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Insert1:

The guards busted through the doors holding a woman in his hands who was covered in full blood and she was barely conscious. I directed them to the room downstairs and he placed her on the bed and I used my ex-Military skills to check her and I noticed that the blood wasn't hers but she was badly beaten

Me: where did you get her?

Guard: by the apple tree at the far back, I was doing my rounds.

Me: anything with her?

Guard: nothing. I nodded and he left as I stood there looking at her. Her eye was shut closed. Her face was swallow and I saw she has a few cracked ribs. The marks on her hands show a

difficult fight. I closed the door and walked to the kitchen and washed my hands just as my sister walked in.

Khanyisa: So, you ignoring our calls?

Me: you know where I stay right?

Khanyisa: that beside the point though.

Me: well, here you are.

Khanyisa: we coming tomorrow

Me: for?

Khanyisa: we haven't had Sunday lunch for the past two months ever since dad death.

Me: what do you want from me?

Khanyisa: family Sunday lunch like old times.

Me: whatever sis. I left her standing the way that she was to wash my hands and make a sandwich than I felt her hands behind me hugging me like how she usually does when she is about to manipulate me.

Khanyisa: you are our only hope. Yes

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you work hard to make sure the family name still lives and we appreciate that and stepping in dads' shoes that big but you need to live too. Stop hating yourself for the times you were not here. We are over that okay. Now lunch tomorrow at 1. I'll tell the others and ill speak to your cook.

Me: I wish I wasn't a Twin.

Khanyisa: Well now we can't change the hands of time now. She patted my hand.

White room

I woke up and I saw lights and I panicked. Oh God please don't tell me they found me and took me hostage again. I moved and saw that my hands were not tied so I relaxed a bit. I tried to open my right eye but it had too much pain so I just sat there and tried not to open it. I did my normal breathing pattern and tried to be calm. I tried to move but my body complained so I

just sat there. I turned to find a guy standing by the door. I looked at him he was dark and tall and clean. He had a full beard and had a short-brushed hair. His chest had muscles and he slowly moved from the door walking in.

Him: hi

Me: Hi. My throat and voice sounded off. He poured water for me in a glass and gave me and I drank slowly since it pained and I remembered that it must be from Jack strangling me.

Him: My guard found you in my yard at the far end next to the Clift under the tree. So, he brought you here. I nodded remembering the run of my life that I did only to find that there is no more ground for me to run on and I slouched to the rock under the tree giving in to my exhaustion. I did contemplate jumping off that Clift but something held me but I guess it was just exhaustion. And now here I am.

“do you want to talk about it?”

Me: I'll be out of your hair tomorrow morning. He nodded and turned and left as I closed my eyes with tears rolling down my cheeks. Where will I go? Who will help me? Where am I? How can I sound so ungrateful to a man that probably saved my life?

Kitchen

I got there dished out the food for both of us than placed it on the table than took out my father wheelchair from the store room wiped it and went there to get her. I found her staring at the ceiling.

Me: hi again. She turned and I saw tears but acted like I see nothing. "am here to help you up so we can eat."

Her: am not hungry.

Me: well, am hungry and am not about to eat knowing someone down here not eating. I moved closer with the chair

and she shifted so I helped her get on the chair than I took a blanket and placed on her to cover all the blood.

Her: uhm, can I bath first. She whispered. I remembered the blood and wheeled her to the bathroom that has a shower. I left her there than got her my long grey pants and hoodie and left it on the room across from the bathroom.

Me: you can use the room across. I left and went to the lounge and lit the fire place than took the food to the coffee table. What happened to her for her to be so shut off? What is she running from? Who is she and how the hell did she get here in a middle of nowhere?...

insert 2:

Khaya

I got out of the bathroom and moved to the other room in slow motion and took the clothes and wore them. When done I sat down on the chair and rolled to where I can hear someone was eating and found him eating. I took the plate and mumbled thank you and began to eat. We ate in silence as the TV was also very low. When we were done, he cleaned up the dishes.

Him: my name is khayaletu but you can call me khaya. I nodded

Me: Kailani is my name.

Khaya: what a unique name.

Me: Thank you, and mostly thank you for everything. He nodded and walked to sit by the couch and watched what was on the TV in front of him.

Me: I'll go sleep and just than there was a knock and he looked at me.

Him: stay here. I nodded. He walked to the door.

Khaya

I found the two guys standing there without any of my guards behind and I wondered where did they enter.

Me: hi

Them: hi

Me: how can I help?

Them: we looking for our sister, we from the near farm an she has been missing since morning so was wondering if you have seen here or passed by?

Me; what her name? They both looked at each other and one looked at me smiling “ Sne”

Me: nope I haven't seen any Sne walking around here. They nodded and turn. “if I do, I'll let you guys know, please leave me your numbers”. They smiled wider and rumbled up they numbers and I took it down and we said our goodbye. When I closed the door, I called my tech guy Siz.

Me: am going to send you a bunch of numbers I need you to dig on them and I need you to trace they whereabouts at all cost.

Siz: you just couldn't retire.

Me: just do it please. I hang up and walked to the lounge to find her sleeping on the chair. So, I picked her up and walked to the extra bedroom and placed her on the bed than took a bottle of water and placed it by her side and closed the door and went upstairs.

Kailani

I woke up to some voices and I sat there thinking what if he has some guest or his girlfriend here and

Baby voice: Hi. I looked at the door and saw the young little girl that was standing there. She looks so cute with her tiny nose and has no front teeth making her extra adorable.

Me: Hi. She walked in to my bed and jumped on it and got in the blanket next to me.

Her: Am Minnie and wena?(and you)

Me: Kailani

Minnie: what does it mean?

Me: its means sea and sky.

Minnie: so why bengakhubizanga ngo lwandle or amafu.(so than why didn't they name you sea or sky)

Me: my dad says that am a calm person by nature like the sky and when am angry am like the sea at night. She nodded as if she understood.

Me: how old are you?

Minnie: am 6 years old.

Me: nice, you a big girl. she giggled.

Minnie: that what my dad always says.

Me: well

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your dad is right.

Minnie: are you uncle Khaya Girlfriend. I choked at my own breath and looked at her.

Me: where do you get that?

Minnie: Mom and uncle khaya were talking about you in the kitchen, uncle khaya wants to cancel today lunch because he says something came up. So, mom kept asking yini leyo(what is that) and he said he has a guest. Then mom was like “ nje awunantombi wena”(it's not like you have a girlfriend over) than they just continued from there and I saw the door slightly open here and I walked in. So, are you the girlfriend? I looked at her with so much shock. Did she just replay a whole conversation for me?

Me: have your dad ever told you that you smart too? She giggled that satisfied laugh.

Minnie: uncle khaya always says I am the smartest girl in the room.

Me: well, you are little one. I got up and she helped me fixed the bed. When done I walked to wash my face and my eye was slowly opening but still painful so I let it be.

Minnie: did you fall?

Me: yeah

Minnie: sorry.

Me: thank you. We walked to the lounge and saw how busy it was with people in black uniforms walking around up and down.

Lady; I have been looking for you all over Minnie.

Minnie: I found uncle khaya girlfriend. We both turned and looked at her. Her mom in embarrassment and I in shock and just than Khaya walked in looking more handsome than last night. He was wearing a white golf shirt and black shorts and sandals with a big black watch. His face frowned when she looked at us and walked to me. He placed his hands on my face and I kept quiet as he looked right in to my eyes or should I say I since one was shut and he breathed a heavy sigh.

Khaya: I need to get you a patch. And you not using the chair today why?

Me: I didn't even notice.

Khaya: any pains? He was still holding my face and he was whispering.

Minnie: you see she is his girlfriend, uncle khaya is holding her like how daddy holds you before he leaves for work.

Lady: *asambe wena ukhuluma njalo*(come let go, you talk too much). He looked down and let go of my face than moved a step back.

Khaya: am having my family over for Sunday lunch, want to join?

Me: I don't have anything to wear. I mumbled.

Khaya: than come let go shopping for something to wear. I looked at the door and had a mini panic what if Jack and his guys are still there waiting for me or looking for me. He looked at the door and looked at me.

Khaya: I got you. I have no idea how he read my mind that I was scared but that reassured me and we walked out to the garage. This feels like a villa so many cars.

Khaya: Come this way. I walked to a full black Hummer with tinted windows. He helped me up on to the car and walked to his end and got in. "I won't eat you" he watched me as I moved

closer to the door. I tried smiling but my fear made it impossible for me to be calm or to be less panicky. We got at the mall and I watched as everyone turned with us and he walked like he didn't just see that everyone is looking at us. Somehow my hand was in his and we were walking and that didn't scare me. He directed me in to Woolworths.

Khaya: pant or skirts or dresses?

Me: a dress I'll be nice. He nodded and walked to that side.

Khaya: what size you were?

Me: 32

Khaya: and the shoes?

Me: 6.

Khaya: cool we walked to customer service desk and a cute girl came by and he didn't even smile.

Khaya: ill like everything that you have here that a size 32 and every shoe and any two or 3 hats and all kinds of shades and any accessories that you think this lovely lady might like. While you organize that for us, we will be at the cosmetic side. I just stood there frozen and he pulled me to the side as if he just hasn't said what he wants. I felt myself panic, how on earth am I going to pay for this?

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Kailani

I looked at the items at the back and looked at khaya and I kind of felt the tears run down my face.

Me: am not sure how ill pay you back, you didn't have too.

Khaya: I know I wanted too. Look I know we don't know each other but yesterday two man who didn't even know you by name came looking for you. I felt the panic in me and I couldn't breathe and all I kept hearing was him saying breath and that was difficult and I felt that we were not moving and, in a few minutes, he left than re appeared with his cool finger by the side of my face.

Khaya; you need to breath Kailani. I really tried and then I felt dizzy and passed out. I woke up to feeling a little disoriented and I sifted to find he was holding me like how he was holding a baby.

Me: am sorry

Khaya; it's okay, don't think about it just breath okay. I nodded and we sat there in silence. He shifted me and looked at me and I looked down. He placed my head up and made me look at him.

Khaya; I got you okay? No will take you away from me. Am not going to push you to tell me what wrong but have got you. All I could do was curl up to him and cry. I cried of all the times I had to fight alone and all the things I have been rough. The heartache, the pain and the horror of being me. And now here is a man that telling me he has gotten me. That has shown me so much kindness. Kindness that I have never known ever since I was 18 years.

Jack

“she cannot just disappear just like that”

T-man: well, we looked everywhere and she not there?

Me: and the ranch at the top?

T-man: that the first place that we looked at.

Me: she is worth 1million all alone, the boss picked him herself. She still a virgin and we have kept her that way for a reason. Now find her or I'll kill you both. They looked at me.

Me: get cracking niggas that my retirement walking out there and if she comes back touched or de flowered ill chop your nuts off.

Kailani

I looked at myself on the mirror and I looked beautiful in the long light green dress that had long sleeves to cover my burnt marks. It was long and hugging so it served the purpose of covering up. I took the makeup that he got me after he insisted that he has seen his sisters with it and I didn't my best to cover my blue eye. I wore the reding glasses he got me and looked at

myself once more and I looked presentable so I left the room moving towards the kitchen where there were a lot of people the minute I was there, there was silent as all eyes were on me.

Khaya

I watched as the family took her in from head to toe and I felt my heart do a mini flip flop. she was remarkably beautiful. She was very dark in complexion and somehow that suited her. She was close to looking like she looks like a person from the top west. She had perfect small boobs, a waist to die for and an ass to kill for. Her our glass shape was amazing. She was tall but not too tall but close to being a model like tall. Her lips were full and her eyes were the best, they were grey in color as if she was angry yet not so as if she was seducing you but her body language spoke of something else. I walked to her and she took step back like how she always does when am closer.

Me; you look good

Kailani: thank you.

Me: let me introduce you. Guys this is a friend of mine Kailani. Kailani these are my sisters and brother in laws and of cause my baby brother. They all greeted her

I knew they had questions as I have never introduced them to any woman. Plus, this is not my woman this is just a friend. I watched as my sister made her feel welcomed and for the first time watched her smile. Minnie was sitting on top of her.

Minnie: if I can change mothers ill make you my mother. We all laughed.

Kailani: well, we can be best friend though. I watched as Minnie face light up and they hugged for their new found friendship

Kumani: so, where you from. There was silence since I did brief the family before about the situation but no trust my little big mouthed sister to blurt that out.

Kailani: we moved a lot so am not sure. Everyone was silent.

Khulekani: you moved locally or aboard? I gave him a look and he acted like he can't see me. Everyone was just being out of script. I watched her and she wasn't showing a bone of being uncomfortable.

Kailani: where ever Jack decided for us to go we went.

Khanyisa: who is Jack?

Kailani: my step dad, my mother died giving birth to me, it has always been Jack and I. I watched at how coolly she explained and I took in the coldness of her voice about this jack character.

Khanyisa: am sorry for your loss.

Kailani; thanks. She added some potatoes and the mood went light as they all started eating.

Khanyisa; well, it's nice that we doing this.

Phumla: it's been a while. She looked at me and smiled. She has always been the sensitive sister.

Me: you all know you are always welcomed.

Khanyisa; we do and thank you. We all ate making small talk and I watched her by the corner of my eyes and I saw how she was free and comfortable around everyone. My phone beeped and I knew it was Siz. I read the text “ Let me know when you alone” I got up and walked to the office.

Me: Yeah

Siz: what did you just get yourself into man, this is horrible man.

Me: am all ears.

Siz: That the Nigerian cartel burner numbers.

Me: what are they doing here?

Siz: I have no idea, you tell me.

Me: I have no idea too. Can I give you a name to look up and check what it pulls up?

Siz: sure

Me: kailani and jack. Find out if they are any relations and if yes what are they.

Siz; am guessing you don't have they last names?

Me: no, I don't

Siz: give me two hours and I'll be back.

Me: okay. I hang up to find my baby brother by the door.

Khulekani: this is one of your cases?

Me: I have no idea what you talking about.

Khulekani: so, you wouldn't mind if I asked her out?

Me: ask who out.

Khulekani: your lovely guest. Am not sure why that made me angry but it did and somehow that made my brother laugh his head off and run out of the office.....

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Kailani

After the family has left and I have helped cleaned everything the house felt kind of empty without their loud voices. I walked to the bedroom and all the clothes that he has brought was already set up in the new room that he moved me too. I walked around the small mini closet. Who does such and never expect anything in return? He has invited me to his home with no extra cost, he has got me clothes and he feeds me and not once has he said I must pay for any of the things that he has done for me. I walked out and found him standing by the room doorway leaning by the door frame.

Khaya: Hi

Me: hi

Khaya: you good? I looked at him and saw the concern in his eyes and he really cared about my wellbeing.

Me; yeah, am good and thank you.

Khaya: it's a pleasure. I won't be around tomorrow so be free to do as you please and walk around. I do have guards on standby and of course my chef and house keeper here. I nodded and somehow, I felt some type of way with him leaving and not being here. "well goodnight" he turned and left and I threw myself on the bed and flinch on the pain that flew right to my core.

Sibusiso Xulu

I walked in and found my wife in a ball crying her eyeball out and I knew that today was going to be one hell of a tough day. My beautiful Kailani would have been 25 years. It has been 20 years since she was taken from us and we have tried by all means trying to find her to no avail. It has been % years since she has been marked as dead and that has matter worse here a home. I went to her and held her in my arms as I felt the pain of losing our girl cut through her. When she was done, she turned and looked at me with a shaky smile.

Samkelisiwe: is it weird that as much as you have made peace with her death

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I somehow still feel like she is alive? I hated it when she spoke like this torturing herself some more.

Me: you need to let go love; you need to let go so the pain doesn't consume you anymore. She gone, now we just have to deal with it and move on. She held on to me and slowly did her breathing exercises until she was calm losing a child without any closure is the most painful than that a person can ever go through.

Khaya

I woke up early to a bath and wore my full black suite and walked out to the car to the headquarters that were based in Durban. Got in there and greeted Siz.

Siz: that was quick

Me: Am all yours now walk me through everything.

Siz: well, where do I start?

Me: the beginning. Siz laid out a couple of pictures. He pointed at the two most beautiful couple. He didn't need to tell me for me to know that these are Kailani parents.

Siz: This is Mr and Mrs Xulu they child was kidnapped 15 plus years ago while they were out on vacation. They have never had a call or text or anything in regards to having they kid back. She just vanished as if she has never been there. He then pointed at another picture.

Siz: this Is Jack the guy that has been a father/ kidnapper of Kailani. He has been making money off her in selling her for parties and making her blow and have Oral intercourse every person for a fee. Now she has been auctioned off in over 3Million Rands to the highest bidder. Jack deals with cars, woman and selling body parts and I think Kailani has been the one that lur the man and woman that get chopped and sold for

witchcraft. Now let move to the other people who are part of the ring and work for him. He is currently staying a few yards away from where you are, I think that how she ran away.

Me: why haven't you made and arrest?

Siz: no proof that he has been doing what his suspected of hence he still operates.

Me: Now what?

Siz; The big boss just learnt you have a potential witness to all Jack and Nigerian cartel crimes and we can close so many cases of kids, woman and man that have disappeared so we need her to testify.

Me: and he wants me to work on her?

Siz: his in his office.

Me: Thanks buddy. I walked to the operations manager office with so many questions in my mind. This explains the dirty clothes she had on. This explains why she is wary of man and it explains why she is the way that she is. Now do I take this case and let her know what happening or I take the case and act like nothing is happening and let her open up all by herself?..

Insert5:

Kailani

I got up and wore my black leggings and white top and tennis shoes that he got me and went to take a hat and some shades. Today am going to walk around the place check it out so if ever shove comes to push I'll be ready to make a dash for it. I walked out and found a lady who was busy fussing about.

Her: Morning Madam . Now that shocked me since I have never been called that in my life. I smiled at hi.

Me: Hi

Her: breakfast is ready.

Me: oh, thank you but am not that hungry I'll eat a little bit later.

Her: am sorry Mr. K said that I should let you go anywhere without having breakfast.

Me: oh, I see. I walked towards the kitchen and there was a mountain of food and I looked at her. "so much food"

Her: enjoy. I just poured myself oats and had that washed it down with some juice than grabbed an apple and some bottled water and walked out.

Guard: hi. I turned and looked at him and smiled.

Me: hi

Guard: am Melusi I'll be your chauffer for today.

Me: oh no am just walking around.

Melusi: he said not to let you out of sight. I nodded off because he will say that he cares so much about my wellbeing that it

amazes me at times. I turned around and started walking and I remembered that Khaya said the guard found me.

Me: do you know the guard that found me?

Melusi: that would be me. I stopped and turned to look at him.

Me: well, thank you for saving me

Melusi: my pleasure. I turned and walked with melusi in silence as I falling deeper and deeper in love with this amazing place. The house was in the middle of nowhere and it was a mansion but more of that modern kind. The landscape was to die for. There was a helicopter pad in the middle of nowhere. Tennis courts and a ruby ground/ soccer. by the far left there was a barn. I walked there in amazement and saw # men standing outside.

Me; hi

Them: hi

Me: sorry I was just walking around hope you don't mind. They both looked at each other and looked at Melusi who shrugged and they shrugged too.

Melusi

I watched how she carried herself thought all the interaction with everyone here and I saw the workers loved her and her kindness she was now at the barn looking at the horses and I was sitting with the guys.

Skala: This is new, boss has a lady over

Me: she the lady we found.

Skala: look at God, Yazi rich people have it easy. The have all the money in the world than Bra God be like awuthi ngi ku blesse ngisiqhanda mathi esihle(Than God is like let me bless you with a beautiful woman) lapho thina siyoshela kuze kuphele amathi intombi yabantu ithi isayocabanga(In the mean

time we will ask a person out for ages for them to say yes) I started laughing like crazy. Trust Skala to be a comedian.

Skala: ngempela sbari buka muhle kaji? Buka nje ngathi ugeza nge bisi umadam.(look at how beautiful she is

it's like she baths with milk) I watched her nuzzle the horse and the horse was affectionate to her touch.

Me: well, am just glad the boss has a woman now and someone that can make him happy.

Skala: for a second there I though he was gay the way he has saved all of us from starvation. I laughed.

Me: you are one crazy person.

Khaya

I drove home with so many questions but I just couldn't shake all the wholes here. There have to be a bigger picture here. I

got in and parked then walked out to the lounge and the smell of fresh cooked hit my face. This time it was different the aura of the house and the laughing I was hearing from the other end. I walked to the kitchen and there she was fussing with the pots and I watched the old lady who was a cook looking into the pot.

Chef: you know am the one supposed to be cooking and you are supposed to be doing something else.

Kailani: are you afraid ma Mavis that I will take your job. She laughed her throaty laugh and I felt heart do a flip flop and my dick twerk a bit.

Chef: aha in your dreams Miss k. she laughed and I smiled. She turned and looked at me and she smiled.

Kailani: hi.

Chef: Mr. K. she was embarrassed and looked down.

Me; I see someone is trying to steal your job.

Kailani: who? Me? Never we just experimenting here. Tell him Ma.

Chef: she wanted to cook for you.

Me: it's cool.

Kailani: well, the food will be ready in a few I'll call you when am we done. I nodded and left since I was making my chef un easy.

Kailani

Me: well, let look for a container now, so I can dish up for you and you can share with your kids at home. I saw tears in her eyes and I wasn't sure what I did? I have never spent so much time with an old lady. A motherly figure. Maybe I offended her. "am sorry"

Ma Mavis: for what?

Me: you have tears in your eyes

Ma Mavis: happy tears my child. Thank you. She gave me a side hug and I dished up for her than she set the table for me and I walked her to the door. “well thank you for today it was nice’

Me: yeah, thank you for spending time with me. She smiled and walked away. I turned and went to the kitchen found Khaya there.

Khaya: I see you made friends.

Me: that happens when you free.

Khaya: you had fun?

Khaya

I watched her face light up and smile.

Kailani: your place is amazing. Its huge and there so much to see and to do. The horses are amazing and your live stock is so big. Not to mention your employees they are amazing. I really had fun today.

Me; I can see

Kailani: well, I cooked

Me; what did you cook.

Kailani: sit down and wait and see... she smiled her dazzling smile and I swear I felt my heart squeeze. What the hell is going on with me?..

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Khaya

Me: wow that was amazing.

Kailani: Well that what happens when you good with your hands.

Me; well thank you. I got up and helped her with the dishes when we were done, we walked to the lounge and sat there with a glass of whiskey on my hand and her with juice. "well, there something I need to talk to you about"

Kailani

I felt my bones chill. Please don't tell me that I have to pay up now.

Me: yeah? I drank the juice to calm myself.

Khaya: you know you are welcomed for as long as you need to stay here right?

Me: yes, and thank you.

Khaya: well, I think honesty will serves us so we can learn to trust each other.

Me: I can be honest

Khaya: it's not you that am worried about its me. So here it goes. I am a federal agent for our government and the intelligence force for special crimes around the world. Now that took me back. Never have I ever had a chance to meet a whole agent live. The last time I use to hear about agents was when there are on Tv and that it.

Me: wow I didn't know

Khaya: not everyone knows my family thinks am at the special force.

Me: so why are you telling me?

Khaya: well today at work I was handed your case.

Me: my case?

Khaya: yes, your case. Am not sure how to say this but the guy who you take as your step father Jack is not who he thinks he is? I felt my head spin and he walked to his bag and took out a file than came with it to the couch.

Khaya: look ill help you so long as you let me help you but first

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I need you to trust me. Do you trust me? I felt myself shake my head yes and he looked at me and open a file took out a picture and handed it to me. U looked at the two proper dressed people. And my mind clicked.

Me: why are you showing me them?

Khaya: do you know them?

Me: Yes, every Sunday Jack will drive me to their house we will wait outside and watch them get ready for church at 9:15am they leave their house. The husband always forgets his keys and the wife always throws it at him and he laughs and they go.

Khaya: have he ever told you why he takes you there?

Me: he says they love reminds him of that his family had and that about it. Why you showing me they picture.

Khaya: well that your mother and father. My heart stopped for a moment than looked at him and he wasn't joking. I started shaking and couldn't believe that Jack could do this to me.

Me: so, you trying to tell me that all these years. I have been a walking distance to my family and yet I stayed with Jack and suffered. I felt my head spin and I don't know when and how but it was lights out for me.

Khaya

I picked her up walked with her to my room and placed her on my bed. Switched on the aircon and walked to change and when done walked to the sleeper couch in the room and sat lay there until I dozed off.

Samkelisiwe

I woke up with such a fright and Sbu looked at me with so much worry on his face.

Sbu: what wrong?

Me: oh, nothing it's just a dream.

Sbu: aw khuluma nami mama(talk to me)

Me: it's funny but I can sense her. I watched as the light in his eyes die. I know he wants us to put this ordeal behind us but I just can't. I know that my daughter is alive and I can feel it and now I feel it stronger than before.

Sbu: you are hurting yourself Mawakhe

Me: am not and you know what am going to bake her favorites today.

Sbu: Kodwa Samkelisiwe.

Me: No Sbu, you deal with this your way and ill deal with this my way. My baby is alive I can feel it in the fiber of my bones and if you can't welcome that then its fine, I don't blame you but please don't take away this little hope that I have about her please...

Insert7:

Kailani

I woke up and it was silent. I shifted and looked around i was in a different room. I got out of bed and there he was sleeping by the sleeper couch looking so peaceful. I stood there watching the an who is about to make my life a whole lot better than what it was. This is it. I need to trust this man with my life and do anything and everything to get back my life.

Khaya: morning

Me: you up

Khaya: you staring at me

Me: sorry

Khaya: its okay. How are you?

Me: better and you?

Khaya: good. I watched him move up and sit and looked at me.
“ thought about what i told you?”

Me: yeah.

Khaya: and?

Me: i trust you. I mumbled and i looked at him and he smiled.

Khaya: Thank you. I shifted and he looked at me for a second. “ i can take you to them”

Me: my parents?

Khaya: yes

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your parents

Me: today?

Khaya: if that what you like. I was quiet for some time. “ what are you thinking?”

Me: you said i was declared dead. What if they have moved on. What if am just going there to open up old wounds.

Khaya: You operating on what if. What if they miss you? What if meeting you is what they need? He looked at me and moved closed holding my face. “ i got you okay” i nodded with tears in my eyes and he held me closer to him and somehow i felt comfortable in his embrace and some what at peace.

Jack

Me: any luck? They shook they heads no “ now tell me what am i suppose to tell my buyers today? That i don't have the girl? Look fucken harder and search every town near here she is on

foot she couldn't have gone any farther. What about that neighbor. I want you guys to find everything about that man and I want it now. Now get me a girl to fuck

Xulu household

Samkeliswe: Sbu please get the door. Sbu walked to the door after placing his newspaper down and opened the door and stood there frozen.

Samkelisiwe: who is it? There was no answer so she walked to the lounge and found her husband quiet and she moved closer and there by the door all her prayers were standing.

Kailani

I stood by the door holding for dear life on Khaya's hand as I watched the shock on my parents' faces and the tears on my mother's face. I am not sure they know who I am but their reaction says they do.

Khaya: can we come in? Everyone suddenly came back to earth and they moved making way for us.

Dad: we're sorry it's just that for a second there you looked like someone I know.

Khaya: its okay. We walked to the lounge. Mom kept staring at me and i kept hearing her whispering to dad saying its her and he kept mumbling shh.

Dad: How can we help

Khaya: am sorry for us dropping in like this but this right her is..,

Mom: Kailani Naledi Xulu. The minute she said all my names i knew that this was home. I felt tears rolled down my eyes and within minutes i was in her arms and we cried until i couldn't anymore. I felt her love. I felt her pain but mostly i felt her relief. After sometime i had my head up and i watched as my father struggled with not knowing if to embrace me or to leave me alone. It felt right walking to him and he held me like his life depend on it. He cried and i felt his pain as he let go.

Dad: i had to watch my wife day in and out lose her mind over losing you. I had to be strong for her even though my own heart was breaking. I had to comfort her when i alone needed comforting. Console her when my heart was in pain but mostly i had to watch her every day re live the horror that has now become our life and now here you are standing tall like your grandfather and an exact split image of my mother. You live Kailani. You have brought back the stars in my eye Naledi wamie. My beautiful baby girl. My only child and piece of my existence in this world. Lord am so happy. He kissed me all over my face making me giggle like a little girl.

Mom: You are home Kailani lomhlaba wethu(of our world) i smiled.

Dad: come let have a seat. He held on to me and i let him be as we walked to the lounge. I figured it was his way of accepting that am here.

Khaya

I watched the emotional reunion and let them have they space. All they did was hold her and show her so much love. I saw how she was calm and relaxed with them touching her. I looked around and saw all her baby pictures and how of a neat family they were. After some time i felt her soft hand before i turned to see if it was her.

Kailani: Ngiyabonga(thank you) she had tears and i held her face wiping it away.

Me: I got you remember? She nodded and held on to me and i forgot that we are even at her parents house and i held her with all my might enjoying the comfort and peace she brought with her....

Insert8:

Sbu

Me: So you two are an item. I watched my daughter blush and saw a flicker of hope in both their eyes and they were not even aware that they were sending signals to each other.

Khaya: No sir

Kailani: have a seat dad and I'll explain myself. I watched her mood turn to shallow and Khaya moved as she moved.

Kailani

The room went tense. I knew what I am about to say here was going to shock everyone.

Me: I grew up knowing that my dad left my pregnant mom stranded. She met Jack, the guy who stole me from you and somehow they fell in love. Months later I was born and my mom died in childbirth.

I grew up with Jack and a lot of men surrounding me. The first few years of my life he treated me like his own child. He did everything for me. I had tutors and life was good until his

business took a wrong turn than life changed. That when it came to light that i wasn't his child. He came home once and told me that his taking me out of school. I asked why? He answered with i need to pay my way nothing in life is free. So grade 11 he took me out and I saw a side of him that I have never seen in my life. Few months later i was an entertainer for his man when they come but. I used to smuggle drugs out in airport lockers. Go to clubs make friends with girls so later in the morning they can take them and sell them to the highest bidder. I knew my day was coming where he would either rape me or sell me. But years went by and all he asked was that and for me to give hand jobs to old stinky man.

Khaya

I watched her calm herself and straighten her back and i knew she needed to let this out so i moved closer to her and gave her a little supportive nudge.

Kailani

The day i ran away was the day i was being shipped to my buyer. He finally found someone who wanted a tall dark black virgin to accompany him at all nights. I heard him talking to the phone and i knew i had to make a dash for it cause God is about

to make it worse for me as pay up for all those girls who i have lured before me. So i grabbed a knife and made a run for it. We been here for a week so i knew my way around. I stabbed every single person who tried to grab me and ran till i couldn't. One guy found me and gave me a beating of a life time so i acted dead and he panicked that when i jumped on him and stabbed him so many times am not even sure if he was dead or alive when i grabbed the little energy that i could and ran till i got to a cliff. I thought of ending my life than i was like why fight and kill people only to jump off the cliff that when i woke up to him. I turned and looked at khaya then turned to my parents.

Me: am telling you this not because i blame you. Am telling you this so you know that am not a little girl. Iv seen and done things beyond recognition. I have killed so many people and responsible for so many deaths. I live with it. I never in a million years thought i had a family a place where i might belong or even have roots. Am telling you this so you know that as much as am your biological daughter. I have scars and wounds that needs healing. Ill love to be part of this family but i cannot risk Jack coming here and using you to get to me.

Dad: What are you saying?

Me: I love you guys but i cant risk losing you. The both got up at the same time and hugged me so tight.

Dad: Am sorry i wasn't there for you. Am sorry you had to go through all that and i wasn't there for you.

Me: I love you none the less

Mom: We love you with all our hearts

Khaya

Me: Here is the plan. She will continue staying with me. Ill bring her over as many times as you would like but only if its safe. Unfortunately for now until we sort this out. You all going to have to trust me.

Sbu: You gave us back a reason to live of-cause we trust you.

Khaya: Good. Am going to leave you guys alone for some time while i make a few calls to have your place secured just in case his tracking you.

Cape town

“ did you call Jack?”

Ntsizwa: Yes boss

“ what did he say?”

Ntsizwa: He will confirm when he will bring the package.

“ confirm?”

Ntsizwa: Yes confirm.

“ wathula wathini wena masho lawo manyala?(what did you say when he told you that bull shit)

Ntsizwa: (silence)

“ uvele wathula?”(you just kept quiet?)

Ntsizwa: No boss

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i said okay.

“ no get on the phone and call him and tell him. I paid and i want my package tonight on the next flight. If she is not here by than, then he can kiss his mother goodbye. Ebhayi akhukho kude(Bhayi aint far)

Ntsizwa: sure boss. I walked to the big portrait that i had taken of Kailani. Het simple english nose. Her small mouth and big round eyes. I knew the moment i saw her that i wanted her. I had to convince Jack to sell her and that took months after a lot of negotiating. I paid 5 millions for her and another 5 million when she is delivered. She is mine and no one else but mine and ill have her even if i have to snatch her away from Jack possessive hands.

Ntsizwa: He ain't answering boss.

“ get us on the next Flight out of here to Durban”

Ntsizwa: Boss we have meetings with suppliers all week

“ than get man down there now to find out what the fuck is holding them”

Ntsizwa: yes boss. He turned to leave

“ and Ntsizwa, tell your man not to come back with out Kailani”

Ntsizwa: sure boss...

Insert9:

Melusi

I watched as the car came back again. Two guys left the car and came back to me.

Guy1: sho Mjita (greeting)

Me: sho(greeting)

Guy: yazi sihamba sibekhe lo sisi?(we been looking for this woman) they showed me a picture of Kailani and I remember the brief that the boss had with all of us before about her. That if anyone comes by looking for her we say we haven't seen her.

Me: oh, am sorry bafo angikaze ngimubone.(I have never seen her) Give me the picture ngiyobuza abanye lakhaya maybe bamubonile. (please give me the picture so I can go show the guys) He smiled that silly smiled and I walked to the guys.

Skhala: bafo(greeting)

Me: bafuna uKailani laba(they want Kailani)

Skhala: bazomenzani? (what they want from her?)

Me: nje uyazi ukuthi ubaas utheni?(you know what the boss said about her)

Skhala: sure bafo.(yes, I do)

Me: yah manje ngize la ngizoyenza ngathi ngiyanibuza so bazo hamba(I came here to make like am asking you so they can leave)

Skhala: kaze uyenzi ugirl ngoba bemufuna kanje(I wonder what happened with her since they want her)

Me: ay nami angazi.(I don't know) Let me go back. I walked to the guys and gave the picture. "am sorry I gave the guys the

picture and they have never seen this girl if they do, they will report to me and I'll call and let you know”

Kailani

The drive home was silence and I was in my thoughts thinking about my parents and the love they have for me and my mother never ending hope and faith.

Khaya: are you good?

Me: yeah

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am good

Khaya: want to go out for lunch?

Me; no, I rather go home and sleep

Khaya: okay. He was silent as we drove and I looked out of the window and watch as the trees were going down.

Khaya

Her silence was a bit too much. I knew she was thinking but am not sure what she was thinking about or what she was having doubts about. My Phone rang and I saw it was Melusi.

Me: yes

Melusi: they came again looking for her.

Me; okay have a look about and make sure there don't trespass and I'll be there in 30 minutes

Melusi: okay. He hangs up and right there a text from Siz came through with all the pictures of everyone in the cartel that I wanted. I replied to him asking me to get me a list of everyone that Jack have meet with in the past few weeks so I can track down Kailani buyer.

Kailani: I have been thinking. I turned my attention to her. And saw a frown on her face.

Me: yes?

Kailani: you family, have you told them about me?

Me: no

Kailani: what if this becomes a big thing and it involves them and they get hurt. I looked at the worry on her face.

Me: all this time you were silent, you have been thinking about my family?

Kailani: just that you have been good to me so I don't want anything bad to happen to your family and this is why am worried about them.

Me: I see. I kept quiet for a second absorbing that and as we drove and I saw she was getting restless playing with her fingers.

Kailani: am sorry

Me: for?

Kailani: all of this, you should have just left me there you know. I felt myself get angry with that remark but let it slide and just kept quiet.

Cape town

He walked back from his meeting and looked at the phone and saw that he still doesn't have a message from any of the guys or from Jack in regards to what happening. He walked closer to the portrait that he has of Kailani and looked at it drinking one of his most expensive whiskey.

“I have never seen such beauty in my life. You are mine and mine alone Kailani. I will kill for you and ill burn every single man that claims to want or touch you” he walked to the window and looked out to the ocean and closed his eyes with nothing but a picture of Kailani in his mind...

insert10:

Khaya

I looked at the intel that Siz has had delivered and called the operations director.

Me: what the fuck?

Operations director: I know he went off the grid 6 years ago.

Me: he nearly killed me

Operations director: I know

Me: well now what?

Operations director: all I know is that you the only Solider that was even close to him. As much as he tortured you and almost

killed you but you had him by the balls. So however, you want to proceed am behind you.

Me: Why now? Why her?

Operations director: only you can answer that. His man is here.

Me: looking for who?

Operations director: word on the ground is that they looking for Jack and want to find a package. Am guessing Kailani is the package.

Me: Zuleka Ncaba is the most dangerous gangster in the whole wild world. what the hell does he want with Kailani, last I checked human trafficking is so not his thing.

Operations director: that for you to find out.

Me: ill brief you in 3 days on my next move I need to think, this has just got bigger than I expected.

Operation director: anything you will need you will have. Just ask and ill deliver.

Me: send me my sawt team please and thank you. I hang up and walked to the balcony and stood there looking out in the field of crops that I have and thought of my next move. Whatever this is. It's about to get messy.

Zuleka

I turned and looked at Ntsizwa as he came in holding some papers with him.

Me: so?

Ntsizwa: we know why Jack has been postponing.

Me; am listening.

Ntsizwa: The girl has run away. He has troops all over the area looking for her the past two days and it's been no success so far. I felt all the blood in my body go cold.

Me: what do you mean he has lost her?

Ntsizwa: that what they say. She is missing boss. I took my phone and called Jack and after 3 rings he answered.

Me: listen to me Jack and listen to me very carefully you slimy son of a bitch. I am giving you 3 days to find her and if you don't call me back on Friday at 10am that you have found her I will come there and look for her myself and I will not pay you the balance. Do I make myself clear?

Jack: yes

Me; now go find what I paid for

Jack: maybe I can pay you back.

Me: jack, open your ears and make sure you open them clearly. I want Kailani and I want her now. Now go find her. I dropped the call and look at Ntsizwa. “find me a small detail team and get them to go there and look for her themselves and tell them am giving them 2 days. Book me a flight for Friday we going there and Ntsizwa. Please get your people in line or I am going to start losing it. I want Kailani and I want her now” he nodded and walked away. I turned to her picture.

“you better not be dead” I walked out of the room.

Kailani

I woke up from my nap and I walked to the kitchen and found Melusi there. And I smiled and walked more in.

Me: hi

Melusi: oh, Hi. He smiled shyly and I walked to the sink and got myself a glass of water. "Mr. K is out the barn settling his team in'

Me; team?

Melusi: yes, there is a whole team that came by today so his briefing them

Me: you are also a soldier?

Melusi: no m not am his personal guard that all.

Me; yet you know so much.

Melusi: he makes it a point to educate us on things.

Me: nice. Do you know how to shot? I laughed nervously I have been wanting to learn how to shoot but I can't really ask Khaya that now.

Melusi: yes

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I do

Me: do you mind teaching me. I just want to be prepared. I saw him look at me and I saw he was uncomfortable. “just think about it please” he nodded. I stood there by the kitchen window and looked out the barn.

Melusi: do you mind me asking why they after you?

Me; I was sold, I guess my buyer wants me. He looked at me with so much horror.

Melusi: what you mean sold.

Me: exactly that. He nodded.

Melusi: am sorry about that.

Me: hopefully I live.

Melusi: let me leave you. He walked out and I just stood there thinking what is my next move.

Khaya

I walked back to the house and I found Melusi by the door standing there.

Me; thought you going inside for something to eat?

Melusi: am done.

Me: okay

Melusi: she asked me to teach her how to shoot. I turned with shock on my face.

Me; why?

Melusi: am not sure why, but she asked.

Me: what you said?

Melusi: I'll think about it.

Me: okay. I'll come back to you about that. I hate that she feels un safe here. Thank you. He nodded and I walked in and walked to the kitchen and found her sitting there looking at the empty sink.

Me: you good?

Kailani: oh hi

Me: hi

Kailani: I heard you got a team over.

Me: yeah, just as a precaution come over here and let me show you what we dealing with and my options. She walked by with a glass of water in her hand and sat across from me. "you okay?" she nodded and I looked at her and saw she wasn't really okay but looked at the file I had in file. I really want to share this with her so she doesn't feel like am hiding things from her.

Me: so, I found who brought you. His name is Zuleka Nceba. I passed the file to her and showed her the picture.

Kailani

Khaya: am not sure how to approach this subject but here it goes. I know who is the buyer.

Me: who? He took a picture and placed it in front of me and I looked at the picture and nothing came to mind.

Me: I don't know him.

Khaya: Zuleka is his name. He is the crime boss of the west and a very dangerous man.

Me; and he wants me?

Khaya: looks that way.

Me: I see

Khaya

I watched her look at me and then look down.

Kailani: does he deal with human trafficking?

Me: not that am aware of but no. Am still investigating.

Kailani: I see. What the plan? I hesitated a bit than looked at her.

Me: what?

Me: you know that I never had a hidden agenda at all right?

kailani: yes, I know and thank you for that. I really appreciate it.

Me: well, I know this is a weird suggestion but it's the only way I can protect you the only way that it can save you from testifying at court

Kailani: okay

Me: well, here it goes. I took a deep breath and looked at her glassy eyes. “am going to need you to marry me” the shock on her eyes and I watched her hands shaking....

Insert 11:

Kailani

I looked at him and he looked at me and smiled and I was shocked. My hands were shaking and I just couldn't believe that he just asked me this.

Me: are you for real? I whispered to him.

Khaya: yes

Me: why?

Khaya: it's the only way I can protect you right now. If Jack sold you than Zuleka can't take you back since by the time they find us we will be married and no one will take my wife away from me. I looked at him and the conviction that he has.

Me: I've never been a wife before. Am not even sure how to be a wife. We not even dating. He walked closer to me and held my hands in his hands and I was really shaking.

Khaya: look I know am asking a lot here but right now this is the only way I know I can save you. So, trust me. I nodded and he smiled the most dazzling smile and I felt my heart give a tug.

Khaya: is that a yes?

Me; yes. He held my hands for a little while longer than moved to the file and took out a page. I looked at it and it was a printed marriage certificate that only needed our names signature. I looked at him shocked and he laughed.

Khaya: I had it printed out just in case you say yes. He took a pen and signed and then slid it to me. This is not how I thought I would be getting married and yet here I was about to sign my life away. So, I took the pen and signed. And I felt myself smile like am I really just doing this. He took a picture and typed a few things than looked at me.

Khaya: I know it's not what you have always dreamt about if you still want us to be married after this whole mess than you can plan a big wedding. But for now

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would you mind if I take you out for dinner? This is really a new experience and I have never gone out on a date in all my life so I nodded like a little girl and giggled and he chuckled. He walked to the side of the table. "is that a yes Mrs. Khwela". Mrs. Khwela. That sound nice. Am now a Mrs.? 2 days ago, if you would have told me that this is me, I would have laughed at you and said that you are dreaming.

Khaya

I watched her go to her room and prepare for the dinner date. While she was gone, I called my sister at the barn.

Me; she said yes

Khanyisa: of cause she will say yes. Everything is set here and her parents just got in and Khulekani got the rings. This is so exciting. She hangs up

Kailani: I stood there and looked at my reflection at the window. Am I really doing this? Am I doing it to protect her or there is something else that driving me to do this? I thought this over and over and all I want is to end her suffering that all...

Insert 12:

Kailani

I looked myself in the mirror and I loved how I looked. I was wearing a brown hugging dress that was a knee length and white sneakers and I wore a gold anklet. I had on one of the chains that Khaya gave me on and I combed my hair did an untidy bun and left my room to the lounge where I heard a lot of shuffling and I turned to find khaya pacing around and I had a mini heart attack maybe his having second thoughts about us.

Me: are you good? He turned quickly and looked at me with the most nervous smile ever and he looked dashing in his brown chino pants and white gold shirt and sneakers

Khaya: I see we went for brown. I shyly smiled at him and looked at him.

Khaya: am good, are you ready?

Me; yeah, am good.

Khaya: you look beautiful.

Me; Thank you.

Khaya

I watched her and saw how radiant she looked. Yes, her eye was still a little green with marks but her body was to die for. She was curved as if the lord took all the 6 days just to create her perfection. She looked at me as I was watching and that just made me more nervous.

Kailani: are you good?

Me: yeah

just nervous I've never been out in a while. She nodded as I closed the door and we walked out.

Me; can we go to the barn so I can let the guys know that we leaving. She nodded. And we walked in silence. Not the kind that was awkward but the kind where we both enjoy each other presence and don't want to fill it up with words.

Me: what your favorite food? She laughed and looked at me.
“what?”

Kailani: I never expected that you know but I don't really have a favorite. I just eat anything that nice.

Me: yeah, me too but I love chocolate cookies.

Kailani: I've noticed. We were now close to the barn and I took a huge breath and open the door and it was dark.

Kailani: maybe they sleeping.

Me: Just stand there and I'll find a switch and we will be out of here.

Kailani: am not really a dark spaces person

Me: in a minute. I walked to the switch and switched it on and there it was the most beautiful setting and my family and her family screaming surprise. She was standing there looking at us all shocked and I saw her eyes getting glassy soon as she saw her mother and they hugged like this is the first time that they are seeing each other. She was now visibly crying and I walked to her and held her hand.

Kailani: you did this? She whispered and I nodded as she mumbled Thank you. We all sat down and had the most family orientated dinner ever.

Khulekani: I knew the moment I saw you that you were going to be trouble. He pointed at Kailani.

Kailani: who me? She laughed and we laughed with her.

Khanyisa: am just glad you finally found someone to keep you companied and busy so you can stop meddling with us

Me: I do know such thing and everyone laughed.

Mr. xulu: Thank you for everything that you have done for our daughter.

Me: Only a pleasure

Mr. Xulu: now I must look for a place for where I can place those cow's.. Kailani chocked and I helped her drink water.

Kailani: cows baba?

Mr. xulu: that what happens when people get married baby girl the groom pays.

Kailani: ukhuluma ngani baba (what are you talking about?)

Mrs. Xulu: ilobolo baby (bride price), khaya paid it all in one go. He had guys send over cows to the family for you. She rapidly turned and looked at me with fresh set of tears.

Kailani: you paid? I looked down not sure how to answer that. I know she only thought this was just us trying to protect her from what coming but apart that its more than this. I have never been so alive than when am with her. She makes me feel things that I never knew I can feel. She makes me want to take better care of my family and mostly ever since she has been back, I have been sleeping peacefully and not having any of my nightmares and fighting my war demons. Basically, she calms my soul and am never letting go of that. I need her in my life. Next thing I felt her hand squeeze mines under the table and I knew she was okay. That we were going to be okay...

Insert13:

Khaya

I watched her as she was sleeping. Last night was amazing with the family and we had fun. It was nice seeing her smile. I walked to my cabinet and took out the ring that belong to our mother and walked back to the bed and moved her finger and slid it through. It fitted perfectly. I sat there watching her.

Kailani

I woke up to find khaya sitting right beside the bed looking at me.

Khaya: morning

Me: hi

Khaya: slept well?

Me: yeah, and you?

Khaya: yes. Whenever he is nervous, I get nervous cause I just learnt that means he has something planned. I shifted and looked at him and he gave me a nervous smile.

Me: you nervous and am not sure why? He laughed nervously.

Khaya: what makes you say that?

Me: talk to me. I saw him looking at his hands and I saw a wedding band on his. "you got yourself a band" he laughed nervously.

Khaya: yeah, I did. You like? I shifted on the bed to go look at his and just than a rock diamond on my finger got my attention.

I turned my hand and looked at the beautiful white gold ring and my heart skipped a beat.

Khaya: you too quiet.

Me: it makes me speechless. Wow it's so beautiful.

Khaya: it was my grandmothers passed on to my mother and now it yours. I looked at it again and looked at him.

Me: you did all this for me?

Khaya: yes

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it's the least I can do under the circumstances.

Me: well, thank you, thank you so much for everything that you have done for me and that you are doing for us. I really appreciate it.

Khaya: it's a pleasure. Now what will you like to eat?

Me: oh no, you are not making me breakfast.

Khaya: really? He got up and I quickly got up from bed and made a dash for the kitchen with him following me behind.

Zuleka

I walked to the lounge and found the guys standing there and they were not looking good like they haven't slept the last few days.

Me: so?

Ntsizwa: I think we might have a problem.

Me: am listening.

Ntsizwa; I think you have to sit down for this boss.

Me: am not about to do that now talk.

Ntsizwa: It Khayalihle

Me: who the hell is that?

Ntsizwa: the special agent that almost killed you 5 years ago. My heart stopped and my shoulder ached. I rubbed where he shot me multiple times missing my heart by 0.62cm and I felt the rage that I felt many years ago after he has gained access to almost kill me. He is the only human that has been close to killing me.

Me: what the hell are you bringing him up for.

Ntsizwa; he is the neighbor at Jack place. Now that made me stopped moving and looked at him a little confused.

Me: what the fuck do you mean he is Jack neighbor. That fool moved his ring just near the special force blue badge agent. That man is responsible for many cartel men being executed or in jail.

Ntsizwa: I have reason to believe that Kailani is in that house.

Me: that a no brainer she is there. How the fuck did Jack and his men get so careless. Please give me on the phone now with that smelling bastard. He took out his phone and dialed Jack and gave me the phone.

Jack: hello

Me; listen to me and listen to me very carefully am sending you details of where you moving too. I want you to move every single thing that you own. Even if it's as small as an ant. Burn all your documents. You going in hiding this has just got big.

Jack: am not understanding.

Me; no need to understand, start packing you moron. I switched the phone and looked at Ntsizwa. "get me all your best guys and get us on the next flight that you have to Durban and make sure the safe house at Umgeni is sorted please" he nodded and I walked out to my bar and poured myself a glass of whiskey. I took a sip and all the memories came rushing down on me and I took the glass and threw it across the room and the guards came in rushing. They took one look at me and left me there breathing so hard. The only man that is capable of my down fall is that man. After my last encounter with him I almost couldn't make it back up. And now this. Should I let him go and just let kailani go or should I fight him and get what mine...

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Kailani

Khaya: that was the most delicious meal I have ever eaten in all my life.

Me: you are just being sweet to me.

Khaya: no seriously you have mad cooking skills.

Me: Thank you, I have always wanted to be a chef you know, start my own restaurant. Have like a cooking book or show. That kind of a thing.

Khaya

I watched her eyes lit up as she spoke to this. I saw how she loved talking about cooking and an idea came to mind but I let it slide for now.

Kailani: you looking at me weird

Me: am just seeing how you love cooking and the joy that comes to mind when you speak about.

Kilani: it my escape route. It's the only place where my heart is at peace and is content.

Me; I see. Let me go get ready for work. She nodded and I walked out leaving her humming.

Zuleka

I got to Durban. I stood by the patio of the beach house that I have as a safe house and looked out at the endless sea. I turned to find Ntsizwa standing there looking at me.

Me: what?

Ntsizwa: do we have to pick a fight with him, I nearly lost you before

Me: and you won't lose me now. Now tell me what the plan?

Ntsizwa: we trying to have eyes at his estate but the security is top notch so we need to have ground eyes and am working on that as to what will be next.

Me: okay that good. Remember he is on hell of a smart guy so please tread carefully

Ntsizwa: am on its boss.

Me; now get me Jack here please.

Ntsizwa: sure

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thing boss. He turned and left as I stood there thinking of my next move.

Jack

My days as a gangster are numbered the Big Zee is here and his here all because I lost his package. This will ruin me and make me as if I don't know what am I doing. Why did Kailani have to do this? What have I done at that child in order for her to run away the way that she did? Just than Ntsizwa walked in and he looked pissed and scary.

Ntsizwa: am here to pick you up. The boss wants to have a word with you.

Me: Why?

Ntsizwa: just come. I nodded to my guys to follow us and we drove to the house that he was staying at while here. I walked

in and it was heavily guarded and he was sitting outside by the patio looking to the beautiful ocean. He was looking at the ocean

Zuleka: Jack. He never turned to look at me and that somehow made me so nervous.

Me: Hi

Zuleka: tell me what happened? That made me nervous.

Me: well, she ran away and we haven't been able to find her, we have eyes everywhere but nothing so far.

Zuleka: and now what?

Me: we keep on looking, she has no money and clothes and shelter.

Zuleka: not if she is with Khaya

Me: am sorry boss

Zuleka: I hate having to work for what mines. She was supposed to be delivered days ago yet here we are and here I am dealing with your mess and having to face my worst enemy.

Me; am sorry boss

Zuleka: oh well. Next thing I felt the hot burn on my chest and looked at myself surprised and shocked only to see blood oozing out of my chest and I looked at him and he was now looking at me.

Zuleka: you are good as dead to me... those were my last words and I felt my body heat up and I lost my balance and hit the floor. I died because of a bitch who was ungrateful to me.....

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Kailani

The doorbell rang and I walked to the door and open up to find khanyisa khaya sister by the door. She smiled at me and looked at me with so much love in her eyes.

Khanyisa: Makoti{ my brother wife}

Me: hi

Khanyisa: am here to take you out for lunch. Grab a coat just in case the weather changes.

Me: uhm Khaya not around and am not sure how to notify him that am not going to be home when he gets back.

Khanyisa: I'll send him a text message.

Me: cool then let me get a coat and we can go.

Khaya

I was at a meeting with the operation manager when the text from my sister came by and I felt my heart thud. I never told the family a whole detailed story about Kailani. I ran to the ops room and asked for my sister phone to be tagged and to get uncover agents to follow them. I tried to call them but the phone kept on ringing.

Zuleka

I walked in at butcher boys at Florida morning side and got a table and got to sit down waiting for Sizwe one of Jack guys to try and get the guys on his side to be my guys so I can keep Jack

business for myself. Just then I heard her voice before I could see her and my heart stopped in its tracks.

Kailani

We walked it at butcher boys after our shopping and painting the town red. I must say driving to Durban was the best thing ever and I sure had a lot of fun.

Me: this place looks nice

Khanyisa: I just love that they sell the best cocktails here.

Me: alcoholic drinks?

Khanyisa: yes, and you and I are having a glass. She picked a seat at the love couch and I sat there next to her with my nails done and my skin feeling radiated after the 30 Min skin cleanse. The food came by and we ate had fun and she really was a nice person.

Khanyisa: I like you

Me: I like you too

Khanyisa: promise me one thing though? I looked at her as she looked serious.

Me: yeah?

Khanyisa: you never going to leave him, no matter how hard or how tough it gets but you never going to leave him. I looked at her and looked down. How does one leave a man that has done so much for them? A man that has been there from day one no questions asked? A man that has done so much for me and not once asked me for anything in return? Just than a waiter walked by with two more glasses of what we ordered before.

Khanyisa: Uhm... we never ordered anything else.

Waiter: it's on that guy. He pointed and we turned and there he was the guy that Khaya told me I was sold too. My blood just froze as he raised his glass and smiled.

Zuleka

I saw her eyes show a flicker of recognition and I knew she remembered me. She looked at me with so much fear and that didn't set well she whispered something to her friend and she looked at her worried and I knew she knew about me buying her. When her friend passed a phone to her, I saw a reflection and the big stone on her finger caught my eye and I felt my chest close up and found myself coughing rapidly.

Kailani

Khaya: Khanyisa...

Me: it's me

his here.

Khaya: am 5 minutes away stay still and stay with khanyisa. The whole restaurant is surrounded.

Me: his going to take me Khaya. I whispered with a tight voice and the fear was crippling me and I was praying silently that he doesn't come over and snatch me.

Khaya: breathe babe, just breathe, am almost there okay? I nodded as if he can see me but I knew he couldn't.

Khaya: am almost there

Me: okay. And just than I felt a shadow behind me. Khanyisa looked at me and she saw I wasn't comfortable so she stood up and looked at Zuleka who was frowning.

Khanyisa: can we help you?

Zuleka: I thought you were someone I knew, I guess not.

Khanyisa: I guess not and thanks for the drinks.

Zuleka: it's a pleasure. He stared at me one last time than placed his hand on my shoulder and I jumped. He bends to my ear level and whispered. "I see a ring on your finger yet I don't remember proposing" his voice sent shivers to my spine and just than I felt his presence before I even knew he was there and next thing Zuleka wasn't near me he was a few feet away holding his cheek. Am not sure when Khaya punched him.

Khaya

When I saw how rigid kailani was and that smirk on his face I felt my body boil with rage. I punched him with all might.

Zuleka: ah we meet again old friend. He fixed his jaw and looked at me with small dangerous pissed eyes.

Me: here we are. The people at the restaurant were slowly moving away from our commotions and some had their phones recording and my sister was looking at all this confused. I felt small delicate hands circling themselves on my hand and I knew it was her. The rage and anger boiling in me slowly dies.

Zuleka: fancy meeting you here like this.

Me: what can a man do when his wife is being harassed by jerks like you. I watched as his face changed to anger that was threatening to boil.

Zuleka: no invitation?

Me: I would have sent you one if we left each other in circumstances that showed that we are alive and might see each other. he touched his shoulder and rotated it.

Zuleka: I guess today is not the day to continue where we left off?

Me: I guess not. He raised his hands and a gun showed as he walked out and all of a sudden guy who were sitting at other tables got up and followed him with their hands up and left the restaurant and only when they were gone and Siz confirmed I took Kailani in my hands as she collapsed and cried into my chest as I took out my special force badge and showed it to the manager as the team got in and started weeping the place where the other guys were sitting for finger prints.

Khanyisa: what going on?

Me: I'll explain later right now take us home please and she did and we got home I ran a hot bath for kailani. Gave her some pills and tucked her in bed.

Khanyisa: what that was all about? I explained everything to her and she just sat there with her mouth hanging open. "poor child" I noted and sat with her for a while than she left and I went upstirs to my room. Took a shower and changed and got in bed. The minute I got in she snuggled closer to me.

Me: you up?

Kailani: I feel safer when you around I'll sleep now. I wrapped her closer placing her head on my chest making her sleep half on top of me.

Me: comfortable?

Kailani: yeah...I kept quiet for a while hearing her heartbeat beat to mines as her chest slowly huffed breathing in and out and my little guy getting excited over nothing.

Kailani: Khaya

Me: hmm

Kailani: you poking me

Me: with? She moved and she touched my guy and he went rigid in seconds and I was so embarrassed. "am sorry"

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Kailani

I turned and looked at him and he was turning kind of red with embarrassment.

Me: hey

Khaya: hey

Me: what on your mind? I tried to take his mind off things as he looked at me and smiled.

Khaya: you don't want to know what on my mind. I smiled and moved closer to him and he poked me again and he shifted in awareness and looked at me "trend lightly kailani or you are going to wake something up"

Me: I thought that it was already up. I closed my eyes in shocked and looked at him. I can't believe that I just said that to him. He looked at me and laughed out loud and I smiled.

Khaya: look you don't have to be shy around me am your husband remember and couples share everything.

Me: I know I'll remember that next time...

Zuleka

I turned to Ntsizwa.

Me: did you find out where they are staying now?

Ntsizwa: he never moved.

Me: did you confirm the marriage?

Ntsizwa: yes they are legally married and he did find out about her family and he has paid magadi(lobola) too and the girls family have a tight security and they don't.

Me: did you find the estate house plan? He raised a bunch of papers.

Ntsizwa: They are here.

Me: good, now I need you to plan a thorough plan and make sure that everything runs smoothly I now want him dead for good. And find out who was that lovely lady with Kailani please.

Ntsizwa: Yes Boss.

Somewhere

I woke up with a fright again. The dreams are back and this time they are getting stronger and yes my twin sister knows about them but not dad. I closed my eyes and saw that she was downstairs with a friend and yes she hooking me up again. Bless my sister heart who thinks just because she is happily married I want the same too. Yes having a partner would be nice but am not too sure about the admin of the work that

needs to be done. I got up took a shower than went downstairs to my sister and her friend.

Me: ladies

“Thunder” I smiled and looked at her. She really likes calling me Thunder just because my name is Sbanisizwe.

Lizwe: this is a friend of mine Nokuthula, Nokuthula this is my beautiful handsome brother Thunder.

Me: nice to meet you Nokuthula, what brings you home?

Lizwe: its Nokuthula birthday and she was lonely and I was like well who else is as miserable as she is and then my lovely brother came to mind so here we are. Dad walked in laughing.

Dad: she hooking you up again?

Me: looks like it

Dad: hi. He waved to the girl who was now looking shy and embarrassed.

Me: Help me out dad.

Dad: oh now son you own your own. He took a bottle of water and left and I stood there looking at my beautiful sister who is the exact replica of our late mother and the girl who was nothing like a type that I go for.

Me: if you have called you would have known that am very busy today I have a meeting with the councilors to talk about the new school that we are building. These are the kind of things I do you know being the king and all. I saw the girl gasp.

Nokuthula: I knew it, you are royalty. She said looking at Nolizwe.

Lizwe: seriously bro? I don't know why she always hide that from the world. I smiled at her and left her with her friend and went to the study. To get down to work with this week arrangements when I saw her. I stopped in my tracks and waited for her to talk but she never did. She just stood there and smiled looking at me

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making me yearn for her presence and wanting her near me. I heard footsteps behind me and I turned to find my dad. He looked at me with so much worry in his face.

Dad: did you see her?

Me: yes, why does she do this to me? It one thing growing up hearing all the good your mom has done but then also having to stomach a ghost as a mother is something else. I never healed her death because she never died to me. She is always here with me and always pops up whenever she wants to make

it very difficult for me to grieve the loss that I have seen you and Lizwe struggling so hard to come to terms with.

Dad: am sorry son. He hugged me and somehow my world seemed normal again.

Me: I have been having weird dreams, about a woman. My dad looked at me with shock on his face. Yes this is the first time I spoke to him about a woman.

Dad: tell me more... we walked into the study room and he sat down as I poured him a glass of whiskey.

Me: there nothing much to tell, she stuck in a room that is blazing with fire and all she keeps saying is " am not going to open my eye, lord make it right please" dad looked at me confused and I shrugged since I was confused to by this dream.

Dad: that it?

Me: yes that it. And I wake up feeling all sweaty and my day start as usual.

Dad: have you tried teleporting to that room?

Me: yes a million times and I can't?

Dad: why?

Me: usually when this happens means that am seeing someone future and somehow am to help them.

Dad: is it someone here in the village?

Me: no, it seems kind of distance. He was quiet for some time.

Dad: raising you was the most difficult job ever.

Me: I know dad but you did great. He smiled and looked at me with so much love.

Dad: am just glad I have to deal with only one magically gifted child than two or I would have gone crazy.

Me: I think God knew that my sister was crazy enough and never needed powers or all hell will break lose. We laughed just thinking about half the shit my sister got into without having any powers...

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Khaya

I stood by the door frame and watched her moving swiftly as she was preparing dinner. She turned and saw me than stopped doing whatever she was doing and came to me.

Kailani: tough day at work?

Me: yeah we were doing planning for any attacks that we might have from the guy and was speaking to the prosecutor in regards to what happens if we catch him alive.

Kailani: I see. Just than my phone rang and I looked at it was khulekani and he hardly calls so I excused myself and answered him.

Me: sure?

Khulekani: its Khanyisa, she is missing

Me: what you mean that she is missing?

Khulekani: exactly that she forgot to pick up Mimi from school.

Me: she never forgets that. Did you ping her phone?

Khulekani: Khaya, she is missing. My brain froze and I knew he was right.

Me: give me 30 minute I'll be there.

Khulekani: sure. He hang up and I called Siz.

Me; find my sister

Siz: which one? I told him my conversation with khulekani and hang up to work on finding her. I walked to the kitchen and saw how at peace she was in her element with the cooking.

Me: ohm... she turned and she looked at me smiling than her face went sour and I knew she has read my expression. "It's Khanyisa

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she is missing"

Kailani: what you mean she is missing? I explained to her and she looked at me with worry ad shock.

Kailani: maybe it's Zuleka. Maybe he figured out who she is and took her to get a reaction from you. This is not good at all. This is all my fault. I watched as she had tears in her eyes and all she just said made sense. "This is all my fault, if she didn't know me she wouldn't be kidnapped right now"

Zuleka

I walked to the room where I had Khaya sister and walked in and she looked at me with not even one flinch of fear in her eyes.

Me: we meet again.

Her: hi

Me: your name?

Her: Khanyisa

Me: nice to meet you am Zuleka.

Khanyisa: nice to meet you too. She sat there looking at me and I looked back at her and not once did she flinch. Am used to people showing some sort of fear and me reacting on it.

Me: you are not scared?

Khanyisa: why should I?

Me: I just kidnapped you and took you away from those you love. I can rape, or even kill you.

Khanyisa: If that what you wish and God allows who am I to try and fight that?

Me: you a woman of faith?

Khanyisa: so I have been told. She kept quiet and looked around the beautiful lavender room that I had her in. it once belong to a friend of mine daughter before she gave in to cancer. "Lovely room"

Me: Thank you.

Khanyisa: I don't get it.

Me: what don't you get? I asked confused.

Khanyisa: your obsession with her? Why?

Me: you will not get it

Khanyisa; am not going anywhere explain.

Me: That the thing I can't explain it, she makes me feel like I can float. The little time I spent with her I saw my life in a different light as if I can be better or do better. Her eyes makes me want to get lost in them forever. Not to mention her smile.

Khanyisa: you only spent one night with her and from that one night you knew she was it?

Me: crazy huh?

Khanyisa: not crazy my brother married her just from knowing her a few hours and I agree with you there is something about her that just seems so innocent and pure. Like her presence brings so much peace. So no you not crazy but you are crazy thinking you will win this war.

Me: war?

Khanyisa: you want my brother wife? That is war.

Me: she was mine before him.

Khanyisa: you brought her. Big difference. We were both silent for a while both in our thoughts than she smiles and shakes her head.

Me: what?

Khanyisa: it's funny how am the one that kidnapped yet am not worried yet you my kidnapper and yet you worried about the situation at hand. I looked at her as she made perfect sense. I looked at her and turned and left just as I heard the guys running around outside as guns were shooting everywhere...

Sbansizwe

This time she was perfectly clear. She was standing in a stunning kitchen and she was crying her lungs out. I closed my eyes harder and calmed my mind and brain and did my best to teleport to her and when I could and was there and she was within arm's reach I panicked and teleported back in my room.

“What the fuck is happening with me” and just then my beautiful mother appeared.

Mom: Nkosana. I froze this is the first time in the 30 years that I have been alive and seeing my mom all the time has she ever spoken to me and I hear her.

Me; mama? I was confused. What the hell is happening to me? I touched myself to see if I didn't teleported to the dead side and I saw that I was right here in my room. She walked closer to

me and she touched me and I felt her touch and my heart gave a tug making me melt and cry at the same time. For years I have yearned for her touch or just to be in her embrace. She brought me closer to her and gave me the most crushing hug ever. "You really are here?"

Mom: I have always been here my child watching over you.

Me: I always see you and I tried to speak to you but you never answered.

Mom: it wasn't time yet. I moved out of her embrace and looked at her.

Me: what about to happen than that makes it time now?

Mom: you need to save her

Me: who?

Mom: the girl in your Visions. You need to save her.

Me: why? Is she real? Is she from here?

Mom: Her Name is Kailani. And you need to save her. Then she disappeared and I stood there and mumbled her name "Kailani" who is Kailani? What is she to us or me? Why do I need to save her? Save her from what or who? Why me? Where the hell is she? I closed my eyes hoping to see her again so I can teleport and nothing came to mind. I banged the door in frustration talk about the most powerful person on earth who has more

questions than answers. I took out my phone and called Phongo the head of security to the royal headquarters and my personal escort.

Me: please find all the Kailani in the world that you can get and who are in some sort of trouble that need my help.

Phongo: your help as the king of the most prominent kingdom or your special kind of help.

Me: I have no idea. Start with police radars and see if you get any chitchat about a Kailani and we will take it from there.

Phongo: okay am on it my lord

Me: please don't start with the my lord crap. He laughed

Phongo: sho Thunder.

Me: my sister will be the end of me. I laughed and hung up and tried to get back to the nap I was taking maybe something will pop up again....

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Khanyisa

The door opened again and this time around it was my brother looking super scary and I smiled and ran to with tears running down my face. He held me tight and I could hear his heart thumping so fast.

Me: you came?

Khaya: you my sister of cause I came for you.

Me: Kailani?

Khaya: safely home, here call her she been a mess. I took the phone and called her.

Kailani

I jumped when the phone that Khaya left with me rang and went to it and slide it to answer.

Me: hello. My voice didn't sound like my own.

Khanyisa: Makoti{ my brother wife} a fresh set of tears came rushing out of my eyes as she re assured me that all is well and they found her next thing I heard what sounded like a bomb like thing and the line went dead as I kept on screaming for khanyisa to hear me. I got out of the house and called Melusi.

And he came rushing to me. I was now hysterical and I was now crying and I don't know what was happening to my chest but held on to it as I went crumbling down. Melusi held me in his arms as I lost control of everything.

Zuleka

I watched as the building went down in ashes and I stood from afar with a smile on my face. I knew Khaya would come gun blazing for his sister and leave Kailani alone. So I planted bombs everywhere waited for him and his team to do a threat assessment and see nothing wrong and walk in even to the point where I sacrificed half of the man I had when he came gun blazing. Then when I was out and they felt confident that they have secured the place than I light it up like fireworks. I watched everything in my car as it all came into ashes with all of them inside and when I was satisfied and the cops were coming through I left and went to phase two of my plan and that is getting Kailani. I have removed the thorn now she is all mine.

Kailani

I woke up in my room to two of Khaya's sisters and his brother looking at me with red rimmed eyes and before they could say anything I knew that Khaya and Khanyisa were no more. I cried like I have never cried before. They tried to console me but the more they tried the worse the pain in my chest grew. They lost

their life because of me. If I wasn't here none of this would be happening. Mimi will have her mother.

Khulekani: don't blame yourself sisi

Me: how can I not

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it's my fault. All this is happening because of me. You lost two siblings because of me. They all hugged me trying to take away my pain but they just couldn't.

1 week later

Kailani

I woke up to a smell that was choking me and I looked around the whole house was covered in smoke. I shifted from the bed and looked at the note on my bed next to my pillow.

"This house hold to many memories and you were right I no longer have a bigger brother and sister because of you. I did this to take away the pain that you are feeling right now and the hate you have. Seeing you daily is a constant reminder of what I have lost. I love you kailani but am not strong enough to watch you suffer this much and this is the only way I thought of wiping away your pain and grief"

Kumani

I read the little note so many times until my eyes started burning. I moved to one corner of the bedroom and sat there in Khaya T shirt. That all I have worn since his funeral. I have seen the pain that his family has been going through and having them come to take care of me try to take me out in this big black world that I have been. I have been calling the department daily and all they kept saying was Zuleka has disappeared and they still trying to find him. He has taken so much from me and maybe Kumani is right. I'll always be a constant reminder of what they have lost and how easily such a brave, smart and loving man could lose his life from trying to protect his family from the most evil man that I have encountered in my life. I sat there and thought of my lose I have had. Thought of the pain I have felt the last few days and closed my eyes and told myself I will not open them until am in haven. I know this will devastate both my mother and father but am not going to run. And not going to hide, I let the flames consume me and end my suffering.

Sbani

The past few days have been hard on me and my visions. I have been seeing Kailani cry herself to sleep every night. Watching her lose herself but not understanding what on earth is happening with her. It was than when I started sweating and felt hot and then out of nowhere I heard my mother voice

screaming over and over for me to help her and I closed my eyes and there I was in a room with fire raging in anger. I could hear the fire fighters car from afar and I knew help was near. I moved around to room than I saw her at the end of a corner wrapped in small ball as there was fire everywhere. She looked right into my eyes than said something and closed her eyes again as I walked closer to her. Felt my body change and I knew it was adjusting to whatever situation I was facing. That why am different my body always adjust to whatever am facing at that point and time. For the first time that I was ever born I felt myself grow wings and strength that I never knew I had. I felt myself gain power that never knew I possessed. The more I walked closer to her the more I became stronger and more alert and in tune with myself. I have been lost for

Years but now I felt like am only just finding myself. After what felt like infinity I shifted to my normal self but more stronger and vibrant and I picked her up as she mumbled “ let me die Please let me burn into ashes” I didn’t listen to her and I teleported us to my room just in time as the house exploded and not even allowing the fire fighters a chance to come closer and stop the blazing angry fire from consuming the whole house...

Shall I do one more insert or shall I let you mourn the death of Khaya and Khanyisa?

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Zuleka

I switched on the news and there was her story again. For the past 8 days they have been searching for her body and they haven't found out and since she cannot drive and was last seen sleeping in her bedroom and there is no footage showing that she left the house and all the cars are there she was than declared as dead. I watched as the family mourned her loss and her parents were beyond damaged her mother couldn't even speak. It was painful to the point that I had a tear in one eye and I quickly wiped it away and watched the news to the end. I switched off the Tv when they done speaking of this case and turned to see Ntsizwa looking at me.

Me: get the chopper ready we are going back to Cape Town. He nodded and left me. Maybe it time I focus on money and let this go.

Sbani

It has been two weeks since has been here and she has never uttered even one word to anyone. She sleeps wakes up and nibble on whatever we have prepared than goes and sit by the garden for hours and when exhausted goes and looks herself in her room. I have had 5 nights in a row where her screams and cries will wake me up and I go to her room and hold her rocking

her to sleep, when she is asleep I will leave and go to my room. Twice I found my dad worried by the corridor when she has her night terrors and saw him a million times watching her with so much pain. Now here I was by my study looking outside the window watching her as she is sitting under the shade and just staring at the flowers blankly.

Dad: she going to be fine. I turned at his voice and found him behind me also looking at her.

Me: when? She never have uttered a word ever since she got here. A normal person will ask who we are. Where am I? Those kind of questions. My dad looked at me for a while and then looked away.

Me: what?

Dad: you have changed, the aura around you have changed.

Me: I grew wings when I helped her and that scares me since you told me that I might be half wolf due to your genes and I have never turned into a wolf.

Dad: you have more of your mother calling and my grandmother than you do of mine than.

Me: I don't think so, I think with me situations that I go through shape and change me in that moment.

Dad: than you more powerful than I ever thought you might.

Me: I don't know why mom wanted me to save her if she not talking.

Dad: did I tell you how I meet your mother?

Me: yeah for months you heard her prayers and you thought you were going crazy only to find out it her.

Dad: yes

Me: but am not in love with her

Dad: really?

Me: yes really? She is married dad,

Dad: to a dead man

Me: am really not going to have this conversation with you. I left him laughing in my study and went out for a drive really needed.

Sibusiso

Me not this again

Samkeliswe: you heard them, they never fund a body meaning she is alive.

Me: than where is she?

Samkelisiwe: please trust me

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trust me when I say our daughter is fine and she will come back to us again. Now wipe that tear and come have dinner with me. I did as she asked and prayed that my wife is right when she says that our daughter is alive and well.

Kailani

I walked to the lounge and found the guy who saved me and his father already seated. And I nodded to them in acknowledgement and they did the same as we ate and no one said anything. Just then the door busted open and the look alike of the father walked in smiling and the whole mood at the table lifted.

Him: who died? He asks laughing.

Old man: langa, what brings you here?

Langa: hey brother... am fine how are you? Of no complains, how is business?

Old man: I get you little brother. Hi

Langa: hi and she turned and looked at me than froze for a second and looked at the guy who saved me. "Thunder, is this you?" I looked at the guy who saved me. Who calls their child Thunder?

Thunder: it's not what you thing baba

Langa” oh tell me what am thinking? The old man laughed as we all turned to him and langa sat down.

Thunder: am not going to let you put me on the spot like this. Than langa turned and looked at me

Langa: so, you are? He asked me with a smile and looking right into my eyes making it kind of impossible not to answer.

Me: Kailani. I watched as the two gentlemen that I have dined with for two weeks without speaking to make an identical surprised facial expression. Langa looked at them.

Langa: and then you two what that look for? They both looked down and never answered him. He turned his attention to me. “ what brings you to our lovely kingdom” I looked at him surprised and he smiled and shifted in his chair than looked at his brother.

Langa: Why do these kids of yours always hide that they are royalty”

Me: Royalty? I shouted that without even realizing am voicing myself and I quickly clasped my hands over my mouth. Please don't tell me that I have been in some kind of a kingdom and the two guys who have been really nice to me are royalty I turned to look at all 3 of them and my brains just calculated that I might be in presence of a king. I turned to the old man and he gave me a warm smile than I turned to the guy who

saved me and really looked at him and then there it was by his left shoulder a wrap that was red and black. The guy that saved me was a king? A whole fucken king from some kingdom just risk his life went in a fire and saved me? How did she know where I was? How did she get into the room? I got up and slowly moved as all these questions played in my mind and then I saw him get up and I looked at him and his eyes were no longer brown there were green and that made me panic and I think that he saw that I was panicking.

Him: I can explain.. Please sit

Langa: this is going to be fun, I came at the right time. He pulled half of his chicken with a smile and nibbled without moving his eyes from us...

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Kailani

I stood there and looked at this crazy family and the nervous guy in front of me.

Me: how do you know me? I whispered and he closed his eyes and looked at me and I saw them flicker to grey and back to brown and that made me take a step back.

Him: even if I tell you, you won't believe me.

Me: I wouldn't have asked if I didn't want an answer. I spitted back with a shaking voice.

Him: I dreamt about you. Now that I didn't expected I stood there for a second digesting what he just said to me?

Me: okay, you dreamt of me and how did you know where I was at that specific time and how the hell did you get in the house and got me out of that house? Wait how did you even know my house it's in the middle of nowhere?

Sbani

I looked at her and I saw the confusion in her eyes. I know I wanted her to ask me these questions but now that she is I feel like she shouldn't have because I don't even know how to answer these kind of questions.

Me: kailani. She looked up at me.

Kailani: you know my name. I smiled at her and looked right into her eyes and walked closer to her as she stood still without moving.

Me: all you need to know is that am not going to hurt you that all. She licked her full lush lips and nodded and then a tear escaped the corner of her eye and I raised my hand to wipe it and I felt a connection to her that I knew that if ever someone had to take her away from me ill fight for her. Now I knew why my mother wanted me to find her. She is the one. She is my mate for life. We stood like that for some time with her looking into my eyes and me with one hand on her face looking right into her.

Kailani

My heart slowed down the minute he touched me and I swear it felt like my tummy was dancing. Never in a million years have I felt the way that am feeling right now about any person in the world. His hand on my face did things to me that I have never experienced before and his eyes held me in place and made me feel like am the only woman in the world that is worth his time. I raised my right hand and placed it on his hand that was touching me and my grief felt lighter and the pain and anger that I was feeling somehow became light and just than I looked down and saw the ring on my other hand and guilt broke into

me like rock falls. I moved out of his embrace and ran away to the garden crying my eyeballs out. How can I betray Khaya like this? A man who has been nothing but kind to me. A man who died fighting for me. Stood there at the cove of that tree that gave me peace. I felt the breeze change and the flowers looked brighter and the sun shined brighter and I turned and right behind me was the most beautiful woman I have ever seen in my life. She was smiling at me with tears in her eyes.

Her: Kailani

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It's amazing how everyone knows my name here and the beautiful way that they pronounce it.

Me: Ma. She smiled a heartfelt smile and moved closer to me and touched me and all the pain disappeared and a new purpose in my life filled me and she smiled.

Her: you are now home. I know you won't understand but time will tell you are now home.

Me: I think you mistaken me for someone

Her: oh now, a woman knows her daughter when she sees one and you my dear child are my daughter, the most important woman in my family who will bring nothing but light and peace into their life. A woman who will make every single person in the kingdom happy and content. A woman that will live up to

the dreams and ideas I once had for my kingdom. You had to go throw all that you have gone through to be stronger for what is about to come. I looked at her confused and she smiled making me smile nervously. She took out a chain that she was wearing and I turned as she placed it on my neck than turned and inspected me as the chain got bright and then went dull and she smiled satisfied.

Her: you have my strength now and I can leave this world in peace now knowing it in capable hands. She held my hands in her hands and I watched the ring that I loved with all my heart melt and drip to the floor.

Her: let go of the past and look into the future and just than the wind changed and she was gone as if she wasn't there and I sat down thinking to myself did I just imagine that or did it really just happen? I sat by the creek and dipped my feet in the water and I felt his presence before I even turned to see him taking of his shoes and getting his feet in the water.

Me: sorry I ran.

Sbani: It's okay. He then froze and really looked at me.

Sbani

I know that my mom died wearing her necklace and dad told us a million times that he tried to take it off so he can give it to Nolizwe when she was older but it never did. I have seen it in all

her pictures and I raised my hand to touch it as the stone shone bright for a second and stopped. I looked at her and she looked at me confused.

Kailani: if I told you about this chain you will think am crazy. She turned and looked in to the water and said nothing and so did I.

Me: you know sometimes not everything needs to make sense. Sometimes you just need to let go and follow your heart and see where it takes you. She turned and looked at me for what felt like hours than looked away and mumbled “ that the most scariest thing right now because my heart says am safe with you” I moved her head to look at me and she did.

Me: than trust your heart because I will never hurt you. I tear escaped her eye and I wiped it with my thumb and looked right in her eyes and I knew that I am unconditionally in love with my soul mate. My mother and great ancestors couldn't have chosen a more perfect individual the one sitting right in front of me.

Hawks headquarters

I woke up with a banging headache and I looked around and saw blinding lights and I knew I was in the white room. I tried to sit up but I couldn't and I just lay there looking at the white ceiling thinking of the last thing that happened. And it all came

rushing to me. I remember running with my sister to the basement finding a panic room and getting in there as the explosion rocked the whole place and the room crumbled. I heard my sister screams and then silence. Hours later I heard the captain saying I see a leg and then it was light out. I closed my eyes and all I could see was Kailani smile. That what brought me back her smile. The nurse walked in and saw I was awake and ran out to call the doctor and came back with the doctor and my whole team. They surrounded me as he checked me and helped me to a sitting position.

Me: my sister? They all looked down and I knew she was no more.

Me: my wife? They all looked down and I felt my heart squeeze tight and a sharp pain went through my chest and all I heard was the doctor saying “his having a heart attack” as I closed my eyes and went in deep.

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Khaya

I woke up and saw my brother and sister standing there. I smiled at them as Kumani threw herself on me and cried like never before and khulekani looked at me confused. She kept on saying am sorry and I never understood. I just held her.

Kumani: oh God I should have supported her more

Me: who?

Kumani: Kailani, after you death she took it bad and I was there for her but she kept on being a constant reminder of what have been and that house just kept on nudging on my feelings so I did the unthinkable.... Before she finished Khulekani gave her on tight slap with tears rolling down his cheek and I just sat there confused.

Me: Khulekani!! What did you do that for?

Khulekani: TELL HIM WHAT A MONSTER YOU ARE!! I KNEW IT BUT I JUST THOUGHT NO, MY SISTER CAN'T BE THAT EVIL.

Me: can someone talk to me.

Kumani: I killed her, I burned down our house knowing she was sleeping in your room. I looked at my sister and saw the pain in her eyes and I knew she was right, she did it in her stupid mind she thought she was healing herself.

Me: leave me please.

Kumani: Khaya please

Me: LEAVE ME NOW!!!

Sbani

I walked to the patio and found my father and his brother having an early brunch and just then Kailani walked in looking beautiful in one of my mother floral long dresses. Her skin was radiant and she looked like a dream. My heart caught on my throat and I saw my dad wipe a tear.

Me: you look refreshing I helped her sit on the chair and I moved to mine while Langa whistled and clapped his hands like a retard.

Kailani

I smiled at the crazy old man and looked at the emotional one.

Me: is something wrong Baba? He smiled a sad smile and looked at me with so much love.

Old man: you just took me back ten years ago.

Me: how?

Old man: the dresses you have been wearing belong to my wife and they fit you as if they were made for you. I touched the beautiful dress.

Me: she had so much taste.

Old man: Thank you

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than he froze as he looked at me and I guessed it the chain since it has been having that effect on people that are in this house. Even the helper who helped me this morning froze when she saw it.

Sbani: let me grab a few bites and go. Am meeting the elders today, any idea what do they want now?

Old man: I have no idea. He looked down looking guilty of something and I looked at the food minding my business.

Langa: where is Nolizwe it's been a while

Sbani: Dubai with her husband. They laughed and I looked at them.

Sbani: it's my little sister she is a character. I nodded and finished eating.

Me: I was thinking of looking for a place to stay and a job so I will be out of your hair soon. They all looked at me crazy.

Old man: you not going to do that a Qu....ohm I mean I don't mind having you around. I looked at him weird.

Old man: How about I walk you around, see the place a bit.

Me: That would be nice.

Old man: that settled.

Langa: ah Yanga you still got game. He threw a grape at him while the crazy man laughed and got up leaving us three. A tall skinny man walked to the door and stood there and Sbani got up.

Sbani: I will see you guys later, don't do anything I wouldn't do

Old man: Jealousy doesn't suit you son, keep me updated on the meeting. He nodded and left. There was silence and then he looked at me thoroughly and smiled making me look at myself thinking something is wrong with me.

Langa

She truly was a remarkable young woman who will suit my son well.

Me: you really are remarkable. She blushed and looked down.

“When I was young my parents told me from a young age that am different and am the miracle that they having been waiting for but they forgot to tell me the extent of my difference”

Kailani: how different were you? I saw she was now interested.

Me: come let take a walk and we will talk.

Kailani

I got up and walked toward the hand he arched and extended to me and we walked out with him being a gentlemen and we were silent as we walked around the palace.

Yanga: you remind so much of her but yet you are two different people.

Me: your wife?

Yanga: yes. She was loved by all and the most powerful person I have ever seen in my life. All she did was to love us and her people like there was no tomorrow and jumped at every opportunity to help any person in need.

Me: she sounds like a remarkable woman.

Yanga: she was. Left me with two remarkable children. The love he had for his family was amazing. We walked in silence and got to a bench and he looked at me.

Yanga: I want you to sit there and tell me if you believe in Destiney or not?

Me: I gave up on believing in such when my life was going more to the west than anything I have ever planned. He moved a bit away from me.

Yanga: I have not done this is years but I think you need to see something. He removed his jacket and I sat there looking at him confused and in a split of an eye there was a big wolf standing

in front of me and I just sat there looking at this majestic beast where baba Yanga was standing. I looked in it eyes and I saw the same eyes that belong to him as I stood up and went to him nuzzled it fur and it growled than I moved back and he changed back to his human form. We were both silent as he took his jersey back on and he sat next to me. My heart was pounding so fast and I didn't know if I should run or just sit there and tell myself that am dreaming. All of this is just me being in heaven and God testing me before I see him. I closed my eyes and counted to ten to calm my sense. Maybe am going crazy...

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Kailani

Me: you changed into a wolf? I whispered and he nodded.

Me: how?

Yanga: it's a gift that we have been blessed with in this kingdom. All the rightful heir.

Me: sbani?

Yanga: this is why I showed you my form, with Sbani it's a little complicated. I know my son is not really good at expressing himself and I have been through what his going through right now and me showing you my true self is me paving the way for him when he shares his true self to you.

Me: I see, but why would he do that?

Yanga: my child I feel like you are not getting me.

Me: what is it?

Yanga: you are the next Queen of this kingdom. I looked at him as if he has lost his mind.

Me: me a Queen? The next Queen of what? You got to be kidding me. He pointed at the chain that I was wearing.

Yanga: why know why I say that?

Me: I don't even want to know why? Look am grateful to you letting me stay here and I get it I remind you of someone you loved to dear but I am not a Queen never was. Heck I don't even have royal blood my parents are two normal people. I was once a sex slave for god sake what makes you think am worthy of being queen? He looked at me as if I haven't said anything and smile.

Yanga: You make the perfect Queen he said as if I haven't said anything. I looked at him as if his mad and I turned and looked the other way.

Khaya

Khulekani drove me to my house and I watched as it was a rubble.

Me: where are my staff?

Khulekani: they staying at the guest house at the back they never wanted to leave the place. I nodded because I knew they wouldn't leave.

Me: have the insurance paid out?

Khulekani: not yet but they still processing things

Me: get me a contractor and they should start the rebuilding.

Khulekani: already have.

Me: take me to the hotel. He nodded and did as he was told and I got there and called my lawyers and they came by. "Tell me where do I stand?"

Ndu: financially you are still rich and all your assets are still yours since we have not declared them to your family. Your wife kept postponing us coming to read the will. So everything is still yours.

Me: and now am I the widow. He looked at me for a while.

Ndu: technically there is no marriage because you died first and a death certificate was made for you so she was a widow for those days that you were dead and now you are back it still makes the marriage null. You are a new person now and starting all over basically.

Me: I see. Thank you.

Ndu: meantime I'll revoke your death certificate.

Me: Thank you and set up a meeting with all the boards, so I can assure them that I am still here and will be attending meetings moving forward.

Ndu: good I will. He turned and left and I stood there thinking to myself. I know I should take it that Kailani is no more but something doesn't make sense if there is no body than that means the person is still alive. Just maybe Zuleka has her. Took her before Kumani did her damage. I need to find Zuleka. I

called Siz to start the search on Zuleka maybe it for the revenge for my sister or for me to find closure and move on.

Sbani

I looked at the elders as if they are crazy.

Me: have you guys lost your mind.

Elder1: this kingdom has stayed years without a queen and if your father tells us that the late Queen have chosen a Queen for you than it's your job to find her and bring her home.

Me: or what?

Elder2: you know very well there is nothing we can do to you nor your powers. You are our king and we are your advisers and we know what happens if you don't secure our Queen and the kingdom will not survive that blow

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so do what is needed for you to bring her home.

Me; I her you any more advice you want to give us?

Elder3: ever since you have got here you have been defensive about the Queen and just than my uncle langa walked in laughing.

Langa: that because she is one hell of a beautiful lady and your child here is afraid of beautiful ladies. They all looked at me and

I just looked down. Am I really afraid of Kailani or have I been nervous about our situation? What if she rejects me than what? What about our kingdom? What about our people? What about me? How will I take the rejection? I looked at my uncle and gathered my papers and left.

Kailani

After the walk we were now sitting by his library and he was making me read all the files that his past wife has written. Her journals and her journey. The woman who gave me this necklace was Sbanisizwe mother. The woman who has chosen me for her son. The woman who have gave me powers of being a Queen of this kingdom. I looked at him and he was content and at peace and that somehow made me at peace too. I looked deep into my feelings and how I have been feeling lately. Am I betraying Khaya by all this? If he was here will any of this still be happening? Why does good makes us go through things in the order that he has put them. Why couldn't I have meet this family first before I meet Khaya and his family. Why all the heart ache and the drama just so to be told that am a Queen. I laughed at my life and looked at Baba Yanga.

Me: I'll make a horrible Queen.

Yanga: All amazing Queens say that.

Me: I still think about my dead husband a lot how can I be with your son when I feel some kind of a link with a dead man?

Yanga: link?

Me: I just don't know, khaya have been amazing to me. He saved me at a time of need. Gave me a home, a shelter and mostly a family. He did right by me and my family without me asking him too. He was always there in a blink of an eye. I knew suffered under his care and he showed me all this without wanting anything in return.

Yanga: did you love him? I was quiet for a second and looked up at the old man.

Me: that what hurts me the most? After everything that he has done for me and not once did I feel the same love that he gave me towards him yes I cared about him and yes he made me safe but your son. Your son awakens my soul without even saying anything. I can feel his presence even when he is sneaking around. I can feel his eyes on me even when he is afar or when he thinks am not looking but mostly I can feel his unconditional love even though he has never uttered those words at me and that scares me. That makes me feel like a hypocrite. How can I love a man so much who I have only meet for a few weeks and never felt this fire for a man who literally died because of me and lost a sister because of me? How can my existence to one family cause so much destruction yet in

another family its builds and creates so much? I looked at him with tears in my eyes and he looked at me with so much love in his.

Yanga: It's called love at its purest form. When two people are link and connected and are as one not everyone in the world will be happy about their connection or them being together but they stay together with those odds. Am not saying forget Khaya and don't appreciate all he has done for you and am not saying my son will be the best partner in the world but am saying explore this door that has opened up for you and see where it takes you. My door is always open. Am just glad I have another daughter and I'll always be here to advise you to the best of my abilities. I found myself walking to this gentle soul and gave him the best hug ever with tears rolling down my eye.

Me: thank you

Yanga: remember am always here.

Me: I know. I really did feel like he was my father. His love was genuine and puree and somehow did shed away my worries. " I need to go see my parents to let them know am okay you know"

Yanga: I can take you to them if you like.

Sbani: where are you two taking each other? We both turned and I was still in his father arms. I wiped my tears and he looked at me with so much concern.

Me: home. To see my parents. He nodded and sat by one love seat and he looked somewhat defeated.

Me: you okay?

Sbani: yah am okay just exhausted. I'll take you to your family after dinner. He poured himself a glass of whiskey and drowned it and looked outside the window and as much as I didn't know him, I knew something was eating at him.

Yanga: let me leave you two..

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Sbani

She sat across from me and looked at me and I looked at her too. For a while we sat there looking at each other without saying anything.

Kailani: I was married. The guy that I was married too was more of my protector than anything else. He showed me love without me asking for it or wanting anything in return and me being here with you after I have lost him somehow makes me feel guilty because am having foreign feelings for you that I wish I didn't have because if I didn't have life wouldn't be this complicated and maybe your mother wouldn't have chosen me for this kingdom or for you. I looked at her. Did she just admit that she has feelings for me?

Me: did you just?

Kailani: from what your father has shared about you I gathered you not really a conversationalist and since we suppose to somehow be king and queen of the same kingdom than we need to set some ground rules of how we can make this work. I shifted and looked at her and little bit of hope in my eyes.

Me: you going to give this a try? She nodded." You going to give me a chance?'

Kailani: one step at the time but yes we will try this out but you also need to be patience with me. I need to be able to be with you without feeling guilty that am doing something wrong by Khaya.

Me: I see. I'll be patient.

Kailani: Good

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now tell me what has you sour?

Me: the elders know about you thanks to dad and want me to do something about it.

Kailani: like?

Me: I don't know but I promise not to make any decisions without asking you first.

Kailani: am okay with that and thank you for saving my life.

Me: it was a pleasure. I sat by the couch and relaxed a bit this went smother than I thought. I closed my eyes and saw my mother smiling and I knew she was happy where she was.

Sbusiso

The doorbell rang and I got up and walked to answer the door and there he was Khaya looking like a mess. I grabbed him in

for one hell of a bear hug and welcomed him in just as samkelisiwe jumped on him.

Khaya: baba. That all he could say as he cried his lungs out. It was painful to watch but that what loss does to a person and he turned to my wife. "Tell me you still feel her presence please? Tell me that you can feel that she is alive" and before we could say anything

Kailani: Khaya... we all turned to the door and there she was standing there looking so beautiful. Looking powerful and different not the little afraid kailani that we knew. Her aura spoke of power and peace. I looked behind her and saw the king and my mind froze for a second trying to remember which kingdom but I know this because I helped them sign in their laws. I looked at my daughter and she has tears in her eyes...

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Kailani

I looked at my parents and khaya in the room and didn't know what to say or do. Dad came to his senses and got us all into the lounge and we walked in. khaya hold on to my hand not letting it go making it kind of awkward with Sbani flexing his jaws and you could see he wasn't okay with it but now that Khaya is alive and I did marry him, he is my husband and has every right to hold my hand right? Or am I delusional.

Khaya: I had Siz look for you thinking that Zuleka took you away before Kumani burnt the house. That shocked me that he knows that but seriously he is one of the best investigators in the world so of course he knows that.

Me: you know?

Khaya: she told me and she is beside herself. I swallowed and nodded.

Khaya

She was different. She wasn't the kailani that I knew and I finally took in the two other guys that were in the room and recognized the king and his son and that got me confused. I knew of the King because of his powers and we once had a case where we needed his skills for him to help and he helped us

tracked the 10 year old that was kidnapped and he ripped the kidnapper into shreds.

Me: king

Yanga: son. I got up and we shock hands and I sat back down. There was silence in the house the awkward kind since everyone was trying to figure out what happened.

Kailani

I looked at my family and I knew they had that undeniable love for khaya since he is the one who found me and brought me to them and since they don't know Sbani this is going to be a little difficult.

Me: well

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am glad that you are alive Khaya.

Khaya: so am I

Me: I don't know where to start so I'll start in the beginning and do know this is as difficult for me as it is as difficult for you.

After I lost you Khaya for days I didn't know if I should live and just give in and trust me I get why your sister did what she did. I was a nightmare on earth than that fateful night happened and I can't explain how but I now know the why. Sbanisizwe saved me from the burning house. Days after that I resent him for

saving me because maybe I could have been with you see your sister one more time who has been nothing but a joy for me but as those days turned to weeks and in those days I learnt something knew about myself which am afraid it won't go well with you. Everyone was silent and they looked at me and that frustrated me a lot because I have no idea where the strength to talk is coming from. I touched my chain and took a deep breath and looked at khaya.

Me: can we talk in private please? He nodded and we walked to the kitchen while I left my family with Sbani and his dad.

Sbani

We were silent for a while than her father looked at us.

Him: I remember you. He pointed at my father who smiled at him. Am not surprised everywhere we go people remember him for different reasons.

Dad: this is a difficult matter but am sure you have gathered what happening here. Her mother looked at me for a while than she touched my cheek and looked right in my eyes.

Her: Khaya did a lot for us, he saved her from the most evil man. His a good guy but I knew he wasn't a good guy for her. I knew she felt gratitude for his actions not love and I knew that one day they would come to terms with it and we would have been right there giving them our support. He truly is a

remarkable man and we will always be in debt to him but what I see with her now is a girl I always wanted to raise for myself. Thank you for saving her and I hope us giving you our blessings shows you that we are not taking sides and we hope that everything works out for you too it's all in her hands. I looked at them and the smile she gave me and I knew she meant every word she said.

Me: when the time is right ill like to send my elders to ask for your daughter hand in marriage. I know I might sound insensitive to the current situation but I just wish for you to know that my plans with her are only pure and of good intention.

Her father: we never doubted your intentions but it would be an honor to receive them. Call us when the time is right and we will prepare our family to do the receiving.

Me: thank you.

Khaya

I looked at her and I saw her trying to calm herself and I knew she was nervous and whatever she wanted to tell me wasn't good.

Me: hey you can talk to me, you know that right? She nodded and I looked at her waiting for her to tell me what she needed me to hear.

Kailani

I looked at him and he looked so innocent and I knew I was about to hurt him since he has never hid how he feels about me.

Me: am so sorry

Khaya: about?

Me: what am about to say and I know you won't understand it but I wish there was another way but I don't want to drag it and I don't want to hurt. You saved me more than once and I will be forever grateful about that and....

Khaya: stop. He raised his hand and I panicked and looked at him as he looked at me.

Khaya

I looked at her and I knew what she was going to say and I knew this day was coming me marrying her was more me trapping her to me and now that null and void I know I can't trap her to be with me anymore. She has found herself and mostly she has found her other half and I can't compete with it. I just have to be there as a friend or an older brother I guess.

Me: I love you kailani. I loved you the moment I laid eyes on you and I knew that you cared about me but not to the extent of being in love with me and I thought if I give us time we will

than grow together and learn to love each other. As painful as this is am just glad that you are okay. She looked at me with tears in her eyes and I came closer and hugged her.

Me: remember I told you that I'll always be there for you and you can count on me. Well you still can.

Kailani: am so sorry

Me: it's okay at least you were honest about it. We hugged for a while and my heart ached for her but I told myself she not mine to have let me let it be and be there to support her in all that she might go through. Maybe one day she will find her way to me.

Sbani

The drive home she was quiet not that she is much of a talker but she was awfully quiet. Halfway home she moved closer to me and slept on my arm and I let her rest and I kept to myself while dad looked at me shaking his head as if am doing something wrong. I know am really not the most romantic person ever but I try. We got home and she disappeared to her room. I heard the water running and after sometime it was quiet.

Dad: you going to lose her. I turned to look at him.

Me: how?

Dad: just because she blinded to you that doesn't meant that you shouldn't try to win her over. So if you keep going at it like this. You are going to miss her. I nodded as he taped my back and left. I walked to where her room is and knocked and she never answered and I slowly had the door open and walked into her room and heard sniffing from the bed and that broke my heart. I took off my shoes and got in bed and brought her closer to me as she let go. How does one console the woman that they love from grieving another man? What does one say to make things okay for her?

Insert 25:

Kailani

I woke up and saw Sbani right before my eyes and I was still. I took a moment to really look at him. With his bushy eyebrows and long lashes. His thin lips and the bottom lip fuller than the top and little stubs growing showing he hasn't shaved. His shoulders were broad not too muscular and not too thin just medium size. His chest was welcoming and strong he really did look handsome in a subtle way.

Sbani: you studying me. He whispered with his eyes closed.

Me: am not

Sbani: than what are you looking at?

Me: the painting behind you. He shifted and turned to look behind him and there was no painting and looked back at me and I closed my eyes in embarrassment.

Sbani: do you like the painting you studying. He whispered bringing me closer to him.

Me: yeah

Sbani: well I like my painting too. He removed my hands and looked at me with the most beautiful smile ever.

Sbani

I looked right at her. From her big round eyes to her small nose and full lush lips and the twinkle in her eyes. This is a way to wake up every morning.

Me: you are very beautiful Kailani

Kailani: thank you

Me: I know this is not an ideal situation but I promise to give it my all. She nodded and I kissed her forehead and brought her closer to me.

Me: I was thinking maybe we should go shopping today, am sure you tired wearing moms old fashion dresses.

Kailani: its vintage dresses I once saw on Tv that Vintage is a new thing.

Me: really?

Kailani: yep

Me: well ill like for us to go out and get a few things that you might like and need as a woman than maybe have lunch.

Kailani: are you asking me out? She made a cute face and pouting.

Me: maybe. I smiled at her and she looked at me and laughed.

Me: what?

Kailani: I have never in my whole life seen such a shy guy ever, usually men are forward and aggressive at some point.

Me: I haven't dated in a while you know and I have no idea what the dating terms and regulations.

Kailani: does this mean we are now dating? She looked at me with a glint in her eyes and I picked her up and put her on top of me. She was now saddling me.

Me: I figured we start small you know, get to know each other

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learn each other perks and dislike before we go for something more formal. The plan is to ask you to marry me at some point hopefully sooner than later but at the same time I don't want you to feel rushed and I don't want you to feel like you are suffocating. Plus we both process our emotions more you than I since the man you married just woke up from the dead.

Anyways I want us to be friends first before all the other titles. She nodded and shifted making my little guy react. I moved her to the side quickly before more damage was done.

Kailani: thank you for being considerate.

Me: I don't want you to resent me in the long run.

Kailani: I won't, I chose you. I laughed "really I thought it was the other way around"

Kailani: so you think. I tickled her and she laughed the richest laugh I have ever heard that made me stop and look at her like really is the woman I have to spend the rest of my life with?

Khaya

I woke up and decided to take a jog. I changed to my clothes and left the house and jogged until my lungs couldn't take it anymore. Maybe this is for the best her leaving me and choosing him. Am not a type to fight for person but did she want me to fight for her? I don't think so she sounded so heart broken. What was the purpose of her coming to my life and then all that happening. I walked further in to the forest and then heard some sounds coming from the back so I walked more to t and there she was digging and digging. She was sniffing and right next to hear was a big black rug rolled up and at the end all I could see were black shoes.

Me: ma'am? She turned with such a shock and looked at me and looked at the whole and the rug with legs sticking out and I looked at her. Her face was messed up and you could see that she went through a struggle until she won.

Her: please don't call the police

Me: okay, but I need you to step away from the whole and the rug.

Her: you going to call the cops on me.

Me: no I won't but I need you to listen to me and step away from the rug and the whole and just than the rug began to move and I saw the panic in her eyes

Her: oh no his not dead his going to kill me. His going to kill she raise her shovel.

Me: if you hit him with that shovel his going to die and I'll have to call the cops.

Her: but he will kill me. She began to be hysterical and cry.

Me: look at me. What is your name? She looked at the slowly moving rug and looked at the shovel than looked at me.

Her: my name is Nolizwe

Me: hi my name is khaya, now move from there and come over to me. I promise you he won't kill you.

Insert 26:

Nolizwe

We were now at a hotel room. I have taken a shower and have changed into the track pants that he has given me to wear. He has ordered food as if he knew that it has been days since I have last eaten. I sat down by the table and ate all that was in front of me and when I was done and room service came and took the plates away he came and sat across from and looked at me with kind eyes.

Khaya: you okay?

Me: yeah. The shaking has disappeared.

Khaya: that a good thing right?

Me: I guess so. Ohm are you going to call the police on me?

Khaya: how about you tell me everything from the beginning. I looked at him and I felt that I can trust him with all that I have been through.

Me: where do I began?

Khaya: at the beginning.

Me: Well I come from a unique family. We lost our mother during child birth and well my dad did everything that he could with raising two kids. One weird girl who kept to themselves

and a little boy who was far from being normal. But he made sure that we have the best of everything. When I was 18 I meet Themba. He was everything that I wanted in a guy. Loving, fun and stable. He showed me love in many form and loved me with my uniqueness. So when I was 20 years old after begging my father for year he allowed me to marry him even though he was just a commoner and despite his instincts telling him no. the first 5 years of my marriage was a blessing. The man worshipped the ground I walked on. He did everything right. I was really the queen of his heart until we started trying for a baby and every pregnancy we had ended in tears. The first two he was supportive when I lost the babies but after that he was a monster. He would hit me to the point where I can feel my bones break. I have went to countless doctors and they all say all is well in my womb just need to take care of my mental being and my body and eat well. Which was easy since I had all the money in the world but living with a monster has a dying effect on a person that not even money can solve. I took a deep breath and looked at him to find him carefully listening without any judgements and pity in his eyes.

“So as years continued I saw the love he had for me turn into hate as I couldn’t give him the one thing he desired. Which was a baby. It got to the point that I started preventing because going through all this torment was too much for me. It’s been two years no and still no baby and that drove him insane until

he found out I have been using the prevention and he whopped my ass until I came to the conclusion its either me or him and I valued my life more so it was him.”

Khaya: why you never went to your father or brother?

Me: and have him rip him to shreds in a matter of seconds and feel guilty about if all his life. Nope it was my mistake and I needed to rectify it myself. Am the one that got myself into the mess so I will get myself out of this?

Khaya: and your brother?

Me: you do not want to mess with that one. For years he suspected that life is not so good by myself but somehow I have managed to get him to drop it. Even now he thinks am in Dubai because he never goes a week with just dropping off at my place unexpected just to check in and that drove Themba crazy. So yes my life is pretty much fucked up.

Khaya: not as fucked up as mine.

Me: tell me about it?

Khaya: found a girl in a bad situation and then took her in willingly but feel in love with her before she fell in love with me. Than the guy she was running away from took my sister and in me playing hero got her killed and myself almost dead only to come back to each to find that the little lady who has m heart has a new path chosen for her with people I know for a fact

that if I mess with them it's more like asking my ancestors to come fetch me.

Me: and here I was thinking my life sucks and you just got ditched. Wow. Sorry

Khaya: it's okay

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I have made peace with it unfortunately.

Me: yeah

Khaya: am not going to call the police on you but am taking you to your family and having your deadly father deal with this.

Me: oh no we not

Khaya: it's that or we calling the cops because that guy will wake up and all hell will break lose.

Themba

I woke up and I saw that the little bitch nearly buried me alive. I slowly got up and made my way to the opening and saw her car was still parked there I went to it. I know she hardly locks the car and I always scolded her for that and got there open the door and the car was open and the extra keys were under the

car seat and I got it and started the car. I finally got home called a friend to one check me out.

Nhleka: Tiny Miss really got you good.

Me: I know, didn't think she had it in her.

Nhleka: where is she now? That took me out of my haze and I jumped and grabbed my phone to call my bigger brother. If she has gone to her father or brother am a dead man and the only person who can save me is my gangster of a brother.

The phone kept on ringing till he answered and I was already on panic mode.

Him: Yah

Me: I need your help.

Him: on?

Me: I think my in laws are coming to get me.

Him: I really don't get why you afraid of them. I have never heard of them. You have never seen them do anything that might suggest otherwise.

Me: we live in two different worlds Zuleka and right now I need you.

Zuleka: am only coming with half of my man because am bored and I need to take my mind off things that have just gotten sour.

Me: tonight right?

Zuleka: no one rushes me Ill get there when I get there if you too scared sleep at a friend's house. He hang up before I could even answer him...

Insert 27:

Kailani

I woke up to find Sbani not in bed vibrating by the floor. I quickly jumped out of bed and went to him screaming as the door open and guards and his father came running in and his father looked like he knew what to do as he turned him around and worked on him as i watched since in future ill be dealing with this.

Yanga: his having a bad version that why his shaking. I nodded as if that making sense. The chain on my neck started to burn me and i looked at it and just as i was about to call my father in law i dropped to the ground and started shaking too. Within minutes i was in a room and i walked in saw blood everywhere and dead bodies. I walked to the corner where i saw Sbani on the floor covered in blood head to toe and stood in front of him when he looked up and saw me and held me tight with tears in his eyes as he wept repeating “ i didn't know, how could i not know”.

Khaya

I woke up and went to the kitchen to find it smelling good and there she was standing there smiling like yesterday her life wasn't coming to an end.

Me: Hi

Nolizwe: Hi

Me: you look good today.

Nolizwe: sleep does that. She smiled placing plates in front of me and preparing the best breakfast ever. We ate in silence than i looked at her as she was far off in thoughts.

Me: what you thinking

Nolizwe: oh nothing she smiled looking down and i walked around the table clearing things up as she got up and started washing dishes and i dried it.

Me: you going to be fine.

Nolizwe: i hope so. I don't know what got to me that i turned and looked at her and she looked right into my eyes as she slowly got closer to me and i bent my head down on her as our mouths touched. Within seconds we were naked and i picked her up putted her on top of the counter as i moved right in between her legs. I couldn't breath and it was getting steamy and my blood was running wild as i saw she was flushed too.

Me: Are you sure

Nolizwe: like a heartbeat.

Nolizwe

Just like that he slid in making my whole body vibrate. In all my life iv never felt this way just about sex. He pulled our and went back in rocking me hard. I felt my toes curl like a ball. He pulled back and went back in and came like there was no tomorrow with me screaming my lungs out. Never in my life have i came with just 2 strokes. When he saw i was losing my grip he took me from the counter and dropped me to the floor where he ravished me like there was no tomorrow. He went in deep touched things that i never knew i had. I felt him grip me hard and i knew he was near so i flipped us and i was on top as i rode him like there was no tomorrow making me squirt for the first time in my life as he growled. My heart was thumping hard as he held on to me pushing in deeper and deeper.. without noticing he flipped me with my ass up high and pumped into me making me shake. My limbs were mash mellows. My vijay was numb but my heart and body was alive. I felt his thickness and him touching every core. I felt the desire and passion and felt each stroke and thrust right into me filling me up to fullest when he finally came in me he was quite as we tried our best to calm ourself and collect each breath. We were soaking wet as

he was in me not moving and i on the tiles floor welcoming the cold as it was cooling me down.

Khaya

I kept quiet for a while as my heart got back to place and my mind in a frenzy. Did i really just do that? What the hell is wrong with me. I closed my eyes and calmed my mind when i was done. I moved out of her as she collapsed to the floor and picked her up and went to the bathroom as i open the shower and we took a bath in utter silence. When we were done and dressed.

Me: Am taking you home. She looked at me with tears in her eyes.

Nolizwe: my father.....

Me: will do nothing to you

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i told you i got you and i meant it. So am taking you home. I looked at her as she turned fragile and i touched her in she jumped in fright than tears came through to her eyes as she tried to blink them away.

Me: when your mess is sorted out am taking you for counselling than ill marry you. She looked at me as if am crazy and the

words i said came back to me and i closed my eyes as i held her closer to me.

“ wow khaya, really? Marry her? You dont even know her. One hot flaming sex session and now you want her to be your wife?” I closed my eyes as i tried to calm my mind from over think just as my penis has a mind of it own and i think she felt it since she moved closer to it making it difficult for me and i moved her as she looked up at me with pleading eyes and this time i took my time undressing her as i wanted not to be rough but gentle as i made love to her until sunset.

Kailani

We sat down for dinner as we were about to eat i watched Sbani shift touching his heart than smiling.

Sbani: we have visitors

Yanga: Who?

Langa: ow mshana uphinde ube udoor man kanti?(You sometimes change to being a door man) they laughed just as i heard footsteps.

Me: let me call someone to make an extra sitting space. I walked out to the kitchen to get one of the friendly helpers to come set up and we walked out and there he was Sbani holding

khaya roughly with his clothes and a young woman crying at Yanga hands and langa sitting by his place eating and looking on with a smile as if his watching TV.....

Insert 28:

Kailani

Sbani: give me one reason why I shouldn't rip your head off your shoulders right now. I heard him say as his eyes turned red with rage and for the first time I in my life of knowing khaya I saw him start shaking. I ran to him and did my best to remove him from khaya with the young lady screaming for Sbani to leave him.

Me: let him go . My voice had such conviction.

Khaya

I felt my heart pound as i looked at kailani and her hair was turning grey. Her eyes were turning blue and the wind was rattling the windows as everyone looked at her in amazement and her man dropping me in a quick and then in a split second she was back to the normal Kailani that i know.

Kailani

I looked to see everyone looking at me weird.

Langa: who needs TV when idrama engakha laykhaya. (who needs tv when you are all so dramatic) i turned to look at khaya to find him okay and turned to Sbani.

Me: what was that for?

Sbani: ask him

Me: am asking you. He walked off leaving me standing there and i turned to khaya. Who raised his hands in defeat and i looked at the young woman and she hid in her dad.

Me: fine than. No one wants to talk then fine kill each other for all i care. I left them and walked to the room that i have been sharing with Sbani. I found him by the window looking out.

Sbani: He abused my sister that why i reacted the way that i did. For years he tormented her.

Me: who? Khaya?

Sbani: I don't know

Me: you speaking crazy. How can khaya know your sister for years and bare in mind the last months his been constantly with me so when did he abuse your sister? And why would your sister bring him here knowing very well your powers? He was quiet as i walked over to him and hugged him from the back.

Me: look i know your version scared you and i know you would kill for your sister I saw you but not the wrong man. Let get all the facts first and take it from there.

Sbani: how you know she is my sister?

Me: apart from looking alike, its the love in your eyes. He turned and looked at me.

Sbani: Love?

Me: yes

you an open book with your emotions.

Sbani: Am i? What are my emotions saying right now? He walked closer to me and brought me closer to him cupping my bottom. He licked his lips and i felt the electric currents traveling all over my body and i felt my body vibrate with need. A need iv never felt ever.

Me: you desire?

Sbani: who. He bent his head and was itches away from me.

Me: me. He kissed me slowly making me yearn for more. Kissed me senseless as if my brain cells were slowly departing from my brain and his hands roam around my butt slowly picking up the dress i was wearing. I felt the breeze kiss my legs as he slowly lifted the dress and i was now in my bra and panty. Good thing i was wearing the red lace number. I stood there as he looked

me over with so much desire and passion and admiration making me wetter with each moment. He removed his clothes and was left with his boxers and he moved me to the bed where he slowly placed me on it and started kissing me everywhere leaving butterflies all over my body making me squirm with desire just as i thought i would bust out in flames he inserted a finger into my honey pot and looked right into my eyes as i screamed. He slowly pulled out and went in again went in making me mourn as i felt myself about to explode and just then he went in with his mouth making me scream as he pinched my nipple. I felt the first wave as it shocked my body making him look up from down there at me smiling and he took off the rest of my underwear and positioned himself looking at me with so much desire.

Sbani: Are you okay? I nodded as he slowly rubbed his tip on my vijay as i moved for him to go in. One shove he was in and the pain i felt was beyond words as i screamed and tears left my eyes.

Sbani: You a virgin? He looked at me with so much shock and i nodded shyly.

Sbani: Am sorry i would have been more gentle.

Me: it fine. He stood like that for what seemed like hours and than he moved slowly making the tension build up all over

again as he pounded in me slowly making me lose my mind and soul all at once.

Sbani: look at me. I slowly open my eyes as he went deeper and deeper making me arch my back as i was starting to feel the tingling sensation traveling everywhere. He grinned as if he knew i was closer and bent to bite my lip just as he started thrusting faster and hard hit my G spot making me wet the bed like an ocean. He didnt stop as he went faster like before as i continued being a tap and all a sudden he froze and went rigid as he offloaded in me and moved to the side taking me with him. We were quiet for some time coming back to the world.

Sbani: are you okay? Did i hurt you?

Me: i cant feel my legs. I said shyly.

Sbani: they will come back. He snuggled me closer to him and in a split second we were in the Jacuzzi at the back and the hot water was relaxing as he shifted me to ontop of him and i felt he was ready again and i shifted and slowly went down on him looking right into his eyes with a smile as he chuckled and made love to me until the sun went up and I couldn't feel my legs and my vijay.

Zuleka

I got at my brother beautiful home and found him looking a mess and seeing him like that made me realise that he is more scared of this family than he was letting on before.

Me: bafo(brother) he hugged me as if his life depended on it and smiled.

Themba: you are here

Me: i said am coming

Themba: thank you so much. I walked in and the house was guarded.

Me: makes me thing that the president is coming after you.

Themba: its a king and his son with soecial powers bafo. I messed up and i messed up big time.

Me: am here now, so ill fix it. I saw him breath in relief and made me wonder, what on earth am i getting myself into....

Insert 29:

Kailani

I woke up to find Sbani not with me and I took a shower than went back out to find a tray of my breakfast on my bed and a little note.

“ Good morning sunshine” I smiled took the toast and coffee and had it than went in the closet to find something to wear. Today seemed gloomy so i wore black track pants and top had my hair in a bun than wore black takkies and went out to find him standing there with his side grin. Looking handsome in his jeans and top.

Sbani: you look different

Me: so do you. He walked closer and kissed me senseless than let goes of me.

Sbani: i love you Kailani. My heart felt like it will explode into many pieces as i looked up at him with the biggest smile i can master.

Me: i love you too.

Nolizwe

I walked to the patio and found the whole family sitting having breakfast with khaya sitting far from Sbani.

Me: Goodmorning family

Dad: Lizwe unjani (how are you Nolizwe)

Me: ngiright baba(am good dad)

Dad: goo than. He ate in silence. I know they know what been happening to me but they want me to be the one who break the news to them. I ate and when i was done i looked at the 3 now 4 men with khaya who are in my life and the beautiful girl who has my brother wrapped up on her finger. I looked at her closer then I saw her eyes flicker from brown to grey. She is the chosen one for my brother. I jumped up from my chair and they looked at me like am mad.

Me: she the chosen one and no one told me. I looked at my family in disbelief as yesterday events came to mind when her hair changed to grey and i looked at it now and it was perfectly black.

Sbani: you hardly come home Nolizwe

Me: you could have phoned.

Sbani: you were in Dubai, your phone was off!

Me: Am your twin sister Sbani? This is huge its something you wanted for a long time and am the last to know about it.

Sbani: you got married and cut us off in your life eventually, we lost our bond. I wasn't about to call you and tell you this over the phone plus its only been a few days since it has happened.

Me: but still.....

Sbani: No!!! He roared and for the first time ii was scared of my brother. I saw the girl touch his hand to calm him down and lord was i grateful for her intervention yesterday and today.

Sbani: you left us as years went by and that man sucked the life out of you. We waited for you to come home and tell us what eating you but instead it was lies after lies. Bruises after bruises. I saw how he kicked you unconscious sometimes. How with each baby you lost a piece of you died with it. I saw how you will cry yourself to sleep. How he chased away your friends. How your light was dimmed Nolizwe and i didn't do anything. I couldn't do anything because you never opened up to me. Why Nolizwe? How do you think i feel as your brother, twin brother that you have been a punching bag for a no body? Tell me how do i feel? And here you are standing there with your pride and yelling at me for not telling you about Kailani? Baby girl quit dreaming and tell me what do you want us to do about your numb shack of a marriage because trust me all i want is to rip him into pieces but am here waiting for you to OPEN THE FUCK UP!!! I looked at the angry man in front of me and i felt the

tears rolling down my cheek and when khaya got up my brother looked at him with so much anger that he sat down.

Me: Am sorry. I cried

Sbani: Too late for apologies, what do you want me to do with him?

Me: make him feel as much of the pain that i have felt all those years. Make him suffer like how i did. I just want him and the memories to go away.

Sbani: and him? He pointed at khaya. I looked at him confused.

Me: what about him?

Sbani: don't play dumb with me.

Me: will talk about him later please. Sbani got up and left the room

Langa: Now we got that out of the way. He turned and looked at Khaya “ you sure know how to pick them” he laughed as khaya shyly grinned. Kailani got up leaving us and i saw khaya follow her and i looked at my fathers and they both shrugged.

Khaya

I followed her to the garden.

Me: Wait up. She waited and we both walked together in silence.

Kailani: so you and Nolizwe?

Me: its happened fast one minute i was helping her and the next we were having sex. She looked at me shocked.

Kailani: are you happy?

Me: am more scared of the guy you with right now.

Kailani: his a softie don't mind him.

Me: that not how i see him though

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i want to marry Nolizwe when all this is sorted out, i hope you don't mind.

Kailani: listen we all have our roles to play. Am happy you are happy and even if its means us becoming a family like this. Its okay with me.

Me: promise

Kailani: i promise. I laughed and she smiled.

Me: i guess this makes us brothers, who would have thought that my ex wife will now be my sister.

Nolizwe: ex what? She looked at us with shock and tears in her eyes as she ran away and i ran after her.

Zuleka

I got my guys round up to go investigate the kingdom to take pictures of all the activities happening there for the next 3 days so we can see that Nolizwe went home or not.

Themba: after we gather information than what?

Me: you tell me, do you still want her back?

Themba: yes, i love her

Me: then we prepare to bring her back home if that what you want.

Themba: only if her father and brother are dead

Me: consider them dead than. I left him standing there as i prepared to go out..

Insert 29:

Zuleka

I looked at the pictures as i saw her and my eyes couldn't believe what i was seeing. In some pictures are sae khaya too and my heart dropped to my stomach. I saw him die. I saw the house she was in that house when it crumbled down.

Me: these are recent pictures

Ntsizwa: yes boss, i saw them with my own eyes.

Me: this cant be.

Ntsizwa: it is, only the sister died in that bomb but he lives and so does she.

Me: i can bring war to that family with her around and him.

Ntsizwa: must i call Themba?

Me: yes call him now

Kailani

I looked at sbani as he was getting agitated with each passing moment.

Me: want to talk about it?

Sbani: no

Me: than stop pacing up and down like that. Nolizwe walked in and looked at me and Sbani.

Nolizwe: are you okay

Sbani: yeah

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what up?

Nolizwe: i wanted to go to the house to go take my valuables

Sbani: am coming with you.

Me: me too

Sbani: you staying here

Me: am not

Sbani: you are. I left them and went to the bedroom now i get why he was agitated the whole time.

Themba

I looked at my brother in defeat

Me: what you mean that you will not go fight for me?

Zuleka: exactly that. A dead man is in they grounds. You said they have powers, what if they resurrected him?m

Me: really? Are you thinking that right now? There was a knock on the door and we both looked at each other.

Zuleka: are you expecting anyone?

Me: no one. I looked at him and he looked at me as we both walked to the foyer as the door opened and in walked Nolizwe alone as if nothing happened. I stood behind the big vase and Zuleka walked out from the couch and she gave him one of her dazzling smile.

Nolizwe: Sbari(brother in law)

Zuleka: Nkosazana

Nolizwe: what brings you here?

Zuleka: you know your husband always wants help after he misses up

Nolizwe: did he tell you that i almost buried him alive? I got up from the vase and looked at her she wasn't no longer scared of me. What gave her this much confidence?

Me: i didn't go into details

Nolizwe: you should have. I came for my things and i want a divorce asap. I looked at her and looked around it was just us.

Me: what makes you think i would agree to such?

Nolizwe: i have pictures of all the bruises that you have given me. Ill go to the press, drag down the little dignity that you have and on top of that open up a case and now wen i file for divorce ill take you for everything you have and what you will still acquire moving forward. I walked closer to her like how i usually do and she never took a step back out of fear. That took me back. She turned and smiled at Zuleka.

Nolizwe: let me go packing. She swiftly left us standing there.

Me: did you see that? Not an ounce of fear.

Zuleka: well since that sorted, i might as well go back home now. I stood there in disbelief as the two disappeared and just then i felt a hand over my mouth and i got dragged out of my house with fear running throw my body and my heart pounding so hard against my chest. Those strong arms kept on dragging me further and further from the house as my fear got the worst if me when we were finally in the bushes he threw me on the ground and i got up to find my footing and there he was Sbanisizwe looking at me with so much anger and i knew right there and then that am going to be meeting my ancestors. Am not sure how but i knew that today is the day i die....

Insert 30:

Zuleka

I walked the whole house looking for him and i didn't see him so i went to the masters and found Nolizwe very busy sorting herself out. She looked up at me when she heard and smiled her welcoming smile. She was always sweet against me.

Me: Am looking for Themba cant find him.

Nolizwe: try the bar by the basement.

Me: that the first place i looked at and his not there.

Nolizwe: an not sure than where he is. She continued zipping up everything. I thought about it for a second and turned.

Me: Rumours say you have visitors at the royal palace and there are speculations

Nolizwe: They might be speculating about Kailani, the new Queen. I felt myself choke on my saliva and she ran to come help me and gave me something to drink.

Me: Queen?

Nolizwe: Yes

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she is amazing

Me: wasn't she married to some guy called khaya?

Voice: she was and now she isn't. I turned to find Khaya standing by the door. I pressed my panic button on my watch and the guys were within us in minutes with guns drawn out. Those who were with me when we killed khaya looked at me in confusion. I fully turned to him and he looked at me with such calmness that i felt myself sweat a bit.

Me: i killed you

Khaya: you thought you killed me

Me: it was a bomb for fucks sake

Khaya: I know and it got my sister. Well i guess we even now a brother for a sister. I felt my body grow cold as he said that and i looked at him with understanding and just then the tall dark guy walked in and threw something at my feet and it rolled to the floor until it stopped right in front of me and i turned it with my foot only to see Themba shocked face gazing up. I felt my inside turn and panic. What kind of a monster does this.

Me: you killed my brother

Guy: who happened to abuse my sister for years right under my nose. His voice was clean and cold and i felt shivers running down my body i pointed the gun at him and looked at Ntsizwa

for signalling and just like that we started shooting at him when he grabbed khaya and ran for his sister. I aimed for his head and i saw the bullet stop half way on they direction. And he turned after hiding the two and i saw khaya watch in disbelief as he took the gun khaya gave him and he started shooting one by one to every man shooting at him. I froze in place and looked around to find everyone one with bullets in they head and blood everywhere as he slowly walked to me.

Him: let me tell you how i killed your brother. I first punched him cracking ever rib bone that he has and when he couldn't take it more i broke his limbs and when that pain was beginning to be to much and he was fainting out because of pain. I cracked his jaw line just like how he almost cracked my sisters. Than i slowly had fun ripping him apart as he felt each tear of his limbs and lastly I snatched his head out of his shoulder socket. Do you want to know what am going to do to you? I felt myself get wet and i knew that i have just peed myself.

Him: i heard you once brought my wife? He looked at me with his eyes turning green.

Me: your wife

Him: Kailani. I felt a tremble down my body.

Me: she is your wife?

Him: now tell me what gives you a right to buy somebody? I kept quiet and he came to me open my mouth and snatched my tongue out. I couldn't hear my screams but i knew i was screaming in my head. Within seconds he had my heart in his hands as i dropped down like a bag of potatoes.

Khaya

I picked Nolizwe up and cradled her to my chest so she cant see what i saw with my two eyes. Somehow his death made me feel at peace in a way. I left him there and put her in the car and sat there for what felt like hours trying to make sense of everything that has just happened.

Kailani

I felt the pull and i closed my eyes and open them and i was in a room with all the dead people. He was buy the corner and he was covered in blood. I navigated myself to him picked him up and closed my eyes and we were in our room. I prepared a shower and got in with him as we washed away all the blood and i undressed him and washed some more.

Sbani: the rage was too much. I was there but the animal part of me took over.

Me: and i dont love you any less for how you handled the situation. Remember we in this thing together okay. He looked at me with tears in his eyes as we stood there washing away all the sins of today.

5 years later

Kailani

We walked out from the doctor. I was silence and so was he. He drove for a while and than parked by the side of the road and looked at me.

Sbani: do you want to talk about it?

Me: no

Sbani: am here if you want to talk about it.

Me: okay. We drove home and I got to the bedroom closed the door and my eyeballs out. What have il ever done to deserve this.

Sbani

I heard her screams and cry from the study. My father walked in and looked at me.

Dad: what did the doctor say?

Me: she miscarried again dad. If she is my chosen one how come we cant carry to full term. Am slowly losing my wife dad and i have no idea how to fix it. How to make it better for her. She wants a child. I know she does but all this loses i feel like God punishing me for all the lives i have taken.

Dad: you two are going to be fine. Just give yourselves some time. Look at Nolizwe, ten years later and she has twins. Countless miscarriages and all is well at the end. So give yourself some time. I looked at him defeated finished off my glass and went upstairs.....

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

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