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Prologue

“My life has been empty ever since you left, all the memories we shared together are the only reason why I am still alive today. I wish you told me that the world can be cold, i wish you warned me before your departure that I will find myself alone. I sleep with tears in my eyes and I wake up with tears, I see no reason to live anymore because each day brings about something to break me. What did I do to the world that it decided to show me the evil part of it? I don't know what happiness is, smiling and laughing have become hard to reach. Although i am living but i am dead inside, please come back, at least take me with you. On several occasions i find myself with a robe so that I can end this misery, they say the dead can watch over you but i don't think you are watching over me. With all the pain i carry inside i don't even think that God sees, i don't even think he cares. Please come back and take me with you Dad”..

I found my little sister reading my diary..

Me: Nkati what are you doing?

She freaked out that she dropped my diary, i went over to pick it up.

Her: Sorry Amanda i was..

Me: I told you never to touch my things!

Her: I am sorry

She walked out, i sat down and read the diary until tears fell..

Once upon a time life was good for me but now life has shown me nothing but storms. My name is Amanda and I am 23 years of age. I live in Polokwane with my Mother

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my step father and my Little Sister Nkateko, i moved down here from Gauteng after my Paternal Grandmother died when i was 16. There wasn't anyone to look after me and the rest of the family sold the house so i was forced to move here since i had no one. I grew up in Gauteng with my Father and his Mother, my parents divorced when i was young and my Father said i should stay with him than to leave with my Mother. Ever since they divorced my Mother and i never had a relationship she married a rich Tsonga man from Polokwane and they had a child together her name is Nkateko and she just turned 18. I have an older Brother he is married and lives in Mpumalanga we only communicate telephonically because he is always busy. From my Father it's just me and my Brother from my Mother it's the 3 of us, me, my brother, and my half sister Nkateko. My Father passed on first when i was 9 and then my Grandmother passed on when I was 16 then i had no choice but to move down to Polokwane, to live with my Mother, her husband, and Nkateko. My mother hates me when i got here i lived with them as a maid, her husband doesn't even know about me he only knows that i am a maid only Nkateko knows the truth. My

Mother mistreats me a lot i sleep in the garage, she insults me, beats me and hit me with hurtful words on a daily basis. Her husband knows how i am being treated but he doesn't say anything because my Mother runs the whole household. I heard rumors that she gave him a "Love potion" i am starting to believe it's true because she consults witch doctors a lot that one of them told her that i am after my step father which made her to hate me more. Since i moved here until now I don't know what happiness is, i am not allowed to sit at the table and eat with them she literally bought me a dish one that you would use for your dog and i am fed food that is spoiled, if the food is not spoiled i eat left overs. I wasn't taken to school since i moved here, my Sister is the one who has been teaching me English and mathematics i only have grade 9 that's what I was doing back in Gauteng before i moved here. I wear clothes that Nkateko doesn't want anymore i don't even get paid for being a maid..

My story is not one for the faint hearted, my name is Amanda and these are the Depths of my despair.

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AMANDA My Monday mornings aren't that much interesting they just all about cleaning. We live in a double story house, which is in a gated community and trust me it's very tiring for me to clean it all alone without any help but i have been doing this for approximately 7 years so I have learned to get used to it even though i don't like it. I have made friends with a couple of other maids around here one of them being Mama Rosetta but we call her "Toto" because she is older than us, she is in her late 50s. Toto has been a big influence in my life, she motivates me and always forces me to look at life in a different way despite what i am going through currently. She is a Christian, has been one for almost 30 years during our lunch breaks we mostly read the Bible and then discuss the verses ending our meeting with praying. She works at the house next door for some white old couple, they love her to pieces and they take her as family now. I woke up at 5am, luckily for me it's summer now so it's not really that dark outside anymore. I knelt down and thanked the Lord for protecting me and keeping me safe to see another day, was i believing in what I was saying? No but it's more like a routine for me something i have been subjected too ever since I moved down there. After praying i took my small basin to get water from the tap outside and then i went back into the garage to bath. My mother hasn't bought me any toiletries as yet so i was using a bit of our sunlight liquid to

bath. I have long dreadlocks, i am thankful that they were never cut or else were would i have gotten money to do my hair? I used the toilet spray as a deodorant one that i stole from the house and i didn't worry about a lotion since i didn't have one. I poured the water out into the flowers and i went inside the house to prepare breakfast for my Mother and Nkati. My step father Wonder wasn't around he had gone on a business trip and was only coming back after a few weeks. My Mother is not doing anything, she is a housewife a rich house wife from all the money that she gets from Wonder.. She was the first one to walk into the kitchen that morning, i am not even allowed to call her Mom i have to call her "Mrs Rikhotso". She was wearing brown silk pajamas and matching sleepers, they must be new because i have never seen them before.. Me: Good morning Mrs Rikhotso She only nodded and went to open the fridge. Every Monday their breakfast is scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausages. Then after they eat a fruit salad mixed with Yogurt. Her: Amanda! My heart always skips a beat when she yells my name.. Me: Ma? She gave me a death stare.. Me: I meant Mrs Rikhotso Her: The milk has expired I walked up to her.. Me: I didn't realize that She handed it to me.. Me: I will throw it out Her: Did you fall and bump your head somewhere? Me: No Her: You haven't had breakfast She pointed at the kitchen counter.. Her: There's cornflakes Me: Yes Mam' I walked over to get the cornflakes so i can eat with the expired milk.. Her: What is that

awful smell? I didn't say anything.. Her: Smells like a toilet
fresher I still didn't say anything.. Her: Do you have something
to say? Me: I don't have a deodorant Her: You are disgusting!
You going to make me vomit! Go and wash yourself before
handling my food! I didn't argue with her i just walked out and
left her to talk behind my back.. . . NDALO We have heard of
the most disrespect phrase that most women "whore" their
way to the top, that meaning they sleep with their bosses some
sleep with teachers/lecturers to stay at the top, or get their
way to achieving something and so far we have never heard of
a man "whoring" his way to the top and let me tell you i am one
of them. I grew up under harsh conditions with my Mother
being the only sole provider for me and my siblings. I watched
my Mother break her back for me and my two siblings to at
least put food on the table for us

and i promised her that one day i will take my family out of
poverty. Despite the conditions at home living in an RDP house
sometimes not having anything to eat when my Mother
couldn't get a piece job i worked hard at school and i passed my
Matric with flying colours i got 4 distinctions, which the
following year i enrolled at tertiary. I always was fascinating
with programming i went to study it and I became a software
developer. That December i got a job at a franchise and I
managed to cover money for registration and i was sure that I
would get a bursary but unfortunately I didn't no company was

willing to come through for me, they mostly came through for students who were studying electrical engineering, Mechanical engineering and so forth. I basically went to varsity without any funding. I was lucky to get a part time job but the money i made wasn't enough to cover my fees, i was only able to pay rent in a little room that i rented and buy myself food. 6 months down the line in my first year i met a girl her name is Siena Russo originally from Italy and i learned later on that her family is rich, her Father is a multimillionaire business man who ran a successful networking company, Siena was studying Fashion design by then. I knew that if i held on to Siena i would go far, i actually used her to get to the top. Siena had a low self esteem and was suffering from depression because she wasn't happy with her body and how she looked, so i stuck with her and we dated. Her Father accepted me and from thereon he paid for my fees which later on after graduation he made me a CEO of his company, the company is really not different from what Mark Zuckerberg is doing, not different from Microsoft, Apple, and Google. Today Siena and i we are engaged to be married in a few months time and her father bought us a big ass house. My Mother loves Siena with all her heart because of what her Father has done for me, i went on to buy my Mother a house and put my siblings in a private school. You might read that and think i am lucky no i am not, i Love Siena but i am not in love with her and I have been abused in my relationship.

Siena is difficult to deal with, she is very insecure and when she couldn't handle her depression she resulted into drugs and alcohol instead of sticking to her therapy sessions. The reason why i haven't left her, the reason why i put up with all her shit is because if i leave her i will lose it all and her father being a very influential person he will make sure that i don't get hired anywhere that will take a toll on my Mother who has tried her very best to see me successful.

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NDALO I was from my morning jog as always, i like running around in the neighborhood every morning it's my way of releasing stress and clear my mind from anything that is bothering me. The house was quiet as i walked upstairs to the bedroom, it's always quiet since it's only me and Siena. The bed was empty and it wasn't made up, i checked the time it was 06:30. I put my phone on the bed and i heard sobs coming from the bathroom, i made my way there and knocked twice before opening. Siena was sitting on the floor with half of her upper body resting on the toilet seat she was crying and holding what looked like a stick, i am familiar with what she was holding because we go through this almost every week if not every month. Siena is obsessed with having a baby with me, in her own delusional mind she is very adamant that a baby will tame me because i broke her trust a few years ago by cheating. It wasn't my first time cheating just that i happened to get caught and let me tell you it wasn't sweet.. Me: Siena She ignored me while wiping her tears. I sat down next to her and kept quiet, waiting for her to collect herself i hate it when she's like this. Her: I am not pregnant Me: I am sorry Her: Are you? Me: Excuse me? Her: I know you wanna celebrate, i know that you are happy Me: Not really but if that's what you think then it's fine, i am not going to argue with you I got up from the floor and walked out of the bathroom, i didn't know that she was

following me until i heard her talking behind me.. Her: I'm sorry
Me: It's fine Her: Just that i am very frustrated I turned and
looked at her she was only in her bra that matched her lace
underwear.. Me: It's my day off today i thought we could spend
some time together Her: I suppose Me: I'll go and shower I
walked back to the bathroom and got a towel, i felt her arms
wrapping around my waist.. Her: Maybe we can take a shower
together She kissed my back and lowered them down to my
sweat pants.. Me: That's a good idea I turned around and faced
her, she is a bit short so she stood on her tipy toes to wrap her
arms around my neck.. Her: I still don't know how you are able
to carry me Me: Your weight doesn't intimidate me At least
that brightened her face.. Her: Let's go and shower then I
picked her up but put her down immediately when i heard my
phone ringing.. Her: I thought you said it's your day off? Me: It
is.. Probably that's my Mother I let go of her and went to get
my phone, it was my Assistant Bethany video calling me.. Me:
Bethany Her: Mr Khosa.. I hope i am not disturbing Me: Not
really what can i do for you? I sat on the bed.. Her: I know it's
your day off but I need you to sign some documents Me: Can't
you have them sent over? Her: I wish but they are confidential I
sighed.. Me: I'll come over Her: Thank you and sorry for
disturbing you on your day off Me: It's okay The video call
ended and Siena was standing by the bathroom door with her
arms folded... Her: Who was that? Me: Bethany my Assistant

Her: I don't know her Me: She started a week ago She walked over to me and snatched my phone from my hands, i let her be.. Her: You changed your pattern? Me: Yes! You need to trust me Her: Trust you? Remember i trusted you once and you broke that trust? Me: Here we go I got up from the bed and walked to the bathroom

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she followed me and started pushing me.. Her: You are a dog! I shut the door in her face.. Her: You can be the CEO but it's my Dad's company, i am going to have him fire your ass so you can go back on the streets! I ignored her and she started banging on the door.. Her: Ndalo open this damn door!! Ndalo!!!.. Daddy is going to know about this!! . . AMANDA "I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life" I repeated those words with my eyes closed but that couldn't stop the tears from falling.. Me: "I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life" Psalms 23 verse 6. It's a verse that Toto made me to fall in love with the last time i visited her church and her Pastor was preaching about it, It's a verse that's very known but holds a deep message. My heart has grown cold into believing all the words that are written in the Bible, how can God make such deep promises but fail to keep them? Nothing of what he says here has had any impact in changing my situation. I have been hurt to a point were i am very

confused into knowing what is real and what is not, right now i can gladly say God is selling me false dreams and hope.. I closed the Bible and put it away, i glanced down at my silver doggy dish that had cornflakes and water i didn't really pour the spoiled milk. I ate maybe three spoons and i didn't feel like eating anymore so i stood up and took the bottle of milk to throw it away in the dumpster. I can't really throw it away in the trash bin my Mother might go through it she is that evil. In her words and i quote she would say "Why should we throw food away while we have a dog in the garage" that's what i am to her, that's how she sees me the only thing left for her to do is tie a leash around my neck. I stopped finding reasons on why she hates me because then i would be causing myself an aching headache.. I heard a familiar voice calling out my name as I was walking back to the house, i turned and it was Toto. I waited for her to catch up with me she was already breathing heavily when she got to me.. Her: Good morning child Me: Toto I held her bag for her.. Her: You are such a sweet soul Amanda Me: Your knee still giving you a problem? I allowed her to put her hand on my shoulder so she can put all her weight on me as her knee was giving up on her.. Her: Yes but since you massage me it's getting better Me: I don't think so We took a long slow walk to our destination as always she started a song: "Kukhona iculo enhlizwen' ngoba kusho izwi lakhe; ungesabi nginawe njalo.. Endleleni yonke yakho" (There's a song in my heart because his

word says; don't be afraid i am with you always) There's something about singing that can really tore deep inside your heart, i quickly wiped my tears before she could notice that i was crying.. Me: And we have arrived She stopped and looked at me.. Her: Ohhh Amanda what will i ever do without you? I smiled.. Her: wait.. Give me my bag I handed it to her, to my surprise she took out a R100 note.. Her: Buy yourself something nice Me: Toto you don't have too Her: You help me a lot Me: Yes but i don't do it so that you can pay me Her: I am not paying you i am just thanking you.. Come on take it Me: Thank you I bowed as i took it.. Her: May God bless you child just because of your good heart Me: Thank you I bid her farewell and she told me to come during lunch time. I was happy to have that R100 note, at least i can buy even a cheap deodorant and bread.. I quickly poured water in the small basin to bath again, i also put a bit of sunlight liquid.. I was busy bathing when my Mother walked into the garage, i was literally inside the small basin naked. Her heels made a sound as she went to unlock the car, she cannot be serious right now.. Her lights blinded me a little, the garage door opened. The garage is facing the street and right now my privacy was invaded because anyone passing will be able to see me naked as soon as her car goes out, it's a distance to get to my clothes..

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AMANDA since my Mother wasn't around i used the dishwasher to wash dishes, i was standing next to it while drinking five roses tea with no milk and humming my favourite gospel song. I was thinking about what happened earlier this morning, bathing while my privacy was invaded. We have a huge double door garage that is occupied by cars. Nkati's car, my Mother's car and Wonder's car, but Wonder's car wasn't there since he was not around. In that garage i just occupy a very small space just in front of my Mother's Jeep cherokee, that has been my room for as long as i could remember.. Someone freaked me out a little when they tapped me on my shoulder only to find it's my Sister.. Nkati: Morning Me: Morning She leaned on the dishwasher.. Her: How are you? Me: Good and you? Her: I am well Me: Have you had something to eat? Her: Don't do that.. I can make my own food I slightly smiled at her while sipping on my tea.. Her: I am sorry for invading your privacy by reading your diary i didn't mean to pry Me: It's okay Her: You speak highly of your Father I don't like speaking about my father or my Grandmother for that matter, their deaths are painful experiences that i haven't accepted yet, neither dealt with.. Me: He was a good man Her: I can tell I nodded.. Her: I have something for you Me: What is it? She walked away and then came back with a small basket full of toiletries.. Me: Ohh my they look so expensive Her: I got them

from Avon but the facial products and sanitary pads i got them from clicks I went through the basket it was a body lotion, perfume, deodorant, earrings, facial products, you name it and it was there.. Me: It must've cost you a fortune Her: for you anything Me: Thank you Her: Come on sit down let me serve you Me: Nkati Her: before the witch comes back I laughed.. Her: Come and sit my customer She pulled the high chair for me.. I went and sat down, she got a dish cloth and hung it over her shoulder.. Her: So what would you like to have? Me: I don't know Her: Pretend you are in a restaurant Me: a restaurant? She frowned.. Me: Well my Dad used to take me out to KFC or Chicken lickin' Her: Pretend you there Me: do you have chicken? Her: It's flipping in the morning! I laughed again.. Me: Okay then serve me whatever you have Her: Very well She went to the fridge and opened it.. Her: lettuce, baby tomatoes, cheese

Ham.. She looked at me.. Her: you in luck Me: lucky me She took her time in that fridge only to realize after a few seconds that she was tearing up.. Me: Nkati.. Her: I am okay.. I am okay Me: You don't sound okay (Silence) Her: I love you Amanda with all my heart Me: I love you too Her: In your diary you write a lot about committing suicide Me: Nkati.. Her: I know you going through a lot but there's people who love you, people who would be affected by your death Me: Sorry Her: If you wanna die it's fine.. I just don't understand why you would

commit suicide because of Mom, because of another human being! She slammed the door fridge.. Me: I guess I am not getting that breakfast after all She threw the dish cloth across the room and walked away. I understand that Nkati is my sister and she cares, but only If she could understand the depths of my pain. . . NDALO I walked up to him he was sitting at the table next to the pool, he had a big umbrella providing shade for him. He stood up as i approached him.. Him: Ndalo!! He opened his arms, i went and hugged him.. Me: Nicco Nicco Russo is my Father in law, he is not that much different from any rich man. He wears suits, he is short, hair nicely combed to the back leaving that bald part in the middle. A big gold ring on his little finger and that rich look on his face.. Him: Sono contento che potresti farlo (glad you could make it) Me: Anche a me (me too) I have learned a bit of Italian over the years.. Him: i am having Gremolata Butter with spicy cherry tomatoes Me: Your favourite We both sat down.. Her: Wonderful day it is huh? Me: Indeed I poured the orange juice.. Him: Siena called me Me: i realized that Him: What's happening with my Pum pum? Me: She doesn't like my new assistant Him: Ahhh!! Who the new assistant is it? Nicco's English is still a bit crippled for someone who has lived here in South Africa for a long time i expected him to be a bit fluent.. Me: Nicco you know Siena He stabbed the bun with a knife as a form of intimidation.. Him: Siena is a very special girl He leaned back on his chair while

rubbing the tips of his fingers in a very intimidating way.. Me: I know and i love her He didn't say anything he just looked at me, searching my soul until we were disturbed by his right hand man Jericho.. Jericho: Boss Nicco: Che cos'è? (what is it) Jericho leaned over and whispered to him.. Nicco: feed him to my pitbulls Jericho: Yes Sir He walked away.. Nicco raised his whiskey glass.. Him: something to celebrate He gulped it down.. Not far from where we were seated i saw a man being fed to the two pitbulls, Nicco laughed as the poor soul screamed.. . . SIENA I was wearing a vintage red&black cocktail dress with heels, my red lipstick brightened my face. My huge bun gave me that seductive look.. I was in my Father's company i had just did cocaine in the toilet, i looked at myself in the mirror as my mind wondered around. I looked up with my eyes closed while biting my lower lip as i felt everything moving slow, after having that fulfilling moment i wiped my nose took my small red clutch bag and walked out. I passed the main reception.. Reception: Ms Russo Me: make sure security follows me I went to the elevator.. Her: Yes Mam' I walked in as it opened and pressed the 3rd floor. I looked up and took a deep breath.. The elevator opened on the 3rd floor and i walked out, the green Android robot greeted me.. Robot: Good morning and welcome to the Russo... Me: Whatever!!! Robot: You are now in the CEO's office.. Good luck I walked over and I saw that brunette sitting at the table with her cleavage out, she was on the phone.. Her:

Yes Sir.. 14:00 tomorrow.. I threw my bag on her table.. Her: I will surely do so.. Have a good day.. Bye She put the phone down.. She stood up.. Her: Ms Russo such an honour to meet you Me: You fired! She smiled a little.. Her: I don't understand Me: Okay.. Understand this! I went over to her and pulled her by her hair that she fell from her chair.. Me: You fired bitch! I dragged her across the floor while her short skirt was lifted up exposing her underwear, i stopped and started slapping her repeatedly on her face.. Me: I will not let another bitch open her legs wide on my Fiancé's desk you hear me? I screamed next to her ear.. Me: You hear me???

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SIENA I was sitting at the assistant's station looking at my Father and Ndalo arguing, from Ndalo's body language i could tell that he was furious they were in his office. I only got to realize the damage i had done when security got me off her, by then not only did i use my hands but I ended up hitting her with a Stabler and the chair that caused her a concussion. I was sitting there all trembling i might just go to jail, what really got to me?? Ndalo came out of the office he didn't even look at me he just walked straight to the elevator, it's best i leave him to calm down because confronting him will only make things worse.. Daddy came out and walked up to me.. Me: He is leaving me ain't he? Him: He is not happy, and i am not happy too I covered my face with my hands.. Him: Pum pum what happened to attending therapy? Me: I feel like it doesn't work I wiped my face as tears fell.. Him: This is going to be a big scandal "Siena Russo the Fiancé of Ndalo Khosa who is the CEO of the Multimillion rand company (The Russo Intel) charged with Assault" Me: I am going to jail? Him: I am going to try to buy her out from laying charges against you but if she persist then i won't be able to protect you unfortunately Pum pum the police are not on my payroll Me: Daddy i cannot go to jail Him: Ndalo says you act insecure I didn't say anything.. Him: Pum pum he loves you and you marrying him not these skinny girls I chuckled.. Him: Come on you two come far from varsity Me: I

just cannot shake the feeling that he might cheat again or leave me because i am crazy Him: You not crazy you just went to depression when Mom passed on and then you gained weight and struggled with bullying but hey you survived it now you look great Me: I am still fat Daddy Him: You not fat.. Look go shop i will handle this Me: Promise? Him: I promise I stood up and went to hug him.. Me: I love you Daddy Him: I love you too Me: Is Rhonda home? Rhonda is a woman who married my Dad not so long ago she is 30 years younger than my Dad but me and her get along very well and i like her. She has style, likes expensive and beautiful things. She loves the lavish life so me and her click very well and mostly because she also does cocaine, actually she is the one who introduced me to it also clubbing and drinking with her friends.. Dad: Yes she is! go get her and go use my money, make yourself happy Being the only child has it's rewards there's nothing that my Father wouldn't do for me, though he would be very disappointed to learn that I am back on drugs.. . . AMANDA When Nkati was feeling better she suggested that we go out. Since she got me toiletries i took a bath again and used them

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i was smelling better than how I have been smelling the whole morning. I even put a bit of mascara and she did my eyebrows. I was wearing a skinny jean, a tshirt, and sneakers. I am a big girl

so Nkati's jeans are a bit small that i don't button them but i am lucky that the tshirts are long enough to cover that part. The only thing that fits perfectly are her shoes because we wear the same size.. Her: I like the gold things makes your locks look dope Me: Thank you i always use them ever since you bought them for me on my birthday She smiled.. I looked around... Me: This restaurant seems expensive Her: don't worry i can afford Apart from her monthly allowance she also gets money from her boyfriend.. Me: It's nice dating a financial stable guy Her: It is...You must get yourself one Me: Then i can finally move out from your Mom's house (laughing) Her: You laugh about it but it might just work Me: I am not gonna depend on a guy what if he turns on me or abuses me where will i go? Her: Ya you right.. You know what? we will get you a job Me: Nkati i have grade 9 you can't even get a job with matric these days Her: We will think of something Me: speaking of school aren't you nervous that matric results are coming out soon? Her: don't remind me Me: but i am sure you did great Her: I hope so (Silence) I saw her eyes widening.. Me: What? Her: Ohh my God!! you won't believe this Me: What? I tried to turn around but she held my hand.. Her: don't look!! Me: Why? Her: Ndalo Khosa is sitting at the table behind you Me: Ndalo? Her: CEO of Russo Intel? I was confused.. Her: Richest and handsome young CEO? Me: Uhmm.. Her: Gosh! You have to know people I slowly turned and i saw some guy sitting at the table behind us, he was glued

to his big phone.. Her: I said don't look! Me: He is not starring at us plus i wanna see this "Handsome" you talking about He seemed to be minding his own business, i fully turned my upper body and looked at him.. Her: Mandy stop! Me: He is concentrating on his phone! He is not seeing us Her: Aii maan!! I looked at him up until i saw a waitress walking to him with a takeaway that's when he took his eyes off the phone and looked at her, Nkati wasn't lying this guy was fire. I couldn't stop starring at him, it's like the whole room went quiet i didn't even hear anyone saying anything. He took out his card and gave it to the waitress then the waitress walked away leaving the food on the table, before his eyes went back to his phone he looked around and then they landed on me looking at him. We looked at each other for a few seconds until i turned back.. Nkati: What the hack is wrong with you? I felt my cheeks burning, my hands were sweating and my heart was racing.. Me: Let's go somewhere else Her: What? Me: I don't feel good Her: Control yourself Me: Is he still looking? Her: I don't know I started tapping the table nervously.. Nkati: He is standing up Me: He is coming here? She looked down and lowered her cap.. Me: Nkati is he coming here? Her: I don't know i am not looking! I heard someone clearing their throat behind me, my heart was beating so fast i thought it was going to beat out of my chest. I have never felt like this while looking at a guy before..

SIENA Rhonda and i decided to go for a full body massage at Laguna spa then after we gonna go for a bit of shopping, lunch, and then drinks. While we were at the Spa we decided to hit a bump(Cocaine) in the rest room just to kick start our day. I felt a bit relaxed after we did that especially after what happened today.. Rhonda: So i heard about your little incident with Ndalo's assistant today Daddy called and told me I sighed.. Me: Thinking about it now i went a bit overboard Her: What really happened? Me: I just wish that he told me he had a perfect body brunette being personal with him She laughed.. Me: I am dramatic but sometimes i get tired of all this drama Her: I still think that creation should've told you about her especially after what happened Me: I hate living like this waiting for him to cheat sometimes i can see it in his eyes that he is tired of me Her: Don't say that Me: Do you know how difficult it is to walk in the room naked i feel like he is disgusted with my body it's even hard to find the perfect lingerie Her: Creation would be a fool to let you go he has a lot to lose, he was nothing when you guys started dating Nicco made him who he is today Me: Well all I know is that i will be going home to a Fiancé who is going to give me a silent treatment for days after what happened today Her: Just give him some pussy no man can deny that I laid back and relaxed with my eyes closed.. . . AMANDA I was relieved and a bit disappointed to see that it was the waitress who

cleared her throat, she looked at us with a smile on her face..
Her: Are you ladies ready to order? Nkati: Yes we are I looked around and i saw Mr CEO at the counter he was given his black card back and he walked to the exit holding the takeaways. Something about him was just so graceful, there way he walked it was like he owned the room. He didn't look at us, he just walked straight out... Nkati: Earth to Mandy!! I looked at them..
Me: Huh? What? Waitress: Are you ready to order? Me: Uh... Uhm.. Nkati: Just give her a cheese burger and a chocolate milkshake The waitress wrote that down and walked away..
Nkati: So my boyfriend thinks that we should go away for the weekend Me: That's nice Nkati: I don't know Cape Town seems a bit too familiar.. I looked at her as she was talking but my mind was far away still caught up around Mr man. Guys like him come with a very bad reputation they probably have more than just one girlfriend, or they always go for the perfect model type. The only thing i could do is to just day dream about what could be perfect because i know such a guy would never fall for me.. . . NDALO I drove straight to the office when I got a call from the main receptionist that my Mother is around, i was actually thinking of going to see her with all the drama that Siena created today. There more she acts like this

the more she drives me away. I was hoping for a simple respectful woman, one that will support me and stand by me. A woman who won't be easily intimidated by other women, a

woman that won't doubt my love for her and who will trust me despite my past mistakes. While I was driving to the office I kept on thinking about the girl I saw at the restaurant, she has a beautiful round face, perfectly small thick lips, perfect skin tone and intoxicating eyes. There was something humbling about her presence, her natural clean locks with gold pins all around, not too much make-up shit!! I haven't seen such God's creation in a while.. I walked inside the building with the takeaways and I passed the reception greeting the receptionist, the security guard standing there and our cleaners who always keep the building sparkling clean. I took out my phone as i waited for the elevator to come, i called my buddy Jordan who is the best hacker i have ever known since from Varsity. There is nothing that Jordan cannot do when it comes to the tech world. Me: Jody! Him: Ndalo my man Me: Are you busy? The elevator opened and i walked in.. Him: What can i do for you? Me: I need you to track someone for me Him: Details please Me: Yaa that's a problem i have nothing only how the person looks like Him: It's going to be impossible Me: When has something ever been impossible with you? Him: I am the best but now you asking for too much The elevator opened and i walked out... Robot: Good day Mr CEO.. You have a guest in your office Me: Can you at least try? Him: I am not promising but I'll try Me: That's my guy Him: gonna charge you a lot though Me: I understand.. I'll call you later Him: I'll be waiting . . AMANDA

We rushed home when my Mother called Nkati i was a bit scared because she sounded a bit mad. Me: What do you think she's mad about? Her: I have no idea but whatever it is we will see when we get there Nkati can talk to my Mother anyhow and my Mother would take it but if i could do the same she would kill me without thinking. I don't know what awaits me at home but whatever it is I know it's going to be hell..

NDALO Seeing my Mother smiling and this happy makes my world seem perfect, she is the only woman I wanna see happy all the time. My mother has always been a strong woman she would basically make a meal out of nothing, if there was maize meal she would go and come back with something even if it was a pack of tomatoes just to make sure me and my siblings we don't go to bed with an empty stomach. I have two sisters Phumi and Phumeza they are twins and they turning 18 in a few months time.. My Mother didn't say ohh just because my Son is now working and getting a big fat cheque let me sit and do nothing, she went and started her own catering company which is doing very well.. Mom: How are you holding up? Me: I am good Her: You can lie to all of them but you cannot lie to your Mother Me: Siena and I things are a bit messy Her: What has she done now? Me: She attacked my assistant Her: Why? Me: I don't know Her: It's like she's getting worse everyday Me: When she acts like this i know she's back on drugs Her: Siena is a very lovely girl i don't know why she's doing all of this to herself Me: Lovely? Her: she's not all that bad Me: Lovely people don't attack innocent girls Her: so what's going to happen now? Me: I am going to leave her i cannot keep on doing this anymore Her: Leave her? That's a bit extreme Me: I cannot keep on doing this Mom Her: I understand.. . . AMANDA We found my Mother pacing up and down at the kitchen, she

looked at Nkati.. Mom: go to your room Nkati looked at me and then walked away, My mother gave me the most deadliest look ever.. Her: Last week before Wonder left for his business trip remember me and Nkati were not around for the whole weekend because my sister was sick? Me: I remember Her: It was you and him alone Me: That's true Her: I found this in my bedroom She flashed the red G-string on my face.. Her: care to explain? Me: I have never seen it before Her: Amanda don't lie to me! Me: I am not lying Her: Don't you wear this type of filthy underwear? Me: I only have two Nkati bought for me Her: Underwears they usually three in a pack so which means you missing one and it's this one She threw it at me.. Her: You know the woman i consult long said you sleeping with my husband Me: I am not sleeping with him Mom: Don't make me a fool! I kept quiet.. Her: Out of all the mistakes I made in life you are the biggest mistake of them all, i cannot stand you, your presence disgusts me! You are a curse in my life

a thorn under my foot i don't know why you came here after your Father died! I still didn't say anything.. Her: don't you think i cannot see how you seduce my husband? Walking around in tight pants or leggings when he is around? Constantly smiling and laughing with him! Serving him meals constantly knowing very well that when i am away you sneak into my bed and sleep with him!! Tears were at the verge of falling... Her: I am talking to you!! (yelling) She hit the table and tears fell.. She walked up

to me and grabbed me by my locks.. Her: I am going to cut this things because they sure are the ones that make you a whore! She was grabbing on them tightly and i slightly pushed her away so she could let go but she took that as if i was attacking her and she came for my life.. Me: You wanna fight me in my own house? She punched me, threw me against the furniture, pulled my locks forcefully, ripped my tshirt all i could do was cry and scream. She got hold of some object and she wanted to hit me with it on my head but Nkati grabbed it from behind.. Nkati: What are you doing you wanna kill? Mom: I should've long killed her I ran out of the house to the garage still crying, i took my phone. It's a small vodaphone Nkati bought me it was R500 at Pep. I sent my brother a whatsApp message: "Please call me Mom is trying to kill me" I was shaking and I was in pain, she punched me really hard.. I heard her still yelling and my first thought was that she is definitely gonna come here so I ran out and went to Toto next door.. . . NDALO My Mom had just left and I was sitting in my office just keeping myself busy because i really didn't wanna go home. I looked at the time and it was 16:00. I picked up phone and called Jordan, he didn't answer. I tried him a few times but still nothing. I put the phone down and laid back on my chair just thinking until I heard the robot talking that means someone was coming to my office, i waited to see who it was and i was disappointed to see Siena making her way in.. Her: Hey Me: Hey She walked up to my table.. Her:

I went shopping with Rhonda I grabbed one of the documents and looked at it.. Me: That's nice Her: Ndalo i am sorry Me: You apologizing to the wrong person She came all the way to my chair and crouched next to it.. Her: I don't know what came over me i just... I am truly sorry I put the document down and wheeled my chair backwards. She stood up and sat ontop of me.. Her: I am sorry She put her hands on my cheeks and kissed me.. Her: I am truly sorry We kissed for a while and things started to get heated a bit, i removed her top while her hands made it under my tshirt..

AMANDA Toto came into the living room with tea she saw how scared and distressed i was, i couldn't stop crying or thinking about what happened at home. My mother beating me up like that as if like she's beating a total stranger, i saw no remorse or even mercy from her eyes that "this is my child and I shouldn't do this" If It wasn't for Nkati she was going to kill me. That object was very heavy if it landed on my head it was going to be the end of me.. She sat down next to me and hugged me.. Her: I am very sorry Amanda I cried on her shoulder just thinking about how I could've died today.. Me: She was going to kill me Her: I am glad that your Sister came to your rescue She broke the hug.. Her: Wait here i am coming She got up from the couch and limped her way out of the room, i got my phone from my pocket and my Brother had texted me back: "Talk later still at work" I also had a whatsApp message from Nkati: "Sis i hope you are okay" I put my phone back in my pocket when Toto walked back in holding a Bible..I don't mean to be rude but she cannot possibly be serious, i don't think this is the time to be reading the Bible in my state.. She sat down.. Her: You know Nkati right now you remind me of someone in the Bible Me: Who? Her: Joseph She flipped through the Bible.. Her: Joseph had a lot of encounters when his brothers sold him, he was accused of "forcefully" sleeping with his Master's wife, like that wasn't painful enough he was thrown in jail for something he

didn't do Me: I remember his story Her: In everything he suffered there's words that always accompanied him I looked at her.. Her: "But the lord was with Joseph and blessed him" Me: Right now I am in this deep dark tunnel i don't see a way out i don't see how i am going to come out or make it Her: Remember when his brothers threw him in the pit. Looking all around him there was no way out, there wasn't even a way for him to grab on to the soil and make his way out but.. Me: But? Him: Even though beneath him there wasn't any way, beside him there wasn't any possible way of him getting out either, but looking up there was a way. A way unfortunately he couldn't reach without being pulled out Me: What are you trying to say? Her: We find ourselves in the pit sometimes, our pain, challenges, sufferings they become a pit that we are trapped in. We look for all possible ways to come out but there isn't any, looking beside you, you are still trapped but if you could lift your head up and look into the heavens that is your only way out. God is your only way out Me: I just wish that God could even send me a sign that he sees my pain, that one day things would be better so i can keep on holding on. Everyday i pray, i have been praying that one day things would be better but instead things get worse She held my hand.. Her: God's ways and his thinking are different from us and that's what makes him God

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all you have to do is keep on having faith that he is going to pull you out of this pit. Sweetheart believe even though all hope seems lost never allow the devil to lead you into believing that God doesn't exist because once you start having doubts that's when you give the devil the upper hand. You are a human being, created with emotions i am not saying don't hurt but don't hurt to a point were you start doubting God I wiped my tears.. Her: The day will come were you are going to be soo happy that your pain will seem like nothing, give your heart to the Lord ask him to protect it with everything that's going on Toto always has healing words, she draws positivity from negativity. Her: Sometimes good things come from ugly things, light was created out of darkness your happiness will be drawn from the pain that you feeling right now. I cannot promise that tomorrow you will wake up and things will be better but i promise that God will change your situation when you least expect don't give up and don't give in now.. . . SIENA How i miss these stolen moments having Ndalo show me love in an intimate way, having his manhood respond to the sight of my body, us touching, our breaths escaping our lips because of the pleasure that we give each other. Seeing his face showing that he is enjoying himself inside of me, having him fully grabbing on to my thick thighs while i lay back on the table grabbing on to his strong arms, my moans and screams being elevated when he increases the pace those moments are just priceless. It

reminds us of our love, how we fell in love and why we shouldn't give up on each other. I will never get enough of him having me however he wants, because then that will always make him come home to me. I get goose bumps and an intense electric shock throughout my body when I hear him moaning and seeing him vulnerable when he is about to shoot his load deep inside of me, his lazy eyes squinting and finally giving up a scream after relieving himself as the pleasure leaves his body, it assures me that i haven't failed yet as his fiancé... After that intense session I did feel that i have my fiancé back.. Me: At what time are you going to be home? Him: I don't know I'll see I thought I had a breakthrough with him but right now he couldn't even look at me.. Me: I'll see you later then I tried kissing him but he turned his face away while holding my hands preventing me from wrapping them around his neck.. Him: I need to get on with my work Me: But i thought it was your day off Him: I don't have an assistant remember? So i have to do everything on my own right now Me: Ohhh Him: See you at home He walked to the big window and starred out at the view, i felt like dying inside. I hate it when he acts this cold towards me.. . . NKATI I kept on biting my nails waiting for Amanda to hit me back but she didn't, if i didn't come in time my Mother would've killed her and all because of me. My Mother's "witch doctor" is right there is a daughter that's sleeping with her husband but it's not Amanda it's me. That G-string she found it

was something of two weeks back, way before we went away that weekend to see her sister and no i didn't give my G-strings to Amanda because I was setting her up i gave them to her because i was getting new ones and she needed underwears. I looked for the red one but i couldn't find it, until today when she found it.. I exhaled in frustration this is a messed up situation!!

NKATEKO (NKATI) A lot of people might find the whole situation bizarre but Wonder is not my biological father, when my mom became involved with him she was already pregnant with me. She tried to pin the pregnancy on him but unfortunately she was a few months ahead and Wonder has had a vasectomy when he married my Mother because of his demanding job knowing that he won't have time to be a family man, so it was clear that it wasn't his. Wonder wasn't happy at all with my Mother lying to him so that's how my Mother resulted into witch doctors so that Wonder doesn't leave her, as she was down and out. How Wonder and i started it was quite weird, when i hit puberty and my body started changing that's when he took an interest in me off which i don't think my Mother's "Love potion" was working. We got romantically involved when I was just 15 still in high school, he promised me a good life and he has kept to the end of his promise thus far. I can say we have deeply fallen for each other and his intentions are to leave my Mother so we can be finally together. Later on i cooked while my Mother downed her anger with whiskey and passed out on the couch. I took some of the food and looked for Amanda in the garage but she wasn't there, i was greatly worried because she wasn't answering my calls either. I hope she is fine.. . . AMANDA Being in Toto's presence brought me a bit of peace she is the closest woman i have to a Mother right

now. I had just accompanied her to the bus stop and now i was going back to that hell home. On my way home i received a call from my Brother, and i told him what happened. He was quite stunned.. Him: That's very absurd! Me: I know right? I mean you know me and you know i would never do such a thing Him: You are definitely not one of those girls! I exhaled in defeat.. Me: I just wanna be out of her place i cannot take it anymore, there's a limit to what a human being can take and this is my limit Him: Let me call her so i can tell her that you will be coming to stay with me, i don't want you coming here while she doesn't know because it's going to create a lot of drama that me and my wife aren't prepared for Me: Thank you

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thank you very much Him: I will call you later Me: Alright Him: I love you and take care Me: I love you too At least now there's light, i take this as being pulled out of the pit. Toto's message and scriptures came at the right time.. I closed the gate and went to the garage first thing i wanna do is get there and pray thanking God that he has finally heard my cries and saw my sufferings. I was surprised to see Nkati sitting down, she had food with her. When she saw me she got up and came to me.. Her: Ohh my word Mandy i was worried about you She hugged me.. Her: Thank God you are okay don't ever do that I nodded.. Her: Come i made you something to eat Me: Won't your Mom

kill me? Her: Just don't mind that one! We both sat down.. Me: Smells good Her: wait until you taste I am very grateful for the people in my life who truly care about me, if it wasn't for them i wouldn't be here... . . NDALO I was pacing up and down looking at the time, I put my hands in my pockets and then turned to look at Jordan.. Me: And? Him: wait.. Almost done I got my phone and i had 5 missed calls from Madam herself.. Jordan: Okay and here we go He turned his laptop around and i looked at it... Me: No.. Him: This is the 3rd sketch Me: It still doesn't come close to how she looks like Him: What is it with this girl? Me: You wouldn't understand I went and sat on my chair as he looked at me.. Me: I am leaving Siena Him: For a girl you don't even know? Me: For my sanity.. My freedom Him: Leaving Siena will be like signing your death wish I balanced my elbows on the desk and put my hands on my mouth.. Him: Creation you have come across tons of girls, even cheated with some.. Isn't this infatuation? You don't wanna get in her pants? Me: No there's just something about her Him: The Italians will never let you go Me: I have saved up some money in a secret account Him: even so but Nicco is going to kill you.. He has contacts everywhere Me: I could take him out first He laughed and i didn't.. Him: Are you serious? I shrugged my shoulders.. Him: Creation you are not a killer you are just an ordinary guy Me: What else am I supposed to do? He shook his head.. Me: I am tired Jordan, going home is like going to a prison Him: but still

be careful Me: I will . . SIENA It was driving me crazy that Ndalo wasn't taking my calls, what was going through my mind was that he could be having an affair. I walked around the table waiting for him to call but he didn't, i took my phone and called my Dad.. Dad: Pum Pum Me: Daddy Ndalo has started Him: Started? Me: Today he.. He is having an affair Him: Pum pum aren't we imagining things? Me: No Daddy he called out another woman's name while we were intimate Him: What? Me: I don't know what to do Him: Where is he? Me: He is not around Him: Only a few months for you guys to get married.. He cannot pull out now!! Me: I don't know what to do Daddy, i love him soo much Him: don't worry i will teach him a lesson Me: Just don't hurt him that much He hung up..

NDALO I got home later on to a crying fiancé there was nothing new about that it was just extremely boring and exhausting now. Siena drains my energy terribly, she is slowly making me to fall out of love with her. I really didn't have time to nurse her insecurities or tantrums, plus i was a bit pissed by Jordan not being able to track down that girl. She immediately followed me to the bedroom.. Her: I have been calling Me: and I have been ignoring I took off my leather jacket.. Her: Why? Me: You really are going to ask me that? Her: Ndalo we cannot keep on doing this! Me: You right about that! It's actually very tiring Her: I cannot believe we doing this just because of some chea.. Me: Hold it right there!!! (yelling) She kept quiet.. Me: The problem here is you! If you have a problem with your body and don't like it then fucken do something about it than being mad at the wrong people! Her: How dare you talk to me like that! Me: I will talk to you like however i wanna talk to you! You make me sick! Her: Ndalo! I sat down and took off my boots.. Me: I am five seconds to losing it Her: So you used me? All these years you used me to get to my family's riches! My Father made you! You are Ndalo Khosa because of him! Me: I am Ndalo because of me! Your father and his bloody company needed me more than I needed him! It was a sinking ship and i saved it!!! (yelling) She remained quiet.. I got up and made my way to her, i grabbed her by her arm and dragged her out of

the bedroom.. Her: Ndalo stop you hurting me! We got to the passage.. Me: Look at that! Look at that! Her: Stop it! Me: Those are my achievements! Those articles are talking about Ndalo Khosa not Nicco Russo! She looked at them all crying.. Me: Next time you fucken wanna pull that card on me better ask "Daddy" who made him a multimillionaire I let go of her arm and walked away as she was crying, i stopped and walked back to her. For the first time i saw fear in her eyes.. I pulled her closer to me and whispered in her ear.. Me: Your Father wasn't shit until i made him what he is today! All the life you living i am the one maintaining it not him!!! I let her go and she fell.. Me: We gonna do things my way if you want this shit of a wedding to happen starting from tonight we are going to do things my way! You think i am scared of leaving you because of Daddy? Bitch i grew up in a neighborhood were a day wouldn't go by without us hearing shots! Daddy might have his goons to protect him behind that flashy suit but baby i am local behind my suit! She wiped her tears.. Me: Sleep on that! I walked back to the bedroom to take a shower.. . . AMANDA The following morning i woke up late i didn't even realize that i had overslept i woke up to the sound of my phone ringing

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i got up and took it. It was my Brother.. Me: Hey Him: Hi Me: I only heard the phone now Him: were you still sleeping? Me:

Yes Him: Okay (Silence) Him: Honestly Amanda what's happening? Me: I don't understand Him: I called your Mother and she told me a different story Me: obviously she would Him: Didn't she find one of your underwears in her room? Me: It wasn't mine.. Look i was given the underwears by Nkati Her: You wear Nkati's underwears? Me: and her clothes.. Nkuthalo i sleep in a garage like a dog has been like this ever since i got here she hates me Him: not even once have you ever told me that.. You moved there when? When you were 16 or 15? No one can live such a life for many years and keep quiet about it It was frustrating that he wasn't believing me.. Me: obviously she has manipulated you, fed you lies! Him: I am thinking you the one lying here! What Mother would do that to her child? Me: This conversation is pointless Him: stop spreading lies about your Own Mother! I hung up and covered my face with my hands... Me: Ohh God why is this happening to me? What did I do so wrong? . . NDALO The following morning i prepared for work i was sitting at the table having breakfast while reading the newspaper. Siena's scandal of attacking my assistant has made headlines, my phone has been going off journalists calling me None stop. I threw the newspaper on the table i have to do damage control.. My phone rang and it was Nicco... Me: Good morning Him: What the hell am I hearing? You manhandled my Daughter? Then fed her lies? Me: The only thing you should be worrying about is the newspaper and how your Daughter's

tantrum is going to affect the company Him: don't forget who you talking too, i made you and i can break you! Me: I would like to see that.. Let's face it your company is nothing without me! Him: If you leave my Daughter you are going to regret it terribly Me: Can't wait I hung up.. . . AMANDA i was at the kitchen washing dishes i couldn't stop tears from falling. I kept on thinking about running away but where will I go? Me: God please help me..I am... Mom: Stop it! I turned around and she was standing next to the table... Her: You know i don't allow prayers in my house it's going to interfere with my things Me: Sorry Her: Pack up your shit and leave my house! I was confused... Her: You wanna go spreading lies about me to your brother huh? Pack up and go! I looked at her.. Her: I said go! Or you want me to drag you out? I put the swab in the sink, the walk to the door was very long..

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AMANDA I didn't have much clothes so i had only one bag with me after sitting at the gate for a couple of minutes it did sink to me that indeed I was homeless now. I took a slow walk to the main gate, i didn't even know where i was going to go. A part of me should be excited that i am finally out of her house but where will I go? I cannot sleep in the streets it's not safe for me i am a woman and i can be easily attacked. I wish I can say how i feel but I cannot really put it into words, because honestly i also don't know how i feel... The bus stopped right at the gate and the maids came out, Toto came out last she was with another woman. She saw me and saw how distressed i was, she said goodbye to the other woman and came to me.. Her: Amanda what's wrong? Me: She.. She kicked me out Her: What? Me: I don't know where to go and what to do Her: There has to be a relative Amanda Me: I don't have any Her: There has to be someone (Silence) Me: Well there's my brother but he believes my Mother more than me Her: He is your Brother child he won't turn you away when you get there Me: You don't know him he is very stubborn Her: don't assume things go there and see how things turn out She took out R200 and gave me.. Her: I would take you in Amanda but unfortunately I am quitting soon to go and live with my Daughter and her husband Me: I understand Her: Go to your Brother She gave me the R200... Me: Thank you Her: When i get to work i will pray for you, pray

for your journey but i know my God will never leave you stranded

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Call me when you get there Me: I will She hugged me.. . .
NDALO I was in my office when my cellphone rang, it was my Mother.. Me: Ma I heard her sniffing.. Me: Ma what's wrong?
Her: Ndalo it's your Sister Phumeza Me: What about Phumeza? She started crying.. Me: Mom what about Phumeza? Her: She was knocked by a car outside while waiting for her transport, it was a hit and run Me: How is she? Her: We at the hospital Doctors are saying nothing as yet Me: I am coming Her: Okay I put my phone down and picked up the office phone. I dialed the extension to the main reception... Receptionist: Mr Khosa Me: Cancel all my meetings for today Her: But Sir Me: Just do it i have an emergency! I put the phone down and took my cellphone together with my car keys and walked out, on my way to the elevator i called Nicco.. Him: Ndalo Me: You are behind my Sister's hit and run aren't you? Him: Non so cosa tu stia parlando (I don't know what you talking about) Me: You know exactly what i am talking about!! Him: Fucken calm down i don't know what you talking about Me: you are pathetic why don't you face me than coming for my family? Him: See what happens when you become stubborn? Innocent souls get hurt? Me: I swear i will be coming for you! I hung up.. . . NKATEKO I

was in my room on the phone with Wonder.... Him: I am coming home tomorrow Me: You better because i miss you Him: I miss you more, what has been happening there? Me: Your wife being crazy as always Him: Coming home to her is going to drive me crazy Me: Well you married her Him: The only thing good she brought into this marriage is you I chuckled.. Me: Well i cannot wait for you to come back Him: Me too I heard a knock at the door.. Me: I have to go Him: I will call you later. Me: Bye i love you Me: I love you too I put my phone away... Me: Come in The door opened and Mom walked in, my mood changed.. Her: I kicked that bitch out I looked at her confused.. Her: Amanda.. I finally kicked her out Me: You what? Her: She is sleeping with my husband! I found her underwear in my bedroom Me: Why would you do such a thing? Her: Don't look at me like I am crazy! Me: You are crazy Her: I am still your Mother! I got out of bed and took my phone.. Her: Nkateko I ignored her.. Her: Nkateko i am talking to you! . . AMANDA The drive to my Brother's place was approximately 4 hours long i was very scared at how he was going to react to me showing up, especially after our encounter. His car was in the yard and I was seriously scared that i was even shaking.. I walked up to the door and started knocking..

AMANDA I watched my Brother as he paced around busy looking at me while on the phone with my Mother, he needed validation that what I said was true. The conversation was taking longer than i had anticipated, i mean all he had to do was to ask "Did you really kick her out" and now i don't know what they were talking about because all i heard from his side was "Yaa.. Okay..". I was scared if he says "no you cannot live here" where will i go? I don't think people understand the fear of being homeless until they become homeless, we all think it's an experience that's far fetched from us but today you might go to bed and then tomorrow you wake up and you homeless.. He put the phone down and looked at me.. Him: She did say she kicked you out I kept quiet.. Him: I will allow you to stay here only because you are my Sister and i cannot let you sleep on the streets, i won't sleep well at night knowing that you somewhere out there in a world that's very cruel. I don't know what really happened between you and Mom, i don't wanna know but what i know is that i don't want any problems here. If you give me problems you are out.. My heart went from beating fast to beating normally, i held my bag tight just trying to comprehend what i have just heard. This is somewhat a good act, i lowered my head and noticed that my hands were shaking good things never happen to me is this some joke? It has to be i don't wanna get ahead of myself.. Him: You can go and put

your things in the guest room, second door on your right it's going to be your room from now on Me: Thank you so much I didn't even know I was tearing up.. Him: Things were that bad? Me: You have no idea, I am just relieved that i am out from that atmosphere I wiped my tears.. The kitchen door opened and I heard someone coming in while complaining, it was a very familiar voice. It must be Nelly my Brother's wife though it has been like forever since i last saw her but I still remember her voice. She came into living room while wearing her work uniform and she was shocked to see me sitting there.. Her: Ohh my goodness Amanda? Me: Hi She looked at my Brother.. Her: Nkuthalo it's Amanda.. The last time I saw her she was.. I don't even remember

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but look at you now. Come and give me a hug I stood up and went to hug her.. Nkuthalo: She's having problems with her Mother so she kicked her out.. She will be staying with us for a while Nelly: That's not a problem Me: Are you sure? Nelly: You are family and i don't know how you survived with your Mother she is crazy i met her twice and I was like i am fine I chuckled.. Her: I haven't been around the house for two weeks now i don't even know if the guest room is clean Me: It's fine I'll clean Her: Nonsense! You are our guest.. Nkuthalo: from that talk i know there's no cooking tonight.. I'll go and get takeaways Nelly:

where are my manners? Have you had anything to eat? Me: No but i am fine Nelly: I'll make you something Nkuthalo: She can make herself something to eat.. If she's going to be living here we don't have to always treat her like a guest she will have to find her way and everything Me: I'll make something for myself thank you Nkuthalo: I'll take your things to the guest room Nelly: I'll go and change I went to the kitchen and tried to make myself something to eat but I was still trying to accept how nice my Brother and his wife are to me, i have never had anyone be nice to me other than Toto and Nkateko. For the first time today in a very long time i will be sleeping in a comfortable bed, with blankets. This just wasn't clicking in.. . . NDALO My Sister wasn't badly hurt other than her leg and hip, the Doctor said tomorrow she will have a minor surgery to repair the damage that was caused.. She was traumatized and couldn't really tell what happened, she said she fainted after getting hit by the car... Me: We should only let Phumi know about this after school They are a weird set of twins, i can say exactly at the age of 15 they never wanted to dress the same anymore. They wanted to be in different high schools they just wanted to spend time together only when they home. Phumi was at school, they both use different transports because they in different high schools.. Mom: Such things never happen in our neighborhood a car just randomly knocking someone on the pedestrian walk Phumeza: I was standing there waiting for my

transport and it just came out of the blue, it came so fast i didn't get time to react my mind froze I had no doubt that Nicco was behind this and today he will see how crazy i can get.. . . SIENA That morning i decided to go and see Rhonda i had a lot on my mind and I was emotionally wounded. Last night i saw a side to Ndalo that i never knew existed, he truly showed me that he doesn't care anymore and that he will leave. I saw it in his eyes that he might leave me this time around, he is tired of my shit. Dad brought champagne as we were sitting outside having breakfast. Rhonda: What are we celebrating? Dad: Pum pum's wedding of course, it's just around the corner Me: Dad please.. Dad: After today he won't even think of leaving you anymore he knows what's at stake Me: Daddy what did you do? Dad: I just reminded him what's at stake and what's important, and what could possibly happen should he try to do what he did again last night Me: Dad do you realize that we need him more than he needs us? Dad: He doesn't know that Me: Ndalo is not as stupid as how you make him out to be you cannot keep on threatening him like this he is going to leave! I cannot lose him i love him He sat down.. Rhonda: Ndalo cannot know that this family needs him more than he needs us otherwise we in trouble this glamour life is going to disappear like a puff of smoke he might start his own company and take most of our clients

AMANDA Nelly was wet with tears after i had told her about what has been happening in my life, how I had been subjected to live all these years and how my Mom hates me with passion. Even today i wish i could know the reason why she hates me, but from the constant insults and attacks the only reason i could extract from there is the fact that i am "sleeping with her man" my own Mother accusing me of such filth. We were sitting on the carpet in the guest room, Nkuthalo gave us no access to the TV as he had his dinner in the living room while watching a game of soccer. We were having McDonald's, i was halfway through my meal and Nelly was still trying to process what she heard.. Nelly: Amanda you could've died sleeping on the cold floor, hypothermia could've killed you I chuckled but not sincerely, the only thing i had managed to get from there was nothing but flu.. Her: You should be grateful to God Me: About what? She gave me a puzzling look.. Her: Amanda you have a lot to be grateful for. Material things aren't things that draws about true gratitude, be grateful for your life that's something not even the rich can buy. Look at Steve Jobs, he died of cancer not even his money could save him which should tell you that there's more to life than Money. Let me tell you a story.. I sat up comfortably.. Her: I had a best friend in high school she came from a very poor background but she had big dreams She laughed.. Her: It's so funny because her dreams

were very big she wanted to own a hair salon but her life at home didn't allow her, Amanda her underwears had holes it was so bad her uniform was worse kids made fun of her at school Me: sounds sad Her: At times i would even be ashamed to walk with her because of how she looked, her hair ohh my goodness She covered her eyes with her hand and i laughed.. Her: She said and i remember "one day all these people busy laughing at me they will respect me" Me: What happened next? Her: She dropped out in grade 10 well after failing grade 10 twice, she was also academically challenged i think what was happening at home affected her Me: Yoooh and then? Her: She started braiding people at home the money she made she bought food at home and the rest she would budget for her salon, she was very good with braiding she would pay this other woman to teach her how to do weaves and other things. After a year she had covered enough money to start a salon but unfortunately having no bank account she budgeted at home and her Mother stumbled upon the money she went and blew it Me: No ways! Her: My friend hit rock bottom, i remember she was sitting on my bed telling me the story drinking tropica juice only to find that she had mixed it with a rat poison My eyes widened.. Her: The poison started working.. Amanda i ran around the neighborhood looking for someone with a car and we took her to the hospital, i thought she was going to die i

swear Me: Then Her: She recovered and went back to braiding people and Saving up the profit now in a fixed account

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she went to start a small salon shame yazi, a small nyana shack but today guess what? Me: What? Her: have you heard of O'Nails hair salon? Me: Best salon in town, celebrities go there Her: She is the owner later on she married a white guy Me: Sindi O'Nails is your high school best friend? She nodded.. Me: You lie! I mean thee famous celebrities go there Her: She is driving.. Me: BMW X6 Her: her house.. She was on top billing moss Me: Woow! Her: God respects your dreams Amanda if God destined you to be something no one will stand in your way not even your Mother Me: I really thought my life was ending Her: It's just starting.. Do you have matric? Me: No Her: My Mom is a teacher you can do Abet level 4 then if you pass you can enroll for matric the following year Me: Are you serious? Her: at least when you have matric i can try to get you something nyana at the airport but not my position a flight attendant Me: anything will do Her: I will talk to your brother Me: Thank you soo much Nelly Her: let's eat i am sure you wanna rest . . NDALO I was at home i just dropped my Mom off and i told her that i suspect Nicco to be involved in Phumeza's hit and run, for a few minutes she didn't say anything.. Me: Ma? She slapped me across the face.. Her: You and your Italians

you know they dangerous and yet you do things that put us in danger! Why did you even date Siena in the first place if you had no intentions of making her your wife? Ndalo you playing with innocent lives! You putting our lives in danger the next thing the Italians will be busting through that door and shooting us Me: I am sorry Ma Her: Sorry? Don't Sorry me fix it!!! My Mother now makes this my fault whilst when I brought Siena at home to introduce her she was happy she enjoyed the money that i gave her and that Siena gave her, now they my people? I took my keys and left.. . . AMANDA I kept on tossing and turning i just had a warm bubble bath, i am smelling like roses because of the foam bath. It was now raining outside, i got out of bed and went to peep out of the window, tonight i will be warm in this cold rainy weather. I was more nervous than happy, i never thought that things would change one day. I went back in bed and got my phone, i had whatsApp messages from Nkateko i will talk to that one tomorrow. I went and Googled Sindi O'Nails i was soo inspired by her story i don't wanna lie.. Me: Things will change for you one day Amanda keep on pushing, praying, and believing in God. This i take as God's promise that i am almost there.. I closed my eyes and prayed.. . . NDALO Siena was tightly holding on to my leg and crying.. Her: Ndalo please don't leave me Me: get off me! I already had a bag with me, i was leaving her for good.. Her: Please don't leave i cannot survive without you Me: Siena get

off me I got her off my leg and literally pushed her to the ground.. I got my bag and walked out, when i was walking down the stairs she was already following me. I decided to ignore her cries and kept on walking until i got to the kitchen.. Her: Ndalo don't leave Me: Siena it's over She did the unthinkable, she literally took the kitchen knife and stabbed herself on her abdomen.. Me: Siena!!!! I dropped the bag and ran to her as she stumbled around

NDALO I was scared, i was very scared everything just happened so damn fast. I remember calling the Ambulance and i remember putting a cloth around the knife, i didn't remove it i just slightly held it in place so she doesn't bleed to death. She was unconscious when paramedics arrived and her heart beat was very faint. It has been 3 hours now since they have taken her to surgery, i hope she makes it. I looked at myself and my shirt was bloody so were my hands.. I saw Nicco and Rhonda rushing in, when they saw me they made their way to me..I had called them. Nicco: What happened to my Daughter? What did you do? He was ready to attack me but his wife held him back. He was breathing heavily, he really wanted to get his hands on me.. Rhonda: Let's all calm down! We all sat down and waited for the Dr. The wait was torture though, Rhonda was even falling asleep.. The Dr finally came to us, he was accompanied by Police officers after approximately 5 hours of waiting, i looked at the time it was 2am now... Nicco: Dr how Is my Daughter? The Doctor looked at us.. Dr: We managed to stop the bleeding but she is very weak, we almost lost her. She is in a very critical state and all we can do is hope that she recovers.. The next hours are going to be very critical He looked at me.. Dr: These Gentlemen would like to talk to you I saw one officer was holding the knife, it was in a small plastic bag. We shifted a little from everyone. Officer: I would like for you to tell me

what happened? I could see were this was going, they already thinking that i am the one who attacked my fiancé. I sat down on the chair and told them the truth, nothing but the truth. . . .

AMANDA I slowly opened my eyes as the sun was shining bright providing light in the room through the curtains, i yawned and then something just hit my mind. I quickly got up while feeling scared, i only let out a sigh of relief when i realized that i was in the guest room. Thank God this is not a dream

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it's my reality now. I got out of bed and made my way to the bathroom, in the passage I heard Nelly singing from the kitchen. I quickly walked into the bathroom and brushed my teeth, then I went back to the bedroom to pray. I have a lot to be thankful for now, my prayers have finally changed from sorrows to joy. When I was done i made my way to the kitchen, Nelly was preparing breakfast and the house was spotless.. Me: Morning Her: Morning sunshine how did you sleep? Me: I slept great thank you Her: I will be done soon Me: You should let me help you around Her: Don't worry you will do that a lot when im gone now i just want you to relax Me: Gone? Her: I am a flight attendant i am hardly at home, in a week's time i will be going to Japan Me: That's far Her: It is but I will be getting a lot of money Me: Is Nkuthalo okay with you traveling a lot? Her: He is not but what can we do? I love my job and i like being

independent She passed me the plate. It was scrambled eggs she mixed them with Mayo, there was also bacon and cheese...

Her: There's bread in the bread tin and juice in the fridge Me: Thank you Her: Do you have your report card with you? Me: Yes Her: Good later on we will drive to my Mom's workplace and enquire how you can register, i have already spoken to your Brother he is thrilled that you going back to school Me: Thank you soo much Nelly you don't know how much this means to me Her: Angels don't always have wings Me: True that Her: You will have to take subjects that are easy to tackle. I think hospitality and maybe history too Me: Anything will do as long as i will get a job at the end Her: let's go and eat then . .

NDALO We were in the boardroom one of the interns was running his idea of how one can track down their stolen car with their phone, via an App that our company is yet to create. My mind was far away, i was thinking about the events that took place last night and i kept on starrng at my hands. The whole room was quiet and i noticed that everyone was looking at me.. Me: What? Intern: I thought you might have questions? I shook my head no.. Me: Continue Intern: So as I was saying ladies and gentlemen the App is going to generate more money for us when each person downloads it, i am looking at a million downloads at least.. Please let's turn to page 13.. . . NKATEKO

Amanda wasn't replying to my WhatsApp messages i don't know why because i am very worried about her. I was sitting up

straight while balancing my back on the big pillow busy starring at my phone hoping to hear something from her. I was brought back to reality when i felt some wetness on my breast, Wonder was awake. He came back last night from his business meeting but didn't go home, he called and said i should meet him at our usual hotel.. I put my phone away as he got ontop of me, he hates using condoms so I am on the pill. I opened my legs wider as he made his way in, i was a bit sore from last night since he has been gone i haven't been regular with intercourse. He went for it like a hungry lion that hasn't eaten for weeks..

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A WEEK LATER

I woke up a few hours ago i don't even know for how long I have been out, it took me a while to remember why I was here and it all came back to me like a plane crashing down. I don't even know how to explain what happened that night, the courage i got deep inside that made me to pick up that knife and stab myself. All i know is that I was emotionless, i was too hurt to see him leaving knowing that he was not going to come back. I pictured him being happy with someone else, i pictured him sharing our special moments with another woman and that's how i lost it. I love Ndalo with all my heart and I don't want to lose him. I thought that he was going to be the first person i see when my eyes ran around the room, but only my Father was sitting on that chair. The fear kicked right back in that he might be somewhere else with another woman. The Dr checked me and i must say that i felt very drained, it was almost as if like my life had been sucked out of me..

My Father was so relieved to see me awake, he even shed a tear that's how scared he was of losing me..

Dr: Welcome back Ms Russo

I smiled..

Dr: How are you feeling?

Me: Drained

Dr: The IV will kick in

My Father held my hand..

Dr: Do you still remember what happened that night?

I looked at my Father, he ran his hand on my forehead..

Him: Tell the truth Pum pum

I looked at the Dr..

Dr: Your Fiancé said you stabbed yourself, he said you guys had an altercation and he was threatening to leave you then that's when you lost it and stabbed yourself

I kept quiet and thought for a while until tears clouded my eyes..

Dr: Is it true Ms Russo?

Me: I am not crazy Doc, i am not crazy to stab myself

Dr: I didn't think so too

Dad: a while back he physically attacked her threw her down on the floor

Dr: Did you report that incident to the police?

Me: No i didn't think it was that serious

Dr: For how long has this been going on?

Me: He was mainly emotionally abusive he would call me a fat pig

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told me i am unattractive

I laughed with tears falling..

Me: I guess i was a fool to stay with him

We heard a knock at the door..

Dr: Come in

Some gentleman wearing a suit walked in..

Dr: This is Detective Smith i called him when your Father told me that you are awake, he has been the one handling your case

The Detective greeted..

Detective: Is she fit enough to talk?

Dr: I think so

Me: It's okay

Detective: I want you to tell me everything

Me: I will

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AMANDA

Tomorrow i am supposed to start attending my classes, my first class starts at 14:00 and my last class is going to end at 19:00. I was so excited finally i was going to get education and better myself like everyone else. Nelly left yesterday and for the past few days things have been very tense between her and my Brother, i think he didn't want her to leave but she forced. I have been keeping in contact with Toto, and I finally did talk to Nkati. My life seemed to be better and i hope it stays like this..

That morning i was at the kitchen washing dishes when my Brother walked in, i thought he would be at work. He was smelling like a brewery and he looked like shit. He was only wearing his pants and didn't have a tshirt on, he was walking barefooted..

Me: Good morning

He went to the fridge..

Him: Morning

Me: Thought you would be at work

Him: Took a day off

He took out a can of castle lite..

Me: Rough night?

Him: Ya i had a couple of drinks last night with friends

Me: I can tell

He stood against the fridge while starring at me..

Me: What?

Him: Do you know that you and I don't share the same Father?

Me: Are you serious?

Him: My father died when I was very young

Me: I didn't know that

Him: Ya your Mother doesn't talk much about him

Me: That's bad

Him: I wouldn't be surprised if Wonder is not Nkati's biological Father, your Mom has done been a hoe

Me: That's a big word to call your Mother with

He kept quiet..

Me: All done with the dishes

Him: So that means you and i are half siblings

Me: But that doesn't change anything you still my Brother not half Brother

Him: I guess so

Me: Should i make you something to eat?

Him: No I'm good

Me: Okay

It was just awkward how his eyes were fixed on my thick body, more like he was undressing me but then again he is my Brother and maybe I am thinking too much..

Me: I'll go and watch TV

Him: I'll go and sleep

We both walked out of the kitchen accidentally bumping into each other and his hand landed fully on my Ass..

Him: I am so sorry ill wait for you to go first

I walked but i didn't go to the living room i walked straight to the bedroom..

Him: Thought you were going to watch Tv?

Me: I wanna change first

I got into the guest room and locked the door my heart was Pounding...

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NDALO

he looked at the proposal for a while before saying something. I studied his body language and his facial expression but i couldn't make out if he was impressed or not, he was kind of hard to read..

Him: So far so good

I looked at my team and we were all smiling..

Him: I like it a lot think my company might just invest in it

I looked at one of the interns..

Me: Now you can bring the champagne to celebrate

Intern: It was on standby

We all laughed..

Me: Mr Mathe you won't regret investing in our App i promise you

Him: I trust you a lot you hold a very good record

Me: I try

The door opened and the receptionist walked in with two gentlemen, one of them was wearing the police uniform..

Her: Sir you have some visitors

The one who wasn't wearing the uniform looked at me..

Him: Mr Khosa?

Me: Uhm yeah

The one in uniform approached me..

The one who wasn't wearing uniform continued talking..

Him: Sir you are under arrest for the attempted murder of your fiancé Siena Russo

I laughed..

Me: This has to be a joke

Him: You have the right to remain silent.. Anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law..

Me: No sir you making a very big mistake

The officer started handcuffing me..

Me: I did not stab my fiancé!

Him: You have the right to an attorney if you cannot afford one.. One will be given to you

I looked at the receptionist as I was being escorted out in handcuffs..

Me: Call my lawyer

Her: Yes Sir

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NDALO

Detective: Why did you do it? If you didn't love her anymore you could've just left her. Why did you feel the need to get violent? Did you wanna kill her?

Me: If i wanted to kill her i wouldn't have called an Ambulance

My tie and my jacket were hanging on the chair now..I had unbuttoned my shirt halfway too

Him: We can do this all day i am not in a hurry, i don't know about you

Me: Detective i did not try to kill my fiancé

Him: There's allegations that you once pushed her down on the floor, you have slapped her before and i don't wanna mention the emotional and verbal abuse

Me: Emotional and verbal abuse?

Him: Calling her a pig.. Body shaming her every chance that you get?

I chuckled..

Me: Siena is crazy.. Siena is delusional!

Detective: You saying she's lying?

Me: I have never raised my hand on her i have never body shamed her! If i hate thick women then why would i date one for more more than 10 years?

Him: weren't you using her and her family to get to the top?

Me: If it was like that then why would i be working for her Father? Shouldn't i have started my own company or something?

Detective: Mr Khosa i..

The door opened and my Lawyer walked in, she was being accompanied by a police officer..

Her heels made noise as she walked in..

Her: Detective why are you questioning my client without my being present?

Detective: It was just standard procedure

Her: Is he arrested?

Detective: He stabbed his Fiancé

Her: Can i see proof?

Detective: The fiancé gave in her statement earlier today

Her: concrete proof Detective apart from the victim's words what else do you have that my client stabbed his fiancé? That actually ties my client to the crime?

Detective: I don't think that she is that crazy enough to stab herself

Her: You would be surprised.. So right now Detective you don't have sufficient evidence that my client committed the crime? It's she said and he said type of situation?

Detective: This is not the first time, your client has physically attacked his Fiancé before. His Father in law said that he once pushed her down hard to the ground

Her: Did she report the incident and get a protection order?

Detective: No

Her: Did the Father at least call the cops?

Detective: No

Her: Was he even there?

Detective: He was called

Her: So you have nothing to keep my client here?

The Detective kept quiet..

Her: Well then Detective until you have sufficient evidence, you have no intentions of keeping my client here

She looked at me..

Her: Let's go

Detective: Don't get too comfortable we have sent the murder weapon to the lab

Her: We will be waiting

Mavis and i walked out of that police station to her car as fast as we could, without even looking back..

Her: Ndalo tell me that your fingerprints are not on that knife?

Me: Well

Her eyes widened behind those glasses..

Her: Dammit!!

Me: she was trying to pull it out and I was preventing her from doing so because I didn't want her to bleed to death

Her: You have no idea how deep you have buried yourself, what's going to save you after those results come back is if she drops the charges! you even lucky they didn't send you straight to hell domestic abuse is not taken lightly!

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AMANDA

I was done preparing myself for school i took my bag and the money I was given for transportation then i made my way out to the kitchen. The school is just 30min away if you using transportation and i was assured by Nelly that after my last class i would get a taxi back home, incase my Brother fails to fetch me when he knocks off late at night. I passed by the lounge and the tv was on i saw a couple of beer cans on the table my Brother wasn't there so I just made my way to the kitchen. I tried opening the kitchen door but it was locked the keys were not at the door. I looked for them, busy turning things upside down at the kitchen but i had no luck..

Nkuthalo showed up and stood by the doorway the one that led to the living room from the kitchen..

Him: What's going on?

Me: I am looking for the house keys He took the keys out and stretched his hand to me

i slowly walked up to him to get them and that's when he grabbed my arm and pulled me to the passage..

Me: What are you doing?

I was no match for him no matter how much i tried to restrain he used all his strength and pulled me to the guest room then locked the door. I looked around for something that i could use

to overpower him with but there was nothing that i could grab, nothing at all..

I was aware of what was going to happen but i wasn't prepared for it and my mind wasn't comprehending, this is my Brother and he wouldn't. He would never hurt me like that..

He grabbed me by my dreadlocks and threw me on the bed, he then got ontop of me. He covered my mouth with his hand and looked at me, i could see the evil in his eyes.

Him: Shut up!!

He wasn't playing with me..

Him: You can whore your way in your Mother's house busy sleeping with her Husband so this shouldn't be new to you!!

I was wearing leggings so he didn't have a hard time pulling them down..

Him: If you scream or do something stupid i will strangle you do death, Just try me!

My body froze, my mind froze. I was still trying to process this nightmare it cannot be happening to me, he cannot be doing this to me..

Him: You turned me on the minute you walked through that door I couldn't wait for Nelly to go so that I could have a piece of you

He pulled down my leggings and my underwear then went down to kiss my cookie with his hands opening my legs wide..

I turned my head and faced the other way with tears streaming down..

Him: Don't worry Nelly has those pills I'll give you one when i am done

He was still shirtless, so he took off his pants and boxers then got on top of me, he forced his way in and it was very painful. I closed my eyes and i couldn't hold back my cries..

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NKATEKO

I was at the mall with my Mother doing shopping..

Me: How about this one?

Her: I don't like it

Me: This one?

Her: Naa

I looked at her..

Me: You not even looking

Her: I am sorry Nana I'm just waiting for an important call

Me: from?

Her: from your brother Nkuthalo

Me: what is it about?

Her: He was supposed to be do something for me so he told me he was going to call when he was finished with it

Me: ohw ok

I continued checking other clothes.

Her: Your Father was very cold today when he got back in the morning

Me: In what way?

Her: He showered and went out

Me: Maybe he is busy

Her: No he is probably gone to see her or trying to see her

I rolled my eyes..

Her: I think i must take further steps

Me: Further steps?

She remained quiet for a while..

Her: finish up! will you?

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AMANDA

I didn't look at him as he put on his pants i was still laid on the bed with my eyes fully focused on the curtains and the bright light that the sun provided in the room through the curtains. It was the most painful thing i have ever experienced in my life, and he seemed to be enjoying himself. His warm breath hit my neck and his moans will be something that my ears won't be deaf too. Halfway through this evil act i ended up blocking my mind to what was happening, i allowed myself to die at that moment and let him draw out my soul from my body. Out of

everything that has happened in my life, why this? Why did God allow for me to be tortured this way. Why didn't God give me enough strength to fight him off? Why did God bring me here? Why? Why? Why?..

Him: You know your Mother actually wanted me to kill you but be thankful that I am not that evil

(Silence)

Me: Why?

I didn't look at him as i asked that.

Him: Ask your father that!

Tears fell..

He walked around until he saw my phone and took it.

Him: from now on you will be locked up in this house

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you will have everything you need just not any form of communication with anyone. I will go and get you the pill

(silence)

Him: You must clean yourself you bled

He walked away..

I pulled the duvet and covered my lower naked body, i closed my eyes as i couldn't stop thinking about what happened a few minutes ago.

NDALO

After taking a shower i drove to the hospital to see Siena. She was alone in her ward watching tv, i stood at the door until she saw me. I think she didn't expect to see me not behind bars..

I slowly made my way in with my hands in my pockets..

She tried moving but she was only inflicting pain to her already wounded self..

Her: I thought you would be in jail

I looked at her and she couldn't look at me for that long..

Me: I love you if i didn't i wouldn't have stayed with you for so long

She remained quiet..

Me: I remember the look on your face when i proposed to you

I chuckled..

Me: You were very surprised and i will never forget how you cried that's how happy you were

I saw tears crowding her eyes..

Me: We always had each other, you were there for me and i was there for you

Her lower lip trembled..

Me: i truly wanted to make you my wife

I kissed her on her forehead..

Me: I love you

I walked up to the door..

Her: Wait..

I stopped and turned around..

Her: If i.. If i drop the charges will it be possible for us to work on our relationship?

Me: It is possible but I think you need to work on yourself first before we work on us

She nodded..

Her: I am truly sorry for everything

Me: I understand

I am afraid this is the only way i can get myself out of this mess right now..

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NKUTHALO

That day i went to visit my Mother, I found her alone in the house.

Her: I don't know why you still keeping her in your house, i thought we agreed on killing her

Me: We don't have too

She put the jar of juice and glasses on the table..

Her: What do you mean?

Me: With what i did to her i forsee her committing suicide

Her: What did you do to her?

Me: Do you care?

She sat down..

Her: After what her Father did to us i don't

Me: Where is Nkati?

Her: Nkati is never home she's always out doing things with her friends

Me: How are things between you and Wonder?

Her: They have went from bad to worse

Me: Why?

Her: He is still cheating.. He came home from a business trip first thing he did was to shower and say he is going to the office that's a questionable behaviour

Me: He can't be with Amanda because i locked her inside the house.. There has to be someone else in the picture

Her: I guess so

Me: What happened between you two? Is Nkati even his child?

She looked at me..

Her: Of course! how can you ask me that? Wonder travels a lot because of his job and he did have questions and doubts when I was pregnant with Nkati so after Nkati he had a vasectomy i think that was his way of grounding me because if i fell pregnant again he would've known that i had been cheating. When Nkati was born we did a DNA tests and it came back 99.9% that he is Nkati's Father

Me: Then what is his problem?

Me: I don't know.. I am just glad that my baby doesn't know about this, imagine how she would feel if she could find out that her own Father did a DNA test because he didn't believe that she his Daughter

Me: It would've been shit

I looked at the time..

Me: I have to go.. It's going to be a long drive back

Her: Thank you very much for coming

Me: you welcome

We both stood up and we hugged..

Her: greet your wife

Me: She's not around went to Japan

Her: I never really understood that girl choosing her career over marriage, then why did she agree to get married?

Me: I don't know

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AMANDA

I had just finished bathing i was sitting on the bathroom floor with a razor in my hand and cutting my thighs. It was stinging a bit but it was nothing compared to the pain i was feeling deep inside. If this body is the one that brought about my sexual assault, then i am going to make myself look ugly..

With all these voices in my head telling me a lot of things

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i ended up focusing on them than the pain that i was inflicting on myself..

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NDALO

I was with Siena in her ward, Nicco and Rhonda were here too. I was holding her hand as she was about to tell them the truth..

Her: I.. I stabbed myself

The room went quiet for a while..

Nicco: That is insane! No one in their right state would do that

Her: That's because i am not in the right state

Nicco: I don't follow

Her: I have been using drugs again Daddy!

Nicco: What?

Rhonda stood up..

Her: Excuse me

Tears fell from her..

Her: I am so sorry Daddy

He ran his hand across his face..

Her: Everything that has been happening, has been happening because i wasn't myself

Nicco: Pum pum I do everything for you, why would you?

Her: Sometimes there's things that money cannot fix

Nicco: So what happens now?

Her: I wanna go to rehab when i get discharged

Nicco: That can be arranged

Her: And i want to drop the charges against Ndalo we have decided to give it one more try

Nicco looked at me..

Him: Thank you.. For not giving up

on her

I nodded..

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AMANDA

I looked at my legs they were very bloody, I walked to the big mirror in the bathroom and looked at myself.

I literally stood there not moving for a while just starring at my naked body with blood on my thighs and legs. I squeezed my breasts with my hands and I had a flashback of him in the bedroom doing that to me, tears started falling and i wiped them. I started hitting the mirror repeatedly..

Me: You are the source of my pain Why don't you just die Amanda!!! Why didn't you die the first time when i attempted suicide!! You are evil!!! Just die!! die!! die!! Nobody wants you! Nobody loves you!! Even your family hates you!! You are evil that even your own Mother hates you!!!

I stopped and looked at my hands they were full of blood, i looked at the mirror it was cracked..

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NDALO

It was raining cats and dogs outside i was back in the apartment and standing by the sliding door, just watching the rain falling and the lightning flashing through the sky. I had a lot in my mind, the company is going to suffer a huge loss with this scandal of me supposedly "stabbing" my fiancé. A lot of our clients won't wanna associate with us or with me, clients tend to drift away from any bad publicity. Domestic abuse is something that's taken seriously in our country and if you a man then you find yourself caught up in such a scandal, your reputation is going to be ruined. I wonder what black twitter is saying about me right now.

My phone rang, i walked to the table to get it. It was my Mother..

Me: Mom

Her: Ndalo how are you my boy

I sat down on the couch..

Me: I am fine

Her: I saw on the news today

Me: It's pretty bad

Her: You are my Son and i know that you would never do that, you treat women with respect. You are not an abuser

Me: She stabbed herself

Her: Haibo bakithi!

Me: It's bad

Her: Are you guys getting her any help? Should i talk to her?

Me: No.. She has agreed to get help

Her: Ohhh Baby

Me: I don't love her Mom.. I am only with her because i feel trapped

Her: Don't worry we will fix this

Me: I hope so

I heard the door bell ring..

Me: I have to go Ma someone is at the door

Her: Okay i love you

Me: I love you too.. How is P?

Her: She's recovering well

Me: Okay I'll call her later

Her: Okay baby

I hung up and went to answer the door..

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AMANDA

I applied a red lipstick as a finishing touch to my look. I looked at myself in the mirror again and the eyeliner was a mess but i didn't care

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i heard the door unlocking. I put the lipstick back on the dressing table and i stood up, I was wearing Nelly's lingerie and it was giving my cleavage a boost. I waited for him to get to the bedroom and he did, he was a bit shocked to see me standing there..

He looked at me for a while..

Him: What are you doing here?

Me: Do you like it?

Him: What are you doing wearing my wife's lingerie? and messing around with her cosmetics? what the hell is wrong with you?

He banged the door behind him as he made his way in..

Me: You didn't have any problem violating Amanda earlier on why you complaining now?

Him: Why are you referring to yourself as a second person?

I slowly walked up to him...

Me: Come on now

I put my arms around his neck..

Him: What i did you supposed to be depressed, crying, wanting to die

Me: I am dead you just don't know it yet!

I brought my lips closer to his and kissed him, when he was getting tuned in by the kiss he relaxed and ran his hands around my body squeezing every part of it..

When we were doing that i had flashbacks of what happened earlier on in my bedroom, I felt tears wanting to fall..

Him: Are you okay?

I nodded with tears falling..

Me: don't stop

He picked me up and walked to the bed with me..

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NDALO

I walked over and gave him a glass

Me: on the rocks

Him: Thank you

I sat down..

Me: Can't believe you drove in this weather

Him: For my buddy no weather can keep me away

I drank my whiskey..

Him: I read the papers

Me: How bad is it?

Him: pretty bad

Me: I am sure that when she drops the charges they going to say i forced her too

Him: What possessed her to say you attacked her?

I looked at him..

Me: You didn't ask if i did it

Him: that's because i know you didn't do it

He took out his phone..

Him: let me show you something and i hope it helps

He worked his phone and then gave it to me, it was a video of Siena sniffing on coke

Me: Jordy how did you obtain this?

Him: don't worry and that's not all

Me: what else?

Him: what if Siena could accidentally overdose on coke and die?

Me: accidentally?

Him: accidentally

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NDALO

A FEW DAYS LATER

Me: I would like to make it clear that my Fiancé has been battling a mental disorder for as long as i could remember not so long ago she attacked my personal assistant..

Journalist1: I am sorry Mr Khosa but if that is the truth then why isn't she getting the help that she needs? Clearly someone like that shouldn't live in a society with others

Me: We have found her a rehab center that will help her through this whole ordeal

Journalist2: Were you aware that she was using drugs? I mean her video was leaked

I looked at Jordy across the room and he slightly smiled at me..

Me: Yes i was aware which has been the course of all this instability in our relationship

Journalist3: I believe that you were accused of assaulting your fiancé?

Me: I have never laid my hand on my fiancé we have been having a few problems in our relationship and when i threatened to leave her she hurt herself

Nicco: I think that would be all for now and thank you all for being here

We stood up and walked to my office while the journalists still had more questions to ask..

Nicco: That went better than I had expected

Jordy walked in..

Me: We have lost a few clients i hope this will get us back on track

Nicco: Thank you for everything that you doing for this family
I nodded..

Nicco: I will go and get Siena from the hospital

Me: Okay

He walked out..

I loosened my tie..

Jordy: That went well at least it didn't ruin your reputation that much

Me: It went better than expected if it wasn't for you leaking that video..

Jordy: Don't thank me

He sat down..

Him: Have you thought about what was discussed the other night?

Me: I have

Him: And?

I looked at him..

Him: I can ask someone sneak in the coke at the center

Me: That center we chose for her is one of the best

Him: Yeah but Siena comes from a rich family, rich people can get their hands on anything

We heard a knock at the door..

Receptionist: Mr Khosa Bethany is here to see you

Bethany walked in..

Jordy: I'll see you later

Me: Later it is

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AMANDA

I looked at my thighs and i thought cutting myself was going to land me at the hospital but i guess i didn't cut myself deep enough to bleed to death.

I went from being bad to being worse, everytime when i look at myself in the mirror i cannot recognize the girl that I see. I don't know who she is but what i know is that she has brought me a lot of pain and I want her to die, i am tired of the pain that she has brought me.

My Brother seemed to be enjoying what he was doing to me, every night he sneaks into my bed and pleasures himself sometimes i would act like i am sleeping but that won't stop him he would continue doing it..

I was alone in the house that morning as always, he left for work a few minutes ago and i was busy searching through the house searching for a rope

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even if i find one were am i going to hang myself because there's a ceiling all around. I had to think of something else, something that i could drink or eat that will kill me. I went to the kitchen and searched through staff until i stumbled upon some poison that is used to kill insects. It was in a powder form so i mixed it with water and started drinking, when i had downed everything i got a pen and a paper. I didn't wanna

write a long speech the only thing i wrote was "I am supposed to be your sister and not your wife"

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NDALO

Me: Would you like something to drink?

Her: No Sir thank you

Me: You look better

Her: I do

Me: Bethany look i am very sorry for what happened to you..
My fiancé she is..

Her: You don't have to explain yourself i truly understand

Me: Still i am sorry though and if there's anything that you need

Her: My job

Me: of course

Her: can i start tomorrow?

Me: Yes please i am very lost without you

She chuckled..

Me: I will see you tomorrow

Her: Yes Sir

NELLY

The trip to Japan was cut short i was supposed to come back after a month but unfortunately we don't have a lot of flight attendants so I was requested to come back. I am not complaining though sometimes being far away from home is not okay, what if something happens? I don't wanna put my loved ones through that whole ordeal.

I unlocked the door and walked in, the house was very quiet i know Nkuthalo is at work i am not sure about Amanda being Around..

Me: Mandy??

I closed the door and the house was very untidy..

Me: Mandy are you home?

I walked to the guest room and opened, she was sleeping. I stood at the door and looked at her for a while before closing the door again. Her Brother is a jerk, i know very well that at times when i am away from home he would cheat on me so having Amanda around gave me assurance that he would not do that because he would be scared that Amanda might tell me.

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NDALO

Nicco and I drove to the Rehab center during my lunch time just to check it out and see how the environment is before Siena comes here. I checked their website though a few days ago and People really said good things about it, it was recommended by Jordan since he was the one who did the searching. He searched for it and suggested it to me..

The Psychologist was the one who was going to give us a tour of the place which i found a bit weird. From the gate to the actual building the environment was welcoming, they had flowers that spelled out the word "WELCOME" it was a beautiful place i don't wanna lie.

The building was pure white, The psychologist was already waiting for us at the door..

Her: Welcome to the harmony rehab center

She greeted us by handshakes and i noticed needle marks on her arm, she was even slightly shaking.

She saw from my expression that i had noticed the needle marks..

Her: I have type 1 diabetes so i inject myself with insulin everyday

If i am not mistaken type 1 diabetic patients inject themselves on their stomachs, or maybe i am missing the point and those needle marks i know them very well. They visible from someone who is doing heroin.

Her: I am Dr Carter and I will be giving you a tour

Nicco: Thank you

We made our way in..

Nicco: i would like to see the bedrooms first

Her: Please follow me

Jordan has never been a fan of Siena, he hates her and has always tried to get her away from me. What is he up too now?

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NKATI

I was helping my Mother around the house when Wonder walked in..

Him: Good day

We greeted him back..

Mom: Back from the office?

Him: Came back to get something

Mom: What is that?

Him: A file in the study

Mom: I'll get it

She walked away..

Wonder made his way to me and put his hands around my waist, he tried to kiss me but i pushed him off..

Me: It's risky

Him: She's upstairs

I let him kiss me..

Him: How about a night out?

Me: Don't you think we should take it slow? Now you want us to get caught?

Him: I don't care about her! And I will be divorcing her soon

I got his hands off me..

Me: Wonder uhm..

Him: What?

Me: This is just about sex right?

Him: Just about sex?

Me: You not going to leave Mom for me right?

He looked at me..

He slapped me across my face..

Him: Why is it about sex now? Are you seeing someone else?

I put my hand on my cheek..

He hit me on my head..

Him: I am talking to you!!! (Shouting)

I have never seen him act like this before..

We heard my Mom talking from upstairs..

Mom: Here it is!

I quickly turned around so my back could face her..

Wonder: Thank you Honey

Mom: You welcome.. Will you be home for dinner?

Him: I hope so

Mom: See you then

He walked to the door..

Mom: so where were we?

I sniffed..

Mom: Are you okay?

Me: The onion is having no mercy on me

Mom: Seems like my love potion is working he is coming back to me

Her love potion is working alright but I think it's working to the wrong person

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instead of him falling for her he is falling for me..

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NELLY

Amanda has been sleeping for quite a while now which was starting to get to me, I walked to her room and she was still in the same position..

Me: Mandy?

I walked up to her and i turned her over, she had foam in her mouth..

Me: Amanda???Ohhh my word!

I checked if she was breathing and her breathing was very shallow..

I got my phone and called the ambulance immediately, then after calling the ambulance i called Nkuthalo..

Him: Nelly?

Me: Love it's Amanda

Him: Amanda?

Me: I am at home and.. She is unconscious

Him: Unco.. When did you get home i thought you we..

Me: Nkuthalo there's no time i think she was..

Him: Okay i am on my way

I hung up and sat next to her..

Me: Mandy what did you do?

I lifted her head up so that i could fix the pillow and i felt a paper under the pillow, i took it and checked it. It read:

"I am supposed to be your sister and not your wife, Nkuthalo you have just killed me"

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NDALO

Dr: This is the garden, this is where our patients get a piece of mind..

My phone rang, it was Jordy..

Me: Excuse me

I walked away and answered it..

Me: Hello

Him: So how are you finding the Center?

Me: What is your plan?

Him: I will take that as a yes

He hung up.

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NELLY

We were in the waiting area we hardly even said a word to each other since he got here. I was really confused by Amanda's suicide note, i kept on going over and over what she wrote while looking at this man i call my husband sitting next to me. I have no doubt that Nkuthalo has had affairs with a few girls because of my demanding job, but can my mind please tell me that he didn't touch his Sister in anyway? I am trying so hard to block those thoughts away but at the same time Amanda's pain is real, attempting suicide is a plea for help. It's a message that she had to get through to tell him that enough is enough and I cannot do this anymore! Tears fell as i thought about what she went through, for how long has this been happening? Why didn't she speak up? Is my Husband really capable of such? Am I really married to a Monster?..

I felt his arm around my shoulders..

Him: Are you Okay?

I looked at him..

Me: Yeah i am fine

Him: We have been waiting for too long now

He didn't seem to be shaken nor moved by the fact that his Sister tried to kill herself, how can a person be this emotionless?

I saw the Dr talking to the receptionist after that she made her way to us..

Her: Good evening

It was already evening? I glanced outside and it was dark..

Nkuthalo: We have been waiting for hours now

Dr: I understand

Him: So what's happening?

Dr: She's in a very critical state all we can do now is hope she wakes up from this

Him: There's a possibility that she might not wake up?

Dr: The chemical that she ingested is very toxic

Me: But she might just make it?

Dr: She held on for so long she might.. At what time was she found?

Me: I came back from work and found her sleeping at first i didn't suspect anything suspicious i thought she was taking a nap, after a few hours i realized that she has been sleeping for

too long and i went to check up on her that's when I realized that something was wrong

Dr: Was she depressed?

Me: Depressed?

Dr: There's self inflicted lacerations on her thighs and hands which indicate that she was suffering from clinical depression in it's severe form

Me: I think that question should be directed to my husband because I was away

Nkuthalo: I didn't notice anything i am not around the house that much so she's mostly left alone

Dr: You didn't notice any unusual behaviour?

Him: Like?

Dr: Patients who are suffering from depression they withdraw from reality completely, they tend to sleep a lot they no longer depict their personality they often wanna be alone, always talking about death and finding pleasure in that. They cry a lot and it's rear to see them laughing or smiling

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in severe cases they have panic attacks constantly, they might even suffer from Agorophobia which is the fear of being in

public. They get lost in their thinking and they hurt themselves physically to escape the pain that they feel emotionally. They overdose on pills and in worst cases they result to self harm and then eventually suicide

Me: That is very deep

Dr: Did she leave a note?

Nkuthalo looked at me..

Me: I found nothing

Dr: If she makes it i am going to put her on Antidepressants and get her a psychologist

Nkuthalo: A psychologist?

Dr: Yes she needs a few therapy sessions

Nkuthalo: Psychologists are expensive and she's not even on my medical aid

Dr: I can try to get one from a government institution but it will be difficult

Me: It's fine Dr you can get her a psychologist my Husband and i we will deduct from both our salaries

Nkuthalo gave me a serious look..

Dr: In that case then I will check a few psychologists

Me: Thank you

Dr: May I ask something personal?

We looked at her..

Her: I am not a religious person but.. Her toxicology report came back and she had ingested a fatal chemical a pesticide, she was brought in after a long time of her drinking the chemical she should be dead by now but... I don't know if she is a believer or not but her Gods are with her, whatever she believes in is with her and was watching over her. Though she is in a critical state but it's a miracle that she is breathing

Nkuthalo: I didn't get the question

Me: I think she's asking if Amanda is a believer.. I believe she is

Dr: I can see that

Nkuthalo: Can we see her?

Dr: Not today unfortunately

She looked at her watch..

Her: I have to go

Me: Thank you Doc

She walked away..

Nkuthalo and i headed for the exit..

Him: Do you know how much it's going to cost for those sessions?

Me: She needs help Nkuthalo

Him: What does therapy do? Nothing! I am not going to waste my money just for her to talk to someone for a couple of hours forget it Nelly!!

He walked away, this is assurance enough for me that Nkuthalo was indeed sexually abusing his Sister. The only reason why he is declining to pay for the sessions is because of the fact that Amanda might just spill the beans..

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Me: Thank you

Her: Anything else?

Me: No that would be all

Her: If there's nothing else I am heading home It's after 18:00

Me: Thank you very much

She took her things and left.

I will be stuck in a wheelchair for a while, i can't walk on my own without inflicting excruciating pain on myself so a wheelchair will have to do for now and i will have to be dependent on my helper..

Ndalo walked in looking a bit tired..

Me: Hey

Him: Hi

Me: Long day?

Him: Sort of

He came and kissed me on my forehead

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: Still trying to accept my new life

He Crouched next to me..

Him: At least you won't be in this chair forever

Me: So how is the rehab?

Him: Its good i think you going to love it there

I faked a smile..

Him: And i promise you that when you get out there we are going to get married

Me: Then I might as well go tomorrow

He laughed..

Me: You will visit me right?

Him: Everyday.. When do you wanna go?

Me: Maybe tomorrow you can take me there so I can see the place

Him: i will fetch you during lunch time

Me: Okay

Him: Let me go and take a shower so that we can eat dinner

He got up and made his way upstairs..

NELLY

Nkuthalo was still mad at me for agreeing that Amanda must see a psychologist, when we got home he headed straight for the bedroom. I was torn i won't lie, this is weighing heavy on my soul. I took my phone and called someone who would understand this situation better, i called my Sister Yamkela..

Her: I don't like such calls

I laughed..

Me: It's good to hear your voice Yammy

Her: What do you want?

Me: Ohw forgive me i forgot you no longer go by that name..
You have adapted to a Gangster nickname now what is again?

Her: Ha-Ha-Ha very funny

Me: How are you?

Her: I am good

Me: Still involved with Gangster things?

Her: It's not Gangster things

Me: Again who is that cute friend of yours?

Her: Nelly what do you want?

Me: I am trying to catch up with my Sister

Her: I don't do catch ups i am a very busy person

Me: Honestly I wanted to talk to you about something

Her: What?

Me: About Malume Joseph

She kept quiet..

Me: Yammy?

Her: Goodbye Nelly

Me: Yammy someone is.. Hello? Yammy?

She had hung up on me.

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NELLY

The following morning i drove to my Sister's place it's been a while since I last visited her and i do hope she is still renting in town. I parked next to the main entrance and called my Mom first..

Mom: Nelly good morning

Me: Ma hope i am not disturbing you

Mom: Not at all Dear it's assembly are you alright?

I exhaled..

Me: I would like to think so

Mom: I thought that you would be in Japan

Me: My trip was cut short

Mom: Did something happen?

Me: No.. Everything is fine

Mom: You almost scared me

Me: Uhm Ma can i ask you something?

Mom: Yes what's wrong?

Me: Remember Nkuthalo's Sister? The one i came with so she could register?

Mom: Yes i remember her

Me: When was the last time she came to attend?

Mom: honestly speaking i last saw her when you came with her to register, why? is everything okay?

Me: Everything is fine i just wanted to see if she was serious with getting her matric

Mom: I will get the register and check.. what's her name?

Me: Amanda just not sure about the surname

Mom: I will ask for you

Me: Thank you Mom

Mom: what are you doing?

Me: I am actually parked next to Yammy's place

Mom: Ohw how is she?

Me: spoke with her last night on the phone she sounds fine

Mom: That's good to hear

Me: She's still not taking your calls?

Mom: No i even stopped calling her

Me: Just give her time

Mom: It's been years now Nelly how much time does she need?

Me: Mom what you did to her was..

Mom: How many times do I have to apologize?

Me: I'll talk to her

Mom: it's okay Nelly she doesn't wanna talk to me so leave her she hates me

Me: Mom..

Mom: Bye and i love you

Me: I love you too

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NDALO

I walked around while looking at everyone in the boardroom..

Me: When was the app launched?

Marcus: A week ago sir

Me: How many downloads so far?

Him: 500 Sir?

Me: Are we a 500 downloads company?

Him: No Sir

Me: So what's your excuse guys?

No one said anything..

Me: What's happening with the marketing department?
Stacey?

She cleared her throat..

Her: We are really trying Sir

Me: Trying? Did i hire you to try?

Her: I think that all the scandals we had affected the company
in a..

Me: What the hell did you just say?

She kept quiet...

Me: If you in the marketing department stand up.. Now!

They all stood up..

Me: Get out!!!!

They took their things..

I looked at Bethany..

Me: Schedule a meeting for me and the marketing department
at 14:00

Her: uhm Sir that won't be possible you have that thing with your Fiancé in the afternoon

Me: Tomorrow morning

Her: Yes sir

I looked at the rest..

Me: Meeting adjourned!

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NELLY

I took a deep breath with my eyes closed. I opened my eyes and held my bag tight before ringing the bell.

I heard no one saying "come in" I rang it again a few times with still no answer, when I was about to leave i heard the door unlocking. It opened and she stood there on the other side wearing her sports bra and Nikey shorts with socks and sleepers...

I smiled..

Me: Hey

She didn't tie her locks they were dangling around..

She attempted to close the door on me but i pushed it back..

Me: Yammy please

She looked at me for a while..

She opened the door wider.

Me: Thank you

I walked in.. I followed her to the lounge, music was playing and i saw an ashtray on the coffee table with a few cigarettes buds..

She sat down on the couch, and i sat down too opposite her..

Me: I didn't think that you still lived here

She took a pack of cigarettes from the table and opened it taking a cigarette from there..

I looked around and the decor of this room was fascinating. The couches were black, i saw a few Skulls around and she had a big portrait of a skull on the wall. I looked around i saw the word "BRAGA" written on the wall..

Me: Braga i forgot you go by that name now

She looked at me as she lit the cigarette..

Me: You still hanging around with those two cuties?

Her: Ngwane skipped the country

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me and Mandeecce we still hanging out

Me: Mandeecce how is he?

Her: Happy with his girlfriend

Me: I see... I looked around again and i saw a picture of some white guy on the tv stand, he was wearing black and Yammy was standing next to him..

Me: Is that the real Braga? The guy you admire

Her: Yes

Me: Braga and Braga.. If he is a thug why isn't he getting arrested?

Her: He is not a thug he is a heart surgeon

Me: and also has a gang

Her: The Skulls

Me: Don't they do crime?

Her: Nelly what do you want?

I put my bag on the table..

Me: Nkuthalo he is.. I have reason to believe that he has been raping his sister

She looked at me showing no emotion..

Me: She hurt herself Yammy.. She's in hospital

She puffed..

Her: Why are you here?

Me: I need your help

Her: What do you want me to do?

Me: I don't know but..

She laughed while playing with the lighter..

Her: When Joseph raped me because in his mind he thought that he would make me "straight" no one believed me you and Mom looked me straight in the eye and told me that i am lying. I remember how Mom was mad that i am accusing her brother of such nonsense. Mom never wanted to accept that i was lesbian because of that she thought i was lying on her Brother, she literally said "that demon that's making you gay is now lying that my brother raped you"

I had tears in my eyes..

Me: I am sorry

She looked at me..

Her: Don't be, what he did to me made me who I am today. He made me stronger, when such things happen Nelly they change you for me to survive Yammy had to die and i became this

ruthless someone, i am not scared of anything anymore. I channeled that fear and pain into Anger

Me: I am truly sorry Yammy

Her: She's lucky that you believe her.. Unlike me when i needed my Sister the most she wasn't there

Me: Yammy

She stood up when we heard the door bell....

Her: That must be Mandeecee if you don't mind we have business to discuss

I smiled through my tears..

Me: It's fine i should've called first before showing up

She walked away and I wiped my tears.

NKUTHALO

I asked for a few hours off at work so I can go and see Amanda at the hospital, my supervisor didn't give me a hard time especially when i told him that my sister tried hurting herself he even suggested that I take the whole day off but i don't see the need too. Since she was in a very critical state i was asked to sign the register before i go and see her, only close family members were allowed to see her..

I looked at her and she was laying on that bed with a Nasogastric intubation running through her nostrils. Her lips were dry and she looked like she was never going to wake up, she wasn't moving at all..

I heard someone clearing their throat, i looked at the door and it was the Dr..

Her: Good morning

Me: Morning

She made her way in..

Me: How is she?

She took the stethoscope around her neck and placed it on Amanda's chest..

Dr: Still no change

Me: Is she ever going to wake up?

Dr: We just have to hope that she does

Me: If she doesn't wake up..

Dr: "If"

Me: I mean with the prognosis not being..

Dr: Prognosis?

She folded her arms..

Dr: You know your medical terms

Me: I watch a lot of medical documentaries

Dr: Well then i think it's early to conclude anything.. She's still breathing and i believe she just might make it

She smiled at me and walked away, i looked at Amanda. If she dares wake up, she must wake up with Amnesia..

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NELLY

Mom: Nelly calm down

Me: Calm down? Calm down Ma?

Mom: It was a long time ago

Me: You should've seen her Mom, we killed her! Yammy is not the same anymore

Mom: Your Uncle has always been a good man

Me: A good man who raped a vulnerable little girl! Not once, not twice, but several times and we let him!!

Mom: Keep your voice down

We were in the staff boardroom..

Mom: All i am saying is that your Uncle was a good man, a good man that obviously fooled us

I sat down..

Mom: This has never affected you why now?

Me: because i saw the damage that was done to her for her to survive she had to let that part of her life die

Mom: Yammy just needs time

Me: She doesn't need time Ma

Mom: I don't know what you expect me to do!

Me: How about calling her

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visiting her asking and asking if she's alright?

She took out her phone and called her, she put it on loud speaker. The phone just kept on ringing until it eventually went to voicemail..

Mom: She doesn't want to talk to me, she hates me!

Me: I should've been there for her, you manipulated me into believing that she was evil! That she had some type of demon living inside of her

Mom: What she is goes against what i believe in

Me: What she is?

Her: The lesbian thing

Me: Lesb.. It's not a thing Mom!

Her: I think that this whole ordeal traumatized her to a point were she started hating men and consoled herself by dating women

I shook my head and stood up..

Me: Goodbye Ma

I walked to the door..

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NDALO

I looked at her as she signed the form with her hand shaking but with a faint smile on her face..

Dr: I promise that you will be very safe here

Siena: Thank you

The Dr took the form, today she was wearing a long sleeve...

Her: That would be all so we will see you tomorrow

Siena: Tomorrow it is

I crouched next to the wheelchair..

Her: I think i am going to like it here.. It seems like a very good place

I pulled her hair back..

Me: You will.. I want you to know that i am very proud of you for doing this

Her: Thank you

Me: Lunch?

Her: I'd like that

I got up and pushed her wheelchair..

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YAMMY

I grew up in a very religious household My Mother was an unquestionable Christian who never understood my sexuality from the start. She always said and i quote "This lesbian thing is just an evil spirit trying to make you think you someone that you not, it's possessing you" she took me to church a few times hoping that it would make me straight but i knew that it was a waste of time. My Uncle started abusing me sexually from when I was 13 years old up until I was 15 about to turn 16. When i told my Mother she never believed me so the best way was for me to run away from home, to escape the terror. I lived on the streets for quite a while always hustling and trying to make ends meet, my life started looking up just recently when i met a few people who knew this life better than me.....

I was interrupted from my thoughts by the door bell ringing, i got up from the couch and went to open. It was Sasha my girlfriend..

Her: Hey

She walked in..

Me: Hey

She hugged and kissed me..

Her: It's a bit cold today

She took off her jacket and gave it to me while we walked to the lounge, she glanced at the ashtray..

Me: I was about to take that out

Her: As always

She went and took it from the table..

Me: Thought you were at work

Her: I took a day off

Me: Okay

I sat down as she was busy going on and on about things that didn't make sense, my mind was still stuck on what Nelly told me, I was just thinking to myself how i could possibly help that girl? I am not a psychologist....

NELLY

I was at the hospital in Amanda's ward standing by her bedside and looking at her. I remember her smile through her pain, when she came to my place full of hope. She was so sure that life would change for the better for her and i thought the same too. I thought that Amanda would find healing at my house, i thought that a new environment would make her have faith, restore what she has lost and give her a reason to hold on. A reason to believe that her new life would bring her peace. I remember when we were sitting on the carpet in the guest room and eating, she was very happy and relieved. For the first time she was very sure that life would change for the better and when we discussed her going back to school she was over the moon. I feel like I have failed her, i feel like this is my fault. Had i agreed to quit my job and concentrate on my wife duties none of this would've happened, I just never thought that Nkuthalo would do this to his own blood but then you can never fully know the person you with. I trusted him, just like how i trusted Malume Joseph..

I held her hand..

Me: I am so sorry Amanda

She wasn't moving at all and i don't know if she was hearing me..

Me: I should've never left you with him, i shouldn't have trusted you with him. I promise that if you come back life is going to be different

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You just need to give life another chance.

My phone rang, i took it out and it was Nkuthalo..

Me: Hello

I wiped my tears..

Him: Where are you?

Me: I am at the hospital

Him: I just got home

Me: I am on my way

Him: I'll go and get some take aways at Capesys

Me: Okay.. I am on my way

I lowered my phone and put it back in bag, i looked at her one last time..

Me: Please come back

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NDALO

The weather has been a bitch these past few nights it has been raining cats and dogs. I was all alone in my apartment on a video call with my Sister Phumeza, Siena left this morning to the center..

Me: How is your leg?

Her: It's better

Me: That's what i like to hear.. Where is Phumi?

Her: She went out with friends

Me: You didn't feel like going out?

Her: They are her friends not mine

Phumi is very out and about, she likes going out and having fun with friends while Phumeza likes to be indoors. She's very shy..

Me: There's someone at the door i will check up on you tomorrow

Her: Okay bye

Me: I love you

Her: I love you too

After our video call i went to see who was at the door and it was Jordan..

Him: Hey man

Me: Jordy

He came in..

Me: How were you able to get here with this rain?

Him: It stopped raining but the roads are slippery

He had his laptop with..

Him: Come i wanna show you something

We walked to the living room..

Me: Whiskey?

Him: I am driving.. Traffic officers are very popular when the weather is like this

I poured myself some whiskey..

Him: How did our Siena find the place?

Me: She's very happy there

Him: That's good

He took out his laptop..

Him: Remember that girl you told me about?

Me: Yeah?

Him: according to the description you gave me i was able to get at least 20 accounts of different girls that match your description

Me: Let me see

Him: Just a minute

He worked his laptop for a while..

Him: Here we go

I went through the accounts until i found her..

Me: There she is

Him: Are you sure?

Me: Yes it's her

Him: Let's see

(2 min later)

Him: Too much privacy on her account

Me: but at least we found her

Him: Yes we did

Me: I need her numbers at least

Him: I'll see what I can do..... Just sent her a request i hope she accepts

Me: I hope so too

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AMANDA

I have been in this room for a while now. It was a pure white room with bright light shining through. I was alone clothed in white, i don't know if i was dead or what. A few minutes ago i heard Nelly's voice. I heard her talking to me and I didn't think that she was going to believe me and what happened to me, but i guess she is not as Naive as I thought..

Voice: It's time.. You have to go back

Me: Go back where?

I roamed around the room trying to see who was talking to me but I couldn't see anyone..

As i was walking around i felt a strong force pulling me and i found myself breaking through that small window in that room with pieces of glass piercing through my skin....

Me: Ahhhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I opened my eyes, i looked around and it seemed as if like i was at the hospital..

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NKATI

We were gathered at the dinner table eating dinner. It was so quiet in the room no one said a word only the cutlery made noise and it had started raining again..

Mom: Please pass me the tomato sauce Nkati

I passed her..

We heard the door bell..

Mom: I'll get it

She stood up and walked away..

I couldn't even look at Wonder especially after what he had done earlier on..

Mom came back after a while with her eyes wide open looking at Wonder, she had an envelope with her..

Mom: You filed for divorce?

Him: Yes

Mom threw the papers on the table..

Her: But why?

Him: Agh who are we kidding? this marriage is not working

He threw the napkin on the table..

Him: I am moving out

He stood up and walked upstairs with Mom following him..

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AMANDA

The Doctor kept on checking me making sure that everything is fine, she was very surprised at how i snapped out from everything. According to her i was good as dead..

We were not alone in my ward that morning, my Brother and Nelly were here. Seeing Nkuthalo standing there and looking at me brought back everything, all the memories i didn't wanna have came back to me..

Dr: How do you feel young lady?

Me: I feel a bit dizzy and my tummy hurts

Dr: I still think it's a miracle that you came back

Nelly: It is a miracle

Dr: I have to go to OPR now but i will come back later so that we can talk

I nodded and she made her way out..

Nelly: I am glad that you are back

She came and hugged me..

Nelly: You really gave us a scare

Me: I know and i am sorry

Her: Don't be.. I am just glad that you are back

She took her phone out..

Her: I have a call to make.. I'll be right back

I didn't want her to leave me alone with him, i didn't want to be face to face with him..

He slowly walked up to me..

Him: How are you?

I don't know if that what a trick question or what..

Him: The Dr thinks that you need a therapist

I played with my fingers..

Him: Amanda i don't think you know how important it is for you to keep quiet about everything

I looked at him..

Him: For your own good.. Do you think anyone is going to believe someone who has been sleeping with her step father? The only thing that's going to happen is that you will find yourself homeless and your pain is going to start all over again, All that we need to do now is to forget about what happened

Its easy for him to say so

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it's easy for him to say "let's forget". He took my innocence away, he robbed me of a gift that I was meant to share with someone special.

Him: My wife is going to believe me over you

My memory was very clustered i think i might have heard Nelly when i was unconscious..

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YAMMY

Ndeecee: So if we gonna do this, we have to do it perfectly leave no traces behind

I nodded..

Kimmy: I don't know why we don't think of an easier way

Kimmy is a girl that we recruit a few months ago to help us with the heists..

My phone rang..

Me: Excuse me

Ndeecee: I thought we said phones off

Me: It's my Sister

Ndeecee: It can't wait?

Me: I won't be long

I walked away from them..

Me: Nelly

Her: Hey hope i am not disturbing

Me: What is it?

Her: I need a huge favour

Me: What Favour?

Her: Nkuthalo's Sister woke up.. She might be out soon i need you to give her a place to stay

Me: What?

Her: Please Yammy she has no one

Me: What about her family?

Her: Family hurt her a lot

Me: I can relate

Her: I wouldn't ask if it wasn't important

Me: Why are you doing this for her? This girl means nothing to you

Her: Because i once did a very big mistake of not believing my Sister and that cost me our relationship i feel like helping

Amanda is my way of saying to you that i am sorry and now i understand your pain

Me: I will think about it, taking care of someone else that's a huge responsibility especially someone who is that hurt

Mandeecee whistled at me..

Me: I am not promising anything but I will think about it

Her: Thank you

Me: Bye

NKATI

i didn't sleep at home last night, after Wonder moved our he called and told me to come to the hotel. I could've easily said no but that would've been the death of me, Wonder is a monster these days. When i walked in i found my Mother sitting at the gate with a bottle of wine in her hands, she looked faded already.

Me: Ma..

She looked at me..

Me: Come let's go inside

I helped her to get up and then we walked in the house.

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AMANDA

2 WEEKS LATER

My brother refused to pay for my therapy sessions but Dr Carter got me a psychologist from a government hospital that agreed to counsel me for free. She didn't come everyday we only had about 3 sessions so far. I was also on Antidepressants and they were hell, the first few days they made me more depressed but now i am very numb i can't even say if they are effective or not. I didn't tell the psychologist about my Brother raping me, i was only open about my Mother abusing me..

Today i was getting discharged, Nelly was gonna come and fetch me i didn't look forward of going back home.

She walked in...

Nelly: Morning sweetie

Me: Morning

Her: Ready to go?

I looked down. She made her way to me and sat next to me..

Her: Mandy i know

I looked at her..

Her: I know that he has been hurting you

I looked at her and my eyes were immediately filled with tears, she held my hand as she tried to fight back her tears..

Me: I was scared of telling you because I thought you were never going to believe me

She smiled through her tears..

Her: I am not taking you back to that place.. I am taking you somewhere safe

Me: Where?

Her: My Sister's place she will be able to take care of you

That was a relief.. Hearing her talk like that was a relief..

Me: Thank you soo much Nelly

She hugged me..

Her: I promise you that he will never hurt you ever again, and i am going to make sure of that

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NDALO

The rest rooms are the only place that don't have Cameras there i was with Bethany my personal assistant. She had one leg on the toilet seat, my hand was squeezing her butt and

pulling her closer to me so that i can go deeper, she had her hands on my shoulders for support and was trying not to scream.

We have been fucking for a while now and I always use protection..

Her forehead was against mine, i could feel her breath hitting my lips as her mouth was slightly open..

Her: I just love having you inside of me

Me: I just wish i could do you without a condom

Her: We can try

Me: Too risky

I pulled out and got her leg off from the toilet seat.

Her: I am not sick

Me: I don't want you falling pregnant you working here to budget money for school next year remember? Your future shouldn't be compromised

I sat on the toilet seat and she came

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she slowly went down on me with her hands on my shoulders and mine on her small waist..

Her: Ohhhh my word i can feel it deep inside

Me: This one should be quick.. We have work to do

I helped her to go up and down on me, when she was comfortable enough to do it on her own i stroked her hair while giving her wet kisses on her neck. I moved my hands and unbuttoned her shirt halfway, i started massaging her breasts while she still had her bra on..

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NKATI

Things at home went from bad to worse, my Mother wasn't functioning well anymore and Wonder was a constant irritation. He was keeping tabs on me, calling me and texting me constantly it was draining.

My Mother had one of her witch doctors at home, i wish she could stop with all of this because it's really affecting me..

I was watching Tv when a call came through, i got my phone and it was Wonder. I sighed before answering.

Me: Hello

Him: I am giving you a heads up, i am going to throw her out of the house soon

Me: Why are you causing my Mom soo much pain?

Him: Causing her pain? I want her gone from my life!

Me: Wonder please

Him: Why are you being like this? Why the sudden change? We have been at it for a while and now we should make it official!

He hung up.. I put my phone away as tears streamed down, what did i get myself into?

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AMANDA

Nelly looked very nervous as we stood at the door step of some apartment, she was holding my bag for me. When we drove to her place from the hospital, i stayed in the car as she fetched everything of mine. I didn't wanna go inside, i didn't wanna be overwhelmed by different emotions..

Her: She is here..

She rang the door bell again and we waited, she attempted to ring it again but i held her hand..

Me: If she's around i am sure she heard us.

I am very sure that she is around because music was playing very loud, probably the reason why she cannot hear the doorbell..

Nelly rang the door bell again and the music stopped playing, Nelly looked at me and smiled..

The door was opened by some girl. She was wearing sweat pants, a vest and sleepers. Her dread locks were neatly and nicely tied up...

Nelly: Hey Yammy

Her: Hi

She let us in..

Nelly: This is Amanda the girl i have been telling you about remember?

She looked at me and looked at Nelly..

Nelly: Mandy this is my Sister Yamkela but we call her Yammy

Yammy: Can i have a word with you?

Nelly: Yes.. Mandy you can go and wait for me in the living room

I walked away and left them in the kitchen. This place was very fascinating, the design was breath taking. I was amused by the skulls that were on the tv stand, they weren't real Skulls though they were artificial. I went and got one of them, they were crystal clear i pressed the little button and it provided a blue light internally..

Me: Nice

I looked around and it seems like Yammy is obsessed with Skulls

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i looked at the word "BRAGA" on the wall..

I sat down on the couch and waited for them, their talk was not that long. They both walked into the room, Nelly made her way to me..

Nelly: You will be safe here

Yammy was now holding my bag..

Me: Thank you

Nelly: I will call you later

Me: Okay

She hugged me..

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

She walked away and tried to hug her sister but her sister pushed her off..

Nelly: Thank you anyway

She walked out..

This was a very awkward moment between me and Yammy..

Me: Thank you for letting me stay here i appreciate it

Her: one important rule never touch my skulls

Me: Okay

Her: And I do hope that you get your shit together so that you can move out soon

With that being said she disappeared to the small passage..

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SIENA

I could swear that i was hearing voices in my head and i was also hallucinating, seeing shadows constantly in my room..

Me: Please leave me alone

I was sitting on my bed with my hands covering my ears, all this hallucinating and seeing things that aren't there, started about a week ago after I had been injected constantly with something that i don't know. They said the medication was going to make me feel better, it was going to counterfeit with the coke withdrawal symptoms..

The door opened and the Nurse walked in..

Her: Morning

She closed the door and made her way to me..

Her: It's time for medication

Me: Please stop

Her: Told you that it's good for you

She sat next to me and forcefully grabbed my arm..

Me: Please stop

Her: Come on now.. It will go a whole lot better if you don't fight it

She injected me..

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NDALO

Bethany knows that what we doing is strictly sex and no strings attached. She is working here to make enough money to get herself through school next year, and with her salary not being enough i am helping her. I am paying her rent and giving her money for groceries and other things that she needs..

This is the very first time were i am actually happy and free, i haven't even went to see Siena for a few days now and she's not complaining..

Me: Bethany i need you to talk to the cleaning department

We were on our way to meet one of our clients..

Her: Why?

Me: My office there's a lot of dust

Her: Ohh ya they been complaining about the up and down they have to do to get to your office, but the supervisor said

that she will hire someone who is young who won't mind the
up and down

Me: They better hurry

Her: I will talk to them again

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NELLY

I didn't drive straight home, i passed by the church and it was
empty. I walked up to the Alter and knelt down while crying
and praying..

Me: Lord forgive me.. Please forgive me..

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NELLY

I was back at home now and going through things in my bedroom. I went through the drawers and noticed that one of my Morning after pills was missing, in the laundry basket i found my lingerie that had blood stains, I took the scissor and started cutting it..

Me: Why? Why? Why? Why did you give me such a heartless husband Lord why???????

I sank down in the bedroom floor while crying..

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AMANDA

I ate a sandwich a few minutes ago and unfortunately it came back out, i was on the bathroom floor right at the toilet busy vomiting. I was feeling very weird that i literally cried, i have never been this sick before..

I heard a knock at the door..

Yammy: Amanda

She tried opening but i had locked the door..

Her: Open the door!!

I got up and flushed, i then opened the door while i wiped my mouth..

Her: What's wrong? Why did you lock the door?

Me: It's nothing

She made her way in..

Her: Have you been vomiting?

Me: Yes.. Think it's the sandwich i ate earlier on

Her: Rinse your mouth and get a jacket we going out

Me: I really don't feel good

Her: I wasn't asking you

Me: Really i don't feel good

She gave me a serious look..

Me: Fine

Her: I will wait in the living room

She walked away

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i rinsed my mouth and then went to get my jacket..

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NDALO

I looked at the time and it was 16:00 i got up from the chair and took my jacket..

Bethany walked in..

Her: Sir

I looked at her..

Her: Apparently there's a lot of complaints with the cleaning department

She held out the pieces of papers...

Me: tomorrow morning we should terminate their contract, you must search for another one.. A more reliable one

Me: Yes sir

She walked out as Nicco walked in, looking all kinds of worried..

Me: Is everything okay?

Him: Everything is not okay

Me: What's wrong?

Him: My Daughter is missing

Me: What do you mean she is missing?

Him: I went to that center the building is empty!

Me: What?

Him: go to the internet you will not find it anymore

Me: Nicco are you sure about this?

Him: I am sure, i think we should go to the police station

Me: Let me get my things i will follow you

He walked out and i took my phone, i called Jordy..

Him: To what do i...

Me: wtf man?

Him: Err..

Me: What happened to my fiancé?

Him: At the center isn't she?

Me: She's not there!!! Looks like the center packed up and left

Him: I really have no idea what you talking about

Me: What did you do?

Him: I did nothing, i seriously don't know what's going on! This was not part of the plan i promise you i am not behind her missing!

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NELLY

I was preparing dinner when Nkuthalo walked in..

Him: Hey

Me: Hey

He closed the door and then came to me he kissed me on my forehead..

Him: What are we eating tonight?

Me: Your favorite

Him: I am a lucky man

Me: Why don't you go and watch Tv i will bring you a can of beer..

Him: Just what i need.. Let me change my working clothes first

I nodded.. He walked away

I opened the drawer and took out the sleeping tablets that i had bought at the pharmacy on my way home. I crushed one and I was going to put it in the beer.

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AMANDA

Funny enough we drove straight to the gym, Yammy has time for games i swear. I sat on the bench as she went and greeted some guy then talked to him, for a while she then came back to me..

She took out her phone and went on a few social media platforms until the guy came back with boxing gloves..

Yammy: Thank you

She took the gloves and looked at me..

Her: Give me your hands

I gave her my hands and she put the gloves on..

Me: I don't know how to fight

Her: I know

Me: Then why are we doing this?

She didn't say anything..

She stood up..

Her: Come

I stood up and then we went to the punching bag, she stood behind it and held it tightly..

Her: Start punching

I started punching..

Her: Come on Amanda punch as if like you want too

Me: But I don't want too

Her phone started ringing, she took it out of her pocket and answered..

Her: Hey...

She looked at me..

Her: Yeah she's here..

She passed me the phone but i couldn't hold it..

Yammy: I'm going to have to put you on loud speaker

She put the call on loud speaker..

Yammy: Talk

Voice: Hey Mandy

It was Nelly..

Me: Hey

Her: Are you okay?

Me: Yes i am

Her: That's good to hear

Yammy: She's not okay she's been vomiting

Nelly kept quiet for a while..

Nelly: Yammy can I talk to you, you alone

Yammy: Okay

She walked away and left me there..

I looked at the punching bag..

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NELLY

After the call, I hung up and looked at my phone, I then heard Nkuthalo calling me from the bedroom..

I put my phone on the counter and took the knife, i made my way to the bedroom. I had tied him to the bed, naked..

Him: What's going on? Is this some kind of sex position that i don't know?

I didn't put the whole pill in the beer, i didn't want him to pass out for a long time..

I made my way in with the knife in my hand..

Him: What's going on?

Me: You tell me

Him: Nelly..

Me: You have been raping your sister?

Him: Is that what she told you?

Me: haven't you been raping your Sister?

Him: Amanda is a liar! She has been sleeping with my Mother's husband.. She seduced me!

Me: Don't lie!!! Don't lie to me!!

Him: You believing me over her?

Me: Why Nkuthalo? Why?

Him: Okay You don't know why i have been doing this it goes deeper than you think

I put the knife on his penis..

Him: Okay.. Okay... My Mother married Amanda's father while she was pregnant with me she had cheated but he married her anyway, after a month of them getting married he started abusing her. He threw her down when she was 8 months pregnant

she almost went to premature labour and i was almost born disabled. Even after i was born that man didn't stop, he abused us and when i was a little boy he started abusing me sexually.

He would molest me, force me to do things to him and then eventually he started anal raping me. You don't know how difficult it was, when Amanda was born she was treated like a princess he never not even once abused her

I saw tears in his eyes..

Him: I mistreated Amanda because of the pain his Father put me and my Mother through i didn't mean too i was.. I was just angry

Me: Amanda did nothing

Him: I know and.. Nelly please.. Please

I remembered my Sister's pain then i eventually remembered Amanda's pain, how it must have been like for her to a point that she almost ended her life..

Me: She's pregnant

Him: What

Me: You forgot to use a condom or constantly give her the morning after pill, she's just a baby it will kill her

I strike the knife right in his penis..

Him: Ahhhhhhhh!!! Nelly please

Me: She is just a baby!!!! You took her innocence away!!!

I kept on stabbing him there, he tried moving but he couldn't free himself and he was screaming..

I moved from stabbing his dick and i started stabbing him repeatedly on his chest, i could feel blood stains on my face. I continued stabbing him until i saw him coughing up blood and then he stopped moving, i dropped the knife and looked at my hands. They were bloody, i looked at him and he was still not moving there was a lot of blood on the bed..

I walked out and made my way to the kitchen, i took my phone and called the police..

Me: I just killed my husband my address is 258 Spenika Ave

After calling the cops i sent my Sister an Sms..

"Please take care of her for me"

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SIENA

The truck was moving and i was at the back with a few girls from the center, our hands were tied and our mouths were gagged. I don't remember how we got here, all i remember is the Nurse injecting me..

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NELLY

When i was taken out from my house in handcuffs Neighbours were already standing outside watching the whole scenario, i stood at the door with the Detective as Nkuthalo's body was taken out. I had given the Detective his Mother's phone numbers and they called her, she was on her way. Phones were out people were taking pictures, my dress had blood stains and my hands were still bloody. The detective held my arm..

Him: Let's go

I looked down with a smile on my face as the detective led me to the back of the police car, he opened the door..

Me: Thank you

I got in and he closed the door..

I sat there and laughed for a while, i felt nothing. No remorse for what i have done, he deserved it just like how my Uncle was supposed to be killed like this. Yes i could've had him reported but for how long was he going to be locked up for? 10 years? Then come back to possibly kill Amanda for ruining his life? Nkuthalo deserves this and i hope he rots in hell!!

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AMANDA

We were still at the gym but I wasn't throwing punches anymore i was sitting on the bench watching her throw a few punches. She was really gunning for the punching bag, every punch she threw made me to flinch. Yammy doesn't look like an ordinary girl, there way she handles herself and her attitude it's more like she should've been a guy in my own opinion. I watched her as her Dreadlocks dangled around with each punch, the aggression portrayed by her face. You can just tell that she is used to this..

After a few punches she stopped while breathing heavily

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she held on to the punching bag. She then looked at me..

Her: What?

Me: Nothing

I looked away.. She started punching again and i kept on stealing glances at her just wondering how a girl can be this tough!

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SIENA

The truck came into a stop most of the girls here i could hear their almost silent cries, they were scared and so was i. It was very dark inside, only a small torch provided light for us. After about a few minutes the door of the truck opened, and two guys climbed in i have never seen them before..

They were holding bottles of water, one stood at the door and the other one started to make us drink the water. They didn't untie us, he just lowered the cloth from our mouths and made us drink one girl after the other. He got to me and lowered the cloth..

Me: Please my Father has money and..

He slapped me across the face..

Him: Just drink and keep quiet!!!!

He was wearing a black muscle vest, dark skin and very muscular..

He forced the water through by holding my cheeks tight and making me to face up, i even choked here and there..

NDALO

I was in the office with Jordy. Nicco and decided that we won't go to the media just as yet, we will try to find her. All these scandals are really starting to affect the company in a very bad way and they going to ruin my reputation, we going to lose

clients and a lot of money. I was pacing up and down, i loosened my tie..

Me: And?

Him: I am still trying

Me: How did you not know that the center was phoney?

Him: I know a lot of Phoney people okay? But this i have never stumbled upon before

Me: Even when Siena is gone she is still causing problems for me

Bethany walked in..

Her: I am sorry to interrupt but Mr Russo is here

Me: Show him in

She nodded..

Jordy: I thought you would be happy that she's gone

Me: Keep it down my Father in law is coming

Him: Should i leave?

Me: Yeah ill call you later

He stood up.

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NELLY

Detective: Please state your name and surname

I looked at the tape recorder on the table and the file.

Me: Nelly Mrabalala

Him: You called the station and said you killed your husband?

I looked at my hands they had allowed me to wash the blood off my hands..

Me: Yes

The detective opened the file and took out pictures, he showed them to me. It was Nkuthalo's lifeless bloody body on our bed. I closed my eyes it's only i realised how brutal i had killed him..

Him: Did you do this?

Me: Yes

I opened my eyes..

Him: Why?

Me: He was sexually abusing his Sister who had moved in with us

Him: Did you ever report him?

Me: I was away when it happened.. I am a flight attendant i am hardly at home

Him: How did you find out that he was sexually abusing his Sister?

Me: When she attempted suicide and left a suicide note that said "I am tired of being your wife, i am supposed to be your Sister"

Him: What really drove you to kill him? Instead of reporting him

Me: I was mad, i was mad that i married a monster

There was some awkward silence..

Me: Can i be taken to jail now?

Him: You will need a lawyer to represent you

Me: I don't need a lawyer, i don't need to go on trial and i certainly don't need bail. I killed my husband i provided the murder weapon i just need to be taken to jail. I have provided you with a full confession

Him: Are you even sorry about what you did?

Me: I am sorry that I married him

Him: Do you want to call someone?

Me: No

He stood up..

Him: I will be right back

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AMANDA

I was sitting on the couch watching Tv when Yammy walked in, she pulled the coffee table closer to the couch and sat ontop of it while looking at me..

Him: Nelly told me about your Brother and what he did to you

I am trying so hard to block that pain, I mostly think about a lot of things just to prevent myself from thinking about what happened. With the help of the Antidepressants, I am numb to the pain..

Her: I know and I understand how it feels like

I looked at her, did she just say she knows and understands?

Me: You don't know how it feels like

Her: Trust me I do

Me: No you don't! You cannot sit there and tell me that you understand what i am going through because you don't!!!

(Silence)

Her: May that be the first and last time you fucken raise your voice at me?

I stood up..

Her: Amanda sit down!

I walked to the bedroom i didn't even know that she was following me, she pushed the door when i was about to close it on her..

Her: I am trying so hard not to kick your ass but you making it very difficult for me! So for once act like you have sense!

I folded my arms..

Her: Thank you!

She closed the door and put her hands in her pockets..

Her: I am sorry that you had to be hurt like that but fuck it! And trust my words you not the first girl to be violated in such a cruel manner and you won't be the last! The world is cruel out there and women always fall victims to heartless predators. It's life and we cannot change it because not even the damn cops are willing to do something about it and make sure that women are protected from these men. Families hurt us more, families kill us because strangers believe us more than family.

Me: I just don't wanna talk about it okay? It drains me emotionally and physically. It affects me mentally, to even

know that he is going to get away with this makes me to hate him more. It makes me to feel dirty more!! You don't know how much I wish to die just to be rid of this, to be rid of this pain

Her: Well you have a bigger problem than that

Me: What?

Her: Nelly suspects that you might be pregnant

The word "pregnant" registered more than 5 times to me... I felt light headed immediately

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my stomach started turning in and i felt vomit coming right up my throat. I pushed her out of the way and ran to the bathroom to vomit..

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SIENA

The truck stopped again and this time around we were taken down from it. We were in what looked like a dead end road, trees on the other side and it was very dark. I can say it was about 10 girls including myself, the two men stood before us holding AK47 guns pointed right at us..

Man1: If anyone tries to run away i will not hesitate to kill you

I don't know where we are and where they are going to take us, but what i know is that we are in deep shit. I heard doors of a car closing, after a few minutes that woman who claimed to be a "Psychologist" at the center showed up, she wasn't alone. She was with Jordan, Ndalo's best friend. I couldn't believe my eyes. I knew that Jordy never liked me, but i never knew to this point. We both looked at each other for a while before he said something..

Him: I think Siena would like to say something

The woman walked up to me and lowered the cloth, that was covering my mouth..

Me: Why?

Him: Because I can

He walked closer to me, i spat on his face. The woman punched me across my face. Jordy wiped his face while laughing..

Me: My Father is going to find out about this and he is going to kill you!!

He looked at the lady..

Him: Take this one to Egypt, Israel, or Afghanistan! Just somewhere far away were she is going to get killed!!

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AMANDA

I sat on the bathroom floor with tears falling, Yammy was standing at the door with her arms folded..

Her: I know a Dr who can terminate the pregnancy for you

I kept quiet..

Her: You cannot keep this baby Amanda, you will never love it.
He/She is going to be a constant reminder of your pain

I wiped my tears..

She stretched her hand to me..

Her: Come we gonna get rid of it once and for all

I stretched my hand to her and she helped me to get up..

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AMANDA

Yammy: Are you comfortable?

I nodded, and then i went back to playing with the strings of the hospital gown that i was wearing..

She didn't take me to the Hospital, instead she took me to a private surgery and the Dr who owned the surgery met us there. She is the one who is meant to do the abortion..

She walked in wearing her scrubs..

Yammy: Wearing scrubs was not necessary

Her: I had to make my husband believe that they paged me at the hospital

Yammy: Thank you for doing this again

Her: If you didn't have contacts in high places i wouldn't be here doing this for you

Yammy: Thank you anyway

Her: We going to need a few things so I will write you a prescription, you will have to go down to the pharmacy

Yammy: I thought you had everything

Her: This is a private practice what you asking me to do is illegal
i might lose my license

Yammy: The hospital seemed too complicated

Her: And i am not supposed to have abortion pills because my
practice is not supposed to do abortions

Yammy: How did you get them anyway?

Her: I have my ways

She looked at me...

Her: Are you comfortable dear?

I nodded..

Her: Pass me the Bp machine

Yammy passed it to her..

Her: I am going to take your Bp

Me: It's okay

She help my arm..

Her: My goodness, you shaking.. Are you scared?

I didn't say anything..

Her: If you have second thoughts we can..

Me: No! Please get rid of it

Her: I will keep you here overnight to make sure that you don't bleed to death. I am going to give you two pills to drink, and two pills to put inside your Vagina. Then i am going to inject you just to subsidize the pain, unfortunately it's not going to a painless procedure you will experience a bit of cramps

Me: I understand

Her: Although this is illegal but for my protection I am going to have you sign the consent form

Yammy: Why?

Her: Incase something goes wrong and she dies, she can still bleed to death

Yammy: You supposed to be the best

Her: I am a gynecologist I usually deliver babies i don't kill them
They were going on and on busy arguing and quite frankly i was getting more and more irritated..

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SIENA

I didn't go with the truck and the other girls, Jordy instructed that I drive with him and the woman.

Me and his accomplice we were in the back seats while he was behind the wheel, The whole time I stared out of the window with tears streaming down. I never thought human trafficking was actually real until today, what did I do to Jordy for him to hate me this much? I wiped my tears.

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NELLY

The Detective thought I was tripping when i told him that I don't want a lawyer and I don't want bail, I just wanted to serve my time already. I was taken down to Prison the next morning

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I had been interrogated for the whole night and a psychologist was brought in too just to make sure that I was still in the right state of mind. All i wanted to do was to sleep, all that caffeine I consumed wasn't doing me well..

The Prison Warden opened the cell for me, she then locked behind me. I looked around and there were 4 beds, but the Cell was empty. I looked at all the beds and they were all made up the same way so I just randomly chose one at the bottom and laid on it..

I was starting to feel it, the pain. The pain that I was going to be locked up in here for a very long time..

I closed my eyes as i fought back the tears, Amanda's pain and Yammy's pain kept on convincing me that I made the right choice and that I shouldn't feel guilty..

I heard female voices talking and laughing then I heard the sound of the key turning, it was obvious that my cell mates were here..

I wasn't in the mood for any conversation or any fuckery with them so I laid there starring at the wall, until it was very quiet..

I felt someone poking me, I turned and some girl was standing right next to my bed..

Her: Masingajwayelani! (let's not get used to each other)

The other girls were looking at us..

Her: Azishe this is my bed!

I didn't say anything i got off, i looked around and it seemed like i will be taking the bed at the top. I tried to climb but she pulled my leg and I fell, the other girls started laughing. I actually hurt my knee..

Her: Uyadelela nja ndini! (You a disrespectful dog)

She took out a pack of cigarettes from inside her pillow..

Her: You don't just walk in and claim the place! This is not your Mother's place you must introduce yourself you swine!
Abakufundisanga intlonipho kini? (Didn't they teach you respect at your house)

I was still on the floor in pain..

Her: Stand up and introduce yourself mhlathi wakho!

I slowly stood up with my knee still painful..

She lit up a cigarette...

I cleared my throat..

Me: My name is Nelly and I am from midrand, I was married

Her: Was?

Me: I killed my husband

Her: Why?

Me: He raped his sister

She laughed..

Her: So you were jealous?

Me: I was actually disgusted

Her: Whatever.. Carry on

Me: I was an air hostess

Her: do you have a family?

Me: I do.. My Mother and my Sister are my life though my sister and I have our own differences

Her: Sounds interesting

Me: Not entirely.. Her name is Yamkela but now she goes by the name of Braga.. Nothing really interesting on my..

Her: What did you just say?

Me: What?

Her: Your Sister is Braga? Braga the lesbian? Braga the one who is obsessed with The Skulls?

Me: Uhm yes you know her?

Her: She is friends with Mandeecee and Ngwane?

Me: I know Mandeecee but I don't know Ngwane never heard of him

She smiled at me..

Her: Wow.. Small world it is

Me: Do you know my Sister?

She stood up..

Her: Let's just say you and I are going to be good friends

She stretched her hand to me..

Her: Promise but they call me Pro

I stretched mine too and she gave me a handshake..

Her: I am sorry about your knee

Me: It's okay

She continued smiling at me which was very weird..

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YAMMY

I felt someone tapping me on my shoulder, I slowly opened my eyes and the sun was shining through providing light in the room. Dr Marie was standing next to me, I stretched myself..

Me: What time is it?

Her: 08:00am

I got up from the chair, my neck was a bit strained..

Me: How is she?

Marie: She's sleeping

I walked to check up on her and she was indeed sleeping..

Marie: At least I don't use this room so consultations won't be interrupted

Me: Thank you again

Marie: How do you know Dr Sean Cowen?

Me: He is more of a mentor to me

Marie: If it wasn't for him I wouldn't have done this

Me: I know

We stood at the door looking at Amanda..

Marie: She's beautiful

Me: Very beautiful

Marie: What makes the world to be cruel to such a beautiful young girl?

Me: I am still yet to find out

(Silence)

Me: How do I help her through this? She's already on Antidepressants

Marie: I wouldn't suggest therapy, maybe get her something that's going to distract her

Me: A hobby?

Marie: A job

Me: I don't think she's ready for the world

Marie: You shelter her too much

I folded my arms..

Her: Someone special?

Me: No.. Not really.. I have a girlfriend

She turned and looked me for a while..

Her: You like her don't you?

I was confused..

Her: Her (referring to Amanda) You like her don't you?

I kept quiet..

Her: I might not know how lesbians handle relationships but love knows no sexuality and I have seen how you look at her, touch her, last night you were more afraid of her life than she was

Me: I don't love.. I am incapable of loving someone

Her: So you single?

Me: No I am pushing time

She laughed..

Amanda slowly opened her eyes..

Marie: Looks like your crush is going to be fine..

She walked away..

Amanda: Hey

Me: Welcome back.. Still feeling pain?

She shook her head no..

Her: Can we go home now?

Me: Yes ofcourse.. I'll get Dr Marie to come and check you, see if everything is okay

Her: Thank you

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NDALO

Bethany: You will only be free at 14:00

Me: 14:00 won't do.. He gets grumpy after 12..maybe tomorrow morning?

She went back to the tablet, busy pulling her short skirt down..

Her: 10:00am?

Me: Sounds better

I sat down on my chair..

Me: If you knew that you going to be busy pulling it down.. Why did you wear it?

Her: Sorry?

Me: The skirt?

She smiled..

Her: Sorry if it's disturbing you

Me: I am not complaining

She cleared her throat..

Her: Can I ask a personal question?

Me: Go ahead

Her: Any luck with finding Siena?

Me: No.. Nothing yet

Her: Do you even want to find her?

Me: Excuse me?

Her: I am sorry but.. Your fiancé that you suppose to Marry in a few months is missing and you here acting like nothing is happening, Is it even affecting you that she is missing?

Me: I run a multimillion rand company! Everyone's job is at stake including yours. We have had so many scandals that a few clients have pulled out

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we have hired a few PIs to look for her before going public with this and lose more clients! My Fiancé is none of your concern

Her: Ohw I am sorry

Me: Maybe if you spent time doing your job you would've found us another cleaning company

Her: I have been busy th..

Me: Busy with what? You my PA everything you do is part of your job!

Her: Yes Sir

Me: I have no room for incompetent employees.. Should i get another PA?

Her: No Sir.. I apologize

Me: Good!

Her: Anything else that I can do for you?

Me: You can do your job.. Get back to your work station

Her: Yes Sir

She stood up and walked away, I clicked my tongue and then got my phone. I sent Jordy a text:

"Any luck?"

AMANDA

Me: A wheelchair was very unnecessary

Me: You weak

She opened the door for me, I got up from the wheelchair and got in the car..

She pushed the wheelchair inside and abandoned it next to the gate, she walked out of the gate and got in the car. I still don't know what Yammy is doing for a living but she seems financial stable, she's driving a BMW X6 and her apartment is very lovely..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: I don't wanna talk about it

Her: You ha..

Me: Please..

Her: Fine

She started the car and her phone rang, she took it out of her pocket and answered..

Her: Hello... Nelly..

I looked at her..

Her: She's.... What??.. What do you mean that you're.. Fine ill be there..

She looked at me..

Her: I'll be there alone it's fine..Bye..

She put her phone away and I waited for her to tell me what's going on but she didn't say anything..

Me: Is Nelly fine?

Her: She's fine..

I could see that something was bothering her and it might be about Nelly..

NKATI

My Mother was very weak she had been crying a lot ever since we got that call saying My Brother is no more and that he was butchered by his wife Nelly..

They unzipped the body bag, and It was him. His lips were dry, he looked very pale..

My Mom sent out a slight cry almost collapsing, i held her..

Her: Why? Why? Why? (Crying)

They Zipped him again..

Me: Let's go Ma

Her: Why? Why him? What drove that evil witch to do this? Why???

Wonder was waiting for us outside next to the car..

Mom: Is this some kind of a curse? Why my Son? Why him?

There's still a lot of questions surrounding my Brother's death, Nelly has to explain herself.

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YAMMY

The door opened and she walked in, I stood up. She limped her way across the room until she got to where I was sitting, she tried to hug me but I stopped her..

Me: I have been through this road before and physical contact is not allowed

She sat down..

I looked at her..

Me: On the phone you said you..

Her: I killed him

Me: Why?

Her: You know why

Me: Why didn't you call me? I could've taken care of him

Her: I needed to do this on my own

Me: Nelly..

Her: Look Yammy I did it okay It's done there's no going back now

Me: I'll get you a lawyer

Her: No.. I want to do my time

Me: You might get a very harsh sentence Nelly.. You already limping Jail is not for you

Her: I will be fine

She looked around..

Her: I need you to do something for me

Me: What?

Her: I need you to tell me where Ngwane is

Me: What?

Her: Is his girlfriend still alive? If yes where is he hiding her?

Me: Nelly you not making sense

Her: Please my life might depend on it

Me: Is someone threatening you?

Her: Just do it

There was a long silence..

Her: How Is she?

Me: She's trying to be tough

Her: Please take care of her for me.. She has been through a lot

Me: I know I see it everyday

Her: Thank you

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AMANDA

Before Yammy left she called her Cousin to come over and "babysit" me, Since my attempted suicide the other time I cannot be trusted to be left alone...

Thandeka: I made us some coffee

Me: Thank you

She is really sweet I don't wanna lie

Her: So what are we watching?

Me: Tv is a bit boring

Her: It cannot be boring Yammy pays for all the channels

Her phone rang..

Her: Excuse me

She stood up and walked out to answer her phone in the other room.

Something is wrong with Nelly and I don't know why they keeping it away from me

After a while I heard Thandeka screaming

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It was more like a joyful scream. That caught my attention..

She came back in the room..

Her: Oww my word I cannot believe this..

Me: Believe what?

Her: That was a call from some company they called me for an interview tomorrow.. They want to sign a contract with my small cleaning company, ofcause if I ace the interview

Me: Wow that's good

Her: When I saw the post I just applied I didn't expect this

Me: I am sure your Company is the best

Her: It's Amateurs I only have two employees

Me: I am sure you are going to do great

She looked at me..

Her: What are you currently doing for a living?

Me: Nothing

Her: How about I hire you? The more the merrier

Me: I don't know

Her: It's a multimillion rand company Imagine how much we going to get monthly

Me: I really don't know

Her: What have you got to lose? It's a good way to make money a lot of people would jump at this opportunity

I thought for a while..

Me: You right.. It's a good way to make money and be independent

Her: I will let you know how the interview goes tomorrow in the meantime get your CV ready

Me: I don't have matric though

Her: It's fine I just need your CV

Me: I'll do it tomorrow

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NDALO

Bethany walked into my office..

Her: I am going out for lunch.. Need something before I go?

Me: I am fine

Her: I called some cleaning company the lady who owns it will come for an interview tomorrow morning at 08:00

Me: Thank you

Her: See you after lunch

Me: enjoy lunch

She walked away..

Me: Ummm Bethany

She came back...

Her: Call Sizzars and make a dinner reservation for tonight, table for two

Her: I will do that after lunch.. Time?

Me: 20:00..wear something sexy

She smiled and looked down..she cleared her throat..

Her: I am not following

Me: I am taking you out tonight for Dinner

We heard a knock at the door, Nicco walked in..

Me: Thank you Bethany

Her: Yes Sir

He walked in and sat down..

Me: any luck?

Him: The PIs haven't found anything

Me: Should we include the feds?

Him: And the public

Me: Public?

Him: someone might have seen her.. Reward make it a million

Me: That's a lot

Him: A lot to find her

Me: I'll do that

Him: Thank you

Me: We will find her Nicco and we will find who is behind this

Him: I hope so...

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NKATI

Mom thought that we should have the funeral at his house at least in that way everyone will be able to attend it..

Nkuthalo and I we were not that close but It hurts that he died in such a cruel manner..

I was looking at the newspaper going over the article again, I still don't understand how his wife would turn on him like that..

I am glad that Wonder left me alone for a while to help Mom with the funeral arrangements and everything..

I have tried calling Amanda but her phone was taking me straight to voicemail, we haven't heard from her in a while..

I went to the bedroom were my Mother was sitting on the mattress, It's just me and her and the neighbours who come to help during the day, I am surprised that our relatives were not here yet we called them immediately when we heard the news...

Mom: Have you got hold of Amanda?

Me: uhm no.. Her phone is on voicemail

She looked drained and she looked like there was no life in her anymore..

Mom: What if something happened to her? Nelly Is evil what if..

Me: Don't think like that.. Wherever she is we will find her

I went and sat next to her..

Me: I am here for you

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YAMMY

I was back at the warehouse with Mandeecce and Kimmy..

Ndeecee: 30 000 for you Kimmy

Kimmy: Thank you I cannot wait to go shopping

Ndeecee: don't deposit and don't spend it recklessly they still looking for the culprits

Kimmy: This is not my first time on the job Ndeecee I know the drill

She took the bag..

Her: Is that all? Can I go?

5 months ago we hit a fedility truck we got away with 3mill, we keeping the money in a vault back at the warehouse we pay 30 000 to Kimmy every month she's new and she still has to prove herself. Ndeecee and i take at least 60 000 each a month

Ndeecee: Don't deposit all of it

She rolled her eyes...

Her: Gosh Ndeecee!!

She walked away..

Ndeecee: What's wrong with you?

Me: My sister is behind bars

Ndeecee: What happened?

Me: she killed her husband

Ndeecee: The story that made headlines?

I nodded..

Ndeecee: Damn! Did you get her a lawyer?

Me: She doesn't want one

Ndeecee: I'm sorry man

Me: That's not what's bothering me

Ndeecee: Talk to me

Me: She asked about Ngwane

Ndeecee: What? How does he know him

Me: I think someone is using her to go after Ngwane

Him: That's.. Is it Pro?

Me: I thought so too but Pro knows better than to go after Ngwane

Him: Look I'll call Ngwane and let him know

I stood up..

Me: And I should get home.. See you tomorrow man

Him: Ayt drive safely

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NDALO

She was wearing a short red dress

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red heels, and her red lipstick just tempted me to kiss the living daylight out of her..

I took off her coat..

Her: Thank you

I hung the coat and opened the chair for her..

Her: Thank you again

I went and sat down..

Her: Not scared that Paparazzi might snap a few?

Me: We in a private area so I doubt

Her: I hope so

Me: Look about earlier I..

Her: Let's try to have a goodnight and leave office politics at the office

Me: Ofcause..

I opened the bottle of wine..

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AMANDA

I had just finished bathing, I looked at my tummy in the mirror with tears falling. I ran my hand in circles there, Just thinking about what could've been. I imagined my tummy big and I was disgusted, all of a sudden I thought of Nkuthalo and the disgusting things he used to do to me..

I closed my eyes and hoped for the memories to go away, I don't want to think of it..I don't want to be hurt

I heard the door closing..

Yammy: Mandy?

I quickly grabbed the towel and wrapped it around my naked body..

Me: In here

I wiped my tears..

She knocked..

Her: Are you appropriate?

Me: Yes come in

The door opened and she walked in..

Her: Hey

I faked a smile..

Me: Hey

Her: I didn't see Thandeka

Me: She left

Her: She what?

Me: She had something to do

Her: I thought that I..

Me: Yammy I am fine

She looked at me..

Her: Come I have a surprise for you

I walked out and we went to the kitchen..

Her: I noticed that you don't have a phone.. So I bought
you one

Me: Huawei P10? Must have cost a lot

Her: It didn't hurt my wallet

Me: Thank you

Her: You welcome

We heard a knock at the door..

Her: I'll get that

She went to open..

Her: Shauna?

Voice: Hey baby I..

She walked in and saw me..

Yammy: I thought you were coming back next week

She still looked at me, ready to kill me..

Her: What is going on?

She turned to Yammy..

Her: There's a girl standing in your kitchen wrapped in a towel
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AMANDA

I didn't have time for an argument or a cat fight so when she came for me Yammy stopped her, I left her there all screaming and acting crazy and I went to the bedroom. I had a lot to do on my new phone, that being retrieving back my Facebook, downloading WhatsApp and what not. The sim was already active in the phone and it had airtime so I downloaded WhatsApp again, I could've done a sim swap but I didn't have all the information for my last sim. It didn't bother me at all because I didn't have much contacts the only regrettable contact that I have lost is Toto..

I had a couple of Inboxes, many from Nkati and a very unfamiliar one from someone by the name of "Jordan Jordy" It only said "Hi", he only had one picture and he was white could be a catfish. Nkati's Inboxes didn't Interest me at all, was mostly about where I am etc, nothing much. Although something she posted really interest me, She posted a Picture of Nkuthalo and Nelly saying "Never trust the one you with, my Brother was brutally butchered by this innocent lady standing next to him, his wife. RIP Nkuthalo"..

Is this what Yammy has been keeping from me? Nelly killed my Brother? Naah it didn't make sense. Nelly cannot do this! She is

very sweet, she is a Christian and can never do such a despicable thing!..

I got out of bed and walked out of the bedroom

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Yammy was sitting in the lounge smoking weed while listening to music, and her sneaker balancing nicely on the coffee table. She seemed to be lost in the drug facing up and starring at the ceiling without moving an inch..

Me: Yammy

She turned and looked at me

Me: I need to talk to you

She got her foot off the coffee table and sat up straight, her eyes were a bit red and the whole room was filled with smoke, I coughed a little. She looked at the curtain. I walked over to open the windows..

Me: Is your girlfriend gone?

Him: That's what you wanted to talk about?

Me: No..

I went and closed her laptop that was playing music very loud..

Her: Wtf?

Me: I said I want to talk to you

Her: Then it better be fucken important!

I sat down..

Me: It is!

She looked at me..

Me: Did Nelly kill my brother?

She didn't say anything..

Me: Where is she? Is she on the run?

She rubbed her hands together..

Her: She's in jail

Me: So it's true?

Her: Yeah

Me: Why? Why would she give up her freedom for him?

Her: I don't know

I was hurt, overwhelmed by foreign feelings. Why would Nelly do this? I was crushed..

She wiped her face with her hand..

Her: It's not your fault

Me: She did this because of me

Her: She did this because of Nelly

Me: Still

She laid back..

Her: Come on I don't wanna do this pep talk

She yawned..

(Silence)

Me: Thandeka wants to hire me

She moved her head and faced me in a fastidious way..

Her: Sorry what?

Me: She is going for an interview tomorrow at this company
they might give her a contract

She leaned forward and took the ashtray..

Her: No

Me: huh?

Her: You not going to work for her

Me: Why?

She stood up and walked away..

Her: Because I said so

I stood up too..

Me: I wasn't asking you

Her: It doesn't matter

I chuckled and folded my arms..

Me: You don't own me

Her: I can't let you out of my sight

Me: I am very capable of being independent

Her: Good for you

She disposed the contents in the ashtray..

Me: I need the money to move out

Her: Move out?

Me: Yes before your girlfriend rearranges my face

She laughed..

Her: See why you need to learn self defense?

Me: Naah

Her: When are yall supposed to start with all this cleaning nonsense?

Me: Nonsense?

Her: Yes

Me: As soon as she Aces the interview

Her: Okay

She walked out of the room bumping to me on purpose and leaving the weed scent behind, I laughed a little and looked at her. If she was a guy she was going to make a great arrogant boyfriend for someone out there..

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NDALO

I was standing in the balcony just gazing at the moon until Bethany walked in wearing my shirt.. She hugged me from behind..

Her: Something on your mind?

Me: Nothing much

I turned around and faced her..

Her: I should go

Me: You not sleeping over?

Her: No Sir it's not a relationship only sex

She walked back in the room..

Me: It's me who is supposed to treat you like this

She smiled..

Her: My rent is up tomorrow

Me: I'll do a transfer later on

Her: Let me dress up and go

There's nothing wrong with the sex that I am getting but I really wanna settle down, the loneliness is getting to me now. I want someone I can come home too, be welcomed by dinner on the table every night. Someone I will share the bed with every night, someone I could wake up next too every morning, just stare at her as she is peacefully sleeping. This loneliness is starting to get to me..

Bethany: Do you mind driving me?

Me: No let me dress up

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NELLY

I was laying on my bed with Promise standing by the window right at the corner of the room and looking at me, she had a pocket knife in her hands busy playing with it..

Me: She said she will get back to me

She looked at the knife, I don't even know were she got the knife from..

Her: I thought we were going to be friends

Me: I did talk to her

Her: What did she say?

Me: She said she will get back to me like I already said

Her: she better

The Warden came..

Her: Time for dinner

I got down from the bed as she made her way in..

We stood in a line, Promise was standing behind me with the knife pointed at me. I could feel it poking my back..

Her: Time is ticking

Warden: Let's go

She looked at Promise..

Warden: Put that away or you will get me in trouble

Promise: Sure thang

Me and the others walked out to the dinning area..

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NKATI

Mom: Still no word from Amanda?

Me: No Mom

Mom: Is she alright though?

Me: I am not sure

Mom: She has to attend her Brother's funeral

Me: I will try to find her through social media and I will call her again

Mom: Thank you

Me: You welcome

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NELLY

A FEW DAYS LATER

I slowly sat down on the chair Yammy didn't come alone today, she was with some guy I could clearly see that he is a Lawyer..

Yammy: What happened to you?

Me: I'll be fine

I had a black eye and a broken arm..

Yammy: This is Mr Kruger he will be representing you

Mr Kruger looked at me..

Him: It's nice to finally meet you

I looked at Yammy again..

Me: I told you that I don't need a Lawyer

Yammy: Yes you do! You are not tailored for prison Nelly. You getting a Lawyer and you going to get bail if you can't get bail I will buy you protection until your trial starts

Me: Can we just talk for a second? Just you and me?

Mr Kruger stood up..

Him: I will be right outside

He walked away..

Yammy: Listen

Me: No you listen!.. Did you locate Ngwane?

She looked down..

Me: Yammy I know you think that this is useless to you but my life depends on it

Her: Who is after him?

Me: Did you locate him?

Her: give me a name

I looked at her and exhaled..

Me: Promise

Her eyes widened..

Her: What?

Me: She is going to be out on parole very soon and she will be going after Ngwane

Her: Wow!! Promise never learns does she?

Me: She knows dangerous people outside, People who will take care of Ngwane for her

She remained quiet..

Me: Yammy please

Her: He is out of the country.. Not really sure about his whereabouts

Me: You not sure or you just don't wanna tell me?

Her: He is in Brazil and Yes his.. Tell promise that her sister is still alive

I closed my eyes..

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much

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AMANDA

Thandeka: Are you guys ready?

We nodded..

Her: I wouldn't have hired the 6 of you if I didn't think that you guys have what it takes to pull this job, I want you guys to make me proud. If we do the job well then we will be able to keep this contract for a very long time, make certain that the rest rooms are always clean and the reception

We nodded..

Her: Amanda since you are the youngest I think you will fit in well in the 3rd floor cleaning the CEO's office, I will work with you for a few days until you are able to work on your own

Me: Okay

Thandeka: Let's get to work.. Tea time is at 10am this whole building must be clean before we knock off..

Our cleaning uniform is a bit different but very comfortable. It was black leggings, green tshirts, and black comfortable sneakers with green bandanas. At least it will be easy for us to move around..

We pushed our cleaning cart to the elevator..

Me: Thank you again for this job

Her: You welcome

Me: Yammy said you should keep an eye on me?

Her: Why?

Me: You could've paired with someone else

The elevator opened and we made our way in..

Her: She means well

Me: she treats me like a baby

Her: That's not true she cares about you

Me: She cares too much about me while I mean nothing to her

Her: Trust me you mean something to her

Me: Mean something to her?

She kept quiet..

Me: Wait, what do you mean I mean something to her?

She didn't answer my question up until we got to the 3rd floor..

Her: We are here.. I will do the office and you do the rest room,
don't worry it's not a lot of People who use it, just him and his
PA

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NKATI

My Mom's health took a drastic toll on her, after we buried my
brother she got admitted. I knew she was affected by his death
but I didn't think she would take it this hard

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I looked at her and she looked pale, drained, there was no life
left in her. All she wants is to see Amanda she has been asking a
lot about her..

I held her hand and she opened her eyes..

Me: Hey Mom

She didn't say anything..

Me: How are you feeling today?

Her: Did you find Amanda?

Me: No I left her a lot of inboxes on facebook but she hasn't responded to any of them

She let go of my hand..

Me: Why? Why do you wanna see Amanda so bad?

Her: Can you get her?

Me: I'll try

Wonder walked in..

Him: Hey

Me: Hey

Him: How is she holding up?

Me: Not good

He walked up to her..

He tried holding her hand but my Mother retracted it, she has been acting very cold towards him lately..

Him: I probably should go just came to see how she was holding up

Me: Okay

Him: See you at home

I nodded and he walked out.. I looked at my Mom and she looked at me too..

Her: Nkati I know

I froze.. What does she know?

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AMANDA

I was done with the rest room, It was just one toilet and a basin so not much to clean there. After cleaning the toilet I helped Thandeka and she also showed me how things should be done in the CEO'S office, we practically had instructions that was given to us by his PA to follow. It was now 9:30am, I'll just take my tea break early since I finished early..

I was standing by the elevator waiting for it to open, I really liked the Android robot that was busy talking next to me I looked at it and chuckled..

This company must have a lot of money, everything is just state of the art and the technology around here was on another level..

The elevator opened and I started pushing my cart in and I could feel that I hit someone with it, I looked up and I couldn't believe my eyes. He was on his phone..

Him: Can I call you back? Say after 5min?..okay.. Thank you..
Bye

He lowered his phone. He looked more handsome up close, his lazy eyes would definitely make your knees weak..

Me: I.. I am very sorry I didn't mean too..

I was so nervous that I was literally shaking..

He didn't say anything, he just stepped out and I walked inside. He walked straight to his office without even turning back and looking at me..Fuck it! Is he the CEO of this company??

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NDALO

Mr M: Russo Intel has always been good to me I am very comfortable at the software system that your company created for my business, We have had a good working relationship thus far

I looked at him without saying a word..

Him: This is very hard for me

Me: I understand Mr Mkhize and trust me it would be a disappointment to me and the company if we could lose such a valuable client because of the current scandals that the company has

Him: It's another thing having your fiancé missing but the papers are insinuating that you got rid of her because of the assault charge that she laid against you, they are so sure that you have a hand in her disappearance

Me: Unfortunately Mr Mkhize I cannot control what the papers say about me, the media will always have their own version of the truth. They will try to twist the truth

He kept quiet..

Me: I have never raised my hand on my fiancé let

alone try to kill her

Him: I am trying to see this your way trust me

Me: Then please trust me too

Him: If it could be out that I am associating myself with a woman beater I am going to lose my clients, I am going to be out of business

Me: I totally understand

Him: I am sorry but I have to pull out

I loosened my tie..

Me: Mr Mkhize I am very sure that we can talk about this

Him: Unfortunately I have made up my mind

He stood up..

Him: Good luck with your future endeavors

Me: Mr Mkh..

Him: Goodbye Mr Khoza

He headed for the door. We just lost a very big client, this is going to have a huge negative impact on the company financially. I punched the table in frustration, it was painful..

Me: Fuck!!!!!!

My hand was aching maybe I broke a few bones..

Bethany walked in..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: No.. We lost Mkhize

I walked up to the window and stared at the view outside..

Her: So what does that mean for the company?

Me: Salaries might be cut

Her: What?

I turned and looked at her..

Me: We lost at least 5 more clients prior to him

Her: I didn't know it was this bad

She sat down..

Me: It's worse

As my eyes were wondering around, I saw that girl again leaving the rest room the one that bumped me with her cart earlier on in the elevator. I walked closer to the window, my office doesn't have walls it has transparent glasses throughout so you can see anyone who comes into the 3rd floor..

Her bandana slipped and fell she noticed it, and with a bit of frustration she crouched and picked it up. She didn't put it back on her head

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she tied it around her wrist with her locks crowding her face. She pulled them back and put them behind her ear, she gazed around first before walking to the elevator and our eyes met. She is still as beautiful as when I first saw her at the restaurant, she panicked and then rushed straight to the elevator. She pressed the button and waited..

Me: Come on turn your head

She couldn't even stand straight was just impatient that the elevator wasn't coming up any faster..

Me: Turn your head and look at me

I heard the sound of the elevator, before it could open she turned her head and looked at me when she realized that I was still looking at her she faced her front and quickly walked into the elevator. I chuckled as the doors of the elevator closed, I turned around and looked at Bethany..

Her: I am really sorry about Mr Mkhize

Me: I need you to train someone for me

Her: Huh?

Me: Second PA

Her: I don't understand

Me: I am lessening your burdens of being a PA, I want you to train someone plus next year you will be going back to school

Her: I know but we always get the best replacements

Me: This time around I want to do it my way

Her: I am listening

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NKATI

I didn't wait for her to even say it starring deep into her eyes I could see that she really knows, She knows that I have been screwing her husband and this might be the reason why she's here admitted..

I walked out and took a cab straight to Wonder's office, We really have to stop this..

Him: What an unexpected surprise

Me: She knows

Him: What do you mean she knows?

Me: Mom.. She knows that we have been sleeping together

Him: That's impossible

Me: I am telling you! That's the reason why she's admitted

He started sorting out papers that were on his desk..

Me: Wonder!!

Him: What do you want me to say? She knows and I don't care!

Me: What?

Him: We in the process of divorcing remember? Then I am going to marry you

Wonder is out of his mind..

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YAMMY

Me: try it now

She started it..

Her: Wow you really saved my life

I closed the bonnet..

Her: I thought my car was never gonna get fixed

Me: You just had to take it to the right people

Her: Thank you very much

Me: You can go and pay at the counter

She walked away, Mandeecce made his way to me..

We reopened Ngwane's old garage just as a front so that when cops decide to tail us we can use this as our source of income..

Me: Did you call Ngwane and tell him?

Him: I did he will always be on a lookout

Me: Cannot believe Promise

Him: She's a woman scorned

Kimmy came to us..

Her: sushi

Me: What?

Her: You want to prepare a romantic dinner for Amanda try sushi

Ndeecee: Romantic dinner?

Me: It's nothing

Kimmy: She likes her

Me: Stay out of my business go mind the counter

Her: Yeah Yeah Yeah whatever

She walked away..

Ndeecee: And?

Me: It's nothing man

Him: If you say so

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AMANDA

Thandeka came and joined me she had a cup of coffee

Her: Can this day end already?

Me: Still a long way

Her: I can't believe they allow us to eat for free here at the cafeteria

Me: Told you that this company has a lot of money

I saw some blonde girl approaching our table..she had a beautiful slim model body, she was really rocking those heels like they nothing

Her: Good morning

We greeted back..

Her: The CEO would like to see you

She looked at me and I accidentally spilled coffee on my shirt..

Thandeka: See her? See her why?

Her: Please come with me

I looked at Thandeka..

Her: What did you do?

Me: I don't know

Bethany: He is a very busy man he doesn't have all day

She walked away, Thandeka and I stood up..

Thandeka: What did you do?

Me: I kind of used their rest room a few minutes ago

Thandeka: You did what?

Bethany: Hello??? Time?!

Thandeka: You better pray that I don't lose this contract!!

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AMANDA

We were sitting on the couch that was in his office I kept on running my eyes around just to make sure that we cleaned properly and that everything was in place. His PA was standing next to his desk, she was really beautiful I cannot front. She had on a brown long dress but it didn't entirely reach her feet, and she had on brown heels too that she strapped them around her leg. Her make up was on point and her hair was nicely tied, with a small line on the side.

Her: What happened to your tshirt?

Me: Coffee stain

Her: I can see that but I am mainly interested in why it's there?

Me: I accidentally spilled coffee on myself

I don't know why she's asking me such a retarded question considering the fact that she was there at the cafeteria when I spilled the coffee on myself..

Her: I am sorry but this is one of the biggest companies in SA, as employees we represent the company we are the face of the company despite which department you are in. So this is totally unacceptable don't you guys have extra clothing?

Thandeka: It's our first day and

Her: And nothing.. Your company was hired because we thought you have what it takes, don't make me think otherwise I don't know why she was acting like she is the one who runs this company..

Ndalo walked in, he was fully concentrated on some paper that he was holding. My nerves shot up straight to the roof, he is very intimidating..

He stood behind his desk and he put the paper down, his lazy eyes landed on me and I looked away..

Him: Good morning

Thandeka: Morning

Me: Morn.. Morning

He looked at Thandeka..

Him: And you are?

Thandeka: I am Thandeka, I run the cleaning department. Amanda here is one of my employees

Ndalo: Did she sign a contract with you?

Her: No Sir

Ndalo: Then this should be easy

He looked at me again..

Him: This is Bethany my Personal assistant she is basically in charge of my life

Bethany still had attitude written all over her face..

Him: She does her job very well but sometimes it gets too much

Bethany looked at him..

Him: And that's why she needs a helping hand

This wasn't making sense..

Him: You are?

Me: Amanda

Him: Amanda.. I need your help

Me: My help?

Him: Yes

Me: I don't think I understand

He walked all the way around with his hands in his pockets..

Him: Bethany cannot concern herself with minor things anymore she needs to fully focus on making sure that I get to a meeting in time and everything else that's related to the company

I remained quiet..

Him: Not that what you will be doing won't be related to the company

Me: What I'll be doing?

He stood by the shelf, partially leaning on it and not afraid to look at me..

Him: I need someone who is going to take care of me and my well-being

I was still not following..

Him: Someone who can make sure when I enter my office in the morning I will find a hot cup of coffee on my desk, someone who will fetch my dry cleaning for me, prepare lunch for me travel back and forth from my workplace to my apartment when needed too. Someone who is going to put my needs first and make sure I am well taken care of

Bethany turned and looked at him..

Her: I get you your coffee

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and I get you lunch

Ndalo: As I have said I am making your job easy for you

He looked at me..

Him: Amanda are you up for that?

Me: Me?

He looked around..

Him: Unless we have another Amanda in this room

Me: I don't know I mean it sounds..

Him: Perfect? Thank you think about it and then give me an answer before you go home

Me: I.. Uhm..

Thandeka: Sorry to cut in but a position of a PA? Amanda only has grade 9

Bethany chuckled..

Ndalo: That's not a problem her job title doesn't require a qualification it's natural

Bethany: We have never hired anyone without a..

Ndalo: I told you we doing things my way now

He looked at us..

Him: That will be all

Thandeka and I stood up and walked out, I was in awe it's just my first day here and already I am getting promoted?

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YAMMY

I walked out from the back to the front, Shauna was standing there waiting for me. I made my way to her..

Me: Hey

Her: Hi

I looked at her..

Me: You look great

Her: Thank you

(Silence)

Her: I won't waste your time seeing that you busy.. I am here to tell you that I am going back home

Me: Home?

She nodded..

Her: I guess there's nothing left for me here anymore

Me: Shauna I..

Her: Don't... Somehow I knew that you were not in love with me, it was almost as if like you were pushing time with me just because you felt lonely and bored

Me: I am sorry

Her: I know.. I just hope that she is worth it and that she will make you happy

Me: I am not dating her

Her: Maybe not but... She's staying with you, you couldn't even ask me to move in with you

Me: Again I am really sorry

Her: Me too

She came closer and perked my lips..

Her: Goodbye

She wiped them with her thumb..

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NKATI

I couldn't stop the tears from falling looking at her suffering like this knowing very well that I am the course of her suffering..

Me: Mom

I tried to touch her hand but she didn't want..

Her: For how long?

I wiped my tears..

Me: How did you find out?

Her: I am not that naive

I nodded with tears falling...

Her: The reason why you gave Amanda those underwears was because the red one was missing right?

(Silence)

Me: Yes

Her: All those "I am going to visit friends" excuses you were actually meeting up with him am I right?

Me: Yes

More tears fell..

Her: You set Amanda up didn't you?

I looked at her as she struggled to breath..

Me: I am sorry Mama

Her: He is your Father Nkateko

Me: He is not.. He told me that you were already pregnant with me when you two got married

I saw tears forming in her eyes..

Her: He lied.. He said that just so he can sleep with you

Me: No...

Mom: In my bedroom in the wardrobe, there's a box at the top the DNA results are there 99.9%

I shook my head...

Me: No!!! No!!!No!!!

Her: You have been sleeping with your Father

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AMANDA

I spoke to Thandeka about this and she convinced me to take the Job, said it might open up bigger doors for me here. I don't know but my life seems as if like it's looking up now, there's a bit of a light at the end of the tunnel..

The elevator opened and I walked out, my knees were weak I hope they carry me through until I arrive at his office..

Me: Try to breath Amanda.. Come on breath

As I walked to the office I could see him sitting at his desk busy going through some documents, I stopped and looked at him..

Me: Come on Amanda you can do this.. Come on

I looked at him and to think that I will have to see him everyday, talk to him and have him look at me with those eyes it's going to be torture and I mean serious torture. He makes me very nervous, he makes me shake. Despite how handsome he is, he is the CEO of a flippin' multimillion rand company..

Me: Come on Mandy you can do this.. You can do this..

He raised his head up and once more his eyes landed on me..

Me: I can't do this.. I can't do this..

I turned and walked straight to the elevator...

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AMANDA

I was standing next to the elevator with Thandeka standing next to me.

Her: Are you going to go in anytime soon?

Me: I will just gathering some strength

Her: It's 17:00 Amanda we should be going home

Me: I understand but it's not that easy

Her: It is easy.. You just go in, go to his office and tell him

I kept quiet..

Her: Look Dearie such opportunities come once in a lifetime

Me: Just that I am very unfamiliar with this one, I am still trying to process everything. Good things don't normally happen to me

Her: Consider this your change of luck

The elevator came down to the ground floor and it opened, Ndalo and Bethany came out..

Me: I.. I...

Thandeka: She was on her way to see you Sir

Ndalo looked at me..

Him: Is it?

I nodded repeatedly like a fool..

Him: Then let's go up to my office

Thandeka: I'll wait for you

Me: Okay

We stepped inside the elevator and stood side by side. We both looked at the door hardly saying anything to each other, with me I just wanted the ground to open up and swallow me. I couldn't stand being in his presence for too long, I was starting to suffocate..

The elevator opened and we walked out, I was following him all the way to his office..

Him: Have a seat

Me: Thank you

I sat down..

He looked at me..

Him: let's talk

I cleared my throat..

Me: First of all Sir I just want you to know that you are very intimidating I can hardly even breath

Him: I am not sure if that is a bad thing

Me: ohhw no I didn't mean it like that I just...

I took a deep breath..

Me: If I am going to work for you I need you to understand that It will take me a while to get used to you

Him: Fair enough

I remained quiet..

Him: So does that mean you taking the job?

Me: Yes Sir

Him: I was hoping you would

After that he looked at me for a while which made me highly uncomfortable..

Him: I am sorry let's get started

He got me a pad and a pen..

Me: Write everything down that I am going to say to you

Me: Yes Sir

He walked around with his one hand in his pocket and the other hand was fixing his tie..

Him: I am here at exactly 08:00am every morning so you must be here at least an hour before

I wrote that down..

Him: That pen and pad are your friends always have them with you

I nodded..

Him: My breakfast is coffee and a croissant. I take a strong black coffee and two small sachets of white sugar

I wrote that as he went on..

Him: My coffee should always be hot understand?

Me: I understand

Him: You must tidy up my office just don't rearrange it to a point where I can't find anything, but I do want it clean at all times

Me: And the rest room?

Him: Don't worry yourself with that, that's the cleaning department's situation now

Me: Okay Sir

Him: After that you go directly to my house make sure that my clothes are always clean, Take the ones that need dry cleaning to the dry cleaners. Change my bed linen

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tidy up a bit around my bedroom you don't have to really clean the house I have a helper

Me: Okay

Him: I do lunch at 13:00 I shouldn't eat a heavy meal I don't wanna fall asleep during the day and dinner must be on my table exactly at 18:00

Me: Yes Sir

Him: That's all for now other things you will learn about them as we go on

Me: Yes Sir

I stood up..

Me: See you tomorrow

Him: Tomorrow it is

I walked out of his office to the elevator to meet Thandeka downstairs..

Her: How did it go?

Me: He basically wants me to be his personal maid!

I headed to the exit..

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NKATI

I was holding a glass of whiskey with the DNA results in my hands, Wonder is indeed my Father. How can he do this to me? Fathers are supposed to be their Daughters protectors, they supposed to love and protect them from all the evils of this world, but mine is the one showing me the evils of this world.

Thinking about all the times that we had sex, I felt dirty and very much disgusted with myself. I put the tests on the table and went to my bedroom to pack my things..

NELLY

Promise was chewing a bubble gum and making all kinds of noise with it, I found that to be very irritating because I was reading some novel and she was disturbing me. I got down from my bed to hers..

Me: Do you mind?

She looked at me..

Me: I am trying to read

I went back up to my bed..

Seconds later, she was on my bed..

Her: what are you reading?

Me: It's a novel

Her: You and my Sister same WhatsApp group.. I wonder if she still likes to read

I put the novel away..

Me: What happened between you too?

Her: We just fell in love with the same guy, he chose her over me and they both faked her death to put me here

Me: That's hush

Her: I know and they going to pay for this

AMANDA

I opened the door and walked in Yammy was in the kitchen cooking.

Her: Hey

Me: Hi

Her: How did it go?

Me: What's that smell?

Her: I burnt something

Me: Shame you trying to cook how sweet

Her: Ya but it's not going great

Me: Let me bath and then I'll prepare something for us

I walked to the bedroom and she followed me..

Her: You still didn't tell me how it went

Me: I got promoted

I took off my coffee stained tshirt..

Her: You what?

Me: To be a PA, the CEO's PA

Her: Just like that?

I took off my leggings and she looked away..

Her: How did it happen?

Me: Well he just promoted me

I took off my bra..

Her: I'll be in the kitchen

Me: Ohhh my is this uncomfortable for you?

Her: Very

Me: I assumed that since you a girl you...

Her: I'll be in the kitchen

She walked away..

I wrapped a towel around myself and I went to the kitchen..

Me: I wanna go and see Nelly

Her: Are you sure?

Me: Yes

Someone knocked at the door..

Me: I'll go get it

I walked to open and It was some guy he had a bag with him..

He looked at me..

Me: Hi

He slightly smiled..

Him: Hi

His eyes went from my face to my thighs..

Me: Can I help you?

Him: I hope so

Yammy: Who is that?

Me: Some guy

Yammy came to the door..

Yammy: Ngwane?

Him: Braga

Yammy stepped back..

This Ngwane walked in..

They looked at each other for a while, Yammy bent down but this Ngwane was too fast he already had a gun in his hand..

Him: Still keep your knife strapped to the side of your leg I see

He pointed the gun at her..

My heart started beating very fast, I could feel that I was close to peeing on myself..

Him: First I am going to Kill you and then

He looked at me..

Him: The rest is history!

I cannot survive Abuse from my Mother and being raped by my Brother to dying like this!

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