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## **Prologue**

MONALISA NOLAND

"Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">My name is Monalisa Noland, Lisa for short and I'm a 16-year-old hacker, pretty cool right? NOT! I would like to have a normal life like normal kids my age but that's not possible because I have to live on the run. You see with my line of work there's no such a thing as a normal life. It's not that I use my skills for malicious acts but because I'm the best at what I do after Click of cause every gang wants me on their team. I wanted to be part of the \$pritz but my father would never let me anywhere near them because he says they dangerous and will only use me for my skills. So I don't have much of a life. My father is the greatest hacker

of all times, Rodney Click Noland and my mom is... well I never really got to meet her.

My life was going normal, normal being my definition of normal... on the hide out until I met this boy. Life would be very much easy if I wasn't me. All my life I've grown up thinking that something wasn't right with me, I can never seem to be happy and when I try to be with a guy or have any relation with one... he dies. I'm starting to think I'm cursed or I'm a curse, whichever works for you really. For once I would like to meet someone I don't kill. Oh no please don't get me wrong, I'm not a serial killer or anything along those lines but it's just that... I don't know. Let's find out as we go along shall we?

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Click walked in as I was walking out of the bathroom with a towel wrapped around my body.

Him: Lisa

Me: Click

He doesn't want me to call him dad and I don't mind at all. I didn't grow up with him anyway. Click and I met later in life after I had pulled this big stunt by shutting off the net in the whole of China for an hour. He took notice of the stunt and he tried to find me. It was the only way I could get his attention. Back then I was only 12 and had gotten a hold of a message my mother had encrypted for me telling me who my father was and how to get his attention. Now I wouldn't say I was taught how to hack as per say because the person who raised me, mom's sister Kaylin had videos made by my mom for me and it was through those videos I learnt everything I know now. Mom got mixed up with the wrong people and they killed her... or so Kaylin says but I think there's more to the story. Obviously it wasn't easy to build a relationship with a man I only knew from afar but it took us a while and now we good. I am what one would call a gifted child because my level of coding is beyond what they teach in school. What can I say, I'm too cool for school?

Him: your aunt says she's been trying to call you

Me: yeah I know.

Him: ok? why aren't you answering her calls then?

Me: because we had an argument and she said some things

He took a seat, I dragged my feet to sit next to him.

Him: about?

Me: her sister Kaitlyn. That woman is hiding something for me and I don't know why

Him: it's probably for your own good. Remember what we had to do to keep you safe and out of harm's way?

Me: I know Click but still. She's hiding something from me and I'm going to find out what it is

Him: you won't let this go huh?

I nodded

Him: ok. What can I do?

Me: you serious?

Him: yeah. What do you need me to do?

Me: she has a crush on you it's no secret. I need you to distract her for an hour or so. Take her out, wine and dine her

Him: what are you planning on doing?

Me: the only way I'll get the answers I need is if I break into her place

He took a deep breath

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Him: fine. What time do you need me to take her out?

Me: say around 7

Him: that's late!

Me: I can take care of myself Click.

He shook his head and then got up

Him: at least get back to her ok!

Me: fine!

With that he kissed my forehead and he walked out. Click was trying to be a father to me too as he was to his other kids with his ex-wife. The two of them ended when she found out that he was working with the Spritz, the Spritz being the people who once shot her father leaving him paralysed from the waist down for a few months but by the grace of God I guess he managed to walk again. I got dressed preparing for school... Yep, click enrolled in me some IT college around here trying to turn me into a decent person I guess. I walked into class and I could already tell that these people had nothing to teach me. I took my seat and this guy walked in and sat next to me, his cologne was intoxicating!

Me: Damn guy! Did you bath in your cologne today?

Him: excuse me?

Me: you know there's a reason it has a nozzle, so that you

spray it on and not take a bath with it

This whole time I was playing Candy Crush on my phone and not paying any mind to him.

Him: the f\*ck's your problem?

I looked at him and then back at my screen

Me: my problem is you. Find another place to sit

Him: or what?

Me: you don't want to try me!

Him: you think you so tough huh?!

Me: dude listen. I'm only here because my father wants me to come here but either than that, yes I am smart!

He got up and bumped me with his bag that had a books in it on my head, I held the back of my head

Me: OUCH!

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I was sitting in the chair outside the principal's office waiting for Click. One thing I knew was that he was not going to be happy about this. I was playing with my hands "Really Lisa. First day of school and already I'm receiving such calls?"

Me: if you hadn't brought me here then maybe you wouldn't have had to drop everything to come attend this... whatever this is

He just looked at me and shook his head. He knocked on the door and we were told to go in. I went in after him and I slouched in the chair next to him opposite the principal.

Her: Mr Noland I am sorry for having called you here but we do not tolerate violence in this school. Your daughter beat up a boy in her class and broke his nose and that is a serious offense

Click looked at me

Me: in my defence, I didn't even punch him. his nose was weak

Click: MONALISA!

I kept quiet sinking back into the chair

Her: Mr Noland your daughter banged his face onto the table

Him: I'm sure he must have done something for her to react in such a manner



Her: I understand this is her first time being in school in a class with other students

Him: home schooling has nothing to do with how she behaved. I am sure that it was self-defence. Lisa is not a violent person

Her: Mr Noland a student's nose is broken!

Me: can I like say something here?

They both looked at me

Me: since none of you are even going to bother me what happened. Can I get my detention slip or my suspension letter and then leave?

She looked at Click Her: you see? This attitude. The disrespect I got up and walked out. I felt like I was being put on trial for no reason. When I got outside I met up with an old lady with cleaning equipment. She took my hand into hers

Her: there's two of you. One of you has to die. You are an abomination to nature's creation!

I pulled my hand away from her terrified AF! What was this woman talking about? I moved back until I bumped into something or someone and that alone freaked me out. I turned to look and it was a not so happy Click, when I turned to look again the old lady had disappeared.

Click: what am I going to do with you?

Me: so?

Him: you got a week of detention. She wanted to suspend you but I managed to convince her otherwise. Why would you break another kid's nose?

Me: he bumped me with his backpack and didn't apologise so I defended myself

Him: to bang him against a desk?

Me: like I said. Self defence

I was still a little shaken from what that woman had said.

What did she mean?

Him: go back to class and apologise to him and the rest of the class

Me: rest of the class? For what?

Him: disturbing them... duh?

I chuckled. Click was joking right? if he thought I was going to do that then he clearly did not know me

Him: apologise Lisa!

With that he walked away. I made my way to class and as I was about to enter I saw the woman standing by the wall of fame shaking her head with what looked like fear in her eyes. I made my way to her instead. I was not going to be terrified by some old woman!

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I think you've already figured it out. I'm an ass of a person. I did not apologise to that boy or the class. I got inside and I got scolded for being late for class and that was it. We went out for lunch in the canteen and I sat alone yet again. I didn't see myself making any friends around this place... ok maybe I spoke too soon because some nerd looking chick sat next to me

Her: Hi. I'm Stacy. Whats your name?

Me: Lisa.

Her: nice to meet you Lisa. How are you?

Me: I'm good.

She sounded like a hippy for me. I was not even in the mood to be dealing with such people. This day was going bad enough already. I took out my phone and started playing a game while poking on my food.

Her: uhhhm

I know I was being rude but I didn't want any friends. Not because I'm not friendly but because I don't want to get attached to anyone and then the next thing I have to leave that person because someone is after me or Click. The last time I had a friend was before I met Click, before I was known and she died because of me. This other baddass group, enemies to The \$pritz killed her when I refused to join their crew and so yes. I don't get close to anyone and I

let anyone get close to me.

Me: look Stacy, you seem like a nice girl and all but you and I can never be friends so do yourself a favour and leave

She looked at me for a while with hurt written all over her face and then took her food and walked away. I went back to my game. I got up and went to the ladies before the bell rang. When I was done doing my business I walked out to wash my hands and then I looked up at the mirror and I saw this old woman again and she was standing behind me. I turned around and she wasn't there, I looked back at the mirror and she was there.

Me: what do you want from me? what did you mean earlier?

Her: you are an abomination to nature's creation. One of you has to die.

Me: what are you talking about lady?

She shook her head and I shrugged

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Her: he will be the death of you!

She chuckled. I don't think I have ever been this confused in my life before. Who was he?

Me: he? Who are you talking about?

Her: it was your blood that created him and it will be your blood that ends him!

With that she disappeared. Even if I told Click he wouldn't believe me, he would think I'm making this up. I took my phone and walked out making my way to class, and yet again I was late and I was scolded for it... more like she threw me out of class. I sat there on a chair next to the door and took out my phone and played a game. After class she walked out and had me follow her to her office.

Her: first day in school and already you're in trouble

She said opening her office door

Me: I'm really sorry. I just got caught up in the ladies and

Her: if I can be early for class and I am your teacher, why cant you?

Me: Miss....

Her: Heather. Sit

She said that leaning on her desk,

Me: Miss Heather it wont happen again I pro...

She blew something in my face and I blacked out.

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When I woke up I was no longer in her office but instead I was in my room on my bed. What the hell is going on with me? I looked around and I was indeed in my room. It didn't make any sense how I went from being in school to being in my room. I tried to sit up but my arm was failing to support me. I looked at it and I had a plaster on my wrist.

"look who's up"

I looked at the door and it was my mom's sister

Me: what are you doing here?

Her: my niece collapses in school... I had to come and check on you

Me: where's Click?

Her: Click got a call from work, there was an emergency he had to attend to

Me: what happened to my wrist?

Her: the school nurse had to take some blood from you to test it.

Me: doesn't she need my consent first to do that?

Her: honey you weren't waking up and I was worried

Me: so you gave her the go ahead?

Her: yes.

Me: so why did I collapse?

Her: you will get the results tomorrow

Nothing about what she was saying was making any sense at all. I don't think school nurses have the authorisation to draw some blood from a student unless she volunteers to donate blood.

Her: I made you something to eat. She mentioned you would wake up very weak

Me: no thank you I'm fine.

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serif; font-size: 22px;">I tried to get up using my other arm to balance and I managed to get up but the minute I tried to walk I stumbled

Her: stop being stubborn for nothing Lisa and eat

Me: that nurse did something to me!

Her: you overreacting Lisa

Me: I AM NOT OVERREACTING!

I shouted. I was really agitated because I couldn't even remember how I got home. Last thing I remember was going to the office with Miss Heather and that's that.

Me: I was in Miss Heather's office. How did I get to the school nurse?

Her: Miss Heather? Honey what are you talking about?

Me: I arrived late for Miss Heather's class so she threw me out and then we went to her office

Her: and then?

Me: I don't remember

Her: you must have really bumped your head. A student found you in the ladies on the floor and she called the nurse

I shook my head.

Me: NO!

Her: Mon...

Me: don't. I didn't hit my head. That woman did something to me ok. Why can't I remember anything? She shrugged looking at me with eyes full of pity. Why couldn't I remember anything?

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I took this food of hers and ate it because I had no choice obviously, she smiled at me as I was eating. Kalyn is a very weird person, there's just something about her that I never quite get. I handed her the plate and she placed it on the pedestal and sat proper on my bed looking at me... more like watching me

Me: Can I help you with something?

Her: why?

Me: why what?

Her: I've been calling you since morning and you haven't been answering my calls

Me: I'm a busy person aunt

Her: what are you hoping to find huh?

Me: what?

Her: what are you hoping to find in my house?

Me: I have no idea what you talking about

Her: you think I don't know that you the one that convinced your father to go out with me? Your father has never not once looked my way and then suddenly he wants to go out with me? I'm not stupid Monalisa

Me: could have fooled me

I mumbled

Her: excuse me?

Me: I said I just wanted us to act like a family

Her: oh...

Me: yeah. Dad needs a woman in his life and who better than you

She smiled. God women are easy to fool sometimes.

Me: Click didn't look at you because you remind him of mom... you guys were twins after all

Except mom got the brains and she... I laughed at my inside joke

Her: what's so funny?

Me: nothing. I'm sorry for the way I've been

Her: its fine. Come here

She said with her arms open, I went in and we shared a hug. At least I was feeling less weak now. Click got home and for the first time I welcomed him with open arms

Him: and then?

Me: I almost died today

I said still in his arms. He chuckled and kissed the top of my head. I broke out of his arms

Him: I'm glad you didn't die then

Me: your new girlfriend is here

Him: I know. I left her here to go and attend some emergency at work

Me: was it really work or was it The Spritz?

He chuckled

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line-height: 1.4em !important; margin: 0px 0px 27px  
!important;">Him: it was work.

Me: can I talk to you about something... Alone of cause

Him: uhhm ok. Let's go to my office

We walked to the lounge and he greeted Kalyn and then we made our way to his study. He locked the door and we sat on the couch

Me: something weird happened today

Him: ok. I'm listening

Me: I saw an old woman on campus today except it was as though she was a pigment of my imagination

Him: you saying you hallucinating?

Me: I wish I could say I was hallucinating but I'm not. I don't smoke weed or anything for that matter Click so I don't get why I would be seeing things that aren't there

Him: ok back up.

Me: this woman said some crazy ass shiit. She said that I was an abomination to natures creation and that one of us had to die or something

Him: one of you?

Me: do I like have a twin I don't know about maybe?

He shook his head slowly

Him: even if you had a twin. Why would your twin have to die?

Me: that's the same question I was asking myself. That's not all. I didn't collapse in school today Click, I think Heather did something to me. One minute I'm walking to her office with her and the next thing I wake up at home because I apparently collapsed.

Him: one of your schoolmates says they found you laying on the floor in the toilet

Me: Click you saw me eat breakfast this morning. When have you known me to collapse? Some crazy shiiit is happening here Click

Him: what are you suggesting I do Lisa?

Me: that school is a tech school. Obviously they have camera's in every room of the school right?

Him: yeah probably

Me: I need footage from today

Him: Lisa!

Me: Click please. This is important

Him: fine. We'll get this footage of yours.

I hugged him tightly and he returned the hug

Me: thank you daddy.

Him: now go and do your homework's if you have any.

I got out of his arms with a smile and walked out to my room passing Kalyn in the lounge. I got to my room and it was dark, I switched the lights on and there was a writing on my wall, it read "FATE CHOSE YOU!" I walked over to

my wall and touched the writing, it was blood. I took out my phone and moved back to try take a picture of it but it didn't show on the phone screen, I looked at the wall and the writing was there but when I tried to take a picture with my phone it didn't appear, the wall looked clean. I got out calling Click

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Click walked into my room worried and panic written on his face

Him: Lisa what is it baby?

Me: the... the wall... the writing... Blood

I was pointing at the wall while looking at him.

Him: Lisa you not making any sense baby.

I turned to look and there was nothing on the wall and my hands were clean

Me: but there was blood. There was something written with blood on my wall. It said FATE CHOSE YOU

Him: Honey there is nothing there

Me: I can see that Click. Something happened to me today and its making me see things that aren't there

Him: princess you must be tired.

Me: I'll get you proof that I'm not crazy!

I said walking to my closet

Him: Lisa I didn't say you crazy

Me: you didn't have to.

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serif; font-size: 22px;">I wore a tracksuit with running shoes and packed my things. I could hear him talking but I didn't care to hear what he was saying. I walked towards

the door but he blocked my way

Me: Click please

Him: Monalisa you not going anywhere

Me: Click I don't have time for this

Him: and you think I do? You not leaving this house. Its late

Me: you weren't in my life for 12 years. What makes you think you have a say in what I do and don't do?

Him: as long as you live in my house you abide by my rules

I went to sit down in defeat. He came to sit next to me

Him: Monalisa I don't think you crazy. it's just that... Please understand where I'm coming from here. You call me to your room saying there's blood on your wall and when I look there's nothing

Me: you think I'm making this up?

Him: of cause not. it's just that... look I will help you do whatever it is you feel like you need to do but only if you don't rush things

Me: there's no time Click. Weird crazy shiit is happening to me and I'm afraid that I might just die

Him: you not going to die

Me: Dad please. Please just let me do this and if the video proves nothing I swear I'll drop it

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After our mini session click gave me his car keys and told me to make sure I don't get caught, said he would call up a friend from the \$pritz to meet me in school. I parked a bit further from the school compound and called this friend of his.

//Him: I'm almost there, got held up somewhere

Me: fine!//

I dropped the call and then walked to the back of the school. He called asking my whereabouts and then I told him, minutes later he was in front of me. He smelt great but he was old for me.

Him: name is Kevin

Me: Lisa

Him: so you the hacker? Nice Cambria, Me: I'm not a hacker

Him: don't worry, your secret is safe with me. The \$pritz have been looking for you high and low

Me: I'm sure they have. Focus. We need to get in and out of here unnoticed. Click has already disabled the security cameras so all you need to do is disable the fence and find us a way in

Him: sure thing.

He clicked on his tab and then minutes later the gate was opened. Its not that I couldn't do it but Click insisted on



me staying clear from this. We walked inside the school doors, the whole school system had been shut down. We made our way to the security room and we sat down and plugged in a flash drive on the main cpu and downloaded the footage. Since I don't remember anything it was best we get the whole thing. When we were done we got out and enabled the system and headed our separate ways. When I got home Click wasn't around so I plugged the flash into my laptop and fastforwarded the footage to until I was in the bathroom. I was talking to myself, after the bathroom I was late for class and after class I went to some office and there it was. This Heather woman blew something into my face making me loose consciousness and my memory while at it. After passing out she dragged me to her cupboard and then that was it. Nothing else shows after that. All I see is the cupboard door open and that's it. I look through the toilets footage and there I was passed out on the floor. A child called someone and I was taken to the nurses office of which the nurse really did draw some blood but it was though a small syringe and that's it. Nothing made any sense to me. The footage itself made no sense, a lot was missing. Too many pieces weren't connecting. I needed to have a talk with Heather!

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I took a screenshot and ran it on a database to find a match and her surname was Heather and her name was Taylor. I tried to get an address and it pointed me into some shady neighbourhood. I took the address down and then took the car keys and drove off. I got to her house and it was actually beautiful but that's not a type of house you get from a teacher's salary. I walked to her gate and it wasn't locked. I opened it and went inside and then went around the house peeking from the windows inside and then I walked to the back door and took out my phone pointing it at the door to check for any security systems and I was safe to enter. I picked her lock and opened the door and walked into the kitchen. I looked around and it was an open plan, very beautiful even. I walked to the drawer and pulled out a knife. I wasn't planning on killing her, I just needed answers that's all. I made my way to the lounge and the lights went on

Me: FUCK!

I whispered grinning my teeth.

"I've been expecting you to show up. Took you long enough"

I looked around and she was sitting on a single couch. She was really beautiful! out of this world even

Me: what did you do to me?

Her: I needed to know the truth and now I know it

Me: what do you mean?

I think you might want to sit down

Me: the last time you offered me a seat you blew smoke into my face and I collapsed and woke up with a memory loss

Her: Monalisa seat down.

I made my way to sit on the couch next to her. there was something like a small clay bowl in front of her with what looked like blood. I gasped for air in shock. This woman was crazy if she thought I was going to trust her that easily.

Her: you want the truth don't you? Let me show you  
She stood up and came behind me, all this time my eyes were following her around. What was she going to do to me? she had the bowl in her hands and then she placed it on the mini table next to me and dipped her hands into it and stirred it

Her: you going to have to relax, I'm not here to hurt you Lisa. If it's anything I'm trying to save you

Me: save me from what?

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Her: from her

She put her index finger and middle finger on either sides of my head as though she was massaging me with the blood in the bowl. Could feel myself drifting off to what seemed like a forest. I was on the ground tied up as though I was being crucified but instead of the Jesus cross I was in a circle that had a star inside of it and hands and legs tied to mini logs. I looked around and there was another version of me and she was tied up the same way I was. When I say version of me I mean complete look alike. I heard a familiar voice walked towards us to the centre of the joined circles, she was carrying a knife in her hands with both hands. I looked up at her and it was Kalyn

Me: Kalyn

Her: Hello baby

Me: What are you doing? Why am I tied up? What's going on?

Her: I have to undo the mess I created Lisa.

Me: What do you mean?

Me2: you know this woman?

Me: she's my aunt

Her: correction. I'm her mother

Us: WHAT?!

Her: I am your mother Lisa. I gave birth to you. It's my fault

you are the way you are. A curse was placed on you for my sins

Me: What do you mean?

Her: I know you've noticed how every time you get close to someone that person always dies. You killed my sister

Me: What do you mean? I didn't kill her

Her: she loved you. she worshipped you Lisa but you killed her

I shook my head with tears streaming down my face

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34); line-height: 1.4em !important; margin: 0px 0px 27px !important;">Her: her only crime was to love you Lisa. Her crime was taking care of you

Me: where were you to take care of me

Her: I couldn't do it Lisa. Lisa when I was pregnant with you I did a lot of terrible things. I killed people of my coven for power so the witches cursed you. They put a curse on you so that every time you ever got close to anyone that person was to die. I'm doing this to undo the mess I made.

Me2: there has to be another way

Her: there is no other way. she has to die or else people she loves will always die

I shook my head

Me: mom please

She was now standing over me with a knife in both her hands holding it up high. She stabbed me and I woke up jumping off the chair. I could literally feel pain where she had stuck the knife in me. I looked at heather in tears

Me: what the hell did I just see?

Her: Monalisa you have a doppelganger and she's in South Africa Durban.

Me: doppelgangers don't exist

Her: the only way to free you from this curse is if you can bare the hybrid his first born

Me: I don't understand

Her: bore the hybrid his first child and sacrifice him to the witches so that you may be free of this curse

Me: what about the girl I saw?

Her: she is not any of your business. You need to convince her to swap lives with you so that you may be free!

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Ever since my meet up with Heather my mind has been messed up like my memories are juggled up. I remember shiit I shouldn't be remembering at all. I haven't seen her around school and ever since my meet up with her I have been having this urge to move to South Africa for some reason. I don't understand at all. Click will be living for SA in about a month from now and I asked to accompany him but daddy dearest doesn't want me to go, instead he wants me to stay here with Kaylin. Speaking of her she has been acting a little strange lately. I don't know what she's up to but all I know is that she's been acting weird for reasons known to her. I was in the kitchen making something to eat when she walked in dragging a mini suitcase

Me: and then the bag?

Her: I am going somewhere for a few days

Me: where?

Her: stop with the questions. It's not like you care

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15, 34); font-family: Georgia, Cambria, "Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Me: oh ok

Her: fine. Bye

Me: bye

With that she walked out and locked and I took my food to the lounge and started eating. I went to wash my bowl when suddenly I had that dream again of me tied down to small logs and my twin or whatever tied down in the other circle but it was life playing in fast-forward and then everything just stopped. I was in the kitchen, I looked at my wrists and I had rope marks, what was going on? I looked at them again and the marks had disappeared.

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Ever since Kaylin left life has been amazing! In a sense that I'm at peace and I am happy, Click was also happier now because there was less fighting in the house, he minded his business and I minded mine, the dreams and the visions and the weird shiit that's been happening hasn't stopped though but I'm dealing with everything. I was meeting up with Heather and she suggested we meet at her house. I walked in and it was very beautiful, she was with another lady.

Me: uhm hi

Heather: hello, this is my friend Kathrine

Kath: hi

Me: hello. So why am I here?

Kath: A curse was placed on you when your mother died

Me: what do you mean a curse was placed on me?

Her: the woman that died was you aunt and your mother is Kaylin.

Heather: your aunt died the same time you were born and that in turn led you mother who you believe is your aunt to join a cult group. You and your doppelganger are meant to be a sacrifice

I choked on my saliva.

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-Kaylin

My sister was dating Click and I won't lie I was jealous and so I slept with click pretending to be my sister, I changed my hairstyle and removed my make-up and made myself look like her and Click was convinced I'm my sister Kaitlyn and up till today he doesn't know that the person he actually slept with was me and not my sister. When I fell pregnant with Mona I told my sister everything from sleeping with Click to everything and so she ended things in order to protect me and the baby else if he found out then I would have been forced to abort the baby and then he would sell me to some human traffickers, he was that ruthless. He was deep into the \$pritz and the shiit they did but when I fell pregnant my sister and I went MIA and Click could never find her so eventually he moved on with some Bess b\*tch... trust me if you met her you would understand why I say she's a b\*tch. Things were good and so was my pregnancy, obviously things between my sister and I were never the same but eventually we mended our relationship and just after mending our relationship I gave birth and I lost her. The day she died part of me died with her, that loving and sweet part of me died along with her and I was never the same. It was never going to be easy

raising Mona alone, I hired someone to help me with her and that someone I had hired introduced me to a group of people... A cult to be exact, they praised a God of the underworld and it was then that I learnt that my baby was a doppelganger and that there was someone out there that looked just like her. It's easy to get drawn into the dark when your heart is filled with hate, I tried drowning Mona when she was still a baby but somehow she survived it and for that I was tied to the underworld, it was a punishment for trying to kill a doppelganger without my master's permission. Apparently I needed to get both doppelgangers when they turned 16 so that they can be both sacrificed to him so that we could have an endless power source. For us to continue to have the power we had Mona was cursed that way whoever she got close to would die, hence she lost her friends and anyone that she tried to date but she hasn't dated ever since she noticed the pattern or trend of her losing people and so our source of power was slowly dying out. I didn't go to SA because I wanted to, it's something I needed in order to sacrifice both doppelgangers and also for part of my soul to be freed and so that I can stop serving this master. It's not nice serving something that makes you do evil things. I don't have emotions, that part of me was stripped away from me but sometimes I do feel hurt for Mona but as

soon as I start feeling sorry for her it's like my heart gets stabbed multiple times in order to get rid of the emotions. In order for me to complete the ritual I have to be completely emotionless, forget I even have a daughter. I landed in SA a few days ago and I won't lie the doppelganger was harder to find than I had anticipated. You'd think being in the same country would make her easier to find but nope, she wasn't that easy to find. Actually I had no lead at all! No locator spell worked, I didn't even know her name to at least try find her on social media. I was in a place called Johannesburg and it was a big beautiful busy place for me. I could feel that my stay here was not going to be pleasant at all. I unpacked my groceries and then went to my room and took a knife and a special bowl and put them in the centre of the room and then made a circled with a star in the middle and then sat in the middle of the star and then slit my wrists until the bowl had enough blood, I needed my sisters from the cult to help me locate where I could find the doppelganger. See we nothing like witches, we worship the underworld and so the underworld grants us the power we require while witches practise spells and potions and all that stuff. with us it's mostly about sacrifices to make our king more powerful so that our source of power is never ending. I spilt my blood on the

five points of the star and then went to lay inside the star with my legs and arms spread out on all points of the star and closed my eyes, my blood was meant to serve as a link in order to conjure someone who would assist me in finding this girl.

“Kaylin”

I raised my head and I was on the floor in what looked like a cave. He held his hand out and helped me up and then we walked further

Me: Ruu

Him: What do you need? Have you found her?

I shook my head

Me: I don't even know where to start looking. My locator spell doesn't work

Him: what do you mean?

Me: I mean I can't find her

I sighed

Him: do I have to do everything for you?!

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15, 34); font-family: Georgia, Cambria, "Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">I kept quiet

Him: follow me

We walked further and there was a bowl of blood and a

mirror, but it wasn't your ordinary mirror, it was very beautiful and had a decorated frame but you couldn't see your reflection in it.

Him: you are connected to your daughter, you her mother and your daughter is connected to her doppelganger. Put your hands inside the bowl and think of your daughter. Picture her face, her voice, her eyes everything... just picture it all

I closed my eyes and did as told. I could see her; she was at her home in her room. But I immediately started seeing her with her hair tied up in a bun sitting behind a desk wearing a uniform in a class sitting next to a girl she called Kendra. She took out her books and placed them on the desk and the cover was written 'Anelisa Sibeko'. All this I could see it as though I was looking through her eyes. I snapped out of it.

Me: Anelisa Sibeko!

Him: Are you sure?

Me: Yes! Her name is Anelisa Sibeko and her friend is Kendra.

Him: where are they?

I shrugged

Me: we can search her on social media

I said taking my hands out of the bowl and he took them into his and like that I was back in my room on the floor in

the star. I got up and went to wash my hands and then placed a bandage on my wrist and then went back to the room and took my laptop and searched her name on Facebook but I didn't get anything so I searched her on google trying my luck and there was an article about her stating something about being an achiever in Durban high and having representing her school some competition. I called the airport and booked a flight to Durban, I was leaving first thing tomorrow!

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Kaylin was my mother. I don't know how I felt about that. I was told the whole story about how she was consumed by evil after losing her sister. I couldn't keep the truth from Click anymore, I needed someone to talk to, all my life I spent it thinking that I killed my mother when she has been right under my nose. I was at Click's office sitting on the couch having lunch with him. yesterday was my birthday and I was officially 16, I was born on the 10th of March so yeah.

Him: you haven't been yourself lately

Me: I've just been dealing with a lot

Click was away on business and only came back two days ago

Him: talk to me

I sighed first

Me: my mother is alive

Him: Kaitlyn is alive?

He asked with shock written all over his face with a little bit of hurt

Me: no not her. my real mother is Kaylin

He chuckled

Him: yeah sure baby

Me: I'm serious dad. She tricked you into thinking she was her twin and had sex with you. that's why they went MIA



on you for all those years

He shook his head in disbelief. I didn't blame the poor guy

Me: your girlfriend died the day I was born; I don't know what her cause of death was but Kaylin tricked you into believing that her sister died when she gave birth to me

He nodded slowly. I could tell he really wasn't expecting this bomb.

Him: how do you feel about the news?

Me: I don't know how I should feel dad

He pulled me to his chest and I felt tears find their way down my cheeks. I needed this, I've been dealing with it all on my own and Heather is not really the comforting type.

He then pulled me away and kissed my forehead and then pulled me to him again. I guess I fell asleep because I was woken up by a loud bang. A car had crashed into Click's car, he was laying on the steering wheel unconscious and blood coming out of his head.

Me: Click!

I said shaking him but I didn't get any response, I felt a bee sting on my neck and I turned to be met by people in black and I just passed out

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When I woke up my head was pounding and I was tied down inside a circle with a star and I was tied to small poles inside that star with my legs spread out and then there was another circle with the same thing except there was another me in that circle and then there was a woman with a black cape covering her head standing in front of what looked like a table. Me and this other me were trying to break free from this but we were both failing dismally

Her: I didn't want to have to do this but it has to be done.

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She turned around with a knife in her hands

Me: Please don't do this

Her: I have to undo the mess I created before he kills you.

Me: before who kills you?

Her: the hybrid. It was your blood that created him and it's your blood only that can kill him

Me: what about her?

Her: if we kill you then your soul will move to her body and you will no longer be a threat to him

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I was now in tears begging her and so was the other me. What was going on here? What kind of dream was this? it felt so real!

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Me: She's right. You really don't have to do this. Look we'll run away. We'll do anything

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Me: it's going to be ok

She shook her head. You could see the fear in her eyes

Me: please tell me that Click is at least ok

Him: you shouldn't care about Click considering the fact that you dying soon

Me: Mom please tell me how he's doing?

Her: he's in a coma

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I'm glad to say Click had woken up from his coma. He was actually recovering very well; I don't know what I would have done had I lost him. I was in bed laying on his chest telling him about what I went through and he was not happy, he was hurt that he couldn't protect me

Me: you were in a coma dad

Him: but still Mona. I should have been there

Me: you can't always protect me

Him: so you have a doppelganger

Me: it doesn't change the fact that one of us still has to die

Him: huh?

Me: mom said I had to die in order for my spirit to move into her body

Him: and how certain are you that there's some truth in whatever your mother said Lisa? Don't do this to yourself

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"Times New Roman", Times, serif; font-size: 22px;">Me: I just don't understand why I have to die. Why I have to be the one cursed. Why couldn't it be her daddy? How come she gets the life I always wanted and I get to die?

He just rubbed my back and kissed my head

Me: I have to go to South Africa.

Him: What?

Me: I'm going to South Africa. I can't be the one to die and her be the one that lives

Him: Lisa you told me that your mother mentioned that your blood created this person, what if he kills you?

Me: Dad I'm not asking for permission here. I need to leave soon. If he meets me now with her still shaken, he'll believe that everything that I am is because of what I went through

Him: Monalisa!

He scolded.

Him: that's not going to happen. You not going anywhere!

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## 1 YEAR LATER

Last year I never got the chance to go to South Africa, dad kept a close eye on me; by that I mean he never let me out of his sight and he kept eyes on me everywhere I went. I had been accepted to University of Pretoria for Computer science. It wasn't easy to let him let me go, he even came to Pretoria with me to make sure that I was truly there to study. He was living in Durban working closely with his friend Miso while I studied. I heard that Anelisa was studying in Wits, Amina was keeping an eye on her for me and giving me everything I needed to know about Anelisa. Heather didn't desert me, she was in New Orleans finding ways to get me and Lisa somewhat linked so that Lisa could be able to leave SA or so that I could be able to trick Ahlume into believing I'm her. I had just gotten back from class when my phone rang and it was Amina

Me: hey

Her: hi, how are you?

Me: I hate school. How are you?

She laughed

Her: I'm fine. So listen, Anelisa left with that guy

Me: to where?

Her: I think they going to Pretoria. Kendra won't tell me. she doesn't like me much

Me: argh she needs to chill. Find out from her other friends and get back to me. I'm sure the gay one will tell you

Her: that's the thing. Kendra is the only one that knows, Ahlume arranged this whole thing with her

Me: you have Anelisa's number right?

Her: of cause

Me: send it to me real quick

Her: ok! //

I ended the call and within minutes a WhatsApp text came through and it was Anelisa's number. They were driving towards Pretoria but to something like a resort. I packed a bag and headed to where I'm assuming they were going. I got there before them and checked in and got myself a staff pass and just as I was done with everything, they walked in hand in hand and went to check in. I was assigned to their room. I had disguised myself, thanks to a potion Heather had given me before I left.

Him: uhhm we would like some room service, I'm sure Missy here must be starving

He said kissing her cheek and she blushed. I faked a smile

Me: the menu is right on that table sir, call downstairs and I will deliver it

Him: thank you. that will be all

He said giving me R100 and with that I walked out. They seemed in love, as in happy and as though nothing could ever break them apart. I wanted that. I needed that!

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They walked out of their room happy and holding hands with Ahlume dragging their suitcase and her carrying their phones. I wont lie I was boiling with anger, I walked up to them Me: leaving so soon?

She looked at me and smiled

Her: sadly. Something came up and we had to leave

Me: its sad to see you two leave

Her: yeah well it's the only way we can ensure that no evil spirits attack us again

I looked at her shook.

Her: I saw that thing you placed in our room. Give it up, you never going to win. Lets go babe

He was looking at her pleased. They passed by me and walked off, I stormed out and went to the changing rooms, I took out my phone and called Taylor.

//Me: you said it would work. You said he would kill her

Her: hello to you too Monalisa

Me: I don't have time for your games

Her: what happened and speak calmly I'm not one of your friends

Me: he didn't do anything to her. they happy as if nothing happened

Her: what?

Me: yeah

Her: how?

Me: I wouldn't know! I wasn't there

Her: you're an IT geek. You could have installed cams around their room

Me: yeah well I didn't think of it.

Her: clearly

Me: how is she still alive?

Her: I don't know. I don't understand what went wrong. Are you sure you followed all my instructions?

Me: YES!

She sighed

Her: I'll figure something out. Where are they now?

Me: they leaving. With their bags and everything

Her: let them be. I'll figure something out

Me: you better. And fast//

With that I ended the call and changed into my things and drank a potion that would turn me back to my normal self. I walked out to my car without being noticed and went back to my place. When I walked in someone was sitting on my bed.

Her: what you and Taylor are trying to do wont work

Me: excuse me? who are you and how did you get into my room?

Her: that's not important. Whats important is that Anelisa and Ahlume love each other so much that whatever dark magic you try using on them will never work. The love they share is pure

and no amount of evil deeds will conquer it. You should be begging Taylor and her mother to lift the curse your mother put on you

She turned around and she was a dark beauty, Kelly Rowland type of beauty. She looked really familiar like I had seen her before.

Her: don't think too much you'll crack your skull. What I don't understand is why you would want to kill her after what her mother did for you two

I didn't know what to say

Her: when push comes to shove, the forces of nature and the universe will side with their love and you will end up dying.

Anelisa was chosen by fate for Ahlume and not you. no amount of witchcraft can break what they have.

With that she disappeared. I sat on the bed frustrated. Why does she get to be happy and me stuck with a flipping curse? Why does she get a happy ever after and I don't? its not fair that she gets to be in love and happy while I suffer like this.



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She responded a week later via an email rejecting the offer. Who the hell says no to such a great opportunity? Was she stupid or was she stupid? I threw the books on my bed on the floor in frustration. Anelisa was just prolonging the inevitable. I was pissed! I called Lindi (Ahlume's grandmother)

//Her: Mona

Me: she rejected the offer

Her: Ahlume. God what will I do with this boy?

Me: what?

Her: my grandson is the reason she rejected the offer. It can only be him

Me: why would he do that?

Her: because he can feel that her life is in danger. I'm flying to South Africa.

Me: what?

Her: I need to take care of things that side myself

Me: but

Her: no buts. Bye Mona//

With that she ended the call. I looked at my phone and she had really dropped the call on me. I threw it on the bed and covered my face with a pillow and screamed. Nothing I tried was working. I got up and got dressed and made my way to her place in Joburg. I called Amina and she answered

//Her: hey

Me: hi, where are you?

Her: preparing to go out

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Why?

Me: I'm coming over to your place

Her: wont it blow your cover?

Me: don't worry about that. Is my doppelganger there?

Her: yeah she's in Kendra's room. I think they going out or something

Me: I want you to call me as they walk out ok?

Her: uhhm ok then. See you in a bit. //

I dropped the call and changed my clothes then made my way to my car and drove to Joburg in full speed. I got to their apartment and walked out of the car covering myself with a hoodie, it was already late so she wouldn't see my face. I bumped into her

Her: I'm so sorry

Me: yeah me too

She went down to pick up her phone and I also bet to pick up mine, I had a phone that looked like hers. I handed her mine and she handed me hers. I don't think she saw that she was giving me hers. They walked off after she apologised again. She was so sweet it was even annoying. I walked to their apartment while pressing her phone. I needed something, I didn't know

what but I was going to know it. Amina opened and then we shared a hug and then made our way to her room.

Her: so?

Me: I got her phone.

I took out my laptop and plugged it into it and downloaded all her information. Her phone rang and I answered it

//Me: hello?

Her: I'm sorry but I think I have your phone and you have mine

Me: I was just about to try call you but I didn't know your password

Her: are you still in our building? We on our way

Me: of cause. Flat 15A

Her: hey that's where I live. We just parked now

Me: sure//

Amina looked at me

Her: what are you up to? she'll see you

Me: no she won't. Let's go sit in the lounge

Her: ok then

We walked out to the lounge and she turned the tv on. A while later she walked in, Amina gave her the phone while I stayed in her room, Amina made up an excuse about me not being able to take it myself and she bought it. she walked in and gave me the phone

Her: can you tell me what's going on now?

Me: if I'm going to impersonate her, I'll need everything about

her including the things on her phone

Her: oh...

Me: yeah

Her: and you think no one will realise who you are?

Me: she's not that hard to impersonate actually

She nodded

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TWO MONTHS LATER

\*MONALISA

Kendra was going to be the cause of her death if she didn't stay in her lane. She was too damn observant with everything I did and the way I spoke. She was making it hard to play Anelisa the way I should. I had Kendra right where I needed her

Taylor and her mother sent me a video of Anelisa tied up looking all weak in order to blackmail Kendra so that she keeps her mouth shut and I'm happy to say it worked because no-one was suspicious of me though her mother was a little snoopy. It was June holidays and I was over at Ahlume's apartment. Being in his arms was the best thing since sliced bread! Ahlume's hands around my waist was just what I needed after everything. We were in his room and he was on top of me kissing me. I helped him out of his shirt and he helped me out of my clothes and one thing led to another and soon we were both naked and panting heavily trying to catch our breaths. He tried inserting himself me looking into my eyes

Him: When was the first time I ever went down on you?

Me: last year

Him: give me the date, the place and the month

He said going in deep. I swallowed hard taking in the pain

Me: it was uhhm...

Him: ok, when was the first time you ever told me you love me?  
I looked at him confused, why would he ask me these questions?

Him: when did I break your virginity?

Me: babe

Him: do I look stupid to you?

Me: what do you mean?

Me: I mean you can't fool me Monalisa. Did you really think you'd impersonate my girlfriend and I wouldn't know?

I chuckled

Me: I'm Anelisa

He squeezed my ass it was even painful while pushing himself all in, I saw how huge he was but I didn't think it was that huge until I could feel it in my stomach. Ahlume was gifted.

Him: Anelisa would have never let me have sex with her especially without a condom.

I tried to push him off but he took my hands and pinned them on the bed.

Me: Ahlume

The look in his eyes was one I had never seen, his eyes were dark and had this flame looking thing in them. Tears rolled down my eyes. I had never been that terrified in my life before

Him: Anelisa doesn't kiss the way you do. She's sweet and the minute I see her something in me sparks and I didn't get that with you Monalisa. Where is my girlfriend?

I shook my head

Me: I don't know

He pinched my nipples I screamed

Him: I want the truth Monalisa

Me: I swear to you I have no idea where she is

Him: Where is she?

He said ramming into me hard

Me: I don't know. I swear I don't know where they took her

He got off me leaving me in real pain. I closed my legs and moved back to the headboard hugging my legs.

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\*MONALISA

I had never been so terrified in my life. It's been two days and Ahlume was nothing like what he was with Anelisa

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he was a monster. He would beat me up into a pulp and then sex me like there's no tomorrow. At some point I thought I would be dead by now but for some reason I was still alive. Lindi and Taylor haven't been keeping in touch with me. even apart from that I have no idea where he put my phone. I had just gotten out of the shower and standing in front of the mirror looking at my body, I had bite marks and scratches on almost every part of my body and bruises from him beating me up almost every day. He walked in and I could feel his eyes piercing right through me.

Him: you see how you look?

I didn't respond

Him: Monalisa its only going to get worse

Me: I have no idea where your girlfriend is Ahlume

He chuckled and took his clothes off. God he looked sexy, yes I despised him but he was very much sexy and maybe our sexlife would be lit if he was not the monster he is. He looked at me once and made his way to the shower. I searched for his phone the minute I heard the water running and searched for his



grandmother's number, it rang and she answered after a while  
//her: this is a surprise

Me: we don't have time. Ahlume is going to kill me

Her: Monalisa you're alive

Me: I don't know for how long

Her: where are you?

Me: at his apartment

Her: I will send someone there to bring you some herbs to mix into his food so that he can fall for you

Me: I don't want him anymore

Her: Monalisa you have to hold on. It's only a matter of time

Me: I don't want your grandson. I just want my life back

Her: it will all work out in the end//

I dropped the call and cleared the call. I got dressed into a tracksuit and made my way downstairs to make myself and him food. He walked in as I was about to finish. I handed him his plate and he looked at it. Ahlume didn't eat the food I cooked, he didn't even touch it let alone smell it

Him: what am I supposed to do with this?

Me: I don't know. Eat it or something

Him: so you answer back to me now

Me: I thought that's how a conversation worked

He chuckled in disbelief and threw the plate at me but I ducked just in time.

Him: don't try me Monalisa because I will kill you and bury you

myself

I didn't respond. I cleaned up the food and then sat down to eat while he took his phone and dialled something putting it on loud speaker

//Him: Nelly tell me you've found her

Her: Listen I need you to bring Monalisa here

Him: she won't give you what you need Nelly

Her: I know that but I need you to trust me

Him: the only thing I need from you is Anelisa's location

Her: and you will get it but I need Monalisa first

Him: I'll drop her off tomorrow after work

She sighed

Her: just don't kill her

Him: whatever. //

He ended the call. I watched him make his way out of the kitchen. I just sat there eating my food. I have never missed my father the way I did right now. I heard he had left the country because apparently I was back in the states. I'm guessing Anelisa is supposedly me where she is.

**\*MONALISA**

As I was making breakfast a delivery came as Lindi had promised and it was herbs with a paper on how to use them. I poured them in his water because that was the only thing he drank in the fridge. He walked in as I had just finished pouring the herbs in his water. He looked at me and took water from the fridge and then drank the whole 500ml bottle and then turned to me

Him: I'll come home early today because we have to go to Anelisa's mother.

Me: why?

Him: I don't know. but she said we should go to her place

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you better be dressed when I get back.

With that he walked out with his things. I sat on the counter asking myself when those herbs would work. I spent the day watching movies and sleeping and eating. I was bored out of my mind. I went to shower and got dressed and put on some make up and went to wait for him in the lounge. He walked in at 2pm on the dot with flowers and a box of chocolates. I looked at him and he showed remorse and hurt

Him: peace offering?

He said with a smile, God he was such a beautiful man! I was

suddenly struck with confusion, what did those herbs do to him? did this mean he was in love with me?

Him: I'm sorry for the way I've treated you the past few days' sweet lips.

He said pinching my cheek, but not in a painful way but it was playful and he was all smiles

Him: I've been an idiot and a jerk to you. you don't deserve the way I've been treating you these past few days and I am really sorry

I just nodded

Him: these are for you and I'm hoping you haven't eaten anything so that we can go grab lunch before... everything I just nodded. I really didn't know what to say or how to respond towards him. he was different, he was the man I had seen him with Anelisa. We went to have lunch and he was really trying to fix things between us. I won't lie it was all too good to be true. He bought me a phone and a new sim card and then we drove to this Nelly's house. Along the way he was holding my hand while driving.

**\*MONALISA**

I won't lie I was happy. Ever since whatever Lindelwa gave me to spike Ahlume's water came into my life, I have never been better. Ahlume loves me and he is the best boyfriend ever. After my shower I walked out with a towel wrapped around my body and we had mind blowing sex, he didn't need to go down on me for me to get multiple orgasms though I do find it strange that him, of all people would stop himself from going down. we were lying in bed with our legs entangled together. Ahlume is really not the gentle type in bed, he's into rough sex but nothing about what he did was painful without pleasure. I enjoyed every bit of it except my body bruised easily, I had bite marks and scratches here and there but thanks to being a vampire, they all disappeared.

Him: I'm sorry

Me: its ok babe

Him: no it's not, I hurt you

Me: and I'm telling you that its ok babe

He kissed my head

Me: I love you Ahlume

Him: I love you too sweet lips

Me: sweet lips?

Him: yeah, it's what I always call you mos

I just nodded. So in his mind I was Anelisa?

Me: babe?

Him: yeah?

Me: do you hate going down on a girl? He chuckled

Him: I have nothing against going down

I've just never went down on anyone before

I looked up at him shook

Him: don't give me that look, I feel some type of way about going down babe. Maybe in the near future I'll be able to, but not now

Me: I hear you

Him: lets sleep, I have to be at work early tomorrow.

Just then his phone rang, he looked at the screen and it was his twin.

//Him: Mile

Mile: ey bro what's up?

Him: nothing much, I'm cuddling with my girlfriend

Mile: I did not need to know that. Hi Lisa

Me: hey Mile

Mile: you look different

Ahlume: it's called dick power bro We were face timing.

Ahlumile's expression changed, he was sort of shook and had a bit of confusion

Mile: somebody's growing up

We both chuckled

Me: at some point we have to right?

Mile: I guess so

Ahlume: I for one am proud!

Mile nodded

Mile: listen, we'll talk tomorrow when you get to work and not cuddling in bed with your girlfriend

We all laughed

Ahlume: whatever bro. Bye

Him: Bye guys. We ended the call and slept. I'm worried that Ahlumile may have noticed something about me. What is it with Anelisa that everyone falls at her feet? We look alike for heaven's sake, how are people able to tell the difference?

\*\*\*NB: At this point Anelisa lost her memory of her life before being abducted. The amulet around her neck is the reason she's having dreams of being Anelisa. In her mind she is Monalisa and that's all she knows and believes. Hence she's adjusted to the life she is living, she doesn't remember meeting Lindelwa or Taylor or Neliswa or Ahlume or Kendra or anyone from South Africa. She doesn't even know that she's a doppelganger. It's like Lindelwa wiped all of her memories and put in new ones in her head. Like I said before, Anelisa is Anelisa and Monalisa is Monalisa, I won't change their names because that will confuse you and we don't want that. So if anyone is confused, please speak now because the road is still going to get bumpy and your emotions will be all over the place if you don't keep up now.

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\*MONALISA

Yesterday Ahlume came home smelling of a girl's perfume, I didn't understand why I was even still here with him. I mean was I that desperate for love that I would settle for this kind of love? I mean as long as I am here then he will always be this evil person. I was so lost in my own thoughts that I didn't even hear Ahlumile walk in.

Him: hi

Me: Hey Mile

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how are you?

He looked at me for a while

Him: I don't know what you feeding my brother but it's never going to work Monalisa. Ahlume may be blinded by whatever spell or charm you've used on him but you will never be Anelisa, he will never love you the way he loves Anelisa

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Him: just think about what I told you ok.

With that he walked out and left me stunned. He only got here now, how does he know? I took my phone and called Lindelwa

//Her: Hello

Me: Hi

Her: what can I do for you?



Me: I thought you were flying in today

Her: yes, I just got to my house, Ahlumile dropped me before he went to his place

Me: your grandson knows I'm not Anelisa

Her: clearly you not convincing enough

Me: this is serious

Her: what do you want me to do Monalisa huh? This was what you wanted, you wanted love and now you got it!

Me: You think you know everything that goes on. Your grandson's have already transitioned. Neliswa and her sidekicks broke the curse you placed on me. you plan failed

Her: WHAT?

I chuckled

Me: I thought you knew everything that happened around here. Last time I checked Ahlume was supposed to kill me right in order for your plan to work but here I am on his birthday and still very much alive//

She cut the call on me and left me laughing. Like WOW! what did she think would happen maybe? I was angry. I made my way upstairs to Ahlume's room and took out and outfit to go to town. I was bored out of my mind!

## Epilogue

\*MONALISA

Knowing that Anelisa was in town would have probably entailed that Click is back too. I called him when I left the mall and he told me that he was visiting Aya's mother for some reason, he went as far as asking how I was from the last time he saw me and that was strange but I told him I was ok and he also asked about Kendra because apparently we were sleeping over at their place. I was at Kendra's place and her mother and siblings were back together with Click.

Ama: how do you look just like Lisa?

Kendra's siblings and I were in the lounge and the elders were somewhere in the house. These little rascals knew from the get go that I was not Anelisa, you'd think that maybe they wouldn't notice but they did for some reason

Just: Where's Lisa and who are you?

Me: I am Monalisa and I don't know where Lisa is

Ama: but how do you look like Lisa? are you guys twins?

Me: yes we twins with different mothers and fathers

I was so annoyed. I didn't quite like kids and these two were annoying or maybe I was pissed because Ahlume's grandmother wasn't responding to any of my calls. I stood up and went up to the room that had my stuff and called Taylor

I needed answers.

//Her: can I help you?

Me: your mother is not answering my calls

Her: so?

Me: Anelisa is here. What do you mean so?

Her: What? How?

Me: you asking me!

Her: I'll call her and get back to you

Me: What is going on Taylor?

Her: nothing

Me: don't play me for a fool! I want the truth

She chuckled sarcastically

Her: you forget who you talking to

Me: I don't know if you've heard or maybe your mother forgot to tell you but if I were you, I'd be careful of how I speak to me

Her: honey I'm a New Orleans witch. Theres literally nothing a little vampire who doesn't feed can do to me.//

With that she ended the call. Well that didn't go as expected.

Nothing was left for me here, I needed to go back home and get back my life without any witchy woo. I've caused a mess here and I'm pretty sure that if Ahlume sees Anelisa then most obviously whatever herbs I've been feeding him will wear off.

Running into Anelisa today I think I felt something from deep within me, I think I could feel how much she loves him and I have seen how much he loves her and what lengths he's willing

to go for her and the more I stay the more I risk him killing me for real this time around.

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.....**The End**.....

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