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## **HEARTBEAT by Zizipho Mceleli**

### **Prologue**

LEONELLA

I have been through a lot from since I was 2 years old.

My grandparents ( my mother's aunt and uncle) sold me just to hurt my mom and for cash too when I was two years but that's not my story to tell.

But in life I have been known through my parents story and how I came to the world.

I wasn't know as Leonella Zulu I was known as the girl whose mother married her rapist and fell crazily in love with him.

I love my father to the moon and all I saw when I grew up was the love they shared with my mother not who he was when I was conceived.

I grew up in a big family and a successful one, some are doctors, lawyers and business women and men.

I always thought I had a different calling.

I decided to go for a military instead, I only wanted to do five years of military then I will move to other adventures.

I was only left with a week before I'm officially honourable discharge.

Logan walked in, he came here three years ago he has always underestimated women in this base.

Logan:"Zulu the commander is asking for your presence" He said with his boring British accent.

I just nod I had no time for him.

I stood up and walked out, I knocked a few times before I was told to come in.

Commander:"Leonella please sit" it's funny he is calling me by my name, he has always called me Zulu or little girl.

I'm very fond of him, I usually call him military dad.

Me:"Yes sir" he chuckled if he was a woman he would roll his eyes.

Commander:"So only a few days before you leave us" I smiled.

Me:"Crazy I know but I'm sad and happy at the same time"

Commander:"It has been a journey"

Me:"A great one"

Commander:"I'm glad, you must be wondering why you are here?"

Me:"You tell me" he chuckled.

He took a paper and shoved it my way.

Me:"What is this?"

Commander:"A treasure" I raised my eyebrows confused.

Me:"It's a map"

Commander:"Yes, a few years ago we intercepted some criminals who were stealing military weapons, so they have been trying to find the money we also took"

Me:"The money is with the state though" he sighed.

Commander:"Supposedly but I took it"

Me:"What?"

Commander:"I know it's a crime but not everything goes by the rules"

Me:"I don't want to be part of this, can't you give the money back"

Commander:"There is a lot that could go wrong with that" I sighed.

Me:"What do you want me to do?"

Commander:"You are leaving the base tomorrow so you are taking the map with you" my parents will kill me for agreeing into this

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they are thugs but me bringing thugs from Columbia will be a mess.

Me:"Let's just destroy it" He nods.

Commander:"You are right, hopefully I remember this place when I need it. This is not because I'm greedy or anything but it's all for a good cause Leo" I didn't want to question him, he was already in a mess.

Me:"So am I steal leaving tomorrow"

Commander:"Yes you are leaving"

I left his office I don't know why everything felt very strange, why would he tell me about a map he could have simple destroyed.

I didn't think too much of everything.

"Heard you are leaving tomorrow" I frowned.

Me:"What are you talking about?" Everyone only knew that I was leaving tomorrow.

Logan:"Good luck on the outside" he smirked and walked away.

"he is such an ass" I sigh that was Sarah a friend I made through out the years.

Me:"I know but don't let him get to you"

Sarah:"I can't believe that you are leaving this place already" I chuckled.

Me:"It's time to try new things" she nods.

Sarah:"I'm going to miss you so much"

Me:"I will miss you too"

I wasn't sure that I'm going to see her again I was moving back to my home.

Night came, I was peaceful asleep when I started hearing alarms going off and chaos breaking out.

Everyone was already on their feet I quickly jumped out of the bed.

Me:"What's going on?"

Sarah:"I don't know, let's just gear up just in case" I nod and put on my gears.

We ran to where the chaos was coming me from.

Logan looked at us and shook his head, we were the last one to arrive.

Me:"What's going on?" He was about to answer when three of our military nurses walked out with a stretcher wheeling out a body that was covered up.

Logan:"What's going on here?" My heart is beating very fast.

Nurse:"Our commander was found dead and an investigation is still going to be conducted to figure out what has happened, everything seems to be an inside job and one of us did it" we are all shocked, more than anything I'm hurt this guy was like a father to me.

He really did took me under his wing, and we just spoke less than 24 hours ago and now he is gone.

Logan:"You sure you didn't do?" I wiped the tears that have escaped my eyes.

Me:"What's your problem?"

Logan:"You were the last person he was seen with, now the old man is dead"

Me:"You such an ass Logan, leave me alone"

Logan:"Don't yell you are drawing attention to yourself, you are already a suspect so please don't make everyone believe that by acting this way" I shook my head in disbelief.

I stepped away from everyone my head was spinning I was trying to figure out what happened.

His office was a crime scene so I needed to be careful.

I got inside and his scent still filled the room.

Nothing was disturbed the person who killed him was in a hurry.

The only that stood out was a map he tried giving it to me.

It seems like the person came here looking for it and was disturbed.

I took it and shoved it under my gear then walked out.

Picking up that paper was my worse mistake.



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LEONELLA

It has been two weeks since I have been discharged from the military and I was told not to leave the country as Commander's death was still under investigation and I was the last person to be seen with him.

I wasn't sure what to make of everything I don't know if I'm a suspect or what but what I know is I was being watched.

I wasn't fazed by anything because one thing about me I can defend myself.

Luckily for me, my little brother Phikolomzi was working this side and I was living with him.

I haven't told him why I'm still in Columbia after I wanted to go home so badly, I just told him I wanted to see him before going home I don't know how long will I keep up with the lie because it could take months to solve a case.

But he can't find out because my whole family will be involved in this.

Phiko:"You look miserable" he said bringing back to earth.

Me:"I'm still adjusting to the new life"

Phiko:"So what do you want to do after this?"

Me:"I don't know I just need a little break" I was really not sure of what I will do next, I will figure everything out once all this mess blows over.

Phiko:"Let me take you out" I sighed.

Me:"Can we do it another day?"

Phiko:"Leonella I haven't seen you for over a year and I'm trying to catch up with you, and you are saying no" he is such a manipulator this one.

Me:"Fine Phiko" he grinned I rolled my eyes.

I didn't want to be in public space but I can't say no to this one.

I grabbed my jacket and we walked out.

Phiko:"So don't you have nightmares?" I raised my eyebrows.

Me:"Nightmares?"

Phila:"I have seen people from military having after effects of serving, feeling like they will be attacked, being paranoid. They

also have nightmares about all the war and battles they have been exposed to"

Me:"I'm not having nightmares we are not the same but I will surely need therapy" he nods.

Phiko:"Inkomo zika tata zisaphelele kodwa?" I frowned.

Me:"What the fuck Phikolomzi?" He laughed.

Phiko:"I'm just asking, you said that you were keeping yourself until you were 25"

Me:"Well I changed my mind" he gasped.

Phiko:" What?!" I laughed.

Me:"Can we not discuss my sex life? And no man has touched my body. So you are still buying me that car you promised" he smiled like a proud dad I don't know why he acts like he is older than me.

We arrived at the mall and we ordered food.

Me:"So any lucky lady?" He laughed.

Phiko:"I don't do relationships"

Me:"Or you are just gay"

Phiko:"It wouldn't be weird considering the gay couples we have at home but I'm very much straight"

Me:"Okay then"

Our food came we started digging in.

He was spending on me today now I understand why he treats me like a baby while I'm three years older than him.

Soon we head back to his house.

Phiko:"This car has been following us Leo" I closed my eyes I was hoping that he doesn't notice but who was I kidding we were raised in a home full of thugs and danger so he was going to notice.

Phiko:"What is going on Leonella?" He said looking at me.

Me:"I will tell you when we get home" this is fucked up.

He looked at me and we continued driving home.

The atmosphere in the car has changed soon we got home.

Phiko:"Speak" he said sternly.

Me:"I'm a murder suspect"

Phiko:"What?!" He is shocked "Who did you kill you?"

Me:"I didn't kill anyone Phiko! Wait you think I would do that?"  
I said in disbelief.

Phiko:"I wouldn't put it past you considering of how we were raised"

Me:"Why do you say it like it's such a bad thing?"

Phiko:"Of course it is but we just think it's normal. Who is this person are you suspected of killing?"

Me:"The commander"

Phiko:"What? Your military dad?" I nod.

Me:"He was killed two weeks ago and I was the last person who saw him prior to his death"

Phiko:"This is fucked up" I might as well come clean about everything.

Me:"There is something else" he looked at me, I started narrating everything to him.

Phiko:"What the fuck? Why would this guy involve you in such a mess? And you why did you take that map"

Me:"I think he knew that he was going to die and was not ready to give the map up, they were going to kill him anyways"

Phiko:"You shouldn't have taken a

the map Leo, these people you are messing with are not just amateurs of criminals, this is not South Africa"

Me:"I know that but you can't tell Mom and dad about this" he looked at me as if I just lost my mind.

Phiko:"What do you mean Leo?"

Me:"I will tell them when I can't handle it on my own

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we can't rely on them forever"

Phiko:"Hay you have completely lost it" I sighed.

Me:"Phiko I can protect myself" he chuckled.

Phiko:"I have no doubt, hope you know what you are doing" he was disappointed, never been the one to disappoint my family this stings.

I could barely sleep, I was starting to get paranoid about all of this.

My body was sore in the morning I was tired.

After refreshing I felt a little better.

I walked inside the kitchen and found a man wearing a black and white suit, he had a gun on top of the table.

"You are awake" he wasn't looking at me, I guess he felt my presence.

Me:"Who are you?" He doesn't reply but stood up I quickly went for his gun and point it at him

"Great!" He snatches the gun out of my hand, we quickly fight over the gun.

Phiko:"What the hell is going on? Leo stop!" The guy let go of the gun "What the hell are you doing?"

Me:"Do you know him?"

Phiko:"Yes he is going to be your bodyguard" I laughed.

Me:"What did you say?"

Phiko:"You heard me Leonella"

Me:" I don't need a bodyguard I can protect myself!" That came out louder.

Phiko:"And I don't doubt that but it's either a bodyguard or I tell everyone what's going on" I don't like him right now.

Me:"Fine"

Phiko:"Good, it seems like you two are going to get along very well" he walked out leaving me with this guy.

"My gun" I gave him his gun.

Me:"I don't need a bodyguard" he chuckled.

"Your brother hired me not you" I hate him it's official "Aphiwe Dladla by the way" I frowned

JOSE

Running the streets of this country has been my thing.

My father was the one who ran them before he was killed in fact before I killed him.

I always wanted to take over this business and he was taking too long to die so I helped him.

Now everyone in this city worship me and soon everyone in the country will do so too.

Few months ago our men were intercepted by military and we lost our merchandise and money.



My brother walked in we haven't heard from him for two weeks.

Me:"Logan" he looked nervous.

Logan:"Jose" he sat down.

Me:"What's going on?" He sighed.

Logan:"I have been trying to find the map for the past two weeks" I raised my eyebrows.

Me:"And what happened?"

Logan:"It disappeared"

Me:"What do you mean it disappeared? you were suppose to take it after killing that man" he ran his hand on his face.

Logan:"Everything didn't go according to plans, I was disturbed after killing him I had to leave his office as soon as possible but when I came back it wasn't there"

Me:"Fuck Logan couldn't you do one simple task"

Logan:"But I think I know who took it" I looked at him.

Me:"Who?" He hands a picture to me

Logan:"Leonella Zulu" she is way too pretty.

Me:"A woman? Why would she take it?"

Logan:"Because commander did tell her about the map"

Me:"I need to find this girl"

Sean:"What girl?" He said walking in.

Me:"Ask your brother, he couldn't take the map and some girl has it now"

Sean:" Who is she?"

Logan:"Leonella Zulu"

Sean:"South African?" He nods.

Logan:"Don't worry she is still here, she is a suspect in the murder of the commander so she is not allowed to skip the country"

Me:"Well then I need to find her because we need that money"

Sean's phone rang he answered it.

Sean:"Nia" he said walking out.

Logan:"I need to start working on finding Leonella" I nod he walked out

I sat there looking at this girl, why would she involve herself in such a mess even her pretty face won't save her or it will.

Sean:"I need to go back to my wife" he said walking in.

Me:"How is she taking her father's death?" Nia is commander's daughter.

Sean:"Pretty hard, and the fact that she is pregnant is worrying me a lot I don't want anything happening to my baby"

Me:"I'm sorry man but it had to be done"

Sean:"Yeah war is about deception"

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Leonella

I'm not okay I have never felt like this before, I just want to go home and be with my parents.

I didn't realise that this was taking a toll on me but now I do.

Reality is starting to sink in of the mess I just landed myself into by taking that stupid map.

My body is exhausted I don't know why maybe it's because I barely sleep these days but something is wrong.

I grab my cellphone and dials my mother's phone number.

Mom:"Leo!" Her sharp voice echoed in my ears, tears quickly roll down my cheeks and a sniff follows.

Me:"Mama"

Mom:"What's wrong?" Her voice is immediately filled by worry.

Me:"Nothing I just miss you that's all"

"Is that Leo?" that's my father hijacking our call.

"Put her on loud speaker" that order follows. Ludwe is a bully I mentally said to myself.

Mom:"When are you coming home?"

Me:"I'm still bonding with my brother" I said trying not to sound any suspicious.

Dad:"Is that all?" My dad is suspicious of everything.

Mom:"If anything is wrong you would tell us right" I nod and let my tears fall.

Me:"Yes I love you" I cut the call short just so they don't hear that I'm crying.

As soon as water hit my skin soothing moment is all I feel.

I know from this day onwards everything is going to get hard.

I wanted some fresh air out of this house.

I quickly go to the kitchen and find Aphiwe and our helper flirting I cleared my throat.

They both turned to look at me.

Me:"I'm going out" I said and walked out.

Aphiwe:"Good morning" I sigh I honestly have no time to make conversations with this guy, I didn't want a bodyguard.

Me:"Morning" he chuckled I could sense a little bit of annoyance.

Aphiwe:"Your brother is just trying to help you here and you are acting as if he is the one that started this mess. For someone who created such a mess for herself you sure have a stinking attitude" why were his words getting to me?

Me:"You are fired!"

Aphiwe:"You can't fire me you don't pay me, one thing about you rich kids think the world revolves around your life. Where do you want to go Ma'am?"

Me:"I just need some air" he nods and drove off.

The car was quiet awfully quiet, he wasn't planning on saying anything more.

He soon pulled over at some park near an ice cream truck.

Me:"What are we doing here?"

Aphiwe:"You wanted some air Ma'am" I didn't like how he was suddenly being formal with me it's like he is mocking me.

I just stepped out of the car I wanted the ice cream so bad but I had no cash in me and I wasn't going to ask him to pay for me.

I walked towards the bunk stool and sat down.

This is the air I needed it's hitting smoothly on my skin.

A barefoot pregnant lady sat next to me.

"Can I wait for my husband here?" I just nod.

Soon a guy approached us.

Him:"Babe let's go" she nods.

The husband is looking at me so is Aphiwe.

I don't like this at all, he walked away.

Aphiwe:"We gotta get out of here" he said looking at the guy.

I obeyed and walked to the car.

Aphiwe:"What did you do?"

Me:"What are you talking about?" He chuckled.

Aphiwe:"And she is clueless too" I hate it when someone undermine my intelligence like this.

Me:"I know that guy might know me or something. He might be part of the group of criminals that need the map" he chuckled.

Aphiwe:"Group of criminals? You are really clueless here

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let me tell you sweetheart that guy is not just anyone. He is a part of Kingston Crew with his brothers. They are drug lords if you ask me. They are involved in drugs, trafficking weapons and money laundering so his not just a mere criminal as you think" what he said make my intestines cold and tie into a knot.

The drive home is so quiet I keep looking if we are not being followed.

We got home and Phikolomzi was waiting for us.

Aphiwe:"I want to quit this job"

Me:"What?!" He looked at me and frowned.

Aphiwe:"You should be happy that you won't have a bodyguard"

Me:"Not after what you told me"

Aphiwe:" Well you have a family that can afford to get you someone else as your bodyguard"



Phiko:"Aphiwe this doesn't make sense at all"

Aphiwe:"It's for the best" he walked out.

I followed him.

Me:"I didn't take you for a coward" he chuckled.

Aphiwe:"Maybe I am" he said that and drove off.

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Sean drove home with Nia, he was surprised that he met Leonella so easy but he couldn't even follow them because Nia would ask a lot of questions.

And it would also be dangerous to follow them so he can't expose his wife and child to such.

Nia:"Are you okay?"

Sean:"Yeah I just need to see my brothers after I drop you at home" she wasn't a fan of his brothers especially Jose.

Nia:"You are meeting your brothers a lot lately"

Sean:"Is that a problem Nia?" she looked at him in disbelief

Nia:"My father just died Sean and I was expecting you to spend more time with me" he sighed.

Sean:"Don't get upset you are pre..." She cuts him off.

Nia:"That's all you care about that! The baby not me" he loves Nia but seeing her upset about her father's death made him feel a little guilty he couldn't even look at her.

Sean:"I'm sorry babe we will spend more time together after this I promise" she keeps quiet as soon as the car stop she jumps out and walked inside the house.

He didn't want to fight her more so he drove straight to his brother's house.

Jose:"Sean if I didn't know better I would say you are running away from your wife" he chuckled it was true but he won't admit that in front of his brother.

Sean:"Any updates on Leonella?"

Logan:"Not yet"

Sean:"Well I saw her today"

Jose:"Where?"

Sean:"In the park but I couldn't do anything as I was with Nia"

Jose:"Fuck Sean!"

Sean:"Don't worry I got the car's licence plate"

Jose:"Good job" he said proudly.

Sean:"But there is a problem" he frowned.

Jose:"Before we discuss the problem, Logan I want you to take the licence plates information and run it. Investigate whoever owns that car as it will be our lead"

Logan:"Alright I will do that" Logan is the youngest he basically did what his brothers tell him to do.

Sean wrote down the plates and get it to him, he walked out to investigate.

Jose:"So what's going on?"

Sean:"The girl has a bodyguard?" Jose laughed.

Jose:"And how is that a problem Sean?" Sean chuckle.

Sean:"Because you are very familiar with this one" he frowned.

Jose:"Stop talking in riddles and just say who her bodyguard is"

Sean:"Well the bodyguard is none other than Aphiwe Dladla"

Jose:"You better be shitting on me right now Sean" he shook his head.

Sean:"I can't joke with something like this" he poured his whiskey and gulp it down.

Jose:"Fuck God must hate me!"

Sean:"What are we going to do?"

Jose:"If that girl has a chance of surviving this he is that chance, we need to get rid of him no matter what this time around"

Sean:"And that won't be easy, we have tried that so many times" he sighed.

Jose:"We will figure it out then" he was beyond pissed, he knows that Aphiwe can't be easily be killed.

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APHIWE

I was really looking forward to be doing this job and I also need the job for myself and little who is in a boarding school in South Africa.

But I had to quiet because the Martinez brothers it's not the people I ever want to cross paths with ever again in my life.

I meet them 5 years ago I just started working as a bodyguard.

I was still working for an agent back then not as an independent bodyguard.

The client I was working for happened to had business with Martinez brothers and he crossed them so I had to protect him.

Our encounter with the Martinez started then and it never stopped, it seems like every client I had to work for had some sort of connection with them I ended up killing a lot of their guys because I was defending my clients.

I thought I was doing my job but it happened that I was becoming their target now.

It escalated to them trying to hurt my sister so I had to move her to South Africa since we have no parents, we have a Godmother and our relationship with her it's not that tight.

So now working for someone who crossed them again it's a risky job and the girl has an attitude that I don't like.

Phiko has to accept that I can't work for his sister.

When I got home I just called my baby sister.

"Bhuti!" She said with a jolly voice.

Me:"Hey sweetie how are you? How is school going?" She chuckled.

Aphelele:"One question at a time bro, I'm good and school is great how are you?"

Me:"I'm great, is everything okay?"

Aphelele:"Yeah" she hesitantly answered.

Me:"What's going on?"

Aphelele:"We have a school trip soon but I'm not going"

Me:"Why?"

Aphelele:"Money is tight" I bite my lower lip.

Me:"I will make a plan" she sighed.

Aphelele:"Bhuti I don't have to go I can.."

Me:"No Aphelele you are going to that trip"

Aphelele:"Okay I love you"

Me:"I love you too" we end our call and I checked my emails indeed her school has emailed me about the school trip.

I was disturbed by a knock, I took my gun.

I checked who it was and sighed before putting it in my waist.

I opened the door and stood there.

Leo:"Hey"

Me:"What are you doing here?" She blinked a few times.

Leo:"You can't quit" I laughed.

Me:"I just did"

Leo:"I have been a shitty person towards you because I wanted you to quit since I thought I didn't need a bodyguard"

Me:"Oh really?" She nods

Leo:"Yes I'm sorry and please don't quit" I walked inside and she followed me.

This was conflicting for me I needed the money but crossing the paths with those people will mean that I'm starting war.

Leo:"Nice place" she said after sitting down.

Me:"Thanks, why don't you tell your parents about this, this is not something you could just deal with alone" she sighed.

Leo:"That's what happens when you are a perfectionist you can't just disappoint everyone else. I don't want to bring war to my family, they are quitting this life"

Me:"I didn't take you as a perfectionist" she chuckled.

Leo:"I know, but then if you can't help me I have to tell them"

Me:"Are you trying to emotional blackmail me?" She laughed it's the first time I'm hearing her laugh.

Leo:"Well is it working?" I chuckled.

Me:"I need the money"

Leo:"So you are coming back?"

Me:"We have to make a deal Leonella" she quickly nods.

Leo:"Whatever you say"



Me:"I have seen that you like being in control but now that stops today, I know you can defend yourself and it will make things easy for me too but you need to understand that I'm in control when it comes to this. I make the first call and you follow my lead

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you will be my back up when it's necessary otherwise if it's not you let me do my job"

Leo:"Okay we are clear"

Me:"Good"

Leo:"Thank you Aphiwe, so did you quit because of my attitude?"

Me:"No because I have history with those and it's not a pleasant one"

Leo:"I see so there's a marsha?" I frowned.

Me:"A marsha?"

Leo:"A fatal flaw"

Me:"Yeah please try to use less private school English with me" she laughed.

Leo:"You are funny" she shook her head still laughing.

JOSE

I seriously can't seem to shake the guy off, Aphiwe has killed a lot of my workers and that made me lose a lot in this business.

Now he is the way between me and my money.

And if I'm not careful the guy is good at his job so getting that map will be a difficult mission.

Me:"Anything coming up yet?" I said walking in where Logan was working.

Logan:"Yes the car is registered under Phikolomzi Zulu, so which means he is Leonella's brother" I nod.

Me:"Interesting, so what do we know about this brother?"

Logan:"He is just a businessman, arrived here two years ago. He is a basic person nothing interesting about him"

Me:"Family history?" He sighed.

Logan:"That's what strange in this, he is the only one who can find information about on internet"

Me:"He is a businessman after all so what's strange"

Logan:"From what I know Leonella is from one of the richest family in South Africa so for them to be off grid like this it's weird"

Me:"Okay then, let's trace this car that's where everything will start"

PHIKOLOMZI

I know Leonella think that our parents are not aware of everything but they are.

After she called them they knew something was wrong.

So they called me and dug the truth out of me.

And with my father a person can easily crack.

I don't know what they will do and Leonella is going to lose it if she finds out the truth.

She managed to convince Aphiwe to come back with her.

Leo:"Are you okay?"

Me:"Yeah I'm fine"

Aphiwe:"You are acting weird"

Me:"Nothing man" he looked at me strangely I know his job involves analysing body language.

A door bell saves me from more questions.

I quickly stood up and went to the door.

Me:"What are you guys doing here?" This is fucked up.

Miracle:"Uncle Ludwe told us that you need us" I don't know why they call him uncle, when he is their brother even though my father was adopted.

Liana:"What did you guys get yourselves into?" She was still beautiful I mean the same.

Me:"You twins talk a lot, please come in" they follow each other dragging their luggage.

I hear Leonella squeal in excitement.

Leo:"What are you guys doing here?"

Me:"I called them" I quickly said they looked at me weirdly.

Liana:"Yeah Phiko called us here, apparently there is something going on" she quickly covered for me, my stomach heats up.

Leo is not happy but she also happy that the twins are around.

They kept talking about stuff that I didn't want to be part of.

So me and Aphiwe excused ourselves.

Aphiwe:"They say forbidden fruit always taste best" I frowned.

Me:"What are you talking about?"

Aphiwe:"Come on you have been staring at Emiliana and that ring she is wearing ever since they got in"

Me:"I don't know what you are talking about" he chuckled.

Aphiwe:"Okay then"

Out of 14 siblings and cousins we have they had to send the twins.

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LEONELLA

I can't believe that Phiko told the twins what's going on.

But a part of me was grateful because it seems like the Commander got me deep into something so dangerous.

Me and the twins are so close, we have been close since we were kids.

We spent our childhood together even though I'm two years older than them we have always been treated like triplets.

I was the first one to wake up and go to kitchen I find Aphiwe.

He was talking to someone in his cellphone.

Aphiwe:"I promise sweetheart I will come up with the plan don't stress yourself" he noticed "I gotta go I love you" he hangs up.

Me:"Good morning"

Aphiwe:"Good morning"

Me:"Do you ever sleep?" He was staying with us.

Aphiwe:"I don't sleep I was just trained to rest you don't sleep"  
I chuckled.

Me:"Why this job?" He shift uncomfortable "Never mind how  
do you like your coffee?"

Aphiwe:"However you make it?" I nod he will probably hate my  
coffee so I will settle for something that my mother loves.

Aphiwe:"This job is a calling for me" I turned to look at him.

Me:"A calling?" He chuckled and leaned back on his chair.

Aphiwe:"It's not something I wanted but it finds its way to me"

Me:"Mmh I see"

Aphiwe:"So what's with you and military"

Me:"I wanted to try something different, not go for what my  
family usually go for and military was the way to do, I ended up  
loving it and I don't regret it"

Aphiwe:"Alright I see, so where is the map?" I looked at him not  
sure if telling him would be wise.

Me:"I...."

"Good morning" our helper walked in.

We greet her back.

She looked at Aphiwe and blushed.

Noami:"So are we still on for this weekend?"

Aphiwe:"I will be working I'm sorry"

Noami:"I'm sure Leo won't mind giving you a day off right?" She said looking at me.

Me:"Actually I mind I need security everyday so I'm sorry" I'm suddenly annoyed by her.

My cousins and brother walked in preventing this conversation from going further.

They settled down, my brother is suddenly so quiet.

Me:"So Liana who is the lucky guy?" I said looking at the ring.

Liana:"Well his name is Sanele"

Me:"And when are we meeting him?" Phiko choked and coughs violently.

Miracle:"Are you okay?" He nods quickly.

Phiko:"Excuse me" he left the table.

Aphiwe:"I will check on him" he said already following him.

Liana:"You are still keeping yourself" I looked at her.

Me:"Yes Liana"

Miracle:"Maybe she is gonna let the bodyguard hit it" I choked on my saliva "Come on Leo he is cute"



Me:"Not happening" she laughed "Talking about tapping Liana who took your virginity?"

Liana:"I'm not telling you that" that's one thing she had refused to reveal no matter what.

Miracle:"I don't understand why you are hiding it"

Liana:"Well I'm sorry but I can't tell you"

JOSE

Sean decided to invite us for lunch, I'm not pleased honestly.

Me and Nia are oil and water I just don't like her.

This day is clearly going to be longer than expected.

I rang the bell Sean opened up

Sean:"You are ten minutes late" he said looking at me.

Me:"Traffic" I lied I was dragging my feet.

Sean:"At this time that's strange" he said raising his eyebrows.

Me:"Will you let me in or not?"

Sean:"Sure brother"

I walked in everything was already set up, Nia is a great cook.

Me:"Sister in-law"

Nia:"Hi Jose" she said hugging me.

Me:"How are you?"

Nia:"I'm great how have you been?"

Me:"Okay I think so, I just want to say I'm sorry about your father we didn't have a chance to speak at the funeral" Sean cleared his throat.

Nia:"Thank you, please make yourself at home"

I join Sean and Logan while she dish up for us.

Logan:"You chose well Sean" I want to roll my eyes.

Sean:"Yeah I sure did"

Me:"Anything on that girl"

Logan:"Not really, it's like we have hit the dead end"

Me:"What do you mean Logan? You know that his brother is a businessman you know where he works, you can start there and follow him. Do I have to tell you everything?"

Logan:"No I will get onto it" Sean looked at him with disapproval.

Sean:"Can we not talk about this around my wife please?"

Nia sat down and we start eating.

Nia:"I will grab some wine"

Me:"Can I have whiskey?" She looked at me.

Nia:"You can come and serve yourself"

I followed her to their mini bar.

Me:"Pregnancy is treating you well" she chuckled I don't like it when a woman does that it feels like some sort of disrespect.

Nia:"Well it is"

Me:"I see"

Nia:"You don't like me Jose" I don't know if it's a question or statement.

Me:"You are just not my favourite person" she laughed a little bit.

Nia:"And why is that?"

Me:"I just don't like you that's all no reason" she looked at me.

Nia:"Do you want me to tell you why?" I raised my eyebrows.

Me:"What do you mean?"

Nia:"Well I'm not your brothers Jose, I'm not as stupid you all think I am. Sean and Logan might not know what you did but I know exactly what you did"

Me:"What do you mean?" She chuckled again annoying me further.

Nia:"Your father's death Jose" she said smiling, the whiskey is suddenly burning my neck.

Me:"I don't know what you are talking about?"

Nia:"I bet you don't" Sean walked in.

Sean:"What's taking you guys so long"

Nia:"I was just struggling with what wine to pick, you can choose" she kissed his cheek and walked out.

Sean:"Are you okay?"

Me:"Yeah I'm fine"

PHIKO

I'm so comfortable in my own house it's not even funny and this honestly the last thing I want to deal with.

The only plan was to wake up early for work and come back very late.

That has become my routine lately.

It was time to knock off and I packed my things

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I had to be home early since we were going to have some sort of a meeting.

As soon as I got home I went straight to my bedroom.

I got startled when I got in.

Me:"What are you doing here?" She looked at me and removed the hand that was playing with her ring.

Liana:"If I didn't know better I would say you are avoiding me"

Me:"And why would I avoid you?"

Liana:"I don't know Phikolomzi" I sigh.

Me:"I'm not avoiding you so please leave the room I want to change" she nods and walked to the door "Do you love him?"

Liana:"You don't want to know the answer to that" I walked towards her.

Me:"Of course I want to know" She swallowed.

Liana:"You are crowding me" She whispered.

Me:"Congratulations then"

"What's going on here?" We turned to look at Miracle.

Liana:"Nothing, let's go!" She said dragging her out.

APHIWE

If we are going to deal with these guys we have to thread carefully and plan carefully because if not we doomed.

Everyone was gathered around except Leonella and Phiko I could sense tension between the twins.

Mira:"Can you get Leonella?" She said looking at me.

Me:"Sure"

I quickly excused myself and went to look for Leonella.

I knocked a few times and there was no answer.

I slowly opened the door and walked in she screamed.

Leonella:"What the hell?" She said panicking and covering herself up.

Me:"I'm sorry"

Leonella:"Get out!" I quickly got out, who walks out of the bathroom naked!

Phiko:"Where is Leonella?"

Me:"Uh she is coming"

A few minutes later she comes and join us.

Phiko:"So what's this meeting about Aphiwe?"

Me:"Okay, here are the files about the Martinez brothers, I have dealt with them before. Trust me they are not the one to be messed with, so you have to know what you are dealing with"

Miracle:"Drug dealers? Arms trafficking? What the hell did you get us into Leonella?" She sighed.

Liana:"Something that we all need to handle, we are all involved now so what's the plan"

Me:"The only plan it's to be careful well prepared, we don't go after them. If you want to defeat an enemy you can't attack them in their territory. So wait for them to attack you in your territory where you have advantage"

Phiko:"Gosh I didn't want to live the same life as our parents"

Leo:"I'm sorry" Phiko squad in front of her

Phiko:"That's not what I mean Leo, we will be fine" she nods.

Me:"I want you to study each and one of them, we can't afford to have a weak link"

Phiko:"Okay then, I guess we need Josh and Lorenzo. It's time to use what we were taught"

Liana:"I will make the call"

Everyone left me with Leonella.

Me:"I'm sorry I had to walk in since you were not answering the door. I had to check if you are okay"

Leonella:"I want to show you something" she said standing up.

Me:"Okay" I followed her.

Leonella:"You asked me where the map was"

Me:"Yeah" she took off her T-shirt "What are you doing?"

Leonella:"It's not like you didn't see me naked, help me with the bra" I sighed and helped her out of the bra, I don't even know why she wears it.

Me:"You tattooed it in your body"



Leonella:"It's a temporary tattoo, it will fade after 6 months it's the only way it's safe" I touched her back.

Me:"Your skin is fair" she released a sharp breath and turned to look at me.

Leonella:"I need to find the Commander's daughter, she has all the answers I need"

Me:"Give me the name I will find her"

Leonella:"That's tricky because I don't know her name"

Me:"I guess we will dig into his life then"

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NIA

I love Sean with all my heart but I just wish sometimes he could grow a backbone and stop living his life on Jose's shadow.

As much as I don't like Jose I wouldn't open my mouth about his father's death he would kill us all that's how heartless he is.

I have been getting weird vibes from my husband lately and I don't know what to make of it at all.

He spends way too much time with Jose and that could only mean one thing that there's something going on and it's not nice.

I walked into Sean making us some breakfast.

Me:"Morning" he smiled and comes to kiss my cheek.

Sean:"Morning my love " he said and then bend over to kiss my belly "Morning to you too my princess" this is the Sean I love.

Me:"You are in the mood today" he sigh and look at me.

Sean:"I'm sorry that I haven't been spending more time with you but now I'm here babe"

Me:"I hope whatever you guys are up to is not going to put me and my child at risk"

Sean:"I will protect you guys with my life I promise"

Me:"I don't need protection Sean I need a life free of danger that's what I need" he closes his eyes.

Sean:"Nia"

Me:"You know what forget it I'm going out"

Sean:"But I just made us breakfast" I chuckle.

Me:"Invite your brothers" I walk out, I hate fighting with my husband but he clearly doesn't understand the life he has exposed us to.

I refreshed and left the house, the first stop I made was at the police station.

Lewis:"I thought we were over this Nia"

Me:"My father's case is nothing to be over with, he was brutally killed but you guys haven't made any arrest" he sigh.

Lewis:"I know this is frustrating but there is nothing we could do at this moment"

Me:"What about the girl you suspected? have you questioned her?"

Lewis:"We did and there is nothing that ties her to your father's death. They were close with your father and everyone say she couldn't have done it"

Me:"You guys are useless" I stand up.

Lewis:"How is your husband?" I chuckle and look at him briefly.

Me:"Instead of trying to put my husband and his brothers just find my father's killers"

Lewis is that kind of detective that is obsessed with the Martinez brothers and he will do anything to put them behind bars.

I'm craving for cheese and my baby loves it a lot so I had to drive to the market.

As soon as I get to the market I grab the cheese and take a huge bite I can't help but moan it taste good.

Some chuckled behind me disturbing this good moment I open my eyes to look at them.

it's a tall mixed race woman she is wearing your baggy clothes type of style.

Her:"It must taste good huh?"

Me:"Uh yeah" she sizes me then smile.

Her:"Pregnancy suits you"

Me:"Thanks" I don't know why she is making conversations with me.

Her:"What's your name?"

Me:"I can't tell you that, I have to go" I walk away but I could feel her eyes on me.

The que is long I now regret eating this cheese, pregnancy is something else I tell you.

One of the store workers approach me.

"Ma' am your items have been paid for you can go"

Me:"But I didn't pay for anything"

"She did" I look at her she winked at me then walk out.

I just nod and walk to my car, I took off my jacket and a piece of paper fall down I pick the paper.

Me:"Miracle James?" I chuckle looking at the number.

APHIWE

Leonella paid me in advance I don't know why she did that but I'm glad she did because I was about to settle the payment for Aphelele's school trip and she was happy.

One thing that I couldn't get out of my mind was Leonella's body I know I can't be thinking about such about my client.

If I was not independent I will be removed as her bodyguard.

"Penny for your thoughts"

Me:"They would cost you a dollar" she chuckle.

Leo:"Are you okay?"

Me:"Yeah I'm fine" she sigh

Leo:"You have been acting weird since I paid you in advance" if she knew what exactly was troubling me.

Me:"Why did you do that?"

Leo:"I will be honest

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I overheard your conversation with your sister and I saw the sadness in your eyes when you said you might not be able to pay for her trip then I knew I was suppose to do something"

Me:"Thank you I appreciate it"

Leo:"You never talk about your family or yourself"

Me:"That's not part of the job"

Leo:"But you know everything about me"

Me:"Because you are my client" she sigh.

Leo:"Okay my bodyguard" we share a stare I clear my throat.

Me:"Well about Commander's daughter"

Leo:"Manage to find anything"

Me:"No it seems like this guys was a guost, someone that you can't find any information about"

Leo:"Why would he hide his life like that?" I shrug my shoulders

Me:"I don't know but if we need something solid about this guy we need to dig deeper"

Leo:"Thank you" I look at her confused "You doing a lot your job is to protect me but you are going an extra mile and helping us with everything"

Me:"Well it's the least I could do"

Leo:"I appreciate it then" there goes the stare again "I should go" she quickly stand up and walk away I release a sharp sigh.

What the hell is going on?!

JOSE

I have been staring at this girl's picture, there is something about her I don't know what it is, it's like somehow she is mysterious.

I don't know why I'm so eagered to meet her and I hate the fact that things are moving slowly.

Sean walk in looking all sad and tired.

Me:"What's going on with you?" he sigh.



Sean:" Something happened with Nia and I don't want to talk about" I sigh.

Me:"And you wonder why I don't like her"

Sean:"Jose stop I get that you don't like her but you won't disrespect my wife as if I'm not here" I chuckle.

Me:"Okay then"

Logan walk in looking all jolly he better have something good for me.

Logan:"You won't even let me sit down" he say as we are looking at him to talk.

Logan:"Okay fine so I visited the company that this Phiko guy owns, well we managed to put so tracker in his car and we are going to find Leonella soon"

Me:"Finally some good news we should attack tonight"

Logan:"What no! we can't attack tonight we need to be sure that's his house and watch the partner of the tracking device before attacking and we also have to make sure that Leo is there"

Me:"Okay three days should be enough" he nods.

Logan:"That should be fine"

Me:"This deserve a celebration"

Sean:"I better go be with my wife"

Me:"No don't be a party pooper Sean come on"

Sean:"Just a few drinks I'm leaving"

Me:"Okay then"

The drinks kept coming and Sean was already mingling with one of the girls.

NARRATED

Miracle is sound asleep when she heard her phone vibrating under her pillow.

She grabs it with her eyes still close.

Mira:"Hello" she say with her sleepy voice, someone just breathe

Mira:"You didn't call me just to fucken breathe in the middle of the night"

"Hi" a voice finally says.

Mira:"Hi can I help you?"

"It's Nia"

Mira:"Nia who?"

Nia:"The pregnant woman from the market" she instantly become awake.

Mira:"Oh hi, I didn't think you would call"

Nia:"I wasn't going to call but I don't know who to call" her voice is shaking.

Mira:"Are you okay?"

Nia:"Something is wrong with my baby I'm bleeding"

Mira:"Fuck did you call for help?" she said already standing up looking for something to wear.

Nia:"They are on the way but I'm scared\_ She said breaking down.

Mira:"Sukhala Nana give me your address" she even forgot that people in Columbia don't speak IsiXhosa.

Nia managed to give her the address through her tears.

Liana:"Mira is everything okay" she said waking up.

Mira:"No I'm going somewhere"

Liana:"At this time?"

Mira:"I will be back go back to sleep"

Liana:"Okay be careful I love you"

Mira:"I love you too" she walked out "Nia are you still there?"  
there's silence "Fuck hold on okay!?" she ran to her car.

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## MIRACLE

The drive to her house is a ten minutes drive but this feels like I have been driving my whole life.

I quickly jump out as soon as my GPS says your destination is on the left.

"I'm sorry can I help you?" I feel so pissed she has guards and none of them made rounds to check she is okay.

Me:"You are asking me that have you checked on Nia?" he looks at me confused.

"She is sleeping"

Me:"No she is not sleeping, she is losing her baby now don't waste more of my time" he look spooked and quickly let's me in.

I push the front door already yelling for her name.

She is unconscious on the floor I can see blood, I took a deep breath.

I get close to her she is still warm.

Me:"Get me something to cover her up" the guard nods.

He quickly comes back with a throw.

Me:"Where is the fucken ambulance"

Soon the ambulance arrives and I followed behind.

Me:"How is she?" I say approaching the doctor.

Dr:"She is going to be okay"

Me:"And the baby?" she sigh

Dr:"The baby's heart is faint but there, she is still bleeding we are all hoping for the best while we run some tests" I nod

Me:"Can I see her?"

Dr:"Yeah she is awake" I nod.

She facing the other side I clear my throat she looks at me and wipes her tears.

Me:"Hey"

Nia:"Hey"

Me:"Please stop stressing your baby is going to be fine" her tears fall.

Nia:"I can't lose her I just can't"

Me:"And you won't" she wipes her tears.

Nia:"Thank you for coming I didn't know who else to call, I tried my husband but he is not answering"

Me:"I'm just glad I was able to help" she nods a little "Get some rest we will talk to tomorrow okay"

I decided to go home and rest.

## PHIKOLOMZI

The only plan was to stay away from Liana it was a difficult thing to do when we are just living in the same house.

But I'm trying my best because I haven't seen her in a while.

I could barely sleep tonight so I decided to get some fresh air.

I walk to the kitchen and find Liana sitting in the darker.

"You are being childish you know" she says as I try to turn back.

Me:"What are you talking about?"

Liana:"You have been trying so hard to avoid me and you think no one is noticing"

Me:"Now you are giving yourself way too much credit" she laughs.

Liana:"I'm someone's fiance whatever happened between us we were Young you should get over it"

Me:"Mmh, What are you doing in the darker?"

Liana:"I'm waiting for Miracle she left in a hurry"

Me:"Where was she going?" she shrugs her shoulders.

Liana:"I don't know"

Me:"Okay then I will be outside"

Liana:"Can I join you?"

Me:"Uh sure"

We sat in silence outside I keep stealing glances at her.

Liana:"You broke my heart Phikolomzi" I close my eyes



Me:"Liana I didn't mean for that to happen"

Liana:"No you were a coward Phikolomzi"

Me:"I know that Liana, I wish I could fix my mistake" she looks at me.

Liana:"What?" I squat in front of her and hold her hand.

Me:"I want to fix it" she yanked her hand from me.

Liana:"No, Sanele fixed the pieces you broke"

Me:"Do you love him Emiliana?"

Liana:"Phiko don't" she says as our faces are getting close to each other.

Me:"Stop me" I say with our lips colliding she moans in my mouth.

I snake my hand around her waist she quickly pulled away from the kiss.

Liana:"I love him" she whispered

Me:"Liana" I feel my heart breaking to pieces.

Liana:"He is not you but he is everything I need" I nod.

Me:"Okay" I stand up "I wish you nothing but happiness" she blink a few times.

She stand up too and look at me.

Our lips collide and this time I pick her up then pin her against the wall.

My hand goes under her gown she has nothing underneath I curse under my breath.

We need to stop this before it goes any further.

SEAN

I woke up to my head pounding it feels heavy.

I groaned lifting my head up and looked at my surroundings.

I'm naked in bed with some chick

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I'm at Jose's house.

I sit up and grab my phone, I have about 15 missed call from Nia.

Me:"Fuck" I said standing up and try to call her while I dress up but her phone is in voicemail.

This is not good at all, I grabbed my car and left the house.

My heart is beating so fast as I drive home.

As soon as I walk in one of the guards approach me

Me:"Where is my wife?"

Guard:"She was taken to the hospital"

Me:"What? You know what never mind"

As I drive I can't help but feel hurt, I was out there partying my life away while my wife wasn't okay.

I get to the hospital and find Nia, the pain is visible in her eyes and also anger.

Me:"Babe" she chuckle and her eyes well up.

Nia:"I want you to leave"

Me:"Nia please I.." I was disturbed by the doctor.

Dr:"I take it you are the husband"

Me:"Yes what happened to my wife?"

Dr:"Your wife had what we call Placental abruption?"

Me:"What is the meaning of that?"

Dr:"The placenta is detaching itself from the uterus, if the bleeding doesn't stop we might need to perform a c section"

Nia:"What I'm just 5 months and a half"

Dr:"I know, that's why we are trying everything we can to stop the bleeding" she just cries.

Dr:"I will give you guys a moment"

Me:"Babe" I say touching her hand

Nia:"Don't touch me just leave" she yank me off.

This is the time I fucked up I failed my daughter before she is even born.

LEONELLA

I have been trying to find information about the commander's daughter but it looks like she is hard to find honestly.

Somehow this had made me close to Aphiwe we have been working tirelessly to find her.

I'm truly grateful for Aphiwe because this is too much for one person.

"Are you okay?" he said walking in.

Me:"Yeah I'm fine" he sigh.

Aphiwe:"Out with it!"

Me:"I just wish I didn't take the map"

Aphiwe:"How would have that help you?" I shrug my shoulders.

Me:"Maybe I wouldn't be in this mess"

Aphiwe:"You would be in this mess because Logan already knew that you know about the map" I sigh "You can't lose your fighting spirit"

Me:"I know thanks" he nods

Aphiwe:"Let's go out"

Me:"What?"

Aphiwe:"We can't find anything without going out to look for it so let's go out there and find it" why did I think he was asking me out? and why am I disappointed that that's not the case.

Me:"Oh okay"

Aphiwe:"Let's go" he dragged me up.

He drove us to the park and we once went to.

Me:"What are we doing here?"

Aphiwe:"I'm getting you an ice cream that I couldn't get you since you were acting like a brat" I smile a bit.

Me:"I'm sorry about that"

Aphiwe:"That's water under the bridge, let's get you some ice cream"

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LIANA

The guilty is eating me up as I stare at my pictures with Sanele.

He doesn't deserve this, he mend my heart when it was broken into pieces and now I just went back to the arms of the guy who broke my heart.

I thought I was over this shit, I thought these stupid feelings were gone until I saw him again.

I shouldn't have followed him outside, he is a coward who couldn't stand up for our relationship.

I finally gather my courage and call Sanele, it rings once he picks up.

Sanele:"My love!" his voice is filled with excitement and joy, I bite my lower lip preventing my tears from falling.

Me:"Hey" my voice is so hoarse and shaking.

Sanele:"What's wrong my love?" he immediately picks up that something is wrong

Me:"I miss you Sanele" he takes a deep breath.

Sanele:"Then come home Emiliana" I bite my lower lip thinking about it.

Me:"Okay"

Sanele:"Okay?" he says confused.

Me:"I'm coming back" Leonella has to forgive me I'm doing what's best for me.

Sanele:"Call me when you land I will pick you up" I nod.

Me:"Okay I love you"

Sanele:"I love you too sweetheart" we hung up.

I look up the next ticket the flight is in four hours that's long enough.

I start packing up my clothes, I don't even know why I'm crying.

As soon as I'm done I take a shower, this is the right decision and I'm sticking by it.



I'm done dressing up I take a deep breath before I drag my suitcase out of the room.

Everyone is sitting in the living room talking, Phiko is the first one to see me and he stands up causing everyone to look at me.

Mira:"Where are you going?" I sigh

Me:"I'm going home"

Mira:"By home you mean you are going back to Sanele?"

Me:"That's where I belong, he paid lobola for me so yeah"

Mira:"You are choosing him over family" I raise my eyebrows.

Me:"I'm not choosing anyone, I'm going back to my fiance because that's the life I wanted to live not this one, I can't be looking over my shoulder all the time"

Phiko:"We all don't want this life but we are here now Leonella needs us"

Me:"I know that but someone else will come to replace me, I have a wedding to plan I'm sorry Leonella"

Leo:"I understand" Leo isn't much of a talker.

She hugs me and Miracle just walked away from me, this one is easily pissed off I know she is angry.

I walk out and Phiko follows me I don't know why he is following me right now.

Phiko:"Like seriously?" I look at him "You are running away" I chuckle.

Me:"You are the last person to say to that"

Phiko:"Liana, I..."

Me:"Shut up Phikolomzi, you chose to run after that night. Josh gave us a chance to come clean in our parents or break up but you chose to end things. You chose to run to Columbia instead"

Phiko:"I was stupid and young Liana!"

Me:"Well I'm old and wise, I won't let you ruin things for me. Goodbye Phiko" He swallow I just get inside the car.

This is for the best I can't lose Sanele.

LEONELLA

We watch the intense conversation between Phiko and Liana, by watching their body language you could see that whatever is happening between the two of them it's pretty much intense.

Mira:"I don't get how she could just leave like that" I sigh.

Me:"Liana should be planning a wedding not dodging bullets, she wasn't even supposed to be here to begin with"

Phiko walks in he doesn't say anything he just goes to his room.

Miracle's phone chirp she smiles a little bit.

Mira:"I'm going out"

Me:"You have been going out a lot lately" she chuckles a little bit.

Mira:"I will see you later" she says and quickly walk out.

Aphiwe:"Is she in a relationship?" I swallow.

Me:"What? are you interested in her?" he chuckles

Aphiwe:"Trust me I'm interested in a lot of things but she is not one of those things"

Me:"I see" he smiles my intestines heats up.

Aphiwe:"So what about you?" I frown.

Me:"What about me?"

Aphiwe:"Where is your boyfriend?"

Me:"Somewhere in the world" he chuckles and got close to me.

Aphiwe:"I don't like competition" I look at him, his face is close to mine.

Me:"What are you talking?"

Aphiwe:"Nothing I just hope this job ends sooner" he says and pulls away from my face.

Me:"Oh okay, you want to get rid of me"

Aphiwe:"Get rid of you? actually it's the opposite"

Me:"You are being weird" he looks at me as if he just realized something.

Aphiwe:"Have you ever had a boyfriend before?"

Me:"Of course I had!" I say quickly and defensive.

Aphiwe:"Okay then"

Me:"What's going to happen with the Martinez Aphiwe? They are too quiet I don't like this at all" he sigh.

Aphiwe:"Trust me I also don't but we can't just go attack those guys, we need to be smart let's just be ready for the attack. We all want this to be over but it's not these guys just want us to relax then they will attack when we are not expecting them to"

Me:"Well I guess we wait"

PHIKOLOMZI

I can't believe she left after giving me the best night of my life, she reminded of the nights we once shared it was beautiful.

Her scent was still all over my sheets, I just wish she could give me a second chance but it's too late and it's my fault.

I was the one who ended things at first because I was a coward and that broke her heart.

Liana and I were always close and all, we shared a lot of things together.

Everything was great, until one night when we were doing matric.

She had a boyfriend which was a date for a matric dance, it actually happened in April in our school.

She caught him cheating on her that night

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she was sad so I kissed her and she kissed me back that's how all this started.

We started sneaking around so our parents and siblings wouldn't find out.

It was crazy yet the most happiest moments of my life.

We were to the same universities, we shared a flat our parents thought we were cutting down expenses but no it was for our relationship.

We were both into deep on it, I was the guy who took her virginity.

We were happy and so much in love until Josh caught us.

He couldn't believe what he saw, for him it was disgusting and immoral.

He told us it's either we tell our parents or end things.

I chose the easy way out, Liana was heart broken so was I but I thought I was doing the right thing at the time but now I see how stupid it was for me to run away to Columbia.

I couldn't face the hurt I have caused her so I left without even saying goodbye.

"Can I come in?" she say standing by the door I quickly wipe my tears before turning to look at her.

Me:"Yeah sure" she looks at me before pouring herself a glass.

Leo:"Do you want to talk about it?" I shake my head.

Me:"No not now"

Leo:"Okay then but Phiko do you think what you two have will be accepted at home?" my body froze for a minute "I'm not stupid"

Me:"We are not related"

Leo:"Biological yes but traditional she is your aunt, what you guys are doing it's for white people not us"

Me:"Our grandpa is white" she sigh.

Leo:"Our grandpa which is her father, this is weird as it sounds" I run my hand over my face.

Me:"Well it's over now" that makes my mouth bitter.

Leo:"From what I saw it's not even close from being over, things are still going to be messy. You guys slept together?" I sigh "Now it makes sense why she never wanted to tell us who took her virginity it was you"

NIA

I have been praying for my baby to hold onto me, I can't losing her too.

I chased Sean away, I'm hurt by his actions I have been begging him to spend more time with us.

My baby haven't moved since I came in the hospital I'm scared that I might lose her.

I texted Miracle to come see me I know she is just a stranger but she is the only one that helped me and I also have no friends.

She walked in carrying flowers, food and chocolate.



Mira:"I had to sneak these in" she say handing me chocolates that quickly cheers me up.

Me:"Thank you"

Mira:"How are you feeling?" I sigh

Me:"I'm scared it's like I could feel it that I'm losing her" she holds my hand.

Mira:"It's not over yet, you can't give up on her so easily"

Me:"I'm trying not to" she smiles a lit bit

Mira:"Then try a little bit harder, I have had that babies sense our spirits, moods, emotions and aura so if you give up she will sure feel it"

Me:"Thank you I really needed that" she brush my knuckles.

Mira:"Now eat I'm sure food here its bad" I laugh a little.

Me:"You have no idea" I start eating.

Mira:"Can I feel your belly? if you are comfortable with that"

Me:"Uh yeah sure" she nods and place her hand on my belly, then start brushing it.

She leans with her ear on my belly.

Mira:"She is okay" she says smiling I look at her confused just then my baby moves.

Me:"Oh my God, she moved!" my tears fall freely.

Mira:"I will get the doctor" she quickly walks out.

The doctor examined me, I asked Miracle to join us.

Dr:"The bleeding has stopped and the placenta is okay again, we will run a few test to be sure that everything is good then we can discharge you. For now everything is back in it's place which doesn't make sense"

Me:"So my baby is fine?"

Dr:"Yes she is fine" I nod and the doctor walked out.

Me:"How did you do that?" she looks at me confused.

Mira:"Do what?"

Me:"You touched my belly and said she was okay then she moved" she shrugs her shoulders.

Mira:"Well I didn't do anything it's nothing deep really" that is hard to believe.

Me:"Thank you" she looks at me in fact she stares at me.

Mira:"I should go"

Me:"Why?" she was still staring at me.

Mira:"Take care of her" I didn't like this at all, she stands up but I grab her arm.

Me:"What's going on Miracle?" the next thing I feel it's her soft lips against mine, I respond a brief before pushing her off.

Me:"Miracle!"

Mira:"I'm sorry"

Me:"I'm straight, I'm married and about to have a baby with my husband"

Mira:"I Know I'm sorry, I have to go goodbye"

Me:"Goodbye?"

Mira:"We will talk soon" she kisses my forehead and walked out, leaving me feeling like that was goodbye.

NARRATED

Miracle is walking out of the hospital, she is so distracted about what happened inside Nia's room.

She bumped into someone in the parking lot, she looks up and compose herself.

Mira:"I'm sorry" he smiles.

Sean:"It's okay beautiful, you look distracted"

Mira:"Yeah I'm sorry"

Sean:"I'm Lewis" he extended his hand she hesitantly shakes it.

Mira:"I'm Shantel" he nods.

Sean:"I would like to see you again Shantel" she just chuckled and walked to her car.

Mira:"Lewis? a lousy name he picked for himself" she drove off.

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LEONELLA

I don't know why I feel like this towards a guy I barely know but whatever I feel was strong for me to know that I like him.

But one thing about me I'm scared of rejection, I can't act on what I feel I don't even know what to do I never had a boyfriend before.

Outside it's raining cats and dogs there's thunderstorm, God knows I'm terrified of lightning.

I keep hoping that Phiko walks in as he knows how such weather scares me.

The door opens it's Aphiwe he rushes to me.

Aphiwe:"You okay? I heard that lightening terrifies you" I shook my head "God you look like you are about to pass out" I just can't believe he is mocking me right now.

Me:"Can you shut up please?" he chuckles I squirm

Aphiwe:"You are cute when you complain" I even forgot that it was lightening and started blushing.

Soon the weather has calmed down it is raining heavily only.

Me:"How did you know that lightening terrifies me?"

Aphiwe:"When you like someone you take time to learn everything about them"

Me:"You like me?" he sighs his mood has shifted "You are now mad"

Aphiwe:"You are too slow Leonella, as much as I like you we can't be a thing"

Me:"Why is that?"

Aphiwe:"You are my job Leonella that would be unethical"

Me:"You are your own boss Aphiwe" why am I saying these things.

Aphiwe:"I know that but every boss has rules and ethics to follow in order for things. unfortunately that's one of those I can't mess up. You are the job I can't mess with that" I blink a few times "I will go" he say standing up.

Me:"Aphiwe wait!" I say following him, he doesn't respond he was about to open the door when I grabbed his arm and pulled him back.

I might be small and short but thanks for military I'm stronger than I look.

Me:"Kiss me" I say and swallow, I pray that he doesn't reject me.

Aphiwe:"Leo please" he is holding his breath.

Me:"Aphiwe you ca-" I don't get to finish I feel his lips against mine, soft and tender.

There is a weird movement on my stomach.

He realise that I'm too short he pick me up and walk us to bed.

He gentle puts me down and kiss my forehead.

Aphiwe:"Go to sleep" he says and quickly walk out without even waiting for my answer.

I sigh his scent is on my clothes, the embarrassment start to kick as I realise that I just asked my bodyguard to kiss me.

NIA

After Miracle left there wasn't much to do my head is spinning from everything, it's how she connected to my baby when she touched my belly.

I know she said that it's nothing deep but I can't help just feel like it's something deep.

Then she kissed me I have always had a feeling that she is not straight from the way she dresses up to the way she is.

Then today she was wearing like a girl so I don't know what to think.

The door opens Sean walks in carrying some paper bag.

Sean:"Hey" he kisses my forehead.

Me:"Hi" there is silence.

Sean:"I brought you food" I sigh.

Me:"I just ate" I say looking at the paper bags on the floor that Miracle brought earlier I smile a little.

Sean:"Who brought you food?" his mood has changed.

Me:"A friend"



Sean:"Is it a guy?" I chuckle.

Me:"None of your business Sean I'm not like you Sean"

Sean:"What do you mean?" he say confused.

Me:"You cheated on me that day Sean!" he chokes on his saliva  
I chuckle "Yeah I'm not stupid as I look Sean, it was not the first  
time you were cheating on me and I always thought you were  
going to stop, I was so scared of losing you I chose to stay but  
that was the last straw while you were having fun with one of  
your hoes I almost lost my child. I'm done Sean I want a  
divorce"

Sean:"What? Nia I get that I messed up but please babe let's  
talk about this" I laugh a little.

Me:"There is nothing to talk about"

Sean:"Think about it, where will you go if you divorce me? I'm  
the only family you have now" I shake my head in this disbelief

Me:"So you were doing all of this just because you thought I  
had no one else Sean. You will hear from my lawyer soon"

Sean:"You are not divorcing me Nia I won't let that happen" I  
was about to say something when the doctor walked in. .

Dr:"Ready to go home?" I nod

Sean:"You are discharging her? is my daughter okay?"

Dr:"Yes the baby is fine, you can sign your papers on the way out" she walked out.

Sean:"I promise to make things right between us" I keep quiet.

JOSE

Everything has been confirmed, Phiko stays in that house and it's about time we attack.

Sean walks in looking drained

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Nia being in hospital is draining him.

Me:"Are you okay?" he chuckles.

Sean:"Nia wants a divorce"

Me:"That would be for the best Sean don't you think?" he looks at me.

Sean:"For the best? for who?"

Me:"Sean, we killed her father and if she could find out hell will break loose" he laughs a little.

Sean:"Why do you hate Nia so much? Is there something you have against her" I shift uncomfortable, if Sean were to find out that I killed our father blood would be spilt.

Me:"Fine Sean if you don't want to divorce that's okay but I hope this won't come back and bite our asses, I would hate to be the one who gets rid of your wife" he chuckles.

Sean:"Be careful Jose" he stands up.

Me:"Where are you going?"

Sean:"To be with my wife is there a problem"

Me:"Sean we need to attack those people and get that map"

Sean:"Well that can wait my wife needs" he walks out and I grab my glass then throw it against the wall.

Me:"Fuck"

MIRACLE

I have been sitting in one spot since I came back from the hospital.

I just don't know what's going on with me.

I have always loved baggy clothes I have always loved looking like boys but I have never once questioned my sexuality.

So this was confusing for me, why would I kiss Nia? That kiss was passionate it left me confused.

A third message from Nia comes through she is asking if I'm okay.

"Do you want to talk about it" I look at Leo.

Me:"Yeah I could use someone" she smiles, Leo has always been close to Liana than me and I was always close to Phiko.

Leo:"Talk to me" I sigh

Me:"I think I like girls" she smiles a little bit.

Leo:"You didn't know that?"

Me:"No I always dated men, you know and now I just have these strong feelings for a woman"

Leo:"You are bisexual Miracle, for me it has always been obviously you have always complimented girls more than you should. So if you like this girl so much you should go for it"

Me:"I can't do that"

Leo:"Miracle come on why?"

Me:"She is married" she gasps "I know that's fucked up"

Leo:"It's complicated"

Me:"Yeah, forget about that I want to tell you something"

Leo:"Okay"

Me:"I have met Sean and he asked me on a date"

EMILIANA

It's been a week since I have arrived here, Sanele is over the moon to have me around, he missed him.

In two months we were getting married, it was gonna be a fresh start for me.

Sanele:"Babe!" he yells I jumped

Me:"Huh?" he sigh

Sanele:"You have been playing with your food, what's wrong?"

Me:"Nothing I'm just stressed about wedding stuff" he smiles, God Sanele is a beautiful man.

Sanele:"I told you to get a wedding planner but you my love you are so stubborn" I chuckle.

Me:"I can do this babe, I don't want anything going wrong"

Sanele:"Okay then my love it's your choice" he kisses my neck it's been long since he touched me.

Me:"Well since I can't eat food I know what I can eat" he laughed and picked me up.

Sanele:"I missed you" he said leaning over to kiss me.

Me:"I love you" he kisses me I moan in his mouth.

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APHIWE

I have always been the one who follows the rules and live by them.

Now what's happening with Leonella was putting me between a hard place and a rock.

Kissing her even made things worse for me I like her a lot.

And Phiko is my friend, I don't know how he would actually take it if I dated.

I take my phone and start talking to my sister it will make me feel better.

Aphelele:"Hey"

Me:"Hey how is school?" she sigh .

Aphelele:"It's okay I just wish things could go back to normal again"

Me:"I know I might be coming to South Africa soon" a smile comes through her face.

Aphelele:"Please I don't want to go to Gloria's house for holidays anymore"

Me:"Why?" she forces a smile

Aphelele:"Nothing serious I just miss you" I know she is lying.

Me:"I will be home by holidays I promise" Gloria is our Godmother, well our relationship has been different ever since our parents died.

Aphelele:"Okay I love you"

Me:"I love you sweetheart" indeed it felt better talking to her.

I turn around to find Leonella standing by the door looking spooked.

Leo:"I'm sorry" I look at her confused "I should have known that you have a girlfriend"

Me:"What?"

Leo:"You don't have to explain anything Aphiwe" she says walking away.

Me:"Wait a damn minute Leonella, that was my sister" she looks at me "I don't have a girlfriend"

Leo:"I..."

Me:"You jumped into conclusion" she swallowed I pull her by the waist.



Leo:"What are you doing?"

Me:"I like you a lot Leonella I won't lie, it's complicated because you are my job"

Leo:"But that day you told me to sleep" I chuckle.

Me:"Because you had no idea what you were getting yourself into, you are a freaking virgin Leonella. What were you expecting me to do? Sleep with you?" she flushed red.

Leo:"How did you know that I..uh I'm.." I laugh a little bit.

Me:"I know everything about you Leonella even little things" she smile, she is so beautiful "Can I kiss you?" she looks around then back at me.

Leo:"Yeah"

I kiss her slowly she is very short or maybe I'm just too tall.

I have to pick her up, I could feel my little man misbehaving.

We walk to bed, she sweetly moan in my mouth.

My fingers trail to her underwear she is wearing a short dress, she is wet.

She moves in discomfort when I try to insert my finger inside of her.

I rubbed her clit, she loudly moan and she is getting more wet.

Leo:"Aphiwe!" she moans again when I insert my finger.

Only this time I could feel her body relax.

Her body tightens and her muscles contract around my finger.

Leo:"Please stop, I want to pee!" she said holding my arm panting.

Me:"Let it go" she is hesitant before letting it go.

She looks at me before closing her eyes.

Me:"Let's clean you up"

You could tell that she is shy from what just happened.

Leo:"I have to go"

Me:"Don't tell me you came to my room just so I can finger fuck you" she turns red.

Leo:"I...No"

Me:"Okay why did you come then?"

Leo:"Let's go to the living room" she say walking out I follow her.

Phiko:"What took you so long I thought this was an emergency" she looks at me.

Me:"What's going on?" I say changing the subject.

Mira:"Well I bumped into Sean and he asked on a date"

Phiko:"What?"

Mira:"Yeah and he left his number in my pocket"

Phiko:"Don't tell me you are considering going on a date with him"

Me:"She will go"

Phiko:"What that's suicide Aphiwe"

Me:"That's why she has to go, we need a solid plan when it comes to these people"

Leo:"Then what's the plan?" I look at her, she quickly looks aside I smirk satisfied.

NIA

I don't think Sean took me seriously when I told him that I want to divorce him.

I need to put myself first now, I have been putting up with his ass for a long time now.

My baby girl is now moving like normally, I couldn't be happier that she is okay.

Sean walks in as I brush my belly I sigh I had no time for him honestly.

Sean:"Can we talk?" I look at him.

Me:"Yeah sure"

Sean:"I know I haven't been the best husband Nia but I promise to change

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we can work things out"

Me:"No Sean, I don't want this life anymore. You can see our daughter anytime you want, let's just have a divorce peacefully"

Sean:"I'm not divorcing you Nia"

Me:"What?!" he chuckles.

Sean:"The only way you will leave this marriage is by a body bag. You know too much Nia and you think I'm just going to let you walk like that then you are mistaken princess. I love you and this marriage will be over when I say so" I blink a few times not believing what I just heard.

Me:"What's wrong with you?"

Sean:"What's wrong is I married you even though my family was against that I just didn't care because I love you too much, so woman you are stuck with me" his phone chirps he looks at it and smile "Well it looks like I have a date" he walks out leaving me stunned.

More than anything I'm hurt beyond words.

I wipe my tears and took my phone.

I type to Miracle "I miss you".

She hasn't been responding to my texts or calls.

My phone chirps I quickly grabs it with the hope that's it's her.

"I miss you too, want to come for dinner this weekend?"

Me:"Yeah I would love too" I quickly reply.

EMILIANA

I decided to go see my mother, I haven't talked to her for a while.

She walks in looking all sort of beautiful.

Mom:"Hey baby"

Me:"Hey Mom" we exchanged hugs.

Mom:"You look good, you are even glowing Sanele must be treating you well" I smile.

Me:"Yeah he is treating me well" she sigh.

Mom:"You don't sound happy when you say that, are you having second thoughts?"

Me:"What? No why would you even ask that?" she lets out a fade smile.

Mom:"Liana ever since you came back from Columbia you are in a rush to get married. Before you left you said you were not in a rush. I'm confused did something happen in Columbia?"

Me:"Nothing happened" if they knew what happened my parents would be so disappointed especially my dad.

Mom:"Then why the rush?"

Me:"Because I love Sanele Mom" she nods.

Mom:"Okay then"

I spent more time with Mom before going back to my apartment.

I walk in, Sanele is with his sister they didn't even hear me coming.

Me:"Hey" Tina doesn't like me.

Tina:"Hey I will take my leave" she grabs her bag and walk out.

Sanele:"How did lunch with your mom?"

Me:"It was great I didn't realize I missed her so much and how is your sister?" he sigh

Sanele:"Tina is Tina you know" I nod

Me:"I will take a shower"

I strip naked and as soon as the water hits my skin I close my eyes.

I feel his arms around me, his touch is electrifying just what I need.

Every inch in my body craves for this moment, his soft lips trail against my skin.

"I love you" I moan his name loudly.

Me:"I love you too" that comes as a whisper in my part.

"EMILIANA!" I quickly open my eyes, Sanele is looking at me with horror in his eyes.

The water is still running my mouth goes dry.

Me:"Babe" I say closing the tap.

Sanele:"You are moaning Liana"

Me:"I was masturbating" he looks at me and chuckles.

Sanele:"Is that's why you are moaning Phiko's name?" I swallow looking at him.

JOSE

I stare at the guns in front of me and the men in front of me.



We are ready to attack tonight without Sean since he is still mopping about his failed marriage.

Logan:"I don't think this is a solid plan" I look at him.

Me:"And who asked you Logan?"

Logan:"We are few for this and without Sean, so please stop being stubborn Jose!"

Me:"How about you stop being a coward and be a man for once, Shut up and suit up, we have a job to do" I throw the gear at him, he sigh.

Me:"Okay we are here! you need to make sure that you get the girl, don't let Aphiwe flunk you. Are we clear?"

Men:"Yes!"

Me:"It's time to meet you Leonella" I said looking at her picture.

Logan:"Why do you have her picture in your pocket?"

Me:"None of your business! Let's go!"

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EMILIANA

I wish the ground could swallow me right now, the hurt in his eyes is too much for me to bare.

He has walked out on me since I couldn't answer him why I was Phiko's name.

I have told Sanele about my first boyfriend who broke my heart but I never said it was Phiko.

Now I don't know what to say, a part of me wants to come clean and tell him what happened but I'm scared of the outcome.

He walks in and looks at me I swallow to his stare.

Me:"Sanele"

Sanele:"I love you with all my heart Liana" tears stream down his cheeks.

Me:"I'm sorry" that's all I manage to say.

Sanele:"Do you love him?"

Me:"He is my cousin Sanele, I love him as my family" why am I lying right now?

Sanele:"But that's not what looks like in the bathroom, you moaned his name while pleasuring yourself"

Me:"I don't know what happened in the bathroom Sanele" he nods and sits next to me.

Sanele:"Come here" he opens his arms and I went in for hug.

The hug feels weird, the way he is hugging me is weird.

I could hear his heart beating faster as he keeps tightening his arms around my ribcage.

Me:"Ouch Sanele that hurts" I say trying to wiggle myself out of his hold.

Sanele:"Do you love me?" the way he is squeezing them I feel like they are going to break.

Me:"I love you please stop!" I say already crying I'm in pain, I manage to get out of his hold.

I run to the bathroom and lock the door.

I look at my ribcage I'm red I let out a sob.

Sanele:"Babe I'm sorry" he softly say on the other side of the door "I didn't mean to hurt you Lia, I love you" his voice is shaking.

My heart is beating fast and loud, why would he do that?

LEONELLA

Miracle have left for his date with Sean, she had an earpiece on so we could know what's going on.

And her tracker is always on so for now we are good.

Aphiwe:"Everything is fine Leo!" I have been listening to Miracle's date.

Me:"Yeah I know" he looks at me, I haven't been able to maintain eye contact ever since what happened between us.

Aphiwe:"I don't think you know maybe you are just being noisy" he say pulling my cheeks I can't help but smile.

Me:"Well maybe I am noisy I'm just interested in what people talk about in their first date or just a date in general"

Aphiwe:"You will find out when we go on our first date" I swear I'm falling for him every day.

Me:"When?" he smirks.

Aphiwe:"Patience"

Me:"I'm not good when it comes to that"

Aphiwe:"I have noticed, if it was up to you I would have taken all of this" he says touching me on top of my pants, I release a sharp breath I hate how his touch gets to me.

Me:"Are you saying I have no self control?" he chuckles.

Aphiwe:"I'm saying my touch makes you weak" I chuckle looking at him.

Me:"What about my touch Mr Dladla" I say pushing him against the wall and unzip his trouser, I don't know what I'm doing but I have watched some porn I'm not that clueless.

I grabs his member and plays with it

he groans.

Noami:"What the fuck?" I quickly let go of Aphiwe's dick I even forgot we were in the kitchen.

Noami:"Now it makes sense why you never gave Aphiwe a day off so we can spend time together it's because you wanted him all along"

Aphiwe:"Noami"

Noami:"Shut up, I can't believe this right now" she walks out.

Me:"Ain't you going to follow your girlfriend?"

Aphiwe:"My girlfriend?"

Me:"Yeah"

Aphiwe:"My girlfriend is standing right in front of me" I swear I have butterflies "Next time don't forget we are in the kitchen" we both laugh until a loud gunshot stops us.

Aphiwe:"Get down!" he pushes me to the floor.

Phiko is already holding a gun too, he looks at Aphiwe and laughs.

I look at him then back at Aphiwe what the actual fuck.

Aphiwe:"Now it's not the time to question this"

Me:"Do you need me?" he looks at me.

Aphiwe:"No, stay here and shoot if anyone comes in" I look at him "Except me and Phiko" I nod.

I could hear gunshots, if it was up to me I would be outside but I promised Aphiwe that I will let him do his job.

"Hi" I feel a cold mental against my skin.

"Drop the gun" I sigh and drop the gun, I turn to look at him

Me:"Jose" he gives me a smile.

Jose:"And she knows me, nice to meet you Leonella. I have to say you are more beautiful in person a picture did you no justice" I chuckle

Me:" Unfortunately I can't say the same about you"

Jose:"Let's go for a walk"

Me:"I'm not going anywhere with you"

Jose:"Don't make me shoot you"

Me:"Well you can shoot me" he smiles I just frown.

Jose:"Fearless I see, that's a turn on"

Me:"Mmh"

Jose:"I want the map"

Me:"Okay" he frowns so annoyed by me

"Jose all our men are down we have to go!"

Jose:"Let's go sweetheart!"

Me:" I'm not going anywhere with you Jose Martinez"

He was about to say something when the front door opens he ran, Aphiwe fires two shots he hits him on the leg but he doesn't stop running.

Aphiwe:" I told you to shoot" he says looking at me, he wasn't the soft Aphiwe I know.

Me:"He came behind" he nods.

Aphiwe:"Start packing" he says and walk out.

Me:"We are leaving?" I ask Phiko.

Phiko:"Yeah we are leaving"

Me:"What about Miracle?"

Phiko:"Don't worry I have already texted her" I nod.

Aphiwe:"I will call Naomi's parents so they can call her body"

Me:"What do you mean?"

Phiko:"Naomi was gunned down when h

she walked out" I look at Aphiwe he doesn't look at me.

The drive was long it was outside town, I don't know why Aphiwe's silence is hurting me right now.



The car pulls over and Aphiwe turns to look at us.

Aphiwe:"We are here" it's a farm house.

We took our luggages and got inside the house.

The house is a little bit old but it's beautiful it just needs some cleaning.

I pack all my things away.

Aphiwe:"Hopefully it's comfortable enough" I nod.

Me:"Whose house is this?"

Aphiwe:"It's mine" I nod, he doesn't look okay.

Me:"What's going on?"

Aphiwe:"Maybe you should hire someone else as your bodyguard" I look at him

Me:"What?! why?"

Aphiwe:"Because I failed you today, Jose wasn't even supposed to get that close to you. I didn't do my job right maybe I'm too distracted"

Me:"Aphiwe" I could feel my eyes burning.

Aphiwe:"If I continue being your bodyguard, whatever that has been going on between us it has to end" I bite my lower lip.

Me:"Okay" a tear escape my eye.

Aphiwe:"Thank you for understanding" I chuckle with tears streaming down my face.

Me:"Fuck you Aphiwe Dladla! Get out!"

Aphiwe:"Leo yo..."

Me:"I said get out!" he sighs

Aphiwe:"I will be outside" he walks out.

JOSE

My leg is bleeding heavily yet again Aphiwe has managed to make himself my enemy.

Logan:"I told you this was a bad idea!"

Me:"Did you call the doctor?" I nod.

Logan:"He is on his way, next time listen to me for once in your life" he walks out leaving me groaning in pain.

I tried calling Sean it rings until it takes me to voicemail.

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## MIRACLE

I don't want to lie and say I wasn't nervous about this date I was honestly.

Sean might be planning on killing me for all we know.

But I wasn't as much scared as I was, I don't know why I wish this date was real not with Sean of course but Nia.

I'm trying so hard to tell myself that she is a married woman and she is off limits but hey the organ that is supposed to be pumping blood is messing with me because it can't accept that.

A waiter disturbed my thoughts and Sean looks at me before smiling, he is a good looking guy but a shitty person.

He is wearing his wedding ring while he is here with me on this date, men.

Sean:"So Shantel where are you from?"

Me:"England" thank you to my perfect English accent, today is going to come so handy. I wouldn't dare tell this guy where I'm from.

Sean:"That's nice"

Me:"What about you Lewis? Where are you from?"

Sean:"Mexico, I moved this side for business?" I smile

Me:"I see, what kind of business?" he looks at me hesitantly and chuckles.

Sean:"I will have to kill if I tell you that" I want to roll my eyes.

Me:"Mmh I see, I don't understand why I'm here Lewis. I mean you are married"

Sean:"Yeah I'm married and I'm going to be honest with you, I won't leave my wife for you or any body. I'm just a man who is looking to have fun outside my marriage so I happened to find you interesting" I'm disgusted to say the least but I have to keep my cool and play along.

Me:"Well I guess we could have fun for the few weeks that I'm around"

Sean:"Few weeks?" I nod.

Me:"I'm just here for a job Lewis"

Sean:"What kind of a job?"

Me:"I'm a model, we have a show here" he smiles to the lies I'm feeding him.

Sean:"Well it doesn't have to be weeks I can always fly you in"

Me:"Money is not the problem I see and I like that" he touches my hand.

Sean:"You are beautiful Shantel, I think I'm starting to like you more"

Me:"I bet you do"

Sean:"I..." my phone vibrates I look at it I immediately feel hot.

Me:"I'm sorry Lewis I have to go"

Sean:"Is everything okay?"

Me:"We have an emergency at work so I need to go"

Sean:"I can drive you back" I sigh.

Me:"I will take a taxi, you are not allowed to see my work unless you are ready to tell me more about yours" he smirks

Sean:"Maybe on our next date then" I nod and bid goodbye.

This had to be the longest drive ever and I had to make sure that Sean wasn't following me.

Phiko:"You good?" he ask as soon as I get in.

Me:"Yeah I'm fine what about you guys?"

Phiko:"We are good"

Me:"Where is Leonella?"

Phiko:"Somewhere in the house" I nod .

Me:"I will go find her"

I knock a few times before I go in.

Me:"Leo" she looks at me, her eyes are bloody read "Are you okay?" she nods biting her lower lip.

Me:"What's wrong?" her tears fall followed by a sob, I quickly hug her.

I wonder what's wrong?

APHIWE

It has been a week since I ended things with Leonella, trust me it has to be the hardest to deal with.

Maybe I care for her more than I thought I did.

She barely comes out of her room, I think slowly but surely I'm beginning to think that I made a decision in a moment without thinking that it will take so much toll on us.

I hate that she is hurting because of me and I didn't think that what we had meant so much to her.

"Penny for your thoughts?" I chuckle and look at him.

Me:"Nothing much"

Phiko:"What's going on?" I look at him

Me:"What do you mean?"

Phiko:"Leonella is locking herself up and since the shooting you have also been miserable, don't tell me nothing is going because something is going on" I sigh rubbing my face.

Me:"Uhh okay, I have feelings for her" I look at him for his reaction.

Phiko:"So that makes you both miserable? How?" okay this is not the reaction I expected from a brother.

Me:"I acted upon those feelings and surprisingly enough she likes me too but I think that is starting to jeopardize my job and I have been feeling guilty about Naomi's death, if she didn't

walk on me and Leonella that day she wouldn't have died" he sigh.

Phiko:"I thought you and her were over"

Me:"Nothing was there to begin with it was just innocent flirting that's all so there wasn't anything to end between us"

Phiko:"Aphiwe you are my friend, ever since I met you have focused on your job nothing else. I don't think you are losing focus at all"

Me:"I left your sister alone, I'm her bodyguard"

Phiko:"You left her because you thought she was safe" I sigh and shake my head.

Me:"That's not how it works"

Phiko:"I get it you don't want to mess up your job but you have been a mess since you two are not on speaking terms you will barely focus on the job. Aphiwe don't make the same mistake I made with Liana

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so if you really do love my sister don't mess that up find a way to balance your job and her or you will regret it" he taps my shoulder and walk out.



He hasn't been himself ever since Liana decided to leave and cut contact with her.

I find myself knocking on her door, she doesn't open I sigh and open the door.

She is watching a movie with her earphones, she doesn't look okay guilt immediately consume me.

Her eyes meet mine, I don't know what to think.

Me:"Hey" she keeps quiet still looking at me "I'm sorry"

Leo:"Okay, please leave"

Me:"Leonella can we talk please" she looks at me briefly.

Leo:"Okay talk"

Me:"I'm sorry I didn't mean to hurt you like that. My job has always been my main focus but then I met you, things changed I was no longer protecting a client but I was protecting someone I deeply cared about. Before you my job was my job, nothing else I saw all my clients as my job but with you it's all different. I don't know why this is happening maybe it's because for the first time I'm working for the people who sees me and treat me like a regular person not just a mere

bodyguard, now that have led to attachment to all of you. I shouldn't have left you inside but because of how things have been I saw the need to protect all of you not just you I thought you were safe" she blinks a few times.

Leo:"And I was safe"

Me:"Why didn't you shoot him? Don't tell me that he came from behind because that's bullshit you are well trained"

Leo:"Because he wasn't a threat to me, if Jose wanted to kill me he would have and I would have seen it coming then that's when I was going to snatch that gun from him but he didn't want to kill me. I don't know why but I feel like this is more than about the map for him"

Me:"Okay why is that?"

Leo:"Because that is not what he asked me for first, he wanted me to go for a walk with him" I nod.

Me:"Leo I know what I said but that's not what I want"

Leo:"Aphiwe I don't want to be with you if you are going to break up with every time something doesn't go as you plan" I nod.

Me:"I won't do that"

Leo:"I'm not sure about that and why should I believe that"

Me:"Because I don't want to see you hurting because of me again"

Leo:"I forgive you but I'm not sure about us Aphiwe"

Me:"I understand that, take your time and when you are ready then you can be my girlfriend, I promise I won't mess up again"  
she nods.

Leo:"Okay I will think about it"

Me:"Okay then" we share a stare.

LIANA

Everything has changed, everything has been difficult for me here.

In just a space of weeks I no longer see myself marrying Sanele.

I thought running away from Phiko was a solution but no it wasn't, my heart and soul belongs with him.

Sanele has changed too, he was no longer the prince charming I have always thought he was.

Slowly but surely he is turning into a monster that I can no longer control.

Just few days ago he slapped me so hard that I now have a blue eye.

I have to get out of here my mother would be disappointed if I settle for such.

I have not been feeling well, I have been vomiting the whole week.

The door unlock Sanele walk in with a tray of food, that's how things are now he locks me up.

Sanele:"I brought you food my love" he says smiling.

Me:"I'm not hungry" the smile disappear.

Sanele:"You have to eat I don't want your family saying I'm mistreating you"

Me:"I will eat not now" he smiles and touches my face I flinched.

Sanele:"You have to cover this up my parents are coming here this evening" he said touching near my eye.

Me:"Can't they postpone? I'm not feeling well"

Sanele:"Something happened?"

Me:"No I don't want them to ask me questions that will get you into trouble, when I feel better they can come" he looks at me.

Sanele:"Okay, here is your phone call your mom and tell her you are okay" I was to take it "No I will hold it for you"

My mom's phone ring twice before she answers and Sanele puts it on loudspeaker.

Mom:"Liana you scared me! are you okay I have been trying to get ahold of you" my tears fall Sanele looks at me.

Me:"I'm okay Mom"

Mom:"Are you sure?" I look at Sanele.

Me:"I'm very sure. I have been working on wedding stuff I'm sorry I scared you"

Mom:"Okay sweetheart I love you"

Me:"I love you"

He hangs up and looks at me.

Sanele:"You did great babe" my phone rings "Your sister is calling"

Me:"Can I please talk to her?" he looks at me then nods.

Miracle:"Liana!" she breathing heavily

Me:"Miracle"

Miracle:"Are you okay?"

Me:"Yeah I'm okay, it's just that necklace you bought for me it's broken" she keeps quiet.

Miracle:"Oh yeah?" she say and chuckles.

Me:"Yeah"

Miracle:"Don't worry I will get you a new one, it will be delivered in less than 24 hours I promise" I nod.

Me:"Okay I love you"

Miracle:"I love you too" she hangs up.

Sanele ::"You are really doing a great job, I love you Liana"

Me ::"I love you too"

Sanele:"Don't make me hurt you again"

Me: "I promise I won't" he kisses my forehead

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NARRATED

Miracle can't deny the fact that she was mad when Emiliana left but now more than anything she will kill for her twin sister.

When they grew to the age of realising how their family lived they had to learn how to do things differently.

Miracle knew exactly what Emiliana meant when she said her necklace was broken.

She knew that something was wrong with her twin, they call it a twin intuition and it's never wrong, and now Emiliana just confirmed it.

Her door flies open and Phiko walks in.

Phiko:"Why are you not answering the door" she sniffs

Mira:"I didn't hear you" Phiko looks at the backs that were on the floor

Phiko:"Where are you going?" she looks at him not sure how to answer that.

Mira:"I'm going home?"

Phiko:"You are leaving too?" she looks at him, it would be selfish not to tell him what's going on with Liana.

Mira:"I have to go, Liana isn't okay"

Phiko:"What?"

Mira:"Yeah I don't know what's going on but something is going on" his face has changed to being concerned.

Phiko:"I'm going with you"

Mira:"Phiko you d....." she realized that he was giving her a bad eye "Fine!"

Phiko literally ran out of the room and packed his stuff.

Emiliana might have left but his heart still wants her.

He walks out and find Leo and Aphiwe, it's how these two are so in love, they finally gave their relationship a chance.

He is happy for his sister and he knows that Aphiwe is a great guy for her sister and he is very genuine.



Leo:"What's going on?"

Phiko:"We have to go"

Leo:"We?" she said confused.

Phiko:"Yeah Mira and me, Liana is in trouble. Lorenzo will be flying in tomorrow morning. I'm sorry that I'm leaving you alone wh..." Leo hugged him.

Leo:"You are not leaving me alone I have Aphiwe with me, whatever happens just get your girl back we will with everything together later okay" he nods hold his sister tight, he even forget that Leo is older than him the way she treats him you would swear that they are twins or he is older than her.

Aphiwe watches them as they hug, he immediately misses his sister hoping that when she comes home their bond will still be strong.

Miracle dragged her bag out she isn't sure what's going on but she will deal with it later on.

She texts Nia that they can't do dinner because she has an emergency home.

She promise that they are doing dinner as soon as she comes back.

Phiko:"Are you okay?"

Mira:"I'm completely confused" he looks at her

Phiko:"And why is that?"

Mira:"I'm scared that I'm falling for a married woman and I'm willing to snatch

her away from her husband"

Phiko:"And what does she feel for you?"

Mira:"We shared a kiss and it was different, she responded passionately to it and she feels something for me, she is just not sure"

Phiko:"Don't push her to anything just show her that you are interested in her more than she thinks. Oh my God I can't believe that I'm encouraging you to go after a married woman" they both laughed.

They finally landed and drove straight to where Liana stays with Sanele.

LIANA'S APARTMENT

She is praying and hoping that Miracle got the message she was sending to her.

Sanele didn't even catch that they coded a message right under his nose.

He has been always like this just that with Liana he was able to control himself for a while, he would only go through her phone and track her when she is not home and now it has escalated.

Liana is busy vomiting in the bathroom she has been a little bit ill lately.

Liana:"Maybe I should go to the doctor Sanele" she says walking to their bedroom.

Sanele:"When you heal you will go"

Liana:"Sanele why are you doing this?" she finally ask him.

Sanele:"Because I love you Liana" she shakes her head in disbelief.

Liana:"You hitting me isn't love Sanele"

Sanele:"You made me hit you Liana don't blame me for your own mistaken" he says getting angry.

Liana:"You are sick Sanele, you blame me for hitting me!" he clenches his jaws and his hand turn into a fist.

Sanele:"I'm not sick!" she chuckles.

Liana:"You are just a little boy who feeds on hitting helpless woman, I should haven't came back! I don't love you Sanele! I don't ever think I did"

Sanele:"What did you say?!" he said charging to her he stops on his track when they hear a loud bang.

Liana quickly stands up and Sanele looks at her.

Sanele:"What did you do?"

Liana:"You will pay for ever laying your hand on me. Miracle!" she screams loudly and run to the door.

But Sanele grabs her by her neck from behind and hit her against the wall.

Her head immediately becomes painful.

Her forehead is bleeding and she is hearing everything from afar.

Sanele:"You see what you made me do!" he screams at her pacing up and down with his hands on his head.

He could hear Miracle and Phiko screaming and banging the door.

He grabs Liana's throat and start choking her.

Liana:"Sanele stop!" she says hoping that they walk in any minute.

The door flies open and they are shocked to see Liana on the floor bleeding and unconscious.

Phiko:"Mira grab Liana I will handle this" he is looking at Sanele, he charges to him and threw a mean punch on him.

Sanele is on the ground and Phiko doesn't stop punching him, he is seeing red.

Mira:"Phiko Stop! You are going to kill him!" that falls on deaf tears.

Sanele can't even fight back and Phiko is a great fighter.

Phiko feels someone grabbing him from behind.

Phiko:"Let me go!"

Ludwe:"No son, you are not killing him" that is his father holding him back, his tears fall.

Phiko:"Where is Liana?"

Ludwe:"They are in the car go with them we will handle this" he looks at Sanele who is bleeding on the floor before rushing out.

He bumps into Joshua and he looks at him.

Josh:"It seems like you guys didn't end things after that night I caught you"

Phiko:"Fuck You Joshua! and you can tell the whole family now I give zero fucks, you separated us once and I'm not going to let you do that again"

Josh:"I'm not playing on doing that Phiko" he ignores him and get inside the car.

He looks at Liana and his mother is working on her.

Phiko:"Is she okay?" his mother smiles faintly

Siwe:"She is going to be fine but we need to take her to the hospital"

Phiko:"Okay let's go then" he holds Liana's hand it's still warm and soft.

A tear escape his eye, Siwe watches her son and sigh.

Siwe:"Can you guys drive faster?"

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PHIKOLOMZI

This has to be the worse feeling ever, the fear of losing her.

The anger that I feel towards the bastard that did to her.

The disappointment that I have on myself for not being able to stop her from leaving.

If I could change time I would do that and stand up for our relationship.

I have been waiting for her to wake up.

at least my mother works here so she has been checking up on her.

Mom:"Phiko" she says bringing me back to earth.

Me:"How is she?"

Mom:"She will be sedated for few hours, you should go home and rest"

Me:" I'm fine I will be waiting"

Mom:"What's going on Phiko?" I look at her and I can't lie anymore.

Me:"I love her" she looks at me.

Mom:"You love Liana? She is your aunt"

Me:"I'm not biologically related to her Mom and please don't tell me about that when you and your generation did it too" \_

Mom:"David and Ludwe are going to kill you!"

Me:"Well I will be waiting for that then" she chuckles.

Mom:"You are so stubborn Phiko!"

Me:"And where did I get that?" she laughs.

Mom:"Not me obviously" she looks at me "If you really love Liana no one is going to stop you but be ready for David's wrath"

Me:"He is my grandfather"

Mom:"And that's her daughter" I chuckle.

FEW HOURS LATER

Her parents are here and my father is also here.



Miracle is busy with her phone, I'm glad that she at least finds something to smile about.

Me:"What did you do to Sanele?"

Dad:"Nothing he is where he belongs" I look at him.

Me:"Don't tell me you put him in prison instead of killing that bastard"

Dad:"Trust me he will hope that I killed him, why are you so worked up about this anyway" I swallow, my father isn't like my mom.

Me:"Because he put his hands on Liana"

Dad:"We don't kill anymore unless it's necessary so it's not who we are anymore" I sigh

Me:"Okay" he looks at me.

Dad:"You know you are acting the same way I would when something happens to your mother, if I didn't know better I would say you are in love with Liana"

Me:"What if I was?" the words slip out of my mouth, he looks at me and I swallow.

Dad:"Are you?" he says calmly

Me:"I know it will come out as taboo and I tried to fight it I promise but it just hurts me instead" he looks at me and he doesn't say anything "Dad please say something"

Dad:"I will go look for your mother" he stands up and looks at me before walking away.

I don't know what he is thinking.

I walk inside Liana's room after her parents got out.

She is staring at an empty space.

Me:"Hey" she looks at me.

Liana:"Phiko" her voice is shaky.

I sit on the chair and hold her hand with the hope that she doesn't pull it away.

Me:"How are you feeling?" she sigh "I'm sorry that's a stupid question"

Liana:"It's okay, what happened to him?"

Me:"He is in jail" she nods "I shouldn't have let you go" her eyes become watery.

Liana:" I chose to leave Phiko it's not your fault"

Me:"I'm sorry I broke your heart and hurt you. I know that you don't trust me with your heart anymore but I want you Liana, I love you with everything in me. I hope you find it in your heart to let me in again" she looks at me.

Liana:"I can't fighting this anymore, I love you Phiko and I never stopped. That night showed me that I wasn't over you and everything in me still belong with you. I left because I was scared that you will hurt me so I left before you do" I tuck her hair behind her ear.

Me:"I'm not leaving again Liana, I'm willing to fight for what we have" our lips are brushing against each other "I love you so much" that comes out as a whisper.

Liana:"I love you too" she kisses me passionately, then pulls out.

Me:"Whats wrong?"

Liana:"I'm getting wet" she says looking at me I swallow and my little man gets ticklish.

Me:"Can I feel it?"

Liana:"We are in hospital Phiko" I chuckle.

Me: "And no one is here with us" she bite her lower lip.

Liana:"Okay" she part her legs a little bit.

My hand moves to her inner thighs and find her cookie

Me:"You are wet" I say rubbing her clit she moans "I missed you" she looks at me.

The door opens I quickly move my hand from her as her parents walks in followed by the doctor.

They greet and settle down.

Dr:"So Liana we got your results back and nothing is alarming no broken bone you are one of the luck ones. You and your baby are fine"

"Baby!" we all say in unison including Liana.

Dr:"You didn't know you are pregnant?" Liana shake her head with confusion in her face.

Cynthia:"How far is she?"

Liana:"Before you tell me can I have a moment with Phiko" her parents look at us confused.

David:"We will be outside" he takes her wife's hand and they walk out the doctor follows them.

She looks at me with tears.

Me:"What's wrong?"

Liana:"The baby might be his" I look at her confused.

Me:"Might be his?" she nods.

Liana:"Yes the baby could be yours or his" my heart skips a bit.

Me:"It's mine" she looks at me.

Liana:"Phiko you can't be sure"

Me:"The baby is mine even if she/he is not biologically mine but it is still mine, can they come back in now?" she nods looking at me.

Doctor:"So as I was saying, Liana is 7 weeks pregnant" she looks at me.

Cynthia:"Are you sure?" she nods

Doctor:"Yes 7 weeks and 2 days to be precise"

David:"Thank you doc"

The doctor walks out and they look at Liana.

David:"Phiko can you excuse us"

Liana:"Phiko has to be part of this conversation"

Cynthia:"Oh okay, what are you going to do?"

Liana:"Nothing I'm keeping my baby"

David:"You do know that this baby will tie you to Sanele forever" she sigh.

Liana:"It won't"

Cynthia:"It's his baby Liana"

Liana:"No it's not his baby mom, 7 weeks and 2 days ago I was in Columbia"

David:"You cheated on him?"

Liana:"No I just reunited with someone I love Dad, I'm sorry but I love Phiko" David quickly turns to look at me.

David:"My daughter loves my grandson what nonsense is this"

Me:"Grandpa I k..."

David:"Don't grandpa me Phikolomzi, you impregnated your own freaken Aunt!" he is angry.

Liana:"We are not related dad!"

David:"So the relationship you both share with me it's not important!"

Liana:"That's not what I meant" he shakes his head and walk out "Mom"

Cynthia:"I hope you two know what you are doing and I hope what you both have it's not just a phase. Your father will come around, this is weird" she walks out.

Me:"I'm sorry"

Liana:"It's okay it was going to come out sooner or later"

Me:"I love you"

Liana:"I love you too" we look at each other.

Me:"We are going to be parents"

Liana:"Are we ready for that?" I sigh

Me:"We have about 33 weeks to be ready" she smiles a little bit.

Liana:"Okay then"

NIA

I have been talking to Miracle I was so sad that our dinner was cancelled but I understand that she needed to go home.

I don't know why I feel this need towards her, talking to her makes me feel better and forget about everything that's going on with Sean.

It has been exactly a week since I gave him divorce papers but he is dead set that he is not going to divorce me.

My phone rings it's Miracle she is video calling.

I quickly go to the mirror before answering.

Mira:"Hey" she says already smiling

Me:"Hey, how are you?"

Mira:"Better than yesterday, how is the princess treating you " I sigh.

Me:"She is becoming heavy everyday" she chuckles.

Mira:"I miss you" my heart skips a bit.

Me:"I miss you too, when are you coming back?"

Mira:"In a few days" I nod she looks at me intensely.

Me:"What?"

Mira:"I want to kiss you again, that kiss wasn't a mistake. I know you are married but I can't help myself"

Me:"What's going on Miracle?" she sigh.

Mira:"I think I'm bisexual"

Me:"Come back then we will found out" she smiles.

Mira:"Okay then"



We talked for a while until she falls asleep it is during the night in South Africa.

I knock comes through and I open my door it's Jose.

Me:"Oh it's you!" he chuckles

Jose:"Expecting someone else" he says looking at me up and down

Me:"No I'm just leaving in a few minutes"

Jose:"I won't be long either"

Me:"Okay what do you want?" he chuckles.

Jose:"Don't be too cocky I'm here to help you" I guess it was my turn to chuckle.

Me:"Help me? what could you possibly help me with Jose"

Jose:"I know you want to divorce my brother and he refuse to give you that so I can help you divorce him" I look at him he smirk.

Me:"How will you do that?"

Jose:"That's mine to know, so do you want my help or not?"

Me:"And by helping me what do you expect in return" he smiles.

Jose:"Nothing just you keeping my mouth shut"

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NIA

I am very desperate to divorce Sean, the love I had for him has turned bitter now, I can't hate him because we share a child together.

As much as my desperation is too much but I will never accept help from Jose.

The guy always have something planned for every move he makes.

He looks at me waiting for an answer.

Me:"Keep your mouth shut how?" he chuckles and walk in further.

Jose:"You see the fact that you know about what really happened to my father it's just too much, if you don't keep your mouth shut about it then I also have to keep talking about it with you and that could cost me. So help me to keep my mouth shut by keeping yours shut"

Me:"I don't need your help I can handle Sean" he sigh.

Jose:"You are stubborn and hate that"

"What are you doing here?" we turn and find Sean by the door.

Jose:"Uh Sean"

Sean:"I asked you a question Jose" Jose looks at me if he thinks I'm going to save him I'm not doing that.

Jose:"I was just passing by to see Nia since you have been spending too much time away, she is pregnant for crying out loud Sean" that's a good lie, Sean looks at me.

Sean:"Since when do you care about my wife?"

Jose:"I might not be her fan but she is carrying my niece that's my blood" this guy.

I just leave them talking because I wasn't going to be part of this conversation with them.

I take my phone there is a message from Miracle it's a picture of her ticket she is flying back in three days.

I can't help but get a tingling feeling in my stomach and wear a smile in my face.

Sean:"Who are you talking to?" I frown looking at him.

Me:"That's none of your business"

Sean:"Are you cheating on me!?" his voice is loud, I chuckle.

Me:"So it's okay when you cheat but it's wrong when I do it" I could feel his breath from where I'm standing and his chest moving up and down.

Sean:"Give me your phone" I look at him, he is fuming.

Me:"Take it" I toss it on top of the bed.

Sean:"I'm going to kill him" he says as he picks up the phone I roll my eyes "Since when do you have a password?"

Me:"The moment you realize that I no longer want you Sean it would be better for everyone. If you think you are just going to walk all over or try to kill me, trust me my dear husband I have an insurance when it comes to you and you will spend the rest of your life in jail, if I ever go miss or turn up dead they will know it's you. So sign those papers Sean" he swallow not knowing what to say.

Sean:"Nia you are turning into someone I don't know, what changed?" is he delusional?

Me:"You changed Sean, I'm turning to what you made. You know I used to love you to a point that I would give up everything for you. I had people warning me about even my father wasn't a fan of you but I loved you anyways. I didn't care

about the life you were living because it's who you were I wasn't going to that, love doesn't judge after all. But you Sean you loved me when you feel like it and with everything you did to hurt me my love became less and less. You did this to us so please stop acting like a victim when you treated me like shit" he closes the space between us and holds my hand.

Sean:"Please Nia give me a second chance, I will never hurt you again I promise I will love you right" I could feel his breath in my face, he brushes his lips against mine before kissing me, he have always been a good kisser I kiss him back this time it was different I pull away from the kiss.

Me:"It's too late Sean" he looks at me shocked

Sean:"But the kiss Nia..." I cut him short

Me:"I needed confirmation that I no longer feel anything for you and I got my answer. Trust me it would have taken more than a kiss to win me back even if I still had feelings for you" he blinks a few times.

Sean:"I'm not giving up on us Nia" I sigh

Me:"Just sign the divorce papers Sean it's done" I walk to the bathroom and lock the door.

I release a sharp sigh and followed by my tears, I'm hurt that I have wasted time loving this guy all for what.

LEONELLA

I have finally decided that I love this guy no matter what I do to try and avoid this feeling it just become more and more.

The past few days alone with him, has been amazing we spent time getting to know each other more and I feel more connected to him more than ever.

Spending nights together even though I haven't given myself to him, foreplay has been our thing and there are nights when I want penetrative sex so bad but he will tell me that he is not rushing me into anything.

Today he has me locked up in my room I don't know why but he is acting rather weird and nervous than normal.

After what seems like an eternity he opens the door he looks at me something is different about him today he is so nervous.

He comes to my side and kisses me passionately I could feel butterflies in my stomach.

He pulls away before looking at me.

Aphiwe:"I love you so much" that carried so much emotion as he caresses my face.

Me:"I love you Aphiwe Dladla" he gives me a smile before taking my hand and we walk out of the room.

My heart jumps and I turn to look at him.

Aphiwe:"Uh I have never done any of this before I know it's cheesy.." he is talking way too fast and nerves are killing him, I cut him off.

Me:"I love it" I could see relief in his face , I smile as I walk on the rose petals that are leading to the living room.

The set up in the living room is what blows my mind.

Me:"Aphiwe!" I turn to him I'm at the verge of crying.

Aphiwe:"You like it?"

Me:"Aphiwe I love it, no one has done such a beautiful thing for me" he sigh and smile I don't know why would he think I wouldn't love something like this.

Aphiwe:"I'm glad you love let's sit down" he helps me sit down I love how this was romantic yet I'm in my PJs and he is in his sweaters and vest.

Me:"Did you do this on your own?"

Aphiwe:"Yeah I had to order some things thou

I haven't been able to take you out on a date or something ever since we started dating, so since we can't go out there I decided to do something nice here. I'm not a romantic type atleast I thought I wasn't until I fell for you. I would do anything to make you happy even if it means I become this cheesy" I laugh through my tears.

Me:"Thank you so much my bodyguard, this is everything for me" he wipes my tears

Aphiwe:"You don't know how much it makes me happy to see you happy Leonella" God I'm falling for him deeply.

Me:"I hope I also make you happy Aphiwe"

Aphiwe:"I like my bodyguard better" he winks at me I swear my underwear is wet.



Me:"Uh let's eat" we started eating, he is the best cook ever I close my eyes taking in the mouthwatering taste.

Aphiwe:"Leo stop that" I open my eyes.

Me:"Stop what?" I'm confused.

Aphiwe:"You are moaning" his Adam's apple moves up and down.

Me:"The food is delicious"

Aphiwe:"Is that why you are moaning?" he staring at me now.

Me:"Uh yes"

Aphiwe:"Only me is suppose to make you moan like that even louder" I press my thighs together now all I want is him.

My clit is throbbing I stand up and sit on top of him.

Aphiwe:"I thought we were having breakfast" I could feel his manhood poking me on my private part.

Me:"I'm ready" he looks at me "Please" I said already grinding on his manhood which feels good and it is making me more wet.

A moan escape my mouth as he grabs my ass.

I pull away from the kiss and look at him.

Me:"Please take me" I'm begging him now.

"Take you where?" I don't know how Aphiwe was able to stand up with me still on top of him and not drop me, he has a gun pointed at him.

Me:"Lorenzo!" Aphiwe looks at me and I got off him as he drops the gun.

Lore:"Oohh food!" he said rushing to the table and start eating, Aphiwe looks at me I sigh.

Lore:"Who is your boyfriend?" he has food in his mouth "This is delicious by the way"

Me:"This is Aphiwe and Aphiwe this is Lorenzo my cousin brother"

Lore:"Uh-uh you are telling me the guy you were grinding on is your bodyguard"

Me:"Yeah my bodyguard and boyfriend"

Lore:"I'm sorry that I interrupted your moment, you can go finish up somewhere while I eat, we will talk later" I shake my head and take Aphiwe's hand, he hesitantly follows me.

Aphiwe:"Your cousin seems like such a character" I look at him.

Me:"Trust me he is"

Aphiwe:"I hope he won't fall in love with you because I will kill him" he says jokingly I laugh.

Me:"My mother and his mother are sisters, so not happening"

Aphiwe:"You wanted me to take you?" he says pulling me close to him.

Me:"Yes" he picks me up and I wrap my legs around his waist.

Aphiwe:"Okay" he slowly walks us to bed.

EMILIANA

Today I'm getting discharged from the hospital and Phiko has been spending most of his time here.

I'm grateful that we were giving our love a second chance even though my father seems not happy about we were not ending things.

I know he thinks we are being selfish and not considering his feelings in all of this but there's nothing we can do here and ending our relationship is not an option.

Phiko walks looking handsome as ever.

Phiko:"Take a picture it last longer" he says feeling himself I chuckle.

Me:"You are crazy"

Phiko:"Ready to go home?" I sigh.

Me:"I can't go back to the apartment and I can't go home either my father is still mad, he hasn't even answered any of my calls"

Phiko:"We are going back to our apartment, the one we shared while we were in varsity" I look at him

Me:"Do you think that's a good idea?" he nods.

Phiko:"There is nothing we can do that my love and you are pregnant I can't expose you to an environment that's going to cause you stress" I nod.

Me:"Okay let's get out of here"

Phiko:"Do you mind if we go for an ultrasound before going home?" I smile.

Me:"Okay"

He helps get up if though there was no need for that.

I'm healing pretty well I don't think I will ever want to run into Sanele.

I was instructed to get on top of the bed.

Nurse:"This is going to be cold" she applies the gel and start moving the thing around.

A heartbeat fills up the room and Phikolomzi smile widely with tears glistening in his eyes.

Phiko:"It's so loud" he says kissing my forehead.

Nurse:"Everything seems to be okay, we can't tell the gender it's still early but overall your baby is healthy"

Me:"Thank you" she wipes me clean.

Nurse:"I will print these for you" I nod.

She leaves us and Phiko helps me with my shirt.

My phone chirps and it's my father.

"Emiliana James you are not going to stay with that boy come home!"

Phiko:"I will drive you home" I nod I know better I can't piss my father more now.

The drive home is quiet I guess we are all nervous.

Phiko helps me out with my bag and we ring the bell.

My father opens his look is scary, he let us come in, we both sit down.

Dad:"How are you feeling Liana?" atleast he still cares.

Me:"I'm good dad how are you?" he smiles.

Dad:"I'm good" the door opens, Ludwe, Raymond, Bob, Bheki, Christopher and Josh walks in, my heart immediately beats fast my dad smirk looking at Phiko who just squeeze my hand I feel tears already burning in my eyes.

Dad:"Gentlemen!" they all exchange greetings.

Ludwe:"My son how are you?" he said looking at Phiko.

Phiko:"I'm good how are you?"

Ludwe:"I feel great"

Dad:"Let's get down to business without wasting time, so gentleman it seems like Phikolomzi here has impregnated my daughter" they all look at Phiko not that they are surprised but they are doing this on purpose.

Chris:"Is that so?"

Dad:"Yes and Phiko is one of our own, he knows what happens when such things happen in this family"

Me:"Dad please" my tears are falling he ignores.

Ludwe:"Phiko you know the drill son" Phiko looks at me before standing up.

Me:"Mom!" she rushes to me "Please stop them!"

Mom:"I'm sorry princess"

Dad:"Take her to her room" mom looks at me.

Me:"Dad I beg you"

Dad:"Emiliana don't piss me off!"

Phiko:"It's okay you should go"

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LEONELLA

After tossing me in bed he goes and lock the door.

He kisses me while undressing me, until I'm butt naked.

He has seen me naked so many times I'm no longer shy.

He is about to go down on me but I lock my legs.

Me:"I don't need foreplay atleast not today" he chuckles and leans in to kiss me.

He pulls down his boxer and I swallow looking at his manhood that is standing happily.

He rubs himself against me, and yes we are not using protection it's risky I know but we have tested a few days back.

And I'm on pills we both knew this moment will happen.

He keeps teasing me by rubbing himself on my clit I swear I'm dripping.



Me:"Aphiwe please" I moaning begging him to penetrate, my knees feel weak.

He soon slowly inside himself and close my eyes taking the pain and hold a sheet into fists

Aphiwe:"Open your eyes and relax your body" I open them  
"Look at me"

I look at him while he tries getting inside me, the pain it's too much I want him to stop but I also don't want him to stop I don't know if I make sense.

I could feel my vaginal wall stretching to accommodate him until he is fully in.

Aphiwe:"Fuck!" he groans kissing the top of my head "You good?"

Me:"It's painful but don't stop" he nods and penetrates me slowly and gently, in and out, stretching me out.

He closes his eyes as he sinks inside me the pleasure has kicked in I'm holding on his back digging deeper.

Aphiwe:"I love you" he whispers flexing his hips, going deep.

I'm lost in pleasure as he eases into me I can't even answer him.

My nerves all comes rushing to my clit I tighten my legs around his waist and it rains on his dick, I have squirted.

But he doesn't stop he fucks me through the mess I made until we both reach our pinnacle, with him cumming inside me it feels warm and good I don't want to lie and the bed is a mess.

We move to a dry spot in bed and I put my head on his chest, his heartbeat is somehow bringing peace in my heart.

Aphiwe:"Thank you Mazulu" God I swear I want to give him kids when he calls me that.

I just blush not knowing what to say but I'm glad my first time having sex was with him.

Aphiwe:"Let's clean you up and change these sheets" I nod and he goes to the bathroom come back with wipes.

He wipes us clean and change the bed, he chuckle looking at the sheet.

Me:"What?" he smiles I swear I saw a twinkle in his eyes.

Aphiwe:"I will have to pay damages for what I did" I look at him.

Me:"Aphiwe" he bites his lower lip and he is emotional "What's wrong?"

Aphiwe:"Let's finish changing the sheets" I nod hoping he tells me what's wrong.

We settle in bed and he pulls me in his arms.

Aphiwe:"I guess the girl my mother always talked about was you" I look at him confused.

Me:"What do you mean?"

Aphiwe:"She always told me that I will find the one who makes my heart beat stronger than normal" he is right because his heart is beating rapidly I thought he had heart problems don't judge me.

Me:"I love you too Aphiwe" I swear he has a beautiful smile.

Aphiwe:"I didn't think you exist though I always thought she was exaggerating"

Me:"I wish I have met her"

Aphiwe:"You guys would have got along very well" he looks at me "Wait I'm coming back" he quickly dress up and run out leaving me confused.

He comes back hold a small box.

Me:"What is that?" he opens it it's a necklace even though it looks a little bit old it's beautiful.

Aphiwe:"It belonged to my mother

I want you to have it"

Me:"Aphiwe it's beautiful are you sure?" I swear I'm one of the most emotional people.

Aphiwe:"Yeah I want you to have it" I nod and he helps me put it on, I'm not a jewelry person but this one means a lot.

He kisses the back of my neck I got shivers his hand squeeze my boobs from behind

I moan to his touch and he bend me over, his manhood fills my wall.

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Phiko knew shit was about to go down but nothing will change how he feels about Liana if it means he has to deal with everything they dish towards.

Liana is stubborn as they come she doesn't want to leave.

Phiko is now certain that she still loves him the same way.

David (Liana's father) is annoying by Liana but if she wants things to be this way then he will let them be that way.

Ludwe:"Phiko let's go" he nods and follows him but they are stopped by the sound of a gun.

They quickly turn with their guns only to find Siwe (Phiko's mom)

Ludwe:"Siwe what are you doing?" he asks and everyone lowered their gun.

Siwe:"Ludwe give my son" Ludwe never saw his wife so angry.

David:"So you are condoning their behavior" Siwe chuckles.

Siwe:"I'm sorry father in law but no one is touching my son"

Ludwe:"But..." she shoots him a look that's enough to shut him up.

Siwe:"Don't petronise me Ludwe, Phiko and Liana go to the room" they don't wait to be asked twice.

Bheki:"Siwe we are trying to discipline these kids" Siwe laughed.

Siwe:"Discipline uncle, who disciplined you?" he looks at her confused rather surprised.

Bheki:"What do you mean?"

Siwe:"Oh let me refresh your memory, you are married to Bob who is Raymond's brother and Raymond is married to your niece Lwandle doesn't that count as taboo especially with the fact that Bob is half your age" Bheki keeps quiet.

Siwe:"What about you father?" she looks at David.

David:"What about me?"

Siwe:"I forgive but I never forget, do you want me to tell these kids how my husband raped me how that came about? do you?" he swallows feeling his insides becoming hot.

Ludwe:"Nelisiwe stop!" he yells.

Siwe:"No you stop! You guys are hypocrites. Liana and Phiko fell in love like any of you in the house. Instead of worrying

about their relationship you should be worried about Sanele's family and giving back their lobola"

Bheki:"I will arrange the meet with Sanele's family" he walks out Bob follows his husband.

Everyone leaves except for Siwe, Ludwe and Liana's parents.

David:"So Siwe do you want to unpack?"

Siwe:"Trust me I have unpacked about what you, aunt and her husband made Ludwe do to me, but trust me I will use anything against anyone to protect my kids. Phiko was raised by you guys and he have seen how you guys treat your women, yes he has made a mistake of impregnating Lia out of wedlock something you said none of them should do but it's done you know him, he will do things right by Liana. So please don't try to play God in their lives look what that did to your relationship with Lisa and Ludwe you almost lost them don't do the same mistake with Liana and Miracle" he run his hands on his face.

David:"I need a drink" he stands up and Cynthia follows him.

Ludwe:"Couldn't you have thought of something else instead of using that against my father you know how that kills him and how he wishes he could change that" she sigh.

Siwe:"I'm sorry but that's the only thing I thought of" he nods

Ludwe:"I shouldn't have taught you how to use a gun" she laughs.

Siwe:"I'm glad you did it came in handy today, I'm taking Liana and Phiko to my house I don't trust your father"



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## MIRACLE

Liana is now safe so I decided to book my flight back to Columbia and I'm living in less than 24 hours.

As much as it feels great to be home but the drama had been sucking a life out of me I couldn't wait to leave.

But I'm happy that Liana and Phiko could finally be together without hiding how they feel.

My dad walks in while I'm packing my things.

Dad:"You could wait to leave huh?" I laugh a little bit.

Me:"You read minds?" he dramatically holds on his chest and I burst out of his laughter.

Dad:"Ouch I'm hurt"

Me:"I will be back before you know it" he smiles a little bit.

Dad:"Hopefully you won't come back having a child too" I lean back and sigh

Me:"Don't be like that"

Dad:"Like what" he has a frown.

Me:"Liana is an adult dad, she has a stable job and she can provide for her baby" he sigh.

Dad:"It's not about that, it's about who he is having a baby with"

Me:"Dad to come between them, if anything you should be happy that Liana gets to be with a guy like Phiko who was raised by you, someone you trust. I know it's hard to take it in because of your relationship with both of them but they are happy" he takes a deep breath.

Dad:"I will try to understand their situation or relationship and be more open"

Me:"Now that's my dad" he chuckles.

Dad:"Why are you rushing to go back?"

Me:"Leonella needs us remember?"

Dad:"Maybe there is a boy waiting for you" this couldn't be a perfect time.

Me:"Maybe a woman" he raise his eyebrows and I nod he gasp

Dad:"What?"

Me:"I date both men and women but currently I'm interested in a woman"

Dad:"But I already have your sister as lesbian" I laugh

Me:"Lisa is Lesbian and bisexual"

Dad:"You guys will send me into an early grave here I was hoping you are the normal girl I have"

Me:"We are normal" he laughs a little bit.

Dad:"Your mother needs to hear about this" I chuckle they gossip a lot

Me:"Pillow talk about us really?" he laughs and walk out I shake my head and continue packing up.

It's the day after the only thing I can say is that I'm excited and sad at the same time.

I'm sad I'm leaving home but I'm also excited to see Nia.

After I said goodbye to everyone Josh drive me the airport.

I never had a relationship with Joshua maybe it's because he is 10 years older than me.

Me:"How is Emily?" Emily is his wife

Josh:"She is so pregnant and bossy, the worse 8 months of my life so far" he chuckles.

Me:"But you must be happy thou" he smiles.

Josh:"Very happy" I nod.

He drops me off and I board 15 minutes later.

I'm going to be flying for a day and three hours.

After a 27 hours of flying I finally touched down in Bogota

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everything about Colombia streets looks different you could feel danger in your spine.

I send Nia the address that we have to meet up in, where we are staying is still a risk to go there with a stranger I need to talk to everyone before coming with her.

The first thing I do is to take a long bath after a long flight I needed it.

I'm so tired right now if it was up to me I would be sleeping but my heart is singing a different tune.

I'm disturbed by a knock she can't be here that quickly I just came out of the bathroom.

I open the door to my surprise it's her, she looks different in a good way.

Her look is screaming confidence.

Nia:"Hey" she says breaking the stare and silence.

Me:"Hey come in" she walks pass me I spank her a little bit she giggle and look at me "Ain't you going to give me hug?"

She hugs me, she smells like berries.

I hear her sniff a little bit.

Me:" Hey what's wrong?" I say gentle pushing her away from my chest.

Nia:"I'm sorry" she wipes her tears.

Me:"No it's okay, come here and talk to me" I take her hand and literally drag her to bed.

Nia:"I'm getting a divorce" I swear my heart jumps to my chest.

Me:" I'm sorry" I don't even know if I mean it or not.

Nia:"I lost my father just a few months and now I just lost someone that I thought he will always be there for me. I know I shouldn't be crying because of him but I feel like I'm lost Miracle it's too much" I rub her back she is venting I'm so bad at those.

Me:"I'm sorry to hear about your father" she wipes her tears

Nia:"Thanks, I'm just glad that my marriage is over you know as much as it hurts that it has to end this way I'm happy it's over"

Me:"Don't act tough you know" she chuckles.

Nia:"You are such bad comforter" we both laugh.

Me:"At least you noticed"

Nia:"Okay enough about depressing stuff, how was home?"

Me:"Depressing" she laughs.

Nia:"You are crazy" I smile.

Me:"At least it made you laugh"

Nia:"Thank you" I nod

Me:"How is the princess doing?" I place my hand on her belly bump

Nia:"She...ouch I swear this baby hear you and she loves you" she says as the baby start kicking.

Me:"Well I'm loved by many I can't blame her" she chuckles.

Nia:"I missed you" I look at her she release a sharp sigh "I'm not sure what this is"

Me:"But there is something right?" she nods

Nia:"Yeah" I peck her lips

Me:"You are spending a night here" she looks at me

Nia:"Are you telling me or asking?" she raise her eyebrows.

Me:"You choose" she roll her eyes.

Nia:"I thought we were spending a night in your house"

Me:"Well I wanted to spend sometime alone with you first" it's not the reason why we are here but it's not a lie either I do want to have some time with her alone.

Nia:" Okay but I don't know why you are lying" I look at her

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Sean looks at the divorce papers that have been served to him.

He gulps his drink down before throwing the glass against the wall.

Jose:"Whoa what's wrong with you?" Sean throws the papers at him "Oh" that's all he says.

Sean:"She wants a divorce? I will give her one" Jose looks at him.

Jose:"What do you mean Sean?" Sean take out his gun and then digs deep in his pocket and comes back with a bullet.

Sean:"It has her name on it"

Jose:"Sean don't do anything stupid" deep down he is hoping that Sean kills her maybe Sean is not that useless after all.

Sean:"Watch me" he walks out and bump into Logan.

Logan:"What's going with him?" Jose chuckles and pour himself a drink.

Jose:"Well he is going to kill Nia" Logan gasp in shock

Logan:"What and you are not going to stop him?"

Jose:"It's none of my business" Logan shakes his head in disbelief.

Logan:"You are heartless Jose"

Jose:"Says a man who killed Nia's father"

Logan:"You ordered me to!" he yells a little Jose smirks and Logan storms out.



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NARRATED

If the roads were dusty Sean's car would have left a mark because he is flying to his house.

Everything is red in his mind he can't imagine Nia with someone else either than him.

They were suppose to be an end game she can't just give up and leave him just like that.

So if he won't have him no one will.

Thank you to modern life and technology he has a remote control for his gate because if not he would have crash through it.

Sean:"Nia!" he yells her name as soon as he jumps out of the car.

He walks inside and look for her, there is no one.

"Sean!" he could hear Logan yelling from the front door.

Soon his foot steps are approaching and he looks at Logan.

Logan:"Sean what's wrong with you? what are you doing?"

Sean:"What do you think I'm doing?"

Logan:"Sean please don't be like Jose and start killing people because they don't agree with you" Sean chuckles.

Sean:"When will you realize that we are not just ordinary people but we are Martinez!" Logan shakes his head.

Logan:"So being a Martinez means we kill pregnant woman too!? The ones who are carrying our babies?"

Sean:"You think I will kill my child? No Logan my baby will live but I can't say the same thing about her mother"

Logan:"What?" Sean smile

Sean:"You got a lot to learn little brother" he said tapping his shoulders.

He walks out he wants to find Nia before the end of the day.

Sean:"Why didn't Nia take her car?" he question the guard.

Guard:"She doesn't drive lately since she came back from the hospital" he nods

Sean:"Did she say where she was going?" the guard sigh

Guard:"She didn't say and I never question her with such things"

Sean:"I don't like your attitude you better fix it if you want to keep this job" Sean clicks his tongue and walk to his car.

He drives straight to a friend's house.

Friend:"Sean long time"

Sean:"Hey man I have been busy you know I'm going to be a father soon, I'm here because I need a favor"

Friend:"Anything for you my friend" Sean nods.

Sean:"I need you to find my wife, I think she is in danger" the lesser people know the truth the better, in this business you can't trust anyone especially the people who claim to be your friends.

Friend:"What?"

Sean:"Yeah man we have a deal gone wrong and now I can't find my wife"

Friend:"Fuck okay let me help you" he sits down and watches the guy do his thing.

Friend:"Okay her location is pinning on some farm house outside east town here is the address" Sean smiles and write down.

Sean:"Thank you so much bruh"

Friend:" Anytime, do you need back up"

Sean:"Thank you man but I'm good" they bid goodbye.

He wonders what is Nia doing in that place, maybe it's one of her father's house that man in Military and lived a private life.

## FARMHOUSE

Nia is sleeping peacefully when her phone start vibrating waking her up.

Nia answered without even open her eyes.

Nia:"Hello" you can tell she is sleepy.

Logan:"You better be awake, Sean is looking for you" she opens her eyes.

Nia:"I'm not at home Logan"

Logan:"I know that Nia you have to wake up this is serious Sean wants to kill you he can't seem to accept that you are divorcing him and your relationship is over"

Nia:"What?" her heart is beating fast.

Logan:"You better hide and lose that phone because Sean has a tracker on so it will be pretty easy to find you" he ends the call leaving Nia confused and panicking.

She turns to wake Miracle up but there is no one next to her and she realise that she is no longer in the hotel room.

Nia:"What the..." the door opens Miracle walks in a part of her is relieved but she is still confused.

Nia:"Where are we?"

Mira:"My house"

Nia:"How did we get here?"

Mira:"I wanted to surprise you and show you that I wasn't lying to you so I brought you here"

Nia:"But how I don't remember us leaving the hotel"

Mira:"Well you were knocked out Nia and I ask the hotel to help you I have to lie and say that you have an emergency with the pregnancy" Nia look at her dumbfounded.

Nia:"Uh my husband is looking for me I have to go" Mira's heart breaks a little.

Mira:"You are going back to him?"

Nia:"No he is looking for me and he wants to kill me"

Mira:"What?"

Nia:"It's complicated Miracle he is a dangerous man I can't put you and your family in danger so I need to leave" she says standing.

Mira:"No you are safe here"

Nia:"No I'm not he has a tracker on my phone so he will be here anytime from now" Miracle looks at her, it was obvious that Nia is terrified but she is trying so hard to keep it together.

Mira:"That's even better he is coming here"

Nia:"Miracle I.." Miracle cup her face

Miracle:"Do you trust me?" she looks at her and Nia nods

Nia:"Yes"

Miracle:"Then trust me nothing is going to happen to you okay?"

Nia:"Okay" she doesn't even know why she believes that, Miracle kisses her and she wraps her arms around her and Her inside feels warm and tingly.

Mira:"Let me introduce you to everyone" she nods and hold Mira's hand.

They walk out of the room and find everyone in the living room.

She immediately remember Leo and Aphiwe from the park.

Mira:"Uh Guys this Nia" Lorenzo stands up and take Nia's hand and kiss it.

Lore:"Hola mi hermosa dama" Miracle snatch his hand away from Nia's hand.

Mira:"She can speak English and keep your hands to yourself "  
Lorenzo smiles

Lore:"Even better, hello my beautiful lady I'm Lorenzo"

Nia:"Hey Lorenzo" Miracle roll her eyes and look at Aphiwe and Leo who had an expression she doesn't understand.

Mira:"What's the problem guys, won't you say hi to Nia?" they look at each other.

Leo:"The problem is she is Sean's wife"

Mira:"What?"

Aphiwe:"Yeah why would you bring Sean's wife here"

Lore:"I take whatever I said about you back!" he is crazy

Mira:"Wait there must be a mistake...It can't...Nia are you.."  
she can't even finish her sentence, Nia looks at her and realize that the softness in her eyes is gone and she is giving her a look she doesn't even understand.

Nia:"What's going on? You know Sean"

Aphiwe:"Yep we are his enemies"

Mira:"What is this Nia? is this some kind of a set up so that you could lead Sean here?"

Nia:"What?.. Miracle no I didn't even know that Sean is your enemy" Nia's voice is shaking that quickly makes Miracle snap out of her anger back to the soft eyes she wears when she looks at her.

Mira:"Are you sure?"

Nia:"I know it's hard to believe me but please believe me I didn't know" Miracle swallow not sure.

Mira:"Guys Sean is coming here we don't who he is coming with you, we should be prepared"

Aphiwe:"Just great huh talk about an unexpected twist" Miracle sigh and they all grab their guns and instruct their guards to be in alert and stay in hiding so Sean won't be suspicious.

Mira:"Lorenzo take Nia to the basement until we are sure that her story checks out" Nia gasp in shock.

Leo:"Don't worry no one is going to hurt you unless you are a bad guy" Nia looks at Miracle, atleast she was not angry anymore.

Nia:"Miracle who are you?"



Mira:"maybe I am your guardian angel" Lorenzo take Nia to the basement.

Lore:"I'm watching you like a ghost, ssssss like a ghost" Nia frown.

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NARRATED

Nia isn't sure whether to laugh or cry because right now this guy is being hilarious but she is also wondering what's going on upstairs.

She is wondering who is Miracle it's like she wanted out of Martinez brothers only to put herself in another dangerous life something she doesn't want for her child.

She is brought to earth by Lorenzo who is snapping his fingers in front of him.

Lore:"Hey are you dead?" she sighs.

Nia:"Are you always this annoying?"

Lore:"It was just me wondering if you are still alive" she just sigh and keeps quiet.

Lore:"So..." Nia quickly looks at him.

Nia:"Can you keep quiet for just two seconds?"

Lore:"No. So as I was saying before you decided to disturb me. Doesn't your belly gets in the way when my sister and you get it on?"

Nia:"Get it on?" he sighs

Lore:"I mean have sex like.." he says imitating the scissors with his fingers.

Nia:"Me and your sister are not having sex"

Lore:"So I still have a chance"he winks at her smiling but the smile turns into a frown as a bullet flies above his head.

Lore:"What the fuck Miracle!?"

Mira:"The next one goes straight to your head, get lost!"

Lore:"Psycho" he winks at Nia who just smile then walks out, Nia stops smiling when she sees that Miracle is frowning.

Mira:"Really now?"

Nia:"You jealous?" Miracle frowns

Mira:"Pretty much" Nia chuckles

Nia:"Well that's strange for a woman who has me locked up in a basement" Miracle sigh

Mira:"I'm not locking you up if anything I'm protecting you"

Nia:"Are you?" she said with her eyes raised.

Mira:"I am because I also believe you Nia"

Nia:"I don't want my child growing in such an environment" Miracle sigh and nods.

Mira:"Okay then, your husband will be here any minute let me go" she quickly stands up and leave.

Nia feels her tears falling wondering if is this the end of them.

## UPSTAIRS

Leonella is looking at Miracle she is surely distracted especially after coming from the basement.

Aphiwe:"Babe" he says bringing her back from her thoughts  
"Are you okay?"

Leo:"I'm fine let me talk to Miracle for a sec" he nods

She walks towards Miracle and sat down.

Leo:"Are you okay?" she nods.

Mira:"I'm fine" Leo sighs

Leo:"Miracle I know you more than anyone, talk to me"

Miracle:"I think Nia just ended things with me"

Leo:"What do you mean?" she sigh.

Miracle:"Not in so many words but she did"

Leo:"And you are going to give up on her just like that"

Miracle:"She is pregnant I don't want to stress her for now hopefully she will change her mind"

Leo:"If you guys love each other then it's not over not yet"

Miracle:"Obviously it will be over when she find out that I went to a date with her husband"

Leo:"You didn't tell her?"

Miracle:"No I didn't even get a chance "

Aphiwe:"Sean just arrived everybody take cover don't let him see you the aim is to make sure he get inside the house" they hear him say on their earpieces.

Everyone took cover as Sean drives in to a farm house.

He steps out of the car and look around he doesn't see anyone this will be easy for him.

He walks in slowly and doesn't hear anyone nor see anyone.

Sean:"Nia" he says walking further in. .

"Hey Sean" he quickly turns and find Miracle point a gun at him.

Sean:"Shantel?!" he says confused.

Miracle:"Hi Lewis"

Sean:"What are you doing here?"

Miracle:"I stay here and what are you doing here Sean?"

Sean:"You know my real name?" she chuckles he doesn't like this at all.

Miracle:"Sit down"

Sean:"Where is my wife?" Aphiwe and Leonella walks in.

Aphiwe:"Nice to see you Martinez" Sean close his eyes realising he just walk into a trap.

Miracle:"Lorenzo please bring Nia in"

Lorenzo walks in with Nia, who looks at Sean with disbelief.

Nia:"Sean

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I can't believe you were trying to find me just to kill me"

Sean:"Nia that's not true don't believe these people"

Nia:"No it's not them who told me it's Logan" he curse under his breath.

Sean:"I don't understand what you are doing here"

Nia:"Well I can say Miracle is kind of my girlfriend"

Sean:"Miracle? Well the same Miracle has been on a date with me" Nia looks at Miracle.

Miracle:"I was just trying to fish information nothing deep Sean"

Nia:"This keeps getting interested you know" Miracle could see the hurt in her eyes.

Leo:"I guess now you have met the girl who you were desperately looking for Sean?" he chuckles.

Sean:"Yeah I can say and I don't see much if you could just give up the map and all this will be over now"

Aphiwe:"Trying to buy your way out Sean are you scared?" his heart is pounding fast.

Sean:"Scared of you? No!"

Leo:"You guys ruined my life all for a freaken money that doesn't belong to you, you framed me of murder that I didn't commit"

Sean:"They say war is all about deception, the man was in a way and you were necessary evil"

Leo:"You mean the commander, Mr Sanchez" Nia gasp in shock and everybody looks at her confused except Sean.

Miracle:"What's wrong?"

Nia:"Wait Leonella you were in a military?"

Leo:"Yeah"

Nia:"Were you based in Bogota?" her voice is shaking.

Leo:"Yes I was" Nia turned to look at Sean

Nia:"You bastard, how could you? huh?" Sean keeps quiet while looking at her.

Nia:"You comforted me, you told me everything was going to be okay. Sean you watch me broke down and all along you and your brother killed him. You killed my father Sean !" her tears are falling freely to say others were shocked would be an understatement.

Miracle:"How evil are you?" Sean is suddenly mute.

Lorenzo sneaks a gun in Nia's hand without anyone noticing.

Nia looks at him he just winks at her.

Nia fires two shots right into Sean's chest everyone is startled except for Lorenzo.



Sean falls on the ground and Nia drops the gun then starts crying then a sharp pain hits her abdominal area.

Miracle:"Are you okay?" she feels something gushing out in between her legs "Oh my God Nia you are bleeding"

Nia:"Miracle my baby"

Lore:"I will call an ambulance"

Miracle:"No they will take long and we can't have them here while we have a dead body in our living room we will have to drive to the hospital"

Leo:"Nia don't close your eyes!"

Miracle:"No..No. Babe open your eyes! Nia?!" she screams shaking her.

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NARRATED

Miracle has been sitting in the waiting room for hours and no one has given her any information it's frustrating her.

A lot has happened all she needs now is some peace but that's nearly impossible not after they killed Sean, yes he was dead she never thought it would only take two bullets to end his life he looked like a fighter.

And now that Sean is dead they just opened a can of worms for themselves and Jose might not take this lying down.

Miracle:"I don't understand why would you do that?" she says looking at Lorenzo.

Lore:"Well I wasn't thinking straight and its not like the guy didn't deserve what happened to him"

Miracle:" I don't think you think at all Lorenzo sometimes you are like a toddler" he sigh he knows better, fighting or arguing with Miracle when she is such state it's never "You know if anything happens to her and the baby I will kill you" silence.

After a few hours the doctor walks in.

Mira:"How is she?" the doctor sigh.

Dr:"She is okay.."

Lore:"What about the baby?" Miracle didn't like the sudden care he has.

Dr:"The baby is under a lot of stress, her pregnancy is high risky and if she doesn't stop stressing a lot could happen"

Miracle:" can we see her"

Dr:"Of course just for few minutes she needs to rest"

They go to Nia's room she is just starring at a blank space.

Miracle:"Babe" she looks at her, her tears starts falling "Nia please calm down for the sake of our princess here"

Lore:"I just want to apologise to the both of you, I shouldn't have given you the gun Nia"

Nia:"It's okay I would have snatch it anyways" he nods.

Lore:"I will go wait in the Mira" he walks out there is complete silence.

Nia:"What's going to happen to him? Mira I didn't mean to.."

Mira:"Don't apologise Nia, this is not your fault it's his fault"

Nia:"How could he lie to me like that? am I that gullible?"

Mira:"No stop blaming yourself for his stupid sins"

Nia:"Once Jose finds out he will kill me"

Mira:"Don't worry about that and stop stressing the princess it's not good for her" she nods.

She is in love with Miracle but the thought of betrayal that Sean put her through she doesn't think it will be easy to trust anyone again.

TWO DAYS LATER

LEONELLA

The atmosphere in this house has changed since Sean died here.

I have been sitting here wondering how will I talk to Nia, I pray that she has more information about this map more than I do.

She just had been discharged so I don't want to pressure her into anything even her pregnancy is risky.

Aphiwe:"Babe" he kisses my shoulder "What's wrong?" I sigh

Me:"I just want this to be over and the tattoo is start to fade. I want to go home"

Aphiwe:"I know I'm sorry if this is dragging"

Me:"It's okay I got myself into this" he sighs and keeps quiet.

Aphiwe:"I will take a shower" that's weird something is not right with him.

Me:"What's wrong?"

Aphiwe:"Nothing I'm just tired, and I'm hungry"

Me:"Aphiwe you ate two minutes ago" he frowns.

Aphiwe:"Why are you being me?" I laugh a little.

Me:"Babe come on!" he just walks to the bathroom and close the door.

I shake my head he is being a baby right now and I'm loving I need to make him some food.

I go to the kitchen and make him some food Miracle walks in she is not fine at all.

Me:"Hey are you okay?"

Mira:"I'm fine I'm just worried about Nia "

Me:"Did something happen?"

Mira:" No nothing happened, I just don't want her near Jose

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she needs to leave Columbia"

Me:"Are you sure you want her to leave"

Mira:"Not really but her safety is what matters now and I don't think she is ready to be in a relationship after what she discovered about Sean. She needs to heal first before moving on" I nod.

Me:"Okay but I will need to talk to her about her father" she nods.

Mira:"Can we do it tomorrow she is going through a lot right now" I nod.

Me:"That's fine"

I hate that Miracle is going through the most it's obvious that she loves Nia and she is willing to let her go just so she could be safe.

I find my man sitting on top of the bed .

Me:"I brought you some food" he smiles.

Aphiwe:"Thank you babe, I love you" he kisses me.

Me:"You said you were hungry"

Aphiwe:"We will eat after this" unbelievable but I couldn't say no because my body always betray me.

JOSE

Sean haven't shown up for two days now and I was starting to get worried.

Yes I do care about my brothers especially Sean I just didn't like his wife I hope he killed her.

Logan has been pacing up and down trying to call him but nothing.

His pacing around was starting to get to me.

We called someone to track his phone and we have been sitting waiting for him to find something.

Me:"Anything" the guy shake his head.

Guy:"It seems like his tracker was disabled"

Me:"I'm paying you a lot of money for you to give me that shit right now"

Guy:"I'm sorry sir but there is nothing I can do to find your brother, whoever disabled his tracker is smart he made sure that he wipes everything of even his last known location isn't found"

Me:"Of course they are smarter than you, get lost!" he looks at me I just shoot him

Logan:"What the fuck!"

Me:"Just get the boys to clean this up!"he chuckles.

Logan:"I'm not your sidekick Jose"

Me:"What did you say?" he doesn't back down I didn't like the look he was looking at me with.



Logan:"I said I'm not your errand boy Jose, you do it yourself" I look at him he chuckle not backing down, his eyes were cold he no longer feared me if anything all I see is hate in his eyes.

Me:"Fine, we need find Sean"

Logan:"Well maybe he killed Nia and killed himself"

Me:"Sean wouldn't do that"

Logan:"Well maybe he did, Sean was in love with Nia and I don't think the thought of living without her settled well within him. And you should be happy less problems for you Martinez" he taps my shoulder and walks out, I didn't think I would ever see Logan like this but now I need to be careful I underestimated him.

I take my phone and try to call Sean but it went straight to voicemail, I sigh.

Me:"You better come home Sean" I lock my phone, I look at her in my home screen she is beautiful.

Me:"Soon you will be home sweetheart" I said kissing my screen.

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NIA

I have been discharged for a week now, Miracle has been nursing me back to health and haven't left my sight.

I tried asking her about what happened to Sean's body but she wasn't telling me she said it's better I don't know.

She is trying all means to protect me, I love her God I'm in love with her but I need to heal first before I get into another relationship.

A knock comes through and Leonella walks in, she is such a beautiful infact everyone I have met so far they are all beautiful.

Leo:"Hey"

Me:"Hi how are you?" she sigh

Leo:"I should be asking you that, how are you feeling?"

Me:"Better than I was" she nods.

Leo:"Well I want us to talk about your father"

Me:"My father?"

Leo:"Yes your father, I'm having the Martinez as enemies because of him" I frown confused.

Me:"Okay what do you mean?"

Leo:" Okay your father was involved in some illegal activities, and from everything we have gathered he was protecting the biggest competition of the Martinez so that made him an enemy to them" I look at her.

Me:"But that doesn't make sense"

Leo:"I know but your father knew that when he died his death will be investigated it won't be natural, he knew that his assets will frozen by the state. I guess when he stole that money he was looking for a big pay out for you and your baby when he died"

Me:"How do you know about all of this?"

Leo:"Logan framed me for his murder and me and your dad had a close relationship, he knew that when he died I will try to find some clues that's why he left the map behind"

Me:"A map?" she nods and take off her t-shirt

Leo:"This is the map" I look at it "Do you know where this is?"

Me:"Wait that's in Mexico near a boarder"

Leo:"Nia are you sure?"

Me:"Yes I am sure before we moved this side my father was a boarder patrol officer"

Leo:"Wow"

Me:"I don't understand why he would trust you over me" she sigh

Leo:"It was not about trust Nia, you were living with Sean one of his enemies and you didn't know what was going on. Once he die wouldn't you have asked Sean to help you with get this money and basically hand over what your father work so hard to hide" she is right

Me:"So what are you going to do with this money when you find it?"

Leo:"It's your money Nia"

Me:"But you are the one who is in danger because of it and the least you could do is take it"

Leo:"He was your father, he did this for you so don't deprive yourself of it. You have a child on the way"

Me:"I know but I'm sure it's a lot of money we can share it and I'm not taking a no for an answer"

Leo:"Fine"

Me:"Thank you for this"

Leo:"But before we go for the money we have to make sure Jose is out of the way" I nod

Me:"Okay I understand"

Leo:"How do you feel about going to South Africa?" I frown.

Me:"What do you mean?" she gasp with her eyes popping out

Leo:"Shit it's nothing I have to go" she stands up

Me:"Leonella!" she just runs to the door and bump into Miracle.

Mira:"Is everything okay?"

Me:"You tell me Miracle"

Mira:"What are you talking about?"

Me:"Why is that I'm going to South Africa? I'm only finding out from Leo" she curse under her breath.

Mira:"Jose won't stop looking for you Nia, you can't go to Mexico so you have to be in South Africa"

Me:"I don't understand why you are going to an extra mile for me"

Mira:"Because I love you that's what you do for the people you love"

Me:"But you are letting me go"

Mira:"I'm protecting you"

Me:"What if I don't want to go"

Mira:"Why wouldn't you want to go?" I close my eyes and my heart is beating so loud.

Me:"Because I...I love you" that comes out as whisper.

Mira:"Do you trust me after what Sean did?" I swallow "Exactly love alone isn't enough"

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I want you to be alone for some time and heal from everything. My family will take care of you even if we are not together but you and my little princess are still my family, and I love you" I feel tears burn my eyes.

Me:"When am I leaving?"

Mira:"You have a day"

Me:"A day?" she nods

Mira:"I'm sorry that we didn't work out"

Me:"I'm sorry too" my heart is so broken right now I can't even breath

I feel her breath fanning my face our lips collide.

We share a passionate kiss, and she pulls away after a minute.

I quickly grab her and kiss her.

Me:"Make love to me" I say in between the kiss

Mira:"Nia"

Me:"Please!" my voice is shaking.

Mira:"Okay I love you" she grabs my ass making me to moan in her mouth.

[REMOVED SCENE]

A DAY LATER

JOSE

Something is telling me that Sean is no longer alive and I have to find out if Nia is still alive or not.

But now that's not my priority, for a whole week I have been looking for Leonella and Aphiwe, I know Leonella is a ghost you can't find information about her off the internet.

As for her bodyguard I can't say the same he has work for agencies and intelligence agencies so I had to make calls to find more information about him.

And boy that paid off like really paid off now I know exactly where they are.

And this time around there is no running.

We have formulated a plan to intercept them and corner them.

And that plan is happening today.

I have about 40 men with me most of them are professionally trained for this job.

There is no way we are failing at this.

We all ready to go when Logan walks in.



Logan:"When are you guys leaving I want to watch some TV" I look at him.

Me:"Are you serious right now? Logan that's our money!" he chuckles.

Logan:"I don't need it I have my own money, I have a decent amount of money from serving so no thanks"

Me:"Okay big guy, since you have money I want you out of my house" he laughs a little bit.

Logan:" Oh boy! your house? I think you need to refresh your memory a little bit"

Me:"Don't test me"

Logan:"This is my father's house you have no house Jose this house belongs to all of us. So please get that stupid idea out of your skull" he says and shove some snacks in his mouth.

Me:"Let's go guys" I'm pissed off but I can't lose focus right now.

Logan:"Have fun" I ignore him.

We are all driving to the farm house and I'm tapping my foot.

Me:"Guys we can't mess this up"

Them:"Yes sir" we all get out of the car, they have about ten men as their security.

Thank God for silencers we were able to take them out but they took down our five men with them.

Me:"Okay this is our playground, remember we want them alive"

We watch as there is a movement in our of the rooms, shadows are moving I know that's my woman I can tell from her shadow and Aphiwe is with her

I watch as they kiss wtf my intestines are burning I'm seeing red.

I take a shot at the window just to scare them I hear a single scream as he pushes her to the ground.

Me:"Now he knows we are here, make sure he doesn't flunk you, now let's get my woman"

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## MIRACLE

I had to drive Nia to the airport it wasn't an easy thing to do as we got closer my soul felt like it was leaving my body.

The thought of her leaving it's killing my soul but I'm trying to be strong for us.

I don't want to risk her pregnancy because all of this, is stressing her too much.

Lorenzo decided to come with us, I guess he could see that I wasn't in any state of driving and I'm grateful for that.

Her flight has been delayed so we were all waiting for it.

Nia:"Maybe this is a sign"

Me:"A sign for what?"

Nia:"That I shouldn't leave" I laugh a little bit.

Me:"Trust me this is hard for me too"

Lore:"So you guys are dating?"

Me:"We love each other that's all we know"

Lore:"What if one of you gets into a relationship what will happen?" we look at each other.

Nia:"Well if they are happy then that's not a problem"

Me:"Yeah we will be happy too" he nods.

Lore:"I doubt that I pray God put that to the test I want to see something"

Nia:"That's a stupid prayer you know"

Me:"Tell me about it"

Then there was an announcement that they should go to the boarding gate.

Lore:"I will give you some space, Nia safe travels"

Nia:"Thank you" they hug before he walks away.

Nia:"I guess this is it" I sigh

Me:"I will see you soon" I kiss her I could care less about the stares we were getting.

Nia:"I love you"

Me:"I love you, okay it's time to go" she sigh and let's me go.

I kiss her forehead before watching her disappear to the crowd my heart is on my knees.

I quickly walk away and get inside my car, the tears are already falling.

Lore:"What's wrong?"

Me:"Just drive" I thought this was going to be easy but no it's worse than ever.

Lore:"You know I think you have made a mistake here"

Me:"She had to go"

Lore:"And now you are heart broken Miracle it's obvious you are in love with her and you didn't want her to go"

Me:"Lorenzo you know she is safer in South Africa than here" he nods.

Lore:"I hope she knows how lucky she is to have you Miracle" I nod "Let's grab a drink you are going to feel better" I chuckle I'm not in the mood honestly.

Me:"I just want to sleep" he nods.

We pick up food on our way home my body is here but my heart and mind are very far away.

As soon as we got here the hair just stand up and I immediately know something is wrong.

Lorenzo looks at me as if he could also feel something is not right

I grab my gun so did he, he slowly drives inside the yard.

I gasp in shock as bodies are lined up at our porch, Lorenzo pulls over and we jump out.

No one is saying a word, we slowly walk inside and everything is destroyed.

The silence is deafening if you ask me.

Lorenzo signals for me to follow him, he slowly opens Leonella's room and it is empty there is some blood.

Lorenzo:"They took them" I bite my lower lips.

Me:"This seems like we missed it by few minutes"

Lorenzo:"Fuck! we need to call it in" I look at him

Me:"They left their phones behind" he sigh running his hand on his face.

Lorenzo:"Okay do you want that drink now?" I quickly nod.

Me:"Yeah"

Now every minute counts and I have fear this isn't going to be easy.

Lorenzo:"Make that call" I nod and take my phone.

LEONELLA

I wake up to a pounding headache and my whole body is heavy.

I slowly move to sit up I'm in an unfamiliar room

My whole body becomes cold as memories of what happened come crashing to my mind.

How Jose and his men intercepted us

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Aphiwe put up a fight because about only ten were left with him.

Thinking of him, he is not here with me my heart immediately falls on my knees.

I stand up and I'm not dressed I'm only left with my underwear.

I tip toe to the window but the door opens.

Jose is standing by the door wearing all black.

Jose:"Morning" I look at him blankly "I made some food for us"

Me:"I don't want your food Jose"

Jose:"Okay I get it you are mad" I chuckle that seems to tick him off.

Me:"Where is Aphiwe?!"

Jose:"Around" he laughs a little.

Me:"I want to see him"

Jose:"Not happening" I look at him I'm beyond pissed but I need to compose myself.

A knock disturbs us he quickly goes to the door and take some bag

Jose:"Here is something to wear, then I'm going to show you your bodyguard since you want to see him badly" I put on the tracksuit he gave me.



We walk out I'm trying to look at my surroundings, we go down to the basement and there is a secret passage that leads to the other room.

My eyes land on his bloody face and my stomach is immediately flipped downwards, I quickly rush to him.

He is tied to a chair with chains like a dog, they took off his t-shirt and his upper body is scarred and bloody.

Aphiwe:"Hey please don't cry" I just cry harder.

Me:"I'm so sorry" through it all he still smile.

Aphiwe:"Don't be, I'm sorry that I couldn't protect you" I shake my head.

Me:"You did, I promise you did. Look at what they did to you my bodyguard" Jose claps his hands.

Jose:"This is so romantic and I almost teared up you know"

Me:"You bastard!" I scream at him and slap him so hard I could feel my hand burning.

He looks at me and smile.

Jose:"Feisty huh"

Aphiwe:"Babe look at me" I ignore him "Leonella look at me" this time I look at him.

Aphiwe:"Don't break down" I sniff my tears what he is asking of me is nearly impossible.

Jose:"Okay you talk too much Aphiwe it's starting to annoy me" he walks to an electroshocking machine which was connected to Aphiwe's chains.

He presses the button electroshocking him Aphiwe groans in agonising pain while shaking.

Me:"Please stop!" I say already crying.

Jose:"What is that?!"

Me:"Jose please stop" he chuckles and look at me while Aphiwe is groaning.

Jose:"Beg"

Aphiwe:"Leo" he whisper my name I look at him, for the first I see tears in his eyes, his eyes are begging me not to do it.

Jose:"I said beg" he says putting his finger on the button.

Me:"Okay" I look at Aphiwe tears just falls down on his cheeks as I go down on my knees.

Me:"I'm begging you Jose please stop hurting him" a smile falls upon his face as he looks at Aphiwe with satisfaction.

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LIANA

I just picked up Nia from the airport she was jet lagged and the fact that she is pregnant wasn't helping the situation.

She is going to stay with us for a day or two then move to Miracle's apartment, for now it's being cleaned.

Immediately after taking a shower she fell asleep, Phiko is out doing some groceries for us.

My phone starts ringing it's Miracle I quickly pick it up.

Me:"Hey babes"

Miracle:"Hey is she okay?" my sister is gone shame she is a gone girl.

Me:"Yeah she is okay she is sleeping right now"

Miracle:"Thank you for doing this"

Me:"Have you talked to Mom and Dad about it?"

Miracle:"No there's nothing to talk about, Nia is a friend that I'm helping out that's what they know and it's the truth"

Me:"Okay then if you are okay with that I will also stick by that" I really appreciate my sister and will always support him especially after all she has done for me from saving me from Sanele to being able to talk some sense into my dad.

Soon after she left my dad came here with flowers and baby clothes then apologize and now he is very supportive all thanks to Miracle

She sigh I could sense that something is wrong.

Me:"What's wrong?"

Miracle:"Where is Phiko?"

Me:"He stepped out he will be back, did something happen?"

Miracle:"Leonella was taken yesterday"

Me:"What?!" I'm so shocked right now.

Miracle:"Yeah we are working on it"

Me:"I have to tell Phiko"

Miracle:"He can't leave you Emiliana you are pregnant"

Me:"That should be our decision to make and Leonella is our sister" she release a sharp sigh

Miracle:"Okay but please don't tell Nia not yet"

Me:"Okay then please be careful I love you"

Miracle:"I love you too" she hangs up.

"Who should be careful?" Phiko says walking in with some groceries.

Me:"We have to talk" he looks at me.

Phiko:"Okay what's wrong"

I drag him to the couch he looks at me confused and worried at the same.

Phiko:"Babe"

Me:"How do I say this? okay Leonella was taken" he looks at me confused.

Phiko:"Taken?"

Me:"Yes it seems like Martinez finally made a move" I don't know how to read his emotions at this.

Phiko:"When was this?"

Me:"Yesterday night" he looks at me and touch my stomach  
"We will be fine"

Phiko:"I will check some flight"

Me:"Babe" he sighs

Phiko:"I'm fine" he is not fine, I sit on top of him and kiss him

Me:"I know how much you love your sister so it's obvious you are not fine Phiko"

Phiko:"I'm sorry"

Me:"No it's okay" I perk his lips but he deeps the kiss.

Then move my underwear aside rubbing my clit.

Me:"Babe, Nia is..."

Phiko:"I don't care" he whispers and fills my walls causing me to moan.

NARRATED

Lorenzo and Miracle have been trying to put piece together everything that has happened.

They were in shock of how many men were killed inside the house, which means Aphiwe killed about 24 alone then their guards killed 5.

This attack was unexpected for them not that they were not ready but the time of it all was just so bad.

Josh and his wife were the first to arrive. and they were filled with what has occurred.

Josh:"So this Jose guy runs this town basically"

Emma:" Seems like it"

Miracle:"Yeah you could say that and we need to move fast before Jose kills them"

Lorenzo:" I don't think killing them is on his mind I feel like he has something more in his mind"

Miracle:"Okay whatever he is planning to do then needs to be stopped and we need to prove that we can handle this because our parents take over"

Filling their parents shoes will always be difficult because they are too big to wear or actually fit.

Soon Phiko and Sinazo who is their cousin too walked in.

Phiko:"Anything?"

Lorenzo:"No these guys have nothing to identify them and I tried running their fingerprints in the system nothing comes up they are clean"

Phiko:"So what about Jose?"

Lorenzo:"Well for a guy like Jose you can't find anything about him"

Miracle:"All these files we have on him they have information about his dealings

his character nothing personal"

Sinazo:"Guys are you going to fill in?"

Miracle:"Take the file and read for yourself Sinazo" these two don't get along at all.

Sinazo:"Okay" Miracle is taken back by her response, Sinazo is always ready to talk back.

Sinazo takes the file and goes to sit on the couch.

Lorenzo:"You owe her an apology Miracle and if we going to work together then put whatever beef you guys have aside"

Sinazo puts the file down and go through her phone.

Miracle:"You done already"

Sinazo:"Uh yeah I thought you were talking about people that I don't already know"

Miracle:"You know Jose?"

Sinazo:"Yeah and Aphiwe too" Miracle sigh

Miracle:"I was a little bit hash too I'm sorry" she ignores her.

Sinazo:"I will be honest with you, the chances of you guys taking Jose down are close to none"



Miracle:"Are you undermining us?"

Sinazo:"No, not at all but I know Jose"

Lorenzo:"What's going on Sinazo? Get to the point"

Sinazo:"Well you might think Jose is sloppy or ignorant actually he is not he just like making people believe he is"

Phiko:"You sound like someone who knows him on a personal level"

Sinazo:"Yeah I do know him on a personal level because he was the father of my child" they all look at him.

Miracle:"Wait what? You were dating him"

Sinazo:"I wouldn't say that, all I can say is that Jose can turn Leo's hate for him to love if he wants to so she will live as for Aphiwe I can't say the same"

Phiko:"So he will kill Aphiwe just to keep Leo?"

Sinazo:"Not really, he will kill Aphiwe because Aphiwe killed my child, who happened to be Jose's child" they are all confused by all of what Sinazo just said, they need the whole story.

## MIRACLE

To say I was shocked it would be an understatement, I mean Sinazo is that distant cousin that barely talks to us and only shows up when it's necessary.

We barely know anything about her life but now this is shocking more than anything.

We are all listening and waiting for her to tell us the whole story.

Sinazo:"Okay in Brazil I was working for a guy called Del Santos he was a diamond smuggler and we stole things from Russian Mufia, from drugs, money and weapons you name it" she sigh and pour herself a drink.

Sinazo:"Then we stole from Jose's partner in Brazil since we stole from Russian Mufia we thought Jose and his partner were nothing we couldn't handle but that's where we were wrong, Jose is smart and attacks when you least expected. Then they got to me first he kidnapped and shipped to Columbia. While I was there he made it clear he wasn't going to let me go and he

didn't mistreat me he was actually gentle and a smooth talker. I actually started liking him and I was the one who enjoyed staying with him, until I got pregnant. When I got pregnant Aphiwe was protect Jose's enemy so after a while Jose executed an attack on Aphiwe's life but Aphiwe retaliated and he was pissed he went on execution mode he attacked us and shot me twice, that's how I lost the baby" for starters we didn't even know that she was ever pregnant.

Phiko:"So how did you get out?"

Sinazo:"When I was at the hospital, I escaped. I moved back home I knew he won't stop looking for me"

Me:"There is no way Leonella will ever fall for Jose"

Sinazo:"Well if you trust in her that's okay but you won't be able to intercept Jose on your own"

Josh:"Atleast we have to try before we involve the folks"

Sinazo:"Don't even bother yourself trying to find anything on him, no one know where he stays even his guards. He blind them when he takes them to work and from work. I myself don't know where he lives"

Me:"This isn't going to be easy and stop discouraging Sinazo"  
she sigh

Sinazo:"Trust me I'm not I'm just being realistic here"

Lorenzo:"What about Nia? She must know Jose's house"

Sinazo:"She only know his father's house"

Emma:"Okay there gotta be something about this guy we can find he can't be that clean and careful"

JOSE

I would say my heart is at peace that would be me lying to myself.

Everything feels so different that Sean isn't here.

With Logan acting out it's even worse

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I might have treated them shitty but they do matter so how.

I have been sitting here watching Leonella and it feels like I'm watching some art master piece she is beautiful.

She has been having hard time to sleep.

Her stubbornness is a turn on and I believe she is exactly what I need.

She slowly open her and look at me.

Me:"Good morning" she doesn't say anything I sigh.

Leonella:"Jose it has been days without seeing him I want to see him"

Me:"There is one thing I don't understand about you, you are soldier you have been trained to be one but you are soft, very weak if you ask me" she chuckle

Leo:"You want me to do what I was trained for?"

Me:"I just want to see you in action it would be fun"

Leo:"Mmh I need to see my boyfriend"

Me:"Fine stop whining about it" she stands up and follows me.

Aphiwe is a strong guy but slowly he is becoming weak which is what I want.

Aphiwe killed my child and for that he will pay, I will always hate him.

We stand behind a glass, this is for her to watch and see him knowing very well there is nothing she can do.

Leo:"Jose let us go, you got the map. I'm the one you want then let her go" I chuckle.

Me:"You think this is still about map" she looks at me.

Leo:"What are you talking about?"

Me:"If you want me to let him go I have one condition"

Leo:"What?"

Me:"You will have to marry me then your boyfriend"

Leo:"What! I'm not marrying you" I chuckle.

Me:"You need some motivation" I walk inside where Aphiwe is she quickly follows me.

The guy is out of it, he is pain I know seeing him like this breaks her heart.

Me:"You should think carefully"

Leo:"I'm not marrying you Jose" Aphiwe groans.

Me:"Okay" I shoot Aphiwe twice, she screams and rushes to him.

Leo:"Aphiwe, babe!" he coughs.

Aphiwe:"My..my heartbeat" she cries

Leo:"My bodyguard we are going to get out of here please hang on" she stands and quickly picks up one of the chains and hit me straight in the stomach.

I swear I feel my rib breaks.

She hits me again I try to grab the chain but she kicks me in the nuts.

I fall down and crawl to get away but she hits me in the back with a chain.

Jose:"Leo Stop!" she picks up my gun and tries to shot at me but it doesn't fire lucky it only had two bullets inside which I already used.

The guys quickly rushes in.

Me:"Don't shoot!" she is beyond pissed she drops the chain and looks at me she doesn't say anything as my guys are holding her in place

Logan walks and laugh as he saw me struggling with standing up.

Me:"Take her away and call my doctor" they escort her out "I want you to get rid him"

Fuck this girl did a number on me I'm struggling to breath

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NARRATED

Leonella has been staring outside the window, her head is spinning she feels so cold inside her.

She wants to cry but she can't instead her heart is throbbing against her chest it hurts so bad and chest pains are killing her.

She knows that there is no way Aphiwe is going to make it out of here alive, she blames herself for everything that has happened.

If she would have stop being a lay up then none of this would have happened. Yes she helped Aphiwe with fighting those guys but she feels like she could have done more.

The door opens she doesn't even bother turning around to look who it is.

"Ma' am I brought you some food" she doesn't answer.



She is hungry she haven't eaten anything for days now.

She stands up and look at the maid, it's a feast.

"Do you need anything else" she shakes her head.

And walk towards the table but the room starts spinning she is so dizzy.

"Ma'am are you okay"

Leo:"I'm fine can I please have s..." she doesn't finish what she wanted to say she collapses.

The maid screams for help, a limping Jose got inside the room.

Jose:"What happened to her?"

"She collapsed" the maid say nervously one mistake here you die even if it's not your fault.

A doctor walks in and check on her.

Jose:"Is she going to be okay?"

Dr:"She will be fine but I need to talk to you in private"

Jose:"Okay everyone get out!" he knows it's serious.

Jose:"What's going on?"

Dr:"This girl is pregnant, atleast that's what I suspect"

Jose:"What makes you say that?"

Dr:"I'm a doctor Jose but I will need to withdraw some blood to be sure"

Jose:"How long will it take?"

Dr:"Just for you a few hours" he nods this can't be happening.

They withdraw her blood while she is unconscious.

Jose's thoughts are all over he wants to kill the baby it's Aphiwe's baby after all but what's the use he is dead, it won't hurt him it will only hurt Leo.

He needs to come with another plan quickly.

Leonella slow open her eyes, she is trying to figure out what happened.

She has a grip in her arm, she looks at Jose.

Only God knows how she despise this man.

Jose:"You are awake

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how are you feeling?"

Leo:"What happened to me?"

Jose:"You are dehydrated and you haven't eaten anything that's what happened, here have some food" she wants to refuse but hunger is killing her right now.

She takes the food and starts eating.

Jose's phone starts ringing he answers it's the doctor confirming Leo's pregnancy.

If Aphiwe knew that he was going to be a father he was going to fight tooth and nail to make sure Leonella is safe.

He has to find a way of using this pregnancy in his advantage and that has to be fast

Earlier on Aphiwe was shot, and he knew that they were going to finish the job when Jose asked his man to get rid of him.

As much as he was out of it he needed to think of something very fast.

Jose's men are driving to get rid of him, so working for a secret service and being a bodyguard has to come in handy.

As the car slows down he had to pretend that he is dead and hold his breath for as long as he can.

The car stops and the guys jump out.

"I think this guy is dead" they look at each other.

"Feel his pulse" he touches Aphiwe's neck.

"I can't feel anything"

"There is no way he was going to survive what happened to him"

"Let's toss him in the lake" they help each other carry him and threw him in the lake.

LUPITA

Life hasn't been easy for me, a while ago I lost my fiancé , he went to do some IT job for some guy and I don't know what happened but he was later thrown on my doorsteps dead.

I haven't been doing well a part of me died with him.

But I need to find out what's going on, what led to his death and who did it

My father insisted that I come fishing with him he thinks I'm depressed and something is wrong with me.

Well a lot is wrong and considering the fact that I have been struggling with mental health ever since I was a child.

So here we are on this stupid lake with him.

He is struggling to catch any fish for the past hour he caught only two

So I decided to take a walk around the lake, this place is surrounded with trees it would be a perfect place for a serial killer to make it his land I don't know why I thought of that.

I hear voices I try ignoring them but curiosity got the better of me so I check where they are coming from and I see two guys talking.

"Lupita what are you looking at?" I quickly cover his mouth.

Me:"Shhhh" he looks at me confused

The two guys drag something out of the car from the back

Dad:"Is that a person?"

Me:"Keep it down dad" we watch as they throw the person in the lake.

They get inside the car and speed off.

I walk towards the lake where they threw his body.

It was floating around the lake.

Dad:"Do you think this person is dead?"

Me:"I don't know but if they are alive we are their chance on survival"

We both take off our shoes and phones before getting inside the lake.

We drag him yes it's a male he is badly beaten and injured.

Dad:"Is he alive?" I feel his pulse

Me:"Yes he has a pulse but it's weak" Dad grab his phone and called someone.

I start performing CPR on him hoping he cough the water out.

Indeed he coughs the water out not a full cough thou more like a gurgle.

Me:"Hey you need to stay with me" he is losing a lot of blood.

Dad:"Help is on the way"

Me:"He doesn't have long, the back of his head is bleeding" Dad sigh and check his pulse.

Dad:"His pulse is faint Lupita"

Me:"Oh my God he is going to die"

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LUPITA

The drive to the hospital has been a drag, the ambulance was taking time to arrive but eventually it did.

He was still alive when it arrived at the scene.

I'm so relieved that they got there in time because the man was dying in my hands.

Dad:"Lupita we have to go home" he says walking towards me.

Me:"You can go" he sigh.

Dad:"Sweetie look at me, there is nothing we can do now we have done our part let the doctors"

Me:"Let's atleast wait for an update then we will leave"

Dad:"My friend runs this hospital he will update us with everything, we have to change" our clothes were still wet and bloody.

I nod he is right after all, we drive hopefully what a day this has been.



As soon as got home a long shower is what I needed and it helped me calm down from all the events of today.

I have been home for like three hours now and there is no update on what's going on with the stranger.

I decided to drive back to the hospital without telling my dad he was going to stop me anyways.

The drive is short and as soon as I arrive I spot the nurse who welcomed us.

Me:"Excuse me" she looks at me with the nurse look.

Nurse:"Hey can I help you with anything?" she is nicer than she looks.

Me:"Yes we brought a patient here earlier on"

Nurse:"Oh okay what's his name?" I sigh.

Me:"We didn't give out his name, he was badly injured and the police were here earlier on to take our statements"

Nurse:"Oh now I remember you"

Me:"How is he?"

Nurse:"Please follow me so the doctor can tell you everything" I nod.

As soon as we walk I see him sleeping in a bed, bandages are all over his body and he is connected to a lot of machines.

Nurse:"Doc this is one of the people who brought the patient in" he looks at me.

Doc:"Thank you I will take it from here" she walks out leaving us.

Me:"How is he?" he sigh

Doc:"A lot of damage was done to his body this man was tortured to death

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I don't know how he is still hanging on but I'm not promising you anything his condition is critical he is breathing through a machine, he suffered an injury to his head he might not remember who he is if he pulls through"

Me:"Are you saying he might have amnesia?"

Doc:"Yes he might"

Me:"For how long?"

Doc:" Until he wakes up we are not certain" we were disturbed by him being called for an emergency.

Doc:"I have to attend this, a nurse will come to be with you shortly" I nod he rushes out.

I stand and goes next to his bed, now that his face is a little bit clean you can see it a bit but he's still swollen.

Nurse:"Do you know him?" she says startling me.

Me:"Huh?"

Nurse:"Do you know who he is? I need to fill in his file"

Me:"Yes I know who he is"

Nurse:"Okay what's his full name?"

Me:"Eduardo Johnson" she chuckles.

Nurse:"He is black"

Me:"What does his skin color has to do with his name?"

Nurse:"I never heard of a black Eduardo I'm just surprised"

Me:"Well now you heard of him" we continue filling in the form.

NARRATED

It has been three days of nothing but heartache and sorrow for Leonella more than anything she misses him.

His contagious laughter and how he threw his head back every time he laughs.

How he played with her hair when they are watching movies.

Now she will never get to see that and feel his touch.

"Mam, sir is requesting your presence" she looks at the woman standing by the door.

Leo:"I'm not going"

"You don't want them using force on you please obey and do as you are told" Leonella sighs and stand up to follow the woman.

Jose:"Thank you" he says to the woman and she walks away.

Jose:"I have a surprise for you" Leonella just look at him how can he acts as if he is not keeping her out of his well.

He leads her to his bedroom and there is a candle light dinner set up with roses.

Leo frowns and look at him.

Leo:"What is this?" he sigh seeing that she is not impressed at all.

Jose:"Let's sit down maybe me and you are going to reach an agreement" she sits down.

Jose:"Okay first of all we have tried figuring where the area covered by the map is but we couldn't" Leo chuckles.

Leo:"And you think that I will tell you Jose I will die with that and your worse mistake was to kill Aphiwe and think you are going to still get the map from me" she stands up.

Jose:"There are guards behind that door so don't even try to leave it will be useless" she sigh and grabs the glass that had wine in it and gulp it down, and also took the second one and gulp it down her throat.

Leo:"You do know that I will never love you Jose I will always love him no matter how hard you try to make me fall for you. My heartbeat died with him, so you are wasting your time by trying to court me with your stupid romantic dinner" Jose smile.

Jose:"How are you feeling?" she looks at him confused.

Leo:"How am I feeling? disgusted by you. I hate you Jose Martinez and nothing will ever change that"

Jose:"Well I guess we will find out after tonight, you should be care of what you drink"

Leo:"What?" she says confused.

Jose:"Wait for it" she suddenly feels light headed.

Leo:"What did you put in that wine Jose" he smiles

Jose:"Feeling okay?"

Leo:"You...you drugged me" Jose walk close to her "Don't come near me"

Jose:"Trust me this is going to be good" he picks her up her body feels weak.

He start undressing her until she is butt naked.

Jose:"Your body is beautiful like art" he undress himself.

## LEONELLA

When I opened my eyes and my head feels heavy so does my body.

I lift up and realisation upon my nakedness has my heart beating so fast that it feels like it's going to jump out of my mouth.

I turn to look on my left side Jose is sleeping and naked this can't be happening.

I close my eyes trying to remember everything but my memory seems foggy.

"You are awake?" he says opening his eyes.

Me:"What did you do to me?" he looks at me.

Jose:"What do you mean? Leonella we had an amazing night last night" my eyes burn because I know for sure I could never sleep with this man willingly.

The worse part of it I could feel it between my legs that something happened.

Me:"Jose that's a lie I will n..." he chuckle cutting me off.

Jose:"That's not what you said last night you were begging me to make love to you"

The thought of sleeping with him has turned my whole stomach downwards.

I know he drugged me and took advantage of that.

I'm beyond gutted but I can't let him see that everyday of me being here it's breaking me bit by bit.

I quickly rush to the bathroom and close the door, I sink against the door feeling like my heart and chest are burning, I cover my mouth to prevent the sobs from escaping it.

LOGAN

I have accepted that Sean is dead I just wish it was Jose instead of him.



Jose is a devil, he has been in control of my life ever since I was younger even when dad was alive.

His word was God and I couldn't go against him because I knew his vicious punishment and he instilled fear in me.

I can't say I'm innocent but I did a lot of things under his control and orders, I was scared of going against him.

I look at Leonella who is sitting outside the pool and starring at nothing but space.

I slowly walk towards her, she doesn't even acknowledge my presence tears are falling freely from her cheeks.

Me:"Hey" she wipes her tears before looking at me, I immediately feel the guilt I'm the reason she is here after all.

Leo:"What do you want?"

Me:"I want to apologise, you may not believe that since I'm the cause of all this but I am truly sorry" she chuckles and looks at me.

Leo:"You are sorry Logan? Your apology means nothing to me, your apology won't bring back Aphiwe it won't and your apology won't undo what your brother has done, I don't want your apology" she leaves me standing there.

I need to fix this, it might be late but it's not too late.

"What did you say to her?" I look at him.

Me:"What did you do to her Jose?" he chuckles.

Jose:"What goes on between me and my woman it's none of your business, I want you to stay away from her!" I chuckle.

Me:"Are you scared?"

Jose:"Of what?"

Me:"That she might actually want me instead of you" I'm saying this just to tick him off.

Jose:"Don't test me!"

Me:"May the best man win" I feel a punch landing on my face

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I quickly return the same force if not more because he landed on the floor.

Me:"You no longer have control over me Jose I'm not a kid anymore, you better watch it" I click my tongue.

I know it's either I let him kill me first or I kill him.

I decided to drive to a place that I never thought I would go to.

I know going there might get me killed but it needs to be done.

I put my hands up to show that I come in peace as I approach the gate.

Me:"I come in peace" I yell as the guards shoves me to the ground and search me.

"Look at what the wind blew my way, Logan Martinez"

Me:"Pedro I come in peace" he chuckles.

Pedro:"What makes you think I won't kill you at this moment" I sigh

Me:"Because you are curious to know what brings me here"

Pedro:"Let him go" I stand up "Follow me"

Pedro and Jose used to be best of friends I don't know what happened between them but Pedro ended up killing my father.

Pedro:"Talk"

Me:"I want to take out Jose" he laughs.

Pedro:"Say what?" he says looking at me when he realise that I'm not laughing.

Me:"I need your help to take out Jose" he chuckles.

Pedro:"What makes you think I won't think this is a set up?"

Me:"Nothing" he looks at me.

Pedro:"Betraying your own blood huh seems like it runs in the family after all"

Me:"What are you talking?"

Pedro:"Your father's death"

Me:"You killed my father Pedro" he chuckles.

Pedro:"Of course you would think that I don't blame you. I didn't kill your father Logan, that man practically raised me"

Me:"I don't understand"

Pedro:"Jose killed him" I swear I feel chest pains.

Me:"What?"

Pedro:"He killed his father, if you want proof I can show you"

Me:"More reason to kill him then"

Pedro:"What's in it for me"

Me:"Revenge" he smiles and leans back to his chair.

Jose is a devil I always knew he was evil but not to this extent.

LUPITA

After leaving the hospital I go straight to the florist and buy some flowers.

I need to see my fiance today I missed him.

The drive to the cemetery is short and my knees are weak as I walk towards his grave.

I haven't been here ever since he died but his grave looks very clean and has fresh flowers which is weird.

I look around but there is no one around.

I sit down the first few minutes I have nothing to say to him.

Me:"Hey, I'm sorry it took me so long to come and see you my love" my heart feels like it's sitting on my throat.

Me:"I miss you so much Eduardo, you left me too soon, we had so many plans together but that was taken away from us. I know you would want me to be happy and move on but how do I do that without you. It's so hard to be without you, you know I haven't washed the sheets on our bed and some of your T-shirts because they still smell like you and I don't want to wash them it will be like I'm wiping you away" I wipe my tears.

Me:"I want to find who did this to you my love and give you the justice you deserve"

After spending more time talking to him I finally drove home and I feel a little bit lighter now I guess this is something I needed to do.

It's a little bit dark when I get home.

Dad is busy pacing up and down.

Me:"Dad?" he stops and looks at me.

Dad:"Where have you been?"

Me:"I visited Eduardo today" he frowns I'm confused I thought he was going to be happy since he has been encouraging me to visit him, he chuckles and sits down.

Dad:"You went there because you felt guilty" I look at him confused.

Me:"What are you talking about?"

Dad:"Lupita you gave that man in hospital your late fiancé's name, why would you do that!" how did he find out?

Me:"I just wanted him to have a name"

Dad:"You could have picked any name not Eduardo's name! Eduardo is dead Lupita he is dead" I swallow and my tears fall.

Me:"Don't say Eduardo's name and dead in the same sentences" he shakes his head.

Dad:"I can Lupita because he is dead, he is dead you need to accept that and move on!" I bang the table.

Me:"Don't ever say that again! Ever!" I quickly walk to my room and bang the door, I move around trying to control my breath.

Me:"Calm down Lupita he is your father"

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THREE MONTHS LATER

PHIKO

This has been the most difficult three months of our lives, everything has been falling apart.

The only thing that has been keeping me sane, is my girlfriend and our baby that's on the way.

She is pregnant and I'm miles away I hate that but she reassures me that they are okay, even when everything is getting too much for me she manages to hold me down even thou she is far away.

The first two months we were trying so hard to find Aphiwe and Leonella on our own but with every dead end we hit, it just got so difficult for us.

Some of the parents moved this side about four weeks ago.



And honestly they are also struggling to find anything tangible about Jose.

The man basically have almost everyone on his payroll in this side of the country.

So that means no one is willing to talk.

We need a different strategy to do this.

We have been taking care of Aphiwe's sister too and more than anything I want Aphiwe to be alive for his sister's sake, he is all she has.

"Phiko" I get startled a little bit.

Me:"Mom" she sigh.

Mom:"Have something to eat"

Me:"I'm not hungry"

Mom:"Babe starving yourself won't bring your sister back"

Me:"I shouldn't have left her alone, I should have come back when everything got sorted with Liana and none of this would have happened" I could feel tears burn in my eyes.

Mom:"You do know that come waters or storms we are going to find them"

Me:"She is inlove him" she looks at me

Mom:"What?" I sigh.

Me:"He is the right guy for her, if only you could have seen how Leo's eyes lightening up every time Aphiwe showed up you would be happy too. I have always been protective of Leonella but when I saw how happy my own best friend and my sister were when they were together I knew that there is no way that I could go against that" she smiles and sit next to me.

Mom:"I can't believe she hid all that from me I thought I was her best friend"

Me:"You are, I guess this is something she wanted to enjoy before you and your husband try to murder Aphiwe" she laughs I'm glad she is laughing she wasn't fine when she arrived.

Mom:"We are not that bad"

"We are my love" we turn and find dad.

Me:"Exactly"

Dad:"Your sister is strong you know that right and we will find her"

Me:"I know dad but I'm just scared for her I can't lose her "  
they both smile looking at me.

Mom:"I'm glad that you guys have this strong bond, I'm proud of you. I sometimes forget that you are younger than her, Leo was taken immediately after I gave birth to her she was ripped out of my arms, she was away from me the first two years of her life. She survived that I know she will survive this"

Dad:"She will

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we just need to keep going for her, can you do that?" I nod.

Mom:"We will be fine" then both hug me.

Dad:"She will come home I promise"

JOSE

These three months have been somehow difficult, Leonella hates me with every fiber on her body.

And now the only brother I have is barely here with us

I couldn't shake the feel that there's something going on with him so I put surveillance on him but the guys came back with nothing.

I'm still not at ease though I'm still watching him.

Leonella is busy vomiting in the bathroom I guess pregnancy symptoms are starting to show.

She comes out and I look at her.

Me:"Are you okay?" she looks at me.

Leo:"Why do you care?"

Me:"Because you are my woman and I love you" she chuckles.

Leo:"I love my bodyguard, you killing him was useless you just put him in my heart more" I swear I'm boiling with anger but I have to keep it together.

Me:"I will call the doctor" it's about time she finds out she is pregnant.

Leo:"It's not like I have a choice anyway, so do what you want nobody cares" I don't know what suddenly changed I thought she was falling apart but now she is regaining her strength every day.

LOGAN

It has been months since I approached Pedro and everything has been finalised we will attack soon.

Pedro has treated me differently than Jose, yes he might also be ruthless but he has a soft side which distinguish him from Jose.

Pedro:"Only a week from now" he says looking at me.

Me:"Yeah" he sigh.

Pedro:"Are you changing your mind?" I chuckle.

Me:"No why would I do that?"

Pedro:"Because Jose is your brother despite everything he has done" I sigh

Me:"Blood doesn't make you family"

Pedro:"True that, I know that Jose disappointed you as a brother but I won't do the same" I nod.

Me:"Thank you Pedro"

Pedro:"Look I know it might be hard to trust me but I'm not like Jose we have grew up together and now that we reunited again I'm not going to let him get to you again" To be honest Pedro protected me against Jose all the time when we were kids I do trust him even though I have reservations

Me:"Thanks Pedro I just find it hard to trust, you know"

Pedro:"I know, so I have gathered all the information you need, all you need it's to make a phone call in a few days"

Me:"Okay this is it then"

LUPITA

Three months has gone by so quickly but he wasn't waking up. I have been visiting him every day.

So today was no different I am visiting him as usually.

Me:"You have been here for so long even the wounds are healing now you have to wake up" I say touching his knuckles the machines starts beeping fast.

Me:"What's going on?! Doctor! Nurse" they all come in rushing to him.

Doc:"Mam you need to leave!" a nurse push me out of the ward.

I have been pacing up and down in the waiting room for almost an hour and no one had said anything I'm starting to get frustrated.

The nurse walks out and approach me

Me:"Is he okay?"

Nurse:"The doctor wants to talk to you" I quickly walk inside the ward.

My heart almost fell on my knees.

Me:"He is awake" I say looking at him he is more beautiful with his eyes opened.

Doc:"Yes as expected he doesn't remember anything"

Me:"What?"

Doc:"Yes he doesn't remember who he is or how he got here, I will give you guys some time to talk please don't say anything that might upset him or trigger him it might be dangerous" I nod he walks out.

I look at him and clear my throat.

Me:"Hey" he looks at me.

Him:"Hi"

Me:"Are you sure you don't remember anything?" he sigh God this man is beautiful.

Him:"I don't remember anything"

Me:"Not even me!?" he looks at me not sure what to say.

Him:"You? who are you?" I sigh.

Me:"Lupita, your fiancé" he looks at me then my ring.



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LUPITA

He looks at me I'm not sure what he is thinking and I also don't want him to be suspicious.

This has worked out for me perfectly than I thought it would.

He retrieve his hand away from mine.

Him:" I don't remember you, I can't even remember my name" I sigh.

Me:"I'm sorry my love but this is just temporary you will soon remember"

Him:"What happened to me?"

Me:"You heard the doctor I have can't tell you anything that could trigger you it might be dangerous" he sigh and I touch his hand.

Him:"Please don't touch me I'm not familiar with your touch somehow it's making me uncomfortable" he said quickly moving his hand and breathing heavily, I swallow.

Me:"I'm sorry" there is silence "Okay can I get you some food?" he nods and look outside the window.

I knew this might not be easy but I'm willing to be patient.

I drive to get him food out and pass by at the pharmacy.

And thank God there is only just one person he is selling at the till

"Hello can I help you?" he says smiling.

Me:"Uh yes, can I get a flunitrazepam and ketamine" he looks at me shocked.

"I'm sorry mam I will need a doctor's prescription in order to administration that medication to you" I sigh and look around it's still only me and him in the shop

I take a couple of thousands out of my purse.

Me:"Is this enough as prescription for you?" he clear his throat.

"How many packs do you need each?" I thought as much.

Me:"For now I will need two packs each" he nods and give them to me.

"Please be careful with those they can cause more damage, they are called date rape for a reason" I chuckle

Me:"Thank you for the heads up but I'm pretty sure I know what I'm doing, have a great day" I say handing him the money he smiles.

"Have a great too" I walk out.

I drive back to the hospital and find a nurse with him, she is laughing and smile while he is saying whatever he is saying.

I clear my throat they look at me.

Nurse:"Excuse me please take good care of yourself" she walks I look at him.

Me:"Here is your food"

Him:"Thanks" there is silence.

Him:"I'm sorry about what I said earlier I didn't mean to offend you" this is my chance I chuckle.

Me:"Don't worry I'm used to you talking like that to me"

Him:"What?" he says taken back I sigh

Me:"I should probably go" I stand up "I will see you tomorrow" I walk out before he could say anything.

Me:"You are doing well Lupita" I smile.

I walk to my car and wait for the nurses to knock off.

I follow the nurse home, I make sure that she is not suspicious or anything.

Soon she drives inside her house.

Me:"Nice house you have here" I say watching her walk inside.

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Jose has been frustrated

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it seems like someone has been messing up with his business.

And Leonella is not falling for him no matter how much he tries.

He doesn't even want to talk about Logan it's like he has moved out.

Days like these makes him miss Sean, no matter how bad he was Sean always saw some goodness in his brother.

Leonella walks in as he is holding a picture of Sean, she chuckles.

Leo:"He is not coming back" he looks at her.

Jose:"What?"

Leo:"Just like Aphiwe, he is dead Jose"

Jose:"Please stop talking nonsense, I know you are angry that I killed your stupid boyfriend" she smiles.

Leo:"Am I angry? Yes I'm beyond angry. am I lying about Sean being dead no it's a pity his death was so easy" he looks at her and he could tell that she isn't lying to him.

Jose:"You killed my brother?"

Leo:"Yes I shot him twice" she is doing that with the hope that Jose snaps and kill her she sees no use for her to live especially knowing that she is going to spend the rest of her life with him.

They are disturbed by the doctor who walks in.

Jose:"Doc" they exchange greetings.

Doc:"What's going on?"

Jose:"My woman isn't feeling well"

Doc:"Okay, Miss can you tell me how you are feeling?"

Leo:"I feel nothing but hate, is that good enough for you to know what's going on with me" he swallow.

Jose:"I'm sorry about that, she has been out of place lately.

Jose explains what's has been going on with her.

Doc:"I think I know what's going on with you, can you take these and pee" she sigh and take the containers.

She comes back from the bathroom holding a full container.

Her heart beats faster as she sees a pregnancy test.

This can't be happening she feels her eyes sting.

After a few minutes the doctor looks at the pregnancy test .

Doc:"It seems like you are three months pregnant.

Congratulations you are go..." she doesn't wait for him to finish.

She grabs the container filled with urine and throw it at Jose's face.

Jose:"What the hell?" the doctor excuse himself.

Her tears are falling freely.

Leo:"I want this thing out of my stomach"

Jose:"What?!"

Leo:"I want an abortion"

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LEONELLA

My heart is broken and everything in me doesn't want to live anymore.

How could I carry this monster's child? I can't keep it.

Everytime I close my eyes I just keep thinking about how Aphiwe will be heart broken by this it would kill him to know that Jose is getting away with everything.

I know he would want me to fight but there's no fight in me anymore, I just wish I could say goodbye to my parents and family.

Jose:"So you hate me that much you won't even keep my baby"  
I chuckle

Me:"If I slept with you without you drugging me maybe I would keep it but you drugged me and raped me, don't play the victim here" that sounds so bitter in my own mouth.

Jose:"That baby has your DNA too"



Me:"I don't want this baby" he sigh.

Jose:"Okay fine you can abort it" he walks out.

I touch the necklace that Aphiwe gave me, it belonged to his mother.

I open it inside I find a picture of who I assume it's his mother.

Me:"I'm sorry that my decision took the life of your son, I love him I wish he was here I blame myself for everything that Aphiwe went through he didn't deserve it, I pray that he is next to you and I will join you soon"

"What?" I quickly sit up

Me:"What are you doing here?"

Logan:"Aphiwe went through the worse protecting you and you just want to throw a towel just like that"

Me:"Now you suddenly care, you are the reason I'm here Logan. Aphiwe died because of you!" he looks at me.

Logan:"Okay you want to end your life? let me help you with that"

Me:"What?" he takes out his gun.

Logan:"Here, take it and end your life since that's what you want, if you really loved Aphiwe as you claim you wouldn't let

his death be in vain all for nothing. Aphiwe had a sister that is surely alone with no family, he knew if he died you will be there for his little sister. Now it's time to make your choice" tears fall freely on my cheeks.

Me:"Get out!"

Logan:"I thought as much!" he walks out

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why are his words getting to me.

LUPITA

Yesterday was a long day and night, my mood is now better.

I just received a call from Eduardo's doctor that he is getting discharged today.

I couldn't be more happier he is finally coming home.

Dad:"You are in a good mood" I smile looking at him.

Me:"Yeah they are discharging Eduardo today he is coming home"

Dad:"Coming home? where?" he says looking at me as if I'm crazy I hate that.

Me:"Here" he chuckles.

Dad:"Lupita I don't like what you are becoming, what's this?" I sigh.

Me:"I think it's about time you go back to Mexico"

Dad:"What?" he is shocked.

Me:"Go back to your wife dad, you were here to support me because I lost my fiance but you have overstayed your welcome I'm sure your wife needs you home now" he chuckles.

Dad:"I always thought my wife was exaggerating when she says you are crazy but now I can see it. I'm leaving Lupita I hope this won't blow up in your face"

Me:"Bye daddy" he shakes his head and go to his room to pack.

I take my car keys and drive to the hospital.

I got there and Eduardo is sitting up under the hospital covers.

Me:"Hey"

Eduardo:"Hey" he clearly sounds better than yesterday.

Me:"How are you?" he sigh.

Eduardo:"I don't know I guess I'm going with the flow" I nod.

Me:"I brought some clothes for you"

Eduardo:"Thank you" there is silence

Me:"I will give you space to change"

Eduardo:"Lupita wait" he hold my hand I swear my heart jumps  
he clears his throat and let it go.

Me:"Are you okay?"

Eduardo:"I'm fine, yesterday you said something about me  
treating you somehow" I sigh.

Me:"I don't think we should talk about that"

Eduardo:"I'm sorry"

Me:"It's okay maybe this was meant to be a fresh start for us  
and forget the past" he chuckles.

Eduardo:"Not like I remember my past anyways" I hold his  
hand.

Me:"Maybe this is your second chance to do things right you  
know"

Eduardo:"Maybe it is"

Me:"You can change I will wait outside we will go home today"  
he nods.

I smile and walk out, I sit down on the chairs waiting for him.  
One of the nurses screams looking at the Television.

There's a lot of commotion and some nurses are crying.

Dr:"What's going on?" they just point on the television.

Nurse:"Someone killed Nicole"

Dr:"Can you guys switch it off?" they switch it off "I will talk to  
the director" he walks away.

I go back to the room and he looks at me.

Eduardo:"What's going on out there?" I sigh.

Me:"It seems like one of the nurses was killed"

Eduardo:"What?"

Me:"Yeah I think it's nurse Nicole or something" he chokes on  
his saliva "Hey what's wrong?"

Eduardo:"She was my nurse, the one who was here yesterday"

Me:"Oh my God!"

PHIKO

It has been a crazy long day and everything seems to be falling apart.

But the parents ain't the ones to give up easily no matter what.

We are all trying to make it through each and every day.

My phone rings it's a number that I don't recognize.

Me:"Hello"

"I need to speak to your mother"

Me:"Who are you?" he chuckles I don't like this at all.

"Someone you will have to thank later, now give the phone to your mother"

Me:"Mom it's for you" everyone looks at me confused I shrug my shoulders.

Mom:"Hello" she puts it on loud speaker.

"Hey, this is about your daughter" we all look at each other and Josh quickly goes to his computer to track the call.

Mom:"What about her?"

"I know you are trying to track this call, let me make things easier for you. It's going to lead you to a petrol station on Holland street in a paid public phone there are no cameras and from there it's a dead end" dad stands up but my mom signals for him to stop.

Mom:"Okay what do you want?"

"Firstly put me off loudspeaker then we can talk" she looks at us then put the phone off loudspeaker.

Mom:"Okay talk" I hate that we can't hear anything, only we can do is read her facial expressions.

The call goes on for about three minutes.

Dad:"What does he want?" he says as soon as mom puts the phone done.

Mom:"Nothing"

Dad:"Siwe" she sigh and tears cover her eyes.

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APHIWE/EDUARDO

The mood here has changed the hospital is suddenly cold.

Nicole has been nothing but friendly since I met her.

I think she was the only sweet nurse I had an encounter with ever since I wake up, now she is dead.

I don't understand why would someone so sweet like her get killed she didn't deserve to die at such a young age.

"We have to go" she says bringing back from my thoughts.

I don't know what to think of her, she is my fiance but she is the least person I feel a sense of belonging with.

Yes I don't remember my life before I woke up from a hospital bed but I think a heart will always be the same and something about her in my heart isn't sitting well.



Me:"Yeah we have to go" she walks out and I follow her.

Nurse:"I'm sorry you guys can't leave yet"

Lupita:"What? what do you mean?" she quickly asks.

Nurse:"Nicole's body has arrived we will have to do a walk of honor for her so please it's only going to take a few minutes then you can leave"

Lupita:"But we are already running late!" I look at her.

Me:"It's just a few minutes Lupita nothing hectic, we can wait" the nurse nods.

Nurse:"You guys can wait inside the room or you can join us"

Me:"We can join you" Lupita looks at me, she isn't up for this at all I just ignore her.

Nurse:"Follow me please" we follow her to the hallway, there are people leaning on each side of the wall in straight lines including some of the patients.

You could see the sadness in their faces that indeed one of their own has fallen.

Two female nurses walk in on the entrance and followed by a stretcher with Nicole's body.

The sobbing begins this is so sad I could feel a lump in my throat.

Lupita's breath is escalating as the body approaches us.

Soon everything is done and they go back to work.

Lupita:"Can we leave now?" she says walking out without even waiting for me to answer.

I follow her to what I assume it's her car.

We drive in complete silence which is good for me as I slip inside my thoughts wondering if I have a family out there.

Lupita:"We are here" I jump out of the car.

Me:"Where is my family?" she stops and look at me.

Lupita:"I'm the only family you have Eduardo, that's all I can tell you for now" I hate how she is always giving me limited information.

We walk inside the house it looks like it has been renovated recently.

Lupita:"I know this is hard for you so is it for me. Do you want to use a guest room?" I don't want to hurt and she is putting me in a tight spot.

Me:"Uhh no we can share a bedroom" she nods.

She leads me to the bedroom and show me around.

Lupita:"This is it" this place is really nice.

I feel so out of place if it was up to me I would be here but my doctor told me take it easy and this was going to happen.

Lupita:"Let's cook together so you won't have to think too much like you are doing now" she takes my hand and drags me out of the room.

LOGAN

Everything is ready, in all honesty I don't know how this might turn out but it has to be done.

Jose is smart, he is suspicious of something and has people following me around but they have nothing on me because I knew this was coming.

I can't believe it all comes down to this, I always thought that the Martinez will run the Colombia but I was wrong, Jose didn't want to share the position of being a boss or be equal to us.

He just wanted things to go his way no matter what.

I know dad would be so disappointed with us right now but a person got to do what they have to do right.

I walk in and Pedro is waiting for me.

Pedro:"All done?" I nod.

Me:"Yeah I'm done"

Pedro:"Is everything alright?" I release a sharp sigh.

Me:"Yeah I just can't believe that all my father's work was all in vain you know"

Pedro:"If you are having second thoughts we can still call off everything"

Me:"No I don't have second thoughts" he sighs

Pedro:"You can still build that Martinez name and make your father proud"

Me:"Jose has made a lot of enemies for us I doubt it will be that possible"

Pedro:"I will help you do it, I know you can do it" I nod.

Me:"Let me go I will tell you once I'm inside you guys can follow me in 10 minutes

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that will gives us a window of about 10-20 minutes"

Pedro:"Okay then"

The drive to the house is short I know this might go either way.

Jose:"You finally decided to show up I see" he says looking at me.

Me:"Yeah I guess"

Jose:"What's your problem Logan?" he hates it when he is not in control and I can tell by his face he is pissed.

Me:"You know Jose you had one job to do that job was to love and take care of us after dad died but you failed instead you treated us like dirty. You made us kill people just to please you, you didn't care if we were to get killed as long as it's not you. You know I always prayed that you change along the way but you only got worse and worse" he chuckles.

Jose:"Come on Logan, I did what one would do to be in power so bite me for being smarter than the both of you" I nod.

Me:"I wish that was the case" I walk away before I give away what's going to happen to him.

I text Pedro a go ahead and rush to Leonella's room.

Leo:"What happened to knocking?"

Me:"Thank God you are decent, put on some comfortable shoes" she looks at me she is stubborn I take my gun "Put your shoes on!" she sighs and put on her shoes.

Me:"Let's go" I say she hesitantly take my hand and sound of a guns startle her "They are here, I want you to run don't stop okay" she looks at me confused.

Leo:"What's going on?"

Me:"Just trust me, come this way!" we run down the corridor.

"You are not going anywhere!" Jose says standing behind us as we about to get inside the car, Leonella looks at me.

Pedro:"Of course they are going. Drop it Jose, all your men are dead" Jose looks at me.

Jose:"You betrayed me Logan?"

Me:"No Jose you betrayed me the day you killed our father"

Jose:"And you think Pedro is different from me?" he says laughing.

Me:"No I don't"

Pedro:"You guys need to leave" I nod.

Jose:"This is not over"

Me:"You are right it's far from being over, let's go" Leo gets inside the car and we drive off.

Leo:"Where are you taking me?" I look at her.

Me:"I know I can't bring Aphiwe but I'm sorry for putting you in this mess" she sighs and look outside the window, she has lost a little bit of weight.

The drive is a little bit far from Jose's house and she ended up falling asleep.

I shake her a little bit, she jumps and open her eyes.

Me:"Hey calm down" she looks around.

Leo:"Where are we?" it's a little bit dark outside.

PHIKO

My mother isn't saying anything about the call and dad isn't happy about it.

She has been pacing up and down.

We are all confused because she won't say anything.

Dad:"Okay that's enough you are making us dizzy by all this up and down, you don't even want to tell us about the call" she sigh

Mom:"The caller was..." we are disturbed by a loud knock.



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IN LUPITA'S HOUSE

Lupita is happy that they are finally home, what makes her more happy is the fact that Aphiwe did agree that they share a bedroom.

She can't get over of how handsome this man is, yes Eduardo was handsome but he has nothing to this guy.

Deep down she hopes he knew who was but this was actually working for her.

After finishing cooking dinner, she told him to go relax she will dish up for them.

She dish up for them and spike his orange juice.

She hands him, his food they both start eating.

Aphiwe:"So how long have we been together?" she smiles.

Lupita:"Four years now" he sigh.

Aphiwe:"Four years? yet there are no pictures of us together anywhere" she chokes in her food "Are you okay?"

Lupita:"Yeah I'm fine" she drinks her wine "You don't trust me?"

Aphiwe:"I'm just wondering because you refuse to tell me anything that has to do with our past"

Lupita:"Because our past is ugly, I do want to tell you everything and everything would also explain why we don't have our pictures in this house buy I don't want to jeopardize your health I'm sorry but I promise my love once you remember everything then you will understand why I didn't want to tell you anything" he looks at her not sure what to make of everything she just said.

They finish their food and Lupita takes everything to the kitchen.

She watches Aphiwe careful and smile.

Lupita:"Just a few minutes you will be all over me" she wash the dishes as she waits.

Aphiwe stands and goes to the kitchen.

Lupita:"Are you okay?" he is sweating.

Aphiwe:"I need some water"

Lupita:"There is some in the fridge" she says and smile, he takes the whole bottle and down it on his throat.

Lupita:"Are you sure you don't want to lay down or something"

Aphiwe:"I feel weird" Lupita walk close to him and touches his face.

He release a sharp breath to control the sudden need of sex he is feeling.

Lupita:"Your temperature is high" he holds her waits.

Aphiwe:"I don't know what's wrong with me" she smiles and kisses him.

He picks her and put her on top of the counter ripping off her clothes.

She returns the same energy, her desire and hunger is real unlike his.

He soon slums himself inside her causing her to moan loud, feeling the pleasure as he penetrates her.

## LEO'S HOUSE

Leo rubbed her eyes and look outside the window even though it's a little bit dark she knows this place very well.

She turns to look at Logan, is this some joke or some prank he is playing on her.

Logan:"I know this doesn't make up for the pain and heartache I have caused you and it will never make it up for. I know I ruined your life and what happened to you can't be reversed on anything. I just want to apologise for everything I'm sorry I just wish none of it all happened" she looks at him confused by his change of heart.

Leo:"So what you are saying is that you are letting me go?"

Logan:"Yes you were never my prisoner, as you can see we are here in front of your house so you are free to go" this better not be a dream or something she says to herself.

Leo:"What's going to happen to Jose?"

Logan:"You don't have to worry about him again, you can go back in South Africa" she opens the doors then look at him.

Leo:"You better drive out of here like maniac, goodbye Logan"  
she jumps out and close the door.

She walks to the gate as soon as she got in

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Logan speed off.

The guards look at each other not sure what to make of the situation, they can see it's her.

Her knees are getting weak as she approaches the front door.

Her knuckles hit the door faintly and her tears falling as she waits patiently, reality is starting to sink in, she is home.

Her mother is the one to open the door.

She quickly pulls her in her arms, she lets out a sob.

Everyone is confused about everything, they are trying to figure out how did she come home.

Her mother ushers her to one of the rooms.

Her heart breaks at the state her daughter is in.

She has lost a lot of weight and her skin is pale.

She sighs and cover her up with a blanket.

Leo:"Please don't leave me alone"

Siwe:"I'm just taking off my shoes" she nods.

Siwe brush her hair until she falls asleep.

She gets out of bed, and go to the kitchen she takes a bottle of water, she can't even open it she is trembling.

Phiko:"Hey it's okay I will open this for you" she sniffs as her son takes the bottle from her and open it.

Ludwe:"How is she?"

Siwe:"I don't know Ludwe!" she yells and sigh "I'm sorry"

Ludwe:"It's okay come here" she steps inside his arms and cries, one thing about them, their children are the weakness.

Siwe:"Doesn't talk, she is so scared to be alone and she has lost a lot of weight. What did that monster do to my child?"

Ludwe:"We will get through this"

Phiko slowly opens the door where Leonella is sleeping.

The way she looks breaks his heart.

Leo starts shaking and screaming.

Leo:"Aphiwe!" she screams Phiko rushes to her.

Phiko:"Leo! Leonella!" he shakes her until she wakes up.

Phiko:"Hey you are okay, it's just me" he says hugging.

Leo:"Don't touch me" she pushes him off crying.

Phiko:"It's me your brother Leo!" his voice is shaking her.

Leo:"Please don't hurt me" the door open Leo jumps to her mother's arms.

Siwe:"It's okay, it's best if you guys gives us some space"

Phiko:"I'm her brother I could never hurt her" he whispers with tears falling from his eyes.

Siwe:"I know sweetie, just give your sister some time"

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LUPITA

I have never been pleased like that before, he was roughed due to the fact that he couldn't control himself.

But neither the less I enjoyed what he was doing to be, I don't even know how many times I squirted.

Feeling the warm of his seed inside me was everything I needed.

I pray that the pills to help with my fertility worked.

I open my eyes and roll around only to find an empty space next to me.

My heart beats fast I quickly stand up.

Me:"Eduardo!" I say shouting his name like a mad woman, there is no response.



Me:"Where are you?!" I feel my tears burn my eyes, the front door opens he appears I literally ran and throw myself I. his arms.

Eduardo:"Are you okay?" he says brushing my back.

Me:"You scared me, where did you go?"

Eduardo:"I just needed some air, I'm sorry" he kisses my forehead I'm taken back by his affection towards me but it feels good.

Me:"You were jogging?" he nods.

Eduardo:"Yeah they say it's good for the brain, let me shower"

Me:"Okay I will make us something to eat"

Eduardo:"Okay see you in a bit" he walks away.

I look at the kitchen counter it's a mess that's where we had our first round and we both came on top of it.

I smile biting my lip at the thoughts that invaded my mind.

I clean up and start making some breakfast.

He walks in smelling fresh and sits down.

I hand him some food and sit down opposite him.

Me:"About last night..." he cuts me off

Eduardo:"It was a need, I guess it's something we both needed"

Me:"So no regrets?" he looks at me.

Eduardo:"You are my fiancée after all, why would I regret that?"

Me:"Okay I just thought you were not ready for it"

Eduardo:"I wasn't and I'm still not, yesterday it just happened" I nod and hopefully I won't have to drug him to sleep with me again now that we already did.

I clean up as he watches some news update.

Eduardo:"They say every criminal makes a mistake" I turn to look at him he is watching a TV

Me:"What are you talking about?" he points at the tv.

Eduardo:"Apparently they find some DNA on Nicole's body, which I guess it could be hair or skin cells since she was attacked, she tried fighting whoever attacked her"

Me:"So how do you know all that?" he shrugged his shoulders.

Eduardo:"I don't know, what did I do for a living?"

Me:"You were an IT engineer" he sigh

Eduardo:"Then I don't know how I know this" he can't be a cop or detective right?

Me:"So they will figure out who killed her by using that?"

Eduardo:"Yes if they run the evidence in the system and they find a match

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oh my God there is a picture too" I quickly switch off the TV, he looks at me "Why would you do that?"

Me:"We need to talk about something important"

Eduardo:"What is it?" he says frustrated.

Me:"Uh okay I don't know how to say this but while you were in hospital I was offered a job in South Africa, I didn't want to leave you alone and I can't leave you alone. So I was thinking of taking the job" he looks at me.

Eduardo:"You want us to move?"

Me:"I don't want to leave you here, and I have to be there in a week"

Eduardo:"Wow okay I guess"

Me:"I'm sorry I know you were starting to settle in"

Eduardo:"It's okay" I need to get his fake passport as in today, it's a matter of time before someone realise that picture.

LEONELLA

I don't know what's happening, I should be happy that I'm home but I'm not, it's only now that the traumatic experience it's getting to me.

The fear of being alone and the fear I suddenly have towards any male in the house.

The nightmares I'm having about everything especially Aphiwe, the guilt of not fighting hard for us.

Mom:"Hey" she sits next to me.

Me:"I didn't mean to hurt Phiko like I just---" she cuts me off.

Mom:"Phiko knows that"

Me:"I want to go home" she looks at me.

Mom:"What about Aphiwe?" I haven't told them what happened.

Me:"He killed him" tears fall freely from my eyes.

Mom:"I'm so sorry sweetheart" she takes into her arms

Me:"I didn't fight for us mom, it's all my fault"

Mom:"Leonella what happened to you it's not your fault" I shake my head.

Me:"I want to go home" she nods her head.

Mom:"Okay we will go back home, you have survival's guilt Leonella"

Me:"Survival's guilt?" she nods.

Mom:"You feel guilty because you survived the ordeal while Aphiwe died, it's like you are reliving the whole moment every time you close your eyes" that's exactly what's happening.

Mom:"You will need professional help whenever you are ready. I will talk to your father about us going home as soon as we can okay?"

Me:"Okay" I'm not going to tell her about this pregnancy as soon as we get home I'm going to abort it.

PHIKO

I wish there was something I can do to take away the trauma my sister experienced.

The fact that she is so scared of us hurts, I don't know what she went through there but it's obvious it is so deep.

Dad:"That bastard!" his eyes are red.

Me:"Dad calm down"

Dad:"How do I calm down Phiko when that bastard raped my daughter?" my heart drops.

Me:"What? How do you know that?" Leonella hasn't said anything about that place.

Dad:"The fear in her eyes everytime we try to get close to her says it all Phiko. No I can't let this go"

Me:"What are we going to do?"

Dad:"Come with me" I follow him to the study room.

We sit down and watch the CCTV footage of the house.

Dad:"Bingo!" he says rewinding the footage.

Me:"Are those real though?"

Dad:"There's only one way to find out, let me call Josh"

In a few minutes Josh walks in with his laptop.

Josh:"What's going on?"

Dad:"Can you track these number plate for me?"

Josh:"Okay give me a moment" he sits down and do his thing.

Me:"So if they are real what are we going to do?"

Dad:"I want him dead including his brother"

Me:"Logan?"

Dad:"Yes"

Josh:"I just find the location" we look at him.

Dad:"So they are real" he smiles I hate seeing this side of him, he becomes a devil.

Josh:"Wait this is Pedro's house"

Dad:"What?"

Me:"Who is Pedro?"

Dad:"Pedro better have an explanation for this, let's go" so no one is going to answer me.

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PHIKO

We drove to this Pedro's house, no one was telling me anything about him I even gave up asking.

The drive is dead quiet and my father seems to have a lot in his mind.

Me and Josh have nothing to talk about we never got along after he ruined my relationship with Liana.

We finally arrive to a big mansion and the security is heavy even if we were here to attack we wouldn't make it out alive.

After security made the call identifying us we were let in.

We step out of the car and a guy walks out I assume it's Pedro guy.

Pedro:"Ludwe what a surprise!" he says cheerful unfortunately my dad doesn't return the same energy.



Dad:"Pedro this is not a friendly unfortunately" he looks at us confused just then Logan walk out his eyes almost fall the ground.

Dad:"Surprise" his says looking at Logan who is not sure what to do.

Pedro:"Do you guys know each other?"

Dad:"Of course we do, he just brought my daughter home"  
Pedro turns to look at him.

Pedro:"Logan? What the hell?"

Dad:"Where is your brother?"

Pedro:"Jose is dead" my dad raise his eyebrows.

Dad:"Well I want proof that he is dead" Pedro sigh.

Pedro:"Come with me" he pushes Logan to walk infront of him, I guess he is trying to protect him by separating him and my dad.

We are led to a dark room, and Pedro turns on the light.

I swear I feel myself gag to the sight.

The blood is everywhere and his skull is open the brain is on the floor, some of his skin is falling off.

What the hell were they doing to this guy?

Pedro:"Happy now?" Dad walk towards his body and shot him twice in the face, we all look at him confused.

Dad:"Just to make sure he is dead" he says shrugging his shoulders.

We walk out and Dad turn to Logan.

Dad:"From what I'm seeing I won't be able to kill atleast not now" Pedro sigh

Pedro:"How about never?" Dad chuckles.

Dad:"I can't promise you that, you better pray that me and you don't cross paths Logan Martinez because that would be the last day of your life on Earth"

Pedro:"I'm sorry about your daughter, I don't understand why you didn't contact me for help"

Dad:"The last time I checked you moved to Mexico, and you were settling down" he sighs.

Pedro:"Well yeah, I'm glad somehow I managed to help your daughter unknowingly"

Dad:"I'm grateful, it was nice seeing you" they fist bump and we left.

We got home everyone is around the table even Leonella came out of her room.

She looks at me and smile a little bit but the sparkle in her eyes is gone.

I smile back and sit down.

Mom:"You guys need to pack your bags, we are leaving in a day or two"

Me:"Wait what? what about Aphiwe?"

Mom:"Aphiwe died Phiko I'm sorry" I swear a lump is stuck in my throat.

Me:"Excuse me" I quickly walk out, Aphiwe was my only best friend. We have been through a lot together

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the first time I came in Columbia I only knew him and we have been tied at the hip since then.

Now he is gone, what am I going to tell Aphelele?

"I'm sorry" I look at the door it's Leonella I wipe my eyes.

Leo:"He died protect me, fighting for us"

Me:"It's not your fault, I'm sorry too" she nods, she still standing at the door way but atleast she was talking to me now.

Me:"Jose is dead" she nods and walks out quickly I sigh I hate what this experience did to her.

TWO DAYS LATER

LEONELLA

We are all packed and ready to go.

This country has brought me a lot of emotions this one I can't handle.

My heart aches to the thought that me and Aphiwe planned to leave this country together and he would finally introduce me to his sister.

I don't know how to feel to the news of Jose being dead, it doesn't make any difference because it won't bring back my bodyguard, but I also feel relieved that I won't have to watch over my shoulder anymore.

Now that's nothing but a memory that will forever breaks my heart.

Mom:"Ready?" I nod.

Me:"Yeah"

Mom:"I saw you vomiting earlier are you okay?" my heart almost drops.

Me:"I'm okay just that my stomach is upset a little bit" she nods.

Mom:"It also used to happen to me when I'm about to fly" I nod.

Dad:"Are you all ready to go?" this have been tough on him, I haven't even given him a hug ever since I came back.

Mom:"Yeah we are set" he takes our bags and go with them to the car.

Me, Mom, Mira and Emily are driving together so are the males.

I take a deep breath before we drive off and close my eyes, all the moments I had with Aphiwe take over my mind.

I could feel tears fall from my eyes.

Me:"Goodbye my bodyguard" I whisper to myself while holding my necklace.

I don't think I will love again.

Soon we arrived at the airport thank God we are taking a private jet because I don't think I will do well in a crowded space.

APHIWE

I don't know how she did but she managed to fix the issue with my passport in a day and our visas in a day.

I don't know why I feel like her decision was rushed but I can't dispute us leaving.

They say intimacy connects people but after we slept together I still feel disconnected to her.

Hopefully I could remember everything soon and remember how to love her because at this point I feel nothing towards her even after our sex.

A car picked us up and we are on our way to the airport.

Me:"Are you okay?" she looks at me and smile.

Lupita:"Yeah I'm fine"

Me:"Are you sure? I mean you look anxious and agitated" she sigh.

Lupita:"I'm not a fan of flying but I have no choice right now"

Me:"Oh okay I see"

There is a lot of traffic near the airport.

Lupita:"God we are going to be late"

Me:"We have an hour"

The car is at a traffic stop again, I look outside the window.

A few people are standing on the private hangar where you board a private jet.

One girl stand out, she keeps looking around as if she is not comfortable.

She turns to look our way I doubt she can see me because the windows are tinted.

A FLASHBACK

"I love you my bodyguard" she smiles looking at me with her green eyes.

"I love you too my heartbeat"

Someone shakes me it's Lupita, the flashback ends.

Lupita:"Are you okay?" my heart is pounding so fast against my chest "Breathe! your heart is beating so fast"

Me:"I'm fine! Please stop touching me!" I look outside the window she is no longer there.



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APHIWE

We have boarded without any hustle, a lot doesn't make sense.

Why would I have a flashback of that girl instead of Lupita.

For some reason I just can't tell Lupita about it, it might hurt that I'm remembering a woman who is not her, maybe that woman is my ex something.

But I'm happy that atleast I remember something, I still can't get over her eyes.

She looked so vulnerable and distressed.

Me:"How long is this flight?"

Lupita:"It's 15 hours" she has been in a mood ever since I told not to touch me.

Me:"I didn't mean to hurt" she sigh.

Lupita:"That's always the case with you, I'm the only person you have but you treat me like a stranger" she says a little bit too loud.

Me:"You are a stranger to me, I'm trying as hard as I can to remember but it seems like nothing is happening"

Lupita:"Then try harder Eduardo" I just shake my head.

Me:"You are impossible"

"Can you two keep it down!" a guy says behind us.

Me:"See you woke up the air marshall"

Him:"How did you know I was the air marshall?"

Me:"I don't know" he looks at me and shake his head.

Lupita:"I just wish you could meet me half way here" I just keep quiet as my mind is trying to connect something about me, first I knew stuff about solving a murder case, now I'm recognising an air marshall without even being told.

I look at Lupita I don't think I should trust her a lot, she barely talks about our life before this.

THE NEXT DAY

We have finally landed in South Africa something about it brings some hope in me it's like I have been here before.

We arrived at the apartment Lupita has rented for us, it's not bad.

Me:"I need to find something to do"

Lupita:"Something like what? a job?"

Me:"Yes I need to get my mind off things you know"

Lupita:"Eduardo I don't want you to do anything that's going to jeopardize your health" I sigh.

Me:"Well being in doors all day won't help me

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I need to find a job so I can be distracted and also be independent"

Lupita:"Okay then"

Me:"Speaking of health I need to drink my pills" she looks at me as if she just seen a ghost "What's wrong?"

Lupita:"Fuck nothing! I just forgot my prevention pills"

Me:"Don't worry you won't be needing them unless you will need to have sex with someone"

Lupita:"So you don't mind me not preventing" I sigh.

Me:"No it's not like we are going to have sex" she swallow "I will drink my medication" I walk to the kitchen.

## MIRACLE

I'm glad that we are finally home but it hurts that Aphiwe is not with us, I liked him he was a part of our family and what hurts the most it's that we won't get the closure of saying goodbye to him.

I hope Leonella heals from this because she is besides herself and distraught over him.

The first stop I needed to make was to see Nia, she is staying at my apartment.

I know we haven't been talking a lot for the past months it feels like we have drifted apart.

A part of me prays that it's something we can both fix and rekindle what we had.

I didn't even tell her that I was coming back so I hope this is a good surprise for her as she is due in a few weeks.

The door is slightly open so I walk in, she is sitting on the couch watching TV and cracking up.

Me:"Hey" she quickly turns and gasp in shock.

Nia:"Miracle" she struggle to stand up and finally did.

She rushes to me and quickly hugs me.

Nia:"Oh my God, I missed you" that's a relief.

Me:"I missed you too" I cup her face and she is the first one to quickly kiss me. My body still reacts the same under her touch.

Me:"The princess has grown"

Nia:"I'm due next week" I hear foot steps approaching in the passage leading to the bedroom.

We both turn to look at the person, she appears wearing undies with a silky gown on top but she quickly covers up.

Her:"I didn't know you had a visitor" I look at Nia, her body language says it all.

Me:"Don't worry I'm leaving"

Nia:"Miracle wait! Lola please give us moment" she walks back.

Me:"You have moved on" she looks at me.

Nia:"It's not like that" I chuckle and shake my head in disbelief.

LEONELLA

We just got home and the only thing on my mind is getting rid of this baby as soon as possible I'm not wasting another day.

I don't want to tell my mother about this pregnancy she might try to stop me.

After a long bath I take my car that I left here when I got deployed.

I drive straight to the clinic and fill in some paper work.

It wasn't that packed but I was number 8 on the list.

I don't know what it's happening everyone comes out crying after the procedure, now I'm starting to be scared.

"Leonella Zulu!" I stand up.

Nurse:"Please follow me" I follow her.

She takes me to the room I find a doctor.

Dr:"Hey how are you?"

Me:"I'm fine how are you?"

Dr:"I'm good, please take off your clothes and put on your gown, then we will start" I nod and go to bathroom to take off my clothes.

I take a deep breath before going back to the room.

Dr:"Are you ready?" I sigh and nod.

Me:"I'm ready" she nods.

Dr:"Okay great, it's painless don't worry" I nod.

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LUPITA

I'm hurt by his words for a moment I thought me and him were improving I don't know what's happening now.

The worse part is I forgot the pills that I was feeding him.

I need to find them very quickly.

It's a good thing that I rented a fully furnished apartment for us.

Yes I was offered a job here that's one thing I'm not lying about.

I wasn't going to take it since the currency in this country is very weak and their pay is also little comparing to our country.

But now with the evidence that could prove that I killed Nicole I needed to get away as soon possible.



I use google maps to find the nearest pharmacy.

It's a good thing that I rented a car for us.

Me:"Hey" she looks at me.

Her:"Sisi ufunani?" I look at her confused "Whee boss kukhona owangakini izomsiza" an Indian lady appears.

Her:"Hello how can we help?"

Me:"Yes can I please have flunitrazepam and ketamine?" she frowns.

Her:"Say what now? Do you have prescription?"

Me:"No but I can pay for them" she chuckles.

Her:"I'm sorry but we need a doctor's prescription" I sigh.

Me:"I will pay you any amount"

Her:"No"

Me:"Please I---" she cuts me off.

Her:"Ma'am I will call the police please leave" I walk out.

This is a mess what am I going to do?

NIA

Miracle left she is hurt and I understand her.

I know right now she thinks the worse about me she must hate me.

Yes me and Lola had a thing, it was just a few kisses nothing much.

It just started few weeks ago, I have been trying to reach out to Miracle but she just didn't answer me.

I called her, text on Whatsapp but she will just blue tick me and not say anything for the past few months.

It just got lonely until I met Lola.

Lola:"So that's Miracle" she says disturbing my thoughts.

Me:"Yeah that's her, can you please leave" she looks at me shocked.

Lola:"Are you kicking me out?" I sigh.

Me:"I just need to be alone Lola please"

Lola:"Do you love me?"

Me:"Lola please don't do this now" she chuckles.

Lola:"Then when? was I just another good thing to you"

Me:"Nothing happened between us, we weren't even exclusive yet"

Lola:"Then let's be exclusive, just because she helped you in the time of need it doesn't mean you owe her anything" I stand up.

Me:"I will call you please"

Lola:"You can't ju---" I cut her off.

Me:"Damnit Lola

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why cant... ouch" I say feeling a little contraction

Lola:"Are you okay?"

Me:"I think I'm about to go to labor" her eyes pop out.

Lola:"Now?!"

Me:"Yes!" I walk to the room that I turned to a nursery and take my bag that's already packed.

Lola:"I will take that, can you walk?" I nod.

The drive to the hospital seems longer, with every minute the pain worsen.

As soon as we get to the hospital I'm connected to some belts around my stomach.

I take my phone and text Miracle.

' I'm sorry that I messed up, I'm at the hospital about to give birth it hurts that you are not here and it's my fault'

Nurse:"You are fully dilated we will move you to the labor Ward" I nod.

Dr:"Is anyone with you?" I shake my head I don't want anyone else in the delivery if it's not Miracle.

Dr:"Okay Nia you have to push! put your hands behind your knee and hold them, then push"

Me:"Haaaaaaah!" I scream while push.

Dr:"Okay just like that, push" I keep pushing.

Nurse:"I see the head, give us a big push!" I push again.

I keep pushing again and again until the baby is out.

The doctor quickly pick her up and take her away.

Me:"What's going on?"

Nurse:"You need to calm down" I sit up.

Me:"Where is he taking my daughter? Why isn't she crying?" I say with tears already flowing down my cheeks.

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Leonella lies down and her heart is beating so fast and she is having second thoughts.

The doctor pulls an ultrasound machine.

Dr:"I will examine you first to see if you are within 20 weeks and it's safe to go ahead with the procedure" she nods.

She quickly sits up when the doctor is about to place apply the gel on her abdominal area.

Leo:"I'm sorry I can't do this" she grabs her clothes and go to bathroom to wear them.

She doesn't understand why she is crying right now, she takes her phone and call her mother.

Siwe and Ludwe are watching something on TV when her phone ring.

Siwe:"It's Leonella" she says putting her phone on the ear

Leo:"Mom!" she quickly sits up as she hears her daughter crying.

Siwe:"Leo! what's wrong?"

Leo:"Please come and get me!" her cries are uncontrollable.

Siwe:"Okay calm down baby and tell me where you are"

Leo:"I will send you my location" she ends her call and send her location.

Ludwe:"What's going on?"

Siwe:"I don't know" just then her phone vibrates "Oh my God"

Ludwe:"What?"

Siwe:"Leo is in an abortion clinic"

Ludwe:"What?!!! Let's go"

Siwe:"Don't do anything or say anything"

Ludwe:"I won't"

They drive straight to the clinic and Leo is waiting for them.

She couldn't drive herself back home.

Siwe:"It's okay" she says trying to calm her daughter down

Leo:"I can't do! I can't! why?"

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NARRATED

Miracle is hurt by Nia moving on so fast from their relationship, did she mean so little to her? she keeps asking herself that question.

This isn't something she was expecting when she comes back.

Yes she thought that Nia will move on if they don't work out but not so fast.

She has been miserable for the past twenty four hours.

She even switched off her phone just to ignore everyone.

She knows Lola, she used to be friends with Liana back then.

Someone bangs the door she doesn't answer but the person isn't going away.

Miracle:"Go away!"



Lorenzo:"Open this door or I will break it down" she sigh and open the door.

Lorenzo walks in and look at her before opening the windows for some lights.

Miracle:"What do you want Lorenzo?"

Lorenzo:"Nia needs you" she chuckle.

Miracle:"Where is Lola?"

Lorenzo:"Who is Lola?"

Miracle:"Oh you don't know, Nia has moved on she has a new girlfriend" that feels bitter in her mouth.

Lorenzo:"Do you blame her?"

Miracle:"What? of course I blame her" Lorenzo chuckles.

Lorenzo:"No don't act like a victim Miracle, you totally shut off the poor girl. She would call you, text you and don't everything she could possibly do to reach you but you just shut her off. Now you expect her to wait for you?" she swallows.

Miracle:"We were going through a lot"

Lorenzo:"Don't use that as a crutch, we were all going through a lot. First of all you send her away then you ignore her which makes me wonder if you love her as you claim"

Miracle:"Of course I love her! since when are you such Nia's fan?"

Lorenzo:"Since I saw how much she loves you, if you love her as you claim why are not in the hospital" she looks at him confused.

Miracle:"Hospital?" he chuckles.

Lorenzo:"Oh let me guess you don't know because you were ignoring her again!"

Miracle:"Lorenzo what happened to her?"

Lorenzo:"She gave birth and her baby is in NICU"

Miracle:"Oh my God" she says and put on her shoes.

Lorenzo:"I will drive you"

Miracle:"Thanks"

They drive to the hospital, Miracle is panicking while she reads all the messages from Nia, now she realise that she is the main cause of everything.

As soon as they got to the hospital, Miracle rushes to Nia.

Miracle:"Nia" she opens her eyes.

Nia:"Miracle I'm sorry, we just kissed nothing much" she sits next to her.

Miracle:"I don't care if you kissed her but I want to know. Do you love her?"

Nia:"No I love you Miracle, I just felt like you were ignoring me or you didn't want me anymore that's why I ended up befriending Lola"

Miracle:"I'm so sorry for all of that, how is she?"

Nia:"She was struggling to breath, she is still struggling to breath"

Miracle:"She is going to be okay, she is a fighter"

Nia:"Thank you for coming" Miracle kisses her forehead.

Lola is standing outside the glass window watching them.

"I told you that she loved Miracle" she turn and find Emiliana.

Lola:"Yeah I guess"

Liana:"I'm sorry" she sigh.

Lola:"It's okay for a minute I thought I stood a chance but now that I'm watching them I lost the battle before it began"

"I'm single" Lorenzo says standing next to them.

Liana:"No! Lola if you don't want to see yourself breaking car windows

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slushing tyres then stay away from him"

Lola:"He is a bad boy" she says intensely looking at Lorenzo.

Lorenzo:"I guess we will find out" Liana roll her eyes.

LEONELLA

The drive home is filled with silence, the only thing you hear it's me sniffing every now and then.

How can I not be able to abort a baby of a monster that drugged me and raped me while I watch him and I couldn't do anything.

We got inside the house and I settle on the couch.

Mom:"I guess we should address the elephant in the room, you are pregnant" I nod.

Dad:"You want to abort?"

Me:"I don't know dad, I don't know if I will be able to love this child" he sigh

Dad:"Your mother was able to love you"

Me:"It's not the same"

Mom:"It is the same, we might be in love now but you were a product of a rape too. Trust me I tried aborting you so many times but each time I will get cold feet but then I first heard your heartbeat, it filled the whole room. I instantly fell I. love with you. The first time I saw your face you became my whole world. When you were taken away from me I lost my mind I even attempted to kill myself but every your face would show up in my mind then I knew I had to live and find you"

Dad:"We are not expecting things to be the same for you but we promise you whatever decision you make, we will support you okay" I nod.

Me:"Thank you dad" I launch myself inside his arms and it's the first time I'm hugging him ever since I came back.

Dad:"I love you okay?"

Me:"I love you too Dad" he kisses my forehead.

A WEEK LATER

I have decided to keep the baby, my mom took me to the hospital and did a prenatal check up, withdraw my blood and check everything necessary.

She is a doctor so she gave me pills and that book they record everything on.

Today I'm finally meeting Aphelele for the first time face to face.

We have video called before when Aphiwe was still alive.

I drive up to her school and she approaches my car.

She looks like her brother but she is a beautiful version of him.

Aphelele: "Sis Leo"

Me: "Hey how are you?" she sigh.

Aphelele: "I'm okay, how are you holding up?" for a 15 year old she is matured.

Me: "I don't know" we sit in silence.

Me:"How is school?"

Aphelele:"I'm thinking about dropping out" I gasp looking at her.

Me:"Why would you drop out?"

Aphelele:"Bhuti was the one paying school fees and boarding for me. Our Godmother refused when I asked her to pay for me this month"

Me:"Aphelele I will pay for your school and boarding, you have me now" she looks at me.

Aphelele:"Are you sure? I mean it's a lot of money"

Me:"I'm sure, just promise you will focus on your books and don't worry about fees. I will talk to the school and pay before the end of day" she nods and smiles God she is a copy of my bodyguard.

Aphelele:"Thank you, I promise you"

Me:"Good, you are spending the whole weekend with me"

Aphelele:"But I have an extra class today can you pick me after that?" I nod.

Me:"Of course" she close her eyes.

Aphelele:"You are pregnant right?"

Me:"What? How do you know that?"

Aphelele:"The necklace you are wearing it's not just any necklace it's a pendant"

Me:"You are confusing me"

Aphelele:"I can't explain everything at once, but you are carrying a Dladla" my heart is beating so fast.

Me:"What are you saying?" my tears are already falling I'm such a cry baby.

Aphelele:" He is Aphiwe's son"

Me:"Aphelele"

Aphelele:"I think my brother told you how my mother told him the woman he is going to love will make his heartbeat abnormal"

Me:"Yeah I remember that"

Aphelele:"You know that it's strange that he is dead but I can't connect with him"

Me:"Okay what you are telling me is a lot, I need to go for a scan. Can you come with me I will bring you before your extra class" she nods.

We drive straight to where my mom works.



She is able to get a gynaecologist to perform a scan for as soon as possible.

Aphelele:"You need to breathe" she says holding my hand.

Dr:"Okay this is going to be cold" she applies the gel starts moving around the ultrasound monitor.

A heartbeat fills the rooms it's so strong.

Me:"How far along am I?" I'm holding back my tears.

Dr:"You are 17 weeks"

Me:"That's 4 months and a week right?"

Dr:"Yes" tears fall freely to the realization that I almost killed the product of our love.

Me:"It's Aphiwe's baby"

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LEONELLA

I can't even explain my emotions at this moment, I don't even know how I'm feeling right now.

I'm overwhelmed with feelings, I'm happy that the baby is Aphiwe's without a doubt and I'm also sad that he won't be able to hold his son ever and my son has been deprived of having the best dad ever.

I cant believe that I almost aborted him.

I feel like my head is spinning after finding out everything.

But I'm grateful that the baby isn't Jose's.

I drop off Aphelele at school and go to the principal's office to change details of who is going to pay for her fees, I can't believe that their Godmother refused to pay for her.

As soon as I get home I started cooking.

"Someone is in the good mood" my brother says walking in, I still feel bad about the ordeal that happened between us.

Me:"Hey" he smiles faintly he has been afraid to come close to me ever since that day.

Phiko:"It's good to see you happy Leo" I smile.

Me:"I'm trying to live after everything you know, it's not going to be easy but I have a reason to live and be strong"

Phiko:"That's great then, I admire your strength in all of this"

Me:"I'm pregnant" he frowns "It's Aphiwe's baby" relief washes over him.

Phiko:"Are you happy?" I nod "Okay congratulations you are going to be a great mom"

Me:"Ain't you going to hug me?"

Phiko:"Are you comfortable with that?"

Me:"Phiko you are my brother, you will never hurt me" he quickly hugs while picking me up a little bit from the floor.

Phiko:"I missed you so much"

Me:"I'm here now, I missed you too" he lets me go.

Phiko:"So how do you feel being pregnant without Aphiwe around" I sigh

Me:"Hurt and sad, it's not easy accepting that he is gone, we didn't have time at all"

Phiko:"Yeah but you will be fine, we are here for you"

Me:"Thank you, can you pick up Aphelele after her class I'm exhausted"

Phiko:"I will do that, who is she by the way?"

Me:"I don't know, she is taking things better than I thought, I'm worried about her"

Phiko:"Why?" I look at him.

Me:"It's like she is in denial that her brother is gone, she kept saying she can't connect with him"

Phiko:"Well Aphelele has always been able to connect with dead people, she connects with their spirits. I think it's a gift she got from her mom and grandfather"

Me:"Oh okay, so how can she not connect with Aphiwe? I'm not doubting her gift because she saw that I was pregnant with her nephew I'm just confused"

Phiko:"I don't know"

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this just happened recently so maybe she is still not in terms with everything"

Me:"I guess we will found out as time goes"

MIRACLE

I spent the whole evening here, I just feel bad for how things turned out because of me.

The thought of her being with someone else just hurts to core, I can't make the same mistake or I will lose her again.

Nia:"Miracle" she says disturbing me from my thoughts.

Me:"Is something wrong?"

Nia:"I show be asking you that, you seem far away yet here" I sigh.

Me:"I was just thinking about how I almost lost you because of my stupidity"

Nia:"I don't understand why would you ghost me?"

Me:"I was scared" she frowns confused.

Nia:"Scared?"

Me:"Yes I was scared of being hurt, I have been hurt by a person that I thought we were the end game. When I realised that I was falling too hard for you I had to send you away because I was scared that I might get hurt. I ghosted you with the hope that I will stop feeling what I'm feeling for you. But everything I was doing just felt like a punishment instead. I knew I can't run away because of my past" she looks at me.

Nia:"I could never hurt you intentionally Miracle, I'm in love you. So you better stop running away from me and communicate with me so that we can work on where we are lacking. I need you to let go of the past as I have let go of mine too. Two people that have been broken before, when they come together it's either they will break each other or restore each other. I believe that we can restore each other as long we working together to make our relationship work" I kiss her someone clears their throat.

Me:"I will give you two some space to talk"

Lola:"No it's okay you can stay I'm not going to be long"

Nia:"Lola I want to apologise I shouldn't have led you on" she sigh.

Lola:"Yeah you shouldn't have but you were honest with me that you still love her from the beginning. I shouldn't have persuaded you further so don't worry I won't cause any drama

or anything. I do care about you Nia and it's clear that Miracle makes you happy I just hope that we can still be friends if you are comfortable with that" Nia looks at me.

Nia:"Yeah sure"

Lola:"Congrats on your baby, I will leave now" she says her goodbye and walks out.

Me:"She has a nice butt"

Nia:"Yeah she does" we both laugh.

Me:"I love you" she smiles.

Nia:"I love you too Miracle" the doctor walks in.

Dr:"Hey Nia how are you feeling?" he says sitting down.

Nia:"I feel better"

Dr:"I have some updates about the baby" he looks at me as if I should leave.

Nia:"It's okay she is my girlfriend" he clears her throat.

Dr:"Uh okay, so I have good news for you guys, her lungs are improving and she is breathing better now" Nia looks at me with tears in her eyes.

Me:"So when can we take our baby home?"

Dr:"In a few days, for now you can go see her"

Nia:"Oh okay" he nods and walks out, Nia looks at me and smile.

Me:"What?"

Nia:"You said our baby Miracle"

Me:"Is there something wrong with that?"

Nia:"No I'm just happy to have you as partner" I kiss her lips.

Me:"Ready to see baby Amara?"

Nia:"I love it, oh my God we are naming her that"

APHIWE

We have been here for a week and I feel like alot has been improving for me.

Even though I still don't remember anything I just feel better.

Everything about this country has somehow brought peace in my heart, I feel like I'm healing inside I don't know how to explain it.



Lupita and I are still casual I feel bad for that she is trying for us to work but I just feel like something is missing between us.

So today we are going shopping I have an interview on Monday, it's Friday I will be working as an assistant in some company if I get the job.

After a while we finally get a decent outfit.

Lupita:"I have to use a bathroom real quick"

Me:"Okay I will wait for you in the car" she nod.

I walk out to the parking lot, a school girl looks at me before approaching you.

Me:"Can I help you?" she frowns.

Girl:"It's either I'm tripping or hallucinating" I look at her confused.

Me:"I'm sorry do I know you?"

Girl:"You are my best friend's brother I'm Jessica, you are Aphiwe right?"

Me:"No I'm Eduardo" she laughs.

Girl:"Yeah right, you are suppose to be dead and here you are alive and well"

Me:"Dead?"

Girl:"You died in..."

Lupita:"What's going on here babe?" the girl frown even me confused.

Me:"Nothing, she was asking for directions"

Lupita:"Little girl we have security in the mall for that reason"

Girl:"Uh yeah thanks" she walks away.

Me:"Why are you being rude"

Lupita:"Let's go Eduardo" I turn to look at where the girl is, she has her phone as if she is taking pictures.

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APHIWE

My head is spinning as we drive to the apartment, the girl said something that caught mind.

So according to her I'm Aphiwe not Eduardo I'm supposedly dead.

She didn't get a chance to tell me where I died because Lupita interrupted us.

The name Eduardo always felt weird to me even Nicole once said she find it weird that my name is Eduardo while I'm black.

We laughed it off and now this girl told me this, I'm starting to think that I'm not who Lupita says I am.

I just can't figure out why would she lie to me but a lot of stories she has been telling me don't make sense at all.

She can barely provide a little bit of information that connects our past.

She has been using my amnesia as an excuse to even provide a little detail about me or us.

My thoughts are disturbed by a car coming to a stop at the apartment.

We offload everything and get inside.

Lupita:"Are you okay?" I look at her, I can't trust her anymore.

Me:"Yeah I'm fine my love" If she is playing mind games then I have to beat her in her own game.

Lupita:"Are you sure?" I stand up and walk to her.

Me:"I'm okay you worry a lot about me, I appreciate it" I say standing behind her and kiss her neck, her body stiffens I know that my touch is everything to her so I need to use this to my advantage.

Lupita:"It's because I love you Eduardo, I wish you can just see that"

Me:"I'm sorry that I have been the most difficult person to deal with but I promise you that I will meet you half way from now on" she nods then turn around to look at me.

Lupita:"I love you"

Me:"I love you too" I need to tell her what she wants to hear.

She stands on the tip of her toes and kiss me, I pull her waist and squeeze her butt in the process she moans.

After a minute I stop kissing her.

Me:"I'm willing to give us a chance but let's take things slow okay" I say kissing her forehead.

Lupita:"I can live with that" I nod.

I need to find out more information about me or her, something that I can use as the lead here.

What I know is I will get to the truth.

She looks at me I smile and wink at her.

Who am I?

TWO DAYS LATER

LUPITA

Everything has been going so well and Eduardo is finally falling for me, for a moment I thought he was suspicious of me.

But now I could gladly say that he is still clueless, seems like I don't need the pills after all.

He now touches me and cuddles with me at night even though we are not having sex but he has been touchy lately.

And the girl at mall pissed me off for talking to my man like that, school girls don't respect themselves.

She is really lucky that I don't know where she stays or who she is.

I'm done preparing for working I sit down and decide to check my name on the internet specifically on the Columbia news update.

Me:"This can't be happening!" I say reading the screening of our computer.

Eduardo:"Babe!" I quickly exist the internet.

Me:"Hey" he kisses the back of my neck.

Eduardo:"Are you okay?"

Me:"Yeah I'm good, your breakfast is in the microwave I have to leave"

Eduardo:"Okay thank you" I take my things "Wait!"

Me:"What?" I say confused, he pecks my lips.

Eduardo:"I love you" I smile this feels so good.

Me:"I love you too"

NARRATED

It has been the longest weekend for Jessica

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she has been trying to reach Apehelele but her phone is off.

Atleast today it is Monday and she can't wait to tell her best friend what she saw, it's confusing.

She is finally dropped off at school and it's already late so she has to go to class, it's frustrating that they are not in the same class with Aphelele.

When the bell rings she is the first one to stand up and runs straight to Aphelele's class.

She finds her standing up from her desk.

Aphelele:"Whoa Jess who is chasing you?!"

Jess:"Where is your phone? I have been calling you the entire weekend and I don't know your new address"

Aphelele:"I'm sorry babes I forgot it in the dorm room on Friday when I realised it, the dorms were already locked" Jess nods.

Jess:"Oh okay uh..how was your weekend at your new place"

Aphelele:"It was great I didn't even miss my phone"

Jess:"Can we sit down and talk?" Aphelele looks at her confused.

Aphelele:"Okay, are you okay Jess?"

Jess:"I'm fine, please don't freak out"

Aphelele:"Uhh okay you are scaring me" she sigh.

Jess:"I saw your brother on Friday"



Aphelele:"Jess it's still too soon for you to make such jokes about my brother" she says annoyed.

Jess:"Aphelele you know I can't hurt you like that, I know how much this has affected you but I swear on my father's grave, I saw your brother and I have proof"

Aphelele:"What?"

Jess:"Here look at this" Aphelele look at the picture, and then back at Jess

Aphelele:"Where was this?"

Jess:"At the mall on Friday" Aphelele stands up.

Aphelele:"Please send me that picture, I need to go"

Jess:"Where are you going? You might get in trouble"

Aphelele:"I won't please send me the pictures right now"

Jessica sends her the pictures, Aphelele walks towards Marcus one of the school boys.

Aphelele:"Can I talk to you?"

Marcus:"Sure" he excuse himself from his friends "What's up"

Aphelele:"Can you drive me home?"

Marcus:"Are you okay?" she shakes her head "Okay do you have a pass?"

Aphelele:"I was hoping you could get me one since your mother owns the school" Marcus looks at her.

Marcus:"You know the conditions to that" Aphelele sighs

Aphelele:"Fine I will go on a date with you please drive me home" he smiles.

They get on his car and drive out of school without any hustle, talk about privileges.

Aphelele gives him the address.

Marcus:"You are crying do you want to talk about it" she shakes her head.

Aphelele:"Maybe on our date not now"

Marcus:"No problem, you will be fine shawty"

Soon they arrive and Aphelele looks at Marcus.

Aphelele:"Thank you"

Marcus:"It's okay, take it easy okay?" she nods.

Aphelele:"Bye"

She runs inside the house and is met by Siwe.

Aphelele:"Ma!"

Siwe:"Aphelele what are you doing here during school time?"  
everyone in the table turns to look at her, she knows she might be in trouble here but she knows this is important.

Leo:"Are you okay?" she says concerned.

Aphelele:"I'm fine"

Phiko:"Then what are you doing here?"

Aphelele:"My brother is alive" she says holding up her phone.

Leonella:"What did you just say?"

LEONELLA

Aphelele just walked in screaming that her brother is alive.

I snatched the phone out of her hand and look at it.

I swear my heart skips a bit, my head is spinning.

How is he alive? I don't even know how to react to that.

I just walked to my room and take a deep breath.

Maybe I'm in disbelief of what I saw.

A soft knock disturbed me.

Aphelele:"Sis Leo can I come in?" Aphelele is such a soft spoken child.

Me:"Yeah" she opens the door and look at me.

Aphelele:"Are you okay?" I sigh.

Me:"No I'm not" my voice is shaking.

Aphelele:"I'm sorry this is happening"

Me:"No sweetheart this is not your fault, atleast we know that he is alive okay" she nods

Aphelele:"Everyone is waiting for you" I nod.

Me:"Is this the reason why you said you can't connect with his spirit?"

Aphelele:"Yeah probably"

Me:"Okay let's go"

We joined everyone in the living room.

Mom:"So Aphelele how did you get that picture?"

Aphelele:"My friend saw him at the mall on Friday and took a picture"

Sinazo:"And he is with a woman" I look at her.

Me:"So?"

Sinazo:"There are lots of possibilities here, maybe Aphiwe escaped or survived the attack then realized that he is not willing to sacrifice his life for you"

Phiko:"Snazo!"

Sinazo:"What? if Aphiwe wanted to save Leonella he wouldn't be here in South Africa living his best life with another woman"

Me:"Uh.. Aphelele I need you to call your friend" I wasn't going to entertain Sinazo at all.

Aphelele takes her phone and call Jessica.

Jess:"Where the hell are you?"

Aphelele:"I'm home, my family wants to talk to you"

Jess:"About what? did you do something stupid?"

Me:"No she didn't, this is about Aphiwe?"

Jess:"Oh okay"

Me:"Did you talk him?"

Jess:"Yes I did but he was acting strange"

Me:"Strange how?"

Jess:"It's like he didn't know me at all, he said his name was Eduardo not Aphiwe, he didn't even know his sister"

Me:"Okay did you see the car they were using"

Jess:"All I know it's from Mercedes Benz company I don't know the name"

Me:"Okay thank you"

Jess:"Wait there is something else"

Me:"What is it?"

Jess: "The lady he was with quickly became mad when she saw me talking to him"

Me: "Why is that?"

Jess: "I don't know, she wasn't even there when I was talking to him"

Me: "So she was mad that you spoke to him"

Jess: "Yes, and Aphiwe lied"

Me: "Lied?" she sigh.

Jess: "When she asked why I was talking to her man, Aphiwe said I was asking for directions"

Me: "Okay thank you, please if you remember anything else just call"

Jess: "Okay I will bye" I end the call.

Sinazo: "Her man? Seems like he has moved on"

Liana: "Sinazo no one is forcing you to be here if you hate Aphiwe and you don't want to help then leave! We don't need your help!"

Phiko: "Babe calm down, you will upset the baby" Phiko is such a gentle soul when it comes to his loved ones.

Me: "There must be a reason why Aphiwe lied"

Lore:"Okay how do we go about this?"

Me:"Okay the last place he was seen is at the mall we started there

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pay whoever we have to for us to obtain the cctv footage. We can distribute flyers with his face as a missing person that could either bring him back or take him far away. But we need to move fast I don't feel good about this"

Phiko:"Okay we will go at the mall"

Dad:"I'm coming with you"

They all left leaving me with Snazo and Aphelele, Liana just went to the hospital to see Miracle and Nia.

Sinazo:"I wasn't trying to be negative or anything Leo, I was just looking at possibilities"

Me:"And you only came with one possibility that was Aphiwe moved on and living his best life"

Sinazo:"What if that's the case" I chuckle.

Me:"Then I will need to hear it from the horse's mouth not you"

Sinazo:"Oh okay" I look at her.



Me:"I don't trust you Sinazo and it's clear that you hate Aphiwe for what happened to your baby. If you here waiting to take revenge on him or harm my baby, I won't hesitate turning on you"

Sinazo:"Are you threatening me?"

Me:"No take it as a warning darling" she chuckles

Sinazo:"Well I'm warned"

Me:"Don't test me, you don't want me to air your dirty laundry to the family. I got files on you and you don't want uncle Luu to find out about your degree that doesn't exist but he paid four years for it"

Sinazo:"What? how do--"

Me:"Now you are going to behave and go back to wherever you crawled from"

TWO DAYS LATER

NARRATED

Aphiwe have been trying to gather as much information as he can to figure out who he is but there is much information that helps.

Lupita's history searches have been deleted.

Aphiwe believes that there must be something in their apartment that can help him.

Lupita has been the happiest woman as things seem to be getting better between her and his man.

It has been two days since Aphiwe has been looking for information.

He starts searching the apartment and finds a safe behind a painting in the bathroom.

Aphiwe: "What do we have here?" he says thinking about a combination, and it's pretty easy to figure it he doesn't know why is that.

He opens the safe and finds an envelope and a gun.

As soon as he opens it up he realizes that Lupita is unstable.

Aphiwe:"So this is Eduardo" he says looking at the pictures of the real Eduardo and Lupita.

And there is also pictures of Eduardo with different women in bed and some in restaurants then lastly his death certificate.

He quickly goes to the computer and types his name, and this time the first picture that pulls up it's a missing flyer which has been on the internet few hours ago.

The door opens Lupita walks in and Aphiwe turns to look at her.

Aphiwe:"You are back early" he says looking at Lupita who is looking like she has been running.

Lupita:"We have to go" she walks in but stop as she looks at the screen of the computer.

Aphiwe:"That's a nice you gave to me, Eduardo and that's also your late fiance's name" he is so calm.

Lupita:"My love look at me, I love you"

Aphiwe:"Why did you do this?"

Lupita:"Because I love you" he chuckles.

Aphiwe:"You loved me so much that's you gave me your fiance's name"

Lupita:"Look let's get out of here and I can explain everything"

Aphiwe:"I'm not going with you, you are sick Lupita you changed my whole identity just so I can be who you want" she runs to the room and come back holding a gun.

Lupita:"You are coming with me"

Aphiwe:"Or what? you are going to shoot me?"

Lupita:"Eduardo don't make shoot you!" she yells at me.

Aphiwe:"Go ahead! shoot!" she tries shooting but the gun doesn't fire a shot.

Aphiwe:"Oops" he says showing her the bullets.

She quickly runs to the door and ran out leaving Aphiwe.

He sits down calculating his first move, he will deal with Lupita later on.

Lupita runs out she realise that she left her things inside the apartment and she can't go back, she clearly knows that the man she was with is dangerous from the way he was calm.

She keeps running until a car quickly stops in front of her.

"Going somewhere?" she looks at the girl in front of her.

Lupita:"Yeah you can see that" the girl chuckles.

"I like you already, get in the car" she looks at her.

Lupita:"Why?"

"Because I might be the friend you need right now"

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LUPITA

I don't know why this girl is helping me and how she knows me but I needed to get away from there so I accepted her help.

Her:"Where are you going?"

Me:"I don't know" I left everything behind

Her:"Oh okay, I can take you somewhere you will be safe"

Me:"Safe from what?" I don't know how much she knows so I need to be careful.

Her:"From Aphiwe and a lot of other people"

Me:"Aphiwe?"

Her:"The man you were staying with, and by the looks of things you are running away from him"

Me:"What do you know about him?"

Her:"Everything there is to know about that man, he is very dangerous but I can help you" I chuckle.

Me:"In exchange for what?"

Her:"Nothing"

Me:"I don't believe that! There has to be a catch somehow" she chuckles.

Her:"Not at all" I look at her.

Me:"I see, what can you possible help me with?"

Her:"Aphiwe has a girlfriend, who he loves so much he even protected her with his own life in Colombia it's sickening" I clench my jaws and she laughs "I see that you have fallen for the bodyguard too"

Me:"So he has a whole girlfriend"

Her:"And she is pregnant" that makes my whole body burn.

Me:"Really? what else?"

Her:"Yeah but if you want Aphiwe I can help you get him"

Me:"Why do you want to help me?" she smiles.

Her:"Because seeing her miserable makes me happy and I also hate Aphiwe"

Me:"Is that all?"

Her:"That's all"

Me:"How will you help me?"

Her:"Aphiwe has a godmother, who is very manipulative and loves money, so if you could approach her to help you as long as you are going to pay then she will help you. And besides the godmother has a problem with the girlfriend's family so she won't approve of that relationship"

Me:"So Aphiwe and his godmother are close?"

Her:"They have a decent relationship"

Me:"Well I guess that's where I will start"

Her:"But how will you get Aphiwe to be with you?" I chuckle.

Me:"Well it happens that I'm pregnant with his baby is that good enough?" she smiles widely.

Her:"Good enough! It couldn't be any better" she says excitedly.

Me:"So what's your name?"

Her:"My name isn't important"

NARRATED

After Lupita ran out Aphiwe sat down trying to figure out what he should do next.



He is conflicted if he should call the number on the flyer or not.

He doesn't trust anyone and he needs to get out of the apartment as soon as he can.

He decides not to call the number, and research about himself on the internet, for some weird reason he is familiar with everything that's on the site of his agency about him.

He now knows why he had a flash back about the girl calling him her bodyguard.

He is a bodyguard, he packs a few clothes, laptop and take the money that was in the safe.

Luckily for him Lupita left the car he will abandon it later on.

After finding out that he has a little sister, he needs to find her.

He has all the information he needs, he drives straight to Aphelele's school.

He keeps checking the picture of his sister on his Instagram that he posted months ago almost a year ago.

He sees the girl from the mall walking out of the school.

Aphiwe:"Jessica" she turns and look at the heavy disguised man  
"Don't freak out, where is my sister?" she recognized his voice.

Jess:"She has an extra lesson"

Aphiwe:" Do you think you can be able to get her for me"

Jess:"Uh okay, I will try" he nods and wait for Jessica.

Soon they both come out talking about something.

Aphelele:"Bhuti!" she throws herself in his arms.

Aphiwe:"Uh hey"

Aphelele:"You are alive!"

Aphiwe:"Can we get out of here, I need your help" Aphelele  
frowns his brother usually would kiss her all over the face.

Aphelele:"I have a class"

Aphiwe:"I know but it's important and agent please" she sigh  
and get inside the car with him.

They drive off and Aphelele looks at her brother who is shaking terrible.

Aphelele:"Are you okay?"

Aphiwe:"Can you drive?"

Aphelele:"I'm 15, what's going on? you are acting very weird"

Aphiwe:"Is there any place we could both go that's safe and no one else knows about?"

Aphelele:"Our parents cabin

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are we in danger?"

Aphiwe:" I will explain later, let's leave this car here and Uber there"

After they get to the cabin, Aphelele is wondering what's going on.

Aphiwe:"I don't remember anything about myself not even you" she looks at him confused.

Aphelele:"What do you mean?"

Aphiwe:"I woke up in Hospital without any memory, so it is very important for you to help me remember. What happened to me?"

Aphelele:"Oh my God, uh you were kidnapped with Leonella I don't know what happened but she believed that you were killed"

Aphiwe:"Who is Leonella?"

Aphelele:" Your..." her phone rings "It's her"

Aphiwe:"Okay make it short"

Aphelele:"Sis Leo" she answers her phone.

Leo:"Aphelele where the hell are you? I just go a call from your school!" she looks at Aphiwe not sure what to say.

Aphelele:"I'm with Marcus"

Leo:"Don't test me, you skipped class to be with a boy"

Aphelele:"I'm sorry"

Leo:"Get back to the house right now we will talk about this young lady"

Aphelele:"Okay, I will see you" she hangs up.

Aphiwe:"Is that our relative?"

Aphelele:"No! that's your girlfriend and she is pregnant with your child!" he runs his hand on his face.

Aphiwe:"Okay! I need to think for a minute"

Aphelele:"Are you cheating on her with that lady you were with?" he realizes the concern on her voice.

Aphiwe:"No I'm not, look you need to go home"

Aphelele:"Leave you here alone?"

Aphiwe:"I will be fine, I was a bodyguard I'm sure I have instincts nothing is going to happen to me"

Aphelele:"So you don't want to see Leonella?"

Aphiwe:"I don't know her and I don't remember her"

Aphelele:"Maybe she can help you remember what happened to you" he sighs.

Aphiwe:"I don't trust anyone"

Aphelele:"She is taking care of me she didn't even hesitate to pay my fees when we thought you were dead, she loves you and is doing everything to find you, you can trust her"

Aphiwe:"I don't know" he says pacing up and down.

Aphelele:"Please trust me"

Aphiwe:"Fine I hope I won't regret it" she quickly take her phone "What are you doing?"

Aphelele:"I'm calling her to come over" she says already calling "Sis Leo"

Leo:"Where are you Aphelele?"

Aphiwe:"Marcus's house, his parents needs to talk to you. Can you come?"

Leo:"Did you two do something?"

Aphelele:"Kind of"

Leo:"Oh my God Aphelele"

Aphelele:"I will send you the address, please come alone"

Leo:"Fine!" she sends the address.

Aphiwe:"You are a good liar"

Aphelele:"You taught me that skill" he chuckles.

Aphiwe:"How long is this going to take?"

Aphelele:"She will be here in less than 20 minutes"

Aphiwe:"Okay" he is suddenly nervous.

Aphelele:"Where is the woman you were with?"

Aphiwe:"I don't know, you sound matured for your age"

Aphelele:"I get that a lot, what do you mean you don't know"

Aphiwe:"I can't concentrate on anything right now please stop interrogating me"

Aphelele:"You are nervous" she says smiling then laugh

Aphiwe:"What's funny?"

Aphelele:"Never seen you nervous before"

Aphiwe:"Well I guess there---" he stops when he hears the car approaching the cabin.

Aphelele:"She is here, I will get her"

Aphiwe:"Is it too late to ask her to turn back and leave?"

Aphelele:"Well it's too late, this should be fun" she says smiling and goes out to get Leo.

Leo:"Aphelele what did you do? Did you sleep with him?" she is panicking.

Aphelele:"Please calm down, I didn't sleep with him"

Leo:"That's better, what's this about?" she smiles.

Aphelele:"You will find out inside let's go" she says walking towards the door

Leo:"Why is it so quiet?"

Aphelele:"It's a cabin so you won't hear anything while outside"

Leo:"Okay let's find out what is it that you did" Aphelele is the first one to walk in.

Leo:"What's going on here there is no one Aphelele"

Aphelele:"There is someone" she says looking where Aphiwe just appeared.

Leo looks at Aphiwe with shock and confusion with tears already threatening to fall

Aphiwe:"Your eyes"



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LUPITA

We have pulled over so that I could withdraw some cash.

And buy few things for things for myself.

I'm still wondering who this girl is and why is she so determined to help but that doesn't matter as long as I will get my man back.

I also bought three pregnancy tests so I could confirm that I'm really pregnant.

I know I am pregnant this is just to be sure.

We are driving to the nearest hotel.

Her:"So you left everything behind"

Me:"Yeah I needed to get out of there as fast as I can" she nods.

Her:"I doubt Aphiwe will stay there so you will need to get them" I sigh

Me:"Yeah and I also need my car"

Her:"Well you need to go to your car dealership and report it missing they will help you find it I'm sure Aphiwe used it as an escape and dumped it somewhere"

Me:"You seems to know a lot about these things"

Her:"I do know a lot" we arrived at the hotel and I booked for a week.

Her:"Take the pregnancy test while I'm here" I look at her.

Me:"Why?"

Her:"Because if you are not pregnant we will need plan B"

I go to the bathroom and take the test.

Her:"So Aphiwe knows where you work?"

Me:"No he doesn't, he didn't care"

Her:"That's good because you will still need that money for your living"

Me:"Trust me I have more than enough money, my mom left a lot of money and I have taken a million life insurance on my fiance so I can survive for years with a job" she nods.

Her:"I think the test is ready"

Me:"Yeah" I go to the bathroom and take both tests.

Her:"And what do they say" I show her and she smiles.

Me:"I'm pregnant"

Her:"Perfect"

Me:"God I can't believe it"

Her:"Okay now here is all the information you will need to know about your targets" she says giving me a whole file.

Me:"Okay thanks"

Her:"Okay you need to lay low a bit atleast wait until you are about 5-6 months pregnant before you do this, no one is going to force you to abort"

Me:"Noted"

Her:"I have to go, don't mess this up sweetheart" she walks out.

I smile and brush my invisible belly.

Me:"We are going to reunite you with daddy soon my love"

NARRATED

Leonella is looking at him in disbelief and shock, she wants to throw herself in his arms but for some reason she is just stuck in one place.

Aphiwe is looking at her focusing in her eyes

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she is the girl from the airport.

She is the girl that he called his heartbeat in that flashback.

And now his heart is beating so fast and loud yet again.

Her tears moves something inside him and his eyes travel down to her stomach, the pregnancy is already showing.

Aphelele:"Are you guys going to talk or you are just going to stare at each other for the whole day?" Aphiwe looks at her and chuckle he didn't think his sister might be such a smart pants.

Aphiwe:"Can you give us a moment?" she nods.

Aphelele:"I will wear headphones just in case you guys this side to kiss and make up" she says and leaves them.

Aphiwe looks at Leonella, why is she making him so nervous? he asks himself.

Aphiwe: "You should sit down" she is reading his body language.

She wipes her tears and sits down.

Aphiwe: "I know you have a lot of questions and I would answer them but I can't because I suffered a memory loss I.." she chuckles and cuts him off.

Leonella: "It makes sense because my bodyguard would be all over me" he swallows.

Aphiwe: "What happened to me because I woke up in hospital and I was told that I was in a coma for three months and I barely remember anything" she looks at him.

Leonella: "Barely? Which means there is something you remember?" he sighs.

Aphiwe: "I didn't remember anything until I saw you..."

Leonella: "You saw me?"

Aphiwe: "Yes at the airport when I was coming home, you were not far from the road and you were going to board a private jet then you looked at the car I was in and I just had a flashback of your eyes staring into mine telling me that you love me that's

all I had, a memory of you telling me you love me" she blinks a few times.

Leonella:"That day I..I felt like someone was looking at me or watching me, I couldn't see who I told my family we should leave"

Aphiwe:"It explains why I couldn't see you after the flashback you were gone" she sigh.

Leonella:"What happened after you woke up"

Aphiwe:"I guess Lupita is the one who took me the hospital and I moved in with her"

Leonella:"Where is she?"

Aphiwe:"I don't know she took off after I confronted her about her lies"

Leonella:"Lies?" he sigh.

Aphiwe:"She gave me an identity of her late fiancé" She chuckles.

Leonella:"So you two were together?"

Aphiwe:"No! I mean not like that..it wasn't like a couple but we.." he stops when he see her crying.

Leonella:"You slept with her?"

Aphiwe:"It didn't mean anything" she shakes her head as tears fall freely.

Aphiwe:"Please don't cry" he says standing and squads in front of her and hold her hand.

Aphiwe:"I don't want to sound like I'm making an excuse about sleeping with her but I feel like she did something to me, I didn't have any feelings for her and after I ate her food I just felt this strong need of having sex I don't know what happened. I'm sorry that this is hurting you" she removes her hand from his.

Leonella:"Why do you care that I'm hurting? you don't even know me" she says standing up and walking away but he holds her arm.

Aphiwe:"Yes you are right I don't know you and I don't remember you but my heart knows you" she turns to look him.

He gently takes her hand and put it where his heart is.

Aphiwe:"My heartbeat" she looks at him and her eyes are around glistening in tears.

Leonella:"My bodyguard" he places her head on his chest.

Aphiwe:"I will remember you" he wraps his arms around her and she cries as she holds onto him tight.

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HEARTBEAT

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LEONELLA

We stayed like that for what seems eternity and he held me so tight to him.

Having him so near me feels like so surreal.

My mom always told me that when you meet the one you will know and you will feel it and she was right.

Aphiwe is the one for me I don't see myself with anyone else.

It stings that he doesn't remember me but he assures that his heart that remembers me.

My stomach starts making weird noise.

Aphiwe:"You are hungry" he says letting me go.

Me:"I will order something to eat"



Aphiwe:"I'm sorry that theres nothing to eat"

Me:"I'm using you card" he chuckles.

Aphiwe:"Well in that case I'm not sorry" God knows I missed his stupidity.

Me:"I missed you" I immediately regret saying that because of his facial expressions "I will go get Aphelele"

Aphiwe:"Please bare with me, I know this is hard for you and it is also hard for me. My heart is fighting my mind and whatever we had before I lost my memory was strong I know that" his vulnerability is making me weak.

Me:"What if you don't remember me ever?" he sigh

Aphiwe:"I don't think that's possible but what I know is if I don't remember you ever we can start all over again because I know what I feel for you"

Me:"What's going to happen now?"

Aphiwe:"For now I need to stay here for a while I was hoping you are going to stay with me"

Me:"I need to talk to my family first"

Aphiwe:"Okay then you will go with Aphelele while I clean up this dusty place"

Me:"No I will go alone and I will buy a few things on my way back for now let's just have some food, I will leave after"

After having dinner with Aphelele and Aphiwe I drive home.

I know that I don't pray too often heck I don't think I even know how too but I need God to pull through for me.

I need Aphiwe to remember me but a part of me would be okay if he doesn't remember what happened to him when Jose kidnapped us.

Phiko:"So you are saying Aphiwe has amnesia" I nod

Mom:"Bring him to my hospital and we will have a team of doctors look into in his case"

Me:"Thank you Mom I will talk to him, Dad?" he sigh

Dad:"I'm not happy with you staying with him but if he needs your help then I guess I will allow it"

Me:"I guess I will go pack my clothes"

Liana:"How long will you be staying with him? I will be bored" I laugh, she is helping me pack.

Me:"You have Phiko" she rolls her eyes.

Liana:"That one can be annoying"

Me:"Your pregnancy is making you hate him"

Liana:"I love him he just annoys me"

Phiko:"Well you chose me sweetheart you are stuck with me"

Liana smiles as if she didn't say she annoys me.

Liana:"I will leave you two to talk" she kisses him before walking out.

Phiko:"That's a huge luggage, are you leaving forever?" I chuckle.

Me:"No it's a mixture of my clothes with Aphelele's clothes and some of Aphiwe's stuff" he nods

Phiko:"So how are you feeling?"

Me:"I'm happy that God brought us together again" he smiles.

Phiko:"I'm happy for you, please don't stress about him he will be okay soon"

Me:"Hopefully"

Phiko:"Or you can help him remember fast" I look at him confused.

Me:"How?"

Phiko:"Sleep with him"

Me:"Phiko!" he sigh

Phiko:"All I'm say is remind him how it was like like being with you"

Me:"I don't want to take advantage of him"

Phiko:"What do you mean?"

Me:"The girl he was with, I think she drugged him to sleep with him

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he was violated by her I don't think he is ready to sleep with me"

Phiko:"You will communicate with him Leonella, don't make him feel like you are pushing him to do so"

Me:"I will see"

Phiko:"I will visit you guys once he is ready to face the world again"

I drive to the cabin after picking up some groceries and everything we might need in this place.

Aphelele helps with the groceries.

Me:"Wow you guys really cleaned up this place"

Aphiwe:"Yeah the dust is gone"

Aphelele:"I will go unpack my clothes" she takes her bag and leaves as alone. .

Aphiwe:"You should unpack your clothes too, I wasn't sure if we will share a room or you will want to use a guest room" I look at him.

Me:"You are comfortable with sharing a room with me?"

Aphiwe:"I am what about you?"

Me:"I'm okay with that" he shows me the room "My mom wants you to go to her hospital and get a second opinion on your amnesia, are you okay with that?\*

Aphiwe:"She owns a hospital?"

Me:"Yeah she is a doctor too"

Aphiwe:"Oh okay I can go" I bite my lip thinking of Phiko's idea.

Me:"I got your things here, like ID and necessary papers I don't know if you might need them"

Aphiwe:"Thank you, I will unpack please sit down" I nod.

I take one of his t-shirts that I brought here and start undressing I need to wear something comfortable but this was to see how he reacts.

He blinks and swallows after I dropped my bra on the floor.

Me:"Can you help me with the shoes?" he nods and squad down to take off my shoes.

Aphiwe:"Your feet are swollen are they painful?"

Me:"No it's just pregnancy"

Aphiwe:"Okay go up the bed so I can help you with a massage"  
I nod and got on top of the bed.

He starts massaging me and it feels great.

He keeps stealing glances at me I'm still wearing my underwear only.

Aphiwe:"Feeling better?" I nod.

Me:"Let me help you remember" he looks at me.

Aphiwe:"How?"

Me:"You will be my boyfriend again and make love to me" he looks at me I can't read his emotions.

Aphiwe:"Are you sure about that?"

Me:"I am sure Aphiwe, make love to me" he sigh I hope he won't reject me or think I'm desperate.

He takes off his shoes and get next to me.

He brushes my belly and genuinely smile.

Aphiwe:"I have been fighting this feeling of wanting to kiss you or touch you the whole time since you got here" I could hear him breathe on my neck.

Me:"Don't fight it then, touch me" we lock eyes before I feel his lips against mine.

Our lips are in sync, the kiss is evoking some feelings only him knows how to awake.

I moan in his mouth when he squeezes my butt.

He tightens his hold and the kiss is full of hunger.

He groans and let me go while panting as if he is out of his breathe.

I can't even say anything because I'm still trying to breathe.

Me:"Are you okay?" he has his head buried in my neck.

Aphiwe:"Did he hurt you?"

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APHIWE

How do you have something so strong with someone?

I had hope that I would remember my life but not any time soon.

I didn't want to scare her or anything but ever since she got here I have been getting little flashbacks.

From what I see in her body language I know he did something to her.

She opens her mouth to say something but words are failing her she just let's her tears fall.

Me:"What did he do?"

Leonella:"Aphiwe" she is trying to protect me from knowing but I need to know.

Me:"I want to know"

Leonella:"He drugged me and raped me while I helplessly watched him" my stomach is into knots.

Me:"Is he dead?" she nods I kiss her forehead.



The some silence between us

Me:"I'm sorry" she sigh

Leonella:"Don't be I'm okay now"

Me:"Are you?"

Leonella:"I'm getting there" I pull her to my chest "Do you remember everything?"

Me:"No not everything it's all piece by piece, they are confusing but hopefully they will come together soon" she plants a kiss in my chest causing my body to react.

Leonella:"One step at a time" I place my hand on her belly.

Me:"Does he kick?" she chuckles.

Leonella:"No but soon he will start kicking"

Me:"Once everything settles down I need to do right by you"

Leonella:"It has been the worse four months of my life all I want to do now is to enjoy my life and focus on my pregnancy"

Me:"We will do that" she kisses me while running her hands on my stomach.

She helps out of my t-shirt and trousers.

She gets on top of me and grinds on my cock that is hard against my truck.

Soft moans escape from her lips when I grab her ass.

Me:"Let me do the work" I say flipping us over.

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FOUR MONTHS LATER

LUPITA

Laying low have been peaceful for me and I have been enjoying it a lot.

But it would have been better if we had Aphiwe here.

I know he was angry at me for lying to him but how could he just not try to look for me after everything I did for him, he would have died if it wasn't for me.

I need him and our baby will need him too.

I'm glad that the first trimester is over it has been a nightmare and now things have died down I'm starting to enjoy this pregnancy.

The things I have been read about Leonella's family are terrifying but they should understand I'm not there to start a war I'm just there to get my man and I would do anything for him.

The girl who have given me information about these people have disappeared like she never existed.

I finally decided to drive to Aphiwe's family or should I say his godmother's house.

They have a beautiful house I don't want to lie.

I nervously ring the intercom at the gate and wait for someone to open for me.

"Yes" a voice comes through the intercom.

Me:"I'm here to see Gloria" the gate opens.

I step out of my car and a maid opens the door.

Maid:"Hi please come in, she will be with you shortly"

I sit down and tap my foot as I wait for her.

She walks in looking like a drag Queen everything about her make-up and dress screams extra.

She stops and looks at me up and down.

Gloria:"Who are you?" uh okay straight to the point.

Me:"Hey I'm Lupita"

Gloria:"What is this about?"

Me:"I'm Aphiwe's ex girlfriend, this is his home right?" she looks at me.

Gloria:"I didn't know my godson have a thing for your kind" she sounds racist I'm second guessing if coming here was a good idea.

Me:"I just want him to know about his child I don't want his money or anything I can afford myself" she smiles.

Gloria:"I didn't say you wanted his money I'm just surprised why did you break?" I sigh.

Me:"He got back with Leonella Zulu" I could see her face change.

Gloria:"As in Ludwe and Siwe's daughter?" I nod.

Me:"I think so, I don't want to come between them she is also pregnant I just need him to be present for my child too" I need to play my cards right.

Gloria:"The devil is testing me right now" she click her tongue I could see she is beyond pissed.

Me:"I just need to know where he is right now"

Gloria:"Don't worry he is going to do more than taking care of your child"

Me:"What do you mean?" she looks at me.

Gloria:"You love my son right?"

Me:"More than anything"

Gloria:"Good then there's no way I'm going to let my child be with Ludwe's daughter never!" well this seems to be working just fine.

A WEEK LATER

LEONELLA

The past four months have been amazing but a rollercoaster of emotions.

Aphiwe and I started therapy together it's something we both needed after what we went through.

He has fully recovered and I couldn't be more happy with how things have turned out to be.

He has been preparing to be a dad soon I'm just due in three weeks and I'm over this pregnancy already I need to hold my son.

We have been staying in this cabin I love the nature surrounding it.

My dad isn't happy with us staying together but he loves Aphiwe and he has paid damages for my pregnancy so that kind of softened his heart.

Aphiwe only involved his uncles from his father's side and his Godfather not his godmother I don't know why but I wasn't going to push it.

I guess their relationship is shaky, the woman didn't even want to pay for Aphelele's school fees when we thought Aphiwe was dead.

Aphiwe and Phiko went somewhere I'm only left with Aphelele.

Speaking of Phiko he is officially married and has a daughter with Liana.

A knock disturbs me I'm not expecting anyone but there is security here so if it was anything threatening they wouldn't have allow it.

I open the door and find a woman I think I have seen her before.

Me:"Hello"

Gloria:"Where is my son?" oh it's the godmother.

Me:"He is not here"

Gloria:"We will wait for him, come" Lupita appears behind her I swear I'm being tested here, they make their way.

Aphelele:"What's going on?" she says looking at the two women "Sis Leo are you okay?"

Me:"I'm fine sweetie" I take my phone and call Aphiwe.

Aphiwe:"Mami"

Me:"Get back here now" I end the call.

Gloria:"So you are cohabitating with my son"

Aphelele:"Ignore her sis Leo" Gloria looks at her.

Me:"Your son is coming" I'm raging inside.

Soon I hear Aphiwe's car he doesn't even bother to killing the ignition.

I open the door he is panting.

Aphiwe:"Are you okay?" I blink away my tears.

Me:"I'm fine, your mother is here with your baby mama"

Aphiwe:"My what?" he follows me but immediately stops when he sees the two of them.

Aphiwe:"Lupita?!" she quickly stands up and threw herself at him

Lupita:"Babe!" I shake my head and walk to the kitchen.



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APHIWE

The past four months have been nothing but bliss my soon to be mother in law and her medical team made sure that I remember everything.

Leonella is close to giving birth to our baby boy and I can't wait to hold him.

And just when I thought we were happy and moving on from everything this lunatic shows up here.

She is pregnant and she is with Gloria, this can't be happen.

I push Lupita off me and follow my woman.

She is sitting on the kitchen counter stuffing herself with food while crying if this was anyday I would laugh like I normally do when her hormones gets the better of her and she does this.

Leonella:"Did you know that she is pregnant?"

Me:"No I didn't I promise" I say standing behind her those two can wait.

Leonella:"You didn't tell me that you didn't use a condom with her" I sigh.

Me:"I know I'm sorry, please don't cry" she nods while shoving chips in her mouth "Let's go" I take her hand and we walk to the sitting area.

Gloria:"Aphiwe how could you just leave us alone? How can you disrespect me like that?"

Me:"How did you know where I was?"

Gloria:"Your Godfather told me where you live"

Me:"What is this about?"

Lupita:"Aphiwe we are having a child" I chuckle.

Me:"And?"

Gloria:"What do you mean and? You need to do right by her"

Me:"Right by her? She got herself pregnant and you expect me to do right by her"

Gloria:"Aphiwe don't piss me off"

Me:"Gloria you are not my mother, even if you were I wasn't going to allow you to play God in my life. As for you Lupita I

want nothing to do with you I don't care if you are pregnant or not" she looks at me then at Leonella.

Lupita:"You took him away from us"

Leonella:"Okay now you are losing it" Without any notice she attacks Leonella I quickly pushed her off her, she falls down.

Me:"What's your problem? Babe are you okay?"

Leonella:"She has a knife" she says holding her belly.

Gloria:"What have you done?" She says looking at Lupita.

Aphelele:"What have you done my foot Gloria! If she loses this baby I will kill you" Lupita has long ran out.

Me:"I need to take you to the hospital"

Leonella:"It's just a stretch babe" I shake my head.

Me:"I can't take that risk she tried stabbing you in your stomach" she nods.

Leonella:"Okay we have to go, I'm feeling a little bit discomfort in my abdominal area"

Me:"What are you still doing here?" I say looking at Gloria.

Gloria:"I didn't know she was going to hurt her" I shake my head.

Me:"You must be happy now"

Gloria:"I'm sorry pl---" Aphelele quickly cuts her off.

Aphelele:"Please leave you have done enough" My sister is something else.

I am relieved that it was just a stretch and not a deep wound.

I can't believe Lupita is this crazy, they decided to keep Leonella over the night to monitor her.

The reason she is in pain she is having Braxton Hicks contractions and her uterus is expanding so is her birth canal, preparing itself for birth.

Phiko:"So this Lupita is crazy" I sigh.

Me:"Yeah she is a lunatic, Gloria brought her to our place"

Siwe:"Gloria? Gloria Dlamini?" She says looking at me.

Me:"Yeah she is my Godmother, do you know her?"

Siwe:"She was Ludwe's mistress" I didn't think Leo's father is a cheating type especially with Gloria.

Phiko:"Dad cheated on you?"

Ludwe:"It wasn't like that and Gloria was a once off mistake I made, it is one of the things I'm not proud of in my life" Phiko isn't pleased at all.

A doctor approaches us wearing this look I can't read.

Me:"Is everything okay?"

Dr:"She is in labor"

Me:"What do you mean she is in labor? She isn't due until 3 weeks from now"

Dr:"She is early, you can follow me"

Siwe:"Hey breath she is okay" I nod and follow the doctor.

Leonella is lying in bed groaning in pain.

Me:"Hey" she looks at me with tears.

Leonella:"Tell them to get him out" my poor baby is in pain.

Me:"It's okay you just need to breathe" she nods "How long is it going to take? She is in pain?"

Dr:"She is 7cm now hopefully in the next hour"

Me:"An hour is too much" I'm now panicking.

Dr:"She is fine, she must just breathe. Let me check her again"  
he says walking to her bed "Leonella please open your legs"

Me:"What? You are the one checking her? Can't we have a female do that?" He chuckles

Dr:"This is my job so no I'm the doctor available today" a man looking into my woman's vagina is something else.

Leonella:"Aphiwe stop!" She reprimands me I sigh.

Me:"Fine go ahead"

After 3 hours we finally welcomed Sibanisethu and he is so perfect.

I thought I could never love anything like I love Leonella but my baby boy proved me wrong.

Leonella:"They are taking too long to dress him up" I chuckle and smile.

Me:"He will be here babe" I say kissing her forehead and our baby is brought to us.

Leonella:"He is so perfect oh my God" she is getting emotional, we have been waiting for this moment forever.

Me:"He is my love, check his vest" she frowns.

Leonella:"Uh okay" she says opening his blanket, she quickly looks at me.

Leonella:"Are you serious?" She has become so emotional because of this pregnancy. Me:"Of course I am"

Leonella:"Hey Mom will you marry dad?" She says reading his vest and looks at me "Of course I will marry your dad baby"

Me:"Thank you Mazulu for everything, it's like it was yesterday when I hated your attitude towards me and I was ready to quit but I'm glad you came to me and beg me to be your bodyguard because after that day you quickly changed my life. I wasn't ready for love but falling for you was like I'm falling asleep it came at me once. And we have gone through a lot together we survived everything, you have completed me in everyone but one which is making me your husband my heartbeat"

Leonella:"I will marry you Aphiwe, I love you so much my bodyguard, babe I'm speechless" I slid the ring in her finger.

Me:"I love you so much, I will protect you and our son with my whole life. I don't want to lie today was scary for me especially after Lupita tried to stabbed, it really showed me that I will give up my life for you and it terrifies me to lose you, you are my heartbeat if you die I die" I hug her and our son.

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Lupita quickly drives to her hotel and pack her stuff.

She knows she is losing her baby, when Aphiwe pushed her off from Leonella she fell hard.

And she knows very well he is coming after her.

Her door opens she is startled and look at the person who just walked in.

Lupita:"What are you doing here?" She says to the girl who gave her the information.

Her:"Going somewhere?" She says looking at the bags.

Lupita:"Yeah" she chuckles.

Her:"You fucked up! Why did you attack her?"

Lupita:"How do you know that?"

Her:"I know everything sweetheart"

Lupita:"I need to get out of here, her family is going to come after me". Her:"Yeah they will come after you and trust me they will find you. They will make you talk and I can't have that"

Lupita:"What do you mean?" The girl takes out a knife.

Her:"Well I need to silence you" she says charging towards Lupita she is in pain so she can't run but she tries but the girl grabs her and throws her on the floor she lands on her stomach

Lupita:"Please I promise I will disappear" she says crawling to the door.



Her:"That's not enough for me" she grabs her and drag her to the middle of the room.

Lupita:"Please Pl----" she doesn't get to finish as the girl slit her throat and watch her dying.

Her:"Oh and my name is Nia" she says as Lupita takes her last breath.

.....**THE END**.....

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