

"Men are not supposed to show their emotions or cry because that's a sign of weakness" -world

INDODA

SEASON 2

THEMBELIHLE WRITINGS

ROLOGUE
PREVIOUSLY ON INDODA

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REINIE-THOBEKA

Feeling the metal on my skin made me cringe a bit. Damn it's been long since I had this kind of stuff. It's overwhelming and breath taking at the whole time.

He crawled into bed and held my chin up giving me those nasty dirty kisses. Now he was topless good Lord he had a lion tattoo on his chest. Motherfucking Lord!

His hand was inside my lace panty working on my clit and I was so damn wet. It was a river down there. His finger fucking game was rough that I found myself closing my legs a bit and he groaned biting my lips purposely..

Tendani: you are disturbing me

Me:(whispering)sorry.

He got up and went to his drawer and came back with a bondage.

Tendani: since your ankle is injured I won't use cuffs but these. I won't tighten them too much.

I just nodded as he spread my legs apart tying me up to the wall both sides of my legs were clipped on some

metal on the wall. Now I was bare to him. I was so exposed to him fully! He went back and stared at me. His eyes so small. Now the lights were on I guess he wanted me to see every emotions on his face.

He took his whiskey and drank half of it and came to pour some on my belly. It dripped down to my pussy and he licked it up. From my belly button all the way to my punani and I was panting. Gosh this was way too good I was loosing all sense of control of my body.

I came so hard when he ate my up while his thumb was rubbing me at the same time. Not able to touch him was so frustrating and torturing. I don't know how many times I tried to move only to remember that I'm tied up.

He got up from muffing me to kiss me making me to taste myself through his lips. The whole time he was pulling down his pants and oh Lord. The BBC (black big cock) sprang out and I swallowed hard.

He went to his pockets and came out with Skinny condoms and put one on. How he was so gently inserting the condom made me more horny juices were just flowing out of my vjay.

He rubbed his tip on the clit giving me that friction before dick slapping me. Now when a dick like that do that you feel like singing the national anthem.

He put it in half and took it out slapped my pussy and put it in again. He kept doing this like 4 times on the 5th time I couldn't take it anymore. I begged him to fuck me.

Tendani: dont beg me baby. Demand. Ask me to fuck you.

Shit he was torturing me by the time I said it right he pushed it all in and I screamed as he groaned squeezing my boob hard. He started giving me hard deep strokes with his hand on my spread leg the other one rubbing my clit..

Me: fuck!..

I was trying to move and I kinda hurt my leg because I knew that I'm close to coming and it's going to be huge. As if he was studying my body language he unhooked one of my leg and took it to his shoulder and pumped me hard busy saying whatever he was saying in Tshivenda and I couldn't hold it in together anymore. I released and damn I squirted. Hard that I even vibrated. Even my eyes squirted tears of joy. I lost all senses and he fucked me right through finishing me off and came afterwards.

He groaned like the lion on his chest holding my legs tight to his big chest as he came.

His body covered in a huge sweat he untied me and passed out next to me. I had no energy to say a word or move an inch.

I was drifting to sleep when I heard him saying" thank you" I smiled. Mission accomplished.!

MONTHS LATER

MBONGENI

The past few months have been a rollercoaster of emotions. Having to deal with Nomonde and Philile's mood swings was so tiring. I was craving a vacation just like my brother. He came back few weeks ago looking all gloomy. He has been getting it all the whole 2 months

He is glowing. Hahaha he can slap me hard if he were to hear me say that. As for Nomonde he has made a whole lot of progress and she's talking to Nduduzo. They have been calling and texting each other and it's coming pretty well.

I'm glad she's really taking the step of building a relationship with her son seriously. Today he's visiting us for the weekend and I hope everything will go well. I'm holding thumbs for that. Tomorrow Thokozani is having a house warming party and he invited all of us to his new home. I will introduce them to my family as all of us will be there.

* TENDANI*

I was doing my work on my laptop and Reinie was cooking wearing my shirt. We have been spending lot of time together and I must say the past two months have been great. If she's not at my place I'm at hers. Although sometimes I come off as clingy but I'm glad she understands.

We are so different and we fight a lot. Stupid fights if you ask me and we end up making up with our great steamy sex. Now that's the common goal we have. Our sex life is great and very interesting.

We are both stubborn and hot headed and she doesn't back down so easily. Above all I love that she is a confident woman who stood up to her word.

Zothile invited me to come to his brother's house warming party tomorrow and I think it's time I show off my bae to the guys. I have been telling Zothile about her even though I didn't give out details because I didn't want to jinx things but now I think I'm ready to make our relationship public.

Me:babe..

Reinie:yes?

Me: remember the house warming party I told you about?

Reinie:urhm yes.?

Me:well it is happening tomorrow and I would like you to accompany me to it.

Reinie:(blushing)are you sure?

Me: positive. So will you need anything to wear?

Reinie:(beaming with joy) is that a way for you to ask me if I need money?

Me:(laughing)well do you? You have never asked for it.

Reinie: because I'm making my money. But It wouldn't hurt to have your card for few minutes.

Me: (smiling) don't abuse my bank account please.

Reinie:(kissing my lips) I promise to be kind. The food is ready. Do dish up when you are hungry.

Oh well I should have waited a bit now she's leaving me all alone!

NOMPUMELELO

The house warming party was happening and all of the wives were at the kitchen cooking and chatting. It was lit conversations high Although I miss having a glass of wine because of preggies but I was having funny.

It was good being home and coming back to the ladies. Mostly to my princess. I missed her. I can't wait for her to meet her brother or sister in 5 months to come.

Mbongeni drove in with Nomonde and the boy I assume to be her son and introduce them to the guys. Siyabonga quickly takes Nduduzo out and they disappear with the other kids. Monde walks to the kitchen. Oh she looks good. Therapy is working and I'm happy. Nkosi is stuffing her face with food. She's due

anytime from now and her baby shower was lit last week.

I'm so happy her and Tshepiso are still going strong and they have come to a common ground with Zach in terms of co parenting. A little bird told me that Ceaser threatened him. I wish to ask him but knowing Ceaser he will ignore me .

The weather is beautiful mood high laughter coming from the guys outside as they are braaing the meat. Zothile come to ask for the plate and does his naughty things I chase him out of the kitchen and the Ladies laugh.

Finally we were done with cooking so we took all the food outside where tables are set up and ready. Tendani drive in with his mustard jaguar car. He gets out of the car and goes to the passenger seat and opened the door and a lady who is wearing a short white jumpsuit walks out. She is hot and sexy no lie. She has her sunglasses on and her weave so long...

I am sitting on Zothile's lap watching them as they walk to us. Girl is carrying some sort of a gift pack.

Tendani: gents. Ladies.

Us: Hey T

Tendani: meet my woman Thobeka babe these are my gents. I work with some of them...

She then take off her sunglasses and Zothile looks at her shocked and gulp his beer. Right then Tshepiso come out of the house with Nkosazana and stop dead on his tracks. Everyone keeps quiet and it is so awkward.

Me: hi Thobeka. Please welcome. Come this side.

I had to save her from this awkward moment and we walked to the kitchen.

Me: what are you doing here?

Thobeka: I had no idea that Tendani is mutual friends with Zothile you got to believe me. I didn't mean to cause any trouble...

I looked at her and i believe her. She is not lying. Looking outside the guys are now chatting.

Me:okay fine. Just be cool and enjoy okay? No one will say anything. Its will be up to you if you want to tell Tendani.

Thobeka: okay. How can I help?

Me: take this salad dish outside. I will carry the spoons.

We leave the kitchen together following each other and I hear Tshepiso whispering to Nkosi but he's loud " isithembu Sika mzothi". He is kak drunk and annoying and again silence filled all of us.

Nkosazana stand up so annoyed and stop after few steps.

Nkosazana:(screaming) I think my water just broke!!!!.

Everyone starts panicking standing up asking about her maternity bags and Tshepiso run to hold her hand while he screams I think he's becoming sober.

Tshepiso: someone call to Zach to meet us at the hospital!

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INDODA SEASON 2

PROLOGUE

*****NKOSAZANA*****

I am being wheeled to maternity ward with Tshepiso holding on my hand. Gosh the pains are driving me nuts. I feel like climbing on top of this hospital and scream my lungs out.

Me: (crying) baby can you please tell the doctors to cut me open and take the baby out?

Tshepiso: please hold on my love it's going to be over soon.

Me: I can't it's way too painful I don't want this! Futhi mina I Never said I wanted a baby ! Uphi yena lo Zachary wakhona? kumele Abe Lana azobona imisebenzi yakhe! (Where is Zach he should be here and see his results of his work)

They prepare me for delivery with Tshepiso trying to cool me down and hold my hand but yey it's not helping. In that Moment Zach run inside pushing the doors.

Zach: I came as soon as I heard the news. I am here baby.

Doctor: okay what's going on here? Someone explain who are these two gentlemen here?

Me: he's the father of my baby and he's my boyfriend.

Doctor: that's sweet of them for both being here but you need to choose one to stay because we can't have both of them here.

I swallowed hard as this was the difficult decision to make.

Me: Zachary can stay.

I could feel the disappointed look and sigh from Tshepiso but then Zach is the biological father. It won't be fair chasing him out and keeping him in. He left and Zach squeezed my hand.

Doctor: okay let's get ready.

*****THOBEKA*****

Tendani and i are driving back to his house. We have been silence since we left the house after Nkosazana went to labor. Everyone forgot about the party and concentrated on the new family member arrival.

Tendani: I didn't know you knew the Mngadis.

He says after some time breaking the silence between us.

Me: I do not all of them though.

Tendani: okay?

I could tell from his tone that he wants me to continue so I sigh and decide to tell him.

Me: I used to strip for Zothile regularly and at some point we tried dating but it didn't work out.

Silence. Okay. Can he say something at Least?

*****ZOTHILE*****

We are all seated on the hospital benches waiting for the baby to born.

Mpume: (whispering) do you think he's okay?

I followed her look as it landed on Tshepiso who was

busy pacing up and down clicking his tongue. I still don't understand why on Earth would Nkosazana allow Zach in and Chase Tshepiso out my guy have been with her through and through. This is so not fair.

Me: I don't think so. Let me go talk to him.

Mpume:okay.

I walked up to him and tapped his shoulder.

Me: mfana

Tshepiso:(wiping his eyes? What's taking them so long. Did anything happened? Why are they not updating us?

Me: calm down Tshepiso will you? I am sure that everything is going well. Let's just wait. Are you okay?

Tshepiso: me? I'm fine just worried about Nkosazana.

Me: Zach is in there how do you feel about that?

Tshepiso:(shrugging his shoulders) does it matter?

I saw a pain flashing in his eyes and I heave a sigh I was about to say another word when the doctor came to us.

Doctor: the delivery of the baby was successful she gave birth to a bouncing baby girl.

The wolves celebrated together with the wives. Only

Tshepiso and I were allowed to go in and the sight we walked upon was cosy and not pleasant.

Zachary was seated on the bed had his arms around Nkosi's shoulders while she breastfeed her baby.

Zachary: she is going to be a charmer this one.

Nkosi:(smiling brushing her forehead) she took your looks.

Zachary:(laughing)of cause I mean look at her curly hair. Chantelle Phiri. Daddy loves you my Angel.

I cleared my throat and they turned to us Tshepiso took steps backwards until he was out of the ward.

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#NKOSAZANA

Seeing Tshepiso exit the door without saying a word cut deep. I don't know how he might have interpreted the whole scene but I hope he doesn't take it bad. Zach looks at Zothile who is still standing there with his hands on the pockets.

Zach: I will come and check you later Neh baby?

Me: okay.

He walks past Zothile who shake his head pulling the chair sitting down.

Zothile: you are allowing him to call you "baby"?

Me: bhuti not now please.

Zothile: oh we are so going to do this now. What are you doing?

Me: nothing this was just a moment where by both of us deserve to celebrate

He shoot me a stare raising his eyebrow.

Zothile: I will not tell you what to do you an adult after all but I will tell you this. Tshepiso is my best friend and I will not stand by and watch you hurt him. If you want to play happy families with your baby daddy then release him. It took a lot of him to finally trust open his heart to love just like he does with you. Don't drive him over the edge again with your selfishness.

Me: are you not going to look at your niece or ask her name?

He gets up and take her handling her like some glass.

Zothile:(smiling) she's very pretty. Chantelle right?

Me:yeah Chantelle Thandolwethu Phiri.

Zothile:Phiri? Zach didn't do right by this child to give her his surname.

Me: Zothile please can you just for once let things slide? He know his responsibilities and he is going to take care of that.

Zothile: he better and I am not letting anything slide. (Looking at the baby)hello baby hello shana ka malume Zothile. You are so beautiful you are going to make me buy a gun because I can tell you are going to be turning heads. I pray you don't take your mom's genes.

Hello nunu AmandaMilly are eagerly waiting for you.

I smile he always loved kids I don't doubt that he is going to be an amazing father just like he already is with Milly.

#TENDANI

Reinie walked over to me where I was playing my piano/keyboard. I do that a lot when I am trying to cool down from a situation. I know that allowing myself to date her with a past like that meant a lot to me but never have I ever imagined him with Zothile. He is like my brother.

Reinie: I came to check what's keeping you so long.

Me:come here.

She moved closer and sat on my lap I brushed her arm.

Reinie: I am sorry I know that my past is going to be a problem and..

Me: can you keep quiet for a moment? Thank you. Look I understand and know that you have a past you told me about it. I am sorry for being mute on you I just needed time to think.

Reinie: so me having a past with Zothile does it change things between us?

Me: no it doesn't. I love you Thobeka and I want to be with you.

Reinie: I love you too and you don't know how relieved I am to hear you saying that.

Me: I really hope we won't be having problem in the future of you sneaking around with Zothile behind my back..

Reinie: what? Zothile and I are over. He made sure to tell me that what we had was over.

Me: and you?

Reinie: and me what?

Me: are you over him?

Reinie: I.. I.. I mean what could I possibly get from a

man who doesn't want me?

Me: Reinie look me in the eyes and tell me that you only want me and you are over Zothile?

Reinie:(chuckling)this is ridiculous Zothile is married and I am with you because I love you.

Me: okay. I love you too.

I pecked her lips and she smiled.

Reinie: Lets go eat.

She got up from me and pulled me to the kitchen.

#TSHEPISO

Leaving the ward I went straight to my car and drove to my house. I went straight to the fridge and took out my beer gulping it down going to the bedroom. I looked at our picture frame that's on our bedside.

God I love this woman I love her so much and the fear of losing her is Killing me. The look I saw and the smile on her face when that fool was busy giving compliments to the baby cut deep.

Why did Nkosazana allowed him to touch her like that? That was supposed to be our moment our joy. I sigh and went to the baby's nursery. Everything has been prepared and ready. I pick up the baby's bag and her maternity bag back to the bedroom.

I head to the shower and come out feeling fresh and new. After dressing up I open my safe and take out the box of ring. I need to protect and secure my future with her with everything I've got before things get to another level I won't be able to control and handle.

Driving back to the hospital I realise that most of the wolves have left. I walk to her ward with the bags and flowers. The bastard is there. I calm myself down and he puts the baby down.

He picks his phones and walk past me.

Zach:(whispering) we all know how this is going to end.
Keep trying hard though
I give it to you for the effort.

He winked and walked out. I walked to Nkosazana and put the things down.

Me:hey Mommy..

I said kissing her forehead and she smiled.

Nkosazana: I am happy you are back I was starting to get worried.

Me: I am sorry for leaving like that just that earlier when ..

Nkosazana: Tshepi I'm sorry if that made you uncomfortable but it meant nothing. I swear.

Me:(nodding) okay. Can I hold her?

Nkosazana:of cause.

I picked her up to my arms the emotions and love evaporated my heart I felt my eyelids getting wetter. She wrapped her hands around my waist snuggling on my shoulder.

Me:she is beautiful she is so perfect. She looks like you. What is her name?

Nkosazana:(smiling)then i am pretty. Her name is Chantelle Thandolwethu Phiri.

Me: were you doubting that you are pretty?

Nkosazana: a bit.. baby..

Me:yeah?

Nkosazana: thank you for everything. From loving me and walking through this journey with me . I truly appreciate your support and I am confident that I wouldn't have made it without you by my side.

Wow hearing her say that warmed my heart and encouraged the decision I've already made.

Me: I wouldn't have done otherwise. I love you.

She blushed and pecked my lips.

Me:her nursery is ready.

Nkosazana:oh yeahbabymy stepmom told me to come home with the baby for about 3 months until she's strong enough and after I have healed.

Me:that's understandable and it's how things used to be done back then.

I put the baby back to her small bed and helped Nkosazana back to the bed.

Nkosazana: what do you have there? gosh I don't know what to do with all these gifts the girls spoiled me so much.

Me: you deserve it baby.

I took out the box from my pocket and her hand.

Nkosazana: Tshepiso...

Me: I want our family to be complete I want us to give Chantelle a safe warm and secured environment to grow up to.

She hid her face with her hands as tears rolled down.

#ZACHARY

Leaving the hospital I drove straight to The Credentials. I find Ceaser smoking his cigarthe whole office covered in

a smoke. He look at me with his high eyes.

Ceaser:a little bird told me that you are a father congratulations.

Me:thanks boss actually that is the reason why I'm here to ask for few days off because I want to spend some time with my daughter.

Ceaser: I understand. Now my money.

He tap the table and I empty the back pack and stacks of money lands on the table.

Ceaser:it's complete right?

Me: yes you know I wouldn't double cross you.

Ceaser: you wouldn't. Now here your bonus. Go buy your child some fancy pram.

Wow I didn't expect that kind gesture. He is not bad after allwell he is bad but not everyday. Now I will add this to my savings and go pay the dowry and damages for my child. As for prams she got that covered having rich uncle's and auntie's came in handy. I don't think I will be buying my baby anything for the next six months.

All I need to do is fix our relationshipprove to her that I can be better and win her back. Tshepiso can never play happy families with my daughter no never.

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#MAKHUMALO

Nkosazana walked to the kitchen rubbing her eyes yawning.

Nkosi: good morning ma.

Me: morning baby slept well?

Nkosi: I tried but I'm tired.

Her and the baby arrived two days ago I have been helping her in taking care of her.

Me: you should rest and sleep more often so that your body can heal.

Nkosi: I hear you mother but I need to be on the streets and jog my sexy body back. I am getting married remember.

Me:oh yeah. Your engagement. Where is your ring?

Nkosi: you how traditional your husband is. He told me I should not insult the ancestors by wearing that decoration before Tshepiso asks for my hand in marriage the proper way.

Me:(laughing) I can even picture him saying that.

Nkosi:yooH ma awazi. He even threatened to cut off my finger the way he is so dramatic.

Me: hahaha ai kodwa no Mngadi unehaba. Kuyacaca ke ukuthi mayengabona isitifiketi sengane yakho angakuncuma. (My husband is exaggerating. Clearly if he can see your daughter birth certificate he can slaughter your head)

Nkosi: yooH mama please don't tell him. I am not ready to be pushed to home affairs and change my baby's surname.

Me:kodwa nawe Nkosazana. Wawuyizwaphi lento oyenzile? You just gave the baby his surname just like that?

Nkosi:but Mama Zach is Chantelle's father..

Me:ngomlomo nje kuphela! Do you know what you have done? You have given him rights to this child you will never do or take any decisions regarding her well being without his approval.

Nkosi: huh?

Me:(shaking my head) awuyanga yini kanti eskolweni we Nkosi?

Nkosi: I never thought about it that way. This is so messed up.

Me:ai! Now tell me about this engagement are you ready to be someone's wife? And what's the sudden rush?

Nkosi: Tshepiso want us to be a family and be together mama.

Me:u ready ke wena?

Nkosi: I think I am.

Me:*think* hee Jesu! You need to Know not think .

Nkosi:how did you know you were ready to be dad's wife?

Me: you really want to know?

Nkosi:yes please.

Me:kulungile ngizokutshela hamba uyogeza ukhiphe lezimpahla zokulala bese uyabuya.(it's fine I will tell you go take a bath and take off those pyjamas and come back)

#TSHEPISO

Zakes and I were having lunch and I kinda let him know about my engagement with Nkosi. I was so happy when she said yes. While she's home I need to push the preparations and get ready.

Me:so what do you think of this one?

Zakes:it's beautiful but hella expensive.

Me:she deserves it brah. I will ask the designers to get into it.

Zakes: you really are determined huh?

Me: I love her marn.

Zakes:tell me here mfana why the rush? Nkosazana just gave birth and you are running up and down with wedding arrangements?

Me: I just want us to raise our daughter as a married couple. There's nothing wrong in wanting the best future for them and I know that I can provide for them.

Zakes: last time we met Zothile told us that the baby uses Phiri's surname how are you planning on dealing with that?

Me:the baby will use the surname of her mother. As Soon as Nkosazana is a Ngidi so will her baby .

Zakes: whatever you do Tshepiso do not. I repeat do not. I repeat do not marry that girl in community of property.

Me: why? What's the point of me marrying her if I am going to shut her out on other things?

Zakes:no offense she's our bestie's younger but she got gold digging tendencies the last thing we want is to see

you depressed and cleaned out.

Me:(chuckling) you clearly don't know Nkosazana like I know her. She has grown from that person she was. Now she is mature.

Zakes: Matured in few months? I get that you love her but it's your reason to marry her that unsettles me. What happened to the Tshepiso that used to snap his fingers and girls will que for his attention?

Me:(smiling) he grew up and fell in love

Zakes: I miss him besides being a womaniser he was strong and wiser.

#ZACHARY

I did breathing exercises before dialing Zothile's number. I Still haven't forgotten how he threw me out of the window and had his brother beat me up. I am scared of him if you ask me.

He picked up on the third ring

Zothile: hello?

Me:hi Zothile it's Zach.

Zothile:oh Zach how may I help you?

Me: I wanted to find out which weekend is suitable for me to come and pay the dowry and damages for my

child?

Zothile:oh? Now you are talking. I will talk to my father then get back to you. Get your family ready in the meantime.

I hung up after that. Get my family ready? I dialled one of my boys.

Me:sure listen do you know where can I hire 3 elderly men to pose as my family? Yeah marn please plug your boy it's urgent. Thanks marn I will be waiting.

I hung up and looked at Nkosazana's Instagram selfie with the ring on. An idea flashed to mind I smiled. This is going to be interesting.

#ZOTHILE

After the phone call with Zach I walked to the bathroom and found the Mrs applying her face wash cream on.

Me: that was Zach calling..

Mpume: what is he saying?

Me: nothing much just enquiring about the damages and dowry process.

Mpume:dowry? As in like paying lobolo for Nkosi?

Me: No babe for his child.

Mpume: I hope you guys are going to handle that process well because most people always confuse the two.

Me:(licking my lips running my hands on her towel that is wrapping around her body)but then I Know something I am good at handling without confusion.

I said that In a whisper nibbling on her ear and dropping her towel. My hands cupped her gorgeous pregnancy belly.

Mpume:(whispering)oh really?

Me:yeah. Want me to show you?

Mpume: please..

I picked her up and placed her on the dressing table she pulled me closer by my t-shirt and I smirked seeing the need and desire in her eyes.

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#NOMONDE

I finished packing up for Nduduzo who had spent the

weekend with us and put his things on the couch. Mbongeni is going to drive him to the airport where Zweli will be waiting for him.

I am still attending the therapy and taking everything slowly as my Dr did say that healing is a journey I don't want to rush mine. I am grateful that now I'm able to sit down with him and have a fun conversation without feeling disgusted or strangling him.

He is also a very smart and matured child Ziyanda and Zweli did a marvelous job at raising him something probably I would have failed at doing. Mbongeni came with him from the bedroom talking about some soccer game to attend next time he visits. I smiled looking at them.

Me:boys Everything is ready and packed. I am going to have to rush to work. Babe we are meeting for lunch right?

Mbongeni: urhm babe I'm sorry it's Philile doctor's appointment today so..

Me: oh yeah that I forgot. Travel safe boy boy greet your parents for me.

I said kissing Nduduzo on his cheeks and left the house. I didn't want Mbongeni to see how disappointed I am. Honestly I do not know what is wrong with me. I have been trying to accept the fact that he is going to have a baby with her but ai kunzima.

And time is moving pretty fast soon this baby will be here Lord help me. Philile is annoying by nature i don't want to know how is it going to be when she finally give birth to that brat. I know I know I am supposed to be supportive the same way Mbongeni is supportive towards my son but yooh.

I am afraid the way this child brings joy to him as much as he was not ready for it but everytime he speaks about his "son" first sonthe light and joy that flashes across his face gives me heart Palpitations. Mbongeni is a good guy and Philile Is using that to put her claws around my man and I would be damned to allow such to happen.

Sometimes I wish she could just die during child birth so that Mbongeni and I could raise the baby in peace I know it's such a devilish thought but yeah i would really be happy knowing she's gone for good.

#THANDI

My mornings are always busy making sure the kids are up and ready for school everyday tied the house up before both of us heads to work is such a struggle that time my husband doesn't want to hear a thing about house helpers or anything like that.

Smanga came with his blazer and put it on the chair while he got busy with his phone.

Me: don't forget about the meeting with our pastor later.

Smanga:oh yeah what time is it again? I am meeting the

wolf pack Tshepiso is planning on marrying Nkosazana

Me: wow Tshepiso is planning on marrying Nkosazana

Me: wow another wedding. This is interesting who could have thought that Tshepiso one day will be talking about walking down the aisle?

Smanga:(smiling) no one hey I mean we are all shocked. Nkosi definitely changed him for better and they are so perfect for each other.

Me: she really did. Well since I know how important your meetings with the guys are I will reschedule with the pastor for tomorrow how's that?

Smanga:(kissing my lips) that's fine thank you I gotta bounce. You know Monday mornings and assembly.

Me:(fixing his tie) yes principal sir you need to give out announcements and all that.

Smanga: you know very well. I will see you later have a great day. I love you.

Me: I Love you More..

He winked and left and I took my phone texting my pastor informing him that my husband won't be available for the meeting. He quickly replied and said I can still come alone. Okay that's a first but it's all good. I will pass the message on my husband later.

#ZACHARY

I was busy on the net checking out New Zealand when my phone rang I answered.

Me: boy speak to me..

Voice: I got the men around 40-50s fit the description..

Me:(getting up) are they somehow colored? Remember my cover should not blow.

Voice: they can even praat Afrikaans. This other one has a mixture of Indian and white..

Me:(smiling) perfect. You sure they are decent? I don't want loose ends

Voice:they are professional actors and high recommended.

Me: I owe you one. I will screen them later today and give them a script.

Voice:izinto boy faka imali yami ke!

Me: alright boy.

#NKOSAZANA

I was busy brushing my daughter's forehead while she sucked the mil on my breast when a knock came through the door. Amanda walked in. I smiled.

Amanda:sawubona Aunty.

Me: hey baby. How are you and school?

Amanda: everything is coming alright. I thought I should come and see the little one. She is beautiful.

Me:(smiling) she is hey. I still can't believe she is mine.

Amanda: can I hold her when you are done?

Me: yeah sure give me a minute.

I burped her wiping my nipple and gave her to Amanda.

Amanda:(smiling)she look so much like Zach.. urhm also like you.

Me: no need to be shy she really did take her father's features..

Amanda:(sucking Chantelle's fingers)if my baby made it they were going to be twins.. urhm sorry. It's just that everytime I see babies I always think of mine

Me: Amanda you are still very much young. Take what happened as a blessing in disguise. Yes it was sad and painful but use this moment to study and make your parents proud.

Amanda: I know I was just saying.

My phone vibrated next to me and I took it reading the message..

Zach: my family is ready to come pay damages for my daughter. Let me know which day works for y'all.

I screamed excitedly dialing Zothile. Well he has been on my neck about Zach paying damages he needs to know that baby daddy is ready to take care of his responsibilities...

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FEW DAYS LATER

#NKOSAZANA

Everything went well Zach and his family came through and paid damages but what I loved more was him paying a dowry for his child. Guys the disappointment on my brother's when his family cashed out the money they seriously thought he was going to fail.

I am really proud at him for coming out for our daughter like he did. Now that all of that is out of the way I can focus on my engagement with Tshepiso. I miss him I wish 3 months has passed already so that I can go back to him.

I miss our house our privacy. As much as he is like a

son to my father but yooh he is watching him like a hawk and unsettles him shame. Dad is unnecessary difficult nje.

Zach: I am happy everything went well now I can get to spend time with you guys without a hassle since I am not owing your family anything.

Me:Zothile told me you paid more than what was charged why?

Zach:come on sweetheart does that matter I mean anything for the princess.

Me:you should be saving that money for important things not misusing it.

Zach: I know relax I got a plan and everything is covered.

Me:another thing your uncle's they didn't even ate the food we prepared for them why... After the..

He shut me up with a kiss and my heart skipped a bit.

Zach: you have so many questions that are unnecessary. I did explain to you that they had to go to PMB.

Me:Zach I am Tshepiso's fiancée you don't get to kiss me anyhow!

Zach:(brushing my face) I am sorry I got carried away.

You are beautiful I got carried away. You are beautiful the baby glow is doing things on you.

Me:(taking my child) I have to go back to the house before Dad loses it.

Zach: when are we going to spend some quality time with the baby?

I looked at him and rolled my eyes going back inside the house.

#MBONGENI

I smiled looking at the scan pictures. I can't wait to hold my champ on my arms. Time seems to be moving so slowly. Nomonde sat down next to me.

Me: babe look he is growing hey..

Nomonde: he is he looks like he is going to be a big boy.

Me: just like his daddy. I was wondering if I could start buying clothes you know..

Nomonde: I don't know. I heard that it's a taboo buying clothes before the baby is born

Me:I won't buy much just few. You can come with me and help me choose..

Nomonde:urhm what time are you fetching Nduduzo?

Me: (looking at the picture) we can get him two jumpsuits jeans and..

She snatched the picture and tore it apart I looked at her shocked.

Nomonde:(mimicking my voice) the baby this and the baby that! Are you even listening to what I'm saying? Geez saze savelelwa ilevezandlebe!

She stormed out and went back to our bedroom leaving me shocked to the core. What the fuck did just happen? Is she still taking her meds?

#ZOTHILE

I passed by at Tshepiso's company to greet and to my luck Zakes was there too. I haven't been with the guys in a long time and honestly I miss them.

Zakes: mzothi. You look drained

Me: being the head of the house is draining also deputy parenting is loads of work

Tshepiso: how did the damage paying ceremony go?

Me: worse boring weekend of my life if you ask me. Those people made us to wait for them hours and when they finally showed up they paid the money R50k and left immediately. Weird if you ask me

Tshepiso:(laughing) fools! Well I am talking with cousin

from Dad's side he says he can organize my family to represent me since you know I don't have anyone my parents died and they didn't even gave me siblings.

We are going to do corrections and show Zach how this thing is done.

Me:can you slow down with all of this? We are coming from a horrible weekend and then this?

Tshepiso: I am not slowing down anything here. I need to move faster before Zach can think of something

Me:(chuckling in disbelief) so this is all a game?
Niphendula umuzi kababa umasgcozi niyaphuma
Niyangena nje proving each other a point?

Tshepiso: Zothile bra it's not like that. You know I love your sister.

Me:I know and I have made peace with you being with her. I just don't like the angle you are using. You sound desperate and in competition. Take a step back and think things through because you will be burned and again I will be in the crossfire of all this madness forced to choose between you two.

I will see you gents.

I got up and left the office straight to my house. I need to be around my wife at this moment and relax on her chest.

#SMANGA

My wife and I were seated around our pastor at his house.

Pastor: I see a storm a big cloudy storm coming for you and your marriage.

Thandi: what kind of storm pastor?

Pastor:the Lord hasn't revelead it to me yet but we need to pray brethens and hard because this is going to shake you guys up pretty bad.

Thandi and I looked at each other locking hands.

Me: whatever it is we will conquer it together through prayer.

Pastor: that is the spirit my brother. We need God more than anything because this is bigger than us. Let us pray.

We got up and he fixed his trouser under his big Belly while placing his hands on my wife's chest not even chest breasts!

Pastor: Ncaah Nkosh ah simakade!

Ai bo mfundisi! Yours hands?..

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#NOMONDE

I don't know what came over me that I had to react that way. Mbongeni hasn't said anything ever since. Even now he just got to bed and faced the other side silently.

This is bad. I feel bad. I get up putting on my sleepers and head to the kitchen. I need to talk to my mother she is the only person who knows how to calm me down when I'm going through these emotions.

I tapped on the counter with my nails impatiently as her phone kept on ringing on the other side. Maybe she's sleeping. But my mom doesn't go to bed early.

Mom: Nomonde.. why are you calling so late? Is everything okay?

Me: hi Mom I'm sorry I hope I didn't wake you up?

Mom: No it's fine. What is it?

Me: mother I think I messed up big time.

I explained what happened earlier and she listened attentively.

Mom: are you still taking your meds and pray?

Me: well I do take my medication praying I sometimes

forget or don't know what to say.

Mom: Nomonde I think you need a breather. Come back home and regroup.

Me: Mom I can't Mbongeni and I are tighter than before leaving will open space and gate for the devil to enter on our relationship.

Mom: so you want to play security guard and follow Mbongeni around? You know that's not good for your sanity right?

Me: I just need you to tell me how do I fix this?

Mom: (sighs) talk to him apologize. He is a good man but stop taking advantage of that. People with good heart also get hurt too.

Me: I hear you mom. Thank you and good night.

Mom: good night baby I love you and I hope you will consider coming home soon.

Me: I will.. bye.

I hung up and went back to the bedroom Mbongeni was laying on his back pressing his phone with his knees up. I took off my gown and got into bed. I move closer to him with my hands running on his stomach to his torso he moves away from me removing my hands from him.

Me: babe...

Mbongeni: Nomonde awungiyeye ngifuna ukulala!

Me: but I thought..

Mbongeni: you thought you were going to use sex to get away from what you did? Is this how this relationship is going to be?

I heave a sigh and sat straight brushing my face.

Me: you are right. I am sorry.

Mbongeni:for what ?

Me: babe come on..

Mbongeni:no I need to know what you are sorry for. People tend to say sorry just to pass time so you got to do better than that.

Me: I am sorry for reacting the way I did and for being rude to you. I guess part of me got jealous when all you spoke about lately was your baby on the way..

Mbongeni:but how is me getting excited about my child affect you Nomonde?

Me: I don't know Mbongeni I just feel like once this baby is born you will have some attachment to Philile and forget about us.

Mbongeni: after everything Philile put me through you

think I can still go back to her? After everything me and you have created you still I can break it for someone like Philile?

Me: I don't know Mbongeni. Yes I am sounding crazy right now but I'm not comfortable...

Mbongeni:so what do I do? Neglect my child so that you can be comfortable? Don't talk about him don't show any excitement and let her go through the process alone?

Me: gosh Mbongeni now you make me feel like a bad person I don't mean it like that..

Mbongeni:(sighs) come here.

I move closer to him and he take me to his chest brushing my arms and kissing my hair.

Mbongeni: you don't have to be insecure and unsettled about Philile. I got you I choose you. I love you. Okay?

Me:okay I love you too so much.

#NOMPUMELELO

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Zothile: one of these good days you and your daughter are going to burn my house down. Good morning baby.

He says kissing my lips picking Milly up.

Me: morning hubby. Argh I just craved something freshly baked so I tried this one out. I hope it tastes good.

I say giving him a slice. He put Milly on his lap and take a bite.

Zothile:mhmm.. tastes good and there's definitely an improvement from the last one you made..

Me:(beaming with joy) seriously?

Zothile:yes serious. I am impressed.

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Zothile: when are you taking a maternity leave?

Me:isn't a bit too soon for that? I have about 5 months to go and believe me I will go crazy not doing anything.

Zothile: I just don't want you to impose my child in danger.

Me: don't worry. I won't overwork myself. You look a bit distracted what up?

Zothile: argh isn't Nkosazana?

Me: what has she done?

Zothile: nothing yet but I have a bad feeling with this triangle between her Zach and Tshepiso.

Me: I thought Nkosi has broken up with Zach?

Zothile: so she says. Babe I know my sister. Part of me doesn't believe that she's over that scam bag. On the other side my boy is so whipped its annoying.

Me: have you tried reasoning with him?

Zothile: and say what really? Hey boy I think Nkosazana will play you? Tshepiso will think I'm jealous or trying to come between them.

Me: anything I can do to help?

Zothile: I don't know have a woman to woman talk maybe since you guys are in the same age group she will be able to relax and confide in you about her real feelings. I don't want drama or people getting burned. If there's anything we can do to stop this mess then let's give it a try.

Me: okay. I am going to see her tomorrow so I will see how I bring that topic up.

Zothile:thank you. What would I be without you?

I blush and kiss him wiping his mouth.

Me: Nkosazana is one lucky and blessed lady to have a caring big brother like you.

#SMANGALISO

After the private session with the pastor yesterday I have been feeling down and unsettled. On the other side my wife isn't moved.

Me: babe..

Thandi:yebo Khabazela?

Me: what do you think of our pastor?

Thandi:(smiling) the Storm Shaker? Ah our man of God is very powerful. You know ever since he attended that pastor's conference in Nigeria last year. He is unstoppable even the storm that's coming on our way won't survive because we have him on our back.

Me:since when do we believe him more than God now?Last time I checked we are praising God not him.

Thandi: I know babe but then God sent him to make things easier for his people.

I roll my eyes.

Me: I want to talk about the way he touched you yesterday I didn't like it. No man should touch a married woman like that worse in her husband's presence..

Thandi: hawu baba why are you talking like this manje? What could be possible wrong with the way man of God touched me?

Me:oh msindisi Thandiwe is he used doing such?

Thandi: not really it was the first time actually..

Me:and you are so comfortable?

Thandi: what are you insinuating?

Me: nothing just stating the obvious. I don't want him to touch you like that. Simple!

I got out of the bed and head straight to the bathroom..

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#NOMPUMELELO

I gently put the baby on her coat and sat on the couch while Nkosazana was folding her clothes sitting on the bed. The after birth glow is doing wonders on hershe's

really beautiful.

I can't wait to deliver and look this good she need to share the recipe the baby is like few weeks old but wow.

Nkosazana: Zach want me and Chantelle to visit him. He says he wants to spend time with his daughter

Me: ai bo doesn't he know that the baby isn't supposed to leave these premises until she's at least a month old?

Nkosazana: I don't know what goes on in that head of his because I told him exactly that. On top of it he knows how traditional my father is. He won't allow that.

Me: Zach is crazy. Has Tshepiso came by?

Nkosazana: few days after we were discharged. He respects the tradition and obviously my dad.

Me: I heard he will be sending his uncle's soon to ask for your hand in marriage?

Nkosazana:(smiling)yep I so can't wait to be Mrs Ngidi.

Me:girl let's talk. Between the two of us are you ready?

Nkosazana let me explain something to youthere's a difference between wedding and marriage. After wedding day when everyone else have gone it's you and him everyday of your lives . Are you ready for that kind of commitment?

Nkosazana:(sighs) all I know is that I love Tshepiso..

Me: and Zach?

Nkosazana: he hurt me. So so much..

Me: but?

Nkosazana: I don't know Mpume. He is good with the baby checks up on us every now and then. Like he is so invested in our daughter's life. A little bit part of me really wishes that we could be family raise our daughter together.

Me: in other words you still love him?

Nkosazana:(looking down)yes.. it's crazy I know. I mean after everything he put me through but.. you know the day before he kissed me. Mpume I swear to you my whole body reacted.

Me: it's the hormones.

Nkosazana:(shaking my head)no it's the effect he has on me.

Me:that is the same effect that makes my husband toss and turn at night. Nkosi he is worried about you and I am starting to worry too. I am not going to make a decision for you but all I could tell you is think through your decision and stick to it.

Whatever decision you make please ensure that it benefits you and the child the safety and security of you

both. Don't ever string both of these men along because both of them are dangerous.

Nkosazana: I hear you. Anyway let's forget about the depressing topic. I want to know the lady who made your traditional dress..

Me: it's your stepmother. Have you forgotten?

Nkosazana: oh damn yeah. I just have a lot going on in my mind.

#THANDIWE

My phone rang and it was Pastor Mfusi AKA The Storm Shaker.

Me: man of God.

Pastor: Mama ninjani? (Ma'am how are you?)

Me: we are doing well man of God.

Pastor: I am glad to hear that. Urhm I am calling to ask you if you could lead the woman's conference and society temporarily? You know since my wife travelled I am doing most of the things alone and I do need help.

Me: when is Mama mfundisi coming back to the ministry?

Pastor:as soon as her sister gets better. So what do you say?

Me: I will talk to my husband and get back to you..

Pastor:but this is God's work what you are doing will help thousands of people out there . You don't have to doubt or drag your feet on the matter. I am sure your husband won't mind he loves God and support the gospel.

Me: you are actually right. When do I start?

Pastor: the first meeting is this afternoon at 5pm at church. The women will be there and I shall present you to them.

Me: thank you for the opportunity Pastor. I pray I won't disappoint.

Pastor: you will not. God has chosen you because of the anointing placed on your head. Enjoy the rest of your day ma'am.

I hung up and smiled. Me? Lead the ladies? I think I should call it a day and go bake for the ladies.

#AMANDA

Simi and I were chilling on my room painting our nails.

Simi: I still can't believe that you are hang out with that old fool.

Me: I am not. I was just expressing how seeing

Nkosazana's baby affected me and reminded me of what I lost.

Simi: you better not be thinking of that man Amanda. He is evil and on top of that way older than you. A rapist if you ask me! I don't know what he is doing out here roaming the streets!

Me: geez you hate the man!

Soni: of course I hate him! He nearly destroyed you. What kind of a sane person gives a child drugs?

Me: but friend I was a willingly participant..

Simi: okusalayo he's the elder he should have protected you not introduce you to the madness. Ammy you are 16 beautiful smart and doing grade 11 forget about the pensioners please and focus on your future and your boyfriend.

Me: (smiling) speaking about Ayanda he's coming to see me this weekend.

Simi: (screaming excitedly) now that is what we should be talking about your age mate not that grandpa! So have you finally decided what you are going to wear? And where is he taking you since you guys are hiding this relationship between your parents?

Me: I am not sure yet but whatever he decides I am cool with it.

Simi: gosh Ayanda should hook me up with his friends being single sucks.

#TSHEPISO

Nkosazana and I were chilling inside my car talking about our future together and the plans of our wedding.

Me: baby.

Nkosazana: yes love.

Me: are you sure you want to do this? My love I don't want you to feel like I am pressuring you. I mean yes I am at the stage where by I should be married but you are still young I can still wait for a few years.

Nkosazana:(chuckling)where's that coming from now? Are you having doubt about us and the role this union will come with?

Me: doubts? No baby I don't doubt anything.

Nkosazana: then what is it?

Me: I just don't want you to feel pressured and I need to be sure that you want this as much as I want you to be my wife.

Nkosazana: I wouldn't have said yes to your proposal if I didn't want this. Please don't tell me you are having second thoughts already?

Me: come on baby you know I love you. I was just making sure if we are on the same page because everyone have been on my back saying I am rushing you. If it was all up to me we would get married tomorrow..

Nkosazana: then let's get married. Make me Mrs Ngidi.

I cupped her face and kissed her deeply.

Me: I love you so much I hope you never get to doubt or forget that..

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#TSHEPISO

I must say being with Nkosazana earlier have been amazing. I miss her so much and to think I still have about 2months without her around me its a big torture.

Honestly this house is big and empty without her I kinda miss my small cosy little apartmentit fitted me perfectly well. I bought this house because I knew I was ready ready to start over and actually settle down.

I haven't felt this way about a woman in a very long time. I can't believe I rubbed myself of such a great feeling the feeling of loving someone and being loved back because of an heartache that happened years back.

I loved that girl with everything in me she was my world very kind like her name innocent so I thought. But then she grated my heart.

She was accepted at the University of Johannesburg and I went to DUT where I met Zothile arh my boy my friend. Everything was okay between me and my girl because she used to come back and visit.

Things started to fall apart when her mom passed away on the second year her father moved to Joburg with her permanently and our relationship suffered. She started coming up with excuses to visit and all that.

I won't forget the day Mzothi gave me his last money for the bus ticket to jozi. My intention was to surprise her. I ended up being the surprise. I found her with some coloured guy when I tried to fight for her his twin threatened to beat the living shit out of me.

Do you know the pain of being brick layed by someone you can't hit? Besides being rich handsome those guys looked dangerous and well known. I was just a mere guy in a foreign city with no back up.

I came back depressed embarrassed down. She broke up with me here and there. I felt so useless. You won't believe that even after that disappointment she put me through I still begged her I would call and send her long ass messages apologising for something I didn't do until she changed her number.

Years later I saw somewhere on social media that she was married to the bastard like she made it and was happy with him irregardless of what she did and put me through.

I then vowed to myself to never ever be that vulnerable not to ever be in love or Allow myself to love someone. I have been doing very well with that until I met Zana and everything changed.

She brought back the softer caring and loving Tshepiso yeah that's the real one because the ones I have been portraying over the years was just a cover to a wound I never real healed from.

But then now I am happy slowly learning to love and trust again. Soon I will be like my friends be a husband and father. Come home to my wife.. wow. I mean I am sure if my parents lived to this day they would have been so proud. Proud that finally I am growing up and doing the right thing.

I need to get enough rest these days because the weekend where my uncle's are coming is approaching sooner.

#THANDIWE

The introduction went well better than I thought really. Yes there's few of those women who are jealous of me but then at the end of the day I am the one chosen not them.

Pastor: aw mama waze waluphatha kahle uhlelo kuyazicacela nje ukuthi ubizelwe kulento. (You handled the meeting well ma'am it's quite obvious that this is in you)

Me: I actually thank you man of God for the opportunity. I wouldn't have known I have it in me to lead like that.

Pastor: you are called Mama and as time goes by you will discover lot of things you didn't know about your self. What are you going to do about your job?

Me: what do you mean what am I going to do with my job?

Pastor: I don't know if you have checked the schedule mama it's very tight and it is going to require you to travel a lot sometimes during the day and out of the province sengisho to other branches.

Me: I still don't understand what my job got to do with this?

Pastor:urhm I was hoping that maybe you quit so that you can focus on God's work?

Me: I beg your pardon?

Pastor:my bad I don't mean quit quit but what I'm trying to say is maybe take a temporary leave..

Me:(folding my hands) I am starting to feel like I Made a huge mistake accepting this position if it's going to

require me quitting my job.

Pastor:(smiling) awu Mrs Mkhize you are getting all worked up over a joke? Kanti awusadlaliswa yini wena?

Me: it's better be a joke because I don't like it .

Pastor:(brushing my arm) relax you don't have to be this stress.

Right then Zakes parked next to us. I didn't come here with my car because it is on service I ubered up. Zakes walked to us looking pissed. He is the oldest in the wolves we all take him as our father.

Zakes: sanibonani. (Greetings)

Pastor:sawubona nceku.

Me:Mapholoba..

Zakes: sis Thandi I was actually on my way to your house to see my friend so I don't know if we can drive together?

Pastor:(smiling) kanti ke nceku ungakhululeka nje uhambe ngizomhambisa usis Lona..(you can relax my brother I will drive her home)

Zakes: bengikhuluma nawe konje? (Was I talking to you?)

Pastor:(whispering) ewu Waze waluhlaza ubhuti

owaphi? (This guy is rude who is he?)

Me: (trying to smile) he's my husband's best friend Zakhele Ngcobo.

Zakes: uzoze uhambise umfazi ka Bafo nje owakho uhajiswa ngubani? (While you are busy offering rides to my brother's wife who drives your wife?)

It was getting heated here and knowing Zakes he wouldn't mind hitting him pastor or not. Sometimes I ask myself how did he became a lawyer because wow.

Me: urhm it's okay mfundisi I will go with him.

Pastor: uyamthemba?(do you trust him?)

Zakes: imihlola yamafuze!

Me: yes he is a great friend with my husband. Nisale kahle we'll meet in church.

I took out my hand for a shake but Zakes yanked it and pushed me to his car pointing at the pastor with his car keys. He clearly had a bad day at court yes that's the only excuse I can make for his rude behavior right then because it was very unacceptable.

Me: bhuti Zakes..

Zakes: thula angfuni nokukhuluma nawe! Uma ulapha ngaleskhathi who is looking after the kids and cooking for them?

Me: my husband is home by now..

Zakes:(chuckling) so Smanga should play wife after a long tiring day at work while you smooch faces with that scammer?

Me: there's no need for you to be like this...

Zakes: Thandiwe I am going to make up some story of how I met you when we get home so that my boy won't loose it but I hope and pray this is the first and last time such happened do you hear me?

I don't want to remind you that I will be watching that fool very closely if he doesn't keep his claws away from you I am going to expose him for who he truly is. Trust me you don't want to know what he's capable of njengoba uhamba usineka nje.

I kept quiet because my throat suddenly became dry being scolded is never nice at all.

#THOKOZANI

Managing and handling the taxi business is difficult than I thought but it's an experience I enjoy so much. The business is growing up so fast it's even scares me sometimes. We started with 5 taxis but now we have 12 on the roads.

The Mngadi's are here to rule. I will forever be grateful to

my brother for this opportunity the corporate world was fun and interesting but not like this industry. It exhausting and demands a lot from one but I find a lesson in each and every experience.

My brother would have not survived a day here ayeyisa amadoda ase rank they need you to be hard headed sometimes. I must admit it was nice having him earlier going through around and checking everything.

Walking to my house I am welcomed by the unfamiliar silence where's everyone? It never get so quite. I put the plastics and goes straight to my bedroom and find no one.

I got to Amanda's room I knock once and let myself in. She's fitting on new clothes that are on top of the bed.

Me: baby have you seen your mother?

Amanda: she went out with Aunty Mpume.

Me:oh okay your brother?

Amanda:in his room. Probably listening to music.

Me:(nodding) okay where are you going with these clothes?

Amanda:(smiling shyly) no where Dad. They re for Saturday. I meeting a friend

Me: friend? With those clothes?

Amanda: yes Dad..

Me: kuzokusiza ntombi Yami ukuthi uziphindisele estolo ngoba lakwa Mngadi angeke nje uphume ugcoke lowo mhlolo! (It's going to help you to return them back because you won't leave my house dressed like that)

Amanda:kodwa baba! These clothes are trendy and fashionable.

Me:(laughing)ish Dade! Trendy and fashionable Kuphi khona? Uyingane Amanda angeke uqale manje ukumbathisa kweseqamgwaco. Ungangenzi ngithathe I card lakho. Kuzokusiza kuthi uphindise lezo mpahla emuva (You are still a child Amanda you won't start now dressing like a prostitute don't make me take back your bank card it's going to help you to return those clothes back)

Amanda:(sulking)manje ufuna ngigcoke njengisawulakazi?(You want me to wear like an old lady)

Me:Cha gcokisa okwengane! (No dress like a child)

Amanda: kade ngabona kuthi uyangizonda!(I have seen it long time ago that you hate me)

Me:(kissing her hair) if me trying to protect you from the vultures like Zach is interpreted as hate then so be it my baby. Go start on the pots.

I walked to Siya's room and called him out to help me with cashing in. He needs to know and learn the business as early as possible.

My phone rang and it was Mbongeni video calling me.

Me: Mngadi

Mbongeni: bafo ubhizi? (Brother are you busy?)

Me:(sitting down) as you can see I'm home I just got here. What's up bafanas?

Mbongeni: ei I am facing a dilemma here I thought I should bother you today and give Zothile a break.

Me: hahahaha Jesu ngabe sowenzi!(What have you done?)

Mbongeni: nothing really I just need to ask how do I politely ask Nomonde to go back to her mother's house without sounding like I am kicking her out?

I laugh my lungs out the way he look so stressed my boy is stressed.

Me: I told you this was going to back fire so badly.

Mbongeni: stop with the I told you so and help me here. I love having my girlfriend over but hai no. I don't remember saying we are now moving in permanently. Dude I am a fashion designer it's get hectic at the factory..

Me: I know..

Mbongeni: I sometimes need my space to breathe and be creative. Lately that proves to be impossible because she's on my neck shows up at work. No this is not on..

Me:(laughing) uzokhona nje ukuganwa?(Are you going to handle marriage?)

Mbongeni: if it's like this then no angizi ngiyabonga!
Hawu uyalazi ijele?

Me: you are cracking me up anyways I suggest that you sit her down and talk about it. I mean communication is key after all.

Mbongeni:don't you think I didn't try? She left for one day and returned the other day even on the day she was not here she was blowing my phone like crazy.

I laughedyooh no this is crazy.

Me:(wiping my tears) wangi qeda mfana! Tell you what since your girlfriend doesn't like people nesiminyaminya why don't you invite the wolves for a chillas at your place? Let us come there every day this week drink beer watch soccer and all...

Mbongeni:(smiling) and she really hates that hey..

Me:(laughing) yeah I remember the last time we were

there she left.

Mbongeni:that could work actually. But then I don't want to chase her away forever maybe a week?

Me:wena uyangihlanyela. Khuluma nomuntu wakho ungiyeke Mina ngoba kusasa izosala ngami. I have to go my wife is home.

I hung up and get up going to the kitchen when her voice is coming from.

Me:(kissing her) hey baby I missed you.

Nandi:(blushing) I missed you too..

Amanda:(scoffing)gross y'all get a room

Me:gross emzini kabani?

Amanda:mom Dad says I should return my clothes.

Me:ngishilo vele namanje angikashintshi..

Amanda:(looking at her mom with pleading eyes) mom?

Nandi: love? I want to show you something can you follow me?

She says leading the way to the bedroom.

Me:(smirking)where love?

Nandi: here in the bedroom...

Amanda: Mama! Wow!

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#NOMONDE

I am busy painting my nails on the phone call with Nduduzo. I can't wait for him to visits us again. Last time was fun and I hope this time is going to be even more greater.

Mbongeni walks in and sits on the bed looking at me. I smile.

Me: hey babe I was just on a phone call with the boy he is excited about visiting us again.

Mbongeni: that's great. Babe tell me when are you taking the boy to spend some time with his grandma? I am sure your mom is also dying to spend some time with him you know.

Me: argh I haven't thought it that much hey we'll go greet on his way back..

Mbongeni: babe there's something I need to talk to you about and I hope you won't take it the wrong way.

Me:sounds serious what is it?

Mbongeni: as you know that this weekend it's Zana and Tshepi's lobolo negotiation.....

Me:oh my word it's this weekend?

Mbongeni:yes this weekend. A lot is going on I am asked to be part of the delegation since both my elder brother's won't be around due to work but they will pull through later on.

Me:(smiling)shame my baby you must be growing up if they trust you with that process. So what do I do to help?

Mbongeni:as you are aware that I am also stressed with work all in all is driving me crazy. I am asking for a little bit of time and space to actually fix everything together and breath. I feel like I am going crazy..

Me:when you say you need time and space what do you mean? How much time do you need?

Mbongeni: I don't know really I am sure you have also picked up how tired I am as a creative thinker my mind needs to rest and regroup. If it were up to me I would go on a holiday just alone. So I'm asking that you take Nduduzo and go spend time with your mother.

Let's just go back to the normal visitation we had before.

Me:in other words I am suffocating you Mbongeni?

Mbongeni: I never said such a thing Nomonde..

Me: No this is bull! So me and my son are suffocating you? All this things about work and family are just made stories to get rid of me. Do I bore you?

Mbongeni: why should everything and anything I say turn into an argument with you? Now I can't express my views and opinion to you without turning the whole thing into an unnecessary fight and argument?

Me: (laughing sarcastically) so not only do I suffocate you but I am also boring you? Wow!

Mbongeni: (shaking his head)sometimes when you get like this I wonder what do you want me to say honestly.

Me: just tell me you no longer want me! Tell me you are tired of me!

Mbongeni: why are you shouting?

Me: no I see what you are doing! You are on the route to dump me just like all these other men have! You lied and said you can handle me with my imperfections but here you are already tired with me..

Mbongeni: Monde you know I love you I am all for you I am not going anywhere why are you behaving like this? Do you really have to guilt trip me? So now I can't express how I feel?

Nomonde I had a life before we met I used to hang out with my guys chill watch soccer and all.

Me:but I am your friend you can still do those things with me!

Mbongeni: except that I want to do them with my friends! To be honest with you I just feel like I am deprived of some of the things I used to do I don't mind being with you and do things as couples but I also want my me them. Babe you need to start understanding that there's life outside this relationship that we are allowed to do things we individually like with other people.

If I am not with you you blow my phone like crazy and pull all the unnecessary trantrumsI would be forced to leave a chillas with guys and come be with you. Not that I compare you with the other wives but they don't what you are doing.

Me: but then you know I don't have friends you are the only person I am comfortable with.

Mbongeni:(holding my hand) I thought we were making progress living outside your shell and breaking free. You don't have to associate with the wives if you don't feel them but you can still make new relationships or better yet bond with your mother.

Me: I am scared Mbongeni I am scared that if I leave your sight you will forget about me and Philile...

Mbongeni:what does Philile got to do with this

conversation?

Me: she's my biggest problem like I am not comfortable..

Mbongeni:Nomonde!

I think it is the first time I hear him shouting...

Mbongeni:how many times do I have to assure you about Philile? Did I even gave you any reason to make you insecure about her?

I shake my head no. Honestly he hasn't. Instead he always assures me that I am the one.

Mbongeni: stop driving me nuts uloku ungikhulumisa into eyodwa njalo. I am not doing anything with her heck we broke up and I am with you committed to you. She is just my baby's Mom I suggest you make peace with that sooner because mina angeke ngikhone kucula ngoma yinye njalo

Me: I just find it hard to accept that really I don't trust her

Mbongeni:(chuckling in annoyance standing up)maybe then we should end what we are doing since we keep on going in circles.

He says leaving the bedroom door and my heart start beating faster. Is he breaking up with me or what? I take my phone and go to the gallery where I have saved all her pictures she posts.

Me:(poking the picture with the hlokoloza) witch witch witch! Man snatcher! Home wrecker! Nondindwa!

#ZACHARY

I parked outside Nkosi's house and waited. I know I am going to get a tongue lashing for coming here at night but guy gotta hustle during the day.

She walks up to the car on her pyjamas looking all pretty. I get out to meet her.

Me: baby.

I say opening my arms for a hug but she moves back. Okay.

Nkosazana: what are you doing here so late?

Me:(smiling) not even a hello baby daddy how are?

Nkosazana: do I look like I have time for that?

Me: come on baby you don't have to be so mad. I missed you and thought I could see you before I go to my place.

Nkosazana: Zach what is your intention ? What are you hoping to achieve with all of this?

Me: I am not following..

Nkosazana: read my lips. Unless it's about Chantelle stop coming here especially at night you are degrading my father's house. Me and you are parents to Chantelle. I am not your girlfriend. I'm someone's fiancée.. you get that?

She says flashing her hand with the ring on.

Me:(chuckling) come on baby you know we can still make things work we can be family we can be happy.

Nkosazana: no we won't. We are done. I don't want you anymore. To me you are Chantelle's father.

I grab her and pin her against the car and smooch her lips hard.

Me:(locking my forehead to hers) feel that baby? That's the connection and love between us. Please give us another chance.

She pushes me away and wipe her mouth. Okay that hurts.

Nkosazana:love alone sometimes is not enough. You failed to appreciate my love when you had a chance and now it's too late. Stop this behavior or you are going to make it very difficult for me to continue allowing you to see Chantelle.

Me: you wouldn't keep me away from my daughter!

Nkosazana: I would! Keep being a pest and I will snap

my fingers my brother's will deal with you. Goodnight.

She says that and walks away. I kick my tyers frustrated and get inside the car and drives away. Zana think she is all smart. Well we shall see.

#NARRATED

The weekend of negotiation came and it was successful the Ngidi's paid the bride price Tshepi wanted to lobolo the baby but Mngadi said no since Zach has already done that unless he permit them to do so .

The wolves and the wives came to support Tshepi and Nkosazana on their first step to the new journey. They looked amazingly gorgeous on their matching traditional outfits.

Mpume: congratulations ma'am Ngidi.

Nkosazana: dankie baby!

Nandi: I don't see Thandi and Nomonde where are they?

Mpume: Monds is sucking and acting up on brother Mbo while sister Thandi is at church.

Sne: Amen! Guys is it me or what I think our girl is now more obsessed with church.

Gugu: nah guys Thandi has always been u Mama Mfundisi.

Sne:(looking around) okay you didn't hear this from me Neh?

Nandi:(laughing) I know that look. Dish up mamzo.

Sneh: so you know moes during pillow talks the gossip and all our husband kinda mentioned that he once found Thandi and the big pot belly pastor in a compromising position.

Gugu:what?our husband said that?

Sneh: don't feel bad sister wife that he didn't tell you it comes with being the younger wife. Anyway as I was saying not that they were doing anything but then hubby thinks like the pastor has his eyes on our girl.

Mpume: this is not good. Not good at all.

Gugu: and we both know how these pastors roll these days. I mean till today no one knows what happens to his wife he keeps saying he travelled to her marital home.

Nandi: speaking of pastors have you heard about Chiboza?

Sneh: who doesn't know that scam? Ungcolile loya baba shame.

Gugu: I think I once saw Chiboza and Mfusi together yazi...

Nkosazana: hayini guys if those two men are friends
issa bomb moes?

Mpume: a big bomb mo ghurl.

Nandi: we need to rescue her.

Sneh:uzoniphoxa u Thandi and shame mina angikho
ready for I all night prayer. Ngicela I Savannah We Mam
Ngidi.

Nkosazana: out of stock ..

Nandi: njani?uthini na lomfazi? Uyazi siyaziphuzela
wena uthenga utshwala obushodayo?

Nkosazana:(laughing) okay don't bite my head off
ladies. I will ask to accompany me to buy some..

Sneh:(laughing) whuuu shame! Wena Yisho kuthi ufuna
ama ones and two with Tshepiso away!

Gugu: ai bo she shouldn't njalo! She should heal .

Nandi:(eating snacks) heals for what? Me and
Thokozani we were having sex after two weeks..

Mpume:(laughing) then y'all accuse me of being the sex
addict!

Nkosazana laughs and goes to the kitchen to ask her
stepmom to look after Chantelle as she goes out for a

moment. She taps Tshepi's shoulder and whispers on his ear.

Tshepi: gents the madam wants something at town we will be back.

Zothile: incane njalo inganeabantu bagcoke izicathulo .

Thokozani: impela bangangeni nje ngezinyawo..

Mbongeni looks at his brothers confused as to what they are saying by the time he picks up Nkosazana and Tshepi are out of sight and he cracks up so loud.

Smanga: u slowly sarn!

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#AMANDA

When our fathers were busy singing and dancing the Zulu dance Ayanda and I managed to sneak out and took a walk to the nearest stadium. When we were comfortable and out of their sight he held my hand and wrapped the other one over my shoulder.

Ayanda:(kissing my hair) intombi Yami. Kodwa baby umude yazi. (My girlfriend baby you are so tall)

Me: kwa Mngadi sibade sonke nje safuza u Mkhulu (we are all tall we took after grand dad)

Ayanda: I can tell great and beautiful ceremony.

Me: yeah hey it's so refreshing to see love wins.

Ayanda:(smiling) in few years to come baby that will be us.

Me: you think we can get to that point?

Ayanda: definitely I know that I love you and want to grow up with you.

Me: wow you know I am still flattered that out of all the girls that wanted you you chose me..

Ayanda: wanna know why?

Me: please tell me.

Ayanda:okay first things first you are smart Ammy beautiful and cool. The girls you are talking about didn't love the Ayanda Ngcobo but loved the RCL president the hype and status that came with dating with me. Then you you treated me like a normal human being and that was refreshing..

Me: oh well we grew up together so there was nothing special..

Ayanda:(smiling) exactly that's the kind of energy I preferred. You are so beautiful MaMngadi

He looked at me and smiled I blushed.

Me: please stop..

Ayanda: I want to kiss you..

He said pulling me by my waist closer to him and our lips locked. The butterflies I felt on my stomach.

Ayanda: damn I can't wait for the day we'll finally make love.

Yephe is still very much adamant that he won't touch me until I'm 18. I'm turning 15 this year so we are close. you

Me: what do you think our fathers would say if they could find out we are seeing each other?

Ayanda: I don't know because both of them are strict but I think mine is better than yours..

Me: say that again. They can whip us that's for sure.

Ayanda:(laughing) yoooh imagine but either way I am ready for anything that may come.

Me:I admire your bravery..

Ayanda: a man who's in love will do anything.

#THANDIWE

I look at the time and close my diary.

Me:urhm ladies I think our meeting ends here for today. We shall meet again tomorrow. Travel safe back home may the good Lord bless you.

We shake hands and they all leave. Pastor Mfusi walked in as I was packing my things.

Pastor: another successful meeting?

Me:(smiling) it was good but now I need to rush somewhere..

Pastor: oh?

Me: yes a family friend is having a small ceremony so I have to be there.

Pastor:I hear you. Well we will talk again tomorrow after church please see me.

Me: okay pastor.

My phone vibrats. I take it out of my bag and read the message. R12k has been deposited in my account but there is no reference or anything..

Pastor:what is it?.

Me:some money has just been deposited on my account and it doesn't say where is it from.

Pastor:(smiling) it's the most high we serve you see how

good he is? He takes care of his children and make things possible and easier for them! Those who believe him shall lack nothing.

You see even if you were to quit your job God will provide let's us pray.

Huh? He took my hands quickly and stared praying.

#NKOSAZANA

Tshepiso and I bought all the necessary alcohol including the snacks and I told him to drive via the house as I needed some of my clothes. Honestly I just want some private moment with him. I need him to help me scratch the itch.

Tshepiso: did you get everything?

He asks as I came from the bathroom and walks straight to him. He is standing near the fridge looking all kind of handsome my husband. I still can't believe how blessed and lucky I am right now.

I cup his face and take his lips to mine kissing him deep and hard he hiss and chuckle under the kiss responding roughly to it by grabbing me closer to him.

Tshepiso:fuck Zana's what's that for?

He asks in between the kisses and my hands goes to his belt working fast on it.

Me: a thank you for making me your wife.

His pants drops on the ground and he pushes me to the table picking me up and placing me on top of it. Our lips are still intact and our breathing is heavy. His hand find a way to my cookie shifting aside my underwear and he plays with it before inserting his finger I flinch.

Tshepiso:I can wait if you are still not okay.

Me: I will handle it.

I say bringing him closer to me as he take his hard erect cock and rub it on my wet entrance. Gosh I missed this feeling so damn much I hold the table for balance and close my eyes as he pushes himself in slowly. It's a bit uncomfortable but after few soft thrusts my muscles start to relax and pleasure kicks in moans escape my lips daddy pick up his pace.

Tshepiso: fuck this is good babe didn't know I missed you so much.

I just mumble nonsense because he pump me hard that I feel my orgasms kicking and my legs shaking as he drag me to the edge of the table with my legs on his shoulder and my ass bare to him.

Me: oh fuck Tshepiso this is good.

Tshepiso:tell me how good it is baby..

Me: oh my God I'm going to come again..

Tshepiso: come for me baby..

I let go and he comes right after me quickly withdrawing his dick and cum on my tighs grabbing my hair roughly. Gosh this was going to make another baby I swear.

Tshepiso:(kissing my sweaty forehead) that was great thank you.

Me: I love you.

He look at me for a moment then smiles.

Tshepiso: I love you more MaNgidi. Now let's go before they send a search party for us.

He puts me down and we head to the bathroom to Clean ourselves.

KWA MNGADI

Tshepiso and Zana finally come back and the party continues. Zana finds Thandi who congratulate her and they start drinking except ZanaMpume and Thandi who sips on their cold oros juice.

Sneh:(sniffing) nginukelwa ama sperms yazi niyezwa guys? (Im smelling sperms can you smell that)

Nkosazana: (laughing) ai suka! Why are you like this?

Nandi: why are you guilty? Sneh didn't mention any

names!

Sneh: yebo sthandwa I didn't. So Zana since you want to tell us something please go ahead how was it?

Nkosazana:(laughing) how was what?

Gugu: come on don't do us like that. You know we want the details. Tshepi ukuqaqe izitishi vele?

Nkosazana:(getting up) I need to go check on my daughter.

Mpume: you can run but you will find us here waiting for you.

Sneh: Thandi baby u right?

Thandi:(smiling weakly)I'm okay. I just think my husband is mad at me. He has been giving me a cold shoulder ever since I arrived.

Mpume: don't take it to heart relax you will talk to him when you get home.

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Mngadi sends Siyabonga to call his fathers as there's some talk that need the Mngadi men inside.

Tshepiso: gents since the guys have been summoned I want us to gossip and plan something.

Smanga: what it is?

Tshepiso: I was thinking that we throw our boy Mzothi a daddy shower earlier before the madam hosts her baby shower.

Zakes: that's actually a great idea but I think we should do a double one since Mbongeni is also expecting.

Smanga: I completely forgot yazi. You are right we can't separate them.

Tshepiso: true I also forgot about that one especially since I don't trust that bitch.

Zakes: guys let's support Mbongeni he did the tests more than once so please.

Smanga: I'm cool what do you have in mind Tshepi?

Tshepiso: I have few ideas but we can't talk here. The wall have ears pull through to TBC then we'll proper brainstorm.

Zakes:I'm in.

Smanga:phakathi inside.

They toast their beers and chang the topic to another.

A DAY LATER

#TSHEPISO

It is a beautiful Monday I am happy the negotiations went well I managed to beg the Mngadi to release my wife back and they agreed today after work I am fetching them.

I am going to do a quick check in at the office and knock off maybe around 12 so that I can spring clean the house maybe prepare candlelit dinner for two and who knows what's going to happen after?

I smile and whistle as I walk inside my company's building greeting the staff who looks at me shocked.

Me:(smiling) what?

Receptionist: nothing you are just happy boss.

I check the messages and take them going to my office but stops when a familiar voice calls behind me. I turn to look at it and oh Lord Jesus.

Me:(walking slowly back to the front) Lungile Olifants?

Lungile:(smiling) it's back to Dlamini now.

She says showing me her left hand.

Me:oh my bad. How are you?

Lungile:(smiling revealing her gorgeous teeth) hug maybe?

Me: a handshake will do..

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#TSHEPISO

After telling her that a handshake will do she laughs and smiles.

Lungile: are you serious right now?

Me:yeah you are going to ruin my shirt with your lipstick and make up.

Lungile:(laughing) you are still forward. How has it been?

Me:oh it's been great actually. And you?

Lungile: argh it's been okay I just got back from New York actually I chose to come back home where my roots are I visited my mother's grave and all.

Me: interesting. When are you going back to jozi?

Lungile: actually I am moving on this side permanently. I was hoping I could ask a favor of a job from you?

Me: let's get some coffee.

We move to the cafeteria and sits down.

Me: so do you think I will afford you? I mean with all your education and experience.

Lungile: come on this company is doing well and I am not looking anything hectic I've had that.

Me: we don't have any positions available at the moment Lungile but as soon as something comes up I will sure let you know.

Lungile: Alright I'll be waiting for your call in the meantime I will continue with my research because I am thinking of starting my own company.

Me: you can nail it. I mean you have always been smart.

Lungile: thank you. So you are still the hot bachelor in town?

Me:(smiling)hahaha well that ended this past weekend when I committed myself to someone.

Lungile: oh really? That is so interesting. Gosh you have no idea how happy I am that at the end of it all you got your happiness and moved on from what happened.

Me: yeah I guess time heals. What happened between you and your husband?

Lungile: I guess karma visited me.

Me:how so?

Lungile: my husband left me for his half adoptive sister. From what I heardthey are happily married. He wifed her soon after our divorce was finalized.

Me: I am sorry. That must have been hurtful.

Lungile: very but I've healed and moved on from it. I met someone while I was busy with the team doing workshops.

Me: oh really? But then what am I saying? You are gorgeous you can get yourself any man you want there. I am sure he treats you good.

Lungile:(smiling) actually it's a she..

I swear I nearly burned myself with the coffee.

Me: sorry a what?

Lungile: I am still surprised myself but we are taking everything slowly and currently I am enjoying everything. Gosh she is so good to me and makes me love her so easily.

Me: look at you blushing and all.

Lungile:(laughing) anyway it was lovely seeing you Tshepi hopefully next time I get to see you with the Mrs.

Me: definitely you will because she works here just that

she's on a maternity leave for now.

Lungile:oh wow you guys also have a baby? you are blessed. Here's my card email me if you happen to have anything for me.

Me: awesome.

We stand up shaking hands and I walk to my office throwing her card on the dustbin. I have no intention of working with her or whatsoever.

What is she doing here? The nerve to want to work with me as if me and her are some old cool buddiesnxx ungijwayela kabi u Lungile. Although I gotta admit that she is still very much beautiful especially since she's on short hair but I am cooll don't want her on my circle.

I read the messages and my emails. A new email pops up I check it kinda shocked as to why Zana would send me an email instead of a WhatsApp.

I smile when I see the beautiful picture of her and Chantelle she just sent. I make it my wallpaper immediately while picking up my phone calling her turning around with my chair.

Nkosazana: baby..

Me: Mrs Ngidi to be..

Nkosazana: hey hubby. Did you get the pictures?

Me: I am actually looking at them as we speak you guys are so beautiful and I miss you.

Nkosazana:we miss you too. I am almost done with packing yooh I can't wait.

Me:me too babe I forgot to ask yesterday aren't you going to need a nanny or something?

Nkosazana: we'll look for one who my leave ends but for now since I will be home I will handle my baby

Me:you sure? I don't want you to be depressed yes I will help but you know sometimes it get busier..

Nkosazana: we will manage babe I promise.

Me: ayt I can't wait to see you.

Nkosazana: neither can I.

Me:let Daddy make money for you guys..

Nkosazana:yaaas..

I laughed and hung up. I can't stop looking at my wallpaper. Such beauty God I am lucky.

#THANDIWE

Smanga is purposely giving me a cold shoulder and it's hurts. I don't know what is it that I need to do to show that I am sorry. I get that he is angry at the fact that I

didn't attend the ceremony with him like we always do arriving together like every other couple but I had responsibilities.

Smanga: your daughter's choir is going to the finals tomorrow I hope you will make time on your busy schedule to attend because she would love to see both of us on those chair cheering up.

Me: of cause I will be there why are you acting as if I am a bad wife and mother?

Smanga: how am I supposed to know? Because all you do now is church this church that. You even receive calls at night from this pastor of yours..

Me:babe those calls are pure innocent he is just reminding me of praying as I have to pray at 00:00 03:00 and 05:00

Smanga: I hope you can see how I am running out of patience with this. Put him on the leash because I will. You are my wife how do you think I feel when you are all up and down with him?

And what nonsense did I hear that yesterday you hosted him and others in my house?

Me: baby after church we..

Smanga: Thandiwe! I don't want that man here! Do you hear me?

Me: this is still my home!

Smanga: (chuckling) you really are challenging me huh? Fine! Bring him again and see what I'mma do to the both of you. Ungijwayela kabi wena nalomfundisi nyana wakho!

Me: (teary) what is the fuss over this really? Since when did you become a headen?

Smanga: owh? Sengingumhedeni manje because I don't want nonsense in my house? Don't ruin my morning please.

He takes his things and walks past me and I feel tears streaming down on my face. This is the Storm pastor Mfusi was referring to it has arrived but I would be damned to allow it.

#MBONGENI

I opened my eyes to the sound of someone knocking on my door. Geez can they ease up. I take my phone under the pillow and find loads of missed calls from Philile. My heart skips a bit it has been on silence since last night as I wanted to rest with no distractions.

I hope everything is good. I call her going to the door to answer it. She stand there with her phone on the hand. Thank goodness she's fine

Me: (opening the door) Philile come in.

Philile: Good morning I have been trying to call you

Me: yeah I see the missed calls sorry I had a rough weekend. I needed to rest. Tea?

Philile: no it's cool I'm not staying. I am coming from town to buy few things I was calling to inform you that I am moving to my aunt's house in PMB up until I give birth.

Me:oh that's great. I mean I was concerned with you staying alone and all.

Philile: yeah she has agreed to assist me until the baby is strong enough then I will make means of finding a job and all.

Me: so what about the appointments?

Philile: will continue to attend them I can't change a doctor now

Me:okay well thanks for letting me know and do inform me if there's anything I can do to help.

Philile: what you are doing for us is enough I wouldn't take an advantage and ask more.

I smile a bit. Someone is growing up I guess expecting a baby do change one's behavior.

Philile:let me leave we'll talk.

Me:thanks for stopping by.

I walk her to the door and opened it Nomonde was about to knock when I opened. The look she wore when she saw Philile was I don't know how to explain it .

Insert 11

#NOMONDE

When Mbongeni asked me for a space and said all those things about suffocation I was hurt . Really it didn't make sense to me how do you get suffocated by someone you claim to love? What's the point of loving them if having them around you will suffocate you?

To me it felt like an excuse to lie and cheat just like all the men in my life had done. But then being home and around my mother made me realize that I am actually overrating it's not like that and honestly Mbongeni has been too good to me.

I sometimes pinch myself every now and then just to double check if I am really alive. To check if really this is me loved like that? I counted the times Mbongeni had been with me and I realized that really I haven't been fair

on the poor guy he is really trying.

Seeing Philile here so early in the morning is evoking all kinds of emotions in me as I don't trust this girl one bit but I try my level best to contain myself.

Me: this is the second time I find you coming out of my boyfriend's house so early in the morning.

Philile:oh no sis I hope you don't think I slept here..

Me:did you?

Philile: what? No! I came to inform Mbongeni..

Mbongeni: Philile it's okay you can leave we'll talk.

She walk past me and Mbongeni moves back to the house. Wow.

Me: what is she doing here?

Mbongeni: good morning to you too Nomonde how are you doing?

Me: Mbongeni stop with the formalities and answer me!

Mbongeni: she came to inform me that she's going to her martenal house until birth.

Me: she had to drive all the way to tell you that? Couldn't she call or text?

Mbongeni: she did but my phone was on silent.

Me: oh so she didn't sleep here?

Mbongeni:(rolling his eyes plugging the kettle) gosh why would she sleep here?

Me: I am just asking you two have history and...

Mbongeni: why are you here so early?

Me: I thought I should come and see you before I go to work. I actually wanted to say I'm sorry for all the drama I've been giving you and that I understand you need your space too. I will try to keep a distant but also be here. I will get most of my things later.

Mbongeni:(moving to me and hold my waist) you don't have to take your things you can always use them when you visit. Babe it's not like I am kicking you out or anything. I just want us to enjoy and respect each other's personal space. Okay?

Me: okay I'll try.

Mbongeni:(kissing my forehead and hugs me) thank you. You know I love you right?

Me:(hugging him back) I love you too and thank you for always being patient with me..

Mbongeni: always.

#NOMPUMELELO

Zothile is reading his emails drinking coffee while I feed Milly before Sis Ruth gets here. The intercom rings and Thandiwe is on the gate. Zothile and I look at each other wondering what is she doing here so early and let her in.

The moment she walks through the door I can tell she's not alright. Zothile picks his Blazer and peck my cheeks.

Zothile: I guess you will drive yourself to work then.

Me:yeah I might be a bit late.

He nods and greet Thandiwe walking away. I turn to Thandi and hug her. She's hot like someone who is experiencing fever.

Me: Thandi what is wrong?

Thandi:(wiping her tears) I am sorry to badge here so early in the morning I just needed someone to talk to and I couldn't go to the other wives because they are going to judge me either way.

Me:okay you are scaring me now. Has something happened to you and Smanga?

Thandi: my husband is Changing for me Mpume I do not know what to do. He is forever angry and complains about everything and anything that I do.

Me:hai bo. Since when did this happen?

Thandi: it's been a couple of days now. I don't understand how me being at church and serving the Lord is suddenly an issue

I look at her puzzled as I don't know where to start advising her because she's older than me I am the youngest of them all.

Me: have you guys tried and sat down to talk mara?

Thandi: do you listen what I'm saying? He is against everything this morning he said I shouldn't host the pastor and church people in his house. I mean isn't that my house too?

Me: you are angry and I will suggest that you calm down. From where I am standing I see a husband frustrated and confused at the changes and adaptations to your lives. Yes you have always loved and attended church but now it's looks like you are the mama mfundisi doing everything and anything.

You need to take few steps back and priorities your marriage and home. Do all the things you used believe me he will be fine.

Thandi: so I shouldn't get recognized and offered a better position at church because my dear husband will be threatened?

Amen! I don't know anymore what to say to this woman.

Me: sis Thandi I think you need to do a self introspection and dig deeper inside you find the root of the problem and deal with it. I am sorry but now I have to go to work.

Thandi: thanks for your time and sorry to inconvenience you.

Me:(hugging her) you are welcome.

#TSHEPIS

Nkosazana has been teaching me how to bath a baby and I must say it's been an amazing experience. How soft her skin is brings me so much love. She is going to be the most loved and spoiled baby.

We fed and put her to bed now we were relaxing watching TV.

Me: you know babe earlier today I saw my ex.

Nkosazana: the one who broke your heart?

Me: the one and only. (Chuckle) you know there was a time in my life where by I rehearsed a speech and words I would say to her if ever I happened to see her again.

Nkosazana:and?

Me: but then when I saw her I didn't feel anything. Even the anger and resentment. Like she was just a normal person. You know baby I know that I am not perfect and neither are you I know that we are still going to

encounter problems and challenges in this union but I promise you that no matter what I will always be here. I promise to always love you only you and our daughter till the end of time

Nkosazana: when you refer to her as your daughter Tshepiso I feel so emotional. You have loved her while she was still inside of me when the scan machines lied saying it's a boy still you loved us. I love you so much and thank you for giving me a second chance in life and to actually teach me what love is.

I will forever be grateful and I also promise to not hurt you intentionally.

I wiped the tears from her face and kissed her. The kiss got heated up and my hands went under her t-shirt..

Nkosazana:I am not on pill we need to use condoms.

She mumbled through the kiss and I bite her ear whispering.

Me: I will pull out.

#THANDIWE

Smanga moved closer to me and start touching me and I could feel his boner on my back I shifted..

Me: not today.

Smanga:come on babe.. I need you.

Me: Smanga I'm fasting.

Smanga: what? I didn't know we are fasting.

Me: not everyone at church but me..

Yes after the conversation with Mpume I called my pastor who told me to take a dry 7 days fasting and prayer for the Storm that's coming to my marriage and that's exactly what I am going to do..

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#NKOSAZANA

I fix Tshepiso's tie while he looks at me all amused.

Me: what got you so smiling?

Tshepiso: what you are doing. I've always watched it on the movies didn't know that I will get to experience it one day.

Me:well what's the point of being married if we won't do these things we always watch and read about.

Tshepiso: true. Babe yesterday you fell asleep when we were discussing about your future.

Me:oh yes I don't know. I want to go back to school but

at the same time I enjoyed working with you.

Tshepiso: I enjoyed it too but then go and study what you love. Remember that was a temporary job to help you pay rent and stuff. Now you are my responsibility and I shall take care of that while you chase your dreams.

Me:(smiling) what did I do so good to get you?

Tshepiso:let me think urhm you forgot your wallet and got horny..

Me:(laughing playful hitting him on the chest)ai suka Tshepiso! That's not a very much romantic love story to tell people.

Tshepiso: oh you better be ready because that's going to be my speech on our wedding.

Me:msindisi! I will run away.

Tshepiso:(laughing) I'm kidding babe I ask myself the same thing everyday. I got you.

He gives me a soft peck while smiling.

Me: babe I want us to also discuss the issue of Zach and him being a baby daddy.

Tshepiso: that demon. Kodwa nawe babe out of all the creatures you chose that one to father our baby?

Me:(laughing) don't start on me please! If you weren't so slowly and busy chasing whores you would have been the one.

Tshepiso: tell him the baby is way too young for now but he is welcome to come and see her under supervised visits until the baby is a year old.

Me: okay papito. I will tell him.

Tshepiso: I am meeting the wolves later so I will be home a bit later.

Me: okay. I guess I will be bonding with the princess.

Tshepiso: don't forget to look for space in the university and send me the quotes.Im out.

He kissed my forehead and went to kiss Chantelle from her baby's coat before leaving.

#THANDIWE

My phone rang while I am busy baking imagine having to cook and bake food you won't eat. I wipe my hands and answer.

Me: pastor..

Pastor: good afternoon mama kunjani? (Ma'am how are you)

Me: I'm doing well man of God under this heat.

Pastor: I hope you are drinking water.

Me: I am.

Pastor: aren't you at work?

Me: no I just got home few minutes ago. I took a day off to go watch my daughter's choir so now I'm home.

Pastor: oh I'm asking because I am driving around your complex so I was wondering if it's okay to pop in and we share the word of God.

Me: it's okay pastor you can pull through plus I am baking before the kids and the father come back.

Pastor: okay I am on my way .

He hung up and I quickly went to my wall unit and took one of my favorite new cutlurly I was presented with on my wedding day. I never got to use it as I have always saved it for special occasions.

THE WOLVES

They were all gathered at TBC and drinking.

Smanga: I can't believe I am drinking during the day.

Zothile :(checking his watch) it's not that early just past 3. I was about to ask how come you knocked off early.

Smanga: I am the principal so I can always disappear besides I attended the choir's competition of which my daughter was part of.

Tshepiso: but then you don't look good chief we are here planning my wedding and you are sour. What is it?

Smanga:ei gents I am facing a dilemma.

He explains to them about Thandi denying him sex in the name of fasting.

Mbongeni: I am not a born again but I have never heard of such especially to married couple.

Smanga: I was also shocked to the core.

Zakes: inkinga yenu ukuthi ucansi niyalucela into engenziwa indoda. Awuluceli ucansi kumkakho uyalithatha. (The problem is that you ask for sex something a man doesn't do you don't ask for sex from your wife you take it)

Thokozani: heee uya ngakudala wena! Labanamuhla abafazi banamalungelo wenza loko nje uzoboshwa kuthiwe udlwengulile(that was ages ago wives of today have rights. You take it without her consent to it you get arrested for rape)

Zothile: bona futhi o Zakes laba bajike ba dealer nawe enkantolo(the same lawyers will deal with you at court)

Zakes:ngiyanizwa zinsizwa ukuthi nje angazi maybe

indlela enenza ngayo. Mina abafazi bami bayazi ukuthi imina indoda angeke nje bakhweze enye indoda phezu kwami. Sengisho kwayena lojesu wenu angeke alunge(I hear you gents but then maybe it's how we do things. My wives know very well I am the only man so they won't put other man first even Jesus himself)

The guys cracks up because that's like Zakes to say such.

Tshepiso: mina ngisasho ukuthi akashiswe lobaba(I still say let's burn him)

Mbongeni: vele. Nasendulo umthakathi wayethoswa(agreed even in the ancient history witches got burned)

Smanga: ai guys mina ngicabanga ukuthi ngitholele umkami usizo ngoba ngibona ngathi ugange ngaye Lona ukuthi angasangizwa nje mina. (No guys I think I need to get my wife some help because I think he did something to her so that she doesn't listen to me)

Zothile:weeh khohlwa in this life and the next don't argue with the politician kaizer Chiefs fan and a prophet follower.

Mbongeni:manje bafo ingenaphi I Kaizer Chiefs kule combo? (But brother what does Kaizer Chiefs got to do with this?)

Zothile:(laughing) I was just making an example of the most stubborn people you won't win an argument with.

Zakes: since you won't agree that we kill him. I say let's teach him a lesson it's high time these fake wannabes Jesus are taught a lesson. They can't mess people's lives and get away with it.

Tshepiso: just like this one who scammed the whole South Africa and ran away..

Thokozani:balayekile labo now they are left alone as orphans. Parents dololo.

Zothile: guys I'm hungry can we go grab something to eat?

Zakes: no restaurants please some home cooked meal nyana. Or braai.

Thokozani: let's go to Tshepiso's house and get Zana busy.

Tshepiso: Aneva! There's a baby in there and nizomhabulisa so no.

Zothile: husband for 2 minutes nyana already you got wings?

The guys laughs even more.

Zakes: umsolani ngoba ufana nawe? Wawungafuni Mpume enze lutho nje.(You can't blame him because he's like you. You also didn't want Mpume to touch anything.)

Smanga:(laughing) it's fine guys let's go to my house. The wife was baking when I left so we'll have some scones and juice while braaing.

They agreed to go to his house and did a convoy following each other with their cars to Smanga's house.

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#NANDI

The traffic on the afternoon is always hectic and I am running a bit late for our ladies surprise meeting at Tshepiso's house we decided to go see Zana. I hope they will be understanding and patient.

I am relieved to see that we all just got here as we all park and walk inside the house laughing. We find her on her tights socks and a vest and gosh her postpartum body is to die for. I swear if everyone looked so good after giving birth I would pop them babies every year but then issa struggle.

Nkosazana : this is actually a nice surprise I did not know you guys were coming.

Sneh: we decided to come and gave you a proper welcome back home and start the preparation of the wedding.

She says hugging her giving her small gift and we all follow.

Nkosazana: what would I be without you guys? Thank you so much.

I take the baby from her such a beautiful little missy and the girls makes themselves comfortable around her couches while she brings us drinks.

Mpume: such a nice beautiful house Tshepiso got y'all guys you still owe us a house warming party.

Nkosazana: oh yeah we do hey.

Me:as long as it won't be like my house warming party where people went to labor and exes showing up.

Gugu:yoooh that was weird I was like girl what the fuck are you doing here?

Mpume: come on guys it was a genuinely coincidence she didn't know the Tendani and Zothile knew each other.

Nkosazana: I still don't trust her you will find out she screwed all our men.

Sneh: I wouldn't be surprised. Anyway enough about hoes madam have you started any preparations or have suggestions?

Nkosazana: I do have few ideas but all I know is that I don't want a big wedding actually I don't want a wedding at all.

Us: what?

Nkosazana: yes honestly I just wish we could go and sign then come back . I mean I love weddings but I don't want one.

Mpume: weird.

Nkosazana: I know so Tshepiso and I decided to have a small intimate wedding here in our house.

Sneh: as long as we are going to have a wedding I'm happy. And don't you dare think imma plan it for free I will charge you baby. Where do you keep your wines?

Gugu: bathong do you always have to drink?

Sneh: cela ungiyeke u mam mfundisi akekho so don't take her place(please leave me Thandi is not here so don't take her space)

Me: what's happening with her vele guys? We hardly see her and I am worried.

Mpume: I think we should go to her house this weekend and check her out. Her and Smanga are having problems.

Sneh:(pouring the wine on her glass) that's if you are

going to find her home.

Gugu: you have never liked her so I'm not surprised.

Sneh:what? Don't start on me please I have no problem with that lady except that she thinks she is holier than though.

Mpume:(laughing) you are still mad at her for calling you an alcoholic?

Sneh: imagine the audacity as if she has ever bought me one can of Savannah! My husband has never complained even once so who is she?

Gugu: stop lying you don't drink around our husband like you drink around us. You know Zakes would have sent you packing.

Sneh:(laughing raising the glass) you clearly don't know our man skati for meHe would bend few rules. Even tweak.

We laugh like crazy imagine Zakes tweaking? That would be fun.

Me: on a serious note we should reach out to her before she is in too deep. The next thing we will hear about divorce papers.

Sneh: I will gladly volunteer in finding Smanga a new wife.

Mpume: you really do hold grudges. Let's not gossip about one of our own and start the business that brought us here. So Zana I got the contacts for the people who designed my dress both the matrimonial and reception.

Sneh:okay wait wait let me put on my glasses and get my diary then we can start.

#THANDIWE

Pastor Mfusi couldn't close his mouth about my cakes busy complimenting them at how delicious they are. Unfortunately I am fasting I would have tasted few. I kept on checking the time from the clock on the wall. I don't know how to ask him to leave without sounding rude.

I couldn't say no when he said he was around because that was going to be like somehow. I mean I never mentioned my husband's craziness to him. What do I even explain this? All I am praying for is for things to get better and us going back to that place we were at before.

Pastor: you really have outdone yourself this time mama these cakes can sell so fast. Maybe you should sell them at church and donate to the church's fund.

Me: that's actually not a bad idea at all. I can even teach the youth to bake.

Pastor: even more brilliant. Urm mama there is a

situation here that I wanted to run to you first before the elders of the church.

Me: what it is? Is there a problem?

Pastor: I wouldn't call it a problem per se but yes it is a problem. My ceiling is leaking and ewu you know as we are approaching summer with rains.

Me:(nodding)it's not good at all. The furniture will be ruined.

Pastor: exactly. I wanted to ask for donations at church to help me fix it so that I can be able to sleep well at night without rats going in and out I can't even pray properly.

Me: oh man of God that's so horrible. Which room is that because last time we were there we didn't see it?

Pastor:(clearing his throat) it's actually my bedroom. It is so difficult I even moved to the guests bedroom..

Me: I see must be very difficult.

Pastor:too much.. you have something there on your face next to your lip.

He says touching my face and suddenly my body is heating up for a second I was dizzy and funny. He looks double and smiling.

Me:(smiling) how much will it cost to fix the ceiling?

Pastor:it's not that much just R15k..

THE WOLVES

Smanga opens his gate and the cars drove in as his parks next to the pastor's.

Smanga: guys niyangibonisa umhlolo?(Can you see what's happening?)

Mbongeni: looks like we came in time.

Smanga:(clicking his tongue) ungiwayela Kabi u Thandiwe! I told her I don't want this man here!

He storms to his house and the guys follow him they find him unbuttoning Thandi's shirt she looks high laying on the couch and he is speaking some foreign language just as he is touching her bra Smanga jumps on him.

Smanga: what the fuck are you doing to my wife? I am going to kill you today!

Pastor:we are praying!

Thokozani: (laughing in disbelief) madoda! He says he's praying! Smanga shaya lenja!(Beat him up)

Smanga starts punching him like crazy and the guys are cheering on. Zothile put a throw over Thandi who looks lost and shaking.

Tshepiso: shit the kids are here !

Zakes: let's take him out of here!

They drag him through the back doors while Smanga fix himself and carry his wife to the bedroom his kids can't see their mother in this state. He opens his safe that's on the wall behind their big wedding picture and take out his gun.

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The wolves pushes the pastor out while smacking the back of his head giving him slaps and punches here and there.

Zakes: uzokunya namuhla wena uhlezi ukwenza kukulungela!(You will shit on yourself today you always do this and get away with it)

Zothile: what were you planning on doing to our brother's wife? Talk marn!

Pastor: I swear I didn't do anything to her we were just praying!

Thokozani: praying?while touching her breasts! You actually think we are hypnotized by your voodoo and tokoloshis huh?

He asks smacking the pastor between his face and he sees stars and blinks twice. He raise his hand and Zakes yanks it twisting behind his back taking off the

rings on his fingers.

Pastor:(screaming) aaaaaahhhhh that hurts! Please don't take off my rings. Please!

Tshepiso:(recording him) why? What's so special about them?

He sweats trying to catch up on his breath and in a blink of a second he gets free and start running. You can imagine how it looks like a whole pastor running down the streets with them chasing him. Zothile is laughing his lungs out and holding his stomach.

Zothile: I have never seen such a big pot belly man run like that no that's a skill. Tshepi keep recording please!

Smanga comes out from his yard with his gun out and starts shooting. The sound of the gun going off has the guys who are chasing him freeze. Smanga fires again in between the pastor's legs and the bullets drops in front of him.

He stops dead on his track sweating and shaking like crazy.

Smanga: keep running I am going to aim for your skull! I don't have energy to chase after you!

He shouts at him as he walks slowly to him with Zothile who has stopped laughing now since guns have come out to play....

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#ZOTHILE

By the time we get to Mfusi the neighbors were coming out and the guys were panel beating him like a baby.

Me: guys guys we can't do this here. Remember our positions and statuses if anything goes wrong we are in trouble with the law and I cannot afford a criminal record or going to jail because of him

Smanga: as much as I hate what you are saying right now Mzothi but you are right. This little piece of shit will ruin us.

(Shoving the gun on his balls) so you wanted to rape my wife huh?

Pastor:(spitting blood out of his mouth) no no I swear I didn't...

Zakes: nxx lenja isaqamba amanga ayishiswe! We'll deal with the consequences later.

Tshepiso:(pulling zakes back) I have a wife and daughter to think for ain't going to prison. I would have love to slit his throat but not here.

Thokozani:(twisting his ear) take this as a lesson by tomorrow we don't want you here get the fuck out of this

place or else kuzonyiwa!

Pastor:(nodding) I will leave I will leave!

Right then the police arrives and they start asking questions taking Mfusi with them.

Cop: we will keep any eye to each and everyone of you. Stay out of this and let the law handle it. Mr Mkhize your wife should come to the police station to lay down the assault charges and tell us about this scammer.

Smanga: I will bring her myself.

When the Vans drive away with Mfusi the neighbors ululate while others sing celebration songs.

Me: don't be too hard on your wife brother you know she's not herself so try and be gentle with her.

I say to him as we walk back to his house. The whole braai idea have been ruined. We all get into our cars and drive out I decided to take his kids with me because I know they are going to fight. The children can't witness such.

#THANDIWE

I get up with a very painful headache and sit up looking around. Smanga is standing by the dressing table looking at me tapping his foot down. What is happening here? How did I get into bed? Where is pastor?

Me: how did I get into bed?

Smanga:it's a good thing you asked that question. What else do you want to ask?

Me:urhm.. where is pastor...

Smanga:(clapping his hands)yessss pastor! Thandiwe did I not tell you not to bring this man here?

Me: you did but..

Smanga: but my left foot! Are you aware you were almost raped?

Me:what? By who?

Smanga:your favorite pastor ofcause who else would it be?

Me:(shaking my head)no you are lying! I refuse to believe such. My pastor wouldn't do that to me!

Smanga: Jesus kanti uloywe ngempela wena! Thandi this man was all over you undressing you God knows what he was going to do to you did we not arrive in time..

Me: I get that you don't like him for reasons known to you but to speak about him like this is not on. It's actually a taboo to speak about God's people like that.

Smanga: you are annoying me Thandiwe I feel like

slapping you now! You take out the best cutlery and serve him who is your husband huh?

Me: all these lies are because of the cutlery?

Smanga:wow!

He leaves the room and my phone rings on my bedside table. It's an unknown number.

Me:hello?

Pastor: (whispering)mama it's Mfusi listen I don't have much time.

Me:(whispering looking around) Baba where are you?

Pastor:I have just been released and I am leaving this night. I wanted to tell you that I'm leaving I am not feeling safe. Your husband and his friends humiliated me in public and stripped my dignity in the most cruel way I shall never forget this..

I felt his pain shoot straight to my heart as tears streamed down on my face.

Me:I'm so sorry I don't know what happened. Where are you going to?

Pastor: I don't know anyway where the spirit lead me. I just wanted to tell you that.

Me:if you are not safe baba it's means I'm not safe too. I

am coming with you.

Pastor:are you sure?

Me:yes just pack your things I will bring my car

I hung up when Smanga walk in. Seeing him here make me so angry I attack him hitting his chest..

Me:what have you and your barbaric friends did to my pastor huh? Smanga how can you do that?

Smanga: so you were talking to him? After what I told you? Give me that phone!.

He says snatching it and we fight for it and he pushes me roughly to the bed. My heart is beating up so fast and the fury I am feeling can't be matched. I hate Smanga with his crew and they are going to get what's coming to them for touching the anointed one.

Smanga: and what are you doing?

Me:what does it look like I am doing? I'm leaving your pathetic ass.

Smanga: Thandiwe put the bag down and go back to sleep. You are not leaving this house.

Me: watch me!

I said zipping the bag and he chuckled going to the door to lock it and I screamed for him to open it. In a split of a

second I was on the bed the whole house spinning. The slap he gave me. Yooh.

Smanga: today you are going to sit down and listen to me as your husband! If it's mean beating you up the whole night to take those voodoo Mfusi fed you then I will but you are not leaving this house.

What the hell do you take me for?

I cried everything was becoming too much for me and my heart was heavy. He sighed sitting down next to me taking me to his chest rubbing my back.

Smanga: I'm sorry baby I didn't mean to raise my hand on you. Really I shouldn't have lost my cool like that. Please let us pray...

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MEANWHILE... Zakes managed to sneak out of his house without the cops seeing him. He hid on the tree behind Mfusi's house with the 5 litre petrol on his hand.

He saw police vans dropping him in the middle of the night and telling him to leave as soon as he can.

Zakes:(clicking his tounge) bastard! I knew it that they are going to let him escape! Well not today pastor!

He watched as Mfusi limped going to his house checking his surrounding. The moment he was inside

Zakes moved around his house pouring petrol all over. He then used his key he bought today to get inside it's open Every doors.

When he was inside he locked the front door and took out the key. He walked around looking at the house not too bad but doesn't match his though.

When he passed another room a weird smell caught his attention and he peeked through the door he was seated down with his head dropped down around him was there was a smoke and lots of witchCraft things..

He shook his head and walk down the passage looking for the back door at the corner he saw a bar fridge locked. He looked around and opened it. It took him about 2 minutes to open it and what he saw inside freaked him out!

Mfusi's wife was in there frozen. Clearly she was long dead but why is he keeping her body on a freezer? He quickly close it and walk out of the house his heart beating faster.

He always known this man was crazy the wife once came to him to ask for legal help as she wanted to divorce him after she found out that Mfusi was sleeping with the women in his congregation. She disappeared after serving Mfusi with the papers.

Zakes locks all the doors and the good thing is that all the windows are burglary protected. He drops the match stick and the house goes on fire.

#Snenhlanhla.

I open my eyes when I feel someone getting to the bed..

Me:babe..

Zakes:shhhh it's late sleep.

Me: I woke up and didn't find you on next to me.

Zakes: I was going through some filesnow sleep.

Me:did you just take a shower?

Zakes:(kissing her) since you are not sleeping let's get really busy..

Sne giggled through the kiss as Zakes rolled her over and laid on his back getting her on top of him.

#MFUSI

When the cops dropped me off one thing I needed to do was to take a spiritual journey to the underworld to get some powers then come back and leave.

I got to my secret room and took off my shoes and sat down. Hands on my knees face down I call our Father's name 3 times and my soul left the body inside the house and went to the underworld.

Arriving in the I found our father very pissed at me. He

slapped me so hard and told me to get out of his sight because there's nothing he can do for me anymore. Begging him failed and upon my return the house is on fire.

Mfusi:(quickly sitting up) oh no no no!

I ran out of my secret room and was met by amalangabi the whole house was on fire the smoke and everything.

I trembled in fear when I felt the ceiling falling on my back burning me..

Me:(screaming) heeeeeeeelppppp! Oh what have I done! Heeeeeeeelppppp!

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#SMANGA

A loud bang came through on the gate and I shifted Thandi from me slowly placing her on the pillow to get up checking the time. God it's 5 am in the morning who the fuck knocks like that?

I put on my shot and sleepers yawning going to the door. It has not been that long since I managed to get some sleep after the events of yesterday. I have been trying to talk to my wife about this issue of her pastor showing her the video from Apostle Makhado where he explained how these fake pastors work.

Apparently they go to these Western countries to be initiated and come here to manipulate people using the word of God. It is really said I think I will pray and worship on my house from now on because the shit they do is scary they even take your offering to their black pot so that you can continue giving them more money without complaining.

I open the gate and I am greeted by the blue lights. The detective who arrested Mfusi walks to me.

Detective: Mkhize we apologise for waking you up so early..

Me:eya madoda kwenzenjani? (Yes man what is happening?)

Detective: ei sir I have bad news for you we just received a call from the neighbors reporting that Mfusi's house was on fire we then sent the fire fighters who arrived there late the damage had already been done.

On top of that Mfusi got burned inside the house.

Me:what? How did that happen? Wasn't he arrested?

Detective: I am still trying to find out how did he get released in the first place. I am sorry that such happen and we will never get to the bottom of this case.

Me:sad indeed. I didn't want him dead but I wanted him to pay for his sins.

Detective: sadly that won't happen anymore. We also found something.

Me: what?

Detective: a dead woman who was trapped on the freezer.. forensics are working out the DNA to identify who is she.

Me: my goodness! What kind of man was Mfusi kanti?

Detective: looks like nobody knew him for who he really was..

Me: have you found the cause of the fire?

Detective: they are suspecting electric plugs but the way the house burned so fast looked like someone bombed it. A case have been opened but we don't have suspects so far since you and your friends were watched but we will be looking into you.

Me: No it's fine I understand the process. Anyway thanks for informing me and please do keep me posted.

Detective: I will. I shall take my leave now.

I walk back to the house and find Thandiwe coming from the bathroom.

Thandi: good morning. What was that all about?

Me:(sitting on the bed) Mfusi is dead..

Thandi:what? When and how?

Me:he was burned inside his house. Cops are investigating..

Thandi:(covering her mouth) oh my God! He did say that he was not safe he did say that he feared for his life and I..

Me:(getting up) yoooh hai not this again. I am going to take a shower and prepare for work.

#TSHEPISO

Zakes and I were having lunch discussing business and the contract of my marriage I am going to present to Zana. After listening to his wise legal advice I decided to take his advice and not marry in COP.

Reading the reviews about it scared the living shit out of me. Someone said " no matter how much in love you are do not I repeat do not try that shit". Its not that I don't love nor trust Zana just that in this world one gotta be careful with everything and everyone.

Me:the news of Mfusi passing is trending all over. His spiritual kids are wailing cursing whoever started the fire..

Zakes:(cleaning his teeth with the toothpick) I am here saying good riddance to bad rubbish. Thumbs up to

whoever did that.

Me: it was you isn't?

Zakes: me who did what?

Me: set the house on fire..

Zakes:(laughing) you give me too much credit Tpee it's cute

Me: I know you Zakes you can deny all you want because vele you are a lawyer and you are good at that but this has your handwriting all over it.

Zakes: Seriously I don't know what you are talking about because I was home making love to my wife that time

Me: whatever anyway you did well one nonsense out of the street.

Zakes:(smirking leaning back on his chair) I would really like to take the credit but it wasn't me.

I looked at him he is such a good liar and knows how to maintain a straight face. No matter how pressing the situation is he would never admit to guilt. That's Zakes.

#NKOSAZANA

I kept busy on my laptop with the registration while Zach played with his daughter on the couch. I am still amazed at how Tshepiso allowed Zach to come to his house but

I guess having camera footages around the house is what giving him that confidence and assurance that I won't do anything.

Zach: so this is the life you chose? Big house fancy furniture cars and being a house wife?

I rolled my eyes and took a sip on my oros ignoring him.

Zach: you know i can Still give you more right? Remember when I used to spoil you and buy you designer clothes? I can still do that..

Me:yeah well except that now I don't buy designer clothes but my husband has my clothes designed specifically for me..

Zach: husband? Please stop being over ambitious since when paying a lobola makes one married?

Me: I won't even waste my oxygen arguing with you. I actually think your time is over now you can go

Zach: but i...

Me: hai hamba Zach!

He looks at me and grab his keys and leaves if there is a time and little chance I wished Zach dead would be now. Honestly I wish he died when Zothile threw him out of the window.

#SMANGA

I have been burying myself with work just to keep my mind busy and not think about Thandiwe and her pastor madness. I am even dragging my feet to go home because I will find her crying for her beloved pastor that's if she's not out there arranging the funeral as the wife.

Maybe I should just go to Zothile's house and chill with him a bit then come back with my kids. A knock comes through on my door I look up and tell whoever is knocking to come in.

A young lady slim and beautiful walk in holding a file..

Her: good afternoon sir.

Me: afternoon please sit.

Her: thank you my name is Sindisiwe Khumalo..

Me: (leaning back on my chair) how can I help you MaKhumalo?

Sindi: I am a 3rd year student and I have been sent here to do practicals. At the reception they told me to come here and ask you to sign some papers.

She said handing me her file and I looked at it such good and high results. She's not only pretty but smart.

Me: I hope you have thick skin to handle high school kids ma'am..

Sindi:(smiling) don't let this slim body fool you I can be mean..

I found myself laughing for the first time today.

Me: I wouldn't put it past you.

Sindi: no one ever do and besides I have been told that the principal is very strict keeps everyone on their toes. Hence the 100% pass mark rate every year.

Me:(smiling) I am flattered but honestly it's not only my doing the teachers are putting in the work I hope you will also enjoy your stay with us. I will look at this and call you.

Sindi: thank you let me go finish up at the front.

I nodded and she left the office. I opened her file and looked at it she is a 95 baby. Oh not too bad although she looks like a 2000..

#THOBEKA-REINIE

I zipped my bag and Tendani took them to the car. We are going to Venda for the whole weekend and honestly I don't know how to feel about the trip. I am excited and nervous. I mean this is my first ever serious relationship and I feel like he is rushing some things but then I haven't dated much to know the difference either way.

Tendani: did you get everything?

Me: yeah I think I got everything.

Tendani: okay we can leave. Come on chin up it's going to be fun and you will love Venda.

Me: if you say so what if they don't like me?

Tendani: what's there not to like you? And besides you are mine to love and hold I am just presenting you to them as someone I am sharing this life thing with and planning to spend my life with forever. I am not asking for their approval.

Me: if you say so then we can go. Promise to not leave my side.

Tendani: you got nothing to worry about. I got you.

He kissed my lips and opened the door for me.

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#THOBEKA

The drive from Jozi to Venda have been fun I even forgot that we are going to meet the inlaws until I saw "welcome to Limpopo" and then the reality hit hard. I am nervous I don't want to lie.

We stopped by Polokwane and bought few things argh it's not few a lot before proceeding. The side we are driving around at is surrounded with big and beautiful houses. No people from Limpopo do have beautiful houses back home shame.

He parks outside another beautiful house and two boys come out running to him. They exchange greetings in their language gosh I didn't know he was this loud up until now since he's with his people.

Tendani: boys meet my woman Thobeka Makhanda.

They flash a lazy smile and greet while shaking my hand. They carry the plastics to the house while Tendani and I walk to another door. My hand is sweating I am sure he can feel the sweat drip as he held my hand going inside.

Tenda: ndaa

He greets and I have seen how do you greet in Tshivenda there I go kneeling down and does the greeting like I have seen on Muvhango. The old lady smiles and tell me to sit up. Tendani looks all smiles.

The woman of which I believe is his mother asks my name and compliment me while the old man keep quiet looking scary like Gizara and I get a feeling that he doesn't approve.

#SINDISIWE

I ran inside the house screaming calling my grandmother's name.

Me:gogo gogo!

Gogo: yini?

Me: ngeke uze ukholwe ma kuhambe kahleothisha bakulesa skole ave benomusa. Angikhulumi uthisha omkbulu wakhona! (You won't believe this granny the teachers from that school are so friendly especially the principal)

Gogo: ngiyajabula ntombi Yami uzimisele phela ukuze uzoqashwa masoqedile(I am happy for you my daughter please be serious so that you can be hired when you get done with your studies)

Me:yebo ma ngizozimisela nje uyazi angeke ngikuphoxe!(I will do so granny you know I won't disappoint you).

Gogo: ngiyazi Ntungwa elihle.

She is my rock I am living for her. I pray each and every day that God keep her for me. I still need to spoil her

rotten. She made sure that I get everything even though it wasn't fancy but it was enough I never felt the space and void of not knowing my parents. Although sometimes I do wish I know them but then it's life.

I was told that my father was evil involved and practicing witchcraft to a point where my mom stabbed him to death because she was fed up. My grandmother doesn't want to talk about my mother much and I've stopped pushing to her she's someone who took her only son away in the most cruel way.

I don't know anything about her except that she was light skinned beautiful and was arrested after my father tried to sacrifice with me but failed. I was kept alive for two years and returned to gogo who raised me ever since.

I really do wish to meet her one day that's if she's alive but then I doubt she would want to see me wherever she is I'm sure she thinks I'm dead. That's if she's still alive maybe she's dead too.

Anyway I don't need to allow these thoughts disturb me now I am closer to achieve my goal graduating . I love teaching so much sharing knowledge and engaging with others. That is another common interest I have with my mom I was told she was one of the best teachers around her times.I want to follow on her footsteps we don't have a relationship but I want to make her proud wherever she is.

#ZOTHILE

I walked inside the kitchen and mom was up early like the usual making her famous vetkoeks. My family and I decided to pay them a visit and get to chill.

I thank God that everyday dad is proving to be a better man than before. Thanks to our stepmom who loves us like her children.

Me: morning mamzo..

Makhumalo: morning son how are you doing this morning?

Me: I'm good very refreshed. The ancestors welcomed me with warm hands.

Makhumalo:(smiling) indeed. Kuhle ukubuya ekhaya uzoncela. (It's a good thing to come home and be recognized by them)

Me: ukahle kodwa mama? Ubukeka ungeneme kahle(are you good though mom you look a bit sad)

Makhumalo:(smiling faintly) it's one of those days my boy where I wish for the impossible..

Me:okay?

Makhumalo:(laughing) argh don't mind me son I'm just whining..

Me:no mom you can actually talk if you want to talk you

carry all of us and always there for us. I am here when you need to talk.

Makhumalo: (sighs) every year around this time I always get the flash backs of what happened of what landed me in prison. I sometimes wish I could reverse the time and react better.

Me: I understand it must be hard but honestly I believe you did what you had to. I don't know what I would have done If someone would take my child to sacrifice.

Makhumalo: (wiping her tears) you know after experiencing 3 miscarriages in a year I was finally happy to carry my child full term. I remember her tiny little cry to think I held her for only two days then that evil witch came and took her to his evil people..

Me: eix the world is such an evil place for women to live into. You were robbed your youth and a chance at motherhood.

Makhumalo: at 26 I was sentenced and my life vanished. 25 years later I am only left with regrets. I didn't even get to bury her I am sure she was butchered and her body parts taken out.

Me: I am sorry. I hope one day you will completely heal and forgive yourself.

Makhumalo: (smiling) being part of this family has healed me enough son I am grateful to be given another chance to mother you guys and you are all wonderful

children.

I smiled she really loves us and it's refreshing. Mpume walked in with Milly on her arms and greeted us dropping her on my lap and helped mom with preparing the breakfast..

#SMANGA

I was brushing my son's hair preparing him for school while his sister was eating. I have been looking after them since they got back because their mother is distraught and all over the place helping with funeral arrangements.

What did I say? I did say that she will go up and down as if this guy is her relative or something. I am not saying anything I am tired of saying one and same thing over and over again.

Whenever she's done moping and mourning her beloved she will return to us. Right now I am going to invest my energy and time on my children.

Thandiwe: babe..

She calls me after walking in wearing her pyjams. Is she not going to work?

Me: morning you still on your pyjams this time? Aren't you going to work?

Thandiwe: no I asked for few days off.

Me: okay. What is it?

Thandiwe: love urhm can you please help us with donations for the..

Me:no.. anginamali Thandiwe.. (I don't have money)

Thandiwe: love don't be this person he was our pastor prayerd for us and all. He deserves a well respectable send off.

Me: yes until he tried to take advantage of you! Do you seriously think I have money for a person who messed up with you to the point whereby you don't even recognize the kind of person you are?

Thandiwe: I don't want to fight with you Smanga all I was asking was just a little donation.

Me: well I don't have it. Use your own money and don't you dare try touch our account Thandiwe uzongazi kahle.

Thandiwe: I wasn't going to. You know the annoying process of getting that money from our account and mina lemali ngiyidinga manje

Yooh Bo Mkhize boKhabazela ngisizeni!

#TSHEPISO

Zana was washing the dishes after eating and I had just

put Chantelle to sleep.

Me: love can I have your moment?

Nkosazana: I am almost done.

I put the contract on the table and wait for her. She dries her hands and sit down.

Me: I wanted us to discuss about our marriage contract. I want us to reach an agreement before we even get into this union. Here is a prenup that Zakes draw for us. Please read it and let me know what you think..

Nkosazana: prenup? What happened to what's yours is mine?

Me: (chuckling) those were the old days my love. Things have changed nowadays and marrying in community of property is risky..

Nkosazana: so what's the point of getting married to someone who's not prepared to risk it all with you through everything and anything?

Okay that escalated fast!

Me:Zana this is not what it means..

Nkosazana: what does it mean? Because to me it's shows that you are not fully committed to this marriage like your foot is in while the other one is out. You are already thinking about the worsts before we could even

get married..

Wow! Why is she angry? I didn't think a prenup will get her so worked up..

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#NKOSAZANA

I can't believe Tshepiso right now. I mean what kind of madness is this? My heart is beating so damn fast. I love him true but honestly I chose him for financial and security gain. Love doesn't have anything to do with marriage lately and if that was the case I would have been with Zach!

Tshepiso: babe would you calm down and let me explain this? This prenup is going to protect the both of us. You know as a business man with various businesses I am at risk of getting in debts one day and losing everything.

Imagine having to inherit my debts and both of us being broke.

Well I remember Nompumelelo saying something like this when marrying my brother Zothile and she did not want to marry in COP but then that's her.

Tshepiso: also this contract says that we get to share everything that we going to accumulate together as a

married couple. Like everything we will achieve together from now on will be shared equally..

Me: what about what you have already achieved?

Tshepiso: that is mine. I can only give you a piece of it per Will agreement.

I honestly don't understand this I thought Tshepiso loved me I thought he was in this full force. Protect himself from what? I read the contract and honestly the writing was good on paper but they get in this ear and come out with the other one.

#THOBEKA

I opened my eyes and found Tendani looking at me. I blushed stretching up my arms. I don't know what time did he get to bed he was with his family until the woo hours of morning.

Tendani: ndi matsheloni..(good morning)

Me: ndi matsheloni avhudi no vuwha hani namusi? (Good morning how are you doing today?)

Tendani: argh no vuwha zwavhudi.. (I'm good).

Me: serious? You look tensed up.

Tendani: it's nothing I can't handle. Today I want us to take a tour around this place. Show you places I grew up around.

Me:(smiling) I would love that.

Tendani:(taking his glasses off and moving closer to me)but for now I want to give you a proper breakfast in bed.. promise me you are not going to scream. My parents bedroom is next door.

Me: what? Tendani no.

Tendani:(laughing) I'm kidding babe relax.

He said kissing me getting between my legs and his touch sending waves all over my body. He gave me slowly deep thrusts looking at me straight in my eyes and whispering how much he loves me. Gosh when he gets this deep I just loose and it and feel like I could adopt him.

THE WOLVES

The guys were walking around at the taxi rank. They decided to come chill with Thokozani and see how he is doing after they visited the construction that's in place. The 6 of them are building up their shopping complex for those people who can't get to the fancy malls they are bringing those shops around.

They sat in one of the quantum eating inhlokotoday Ayanda was with them. Tshepiso told himself that he is not going to discuss how the preup presentation was because he knows how her brothers are going to be.

And her reaction actually amazed him he didn't expect that from her at all. After all he's going to take her back to school buy her a bigger car and give her the house they are living in because he actually bought it for her and the child. Women are one confusing creation shame.

Ayanda:(whistling) slender madoda
Ntambo yegelela
Nongenankomo uyayidla inyama.
Bathi slender never get tired unless the owner is careless.

Ayanda said whistling at this beautiful gorgeous lady that passed them going to one of the Mngadi taxis.Zakes smacked the back of his head causing him to jump up and Mbongeni laughed.

Zakes: you don't whistle at a woman like cows wena stupid boy!

Tshepiso: ah madoda in my times I would have already been next to her and asking for her numbers.

Smanga: I know her. She's one of the teachers doing practicals at my school.

Ayanda: serious? You will hook me up angithi?

Smanga: (laughing) never go out there and show us that you are the product of the wolf pack and come back with the numbers

Thokozani: (shaking his head) labafana banamuhla knows to hide behind social media abasakwazi nje ukushela! (Boys of today hide behind social media they don't know how to court a girl)

Ayanda:thulani nibheke ke ngini proover wrong!(watch the space while I prove y'all wrong).

Zothile:(amused) go get her mfana!

Ayanda fixed himself and walked up to her just as she was about to climb on the taxi. The wolves watched in admiration as he spoke to her.

#ZACHARY

I lowered the volume on my TV when I heard a knock coming through. I paused the game and walked to the door taking a sip from my beer. You can imagine the shock in me right now seeing Nkosazana standing in my door right now with the baby's pram.

Me: Zana? Urhm hi come in.

I moved aside and she pushed our baby inside her eyes moving around.

Me: sorry about the mess I didn't know you guys were coming.

I said putting away the bottles and tidying up.

Nkosazana:(sitting down on the couch) No it's fine really

I didn't know you guys were coming.

I said putting away the bottles and tidying up.

Nkosazana:(sitting down on the couch) No it's fine really we were around so we thought we should come and say hi.

Me: oh that's very sweet of you. Thank you. Hello baby. Hello Daddy's princess.

I said taking her out of the pram to my arms kissing her forehead.

Nkosazana:(smiling) you are so good with her.

Me: she's my precious jewel. The love of my life . I am working so damn hard for her to not lack anything when she grows up.

Nkosazana: at least you have her on your future plans..

Me:of cause I do she's my daughter. And so are you.

She looked down playing with her nails.

Me:what is it?

Nkosazana:(sighs)Tshepiso want me to sign a prenup.

Me: what?

Nkosazana: part of me understand his reasons like I do

but then another part of me feels like he doesn't trust me. I feel like one day he can turn on me and kick me out of the marriage and I won't have anything to show for it.

My heart did ivosho immediately! This is the Nkosazana I know stupid and entitled to People's money. This is the perfect opportunity for me to strike.

Me: I understand your concern very well and I mean I do not blame you. Tshepiso is plainly unfair. He's doing this because you don't have anything in your name if you had something he wouldn't.

Nkosazana: right?

Me: yes and it's so unfair. You deserve everything and more. I mean Zana you are beautiful cook for him and make his bed warm every night.

I put the baby back at the pram and took her hand.

Nkosazana: I truly regret not studying and having my own things now look at what is happening.

Me: baby don't blame yourself. Not everyone is destined to work or run businesses. I believe that you were born to be taken care of like housewife my love is your profession. How I wish you never gave up on us I was going to give you all the world because you deserve it.

She looked at me with her teary eyes I saw the weakness in them I placed my hand on her face wiping

the tear that was dropping and brought her face closer to me. I placed my lips on hers. The warmth of her lips with the salty taste of her tears was such a great combo.

She kissed me back and I deepened the kiss my hand going around her neck to her shirt and unbuttoned it. Damn her gorgeous cleavage and that sexy bra. The reaction of her body when my hand touched her skin made me smile.

Nkosazana:(whispering) not in front of our daughter.

She was right. I got up pulling her to the kitchen and placed her on top of the table and we kissed hungrily undressing each other.

Nkosazana: condom..

I wanted to argue but then that was going to take time I took it out from the back of my pockets and she rolled it down on my dick while my fingers circled around her wet pussy..

#TENDANI

I had a great time with Reinie showing her around. Now we were walking back home and actually I am not excited about it. I just wish we can leave for Durban tonight.

My father is still practicing the old tribalism nonsense that I need to marry a Venda woman I swear I wanted to scream when he called my woman a mukhada.

Walking inside the kitchen I find Rendani my ex girlfriend laughing with my mother.

What is she doing here? How can my parents allow her to come here knowing I am with my girlfriend?

Rendani: Aah Tendani I heard you were around and thought I should come and greet.

Part of me wants to walk straight to the bedroom and plainly ignore her but then.

Me: that's very sweet of you. Meet my girlfriend and the love of my life Thobeka.

Her jaw drop immediately and the wide smile she had disappears. I smirk.

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#ZACHARY

We cuddled up on the couch with her drawing circles on my chest. Damn her pussy is still fine. I need to grab this opportunity with both hands and work on it fast. This is a life changing opportunity I am not going to let go.

If ever I want to get up and be known in the streets I am going to use this fool to be my ladder.

Me: babe you need to leave before he comes back.

Nkosazana: but I don't want to leave I want to spend more time with you.

Me: I know my love and I want the same too but then we need to do things the right way.

Nkosazana:what do you mean?

Me: I mean you know Tshepiso has your brother's on his back and on top of that they have Ceaser on the speed dial.

Nkosazana: but I love you I want to be with you and raise our daughter together.

Me: I want that too with everything. Hence we need to elope and be far away from everyone who will try to disturb our peace. Start over somewhere.

Nkosazana: I can do anything for that really because I am tired of my family interfering on my business.

Me:(smiling) I have a plan if you play your part well me and you are not going to be happy away but also rich.

Nkosazana: I am listening..

#THOBEKA

Tendani:baby can you please call down.

Me: calm down? Tendani what is this?

Tendani:my love I know how this look like but please believe me I have no business into it.

Me: if your parents can call your ex over while I'm here clearly means I am not welcomed or approved here.

Tendani: but then you are mine to love their approval don't mean a thing. Please don't let this get between us. I am for you babe please.

He held my hand and hugged me. Honestly this is the shit I am scared of of the reasons why I hate being in love and relationship. Having to deal with all of this drama. Now I truly understand how Nompumelelo felt when I showed up at Zothile's life. I wanted to faint when I saw her. She is beautiful and her being loved by the family doesn't help my insecurities about my past. If it can get out I am done.

#AYANDA

I rested on my bed and scrolled down on my phone busy staring at Sindi's profile picture. Damn she is so beautiful. I never thought I would feel so strong about any other woman except my girlfriend Amanda.

I am now contemplating whether I should call her or what. I am dying to hear her voice over the phone. I dial her hoping she doesn't answer but unfortunately she picks up on the second ring.

Sindi: hello.

Me: Sindi hi it's Ayanda we met at the rank yesterday.

Sindi:oh oh yeahhi there how are you?

Me:I'm not so good..

Sindi: oh no what is it?

Me: I want to see you again I couldn't sleep thinking about you.

Sindi:(laughing) you have the worst pick up line hey.

Me:no like on the real I would like to see you and get to know you better.

Sindi: Ayanda you look like a good guy and all but whatever it is I am not interested

Me:but you don't even know what I want to tell you..

Sindi: Umncane Ayanda. Go to your peers!

Me: ai bo sis ngiyindoda mina I can make you shake.

She cracked up so bad and her daughter was such a Melody in my ears.

Sindi: oh my God you are such a comedian. How old are you?

Me:does it matter?

Sindi:not really but then I don't want to be accused of being a pedophile.

Me: don't worry I am an adult.

Well uncle Smanga told me she's 25 I mean what's a 6 year age Gap? Not so bad right? I mean Hungani Ndlovu is 26 and his wife is 30 Tino is 27 and Simz Ngema is 31 Tino is 27 and Simz Ngema is 31so yeah marn age is nothing but a number.

#TSHEPISO

Ever since I got back from the wolves meeting I have been trying to call Zana but her phone kept on ringing unanswered. I decided to keep busy with TBC books balancing them.

A knock comes through and I look up she walks in carrying an envelope.

Me: hey. I have been trying to call you.

Nkosazana: I am sorry I was driving. I went to get few things at the mall.

Me: okay are you Okay?

She looked a bit.. I do not know how to put it but she was shying away from my eyes

Nkosazana: I am fine. I have read the contract and signed it.

Me: serious?

Nkosazana:yes I had time to think about everything and you are actually right. I need to have my own things and make my own money.

Me: it's not about making your own money babe but it's about working together in contributing into our empire.i don't mind spending for you.

Nkosazana:(smiling walking around me and gave me a massage) I truly appreciate that. So what are you busy with?

Me: oh I am balancing the books from TBC

Nkosazana: wow TBC makes so much money per month?

Me:(chuckling) these are weekly records my love.

Nkosazana: what? Wow. That's a lot.

Me: one day I will take you there so that you can see how things work.

Nkosazana: I would love that.

I turn around and get her to sit on my lap. I kiss her running my hands all over her body that is tensed up.

Nkosazana: I will have to start cooking..

Me: that can wait..

My phone rang disturbing me and she gets up smiling.

Nkosazana: you better get that.

She says exiting my office and I answer it.

Me: Tshepiso Ngidi hello

Voice: hi Tshepiso it's Lungile.

Oh ai what is it now?

Me: Lungi hi how can I help you?

Lungi: I am sorry to call you on your personal number but I spoke to the station manager about the project I want my company to partner with his radio they told me to contact the marketing director of which is you.

At your office they told me that you didn't come in hence I am calling you because you didn't respond my emails.

Me:oh I was out and busy just got home. Urhm tell you what?pull through at my office tomorrow we will talk.

Lungi: thank you see you tomorrow then.

#NKOSAZANA

Thanks to whoever that was calling Tshepiso they saved me from trauma. I got to the bathroom and called Zach.

Zach:baby?

Me: I gave him the papers. He is happy.

Zach: good girl.

Me: what do I do next?

Zach: you play the perfect wife get him to relax then get his signature and pin to his online banking.

Me: I got a glimpse of how much TBC makes per week you were right this guy is loaded.

Zach: you see? You were crying here a couple of thousands won't hurt him or his bank balance.

Me: as long as nothing will lead to us.

Zach: nothing I got this covered. The moment we get the money we are out. I am now working on our papers. Another thing we need to make a fake account of which he is going to pay your fees for the whole year at..

Me: Tshepiso is smart he will want to pay the money straight to the university's account.

Zach: hence I am going to forge an account exactly like one.

I heard footsteps..

Me: I got to go.

Zach: Zana don't ruin this play it well okay?

Me: even when he wants sex?

Zach: yes give it to him it's going to be a while until we got what we want.

Me: you better hurry.

I hung up and hid my phone on my pockets as I washed my face.

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TWO MONTHS LATER

#ZACHARY

Everything is going according to the plan I can't believe that Tshepiso didn't double check the "University account" and paid the money. R40k per year is not much to him but as for me it's going to buy me a ticket for me and my daughter. Our visas and passports are ready.

As for this stupid idiot yakwa Mngadi she will see to

finish. She is really stupid to actually think I can take her back after the whore behavior she's been doing. How do I marry someone who is sleeping with the both of us at the same time?

As for Tshepiso this is a lesson for him to never take someone's baby mama he knew Zana was dating me and went for her either way. I got the signature and the pin all I need to do is transfer the money and leave.

My phone rings and I smile it's Zana.

Me: baby?

Nkosazana: hi I am actually informing you that everything is going according to the plan he is going to Zothile and Mbongeni's surprise daddy shower and we are also going to Mpume's baby shower.

I will find a way to get him forget his phone so that I can delete the messages from the bank.

Me:(smiling) perfect. You will Hala at me when you manage to do that I will come and get my daughter for tomorrow while you do your baby shower things.

Nkosazana: okay. I miss you.

Me: I miss you too baby soon after this we are going to be together forever me you and Chantelle.

Nkosazana: I can't wait I gotta go.

I smiled. Well I got to start packing. New Zealand here we come baby.

#ZOTHILE

I have one crazy and wild friends ever I can't believe they organized this for me and Mbongeni. It is so funny and hilarious. I am truly grateful for having these guys in my life especially Tpee they are my family. I wouldn't have been the man I am today without them.

Looking at the gifts and the fake pregnancy bellies I laugh so hard Mbongeni is having the best time for his life pretending to be pregnant I can't help it but laugh.

Tshepiso: speech speech speech.

Mbongeni: well I will let my big brother do the talking.

Me: wow mxm. Anyway thank you so much guys for doing this for us. This really shows the unity and love we have as brother's. I can go on daily explaining how blessed I am but you guys are amazing.

I love each and every one of you and I pray that we continue being water tight no matter what happens. Brotherhood before anything!

They toasted to that and drank to it.

#NOMPUMELELO

My baby shower has been amazing from the decor food

my make up done by Zana to my dress. Gosh I can't wait for my little Prince. Seeing all these ladies here supporting and doing something so great for me warms my heart.

Rea and Lwazi are also here. These ladies are not only my friends but inspiration. I look up to them so much there's a lot I am learning as a woman and a married woman. I am glad to see sis Thandi and my mother in law Makhumalo also being present.

Sis Thandi has always had that strong spiritual side on her before the pastor tried to doom her. It is a good thing that her and bhuti Smanga are working on their marriage and fixing things.

Nkosazana comes with Millicent and sit next to me.

Me: are you okay?

Nkosazana:I'm good why?

Me: you have been checking your phone every now and then.

Nkosazana:argh I am just checking the pictures the guys are posting. So hilarious.

Me: I saw them. We are truly blessed to have such friends and family. I do wish Philile was part of us..

Nkosazana:with Nomonde around?

Me:yeah well..

We laugh and her phone beep.

Me:after this it's your bachelorette party.

Nkosazana: yeah..

She replies typing something.

Me:what is wrong?

Nkosazana: Zach is telling me that he's taking my daughter for a visit to his parents we didn't agree about that.

I sip on my juice and keep quiet as she tries to call him.

#MONDAY MORNING

#NKOSAZANA

Tshepiso walks in dressed and ready for work.

Tshepiso:baby have you seen my phone? I have been trying to look for it since Saturday night.

Me:I found it under the car seater this morning when I went to get my Jacket from your car. There it is on the dressing table.

Tshepiso:oh thank you. I am having back to back meetings today when are you fetching Chantelle?

He asks pressing his phone well i lied to him and said Makhumalo volunteered to look after her when he asked yesterday.

Me:today.

Tshepiso:okay let me go back I will see you later.

He says kissing my cheeks and his phone rings.

Tshepiso: Tshepiso Ngidi hello yes.. what? When? And why are you only calling me now? You sent messages? I will check them in the meanwhile find out what happened I am on my way!

Me:is everything okay?

Tshepiso: No someone withdrawn 2 million from the club's account And R500k from my account over the weekend.

What? Why would Zach do that! We didn't agree about that we said R250k from his account and R250k from the club. The way Tshepiso is pissed right now. He dials someone.

Tshepiso: Zakes your son is an IT wiz moes? Get him at TBC now. Ai marn i don't care if he's at school or what I need his expertise.

He leaves the house and I take my phone calling Zach. His phone sends me to a voicemail. Zachary what have

you done? How can you do this? Now Tshepiso is into you.

I need to go to his house fast. I run to the bathroom.

#ZAKES

Ayanda has been busy on Tshepiso's laptop and he is pacing up and down. I have never seen him this pissed. I am still trying to think how can someone withdrawn so much money without his signature.. unless someone close to him stole it and...

No no no could it be that Zana did this? I hope not.

Tshepiso: do you find anything?

Me: what does the bank says?

Tshepiso: nxx those fools are saying they are still investigating and hired a PI that will take forever and I want to find out those culprit today and kill them.

Ayanda: I find the account that the money was transferred to.

Tshepiso quickly sits down.

Me: can you reverse the money?

Ayanda: unfortunately the money have been moved to another offshore account and we all know we can't touch those.

Tshepiso loosened up the tie around his neck banging on the table.

Tshepiso: who's the account holder?

Ayanda: I am not sure if you are ready for this but..

Tshepiso:Zakes can you talk to your son and tell him I don't have time for all this speech?

Me: Ayanda khuluma marn.

Ayanda: the account is registered under Nkosazana Mngadi's name.

Tshepiso:what? Let me see!

He takes the laptop and press it going up and down the details. He frowncloses his eyes for a minute. The moment he opens them they are red. He grabs his car keys and cellphone going out.

Ayanda: Dad do something he is going to kill her!

Me:fuck! Call Mbongeni Thokozani and Smanga to meet us at his house I will call Zothile.

I said getting up going to my car but he was driving out the moment I got to mine.

#NKOSAZANA

I can't believe Zach did this to me. My hands are shaking as I zip my bags I keep on wiping my tears. I went to his house and found a "house for sale " sign on the door. Neighbours said he left yesterday.

I can't believe I didn't see this coming he was playing me. Again I allowed my heart to deceive me how can he do this? On top of that he ran away with my child. I need to get out of here before Tshepiso gets here. He hasn't called me meaning he is not aware that I am involved.

I would write him a letter but I don't have time and I will probably write nonsense.

I drag my bags to the door and it opens before I can touch the handle. He walks in and close it. I take few steps because the look on his eyes tells me that he knows. He press something on the wall I notice that he's deactivating the alarm.

Tshepiso: going somewhere?

I swallow the lump on my throat as his hand goes to his waist and come back with the gun..

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(Unedited)
#TSHEPISO

I looked at her she was walking backwards. The love of my life the future Mrs Ngidi.

Me: I asked you a question if you are going somewhere?

Nkosazana: baby please put the gun down let us talk.

Me:I am talking. Hence I asked you where are you going with these bags?

Nkosazana:(breaking) baby I am sorry please forgive me.

Me: what are you sorry for babe?

Nkosazana:baby please..

Me:no tell me I asked you where are you going to and you are telling me you are sorry. What's happening?

Nkosazana: baby I swear I didn't mean to steal from you the devil got to me my love.

Me:oh you stole from me? I wasn't aware . Why?

Nkosazana: I am sorry.

Me: why Zana? Huh? What is it that I don't do for you that made you take my money.. huh yazi I would understand if you took the money to do something better with your life but nah you took my hard earned money to give your crook boyfriend?

Now it's make sense the sudden pressure of paying school fees acting as if you care about me and my investments kanti you are only doing all of that to gain access and steal my money?

Nkosazana:Baby I am sorry..

Me: I want my money madam you can leave and go to your baby daddy but you are going to give me my money uyezwa? R 2 540 000 000 should reflect in my account today!

Nkosazana:(crying) baby Zach ran away with the money I don't have any! He even took my daughter.

Me: what? Did you not say the child is with Makhumalo?

Nkosazana: I lied because.

I don't know what happened to me but I charged to her and grabbed her by the neck throwing her on top of the table.

I took off the belt rolling it on my hand and started whipping her all over with it. She crier and grabbed it and that made me so angry that I gave her a hell of a back slap.

#ZAKES

Zothile's car scratched tires next to mine and Smanga Thokozani parked his quantum and they got out with Mbongeni. Shortly cops arrived too.

Ai who called these one manje! Nkosazana's screams inside the house were sending shivers down to ones spine. I wish Tshepiso can let her go. Yes it hurts but he will recover.

The cops spoke on their speakers informing Tshepiso to open the gate. He didn't.

Zothile: I think I have the remote to his house on my car let me check.

He went to his car and luckily he found it and opened the gate we all drove inside and Zothile went to the front door but Tshepiso came out with Zana she looked bad. Her clothes torned and her face and arms swollen.

Her shirt bloodied Tshepiso pointed the gun on her head.

Tshepiso: one fucken move I am blowing her head off! I am not about to go to prison! If there's anyone to be arrested is this thief!

Zothile: Tshepiso mfana drop the gun let's talk!

Tshepiso: Zothile I love you my brother but your sister broke me to the core. after everything I have done for her loving and accepting her child she does this?

Thokozani: she did you wrong but you have no right to hit her like that!

Tshepiso: shut the fuck up ke wena! What do you know huh?

Zothile moves closet to them while all the cops and Thokozani points their guna at Tshepiso. All of this is

wrong Tshepiso is a not in a good space right now and them pointing him with their guns and threatening to arrest him doesn't help.

If there's one thing Tshepiso fears is prison he once told me he would rather die than be arrested. My fear right now is him turning the gun on himself if all of this isn't handled well.

Tshepiso: Zothile stop daring me boy! The way I'm so mad right now I am going to shoot you!

Zothile: you will not! Tshepiso I understand that you are angry and I don't blame you you have every reason and right to be angry but please. You are better than that my guy. Please let her go. Life Will deal with her.

Tshepiso:(crying shaking his head)imali Yami Zothile!
Okay I see the money what about my love?

Tshepiso is a crying mess and Zothile keeps talking to him and he pushes Zana to the front who runs to Thokozani and they hug so tight Zothile taking the gun from him.

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him and he pushes Zana to the front who runs to Thokozani and they hug so tight Zothile taking the gun from him.

Zothile: it's okay I'm here for you any time. We will solve this..

Cop: okay this bromance is cute and all but we need to take him with us.

The cop said going around Tshepiso and cuff him.

Zothile: don't cuff him like a criminal he's not refusing arrest why are you cuffing him?

Thokozani: Zothile let the cops do their job man. I can't believe you are taking his side over your sister. Look at how she is he beat her up!

Zothile: I will take his side everyday any day because I know Tshepiso better than I know my so called blood. He is many things but not an abuser. This one provoked him how about we start talking about that?

Thokozani: are you seriously justifying his behavior?

Zothile: Yes! Until his side have been heard!

Thokozani: so much about family. What happened to blood being thicker than water?

Zothile:(chuckling bitterly) family? Do you know the meaning of that word? The same family who wanted

nothing to do with me my whole life? Tshepiso has been my only family you are hallucinating if you think I am going to ditch him over someone who doesn't know the value and meaning of that life.

Tshepiso is my family before you and her are so spare me the blood speech nonsense because you know nothing about it.

This was bad nigga was getting emotional and all. Honestly he is right I knew Zothile through Tshepiso Smanga came in the circle because we were friends. Tshepiso is the glue of our brotherhood and friendship.

Me:(tapping on his shoulder) don't worry Mzothi we will get our boy out.

Zothile: do everything you can bribe whoever but my boy is not sleeping there. Don't worry about money I will pay everything.

It's the first time I hear Zothile speaking about breaking a law for someone.

Me:he's my boy too so I will handle this from my pocket.

Tshepiso was pushed inside the police van and we all went to our cards driving behind the police cars.

#FEW HOURS LATER

AT THE POLICE STATION

Tshepiso signed all the necessary documents and was given back his things. Zakes walked out with him. Zothile Mbongeni and Smanga walked up to them and gave him a hug.

Tshepiso: thank you guys. I truly appreciate your support. Zothile and Mbongeni I am sorry for hitting your sister. I heard she at the hospital.

Mbongeni: yeah she went for check up but the doctors decided to keep her in when you are ready please go see her because there's something she got to tell you.

Tshepiso: she can keep it to her I don't care.

Zothile: she was pregnant Tshepiso and she vows it's was yours. I am not say anything but..

Tshepiso stopped dead on his track and swallowed the lump on his throat. He shook his head.

Tshepiso: okay.

He gets into Zakes cars who drives him straight to his house.

Zakes: are you going to be fine?

He asks as they pack outside.

Tshepiso: I will be fine. Thanks for the ride.

He gets out of the car and walk inside his house. Zakes

sighs and drive away. They all want to be with him right now but he need his space.

#NARRATED

Tshepiso walks inside his house and look around at the mess that was created. He take a bottle of his Iris whiskey and drinks from it stripping his clothes heading to the shower.

When the water hit his body the mind drifts back to the events of today. The pain is unbearable he drops to the floor and sits there with water pouring all over him as tears streamed down his face

The betrayal Nkosazana did to him is now topped up with the fact that she lost a baby maybe it was his or Zachary's he doesn't know but right now he is feeling guilty for having a hand in the miscarriage.

He should have called cops on her or something. Now how is he going to forgive himself about this? When is he ever going to find love and happiness? He is forever attracting problems

But then maybe this is his karma for always Messing up with the good women that loved him. After an hour he got out of the shower and lotioned himself and picked up an all black attire.

His phone rang and he sighed seeing Zothile's name.

Tshepiso: Zothile I am okay bra.

Zothile: I was about to get on my car and come to your place. Kunini ngifona.

Tshepiso. I was on the shower.

Zothile: I spoke to Ceaser he says he can get people who can look for Zach and bring him to you.

Tshepiso: I don't want to see him I want my money.

Zothile: you sure?

Tshepiso: he can keep his daughter and girlfriend but I just want my money.

Zothile: we'll do everything to help you get it back. What are you doing?

Tshepiso: I need to go out and clear some air. And no I don't want y'all on my back. I need to party alone.

Zothile: be safe.

He hung up and walk to his car driving out. He craved The credentials but then remembered that his accounts are frozen due to the investigations. He clicked his tongue and drove to his club instead. At Least he doesn't have to pay there .

He got to the bar and order and single malt on the rocks and downed it immediately.

Tshepiso: (putting the glass on the table) another one.

" Rough day?" A polite sweet voice asked next to him. He turned and looked at the direction it came from. He smiled.

Tshepiso: the worst.

Her: I could help my name is Tebello.

She said taking her hand out and Tshepiso smirked kissing it.

Tshepiso: Tshepiso..

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#TSHEPISO

A ringing phone disturbed my sleep I try reaching for it but end up touching something more like someone and that makes me open my eyes fully. Next to me lay the girl from the club yesterday.

I remember half of the things that happened all I know is that she's crazy we clicked drank like crazy and the next thing she was all over me flirting. We then came here.

I reach for my phone and switch it off. I need some time to myself and I won't have that when they are constantly blowing my phone like crazy.

Tebello: morning.

That voice again but this time is hoarse I look at her and the marks around her body makes me shiver.

Me: oh my God Tebello what have I done to you?

Tebello:what?

Me: did I? Did I hurt you?

Tebello: what? No argh no marn relax. Yes you were a bit rough but I enjoyed it I gave in as much as you gave out.

Me: you are saying this to make me feel better. These marks tell me that I lost myself and I..

Tebello: I am okay really I must admit you have energy for days. I am still numb down there but everything was classic.

Me: Well if I hurt you please forgive me I didn't mean to take my frustrations on you. I am just going through the most at the moment

Tebello: I can tell you said a lot during our make up session. How are you feeling now?

Me:a bit better like some weight have been lifted off my shoulders..

Tebello:(smiling) I am glad I could help.

Me: I still have a lot to sort and deal with though.

Tebello: you do. For what's worth I think you are good man your wife is very lucky to have you.

Me: I guess it's not like that to her.

Tebello: sadly you know I realized that you really love her when we got here we stopped by some room and you said "no not on the same bed I share with my wife" and we came here

I look around and realize we are actually in the guest bedroom.

Me: I see. So tell me a bit about yourself.

Tebello:argh well there's nothing interesting about me. Unless you ask me specific questions.

Me: okay. What do you do and where do you live?

Tebello:I am a radiographer and I live not so far from your club

Me:how old are you?

Tebello: 26 and you?

Me:33. How often do you come to TBC because it was my first time seeing you there?

Tebello: I actually go there a lot with my friends most of the time but yesterday I decided to go alone nje to unwind kanti I'm going to meet with you.

When you say it's was your first time seeing me do you mean you are always there?

Me:yes everyday.

Tebello: wow you quite a regular.

I smile and stop myself from telling her that I am a owner.

Tebello: I should get up and leave. Last night was fun

Me:it was. I hope we get to meet again.

Tebello: since you say you are a regular then yes we'll meet. You need to see someone and talk the emotions you have.

She get up and heads to the bathroom and I look at her well shaped ass I feel my boy getting hard so bad. I push the blankets aside getting up from bed and follow her to the shower.

#NKOSAZANA

I thank the driver Thokozani sent to fetch me from the hospital and stand outside the gate. I have been trying to call Tshepiso but his phone is off.

Right now I don't know if he's home or what. I stand by the gate avoiding the looks from people who are driving past the house . I wonder if Mpume didn't come to see me and gave me new clothes and toiletries how was I going to go out in public with those clothes.

I knock on the gate banging it like crazy but it all fall into vail. I sat down and told myself I will wait for him to come back because clearly he's not home. I can't go to my brother's house although Thokozani offered me a place to crash for a few days.

I need to face my demons heads on and fix the mess I created. I know it won't be easy but I got to try. First things first I need to get my daughter back secondly fix my relationship with Tshepiso. I know it's going to take a lot but I am willing to try before giving up.

One doesn't get the kind of love Tshepiso gave me honestly I was blinded by greedy. I thought because he loved me he is just going to give me all his things and failed to appreciate the fact that he loved me while I was broke alone and devastated.

He restored my dignity and held my hand throughout everything and first chance I get I hurt him like that.

I am brought back to my thoughts by the gate opening I quickly stand up and dust my jeans his car pulls out next to him is a lady who is not only pretty but damn.

I swallow hard when reality hit me he brought another

woman home. But then I can't blame him. He looks at me without saying anything and threw the keys of the house to me and drives off.

I walk around the house thinking about the fact that they had sex here probably on top of this table or couch. I sigh and move to my daughter's nursery and take her teddy hugging it so hard as I can still feel her scent in the room.

Tears stream down my face. I miss her so much. I sleep on her bed and hold my stomach I was pregnant again. This time around I asked the doctor to put me on pill immediately. My kids were going to be twins with the 3 months age Gap different.

My cheating didn't only resulted in me ruining my marriage but it also robbed Tshepiso a chance to fatherhood. God he was going to be so happy.

My phone rings and I take it out sniffing wiping the tears.

Me: bhuti.

Thokozani: Zana how did you go? Are you fine?

Me: I'm fine. I am at the house.

Thokozani:where is Tshepiso?

Me: he drove out with some girl

Thokozani: what? One night he's bringing...

Me: it's okay really I am not telling you this to fight him I just wanted to vent

Thokozani: Zana you don't have to be there. Pack your things and get out of that house.

Me: I am not leaving here. I am going to stay Tshepiso and I are going to talk and fix things. I am going to fight for my marriage.

Thokozani: what marriage? You destroyed it before it could happen. I am not going to back you should Tshepiso decide to strangle you. He wants his money and he's not bluffing.

#ZOTHILE

Tshepiso and I were chilling outside the house. I don't even know how to look at him there's no getting back of his money unless we bring Zach back. Right now I understand why it is wrong for friends to date each other's family members.

Look at me being in the middle of all of this. I warned both of them about the possibility of this happening. Yes I support Tshepiso fully but then igazi liyakhuluma I can't fully discard my sister on the side although I wish to do so.

Me: what are you going to do?

Tshepiso: I don't know bra literally I am broke. With the

investment I made to our shopping square I don't have much money. I can only manage to pay the stuff. I think I will have to close TBC for a while.

Me: what? No Tshepiso you can't do that. Okay look I will pay the money.

Tshepiso: what? No you are not doing that I am not allowing it.

Me: okay then allow me to help..

Tshepiso: Zothile I..

Me: I can even talk to my father to refund you your lobola money back.

Tshepiso:(chuckling) what? Who said I want it back?

Me: you don't ?

Tshepiso: no and besides what can R100k do in this debts I have?

Me: you said you left her at the house what's going to happen from now on?

Tshepiso: I don't know. I haven't figured out anything yet. All I know is that your sister is going to pay my money one way or another.

Me: Tshepiso I love you and I will always support you as my brother. But let's not fool each other here I will not sit

and watch you abuse my sister. We both know Nkosazana doesn't have that kind of money to pay you back.

I warned you about this didn't I?

He scoffs and sits up rubbing his head.

Tshepiso: you did and you are right. I understand that I am putting you in a very difficult position right now.

Me: to avoid more conflicts I am going to pay the money she stole from you and I will come get her out of your house.

Tshepiso: Zothile..

Me: it's the best option because I may have defended you the first time but it doesn't mean I will do it again.

You may act like a victim right now but deep down you know that everyone warned you I did Zakes did and so is Zach. Zana grew up in front of your eyes you have always seen how she has been. No I am not justifying her nonsense or blaming you for falling for her but what I am saying is what you tried to build with her failed it's time to pick up your pieces and move on.

I am going to go inside and get my laptop and do the transfer now.

I said getting up and going inside the house..

#NARRATED

Later that day Tshepiso drove back to his house followed by Zothile. They found Zana watching TV. She quickly got up seeing both of them walking in.

Nkosazana:bhuti baby.

Zothile: go in there and get your things father sent me to fetch you.

Nkosazana: what? Bhuti I..

Zothile: Nkosazana!

She swallowed hard blinking the tears that were threatening to fall and walked away to the bedroom. Zothile sat down.

Zothile:I know it's your house but can you sit down ?

Tshepiso sighed and sat on the opposite couch. They both fell on a comfortable silence for a couple of minutes. Tshepiso cleared his throat getting up.

Tshepiso: excuse me.

He left Zothile and went to their bedroom and found Zana packing her second suitcase busy weeping. She jumped in fear when Tshepiso closed the door and moving to the window.

He looked at her with mixed emotions anger pain pity

regret. He watched as Zana struggled to zip her bag as her hand kept shaking.

Tshepiso: was it my baby?

He asked after a moment. She nodded wiping her tears with the back of her hand.

Tshepiso: how do I know you are telling the truth?

Nkosazana: I.. we always used condoms with Zach. You don't have to believe me but that's the truth.

He swallowed the thick saliva as tears streamed down his face. He moved to her.

Tshepiso: I am sorry.

Nkosazana: I'm the one who should apologies for everything.. Tshepiso I..

Tshepiso kissed her that emotional filled fast kiss and she kissed him back. He pulled back from the kiss and rubbed his face going around.

Tshepiso: fuck Zana do you know how much I love you?

She blinked not believing what she just heard from him. She shook her head stopping the river of tears that kept streaming down on her face.

Nkosazana: I should go. Zothile will loose his patience.

Tshepiso: I don't want you to leave.

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#TSHEPISO

God knows how much my heart is bleeding right now I have a lot going on my mind but one thing I know for sure is that I love her and I don't want her to leave.

Me:please..

I said holding her hand with our foreheads locked together.

Nkosazana: I don't want to leave either but I guess my brother is right. We need to heal..

Me: we'll heal together. We'll go through everything and anything together just the two of us.

Nkosazana: God Tshepiso why do you love me so much? I don't deserve your love I don't deserve to be here with you.

Me: I don't have an answer to your question but all I know is that loving someone doesn't need a reason. You hurt me so much but still...

Nkosazana: how are we ever going to move on from

this? I cheated on you with my ex and scammed you Tshepiso.

Me: I have seen people going through the most and still survive. We will get through this I don't know how but eventually we will be.

Nkosazana:(wiping her tears) I just want you to know that I am truly sorry I allowed greedy to cloud my judgement. I lost gold while chasing stars..

Me: you still have me we can still work things out let's forget about the money your brother tried to pay it off but I refused.

Nkosazana: I truly believe there's someone out there who will love you for...

Me: I want you I love you

Nkosazana: I love you too but I need to sort myself out and fix my life. You are a good man Tshepiso but I think we need to give each other a break for now.

She took off her engagement ring and placed it on my hand and leaned forward to kiss me. Both of us were a crying mess right now. I kissed her so deep. She moved back and pulled her bags out of the room.

#ZOTHILE

I keep on checking my watch and look up waiting for them to come down. Tshepiso better not trick my sister

into staying because this will not end well. He loves her that I can see but I don't think they are good for each other.

Love without trust is never enough. My fear is Tshepiso turning my sister to his emotional and physical punching bag especially since he refused my Money. He told me he is going to work out a plan going forward but he is not taking my money.

My phone rang and I take it out. It's my father.

Me: Madlokovu..

Mngadi Snr: Do I really have to hear from the gossipers about your sister fighting with that Ngidi boy?

Me: I am sorry Dad I was waiting for the right time to talk to you. Everything has been going too fast and..

Mngadi: anginandaba go fetch your sister and bring her here.

Me: I am actually here to fetch her dad.

Mngadi: kulungile.

He hung up and they come down with her bags their wet faces tells me that it has been going down. I can't even look at my boy right now. I know exactly how he's feeling I have been there with Jennifer.

I tap his shoulder taking the bag from him.

Me: we'll keep in touch.

He doesn't say anything but looks at Zana as we walk out. Part of me wish I could tell her to stay but they need this .

We load the bags on the car and she wraps herself with the blanket on the back seat. I look at her through the rear view mirror.

Me: if you and Tshepiso ever survive this you owe him your whole life as a perfect wife. I don't know what to say to you really. This time you have outdone yourself.

She doesn't respond to me and I don't say anything else until we arrive home. Father is seated outside when we drive in. He walk up to us and I am afraid he's going to give Nkosazana a hell of a beating with the stick he's holding.

Mngadi: Nkosazana yaMangadi kwenzenjani? (My princess what is wrong?)

Nkosazana: baba ngiyaxolisa. (Dad I am sorry)

Mngadi: oh kodwa Zana kuzolunga ntombi thula ungakhali (oh but Zana It's going to be fine my angel don't cry)

He says embracing her on his chest brushing his back. I would have never understood this but being a father myself I know for a fact that there's no bin to throw away

your child no matter what they did.

Makhumalo comes and take her inside the house with her bags.

Mngadi: Madlokovu kuzomele senze umsebenzi sishweleze kwabaphansi angilwazi mina ulaka olungaka. (Son we need to do an ancestral ceremony and appease our ancestors. They are angry at us)

Me: I did think of that possibility father.

Mngadi: kuzomele sihlawule kwa Ngidi ngalehlazo lengane elenzile emzini wabo. (We also need to pay a fine to the Ngidi's for the shame Nkosazana brought to them)

Me: yebo baba.

Mngadi: asingene endlini yabadala sikhulume Mngadi.(Let's go inside and talk my son)

#WEEK LATER

#CEASER

It is a beautiful quite Monday morning and I am busy sorting out few things at The Credentials when Zothile's sister walks in. I move from the bar to her.

Nkosazana: good morning Mr Gabrielle can I have few minutes of your time?

Me: follow me.

I lead her to my office and sits down.

Me:What can I do for you?

Nkosazana: I need you to help me with the map to New Zealand.

Me: why?

Nkosazana: I want to go fetch my daughter.

Me: alone?

Nkosazana: yes. I have already messed up so I don't want to drag anyone into this mess anymore. Please promise me you will not say a word to my brothers.

Me:let's strike a deal I will give you all the Intel where Zach is at and offer you security then my lips are going to be sealed.

She keeps quite for a moment.

Nkosazana: as much as that is not necessary but to keep your lips sealed I will accept the deal.

Me: perfect. Do you have money and weapons?

Nkosazana: don't worry yourself about that Mr Gabrielle all is covered.

I lean back on my chair and look at her she looks different more like grown. This Nkosazana in front of me reminds me of Mpume fearless and in charge I kinda feel for Zach because I can feel and see the fury in her eyes and voice no matter how much she tried to be polite. There's nothing dangerous like a woman sconed.

I open my drawer and take out the map.

Me: he's here for now.

Nkosazana: Auckland?

Me: yes he keeps running around but I had my eyes on him the whole time.

She punches the coordinates on her phone and take pictures.

Nkosazana: thank you for your help Mr Gabrielle I truly appreciate it.

Me: when are you leaving?

Nkosazana: tonight.

Me: my men will be waiting for you at the airport.

Nkosazana: I am not flying.

Me: huh?

Nkosazana: boarding the plane will keep him alert I want

to catch him unaware.

You see what I told you? Now she can think and calculate her moves.

Me: what's the plan?

Nkosazana: I struck a deal and asked for a favor from the Motaung brother's they agreed to help me. Their shipment is landing Tonight.

Say what? The Motaung brothers as in Khumo and Bakang? Give this girl some bells I never saw that coming.

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#SINDISIWE

I am doing a mini shopping for my grandma at Zothile's Mngadi super market when my phone ring. I take it out and plug my headset on when I realize it is my girl.

Me: babe.

Tebello: hey ngwana what's up?

Me: argh same old same old. I am doing some groceries for the Gran what's up on your side?

Tebello: well as for me my love I am sitting here in my

big house sipping the most expensive champagne and fiddling with remote for a movie to watch from Netflix.

Me: chesa girl! Your house already?

Tebello: yes baby I am not about to waste time and play games like that girl bare ke mang? Nkosazana.

Me: you are moving too fast didn't you say you guys are just fuck buddies?

Tebello: of cause I agreed to that because obviously the man's still hurting but hey for the past week we have been bonding and spending much time together. I think he's in the road to recovery.

Me: be careful not to get burned girlfriend.

Tebello: I wont. I saw a ring on his drawer.. oh my God friend I think he's ready to propose.

I laughed okay my friend is way too forward I have to underline that one out.

Me: bathong T what if the ring belong to his ex wife?

Tebello: don't burst my bubbles what's wrong with you? Anyway let me send you some ewallet so that you can buy yourself that juice you are obsessed with.

Me: aw dankie baby I was just looking at it it's on sale.

Tebello: Oros is going to kill you wena. Anyway how is it

going with your Ben 10?

Me: yoooh friend don't ask me that hle. I think ngiya catcher babes.

She laughed so hard.

Me: it's not funny babe the things that kid does to me in the bed can never be undone.

Tebello: akere he did tell you that he was going to make you shake and you took it lightly..

Me: well the bad thing in all of this he has a girlfriend a 2k mngani and he made that point clear from word go that he loves his girl.

Tebello: bathong girl you are never going to compete le ma 2k. It's either you move or she moves.

I was about to respond to that when I bumped into this woman.

Makhumalo: sorry sis.

Me: no problem Ma I wasn't watching where I am going.

I said flashing her a smile and moved past her but then my heart started beating faster I turned and found her looking at me. Weird.

Tebello: hello? Are you still there?

Me: yeah friend I'm here. Just something strange happened..

Tebello: what happened?

Me: I don't know how to explain it but argh anyway let me finish up my shopping. Send my ewallet please.

Tebello:I have already done.

Me: dankie baby.

I hung up and indeed she sent me R1500 ncooh my bestie. She is one of the friends I call ride or die. I have lost count of the things she has done for me really. She bought me new clothes with her truworths account when I started my practicals and I looked presentable.

I owe her a friendsvacation the day I start making money.

#TWO DAYS LATER

#NKOSAZANA

I drove to Tshepiso's house hoping and crossing my fingers that I find him home. After waiting about 10 minutes on the gate it opened and I drive inside.

The same girl pulls out dressed in his shirt and sleepers. My heart sinks a bit so he has moved on? Well I don't blame him. I did this to him. I walk up to her she is fining her nails looking at me.

Me: hello.

Tebello:hi.

Me: urhm I am here to see Tshepiso is he around?.

Tebello: nope.

Me: okay please tell him I need to see him I got something for him

Tebello: why can't you just leave us alone?can't you see that he's trying to move on and forget about you? Why are you all over him?

Me: sis I don't know what you know about me and Tshepiso but I..

Tebello:but nonsense leave Tshepiso doesn't need you like si grand ngawe shame.

I smile and nod going back to my car and drive out with her waving at me.

#TSHEPISO

I finished the conference call with the bank and got up taking my car keys. I need to be at the club. Ceaser and his associates from Johannesburg are going to grace my club. They could have went to his club but Ceaser Being selfless chose my club instead.

They have shut it down and booked it all to themselves. I can tell that they have money. Whatever business they want to discuss must be very important because they didn't even ask for girls as entertainment.

Me: where are you coming from?

I asked as Tebello walked back to the house.

Tebello: argh no I went outside to take pictures. Are you leaving already?

Me: yeah I have a meeting. What time are you leaving?

Tebello: I was thinking that I leave tomorrow..

Me: no. Please go and change so that I can drive you to your place.

She sulk and walk away but I don't care. I don't want her here more often the next thing she will start having ideas and hopes.

She comes back after few minutes with her bags and I drive her to her place then head straight to the club. Upon my arrival I find out that the guys have already arrived.

I head to the bar to sort out few things with the manager before I could join them and my ear eavesdrop on their conversation.

Khumo: bra I have always told you that there is

something about Zulu girls. I don't regret my choice. Did you see how she barbercued that man?

Bakang: dude I stood there frozen. Like she fired the trigger with no emotions or whatsoever. Honestly it was such a huge turn on to watch.

Khumo: honestly I would do the same thing if anyone took my face cream or Kgaugelo.

Bakang: my favorite moment was when the guy saw her walking in. Hahaha he was busy " Zana drop the gun baby you don't even know how to hold it" ah girl showed him flames shame.

Khumo:she should be a Hitman fuck I mean hitwoman.

They laughed and in my mind I am trying to register everything they are saying. Zana went to fetch her daughter and shot Zach in the process? I walk up to them and Ceaser sees me.

Ceaser: gentlemen allow me to introduce you to the owner of this place Tshepiso Ngidi guy these are my associates Khumo and Bakang Motaung.

Me: pleasure to meet you gentlemen I hope you are having fun.

Khumo: the best nice place.

Bakang:arh here comes our starring. If I was still single I was going to take her shame.

I turn and see Zana walking in with the briefcase I walk up to her and pull her aside.

Me: Zana.

Nkosazana:hi I am sorry to disturb your meeting but I went to your house and I was told you are not there.

Me: you were at my house?

Nkosazana: yes few minutes ago. Anyway I brought you this. I know it's incomplete but I am going to work hard and pay the remaining balance....

She said handing me the briefcase. I put it on the counter and opened it. I was welcomed by the Mandela's well ironed and packed neatly.

Me: how much is this?

Nkosazana: R1.8 mil. Zach had already used the rest.

Me: where is Chantelle?

Nkosazana: with Mom back home.

Me: why didn't you tell me you were going to get her?

Nkosazana: and add more to your troubles? No ways!

I held both her hands.

Me: you and Chantelle are not troubles. You should know that by now.

Nkosazana: I need to go..

Me: no please don't. Stay for a few drinks and tell me about your trip.

Nkosazana: what about them?

Me:(I turn and look at the guys who are laughing at whatever they are talking about) their meeting got nothing to do with me. We'll give them their privacy. Just one drink.

Nkosazana: one drink?

Me:(smiling) Yes one drink.

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#CEASER

Khumo: they are dating?

I turn following his eyes and see Tshepiso and Zana

walking to his office.

Me: they were engaged to be married but encountered some problems.

Bakang: what a pity they look good together.

Khumo: true I don't know Ceaser don't you think we should add her on our team? Since you says Mpumz resigned.

Me: forget it her brothers won't agree. Besides that I forced Mpume and Signature to resign on the field because I wanted them to focus on their wife duties now imagine recruiting someone's wife to do the same.

Khumo:make sense. I was trying my luck because she looks like someone who knows the business and got boss moves.

Me: Zach was a dealer so I'm sure he shared the business details with her that why.

#NOMPUMELELO

I had Chantelle on my lap feeding her while Makhumalo fed Millicent.

Me: Mama are you okay?

Makhumalo: yes dear why?

Me: you have been awful quite ever since you got back

from the supermarket.

Makhumalo: oh I'm sorry I just have a lot going on my mind.

Me: okay want to share?

Makhumalo: I don't know if I'm going to make sense but I bumped into this girl earlier. It was for a couple of seconds but.. I felt as if I know her. Her scent her smile.

Me: yooh that's weird. Know her like your relative or ?

Makhumalo: I don't know I would be lying if I say I know what exactly that meant. But she also felt it because she turned and looked at me.

Me: how old is this person we are talking about?

Makhumalo: your age or younger im not sure. I need to go back to the shop maybe I will see her again.

Me: what If it was her first and last time there?

Makhumalo: that would be bad because my souls yearns for her presence even for a minute.

#ZOTHILE

Thokozani knock on my office door I look up and tell him to come in. I close my laptop and look at him as he sits down. We haven't had time to talk ever the Zana and Tshepiso incident. Even on the ancestral ceremony I

didn't have time for him.

Thokozani: Mngadi

Me: Madlokovu.

Thokozani: I was around so I thought I should pop in and see you.

Me: you did well I have been swamped and all over the place.

Thokozani: how are you?

Me:tired but alive.

Thokozani: I wanted to clear the air and actually apologize for my behavior that day Tshepiso discovered Zana stole from him. I know that I may have acted irrational but after everything we have been through I have learned to take family serious and do everything to support each other.

Me: I hear you and I don't blame you fir standing up for Zana. You did what any big brother would have done. Yes she is trouble but she is our trouble ours to look after and protect.

Thokozani: phew thank you Mngadi I need to see Tshepiso.

Me: you can but I doubt he still remember that.

Thokozani: Zana is a problem naye hai.

Me: too much. Did you hear she teamed up with some guys from Joburg and left the country to fetch her daughter?

Thokozani: what? When did this happen?

Me: three days ago I need to see Tshepiso.

Me: you can but I doubt he still remember that.

Thokozani: Zana is a problem naye hai.

Me: too much. Did you hear she teamed up with some guys from Joburg and left the country to fetch her daughter?

Thokozani: what? When did this happen?

Me: three days ago Chantelle is at home as we speak. From what I heard from Ceaser Zachary is dead.

Thokozani: Nkosiya I hope they don't turn her to be a drug dealer.

Me: let's hold our breathe and hope for the best that this was a lesson and wake up call for her.

Thokozani: let's hope so for really. I wonder what she will do now since she messed things up with Tshepiso?

Me: I don't know I will talk to her later today when I

knock off and ask her what is the next move now. Either she finds a job or goes back to school.

Thokozani: enough about our dramatic sister are you ready about the little one on the way?

Me:(smiling) I am ready and nervous as fuck. I wasn't around when Milly was born and I don't know what to expect.

Thokozani:(grinning) It's the best feeling ever. I remember holding Amanda on my hand her soft cries warmth my heart Ngazibona ubudoda lapho and my love for my wife evaporated.

Me:(smiling) now you make me sbwl even more..

#TSHEPISO

I listened to her as she told me her story about her trip and how she actually got hold of the Motaung brothers. To say I am fascinated would be an understatement.

Me: I am proud of you..

Nkosazana: Tshepiso I killed my daughter's father how can you be proud of me being a killer?

Me: you did what you had to do. I have gotten my hands dirty a number of times so I understand.

Nkosazana: It hasn't registered in me that I did that but in everything that has happened it taught me how much

I love my daughter I am happy my daughter is safe.

Me: when I am going to see her? You should bring her to the house..

Nkosazana:hahaha that's not going to happen.

Me:why?

Nkosazana: nothing if you want to see her come over and see her. I don't want to be accused of ruining things..

I frown trying to think what she's on about then I remember that she said she was at my house earlier. She must have seen Tebello. I pull her to sit on my lap.

Me: whatever you saw it doesn't mean anything I am sorry you saw it on our house and..

Nkosazana: Tshepiso..

Me: please don't punish me Zana come back home. I miss you guys.

Nkosazana: I am not punishing you..

I kiss her her hot breathing washes over my face and I pull her even closer as we kiss each other deeply and she stops me as I unbutton her shirt..

Me:I'm sorry I got carried away and forgot that you are still healing.

Nkosazana:it's not that just that Tshepiso we are on break and..

Me:ohhoo kanti break se gaat. You are my wife Zana..

I say placing her on the table and get between her legs.

Nkosazana:then get rid of the bitch out of our house.

Me:(smirking) you don't know how exciting it is hearing you saying "our house". Look at my pants .

Nkosazana: (laughing)I am serious njalo.

Me: I've heard you ma'am.

I peeked through her shirt and licked my lips.

Me: can I?

Nkosazana:(hitting my hand) haai!

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A DAY LATER

#NKOSAZANA

I walk inside the restaurant and see Mbongeni at the corner glued up on his laptop and walk over to him.

Me: I am sorry I'm late traffic.

Mbongeni:(closing his laptop)not a problem. How are you?

Me: I'm good how are you?

Mbongeni: I'm okay just excited about my baby that's coming anytime from now.

Me: so many babies my God!

Mbongeni:yebo aunty wabo! On the reals though how are?

Me: I am taking everything easy and slowly forgiving myself.

Mbongeni: yeah neh as long as you are prepared for a change is never too later . Where is Chantelle?

Me: I dropped her off at Tshepiso's work place he wanted to see her and I don't want to go to his house in case his girlfriend is there.

Mbongeni:so you two getting back together?

Me: ai Mbongeni did you call me to spy on my business?

Mbongeni: hahaha I'm sorry. Okay I called you here because I have a business proposition for you.

Me: I am listening.

Mbongeni: I have a runaway show in two weeks and the person who's supposed to be our make up artists dropped us..

Me:(screaming)oh my God! Are you offering me a job?

Mbongeni:(chuckling) stop screaming you are attracting unnecessary stares . Yes that's if you are keen.

Me: are you kidding me? Of cause I am Keen. Yuuh Mbo I am so happy thank you.

Mbongeni: okay don't cry..

Me:(wiping my tears) I am just happy.

Mbongeni: you are welcome. So order while I fill you in about everything.

Me:okay. I will have what you are having.

#TSHEPISO

The reception call to inform me that Tebello has arrived I tell them to tell her to wait for me at the cafeteria. I carry Chantelle on my arm walking with her to meet Tebello. Everyone in the building is sussing over her how beautiful she is and how they wish she was theirs.

Tebello: oh my God is that your daughter?

She asks as I sit down.

Me: yes.

Tebello: wow she is cute. Can I hold her?

Me: No. Listen I won't be long I want us to talk about something us.

Tebello: okay

Me: yes I wanted to send a message but I figured doing this face to face is going to be better. Tebello the past two weeks of us having fun has been amazing but all that fun has ran it's course now.

Tebello: whooah what do you mean Raj it's course?

Me: I mean me and you are not going to be seeing each other anymore. I won't be calling nor chatting with you in fact you are blocked everywhere already. We are done.

Tebello:(low voice) what?

Me: yes even if you happen to see me at the club just walk away. I really hope we understand each other because we never promised each other future right?

Tebello: I understand I was just hoping to see you more often but it's cool. Thanks for the good dick and company.

Me:(laughing)thanks for the great pussy too. I gotta

bounce.

Tebello: I know its none of my business but are you and Nkosazana getting back together?

Me: stick to the first line of your sentence. It is none of your business.

I push my chair getting up and walk back to the office. Chantelle is busy playing with my beard pulling it and it's kind of ticklish with her tiny small soft hands

Me: your mother is going to be jealous baby if you touch me like that.. but don't worry I won't snitch.

#SINDISIWE

I have been busy with my assignments. Keeping busy with my school work helps me to stop over thinking situations. For example I can't stop thinking about that woman. I even dream about her at night.

Who is she? Why can't I get her out of my mind? I mean I meet loads of people daily but they don't stuck on my mind like her. Bayangiloya stru I mean if this is not witchcraft then I don't know what is it

My phone rings and it's a number I don't know. I answer.

Me:hello.

Voice: hello can I please speak to Sindisiwe?

Me: this is she who need to know?

Voice: Amanda Mngadi..

I stop writing and get up.

Me: okay?

Amanda:(chuckling) it's a good thing you know me. I don't have much time I just wanted to tell you to leave my man alone stop telling him to break up with me and go find your own peers! Awunamahloni yazi umdala kangaka uzifosta emntaneni? Sgogwana ndini! You can never have what me and him have and he's not leaving me yezwa?

I quickly hang up with me heart beating up so fast how did she get my number? Argh this is the drama I didn't want.

#MNGADI SNR

I am watering my garden when Zana drives in. She park her car and goes inside with my granddaughter on her lap.

She looks excited I can hear her screams in here.

Shortly she walks up to me .

Nkosazana: baba.

Me: nkosazana yamangadi.

Nkosazana: your veggies look very healthy why are not selling them at Zothile's supermarket?

Me: he was saying the same thing but then that will put me under pressure when people starts demanding them.

What got you so excited?

Nkosazana: well my brother gave me a job and it's huge baba there will be celebraties there..

Me: which brother are you talking about?

Nkosazana: Mbongeni baba.

Me: oh ai it's a good thing seeing my children uniting and working together. Congratulations I hope you will use this opportunity wisely to grow Zana we won't be always around to pick you up when you mess up.

Nkosazana: yebo baba I will work hard and make you proud this time around.

Me: that's what I want to hear. So what are you going to be doing? Painting people?

Nkosazana:Kodwa baba! It's make up!

Me: whatever you call it. As long as you do something you love. Now tell me what's happening between you and that Ngidi boy?

Nkosazana: (sighs) I don't know baba he wants us back

home.

Me:and you?

Nkosazana: I want to go back dad and fix my mistakes but then I am afraid.

Me: what are you afraid of?

Nkosazana: I have put him through so much dad. I still don't know how he is able to forgive and love me again. I'm scared of him turning on me one day and put me through the same thing I put him through.

Me: I hear you and your fears are understandable. As much as I won't be able to predict the future but I know that boy I can confidently say he loves you. It is every father's wish to see his daughter settles with a man that loves his daughter more than the daughter loves him.

If you want to be happy in this life marry a man that loves you men are born to lead. If he leads perfectly submitting won't be that difficult. There's nothing that true love won't conquer.

Okunye nokunye uzobuye ukubone. I am not saying go back to him but if you happen to go back please be a good wife to that boy you are one of the luckiest girls out there . Your peers are having it hard and here you are playing with opportunities.

Believe me luck doesn't come more than twice. Don't mind me I am God's favorite.

She laughs smiling and attacks me with a hug.

Nkosazana:thank you Dad. I will do better this time around I promise.

Me: when is your brother getting married yena?

Nkosazana:awu angiboni baba kwenzeka loko maduze(I don't see that happening anytime soon dad)

Me: hai bo why? He's soon turning 30 he needs a wife.

Nkosazana:njani Kodwa intombi yakhe ingu skrr skrr (how when his girlfriend is having a loose screw?)

Me: yini manje I skrrr skrrr? (What is that)

Nkosazana:(laughing) konje unjalo baba! Ai Sala umama uyangibiza..

She says laughing running away leaving me shaking my head.

Me: skrrr skrrr? Ei kids of today what kind of an animal Is a skrr skrr?

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#AMANDA

I can't believe that Ayanda is cheating on me after all the promises he made to me of loving me and waiting for me? I knew he was lying I actually don't understand what's the fuss is because I am no longer a virgin the sex he's seeking outside I can give it to him.

Today he came to drop something at home sent by Dad and he forgot his phone I have been busy going through it. Nigga issa hoe but the bitch he is busy with the most is this Sindisiwe girl.

The others they just flirt but haven't met but with Sindi they even had sex. The way he praise her worries me phela I don't have experience in the department. I only slept once with Zach and I fell pregnant so yeah ku tough.

I need to make mark and secure my space in his life. This Sindi girl ungiwayela kabi. Ayanda told her about me but she has the liver to tell him to break up with me. I am glad boo thing told her that is not happening.

I have transferred her nudes to my phone and deleted all her pictures on his phone. Good thing is that he doesn't even know that I know his password. He thinks he is smart this one.

I peek through the window when the taxi drives in. Dad is a bit earlier today. Argh it's Ayanda.

Ayanda: hey baby.

Me: hey. What are you delivering this time?

Ayanda: I forgot my phone did you see it anywhere?

Me:there on the counter. Please send me the pictures we took earlier.

He take it and scroll through it and his face frown I smile.

Me: is everything okay?

Ayanda: urhm yeah.. just that urhm.. there are pictures I don't see.

Me:(sipping on my cold water) ohh? What kind of pictures are those? You look stressed out.

I know he won't ask me about them how can he begin asking me about his girlfriend's picture? Ngabe uyanya!

Ayanda:urhm. No it's fine I will check on the recycle bin and see.

Me:(smiling knowing I even cleared the recycle bin) okay. I wish you find them shame.

TWO WEEKS LATER

#TSHEPISO

The guys are at my Mbongeni's house. We are celebrating the success of his show and the birth of his

sonNjabulo Mngadi. What an achievement in one night. It was a beautiful show our boy delivered the best his models looking beautiful and ravishing thanks to their make up artist Nkosazana Mngadi.

She has been playing hide and seek with me but I am patient with her I can see her softening up the night before the event she slept at my place. Although we didn't get intimate but spending the night chatting and ironing everything that has happened really helped.

Since Philile and Mpume are almost in same trimesters Zothile is now sweating expecting a call anytime saying Mpume is in labor. I look at the time on my wrist watch it's 19:30 and I am tired. We didn't sleep one bit we have been running up and down making sure that everything is going accordingly.

The people are delivering and all was in order now it is time to rest. I say my goodbyes and hug each of them before getting on my car driving home.

The way I am so lazy to even park my car inside the garage I just leave it outside and walk into the house. The moment I flick the lights on Zana shouts surprise with Chantelle who cheers. This one uyaphapha.

Me: wow what a nice surprise. So this is what have been calling me home huh?

I ask pulling her to me and kiss her and take Chantelle.

Nkosazana: yep we are back home and we decided to surprise you.

Me: thank you for giving us another chance. You have no idea how excited I am for coming back to you. I missed you so much.

Nkosazana: we missed you too.

She kisses me and gosh the peace is disturbed on my pants.

Me:(gritting my teeth through the kiss)stop what you are doing please.

She laughs and take Chantelle from me.

Nkosazana: I am sure you are full from the braai?

Me: oh yes I can do With the dessert. You know thee dessert.

Nkosazana: (smiling) let's get this one to sleep and I am all yours.

#SINDISIWE

Tebello and I are at her place discussing my dilemma that happened.

Tebello:so friend you are telling me that the Ben 10 blocked you without explanation?

Me: friend I am not lying yazi he just blocked me and I don't remember us fighting. But I am suspecting that 2k of his yazi. Maybe she's the one who blocked me

Tebello: I seriously can't believe umjolo is showing us flames mngani. You know I always go to TBC hoping that Tshepi will change his mind when he sees me but ai shame u guy ungishaya nge boom

Me: abashiswe shame what they are doing to us can never be undid. But I guess Its a blessing in disguise hey I mean the boy is a kid he was bound to do such at one point.

Tebello: eya friend you should have gone for his father and became wife number 3 instead of the baby.

I laugh and hands her the plate.

Me: there you go.

Tebello:(sitting up) that is why I love your visits my friend because of your cooking. This looks amazing. Can I please have mayonnaise?

I raise my eyebrow and hand it to her and eats it before applying it on her food.

Me:since when are you eating mayonnaise?

Tebello: I am surprised myself. I mean I even bought the last bottle.

Me: I was about to ask since you don't even cook.

Tebello: argh I have been enjoying making a mayonnaise sandwich lately. Delicious.

I look at her licking her fingers and put my plate aside and head to her bedroom. I open the drawer where she keeps her toiletries. Her pads and tampons are still in tact.

Me: babe when are you going to your periods again?

Tebello: at the beginning of the month why?

Me: what is today's date?

Tebello: the 25th why are you disturbing me while I'm eating?

Me: umithi wena! (You are pregnant)

Tebello: what? Of course not... Wait.. oh my goodness!

Me: Tebello what have you done? How can you be so careless?

Tebello: it was once the condom bursted and.. oh no! Sindi!

Me: you better pray the pregnancy test comes out negative Tomorrow or else uzokukhama u Tshepiso wena. (Tshepiso is going to strangle you)

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#TSHEPISO

I am feeding Chantelle her food and damn I Never knew that baby's food taste so delicious. Right now I am feeling bad because I am the one eating more than she is. I open another bottle of peach flavoured purity and feed.

Nkosazana: baby!

She screams running up the stairs.

Me: kitchen!

I reply not paying attention feeding the little one and Nkosazana throw herself at me hugging my waist.

Me:(laughing) okay what got you so excited so early in the morning?

Nkosazana: you are not going to believe this. I just received a phone call from Camilla Kerr.

Me: and who is that?

Nkosazana:the Durban powerhouse make up artist my

love. She says she saw my work from the runaway pictures and have been looking for me since. Oh my God breath Zana breath

I laugh at her and brush her back.

Me:yes breath now tell me what is this Camilla Kerr says?

Nkosazana: I have a meeting with her now at 10 she wants us to work together on this huge project that's coming baby I can't believe this.

Me: you better believe it my love you really are good I am starting to think that a qualification is going to be a bonus because you got this.

Nkosazana: I need to fix my portfolio and take a bath. You guys finish up so that I can take her to Makhumalo to look after her....

Me: there's no need for that I will be working from home so I can baby sit her until you are back.

Nkosazana: aren't you the best husband ever? Thank you baby. Let me get ready.

Me: go kick-ass.

She runs back to our bedroom and Chantelle starts crying for her

Me: ah ah nunu did you hear what mommy said? She's going out there to secure the bag yes my angel so that you can grow up and brag that your mommy is the top make up artist and Daddy is a billionaire. (She smiles) good girl now eat. Open your mouth.

#TEBELLO

Sindi left the house so early in the morning to buy the pregnancy tests and she comes back with 5 of them. My friend and being dramatic!

I couldn't sleep last night thinking at the possibilities of me being pregnant . He is going to be mad sure but one thing for sure he won't leave his blood.

Sindi: okay the 10 minutes has passed we can check the tests.

We sit down turning them around. They all come out positive.

Me:wow so I am really pregnant?

Sindi: you look happier?

Me: I am not happy for sure but then neither am I sad. Tshepiso is rich and love children. Have you seen him with his daughter? Damn he is a natural.

Sindi: a daughter with his wife you have no guarantee that he is going to love this baby of yours like he loves

that one. I actually think you should just abort..

Me: what? No ways!

Sindi:then I hope you are not going to use this baby for your own selfish gain because he is going to kill you. I once eavesdrop his conversation with my principal they were speaking about some shady stuff you really don't want to be on their bad side.

Me: Tshepiso is a sweetheart the most shady person is your father in law Zakes and the father of your sister wife Thokozani.

Sindi: stop calling her my sister wife. I am not in a some polygamy marriage..

Me: of cause you are not but you are in a polygamy relationship the boy is following his father's footsteps.

Sindi:mxm I am out of here you are so annoying!

She picks her bag and leave

I start to feel bad. I shouldn't have said that. It's quite clear she loves her Ben 10 shame. Yazi mara a heart is one annoying organ shame. How does it betray us like that?

I take my phone and start googling Tshepiso. His pictures comes with lots of business articles with his friends The Wolf pack. Digging up the dodgy stories I come across one story that makes my body cringe.

I even drop my phone and the pillow and hold my tummy.

Me:we are not telling Tshepiso about this my Angel until you are born because he is going to force me to abort you.

#NOMONDE

I am unable to focus at work it's a very hot afternoon. My head is spinning all I am hearing is voices. I drop the pen and take my phone from my bag and go to Mbongeni's WhatsApp status. Seeing him smiling so widely and holding the baby send a sharp pain in my heart.

The happiness in his face because that skank gave him a baby his first born is too much. Why does it have to be here bearing him a baby? He even named him Njabulo meaning he is happy like he is overjoyed.

God why are you so unfair why? I have stopped taking the medication and contraceptive trying to catch but nothing is happening. I need to have his baby.

Just as I am about to log out he posts another picture with the caption " I never knew I was capable of loving someone so deep until I held you on my arms I love you so much Junior"

Ohho.. so all this time he has been pretending to love me? And who is taking these pictures? Mxm the bitch of cause! I scratch my head frustrated and Zothile comes

out of his office.

Zothile:Nomonde are you alright?

I fake a smile and compose myself fixing my shirt.

Me: yes sir I am fine.

Zothile: okay cancel all my meetings for today actually for all this week. I just received a call that my wife is in labor.

Me:oh congratulations sir.

He thanks me and walk away zaze zaqhululwa bo izingane kwa Mngadi bayabukisa!

#NKOSAZANA

Tshepiso took me out to Ceaser's hotel for the celebration of my first contract in my name. I still can't believe the money we will make out of this gig. I have heard about God but it's only now I am starting to see him in my life .

With everything that has been happening I never thought I would be this happy.

Tshepiso: let's toast to first of many successful contracts.

Me: cheers!

Tshepiso: I am proud of you.

He says kissing my hand and I can't help but blush.

Me: thank you. You are making me shy.

Tshepiso: Zana we have been through a lot me and you from the very first moment we met it is a storm after a storm but I am happy that we are here standing and going through. I want you to know that I love you so much.

Heck sometimes I feel like you fed me a love portion. You are the complete puzzle in my life I have met women plenty but I have never felt for them what I am feeling for you.

The past two weeks without you in my life has been miserable. It me realize and conclude that I don't want to spend another day without you on my side.

With that being said Nkosazana Mngadi will you marry me?

He says kneeling down with my ring on it's box and I cover my mouth in shock as tears stream down my face.

Me: yes I will marry you over and over again!

He slid it in and cup my face kissing me with people cheering on. His phone rings and he moves back to his chair answering it.

Tshepiso:Mzothi what? Congratulations man we are on our way.

He hung and take out money paying for the food .

Me: what's happening?

Tshepiso: Nompumelelo gave birth to another boy. Let's go see them.

He takes my hand and we run to the car...

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#NARRATED

Once again the wolf pack and their partners gathers around the hospital to celebrate the news of another new family member Nkanyezi Zothile Mngadi.

As much he didn't come out with the albinism but his hair and eyes are exactly like Zothile and Millicent. He got the normal light skinned complexion.

Mpume is so attached it's cute she doesn't want him out of her sight and that time the wives want a piece of him.

Zothile is laughing and smiling at all the congratulations his friends are giving him. His father and Makhumalo

arrives Makhumalo hugs Zothile before walking to Mpume's ward.

Mngadi:(shaking Zothile's hand's)usebenzile ndodana manje sengingalala ngikhululeke kobandayo umuzi waMngadi umile futhi awunakunyakaziswa. (Now even if I can die I can rest in peace knowing how strong the Mngadi household is)

Nkosazana: ai baba ngeke ucale phela ushone ungakangishadisi wiibo! (But dad you won't dare die before you walk me down the aisle)

Mngadi: you too Mbongeni congratulations son. I love the names you gave my grandsons iNjabulo ne Nkanyezi zakwa Mngadi.

Siyabonga: hawu mkhulu what about my name?

Mngadi:(smiling) phela nguwe ozobahola sasibong amaNgadi ngomzukululu wokuqala eMangadini. (You are going to be their leader we were Thanking the ancestors for having the first male grand child)

They continue to chat and laugh until the security throws them out because of the noise only Zothile remains inside with his wife.

Zothile:(kissing her forehead) thank you so much..

Mpume: ai nokho ngisebenzile ngiyimbokodo(I worked hard I am the real woman)

Zothile: indeed you are. You deserve everything good and beautiful this life got to offer.

Mpume:baby I am obsessed with his eyes oh my boy is going to be a charmer yooh.

Zothile:(smiling) like his father.

Mpume:(laughing) like father like son.

Zothile: I love you thank you for loving me this much.

Mpume:(squeezing my hand) I love you even more always.

#AYANDA

Me: babe can you give me a chance to explain? I swear I didn't block you.

Sindi: leave me the fuck alone Ayanda. I don't want anything to do with you

Me: that's a lie we both know that we love each other..

Sindi: I will not risk my career and whole reputation because of my love for you no ways.

Me: what are you talking about?

Sindi: your girlfriend has my nudes and she threaten that If I don't leave you she's Sharing them on social media

Me: what? What the hell? How?

Sindi: you are asking the wrong person just leave me the fuck alone! Go to your girlfriend nidlale umasgcozi anginandaba!

I try to hold her hand but she slips away and get into the road without looking at the cars coming.

Me:(screaming) Sindi!

I jump into the road and push her out and the car hits me with it's mirror but I manage to save her. She is pale and shaking when she realizes she nearly got knocked out by the car.

It reverses back to us and I curse under my breath when I see the "Mngadi 3" number plate. Mkhulu Mngadi walks out with a sjambok.

Mngadi: usuyahlanya yini we Ayanda? Nijola emgwaqeni? (Are you crazy you play all lovey dovey on the road?)

Makhumalo: awu Mngadi badedele bahambe bandla ngiyathemba bekuyiphutha (Let them go I am sure it was a mistake)

Mngadi:bengeke kushiwo njalo Uma lengane yabantu ishayisekile yafa(that was not going to be the case when this poor child got hit by the car and died)

Makhumalo:ukahle sis? (Are you okay my dear).

She asks going to Sindi and inspecting her arm. They stare at each other for a moment.

Sindi:(smiling) ngihhuzukile kancane nje kodwa ngiyathemba ngizoba right (I got bruised a bit but I am sure I am going to be fine)

Makhumalo: saphinda sahlangu futhi. Ungubani igama lakho? (We meet again what is your name?)

Sindi: Sindisiwe Khumalo..

Her face changed immediately and she let go of her hand. I saw Mkhulu holding her waist that I realized she was fainting.

Mngadi: kodwa Nontobeko seyini manje? (Nontobeko what is it?)

#PHILILE

I am having a dream whereby Nomonde steals my baby from his bed and walk away with him . I try to scream but my voice doesn't come out I feel like I am pressed down on the bed.

I say a small silent prayer and wake up gasping for air sweating like crazy. I quickly run my eyes to the bedside and there is she staring at my baby my heart starts beating faster.

Me: what are you doing to my baby? Get away from my child.

I say trying to get up but the Operation pains kicks in the injection has long got out of my system and me getting up roughly hurt..

Nomonde:(smiling) stop that you are hurting yourself. I am not doing anything to your child. I just thought as his stepmom I should come and see him.

Me: you dating Mbongeni doesn't make you a stepmother to my Son! Stop giving you responsibility that's not necessary. Until you are married to him you are not his stepmom!

Nomonde: ohw really? That's so bad. I was looking forward at mothering the boy you know they say practice makes perfect. Have you practiced nje wena Philly? I mean I have read about lots of accidents new mother's do.

Like drowning the baby during bath or the baby slipping and hit his/her head on the bath it's a lot yazi. But I am sure you have done all the necessary training to avoid such.

My heart is about to come out of my mouth the way it's pounding so fast.

Me: get out of my ward before I call the security!

Nomonde: security for what? Why are you so dramatic?

I quickly press the panic button and nurses flood my room I start crying and they chase her out.

Nurse: are you alright?

Me: no please check on my son. I don't trust her and I don't want her here anymore!

Nurse: your son is fine sis doing well. You need to rest so that your body can heal.

Me: no o don't want to rest I want to look after my child. I need to guard her before she steals him!

Nurse2: I think we should sedate her.

Me: what? Please don't do that to me okay okay please call Mbongeni at least!

Nurse: we will call him but you need to rest. Right now you are not in a good State of mind.

Oh my God I hope Mbongeni gets here fast before she steals my baby this woman is crazy.

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#MBONGENI

I am whistling while walking down the passage of the hospital corridors. I am here to see my little man the champ I think I am obsessed you can't blame me marn

babies does that a lot to people.

Upon my arrival I am shocked to see these nurses ganging up on Philile and forcing an injection on her. Wtf?

Me: what's going on here?

Philile:(wiping her tears)thank goodness you are here! These people want to drug me I don't know what's happening.

Nurse: Sir she has been restless and speaking a lot we think she needs to rest..

Me:get out all of you!

Nurse:but sir..

Me: I hate repeating myself!

They leave in a hurry and I look at Philile who is now having hiccups. I walk to her brushing her back.

Me:hey what's wrong?

Philile:(crying)Mbongeni I am scared for my my life and that of our son Nomonde was here and she threatened our baby.

Me: what? How did she even get here because this is a private hospital?

Philile: I don't know she just left few minutes ago.
Mbongeni I am not lying to you but she said scary things about our son. You can even check the footage if you don't believe me.

Me: things like what?

Philile: she was weird and creepy saying accidents happens I should be careful not to find my baby drowning or him slipping from my hands and hit the bath all those sort of things.

I felt a cold sweat going through my back. What kind of witchcraft is this? What kind of a person threatens a new born baby?

Me:(holding her hand)it's okay I will look into it . You don't have to worry about anything. Nothing will happen to you or our son. Now sleep I will be here until you fall asleep.

She nods wiping her tears as I cover her with the blanket. I walk up to our son picking him up sit and sits next to her. I look closely at his face and sees the lipstick on his mouth anger shoots straight to my body but I compose myself and take the wipes cleaning his mouth and he sucked my thumb.

Me:(chuckling) I think the champ is hungry.

Philile:(sitting up)let me feed him.

I get up and give him to her and she wipes her nipple before my boy attacks it. She gave me a purpose now she is feeding our son to grow and be stronger and for that I am going to do everything in my power to protect her. I am getting them out of here. I need to talk to my brothers about the security arrangements.

#SINDISIWE

Mrs Mngadi senior have been rushed to the nearest hospital by Ayanda and Mngadi. I don't know what happened but the moment our hands touched I felt some kind of connection and emotions I never experienced before. I swear to God it's like I know her from somewhere.

Gogo walks in and sits comfortably on the chair.

Gogo: kwenzenjani? (What is wrong?)

Me:gogo khona into eyenzekile namhlanje (grandma something happened today)

Gogo: yini? (What is it?)

Me: ngimbonile(I saw her)

I see tears filling my eyes as the huge lump blocks my throat.

Gogo: ubone bani? (Who did you see?)

Me:u mama wami gogo.. (my mother)

Gogo: oh hai ke ucalile futhi ngalomsangano wakho. Sengithi wayiyeka nje lento yini manje? (Oh hai you have started with your madness I thought you have dropped this issue what is it now?)

Me:nami bengicabanga kanjalo kodwa gogo kuzomele ungikholwe nguye loyana(I thought so too but grandma you have to believe me that's her)

Gogo:yinindaba uthanda ukungizwisa ubuhlungu? Emva kwakho konke engikwenzele khona usakhalelana nalomfazi okhohlakale owabulala indodana Yami ngesihluku? (Why do you like hurting me? After everything we have been through you are still crying for that woman who killed my son In the most cruel way?)

Me: gogo mina anginandaba nakho konke lokho. Yebo ungikhulisile wangithanda kodwa angisoze ngakhululeka emoyeni ngingakamazi. (Grandma I don't care about all of that. Yes you have raised me with love but I will never be completely free if I don't get to know her)

Gogo: Uma ke esekuxosha engafuni ubudlelwano nawe? (What if she rejects you?)

I swallow hard at that thought. What if she is trying to move on from what happened and I am here going to be a reminder of all that?

Me:ngicela ungitshele into eyodwa vo ngiyathembisa angisoze ngaphinda ngakubuza ngalodaba(please tell me one thing and I promise I will never ask you about

this anymore)

Gogo: buza (ask)

Me:ngubani igama lika mama wami? (What is my mother's name?)

Gogo:ngu Nontobeko Dlamini kodwa ngokugana lakhaya ubiza Khumalo. (Her name is Nontobeko Dlamini but her marrying into our family she is using Khumalo)

I quickly stand up and wipe my tears going to my room taking my bag.

Me: ngisaphuthuma gogo ngizobuya khona manje(I am going out I will be back quickly)

Gogo:(shaking her head) into oyenzayo kulezinsuku ukuzula nje. (All you do lately is going up and down the streets)

I walked out of the house down to the road where we catch taxis to Town. Along the way I have been trying to call Ayanda but it's frustrating because my calls are blocked.

I quickly goes to my Facebook and send a message to Nkosazana. I don't explain a lot just the fact that I was a witness on that scene and I am concerned about her well being. To my luck she replies and tell me she is fine to be discharged soon. I ask her which hospital and she tells me.

Luckily the taxi passes by right in front of the gate. I don't know how my legs are able to carry me all the way from the gate. After struggling for few moments trying to get her I see Tebello who is on duty. I run off to her and ask if she knows which ward Mrs Mngadi senior is at she frowns looking at me.

Tebello: what are you doing with those people? Did you know how I run off when I saw Nkosazana and Thokozani walking in?

Me: Tebello this is not about you at the moment please I need to see this woman.

She sees the desperation in my eyes and sighs leading me to the front desk. She speaks to the lady who gave me attitude and turns to me giving me directions.

Me: (hugging her) thank you my friend I owe you one.

Tebello: pleasure now please go your perfume is triggering my nausea..

Me: (smiling) preggos..

Tebello: shhhh don't say that here. Nkosazana might come and hear you. In fact let me disappear.

I laugh and head straight to the ward. I wait for her to finish talking to the doctor and walk in. I swear the air stopped moving for a second as I slowly moved until I reach the bed she's seated at.

I fall on my knees and bury my head on her tighs as emotions fails me.

Me: you are my mother.

Makhumalo:oh msindisi! I knew I wasn't going crazy.
Ngiyabonga baba!

She places her hand over my back and brush my hair as we both cry.

#NOMONDE

I come out from the shower and find Mbongeni busy with my phone and that startles me because I didn't hear him coming in.

Me:Baby oh my goodness you scared me.

Mbongeni: uzoze uthuke nje ufunani Lana? (What are you doing here in the first place?)

Me:baby..

Mbongeni:don't baby me did we not agree that we communicate when visiting each other?

Me:well I didn't think it was going to be a problem since I am used to coming...

Mbongeni:that's the problem you don't think at all! Since you are here before knock off time what have you been

busy with?

Me: nothing much I left early because I wasn't feeling well and came straight here to rest. I woke up few minutes ago to take a shower so that I can start on dinner.

Mbongeni:ohh? You came straight here?

Me:yes like I said I was not feeling well so I laid down for a moment.

He unlocks my phone and goes straight to the folder that has Philile pictures. Mbongeni is one person who never touch my phone it could ring next to him he would call me than to answer it. Hence I never got worried about him stumbling upon the pictures.

He goes straight to the selfie I took with his son today and I say a small prayer.

Mbongeni: you came straight home huh?

Me: baby I can explain..

Mbongeni:what makes you think I am going to believe anything you are going to say after you lied to me with a straight face?

Me: I.. I.. I . I just didn't want to make you angry okay?

He moves closer to me and I keep on going back until my back is faced with the wall.

Mbongeni: I am very very angry. Where do you get the liver to go and threaten my son? What's wrong with you huh? Who gave you the permission to go there in the first place?

Me: I didn't threaten him I swear I was just joking with her and she took it personally.

Mbongeni:Nomonde one scratch on her or my baby I am going to kill you do you hear me?

Me: but this is not fair not long ago she was jumping up between you and your father and now you are ready to kill me for her. What if..

I didn't finish that line as his hand grab on my neck pressing me against the wall roughly.

Mbongeni: what was that? What are you trying to say? That he is not my baby? Do you think I am that stupid to invest my time and emotions on a child that's not mine? Did I not inform you about the DNA I did even after his birth?

Me:(tapping at his hand) you did I'm sorry..

Mbongeni: I want you to pack your things and get the fuck of my house this minute. Clearly you and me won't work. I won't be with someone I can't trust around my baby!

He release his hand and walks out leaving me coughing

massaging my neck as tears streamed down my face.

I pushed him too far didn't I?

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#NARRATED

After the encounter between Makhumalo and her daughter they decided to go home and talk more about it. Sindi is excited and nervous about this because it is a new chapter for her that she doesn't know how is going to play out.

I mean for 25 years she's been yearning and longing for her mother not knowing that she's actually just around the corner. At long last she will get a chance to hear her side of the story and to actually try and build a relationship with her.

The drive from the hospital to the Mngadi's was short because of their conversation they clicked and vibed so well.

Sindi: umuzi omkhulu kangaka! (Such a big house).

She exclaimed as the car parked outside the Mngadi household.

Makhumalo: baningi abantu bakulomuzi ilowo nalowo unenxiwa lakhe. (There's lot of people here everyone has their house.)

Sindi: wow it's so beautiful.

Mngadi: Siyabonga ntombi bayaye bathi ukuzala ukuzelula. Ngizonidedela nonyoko ukuze nikwazi ukukhuluma. Erh Makhumalo kumele ke ngiyooqalaza lekwa Mbongeni. (Thank you my dear having children is a blessing. I will leave you with your mother to talk. Makhumalo I am going to see Mbongeni)

Makhumalo: kulungile baba(it's okay my husband)

They walked inside the house with Sindi busy complimenting the beauty. After making juice and cakes they sat down and talk. Emotions were high when Makhumalo narrated her history with her husband from how abusive he was to be a ruthless animal.

Makhumalo:(wiping her tears) I lost it on the night when he came back without you. He had lied to me saying that he took you to the Hospital only to overhear him speaking on the phone with whoever that had to kill you giving them instructions.

Sindi:(sniffing) I guess that is why my grandma named me Sindisiwe because the person who rescued me from

that thing kept me with them for two year before returning me to my grandma.

Makhumalo: ewu kodwa no gogo wakho unenhliziyoy elikhuni yonke leminyaka akasho lutho nje kuthi uyaphila? (Your grandma has an evil heart all these years she doesn't say you are alive?)

Sindi: she believes that you deserved the punishment for killing her only son. She doesn't want anything to hear from you and right now I am worried at how she is going to take the news of me finding you.

Makhumalo: we should tread carefully and take everything slowly there's no need to rush things. As much as I am happy to meet you but I will not ruin your relationship with her or take you away from her. She raised you to be this amazing woman you are

Sindi: thank you for that. It's actually a relief hearing you saying such. So how many people live here?

Makhumalo: actually I stay here with my husband they come over the weekends and every month ends. They all live at their houses.

Sindi: I see. I wonder how are they going to react to the news.

Makhumalo:(holding her hand) they are going to love you. They are amazing people who accepted me as their mother and showered me with so much love and respect.

Sindi: that's amazing meaning I will have 3 big brothers and one sister.

Makhumalo:yes you and Zana are same age but the way you are so skinny my child one would think you are younger than her.

Sindi:I have always been like this.

Makhumalo:no you were big boned when I gave birth to you. I guess the void of not knowing me had it's toll. Now that we have met you will see you will get your body back

Sindi:(smiling) okay I will be happy. I am tired if wearing size 28. These kids thinks I'm their age mate.

They share a laughter.

Makhumalo: I should make some time to go see your grandma and talk to her. Before we proceed with our relationship I need her forgiveness and blessings we need to do a cleansing ceremony and everything.

Sindi: who's going to do all of that for you? Babu Mngadi?

Makhumalo: I told myself that I do not want anything to do with my past that includes my own family but now that I have found you I need to do things right. I have to find my brother. Hopefully he's still alive if not him then his daughter will be able to connect me to him.

Sindi:so I have cousins? This is interesting.

Makhumalo:the last time I heard my brother left with his daughter to Johannesburg after his wife died I heard this news while I was in prison.

Sindi:well let's hope he is still alive because I would really like to get to know your side of the family as well. Finding them won't be difficult people nowadays are on social media. What's the name of his daughter maybe I can search and find her and then she can take us to Uncle.

Makhumalo: Lungile Dlamini but I heard she got married to some Olifants family.

Sindi searched using both names and she appeared on all her social media accounts.

Sindi: found her. Apparently she is divorced now and according to the latest radio interview she did two months back she is back home from New York and works here! Mom things are connecting.

Makhumalo:wow the new era of technology has really made things easier for us.

Sindi: I have sent a requests to follow her let's hope she accepts sooner. She is beautiful like you.

Makhumalo:(smiling) you are also beautiful thank goodness you inherited the Dlamini genes.

Sindi: (smiling) but dad wasn't ugly either phela I saw his pictures.

Makhumalo: hai Suka! Tell me how do you know that boy Ayanda the one you were busy pushing each other around?

Sindi:(blushing) he's just a friend..

Makhumalo:mhmmm a friend?

Sindi laughed hiding her face and Makhumalo smiled.

#MBONGENI

After the confrontation between me and Nomonde I walked out to get some air and smoke before returning back. She is packing wiping her tears .

I sigh and hug her waist.

Me: Monds I am sorry baby for lashing out at you. I didn't mean it.

Nomonde: it's okay I understand I provoked you...

Me: listen I hate it when we fight like this. Monde I love you I want us to be together and raise our boys together with love.

Nomonde: I want that too.

Me: then what are these things you do going around threatening Philile and my child?

Nomonde: I swear I did not mean to do that. I would never hurt your son Mbo. Just that I hate that girl and when I see her my blood boil.

Me: you need to get your act together. That girl is the mother of my son. And that's all she is. You are my woman the love of my life. Get that to your head believe it and start acting like it.

Why did you stop taking your meds?

Nomonde:I. I I. I just wanted to fall pregnant and I felt like they were .

Me:(brushing) Nomonde. I think you should go back to the therapist and attend everyday go back to your meds because now not only are you a danger to the people around you but you are a danger to yourself.

Nomonde:no babe please not Dr Meyers again he's going to book me in and I don't want to go back.Please I beg of you I will drink my meds and stay out of trouble I promise you.

I pulled her for a hug and brushed her back.

Me: you need help allow me to help you please that's the only way we are going to be together. You also need to stop taking one step forward and two steps back. One of these good days I am going to be fed up.

So let's do this and this time no more tricks okay?

Nomonde:(wiping her tears nodding) okay.

Me: call doctor Meyers and book yourself in.

I said handing her my phone.

A DAY LATER

#TEBELLO

My food comes through and I dig in immediately. Gosh I have been so hungry. I have been on an hour phone call with Sindi.

Me: hee mo ghurl yazi wonders shall never end. So you are practically Amanda's step aunt?

Sindi: yooh I am even nervous about this coming weekend. They are all coming to see me and yooh. I am not ready.

Me: you beetter be babe that's your niece slash sister wife.

Sindi: you are starting with this sister wife thing.

Me:(laughing) I am kidding hau. So how did your granny take the news?

Sindi: not so well hey but mom isn't giving up she is still

here and talking things through with her. I hope by Friday she will be cool and allow for the ceremony to take place.

Me: you know I am happy for you girlfriend for finding your roots and belonging. Finally you are going to know both you family.

Sindi:yep and heee wena you won't believe this.

Me: what?

Sindi: so it happens that my cousin is your baby Daddy's ex.

Me: what? My baby daddy? Thee Tshepiso Ngidi? Issa lie!

Voice : what did you just say?

I quickly turn and drop my phone inside my juice due to fear when I see Nkosazana standing there looking like a doll staring at me.

Me: urhm eh..

Right then Tshepiso comes to our direction.

Tshepiso:our order will be ready in... Ohw hi Tebello. What's going on babe?

Nkosazana: nothing I was going to our table when I overheard her saying your name.

Tshepiso: what was she saying?

Nkosazana: something about you being her baby daddy.

Tshepiso: did you hear her correctly babe? Me? Her baby daddy?

My whole stomach turn when I see the look he gives meready to murder me on spot.I feel the need to throw up I push my chair back and run to the bathrooms holding my stomach...

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#TEBELLO

After flushing the vomit i wash my mouth the door opens and the madam walks in the sound of her stilleto clicking on the floor. She is beautiful no lie even the name suits her shame a real princess. She stand there with her hands folded and looks at me. I can't read her face really.

Nkosazana: (chuckling) oh my God you are really pregnant?

I just nod and doesn't say a thing.

Nkosazana: congratulations Tshepiso is waiting for you

to come and tell him that yourself.

She says turning around and leaving the bathroom. My heart is about to come out of my mouth right now. God why the hell did I call Tshepiso's name loud? Now look at the mess I am into?

#NKOSAZANA

How do I feel about this situation? Am I angry? Am I sad? Am I mad? Nah none of the mentioned rather disappointed at how Tshepiso could be so careless but hey I am the last person to judge.

Tshepiso: what is she saying?

Me:(sitting down) she is coming.

Tshepiso: babe I swear I used protection with her and when the condom bursted I gave her money for morning after pills.

I am silently screaming "why the hell did you sleep with her in the first place" but then my mind quickly reminds me again that I actually opened the gap between us. It is done crying about it won't help me any how. Right now I should hold his hand and find a way to work around it.

Me:(holding his hand) Tshepiso you and I have been through a lot ever since we started dating we have been dealing with that and this and honestly I am tired I don't have time and energy to be dramatic. Look the situation is not ideal and I won't lie and say I am happy about it

but it's okay I get it you made a mistake and the results are here now let's move on from it.

Tshepiso: serious?

Me:yes if she's really pregnant for you then you have to play your role as the father and be responsible. Unless you want a relationship with her I will gladly release you.

Tshepiso:babe no what relationship? Zana I am for you and I love you. We are getting married in few weeks and that's all I am looking forward to. Being your husband.

Me:well you should also look forward to being a father again because I will not let you be a perfect dad to my daughter while you neglect your own.Just keep her on the leash we'll be good.

Tshepiso:(kissing my hand) you are amazing. What's taking her so long?

Me: I don't know . Oh there she come.

She pulls the chair and sits down.

Tshepiso: Tebello. What's happening?

Tebello: Tshepiso I am sorry. I swear I didn't mean to cause any trouble or something like that...

Tshepiso: you didn't mean to cause any trouble? Did I not give you money for the morning after pills?

Tebello: you did but I didn't think anything was going to happen..

Tshepiso:oh wow u preventer ngonembeza wena?

I wanted to laugh at that seriously because that what I used to do to. Trusting the Lord to protect me.

Tebello: you really don't have to be harsh I get it that I have ruined things for you so I will just disappear.

Me:what things did you ruin Hun?

Tebello: you and him I know that you might cancel the wedding and..

I laughed. Like seriously I laughed. Jehovah!

Me: sweetheart Tshepiso and I are willing to co-parenting in raising that baby and do everything and right by it

Tshepiso and I are willing to co-parenting in raising that baby and do everything and right by it only if you would allow him.

Tebello:oho?

Tshepiso: unless you have a problem with it?

Tebello:no I don't have a problem I will appreciate the support.

Tshepiso: perfect as soon as the baby is born we are

going for the DNA test okay?

She blinked for a second before nodding. What was that? Doubt? Well mntaka Mngadi close your mouth before you get accused of being jealous.

Tshepiso: babe let me go check on our food.

I nod as he stand up and take my phone replying to messages.

Tebello: If you think you are going to play Happy families with my child then you got another thing coming. You may act all cool but we shall see how long that will last before Tshepiso realize his worth and come to us.

Me:ungazongijwayela kabi mina uyezwa? Stay in your Lane or else wena nalevezandlebe lakho ngeke nithole nix. (Don't bullshit me do you hear me? Stay in your Lane or else you and that bastard child won't get a thing)

Tebello: you wouldn't try and keep Tshepiso from his child. That would be pure evil.

Me:try me. Ngizame nje ngizoku woulder mina! Then you will see what's being devil.(Try me. I would)

She swallow hard and get up going to her table.

#THOBEKA

I stand by the door and watch Tendani packing his bag.

Me:what's happening at Venda this weekend?

Tendani: argh just a small traditional ceremony between the chiefs no biggie.

He says kissing me and pack more clothes. I don't know if I am hallucinating or what. He is acting very weird and is forever going to Venda lately. After our visit to his parents things haven't been the same especially after he told me that his father discovered that he's the next chief to rule and he is old so they are preparing him to take over.

Before we went to Venda he was very interested about me meeting his people and learning his culture but now all he does is go there all alone he doesn't care about his promises any more.

I know I shouldn't have these thoughts because he hasn't given me any reason to suspect him for cheating but I can't help it. What if? No he wouldn't would he?

KWA MNGADI

The three sons and their wives(except Nomonde) are home and preparing to welcome Makhumalo and her daughter back on Sunday from her paternal home. She left for the whole week in preparation of the traditional ceremony of her daughter that side and they are coming back Sunday.

Nandi: Amanda you have been busy on that phone

since morning instead of helping us what's wrong with you? Mpume isn't supposed to be touching anything but nursing herself.

Amanda: I just don't understand what's the fuss about this girl anyway it's not like she is a Mngadi.

Mpume: I expected Zana to be jealous of another girl being the sister not you.

Nkosazana: yes what is going on Amanda? You don't even know this girl yet you hate her so much.

Amanda: oh we know each other shame. Very well.

Nandi: I hope you won't cause any unnecessary drama Amanda?

Amanda: me and drama? No ways Mama! I am way too young for that. Auntie Mpume is uncle Zakes coming with his family?

Mpume: yes they will come tomorrow afternoon.

Amanda:(smiling) perfect!

Nandi: heee Zana I heard Tshepiso's ex is Makhumalo's niece and she will be here?

Nkosazana:seems like everyone is up to date with news moes.

Nandi: aren't you worried?

Nkosazana: about?

Nandi: I don't know I just think I wouldn't be comfortable with my man's ex around.

Nkosazana: you see that man out there? He loves me and that what's matters to me. Okunye nokunye I don't care.

Mpume: ngena Lana girl!(they high five) That's the spirit we don't have time to be insecure about exes. Wena Amanda what ever beef you have with that girl I hope you will contain it because like your mom said we don't want no drama..

Amanda: kodwa mamkhulu mina I wasn't planning on creating any drama although I gotta admit I cannot wait to finally see her face to face.

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#SINDISIWE

The past week has been way too busy moving from the Dlamini and Khumalo families performing all the traditional rights needed and I must admit that I am happy everything went well. I am happy my granny finally forgave my mom.

Gogo: Sindi come sit next to me my dear.

I wipe my hands and go sits next to her she takes my hand.

Gogo: I am happy that you have finally found your mother at least now if I could die my soul will be at peace knowing that you have been reunited with her. Yes I will admit I didn't want you to do anything with her but if I were to be fair you need her. You are at a stage where by you need her more than ever there are things and advices you will seek from her from hereon and I might not be alive to help you with.

Please promise me that no matter what happens this new journey won't change you. Remember how I raised you Sindi when the going gets tough please close your door and pray.

Your mother is married to a rich family with so many guys promise me that you will always view and see them as your brother's their wives your sisters.

Me: yebo gogo. Thank you for these kind words but I am not leaving you yes my mother and I will have a relationship and I will visit her from time to time but I will not be leaving you.

Gogo: ngiyabonga Ntombi yami o Mzilikazi banawe.(Thank you my dear the Khumalo ancestors are with you)

I lay on her tighs and she brushed my hair. I wish she can be around forever.

#TENDANI

I looked at myself through the mirror as these thoughts kept on visiting my mind. Here I am honouring the tradition but at the same time betraying my very own heart. I could easily choose my heart but then I am not ready for the curse and stigma that comes with abandoning the tradition and customs.

No matter what I feel I can never run away from this. A knock comes through and my aunt walks ululating also dressed on her khadzi outfit.

Aunty: you are looking good my brother's son. Come now it's time the elders are waiting for you but mostly your people are waiting for you.

I sigh as she take my hand and walk with me to the council who starts calling out our clan names..

Vhavenda vha khethekanywa na u fhambanywa nga
Mitupo Thavha Vhubvo Zwikhodo Muano
Tshiilwa na Mavhulungele. Mitupo yeneyo i katela
VhaDzanani VhaDau Masingo Dzindou Vhambedzi
Makwinda Vhaluvhu Vhakwevho na vhañwe vhanzhi
uya ngau fhambana havho.

Sa tsumbo huna Vhakwevho vho fhambananaho .
vhakwevho vha luvhola • Vhakwevho vha Luonde
(Matidze) • Vhakwevho vha Tshiendeulu • Vhakwevho
vha Ngwenani ya ha Lambani vhane vha vha
Vhangona.

Vhanyai-vhakalanga vha ha nya mutsa nga davhi(ndi vha lembetu)nga- Azwifarwi Nkhumeleni(ndi gandamipfe la ha manenzhe ndi tshikwashila tsha ha manenzhe tshi sa dali nga mvula una tshi no dala nga mavhilivhili)

I finally manage to sit down and my father is smiling proudly.

Aunty: this is Hulisani Ramovha the princess from the Ramovha chieftaincy. She is groomed and prepared to marry royalty. Together the two of you will lead our people and bear us beautiful children.

The elders ululate and Hulisani steal looks at me. She is beautiful no lie but I don't love her. I fake a smile and get up to take her hand..

KWA MNGADI

Makhumalo is back with her daughter and the excitement is high. The ladies welcome her with warm hands and take turns in introducing themselves.

Nkosazana: I am actually happy that as from now on I won't be the only girl and sister these guys will hover around.

Sindi: are they that bad?

Nkosazana: argh not really they do get annoying at times but they mean well.

Sindi:at leastthanks for the warm welcome.

Nkosazana: you are welcome come let me introduce you to the kids .

Sindi: before that I was wondering if the fact that Lungile is my cousin and Tebello is my bestie won't be an issue?

Nkosazana: Tebello is your friend? Anyway it won't be as long as you won't conspire with them about me we are good. Lungile is an ex that I don't give a shit about as for Tebello well I will find a way to tolerate her because she's pregnant for my husband.

Sindi:pheew okay now that's out of the way we can go.

Nkosazana introduced her to SiyaMilicent and Amanda.

Amanda:(smiling) finally we meet?

Sindi: finally.

Amanda:(brushing Sindi's hair) relax I won't do anything unless ofcause you push me to.

Sindi held her breath in as Ayanda looked at them from the distance.

Sindi: Amanda I have broken up with your boyfriend what more do you want from me?

Amanda: nothing. I am actually happy you listened

because I would have hated to make you trend I could see the Twitter streets calling you the local Kim K except that you will be famous but broke.

Sindi: so all of this for a boy who doesn't respect you enough to be loyal to you?

Amanda:usuyaphapha ke manje kanti I was being nice to you. Men are whores by nature and Ayanda being a polygamist son doesn't help it. The problem I have with you out of all the girls he flirted and hang out with is that you told him to break up with me because I am a kid and there's no future. What future were you talking about?

Ufike uqome u guy who tells you he has a girlfriend then later give him an ultimatum to break up with you? Wait are you even aware that all of this was just a bet to prove himself to our fathers?

Sindi's face was burning up but she hold her tears.

Sindi: you don't have to be Petty and lie.

Amanda:(smiling) I am not lying. I overheard my father speaking to babomncane about it. He was proving to them that he can get you because you are that weak. Get your claws off my boyfriend and go find your own peers. Awusemdala for lento oyenzayo.

Amanda walked away when she saw Zakes coming to their direction. Sindi quickly wiped her tears.

Zakes:Ntombi ukahle? (My girl are you okay?)

Sindi: yebo bhuti ngikahle(yes sir im fine)

Zakes: ngempela utheni u Amanda kuwe kanti?(for real?
What did Amanda say to you?)

Sindi:(smiling) nothing you should worry yourself about .

MEANWHILE IN THE KITCHEN

Amanda runs inside and start screaming.

Amanda: Aunty Sne wozobona (Aunty Sne come and see)

Sneh comes with her Savannah to the window and sees Zakes talking to Sindi.

Amanda:(folding her hands) kubukeka engathi uzolanywa ntombo!(It's seems as if you are going to get a sister wife)

Nandi:(shouting) Amanda!

Amanda: ngiyadlala Mama.(I am kidding Mama)

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#TEBELLO

I toss around turning as I experienced some lower abdomen pains. They started yesterday evening but I ignored them knowing it can't be periods. But this morning they are unbearable. I feel the urge to pee and the moment I get up I see blood on my sheets.

Oh no! My poor baby! What happened?
Panic shoots over me I dial my friend who works at the hospital and book myself an appointment with her while I showers quickly and drive there.

Dr: Tebello you don't look good what's wrong?

Me: I think I am experiencing a miscarriage.

Dr: okay were you pregnant?

Me:yes.

Dr: how long?

Me: I am not sure but I took a pregnancy test after missing my periods for like two weeks and it came back positive.

Dr: okay are you in any form of injection or family planning?

Me:not that I know off but I sometimes use morning after pills.

Dr: okay you do know that the usage of morning after pills more often causes the change on your menstrual

cycle?

Me:are you in any way saying I'm not pregnant?

Dr: we'll soon find out let's go to the scan but first I will need to take your blood and urine samples for testing.

After collecting them she sends them to the lab and get me prepared for the scan.

Dr: you said you were late for two weeks?

Me:yes.

Dr:okay. Urhm as you can see on the screen there is nothing there. You were never pregnant.

Me: what? How come because I experienced pregnancy symptoms and the pregnancy tests came back positive?

Dr: if you read the information at the back of the pregnancy test it does says that most of the time the results are 99% accurate. The reason in your case it came positive must be the hormonal or chemical imbalance.

As for experiencing pregnancy symptoms that goes with your psychological state of mind. You know how our body reacts to what we think most of the time . Maybe you wanted to be pregnant so badly thought about it from time to time and then Such happened.

I am sorry but please do not be discouraged you can still

try again and I can prescribe you some fertility boost medication...

All this time she was talking I was thinking how am I going to drop these news to Tshepiso. I am dead.

#NOMPUMELELO

I walk into the kitchen to fetch Nkanyezi's bottle I forgot early and find Sindi washing the dishes.

Me:aw you still here? And why are you washing those dishes because Amanda and Siyabonga were supposed to do them before bed?

Sindi:(smiling) argh I am not one to sleep early I thought I should do them since I don't feel like sleeping.

Me: Sindi can I have a word with you?

Sindi: okay sis.

She says wiping her hands and join me in the table.

Me:look I love the fact that you are sweet and respectful. My name is Mpume I am younger than you actually I am younger than everyone here just that I am married to the first son of this family. I don't like the way Amanda is treating you and I will speak to her but now since I have found you I am going to tell you this.

Amanda is a child in this family traditionally you are her Aunt don't let her climb on your head like the way she

does. If you keep on being like this she is going to turn everyone against you.

Grow a pair and stand up for yourself put that kid on her leash before things spiral out of control. Beat her up if you have to.

Sindi: I hear you sis Mpume it's just that I am one person who doesn't love drama and Amanda has an upper hand in all of this.

Me: what do you mean?

She tells me about her relationship with Ayanda and Amanda having her nudes pictures.

Sindi: I know that you probably are judging me for dating a guy 6 years younger than me but honestly I thought I was having fun and the next thing I caught feelings.

Me: I am not judging you because I don't know who gave out the law that men should be older than women in the relationship. I believe that age got nothing to do in a relationship or with love. As long as both parties are old enough no one is taking advantage of the other one then it's all good. I am going to turn 24 soon and my husband will be 36. So you see what I'm trying to say? I never listened to people who told me that I am dating a sugar daddy blah blah because I knew I loved him despite his age and everything.

I am not going to say anything about your relationship with Ayanda you will decide what's the best for you but

don't let Amanda akujwayele kabi.

When you are done here go and sleep.

Sindi: okay sis...

Me: Mpume. Goodnight.

Sindi:(smiling) good night Mpume.

#NARRATED

Tendani laid on his bed with his hands on his head staring at the ceiling. Hulisani walked in and took the pillows off placing them on the couch.

Tendani: I want to tell you something.

Hulisani sat down and listened.

Tendani: I have a girlfriend I left in Durban I love her Hulisani and I don't see myself going forward without her.

Hulisani sighed.

Hulisani: I know I mean I expected this from you especially since this chieftaincy thing was kept away from you and your family to protect you. I know that you probably have a life and plans of your own.

I know this is a marriage of convenience but I want to make it work. You can make her your royal mistress but

you know that she can't be pregnant before me. You got to respect that or it's going to be a problem.

Tendani: I hear you about children and all and I understand my tradition well only your kids will rule but I don't want her as my royal mistress but I want her as my wife. I want to walk down the aisle with her and see her on that white wedding gown.

Hulisani: okay you can still do that but you also need to perform your duties as my husband and the new chief. You heard your family they need children to keep on the Mudau lineage going. So can we not talk about your mistress tonight?

She says going around and stand in front of him slowly removing her silky gown Tendani sat up and helped her. She stood naked in front of him with her gorgeous well build body. Tendani hissed and kissed her flat stomach.

Tendani: the sexy lingerie a woman can wear is nakedness.

Hulisani blushed as he got up to her face taking her lips into his. Gosh he is such a good kisser. She responded to the kiss with her hands wrapped around his neck. Tendani moved her to the bed and got on top of her..

Hulisani:(whispering on his ear) be gentle it's my first time.

Tendani smirked and kissed her nose nodding.

#AYANDA

I waited until Aunty Mpume had left the kitchen and walk in quickly closing the door.

Sindi: you scared me. Why are you sneaking around at night?

Me: I am sorry I needed to see you before I go to bed.

Sindi: what for? You shouldn't even be talking to me in the first place.

Me: babe don't be like that.

Sindi: I should be like what? Huh? Ayanda you made me a fool into believing that what you felt for me was real while all you did was to prove a point to your fathers. It's okay though I have Learned my lesson it's fine. Yes I have fallen for you but I will be fine..

I grab her by her waist to me and kiss her hard. She murmurs through the kiss with her hand on my chest. She quickly pulls away.

Sindi: we can't be doing this especially not here.

Me: I know I just want you to forget about what Amanda said. Baby I can't stop thinking about you and the past few days not being able to talk to you have drove me crazy. I miss you.

Sindi: I miss you too but your girlfriend has my nudes...

Me: not anymore. I hacked her phone and deleted them.

Sindi: serious?

Me: I am not an IT guru for nothing. Now that's out of the way what's stopping us from being together?

She blushes and my heart warms up. I love her. I need to get rid of Amanda and make sure she doesn't become a problem.

#THOBEKA

His phone keeps ringing unanswered for the third time I sigh hanging up. I type him a message." When are you coming back? Today's Sunday you should have been back anyway I have something important to tell you call me". I send it and get inside the bed.

I take the scan picture that I had placed under his pillow and look at it. I smile as my hand travels to my stomach. Tendani is going to be happy.

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(Unedited please excuse the errors)

#TEBELLO

My phone ring under my pillow and I wipe my tears sitting up. I have been so number ever since I received the news. Results came back and they confirmed that I was never pregnant.

I don't know what hurts the most losing the only opportunity to be closer to Tshepiso or being excited over something that doesn't exist.

Me: hello.

Voice: hi you are speaking to Nkosazana Tshepiso asked me to call you to find out which date will be suitable for you to come with him for the scan and Everything except for today as you know how busy Mondays are?

Me: urhm.. that won't be necessary.

Nkosazana: what do you mean about that?

Me:(sighs) I am not pregnant I made a mistake so you can be free and celebrate I won't be on your way.

I quickly hang up and laid my head on the pillow as tears rolled down on my face.

#MAKHUMALO

I wiped the Tupperware and put it on the kitchen counter. Sindi walk in all ready to leave.

Me: good morning my baby slept well?

Sindi: I had an amazing night Mom. Although Zana kept me awake all night busy with chats but I slept well.

Me:hawu where was Tshepiso?

Sindi: he was with Mbongeni.

Me:okay let me not delay you ke ntombi Yami I've packed the cakes and all goodies please pass my gratitude to your grandma. Hopefully you will visit us soon.

Sindi:(hugging me) I promise I will. I really had a great time. Usoyongivalelisela nakwabanye.

She leaves climbing on Zana's car and they drive out.

#NARRATED

Hulisani opened her eyes and found Tendani all dressed up. She check the time and sighs when she realizes it's 04:50 am.

Hulisani: good morning.

Tendani: morning Sani slept well?

Hulisani:(smiling) like a baby. You are leaving already?

Tendani:yep I have a 11:30 meeting so if I don't leave now I am going to get stuck on the traffic.

Hulisani: okay. When are you going to be back?

Tendani: I am sure probably the next weekend.

Hulisani:oh. Tenda I don't know if you know this but soon you have to relocate and move this side permanently.

Tendani: I know but not now right? I will call you.

He kiss her cheeks and pick his things leaving the bedroom and Hulisani goes back to sleep.

#THOBEKA

I am running around getting ready for work. Gosh I overslept because I kept on waking up to check if Tendani is back until I dozed off at the couch.

After making my bed I take the scan picture and put it on drawer. I wanted to surprise him yesterday when he comes back but then now it's Monday. Time to to focus on the week ahead and start over.

At 8 I drive out and goes straight to work. Our HR team is dealing with hearings between the company's employees. I am stucked in those meetings until lunch time.

I browse through the internet while waiting for my order to come. What I saw on the trends of Twitter shock me. The Traditional Venda wedding is trending and I am more interested in the groom.

Tendani Mudua the next chief to rule the vhaDau people with his princess Hulisani Ramovha. I don't know what happens after that as everything become dark and the world spins around.

I wake up in my bed at our house and he is standing there by the window. I try to think how did I get here and pain shoots straight to my heart and tears stream down my face.

Tendani:(kneeling in front of me) Reinie baby please. I am sorry.

Me:why Tenda why?

Tendani: I. I. I was waiting for the right time to tell you I swear I was going to tell you today.

Me: after you got married? So you couldn't tell me the whole time this was arranged?

Tendani: Baby I didn't want to loose you I still don't..

Me: Tenda you came into my life unprovoked and sold me dreams no fuck you searched for me and promised me heaven and Earth. Told me you love me and all that shit. I told you the reason why I ended up being a striper because I was fearing for such nonsense and now you have the liver to tell me this bullshit?

Infact you know what? You can go to hell with your Venda princess I don't give a damn!

I get up from the bed and pull out my large luggage and start throwing my things inside..

Tendani: baby can you at least give me a chance to tell my own side of the story?

Me: you had plenty of time to do that but you failed so no I am not doing that.

I zip my bag and pull it to the car with him busy begging me all I hear is yada yada nonsense on my ears. I get inside and drive out in a speed. Tears are blinding my vision and I park on the side of the road just to cry.

My heart is so heavy but then I get reminded that of the precious cargo I am carrying and compose myself. I don't have friends and right now home is far away.

I scroll down my phone and come across Tshepiso's name. We used to be close until I started blackmailing him and that ruined things between us.

I call him with my heart beating so fast.

Tshepiso: hello.

Me: Tshepiso it's me.

Tshepiso: when you say it's you how am I supposed to know because I am not Adele?

Me:(sniffing)it's me Reinie.

Tshepiso: Thobeka? What is wrong why are you crying?

Me:it's a long story I just need you to help me with something.

Tshepiso:okay.

Me: can you please book me to an exclusive hotel for like a month until I sort my things out? I will then pay you your money because if I book with my cards he's going to trace me.

Tshepiso: the last time I checked you were staying with Tenda why are you booking hotels now?

Me:we fought Tshepiso and I don't think I am going back to him. Please help me by. I know I did you wrong but I am desperate.

Tshepiso: what did he do to you Reinie?

Me:(wiping my tears)he went to Venda and got married without informing me.

Tshepiso:what? That's crazy. I'm sorry ntwana that you got to experience this. Bengimthembile lomjita yazi.

Me: so was I.

Tshepiso: okay I'll do the online booking for you and send all the details as soon as I'm done ..

Me:thank you Tpee don't forget to mail me the fees.

Tshepiso:cool stuff.

I hung up and found 12 missed calls from Tenda he called the time I was talking to Tshepiso. I blocked his number immediately and wrote an email to work asking for some time off.

I drive to the mall and find a safe parking for my car. Tshepiso's message comes through with the information. I thank him and request an Uber. The moment it's arrives I switch off my phone.

Tshepiso chose one fancy hotel and it's comfortable. I check in and make myself comfortable. I need to get a new cellphone. After doing the EFT to Tshepiso I throw my phone inside the toilet and flush it.

#HULISANI

I take the bloodied sheet and roll it inside my bag and walk out. I inform his mother that I need to go somewhere I will be back and she tells me to bring nice things.

People who are not used to royalty. Nice things are all over this palace moes. But I understand it's going to take some time for them to adjust to the changes.

I drive straight to the Maine's house and park outside. The smell of burns traditional herbs greets me the moment I walk through the door.

Maine:take off your shoes princess.

Me: my apologies ..

I take them off and sit down. I open my bag and hands him the sheet.

Me: I have brought it so that you can do as we spoke last time.

Maine: yes my princess.

Me: good I don't need to remind you about the importance of keeping this discreet.

Maine: you don't have to worry my princess but the ancestors showed me something this morning.

Me:okay what did they show you?

Maine:my princess you need her..

Me: why? She's not royalty.

Maine: you will not be able to bear children for your husband.

Me:what? Tell me you are joking!

Maine: I am sorry my princess the ancestors have spoken.

Me:no no I don't believe this. Throw those bones again!

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A WEEK LATER

#ZOTHILE

I have come to the office and things are a bit hectic. The temporary PA is frustrating me like crazy but I am trying to keep it together. I really miss Nomonde I hope she gets better soon and come back because this one will be the death of me.

A knock comes through the door and he walks in.

PA: sir your business partner Tendani is here.

Me:send him in.

PA:yes sir.

He walk out and Tenda walks in. Looking drained. We shake hands..

Me:nigga you don't look good. When last did you get some rest?

Tenda: I don't know really. It's been one hell of a week.

Me: I could tell. I am still surprised that I had to see it on social media that you are getting married?

Tendani: man its one complicated story and it was rushed. And it has costed me so damn much.

Me: I can imagine. When are you going to Venda?

Tendani: I don't know and the elders are on my back not to mention Hulisani I feel like I'm going crazy.

I closed my laptop and leaned on my chair.

Me: what's happening Mudau?

Tendani:(rubbing his face) Reinie left me. Same day she found out about the news she parked her bags and left. I have been trying to search for her but with no lucky. I know that she is still around Durban or South Africa but not sure.

Me: finding people is your speciality how come are you failing?

Tendani: she knows the trick I use to find people and she's making it difficult for me to find her as she keeps on changing hotels. At first I wanted her to cool down you know so that we can talk and get to explain my own side of the story but the more days passes the more I am going crazy. On top of it all I found this.

He pushes a picture over to me and I look at it then whistles.

Me: she's pregnant?

Tendani: yeah I need to find her Mzothi I need to assure her that I love her and I am here for them.

Me: what's your wife and family back home going to say about this?

Tendani: actually I don't give a damn they can strip me their tittle demote me or ban me I don't care. All I want now is my woman I just want to make sure she's fine and safe

Me: I feel for you marn but you didn't handle this situation like a man you should. You should have been honest with her from word go.

Tendani: I know I know I am nothing like you and I am trash of a man but I love her Zothile. I love her so much. Please my dear brother help me find her.

Me: how am I supposed to help you? Thobeka and I cut ties long time ago.

Tendani: I know but I was hoping that you could speak to your friend Tshepiso maybe he can know something about it.

Me: you are putting me in a very difficult position Mudau.

Tendani: I know and I will owe you one.

Me: I am meeting Tshepiso today for the final touches of his wedding preparations then I will see how i bring that topic up.

Tendani:thank you. Thank you so much. I will be waiting for your call. Wait Tshepiso is getting married?

Me:(chuckling) yeah to my sister. They are not having a huge wedding they are going to sign at Court have a blessing of rings ceremony that will involve the cutting of cake speeches and then umabo.

Tendani: I like their kind of wedding less drama and not costly. How's the wife and the babies?

Me:(smiling) the wife is good taking good care of me like wise and my babies are growing.

Tendani: I am happy for you sarn let me bounce I will be waiting for your call.

Me:cool.

#HULISANI

I am busy pressing my phone waiting for the doctor. Tendani is seriously daring me and I hate it. If he is not back by this weekend I am going to Durban to fetch him myself. What kind of nonsense is this? He was supposed to be home the past weekend but he didn't show face.

I expect him to be all over me after I gave him my pride

my virginity but it's pushing him away even more. I am not married to the walls or his parents but him. He promised to play his part and meet me half way I don't understand this madness he is doing now.

The door opens and the doctor walks in with his file I put my phone away.

Dr: sorry to keep you waiting Mrs Mudau I was double checking if everything is correct and authentic.

Me:no problem doctor. Please tell me the good news.

Dr: I am sorry my princess looks like your Maine was right. You will never be able to have children of your own.

My heart sank down I really hoped and prayed that he was wrong that there was a chance in this.

Me:(wiping a tear that dropped) not even surrogacy?

Dr: unfortunately none...

Tears stream down my face and I buried my head on my head on top of the desk and cried.

Dr:(brushing my back) I am so sorry my princess. You could try other options like adoption..

#Tshepiso

Me:(singing)munyu munyu wami

owesithathu akafuneki
Lento yaqalwa yimi nawe
Aw sthandwa Sam
Munyu munyu wami
Umshado lento umshado lento.

I am disturbed by laughter coming my way and I turn to find Zothile walking in amused.

Zothile: you are such a horrible singer.

Me: better than you.

Zothile: I am so happy to see you this happy mfanaka umshado lento.

I am disturbed by laughter coming my way and I turn to find Zothile walking in amused.

Zothile: you are such a horrible singer.

Me: better than you.

Zothile: I am so happy to see you this happy mfanaka happiness suits you marn. Look at you gaining some pot belly.

We laugh and share a hug before sitting down.

Me: what can I say your sister is making me happy.

Zothile: I don't want to hear the details.

I laugh this one is crazy the way aneskhwele ngakhona.

Me: what brings you here so early because I thought we are meeting later?

Zothile: I wanted to ask you something.

Me: okay?

Zothile: where is Thobeka?

Me: ah yoooh Zothile why are you asking about her? Mpume will shoot you.

Zothile: ai voetsek wena what do you take me for? Tendani is running out of his mind looking for her

Me: oho that fool let him run naked on the streets it's suits him. How dare he do my girl like that? Reinie should just skip the country.

Zothile: don't be like that. Yes I know he messed up and didn't handle the issue well but he deserves a second chance just like we all have been granted one.

Please if you know where is she just give me her address I will try and talk to her into giving him a chance to explain himself.

Me: Zothile I promised Thobeka..

Zothile: she is pregnant Tshepiso do you think it's fair on Tenda not to be part of his child's life?

Me:(sighs) I trust you Zothile don't give her address to Tendani

Zothile: I won'tall I want to do is speak to her it will be up to her if she wants to go back or what.

Me: (writing it down) don't fuck her!

He smacks the back of my head I scream.

Me: ouch dude that hurts.

Zothile: it's for you being forward. Thanks let me go see her I will see you later.

#THOBEKA

I took my headset off when I heard a knock on the door. Must be the room service yooh I am dying to taste their juicy cheese pizza.

I open the door and get the shock of my life seeing Zothile standing here with his hands on the pockets. I try to close the door he blocks it.

Zothile:don't do that.

I sigh and let him in.

Me: how did you know where I was? Argh Tshepiso I am going to kill him.

Zothile: for what?

Me: he promised me..

Zothile: awuyeke ukuzihlanyisa Thobeka I am not an enemy here!

I sigh and sits on the bed while he moves to the couch. He looks at me from head to toe. I am wearing a crop top and a tight. My tummy is now showing since I'm 26 weeks.

Zothile: congratulations on your pregnancy. You must be happy.

Me: yeah well thanks .

Zothile:Thobeka I know what Tendani did to you was horrible in fact uncalled for. I understand and support you being angry at him but you can't keep on hiding here. What about work? His child?

Me: well he lost the right to this child the day he married that zombie so nol don't give a shit.

Zothile:(laughing)still feisty. Look I won't tell you what to do or not but keeping him away from his child is not on. He knows you are pregnant and he is going crazy. He is a walking zombie. Reinie that man loves you he is prepared to loose it all for you..

I am not saying take him back but lend him an ear let him explain himself then you can decide there after. This

thing of always running away instead of facing situations heads on need to stop.

I thought our situation taught you better but here you are doing it again. So every time you are facing a challenge you are going to run?

I keep quiet not knowing what to say because he's right about me ruining. I don't like confrontations I don't like arguing. I mean if I didn't run away from his love and my feelings we would be together and very happy.

Me: I hear you.

Zothile:(standing up) think about it.

He walk out and I rest back on my pillow and let the tears fall. I touch my stomach.

Me: I am sorry my love. I am sorry for keeping you from Daddy.

#SMANGA

A knock came through the door and Sindi walk in.

Me:MaKhumalo

Sindi: yes sir urhm. I am here for my file I hope you have signed everything?

Me:yes I did. We will miss you and hopefully you will consider us again.

Sindi:(smiling) definitely I will do that. I had a great time. The teachers and students were amazing not forgetting you.

Me:(laughing)my heart was at the thought of not being complimented. I am on my way out to see my brothers for the wedding don't you need a ride?

Sindi: I would appreciate one because Zana asked me to come over she added me on her bridesmaids list.

Me: perfect then I will drop you off then head to the club. After you ma'am.

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#SMANGALISO

I came to my house to fetch the shoes I forgot last night since we spent the whole night with the guys talking sharing the beautiful memories we have had.

I find Thandiwe in the house.

Me:owh you are here? Aren't you supposed to be with the other ladies helping out?

Thandiwe: I did help where I saw fit and now I am going

to church. The new pastor for our branch is taking over tomorrow his first service so we need to make sure everything is in order. I hope you will attend.

Me: in other words you are not coming to Tshepiso and Nkosazana's blessing ceremony?

Thandi: I have explained to Zana and she understood I mean we did everything yesterday during the umabo (gift exchange) ceremony. And besides she has a lot of support there.

Me: what about me? Huh? Everyone will be with their wives getting served and I will be looking like a lost puppy.

Thandi: (laughing and kissing my cheek) ave utefa myeni wami! I am sure you are going to be fine. I am sorry I really can't miss this service. I am the women's leader so..

Me: whatever Thandiwe I thought the spell Mfusi gave you died with him.

Thandi: usuyacala ke manje. This got nothing to do with Mfusi but I am doing the Lord's work

Me: what does the Bible says about the wife who doesn't respect and submit to her husband?

She swallow hard and blink twice I leave her standing there and goes straight to our bedroom.

#TENDANI

I keep on gulping my beer down staring at the picture of my baby. I can't believe Reinie have been pregnant and passed the first trimester without us not noticing. Not that I am surprised though we have been very busy and active.

(Sighs) I need to do everything in my power to protect them if I die in the process then I will die happy knowing that I died protecting them.

I don't care what happens to Hulisani they should find her another husband my younger brother or cousin I don't care. My phone rings and I jump thinking it's Reinie only to see Hulisani's name flashing on the screen.

Doesn't she know when to give up mara? I didn't want to block her but now I seriously don't have a choice because she is a nuisance. I block her and throw the phone on the couch and rest my head on my arms.

Thobeka can you please come back home my love? I am miserable without you. I miss your cooking laughter dancing but mostly your voice and that smile. I couldn't even go to Tshepiso's blessing ceremony.

I mean yesterday I did pop in and it was really beautiful seeing them on their traditional outfits and dancing celebrating their culture. I left when I realized that I was zoning out around so many people.

My door handle shifted and I raise my head up because

I have locked it to avoid anyone walking on here including my driver and the guards they forced upon me since the Royal nonsense.

I get up and walk to the door twisting the key and opens it. The sight of her in front of me was refreshing immediately my face brightened up and I picked her up twisting her around kissing her all over.

Me: gosh I missed you so much . Thank you for coming back home baby.

Thobeka: who said I am back?

She says pushing me aside and walk through the house running her eyes around.

Me: you are not back?

Thobeka: no I'm not but I decided to avail myself since you have sent a whole search party to look for me and disturb my peace.

I smile Zothile came through for me. I owe him big time.

Me:thanks for coming.

Thobeka: I leave for one week and the house is a pigsty? How many times must I tell you to return things where you got them from after using them? Tendani umdala marn!

Me:(smiling) I missed that about you. Damn baby never

leave me so long again. I nearly died.

Thobeka: but here you are alive and looking fine.

Me:(pulling her closer to me) I am a walking zombie my love. (Taking her hand to my face) feel that?

Thobeka: you are so ugly why haven't you shaved?

Me: I lacked inspiration. I missed you. I missed your voice..

Our foreheads lock together and I touch her stomach and my heart is filled with so much love.

Thobeka:(softly) you hurt me Tendani I didn't expect that from you after I told you my fears about relationships.

Me: I know baby and I am sorry. I was very selfish and all I thought about was the status power and money all this thing came with that for a moment I forgot about us.

You leaving me made me realize what really matters I don't care about all those things baby but I want you I want to be your only husband Thobeka..

Thobeka: what are you saying Tendani?

Me: I am going to walk away from the tittle and everything that comes with it please promise that you are going to be with me because it won't be an easy ride. Please..

Thobeka: you still have to earn my forgiveness.

Me:(chuckling) of cause. How does this sound.. huh?

I say brushing my lips on her neck while my hand squeeze her arse. I hear her breathings changing.

Thobeka:(whispering) Tendani..

Me:(sucking her neck all the way to her lips) yes baby..

I take her lips full into mine and kiss her. The moment she respond I know I am through I am within God I swear I won't mess up this time . I pick her up to my arms and walk with her going to the couch and sits her on top of me..

Me: gosh I missed you I missed your scent and touch so badly.

I say moving my hand to her panties and find them soaked in wetness that I hiss on my breath..

Me:damn baby.. so wet for me.

I slid in my fingers and she groans tightening her pussy around my fingers biting on my neck..

#ZOTHILE

The wedding oh mxm they call it a blessing ceremony argh they love fancy words abo Tshepiso anyways the ceremony is going very well.

Seeing my sister smiling and so happy warms my heart my baby Zana she has grown up so so much and I am proud. I never thought one day I will see her like this.

I remember the other day where she walked into my office and straight up asked me R50k saying it's not much . What is cracking me up now is her response to the question when I asked her what happened to her job. She said " what's the use of working hard and earning peanuts while your brother is owning multi million Rand businesses".

Luckily for her she is marrying another young millionaire we can deny it all we want my sister was born and destined for the soft life shame. We can't hate her for the blessing God released upon her head although she really drove us nuts sometimes but I soft life Yona is hers.

Smanga: what got you smiling alone like this because I don't see NaMhlanga here?

Me: I am just thinking about my sister and Tshepiso the journey they had before here.

Smanga: yeah it's been one hell of a journey I mean who could have thought that Tshepiso Ngidi the guy who downed every skirt around Durban one day will be tamed by your sister a slay Queen that used shopping as her profession?

Me:(laughing) ei say that again ndoda. My sister can

really shop and she is not shy at all. I am happy for them really in a way they have groomed each other and it's beautiful.

Right then Sindisiwe walk to us with a plate of food and gives it to Smanga who is smiling so wide.

Smanga:awu bengingabonwa ngubani thank you Makhumalo.

Sindi smiles shly and walk away I turn and look at Smanga who is eating like he has been arrested.

Me: I haven't seen Thandiwe.. she's scarce lately. Where is she?

Smanga: she's doing the Lord's work mfowethu what can I say?

Me: what's happening with you guys? I thought after the Mfusi issue you two were tryng to fix things?

Smanga: to be honest wena Mzothi bra Yamithings haven't been the same ever since. I never knew how this hurt me like I never gave myself a chance to process everything and deal with the emotions.

I always pushed them aside and ignored them because I felt like as a man I should be strong. But it's makes me so angry Zothile mfethu to find my kids alone at the house with her going house to house drinking tea and preaching.

Preaching about something she doesn't practice we hardly get intimate when we do it's just dry and cold I feel like she's doing me a favor uyangizwela. The other day I found Olwethu trying to cook.

Me:hai bo Olwethu is way too young to be near the stoves!

Smanga:(shaking his head stopping the tears) I still don't know what could have happened if I didn't arrive on time because she was on top of the chair with a boiling water on the pot trying to cook with her brother giving her the maize meal.

Me: Smanga mfethu why didn't you say anything?

Smanga: and say what really? That my wife is neglecting her children and wifey duties? She's all out there excited about the new pastor arriving and doesn't care about the importance of being with me here right now.

Me: I hear you Smanga and I understand you were trying to protect your household image and all that but you need to deal with the emotions. They are going to destroy you.

Smanga:(shrugging)INDODA ayikhali Zothile I will be strong.

Me: there's no suchthat is why we have so many broken men out there because of that nonsense. Have you sat her down and spoke to her about this?

Smanga: I am tired really whenever I try she twists it to an unnecessary argument and says that I want to control her blah blah.

I tap his shoulder.

Me: I am sorry. We will discuss this when all of this is over and find a way forward.

Smanga: yeah for today let's celebrate our brother's big day.

Sindisiwe pass by the other side going to mom and dad
Smanga follows her with his eyes.

Me: ai bo njalo! Ingane u Sindi! (Sindi is a child)

Smanga:(chuckling eating) how old is Nompumelelo again?

Me:wow! Are you serious right now?

He laughs so much chocking on the food.

Me: uyalayeka! (Serves you right)

The MC calls me to come on stage to give the speech I put on my glasses and stand up..

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#TSHEPISO

I can't believe that I am married yes I am officially off the market I am wearing the ring my wife chose and saw it fit for me and my finger. God I am so happy.

I hold her hand as Zothile take the stage and Chantelle makes baby sounds indicating that she want to be put down.

Nkosazana:shhhh baby. I am going to take you back to your grandma if you are going to be bothering me this much.

Me:(chuckling) she will be crying for you after 2 minutes. Give her to me.

I take her to my chest and brush her back as Zothile takes the mic greeting everyone.

Zothile: on the program they wrote that I will be speaking on behalf of the friends of the groom. Well let me retrify that mistake. Tshepiso Ngidi is not only my best friend but he is my brother before he is my brother in law.

Bafo I could go all day telling these people about our friendship and they Still wouldn't understand. I am here to congratulate the both of you on this new journey you both are embarking on.

It is one of the most amazing journey ever I know for the fact that you are going to enjoy it. My sister is lucky and blessed to have you as a husband. You two have been through a lot but I am happy to stand here today to say I have witnessed everything you went through and i am happy to say you survived you conquered you proved to me and everyone else that true love does exist.

You proved that true love forgives protects and cares congratulations my baby sister Zana for finding such a man. Not just any but a man and a half. I hope and pray that you never ever take his love for granted instead each time you pray you count him twice as your blessing.

From seeing you grow as a baby to this day where you are becoming someone's wife I must say I am proud. I love you both so much. Please don't ever put me in a situation where I have to choose between the two of you. Love and respect each other.

Happy marriage to the both of you and may God bless and protect your union. Thank you.

He drop the mic and everyone stands up to clap. I walk over to him and we hug tightly. Zana wipes her tears before hugging him

Nkosazana:thank you so much bhuti I love you.

Zothile: I love you too.

Me: Mrs Ngidi.

Nkosazana: Mr Ngidi.

Me: thank you..

Nkosazana: kubonga mina. For persevering and loving me this much.

I kiss her hand and smile.

#AMANDA

I don't know how many times I have wiped my tears the speeches from everyone have been beautiful but the one my aunt delivered for Uncle Tshepiso thanking him for being with her from the pregnancy where she was alone and scared to seeing her worthy to be his wife.

I swear everyone cried including Uncle Tshepiso. I pray for such love when I grow up I pray for such beautiful connection and commitment. Ayanda holds my hand under the table squeezing it.

Ayanda: one day it's going to be me and you.

Me: mxm..

I say yanking my hand from his and fold them.

Ayanda:yini manje?(what is it?)

Me: you like playing games neh? Like you are one confused soul and you are so annoying. One minute you love me the next you are all over Sindi and calling me childish!

Ayanda: don't be angry remember our parents are watching. Look babe I know I messed up big time and I probably ruined all the trust you had for me.

Me: you did it yourself.

Aya: I know I want to fix it. I want us to start on a new clean slate. I thought I love Sindi but I don't. There's no amount of great sex she can give me that could erase what I feel for you. I love you Amy and I want us to try again and I promise to give it all this time around.

Me: I don't know Ayanda. You cheated on me and turned to call me a psycho.

Ayanda: I am sorry. I truly i am. Please forgive me MaMngadi omuhle.

Me: you are sorry now until another girl who's going to give you sex comes around.

Ayanda: I thought about what you said and realize that you are right. Instead of looking for it out there I might as well do it it with you. I love you Amy. I want us to try again please baby.

Me: not until you have made your intentions clear about who you really want kahle kahle Because this back and forth process you are doing is starting to drain me.

Ayanda: don't worry I will fix everything.

LATER THAT DAY

#NARRATED

Sindi is helping around with picking up the gifts to the cars and other things when Ayanda asks her aside for a moment. Amanda watches from a distance without them noticing that she's actually seeing them.

Ayanda: you should rest you are overworking yourself. You should go and rest.

Sindi: I am planning on doing that when I get home . It's a good thing I won't cook I will just serve my old lady with the left overs from her and sleep.

Ayanda: yeah it was a beautiful ceremony.

Sindi: very beautiful. What's up?

Ayanda: (clearing his throat) urhm I want to talk to you about something urhm us actually.

Sindi: okay?

Ayanda: you know I have sat down and thought deep

about this honestly I love Amanda.

Sindi:(rolling her eyes in boredom) yoooh are we back there again?

Ayanda: no like seriously Sindi I am sorry I love her . I want to be with her. With that being said I am sorry me and you can't continue seeing each other anymore except on family gatherings because we are practically family.

Sindi:(chuckling) engathi angaku hurta u Amanda unye nxx!(I wish Amanda can hurt you so badly in the long process)

Ayanda: now you are being bitter and it's unnecessary. Just heal and move on it was fun until it lasted. I really had a great time though you rock I hope one day you find a guy..

Sindi:just get out of my sight you disgust me already. You can't dump me and comfort me at the same time.

Ayanda walks away and Amanda smiled to herself and continue moving things while Sindi wiped her tears wearing her brave face before returning to the people.

DAYS LATER

#NOMONDE

I am slowly but surely going back to my old self. The everyday therapy sessions is working I am learning to

pray again and taking my meds accordingly.

Being away from everyone hurts so much and I swear to God I will never put myself through so much torture. I have been isolated from my loved ones for weeks now and damn the withdrawal symptoms are showing me flames.

The nurse come and tells me that I have visitors. I jump up excitedly I was starting to think that everyone has abandoned me. Walking up to the visitors area I see Mbongeni with Nduduzo and baby Njabulo on his arms.

Mbongeni: look who did I bring to you? Our boys. Want to hold him?

I hug Nduduzo tightly kissing his head and carefully takes Njabulo to my arms. Tears stream down my face

Me: he is growing up so fast. What are you guys feeding him?

Mbongeni: I am shocked as you are.

Me: Thank you for coming and bringing them.

Mbongeni:(kissing my forehead) I got you.

Me: what did Philile say about her baby coming here?

Mbongeni: it was a struggle I won't lie but she ended up cooling down and told me to bring her son after one hour or she's calling the cops.

Me:(smiling) dramatic much?

Mbongeni:(smirking) uyamazi. You look good.

Me: I feel good.

Mbongeni: I miss you. I am sorry you missed the wedding.

Me: I miss you more and it's okay I am glad you forced me to come here. You are amazing Mngadi.

He blushes with his smile reaching ears.

Mbongeni:there's only one man addressed like that the rest of us are expected to be called by our names.

Me:(laughing) oh hai uzoba strong u Madlokovu..

#THOBEKA

Me:(laughing) hai marn Tendani stop that!

I say pushing him off me as he keeps on tickling me all over. He laughs and peck my lips before resting on the couch. We are working on our relationship and he's really trying.

It's feels like the first days we met . He is going an extra mile for me and I can't complain. Yesterday I reported back to work after we attended our first doctor's appointment. Seeing him cry after hearing the baby's

heartbeat warmed my heart.

Me:pause the movie I need to get my yogurt.

Tendani:it's just a minute away from here you won't miss much.

Me:ai Tenda!

He rolls his eyes and does as I say and I laugh. I take out the yogurt and before I could return I hear voices outside the door. I put the yogurt on the table and walk through the door opening it whuuh!

The Thathe people are here led by their princess who nearly faints when she sees me. She looks at me from head to toe then chuckles bitterly.

Hulisani:(shouting) Tendani Tendani weeh!

Tenda:(coming to the kitchen) what's this noise all about?

Me:(holding my baby bump) your people are here.

He stands next to me and wrap his hand around my waist and Princess tear up.

Hulisani: Tendani how can you do this to me? You promised to make this work!

Tendani:ai stop being dramatic you knew from word go that I don't love you. I don't even know what the fuck are

you doing in my house!

His father: language!

Tenda:(scoffing angrily)sorry Dad.

His mother:are you going to let us talk while standing?

Tendani: I am sorry please come this side.

He leads the way holding my hand and we all sits down. Princess is busy sniffing and I mentally roll my eyes biting my nails.

His father: girly you can leave us we want to talk about important issues.

Tendani: excuse me father you can't come in my house and start running..

Me:(squeezing his hand) I will be on our bedroom. It's okay.

I stand up and leave the room with their eyes on my back.

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#TENDANI

To say I am angry would be an understatement what are

these people doing in my house? My father (Albert) looks at me with a very disappointed look and I am not moved one bit my eyes are fixed at Hulisani who is busy sniffing and wiping those crocodile tears.

Albert: son what is the matter?

Me: the matter dad is you deciding to leave Venda to Durban and none of you thought of picking up the phone and informed me about that trip I had to...

Sarah(mom): Tenda that's not the way to talk to your father! What hasn't his place done to you? You now very disrespectful.

Albert: I have always said it that this place has changed him.

Hulisani: so she is pregnant already?

I give her a bored look before clearing my throat turning into my parents and uncles.

Me: my elders forgive me for how I reacted. I have been meaning to make time to come to Venda and talk to you about this issue. Father I don't want the chieftaincy anymore..

Hulisani: what? Tenda...

Me: I am talking to my parents! Shut the fuck up!

She swallows and look down playing with her nails.

Me: as I was saying my elders I am leaving this chair find someone on our family to take over because I can't it has many traditions and rules that I won't be able to fulfil.

Albert: what are those rules?

Me:like the most important one I love Thobeka I want her to be my wife I want to marry her and start a family with her . I don't want her to be subjected to being a second wife or royal mistress. I want her as my only wife..

Sarah:son I know and understand that you love her but then this is our birth rightthat we have been robbed off for years we can't pass it on after claiming it. Please son think about this.

Me:I am sorry mother I won't compromise with my happiness and her safety because of the birth right. Let it miss me I don't care. As long as I am going to be happy it's fine.

Uncle: you are inviting unnecessary drama and curses upon your life. We don't do things like this you need to go back to Venda and rule your people. You are married your ancestors knows and recognize Hulisani as your wife.

Hulisani:Tenda we spoke about this and I permitted you to take her as your wife why are you doing this?

Me:what makes you think I need your permission to live my life? I have been doing fine without this title and I will continue doing sonow if you would excuse me I have somewhere I need to be

Albert: are you kicking us out of your house?

I feel so much rage inside me and I stand up going to my bedroom leaving them there clapping their hands. I close the door and Thobeka walks to me and hugs me.

Thobeka:it's okay it will be fine.

I kiss her forehead and hair brushing her back inhaling her scent.

Me: I love you..

Thobeka: I love you too. Cool down and go speak to them again reach a common ground with them

Me:the common ground they want is me taking you as a second wife and I don't want that.

Thobeka: Babe listenlook at me. I know you love me I can see and feel it in your eyes. But babe I don't want to be the reason you and your parents don't get along I don't want them to hate me for separating you from them. I want our child to know his/her father's family and have a healthy relationship with them

I won't say I love the situation but I can understand them a bit. I mean you said it that the chieftaincy was stolen

from your family for years and it's only now that it has been returned to the rightfully owners. I do understand how hard it is for them to let it go.

Me:what do you suggest we do?

Thobeka: I once read somewhere where they said in love and relationships there are sacrifices compromises and tolerance. I never dream of being a second wife or anything like that but I guess right now it's the only solution to this situation. I don't care about the title because I know I am number one to your heart as long as I will be with you and be loved by you.

Me:(holding her hand) Thobeka..

Thobeka: I can't allow you do this Tenda I won't be able to see you suffer because of the decisions you took for me. I love you so much for that.

I place my hand on her neck and my thumb wipe the tears that are dropping. I kiss her lips so deep with her sniffing in between my heart is so damn heavy at the moment and all I want to do is being burried inside my woman.

I pick her up and gently lay her on the bed pulling her shirt up and my hand come in contact with her wet pussy as I rub her clit..

Me:(hissing on her ear)damn baby you are so wet.

She moans lightly as I rub my manhood on her entrance

and slowly sliding it in the warmth of her pussy welcoming me in..

Me:(grabbing her hair)God fuck this is good I can never get used to this. I love you baby..

Thobeka:(wrapping her legs around my waist) I love you too..

I pick up my pace and start thrusting faster..

#SMANGALISO

I walk up as someone shake me. I groan in frustration as I pull the blankets up. I am so tired the whole week has been very busy preparing Tshepiso's wedding all I need is my quite Sunday morning undisturbed.

I sit up rubbing my eyes looking at Thandiwe who is fully dressed.

Thandi: baby wake up. I just finished preparing our breakfast and put water for you.

Me:wake up to where?

Thandi: church of course. You know our new pastor is taking the pulpit today and as members who have been there for long we need to be at the front cheering him on.

Me: angiyi lapho mina! (I am not going there)

Thandi: Smanga you seriously want to make me a joke? Other women will be with their husbands.

Me:yeah phela maybe those women you are talking about they respect their husbands and submit to them. Hamba wedwa Thandiwe maybe you are going to feel what I've been feeling like the whole time you were going up and down with your church.

Thandiwe: I don't know what to do with you anymore. You seriously need more than prayers

Me:let me guess I am the evil one here and wena you just doing nothing wrong but the Lord's work huh?

Thandi:(grabbing her bag) I don't need this energy. I seriously don't. The kids are coming back today

Me:good thing you remembered

She shakes her head and goes out. I lay back on my bed and press my phone. Loads of pictures come through on our WhatsApp group. I think about 100 or more. Then there's one picture I took with Sindi I don't remember when was this I must have been a bit tipsy.

I find myself staring at her picture zooming it for a moment. My heart beating twice than normal. Uh uh huh fire Satan. I get up and make the bed. I find myself staring on the picture again and a picture of me kissing her soft small lips flashes my mind I shake my head putting the phone down going to the bathroom to brush my teeth.

I look at the basin and picture her skin body placed here with her long legs wrapped around my waist fuck I am even getting hard because of this. I put my toothbrush back to the glass after brushing my teeth and get inside the water.

Me: mhmm. Nice.

I say as the water soothes my skin and relaxes me. I close my eyes leaning back relaxing with my hand on my dick rubbing it up and down.

Me: mhmm fuck...damn. Okay maybe I do need to go to church. This is not good.

#THANDIWE

I park my car and walk inside giving instructions to the ushers before proceeding to the office. I knock once and open the door. I nearly faint when I see a very gorgeous lady with hour Glass figure fixing the pastor's tie.

Pastor Sibeko: oh Mrs Mkhize you are here? You are early.

Me:urhm. Good morning pastor I thought I should come early to see how u can help around.

The lady stood next to him folding her hands looking at me.

Sibeko: that was very thoughtful and kind of you ma'am I

appreciate. Let me introduce my wife and mother of my children next to me Zanele Sibeko. Baby this is sis Thandiwe she has been handling and running everything since Mfusi passed away.

Zanele:(smiling handing her hand) pleased to know you sis. Urhm the ladies told me the amazing work you have been doing around here and I would like to thank you for your time and dedication you have shown to the church.

Me:(shaking her hand) I don't mind at all.

Zanele: it's very few to find people who are as dedicated as you. I know running a church is not easy especially since you are married and a mother. I would like to relieve you from your duties and take over from now. Although I would ask for help here and there but I would like to run everything from now on.

I don't like this Zanele she is so full of herself and doesn't look holy. First day she wants to take over and run things. She doesn't even know how things work here. I look at pastor hoping he's going to say something but he keeps busy with her books.

Me:(swallowing hard) okay. I will give you all the books and inform the ladies about the changes.

Zanele:oh don't worry my love I have met them such amazing souls. Please do bring those books and close the door on your way out. We'll meet at the service.

I turn and walk out of the office going back to the church

and see the ladies in a group. Traitors they came earlier than usually just to meet with her behind my back. As I am approaching her I hear Masikhosana speaking loud.

Masikhosana: Zanele is such a classy beautiful lady. Did you see her shoes? I have no doubt that she is going to turn this place into a bomb.

Mazulu: let's hope she won't disappear like Mrs Mfusi.

Mazwane: Sibeko is nothing like Mfusi this man is educated and doesn't rely on congregation money for surviving.

Masikhosana: imagine a whole doctor and a pastor. Like we are blessed we will be healed spiritually and also the Western way.

Mazulu: praise God!

Me: ladies good morning.

Them: morning lovie. You don't look okay what is it?

I open my mouth to say something but stop when I see Smanga's car driving by the window to park.

Me:(smiling walking away) excuse me.

Masikhosana:(whispering) coming in separate cars?
Trouble in paradise?

Mazwane:(whispering) probably uyaphapha Lona

namanje ukwatele kuthi angeke asasiphatha. (She us forward this one she's angry because she won't lead us)

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#THANDIWE

We get home after church and I take off my shoes sitting down while Smanga goes to get water from the fridge.

Smanga: what a beautiful service I really enjoyed though I didn't think I would.

Me: yeah it was fine..

Smanga: fine? Baby the pastor was fire. You know i felt like he was speaking to me. Let me not get started on our mam mfundisi such a wise young lady. Her husband is blessed. Now that a real man of God has been sent over I will start attending church regularly again.

Me:(rolling my eyes) speaking about her did you notice or pick up anything funny from her?

Smanga:no I didn't. Why?

Me: I don't know she's giving me weird vibes. She is up to something that one uyosho kuthi ngasho.

Smanga:women! Let me go fetch my kids.

Me:okay I will be starting on pots in the meanwhile.

He pick his keys and walks out. I take my phone inside my bag and went to her Instagram. Such a slay queen doesn't fit being Ma'am Mfundisi at all. Let's see what do you do Zanele.

#THOBEKA

I am at the kitchen fixing something to eat for the family now that the common ground have been reached the emotions have cooled down and there's peace. I don't know how I am going to survive this but I hope love will lead and I pray that God continue having my back. They are talking about meeting my family and that reminds me that I still need to tell the family about the pregnancy then the Royal wedding.

Hulisani: do you need help?

She says walking in and I turn to look at her.

Me:urhm just take the cups to them.

Hulisani: now that we are going to be sister wives I was wondering when are we going to talk and iron things out?

Me:things like?

Hulisani:for starters respect we both have to respect each other and know our place. Like the stunt you pulled

earlier locking him in your bedroom for hours I did not like that. Secondly Thobeka I didn't chose to marry Tenda but our families did. I could easily say no to this but here I am trying so that counts for something right?

Me:wonders shall never end. You want me to say what? Thank you? Tendani is my boyfriend you are the one who got in our relationship I don't give a shit about being brought together by families or what. You may be married to him traditional but I will be the on paper and wear his ring.

I take the tray and walk away.

#SMANGALISO

On my way to fetch my kids from Thandiwe's mother I am playing some soft jazz music whistling. No really church was amazing although my wife doesn't seem to agree but I am happy.

I indicate leaving the tar road and taking the gravel one that lead to the location when I see a figure that's familiar walking down the road with a plastic.

I slow down when I get closer to her lowering the window on her side. Sindisiswe. My heart beat faster again

Me: Sindi.

She turns and look at me
Sponsored

she flash that gorgeous smile of hers walking to my side.

Sindi: principal didn't know you come this side

Me:didn't know you live around here either. What are you doing here?

Sindi: like you said I live here. I could ask you that question.

Me: oh I am fetching my kids from my mother in law. Get in let me give you a ride.

Sindi:oh no I am not far from home.

Me:stop being stubborn and get inside.

She smiles and goes to the passengers side and climb in.

Sindi:iphakeme bo imoto yakho!

Me:(giggling)I get that a lot . Kunjani ukukhathala from yesterday?

Sindi:argh it's getting better I rested enough.

A song by Lionel Richie comes in and she increases the volume smiling.

Sindi:sorry I just love this song.

Me: wow I didn't know ama 2000 listen to this kind of

music.

Sindi: hai bo! Mina? a 2000? Ngicela ungangisukeli!

Me: (smiling) Im kidding just messing with you. So you are going back to the campus tomorrow?

Sindi: Tuesday and I am so not ready for the exams.

Me: why?

Sindi: argh I feel like I didn't study enough but I hope they won't be hectic.

Me: I could help..

Sindi: serious?

Me: yep tell you what give me your number I will forward you all the previous question papers and answers.

I say unlocking my phone giving it to her.

#AYANDA

I peek through the window and see my Dad's car driving out. Amanda slept over yesterday after we fixed things and we got busy. We faced a challenge in the morning when I realized that dad spent his night here instead of mam Sneh's house.

Me: okay his car has driven out now we need to leave before he comes come back.

Amanda: I am sure my mom is going mad right now.

Me: I'm sorry but I am sure you can cook up some solid story to tell her.

Amanda: yeah I have already spoken to Mamkhulu to cover for me but she's also not happy.

Me:(kissing her) I am sorry baby thank you for last night though it was amazing.

Amanda:(blushing) I enjoyed too. Now let's go.

I open my bedroom and check around it's so quiet I pull her hand and we walk through the passage all the way to the kitchen. I sigh in relief when we make it to the door without my mom coming.

I open the sliding door and Amanda drops her phone hiding behind me. I am about to ask what is it when I follow her look and see Dad standing not so far from us with his hands on the pockets.

Oh holy fuck! Meaning mom's left with his car!

Me:urhm Dad!

He doesn't say anything but look at us. Okay can he say something? His look is too dangerous!

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#Ayanda

My father is very intimidating he is a no nonsense taker. Right now I wish the ground can open and swallow us. I mean I wonder what's going on his mind right now. He clears his throat after sometime.

Zakes:Amanda hamba ekhaya. (Amanda go home)

Amanda doesn't wait to be told that twice she picks her phone and run to the gate. Dad looks at me and walk past me.

Zakes:ngilandele. (Follow me)

Okay at least he didn't slap me. Well he last raised his hand on me when I was 18 for scaring my elder sister with a dead snake. The beating I got that day yoooh. I followed him to his mini office and sat down.

Zakes: iqale nini ukwenzeka lento eyenzekayo? (How long have this been going on?)

Me:it's the first time she's coming here

Zakes:I am not asking about that obviously it is the first time because I would have known. I am telling your mother..

Me:dad please don't I beg of you..

Zakes: imihlola! Ayanda how old are you again?

Me: 20 dad..

Zakes: lengane inangakhi? (How old is Amanda?)

Me: 16.

Zakes: (banging the table) damnit Ayanda! Ufuna lamadoda aka Mngadi angene Lana and accuse you of rape?

Me: but Dad Amanda and I love each other..

Zakes:love each other my left foot! You know very well that according to the law sleeping with someone younger than 16 is considered as a statutory rape angikhathali noma ngabe nivumelene!

She is a kid and i as your father I am telling you right now to end this madness! I am not going to stand in Court and defend you. Uma uqhubeka nalamanyala uze wazi kuthi mhla zakushubela ungezi nje Kimi. Get out of my office and go wash your mother's car.

I swallow hard and get up leaving his office. I love Amanda come what may come I am not failing our relationship this time. He is acting all holy while him and mom dated in highschool and conceived my sister.

#THOBEKA

Finally the Venda people have left us in peace and it's now me and my love. I walk into our bedroom and stand in front of the mirror and dial my mom's numbers. It rings for a couple of minutes before she picks up

Mom:Reinie my baby it's been a minute.

Me:dumela hle mma. I know I haven't contacted you in a while I am sorry.

Mom: it's okay my baby I am happy to hear from you. How are you?

Me: I am okay Mom I just wanted to let you know that I will be home soon.

Mom: owh? Not that I don't want you to visit but what is it? Last time you were here you were running away from matters of the hearts so what is it this time?

Me:it's nothing like that mom..

Mom: talk to me my daughter..

Me:(sighs)I'm pregnant mom..

Mom:what? When and with who?

Me:and also getting married..

Mom:wuuh ai hurry home this is a lot to digest. I need to hear this step by step..

Me:okay Mom I love you.

Mom: I love you too my angel I can't wait to see you.

Tendani walks in and stand behind me holding my waist.

Tendani: you are so tense and it's not good for my baby.

Me: I will be fine I just need to adjust everything that's happening.

Tendani:let us elope..

Me: Tendani...

Tendani: I don't like seeing you like this baby. Let us run away new countrythe two of us cut communication and come back after two years..

Me: Tendani we can't do that..

Tendani: I just want to see you happy. I want to make you happy. And this arrangement won't make you happy.

Gosh he is so stubborn!

#ZAKES

My phone rings disturbing me from my work. I look at the screen and move my chair back getting up answering it.

Me:Smanga..

Smanga: Mapholoba ubhizi?(are you busy?)

Me:kancane kodwa singakhuluma kwenzenjani?(A bit but we can talk what is it?)

Smanga:ei mfo angazi ngiyicale kuphi lendaba u Sindi(bro I don't know how to say this but it's Sindi)

Me:(chuckling) ngivele ngabona. Woza nazo(I saw it coming do tell)

Smanga:sengibathe ngishona ngapha ai bo ingane ayisuki emqondweni wami (I can't do anything without thinking about her).

Me:manje ufuna kwenzenjani? Ukuganga naye or(so what do you want to do? Cheat with her or)

Smanga: as much as I want to fuck her so badly but damn I don't see her that way. She is way too good to be my side chick. I don't know I'm confused.

Me:heheh ai asazi. I would say marry her as your second wife but then I know how monogamous you are.

Smanga: wazi kahle I believe in commitment and focus in one woman.

Me:if I may ask why the sudden interest in her? She's been under you for months at school why now?

Smanga: to be quite honest with you Zakhele mfe2 lengane ngayithanda nje ngiqala ukuyibona (I loved her the very first moment I saw her) but then at the time I was having issues with my wife so I discarded those feelings thinking maybe it's just lust..

Me:mhmm.i see. How are things between you and Thandiwe now?

Smanga: argh I don't know. Very cold to say the least. Thandiwe's lack of respect to me has drained all the love I have for her. Each and every day she's giving me more reason why I should leave her.

Me:inkinga yakho ukuthi uvumela u Thandiwe agcoke ibluku kulomshado wenu!(Your problem is that you have allowed her to wear pants on your marriage)

Smanga:angijabulanga mfe2 ngizamile ukubekezela ngithi ngenzela abantwana bami kodwa ai angisakhoni nokukhuluma akusizi. Yazi nomkhwe wami uthi sekahlulekile naye(I am not happy I tried persevering for our kids but I can't anymore even talking Doesn't help even my mother in law tried talking to her)

Me: manje isisombululo yini? (What's the solution to this?)

Smanga:(sighs) I need you to draw divorce papers for us.

Me:ai bo Smanga mfe2!

Smanga: it's over mfethu. I can't stand the emotional abuse my wife put me through and the humiliation. I'm tired.

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(Unedited)

#AMANDA

I don't know how am I going to look into babu Ngcobo in the eyes again after yesterday morning. Yooh my God I swear I felt my intestines turning. Gosh why everytime our relationship blossom we face problem?

I mean the night spent with Ayanda was amazing a total bliss thing about it I get butterflies. Gosh he was so gentle and romantic. I love him I just pray and hope his father won't tell him to break up with me because I will not do it.

My phone ring and I look at it doubting whether I should answer or not.

Me:Mamkhulu sawubona. (Auntie greetings)

Mpume: sawubona Yani Amanda asivumelananga kuthi uzondlula Lana? (Don't greet me didn't we agree that you are going to pass here?)

Me: ngiyaxolisa Mamkhulu bekumele ngiphuthume ngize ekhaya (sorry aunt I had to rush home)

Mpume: ngikulindele. (I am waiting for you).

With that she hung up eix. I am not ready to face her because I know she will grill me with questions and all that but then I can't ignore her forever after all I used her as my scapegoat from the rents.

#SMANGA

Me: Olwethu are you sure?

Olwethu:(sniffing) yes daddy I am scared I don't want to go back.

I took her to my chest brushing her back with my heart beating up so fast. I swear I am going to murder that dog. I noticed that ever since we came back from my mother in law's house she hasn't been herself. Olwethu is 8very loud and bubble but she's been quite.

Few minutes ago I walked into their bathroom and she jumped nearly hurting herself and that was suspicious to me because it's not like I haven't seen her naked I bath them daily.

I had to sit her down politely and ask her what is it I must admit that I was never ready for the response. Thandiwe's younger brother old enough to be her father is touching her inappropriate and God I swear I am going to kill him. I need to get my daughter tested just to confirm if he didn't touch her and I will deal with the dog later.

Me:it's okay my love Daddy is here he will never touch you again okay? I love you my angel where's Owami?

Olwethu: watching the cartoons.

Me:come let's also go watch TV I don't want you to lock yourself in here and keep on thinking about what happened you will be depressed umncane kangaka.

Apparently the dog was touching her on her private parts he had oral sex with my daughter and was disturbed by Owami who walked up to them God I will kill him for the trauma he put my children through. My heart is so damn heavy.

I walk into the kitchen and find Thandiwe dishing up. I shake my head in disbelief.

Me: kuzodliwa yimi lokho kudla? (Am I going to eat that?)

Thandi: Smanga I'm sorry I know the rice burned and the layout is not so good but I..

Me :yeah because you are spending your time on Instagram busy stalking Zanele what is wrong with you!

Thandi: why are you shouting at me?

Me: because ungimi la emqaleni ngikhathale nguwe(im up to here with you). You are so obsessed with other people's lives you forget about your own take a look at

your children and tell me if they are fine. When did you bath and dressed Olwethu?

Thandi: konje njengoba Lwethu amdala ayintombi engaka sengingacala phansi ngimgeze ngoba kwenzenjani? (Why would I bath a full grown lady ?)

Me:is that the reason why your brother is having his way with my daughter because sekayintombi?

Thandi: what? Where did you get that from?

Me:Olwethu told me if you were here paid attention maybe you would have noticed that something is wrong with her both of them actually but no you are All obsessed about Zanele being fake.

She walks to the dining room and I follow her

Thandi: iphi lengane ekhohlakele? Yewena Olwethu yini lamanga engiwezwa ngoyihlo? Kungani uqambele u Zamani amanga angaka? (Where's this evil child? Olwethu what lies did you tell your father? Why would you lie about Zamani like that?)

Me: what? So she's lying now?

Thandi: yes she's lying because this child is evil! She just wants to make me a bad mother and wife. My brother would never do such a thing.

I closed my eyes and do slowly breath in I felt my hands itch. I am going to beat the so hard.

Me: I am tired of this like I don't have any strength to deal with this. Eat that burned food yourself. In the meantime expect the divorce papers. Me and you are done.

Come kids let's go eat out. Daddy is going to buy y'all some nice meal.

I pull my daughter who is now at the corner because Thandi threw a cushion over her Owami(6) puts his sandals and I pick him up leaving the house to my car.

#NOMPUMELELO

Amanda is busy shushing baby Nkanyezi going with him up and down while Milly is sleeping on the floor next to the couch.

Amanda: I miss baby Chantelle already.

Me: she's living it up that one with her parents. Sit down let's talk before your father gets back.

She sits on the couch opposite me.

Me:relax I won't bite you I just want you to be comfortable around me. Take me as your elder sister be free and open with me. Amanda I know I am married nababomkhulu wakho but I want to build a relationship with you.

Growing up without a mother was a struggle yes Dad

tried but there was a time where by I wanted to run back to my mother for advice. I know your mother is strict I know that some of the things you may be afraid to talk to her about because of the respect you have for her

I know you are at the stage where by you run to your friends and ask for wrong advices. That is where peer pressure comes in. So first things first solala ama out wena?

Amanda: sis Mpume I.. we were chilling with him and it got late and..

Me:I am not judging. Remember I was once your age so I know everything that's going on with you. Did you have sex?

She looks down brushing Nkanyezi's hair.

Amanda: yes we did.

Me: did you use condoms?

Amanda:yes

Me: Amanda I know that you have already been exposed to this and your first experience was with an older person who actually took an advantage of you instead of protecting you.

I know that me saying you should stop dating kuzobe kuwumdlalo. I won't tell you what to do but I want to tell you about dangers of sex. I want us to talk about the

emotional bondage/attachment having sex comes with. After that I want us to talk about contraceptives and blood tests.

I just want you to relax and ask me where you don't understand. Okay?

Amanda: yebo.

Me: very well let's put these two to their bed...

I pick Mily up and she comes with Nkanyezi to their nursery.

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#THANDIWE

I sat down on the couch and remove my head wrap. Everything is going so wrong and I don't know what to pin point things together. I mean when did things get so badly? Why is Smanga hell bent into making me a bad person?

As for that child Olwethu is daddy's girl from birth uyatefa and loves attention even Owami is better yet younger than her. I have no doubt that she cooked up this story so that I can be painted with negligence and accused of not caring.

I mean my brother would never do such a thing he loves my kids like his how can he do that? No no no I don't even want to picture him doing that to my daughter. What? Why would he do that?

But then what if Lwethu isn't lying? My stomach turns at the possibility of that being true if she's not lying then I'm doomed I am done. She is going to hate me for not believing her and supporting her. My God I don't even want to get started on Smanga already he is speaking about divorce. I don't want to entertain that one I know he won't divorce me that man loves and worship the ground I walk on. Him being a Christian tops thing up because he knows very well that divorce isn't accepted. Till death do us apart. He is just mad at the moment and I understand.

I rub my eyes and take my phone video calling Zamani I want to see the reaction when I confront him. I know him I could easily tell if he did something. I wait in anticipation as his phone rings and he picks up.

Zamani: sis.

He says smiling weakly avoiding my eye contact and my heart beats so fast.

Me: Zamani kunjani? (How are you?)

Zamani: siyaphila sis okungatheni ninjani Nina? (We are good sis how are you)

Me:angiphili Zamani umenzeni umntanami? (I am not

good Zamani what have you done to my daughter?)

Zamani: I . I. I.. I.. what did she say to you? What could I have possibly done to her?

Him stuttering tells me that he is guilty I look at him with my eyes fully of fury and he brush his face.

Zamani: sesi I don't know what came over me I swear I was lost up in a moment and the devil...

I drop the call cutting him off falling on my knees to the floor crying. How can Zamani do this to me? My children? Does he know what his actions has cost me?

#SMANGA

We finished eating and I am here thinking where to drop them off for a moment while I go deal with this dog.

The doctor confirmed that he didn't penetrate her but now I have to book therapy sessions for my daughter because this thing disturbed her so much. I want her to deal with it so that she can go back being that healthy happy child.

I dial Zakes and he picks up on the second ring.

Zakes: I am almost done with the contract.

Me: you better hurry but I am not calling you for that.

Zakes: okay what's up?

Me: can you please ask one of your wives to look after my kids for today? I need to sort something out fast.

Zakes: I am with Sneh you can bring them over.

Me: thanks marn I owe you one.

I hung up and drive straight to his house that's not far from here. I find Sneh waiting for me at the gate.

Sneh:selenzeni lehlanya lomfazi wakho? (What has that crazy wife of yours did this time)

Sneh and Thandi doesn't get along they always fight.

Me: Do not speak ill about my wife in front of my children. Thanks for agreeing to look after them. Guys be good to Auntie Sneh okay? I will fetch you later.

Sneh: are you not greeting your friend?

Me:no I will see him later.

I give them their snacks and get inside my car driving straight to my mother in law's house. The moment I arrive Thandi pulls through behind me too.

I click my tongue getting off. What is she doing here?

Thandi:(running to me) Smanga Smanga wait..

Me: leave me the fuck alone. I don't want to talk to you.

Thandi: let's talk about this don't do anything that you will regret later please.

I walk inside the house and my mother in law look at us.

MaThabethe: kwenzenjani? Owani lomsindo? (What is the matter? What's this noise all about?)

Me: sawubona mama ngingamthola u Zamani?
(Greetings mother can I speak to Zamani?)

MaThabethe:lowo sekanesikhathi ahambile upakishe imithalwo yakhe waphuma wahamba. Kwenzenjani? (That one left few hours ago with his bags upakishe imithalwo yakhe waphuma wahamba. Kwenzenjani? (That one left few hours ago with his bags what's the matter?))

Me: so you warned him?

Thandi: I didn't all I did was to ask him..

Me:damn you Thandiwe! Ngiyakuzonda yezwa? Pray I never find him because I swear! For the lives of my children I am prepared to go to prison I don't want you in my house .

I leave the house and bang the door getting inside my car.

Me:(banging my head on the steering wheel) fuck fuck fuck fuck! Fuck!

#HULISANI

I look at the small bottle of potion in my hand.

Me: I won't be able to bear him kids that's fine but the least I can do is to love him and him loving me more. (Smiling) Thobeka you think you are all that huh? Busy telling me you are going to be the only one on paper? Let's see how that paper is going to help you when you die.

I need to lay low and act cool I need to make sure she is having a healthy safe pregnancy until she delivers before I get rid of her. In fact she must die during child birth and I will raise the baby together with Tenda.

I can't wait for them to come to Venda. Most of it all I miss Tendani's touch gosh it was only once but wow. The things he did to me that night can never be undone and I want more of that.

DAYS LATER

#NARRATED

Smanga drives in with his kids busy talking and laughing. He is so attached to them more than before drives and fetches them to school bathes and prepare them food. Olwethu is responding well to the child therapist her father arranged for her.

Zamani is still on the loose and the wolves have

volunteered to help Smanga find him. He needs to be taught a lesson so that in his next life he knows that kids are a no go area.

Thandiwe: right on time dinner is ready.

She says smiling with her apron on Smanga looks at the table all his favorite food in one. He gives her an envelope.

Smanga: I am not hungry me and my kids have eaten read that and sign it so that it can be submitted to court.

Thandi:(opening the envelope) what's this?

Smanga walks past her and put his kids on the couch opening the cartoon Network channel for them before returning back to Thandiwe who's reading the papers

Thandi: Smanga you can't do this you can't end a 12 year marriage over a small mistake.

Smanga:(chuckling) small mistake you say? Thandiwe I am emotional and psychological exhausted. Sign those papers let us split in peace the kids are going to stay with me you will get them over the weekends and school holidays.

Don't think of dragging this because it's going to turn ugly. I don't want to fight with you i want us to have a peaceful split for the sake of our children.

Thandi: Smanga I am trying to work things out I am

trying to go back to where we were please don't do this.

Smanga: it's too late. Nothing you can do can erase what happened the past few months.

Thandi: no it's not. I will not allow this to happen. I am not going anywhere. I will stay here and we will fix our marriage. We vowed to be together through thick and thin. Now that we have reached the thin side you want to leave me? No I refuse. This storm shall pass.

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#AYANDA

I looked at her coming to the taxi from the mirror. My heart warmed up as I get out and gives her a tight hug. We haven't met since the day father caught us.

Me:hey baby you look beautiful.

Amanda: you aren't bad either.

I smirk opening the taxi as we climb inside and hands her the Kota She asked for.

Me:so how have you been?

Amanda:I have been okay and busy you?

Me: except missing you like crazy I have been good.

Amanda:(smiling) I missed you too.

Me: so what have you been busy with that you couldn't see your man?

Amanda: Aunt Mpume and I had the talk like yooh I love that woman. The advices she gave me answers to my questions she is amazing.

Me: wow that's sweet I don't know but I think Dad spoke to babomncane wakho because I saw him yesterday yooh he was preaching.

Amanda:haa babe babomncane Mbo knows ?

Me:yeah but don't worry he won't snitch as long as we respect the family and keep our thing under wraps until you are legally 18.

Amanda: what did your father say?

Me: you know him he said I should break up with you because you are a minor blah blah. I get what he's saying and all but what am I going to do with my love for you?

Amanda:yeah I hear you. We love each other and the sooner they accept and understand that the better. As long as we don't make babies.

Me: yooh my father would disown me I tell you.

Amanda: speaking about that we have to go for blood tests.

Me:(clears my throat)urhm okay when?

Amanda: whenever you are ready. Then maybe we can find out about the process of family planning and all because I don't want to disappoint my family once again.

Me:(holding her tighs) you will not . I will make sure you make them proud.

Amanda:(smiling)see why I love you? You are the best .

Me:(blushing) finish your Kota I want to kiss you.

She giggles while eating.

#TENDANI

We park outside Thobeka's home. I can't believe that we are doing this. I have never had such kind of love before. I pray I never disappoint her.

Me: so how long are you going to be here?

Thobeka: I don't know but I think two weeks .

Me:haaa babe two weeks is a lot without you.

Thobeka: I know but then I need to have a serious talk with my mom and believe me she won't understand and

accept my decision so I need her blessings in all of this.

Me: I know. I am proud of you babe and I am happy that you are carrying my child. I love you.

I kissed her hand and she blushed.

Thobeka: I love you too. Safe travels to Venda..

Me: argh don't remind me.

She giggles and lean over kissing my lips before getting out. I take out her bags and follow her inside.

#SMANGA

I put my kids to bed and kiss their foreheads switching off the lights. I walk into my bedroom and Thandiwe is walking around naked. I chuckle in disbelief so she actually thinks that sex is going to make me forget everything?

The same sex she used to deprive me in the name of fasting? This woman is something else. I take off my clothes and get inside the bed turning my back and press my phone.

She moves closer to me trying to touch me. It's been 3 days and she hasn't signed those papers I don't know what language should I talk to her yesterday I slept with my kids but I guess it's high time I set things straight.

Me: Thandiwe I need to sleep please.

Thandiwe:(running her hands on my back)come on baby just one before we sleep.

I sit up and look at her.

Me: put on your pyjamas..

Thandi: but..

Me: now!

She sighs and get up wearing them.

Me: now that we are decent we can talk. Thandi I don't understand what's wrong with you. I wasn't bluffing when I said I want out. Delaying the progress won't make things better but worse.

Sign the papers and leave me alone.

Thandiwe: Smanga I get that I may have done some things that angered you but divorce my love that's exaggerating a bit.

Me: Thandiwe if tables were turned you would have left long time ago angithi? Look me in the eyes and tell me I didn't try tell me I didn't try to make things worktell me I didn't try to forgive you after the Mfusi saga hoping that now he's dead we were going to be fine but instead you got worse and acted as the church president.

Thandiwe the issue here is not you serving the Lord we

have always been Christians and attended church. The problem started when you neglected your duties as a wife and mother galavanting all over the place being greedy with church positions.

The problem started when you disrespected me and going against any word from the moment I told you that I don't want Mfusi In my house you brought him over . You started neglecting our family traditions you chatted back at me like I am your friend. Despite everything and all of that I protected you as much as our family and friends noticed the gap I always made up an excuse to your behavior because I didn't want people to know what's happening on our marriage.

The one that takes the cup is your daughter being abused by your brother instead of sitting her down and ask her what happened you scared her even worse. Kids have a sharp memory and they don't forget pray she forgive you one day again I had to explain to her why her mother is shouting at her and calls her evil. I had to protect you again.

I don't want to wait until another obstacle comes I am setting you Thandiwe it's quite obvious you have a lot on your plate to a point that me and your kids are not a priority anymore.

I love you so much you have been my wife for so long and gave me beautiful children but I am not happy with how things have been lately I am tired . I just want peace and to be with my children. We have had beautiful memories and all let's hold on to them and

have a healthy divorce.

Maybe one day out there you are going to heal and meet another man who will make you happy.

Thandi:(sniffing) I don't want another man I want you. I will change I will be better for you I promise..

Me:change for the next person if not yourself. Sign the papers please. Goodnight.

I kiss her forehead and turn around to sleep. My heart is heavy but then I can't do this anymore.

#HULISANI

Tendani arrived few hours ago and to day I am happy would be an understatement. He looks different like the real musanda tall dark and masculine.

Gosh looking at him nje my body reacts. I walk into our bedroom and find him seated on the bed pressing his phone. I lay down and greet him with respect.

Me: Aah Musanda.

Tendani: ndaa get up.

I get up and sits next to him still my head facing down.

Me: can I get you anything to eat or drink?

Tendani:no I am good at the moment thank you.

I touch his hand.

Me: I have Missed you my husband I am happy you are home.

He doesn't say anything I move and stand between his legs my arms wrapped around his neck. His look is still fixed in me it's like he is studying me and I need to distract that. I move my lips and place them into his. I kiss him and he doesn't respond until he finally gives in and grab my waist. Yaay!

A knock comes through the door and he stops my hand that is unbuttoning his shirt.

Me:ignore it.

Tendani:(moving me from him) it could be important.

He says going to the door and I sit on the bed licking my wet lips his strong cologne all over me. He speaks to the person outside the door and return to me taking his blazer

Tendani: the royal council and Chief priest are waiting for us. Get dressed.

Me: what? I didn't know we have a meeting.

Tendani: neither did I. Now get ready.

He says going to the bathroom and I hit the bed so

frustrated. I sigh looking for a dress and some shoes. I do finally touches on my look and he comes out.

Me: we can go.

He opens the door and we walk out with him holding my hand. The throne room is packed and my heart is beating faster when I see the former chiefs here what's going on?He take his seat and I sit next to him and the ululations and praises goes down.

Albert:now that they are here please tell us why are we here?

Chief priest: Musandawhere is your wife? We can't continue this meeting without her.

Tendani looks at me and clears his throat.

Tendani:my wife is here wise one.

Chief priest: no not this one I mean your other wife the one carrying the prince and heir of this village?

Say what? What is this man talking about? Thobeka is a mukhada her child can't rule after Tendani!

Albert: what are you talking about Maine?

Chief priest: her and her son are needed into this palace we can't continue without her. Get her here and then call me. Meeting adjourned.

He said that and picked his things leaving the elders mumbling among themselves and I blinked my lashes trying so hard not to cry..

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#HULISANI

I come out from the bedroom and find Tendani on our bedroom okay I didn't think he was going to come to bed early. He puts his laptop aside and stares at me. Gosh this man is so damn fine!

Me: are you done with work?

Tenda:no I wasn't working but transferring some money to your account and Thobeka's.

Me:(smiling)aw papi getting allowances already?

Tendani:(laughing shaking his head) you love money.

Me:of cause hawu. Speaking about Thobeka what do you make of what the chief priest said?

Tendani: I don't know honestly. I am still trying to put pieces together.

Me: it's confusing really but the only logic explanation to this could be that Thobeka is royalty..

Tendani: royalty? Nah Thobeka's parents are Durban based and normal people.

Me:well I guess you will have to go get her so that this confusion can be solved.

I say getting on my side of the bed he pulls me closer to him and smirks...

Tendani: before we got disturbed earlier you wanted to show me something?

Me:(blushing) yes but you didn't pay attention..

Tendani: I have time now.

I bite my lower lip and moves closer to him and kiss his lips. He kisses me back and the butterflies on my stomach as he gets me on top of him are unexplainable.

#THOBEKA

My mother listened attentively as I told her about my relationship with Tendani the pregnancy and all the royalty thing. She sighs and take off her glasses.

Mom: this is big wow I don't know what to say ngwanaka.

Me: you know Mom I wish papa was still alive he was going to deal with those Venda people because they are the one troubling me actually Tendani if fine.

Mom: Thobeka my baby I need to tell you something that I vowed to keep it a secret even your father begged me to tell you the truth but I refused. But I think now it's high time you know the truth because fate had somehow made it possible...

Me: okay what truth now?

Mom: your father is alive and royalty.

I laugh. No like seriously mama is losing it. Bathong! We buried papa a year ago what is she talking about?.

Me: Mom no that's not funny not funny at all.

Mom: I am not joking I am dead serious. The man you know as your father isn't..

Me: wait woohoo what do you mean the man who have always been there for me took me to school and did everything isnt my father?

Mom: okay so what happened is that years back I had an affair with the Basotho Prince and fell pregnant. His wife threatened to kill me the prince banished me to protect me instead.

When I moved this side I knew no one nor did I had friends or family I met the most amazing man my husband Makhanda who loved me and gave me shelter. I stayed with him for a month without him making a move on me or anything like that instead he helped me

find a job and all those things.

On the second Month he asked me out and I agreed into dating him two months into our relationship I discovered that I was pregnant with the Prince's baby. He promised to protect me with everything and raise you as his and he did that.

He paid for my bride prize we got married and he got a better job offer I was very happy I lacked nothing he kept his promise even loved you more than your siblings after you. I am sorry my love I kept this away from you to protect you because that woman was going to send her soldiers to kill us..

I let the tears roll down because I didn't have any strength in me to wipe them I am numb I don't know how I feel about this except the fact that I love my late dad even more he was the real definition of INDODA.

#SMANGA

Thandiwe walks into the lounge and sits down with the divorce contract on her handl lower the volume on Tv.

Thandi: we can discuss the contract and I will sign.

I look at her and feel the pain behind her voice.

Me: thank you for finally come to the agreement I know it is not easy.

Thandi: I sat down and did a self introspection you are

right. I have been very unfair to you. I am actually surprised you stayed so long after all of that. You are even giving me fair deals out of this divorce.

Me: Thandiwe everything we have I built them with you so it's fair I give you what you deserve. We still have kids to raise together

Thandi: can I ask one last favor?

Me: what's that?

Thandi: please move on like date and enjoy

Me: Thandiwe that is not part of the equation for now. I just want to be a great father to my kids and build a tight relationship. I will pause that from now.

Thandi: I know but you deserve to be happy and be loved after this

Me: what is going to happen to you?

Thandi: I don't know maybe I will take the job transfer to Joburg. Then we can arrange the visits over the weekend.

Me: okay. Which part for you want us to discuss?

#ZOTHILE

Mpume walk in our bedroom with the baby monitor and put it on the bedside table. I turn and follow her with my

eyes staring at how sexy she looks like on her pink silky nightwear.

Me: Smanga and Thandiwe are divorcing.

Mpume:she informed us on the WhatsApp group and to say I'm shocked I don't know what to say.

Me:it's disappointing really because I looked up to them and hearing such news is heartbreaking. But then I applaud Smanga fir choosing himself I mean if love respect trust is no longer there what is the point of staying?

Mpume: exactly but it's hurts shame. Sis Thandi is a good woman yes we all have flaws but deep down I wish they can fix things.

Me:(pulling her to sit on my lap) Everyone did their part all we can do now is to offer support without judging and overstepping the boundaries and to give them space to deal with it their way.

Mpume: I guess you are right. Gosh I don't know what would happen to me if we would divorce.

Me:(kissing her fingers) the only time me and you would separate would be death but then that's far from us. Baby have you healed down there? I miss you.

Mpume:(laughing) ai ai Zothile ucalile! Your mother said we should wait for 3 months and it's only been what? Close to two months now..

Me:(kissing her shoulders)awu baby kancane njemhmm.
5 minutes maximum I promise.

I said running my hands under her nightie touching her body squeezing her boobs and my lips sucking on her neck her body's reaction to my touch turn me on big time. This woman loves me.

Mpume:(softly) Zothile...

Me:(whispering on her earlobe biting it softly) yebo Ma...

Mpume: be gentle..

Of course I will!

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2 weeks later

#TENDANI

I turn around and kiss her nose before kissing her beautiful pouted lips. She smiles through her sleep and marn that's beautiful and heart warming.

Me:good morning my beautiful princess.

Thobeka: can a person get her Beauty sleep mara in this house?

Me: not a chance my love it's been a long two weeks of my life.

Thobeka:(opening her eyes) Good morning Tenda how are you doing today?

Me:I'm good especially waking up next to my two favorite people. I still can't believe the news that you are royalty baby like wait let me bow down to you your majesty..

Thobeka:(laughing) gosh you are so annoying.

Me:(smiling) I missed hearing that laughter. So what's the next step?

Thobeka: being formally introduced to my father's people like I have a brother I can't believe it then after that your people can come over.

Me:this is awesome a Venda prince marrying his Sotho princess? It's going to be one hell of a celebration two kingdoms uniting.

Thobeka:in all of this I thank you for loving me and walking this journey with me Tenda. I wouldn't have made it without you now I can agree that our destiny was written for us long ago.

Me: definitely my love. Baby there's something that I

have been meaning to ask or to discuss with you.

Thobeka: what's that?

Me: now that you are royalty it's mean I can legally marry you and actually make you my only wife..

Thobeka: what about Hulisani?

Me: I don't know maybe she can go back to her father's house?

Thobeka: yooh hai Tenda that's extreme. Eya I want to be selfish right now and jump at your offer but you know very well that won't happen. I might be royalty but still I am not Venda.

Me: eix yeah that. I completely forgotten about it.

Thobeka: let's just let things be and go with the flow I mean everything happens for a reason a solution will come out of this.

Me: sooner we will be moving permanently to Venda you do know that I will have to divide my attention to the both of you?

Thobeka: I know and I will cross that bridge when we get there.

Me: you are just amazing and I can't stop thank God enough for you. I can't wait to wife your ass.

She smiles shyly and I kiss her hand.

Thobeka: can I go back to sleep now?

Me:(brushing her ass moving the blankets) not so fast my princess..

#THANDIWE

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Right now I am having lunch with Gugu (Zakes's first wife) watching the kids play with others on a distance.

Gugu: I am sorry things have come to this you know I really had hope for you no Smanga.

Me:argh friend to be quite honest with you I messed up big time hey. It's true that learn to appreciate what you have before time forces you to appreciate what you had.

Gugu: so you are moving back to your mother's house?

Me: I have packed my things and sent some of them there but I am glad I will be leaving the province soon. You know how mother is.

Gugu: I know her very well she will be reminding you everyday how this is your fault how you couldn't handle your marriage blah blah

Me: yeah it's tough but it is going to be fine.

Gugu:so the kids and Smanga are remaining behind?

Me: he said something about buying a new house in that section where Zothile and Tshepiso lives and start over. New memories.

Gugu: I just hope whoever he is going to move on with will be kind to your kids although I really wish you guys can work things out remarry maybe?

Me:ai friend now I am going to maintain the healthy

relationship I have with him and try to co-parent in peace. Whoever he chooses to move on with is really none of my business

Gugu: Thandiwe I know you are trying to be strong but please feel free to talk. I know it's hard cry and stop trying to be strong.

Tears dropped and she got up and hugged me.

Me:I still love him friend.

Gugu:(brushing my back) I know babe I know. I am sorry it's going to be fine.

Me:(sniffing)why did I have to mess up something so great and beautiful? I mean look at our kids we were happy.

She continue brushing my back shushing me. It hurts.

THE BILLIONAIRES CLUB

THE WOLVES

The guys decided to gather together and drink with Smanga. During the fun they were having Tshepiso walked in and they cheered excitedly hugging him.

Tshepiso: I disappear few weeks nyana nje people are divorcing guys what are you teaching the newly married man?

Zothile:yoooh konje kushade omunye this time sinyile!

They crack up some more Tshepiso smacking his head laughing.

Zakes: you look good mfana honeymoon was a bliss.

Mbongeni: I just hope my sister is not pregnant.

Tshepiso: well I don't know hey.

Thokozani:ubhizi ndoda!

Smanga:(hugging him) welcome back mfana don't mind what happened to me or don't let it scare you enjoy the process.

Tshepiso: oh I am enjoying it so much. So what have I missed?

He says grabbing a beer and they fill him up about the latest news including Zamani being on the run.

Tshepiso: we should cut his balls that one usijwayela kabi.

They continued chatting and laughing out loudly until Tebello and Sindi walked in. They placed their order and two guys joined them the girls didnt see the wolves but they saw them. Zothile laughed at Smanga's reaction when that guy whispered something on Sindi's ear.

Thokozani:ukitazwa yini kodwa madlokovu? (What got

you so cracking up brother?)

Zothile:(amused)kuze. U right Smanga? (Nothing Smanga are you good?)

Smanga:(clicking his tongue)uyaphapha wena. (You are too forward)

Zakes: mlande mfethu! (Go get her)

Tshepiso: manje vele niyasijampisela? (You are excluding us from your conversation?)

Smanga finished his beer and got up.

Smanga: excuse me for a moment..

Zothile and Zakes whistled..

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#NARRATED

Smanga walked to the bar and it was then that Sindi noticed him. She put down her drink and told Tebello she was coming.

Sindi: principal.

Smanga: Sindi hi. Fancy seeing you here.

I didn't know you attend these kind of places.

Sindi:once in a while when my friend drags me here.
And you?

Smanga: I am with your brother's half or step Brothers
yeah.

Sindi:oh God I hope they will not be causing any drama.

Smanga:(chuckling)they are not like that they believe
that you are an adult. Look can I have 5 minutes of your
time?

Sindi:yeah sure what is it?

Smanga:let's go to my car please...

She nodded and left with Smanga leading the way to his
car. He got inside and leaned back lowering his car seat
it was then that Sindi noticed that his ring was gone.

Sindi: I don't mean to be forward but where is your
wedding band?

Smanga:oh I took it off. I am divorced actually.

Sindi: what? Into yanini manje leyo? (When did that
happen?)

Smanga:few days ago.

Sindi: ohw I'm sorry.

Smanga:it's okay actually I want to confess something to you.

Sindi:okay?

Smanga: Sindi I like you a lot even. From the very first moment you walked into my office I felt something for you.

Sindi: Smanga...

Sindi: let me finish like I said I like you I would like us to start something great. But not now honestly at this moment I just want to chill and bond with my kids as there's a lot I need to do such as finding a new house and so on. I just wanted to let this out of my chest. Makhumalo I want to be with you so badly I want us to start something great and amazing.

I don't want to rush you or myself in the process because I don't want to bring my past garbage to you.

Sindi:what if I am seeing someone?

Smanga:(smiling) you better tell him to enjoy it while it lasts because I am coming for you Nkosazana.

Sindi laughed shaking her head. His confidence is out of this world.

Sindi:I hear you. Heal and do whatever you need to do we'll have this conversation again on a later stage. I am

going to go back now before my friend start thinking I am having a quickie with you.

Smanga chuckled and asked for a hug he sniffed her perfume and hold on a bit tight before releasing her biting his lips thinking about all the things he would do to her the day he is going to finally get her.

DAYS LATER

#SINDISIWE

I am at the Mngadi household helping my mother with her orders. My phone keeps on vibrating with messages from Smanga. Haha we are not dating or anything like that but we are very close. Like getting to know each other better and all that.

He is actually a cool collected person he has been helping me with my exams and all.

Makhumalo:(smiling)ingabe ngubani lomkhwenyana wakwami(I wonder who is my son in law)

Me: (blushing and putting my phone away)there's no one Mom.

Makhumalo: with that smile? Come on tell me I am your mother..

Me:(laughing) serious mom there's nothing going on we are just friends

Makhumalo:yet...

Me: okay he did say that he likes me but he needs some time to figure himself out and his issues.

Makhumalo: what issues?

Me:he just divorced so he is dealing with that.

Makhumalo:owh okay is it someone I know?

Me:hai Mama!

Makhumalo:(laughing) I'm just asking nje.

Me: anyway mom how was your reaction when Babu Mngadi approached you? I mean he had kids and all that?

Makhumalo: okay I won't lie it was difficult I tried pushing him off because I didn't see myself marrying someone his age with kids so grown up. I was scared of the pressure of replacing a dead woman or competing with her until I realize that I was scared for nothing.

Me:at least on your case she's dead this time is completely different mom and I am afraid of being called a home wrecker or what..

Makhumalo:but you are not a home wrecker. He approached you after the divorce was finalized right?

Me:yes.

Makhumalo: then you have nothing to worry about. Just respect him love his children and respect his ex wife. Like keep your distance from her and if he genuinely loves you he is going to put her on the lane you won't even feel threatened by her presence.

I smile about to answer her but got distracted by seeing Zana's new car driving in. I scream going outside to meet them and baby Chantelle who is very picky to people now.

#TENDANI

It's been 3 days since we arrived here at Venda with Thobeka. Unlike before they welcomed her with warm hands and respected her presence this time around. Even Hulisani whom I was hoping she was going to cause drama was very chilled and watching everything on a distant.

We just finished doing a small ceremony of introducing her and my son to our ancestors and some ritual of protecting her against any evil was done. The way she's handling everything have been overwhelming and I am proud of her. She is not hot headed or asks too many questions about the way we do things here.

I take off my shoes as I walk inside the Chief priest hut now that everything has settled down and people are relaxing they welcomed her with warm hands and respected her presence this time around. Even Hulisani whom I was

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I take off my shoes as I walk inside the Chief priest hut now that everything has settled down and people are relaxing I need to talk to him. The room is covered in smoke and all kinds of herbs smell.

Maine: sit down Mudau. What's troubling you?

Me: Maine eye of the gods I need you to tell me something. Now that Thobeka turned out to be a royalty does that mean I can let go of Hulisani?

Maine: no you can't. Yes she is royalty and her son is chosen to take after you but remember the reason of your marriage between you and that Ramovha girl. Both of your wives have each role to play in your marriage. You need them both.

Thobeka might have the royal blood have your heart but you need Hulisani by your side a Venda princess to rule and make sound royal decisions. You need to be strong Mudau because this is not going to be an easy route but the ancestors are wise and with you throughout everything.

Now that the ceremony is done and our ancestors welcomed her marry her and put your house in order.

#HULISANI

I parked my car outside the Ramovha family cemetery and walk inside until I arrive next to my grandma's tombstone. I put down the fresh flowers on her tombstone and the stuff I brought (snuffbeer and the works)

Me: makhulu. It's me your grand daughter Hulisani. I am sorry I haven't been visiting for some time now. I have been caught up on my own world and things.

Adulting is so damn hard and doing it without you is even worse. I miss you so much. I know you don't approve of the choicesthoughts and decisions I have made and I am sorry. I saw your warnings through my dreams and I know you don't blaff hence I am here to say I will stop everything and make you proud...

(Wiping my tears) I was just desperate to be the perfect wife and seeing that Tendani already had someone he loved pushed me to wrong choices. I became jealous. Makhulu I feel so empty it's even worse because my parents don't care. They don't even call to ask how am I settling in with the Mudau's. They are only interested in the benefits this union brings.

I remember on my wedding day my mother said I should forget about love because all of this got nothing to do

with it but power and status to be honest I have fallen hard for Tenda. I love him my love for him is the reason why I am going to neglect all these plan and thoughts I had of harming Thobeka and her child.

It's sucks Makhulu having no one to talk to about my real feelings you know how I was groomed and prepare to be this ice cold queen who takes no shit from anyone but deep down I am empty. I wish you could hold me and tell me what everything is going to be okay.

I am all alone in this makhulu. It hurts.

"No you are not alone".

I quickly turn around and find Tenda standing behind me with his hands on his trouser's pockets. I wipe my tears and stand up.

Me:how did you find me?

Tendani: I looked for you in the palace and the guards said you left alone few minutes ago I had to track your car.

Me:(smiling) I tend to forget that's your speciality.

Tendani: come here.

He says opening his arms and hugs me. It is the first time he embraces me like this and I feel peace that I haven't had in a very long time.

Tendani: I know I have been hard and rude to you. I somehow forgot that just like me you didn't choose this.

Me: it's okay I guess I pushed too hard.

Tendani: I'm going to try and do better lets go home.

Me: can I introduce you to my grandma?

He keeps quiet for a moment and nods. I sit next to her tombstone and he crunched next to me.

Me: Gran with me is Tenda my husband..

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#MBONGENI

Me: welcome back home my love..

I say opening the door and putting the bags inside and Nomonde following me as we go to our bedroom. She stands in front of the mirror and start touching her face.

Nomonde: thank you God I have gained so much complexion.

Me: (hugging her waist) you have always been yellow my love

Nomonde: yeah well but now I am orange.

I laugh at that and kiss her.

Me: I missed you so so much. I am happy you are better and that we'll continue the treatment home.

Nomonde: I did it for myself and my sons..

Me:(smiling wide) did you just said "sons" wow I love you.

Nomonde: I love you too. I am a bit light headed babe can I sleep?

Me: okay no problem I am going to see my brother then I will be back shortly. What should I bring?

Nomonde: looks like you haven't done any grocery in a while and I am craving home cooked meal so I will send you the list.

Me: okay rest I'll be back .

I take my keys and drive to Zothile's estate whistling and singing along to the song. Walking inside I find Mpume feeding my kids I take the princess and feed her.

Mpume: your brother will be down just now he's on a conference call.

Me: no problem wifey how are these two rascals treating you?

Mpume: as much as they are driving me nuts but I wouldn't live without them really and I have amazing help from the family and my helper.

Me: I am glad to hear that you don't have to strain yourself and end up being depressed.

Mpume:that won't happen you should have brought Njabulo...

Me:argh maybe next time. I am from the house Monde is back..

Mpume:mhmm look at you smiling you are happy neh?

Me: you have no idea. I missed her so much...

Mpume: your love for her is beautiful yazi keep it up. When are you guys getting married because sekusele wena?

Me:(laughing) I don't think I want to get married yazi. No offense but to me marriage is overrated.

Mpume:none taken but have you spoken to her? Is she sharing the same sentiment like you?

Me:she is happy with our arrangement and it is working for us.

Mpume:okay let me tell you something. You see Ceaser my godfather he dated Signature for 10 years busy

saying the same thing. He was adamant that he doesn't want to get married at some point he even said even if he were to get married it wouldn't be her. Signature was cool and all but the moment Ceaser asked the question she said yes

What I'm trying to say about this? She wanted the marriage but had to settle for what Ceaser gave her because of her love for him of which is wrong and not fair. Yes there are people out there who don't believe in marriage and that's fine but then it's normal to want to marry and have kids.

Nurturing and loving is in every woman God planted that to each one of us some were changed by situations they faced in their lives. Talk to her about it and hear what she says and yes if it's not what you want don't do it to make her happy because you are the one who's going to suffer at the end of the day.

Let it be a mutual agreement from the both of you.

Zothile clapped his hands startling us as he walk up to her and kisses her.

Zothile: izinkomo zikababa azihambanga mahala lana (I didn't waste my father's cows marrying you)

Me:(smiling) she's the real gem.

Zothile: I know right? We can go I'm done.

Me:(putting Milly down)Makoti we are off. Thanks for the

talk I will definitely look into it.

Mpume: you are welcome babomncane next time bring Njabulo.

Me: I will.

#HULISANI

Tendani and I lay side by side silently after the steamy morning session. His chest going up and down and I could feel his seeds flow down my leg. I move to him drawing circles on his chest with my finger.

Me: have you thought about what I said?

Tendani: I will not bother because it's pure madness Sani.

Me: but then our tradition approves and it's the only way I can bear children for you.

Tendani: sometimes our tradition is messed up and this is the one I will not entertain. I can't sleep with your sister because I want kids . We'll look on all the possible options and see if we can't do anything.

Me: but the doctor said there's nothing we can do about it.

Tendani: it was one opinion we'll go for a second third or even overseas. The point is I am not sleeping with your sister to bare you children. The next thing they will be

telling me to marry her.

Let's see all the options privately before anyone knows about this okay?

Me: okay thank you. I expected you to kick me out of the house after this.

Tendani: (kissing my sweaty forehead) I am not a monster. I gotta get up my father and I have a meeting with the Nzhelele chiefs.

Me: okay let me prepare your clothes.

#SINDISIWE

Smanga had called me and asked that I accompany him to town to buy some paint and brushes for his new house. Right now we are driving in to drop them.

I don't know his former house but this one wow beautiful and out of this place. He walks up to me to the huge window i am standing by looking at the waves made by the sea.

He stand behind me and hold my waist pulling me to him.

Me: this view is perfect. Like imagine every morning standing here drinking your coffee.

Smanga: so it's going to be your favorite spot.

Me: didn't mean it like that but..

Smanga: Makhumalo soon this is going to be your house and space. You better start choosing your favorite part of it now.

I blush and turn around to face him.

Me: why don't we pain Olwethu's room?

Smanga: what? So much labor? I have Hired people for that.

Me:(laughing) stop being lazy it's going to be so much fun it's only one room after all.

Smanga: this is not on but yeah let's do it ma'am but we should be done during lunchtime I have to take my kids to the salon.

Me: cool let's get started then.

I take off my shirt and jeans putting on the overalls. He does the same thing and we head to Olwethu's room . We are going to paint it dusty pink giving it that girly look.

During the painting Smanga intentionally run the brush on my cheeks and laughs leaving the room as I gasp in shock. I look for him with my own brush I find him in the corner and he grabs my hands as I try to paint him too. We are too close as he is pinning my hands against the wall and above my head. The brush drops on the floor.

His hand brushes my face cupping it closer to his lips planting a soft peck on them. I feel all kinds of fireworks on my body activating. He release my hands and pick me up to the big glass table. The moment he puts me on top of it he doesn't waist more time but kiss me. He pours all his emotions in that kiss.

I kiss him back brushing the back of his head with my nails and he undo my overall dropping it on the floor. I am left with only my underwear and bra.

He pulls me to the edge of the table and kneels down my legs on his shoulders I feel his warm tongue greets my cookie jar.

I moan holding on the table for balance as he eats me up so damn good.

Smanga: you taste so good Makhumalo..

Me: Smanga...

Smanga: yes baby..

I don't know what to say after that I just close my eyes and let him eat me..

#THOBEKA

I am standing in front of Hulisani's room wondering if I should do this or what but after sometime I knock. A voice replies telling me to come in.

I open the door and slowly walk in they are not calling this room a master bedroom for nothing it's big and has almost everything. She's sleeping on her stomach with loads of files in front of her.

Me: I'm i disturbing you?

Hulisani:no you can come in.

She says sitting up and I sit on the couch nearby.

Me: sorry to bother you but I need your help.

Hulisani: okay?

Me: as you know the pre wedding ceremony is coming in few days Tendani's mom gave me this list of things to buy. Now my problem is that I can't even pronounce some of the words properly.

I say giving her the list she looks at it.

Hulisani:oh I see but some of the things she wrote down here are unnecessary and Available here in the palace.

Me:owh? You see I wouldn't have known. So.. I was wondering if you could come with me to the mall and assist?

I could have asked one of the maids but I felt like we needed to start over again and this was the chance.

Hulisani: are you serious?

Me:that's if you don't mind but I will understand if you are busy.

Hulisani:(smiling) I will be delighted to. Let me change then we can leave.

Me: but you are fine.

Hulisani: wait until you are officially married you will see how difficult it is to walk out of the house only on your leggings. Once you are married people will be watching every thing you do say and wear . I will be back.

She says disappearing inside her huge closet. I look around the room and come across their wedding picture framed on the wall.

I hold on my stomach and close my eyes exhaling.

Me: I am doing all of this for you my baby so that you can be born and grow in a peaceful environment.

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#NKOSAZANA

Sindi call saying she's outside and I open up for her

while going with Chantelle on my arm to open the door.

Sindi: hey Mam Ngidi.. hey baby.

She says taking Chantelle .

Me:what a pleasant nice surprise.

Sindi: argh I was around so I thought I should come and greet.

Me: you spend much time around this side lately were you visiting Zothile?

Sindi: no I Haven't been into his house yazi and now that you have mentioned it I am feeling bad I should pop by.

Me:ai ke nontombi if you weren't on our brother's house where are you coming from so early in the morning?

Sindi:(blushing)a friend's house.

Me: Sindisiwe Khumalo!

Sindi:(laughing) what?

Me: spill the beans I have to be at work in an hour.

Sindi: okay fine you are so nosy!

Me:uh uh you wanted to tell me so out with it already!

Sindi:okay fine I was at Smanga's new house..

Me: Amen! I never saw this one coming!

Sindi:we were painting and the next thing led to another and damn..

Me: look at you blushing! Anyway Smanga is like my elder brother so I will not ask much details because it is written all over your face you got it so good.

Sindi:he hit all the right angles girl we baptized that house with multiple orgasms.

We both crack up so loud oh my God she's so crazy.

Me:(wiping my tears) oh my word you are so nasty so niyajola manje? (Are you guys dating?)

Sindi: we haven't made it official but we are taking one step at a time and yeah we'll see.

Me:well I am now happy you are playing with the matured guys not kids Smanga is a good guy treat him right and who knows you will be the next Mrs.

Sindi: I don't want to rush him into that I actually want us to date go out do things nje as couples and I have loads of qualifications to obtain before thinking about getting married.

Me: I hear you and believe me it's exhausting sometimes I regret not using the opportunities I had

while single and young because jungling work school motherhood and being a wife isn't easy but I thank God for having a wonderful husband like Tshepiso who helps me ease the Lord.

Please look after that one while I finish up dressing then we'll leave and I will drop you off.

Sindi:okay no problem.

#THOBEKA

I stand in front of Tenda and help him with his tie. He is busy kissing me disturbing me in the process.

Me:(laughing) I am going to stop.

Tendani: sorry I just can't help it you are beautiful.

Me:Making me blush so earlythank you. There you go now you look handsome.

Tenda: a little bird told me that yesterday you and Hulisani went shopping?

Me: there's no secret in this house. But yeah they are not lying.

Tendani:owh okay how did that go?

Me:well actually she showed me the things I needed after that we did a mini shopping for the baby and had lunch.

Tendani:wow wish I was a fly to witness all of that happening. I know this is probably not easy for you baby but I truly appreciate you trying. It's really means a lot.

Me: fighting about it won't make any difference. I just want these last remaining months to be peaceful and I want to be happy.

Tenda: remaining months? Why are you talking as if you are dying?

Me:(smiling) of course not silly I am talking about the 4 remaining months on my pregnancy. I want them to be peaceful.

Tendani: I want you to be happy and know that I love you Thobeka you are the love of my life and I will forever be on your side and choose you no matter what. I still say you have the power to change and end all of this.

Me:(I smiled weakly wiping my tears) I am fine really I love you too and I want you to start treating Hulisani as your wife Because she is one show her affection and love her too.

Tendani: Thobeka...

Me:(pecking his lips) I will go take a bath have a great day ahead.

I leave him and go to the bathroom and hold on to my stomach as I feel the little pain kicking. I do the

breathing exercises and take off my clothes so that I can shower.

#HULUSANI

A knock comes through the door while busy with my make up I put the make up brush and goes to the door and move aside for Tenda to walk in.

Tenda: ndi matsheloni (good morning)

Me: ndi matsheloni avhudi vho vuwa hani? (Good morning how are you?)

Tenda: ne ndo takala vhukuma(I am fine thank you)

Me:what's wrong?

Tendani: can I ask a favor?

Me:yeah anything..

Tendani: please look after Thobeka for me I don't know but she's giving me weird vibes and I have a crazy dayback to back meetings but should you pick up something strange people call me.

Me: okay I will do so.

Tendani:(kissing my forehead) ndo livhuwa. (Thank you)

Me: you are welcome.

He leaves and I go back to the mirror and finish up my make up. What could be possible wrong with her? I mean she was fine yesterday. I put everything back and walk out to the kitchen and I don't find her.

Me: Mosima have you seen Thobeka?

Mosima: she hasn't left her bedroom ever since your husband left.

Me:okay thank you I will take her breakfast to her.

She brings me the tray and I walk to her bedroom and knock. I hear a shuffling sound before she opens. She has the white towel wrapped around her.

Me: hi breakfast in bed.

Thobeka:wow what did I do to deserve the treat?

Me: the husband thinks that you are not okay so that's why I'm here.

Thobeka:(rolling her eyes sitting down on the chair in front of the mirror) Tenda is overacting I am fine.

Me:(sitting on the couch) are you sure? Look I know we are not best of friends or anything but we are going to be married to one man that making us sisters I would love it if you can be able to open up to me and tell me if there's something that is bothering you.

Thobeka:(smiling) I would love that too but honestly I am

fine. You can go and do your things you don't have to baby sit me.

Me:(sighs)we just care about you that's all.

Thobeka:(getting up to her closet) and I truly appreciate it.

Me: Thobeka you are bleeding!

I say noticing the small drop of blood on her towel she looks at it unbothered.

Thobeka: owh that argh it's nothing hectic.

Me: what do you mean it's nothing hectic? You are pregnant and as much as I am not a doctor I know you are not supposed to be bleeding. Are you feeling any pain?

Thobeka:no im fine . Can you stop fussing!

Me:that's it I am calling Tenda! He did say I should call him if I see anything unusual.

Thobeka:(sighs) please don't. Please. Ok I will tell you just don't call him.

I look at her with my heart beating so damn hard and I don't know why.

Me: okay I am listening.

Thobeka: okay let me get dressed at least.

I nod sitting down tapping on the floor with my shoe. She puts on her leggings and Tendani's rugby t-shirt and sits on the bed.

Thobeka: come sit next to me.

I move from the couch and sits next to her .

Thobeka: on my last appointment with the doctor when I was home I was diagnosed with cervical cancer.....

Me: what? Did you tell Tenda?

Thobeka: no I didn't. I just want to have a peaceful normal pregnancy without him fussing all over me. I hope you are not going to tell him this Hulisani because I don't want him to have this fear of me dying during child birth.

Me:but how do you expect me to keep something so huge? Aren't you afraid?

Thobeka: at first I was but then I don't want to put myself and body on another unnecessary stress. (Taking my hand) this is why I want this marriage to work this is why I want us to have a good relationship so that should I die giving birth you can raise my child.....

Me:(shaking my head stopping my tears) please don't talk like that okay? You are going to be fine the ancestors are with you they will protect you and the

baby and you will survive. There's a cure and a way right?

Thobeka: yeah there is a way but then I want to prepare you should anything like that happens..

I wipe my tears I can't believe I am crying yes I once had Such thoughts but it was before I got to know her and accept the situation.

Me: don't prepare me for anything Tenda will not survive this Thobeka please.

Thobeka: with you by his side he will you have to be strong for the both of them. They will need you when I'm gone.

Me: ah ah Thobeka stop these talks please. The Mudau ancestors won't allow this to happen.

Thobeka: before the ancestors there's God who is the creator of life he is in control of every situation. We just have to accept and embrace it..

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(Unedited please excuse the errors)

#THOBEKA

I wiped my tears and pull Hulisani's wet face up.

Me: please chin up and smile. I am not dying Tomorrow or what we still have a lot to do together. Like planning my wedding. You are going to help me with the traditional parts as I have my white one long planned on my mind.

Hulisani:(sniffing wiping her tears)okay I'll help wherever you need me to help. But Thobeka don't you think you should tell Tenda?

Me: no and please don't. I will hate you Hulisani respect this for me.

Hulisani:it's just this is sad. Since we are Keeping each other's secrets I also have one load to share.

Me: okay...?

Hulisani:the doctor and Maine declared me infertile..

Me: what? Oh no! You mean the royal Maine.

Hulisani:no not the palace Maine but someone else I then went to the doctor who confirmed it. Tenda want us to get another option though.

Me: he is right maybe they are wrong.

Hulisani: that could be the case with you too what if..

Thobeka: I verified the information more than once I

have made peace with it.

Hulisani: anyone from your family? You need to inform one at least Thobeka.

Me:they will tell Tenda..

Hulisani: you are putting me in a very difficult position I won't be able to keep up such information to me this long..

Me:(I roll my eyes) you will do this to me Hulisani. Anyway I want to wear this suit on my white wedding.

It's a white long beautiful formal wedding jumpsuit.

Hulisani: you think Tenda will agree for you to wear it?

Me: I know which buttons to press for him to get me anything I want.

Hulisani:(laughing)cheesa gurl do share the recipe.

Me: strip for him girl.

She laughs and I relaxat least the mood is light now.

#NOMONDE

Mbongeni sits next to me and kiss my cheeks.

Mbongeni: how are you doing?

Me:I am feeling better now. How was your day?

Mbongeni: interesting and fun the business is growing meaning the next couple of weeks will be busy like crazy and making money.

Me:wow I am so happy for you you really are following on your elder Brother's footsteps..

Mbo: he crawled so that we can walk. Baby I want us to talk about something.

Me: sounds serious what is it?

Mbongeni: do you ever see yourself getting married? Even if not with me?

Me:(chuckling) what kind of question is that? Of cause I do who wouldn't want to get married?

Mbongeni: okay how soon do you think you can get married? Like give me a time frame..

Me:(sighs) okay I am 32 this year my wish is to settle down at 35. And you?

Mbongeni: I never really pictured myself getting married I am all about chasing my dreams and making a name for myself. But if however one day I think of getting married it would be at 40.

Me: that's like 10 years from now..

Mbongeni:yep and time really flies I know by then my boy will be 10maybe with a sibling preferable a sister you as the madam bigger house shopping in Paris with our kids.

Me: such a beautiful fantasy but I won't wait that long. I want to get married while still young and able to do amavosho. Look at your family Nandi married Thokozani at 20 Mpume married Zothile at 23 your sister recently got married at 26. So you see..

Mbongeni: that's them and we are all different. I know that the next coming years are going to be very busy to me as I am planning on going back to school and get my masters. I also need to be out of the country for sometime.

All of those things need money and time that I will clearly not have. Being married in the process will drain me because I will have to get a house kids growing up and the works..

Me: so what are you saying?

Mbongeni: I am saying that I love you true but marriage is not on the cards at the moment.

#NOMPUMELELO

I look at Jennifer in front of me and drink my coffee waiting for Zothile to arrive.

Jennifer: you have a beautiful baby

Me:thanks. Why are you here?

Jennifer: urhm..

Right then the door opens and Zothile walks in

Zothile: I came as fast as I could when you said its an emergency. What is it baby?

Me: Jennifer is here.

He turns and look at her direction his face changes immediately I hold his hand.

Zothile: what are you doing here?

Jennifer: Zothile hi. I came to see my child..

Zothile: (frowning) which child are you talking about?

Jennifer: Zothile don't be like that...

Zothile: don't tell me that bullshit Jennifer don't you dare! You don't have a child wena! Remember you dumped her here with us because your so called husband didn't want her? You chose a man over your own blood get the fuck of my house before you make me do something I will regret.

Oh feel free to go to the cops okay?

He clicks his tongue and take the stairs. I hate seeing

my husband angry now I am starting to feel angry too.

Jennifer:Mphume please talk to him Millicent is my only child ..

Me:what happened to the pregnancy you were gloating about when you dumped her?

Jennifer: I lost him after a month after birth

Me:(clapping my hands) you are so wicked! So that's they reason why you are here? Because your precious cargo died? If that wasn't the case you weren't going to set your foot here..

Jennifer: I just...

Me:(pushing her out of the door) ai voetsek get out of my house! Wadakwa umlungu boh!

5 MONTHS LATER

#SINDISIWE

Smanga and I stood by my favorite place at his house the big window and toasted.

Smanga: first degree bagged congratulations my love I am proud of you.

Me: I am proud of myself too I mean seeing my grandma crying tears of joy and wearing my belt. Mostly I am happy I had both mom and grandma on my special day.

He smiles and take the glass from me putting it on the table not far from here. Our relationship is officially and it's nothing but pure bliss.

He is boyfriending me so damn well I have no complaints. We are taking everything step by step he only introduced me to his kids last month and we clicked very well since then I have been spending much time in the house helping him around.

No I am not living with him my mom and grandma can kill me I visit and leave. I never thought that after so long being dribled by umjolo so badly I would actually find happiness. I am yet to meet the ex wife face to face because she knows about our relationship but we have never met.

Last time she came to fetch the kids I locked myself in the bedroom until she left. I can safely say I am not ready shame.

He takes my lips into his kissing me and I respond to the kiss. He pins me against the window his hand working on my zip at the back and my dress drops on the floor. He turns me around my face against the glass and I feel his fingers enters me I moan placing my hands on the window.

Smanga:(whispering on my ear) Fuck you are so wet baby..

He says brushing his hard shaft against my entrance up

and down . I want him in already .

Smanga:tell me to fuck you tell me you need me inside you right now..

Me:oh gosh please fuck me..

Smanga:(slapping his tip on my entrance)uh uh baby don't beg me demand it from me.

I turn and look at his horny small red eyes.

Me: fuck me.

Smanga:that's more like it..

He says picking me up my legs wrap around his waist I gasp as he enters me hard.

Me:oh God!.

Smanga: fuck Sindisiwe this is good..

He says thrusting faster and deep I bury my face on his neck biting him in the process when orgasms attacks me so hard. He fucks me right through my orgasms and I nearly fall because I let go of his neck he puts me down and turns me around spanking my ass before sliding it in on my sloppy wet pussy.

Smanga:fuck!

He thrusts on a faster pace and I moan senseless and I feel him fiddling with my fingers..

Smanga:(breathing heavily) marry me Sindi....

Huh? I can't even think properly because he is hitting it deep. I see something flash against the window and look at my fingers to see the ring. His hand goes to my throat softly choking me with his dick deep inside..

Smanga: say yes please..

Me: God.. oh .. yes..

Smanga: huh?

Me: yes I will marry you.

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#SINDISIWE

I open my eyes and look at Smang who has his arms wrapped around me. Last night neh. Wow I don't even know where to start. So I am engaged like I am someone's fiancée? How amazing.

Smanga:stare it all you want but it's real.

He says in a husky morning voice and I giggle learning over kissing his lips

Me: morning baby your proposal was a scam though.

He laughs and pulling me closer to him.

Smanga: how so?

Me: I mean how could I have said no when you were deep hitting it all good?

Smanga: you wanted to say no?

Me: not really but ..

Smanga: then there's no but. We love each other we are both adults and I want you next to me everyday.

Me: you are amazing. Let me get up and get ready Mpume is taking me to the girls squad.

Smanga: I am also meeting up with the wolves I hope they treat you good.

Me: I hope so too but at least I have Zana and Mpume on my corner.

Smanga: (running his hand between tighs) so my proposal was a scam?

He asks grinning so wide opening my tighs with his knee and I blush.

Me: yes it was. You have to propose again. This time I want all the romance the bling bling with long ass nice

speeches.

Smanga: (laughing)anything for you ma'am..

I feel his hard rock dick entering me and I close my eyes taking him all in as he grunt on my ear.

#HULISANI

I peek at the door and Tendani is laying on the bed with his stomach. I open the door and tip toe to him and tickle him. He quickly rise up laughing.

Tenda: Hulisani no marn I am trying to sleep.

Me:sleep for what dearest husband? Get up I have some news!

The 3 of us have grown so close the past 5 months after Thobeka's high classy weeding we decided to seek various options of falling pregnant and I was told there is a chance. To say I was happy would have been an understatement.

We opted for the IVF and I tested positive for pregnancy I kept the news about it due to failure of being disappointed but today when Thobeka accompanied me for a check up the doctor confirmed that I am 2 months pregnant. Thobeka told me now I can inform Tendani speaking about her I am scared really because she is due to deliver anytime now.

Tendani: someone is happy so what's up?

I sit on his lap and open my bag taking out the printed scan picture and handing it to him.

Me:(brushing his head)how does the news of you being a father again sound?

Tendani:what? You are so sneaky you kept this from me so long!

Me: I needed to be sure and yeah..

Tendani:(kissing me all over) thank you thank you thank you. This is the awesome. Wow two babies on the way..

I smile and he kisses me placing me on the bed. I respond fully to it..

Thobeka screams

Me:(jumping and pushing Tenda away) Thobeka!

I put on my shoes and run to her bedroom and find her holding the mirrors of the dressing table with her hand on her stomach. I look down and see some water between her legs and my heart races so fast. Tenda is behind me.

Thobeka: it's time.

She finally told Tenda the news and to say he was so attached Thobeka reminded me everyday why she wanted to keep the news to herself.

Me:oh my Godokay I will get the bag Tenda get her to the car!

I say running to the closet looking for her maternity bags.

Tendani:(wrapping her arm around her waist)are you okay?

Thobeka: (calmy) I'm fine. I love you okay?

Tendani: I love you more let's get you to the hospital.

I run with the bags to the car and quickly run to the Maine's hut and in form him that Thobeka is going into labor.

Tenda gets her at the back of the car I take the wheel with the other maid on the passenger seat driving out with two cars following us.

I keep on looking at her on the mirror and she is so calm and quiet Tenda keeps on making small conversation I can't imagine what she's thinking or what he's feeling right now. We all can hope and pray for the best out of this.

The moment we arrive at the hospital doctors and nurses are waiting for us with the bed they wheel Thobeka to the maternity ward. I hold Tenda's sweaty hands and hug him. His heart is beating so damn fast his eyes are red and it's only then that I notice he's

crying

Me:it's going to be fine my love.

Tendani:I'm scared..

Me: don't be.

We wait for about an hour until the doctor tells us to walk inside. The baby is placed on her chest it's a beautiful baby boy Tenda cuts the amblical cord while I wipe her sweaty forehead.

Me:well done girl you delivered a beautiful baby.

Thobeka:(weakly) please take him and be good to him name him Mulalo.

The doctor wraps the baby with some cloth and the machines starting beeping like crazy they push us out all running to her .

Dr: she's having eclampsia!

Fuck no! No Thobeka fight!

Tenda pulls me into a tight hug and I cry on his chest and he is quite I only feel his tears dropping on my head.

#THE LADIES

Mpume: guys with me I have my half sister in law Sindi who told me the great news that her and Smanga are

engaged.

Sneh:halala right now! Smanga doesn't fear committed I Stan.

Gugu: I know Thandiwe is my friend but Smanga deserve to be happy so congratulations dear and welcome to the club.

Nandi:(smiling) another wedding to plan please don't deny us the fun like Zana did.

Nkosazana:ai bo Mina I was cutting the unnecessary costs. Congratulations baby im the matron of honor.

Sindi:(laughing) Tebello won't like that

Nkosazana: eix konje there's that one?

Mpume:now the rules.

Sneh:Yes please INDODA awuyishayi!

Gugu: don't put other people or things before him. Your family should be your priority.

Mpume: you don't shout at him in front of people even if you feel what he's doing is wrongdo that behind closed doors. With that said I don't mean be the " yebo baba" type of wife voice your thoughts and emotions in a calm respectable manner.

Nandi: love his kids respect him and be a good wife.

Nkosazana: give him sex girl don't use sex as punishment to men it is a need. Don't give him a reason to go look for it outside.

Sindisiwe sat there smiling and listening to them. She was very skeptical about how they we're going to welcome her but right now she is overwhelmed.

Mpume: now tell us how did he propose?

Sindi:(blushing drinking her wine) you seriously don't want to know.

Them: mhmm go on..

THE WOLVES

They were all gathered up at Ceaser's club The Credentials.

Thokozani:awucucuzi wena Smanga uyashada manje nje! (You don't waste time you marry so fast).

Smanga: wait for what for who? Life is too damn short.

Mbongeni: I wish I was like you.

Zothile:which reminds me how did Nomonde take the news?

Mbongeni: not well u girl wants to get married at 35. I am going to release her so that she can find a man who

will marry her before that because I won't.

Tshepiso: I hope we are marrying you for the last time.

Smanga:ai Lona usofa silahlane wami indlu yami yokugugela. She's not a rebound or anything like that but my happily ever after.

Zakes: you deserve it. I am happy for you chief.

Ceaser came out of his office and joined them with the expensive bottle of his whiskey they cheered excitedly and Zothile's phone rang. He moved from the them to answer it on a distance.

The laughter died when they saw his facial expression.

Tshepiso:Mzothi what happened?

Zothile: that was Tendani. He just informed me that Thobeka passed away after giving birth to their son.

Them: what? No guys!

Silence filled them only Tshepiso's sniffs were heard. Zothile rubbed his red eyes.

Zakes: this is bad we were sabaweling their flashy wedding months back and now this?

Zothile: I still can't believe it she looked fine and healthy. Gentlemen I know Tendani is not our friend but I will ask that we support him in this difficult time. He is probably

loosing it wherever he is.

Tshepiso: definitely Reinie was my girl to actually think she called me a week ago and we spoke about an hour. I was surprised as to why she called me so long because she doesn't love phone calls you know she reminded me of the first time we met. Her working for me and the day she met Zothile we laughed so hard about all those crazy memories we shared.

Smanga:(tapping his shoulder) it was her way of saying goodbye to you mfana.

Thokozani: I am going to speak to our drivers and send them down there. I am pretty sure it's going to be a huge royal funeral they will need the transport.

Zothile: definitely all of our taxis should be released.

Zakes: share his account details so that we can contribute something to help ease up the burden.

Mbongeni: will see from my recent collection a suit he is going to wear on the day.

Ceaser: you guys can use my jet to fly down there.

Zothile: thank you guys I am pretty sure he is going to appreciate this.

Smanga: him being your business partner makes him family too so it's not a big deal.

Zothile: I prayed for friends but God gave me brotherhood. I love you guys.

They group hugged in silent as each and every one of them thought of a memory they have of Thobeka Reinie Makhanda.

*****THE END*****

Thank you for reading up to this far. This is our last story this year till we meet next month on a new year as I take a well deserved break.

It's been one hell of the year and ride. Enjoy your festive season and be safe until we meet on the next new year story.

I love you all.