i took them to Mama k's place, i will be renting a flat for a while and when im settled i will go and get them...

I am done with Cowen, he has abandoned us i am alone in this marriage i am married to

myself...

After packing i went to the bathroom and left him a message on the mirror, i wrote it with my red lipstick which read:

“you have just lost your family, i hope the skulls will keep you warm at night”

I kissed the mirror.

“this is your last kiss. Goodbye Braga” PART 3
BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:00] Ron: #4

NOKHANYA

I know that to others my troubles seem like an excuse for me to drink, but in actual fact my life has been a roller-coaster ride. It all went down hill when Daddy died and Thando since he is the first born he had to take over and be the head of the Family. I knew that he has always had it in for Gesh and they never saw eye to eye in a lot

of things, it got worse when he strongly believed that Gesh was behind Daddy's death. Things spiraled out of control when i refused to leave Gesh even when he mistreated me and cheated on me that's when Thando forced the family to cut all ties with me and my Son. He told my Son not so good things about Gesh and he keeps on enforcing the issue of me and Gesh being related that we not supposed to be together, Thando ruined my life in so many ways. I cannot physically see my Mother because I am not allowed to set foot at home i only have a relationship with my Mother over the phone she hasn't seen Lwazi for years now and it's just crazy. I got seriously depressed that i had to drop out of varsity and that's when my alcohol addiction surfaced, alcohol and constantly clubbing became the two things i confided in..

I have been since battling with the addiction..

The following day it was a holiday the kids

didn't go to school they were sitting on the couch watching TV and Gesh was not around..

Me: Morning

They greeted me back with their eyes focused on the Tv..

Me: did yall have breakfast yet?

Bontle: No

Me: what would yall like to have?

Lwazi: Nothing

I forgot how difficult Lwazi can be..

Me: Ohw

I heard a knock at the door.

Me: im coming

I walked up to the door to open and it was Thando, what a huge surprise..

Me: Thando?

I opened the door wider..

Me: Come in

He walked in..

What is Thando doing here?

Me: what a pleasant surprise

He didn't say nothing just looked around..

Me: can i get you something to drink?

He looked at me..

Him: No can we talk?

Me: Yes we can

We walked to the kitchen..

Me: it's good to see you

Him: i wish i can say the same

He definitely isn't here for milk and cookies..

Him: I'll get straight to the point

Me: Okay

Him: i want you to move back home together

with Lwazi

That sounded good but i sensed a lot of ties tied around that statement..

Me: Ookay

Him: what do you say?

Me: sounds good

Him: it is Mom needs you and him

Me: his name is Lwazi

Him: couldn't care less

There's the Thando that i know..

Him: while you at it i want you to cut all contact with Gesh he will never see you and Lwazi ever again

Me: that's wrong Gesh is Lwazi's Father

Him: i don't care Nokhanya!

Me: Why do you have to be like this?

Him: why are you siding with an enemy?

Me: i am not siding with him

Him: but you here!

Me: Okay you really are upsetting me now

Him: i take it you not coming back home

Me: no

Him: Dammit Nokhanya! What is it about this guy that you choose him over your family? He doesn't love you if he did he wouldn't have killed your Father, if he did he wouldn't have cheated on you! He caused you a lot of pain!

Me: maybe you should leave

He stood up and took out a few R100 notes

Him: buy yourself something to drink since you an alcoholic now, that's your new life isn't it?

He clicked his tongue and walked away..

I sat down and looked at the money with tears falling, a drink could be what I need to shadow my pain..

Lwazi walked into the kitchen..

Him: are you alright?

I wiped my tears..

Me: Yes i am fine honey

Him: did he upset you?

Me: it's fine Lwazi

Him: i don't like how he treats you

Me: there's nothing we can do some other people are just bad it's who they are and you can't change it

Bontle walked in too...

Bontle: we heard everything he said are you going to take Lwazi and leave?

Me: i..

Bontle: you are considering it?

Me: Bontle..

Bontle: i thought we were a Family but now you

guys are gonna leave us just like that?

I didn't know what to say..

She was breaking..

Her: i wish i had perfect parents like Naledi's parents or uncle Riley and Aunty Anathi

She ran out..

Lwazi: i am not leaving if you leave you will leave alone

He also walked out...

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LAURIAN

The hardest thing that i have to do is to sleep with my best friend's boyfriend just so i can get the next fix, it's not that my best friend doesn't know but what can she do or say about it? One word from her she would be dead or homeless..

Almost the whole night i had sex with this guy, I

was basically high through and through so he took advantage of that and it seems like he is not the only one who pleased himself but his friends did too. I woke up with a very sore and itchy Vagina, just goes to prove what happened last night..

I woke up naked in his bed with a bit of a headache too..

I got out and got a towel to cover myself up then made my way to the Lounge, he was sitting on the couch smoking a cigarette and rolling up some weed in small packages..

Him: and there she is the star of the moment

Me: Morning

Him: how did you sleep sweetness?

Me: i don't know i was high

He chuckled..

Him: you were out but then you satisfied our sexual hunger

Me: how many were you?

Him: 4

Me: was protection used?

Him: do you think we stupid?

Hearing him tell me about the events of last night made me feel dirty, it made me feel real dirty!

Him: have you tried Cocaine before?

I didn't care about that for now my mind was still stuck on what he told me

He took the small plastic with white powder and gave it to me..

Him: try it

I took it..

Him: you take care of me i take care of you, it's a win win type of situation!

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BRAGA

The Skulls have been fully committed to training hard for the past few weeks, we always make sure that we do things in advance because we never know when we supposed to go on a mission or when will our enemies strike, we always have to be prepared. Being the leader of the skulls i had to make sure that other Skulls in places like Cape Town carry out the training too by constantly being in contact with them via Skype i had my hands full i also had to keep up with my work..

I haven't been able to keep in contact with my wife for a week or so unlike the other Skulls who didn't have their hands full. When i switched on my phone i got all her messages she was furious..

First thing i did when i got home was to call her after seeing the message she left for me on the

mirror but she didn't pick up..

Shabba: she took her things and left?

Me: with the twins

Shabba: she must be very furious when Funi gets mad she gets mad

I kept on trying her but she didn't pick up...

Me: she's not picking up

She sent me a text after a few seconds..

"Leave us alone Braga! You don't need us you need the skulls! Stop calling me because i know right now you only calling so that if i answer you can track us down! I am not a fool being married to a gangster has made me smart"

I chuckled..

Shabba: what's up?

I showed him the message..

He laughed..

Him: "i won't even answer your calls so you can track us down".. But her num num

Me: where is she?

He opened his laptop and was in it for a while..

Him: La Buela hotel room number 51, should we bust her bubble?

Me: Naaa let's allow her to keep thinking that i can't track her down

I took my phone and sent her a message too..

"You really making it hard for me to find you when you not picking up my calls right now i don't even know where to find your sexy beautiful self! I had hope that when i get home i would see your big ass curves walking up and down my kitchen wearing nothing but..so i can... You know what i mean....but say hello to the boys"

Shabba: when are you fetching her Ass?

Me: let's have thinking she's smarter than me

She text me back..

“See Braga you not all smart”

I laughed..

Me: maybe i should burst her bubble for calling me Braga

Shabba: i thought we were gonna toy with her “intelligence”

I text her back..

“get your ass home or should i fetch you at La Buela hotel?”

She didn't reply for a while, then she called..

Before i could even greet she was on my throat..

Her: How the hell did you find us?

Me: are you on your way home?

Her: No!! Leave us alone! You don't love us, you love the skulls! And by the time you get here we will be gone!

Me: Funi i am tired i don't wanna play running

and chasing games with you!

Her: for your sake i do hope you catch us

She hung up...

Me: when i find her im gonna kick her Ass
having me driving around the whole town in my
tired state, has she moved yet?

Shabba: not yet

I took my Keys..

Me: keep me informed when she makes a move

Him: i will do so when i get home

We walked to the elevator, if Funi knew how
tired I was she wouldn't be fucking around..

Me: I swear im gonna kick her Ass!! PART 4
BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:01] Ron: #5

LAURIAN

As much as Austin hates me but what's very ironic about his feelings is how he seems to still care, i can hit up Austin anytime and he will come through for me not always though but at times he does. Almost the whole morning i have been feeling uneasy, i bathe at least twice but my discharge had a smell of its own and i also experienced unusual itchiness. I tried to ignore it but it wasn't settling well with me something was not right. I called Austin and told him that i am not feeling well, he didn't wanna hear shit at first but after an hour he called me back and told me that he will come and get me. I don't have him pick me up directly were i am staying i don't want him having problems with John my Friend's boyfriend and my supplier i go wait for him at the park....

He took me to the Dr and i got a shot together with Antibiotics since the Dr said it to be an STI..

When i was done i went back to the car, i didn't even expect him to wait for me..

I got inside and looked down i wasn't ready for the 25 questions that he was gonna throw at me or worse the insults, Austin is always angry at me always putting me down and swearing at me. I know i have hurt him i wish he can forgive me because i cannot apologize enough..

Silence eluded the car in my mind i was hoping that he says whatever he wants to say so we can get over and done with it. His look was soo sharp that it made me think that he can see my soul, that he can see underneath me..

I pulled the sleeves of my tshirt further down.

Him: what did the Doctor say?

Me: that i am going to be okay

Him: what was wrong?

I shrugged my shoulders..

He snatched the package from me and checked what was inside, he stumbled upon the antibiotics..

Him: Antibiotics?

Me: i am just sick okay

Him: Sick with what???

I didn't say anything..

Him: is this how you wanna live your life Laurian?

Please put me down while I am already down and can't go any lower..

Him: you are selfish what about Sid?

Me: i love my Son

Him: Nhlanhla loves your Son not you! You put your son in danger ever since you were pregnant with him! Drugs, alcohol, sleeping around is that what you call love? Is that the definition of love? While you doing all of that do you perhaps think of him? All the pain that you putting him through? Sleepless nights? Always worrying about you?

I didn't know if we were talking about him or

Sid..

He threw the pills at me..

Him: Yes please do what you do best! Cry as if like i am wrong in this whole situation while you the one who is running around sleeping with every dick out there! You dirty inside and out Laurian you useless as they come no guy is going to love you, you better off dying!!!!

This is the reason why i don't talk to Austin..

Him: Taking you to rehab is useless i wasted my Money on you more than once!!

I took my pills and put them back in the package..

Me: thank you for taking me to the Dr

I opened the door..

Him: So what now, are you going to walk home?

Me: No hopefully i will find another dick to give me a lift

He got out too as i made it out of the car, i have never seen him this mad...

I was frozen i couldn't take even one step, fear crippled me. I live on that everyday of my life from John and Austin..

He grabbed me tight by my arm then opened the door, he threw me inside..

Him: i am tired of your shit!! If you not going to be a Mother to Sid then i am going to force you to be one

He banged the door then went to the other side..

I dared not to say anything as he drove away..

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FUNI

Braga did fetch us and brought us back home before we could even get away.....

I was still mad at him ever since we got home i

haven't said a word to him, he tried talking to me but i kept quiet..

I stood at the door of the twin's playroom and watched him as he played with them, i don't know how but he is very good with them. When they all together they play around peacefully...

Sade noticed me standing at the door and he ran up to me, i picked him up..

Sean came and started pulling Sade's leg..

Sean: Come Sade let's play

He kept on doing that until i put my hand on his shoulder and shook him a bit..

Me: Leave him alone he doesn't wanna play!!
(shouting)

Sean went back and sat on the carpet he didn't play with his toys anymore but played with his fingers..

Before Cowen could say anything Sade and i made our way downstairs..

I put him down..

Me: do you want chocolate milk and cookies?

He nodded..

I took out the chocolate milk and cookies..

Cowen came down too with Sean..

Cowen: Sean go join Sade

He looked at me..

Him: can you make him some too?

Me: Sean doesn't like chocolate milk and cookies

Him: Sean likes..

Me: he doesn't!!

Him: Funi he does

Me: i am his Mother and i know my Son!!!!

Cowen made Sean some chocolate milk and cookies too, Sean didn't seem to have a problem when Cowen made it for me...

Me: Sean!!!

Cowen: leave him

Me: No he can't do me like that..

I went up to him..

Me: Why are you being spiteful?

He didn't say Nothing he looked at Cowen..

Cowen: Funi just leave him

Me: Stop defending him!!

I hit him at the back of his hand..

Me: Why are you spiteful? When i make something for you, you don't want but when Daddy makes it for you it's okay

He started crying and brought his hand up to his mouth..

Cowen: Can i talk to you?

Me: No

Cowen: Now!!!

He grabbed me by my hand and we walked upstairs..

Me: Please show your boys how much of a role model you are grabbing their Mother like that in front of them

We got to the bedroom and he banged the door..

Him: I swear to God i am very close to hitting you!!! Very close!

I kept quiet and folded my arms..

Him: If you angry at me don't take it on my Son!!!

Me: Excuse me, i am a good Mother!

Him: right now you not!!

I slapped him and he pushed me hard that i fell...

First time Cowen using force on me..

He took his car keys and walked out..

I laid there and cried..

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DIMA

I was soo happy that my husband was back at home though he was tired but he tried to give me and Thando some of his time. My Mother still doesn't like Shabba at all, only my Brother is present in our lives....

They were watching Thando's favorite movie while i was in bed working on some few sketches, i was still very sick..

I took the tissue to blow my nose out..

Shabba: you forfeited watching the movie with us for this?

I looked at him...

Me: Love i really need to finish all these sketches

Him: Sketch my left Ass

He came and cleared the bed..

Me: Shabba..

Him: i was away from home for a very long time i come back and the first thing i wanna do is spend time with my girls but one is sick. Instead of resting you fucken exhausting yourself out and im supposed to take it all in and keep quiet, what the fuck do you take me for?

Me: I am a career woman

Him: let's get one thing straight yezwa this is my house!! Career woman yakho yokunuka izogcina le ka Funi! This is my house!!!!

Me: Wow!

He stood up and took off his skull chain, he went and opened the drawer while i sat there still trying to figure out why he blew up..

Him: Yewena Dima

I looked at him..

He threw my contraceptive pills at me..

Him: you still using them?

Me: No they old

Him: ngizok'shaya bese uzobuyela kini manje!!

(i will beat you then you will go back home)

Tsek wena 5 of those pills are missing from there!!

Me: Ohw

Him: you might be smart but your smartness will end at that boutique

Me: i don't want another child

Him: when did you decide that?

Me: you don't think i know what you trying to do?

You trying to make me a housewife by getting me pregnant Shabba so i can quit my job

Him: Your job is useless!

Me: Talk about useless but i am not robbing banks at least my money is clean

Him: Sorry uthini?

I laid my head on the pillow and pulled the bed covers up and covered myself, that stung a bit calling my job useless..

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NOKHANYA

I actually did go and buy a few bottles of wine with the money that Thando gave me but i couldn't drink i was starring at them with tears streaming down. How can my own Brother treat me like that???

The door opened and Gesh walked in the kids were not around they were still mad at me..

Gesh made his way to me he didn't say anything just looked at me..

Me: Thando was here

Him: what did he want?

Me: gave me money to buy alcohol

Him: what else?

The rest i couldn't say i was overpowered by tears..

He came to me and hugged me tight..

Him: i am sorry

I held on to him..

Me: I don't wanna do this anymore i am tired
Gesh

Him: I know we going to get through this

I am tired Emotionally and im also tired of
alcohol.. PART 5 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:01] Ron: #6

LAURIAN

Austin first took me to the mall so i can get
clothes and toiletries because i had nothing on

me and he had no intentions of having me go back to that place. I really appreciate what he is doing but i feel like being away from him it's better, my constantly hanging around him won't really make him heal from the pain that i have caused him hence he spends all his time yelling at me, being all up in my face and I even have fears that he might loose it next time and hit me because I have never seen him this much infuriated...

Right now i only have Austin, Leah is no more and my Parents aren't in my life so i have no one else but him and Sid and i think he feels like he needs to take care of me since i am alone. People say drugs or alcohol don't make the pain go away but it partially drains it off it's power, substance abuse gives you euphoria you constantly happy at that moment forgetting about what's happening in your life hence you want more and more of it to deal with your pain, then before you know it you are addicted and

that is were i am currently with my life..

After getting a few things at the mall we went to his office he had some important documentations to pick up then later on we headed home, his home...

I don't know what Austin is thinking bringing me into a house that he shares with his fiancé who is soon to be his future wife, but then again Nhlanhla has no reason to be threatened i am just a crackhead, a beggar and she is high class, has a successful career and i heard Austin's family loves her..

We walked in and found her cooking in the kitchen while Sid was busy walking around making noise..

She was surprised to see me, like really surprised..

Austin walked up to her and kissed her..

Austin: how was work?

Nhlanhla: it was good and on your side?

Austin: was fantastic

I walked up to Sid and picked him up..

Nhlanhla looked at me..

Austin: My bad Babe Laurian is going to stay with us for a while just until i can get her a proper rehabilitation center

She smiled..

Her: Really?

Austin: Uhmm Yeah

Her: that's.. It's really.. Can i talk to you Hun?

Austin: Yes of course

They disappeared to the other room, i was standing there with a "crown" on my head like i just buried a bitch! I mean Nhlanhla is no threat to me whatsoever. She is too much of a "Princess" she is worse than i was, she looks so uptight i even doubt that she can give him a

good head without saying “i can’t do that it’s nasty” she is very career driven and she looks like she is all about work, work, work. Her and Austin are not a match made in heaven, Austin has dated a few bad girls and that has rubbed off him though he can’t wife one but he is more into girls that are free spirited, naughty, and good Company i don’t see Nhlanhla being any of that..

After they had their almost silent argument they came back into the kitchen..

Austin put his hand around her shoulders, and she put her hand around his waist. She was all smiling trying to show me that i am not getting under her skin but in fact i was..

Nhlanhla: Laurian we welcome you into our home

Me: thank you soo much Nhlanhla you are very kind and don’t worry about me you won’t even notice that i am around

Nhlanhla: i am not worried at all

I am sure that her cheeks are even painful from faking that smile..

Me: i will just be entertaining the only man that makes sense into my life right now and that is Sid

I looked at Austin...

Me: thank you for giving me this chance to always be with my Son

Him: as long as you won't disappoint me

I looked at Sid and i have put him through a lot it's only fair that i better myself for him before he grows up resenting me..

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FUNI

Braga has never put his hands on me in anyway no matter how much i make him angry, for him

to react that way just shows me that i might have pushed him a little bit too far. I don't know what came over me and i don't know why i got soo much upset with Sean. I love both my kids, i know Sean and i we don't really see eye to eye but he is my baby i carried him for 9 months i love him with all my heart though i don't show it that much..

I had just put the twins in bed and i was sitting at the kitchen counter just thinking about everything that took place today. The old Funi would've gulped it down with whiskey but the current Funi just gulps it down with coffee..

The elevator opened and Cowen walked in, he has been out for hours..

I hate it when we fight because it hurts very bad and he has been away for a couple of weeks we supposed to be spending this time together but here we are fighting, we becoming distant once more..

He headed for the stairs but something in him just convinced him otherwise and he made his way to me..

At first we sat across each other quietly until he gathered enough strength to talk..

Him: im gonna give it up

I looked at him..

Him: the skulls im gonna leave

I know that i threw my weight around but i didn't mean it that way, Austin has built the skulls its his legacy and i don't want him to give it all up..

Me: are you serious?

Him: if it means loosing my family then im gonna give it up

Me: Cowen..

He stretched out his hand to hold mine..

Him: I love you Bubu i know you might not believe it right now because I've done being

fucking up but i love you and i don't wanna loose you. Funi we come very far we got through a lot of things and i am not gonna allow the skulls to come between us

Hearing him talking like that, hearing him letting me know that me and the boys mean a lot to him than the skulls, something that he has worked hard for really proves to me that Cowen loves me, he truly does...

I wiped my tears..

Me: i don't want you to give up the crew

Him: then what do you want?

Me: i just want you to be around here more often, Cowen i cannot do everything alone! Sade and Sean are getting older now and they becoming a handful

Him: speaking of Sean, what's up with you and him?

Me: (exhaling) i don't think Sean likes me that

much

Him: have you probably thought that he might feel the same way too?

Me: No

Him: kids pick up emotions easily from their parents, he might be young but he can sense how withdrawn you are to him

Me: i don't know how to get through to him

Him: Sean is the dominant twin but that doesn't mean he is rock solid from what i am picking up i think Sade is more dangerous than Sean

Me: Sade is sensitive and weak

He chuckled..

Him: he isn't, in honest truth he wants you to see him that way so that you can always scold Sean and he appears to be the perfect twin but in actual fact he is setting Sean up for beatings

Me: i don't understand

Him: do you think Sean always hits Sade? Are you always with them? Sade has seen how you are with Sean hence he might just start crying out of the blue even when Sean hasn't hit him just so you can be all up in Sean's throat

I was shocked..

Me: i didn't see it that way

Him: Sade is more dangerous he is very cunning like a snake

Me: Love are you basing Sean and Sade's relationship to that of you and Shane?

Cowen: i don't know but i see a Shane in Sade

Me: does that make you feel some type of way about Sade?

Him: don't be crazy Sade is my Son i love him to death

Me: let's just not compare the twin's relationship with that of you and your Brother, they not like you guys

He stood up and came to my side..

He put his arm around my neck and whispered in my ear..

Him: maybe you can keep me company while i take a shower

I put my hand on his arm..

Me: maybe

My phone rang..

He kissed me on my cheek..

Him: I'll go and run the water

Me: okay

He walked away... I picked up my phone from the table and it was a private number..

Me: Private number Hello

No response..

Me: Hello

Voice: Funi it's me please don't hang up

I literally let go of my phone and it fell...

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DIMA

Thando and i had been sleeping well i cried myself to sleep then when i turned she was laying on Shabba's side of the bed sucking her thumb i don't even know when she got here. We slept the whole afternoon plus i overdosed on my flu medication it knocked me off because i was very hurt at what Shabba said to me earlier on, he had no right to call my job useless let alone come at me like that..

I was woken up by my favorite song playing "Bruno Mars_That's what i like" what really made me think that something was off was the fact that it repeated more than twice, Trace or Mtv base cannot repeat it that much..

I got out of bed while Thando was still sleeping

and made my way to where the music led me, i was still drowsy i wanted to sleep more and more...

The music led me to the living room and i was breath taken at what i saw....

Lights were off, only candles lit up the room. Rose petals on the floor, salads on our coffee table, with rolls, fried chicken, sauces, and wine. Shabba was putting cushions all around the table while singing along to the song...

Me: what's going on?

He stood up straight when he saw me, he was wearing his muscle black vest, black sweat pants and sleepers. Training really did him good all those muscles, he really looked wow and a bit buffed but not that much to turn you off..

Him: You and your ass invited to my dinner picnic

Me: dinner picnic?

Him: if we can call it that

Me: looks beautiful

He came up to me...

Him: i was a jerk earlier on and i wanna apologize

Me: you had no right disrespecting my job like that

Him: i know and i am sorry i am also sorry for pressuring you into having another baby while you not ready

I just looked at him without saying anything, he pulled the belt of my gown pulling me closer to him..

Him: i am sorry

He put his hands around my waist squeezing me tight to him then he kissed me, i put my arms around his neck.

“Gold jewelry shining so bright

Strawberry champagne on ice

Lucky for you, that's what I like, that's what I like.. Sex by the fire at night, Silk sheets and diamonds all white..Lucky for you, that's what I like"

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NOKHANYA

We had just finished eating dinner and now we were all in the lounge playing a nice family game...

Lwazi: It's green

Bontle: green?

I laughed..

Gesh: boy you have to give me more than that

Lwazi: i don't know what clue to give but it's green

Me: 10 seconds left

Gesh: you hear that?

Lwazi: It's nature, grows outdoors?

Gesh: grass?

Lwazi: almost

Bontle: 7..6..5..

Gesh: if we loose do you know how much im going to loose out of my wallet?

Bontle: shopping sprees in Paris everything 24K

Gesh: you hear that?

Lwazi: what am i supposed to say? It's green!

Me: 2..1..time up!!!

Bontle and i stood up all screaming..

Gesh: what was it?

Lwazi: A tree

Gesh: Really Lwazi?

Me: better start washing those dishes

Lwazi threw the cards on the floor and made his way to the kitchen with Bontle following him all laughing at him..

Gesh: that was nice though i lost a lot of money
I put my arms around his waist..

Me: it's for a good course

Him: shopping in Paris is a good course?

Me: you will recover

Him: whatever!

I laid my head on his chest...

Him: i haven't seen you this happy in a long time

He grabbed my butt..

Me: stop it (chuckling)

Him: for real though I have never seen you this happy

I looked at Lwazi and Bontle fighting..

Me: some things in life are more important than

alcohol

He wrapped his hands around me..

Me: it looks that way PART 6 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:02] Ron: #7

NOKHANYA

I have decided that I am going to attend AA meetings, not really my cup of tea but if they can help then i am down for it. I find attending AA meetings better than going to a rehab, i don't feel good about leaving my family for a long time..

Today it was going to be my first day found one not far from were we live i was very nervous i mean i don't feel good telling people that i am an alcoholic it just doesn't sit well with me..

I was in the kitchen drinking coffee and busy checking the time just so i don't show up early

or late...

The kids have already went to school and Gesh was still sleeping or rather was sleeping, he walked in..

Him: look at you

Me: Hey

Him: you dressed up like you going to work in an office

Me: well i don't know what im supposed to wear

Him: either way you look great

Me: thank you

The door bell rang..

Me: expecting someone?

Him: no

I went to open and it was Patrick my childhood best friend, it was a pleasant surprise because we haven't seen each other for a very long time..

I hugged him..

Me: my goodness what are you doing here?

Him: i am around town for a couple of days i thought it would be good to pop by

Me: and it really it is

Him: you still look beautiful

Me: you still handsome

I heard Gesh clearing his throat...

Me: Ohhh you still remember Patrick my best friend?

Gesh: i remember him

Patrick: it's amazing you guys are still together

Gesh: were you hoping to find her single?

Patrick: i know Nokhanya and I thought she dodged your ass when she found out you sleeping with Prostitutes

Gesh: okay you better watch your mouth

Patrick: or what?

Me: Guys please

Patrick: anyway do you wanna go and grab a bite?

Me: ummmmm unfortunately today is not a good day, i have to be somewhere

Him: maybe give me your number and ill hit you up and see if we can hang out sometime?

Before i could even give him my number Gesh closed the door on him...

Me: what you do that for?

Him: go get your bag you already late

Me: that was really uncalled for

I walked to the bedroom with him following me..

Him: he is at my door step asking for your number and i am supposed to be fucken fine with that?

Me: you overreacting

Him: try me Nokhanya

Me: i am with you aren't i?

Him: i do not want you hanging around with that dude

Me: he is my best friend

Him: i am not going to repeat myself!

I took my bag..

Me: you not gonna boss me around i will see whoever i want to see

Him: then pack your shit and go see him

I stopped...

Me: what?

Him: if you wanna see that dude then pack up and get the stepping

Me: you know what maybe i might just do that
I walked back to the bedroom...

Me: Thando was right all along, i shouldn't have

chosen you over my family

Him: excuse you?

I took my luggage bag...

Me: Bye Gesh

Him: you choosing your kids over some dude

Me: i just need some space

He came and took the luggage bag....

Me: what are you doing?

Him: if you need some space go to the fucken mall but you not leaving us for some dude uyahlanya?

Me: you have been nothing but a problem in my life, you got me pregnant while i was doing grade 12 and that's when my life was ruined

Him: Yes let's shift the blame, did i force you to open your legs for me that day?

Me: it's not about that!

Him: then it's about what?

Me: really i can't do this

Him: you don't need no AA meeting, you need to see a therapist your psycho ass is crazy depressed and you using me to make yourself feel better

Me: Wow!

Him: you are not leaving Nokhanya at least you not gonna leave me for some douche!

Me: i can't deal with this right now

I took my bag and started walking away..

Him: Yes go get some fresh air honey then come back later we still gonna discuss this shit!

Me: fuck you!

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LAURIAN

I was not feeling very well today, i was shivering i needed a fix everything was just crazy. It was warm around the house but i felt very cold, i had chills i just wasn't feeling good..

I went to the kitchen to make myself some coffee and it was hard i just couldn't stop shaking..

Austin walked in..

Him: Good morning

Me: Morning

He noticed that i wasn't looking good..

Him: not feeling well today

Me: not really

Him: you will be fine

The kitchen door opened and Kate walked in, all these years and this woman is still disrespectful what happened to knocking? ..

Her: Goo...

Her speech was cut short when she saw me....

Kate: uhm Austin what is going on?

Austin: with what?

Kate: what is Laurian doing here?

Austin: she is staying with us for a while until i get her a good rehab center

Kate: what did Nhlanhla say about this?

Austin: she is fine with it

Kate: that's not what she said to me last night, she was crying on the phone

So Nhlanhla needed Kate as back up?

Austin: this girl needs to go she has no business being here and then you gonna let her be around Sid?

Me: he is my Son

Kate: he has been doing fine without you!
Nhlanhla has been a good Mother to him

Austin: Kate..

Kate: she must go!!!

Austin: this is my house you don't get to tell me anything

Kate: why do you have this girl around here?
Why Austin?

Austin: Kate

Kate: why???

Austin: Because I love her!!

That was highly unexpected...

Kate: What???

Austin: i need to go to work, come on let's go

They left with Kate still yapping..

I can't believe Austin said that even after everything that I have done to him...

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FUNI

Braga has decided to take some time off work to help with the twins, he will be looking after them driving them to preschool and babysitting them afterwards. It was good what he was doing because I'll get time to focus on the boutique..

Dima was showing me some of the designs that she had been working on but my mind was very far away, that call i received last night still disturbed me..

Dima: Funi

Me: huh?

Her: you not here what's wrong?

I consider Dima not just a colleague but a friend too..

Me: i received an unusual call last night

Her: from?

Me: Shane

Her: Ohh my goodness what did he want? Did you tell Braga?

Me: No i didn't

Her: Why not? You should tell him

Me: what am I gonna say?

Her: i don't know that Shane is calling you

Me: it's just confusing what does he want do you think he is back in town?

HerHer, : i don't know but you really have to tell Braga about this

The twins started acting strange again not so long ago, does that mean Shane might be back in town? PART 7 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:02] Ron: #8

BRAGA

My Mother decided to come visit us it's been a while since we last saw each other. After finding out that she stole me, and robbed me of the relationship that i could've had with my real Mother still gets to me. I am not a person who holds grudges and the good that this woman has done for me right now overpowers the one big mistake that she did. All in all i had a good childhood and a good family, i turned out to be this great man that i am today because of all her efforts..

Mama k: Hi everyone

I looked at Sean and Sade..

Me: Say hi to grandma

They weren't very responsive to her because they don't know her never been that close to her...

I hugged her..

Her: thank you for allowing me to come over

Me: you welcome anytime im even happy that you here so you can help me out with the boys

Her: i thought you be at work and they'll be at preschool

Me: i haven't been around that much so I decided to take a few days off and be helpful

Her: then ill get started with cooking

Me: everytime when you here you always wanna cook

Her: i don't think you guys always have a home cooked meal, or do you?

Me: not much

Her: plus miss cover page doesn't know how to cook

Me: don't let her hear you

Her: she's at work?

Me: Yes

Her: Boys im gonna need a bit of help

My phone rang it was Funi, that was weird..

Me: is everything okay?

Her: why do you think that something would be wrong?

Me: i saw you this morning yet you calling me now

Her: well everything is okay

Me: that's better

Her: actually i wanna talk to you about something and I don't want you to freak out

Me: what is it?

Her: don't freak out

Me: ill try not too

Her: i got a call this other night

Me: what call?

Her: from Shane

Me: Pardon?

Her: i think he is back in town

I didn't wait for her to say more i hung up...

Mama k: Wow Sean you really stirring that good maybe you can be a private chef one day

Me: that's Sade

Her: Really? They look alike very much i can't tell who is who

Me: Sean has black hair, Sade brown that's how you tell them apart

Mama k: they were born with different hair colours?

Me: No, we dye Sade's hair so you can tell them apart.. Look Mom i have to go somewhere are you going to be fine with them?

Her: well i sure hope so

Me: just mind Sean he is a handful and don't let them share in chores or be close to each other for a long time because they start fighting

Her: noted

Me: I'll see you guys later

Her: Okay

My Sons are not the clingy type, never have been. They grew up with parents who are always busy they got used to us not being around full time so it doesn't bother them that much unless they sick or if they really miss us... Especially Funi and Sade they have a close relationship there's times when Sade does Miss Funi..

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GESH

My Mother came to visit us was great seeing her again because I hardly go home..

Me: how is Gugu?

Her: she's really doing great

My Sister Gugu lives somewhere in Johannesburg with Qondi, she's a Vet by profession and has her own private small clinic. She has done pretty well for herself and since she is Nokhanya's closest friend i thought that maybe Gugu's success might encourage Nokhanya to go back to varsity but it pushed Nokhanya further away that they no longer that close..

Mom: how is Lwazi?

Me: he is ayt i think being away from his old crew has made him to drop all his bad habits

Mom: and Nokhanya?

Me: She went to her AA meeting, first day

Her: that's good she's making changes

Me: she should be back by now

Her: maybe she really liked it there

Me: Maybe

Her: how are you?

Me: im good i just get bored at times sitting around all day and doing nothing

Her: you don't have to do anything you have people working for you

Me: that's the problem I need to find a hobby

Her: or maybe go work for yourself at KFC

Me: now that's funny

The door opened and closed..

Khanyo: Family! I am back!

Mom: looks like she had a blast

She made her way to the kitchen..

Her: Look at this! Mother in law is around

She was drunk, she went up to my Mother and hugged her..

Mom: don't throw all your weight on me we gonna fall

Khanyo: i am soo glad that you... Like..
Welcome!!.. Its ver.. Ve.. Verr(stuttering)

Mom: very good to see me..

Khanyo: exactly

She looked at me..

Her: Hey Honey

Me: you drunk

Her: i had maybe two or three tequila shots,
glasses of wine.. Fuck it i had a bunch of
everything (laughing)

Me: thought you went to AA

Her: Lost course..

Nokhanya is not improving she doesn't wanna
improve and im tired of dealing with this..

Bontle walked into the room..

Khanyo: My little pudding..

Bontle: are you drunk?

Khanyo: Hey don't talk to your elders like that..

She walked up to Bontle and started hitting her on her mouth..

Khanyo: your Mouth is dirty!!!

Bontle started crying..

Bontle: you made me bite my tongue (crying)

Bontle doesn't cry she screams for everyone to hear....

Mom: Stop Nokhanya you don't act like that!

Khanyo: she is being disrespectful!

Mom: don't lay your hand on my Granddaughter because you drunk!

Khanyo: so what just because i didn't give birth to her im supposed to not discipline her? Then were is her Mother?

Mom: you are really being disrespectful

I was getting pissed..

I went up to her and grabbed her arm..

I dragged her to the door and threw her out..

Me: i never ever wanna see you in my house ever again!! Stand there and I'll throw your shit at you!

Mom: Sihle stop..

Me: No Busi she can't come to my house drunk and then start hitting my Daughter

This time around i was done with her for good..

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AUSTIN

I came home later that night and Nhlanhla was cooking in the kitchen with Sid just wondering around..

Nhlanhla: look who walked in Sid

Me: good evening

Nhlanhla: you just in time for dinner

I went up to her and kissed her, then i picked Sid up..

Me: something smells nice

Nhlanhla: i actually made your favorite

Me: she made my favorite, thank you

Nhlanhla: just go freshen up and ill set the table

Me: where is Laurian?

That question didn't sit well with her..

Her: i think in the guest room

Me: is she alright?

Her: I really don't know Austin

Me: well ill go freshen up so we can have dinner

I walked upstairs with Sid but before going to my bedroom i checked up on Laurian and she didn't look good..

Me: Laurian?

She was shivering, sweating, she looked very sick..

Me: hey are you okay?

I put my hand on her forehead, she was burning up..

Me: Laurian??

She just wasn't herself and i was starting to get worried..

I took out my phone and called Braga, maybe there's something that he can prescribe for her because this withdrawal symptoms are draining her.. PART 8 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/09, 20:03] Ron: #9

NOKHANYA

I was living off my car that's the current reality of my life right now, i only had R1000 in my bank account and when i run out i don't know

what i am going to do. I don't expect people to understand my situation nor do I expect them to sympathize with me all i am looking for is certainly not judgement..

Walk a mile in my shoes and you will know how it feels like to be me, i have no family i am just alone in the world and it's very depressing. I don't understand why my Family hates Gesh soo much that they would disown me like that i mean shouldn't it be about my happiness? Shouldn't it be about putting my happiness first? He is not an Angel but he is the man that paid Lobola for me we engaged shouldn't that count for something? That he respected the family enough to do things the traditional way? I don't understand why my family still does not approve of him apart from the fact that we are related.. I mean they even hate my Son, how cruel is that???

I literally went to a public mall rest room immediately when the entrance was opened in

the morning just to freshen up. Brush my teeth, wash my face and armpits just so i can be acceptable to stand next to someone. This is a very difficult life i have never had to live like this before...

I had to cover the windows of my car just so i can change in the parking lot of the mall, i am sure that was something nobody has done before unless they had to attend a function or something and they can't get home right away to change..

A few years ago i was an all A student, and then i met Gesh and everything just took a downward spiral my life went downhill and it's not even funny. A few years later i am living off my car how terrible is that?

When i was done changing i went and got me a cheap sandwich that cost R12, just two slices of bread with cheese and ham then a very much cheap juice too. The sandwich was originally

R25 but it was reduced, was on the reduced section. After having my meal i went to buy wine nothing that cost more than R30 and then i drove around while drinking hoping i don't bump into traffic cops..

This is literally going to be my life, soon i am going to run out of fuel and what's left of my money and then i am going to homeless and broke.....

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BRAGA

It was true Shane was back in town and the bloods kept that as a secret even though we had a truce that the skulls and the bloods are going to remain peaceful as long as Shane goes out of town, and here he is today standing right in front of me.

I was with Shabba, Austin, and Chelsea.

Chelsea is the leader of the skulls in Durban and when i called her about Shane she gassed up the G4 and flew down here. Standing in front of us was Riley, Shane, Brandon, and Amy. He had the toxins with him. Amy is known as the Razor, The bloods have this razor blades specially designed for them and can't be used just by anyone they need a skilled Person and Amy is skilled she can throw it your way and before you know it it's a cut throat. On the other hand Brandon is known as the spitting cobra, he never misses no matter how far you are when he aims at you he is gonna get that bullet through you. Then you have Riley the fucken Sniper, he is good with the sniper gun he has lived most of his life being a hitman. They possess soo much skills, but we the fucken skulls and we have always stayed at the top..

I was holding the tied Bandannas of the skulls and the bloods, but today i am breaking the truce..

Riley: let me guess, we breaking the truce?

Me: i didn't know pretty boy right there was back in town

Shane chuckled..

Riley: he showed up out of nowhere

Me: well then the deal was that we can co-exist in peace as long as he is out of town

Riley: he is not here to cause drama, just wanna start on a clean slate

Me: he clearly didn't tell you that he has been calling my wife

Riley: that's new to my ears

Shane: are you intimidated by me?

Me: Never

Shane: you are, again i fucked your wife

I made my way to him and their temptations got closer too..

Riley came in between us.

Riley: not here, not now

I untied the Bandannas..

Me: the truce is broken

I threw their bandanna close to them..

Shane: what now?

Riley: meaning that if the skulls and the bloods meet we going to kill each other, we should never cross paths

Shane: you are soo emotional Braga! that is a bitch move over some cunt

Me: Call her that one more time

He remained quiet..

Me: i reasoned with yall, when Riley shot me and you fucked my wife i called a truce instead of revenge but now we going back to being enemies

Shane: it's on then

I don't believe Riley wanna have Shane in his crew..

I turned and went back to my crew..

Riley: you know what that means?

I stopped..

Riley: we kill anything that's wearing black&white

Me: your problem has always been involving innocent people

We walked to our car..

Chelsea: i will send a warning to all the skulls out there

Shabba: I'll inform the other Braga she might be targeted

Me: and Austin

Austin: ill inform the crips about this but Tpee is still recovering

Me: get me Carl i can use that guy's brains

Austin: on it

The war has started..

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GESH

Since i really had nothing to do i decided to go down to KFC the one that i own to see what's going on, a part of me was worried about Nokhanya she hasn't contacted anyone i am hoping that she is fine wherever she is. I tried helping her but you cannot help someone who doesn't wanna be helped, Nokhanya doesn't wanna be helped and there's nothing i can do but hope that this will be a wake up call for her...

As i was expecting my phone to ring, my Manger Justice walked in with this beautiful lady that i have ever laid my eyes on..

Justice: are you ready to start?

Her: very much

She looked like a model or something i was a bit dumbfounded when Justice showed her to the changing room..

Me: Justice

He came to me..

Me: who was that?

Justice: her name is Mapaseka mdluli she will be replacing Khosi, Khosi resigned last month and we are short staffed

Me: I see

Him: she did good in the interview and she has worked at McDonald's in Durban or Cape Town

Me: sounds experienced

Him: she is

Me: doesn't she seem a bit well off? I mean her look the hair, makeup it's perfectly done do you want someone who is going to drop you soon?

Him: she sounded really desperate and she has

proven that she really needs the job

She walked out of the changing room and came to us..

Her: okay i am ready

Justice: i want you to meet someone first

Her: Okay

Justice: This is Sihle Skhosana he owns the franchise

Her: Really?

Justice: Yes

Her: it's such an honour to meet you Sir

I was mostly concentrated on her this girl was fucken perfect, and her lips were just something else..

Justice: Sir??

Me: huh?

Justice: This is Mapaseka

Mapaseka: Please call me Pasi

Me: you can show her around i guess

Justice: This way

They walked to the back..

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LAURIAN

Austin was very worried about me that he took me to the hospital and I was admitted, the withdrawal symptoms were coming down on me very hard and they were unbearable but at the hospital they gave me something to relax me though it knocked me a few times but when i woke up i felt a bit better..

I had an unusual visitor, it was Nhlanhla. We not close in anyway so i really didn't expect her to come..

Her: Hi Laurian

Me: Hey

Her: how are you?

Me: i am hanging in there and how are you?

Her: i am good

Me: you can pull up the chair and sit down

Her: no i am fine thank you

Me: fancy seeing you here

Her: i know and believe me i don't wanna be here

Me: then why are you here?

Her: i don't know hey

She smiled..

Her: i think that i have a bone to pick with you

Me: ohw

Her: This is totally not me, i am not the type who likes quarreling and everything but..

Me: but?

Her: Can you please stay away from my fiancé?

Me: Stay away from your fi..

I laughed..

Her: I really don't want bad blood between us so
ya stay away from my family

Me: are you threatening me?

Her: Just warning you

Me: Wow

Her: you have a nice day

She catwalked her way out with her heels
making noise. PART 9 BAD BOYS OF THE
GAME

[01/09, 20:03] Ron: #10

FUNI

I was happy to come back home after work to
find Mama k in the penthouse with the twins, i

know very well when she's around we going to have a nice home cooked meal. I wanted to catch up with her but unfortunately she had to drive back home while it was still early, but she promised to visit again soon..

Since I didn't have to cook i decided to spend the whole afternoon with the twins, doing nothing but playing their favorite games. We did puzzles, and now we were in the lounge playing Xbox some racing game. Sean was good at it though he struggled here and there but he was better than Sade, and me on the other hand i kept on crashing everytime when i tried to control the car but nevertheless i enjoyed spending some quality time with them...

The elevator opened, Cowen walked in with Chelsea. I knew then that something was not right, i could just see through them..

Chelsea: Hey Mrs Cowen

Me: Chelsea

She hugged me..

Me: Is everything alright?

She looked at Cowen..

Chelsea: I'll go greet the twins

She went to the twins..

Chelsea: The Cowen twins!!

I made my way to Braga, he was at the kitchen counter..

Me: Cowen what is going on?

Him: Chelsea is here to take you and the Twins to the safe house

Me: Safe house?

He looked at Chelsea..

Him: are you guys ready?

Chelsea: Errr... They a bit busy

Cowen: Boys!!

He went up to them and disconnected the Xbox..

Sade: Cowen no!!!!

Sean: Funi your husband discont. He took it out!!
Eish!!

Chelsea: whoa! That's new

Cowen: Funi's husband wants to talk to you
guys okay?

Sade: now?

Cowen: Yes Sade now if it's okay with you?

Sean: not now tomorrow

Cowen: Sean i am not playing with you

Sade: Cowen move we wanna play

Sean: Funi your husband is not letting us play

Chelsea: This is going to be difficult

Me: Come on Babe you studied Pead at med
school didn't you?

Cowen: Boys listen up! Chelsea is going to take
you guys somewhere

Sean: we don't wanna go somewhere we wanna play!

Sade: where is somewhere?

Cowen: somewhere safe

Sade: i don't know somewhere safe

Sean went and tried to connect the Xbox again..

Me: Awkward (laughing)

Cowen gave me a serious look..

Me: they act like this sometimes

Cowen: i am a fucken specialist i cannot let kids control me!

Me: Language

Sean: Funi!!!

Chelsea: Boys time out

Sade: Funi!!!!!!

Sean: Funi you cannot hear that i am calling you?

Chelsea: what are we going to do now?

Me: This is new the skulls defeated by kids

Sade: No this one goes here

Sean: not that one this one

Cowen looked at me...

Cowen: You better talk to your kids, i am not playing Funi talk to them

He walked to the stairs, Chelsea came to me..

Chelsea: we have to get them to the safe house no joke

Me: be my guest

Chelsea went to them again...

Chelsea: Boys come on let's go

Sade: where?

Sean: Don't talk to strangers

Sade: She is Cowen's Friend

Chelsea looked at me...

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: want some cup of coffee?

Chelsea: No i need to get them out of the penthouse

Me: good luck

I went to the kitchen to make myself some coffee..

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LAURIAN

I never knew that being off drugs was going to be this difficult, i am trying to regain my life but how can I do so when im in more pain, vomiting, shivering, sweating.. Especially at night it's a struggle..

Nurse: i got you some chicken and vegetables tonight

Me: thank you

Nurse: are you going to be able to eat?

Me: I'll try

Her: i got you a glass of water instead of juice

Me: thank you very much

Her: anything else?

Me: i don't think so.. thank you again

Her: just doing my job

Austin walked in..

Nurse: ill check on you later

Me: okay

She greeted Austin on her way out.

Him: how are you feeling?

Me: still a struggle, hope it will all go away soon

Him: well you doing great

I looked at him surprised..

Him: what?

Me: you just said something nice to me for a

change

Him: i didn't notice

Me: where is Sid?

Him: he is at home

Me: thought you were gonna come with him

Him: he was sleeping

Me: i miss him

Him: get better for him then you will be able to see him every day

Me: i know Austin, i am trying

Him: how was your day?

Me: was interesting yours?

He exhaled..

Me: was it that bad?

Him: you don't wanna know

We kept quiet..

Him: what was interesting about yours?

Me: just had an interesting visitor

Him: who?

Me: just someone

Him: hope it's not one of your drug dealing friends

Me: Really Austin?

Him: im just saying

Me: thank you for your vote of confidence

Him: Sorry just had a long day

Me: go home bath have good sex with your Fiancé then sleep

Him: Huh?

Me: when you stressed we would usually have crazy sex and that would relax you

Him: That's widely inappropriate

I shrugged my shoulders..

Me: can i ask you something?

Him: Yeah what's up?

Me: how is sex with Miss goody two shoes?

Him: excuse me?

Me: how is she in bed?

He folded his arms..

Him: why do you ask?

Me: you are always mad proves to me that you sexually frustrated

He laughed..

Him: Good night Laurian

Me: What? I am trying to make conversation

He shook his head while laughing and walked to the door..

Me: Austin come back i was just trying to make a conversation

Him: Conversation with yourself then

Me: it's that bad?

He didn't answer..

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GESH

I was very fascinated by this girl that I stuck around until her training ended, she was really determined when the staff was busy teaching her things she seemed eager to learn i didn't understand what her story was because to me she looks like she is well off, what is she here?

I walked up to my car and she was standing a bit far away from the parking lot, all alone. I checked the time and it was 20:00,i was about to get into my car but something just forced me to go up to her..

Me: im probably going to regret this

She was busy looking around..

Me: is he late?

She looked at me..

Her: Sorry?

Me: Pasi right?

Her: Yes

Me: Is someone meant to pick you up?

Her: Something like that

Me: if they running late i can give you a ride

Her: don't worry about it ill be fine

Me: No really i don't mind

Her: Seriously you don't have too

My phone vibrated i took it out,i took out and it was a message from Bontle saying she's sick i have to get home..

When i went back to my home screen i still had Nokhanya's picture as my wallpaper i looked at it for a while....

Me: ummmm i have to go i hope he shows up

Her: i hope so too

Me: If not next time use the transport it's for my employees that knock off late, don't worry it's for free

Her: ohw

Me: Yeah, good night

Her: Night

I walked up to my car.. PART 10 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:35] Ron: #11

NOKHANYA

Sometimes you just have to swallow your pride and ask for a helping hand, i was going broke and it was terrible. I have never been homeless before, i have never had to be dependant on myself everything that i have had was given to

me in a silver platter.

Going back to Gesh was not an option i have disappointed him a lot of times i don't even think he is going to take me back let alone trust me. With my last petrol i drove to Qondi and Gugu's place they the only people right now that can help me with a place to stay...

Qondi: Nokhanya??

Me: Hey Sis

Qondi: what an unexpected surprise

Me: here i am

Her: Please come in

I walked inside with my bag.. Their place was beautiful, not too big but it was very beautiful.

Qondi: is everything okay?

Me: unfortunately no

Her: what happened?

Me: Gesh put me out

Her: he what? that's a bit extreme

Me: i know but i don't blame him, i have been a mess

Her: but putting you out knowing very well the challenges you facing with the family and everything

Me: he is just tired of me Q

Her: well you welcome to stay with us until you figure out what you wanna do

Me: thank you very much, i appreciate that with all my heart

Her: want something to eat?

Me: Yes please

We went to the kitchen..

Me: is Gugu at work?

Her: Yeah

Me: she has done pretty well for herself

Her: she has

Me: Gesh must be proud

Her: we all are

Me: we had big dreams and im happy she made hers come true

Her: you dropped out of a medical school

Me: i had problems

Her: you had an alcohol problem even now i can see that you have had something to drink or you drank a lot yesterday

Me: Look Q i am not here..

Her: Nokhanya at some point you have to know the truth, you have no one but yourself to blame with everything that's happening in your life

Me: Wow!!!

Her: do you think that Thando gives a fuck about what he did to you? No he doesn't instead he is living his own life while yours is not

moving

Me: you don't understand

Her: i don't need to understand all i know is that if you don't wanna do it for yourself then do it for the ones you love. Do it for Gesh and Lwazi they don't deserve this

If Qondi could understand the situation that i am put in, she wouldn't be talking like this...

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FUNI

After the great battle with the twins Chelsea finally drove them to the safe house this morning, i was supposed to go with them but i didn't i don't wanna go until i know what's really happening..

Cowen was sitting at the counter having breakfast..

Me: Morning

Him: Morning

I went to make myself a cup of coffee

Cowen: You all dressed up

Me: Yes i am going to work

Cowen: Why?

Me: What do you mean why?

Cowen: You supposed to be at the safe house
with the twins

Me: Why?

Him: Funi can you just do one thing without
having to ask a lot of questions?

Me: Shane is back isn't he? That's why you
moving us away?

Him: Yes he is

Me: Cowen you can't go after Shane

Him: what?

Me: You can't go after Shane

Him: that sounds very wrong Funi

Me: i don't mean it that way i just... Nanny Oliphant once told me that if you kill Shane, Sade is going to die and if he kills you Sean is going to die

Him: that's bullshit

Me: it's not half of the things she said were true

Him: Nanny Oliphant had a mental disorder

Me: what if she didn't? What it's true

Him: it's untrue

Me: sometimes I wish that you can also listen to me

Him: go upstairs pack your things and ill drive you to the safe house

Me: No i am not going anywhere

Him: why do you always have to be stubborn?

Me: Shane is after you, not me.

Him: im not worried about Shane

Me: Then why do we have to go?

Him: Riley will come after you to get to me

Me: i am not scared of him

Him: Funi

Me: No Cowen i am not going anywhere!

Him: you going to be alone at the boutique because Dima is not gonna come i don't think Shabba will expose her to danger like that

Me: it's fine ill work alone

Him: you need the other key to open the boutique

Me: ill drive by her place and get it

Him: you are serious about this aren't you?

Me: i am very serious

I checked the time..

Me: i have to go, ill see you later

I went over to give him a kiss...

Me: don't worry about me i survived Zuko

I made my way upstairs to get my bag, but before leaving i went through my clothes and got my red tshirt then put it in my bag..

Riley and i we gonna have a serious talk..

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LAURIAN

It's a struggle to beat the cravings but ill get there soon, i have to get there for Sid, i need to be better for him....

I was laying on the hospital bed, and watching tv when i had an unexpected visitor, it was Kay..

The last time i saw my friend was when she was still working for me at my Salon, it's been a long time...

Me: Wow!! what an unexpected surprise

She came and hugged me...

Me: how did you even know that i was here?

Her: Austin

Me: i am very happy to see you it's been a while

Her: it has been a while.. How are you holding up?

Me: i am getting there it's not that hard anymore

Her: i am glad to hear that. I wanted to be there for you badly when you had that emotional breakdown but you shut everyone out and sailed to the world of self destruction

Me: i know and it was hard, that was the hardest thing ever

Her: but you are here now and getting better

Me: looking at the past it's now i realise how much stupid and selfish i was

Her: don't think like that at least now you are trying to change

Me: So what's happening with you? What's new in your life?

Her: i am the same old Kay

Me: new job? Were are you working?

Her: Still at the salon

Me: Really? Is new owner nice?

Her: there's no new owner

Me: i am not following

Her: when you sold it Austin bought it back and asked me to run it until you ready to come back

That was new to me.. PART 11 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:38] Ron: LAURIAN

Kay didn't stay for that long she had to go back to the salon. As soon as she left I had a moment to think about what she said, Austin

bought my business again? I was speechless because the money i made from selling the salon was the money i blew up on drugs, partying and everything that was not good for my well-being, it was the money that encouraged my addiction....

This is a second chance at life and i need to grab the opportunity with both hands and make changes, If my little sister was here she would be very disappointed at the life that i chose to live, she didn't lose her life for me to self destruct like this..

On the other hand there's Sid, i don't want him to grow up and see me as a mother who failed him i want him that will make him to resent me all his life, i want him to grow up and be proud of me..

The nurse walked in...

Her: Is everything still good with you?

Me: Yes i am still fine

Her: are you sure that i shouldn't get you anything?

Me: No

She walked around..

Me: you spend a lot of time here in my ward with me not that i am complaining but don't you have other patients to attend too?

Her: don't worry i am not the only Nurse around here

Me: but still...

Her: no one out of the ordinary came into your ward?

Me: No

Her: if someone does, tell me especially if it's a suspicious character one wearing red or has a red bandanna

All along Nurse Lucy had a black bandanna that she ties her braids with, i never really thought

anything of it until I noticed it's the same Bandanna Austin has around his wrist..

Me: Are you a skull?

She gave me a weird look..

Her: What?

Me: Skull?

She cleared her throat..

Me: your uniform is very different from other nurses, you black and white. The Skulls wear nothing but black&white

Her: This is unusual

Me: The skulls it's a gangster group that has a lot of members some members are qualified professionals in something, Founder Sean Cowen and..

She put her hand on my mouth then looked around.

Her: No one has to know about that okay?

I nodded.

She removed her hand...

Her: i was assigned to protect you

Me: from?

Her: right now the skulls and the bloods don't see eye to eye

Me: what happened?

Her: i don't have to be discussing this with you plus how do you know soo much about the skulls?

Me: i was in a relationship with one

Her: well then now you know that you can buzz me when you feel that your life is in danger

Me: Why would my life be in danger? Austin and i we not together anymore he is with someone else shouldn't you be protecting her?

Her: both of you are being protected he didn't wanna take chances with you too

Me: i see

Her: ill get you something to eat

Me: thank you

She walked out...

If my life is in danger then they send her for protection? I really don't get it Nurse Lucy doesn't look like she can even harm a fly..

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FUNI

I drove straight to Riley's house while wearing the red tshirt.

This might turn out good or it can be suicidal, Riley wouldn't think twice about killing me again he is the same person who shot my husband in cold blood..

The person who opened the door was his wife, Anathi..

Her: Funi?

I know Anathi she used to come by at the boutique to buy clothes accompanied by her Sister and Daughter....

Her: what are you doing here?

Me: may i please come in?

Her: i guess so

She let me in..

Me: sorry to just show up unannounced but i would like to talk to your husband

She looked at me from head to toe..

Her: Funi you wanna speak to my husband?

Me: that's what i said

Her: you even wearing the wrong colours, you a skull wearing red

Me: i couldn't really show up wearing black now can i?

Her: does Cowen know that you here?

Me: what's with the 21 questions?

Her: you show up at my house wearing the wrong colours you contamplating war!! I should be killing you right now

Me: Kill me?

Her: Yes!

I laughed..

Me: girl please

Her: Funi i am trained to kill

Me: so?

Her: maybe you didn't hear me clearly i was trained to kill

Me: is Riley around or not?

Her: he is not around

Me: I'll wait

Her: No you gonna go

Me: don't worry ill wait im not in a hurry

Her: you need to leave

She came and grabbed me by my arm, i yanked her hand off..

Me: don't touch me!!!

Her: or what?

Me: you might be trained to kill but i am Funi Cowen!

Her: then Funi Cowen leave my house!

The door opened, Riley walked in with Shane..

I didn't think that i would see Shane again soo soon...

Riley: what is going on here?

Anathi: i would like to know too

Riley took out his gun..

Him: what are you doing here? You not supposed to be here!

Me: i know but...

Him: is this some kind of set up?

He pointed the gun at me..

Me: S.. Set up?

Riley: why are you here?

Me: i am here to talk to you

Shane: Funi you not supposed to be here especially wearing the wrong colours

Riley: take her to the warehouse

Me: Wa....

Riley: we going to hold you hostage

Me: What?

Riley: you know very well you not supposed to be here but now here you are delivering yourself in a silver platter

He looked at Shane..

Riley: take her

Me: No wait...

Riley: defeating the skulls is going to be easy,
easier than i thought

Shane came and grabbed me...

Shane: let's go

Me: let go of me!

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GESH

I was driving Bontle to Tpee's place she has been nagging me that she wanna go there and visit for a while. Bontle and Tpee's daughter Naledi are best friends, i don't know how all of this happened but they pretty close....

Tpee and i we used to be tight until he couldn't keep up with me being a blood, so we had to split seeing him again today should be interesting..

I got a call from Justice as i was driving..

Me: Justice

Him: Sorry if i disturbed you

Me: what's wrong?

Him: we have a situation

Me: what situation?

Him: see the new girl Pasi that we hired?

Me: what about her?

Justice: she has been sleeping right next to our dumpster

Me: what?

Him: one of the staff who was doing a morning shift found her sleeping there when she was taking out the trash

Me: wtf

Justice: i really don't know what to do about this situation

Me: it's cool im coming

I hung up..

Me: we have to make a stop at KFC before going to Naledi's house

Bontle: Why?

Me: there's an emergency PART 12 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:39] Ron: #13

GESH

I look at this girl and it's still unclear to me how she can look like a million dollar model and then sleep next to a dumpster, it doesn't make any sense but this goes to prove that don't judge a person by their outward appearance and think you know their story..

She was very ashamed to even look me in the

eye but who wouldn't be?

Me: i think you know why i was called to come and talk to you

She nodded..

Her: first of all i apologize for what has transpired and i hope it won't affect my chances of working here i really need this job

Me: for how long have you been homeless?

Her: about two years now

Me: you don't have a family?

Her: things aren't well between me and my family right now, my father passed on then my Mother married my Father's brother who was mad strict. My Mother was verbally and at times physically abusive to me.

Me: i am sorry to hear that

Her: it's fine

Me: so you ran away from home?

Her: i went and lived with my Boyfriend who is my ex now and his family they weren't good to me either especially his Mother. In my mist of struggle

She exhaled..

Her: i dated his twin Brother Zweli majola i am sure you have heard of him

Me: Yeah I know him

Her: i dated him to escape my financial struggles since his Brother that i was with at that time Thami wasn't working and i learned the hard way that money can not always buy you happiness. I was abused day and night there was no way out and Thami had moved on, his Sister's husband helped him to get a job. To cut the long story short Zweli passed on and my life ended

Me: you and Thami never fixed things?

She shook her head no..

Her: got married to another woman and now they have kids

Me: such a sad story

Her: i learned the hard way

Me: you still love him?

Her: i will always love him

Me: then you shouldn't have went for his brother just because he had doe

Her: like i said I've learned the hard way

Me: look you can come and stay at my house it's a temporal thing just until you can make enough money to stand on your own two feet

Her: No please i don't wanna intrude

Me: it's just a temporal situation

Her: are you sure? i mean i don't wanna disturb your peace with your family

Me: i insist

Her: thank you very much and i promise ill be out as soon as i make enough money

Me: i know.. Anyway how come you look soo fly but you homeless?

She chuckled..

Her: because i don't wanna show the whole world that im homeless

Me: Ayt then you can take your things and ill drop you off at the house

Her: uhmmm i have to come for training

Me: you will miss for today

Her: I...

Me: i am the boss

Her: Yes Sir

I helped her get some of her staff and we walked out to my car...

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LAURIAN

I think that i have recovered enough to be out of here, after all i am not sick i wasn't sick just had withdrawal symptoms and i am getting there with that...

I wanna regain my life go back to work get an apartment and raise my Son, i want to be independent..

Austin had come to see me i was sitting straight up on the bed and he was sitting across on the chair playing with my fingers...

Him: you look good today

Me: thank you decided to play with my hair since I was bored

Him: how are you holding up though?

Me: im better than before

Him: cravings still there?

Me: they are still there but i can get over that

Him: Ya you will

Me: Austin

Him: talk to me

Me: i am tired of being here after all i wasn't even sick to begin with

Him: i understand maybe tomorrow you can come home ill speak to the doctor

Me: thank you.. And one more thing

Him: what is that?

Me: Kay was here and she told me that you bought the salon back

Him: she did?

Me: Yes and know that i am grateful for that

Him: it's cool

Me: i want you to know that i will pay you back every cent

Him: i didn't buy it back so you can pay me back,
i bought it because it's your legacy something
that you really worked hard for

Me: that's true and i regret selling it

Him: you weren't in your right mind by then

Me: one more thing

He looked at me..

Me: i would like my own place

Him: now you pushing it

Me: your Fiancé is not comfortable with having
me around the house

Him: did she say that?

Me: she came here and threatened me

Him: what?

Me: Austin i don't want to start problems
between you and her

Him: Problems? Laurian say whatever you

wanna say but i am not letting you out of my sight

Me: Why not?

Him: what if you relapse? You have made good recovery don't take a few steps back

Me: then what? I am going to be your prisoner forever?

Him: Prisoner?

Me: let me be independent!

Him: i don't think you are ready

Me: you can't decide for me

Him: i am deciding for Sid

Me: is this about Sid or its about you?

Him: why would it be about me?

Me: don't play dumb Austin you know what im talking about

Him: i am trying to help you out for the sake of

Sid

Me: that's not what you told Kate

He stood up..

Him: think i should leave, ill see you tomorrow

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BRAGA

Funi's phone was off, she wasn't at the boutique no one knows where she was and i have a feeling that wherever she is, she is in trouble. I hooked up Shabba and Chelsea to try and track her down, the last time she disappeared like this was when Zuko had kidnapped her and now i know very well that the bloods are behind this..

Me: anything so far?

Shabba: Nothing

Me: what about her car? It has a tracker

Chelsea: it's at the parking lot of the boutique

Me: i know the bloods are behind this

Shabba: if they are then they are covering their tracks very well

Me: they crossing the line they came to our side and kidnapped my wife!

Chelsea: they have indeed crossed the line

Shabba: can't we get even? Kidnap one of their own? Maybe Riley's wife

Me: No Anathi has been trained very well to get herself out of any dangerous situation, plus i am not Riley i don't include innocent people

Chelsea: what are we going to do?

Me: let me think for a second

I really need to get Funi back home for the twins..

Me: there's one person who can help us

Chelsea: who?

Me: Carl he was a blood before i am sure he knows how they do things

Shabba: that's perfect get the genius

Chelsea: when are they going to cross ships?

Me: i don't think they will Tpee has too much pride

Shabba: Tpee can go hang himself we just need Carl on the team

Chelsea: yeah heard that boy is smart

Shabba: he can get to a bank vault without a gun

Me: ill go and talk to him, you guys keep on searching

Chelsea: on it Sir PART 13 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:40] Ron: #14

NOKHANYA

I was surprised to have my Mother come here i know Qondi called her. I haven't seen my Mother in a while now since Thando didn't want my family to do anything with me she cut all contact with me. I was happy and also angry to see her, despite what Thando did my Mother has no reason to abandon me i am her Daughter for heaven's sake! She's supposed to be always there for me no matter what..

Mom: can i talk to you?

She made her way in..

Me: Qondi called you?

Mom: Yes

She closed the door...

Me: Qondi had to call you for you to realize that I am still alive?

Mom: There's no excuse for my actions Khanyo i am very sorry

Me: i am sure you are

Mom: i didn't think that things were this bad
why didn't you call me or come home?

Me: what home?

Her: i know what Thando did but Dad left you
the house it's yours

Me: So Thando can always be on my throat?

Her: He can be on your throat but he cannot
kick you out Dad left you that house

I sat on the armrest of the couch..

Mom: I thought that maybe by giving you some
space you would heal faster i didn't keep in
touch with you because I was preventing
Thando from hurting you over and over

Me: even with that he still did

Her: You had Sihle and you had Lwazi, they love
you that should've mattered more your family

Me: i had them but not anymore

Mom: what really happened?

Me: i became an alcoholic that's what happened

Mom: i didn't know it was that bad

Me: i can't face life sober anymore, i tried getting help but nothing can help. Alcohol provides that partial release from pain, when you drunk you forget about all the pain

Mom: You cannot be drunk all your life
Nokhanya

Me: what was i supposed to do?

Mom: get your things we going home we will figure everything out at home

Me: im tired of fighting with Thando Ma

Mom: Baby get your things okay?

I don't know what she's trying to do but facing Thando is the last thing i need in my life right now, i am powerless. I have no fight left in me anymore, i just wish that he can leave me alone..

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BRAGA

I don't know how the Bloods operate and they not amateurs like Zuko they cover their tracks well which is going to be very hard to find my wife. Carl is my last hope, he knows how they operate and i know that he can help..

Carl: Cowen i don't know if i can help you right now my girlfriend is going through a lot and the last thing i need is to be fucking with Riley then having him come here to shoot my Sister and my Girlfriend

Me: the skulls will never let that happen

Carl: but still..

Me: i need to find her for my twins i don't want them growing up to hear that their Mother was killed it's a scar that will never fade away

He exhaled..

Carl: if i help you with this, you have to help me with something too

Me: Anything

Carl: we will discuss it when the time comes

Me: i will surely return the favour

Carl: we going to hit Riley were it hurts the most

Me: His family? I don't involve innocent people

Carl: i am not that shallow

Me: then what?

Carl: the second best thing that Riley cares about is riches, we are going to hold his cash hostage for him to give up your wife unharmed

Me: How we going to do that?

Him: Sunday night The bloods are going to rob a bank Barclay's to be specific. They rob any Barclay's in every 2 months they always do it Sunday when it's quiet

Me: wait you want us to crash their plan?

Him: We do it 3 hours before

Me: won't that still be early?

Him: They rob a bank at 00:00, the skulls are going to do it at 21:00

Me: still listening

Him: we wipe the vault clean and hold his money hostage

Me: Barclay's has the tightest security i don't know if we going to be able to pull it off

Him: might be tight but not tight enough when you have Carl

Me: sounds like an easy one

Him: i can draw a plan for you guys you can rob Barclay's without even having to shoot anyone especially the guards

Me: you do that

Him: 50k for the plan and a Million when you guys get the doe

Me: it's fine

Him: ill draft the contract, just choose at least 4 people that you trust.. 4 including yourself

Me: i can do me, Chelsea, Shabba, and Austin

Him: Very well

Me: when you going to give us the plan?

Him: ill work on it tonight and tomorrow ill give it to you

Me: ill be waiting

Him: i hope Riley will give up your wife after this

Me: for his sake he has too

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FUNI

Shane took me to the warehouse, he tied me to a chair. All the way from Riley's house to the warehouse he has been trying to talk to me but i

have been ignoring him, i have nothing to say to him.

He finished tying up my legs..

Him: All done

I kept quiet..

Him: what were you thinking though?

Me...

Him: you lucky Riley didn't put a bullet through you, unlike me he is heartless

Me....

Him: you still look good

I hate the fact that he has to look exactly like my husband with an evil heart, Cowen has a sincere heart and his looks on Shane's evil heart ain't doing mercy..

Me: we both know Cowen is going to find me and then kill you this time you have gone way too far

He chuckled..

Him: if Cowen wanted to kill me he would've long done that the day he found out that we slept together

Me: Why don't you just leave us alone?

Him: Miss universe get off your high horse not everything revolves around you and your husband

Me: can i at least make a phone call to my twins?

Shane: The won't be any phone calls

Me: when is Riley going to kill me?

Him: it will depend

Me: you are going to be his skivvy?

Him: What were you thinking showing up at his place dressed in red?

Me: i wanted to talk to him, reason with him

He laughed..

Him: you got the looks, the body, but you don't have the brains. Do you see Anathi showing up at your place asking to speak to Cowen?

Me: i am not Anathi

Him: Maybe that's the problem

The door opened and Riley made his way in..

Riley: she's still alive?

Shane: alive and well

Riley: he has less than a week to find you

Me: give him two days

Him: you really have faith in your husband don't you?

Me: that's why i handed myself to you in a silver platter

He came close to me and looked at me...

Riley: you clearly don't know who i am

Me: you clearly don't know who my husband is

Riley: Shane

Shane: Yeah?

Riley: Call my Sister Gina or call Jen

Shane: Why?

Riley: i don't hit women

He got up..

Riley: Call one of them now

Shane: Yes Sir

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LAURIAN

Kate came to see me with that bitch i know it's not a friendly visit at all.. She walked around the ward checking it out..

Her: how can you afford such an expensive private hospital?

I shrugged my shoulders..

Her: Austin obviously

Me: what do you want Kate?

Her: how much do you want?

Me: sorry?

Her: how much do you want?

Me: you will have to explain

Her: i want you to disappear you can take Sid with you

I laughed...

Her: i will get you fake passports and a lot of money to go to another country just name your price

Me: that's funny

Him: i am not joking i want you to disappear

Me: you think Austin will let that happen?

Her: Austin doesn't have to know

Me: okay taking his Son and then disappearing

to another country you think he will just sit back and do nothing?

Her: i don't care i want you out of the picture!!!

Me: Is Nhlanhla that much threatened by me?

Her: Disappear Laurian before something scares you PART 14 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:40] Ron: #15

GESH

after that useless fist fight that i had with Tpee, i went back to my car and drove home. I was a bit in pain, we really did a number on each other.

Pasi: What happened to you?

Me: nothing that you need to worry about

Her: you just came here saying you dropping off your Daughter then you coming back with bruises shouldn't we call the cops?

Me: No!..look im fine

My phone rang..

Me: Can you pass me my phone

She passed it to me and it was Qondi....

Me: im driving

Her: i won't take much of your time

Me: is everything okay? Did the shipment arrive on time?

Qondi: everything is fine we now preparing the mules

Me: that's what i wanna hear

Qondi: i am calling you because..

Me: because?

Qondi: Nokhanya showed up at my place

Me: how is she?

Qondi: she's still crazy depressed but she has laid off on the bottle for now

Me: i give her two days she will be drinking

again

Qondi: you can't say things like that

Me: that's what she always does

Qondi: anyway she's going to be staying with us for a while and i wanna get her to rehab

I chuckled..

Me: good luck

Qondi: have a bit of faith in her

Me: i exhausted all my faith for her

Qondi: well this time around she seems serious

Me: we will see Qondi

Qondi: i have to go

Me: keep me informed about the shipment

Qondi: i will

I hung up..

Pasi: i hope i won't get in trouble with your gf

Me: who said i have one?

Pasi: you cannot be single

Me: what if i am?

She laughed..

Pasi: that would be a very funny joke

Me: my girlfriend is not living with me

Pasi: why?

Me: we just having some problems

Pasi: Relationships hey?

Me: Relationships

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LAURIAN

Austin came to get me from the hospital, i wanted to go home now i was tired of this place.

Austin: Dr are you sure that she's fit to go home?

Me: i was never sick Austin

Dr: she's ready

Austin: i just don't want us to get home and the withdrawal symptoms start again

Dr: she is fine it's out of her system. Her body doesn't crave anymore only her mind does but i am sure she that she will continue beating the addiction

Me: thank you Dr

Austin: are you ready to go?

Me: Yes

I couldn't wait to go home and see my Son..

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FUNI

Riley had his sister come here and beat me up i couldn't even throw one punch at her bitch was fast and her punches were painful. It's like all

the members of the bloods were trained to kill, they just too strong for one to go against them in a fist fight. A few of my bones were broken, my face was all swollen and i was in great pain i kept on spitting out blood. Reality kicked in that if Cowen doesn't get here soon Riley might kill me for real..

Riley: take a few pictures

The sister took pictures of me and my bruises, i couldn't even get up from the floor that's how badly beaten i was..

Riley: make sure Cowen gets them and make sure that he cannot track down were they coming from

Gina: ill get to it

Riley: Shane

Shane: Yeah?

Riley: clean her up

Shane: shouldn't we call the Dr or something?

She doesn't look good

Riley: i will make that call of whether she needs a Dr or not

Shane: whatever you say

Shane came and helped me to get up, i was very much in pain...

Me: you have to help me get out of here

Shane: we have been through this

Me: Riley is going to kill me do you want that in your conscious?

Shane: it's not that easy Funi

Me: i cannot die Shane i have kids

Riley: what's being talked about?

Shane: Cowen will find you i just hope it's sooner than later

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BRAGA

I hope that Carl will be finished with the plan by tomorrow, in the meantime Shabba, Chelsea, and i we were still trying soo hard to track Funi down..

Me: anything?

Chelsea: no sir

My phone beeped..

I took it out and i had received a media file, it was pictures of Funi badly beaten up..

Me: Son of a bitch!!!

Shabba: what's up?

I showed them..

Me: he put his hands on my wife

Chelsea: he is going too far

I took my phone and walked to the elevator..

Shabba: Where are you going?

Me: i am going to kill him

Chelsea: shouldn't we be going with Carl's plan?

Me: Fuck Carl's plan!

Shabba made his way to me..

Shabba: well you going to need back up

Chelsea: I'll get the guns and the Axes from the warehouse then ill meet you guys there

Shabba: ill call Austin

Me: Austin is occupied baby mama drug drama

Chelsea: we should be fine

We got inside the elevator..

Me: Call Duvenhage he is Riley's Brother we might need him. Ain't no best revenge like your own Brother killing you!

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LAURIAN

we first started at the mall so that i could get a few things like toiletries and then after we made our way home, his house to be more specific..

Nhlanhla was with Kate and Sid, this won't go down well..

Kate: what is she doing here?

Austin: she lives here

I didn't have time for drama, i just took Sid and we went upstairs to my bedroom leaving them to argue..

Me: Hey you, i missed you

I was very thankful that i was beating the addiction, after all i was doing it for my Son. I owe him that much..

Nhlanhla walked in after a while with two glasses of cool drink..

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

Her: welcome back

Me: thank you

She gave me the glass of coca cola...

Me: where is Austin?

Her: he drove Kate home

Me: ohw

Her: Cheers to beating the addition

She raised her glass up..

Me: Cheers

We both drank from our glasses, Nhlanhla had this green on her face as if like she's up to something.. PART 15 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:41] Ron: #16

BRAGA

We went to Riley's house just Me, Chelsea, and Shabba we were suppose to have the whole

gear but I figured out the bloods are really pussies they about guns all the time so why not beat them with their own gear..

Shabba was the lookout he stood at the gate, Chelsea and I made our way in. I don't think Riley was around there was one car in the driveway and it definitely wasn't his....

We found Anathi in the lounge, Chelsea pointed her gun at her. She got up from the couch.

Chelsea: Surprised to see us?

She looked at us..

Anathi: My husband will be home in no time so i suggest you leave both of you!

Me: Will you be alright with her if i go upstairs and check for any clues?

Chelsea: Yeah we should be fine

Chelsea is one of the best that's why she's the leader of the skulls in Durban, but Anathi is also one of the best that the bloods have and leaving

Chelsea with Anathi right now seems a bit dangerous..

Chelsea: Braga ill be fine

Chelsea, i recruited her a few years ago and taught her all she knows but Anathi has always been about the thug life..

Me: I will be right back

Chelsea: ill try to get something from her

I made my way to the stairs...

Anathi: how about we fight for that gun?

Chelsea: what do you have in mind?

Anathi: Put it down on the floor and we fight for it

I turned and looked at Chelsea...

Chelsea: Let's do this

She put the gun in the middle and stepped away from it, I don't know what Chelsea is doing but i trust her and i hope she will be the one to pick

up that gun and put a bullet through Anathi.. I made my way upstairs leaving them there to fight.

I went through different rooms until i located the study, i took my gun out and started going through everything..

I need to find something, anything that will lead me to Funi. What i found most was just documents and their plans on how they rob banks...

I need to find something, something that's going to show me that they have a secret location somewhere..

I continued turning everything upside down trying to get something that it was taking longer than i expected. I couldn't find nothing, there wasn't anything that could lead me to Funi..

I went to look out of the window to check if there's no other car by now on the driveway but the view wasn't leading to the driveway. Before i

could turn around i heard Riley talking behind me..

Riley: Turn around slowly

I turned around slowly, he had his gun pointed at me and i was still holding mine..

Riley: drop your gun

I put my gun down and then slowly raised both my hands up..

Riley: i have the wife and now i have the husband how lucky

Me: Very lucky i guess

Riley: step away from the gun

Me: with pleasure

I took at least two steps back..

He walked up to the gun and bent down to pick it up, the biggest mistake he did was to take off his eyes from me and focused them on my gun that gave me a chance to kick his gun off his

hand.. It fell a bit far from us, he tried picking up my gun from the floor but i stepped on his hand and twisted my sole to cause more pain, he screamed. I then kicked him on his face hard he fell on the floor backwards, i picked up my gun and made my way to him he was bleeding.

Me: you have 3 seconds to tell me where my wife is or i am going to kill you

He was defenseless, he had to give up my wife to save himself..

Me: 3 Seconds or you die

Voice: not today!

Anathi made her way in holding Chelsea's gun, she pointed it at me..

She was bleeding from her nose, had a blue eye and was limping.

Anathi: Put the gun down Braga

Me: Where is Chelsea?

Anathi: she's a bit in pain

Riley was still disoriented, he crawled his way around trying to locate his gun..

Anathi: put the gun down

I need to think and i need to think very fast, if i shoot Anathi Riley is going to get a hold of that gun and shoot me. If i shoot Riley Anathi is going to shoot me, either way it seems like im screwed!

Anathi: Gun on the floor now!!

I slowly put my gun on the floor but halfway i shot her in her womb, she dropped the gun and went down on her knees screaming.. I kicked the gun out of the room when i turned to Riley he had already got hold of his gun but he was still on the floor. He aimed at me and shot me in my thigh. He was still disoriented i turned to Anathi and put my foot on her back, then put her facedown on the floor while she was still in pain..

Me: shoot again and i will shoot her in the head
She was bleeding..

Me: Toss your gun at me or she is going to
bleed to death

He tossed the gun at me and i also kicked it out.
I limped to the door and took the key off then
locked them inside..

I leaned against the door for a while and put my
hand on my thigh..

Me: Fuck!!!

I need to get out of here before the rest of the
bloods come

I made my way downstairs and Chelsea was
sitting on the kitchen floor, leaning against the
cupboard with her hand on her stomach. She
was bleeding..

Me: Chelsea

She looked at me..

Her: Braga.. Get out of here she called the Bloods before making her way upstairs

Me: i am not leaving you

Her: i am going to slow you down she shot me

Me: Come on let's go

Her: No go!

I went up to her and tried to help her up..

Her: Cowen go

Me: i am not leaving you!

The door opened are the bloods here already? I let her go and she fell..

Her: Ahhhhhhhh!!

I pointed my gun at the door but It was Shabba, he walked in with Duvenhage..

Me: Where the fuck were you?

Shabba: don't ask

Shabba went to attend Chelsea..

Duvenhage: are you alright?

Me: No we have to get out of here

Shabba: need to get Chelsea to the hospital

Me: do that quickly take the car

Shabba: and you?

Me: i have Duvenhage

Shabba: you shot, you need help

Me: i am a Dr Shabba! now go!!!

He picked Chelsea up and Duvenhage opened the for them..

Duvenhage: Let's go find your wife

Me: i don't know were to start

Duvenhage: i do.. We going to Gesh

I took off my shirt and tied it around my thigh to stop the bleeding..

Me: what is Gesh going to do for us?

Duvenhage: he is going to tell us where Funi is

before i rip his head off

We got into his car..

Duvenhage: are you sure you going to pull through?

Me: i have been through worse

He drove off..

LAURIAN

I don't know what happened or if i fell into a deep sleep but I was woken up by Sid crying. I slowly opened my eyes, everything was a bit blurry..

Me: Sid??

Someone poured water in my face and that helped into waking me up..

It was Austin who poured water on me, Nhlanhla was standing by the door trying to calm Sid down..

Me: What is going on?

Austin did not look happy..

Austin: i want you out!

Me: out?? Why?

Austin: you haven't been back at home for even 24 hours but already you back to your old habits!

Me: what are you talking about?

He threw a small plastic at me that had cocaine.

Him: Sid was eating this while you were passed out

Me: Passed out?

Nhlanhla: Shame on you Laurian!

Me: Austin i didn't.. I am not using

Austin: i want you out Laurian! Go before i do something that i will regret

Me: Austin please

Austin: Leave! Now!

Nhlanhla: She is not worth it Austin! Don't go to

jail for her

He went and took Sid from Nhlanhla and then walked out..

Me: You!

Nhlanhla: ill help you pack

This is not happening to me i came a long way to go back to my old life..

Nhlanhla: i warned you Laurian but you didn't want to listen

I got up from the bed i was still a bit drowsy..

Me: you want him that bad that you would put my Son's life in danger?

Nhlanhla: i didn't let him chew for that long, 30sec was enough

I slapped her across the face..

She put her hand on her cheek and laughed..

Me: you won't get away with this

Her: looks like i already have

FUNI

Shane: i won't tie you to the chair you still in pain

I was still in pain he was right about that, we were coming back from the bathroom.

Him: sit down

i sat on the chair with his help..

Him: how are you feeling now?

I didn't answer him, his phone rang..

Him: let's see who it is

He took it out..

Him: It's Riley

He answered..

Him: Yeah???... What?

His face changed, he turned and faced the other way..

Him: he what????

He had his back against me..

Him: did you call the rest of the squad??

I stood up and picked the chair..

Him: Funi is still here...

He turned around and i hit him with the chair hard on his head he fell..

I dropped the chair that caused me a bit of pain.
I took the phone and called Cowen before Shane gets up.

Me: Pick up Cowen..

It rang..

Me: Come on, come on pick up..

I walked up to the door but it was locked and to unlock it it's going to need a code..

Me: Cowen pick up

Shane started moving,that bastard is strong..

The phone went to voicemail, i called him again and rushed to the bathroom while Shane was trying to get up..

Cowen: Hello

I locked the door..

Me: Cowen it's me

Cowen: Funi?

Me: you have to find me!!

Cowen: Calm down baby and tell me were you are

I sat on the toilet seat...

Me: i don't know

Cowen: i can't find you if you don't help me

Me: i don't know Cowen.. I am scared you have to find me (Crying)

Cowen: i know.. I know..

Me: im in a warehouse of some sort

Shane tried opening the bathroom but the door was locked..

Shane: Funi open!

Cowen: can you tell me were the warehouse is?

Me: i don't know

Cowen: there has to be something

Me: they going to kill me.. I'll never see the twins again

Cowen: i will never let that happen i promise you

I started thinking about the twins and something hit me..

Me: Cowen

Cowen: talk to me

Me: Shane is your twin, you need to get into his mind

Cowen: that's not possible

Me: Sade.. Sade he.. Him and Sean they sometimes think alike

Cowen: Sean and Sade are always together, Shane and i we didn't grow up together i cannot tell what he thinks

Me: he is your twin, he is a part of you.. You will have to try

Cowen: Funi..

Me: you have to try!!! You get into his mind and you find me or else they going to kill me!!! PART 16 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:42] Ron: #17

BRAGA

I could feel that i was getting dizzy and a bit weak even though I have tighten my shirt around the wound, but it didn't stop the pain

and the blood still wanting to leak.

Duvenhage: we here are you sure that you wanna go through with this? I can just take you to the hospital

Me: i am good let's do this

After taking off my shirt i was left only with my white muscle vest if i get shot it will go straight to my flesh..

I opened the door and made my way out of the car, i limped my way to the door.

Me: you don't need a gun?

Duvenhage: im a lion he cannot take me down alone

Me: he shoots you straight in the heart you down

I handed him my gun..

Him: what are you going to carry?

Me: im fine you going to cover me

Duvenhage rang the bell..

Duvenhage: let's hope that he is home

He rang the bell again after a while..

Gesh: ngiyeza (im coming)

The door opened and Duvenhage held the gun at him, it looked like he had just finished taking a shower he had a towel around his lower body and he was still wet..

Gesh: i wouldn't have guessed

We made our way in with Duvenhage still holding a gun at him..

Duvenhage: Gesh we here to seek answers i want you to answer honestly or else we really going to have a bad day

Gesh turned and looked at us..

Gesh: Braga seems like you hurt need a paramedic?

Me: how about you don't worry about that

For someone who has a gun pointed at him by a lion that could rip his head off he seemed pretty relaxed.

Gesh: My Son is going to be here in any minute and you going to scare him with that thing so ringa nami (talk to me)

Duvenhage looked at me..

Me: he says talk to him

Duvenhage: where is Funi?

Gesh: did she say she's coming here?

I would do a number on Gesh right now but i was too weak and dizzy..

Duvenhage: she was kidnapped by Riley and we have reason to believe that he is holding her hostage somewhere

Gesh: are they keeping her here?

Duvenhage: This is not a joke

Gesh: am i laughing?

Me: they keeping her in a warehouse im going to need coordinates

Gesh: the warehouse that i know off Is the one were we keep our gear at we do not kidnap people and hold them hostage in a place full or weapons

Duvenhage: just give us the coordinates!

He looked at us..

Gesh: let me get my laptop

Duvenhage and I looked at each other..

Duvenhage followed him to the bedroom.

I looked at my leg and my shirt was starting to be wet with blood. I don't care what happens to me as long as i find my wife that's all that matters, If something happens to her my twins will never forgive me when they grow up and learn that my gangster life took their Mother away from them...she is my world i can't lose her.

They came back, Gesh sat down and opened his laptop..

Duvenhage: i hope you not fucking with us or i will kill you

Gesh: i don't do fucking with people

Me: Why you so quick to betray the bloods?

Gesh: There's no loyalty in bloods it's always money over everything and your wife being kidnapped has nothing to do with our money

They have a weird code no loyalty..

He took a pen and paper then wrote the coordinates..

Gesh: good luck

We took the coordinates and made our way to the car, i put my hand on the door handle and closed my eyes.

Duvenhage spoke behind me..

Duvenhage: Braga you don't look good

Me: let's go

Him: No! Gesh is obviously going to alert the bloods they going to be waiting for us i can't get hurt for my wife's sake and right about now you not a good back up

Me: Duvenhage I said im fine!

Him: we will see about that

I felt a hard blow at the back of my head and I collapsed..

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LAURIAN

I should've known that Nhlanhla would go this far just to have Austin after all you cannot trust quiet people they tend to be snakes underneath a sheep's skin, but what i am certain off is that she didn't do this alone, she had help from Kate! Austin has tried to help me a lot of times before and i failed him but now I really was adamant to

change because i love my Son and i want a relationship with him. I needed to talk to Austin, i need him to believe that I would never hurt my Sid.

He was standing at the balcony..

Me: Austin

Him: thought you be gone

Me: I would never hurt Sid

Him: funny because you have before you used to do drugs when you were pregnant remember? That's the reason why our son has health problems today

Me: and i regret greatly but that was the old me Austin! i am not like that anymore you have to believe me

Him: how many times have i helped you before after a few weeks of being clean you go back?

Me: I didn't do drugs i was drugged by your Fiancé

He laughed...

Him: let's blame my fiancé shall we?

He turned around and looked at me..

Him: Nhlanhla loves Sid with all her heart she Mothered him while you were high and fucking niggas why would she hurt him?

Me: because she is threatened by me her and Kate have been threatening me!!

Him: they threatened you?

Me: Yes

Him: why didn't you tell me when it happened, why you telling me now when you caught?

I didn't know what to say..

Him: I regret the day I brought you back into our lives from now on you will never see Sid anymore

Me: Austin please (crying)

Him: Go Laurian before i throw you out

I looked at him..

Him: Go!!! (shouting)

I walked out of the balcony with tears streaming down i bumped into Nhlanhla in the living room holding a glass of wine..

Her: i am certainly going to miss you, poor Laurian i will Mother your child he will grow up resenting you!! Knowing that you exposed him to drugs or that you chose drugs over him

I smiled through my tears and looked at her..

Me: i didn't have to danger your child's life to get Austin to love me, Austin always loved me even when i was addicted how many times did he leave you alone here to spend endless nights alone to come and rescue me?

Her smirk was wiped off her face..

Me: i feel sad for you going through these great majors just for him to love you? Sid is Austin's heart and with Austin when you touch his heart

he will kill you

She couldn't even look me in the eye i could see her swallowing hard..

Me: even if I go Austin will always see my love he will look at Sid everyday and be reminded of our love it's sad because i didn't have do anything to get him to love me no matter how much you try he will never love you

Her: shut up!!! Shut up!!! (screaming)

She threw the glass against the tv..

Me: you a psycho bitch!!

She looked at me and she was breathing heavy..

Austin: what's going on here?

We both looked at him...

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FUNI

After the stunt i pulled we evacuated the warehouse and he drove me to another place where I wouldn't be found. He was still in pain that chair hit him hard but he was trying to be strong..

I thought that i was gonna be driven to another warehouse but to my surprise I was driven to a house, a town house. We got out of the car and made our way inside only to see the girl who physically attacked me..

Her: good seeing you

I don't like how she looks at me..

Me: Shane why am I here?

Shane: because you were a fool!

She made her way to me..

Her: settle down sweetness this is your new home

She got close and started smelling my hair..

I looked at Shane..

Me: get me out of here!

She put her hand on my chin and forcefully made me to face her, after that she did the unthinkable and kissed me. Sharved her tongue down my throat..

I pushed her away..

Me: what the fuck?

Shane: i forgot to tell you Gina is lesbian

Gina: what happens between me and her don't tell Jamie

Shane: my lips are sealed..

He walked up to the door..

Me: wait Shane where you going?

Shane: i have work to do

I turned and looked at Gina she was biting her lower lip..

I am going to be raped by a girl..

She came close again and licked the left side of my face. PART 17 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:42] Ron: #18

LAURIAN

My good friend Kay let me stay with her in her flat i couldn't be more grateful after all Kay has always been there for me even when my Father was still at it, she has always been a good friend.

She came back to her small lounge with two mugs.

Her: Here

Me: Thank you

She sat next to me.

Her: I still cannot believe that Nhlanhla did that

Me: Now i fear for Sid what if she does more

Kay: she sounds a bit delusional

Me: she does come across as a psycho

Kay: What i don't believe is Austin, how can he believe her over you?

Me: you could've seen how angry he was he didn't wanna believe me at all or even let me explain

Kay: How possibly could you have gotten drugs while you got out of the hospital?

Me: i don't blame him though i have disappointed him a few times before

Kay: but still you have made a tremendous change don't judge yourself with past mistakes

Me: All for nothing

Kay: don't let what happened discourage you, you are better and that's all that matters

Me: thank you for letting me stay here

Kay: you always welcome

Me: i can't stay here for free though

Kay: it's just until you get back on your feet

Me: gonna be difficult getting a job

Kay: not that difficult

Me: trust me it will

Kay: i have a solution

Me: what is the solution?

Kay: you can come and work at the Salon

Me: i don't know Kay.. I don't think Austin would like that

Kay: Leave Austin to me

Me: I really don't wanna step on his toes

Kay: babe tomorrow you coming back at the salon and leave Austin to me i say

Me: thank you Kay you have always been a good friend

Kay: so what movie do you wanna watch?

Me: anything

She took the remote, i am glad Kay allowed me to stay with her than me going back to my old life..

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NOKHANYA

Being at home with my Mother was very unusual i haven't been here in a very long time. My home has a lot of memories that i would rather forget, my Father abusing us me constantly being locked up in my room always crying in fear. I do hope that now it will have better memories..

Mom: at what time is the meeting tomorrow?

Me: 14:00-16:00

Mom: are you nervous?

I took the jug of juice to the dinning table..

Me: A bit.. I mean i will be standing in front of people and admitting that i am a drunk

Mom: It's going to be you and other people with the same problem as yours

Me: still doesn't make me feel better

Mom: Gesh called

Me: Since when do you call him Gesh?

Mom: isn't that what everyone calls him?

Me: im surprised he called you than me

Mom: He was asking about you

Me: what about me?

Mom: If you fine

Me: how does he know that i am back at home?

Mom: Qondi

Me: of course

My phone rang..

Me: let me get that

I went and got my phone, it was Lwazi..

Me: Hello baby

Lwazi: Mom when are you coming back home?

Me: I don't know baby right now things aren't okay between daddy and i

Lwazi: where are you?

Me: i am staying with grandma

Lwazi: Come and pick me up

Me: Why? what's wrong?

Lwazi: Dad brought another woman here at home

Me: he did what?

Lwazi: i don't like her and i don't want her here

Me: how can he... ill call him

Lwazi: don't forget to come and pick me up

Me: Where is Bontle?

Lwazi: At Naledi's house

Me: okay let me talk to Daddy and then ill come and get you

Lwazi: ill start packing

I hung up and called Gesh..

Him: Khikhi

Me: Lwazi called me

Him: bese? (and)

Me: He wants to come and live with me and my Mom

Him: sithini istory sakhe? (what's his story)

Me: apparently you brought a woman over and he doesn't like her

Him: kanti this is his house?

Me: Gesh if you wanna pick up hoes and bring them to the house don't do it in front of the kids especially Lwazi, you not being a good role model

Him: says an alcoholic who almost hurt my Daughter

Me: i don't wanna fight with you i am coming over to get my Son

Him: Lwazi is not going anywhere

Me: he is not happy there with that woman around

Him: that woman is not even bothering him she is hardly around most of the time

Me: i don't care i am coming to get my son!

Him: don't forget i still have full custody of Lwazi

Me: i don't care i am still coming to get him

I didn't wait for him to respond..

Mom: is everything okay?

Me: No i have to go and get Lwazi

Mom: Why?

Me: long story.. I will be right back

Mom: okay

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FUNI

This house had no phones security is very tight, there was no way out. I did a lot of crying most of the day the only thing i want is to be at home with my boys, all the 3 of them. My twins are probably going crazy right now, especially Sade he is very vulnerable emotionally he might be wondering where i am..

I wiped my tears when i heard Gina talking..

Her: do you want something to eat?

Me: No thank you

She sat on the small coffee table and looked at me..

Her: you beautiful

Me: thank you

How she looks at me makes me very uncomfortable.

Her: how did you get such a beautiful body?

Me: i don't know

Her: beauty and looks, you can't have it all something has to lack?.. Ohhh i know you don't have brains

She laughed.. I remained quite.

Her: was supposed to be funny

I ignored her..

Her: it will be over soon don't worry

I looked at her..

Me: what does that mean?

Her: If Anathi dies we going to kill you

Me: how is my life synced with Anathi's?

Her: Your husband shot her

I chuckled..

Me: Cowen would never do that

Her: Yeah he did, you don't know how much trouble your stupidity has caused congratulations Mrs Braga you have declared a never ending war between the skulls and the bloods

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SHABBA

The twins moved in with me and my family just until we find Funi, Dima thought it would be better if they be around people that they know than being far away in a secret place. Thando being the only child she was happy to have the twins around..

Sade wasn't happy, he would spend his time stealing the house phone and try to call Funi sometimes he would ask about her unlike Sean

who is free spirited he would just ask once and then play..

I helped Dima dish up supper for everyone..

I looked at the twins..

Me: Tomorrow i am taking you guys to go and see your Father at the hospital

Sean: he is Funi's husband

Me: Yes i am going to take you guys to go see Funi's husband

Sade was just sitting there looking all sad..

Me: Sade

He didn't say anything..

Dima: This is very hard for him

I went up to him..

Me: Hey little guy

He looked down..

Me: are you okay?

Sade: I want to go and see Funi at the house

Me: i told you Funi is not at the house

Sade: The other big house

Me: the other big house?

He nodded..

Me: Funi is going to come back

Sade: she's sad and crying

Me: how do you know all of that Sade?

Sean: Shabba!!!!

He ran up to me..

Sean: I want to play Xbox

Me: you played Xbox a lot today Aunty Dima told me

Sean: Take us back to Funi's house Funi let's us play games

Me: Yeah i am not Funi

Sean: Take us back to Funi's house now!

Sade: Funi is not at her house she is at another house

I looked at Sade where does he get all of that from? PART 18 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:43] Ron: #19

GESH

My kids are growing up so fast and it's crazy dealing with two teenagers who live under the same roof it's hectic i won't lie. Bontle is 16 she is hardly at home always wanna be with her best friend Naledi, and Lwazi is 14 that one has a personality of his own. My Mother says he is me and Nokhanya combined and im gonna admit it he is the hardest to get through...

Lwazi loves his Mother more than anything and I understand were he is coming from but to go behind my back like that and call her, that was some fucked up shit..

It was a lazy night after bathing i only put on my sweat pants and my beanie hat then i went to Lwazi's room, he was waiting for his Mother with his bag ready...

Me: what's up?

He shrugged his shoulders while concentrating on his phone..

Me: chatting to a girl?

Him: some girl that i don't like is busy throwing herself at me

Me: Why don't you just tell her that you don't like her

Him: i did and Bontle gotta stop giving my number to her crazy friends

Me: It's Bontle's friend?

He threw his phone on the bed..

Him: It's Naledi

Me: Naledi Thobekgale?

Him: Yeah

Me: What you doing messing with that girl?

Him: she is the one messing with me

Me: You know how crazy her father is?

Him: She is the one who is coming at me

Me: Why don't you like her? She is beautiful and she seems nice

Him: because i don't like her

Me: fair enough

I heard Nokhanya calling Lwazi's name, she came to the bedroom..

She was looking sexy as always even though she didn't dress up, she was just wearing leggings with a matching tshirt and sneakers but my wife looks sexy in everything..

Khikhi: are you ready to go?

Lwazi: Yeah

Khikhi: Come let's go

He stood up and took his bag..

I looked at her...

Me: Can i talk to you?

She gave Lwazi her car keys..

Her: I will find you in the car

Lwazi walked out..

Me: You look sexy

Her: Thank you

We kept quiet for a few seconds..

Me: look i was gonna tell you about Pasi

She folded her arms and gave me a serious face..

Me: don't be like that

Her: what you doing is very disrespectful to me
worse you doing it in the presence of the kids

Me: angim'gculi yaz'(i don't like her) she was

homeless and sleeping next to the dumpster
thought i could help

Her: Wow Gesh the Messiah. You kick me out
and take in someone else who is homeless,
what if i was sleeping next to a dumpster?

Me: you know why i kicked you out

Her: i have to go...bye

She walked away, i got up and stopped her by
gently grabbing her arm..

Khikhi: Eish Gesh leave me alone

Me: eyy Nokhanya if only you knew how tired i
am of fighting with you

She tried getting my hand off, i tightened my
grip and shook her a little..

Me: Phola tuu! (relax)

She stopped acting crazy..

Her: i am also tired of fighting

I let her loose..

Her: You might not believe this but tomorrow i am starting with the AA meetings

Me: for shizzle?

She nodded..

She always says that she would attend AA meetings but she never does, i don't know if she means it this time around but instead of biting her head off i am going to give her the benefit of the doubt again and support her..

Me: I am proud of you

She looked at me..

Her: do you mean that?

Me: Yes i do

Her: means a lot to me

Me: uyazi ngiyak'canywa (you know i love you) and I am always going to support you

She smiled...

Her: i love you too

I was about to kiss her when the door opened, Pasi walked in.. She closed the door and then saw us standing in the middle of the room..

Nokhanya looked her, i hope this doesn't turn ugly...

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BRAGA

I had surgery they removed the bullet from my thigh, i thought that it would be better but I was still in pain and walking was a challenge. I don't have time to let my leg fully heal, i need to find my wife before Riley does something crazy to her...

That morning Shabba walked into my ward with the boys, Sean was happy to see me he came in running..

Sean: Cowen!!

Me: Hey little man

He attempted to climb the bed but couldn't..

Sean: Sade look it's Funi's husband

Sade was not as happy to see as i thought he would be..

Shabba: Hey how you feeling?

Me: my leg is still lazy i was operated Yesterday

Shabba: it will get there

I looked at Sade..

Me: Boy come here

He came to me..

Shabba: Sade is taking this a bit hard, he is always sad

Me: It's understandable Sade loves Funi with all his heart

Sean: Cowen!! (shouting)

Me: What?

Sean: Sabba doesn't let us play Xbox

Shabba: that's because you play it a lot

Sean: I wanna go away from your house

Shabba: i cannot wait for you to go away too

Me: any news on Funi?

Shabba: we checked the warehouse but nothing..

Sean: Where is Funi?

Sade: She is at the house crying

Shabba: she is not at the house i told you

Sade: the other house i told you! One with another couch

Sean: she is at the house with the guy who has a gun!

Shabba: That's it no more grand theft auto

I looked at Sade..

Me: What other house Sade?

Sean: Sade says Funi is at the other house

crying we are going to go and save her

He started playing with IV tube..

Sean: Cowen what is this?

Me: don't touch that

Sean: I am touching it

Me: don't touch it!

I gave Sade my attention again...

Me: Can you tell Cowen how the house looks like

Sade: I told you it has a couch

Sean: we going to go save Funi with a gun and kill them!

Shabba: They play too much games

Me: Naa they don't.. I think Sean and Sade can help us find Funi

Shabba laughed...

Shabba: Yeah right

Me: Sade and Funi are very close Sade is definitely sensing her they very much connected emotionally

Shabba: huh?

Me: my Grandmother before she died she once told me that Sade and Shane are not different they the same if i am not mistaken Shane's thoughts are Sade's thoughts, same as with Sean and i.. We can know Shane's moves and tail him through Sade

Shabba: I never saw it that way

Me: I think they moved Funi from the warehouse to somewhere else after that phone call

Shabba looked Sade..

Shabba: What else can you see in the house?

Sade shrugged his shoulders..

Me: Come on Sade

He walked away to join Sean on the other side..

Me: we gotta find the house were they keeping her

Shabba: We?

Me: Yeah i am going to discharge myself

Shabba: you are not going anywhere Braga i will call Austin and Duvenhage

Me: Funi is my wife and i am going to find her

Shabba: i don't think so, you stay with the twins and we got this

He headed to the door..

Me: Shabba!!!!..

He ignored me..

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AUSTIN

The issue with Laurian really hit me hard after

trying so hard and fighting soo hard to stay clean she just relapsed so quickly and went back to doing crack again? worse she put Sid's life in danger i was confused i was very confused. Another part of me didn't wanna believe, how could she have possibly gotten cocaine so quickly and also how did she afford it because she had no money? Laurian has never put Sid's life in danger lately that ended when she was still pregnant. This issue was very complicated i didn't know what to believe.. On the other hand i don't wanna believe that Nhlanhla could've possibly set up Laurian, she is not that kind of a person she is not vindictive or is she? PART 19 BAD BOYS OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:44] Ron: #20

AUSTIN

I took a few days off from work i have been

working my Ass off since Tpee was admitted so now that he is back i thought i could take a few days off and have him do the hard work, while i relax. That morning Nhlanhla and i decided to go out for breakfast, but first she wanted to get her nails done at the salone and her eyes lashes. She just wanted to do a lot of things that i wasn't interested in my mind was very far away.. All the way to the salon' i kept on thinking about the whole Laurian saga, Nhlanhla setting Laurian up would've made sense if Sid wasn't chewing on a package of cocaine. Nhlanhla loves Sid and she would never put his life in danger like that..

I mean why would she risk it? She knows that it would be the end of us for good if she ever put my child's life in danger like that and she has been a very good Mother to Sid..

She put her hand on my cheek that brought me back to reality..

She gave me her beautiful smile.

Her: What's wrong?

Me: Just thinking about what Laurian did

Her: I still can't believe she put Sid's life in danger like that

Me: i would forgive her for anything but this..

Her: I am glad i showed up just in time before Sid..

Me: don't even say it

I looked for a parking spot..

Nhlanhla: I hope Kay doesn't have clients yet i didn't make an appointment

Me: It's still a bit early

Her: by 11am its already full love

She took her bag..

Her: are you coming in?

Me: Yes i want to talk to Kay about something

We both got out of the car and went in..

It wasn't busy, it was still empty Kay was tidying up..

Me: Kay!

She turned and looked at me..

Kay: Hey what are you doing here?

Me: Nhlanhla wanted to do her things

Kay looked at Nhlanhla..

Kay: do we have an appointment?

Nhlanhla: we don't Kay i am sorry

Kay: i cannot keep on doing you favours just because you fucking the boss!

Kay has a loose tongue and she doesn't restrain it from saying anything..

Nhlanhla: It's not like that Kay

Kay: It's like that, Nhlanhla this is not the first time you do this

Me: Let me go while you girls fight

Nhlanhla: didn't you say you wanna talk to Kay?

Me: i will talk to her when i come back

Nhlanhla: Where are you going now?

Me: to get coffee next door

Nhlanhla: Please get me a cappuccino love

Me: Okay

As i was heading to the door Laurian showed up from the back..

Laurie: Kay where do you want me to put this sham...

Her sentence faded when her eyes landed on me, we looked at each other for a while..

Kay: Uhm you can fill up the shelf we got the stock yesterday

I thought that after i kicked her out she was going to go back to her crack head friends, but here she is she went to Kay instead. She looked

very beautiful was wearing a long skirt, a denim tshirt that she tied into a knot to reveal her belly ring. She had unbuttoned it halfway too to expose her cleavage, her hair was neatly tied into a ponytail and she had big round earrings. She looked very beautiful that i just wanted to go up and kiss her, that brown lipstick matched her perfect lips..

Kay: Laurie..

She looked at Kay and that broke our eye contact..

Kay: you can put them here on the shelf

Laurie: Okay ill get more

She walked away..

I went back to Nhlanhla and Kay, Nhlanhla gave me a serious look..

Kay: so where were we?

Nhlanhla was soo mad i thought she was going to burst from how heavy she was breathing..

Nhlanhla: Kay what's going on?

Kay: with?

Nhlanhla: What Is that thing doing here?

Kay: thing?

Nhlanhla: crackhead!

Kay: okay the only reason why i respect you is because of that fool over there! If it wasn't for him i would've long kicked your ass but keep on pushing!

She took the broom and started sweeping..

Nhlanhla: I think we will have to discuss your future here

Kay: is this your business?

Nhlanhla: Austin's business is my Business!

Kay: Austin's business is none of your business!!

Austin she keeps on being like this im going to bounce

Nhlanhla: Then bounce!

Kay dropped the broom..

Kay: Laurie come girl we bouncing!! (yelling)

Me: Kay you overreacting

Kay: i am not over.. Laurie!!!

Laurian showed up...

Kay: Come on girl we bouncing

Laurie: Why?

Kay: Miss thang over here thinks she's all that because she's fucking Austin!

Nhlanhla: I am so not going to be ghetto with you

Kay: I am ghetto? Child please i would rather be ghetto than fake! You all up in here pimping yourself up because you know you not good enough for Austin!

Nhlanhla: ohhh my.. You know what im just gonna laugh at that because we engaged to be married!

Kay: Pshhhh bloody rebound!

Nhlanhla: rebound?

Laurie: If it's about me i will gladly leave i don't wanna cause trouble

Nhlanhla: thank you bye Felicia!

Kay: like really Nhlanhla shut up!

Laurie: ill go get my purse

She walked to the back..

Nhlanhla and Kay continued arguing, i left them there and went to the back.. Laurian was getting her things together.

Laurie: I am sorry Austin i told Kay to talk to you first but...

I closed the door and went to her, i put my hand around her waist and pulled her closer then kissed her..

We kissed for a while and somehow it felt right.. She broke the kiss but we were still very close

to each other, she wiped my lower lip with her thumb..

Laurie: don't be that guy, your Fiancé is waiting for you

I held her hand and kissed her thumb.

Me: you know i hate you and love you at the same time. A part of me just wants to fuck the living daylights out of you, but another part of me wants to snap your neck

This was very hard for the both of us but all i know is that the more i get mad at her and try to push her away the more and more i fall very hard for her..

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GESH

I promised Nokhanya that i was gonna go with her to the AA meeting, give her some moral support and as a man of my word i showed up

at her house but i was a bit early.. She wasn't around the only person that i found was her Mom..

Thuli: Gesh maGesh

Me: and how do you know that name?

Thuli: abantu bayakhuluma ngawe eLoxion
(People talk about you in the hood)

I went up to her and hugged her while kissing her on her cheek..

Thuli: you are right in time for a fruit punch it's non-alcoholic

Me: okay ill have a glass

She poured for me..

Me: thank you

Thuli: the meeting is not until at 14:00 you are early

Me: i am early accidentally on purpose

Thuli: what is it?

Me: entlek ngifun'ukuringa nawe (i wanna talk to you)

Thuli: ngani manje Gesh? (you wanna talk about what)

Me: ang'sgcwali istyle sakho sok'ringa (i don't like how you talk)

She laughed..

Thuli: With all the money Gesh you still hood

Me: Nothing will change that

Thuli: so what do you wanna talk about?

Me: i have been thinking a lot about this and..

Thuli: and?

Me: I think i wanna hitch your Daughter put her out of the game

She laughed again..

Thuli: that was funny

She saw how serious i am...

Thuli: you cannot be serious

Me: It's time Thuli

Thuli: Gesh it's bad enough that we had to accept your relationship with Nokhanya while you guys are cousins indaba yokushada hai changeke! (marriage is a no)

Me: Ahh Thuli don't say that

Thuli: You guys even share the same surname ngeke kulunge (it won't work)

Me: so what am i to do? Ngoba straight no joke ngiyay'ncanywa le Ntombazana yakho (i love your daughter)

Thuli: wena no Khanyo your relationship nje is always on and off will guys be able to handle marriage?

Me: sizobona khona (we will see)

The door opened and Nokhanya walked in, she was with Lwazi..

Thuli: you guys have a visitor

Khikhi: i thought you were gonna come later

Me: Ahhh i wanted to talk to Thuli about something

Khikhi: about what?

Me: uthanda izindaba

Thuli: Lwazi come and help with something on my phone

They walked out of the room giving me and Nokhanya some space..

Me: are you ready for the meeting?

Khikhi: Yes i am weird enough i can't wait

Me: that's good

Khikhi: i am glad you here because we have to discuss Bontle's birthday

Me: i don't even get a kiss?

Khikhi: didn't your other girlfriend give you a

kiss?

Me: ungang'kwatise (don't make me mad)

Khikhi: serious though she has to go

Me: If you move back in she will

Khikhi: you kicked me out

Me: and now i am asking you to come back

Khikhi: i am not your toy

Me: not my toy.. You are my Nomayini

She laughed..

Khikhi: Aww nomayin'.. You still like that song?

Me: very much..

I went and stood behind her with my arm gently around her neck...

Me: you know my favorite part of the song?

Khikhi: i thought the whole song was your favorite

Me: It is but there's this part that reminds me of

you

Khikhi: Which part is that?

I lowered my head and whispered in her ear..

Me: "She wants my thing-a-ling
ufun'ukuyibamba.. And it made her sing and
sing oh na na na.."

She started laughing hysterically..

Her: what am i going to do with you mara?

Me: well you can take me upstairs to your
bedroom then..

I didn't even have to finish, she got my hand off
from around her neck and held it..she basically
led me upstairs to her bedroom while swaying
her hips from side to side trying to tease me..

Me: "Awww lana ziyawa.."

Khikhi: "biza abogata.." PART 20 BAD BOYS OF
THE GAME

[01/10, 08:44] Ron: #21

NOKHANYA

Gesh couldn't go with me to the AA meeting, after the session we had in my bedroom he got a call and rushed out to go and attend to an emergency. No one was able to come with me so I went alone, and as i predicted the meeting didn't go well for me. After i shared my story those people kept on giving me weird looks which in turn made me feel ashamed, made me feel naked, and humiliated. I couldn't wait to be out of there i even left before the meeting was over...

I wasn't in the right state of mind my moods were all over and i felt very depressed. Usually when that happens i just have a couple of glasses of wine, but since i am trying to stay sober it's hard for me to deal with all these emotions and disturbing thoughts..

When i got home i called my Brother Lunga he

is the only person who understands me and doesn't judge me..

Lunga: It was your first day just give it time

Me: No Lunga you should've seen how they were staring at me i felt humiliated

Lunga: you shouldn't because they in the same position as you

Me: i don't know why everyone insists that i need help, drinking is not wrong

Lunga: Yes drinking is not wrong but drinking everyday for the wrong reasons is wrong, remember that time when you drank and took way too many pills? You scared all of us

Me: That was just one incident that never happened anymore

Lunga: But it could happen again

Me: i don't know Lunga i feel like i am suffocating i can't deal with everything in a sober state of mind

Lunga: that's why you should be attending these meetings, try going again and if a week passes still you feel the same way then you can stop deal?

Me: Okay we have a deal

Lunga: I have to go to the gym ill call you later

Me: later it is

Lunga: I love you and greet Mom for me

Me: I love you too

Lunga is very sweet and very loving, i always feel a bit better after talking to him i am very blessed to have him as a my brother..

After the call i went to the kitchen to help my Mom with dinner, from a distance i could hear her talking on the phone with Thando. She even put him on loud speaker..

Mom: She is really trying to change Thando

Thando: Change? I bet if I could buy her alcohol

now she would drink. Mom i cannot believe you allowed her back into the house

Mom: What do you want me to do? Leave my child to be homeless? Thando: when Nokhanya started dating Gesh no one said anything about the nature of their relationship. Mom they are cousins, Dad and Gesh's Father are Brothers worse their sickening relationship brought a child into this world. Basically Gesh is Lwazi's Father and uncle! you guys don't see just how much they have embarrassed this family? We are a laughing stock! elders sat back and allowed this filth to happen..

I was soo mad that i stormed in and then took my Mom's phone to end the call, i banged the phone on the kitchen counter.

Me: Are you serious Mom?? What if Lwazi walked in only to be welcomed by this kind of talk between you and your Son?

Mom: I am preparing dinner Nokhanya my

hands are full i couldn't hold the phone next to my ear

Me: I don't care!!! You should've taken 5min at least it wouldn't have killed you!

Mom: don't yell at me

Me: i will yell all i want because you impossible!!!! I am tired of you and your Son!

I walked away..

Mom: Nokhanya!..

I was very upset..

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LAURIAN

I was all smiles after the encounter i had with Austin earlier today, i don't know why but the incident put a smile on my face for the rest of the day...

Me: Okay we have The Devil wears Prada and

Something borrowed

Kay walked in with a glass of wine for herself
and a juice for me

Kay: Hmmmm tough one

Me: let's do something borrowed

Kay: i don't know hey both of them used to be
our favorite movies back in the day

Me: I...

Someone rang the bell...

Me: so late?

Kay: ill check who it is

She put the glasses down and went to get the
door...

I sat down on the carpet and drank my juice.

Kay: What the hell??

Voice: where is she?

I swear that was Nhlanhla's voice..

Kay: what are you doing here?

And it was Nhlanhla, she just threw herself into the lounge..

Nhlanhla: Stay away from my fiancé!

Kay: Excuse me this is my place

Nhlanhla: Really Kay? After everything we have done for you this is how you repay us?

Kay: We? Nhlanhla you did nothing for me!

Nhlanhla: If Austin didn't buy that Salon' you wouldn't have a job today

Kay: Nhlanhla please leave before i do something that i am going to regret!

Nhlanhla: i hope i have made myself clear then

Me: what a shame

Nhlanhla: are you saying something?

Me: am i supposed to say anything?

Nhlanhla: i don't think so continue sniffing coke

Laurian that's your life after all

Me: and you are soo threatened by this coke head that you even put my child in danger

Kay: That was very low of you Nhlanhla! Better pray that Austin doesn't find out because he is going to kill you and i mean literally kill you!

Nhlanhla: How is he going to find out? Ohhh yes you guys are going to tell him

Me: Naaa the truth always comes out he will see you for who you really are!

Kay: you have no morals whatsoever! You have an ugly soul

Nhlanhla: Please Kay insult me

Kay: i haven't even started but keep pushing

Nhlanhla: are you threatening me?

Kay: If i was threatening you i swear you would know!

Nhlanhla: I am warning you Laurian stay away

from my Fiancé! Or else..

Me: or else what?

She clicked her tongue and walked away..

Kay: Ohhh and we are soo scared of you for that last part "or else" (sarcasm)

I laughed..

You know i am not that low but since Nhlanhla is all up in my face becoming a mosquito, i am going to become a headache to her one that pain killers won't even make it go away.

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FUNI

What i do most of the time is to be in this bedroom and just think about my twins and Cowen until I cry my eyes out. I miss them soo very much and i don't think i will ever see them again should Riley kill me. It even looks like it's

becoming a bit harder for Cowen to find me..

I was laying on the bed when i heard someone calling my name, it was a different voice from Shane and the others. I ignored at first thinking that my mind is playing tricks on me but the person called out again, i got up and sat up straight..

The door opened and some white guy walked in..

Him: Funi?

I nodded..

Him: My name is Carl i am a friend of Braga's
He took off his bandanna from his wrist..

Me: Never heard of you

I don't know this guy and i don't trust him, the last thing i want is to be kidnapped again and he is wearing a different Bandanna from the skulls....

Him: we have to go before the rest of the bloods come

I didn't move an inch,he saw that i didn't trust him..

Him: should i call Braga?

Me: Yes please

He took out his phone and called Cowen..

Carl: Yes i found her.. No it's only Gina who is around but we have to move before Shane and Jamie come back..

He looked at me..

Carl: she doesn't trust me.. Ok..

He came closer and gave me the phone..

Me: Hello

Braga: That's Carl he is a friend he has come to take you home

Me: Why didn't you come?

Braga: This is not the time to be hard headed okay? Plus you are in a lot of trouble

Me: okay

I gave Carl his phone back..

Carl: Can we go?

Me: Yes

Him: i have to blind fold you

Me: Why?

Him: There's something you shouldn't see

Me: If it's a dead body i have seen one before don't worry

Him: Trust me Duvenhage is more scarier than a dead body

He came and blind folded me...

Me: how did you track me down?

Him: Your little boys are very smart

Me: The twins?

Him: Yes Braga called me and said one of them kept on saying you in a house and being a former blood member i know how they operate and i knew how to find you because i know all their secrets

Me: what are you now?

Carl: I am Carl Shaw

He held my hand..

Me: Why don't you have a gun? What kind of gangster are you that doesn't have a gun?

Carl: I don't need a gun trust me, my mind is more powerful than a gun

Me: I see

I have zero faith in this guy how is he going to protect me incase the bloods follow us? And where the hell is Shabba that Braga had to call this inexperienced none gun user to come and rescue me and where is Braga too? PART 21

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[01/10, 08:45] Ron: #22

FUNI

Mr Carl Shaw though i have despised him but he did drive me home that night and we arrived safely without being tailed. I still don't understand how he can do that without a gun, even when he was driving he was soo relaxed like nothing can touch him. Don't get me wrong Braga doesn't carry a gun always but him and his crew always have some type of weapons and then Mr Carl on the other hand he is his own crew, one man standing without a gun managed to rescue me. My own husband the leader of the skulls, Sean Cowen Mr Braga himself put my life in Carl's hands. He trusted him with my life while Carl didn't even have a gun to protect me but he got me home safe and sound..

He was amazing i won't lie, and he was very

cute too all the way as he drove me in the car we shared no words he only concentrated on the road and sang the lyrics of the song that was playing..

All i heard in the car was him singing along to the song that he kept on repeating over and over:

“See, in a perfect world, I’ll choose faith over riches.. I’ll choose work over bitches, I’ll make schools out of prison.. I’ll take all the religions and put ‘em all in one service.. Just to tell ‘em we ain’t shit, but He’s been perfect, world”

The way he was saying those words i could tell the deep meaning of them made sense only to him..

I kept on looking at his hands which were grabbing on the wheel, and i didn’t see a ring on his left finger. He is not married? Is he even dating though??

I couldn’t stop thanking him when he dropped

me off at home, he basically saved my life.....

I was a bit sad to learn from Shabba the following day that Braga had an encounter with Riley and he is at the hospital, not again! Riley didn't try to take my husband away from me again! I was very concerned as I played Xbox games that morning with the twins while Dima was sitting at the kitchen counter going through designs..

Sean: Ahhh Funi! Not again!

I put my controller down..

Me: Sean this is hard

Sade was behind me with his hands around my neck, because of him blocking me i couldn't lean back against the couch..

Sade: It's not hard Funi!

Sean: You press here Funi i told you!

Sade: You don't listen Funi

Me: i don't wanna play anymore

I got up with Sade on my back..

Me: Get down Sade

Sean: Sade come let's play

I helped him get down..

I went up to Dima while he joined Sean..

Me: thank you for bringing them so early in the morning

Dima: They missed you

She went back to what she was doing..

Me: uhm... Dima

Dima: Yes?

She said that without even looking at me..

Me: Do you know Carl Shaw?

Dima: Only saw him once when he came to see Shabba

Me: What you think of him?

She looked at me..

Dima: what you mean?

Me: I mean isn't he weird?

Dima: In what way?

Me: Apparently he is a gangster without a gun

Dima: i heard he a genius he don't need a gun
he is apparently the best in the gangster world

Me: I see

She went back to what she was doing..

Me: kind of weird that he is not married

Dima: Have never heard of him even having a
girlfriend

Me: so he is single?

Dima: probably

Me: interesting

That was very interesting..

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NOKHANYA

I was done with my Mother and Thando, i was so over them you won't even believe it. I cannot be in this house with my abusive Father dead but still be abused by my Brother who didn't even give birth to me! and my Mother it seems like she is standing with him...

That morning Lwazi and i drove back to Gesh's place, like i can't anymore. They can say whatever they wanna say about Gesh but he is my Baby daddy, he is practically my husband they accepted when he paid Lobola for me but today they acting brand new..

We got to the house and he was around with Carl they were listening to rap songs with smoke around the lounge, they were smoking weed...

They were so into it they didn't even hear me and Lwazi coming in, i told Lwazi to go to his

room. I stood at the doorway and looked at him..

Carl: Okay hear this man:

Man, these rappers so typical

I drop a smash record, All these rappers so
minuscule.. It's funny how they compare me to
niggas who've hit their pinnacle, If I don't buy
my Sister a house this year

I'm going cynical...

Gesh laughed first then gave him the blunt..

Gesh: bang, bang or buck, buck.. There's a
reason why my proverbs stay high as eagles ya
ngum'petha..

He wanted to carry on but didn't when he saw
me standing there..

Gesh: I'll be right back

He stood up and came up to me..

Him: Hey Khikhi.. Hey baby..

He put his hands around my waist and slowly

pushed me back until we made our way into the kitchen..

Him: I didn't know that you were coming what a surprise

Me: obviously i should've called seeing that you busy

He starred deep into my eyes for a while like he was searching my soul, i couldn't contain my emotional self..

Him: Who am I killing today.. Who is making my baby cry?

He wiped my tears...

Me: Thando he..

Him: Thando again??

Me: i don't know why he has to be like this

Him: i have been very patient with your Brother but now.. Sekayang'dina(he is annoying me)

Me: Lwazi and I came back i don't think i can

stay there anymore

Him: I am glad you thought of coming back home

Me: me too

He squeezed my cheek trying to make me smile..

Me: what are you doing with Carl? You want Tpee coming here and throwing tantrums and pulling death threats?

He laughed..

Gesh: Carl is my friend he has always been my friend and im gonna hang around with him whenever i want too despite what Tpee says!

Bontle walked in..

Bontle: Dad i...

She saw me..

Bontle: Never mind

Me and Bontle we haven't been seeing eye to

eye since my last incident with her..

She walked away..

Gesh looked at me..

Me: I'll go and talk to her

I walked away to her bedroom..

Me: Bo..

As soon as she saw me approaching her bedroom she banged the door..

Bontle: Go away Nokhanya!!!!

Me: i wanna talk to you

Her: Leave me alone!!! I don't wanna talk to you!

Me: Gesh!! Gesh come and talk to your daughter before i kill her!!

I tried opening the door but it was locked..

Me: You don't lock doors in my house!!!

Bontle: It's my Father's house!!

Me: Gesh!!! Gesh!!! Gesh you better come now i

am seriously getting pissed!!

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AUSTIN

I was busy on my laptop when Nhlanhla brought me breakfast..

Nhlanhla: Here we go

Me: Thank you

She smiled..

Nhlanhla: You welcome

I went back to my laptop...

Nhlanhla: What are you doing?

Me: just work things

Nhlanhla: thought you took a leave

I looked at her as she sat down, Kay had called me this morning telling me that Nhlanhla showed up at her flat last night threatening

Laurian and also confessing to setting up Laurian. Kay practically made it clear that Nhlanhla put my Son's life in danger. I know Kay and she is not the type to just accuse people, she is not that petty. I looked at her as her lips slowly moved, not Nhlanhla she wouldn't do that she knows our relationship would come to an end should she do that..

She shook my hand...

Nhlanhla: Love??

I came back to reality..

Nhlanhla: where is your mind at?

Me: Sorry im just.. It's nothing

Nhlanhla: So I was thinking we can blend both our favorite colours for the decor of the receptionist and..

Me: Did you set up Laurian?

That busted her bubble..

Her: Huh??

I remained calm, trying to prevent myself from loosing it..

Me: i love you.. You know i love you

Her: i know and i love you too

Me: your warm heart and your kindness is what i admire most about you

Her: I know

I held her hand..

Me: We have never lied to each other lets not start now

She faked a smile..

Her: I don't understand

Me: Nhlanhla if you really set up Laurian i will find out, you know i will find out..I am going to ask you again, did you set up Laurian?

She shook her head slowly...

Me: It's better i hear it from you than finding out for myself because that will make me very angry, you have never been dishonest with me don't start now

Her eyes were filled with tears, she still shook her head no..

Me: Nhlanhla be honest with me before I get pissed

She wiped her tears..

Her: I.. Kate.. She.. I didn't wanna do it Austin

Me: So you put Sid's life in danger?

Her: No.. No... Austin i.. I would never do that i swear.. I was just scared and..

I didn't know how to feel, Nhlanhla has always been a girl of class and high standards..

I stood up..

Her: Austin please i didn't mean too.. I..

I walked away and she ran up to me blocking

my way, she knelt down before me..

Nhlanhla: I didn't mean too you have to believe me

Me: get out of my way

She was crying uncontrollably..

Her: Austin please i love you don't do this to me

She got up and came close..

Her: You know i am not evil Austin please

She tried putting her hands around my neck but i held them...

I couldn't look at her, i needed to get out before i do something...

I moved her from blocking my way and headed to the door...

Her: Austin please you can't do this to me!!!..

Ohhh my word Austin please.. (Crying) PART 22
BAD BOY OF THE GAME

[01/10, 08:46] Ron: #23

AUSTIN

I drove up to my Mother's house i needed for her to look me in the eye and tell me that she was not part of the plan, she cannot be a part of that plan that put my Son's life in danger. I know that Kate hates Laurian but right now i am trying to convince myself that she is not behind this, she cannot be behind this...

I found her in the study going through some documents, she looked at me and her facial expression told me that she already knows why I was here..

Her: Nhlanhla called me

Me: so you know why i am here

Her: Austin listen what happened was.. I know you think that we put Sid's life in danger but it's not like that..

Me: So you were on it? You were in the plan?

Her: All i wanted was for you to see that Laurian is not good for you

Me: And in the process you thought using my Son was the best way to go about this?

Her: Austin she is a drug addict!

Me: She is also the Mother of my child and the woman that i love!!

Her: what??

Me: You introduced me to Nhlanhla i accepted her, i engaged her! I was going to marry her whether Laurian recovered or not!

Her: Austin we can fix this i am sure that we can think of something

Me: we cannot fix anything! I would forgive you for anything but this..

Her: we can work something out

Me: No we won't! You almost killed my Son, if it was so easy for you to do that to my blood

there's no telling what you can do to me

Her: Austin don't say that

I heard Nhlanhla calling out..

Nhlanhla: Kate!.. Kate!..

She showed up in the study after a few seconds..

Her eyes were red and swollen i could tell that she had been crying a lot..

Nhlanhla: Austin..

Just looking at her, i felt like strangling her to death..

I looked at Kate.

Me: I never wanna see you ever again

Kate: You cannot say that i am your Mother!

Me: No! You are nothing to me anymore. I have been patient with you, i have tolerated your evil heart all these years but never again!

Kate: Laurian was doing cocaine and sleeping around while pregnant with Sid! why is it that you can forgive her but cannot forgive us for this one simple mistake

Me: The difference is that Laurian would never put Sid's life in danger just to win a man's heart she has never used Sid for evil purposes

Kate: Austin..

Me: If you contact me or try any means to get close to my child i will kill you!! It won't be soo hard because you don't mean anything to me anymore

Kate: Austin please

Me: Bye Kate

I walked up to the door but stopped and looked at Nhlanhla before exiting..

Me: same goes to you! I want you out of my house today!!!

Nhlanhla: Austin please no..

Me: It's over!

I walked out leaving her crying there, i can never be with a woman that i will never trust anymore with my life or my Son's life..

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NOKHANYA

I was about to start preparing dinner and i noticed that the trash had to be taken out, i went to look for Lwazi in his room but he wasn't there and i only noticed after a while that he was in the lounge watching TV with Naledi. I stood at the door way and looked at them before interrupting, they were watching trace and a song was playing that Naledi was singing too then Lwazi changed the channel.

Naledi: what did you do that for?

Lwazi: i don't like the song and you singing to it annoys me more

Naledi: you don't have to be rude

He kept quiet..

Naledi: I don't know why you don't like me i mean most guys in my school like me! Like Hello my Father is Tpee

Lwazi: and my Father is Gesh so i what's your point?

I cleared my throat before this could potentially turn into a big fight..

Me: Come help take out the trash

He got up and we went to the kitchen..

Me: So what's happening between you and Naledi?

Him: Nothing

Me: I think she likes you

Him: I know

Me: You don't like her?

Him: no

Me: Why? she seems like a nice girl

Him: she likes bragging a lot and think that she's better than anyone else she throws herself at me and it's irritating, she even comes when i am with my friends

Me: Well that won't change, her Father is Tpee after all

He chuckled..

He took the trash and went out..

Naledi walked in..

Her: Aunty Nokhanya

Me: Yes sweetie?

Her: can i ask you something?

Me: Yes of course

Her: Why doesn't Lwazi like me?

I didn't know how to respond to her... Me: you

like him?

Her: Yes

Me: Well sometimes the guys we like are jerks

She laughed..

Me: you cannot force Lwazi to like you if he doesn't, forcing him to like you he will never treat you with respect when you guys are dating. Naledi you only 14 why not start dating when you are 16 by then you will be mature enough and maybe just maybe Lwazi would like you by then, and if he doesn't then he would be a jerk! but all in all there's a guy that will like you and would wanna date you. You way to beautiful to throw yourself at boys honey let them approach you don't approach them

Her: Thank you very much Aunty Nokhanya i wish my Mother would've told me that

Me: She doesn't?

Her: No

Lwazi came back in..

Naledi gave him a weird and then went..

Lwazi: And now?

Me: Maybe she's over you hey

Him: Really?

Me: Yeap

Him: Awkward

I cannot believe Kresi doesn't talk to Naledi about such things, it's not right for a girl to throw herself to a guy he will take advantage especially someone so young like Naledi...

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FUNI

Dima babysat the twins for me while i went to see Cowen at the hospital that night, he was coming back home tomorrow but i needed to see him I've missed him. Driving to the hospital

i had a lot to think about in the car, i thought about how blessed i was to have him in my life i mean he has been here since from day one. He has saved me from Zuko if it wasn't for him i wouldn't be here today, even when i cheated on him with his enemy of a brother he was still here for me. What more should i ask for???

Cowen would travel to the ends of the earth to save my life and wouldn't ask for anything in return but my love..

I got to the hospital and went to the reception to enquire, they told me which ward he was in and i headed there. I just needed to be in his arms....

I got in and he was laying back on the bed watching tv, he didn't even see me standing there at the door..

Me: Cowen

He turned and looked at me..

Him: Funi

I dropped my bag and keys then rushed to him, i hugged him tightly i didn't wanna let go.

Me: I am so sorry Cowen i would never do that again..

Him: You have no idea how much i wanna kill you right now

He broke the hug and wiped my tears while kissing me..

Him: Never ever do that again what would me and the twins do without you?

Me: I am really sorry

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

Him: I am glad you Safe

Me: i am glad too

I hugged him again, i was soo relieved to be in his arms again.. PART 23 BAD BOYS OF THE

GAME

[01/10, 08:47] Ron: #24

NOKHANYA

Gesh came back home very late at night and this morning he had a terrible hangover, he was at the kitchen drinking tonic water when i walked in. He looked like shit...

Me: looks like someone will have to join me for today

Him: join you where?

Me: AA meeting

Him: that's funny

Me: you stayed out pretty late last night

Him: thanks to Tpee and Carl

Me: Tpee?

Him: Yeah we kissed and made up figuratively

Me: “figuratively” when did you learn such a word?

Him: I maybe be hood Khikhi but i went to school

Me: And it shows

Him: don't fuck with me please

I laughed...

Me: anyway im thinking of going back to school

He coughed..

Me: I am serious i wanna study clinical psychology

Him: i don't know what to say

Me: I cannot be a housewife forever

Him: are you going to finish this time around?

Me: Yes i have too there's no time for games anymore

Him: you attending AA meetings now you
wanna go back to school i am proud of you

Me: Thank you although the AA meetings they
not what i had expected

Him: meaning?

Me: when i started talking everyone gave me
weird looks probably judging me like look at this
alcoholic

Him: That's what you think they were thinking?

Me: Yes what else could they be thinking about
they were obviously judging me with their looks

Him: Maybe they had a different thinking what if
they were thinking that your alcoholic problem
was not deep as theirs?

Me: you think so?

Him: it could be possible

Me: I never thought of it that way

Him: Sometimes people are not thinking what

you think they thinking of you, your perception and theirs is different

Me: you could be right

Him: I am right

Me: want something to eat?

Him: no i am fine

Me: okay ill make something for myself

Him: again what did Thando do?

Me: Thando is being Thando as always

Him: Maybe it's time i have a word with him

Me: No just leave him

Him: are you sure?

Me: Yes

I have spent years giving in to my Brother hurting me, the more he hurt me the more and more i shielded the pain and in the long run it destroyed me but most of all it hurt those that i

love. When my world was crumbling and i started resorting to alcohol, his stayed the same. You must always remember one thing in life, that sometimes those who hurt you they move on with their lives as time goes. Their lives will never stop just because of you so why does yours have to stop?

Pain is something heavy to carry, both for the heart, mind, and the soul. Find better strategies to cope with what's hurting you than to destroy yourself with something else. Alcohol should never be used to make your pain go away, drugs should never be used to numb your pain, always face your pain sober minded to show your strength and that you can come out of it alive. I am glad this happened, i am glad i went through such experiences though it was hard but they hold great lessons. The only mistakes i regret are the ones that i couldn't learn from, and from hereon i am picking up the pieces of my life and try to mend what was broken. I hope you have

learned something from me and my bad boy,
my Nomayini of the game...

*****NO kaGESH*****

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FUNI

Shabba was the one who went to fetch Cowen from the hospital that morning, i couldn't go and get him because i had to take the twins to preschool. I was glad to see him and i was glad to have him back at home safe and sound, i cannot begin to imagine how my life would've been like without him. What if this whole thing went wrong and he died in the process? I might not be the smartest person on earth but everything i do i do it for my family..

We were sitting on the couch and watching tv, we were playing the video of when i gave birth to the twins and the adorable moments

captured of them from birth to the age of 5...

Me: Look at how cute they were

Him: they weren't so much of a handful back then, why did they have to grow up

Me: I am glad that they growing up soon they be turning 6 years old

Him: carrying two souls must've been very difficult

Me: it was i even have a scar to show it

Him: at least the scar holds better memories that the one that..

I looked down..

Him: I am sorry i didn't mean too...

Me: It's fine if Zuko didn't do that i wouldn't have Sean and Sade today

Him: i guess so

Me: I wonder how our baby would've been like had Zuko not...

Him: let's flush away all those painful memories you have two little rascals now that always drive you mad

Me: Ohhhh don't even mention it especially Sean "Funi i told you how to play, why don't you listen"

Him: Do you ever think that they will call me Dad one day?

I laughed..

Me: Not in this life time Funi's husband!

He pulled me closer and kissed me...

Cowen and i we have been through a lot, he was the same guy who saved me from my crazy psycho ex boyfriend and my in laws. He is the guy who loved me and gave me the world and i would never exchange him for anything. He is very patient with me, he understands me, and no matter how much i mess up he never gives up on me. I wish that we stay together and

watch our twins grow up to be like him. I hope you have enjoyed my story with my bad boy.

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LAURIAN

Austin had called and asked to take me out for breakfast, he sounded pretty down on the phone and I was worried i won't lie. He came at the Salon' later on to pick me up and then we went to my favorite restaurant, his mind was very far away no matter how much i tried to make a conversation...

Me: for someone who asked me out, you are seriously not good company

Him: I am sorry just doing a bit of thinking

Me: what's wrong?

Him: Nhlanhla confessed to setting you up

Me: she did?

Him: Yes with the help of Kate

I knew Kate hated me with passion, i just never thought he hated me that much as to put his Grandson's life in danger..

Me: I am sorry Austin

Him: I should've known and i should've believed you.. I am sorry

Me: It's fine i understand

Him: i threw her out

Me: she is gone?

Him: Yes left yesterday

Me: I am truly sorry

Him: I thought that maybe by marrying Nhlanhla Kate would change but instead she got worse and worse..

Me: Kate has always hated me

Him: I didn't think this much.. I swear if i see her again

Me: She is still your Mother

Him: I don't think so anymore I am my own family from now on

Me: Don't be like that you not alone, you have me and you have Sid

I held his hand, he smiled..

Him: any chance that we would do more of this dates?

Me: I think so

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

Sometimes we despise the power of love, but love is very powerful. True love is very powerful. I never thought that one day i would have this chance again to be with Austin, i never thought for once that he would ever forgive me. Here we

are today, love has given us another shot..
Never despise the power of love, it gave me
another chance with my bad boy. I hope this
time around we will have a better story to tell,
from now on i am determined to create new and
better memories for me and the two most
important boys in my life.

*****LAUSTIN*****

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