

\*PROLOGUE\*

\*Luzuko\*



I turn on my side, reaching for my phone looking at the time

I'm so fucking late, I should have long been on campus. But it's whatever, I'll get there whenever I get there

I have a few missed calls from Tau, I'll call him once I've fully woken up

A slight knock comes at the door, I smile just knowing who's on the other side

Me: ngena (come in)

Ziya: vula Zuko! (Open)

She says so frustrated, I chuckle. I don't understand how she can manage to get herself here

And have the braveness to knock, yet knowing that she can't reach the knob herself

I get up and open for her, she's dragging her pink blanket on the floor. She just walks in

Me : ufunani ? (What do you want)

Ziya: zobona wena (I came to see you)

I laugh, this one will never cease to amaze me for real

Me: uphekile umamakho? (Your mother cooked)

Ziya: pheka baba (dad is cooking)

Okay! I need to get the hell out of this place, I won't stand my father's cooking

With the kind of night I had , I need some proper food

Me: ungibonile manje k'theni ungahambi? (You've seen me so why don't you leave)

She just shakes her head no , perks of being a big brother to such a drama queen

She's only 4, but I doubt I was like this at her age. And Lethuxolo definitely wasn't anything like Ziyanda

Me: ngiyogeza, ngiyabuya (I'm going to bath, I'm coming)

Ziya: phi phone yakho? (Where is your phone)

She has her hand held out, I just laugh. She's crazy, ain't no way in hell she's holding my phone

Me : girl you kidding ? you can't touch my phone

Voice: all kinds of sensitive info there

I turn and look at him, he's standing at the door

Lethu: uMama uthi uzodla (mom says you should come eat)

She frowns, but walk to him either way

Me: I owe you a hundred bucks

He laughs, picking her up

Lethu: sure you do

They finally walk out

I head to the shower, taking a quick one. Just putting one casual wear

Black skinny jeans, a plain white t-shirt with black sneakers.

It's a good thing I had everything moved yesterday, i have no baggage today

Saves me the trouble of having to move today, when it's orientation tomorrow

I take my phone, and call Tau back. After a few rings he answers

Tau: you still live!

Me: what is it?

Tau: we have an order

Me : can we pull it ?

Tau: I think we can, how busy is your schedule?

Me: pretty pressed the first two weeks

He sighs

Me: wait until I get there, and we'll see what to do.

Tau: alright

Me: how much time do we have?

Tau: a month

Me: mhm, and any description?

Tau: mostly dark beauties

Me: alright, I'll see you in a bit

I drop the call heading down, and everyone is on the kitchen table eating

I kiss my mother's cheek, she smiles this old man frowns at me.

Dad: you need to get married boy

Me: I'm only 24

Dad: your mother was 24 when she had

you

Mom: 25 actually

Me: guys! There's absolutely no reason to be telling me just how old you are

Dad: I don't like you kissing my woman Luzuko

Me: she's my mother, find me a woman like her. And I'd wife her in a heart beat

She laughs

Me: I have to go now, I'll probably be back in a month or so

Mom: what, why so far?

Me: it's going to be pretty hectic

Dad: please do give us the space

Me: we still share this woman man, whatever you say

Lethu: you really do need to get married

I look at him, like where does he get the mouth?

Lethuxolo: I'm kidding

Me: look at me kidding, walking out with your hundred bucks

His facial expression changes he's so sour, and the good thing is that he knows I'm not joking with him

Lethuxolo: yhoh!

Exactly!

Me: I'm hungry as hell, but your loud mouth said her father cooked. So I'm gone

I kiss her cute chubby cheeks, she just laughs

Dad: if only she heard what you said

Me: Mr don't be like that

Dad: Luzuko, get out of my house. We'll see you after a month Mr

Me: your husband!

She laughs

Mom: I'm not getting involved

Me: mhm

I look at this tiny one, she's busy stuffing her face with food. Not giving a care about anything

Me: goodbye Princess

Only now she looks at me.

Ziya: uzobuya? (Are you going to come back)

Me: yeah

When ? I don't know , but I'm already headed to the door

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## \*Zuri\*



I don't know , but I feel depressed somehow just walking in here

Funny how I'd say that , when I really do have depression and anxiety . Not to mention the stupid panic attacks

I hate such crowded places, I hate looking like an outsider and not feeling grounded

This is really going to be a hard thing to adjust to , but I have no choice . I wanted this , now I have to make it work

Dad: are you going to be okay?

I just nod, he looks so worried. And I don't blame him one bit. He even insisted to bring me here. And I didn't see the need for that, but hey who am I? To even begin arguing with my father

Dad: we can still change, and get you a place outside of campus. It's not too late

Initially, that's just what I should have gone for . This is just scary

Me : dad it's really fine

He sighs, and I don't know if I'm failing to convince him so much. How am I convinced?

Dad: okay, I'll have your car delivered tomorrow

Me: thank you

We finally arrive at the rooms, and I hate that I'll be sharing

It's not even a must, my father could have just gotten me a single room. I don't know why I chose to share, I'll just have to swallow up

I knock, and seems like my roommate has arrived. I'm shocked opening the door and finding Pretty

Pretty: you're finally here, I've been crazy waiting

I look at my dad

Me: I don't need a babysitter, did you do this?

Dad: of course I didn't

Pretty: you're not happy to be sharing with me?

She's on her feet, walking to me. Now I'm even more nervous about this setting, she's too wild. We're just water and oil

Me : don't be silly

Pretty: this couldn't have worked out better, we're roomies. I'm going to give you the best ....

My father clears his throat

Pretty: in a good way Mr Nyiko

Dad: I should leave, call if there's anything.

And I mean anything at all

Me: you're on speed dial

Pretty: and she has me

Lord help me!

I hug my father, and we say goodbye to each other he leaves

Pretty: the fresher's party tomorrow night, we're so there. You need a little number for it, I hope you have something. Or its shopping for us, girl you do need this experience

Not even 30 minutes, and she's already on with these things of hers. I know Pretty from back home, and we're friends in a way

She's a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student, and this is my first year

I'm saved by her phone ringing, and she goes outside to answer it

The room is not bad , I just hope I will survive this

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\*Pretty\*



I'm so scared, I'm even shaking. My palms are so sweaty

And my hands are shaking, I even feel weak like I'll just fall down

Me: he....hello?

Voice: get your fucking ass here now

Okay! It's him, I heave a sigh of relief. But it doesn't make things better

Me: is ....is he there?

Tau: Pretty don't fuck with me, just get here now. Clients are waiting, and you know that's not how business is done

Me: 20 minutes, I'll be there

He drops the call, I take a deep breath and gather myself walking back inside the room

Me: babe.....I have to head out. Don't wait up, I'll see you

She just nods saying nothing, good thing.
Because I can't have her questioning me.
My life here, is nothing that she knows of her friend. And I want it to remain that way

## \*Dakarai\*



Knowing it's her first day today, arriving at campus

I'm just looking forward to seeing her, we didn't see each other over the December holidays

I was in Zimbabwe, visiting my father's family. And I miss her like crazy

Since I'm a second year, I've settled and still using my last year room. Still with the same roommate

Kevin and I we're best friends, we met last year first day. And we've just never looked back on this friendship

It's actually just kind of cool to share with each other, we get along just fine

I take my phone out, and call her. It rings for a bit before she answers

Zuri: baby

She sounds so asleep, now I feel bad waking her up. Maybe her father denied her coming

That man is too overprotective of his daughter, anything unsettling her. He just doesn't allow. She's what you can call a daddy princess

Me: I'm sorry, I woke you up

Zuri: it's okay, I'm actually hungry. So I guess I needed to wake up

Me: have you arrived?

Zuri: yes

I smile

Me : now when do I see you ?

Zuri: you can come through, my roommate is out. And you won't believe this

Me: what?

Zuri: it's Pretty

Me: Pretty as in like your friend?

Zuri: yes

I chuckle

Me: this means you're with me from Friday until Monday, Pretty is wild babe. She'll corrupt you

She laughs

Zuri: just come through

Me: I'll bring Pizza

Zuri: and you wonder why I love you

I laugh

Me: stop! I'm coming. I love you

Zuri: and I love you

I drop the call, making the order for pizza.

And I add a few sides for her, I know she didn't fight with food

We've been together for 6 months now, we met in June during the holidays

My brother works at her father's company, I saw her there and I just knew I had to have her

And I went head, she wasn't that keen in the first place. But I wasn't giving her any chance

Finally she agreed to be with me, and we've just been together since then

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## \*Tau\*



She walks in , panting like crazy . As if she was running this whole time

And just laying my eyes on her, I am pissed to a point that I just want to slap her

Pretty: I know I am late I'm sorry, like I'm really sorry

Me: you're really provoking him aren't you?

Pretty: no....no I'm not , this won't happen again

Me : for your sake it better be

Pretty: can I.... go through?.

Me: bare this in mind, that the last time he didn't find you here. He said he will ship you off, now you decide

Pretty: please there's no need for that

Me: get on with it

She runs away heading to the room, I shake my head looking at her until she disappears from my sight

I head to the bar, taking a seat

Me : give me whiskey neat

He pours it, I down it all in one go. And turn around, it hasn't been a while since Club Venus has been opened

But fuck! We did it, and we're doing good

Sure, we might not be doing everything legal and all. But it's doing great for us

It launders the money very much easy for us, it keeps the cops away. Keeping safe all the other business. Money is money, it's not labelled where it comes from or how it was made or accumulated

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\*Zuri\*

Dakarai came around last night, we had supper together

Even though it was take outs, I still appreciated that he fed me

Because I was hungry, but after falling asleep I didn't think I'll wake up that late

He didn't spend the night though, he left just before midnight

And Pretty didn't come back, until early hours of the morning

I'm a light sleeper, so I heard her come in . But I didn't say anything

Probably this is her life, and well it has nothing to do with me

It's orientation today, I've already showered made my bed

And I need some breakfast, this is the on thing I'm going to miss about being away from home

Evelyn's cooking, because I'm lazy I don't even want to lie

Me and the kitchen, we're not best friends. I hate pots with everything in me

I won't even bother myself right now , I'll live on take outs day in and out

Pretty: girl you're up early, what's up?

I look at her, her eyes are so reddish. Clearly she didn't get enough sleep

Me: it's orientation

She laughs slightly

Pretty: you're telling me you woke up early just for that?

I don't know , but I feel like she's mocking me in a way

Me: yeah

Pretty: but you have me, you don't need to attend any of that

Me: I want to

Pretty: suit yourself, I'm sleeping and not going there

Me : okay

It's not like I asked her to come with, now she's acting as if she's my sitter

Pretty: the party we're still on

Me: right

I don't even know about that , I'll probably just ditch her

Pretty: you know what? On second thought, let me come with you. I need to teach you a few things

I wonder what things

Pretty: I'll shower fast

Me : okay

She gets up

Pretty: my head is so fucking heavy!

I just shake my head as she walks slowly to the shower At least that we have one in our room, so it's just the two of us sharing it

I call Dakarai, he doesn't answer. I won't call again

That's just me, I never double call or text once is just enough

He'll get back to me when he can

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\*Luzuko\*

We're in my apartment, and have to leave for campus in a few minutes

He's eating, I'm just having a glass of whiskey

I just need a pick me up, for my day. I already can't for the day to end

Students are annoying, it doesn't matter where they are

Could be primary, or high school. Even varsity, they're still annoying

Beats me why I studied to be a lecture , but I love my job nonetheless

Me: I know that girl was late last night

He looks at me.

Me : again

Tau: won't happen again

Me : you better make sure , or else she's gone

Tau: she makes more money, that's the only reason I even tolerate her

Me: well, she's not irreplaceable. I didn't fight Ferrari for the Underworld, only for us to be pulled by our noses by that girl

Tau: I'll get her on a leash

Me: you do it, or I'll do it for you. She works for us, she takes orders just like everyone else. There's nothing special about her

He nods

Me: and the 11 girls?

Tau: I want to play away from varsity

Me: it's only February now, you can take one or two. There's lost of new comers, that should be your target

Tau: I'll check out today, at the party

Me: mhm, I won't be there

Tau: you're missing free pussy?

He says laughing, I chuckle

Me : I have a job

Tau: better you than me, lets go

Me: you're fucking with me, wash that plate

He gets up washing the utensils he was using, I rinse my glass and we leave

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\*Dakarai\*

I call her now , and her phone is not going through

Knowing the kind of person she is, I know she's not angry

But I hope she's okay, that nothing is wrong and that's why she was calling

I know she deals with a lot, that's why I'm surprised that her phone is off right now

Kevin: still can't get a hold of her?

I sigh frustrated

Me: no

Kevin: then just leave her

He says annoyed

Me : really man !

Kevin: you baby that girl too much, she's not even fucking worth it

Me: well I love her, that's something you know nothing about

He laughs

Kevin: if this is what love makes people be like, trust me my G I'm fine

I shake my head, I text her. At last when she sees the text she'll get back to me

But I'll keep calling her

Kevin: I'm going out, to scout fresher's at the orientation

Shit! Why didn't I think of that? Probably that's where she is

But still doesn't explain why her phone is off

Maybe that's why she was calling so early, to tell me she'll be leaving it behind or something

Me: I'm sure she went for orientation, I'm so stupid

He laughs

Kevin: you need pussy my G, that's the only thing you need right now. Because this girl of yours is something else

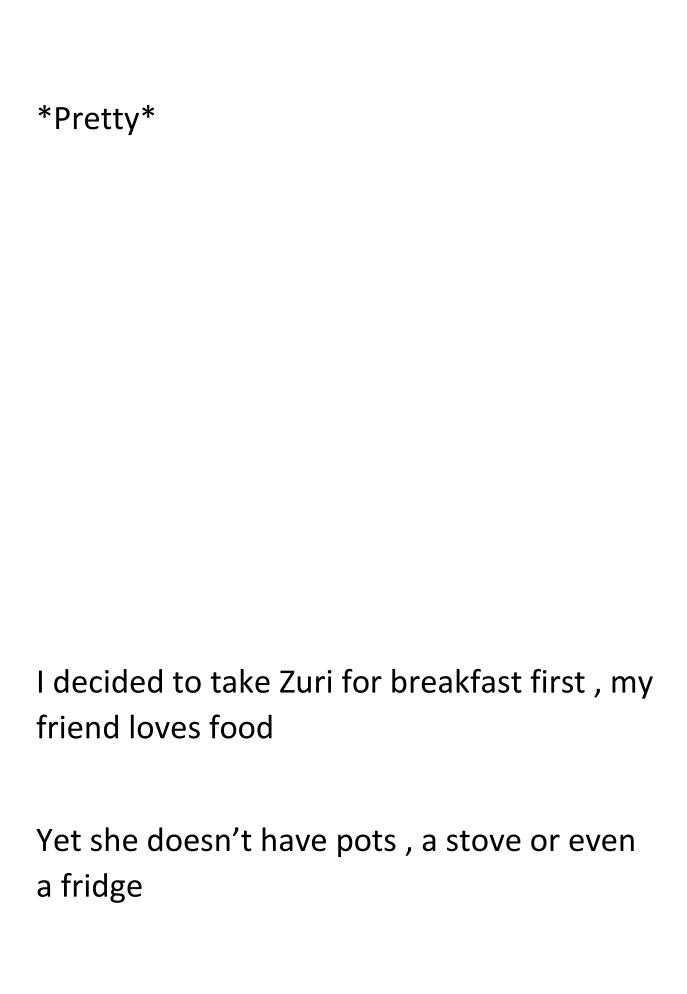
He's never been a fan of the relationship, mainly because I talk to him about it

And he think Zuri is just too much, for certain things. But I don't mind that

It's not like it's an everyday, that she has episodes and all that

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I have no use for those things, because I have time attending classes

And then I'm at the club working, I hardly have time

But as for her, I'm sure those are things she'll need

How else will she eat everyday? Unless she plans on spending money daily

That's no fucking student ways, but her father has money

Rich kids always have it easier than the rest of us

My eyes trail to the door as Tau walks in with him

I'm so happy he wasn't at the club yesterday, he doesn't know I was late

He doesn't give shit that I'm his star stripper, I make him more money combined from all those girls

But he doesn't give a shit, he still pimps me out

The greediness of this guy, when it comes to money it's just on another level

Me : don't be so obvious , but look at the counter

Zuri: the two guys?

Me: yeah

Zuri: what about them?

Me : see that one in black clothes?

Zuri: yeah

Me: his name is Luzuko Dube, he'll be one of your lectures. Stay the hell away from that guy

She signs

Zuri: why would I even go anywhere near a lecture?

I laugh

Me: girl! Look at him, he's young he's fresh and light skinned. Definitely your types, just stay away from him

Zuri: fine, although I don't think this is necessary

Me: well trust me it is

Zuri: I have a boyfriend, and I love him

Me: sure, but this is varsity. You're going to see and meet guys, your types. And you'll see that Dakarai, is nowhere near being your kind of guy

Zuri : let's go

Me: I'm telling you the truth either way, you better listen

She shakes her head, we get up. And as we leave, they turn looking at us

But I'm quick to turn ahead, I don't want any contact with Luzuko

He's one ruthless guy I've ever met, the cutest shouldn't fool anyone

He doesn't even look as ruthless he is , he actually looks like a teddy bear

Something that's just full of love, but he's just the opposite

How he got me to be a stripper, and selling my body is a story of another day

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\*Tau\*

I have marked the girl with Pretty, she will be perfect

Her skin colour is exactly what they want

It doesn't even make sense to me, why it matters the skin colour of these girls

Because at the end of the day 90% of them, just end up the same way

Sex slaves , drug mules or junkies . Worse some end up dead

It's only few, that gets bought and actually make it out fine with the guys

We kidnap them, and sell them off. We do have our own, that we use as drug mules and sex slaves

At the club it's just the stripers, and that's private. Not everyone in that club knows this

Only rich and the powerful, they have their own section where they get entertained

And of course, some also sleep with these men. It comes in a package

Luzuko: wanna share your thoughts?

Me: I just think, I have that one from varsity

He laughs

Luzuko: let me leave you

Me: sure

We part ways

Now that I saw her with Pretty, I'll have to be at that party

Because I know Pretty will be there, she's not working tonight

But I'll have to play my cards right, so she doesn't tip the girl off

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\*Zuri\*

I didn't bother myself, with that little number of a dress

Pretty is not happy, but this is her scene and not mine

I can just tell by the excitement on her face, it says it all

Without even listening to anything that she says

Pretty: it's about to pop, girl! You're about to experience life, this is what Varsity is all about

I don't know about that , for me I came here to study

Pretty: let loose, have fun. Kiss a few strangers, don't open your thighs. Don't take drinks from anyone you don't know

Me: right

I answer so bored

Pretty: what you need is a drink, you'll loosen up. Break out of your shell

I'll rather not

Pretty: I'll get us drinks

She disappears into the crowd, my phone beeps. I check the message, and it's from Dakarai

He's asking where I'm at , I tell him . And in just a minute he stands next to me

Dakarai: baby

I smile, he gives me a kiss I kiss him back.

One I quickly pull out of

Dakarai: I'm sorry my bad

Me: why would you kiss me, after you've had beer? That tastes bother

Dakarai : I couldn't help myself , you look beautiful

Me: thank you

Dakarai: Pretty dragged you here?

Me: kind of

He laughs

Dakarai: you need something to drink?

Me: I doubt there's anything non-alcoholic here

Dakarai: true

Pretty comes back with two glasses

Pretty: there you go

Dakarai takes it from her

Pretty: really? You're depriving her of fun and her youth

Dakarai: won't it be nice, if she wants to do it herself?

She rolls her eyes

Pretty: you're such a bore, and you're holding her down

She takes a sip of her drink

Pretty: I'm going to have fun, I won't stand here and baby sit you and your boyfriend

She leaves

Me: finally!

He laughs

Dakarai: I don't get how the two of you are friends

Me: beats me too

She's like the big sister, one with influence

That doesn't even make sense, but I've gotten used to her

She just can't accept, that she can't change me. I'm the total opposite of her

Dakarai: you're just going go stand here?

Me: actually I want to leave

There's just too many people here, the noise is too loud

Dakarai : okay ! Let's go chill in my car , or my room

Me: Kevin is not there?

He shakes his head

Dakarai: he wouldn't miss this party for anything

Me: okay, but I don't want to ruin your fun

Dakarai: fun?

He slightly laughs

Dakarai: I'll rather be cuddling my girl

He takes my hand and we leave , I'm boring I know

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\*Tau\*

Luzuko was right, the party is hella filled with girls who are new

They look so out of place, you can just spot them with one look

I'm not even here to groove or anything like that

But I won't leave alone either way , I just need a fuck

I see her, walking out with some guy. I think I've seen him around

Must be a boyfriend, she doesn't strike me as girl who'll pick a guy from a groove

But who knows? I could be wrong, but she's my assignment for a week or so

I need to understand her moves, and know who she hangs around with

That would make things easier for me, when I have to take her

I won't be quick to take her though, I might have to wait until she's the last girl

If there's any relations with Pretty, that might be a problem. Because she knows what we do

And she might suspect, I don't need that

Voice: big boss

I turn and face her

Pretty: don't give me that look, I'm off and so I'm having fun

Me : lets make sure no fuck boys penetrate you

Pretty: come on! Why would I leave without a snack?

I walk closer to her , grabbing her arm . She flinches in pain

Me: because I still have men, who pay to be inside of you

Pretty: Tau, you're hurting me

Me : we wouldn't want them swimming now , would we ?

Pretty: I'll behave, please let go

I slowly move back

Me: things always work better, when we understand each other

I let go of her arm, she rubs on it

Me: fuck off

She turns walking away, I don't even know why she came to me in the first place

I'm not her friend, I'll never be. And seems like she sometimes forgets that

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\*Pretty\*

Tau can go fuck himself, it's not like I have a river of a pussy

I'll fuck whoever I want , I don't even have a boyfriend

I need sex, and it's not like I enjoy the sex with the old men I sleep with at the club

I always have to do drugs before that , and I have block everything out

And just keep telling myself that it's for sex and nothing else

I don't enjoy it, as much as I've accepted my life. It doesn't mean that I like what I do or that I enjoy it

Life doesn't shine on us all, and I'm one of those the universe hasn't looked my way
But I don't like feeling sorry for myself, so I swallow up whatever shit I have to . And just keep on moving

Voice: I'm having you in my bed tonight

I turn and it's the campus biggest player ever, and he's cute too. His status and reputation is no shock at all

I wonder how Dakarai is friends with him , he doesn't look the type

But then again, looks can be deceiving. And he might be fucking hoes

Cheating on poor Zuri, she's too naïve. And a snob kind

Me: what happened to chivalry?

He laughs

Kevin: babe, that's not for our kind of people

Me: our kind?

Kevin: the kind that just fucks around, I hope you know we're cut from the same cloths

Me: like hell we are

Kevin: I'll ask you that in the morning

He winks and walks away

He's a pig, but one fine hell of a pig. And I wouldn't mind to taste him

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\*Dakarai\*

We wake up , and Kevin didn't come back yesterday

Not that I was expecting him to , I know he scored some pussy somewhere

Zuri: I have to go

Me : babe you just woke up

Zuri: I have class, at 09:00

Me: it's still early

Zuri: you know how slow I am

I sigh

We ended up coming to my room last night, watched a few series and she spent the night here

Me: okay, let's have breakfast first

Zuri: okay

I lean over pecking her lips, and she pulls me into a kiss

Me : babe please don't tempt me

She laughs, we pull out of the kiss

Zuri: what's your day like?

Me: you have something in mind?.

Zuri: thought we could do lunch

Me: lectures until 16:00, I'm sorry

Zuri: it's fine

Me: let me get that breakfast

I get off the bed

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\*Pretty\*

My head! I swear one day alcohol will kill me

Last night was lit, I have no regrets whatsoever

It was so worth it, even my fuck. Damn this guy knows his story

Kevin: I....

Me : don't even say it , you can leave . My friend will be back soon

He chuckles, putting on his pants

And talking about Zuri, I don't even know where she is

I hope she's okay, I'm hoping she's with her boyfriend

Kevin: until next time

Me: I thought we just fuck and pass

Kevin: you're burning girl, I'll still come back for some of that. Once in a while

I wouldn't mind that , at least I enjoyed the sex with him

Kevin: I'll see you, but don't think this means anything. Don't even wave at me

I just stare at him, as he walks out. He's had pussy, now he thinks he knows it all

I fuck men for a living , and I forget about them the second we're done

Who the hell does he think he is?

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\*Luzuko\*

With three classes done, I'm already annoyed I want to be out of here

I have one last lecture, and I'll be done for the day

They walk in , and Tau walks in as well . He's not in here

Me: what?

He laughs

Tau: don't have kids

Me: these are not kids, they're fucking old and men and women

Tau: look to your 7 o'clock, the girl in the red basketball jacket

Me: she has her head bowed down

He looks at her

Tau: you have an hour with her

I chuckle

Me: leave man, so I can start my lesson

Tau: sure

He walks out, my eyes trail to the girl. But she's still not looking up

It doesn't matter, as long as he knows her that's fine by me

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\*Luzuko\*

This one is always here, I swear you'd think he doesn't have a home

He walks in , while I'm focused on what's playing on TV

Tau: what's that?

He sits down , I'm on my feet . Because this caught me as I was passing

Me: the new minister of defence

Tau: oh that Ngcwethi Nyiko

Me: mhm

Tau: he's a busy man

Me: way too busy for my liking

Tau: he's going to keep South Africa safe

Me: and that's my problem with him

He chuckles

Tau: ah now I understand

Me: it would benefit having a man like him on our side, instead of him fighting us

Tau: true, but how do we get to a man like that?

**I** shrug

Me: I have no idea

This man just seems like he's going to be a thorn

I don't like him already, just how he's talking and all

If the law enforcement follows suit to this, without a doubt I'm screwed

He has some crazy plans, on just how he plans to decrease crime

And stop illegal imports and exports, he's not joking

Tau: on another news, we have 3 girls from free state

Now I'm worried about all of that , if we take the whole month

We might not be able to move those girls

Me: you have a week to find all these girls

Tau: all 11?

Me: you already have three, count that one from varsity it makes four

Tau: did you see her?

Me: mhm, I didn't pay her much attention.
And she doesn't strike me as too forward,
she had her head bowed down the whole
lecture

Tau: okay, I'll get on with it. Two weeks will be my longest

Me: better than a month, if this man moves fast. We won't stand a chance

This is some real worry for me, and I don't like anything that worries me

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\*Zuri\*

First day wasn't so bad, but it's still too early

I'll see as days go by , but so far I have nothing bad to say

I want to head out for dinner, Dakarai is studying

I don't want to bother him , and Pretty is out . I'm on my own

I take my phone and car keys, my father had my car brought today

A day later, but it's fine. It's not like I needed it yesterday

I connect to the Bluetooth as I drive out calling him

Dad: my baby

I smile

Me : congratulations minister

He laughs

Me: you were great there

Dad: you watched it? I didn't know you had a TV in there

Me: internet my good man

We laugh

Dad: I forget these things of you kids

Me: I'm proud of you, I'm sure you have them criminals shaking

Dad: they better be, because I'm coming. I'm coming hard, and in full force

Me: I couldn't be more proud

Dad: you're sounding like the adult right

now

Me: when parents make us proud, we

have to let them know

Dad: thank you my baby

He sighs

Me: what's wrong?

Dad: this means more responsibilities

Me: less time for us

I sigh

Me: I know

Dad: I'll do my best

Me: you've been doing your best since I was a child

He chuckles

Dad: you're driving this late?

Me: I'm hungry, tell Evenly I miss her food

Dad: I can always make sue you're delivered food everyday

I laugh, because I know he's capable of that

My father treats me like an egg

Me : please don't

Dad: baby you have to come home this weekend

Me: miss me already?.

Dad: that, but now that I'm the minister.

Our lives are out there, and you need protection detail

What now?

Me: is that necessary?

Dad: yes, dangerous men and women will want to come after me using you

I sigh , I guess I was too quick to be happy

Me: okay, but please I don't want anyone following me around. That will bring me eyes

Dad: I won't do that to you, you'll be watched 24/7 yes. But they'll keep their distance

Me: that's still uncomfortable, but okay

Dad: okay, get your food and go back to your room

Me: yes sir

We laugh

Dad: I love you baby

Me: I love you too daddy

We hang up, I continue with my drive

My father is the only parent I know and have

His linage comes from Wakanda and Rwanda, but his family long came to South Africa

He was born here, so were his parents and siblings as well

Some uncle's and aunts if his, it's been decades and decades of years since they moved

But they still know their roots and where they come from

Once in a while, we do go to Wakanda and Rwanda to visit the other families that side

We all know each other, and get along very fine. When he met the woman that carried me, he was a nobody

She wanted the lavish soft life, thinking he might provide that

And when he couldn't, she wanted a way out. Unfortunately she was already pregnant with me

And she wanted nothing to do with me, so at 5 months she tried to abort me

And failed miserably, that's when she was paid a lump sum of money to keep me until giving birth

And she did, all because of the money. She didn't waste time, as soon as I was out of her

She left as was never seen again

My father raised me from birth, all on his own

He's never even bothered wanting to get married, or finding someone to start a life with

But he does date, just that he hides that from me. And he's never introduced any woman to me

It's always just been us, and it's like he plans for it to be like that until he dies

To be honest I wouldn't mind him finding love, he deserves that after all

But I guess he has his fears, and I won't push him to anything

He's always been a present father, I've never lacked anything. Nor have I ever felt like I need a mother

I was like 5 when he got into politics, and he always held a high position of some sort

But he's been a father, been around and played his role

He wasn't just throwing money at me, like most rich parents do. He gives me his time and attention

Doesn't matter how small or little, I always just come number one to him. Not even his job came between that

And even now, I do believe him when he says he will still do his best. Even though now this is a much higher position

The whole country defence is on his shoulders, now that's big

But I know this man , he's never let me down he won't start now

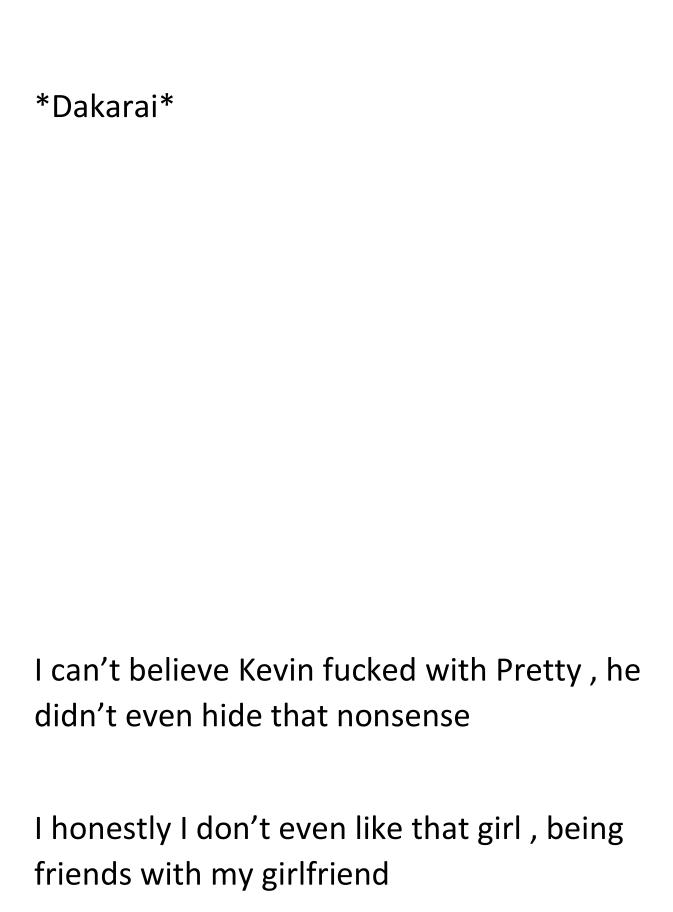
Even though I'm 19 now , and I'm old . Well my own version of old

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When I say she's wild, I mean she's too loose. And I'm not just dissing her

There's rumours that she's a prostitute, now I don't know how true that is

But it's out there, and I don't think a person like that is a good person to have as a friend

But I don't control Zuri, she can have anyone she likes as a friend

Even if that person is Pretty, I just how she doesn't introduce my girlfriend into these things of hers

Kevin: you're tripping over nothing

Me: bruh, it's your life

He laughs

Kevin: I was safe

Me : you can stop telling me , like stop right now

He laughs

Kevin: I'll go get checked, just to be on the safe side. But man! You're killing me, I was planning to go back there. That Chiquita is

wild , and fucking experienced . She showed me things

Me: enough!

Kevin: you really must be a virgin, by now honestly. I'm sure you had that girl in here yesterday, and you didn't even fuck her

I grab my jacket

Kevin: like when was the last time you had sex? Probably last year in November, that one time you cheated

Me : dude ! Like you better shut the fuck up

Kevin: relax it's not like I'll tell her, but she's fucking starving you. And she's not worth it

Me: I'm not doing this shit with you, you're really getting out of line right now

He sighs, I take my laptop bag and head out

Kevin doesn't like Zuri, and so he never has anything to say about her

Even though some things are true, I still do take offence because I love her

But he doesn't care, and he calls a spade a spade. He doesn't shy away from anything

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\*Tau\*

Been a crazy day, everywhere everything is just about this Ngcwethi Nyiko guy

Now I get why Zuko is not himself, this guy is a threat to us

And I don't like him one bit, the more I see him and hear him talk I just get pissed

The whole government cabinet is on their feet, all because of him

This is just trouble for us, he will ruin and hurt us badly

We're at the club, but I can see his mind is not even here

Me: I get your worry about this guy now

He looks at me

Me: like he's seriously bad news for us

Luzuko: tell me something I don't know

He really is deep in thought, and he's just overworking his mind

I'd hate for him to lose control, because a lot of things could go wrong

Sure I'm also involved in the bad things, and all that

But he's having it worse, he goes around killing people like they're flies

Me: isn't there anything we can do?

I don't know what , I'm just thinking and trying to come up with some kind of a solution

Luzuko: maybe there's something we can use against him

He gets up , and stands by the window looking downstairs

Luzuko: maybe something he holds dear, something or someone he wouldn't want to lose

Me: you might be onto something

He looks at me

Luzuko: he's a fucking politician, they have scandals everywhere and weaknesses everywhere. Bastard kids, fraud money just anything that's dirty. Something that can hurt him

Well he's right

Luzuko: maybe ....

He runs his chin

Me: what?

Luzuko: let's find out what we can use against him first

Me: on it

Luzuko: one thing, we have to be very careful. No one must even sniff that anyone wants to find out about him

Me: sure

Luzuko: and you dig deeper Tau, not anything that anyone with a laptop and internet access can get

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Luzuko: you better find something, or else I'll just kill him

Now that ! We don't even know , so yeah I better fucking find something and soon . Before we have to ship those girls off , because if we don't . We will be in hot water

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\*Dakarai\*

We're at some party, it's middle of the weekend

But it's like there's no tomorrow for us, we're just drinking this life away

It's all Kevin's doing, he didn't give me a chance to decline

And I don't regret, I'm letting loose here and everyone is just having fun

Kevin: do tap some pussy

I laugh

Me: you're starting now

I place the glass on the table

Me: I'm going out for a smoke

Kevin: sure

I can just light up in here, but there's just way too many people

I go outside , and have my smoke . I get a text from Zuri

Wishing me a goodnight, I look at the time and it's almost 23:00

I put my phone back inside my pocket, as I hear some commotion

I turn heading towards the direction, it's the voice that I know very well that catches my attention

And as I appear she's being pulled by some guy

Me: leave her alone

Guy: come on don't get involved

Me: don't get involved, with the my fucking girlfriend?

He lets go of her, and looks around before he runs away

She sobs , I just pull her into a hug . Resting her head on my chest

Me: it's okay

Hazel: thank you

She slowly pulls out, I wipe her tears off. I haven't seen her in a while

And damn she's beautiful, a sight for sore eyes

I'm startled by her lips on mine, and I just react on that

I don't even know how she initiated the kiss, because I was just so lost looking at her

Hazel: let me thank you tonight

She whispers not wasting time going down, getting on her knees

And before I know it, she has my dick going in and out of her mouth

It's been a while , and I won't die because of blue balls

Hazel: let's go to your car

She mumbles, right as I cum inside of her mouth and she slowly swallows

Hazel: I want you inside of me.

I won't refuse that , Kevin was right . I'm all for Zuri , but this is not something I get from her

I pull my pants, and take her hand as we walk to my car

We get in the back seat, and she doesn't waste time taking her panty off

I take my dick out , just burying myself inside of her

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\*Zuri\*

I'm with Dakarai, after my class. I'm used to them now

That I've actually started being used to being a varsity student

But being the way that I am , well I don't think I'll make any friends whatsoever

And that's fine by me, I don't even talk to anyone in class

I'm just some loner, but that's fine. I do have Pretty and Dakarai outside class

Dakarai: you're finding your feet fine?

Me: it's not bad

Dakarai: I see that

Me: I have to go home later today

Dakarai: why? Is everything okay?

Me: yeah

I want to tell him, why I have to go home. But at the back of my mind, I'm like am I even supposed to be telling him?

All this is new to me, I really don't even know how to act about it

Dakarai: it's going to be a long weekend without you

Me: let's do movies tomorrow, you can drive through

Dakarai: okay, I'll see

Okay! I'll see

That's not satisfying enough, and right at this moment I just notice how cold he's been for quite a few days now

Maybe I did something, or maybe I'm just overthinking this. Or he's just not okay

I get up , I hate to think I'm forcing myself on anyone

And a conversation that's cold, and feels like it's being forced it's just not for me

Dakarai: and now?

Me: forget the movies, I'll see you on Monday. You'll probably be better by then

I turn to walk away

Dakarai: babe ....I'm sorry I.....

I don't bother waiting or listening to him

If he didn't want to see me, he should have just said

I find Pretty busy packing a small bag, I guess she's not going to be here the whole weekend

Me: I'm going home

Pretty: no one goes home every weekend, this is your independence

Me: I don't expect you to understand, so please

She rolls her eyes

Pretty: you're really acting like a snob right now, and it's surprising because once rich kids are out of home. They never look back

Me : and what does that tell you?

She just looks at me, I grab my laptop and car keys

Pretty: please drop me somewhere

Me: funny how you can insult me, and still need my help

Pretty: come on! Don't make a big deal out of it

I don't know, but she's really annoying me right now

Me: no catch a taxi or something

I'm out of the door, before she even says anything more

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\*Dakarai\*

Honestly I feel bad, I feel bad because I let what Kevin said get to me.

And yesterday I hooked up with Hazel, one thing led to another and we slept together

I don't know, but after that I was all promising her that we'll be together and all that

I don't know what I was thinking , but I fucked up

Hazel knows us to be in a relationship right now, and on the other hand there's Zuri

The girl who knows me to always have her down

Now I just think have taken a dramatic turn, and I have someone else

How I'm going to fucking pull this up , I really don't know

I've been calling her, and she's not answering my calls

She's really acting childish right now, over the fact that I was just distracted

Me: babe, I really don't know how we're going to talk when you're ignoring me like this. We can't spend the weekend sour at each other, please just lets talk

I leave her the voice message, Hazel's text comes through that she's here

She lives off campus, so I asked her to come over and spend the weekend

She was only happy to , and that's why I wasn't all so up for movies with Zuri tomorrow

I find her by the security, I get to her

Me: hey babe

She smiles, I peck her lips taking her one hand into mine

Hazel: hey

Me: you good?

She nods smiling,

Me : let's go

We head to my room, and I'm goad Kevin is not around. This gives us time to be alone

Hazel: were you serious?

She asks as we walk inside the room

Me: about?

Hazel: us being back together?

This could be my chance to pull out of this whole thing, but do I really want to?

I mean Hazel is here, she's offering herself.

And I do feel like other guys

I'll just have to make this work for me

How?

I also don't know, but it'll just have to work

Me: of course I was serious, unless you're seeing someone else or you don't feel the same then I can respect that

Hazel: there's no one, and how do I show you that I do feel the same if not more?

I smile, pulling her closer. And we fall on my bed, with her underneath me as we kiss

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\*Pretty\*

I knew it , I did say that fool was possibly cheating on Zuri

And he fucking is

The plan was to be with one of the girls from tie club

But I ended up ditching it, the guy last night was so rough

I just wanted to be on my own , cry myself to sleep

This morning I woke up early, just to get supplements from the pharmacy

And that's when I saw the two ,down my security

I saw him kissing her, even though it didn't last long. But I saw it

I even followed them to his room, and I just couldn't help myself but take a video

And I sent it to Zuri, she hasn't checked her WhatsApp

And her phone is off, she's just one strange person

But I won't delete this video, I'll show her as soon as she's back if she still hasn't seen it

Dakarai is a dick, if Zuri is not enough for him he should just leave her alone

This will break her, but I'll rather she's broken right now than later

I have to be at the club tonight, and I'm not looking forward to it

I call Tau, I don't even know why I bother. He'll probably tell me where to fuck off

He's just the better version of Zuko

Tau: what?

Me : can I just get the night off

Tau: on a weekend! What the hell for?

Me: your men was rough last night, I really am in pain

Tau: you've seen and had all kinds of dicks go in and out of you, don't bore me

He drops the call

I shake my head, I really don't know why I thought he might just give a damn

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\*Zuri\*

I switched my phone off , because I didn't want Dakarai bothering me

I really don't feel like talking to him, so it's better this way

Than if I have I phone on , then he'll keep bothering me with that I'm just ignoring him

I really missed being home, don't get me started on Evelyn's cooking

I'm eating like every hour, my father is busy mocking me

But this man doesn't get it, varsity is not nice

And if I'm honest, as much as I've settled and gotten used to it

I don't like it, and that's the honest truth.
But i just endure, I won't even tell my
father

One word, and I'll be out of there just like that

Dad: come let's talk

He takes my hand, and just then some guy walks in

It's like I'm watching a movie right now, he looks like those secret service men on movies

Dad: this way

I grip on my father's hand, and he chuckles. I'm sure he thinks I'm crazy

We walk into this room, you can say it's a study or something like that

We sit down on the couch with my father, I still have a hold on his hand

Dad: this is Dimitri, he's your bodyguard. There's others, but he's the only one I'm comfortable with you knowing, as much as you won't see the others. You will see him from time to time, and you'll have to sometimes communicate with him. If something happens, or you don't feel safe. He has to know those things

I just nod

Dad: just look at him, just so you know it's

him

Me: must I?

I whisper that to him, he smiles

Dad: yes

I lift my eyes and look at this guy, he's just crazy to a point that his cuteness doesn't even matter right now

Me: I see him

Dad: good!

He looks at this guy

Dad: nothing is as important as she is, no eyes closed where she's concerned

Dimitri: understood Sir

That's accompanied by a nod

Dad: you can leave us

He walks out , I heave a sigh laying my head on my father's chest

Me: this is our lives now?

Dad: we'll be fine

I know we will be , nothing matters as having him

I pray God spares this man for me, for as long as he can

I don't know what life will be like without him, I have no idea what will become of me

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm frustrated and annoyed, and this is not good

I need some stress reliever, but that can only happen tomorrow

On the job that I have , it's crazy how killing people actually make me sane

Tau still hasn't found something on the guy, I knew it wouldn't be easy

He doesn't strike me like some politician, he fucking knows his story

And that's what annoys me, a man like that is hard to get to

If you can't find even simple things about on the internet

It just simply means, he doesn't play around. We might not even find anything to use

I'm home, I had to bring Ziyanda's doll. This girl called me last night

Asking me for a doll, I couldn't believe it. But I'll rather not upset her

She was happy getting the doll

I don't understand why she couldn't ask her parents

That she had to call me late at night asking for a doll

And mind you, its not like she doesn't have any other dolls

But she saw this one on TV, and she just had to have it

I coughed money, I advice any first born kids to petition for no siblings younger than 5 years

See how I'm 24, and I'm like 20 years older to Ziyanda

I'm sure she thinks I'm her second parent somewhere somehow

I walk in the lounge, my father is glued on the TV

Me: this man annoys me

He laughs, he's watching about that Nyiko guy

Dad: he's good, I tell you South Africa has struck gold with him

Me: and that has you happy?.

Dad: I'm just thinking of what good he will be to me

Me : oh ? And what good is that ?.

Dad: having a man like him on my side, could work a lot in my favour

Tell me something I don't know , because I also want him on my side

And I hate that I have no idea , just how I'm going to pull that

Dad: he owes me

Me: what now?

He switches off the TV, I sit down opposite him

Dad: years back, when he was just Ngcwethi Nyiko, no powerful politics and all that. I helped him out

Me: with what?

Dad: a heart

Whoa!

Dad: he had heart failure, and was in need of a new heart. He's blood type O, so it was kind of heard to find one for him. He was literally running out of time, but I came through for him. And he didn't have money then

Me: wait.....so you got him the heart?

Dad: yeah, desperate times call for desperate measures

I nod , thinking thoughtfully , this might just be what I need

Just maybe, not even a maybe I can definitely use this against him

I just have to be smart about it

The doll worked for me right now, if I didn't come home I wouldn't know all this information

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\*Zuri\*

I'm indoors, it's not like I have plans to go anywhere

I can go to the mall, just not when I'm alone. I always need someone next to me

Since Dakarai wasn't promising, I won't even bother going outside

It's almost noon, and the weather is just perfect and chilly

A walk would slap right now , and getting a lollipop

But I'll rather stay here, I'm watching cartoons as I remember my phone

And I switch it on , I have a few missed calls from him . And a text message

So I call him right away, we can talk hopefully. And be fine again

It rings until it goes to voicemail, maybe he's making me have a taste of my own medicine right now

Me: oh well!

I'm not calling back, I connect to the Wi-Fi.

And I have a few WhatsApp texts from my cousin's

And then there's a video from Pretty, I open it

And I don't know, just seeing him with the girl just knocks me over ten times

It's Dakarai, with some skinny light skinned girl. She looks mixed to say

She's beautiful alright, and he looks so happy giving her that peck

Holding her hand, and they disappear to his room

Tears are burning my eyes, I do something I never thought I will ever do

I call him again, and now the call is cut. Seconds later he sends a message that he's busy

I feel my heart shattering, I don't know but I hate this feeling of pain right now I wipe my tears off, there's nothing I hate like crying

I won't give in to that, I sit up straight as I take deep breaths

I can't have an episode, not here not right now. I don't want to worry my father

I guess this was just bound to happen, or it has been happening

I'm the one who's been made a fool

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\*Luzuko\*

I know I can somehow use it to my advantage

I won't let it pass me by , I want this man with me and not against me

Otherwise I won't stand a chance, he looks like some crazy hunter filled with hunger

And he'll fucking pull his weight, just to prove his worth

Me: what's on your mind?

Dad: I should just cash in on that payment

Me : you'll make him pay you ?

Dad: I have money, I don't need his money. What I want is him

I chuckle

Dad: I just need something I can pull him with

Me: but you already have that

Dad: which is?

Me: the fact that he has a heart, one you got him on the black market

Dad: yeah, but that's not enough. I need something that will make it hard for him to turn against me, something that will incriminate him if he were to turn against me

I get up

Me: fry your brains, I've been here the whole day I need to leave

Dad: he has a daughter

Me: what?

Dad: yeah, and that would work for me. It's just a pity that she's a few years older than Lethu, maybe 2 or 3 years

Me: I don't get you right now

Dad: if Lethu was to marry that girl, we would be tied. She would be family, and anything we do would also incriminate him. And he would never turn or go back on his word, just for the sake of his daughter

This man is a genius, I smile

Dad: this would have worked perfect

Me: it's still perfect

Dad: what part of she's older than Lethu did you miss?

Me: you're seriously not considering me?
The obvious choice!

He laughs

Me: what?

Dad: there's no way in hell, that I'm suggesting you marry that girl

Me: what....why? There's nothing wrong with me

Dad: the fact that you see nothing wrong, says something is wrong

I sit back down , I won't let him distract me from this

Me: come in! I'm 24, in literally perfect for her. And I have an apartment, I have a car and a job. I have my independence

He chuckles

Me: Lethu is a child!

Dad: would you seriously do that?

Me: if it means it works for us, and we get to have Nyiko on our side then yes

He looks at me intensely

Dad: and what's in it for you? I know you will never agree to anything unless you benefit something

Me: I get to use Nyiko whenever I need him

Dad: and why would you be needing him?

I sigh shaking my head

Me: let's not go there

Dad: what a way to find out my son is a criminal

It's not like he doesn't know some things

Me : so what do you say ?

Dad: I'm shocked you're keen on this

Me too! But I'll be his fucking son in law, he wouldn't want to hurt his daughter and shame her by exposing me

Me: talk to him, and hear what he says

Dad: it will happen, you will marry that girl. I'm not going to ask him, I'm going to tell him

Me: there's always the possibility to say no

Dad: then he dies, simple as that. That heart belongs to me, either he marries his daughter or I take my heart

I chuckle

Me: you're twisted Mr, let me go.
Remember this day one day, I came
through for you

He laughs

Dad: and you've scored yourself a wife champ, that's repaying you

Me: I can get a pussy anywhere like....

Dad: get out!

I look at him and laugh, I get out. I just have a way of getting under his skin

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\*Tau\*

I'm still shocked even now, like he's seriously going to get married

To some girl he doesn't even know, this is huge but he's willing to sacrifice

All because he wants to protect us, and what we do

Me: marriage is a big thing

Luzuko: I know that

Me: how is this even going to work?

Luzuko: don't even bother yourself about that, I'm the one getting married and not you

I shake my head

Me: I feel like you didn't think this through

Luzuko: there's nothing to think about here

Me: you're tying yourself to someone, someone you don't know and you have to start a life with

Luzuko: you're seriously overthinking this

Me: well one of us has to

I don't like this plan at all, it just doesn't even make sense to me

I don't think he has any idea of what he's doing right now

Me: I'll find something, we can use that. There's no need for you to do this

Luzuko: this is what we're doing, in the meantime you cook a plan to get that girl from campus

I sigh , I guess he's just not hearing me . Or he doesn't want to

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*Dakarai*
I felt like shit last night , after seeing Zuri's missed calls
And it was just strange, that she actually called me twice

I couldn't take her call, because Hazel was here

It was just so fucking awkward, I had to decline the call

Even though Hazel didn't see who was calling me

Now I don't even know what to do, I could call back right now

But like what will I say to her?

I'm sure she's not happy with me right now, for that I'm certain

Hazel didn't spend the night, but I fucking tossed and turned

And I so wish she slept here, because then I wouldn't have been thinking about Zuri

I wonder if every other guy out there who cheats, feels like shit every time it actually hits what you've done

I've bitten more than I can chew, I don't know how I'm going to deal with two girlfriends

Kevin: what's eating you?

Me: I'm....

Should I even tell him? Because I know he will be very happy about this

Me: nothing

Kevin: suit yourself, I'm out

He grab his jacket, and walks out
My phone brings, I take it only it's Hazel
calling. And I was hoping that it's Zuri

Me: babe

Hazel: hey, are you okay?

Me: I miss you

She laughs

Hazel: if it makes it better, I miss you more

Me: what are you doing?

Hazel: trying to study

Me : okay , do tell me if it'll be possible to see you later

Hazel: okay, pray I do. Tomorrow I'm in

class until 17:00

Me: make the time later today babe

Hazel: okay, let me study

Me: I love you

Hazel: I love you too

I drop the call feeling like shit, I can't believe this is me doing this to Zuri

What if she finds out about this, and does something stupid? I would never forgive myself

\*Zuri\*

I'm in the bathtub, laying flat inside. That my face is underneath the water

I'm just so lost in thought, that I don't even know how long I've been in here

Nothing is on my mind, it's completely blank

I'm startled by the hard knock at the door, and my father shouting and calling my name

I get up , panting like crazy . I wipe my face with my hand

Dad : Zuri open this door , before I knock it down

He's angry, and sounds scared at the same time

Me: I'm coming

I hear him sigh, I get out of the tub wrapping myself with a towel

As soon as I'm out the bathroom door, he just engulfs me in a tight hug

Me: sir you're....

Dad: shut up you scared me

I laugh, but it's so pressed he finally let's go

Dad: you're freezing cold

Oh yeah, my skin is wrinkled.

Me: I....I....

Dad: you've been in there for over 2 hours

Damn! I don't even know how I can breath under water for so long

But I actually can, and it's crazy and creepy. I'm not suicidal like that

Like I'll down myself in the bathtub

Me: I'm sorry

Dad: put on something, and put some heat in this room

Me: yes sir

He pecks my cheek and walks out , I go sit on the bed

I'm really hurt, I don't want to lie nor pretend like I'm okay. I didn't sleep a wink last night

Dakarai has really hurt me, I just don't get why he didn't tell me he wants to move on

I wouldn't have forced myself on him, I'm not desperate like that

I know no guy can put up with me with a girl like myself

So I appreciate him for that , especially for seeing it through for 6 months

But I wouldn't hold him back, if he wants to leave he should just leave

Not cheat on me , honestly now I feel like I'm not good enough

Like I'm not worthy to be loved , and maybe I am

I get up, putting on the floor heating and the wall. I walk into my closet, and take out a tracksuit and sneakers

It's not that cold outside, but I know my father will be on my case

It's still early, just after 11:00. I'm not even hungry, and that's rare and new

I walk downstairs, there's no one. I'm sure Evenly is busy with her duties Me: dad!

I call out , only Dimitri comes in from wherever

Dimitri: he's in a meeting

I just nod

Dimitri: you need anything?

Me: I'm going out

And I hope he doesn't follow me, I'd die

Dimitri: an hour

He walks away, I'm like who the hell is he again?

The neighbourhood is safe, it's not like I'll get stolen in Northcliff

But okay, what do I know?

I leave taking my walk

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\*Pretty\*

Zuri checked the message, but she didn't say anything

And I'm letting her be, I'll probably see her later on

Because now I'm in a rush attending my class, I haven't seen her

And she's only come back today, I don't know if she's back already or not

I just hope she's okay, I wonder if she's confronted him or not

And what possible lie has he told her, mxm blood cheater. I'm no Saint, and at least I don't pretend to be one

And what do you know? I bump into her, and she seems to be heading to class as well

Me: hey

Zuri: hi

Me: wait.....don't just pass me. What's wrong?

Zuri: I'm late, and going into that scary man's class

Me: what scary man?

Zuri: the one that's always wearing black and white clothes

I laugh

Zuri: really?

Me: his name is Luzuko, and remember what I said about him

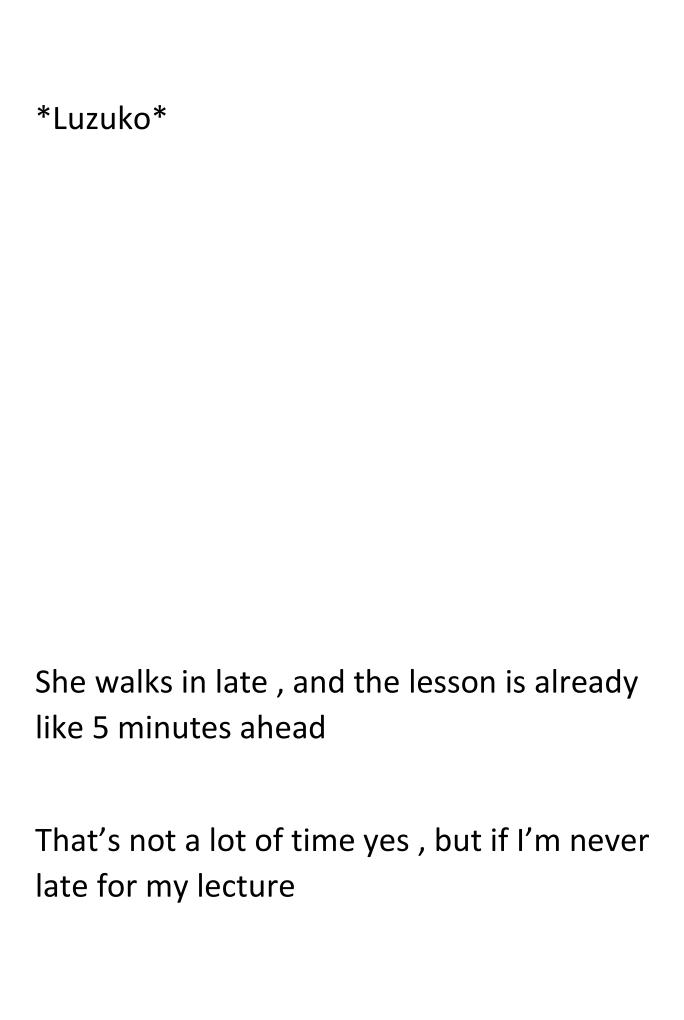
Zuri: and just always remember what I said

Me: sure, are you okay?

Zuri: yeah bye

She's avoiding me no lies, but either way I'm going to ask about that guy

I won't keep quite, no ways I won't



Surely I don't expect anyone to be late for it

And today she sits in the front, I don't know if she's shy or what

But I've never heard nor seen her talk, she's just strange

I walk to where she's seated, while everyone is just busy focusing on their laptops

Me: be late once more for my class, and you'll attend the lesson outside

She doesn't even bother lifting her head, nor does she even look at me

She's really fucking strange, I move back seeing just how she ignored me

Tau needs to get cracking, so they can be shipped by weekend

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\*Dakarai\*

I just had to catch her today, since I still couldn't bring myself to call her

I didn't see her the whole day, so I'm waiting by the door of her room

Pretty hasn't come through as well, I'm hoping she came back

Otherwise my guilt will just keep eating me, best I see her and we talk

And just then she comes, holding her laptop and keys

Me: baby

I'm seriously shaking, she looks at me. And that warm cute smile that always welcomes me is not there

Me: I'm sorry, I know I should have called you back and....

Zuri: you said you were busy I understood that

There's just something painful about her voice

Me: well I wasn't busy the whole night, and morning and the whole of tomorrow. I'm really sorry

Zuri: it's fine

I move aside as she opens the door, I follow behind her

With my hands buried inside my pockets

Me: you know I love you, and sometimes I fuck up I know. But please forgive me

Zuri: it's fine

She's too down for my liking, I don't know if it's because of me or something else

Me: is everything okay at home?

Zuri: yeah

Me: okay, uhm please don't shut me out. If there's anything, you know you can always talk to me

Zuri: mhm

Wow! I guess I just came at the wrong

Me: I'll call later, maybe you'll be in a

better mood

I walk close to her

Zuri: I'll be busy

I laugh

Me: don't do that shit to me, I feel like crap please don't make revenge yourself

Zuri: bruh just leave

At least she's smiling

Me: at least give me a kiss

Zuri: just take a peck and leave

Me: yhoh, but I'll be back later

I lean to peck her lips, she turns and gives me her cheek

Me: I love you, and I hope you know that

She says nothing, I swear there's something here. Even though she's not saying, but there's something

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\*Zuri\*

I can lose my cool, and be all crazy. Cry myself to sleep and all that

But it won't help me with anything, and it won't change anything

I've lost Dakarai, and well I'm slowly accepting that

I won't listen to him , I won't hear anything that he has to say

He can continue with his beautiful girlfriend, and just leave me alone

He does deserve better, I know I'm not the best nor the most ideal girlfriend

I'm sure he's had enough, so he can go and be with who he wants

Because as much as he deserves so much better than me

I also deserve better, and maybe I don't.
But I know I don't deserve to be played for a fool

He's been trying to call me, for the past few days I'm just ignoring him

I'm focusing on my work , and nothing else . He can wait

And I'm surprised he hasn't come here, like at all

Or maybe he wants to dump me over the phone, that's why he just keeps calling

But he does text as well, that he loves me. That's mostly what his texts say

Pretty: you can't avoid me forever

Argh! She's just another one I need a breather from

Me: what do you want?

Pretty: is that how to talk to me? The one person who looked out for you, when your boyfriend was busy changing spits with other whores

I sigh , no lies Pretty wears me down at times

Me: yeah, and I didn't ask you. So please, next time whether you see him fucking someone or whatever. Don't tell me

She's confused, maybe because she also expected me to go all crazy

I'm not even there , Dakarai is not worth any of that

I know what happens to my father when I start not being myself

There's no way in hell I'm putting him through all of that

Pretty: did you break up? Or you know he wasn't loyal

Me: neither, please just butt out of this

She laughs clapping her hands

Pretty: you're having some serious mental issues

Me: wow

I stare at her, and looks at me and only catches up on what she said

Pretty: friend....I'm sorry okay, I didn't mean it....it like that

I grab my bag and walk out , I'll go study by the park near campus

## I want to be away from her

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\*Dakarai\*

I'm stressed, like I'm so fucking stressed I can't help it

It's hard to even do anything, I'm trying my level best but it's just hard

One thing I'm certain and know for sure, is that I love Zuri

And I want to be with her, Hazel can just be a side temporary thing

But loosing my girl, fuck! I don't think I can have that

The way she's avoiding me as of late, I can tell that something is up

It's been what ? 3 days now , and I haven't seen her

She doesn't answer my calls , she's basically just ignoring me

And I'm scared to go anywhere near her right now

Voice: you're suck a dick!

I'm in the library, trying to study. But it's not happening

And this is Pretty, seriously just annoying me.

Me: I do have one, but why the hell would you call me a dick?

Pretty: how dare you cheat on my friend huh?

She pulls the chair and sits down, my armpits sweat to a point that they itch

Me: what?

Pretty: don't even deny it, because I saw you with my very own two eyes

She points with her two fingers

Pretty: Zuri doesn't need a dick like yourself in her life, why would you want to hurt her like this?

Shit!

I can't even deny this, because she seems like she knows what she's talking about

And Pretty is not down like Zuri, she's loud and all that

Me : Pretty please

Pretty: what....what heh? I don't know what lies you told Zuri, but I'm telling you don't think you can take advantage of her. One day another man will see what you don't, and he will cherish it. I tell you, you'll have unstoppable tears

She gets up

Me: please, don't tell Zuri this

I also get up , it's no use trying to deny this

Me: don't ruin us over something that doesn't mean anything, please I beg of you

Pretty: you disgust me

She clicks her tongue and walks away, I sit back down again

I shake my head, taking my phone out.

And I text Zuri

Just telling her that I love her

Pretty won't let me be with her, while she knows about Hazel

What do I do right now? Is a mere pussy worth loosing Zuri?

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\*Tau\*

I had to follow her, the past few days and I got to understand her routine

She's to boring if you ask myself, like she is so predictable

Does the same thing, almost everyday.

Goes to class, have a meal at the cafeteria goes to her room

Or she goes to class, and goes out to have a meal then she's back at her room

I'm being clever about this , I'm just a normal student

No one has to suspect anything, or even think that I'm following her

She's been here at the park for like 2 hours now

And it's right about now, as she packs her books

So she came here to study, I wonder why here when there's so many places she use in campus

I watch her as she gets up , after finishing to pack her books

And I bump into her by purpose

I'm thinking she'll throw a tantrum or something, but she's chilled as ever

She just looks at me, and crouches down to take her keys she dropped

Me: I'm really sorry, I wasn't looking where I'm going

Her: it's fine

Me: uhm....

I scratch my head, she tries to pass me I hold her arm but she quickly retrieves it

Me: I'm sorry, you look familiar

Her: no

## I chuckle

Me: that wasn't a question, I'm telling you

Her: and I'm saying no

Me: but..... I'm very god with people's faces

Her: I doubt there's anywhere you could have seen?

Is she dumb, or she's just playing dumb with me?

Me: The cafeteria, and I've seen you in Dube's class. I'm sure

Her: you sound like you have some stalker vibes in you

I laugh

Me : no ways , I'm just always all over the place

Her: right! I have to go

Me: I didn't get you name

Her: it's Zuri

That's strange and new, what kind of a name is Zuri and what does it even mean?

Zuri: just beautiful

Me: what?

I look at her dumbfounded

Zuri: the name Zuri, it means just beautiful

Me: oh!.... Wait did you just read my mind? Girl that's a violation

Zuri: no, people are just awkward when they hear that kind of a name

Me: Right, well my name is Thuso and I'm pleased to meet you

Zuri: and I have to go

Me: wait....can I just pull up to you whenever I see you at campus?

Zuri: no

Me: come on!

Zuri: just don't, you're awkward

I laugh , just to ease her

Me: I think I will

She shakes her head, passing me and she walks away

I watch her until she's out of sight

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\*Luzuko\*

I take a look at this man, he looks the happiest with his side chick

More than I've ever seen him with his wife, he's even laughing on top of his lungs

And she looks happy too, something his wife doesn't know

I just hope I'm a way much better husband, because this right here is just filth

I swear, if I was doing the wife justice. I would seriously but his dick into pieces it's still attached to him

He disgust me to the core, but this is not about his wife

It's about the drugs he stole, drugs that cost about 1.2 million

That's the only reason I'm here today , just to kill him

Only for 1.2 million, really not a good reason for one to die for

But who cares ? It's definitely not me , and I doubt he will be missed

It's after a while she gets up, probably now going to book the room

And just as I suspect, she heads to reception. And I have no doubt, that card is his

He gets up, right after taking out a few notes and placing them on the table

He looks at her, they give each other looks. Probably he's saying they'll meet in the room

I'm sure he's going up on the roof, or maybe the patio just to make a call to his wife lying

About why he can't come home tonight

I wait for him to reach the corridor, and as soon as he's out of sight I get up following him

Before he reaches the corner, he turns back and he's now coming my way

He's busy patting his pockets, like he's looking for something

We finally reach other, this hoodie is really in my face so that my eyes are not visible

I have my head bowed down, and I stand right in front of him

Him: sorry....

I grab his arm

Him: hey...what the fuck do you.....

Before he finishes those words, I have the knife penetrating deep right into his heart

He looks at me popping his eyes, as blood comes out of his mouth

Me: this is for the 1.2 million rands, of drugs you stole. This is my courtesy to you

It's always good to tell someone why they're dying, so they know

He slowly goes down, and I let him fall while I take the knife out

I turn back on my heel and leave . Using the same way I used

I pass the woman by the corner, and as I get in the elevator now heading out

I hear screams, and no doubt it's her with her annoying voice

I mean he's dead, had I left the knife in maybe he would stand a chance to make it

But because I took out, there's no chance for him

I finally get out, and head to my car. I get in and drive to my apartment

I'll sleep peacefully tonight

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm headed for campus, as my phone rings and it's my father

I saw his missed call this morning, I didn't get back to him

Only because , I am always in a certain way after a killing

And he just knows me too well, I don't want to be interrogated

Me: Mr

Dad: I called you, you mind telling me why you couldn't pick up my call yesterday?

Me: uhm! I was offish

He chuckles

Dad: I'm meeting Nyiko today, at noon be there

Me: why?

Like why must I be there

Dad: you involved yourself in this, so you better brave yourself for more

Me: must I be there?

I don't want to meet that guy

Dad: yes, I'll send you the details. And Luzuko you better show up

Me: sure Mr

Dad: sure to me?

I laugh

Me: bye....uhm so yeah don't forget to send the location

## I drop the call

I guess I'll just have to meet him, even though I don't want to

I want Tau to grab that girl, so we can be done and over with this

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\*Pretty\*

See me trying to help anyone again

Like I don't know what the hell that boy gave Zuri

To such an extent that she'll ignore what he did

And worse she even had evidence, like hard core evidence

But she still chose that boy, I swear if this is her mentality

Then she's not ready to face the real world, and it's crazy how she'll go off at me

But she failed to do that with Dakarai

But that's her business, if she's allowing herself to be used

Then let her be used, one day she will remember me and she will cry

I won't be around here, telling her to toughen up or not

I'm getting ready to go to the club, and she's just on her bed

I don't know of she's listening to music or what, because she has headphones on

Me: I'm leaving

She doesn't move, she doesn't look at me

Me : okay I'm talking to a mute

I shake her a bit , and she looks at me

Me: I said I'm leaving

Zuri: bye

She's so sour, you can even feel and taste in in the air

Me : you're such a bore , this is what happens when you let variety boys use you

She just turns and faces the other way around

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\*Zuri\*

Pretty is annoying, she's just like Dakarai who doesn't want to leave me alone

Yet he has his girlfriend, I just don't get why he's still after me

Even after I've ignored him, for almost a week. He still calls and texts

He just bores me to be honest

I don't know why he just doesn't get the message, and leave me the hell alone

He's failing to read between the lines, and he awaiting me to tell him that it's over

And I won't entertain that , he approached me . And when I saw him with another girl like that

That was validation, that he's done with me. Now why does he need me to say it's over?

I mean he started it, so he can damn finish it. As for me I'm not even interested

I'm walking out of class, as I bump into this Thuso guy

He creeps me out , I don't even know why because I don't know how

Thuso: Zuri

Me: hi

I walk past him, and he follows me

Thuso: not being a stalker, but how are you?

Me: I'm fine

Thuso: I'm fine too, even if you're not

asking

I just look at him and continue walking

Thuso: lunch?

Me: no

Thuso: but.....

It's when Dakarai just stops next to us, he stops talking and the too look at each other

Dakarai: babe

He holds my hand, and somehow Thuso seems intrigued by all this

Thuso: tomorrow, we're doing that lunch

He smiles and walks away

Dakarai: what are you doing having lunch with the likes of Tau?

Tau ? So that must be his real name , then why did he even lie to me ?

Dakarai: you know I've been apologising, but you don't want to hear anything from me. But you can entertain other guys with

lunches, babe please don't hurt me like this. I love you, I really do. And I want things to be okay, and go back to our normal

Me: I have to go

He's just annoying me, because he's lying. And he's very bad at this player thing of his

And worse he thinks he can be a player at my expense

I don't know what kind of an idiot he thinks that I am, but he better leave me alone and just go one with his life Dakarai: really? Will you ever forgive me for not returning your calls? And honestly, I just think this is stupid. Like this is not something to make us be mad at each other like this

Me: I'm not mad at you

Dakarai: then....

Me: bye

I try to walk away from him

Dakarai: so you're replacing me with Tau aren't you? This is why you're acting this

way, right! I can't believe you right now, like your second week in varsity and this is what you do to me

His guilty conscience is eating him, that's if he even has one. And now he wants to blame it all on me

I just walk away from him, because it's not like I'm interested to nurse his bruised ego

He's even fearful of his own medicine, he can dish it but he doesn't want it done to him

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\*Luzuko\*

This man sure lives in a fucking estate, this is a fortress

And the security here, is top notch. He fucking knows what he's doing

I'm intimidated by that , because I see just how much I need him on my side

And if it means marrying his daughter, then so be it

Ngcwethi: Dube

Dad: it's been a minute

Ngcwethi: indeed come through

They shake hands and he leads us to his study room

These people and always discussing everything in study room

Ngcwethi: I know you, and I know you didn't just come here for nothing

Dad: you're making waves, and you have me worried

So he won't even lie?

Ngcwethi : a job is a job

Dad: exactly, which is why it'll do you good for you to be with me and not against me

Ngcwethi: I think you mean, it'll do you good

Dad: it doesn't matter how you see it, that's just what remains the fact to this matter

Ngcwethi: and it won't happen

Shit! This man doesn't budge

Dad: this is my son Luzuko, he's a lecture at UJ. Now here is what's going to happen, you're going to marry your daughter off to my son.

This guy laughs, while we just stare at him. And our stare doesn't do shit to him

Ngcwethi: not happening

Dad: you're alive today because of me, you're who you are today because of me. Within a split second I can ruin you

Ngcwethi: well how much do you want?

Dad: I don't want your fucking money

This Nyiko guy gets up on his feet

Dad: you might think you have the upper hand, all because of the position you hold and these body guards. But I'm still Shaka Dube, the man you're alive today because of

Ngcwethi: you don't want money, I'm not giving you my daughter

Dad: well

He gets up and the two face each other

Dad: you will give me my heart back

This guy pops his yes

Dad: you will give it back, or I'll fucking cut you open and take it. And let's see how you live

Ngcwethi: are you threatening me Dube?

Dad: take it however the fuck you want to take it Nyiko, but we both know this. And you know, nothing will stop me from getting to you. I mean absolutely nothing, a whole minister of defence alive today because of a heart that he got from the black market

He swallows, once twice and too many times

Ngcwethi: I'm sure there's something we can work out

Dad: no, I want your daughter as my daughter in-law. In this way you'll never see a chance to turn on me

Ngcwethi: you're putting me in a comprising position, how do you expect me to protect you?

My father chuckles

Dad: I don't need your protection, I want you to stay the hell far away from me

They look at each other so intense, that I just cannot miss it. If they could kill each other, they would do it right here right now

I move my eyes away from them, only they're caught by two photo's on the wall

And one is a portrait, sure I don't know this girl well. I've never paid her much attention but this is her, without a doubt it's her

I look at these two, and they're still paying attention to each other

Not saying anything, and this is my chance to get out

Me : excuse me for a sec

I take out my phone and walk out of the study

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\*Tau\*

I have her exactly where I want her, it's later she's from tie cafeteria and heading to her room

It's Slightly quite, and there's not many people around. Just a few who very much scattered

I have on a hoodie, I know she won't notice me. And I'm very good at disguising my voice, there's no way she's going to tell that it's me

I'm walking behind her, and as she's about to turn I have the gun pointed to her lower back

Me: don't scream, don't make noise and most importantly don't cause a scene.

Because I will kill you, right here and now

She's standing still frozen on the spot

Me: you're going to turn now, and we'll walk off here like one happy couple. Nod if you understand

Before she even nods, my phone rings and it's Luzuko. Like what could he possibly be wanting?

He fucking lacks the timing, because right now I'm busy. This is the only time, I have now to take this girl I have the phone held in my hand, he's really wasting my time. And time that I do not have

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\*Tau\*

He doesn't drop the call, and now we'll look very suspicious just standing like this

With her back turned against me, I sigh answering the call

Me: now is not the right time

Luzuko: leave that girl alone?

Why would he suddenly just change his mind about her?

Me: what?

Luzuko: leave her alone, go get in your car drive out of campus

Me: I don't....

Luzuko: leave her, she's Nyiko's daughter

Shit!

Luzuko: get away from her

He's not kidding, and I retrieve as fast as I can getting away from her

I get into my car, and drive out

Me: what the hell happened?

Luzuko: I can't talk, I'm in his house right now

Me: shit! And I almost had her

He sighs, and it's a sigh of relief

Luzuko: go to the club, or my place we'll talk

Me: sure

I drop the call, this is fucking messed up

Now I really do hope she doesn't get a glimpse of me

I hope she has no idea that was me

Cause this could turn out very bad, for us

I drive to his place, I'll rather be there than at the club

I need to gather myself first

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\*Luzuko\*

I walk back in , and they're both still on their feet

At this point, I'm wondering if they'll even reach an agreement

Ngcwethi: you've back me into a corner

Dad: you being the minister of defence, has me backed in a pressed one

He sighs

Ngcwethi: your son better make sure he treats my daughter right, or else I'll forget everything and I'll ruin you to the core. I'm not doing this to save myself, I could care less about my reputation. But I'm agreeing for her sake, she needs me.

I think I'm more relived, than my father is

Dad: don't worry yourself about my son, he wasn't raised on the streets

He looks at me

Ngcwethi : I hope you heard me

Me: understood

He's taken aback, I don't know by what. This is the first time he hears me talk

Ngcwethi: you can leave now, I'll talk to my daughter and get back to you

Dad: don't take forever, I have business to take care. I need you far away from me, before I even take care of it

They have one last stare, as we turn and leave. We're quite for a while, I walk him to his car

I'm just thankful, this happened before Tau got her

That's what on my mind right now

Dad: that's done, I hope you're ready for

this. Because you wanted it

Me: what if she says so?

Dad: she has no choice, either her father dies or she marries you simple as that

I nod

Dad: we'll talk

Me: sure

He gives me a nasty stare, I ignore him and go to my car

I get in and we both drove out, we part ways as he heads home and I go to my apartment

I find Tau, he's having a glass of whiskey. With the whole fucking bottle in front of him

Tau: what happened?.

Me : tell me you didn't hurt her

Tau: I just had the gun pointed at her

I sigh

Me: she's Nyiko's daughter

Tau: it doesn't make sense, how can a ministers child be without protection detail

Me: we don't she's without one

Tau: we almost fucked up

Me: well we didn't, and Nyiko said he will talk to her

Tau: so he agreed to the marriage thing?

Me: well, Shaka didn't exactly give him a choice nor a chance to refuse

Tau: what now?

Me: we wait for him to talk to his daughter, and you find someone else to take her place

He shakes his head

Tau: this is taking a step back

Me : yeah well , you can't take her now can you ?

Tau: I hear you

Me: rather this, than we have that man on our asses. Just think about it, what was he going to do if his daughter was kidnapped as we speak?

Tau: turn this country upside down

Me: exactly, it's better this way

This man better talk to his daughter, as soon as possible

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\*Zuri\* How I dragged myself from that pavement, to my room I don't know I have never been so scared, and fearful of

my life

I'm still shaking even now, my head is pounding

I've been crying for over an hour, and it's not helping

I didn't even think of calling my father, I don't want to worry him

He will definitely take away this slight freedom, or space whatever it is

I'll be moving back home, I'll have Dimitri and his men around me every second and minute of the day I don't think I want that , but I can't help and think maybe I'm making a mistake

I could have died tonight, lost my life. Or kidnapped, to be sold

My mind is blank right now , I don't know what to do . So maybe I should rest

And tomorrow, I'll wake up with a fresh mind. And I'll know what to do

I'm naked in the shower, sitting down flat on the floor

I have the razor in my hand, look at my arm

Pain that is felt emotionally, is more damning

Than pain that is felt physically, and you can actually see why you're feeling pain

It makes it better, and in this way I'm just soothing the pain inside

I slowly cut, with just three cuts. Not too deep, but as the blood comes out

It's like everything is going to be okay, even the pain I'm feeling inside is slowly subsiding

I make three more cuts, throw the razor down. And I lean down against the wall

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\*Dakarai\*

I'm honestly pissed, just the way she ignored me

All because of Tau, like the guy looks somewhat scary

And there's nothing I can do , I can't confront him . I can't even lay a hand on him

I won't lie , I don't have the strength to even beat him

And now he's busy with my girlfriend, and she's also allowing that

She's seriously just disrespecting me, and I hate that

Kevin: this mood, can only be that girl of yours

Me: can you believe she's fucking with Tau?

He looks at me

Me: I don't know what does Zuri think she's doing

Kevin: Tau as in the Tau Tsatsing?

Me: yena (him)

He whistles

Kevin: you have to fuck her up, clearly she doesn't see you

My phone rings and it's Hazel, I decline the call

Kevin: is that her?

Me: it's Hazel, I'll get back to her

Kevin: wait rewind....you and Hazel?

Me: yeah, it's happening. But I have a problem right now man

Kevin: what do you care about Zuri? You have Hazel now

Me: you're just missing the point of what Zuri is doing

Kevin: like I said, fuck her up and teach her a lesson

He walks out , I sigh shaking my head calling Hazel back

Hazel: babe

Me: love, can we meet?

I won't even bother asking why she was calling

Hazel: I'm doing Burges, you want to come through?

Me: I'd love that

Hazel: okay, I'll see you soon

Me : alright

I drop the call, I guess I'll just fuck her tonight and forget about Zuri and Tau

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\*Zuri\*

I'm woken up by my phone ringing off the hook

Why didn't I put it on flight mode? I groan turning to my side picking it up

I see Pretty's bed is still made, meaning she didn't sleep here

It's my father calling, I sit up straight answering

Me: dad

Dad: I need you to come home baby

Me: is everything okay?

Dad: I just need to talk to you

Now I'm concerned , he doesn't sound okay at all

Me : okay , I'll come after 12:00

Dad: I'll make sure to be home

Me : okay

Dad: are you okay?

Me: yes

I hope he doesn't know about what happened yesterday

I don't plan to tell him, I still wake up with the same thoughts as yesterday

I won't tell him , it's not like I got hurt . I just hope they won't be a next time

Me : I'll see you later

Dad: alright, I love you

Me: I love you too dad

I drop the call , and lay my head back down on the pillow

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\*Pretty\*

I worked through the night, and by 03:00 I was dead tired

I didn't have the strength to make it back to campus

So I slept right here in the club

I need to get to campus now , and get ready for my class

It sucks not having a car, and having to rely on taxis and I don't trust these Ubers late at night

I get up, and my body is painful.

And the door opens, Tau walks in . I'm scared, but I'm glad it's him and not Luzuko

Tau: you slept here?

I'm already on my feet

Me: I can explain

Tau: I asked a question

Me: it was late, I don't have special

transport

Tau: this must never happen again, you're actually forgetting your place here

## I just nod

Tau: fuck off, and be here on time tonight

Me: yes

I grab my bag, and walk out in a rush

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\*Zuri\*

Pretty finally arrived , but we didn't say much to each other

She was rushing for her class, and I was rushing to come home

And I believe I have reason to be worried now

My father doesn't look okay at all, it's all over his face

My phone rings, and it's Dakarai. This guy just doesn't know when to give up

Me: hello

Dakarai: hello to me babe?

Me: I'm home, what can I do for you?

Dakarai : come on , your father knows about us

There's no us anymore

Dakarai: and why would you ask what can you do for me? I'm not supposed to call my girlfriend anymore?

He's getting upset

Dakarai: ah, it must be the fact that you're busy with Tau isn't it?

That one! I still don't know why he lied about his name to me

Not that I care, it's not like we're friends or anything. Maybe he has his own motives

Dakarai : but you're really shitting on me Zuri

I drop the call, I can't spit the shit he's spitting to me back at him

So I'll rather stop hearing him talking, he calls back I decline the call

Does he not text me, saying he wonders if my father knows what varsity has turned me into

He must think he's something special, let him come and tell my father that nonsense And we'll just see how it ends, and I respond back telling him exactly that

That he must tell my father, exactly what Varsity has turned me into

Dad: come let's talk

I turn and look at him

Me: you're worrying me

He sits down, I sit down next to him

Dad: I'm worried too

Me: what's wrong?

Dad: there's a man, Shaka Dube

The name sounds familiar, but I can't place him

Me: what about him?

Dad: he came here, with a ....more like an order that he wants his son to marry you

I could laugh right! But I know my father, and right now he's not himself

So meaning he's not kidding, or making a joke or whatever

Me: is he crazy?

Dad: I agreed, not that I was....

Me: what!

I raise my voice a bit

Dad: I don't have much choice

Me: you're selling me off?

Dad: I don't even want anything from him

Me : daddy you don't want me anymore ?

Now I'm crazy, I'm sad and hurt

Dad: please don't hurt me like that

Me: then why?

He brings me closer to him, placing my head on his chest

Me: I don't want

Dad: I know, and I don't want to either

Me: then don't

Dad: I wish I could

Me: why not?

I move back, he's also teary

Me: daddy!

Dad: you were very young baby, and I had a heart failure. I needed a new heart, you know my blood type. It's was hard to find one, and I was on the waiting list at a public government hospital. Those are just useless, but I couldn't afford a private hospital. It was bad, and I didn't want to die and leave you . I got a hold of him , he's not a very good man . So I knew that going to know, would one day come back to bite me . I don't know what I expected , but he got me that heart . Of course illegally , I didn't even have the money to buy it myself. And because of that I owed him, years went by he was quite. Until I made it out there, as the minister of defence. I'm a threat now to him, and he doesn't want that . He wants you married to his family, so I don't go after him . Now baby I can make an arrangement with him, that I'll leave him alone. I can swear that I'll never come after him , but it'll never be enough

for him . And that's why he wants this , because if you're married to his son . There's no way I can compromise you like that

Me: but you're comprising yourself

Dad: I know

I bruh my face in my hands

Dad: he said either I give in to this, or he will take his heart

I jump off the couch

Me: what!

He looks down

Dad: I know it wasn't just a threat, he will cut me open and rip this heart out. Yes we have money now, and I can afford to make means for one. But he's not going to wait around for me to do that

Me: I don't want to lose you

I break down on the floor, in a split second he's hugging me so tight

Dad: I'm sorry my actions and doings, have come back to hurt you. Please forgive me, I know you can take care of yourself now. But I still want to be here for you, and if I have to choose. I'll let him kill me, just so you're not tied to those people

Me: no....no....I'll marry him.... Please don't leave me daddy please don't .....I need you ....I'll marry him, you can't leave me....daddy you can't

I don't even know if I'm making sense or what? Because right now I'm just a crying mess

Dad: I'm so sorry baby, please forgive

Me: I do....I forgive you....I know you did this to raise me...I know ....it's okay I'll marry him

I won't lose my dad over some man that's just cruel, and heartless

Marrying his son won't kill my father, I'll still get to see him. I'll still have him in my life, that's all that matters

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm in my apartment, getting some work done for my next week lessons

And I have to mark, I'm fucking tired but a job is a job

I haven't been to the club very much, Tau is the one that's in charge

He finally found the one girl to replace Zuri, and the shipment is going out tomorrow

And that's the one thing that's also stressing me right now

I hope Nyiko won't become a problem, he still hasn't told us what's his decision

If his daughter has agreed or not, and now that I know who she is

I do have a few concerns, she doesn't strike me like a normal girl And the way she's so quite, it's just not normal

Even quite people do talk sometime with others, I've never seen nor heard her talk in class

Yeah Tau told me about their two encounters, and that they spoke

But still, she's just in a way I cannot even explain

My phone rings , and it's my father . I hope he has some good news for me

Me: dad

He laughs

Dad: you can only call me dad, when you're grumpy

Me: it's work

Dad: at least it's not some pussy

Me: Mr come on!

Dad: no that's really a good thing, because you have to get married

Me: what?

Dad: Nyiko called, and said his daughter will marry you

I don't know, but some crazy fear feeling strike me

Dad: remember now, you have to treat that girl good. Don't hurt, or mistreat her just because of how she got to be your wife. I don't suggest this for yourself, you did. Now make it work

Me: mhm

I drop the call, and heave a sigh. My heart is still beating so fast

I get up pouring myself a glass of scotch, I down it in one go

Is this marriage nerves or what? And what the hell did I get myself into?

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\*Zuri\*

I wake up , my eyelids are so heavy . I'm sure I look like hell

It was one crazy afternoon, I don't even know how my father got me to calm down and sleep

And I'm hurting right now , I don't want to lie . But I'm drained

As much as I still feel like crying, I just don't have the strength for tears

It's late now, very late. The lights are on, and I can tell it's very much dark outside

I get up , heading to the bathroom I pee and wash my face

I don't even bother looking at it , because I know I look ugly

I'm hungry, I walk in the kitchen. And I'm not even shocked seeing my father

As soon as she looks at me, he's on his feet reaching the food warmer

He takes my food out, I sit down with a smile as he places the plate in front of me

Me: thank you

Dad: how are you feeling?

Me: my head is pounding

I won't say anything much further, especially because I don't want to hurt him more

I can see already, just how hard this is to him. I don't want to make things worse

Me: we get married in court, with just two witnesses. No fancy wear and nor any celebrations, and I get to keep my surname

He looks at me unbelievably so

Me: what?

Dad: we can always...

Me: let's not go there please, I will marry the guy

He nods

Dad: I don't see any problem with what you want

Me: you tell them that, and if they have a problem with it. Then they can go take a hike

He chuckles

Dad: I feel like I've failed you as a father

Me: you have never failed me, and you won't start now. Don't let these people make you doubt the parent that you are to me, and have always been

He smiles, I hope he gets over this and stops blaming himself, I'm making peace with this

As crazy as it sounds, I won't lose my father over this. So he can keep the heart, and still live for me as long as he can

Me: thank you for the food

He smiles still, but I can't bare the pain on his face

Dad: stay home for a few days

Me : okay

He raises his brow , I slightly laugh hurting my poor throat

Me: I want to spend time with you

Dad: thank you baby

I know he wouldn't want me to just be home for nothing

As much as I feel like I have to talk to Dakarai, and tell him this

Not that I owe him anything, he moved on first before I even knew what awaits me

But he needs to know, so he can back off.
Because this Dube family just doesn't sound
like they're good people

Who know? They might even kill him, so I don't want his blood on my hands. I'll just see him when I get back to campus

\*Luzuko\*

My father called me at his company, or should I say my mother's company

That he works for , as the CEO . I find this very strange , but I don't bother with these two

They've been together since I was born, so they say

And that's like 24 years, together as a couple

I didn't say husband and wife, I said a couple. So they're still dating even now

You can call them boyfriend and girlfriend, at their old age

But they prefer baby daddy and baby mama, yes that's my parents for you Apparently, according to them. This was a mutual agreement between them

That they live together, until death do them apart but no marriage

Beats me why, but yeah it is what it is.

And they're fine , okay ! Most people actually just assume they're husband and wife

Dad: sit down

I'm standing by the window , just watching the view

Me:sorry

I sit down, on the chair opposite him

Me : so ?

Dad: Nyiko called

Me: okay

Dad: he says his daughter doesn't want a big huge wedding, this will be done in court. And she wants to keep her surname...

Me: she will use Dube

## He frowns

Me: what? Like what's the point of marrying her if she's still going to use Nyiko?

Dad : calm down , let's comprise . Let her use both

Me: that's fine

Dad: so court of law?

Me : also fine , it's not like I want to parade her around

He chuckles

Dad: and I hope you stick to your end of the deal

Me: I won't mistreat her

As long as I have my business going well, her father playing far away from my business

Me: remember I wasn't raised from the streets, my parents might not be married. But I've seen love, and I know what it is. I grew up in it, I know how to cherish and take care of a woman

It's the look he's giving me

Me: Mr what?

He laughs

Me : really ?

Dad: boy you just talked about love

Me: in passing, I didn't say I love her

Dad: stop being aggressive

Me: Mr you're being childish, and I'm leaving

I get up, and he's still laughing

Dad: when are you getting married?

Me: Friday is fine

Dad: that's in three days

Me: yeah it's fine really

Dad: o-kay

She wants us to just go sign in court, so why wait as if we're going to have a spectacular wedding?

And this will work in my favour, the shipment of girls will go smoothly

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\*Zuri\*

This guy and his father are full of shit, but at least my father said they agreed to what I said

Even though he said, they want the wedding done in just two days from now

But that's fine, it's not like I care. I won't even bother going to buy a dress or anything

I'll just be my hobo self, and marry him. Just so I can get it over and done with

And one important thing, is that I remain staying at res

I won't move into no one's home, if that's what they're thinking they have another thing coming

I want to go back to Campus, but my father wants me here

And I think I'll stay over, until Friday when this is all and done with

I want to meet that one, and tell him this.

I'll have to meet with him tomorrow, that's if he's willing

I take a deep breath calling him, and it rings for a while before he answers

And just the way he's panting, I have no doubt he's having sex

Like this is just nonsense, and disrespect on another level

Me : can I see you tomorrow?

Dakarai: uhm....what time?

Me: around 12:00

Dakarai: I have a class then, let's make it 11:00

Me: okay, I don't have any class, until after 15:00. So it'll have to be outside of Campus, because I'm at home

Dakarai: alright, thanks for calling. Let's fix a place

Me : by steers will be fine

He chuckles

Dakarai: I think I'll take you to you favourite ice cream place

I have one? What nonsense is he talking about

Me : okay fine

Maybe he's just throwing off whoever he's on top of

Me : okay bye

Dakarai: bye

## I drop the call

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\*Dakarai\*

I couldn't miss Zuri's call, even though it came at just an awkward time

But she hasn't been talking to me, and getting her call was just a game changer in a way

Well I'm hoping it is, that she's ready for us to work on things and be fine

I might be happy with Hazel, only because of the sex

But I don't want to lose Zuri , I don't think I'm ready for that

Me: sorry about that

I peck her lips

Me: it was my cousin, she's been trying to see me for a while now. I feel bad now

Hazel: it's okay

Me: you not angry?

Hazel: no, but get off me and bring me a glass of water

Me: I must pull out now?.

She laughs

Hazel: you took a break so

I chuckle

Me: babe for two minutes

Hazel: still counts

Me: fine, but I'm coming back to finish that round

I slowly pull my dick out, and get off her.

I get her a glass of water, as I turn back she has my phone

Hazel: sorry I was just looking at the time

She's lying, it's the way she's laughing nervously

Me : okay

I'm sure she was checking who called , but luckily fingerprint works

I don't know what she was thinking

Me: here is your water

Hazel: thank you

She sits up, and drinks while her eyes are focused on me.

Me: I'm not cheating on you

She chokes on the water

Hazel: babe...I...I didn't say you are

Me: if you want to see who called, just tell me and I'll show you. There's no need for secrets, and trust issues. You can even come with when I meet her tomorrow

She sighs, looking ashamed

Hazel: I'm sorry, there's no need to show me babe. I trust you

Me: it's fine, just don't ever do it

Hazel: I won't

She shakes her head

Hazel: this is embarrassing

I laugh

Me: at least I know you love me

I lean over giving her a kiss, taking the glass away from her

She lays back down , as I settle in between her legs

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\*Zuri\*

I don't even know this place he asked me to, but it's in a mall

And there's people, it's a public space. So I have nothing to be afraid of

And my father demanded that Dimitri comes with

He's just by the corner, he looks so awkward and out of place

I don't even know why my father wanted him to come with . Because I just said I'm coming to meet with Dakarai And he walks in , he's clean as always . But I'm not excited to see him

The spark and smile I always had for him, it's just not here today

Dakarai: baby

He looks at me with a smile, maybe he's hoping to get it back but it's not there

And I won't even pretend, he sighs sitting down

Dakarai: no hug, no kiss?

Me: I can't stay long

Dakarai: oh!

Me: I wanted to tell you this face to face

Dakarai: you're not dumping me

Me: you're telling me?

Dakarai : no....no I....that just came out wrong

I sigh, fiddling with my fingers

Me: I'm getting married

I say with a straight face

Dakarai: what kind of a joke is this?

Me: it's not a joke

Dakarai: babe, please I know I hurt you.

And I've apologized, there's no need for all this. I've been hurting enough, the past week. It's been hell

Me: I'm not trying to hurt you, nor am I even getting back at you. I don't expect you to understand, because even I don't. But

it's happening, and there's nothing I can do about it

Dakarai: this is nonsense

Me : don't raise your voice at me , I'm not your child

Dakarai: how dare you tell me this nonsense, and you expect me to be happy with you?

Me: no, you're happy with your white girlfriend. I'm just doing you some decency, something you know nothing about

Dakarai: what.....

He takes a deep breath

Me: I know about you two, now you can freely be happy together. Because I don't get why you're still with me, when you could have just dumped me after you fell out of love. But no, you wanted to play me for a fool. And I tried to ignore you, so you can get the message but you just couldn't.

I get up

Dakarai : don't walk away from me , I don't even love Hazel it's just about sex

Me: I can't give you sex, so continue with her

Dakarai: baby please....don't do this to us

Me: stay away from me, in all honesty I'm marrying a dangerous man. He won't appreciate you hanging around me

Listen to me, in my mind I'm like shut up fool

I don't even know him, but I've already deemed him dangerous. What if he's a dear, and only his father is heartless

Dakarai: how ....how can you do this to us?

Me: you started it first, but failed miserably to finish it. And that's just what I'm doing

I look at Dimitri, and he walks over

Me: bye, and I don't wish you well with your girlfriend. I really don't

He gets up , but as he sees Dimitri he sits his ass down

I chuckle, as we walk out. I hope for Pete's sake he stays the hell away from me

*Dakarai*
I feel like screaming my lungs out , like who the hell does she think she is ?
Doing me like this , after I've endured 6 months of no sex

6 months of bearing with her, and her episodes. And not once, have I turned by back on her

And she fucking comes and tells me that she's getting married!

Kevin: clearly she's been around, and sleeping with other men

I just had to tell him, or else I was going to burst

Keeping all this to myself, I feel like I'm going out of my mind

Like literally, I feel like I'm going insane crazy

Kevin : she hasn't been loyal , and it's clear how

I don't even want to think about that , she's been playing me for a fool

Kevin: stop being in denial

Me: Kev can you just stop, you're not making things any better

Kevin: because I'm being realistic right now okay! Something you need to do fast

Me: I love her

Kevin: and she doesn't love you, if she loved you she wouldn't be getting married

Me: maybe there's an explanation for this

He laughs, just mocking me

Kevin: you have Hazel, just forget about Zuri. How does she get married while she's with you? Does that even make sense to you? Where was this husband all along?

I heave a sigh

Kevin: well I'll tell, he was just chowing her while you were starving for nonsense.

I shake my head, I hear him but I don't want to believe this

Me: Zuri is not that kind of a person

Kevin: yes she's the person that's getting married, and you thought you were in a relationship with her. Tell me what man just comes about of nowhere and decide to marry someone he doesn't know?

I hate what his words are doing right now , I know he's happy

And he doesn't even wish for us to be okay, of get back together

Kevin: just forget about that girl and move on

Easier said than done right? And she's still at her home, there's no way that I can even see her

I respect her father way too much to just rock up there

And if this marriage business is real and true, then I know I wouldn't be welcomed in that house

\*Luzuko\*

I didn't have class with her, for the past two days

And today here she is , looking hella stunning . And in nothing fancy

But just simple denim shots, with a vest and sandals

And why is it only today, that I'm so focused on her?

I can hardly even so much , like every minute my eyes trail to her

And she's not even looking at me, she has her head bowed down as always

My lesson goes just fine, as the class is over. They walk out

And she's the last one to get up, as Tau walks in

Tau: ah Zuri, just beautiful

This idiot!

And she looks at him, and shakes he head. Why is she giving him attention?

Tau : girl , you still owe me lunch . How are you ?

He's seriously making noise, and for no reason at all

Tau: are you angry?

She gets to him

Zuri: you lied

He laughs

Tau: yeah I know, my name is Tau not Thuso

She tries to pass, he holds her arm she looks at me and quickly looks forward

As she finds me looking at them

Tau: sorry he's just a lecture, he can't tell me not to touch you

That's my fucking wife! I think I can tell him that

Tau: that lunch!

Zuri: not happening

She finally passes him and walks out

Tau: you're feisty and full of wrath

I chuckle

Me: what the fuck is wrong with you? Just last week you wanted to kill her

Tau: she didn't see me

Me: mhm, what do you what?

Tau: I don't remember

I shake my head

Me : she gave me one crazy class

Tau: what?

Me: she makes me shake

Tau: what are you talking about?

Me: you won't get it, so leave

He laughs, I feel this heaviness in my heart. Why the fuck am I feeling this way?

Tau: I think you need help, maybe you should run away from this

Me: uh.... You should leave

He laughs

Tau: this is going to be interesting, very much so

He walks out, I lean on the desk taking one deep breath that's very much needed

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\*Zuri\*

My father is something else, I don't want to make a big deal out of this

But it's like he's not hearing me, like not at all

He dragged me to the mall, to find a beautiful dress and shoes for tomorrow

Mind you, it's almost noon. So I don't even know why we're doing this to ourselves

Dad: how about this one?

I look at it, and it's kind of cute. Okay! No lies it is cute

It's just a simple long nude dress, with strap sleeves

Me: it's beautiful

I smile

Dad: then we're taking it

Me: there's absolutely no reason for you to waste money like this

He looks at me, and takes my when into his

Dad: this is not your dream wedding, and it's not how a princesses wedding is supposed to be like. The least I can do, it's making sure that you at least have something on the day from your father

Me: daddy!

Dad: it's nothing much, just a dress. And you only get married once, I don't know. Maybe in future there's a white wedding there, and I'll get to walk you down the isle. But even so, tomorrow I'll be by your side

I love this man, I love him so much and I don't even think he understands just how much he means to me

He's just everything and more

I don't see this life without him, and that's why I'll marry a man I don't even know

All because I still need my father

Me: thank you

He pecks my cheek, I love this dress and I'll wear it tomorrow

And I know, my father will also be happy in a way

Just because he's the one who brought the dress, and the one who actually saw it before me

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm home, I just had to come see my parents. Before everything happens tomorrow

Which I don't think I'm even ready for , I think this what Tau was concerned about

But there's nothing I can do right now, so I'll take it one day at a time

Mom: a whole marriage? I think you're just crazy

Me: of course, you're not a fan of marriage

She laughs

Mom: I'm very much content in my home

Me: I know that okay, but your husband has other plans and motives for this

She looks at him

Dad: I did not force anyone

Mom: you shouldn't have even talked about this to him

Me: it's done now, and it's happening

Mom: boy! You're not ready for this

Me: I know, that girl is strange

Dad: strange how?

Me: you won't understand

He didn't waste time taking me to home affairs to book the date

And everyone has a prince, we were supposed to be together when we book

But they did book with just me alone, this wouldn't be South Africa

Me: maybe I should send her money to buy a dress or something

They look at me

Me: what?

Mom: why do you want to send her money, so she falls for you?

I'm lost for a sec

Me: wait...what! So women fall in love when they're given money?

Mom: I'm just saying

Me: but this is for her dress, not for her to fall for me

Dad: what was I really thinking?

He shakes his head

Me : just so you know Mr , I won't screw this up

He chuckles

Me : give me Ngcwethi's numbers , I'll send the money to him

He calls it out , and I send the man an E-wallet

Mom: how much did you send?

Me: you can't be asking me that

Dad: well you can't be embarrassing us, she's a ministers daughter. They have money, and that means she's not impressed by it

Me: it's a good thing, I'm really not trying to impress her

Mom: wonders and shocks, tomorrow after come home I'll make late lunch for everyone

Must we now?

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\*Zuri\*

My dad calls me in the kitchen, and he's making himself a cup of coffee

I'm staying away from caffeine, because I want to get enough sleep

Dad: there's a message there, that came in a few minutes ago

I grab his phone, and sit on the high chairs. I click on the message

And it's an E-wallet of a R100 000

Me: who's this from?

Dad: click on the last message text

I open, the number is not saved.

But the message reads this way, and I read it out loud

Me: Mr Nyiko, the money is for a dress for your daughter. If she hasn't already found one, but if she has then please tell her to use the money however she wishes

I chuckle

Me: is it him?

Dad: yes it's him

He's sweet though, but a 100K for a dress. That's just taking it too far

Me: wow okay

Maybe I might have judged him way too soon

But what do I know about him?

Dad: do you need the money?

Me : everybody needs money

I laugh he smiles

Me: just put it in my account, one day it will come in handy

Dad: alright, go get your sleep then

Me: alright

I get off the chair

Me: goodnight sir

Dad: good night baby, I love you

Me: I love you too

I get to my room , and looking at my dress for tomorrow . My father has great eyes

Raising a girl child on his own , has taught him well

I don't like that it's strap sleeves, I look at the cuts on my arm

They're still very much visible, and when I'm with my father I'm always wearing something that's covering up

Or I'll always have my arm pressed against my stomach

I hope no one notices them tomorrow

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\*Tau\*

I'm at his place, it's the morning of his wedding

But he's heading to campus first, as he has a class

And he will leave at 11:00, I won't be there with him

I have class, and the fact that they're having a court one. It's just less people

Me: you look nervous

Luzuko: I think, everyone looks nervous on their wedding day

I chuckle

Me: no, it's more

Luzuko: well, I don't know what you're talking about

Me : right , well don't run away

Luzuko: I won't, I'm no coward

I laugh, this whole plan of marriage is just huge. We should have just thought of something else

Luzuko: don't even look at me like that

Me: but you know how I feel

Luzuko: and do you think if we had kidnapped her, her father was going to let us be? Even if we found a way to rescue her, there was no way we could have them on our side

Me: maybe then you could have married

He shakes

Luzuko: that girl, wasn't going to marry a man that had her sold

Disaster for us , I guess his plan goes and sticks

Luzuko: I need to go

Me: I'll follow

Luzuko: you need to stop coming to my house like this

Me : you're not even married yet

Luzuko: just count hours

I laugh as he walks out the door

This whole situation is just funny, and he's so caught up in the middle of it all

## I wonder how this will work out

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\*Dakarai\*

I've been looking for her, but she's nowhere to be found

I saw Pretty, and I wanted to go ask her if she's here

But with the fact that she doesn't like me, and she knows what I've done

She surely wouldn't bother telling me where Zuri is at

Honestly I feel hurt, my heart is aching. To a point that I'm feeling it Physically

I can't believe this it still feels like a dream of some sort

She knew about Hazel, and she kept quite. Let me go crazy, with her silence

And now she's getting married! Like this is just a lot

And I don't know how to deal with this, I don't even know how to get her back

I'm not ready to lose Zuri, and I'm sure the guy marrying her it's someone older

There's no teenage boy, who'll tie himself to a marriage for no reason

With her father now being the minister, he has appointed a new CEO at his company

It'll be useless to even go there, I'll get to see my brother but Zuri won't even be there

Voice: hey stranger

I lift my head, and she has one huge smile

Me: baby

Hazel: you're ghosting me my guy, what did I do?

Me: just busy

She sits down opposite me

Hazel: that....uhm babe I just miss you

Me: I know, I miss you too. Please come over tonight

Hazel: asking because you see me now, or you were going to ask either way?

Me: I was going to call and ask

Hazel: okay then, in that case I'll be there

I lean over giving her a kiss

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\*Zuri\*

He walks in , as I'm standing in front of my full body length mirror

He stands a few feet away from me, we look at each other in the mirror

He smiles, I can't help but return the smile

I don't know how I'm feeling right now , I've shut down all emotions

I don't want to embarrass myself, not today

And definitely not in front of those people, they'll never get the satisfaction from me

Just so they can see how their demands, have hurt and disrupted our lives

I don't even want to know how I'm feeling, wether sad or wanting to burst into a cry

I won't even entertain that

I will look at this man, and it'll be a reminder of why I'm doing this

I'd go to the ends of the world, just to have him until God takes him from me

Dad: you look beautiful

No ways ,it's a lie . I didn't bother putting much effort into my looks today

The only beautiful thing on me, is this dress. And that's it

Me: daddy!

He laughs

Dad: what? You do, don't make me a liar

Me: if it makes you feel better, then it's okay

We have a few minutes of silence

Me : we can go

Dad: I will never forget this

Me: sir please! This is not some you'll owe me a favour one day, if you must know!'m doing this for myself more than you

I'm the one who needs him, he has lived.
But I haven't, and I don't want our life cut
short

Dad: I'll never win with you

Me : let's go

I turn and face him, walking towards him.

He takes my hand into his, and we walk out

I don't know what this means now, but I only care that I'll still have my father in my life

We get in the car, and the drive to home affairs is a quite one

I'm sure many thoughts are just going through his mind

With time, with time I know he will be fine or slowly be

Me: is he cute at least?

I just remember that I don't know him, I don't even know how he looks

Why didn't I google him? Something must be wrong with me

Me: imagine if he's ugly, at least let him be cute. This feels like a sacrifice

He chuckles

Dad: I'm a man, I can't say another man is cute

Me: well is he lookable?

Dad: he is, and he's light skinned. He must have taken after his mother, because his father is dark

I laugh

Me: sometimes, well most times light people are not cute. They're just light, and we overlook their looks

Dad: the things you say

Me: and it's all the truth

He shakes his head smiling

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\*Luzuko\*

I came with my father, he pulled stings for this to happen so fast

And he just had to be here and be a witness's, mom is left home

I'm sure now she busy with her late lunch, that I don't even deem necessary

Dad: remember what we spoke about

Me: what?

Dad: let her keep her surname

I don't like that , I really don't

Me: my surname will have to be the last name

He sighs

Me: I'm not comprising on that

Dad: let's hope she agrees

Me : she's really tiny , for wanting to pull us by our noses

Dad: and how would you know that?

I sigh

Me : because she's in one of my classes

He pops his eyes

Dad: you know her?

Me: actually I don't, she's strange

He laughs

Me: it's not funny

Dad: I don't think you know what you got yourself into

Me: I think everyone should stop saying that

Dad: it...seems like she has you intimidated

**I swallow** 

Me: no, she doesn't

Dad: denial

I sigh, he's not making this any better

Dad: that's them

He says as a car parks, a bit further next to ours

We're leaning against the car

And they walk out, my eyes trail to her. Thank God! I'm not a formal suit kind of a person

Otherwise this would be embarrassing, she's classy yet simple

She doesn't scream bride, imagine if I screamed broom

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\*Zuri\*

I shake like hell, that my father holds my hand so tight

It feels like he'll break my bones, I look at him

My breathing, increases slightly out of control

All this just because I looked at him , I can't believe it's him . My lecture !

Dad: baby breathe, deep slow breaths

After a few seconds, listening to his voice I gather myself

Me: what have you people done to me?

Dad: what?

Me: is Luzuko Dube, the Dube man son?

He nods

Me: he's my lecture

This is awkward, I wonder if he knows this. Like he's always known, it's me

And I've just been in the dark, this is messing with me right

Dad: that boy looks so young to be a lecture

He frowns, I laugh

Me: I don't think he likes me

Now we're just standing, we're still a bit further from them

Dad: then let's go home

Me: uhm no Sir!

He shakes his head

Me : one time I got late for his lecture , and he told me next time I'll attend his lesson outside

Dad: he's not the man for you

Me : either way , he never was . Let's go we look suspicious

He laughs, we walk to them

And the father's are first to exchange greetings

This Dube man looks at me, and he smiles. I'm like what the hell is he smiling about?

Because this is all his doing, threatening my father like that

Dad: can we just go

He says nothing and just nods, I ignore this one like he's not even here

Luzuko: we agreed on the surname thing, but I hope it's clear that Dube will be your last name

He says as we get to the door, I look at him

Me: and if I refuse then what? Will you rip the black market heart out of my father right here right now?

The shock on the father's name, his son clears his throat

I'm sure they thought my father lied to me or something

That maybe he didn't tell me the truth, well they have it wrong

I know, and I don't damn like them

Me: mhm ....it's fine either way

My father and I walk inside

Dad: should I be worried

Me: no sir

I'm like nothing just happened, seconds ago

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm glad this is over and done with, because I was fucking sweating half the time in there

And the shit she just pulled out there, before we walked in

I don't get how this man can tell his daughter such things

I'm sure she hates me, and now I don't see how this will be easy

She won't let me in , she won't make things any easier at all

I mean she knows how she got to be married to me

How can she like me?

This man ruined things! I wonder if he knows that

Or it was his plan all along, knowing his daughter and how she is

Knowing that she will make my life miserable, and make me even regret using her to get to her father

He really got sneaky here, and this might just need some rethinking

Might be too late for that though, seeing that the marriage is all done and sealed now

Dad: Nyiko, a word please

He looks at him, and he gives his daughter car keys to their car

The two walk to each other, I hope it's to work in my favour. That he tells his child not to give me depression

I follow her, walking to their car. She's not even seeing me. She looked so bored in there, like the whole time

And when I say she's strange, it's like I'm just exaggerating or making her seem somewhat

She gets in , as she's about to close the door I hold it

She looks at me, and I just can't comprehend her look at all.

She can play this thing of hers, and I'll just be myself to her. It's been a few minutes

married, but I feel like I'm already feeling the heat

Me: no wedding kiss really?

She looks down

Me : ah , at least give me your number

Zuri: for what?

Me: what else?

She keeps quite, there's just something about her voice. Pity she doesn't like me, and she doesn't seem to want to talk to me much

Me: but I need that number

She just randomly calls it out, I'm so thankful of my mind right now. It's even fucking photographic

At first, I thought that was some kind of a disability. But now I know it's special and I just embrace it

Me : see you at lunch

Zuri: what....what lunch?

I chuckle, and as I see her father coming I walk away

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\*Zuri\*

These people though! And my father just wanted us to be nice

So here we are , having this late lunch . But damn! This woman can cook

And she doesn't even strike me as someone that's domesticated

I guess looks really can be deceiving

She's doing the most, with just how she's dressed

And you can tell, it's just not for show for us. It's really an everyday thing

There's just this quite teenage boy here, he is creepy

And there's this cute bubbly baby, who's making this whole lunch not awkward for everyone

She's talking and laughing, and it's crazy how close she is with her brother

Like at some point I find myself just staring at them, and just admiring then

Luzuko is not the uptight lecture, with his family he's talking and laughing

I'm just seeing a total different person, it beats me how such a family like this can threaten another

I just don't get it, and I probably won't

Dad: Mrs Dube, lunch was great

Mrs Dube: oh, it was a pleasure. I'm glad at least we got to get together, even though it wasn't something big

Can't we just leave?

Ziya: Zuko

He looks at her

Ziya: phelezele (accompany me)

She says already taking his hand

Luzuko: siyaphi? (Where are we going)

Ziya: roomini yami (my room)

Luzuko: I won't be playing dolls with you, please understand that

I find myself chuckling, and just causing eyes at myself

And don't I just pretend like I didn't just do that

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\*Luzuko\*

I don't understand, how she brings me to her room

Just so I can watch her okay, with her dolls and imaginary food

Babies are just strange, you'll wonder why would she pretend there's food here when there isn't

Me: ngiyahamba mina (I'm leaving)

She takes a cup and walks to me

Ziya: yaphi? (Where are you going)

Me: Ku mfazi wami (to my wife)

She frowns

Ziya: mfazi wakho? (Your wife)

Me: you're too smart for this

Ziya: bani mfazi wakho? (Who is your wife)

Okay!

Me: I'm not doing this with you

I get up , and she's standing in front of me . My sister is really short

She looks like she's two years and not four, and she's literally at my knee

Ziya: uphi? (Where is she)

Me: ubani? (Who)

Ziya: umfazi wakho (your wife)

Me : uyeza uzombona (she's coming , you'll see her)

Why am I having a conversation with a four year old

Ziya: hamba nawe, zombona mina (I'm coming with you, I'll see her myself)

I laugh

Me: girl not happening

Ziya: hamba nawe (I'm coming with you)

Me: angihambi mina, ngiya ngaphandle ngiyabuya (I'm not leaving, I'm going outside I'm coming)

Ziya : mfazi wakho yena ? (What about your wife)

Me : sombona mangibuya (we'll see her when I come back)

Ziya: oh

She walks back to her small table

Ziya: uya phandle? (You're going outside)

Me: yeah, ngiyabuya (I'm coming back)

She says nothing back, I walk out. And passing by the stairs

I see her standing outside by the patio, she looks so lost in thought

But I could be so wrong, maybe this is just how she is

I have a sigh, and take a deep breath.

Her back is turned against me, and it's slightly a bit chilly out here

I walk closer, and stand behind her. Within just seconds, I hug her from behind

She gets startled a bit, and turns her head slightly looking at me

I lean my head down, with my hands resting on her lower stomach

I'm so close that there's no space on between us

I can admit she smells good, I place a soft kiss on her neck

And just the way she breaths, I can tell that got her to close her eyes a bit

Me : you just chose to stand out here all alone

Zuri: you chose to play with dolls

She's just mocking me right now

Me: I wasn't, and you must know I don't play with dolls

She says nothing, I plant a few more kisses on her neck

Me : can you just be nice , this a marriage

Zuri: I didn't chose it, I owe anyone nothing

Yeah, I'm about to see things and there's no walking out

Me: at least just try

Why the fuck am I begging her for ?

Me : or I'll just try for us both

She slowly turns her head and looks at me, without a warning I take her lips into mine

She was just caught off guard, I kiss her slowly until she lets loose and kisses me back

I turn around and face her, my hands still resting on her waist

I deepen the kiss, she grabs my on t-shirt.
Since I took the shirt off

This kiss is just flowing, the pace is the same. Problem, I think it's accompanied by feels from my side

I slowly pull out , and she still has her eyes closed

I take a good few seconds, just admiring her and she's darn beautiful

Me: I will try for us

She slowly opens her eyes, and finds me looking at her

Me: what a way to get my wedding kiss

She frowns, and then that cold expression. She really must not like me

Zuri: I want to leave

Me: okay, I'll drive you to your home

Zuri: I'm going where I stay, at res. And my father is taking me

Me: no! I'm taking you

She sighs

Me: and this res, you know you have to move right?

Zuri: no, I'm not moving. I will stay at res until I'm done studying

Me: you must be out of your mind

She just stares at me

Me: you're going to move, and move in with me at Hyde Park. Let's go so you can tell your father I'm taking you, and this is the first and last time I drive you to res

The way she's just looking at me, it's like she's calling me bluff. And it's getting me frustrated to be honest

We walk inside, and seems like her father is ready to leave too

She says nothing, I take a deep breath accompanied by a sigh

She's doing this deliberately, and she must be enjoying herself

Me: I....will drive MaDube to res

I say not even looking at them, what she's doing to me is not right

Ngcwethi : oh !

Me: I hope that's okay by you

Ngcwethi : oh it's fine , come home on Wednesday

She smiles nodding, and they hug

Mom: Zuri, don't be a stranger. This is your home now too

She just nods, I take her hand and we leave

The drive to res it's just quite, I swear this one is just here to torture me

I park , leaning my head back and looking at her

Me : can we please just not fight about this?

Zuri : I'm not moving , you got your marriage

Me: this is our marriage, it really don't matter how it came about

Well to me maybe, that's what her face her saying

Me: when I call, answer my calls.

She says nothing

Me: did you hear that!

Honestly this is just frustration

Zuri: I heard you

I sigh

Me: I should just kiss you and leave, before I loose my cool

I lean over , and what do you know . She damn kisses me back , without any hesitation .

I don't know what she's playing at , but I don't like it

But fuck! I think her kisses have just become an addiction to me

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\*Tau\*

We're at his apartment, and we only arrived like an hour ago

Last night he called, and we went to Venus. We ended up just drinking

And he wasn't playing, I've seen him drink before but last night was something else

Me: what's wrong?

He has a frown on , and he's laying on the couch

That's where he just went to , when we arrived . I just let him be

Luzuko: that girl is just strange

I chuckle

Me: your wife?

He has his one hand on his forehead

Luzuko: there's just something crazy about her, maybe she has bipolar or she has multiple personalities

I laugh, he clicks his tongue

Me: what makes you say that?

Luzuko: we got there, and the whole time getting married she looked so bored. You won't believe how simple she looked, she didn't bother herself going crazy. And I sent her 100K, I thought she'll be looking like a bride

He sighs, poor man is having it hard. And it's only been a day

This won't work well for him, and he's just killing me with laughter

Luzuko: we didn't kiss, keep it to yourself. I got to get her numbers, that she just called out like she didn't even want to. And that reminds me, I need to call her. We should meet for breakfast, I'm doing husband duties

He's insane right now, and I blame Zuri! like what the hell is she doing to my boy

Me: what kind of a wedding is, without a kiss?

He shrugs

Luzuko: stop laughing you're annoying me

Me : you should have left , when I told you to run

Luzuko: the kiss happened last night at home okay, even when I was dropping her off at res

Me: hallelujah!

He laughs

Luzuko: but even after that, seconds later she's just cold and I'm so lost like what the hell! She's just not here with me man

Seems like he has his hands full

Luzuko: she wanted to keep her name, which I let her have. Mine being the last of course, and she wasn't happy about that. Then she drops a bomb at me, that she's not moving away from res

Me : she's not moving here ?

Luzuko: she refused

Me:ah!

I laugh , I just can't help myself . This situation is just crazy

Luzuko: she's driving me insane, and she be so calm. Last night I ended up saying I should leave, before losing my cool. And guess what? She still kisses me after that

This is just something else

Me : you got dealt

Luzuko: yeah

He slowly get up

Luzuko: I needed to vent, I'm fine now. I can take another knock, let me call my strange wife

I laugh my ass off, as he grabs his phone calling her

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\*Zuri\*

People lack peace, who would call me so early?

I don't even feel like lifting my head, but the damn phone

It's just not stopping, I hold my hand out and fiddling for it

I find it , and answer .

Me: hello

My voice doesn't even want to come out

Voice: MaDube

I'm on my ass in seconds, like why is his voice like this over the phone.!

I quickly get over it, and gather myself. I lay back down and groan

Why is he calling me?

Luzuko: you're seriously groaning answering my phone

Me : I just woke up

Luzuko: not you alone

Is he throwing shade at me?

Luzuko: I'm coming in an hour to get you, we're going out for breakfast

Me: didn't you say it was the first and....

Luzuko: don't repeat that

I want to laugh , isn't her crazy . Going against his word now

Luzuko: bye

He drops the call, I can't believe he woke me up for this And who said I want to go out? But I love food like crazy, and I'm going there

I won't refuse free food, not in a million years

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\*Pretty\*

After that call, she got up made her bed and took a shower

She's in a blue ripped skinny jean, with a white baggy t-shirt with blue and white sneakers

Natural make up, she looks so prepared for wherever she's going

Me: where are you going?

She looks at me, and goes quite for a few seconds

Me: what?

Zuri: I'm going out

Me: yeah, where to so early?

Zuri: should I file a report?

Isn't she so smug?

Me: it's just a question

Zuri: yeah, and I'm going out. I didn't even know there's a time frame for that

Me: yhoh Zuri! Your loud mouth is lacking some filter today

She grabs her phone as it beeps

Me: are you still with that loser Dakarai?

She says nothing

Me: I hope you can hold your own, when he ditches you. Don't come running to me

Zuri: hello

Wow, and just like that I am ignored

Zuri: I'm coming

She walks out, and at this point I don't know what will get her to leave Dakarai alone

My own phone rings, and it's Tau. It's a Saturday, I need a break

There's no way, I'm going to be striping all day and be fucked all night by men

I'll go later in the club, he can forget about me going there right now

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\*Zuri\*

There really must be something about this guy, and just the way he dresses up

The black and white clothes, like what's up with all that?

It's actually creepy, or does he just hate any other colour's?

But these look good on him, they really do. I can't lie about that

As I settle on the seat, he just leans over and gives me a kiss which I return

I don't know! I'm so not a hoe, but the things he just makes me feel with his kisses

There's no way I'll ever refuse them, there's just something about the way he kisses

He just lures you into you, and you just can't help but fall into it

After a few minutes he pulls out slowly, just moving his face an inch away from mine

We lock eyes, he brushes my chin with his fingers

Luzuko: are you okay?

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Luzuko: you do look okay

He moves back to his seat, and I sit right

Luzuko: at least that makes on of us

Should I be asking him what's bothering him? Nah, I'll rather ask when I'm eating if he brings it up again

The whole drive to Merlyn Mall is just quite, he has his free hand on my thigh

From time to time he tightens his grip there, but I don't mind him

We arrive, he parks and we get out. He locks our hands

Is it just me, or he's really too touchy?

We get inside this classy restaurant, and I'm looking at him like is this really you?

He doesn't strike me as the kind to come to such places

We get a table, and a waitress comes over he places his order

I'm shocked, this man is fancy he has standards

No wonder he gave me a 100K for just a dress, and did I not disappoint him

Me: a full farm house breakfast, make everything just extra cheese. Leave mushrooms out

She nods and walks away

Luzuko: I don't approve of you staying at res

Me: why?

Luzuko: you're a married woman, your place is where your husband is at

I can't deal with this

Me: is this why you're not okay?

He frowns

Luzuko: I'm not okay, because you're seriously stressing me

Me: it's been a day

Luzuko: exactly, I know this is not ideal.
But you're making it like some hell hole,
and it doesn't have to be like that. If you
actually give me a chance, then you'll get to
see me. And not just assume that I'll be bad
toward you or whatever

Why is he making me feel so guilty and bad?

Luzuko: it's like you just want to punish me right now, and for what I don't know

I look at him as he goes quite

Me : I'll let you be , but I'm not moving from res

Luzuko: do you have a boyfriend there?

Me: I'm married, I don't think I'm allowed to have that

And my food arrives , I just channel him out and enjoy my food

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\*Tau\*

I'm so done with this girl, she really thinks that she's all that

She cost us money today, she comes with some lousy excuse

Luzuko walks in , and if this is how marriage is like

Then I'm better off, without it. He looks frustrated

And he's just ready to kill anything, and I so wish he wasn't here right now

Luzuko: why are you giving me that look?

I chuckle

Me: how was breakfast?

Luzuko : she still gives me stress

I laugh, he shakes his head

Luzuko: what's happening?

His eyes are trailing around

Me: uhm nothing!

Luzuko: where is she?

Me: who?

Luzuko: Tau don't fuck with me

I sigh

Me: in the ....changing room with the others

He walks out heading there, and I go after him

Can whatever is going to happen, I not be involved in

He walks in , and I'm right behind him

Luzuko: why is it that you're only changing now?

She looks at me and back at him

Pretty: sir ....sir

Luzuko: I asked a question, and it's best you just answer me

Pretty: I....I wasn't here earlier on....I

And she makes some crazy contact with the table in front of her

There's slight screams and everyone just move to the corner

Surely fearing for their life, and they're scared now

As Pretty slowly lifts her head up, and she has nose bleed

It looks bad, only she's met by a slap that damn sends on the floor

And she breaks down crying

Luzuko: you forget one thing, the side on which your bread is buttered. Let's see how you survive two months without pay

The fear on these girls eyes

Luzuko: get your ass off that floor, put on make up and go out there make me money

He walks out , I just look at her as she slowly gets up

Me: I just wish sometimes you would listen Pretty, you're not the shit. He doesn't fucking need you

She's so apologetic, but even I can't help her

I talk bad, they all know that. But Luzuko is different than me

He beats them , and this is nothing . He's done worse before

But she thinks she can still do whatever she wants

Forgetting who she is here

I walk out as well

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\*Zuri\*

It's middle of the night, Pretty is not here. But that has a become a norm right

I don't even bother wondering where she is, who she's with

I've just gathered this is her life, and she knows how to live it

It has nothing to do with me

Why I can't fall asleep? Well I don't know

Well maybe I do , but I'm not sure

After the breakfast, something has just been bothering me

Even though I can't pin point it out exactly, I just haven't been myself since then

And I can't help but think it has to do with what he said

But then I'm puzzled, and this scares me now.

Like if he so wants this marriage to work, why did it have to come with a threat at my father's life?

How does he want me as a wife, yet I was used as an opportunity to him to get to my father?

And how does he expect me want to make this marriage work, knowing just how that family got to us?

Like it doesn't make sense, what he actually wants just looks impossible

And I don't get how he is okay with this whole thing

To an extent that he wants it to work, that he's even willing to try

I have questions, and I don't think I can voice those out to him

Now what do I do? Already I feel some betrayal there

The kisses, letting him touch me like that. I should be hating him

But right now it's just safe to say, I don't hate him. But I don't like him either

I hate what's happening right now, because my mind is all over the place

And this is me overthinking

I'm startled by my phone ringing, who could be calling me this late?

I reach for my phone, and it's him. My heart starts feeling funny

I don't even know if I should answer this call or what

Why is he calling this late, why isn't he asleep?

I take a deep breath, and sigh answering

Luzuko: MaDube

There's just something about his voice, that's just luring me in just like his kisses

Me: yes

I don't even know why I'm answering back, I can tell he won't stop calling me with his surname

Luzuko: I still want you to think about what I said sthandwa sam (my love)

I pop my eyes, I'm sure my expression is just priceless. He just called me his love, is he even aware of that?.

Or it was just a slip of the tongue?

Luzuko: please! I'm not demanding now,
I'm simply asking and pleading with you.
Maybe make me understand, if you're still
not going to change your mind even after
your time of thinking. Make me
understand, why you want to remain at res.
Yet you're married, and have an apartment
in Hyde Park

I smile at that , I didn't know that apartment is mine as well

Luzuko: please that's all I'm asking

Do I even have a valid reason why? Or I simply just don't want to move in with him

Maybe because I don't like what they did to us

Or maybe it's because I'm scared, I'll lose myself in front of him

I'll have those episodes, I might cut myself. Anxiety might hit, and I'll react

Maybe I'm scared, that he will see all of that and he will cast me outside

Now when that happens, what will it mean for my father?

Will they still want to hurt him or what?

Luzuko: you're still here right?

I got lost there

Me: yes

Luzuko: okay, goodnight. I'm just glad you heard my every word

Me: goo.....good night

## He drops the call

I close my eyes, taking a deep breath. I've never been so conflicted in my entire life

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\*Pretty\*

I know Tau was right, Luzuko is nothing like him

He doesn't have the patience, and he didn't care

I'm lucky I just got off with my nose bleed, and a slap

It could have been much worse

He once landed three girls in hospital, and two of them didn't make it

He got away scot free , he didn't get questioned

There was no case, nor were there any police involved whatsoever

I feel like shit, I feel like he cracked my jaw. And it's possible, that slap got me down on the floor

And I don't think it's any coincidence that I got dealt a Nigerian

I'm sure it was all his doing, and the guy kept on pounding and pounding

He didn't care, at some point I found myself crying and begging him to stop

And he just told me he paid 10 000 dollars, that says he can do whatever he wants

I was so scared, yes most times I'm never comfortable with these men

But to get scared to that point, it has never happened before

Now I'm here to see a doctor, spending money that I don't have

And it's bad enough I won't be getting paid, I sure dealt myself here

I don't even know what I was thinking, missing my stripping shifts like that

Doc: you're very badly hurt down here

I already know that , and the pity on his face is just annoying me

Me: can you just prescribe me something, just for the pain and infection

Doc: Ms Thebe ...this kind of damage is....

Me: just stop, I know the damage I just need something to make me feel better.

Doc: you have cuts, hence you're bleeding

That guy wasn't playing, he ripped my pussy apart

I'm in so much pain, and I can't even walk properly

Me: Do I need any stitches?

Doc: uhm no...that won't be necessary

Me: good then

He writes something down on the file

Doc: the last time I saw such a damage, was with a rape victim

I roll my eyes, and I feel degraded by how he's busy referring to my pussy as damage

Me: I wasn't raped, so stop right there

Doc: then ....

Me: enough! Stop trying to get clever with me, as a doctor you should know this

woman's part of the body is most sensitive. When it's handled rough, such things are ought to happen. Stop what you're doing

He just nods, now I want to get out of here

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\*Dakarai\*

I'm not coping, I don't want to lie. I'm not myself at all

Like I miss her so bad , I smile her smile and her laugh

Like just everything, those meaningless conversations we used to have

And she'll always be wanting food, just anything she can chew on

I miss how she'll always want me to bring her something to eat, whenever we were to meet

Yeah she had a lot baggage, and everything else

She wasn't the perfect girlfriend no, but she was all for me and I love her just like that

I'm such an idiot, and a fool for falling off the trail like this

And just how she downplayed everything, and did not confront me

I know she's done with me, marriage or not. I stand no chance to have her back

And I'm annoyed by Hazel now, I no longer even want to be with her

To be honest, I'm bored and annoyed by her. She's not Zuri and she'll never be

I just wish she can fucking get the message, and leave me the hell alone

The affair is now meaningless to me, I don't enjoy her anymore

Which I find crazy, how can I enjoy fucking another girl when I have a girlfriend?

And when I'm single she's suddenly boring me

It's just nonsense at its best

What was the whole point of the affair then?

Kevin: you depress me

I place my pen down

Kevin: fuck that girl up, get over it and find the next good pussy to fuck

Me: what you don't get is that I love her

Kevin: she doesn't fucking love you

Me: maybe she was just forced into this marriage

He laughs

Kevin: you're sounding desperate right now

Me: just let me be, because I know you're happy about this

Kevin: I am going to teach you how to deal with this, and when I'm done you'll thank me

Me: what do you mean?

Kevin: I'm going out, are you coming?

Me: it's Monday are you out of your mind?

Kevin: yeah it's Monday so?

I sigh

Me: just leave, I'm not going anywhere

He walks out , I take my phone finding three missed calls from Hazel

I won't bother getting back to her

I battle with my thoughts , whether to call Zuri or not

I go on WhatsApp and she's online, it's another battle to text her

I sigh, and going on statuses I see she's posted one

I check it out, and it's a video of couple on a yacht having what looks like lunch

And there's no sunset, she didn't caption it anything just placed a love emoji on it

I just throw my phone next to me, yearning and burning with desire just to do something

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm not even a WhatsApp person, nor even a social media person at all

I'm only in Instagram, and it's not that much active

Even though I have a crazy following of ladies

I just don't have the time to be entertaining them

I'm in class, and to be honest it's kind of hard somehow to concentrate

But I'm just trying to hide it well

From time to time, I just find myself looking at her and going quite in the middle of the lesson

It's just crazy, and that time she's not even looking at me or even paying me any attention

They're writing now, everyone is just focused on their laptops

I'm on my phone, and on WhatsApp. I have it all because of Lethuxolo

And he's sent me a message with a pair of Jordan sneakers

I chuckle shaking my head, because I know this is his way of asking for them

I log out, and open my bank app I send him the money. Since the picture even has a price

Within seconds he's back on WhatsApp, with laughing emoji's and I know that's his thanks

He's so weird I just don't get him at all

I check out statuses, and I see one from my wife

Somehow my lips curve into a smile, I trail my eyes to her and as always her head is bowed

She will have her dinner or whatever that is, in the sunset on a yacht just because she's my wife

I go online just checking for any yacht I can get, and there's one that's private for hire in Durban

It'll just have to be this weekend, we'll leave Friday

And I book it for Saturday, and getting two plane tickets

Should I surprise her or just tell her?

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\*Zuri\*

I am smitten even beyond, and I didn't even check my phone until I left for res

I kind of feel bad though , had I seen this I would have thanked him

And I have no classes tomorrow, it's late now I know he's left

I just had to see this text now, with the yacht details and the flight tickets to Durban

I'm shocked, and it's just hard believing this

Like I've always posted things on my status, not because I want them or anything

But this one! I've never seen like ever

And I'm not stupid, he might have not responded to the status

But I know it's about that, I saw that he saw it a few minutes after he sent those things

Honestly I'm so excited, I don't even know how to explain this

Like what is he playing at ? A whole weekend away! Just like that , because of a status

I'm burning to just blurt this out to someone, but who?

Definitely not Pretty, she warned me about Luzuko

Imagine if I tell her I'm married to him, she will freak and blow this whole campus

She walks in , I'm just sitting on my bed . Just being a happy wife nothing more

She doesn't look okay at all, she has a slap mark on her cheek

And she's walking funny, something is definitely wrong with her

But what?

Me: Pretty! What happened?

Pretty: nothing

Me: like....

Pretty: Zuri stop nagging me, I said I'm fine

She didn't say that , and I am not nagging her

It's not like I was going to pester the issue anymore

I mind my business again, she can sulk all she wants

I take a deep breath, as she walks to the bathroom

I dial his number, I can't believe this is me calling him

It rings once and he answers

Luzuko: MaDube

Somewhere somehow he really must be a deep rooted man, in the Zulu culture

Me: unjani? (How are you)

Luzuko: inkumbulo, unjani wena? (I miss you, how are you)

What is wrong with him? Is it even possible to for someone you met in this manner?

Or he's just trying to lure me in?

Me: I'm....I'm okay

Luzuko: ngathola eyakho i'call kwenze njani? (Receiving a call from you, what's going on)

Me: I....I saw your text. And I....is that for real?

He chuckles

Me : okay , it's for real . I just want to thank you

Luzuko: no need, we'll leave on Friday afternoon

And I have no classes then , but I'm sure he has lectures

Me: okay, that's all

He chuckles

Luzuko: I'm marking, thanks for the call

Me: bye

I drop the call, and lay back down smiling like a retard

Pretty: and the smile?

Ah! Now she wants to talk to me, she needs a breather and leave me alone

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\*Luzuko\*

He looks at me and laughs, I really want Tau out of my house

Me: what?

Tau: you're marking? Why are you lying to Zuri

Me: I'm going to kill someone, mxm. Fuck off, and I was marking

Tau: that was ten minutes ago

Me: doesn't matter, it wasn't completely a lie. So really do fuck off

Tau: I'm going to the club, will you come through?

Me: I'll probably be back before midnight, so no.

He gets up

Tau: I'll see you

Me : get those girls in line

Tau: you mean her, and I'll get her in line

He laughs walking out, my phone beeps I take a look at it

And it's a bank notification, from Mexico. They got their parcel, and I'm getting mine

I send Tau his share , and switch off my phone

I'm glad my wife opened up, even though she didn't say much

But she sounded happy somehow, and I'm glad I'm the reason she was sounding that happen

Now I hope the weekend goes well for her

I grab my car keys and walk out

This man is not even my energy, nor my time but because I got paid

I'll just do it

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*Zuri*
Since I have no class today , I just decided to clean the room
And just pack my clothes , not that my

wardrobe is a mess

I would go home today, but I have class tomorrow morning

So I'll go after it, I wonder why my father wants me home

I hope it's just to see me and nothing else, since he was even specific that on Wednesday

When I'm done cleaning, I take a shower.

Wearing ripped blue jeans shorts, purple vest with white and purple sneakers

I'm hungry now, and I want food. I can drive out to the mall and eat there

But I'm alone, and I won't carry back cold food

So I'll just go to the cafeteria, and eat there

I take some money , and my phone . I head to the cafeteria

I just order a burger and a milkshake, with music plugged in

I eat in peace, or rather I think. Until Dakarai's girlfriend walks in

And by the way she's looking at me, it's like she has some beef with me

If only she knows, I don't care about her boyfriend anymore. She can have him

Drama is not for me, so I leave the food there and walk back to my room

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\*Dakarai\*

She just budges inn, and I so want to throw her out

Me: don't you know how to knock?

Hazel: babe

She's not happy, she doesn't look happy

Me: go back and knock, and enter here like a normal human being

She sighs

Hazel: Daka I love you

Me: mhm

Hazel: just why you can't see that?

I get up , and face her

Hazel: don't I deserve your loyalty at least?

Me: what the hell are you talking about?

Hazel: Sofia told me you're dating that first year girl!

She raises her voice a bit

Me : tone it down , this is not your mother's house

She tears up , I sigh

Hazel: I love you

This won't work, it just won't

Me: and I love Zuri

It's some kind of a relief to say that out loud to her

Me: I just wanted sex from you Hazel

She sits down on Kevin's bed

Hazel: Dakarai how could you?

Me: I'm sorry

No I'm not, she was just too willing and she basically offered herself with that head she gave me

Hazel: I'm pregnant

What the hell? And just how fucking convenient

Me: you have got to be kidding me

Hazel: I'm not lying, nor am I trying to trap you. Here

She reaches to her pocket and shows me the pregnancy test

Hazel: I took it this morning, I was going to show it to you. Sofia came we went to the cafeteria, and that's where we saw that

girl. Maybe I should just abort, since you don't love me

With that being said she walks out , in like a rush

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\*Dakarai\*

I didn't sleep a wink, with what Hazel told me

What the hell am I going to do?

I can't have a child right now, but if the child is mine will I live with the fact that I let Hazel kill our baby?

With this now, my life has just turned up side down

I don't know what I'm going to do, I haven't spoken to her since last night

I didn't even bother following her, what was I going to say or do? Right after I told her I love another girl, and that I just wanted sex from her?

Will she even consider being with me now, or even keeping the baby?

I had to come see my brother , I couldn't tell Kevin

I know he was just going to tell me, this is some sign to move from Zuri

But my heart doesn't know that, it wants Zuri. The one I let get away, and now I can't have her back

Mike: are you sure the baby is yours?

We're in his office

Me: I don't know

Mike: what?

I shake my head slightly

Me: I've been messing around with her yes, but I don't know if the baby is mine like she says

He sighs

Mike: don't you know condoms?

Me: I...don't mock me

Mike: they're even free

Me : sometimes I would get lost in the moment

Mike: so lost that you forget consequences of a irresponsible sex?

Me: you're not helping

Mike: there's nothing I can help you with, if it's lies you want I don't have then

I sigh

Mike: what I'll tell you though, is that you won't run away from your responsibility

Me: I love Zuri

Mike: then you shouldn't have cheated on

her

Me: but she told me she's getting married

And that pains me

Mike: that's not why you cheated, you just couldn't keep your zip closed. And I don't blame her, I would also choose a man marrying me over a cheater. And didn't you

cheat way before she told you this marriage thing?

Me: it doesn't matter, how is she getting married yet she was with me?

Mike: lesson number one, in relationships karma always deals you what you give

He's talking nonsense

Me: she cheated way before I even started, I can't cheat for two weeks and she's getting married. What guy marries someone in two weeks?

Mike: the kind of guy knows what he has

Me: you know what?

I get up

Me: I'm leaving

It was just a waste to come here

Mike: you will raise that child, even if it's by force

Some big brother he is , shouldn't he be siding with me right now ?

Giving me a way out of this , or some sane advice

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\*Luzuko\*

I'm in the second last class I have today

And I didn't have any class with my wife, I miss seeing her face

I hope I don't go crazy over this girl, and she ditches me

I sent her a text to come see me after her last class

Which I have no idea when it ends, but I think she leaves earlier than me today

I'm trying by all means to know her schedule by heart

Ten minutes after my class is dismissed she walks in

Looking all sorts of tired, I wonder if this is all her lessons doing or something else

Me: close the door

She turns and closes it, my last class is in 15 minutes

I get up and sit by my desk, she walks over. I pull her closer

Me : let me just greet you

I capture her lips into mine, she kisses me back

Seems like she missed me as much, even though I know she won't tell me

She's holding back, I don't even know if I'm winning here or what

We pull out, my hands rest on her waist. We lock eyes, but she doesn't maintain the eye contact

Me : you're beautiful

Zuri: thank you

Me: I called you over for a kiss

I swear there was a side smile I saw there

Zuri: I have to go home

Oh yeah! It's Wednesday today, and I remember her father told her to come

Me: I do wish you were coming to Hyde Park

She has her head down

Me : you will visit right ?

Zuri: one day yes

What a marriage I have! My wife visits me at my house, instead of us living together

Me: us living together is normal and accepted

Zuri: accepted?

Me: by society, and it's standards. We're not doing a live in situation

She goes quite for about a minute

And I see it's no use trying to push this on her

Me : at least tell me you're still thinking about it

She nods, at least that's something right!

Although I don't even believe my own words right now

Me : give me a kiss

She looks at me, and seems to be not sure for a second. But she kisses me anyways, initiating the kiss first

Which I gladly accept, it doesn't last that long though as the first one

Zuri: I have to go

Me: I'll call you

She nods and pulls out she walks out, I sigh

A few minutes later, the students walk in . And Pretty is one of them

She still looks bad, but she has some crazy make up, I'm sure just covering up

Tau told me, she had a rough client and he had way with her

So she's injured down there, so she can't sleep with the men at the club

But I don't care, I still want her on the poles. Making me money

She's giving me one look I can't comprehend, and I doubt it's about what happened to her. It's so something else

But she's nothing of mine, so I don't care

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\*Zuri\*

I just had to bump into Pretty, walking out of the class when I was with Luzuko

We didn't say much to each other, but I know her

And she will make a big deal out of this, the mere fact that he was in there alone

And I walked out of there , I know I don't owe her anything to tell her truth

But I don't need her drama about the whole thing

I'm home, and my father is home as well. I guess he knew he was going to be home as well

We had lunch together, that's the one thing I'll always miss most about being home

The food! Because honestly what I eat everyday at res, it doesn't even come to this

Dad: have you been okay?

Me: yes sir

He laughs

Dad: I worry about you

Me: I know, but you don't have to

Dad: it's a parent's job

Me: what a job! I don't think it's the wise thing, parents can do for themselves

We end up just laughing

Dad: yeah well, don't be giving me grandkids. Because I'll remind you of this

Me: euwww dad!

He pinches my cheeks

Dad: how is marriage?

That smile creeps on me , but I just quickly hide it

Me: it's fine

Dad: he's not bothering you?

I laugh

Me: he's just weird

Dad: how weird that it makes you laugh?

Me: the kind of weird that.....heh remember when I told you what he said to me?

Dad: yeah, is he still rude?

Me : no , he just gets lost in lessons just staring at me

He chuckles

Dad: I sent you to school to study

Me: I know that, and I'm doing that...wait..... why are you telling me that?

Dad: you're also staring at him

Me: no I'm not

Dad: then how do you notice that he's staring? Unless you're also staring

I laugh

Me: you're just making this awkward

He chuckles

Dad: you're being strange baby

Well let me be strange worse, and just finish him

Me: he uhm....he

I lean back on the couch

Dad: he what?

Me: he booked a yacht for us, for the weekend in Durban

That's a whisper, I really can't deal

Dad: he did?

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Dad: this boy wants to do movies things with you?

What now? I laugh

Me: no ....he uhm

The look he's giving me! I find myself hiding my face with my hands

Dad: he is busy charming you so much, in just 5 days of marriage

Me: I....I'm not charmed sir

He laughs

Dad: could have fooled me, you're falling for this boy. And I hope it's because of how he is to you, not just your own feelings at play

Should I tell him he called me his love?

My subcontinent mind goes, shut up fool you can't tell your father that

I keep quite, he stares at me until he eventually leaves me alone

I sigh in relief, laying down on the couch

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\*Pretty\*

What a day!

And did I have to start it like that? With suspicions that Zuri is fucking Luzuko

Right when I told her to stay away from the guy. Honestly I don't like Dakarai for her, but he's way much better than Luzuko

He's an idiot, but he's not dangerous

I might not be so clued up, about everything that goes on in that club

But I know girls are being kidnapped there, we're dealing drugs

And the prostitution that takes place

Zuri will just fall into his web, and there will be no escape

With her ministers of defence father, these guys are just dangerous

I see Kevin, and I haven't seen him since that day

Or rather be with him, I guess something threw him off

Or he thought I'll run after him , I'm not that type of a girl

I walk to him

Me: hi....

Kevin : get lost

Me: I just need to talk to Dakarai

Kevin: so? Do you see him anywhere here?

Me : can you just tell him I need to talk to him , and it's urgent

Kevin: I'm not your messenger

He walks away, and now what will I do?

I can't go around looking for him, in this whole campus

Maybe I can ask some of the guys, I see him with when he's not with this arrogant fool

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\*Dakarai\*

Hearing that Pretty wants to talk to me, that got me curious

Even though Kevin wasn't happy that she approached him

I don't get his deal, because he's the one who was busy fucking her

Now he wants nothing to do with her, so much that he's angry because she sent him to me

I just had to see her, and knowing their room I came here

I wanted to come yesterday, but it was already late when he got to the room

And I didn't want to upset Zuri, I opted for today

With hopes that Pretty is here, and Zuri isn't. But now that she really isn't, I'm a bit sad

Me: I'm here so what?.

Pretty: don't think I've changed my mind about you

I sigh

Me: what do you want?

Pretty: she'll probably hate me for this, but this is for her own well being

Me: is she okay?

Pretty: not for long, what's happening between you two?

Can it be that she doesn't know, that we've broken up?

Me: what do you mean?

Pretty: I think....she's seeing someone else. And not just anyone, but one very dangerous guy

She called me here for this nonsense, I get up

Me : she already told me , her husband to be is dangerous . And I need to.....

Pretty: her what?

She pops her eyes and burst into a laughter that annoys me

Me : don't ever bother me again

Pretty: there's no husband here, she must have been threatened to say that. She's messing around with a man, that's she shouldn't even be messing around with

Me: how is that my problem?

Pretty: come on! We both know you love her

Me: and she....

The door opens and she walks in , I don't know if this is disgust on her face or what ?

But just laying her eyes on me, her facial expression has changed

Me: I should go, and don't think you'll use me for whatever this is

Pretty: I....

Me : please leave me alone

I walk towards the door, and she moves away I get out

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I look at her waiting for an explanation, and she looks like a witch that's been caught

I saw how she was yesterday when I got back from him , she just didn't say anything

Me: and that?

Pretty: I can explain

Me: well!

She sits down on her bed

Pretty: I know bad boys have a thing, that just lures one in. But Zuri, you're too weak and Luzuko will break you

So she's back to that again, I knew what happened will trig her

Me: what was Dakarai doing here?

Pretty: you're really being ignorant right now

Me : so you want to save me?

Pretty: can't you see? You're better off being with Dakarai, than with Luzuko

Me: I don't know who do you think you are, but please help me. You're not my father, and you owe me no protection. Now please, stay out of my business

Pretty: what?

Me: no! Don't what me, you heard me.

Pretty: you have no idea....

Me: I do, I do have an idea. I don't need a saviour, and keep Dakarai out of my business. While you yourself, you gather yourself and stay out of it

She laughs, just mocking me.

Pretty: varsity has really ruined you, but like I said before. Don't come crying to me, when he finally shows you how true colour's

I place my bag on my bed , and walk to the bathroom . Taking my phone with

I don't trust this one anymore, if she can conspire against me with Dakarai

It's petty much clear, she cannot be trusted

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\*Luzuko\*

I park by the gate, and call her. It rings for a bit and, she answers

Zuri: hello

She doesn't sound okay, and just the sound of her voice doesn't sit well with me

Me: I'm waiting by the gate

Zuri: like now?

She sounds shocked

Me : yes now , come so we can leave

Zuri: but...I haven't packed and

She sighs

Me: pack? Pack for what?

Zuri: the weekend what else?

I chuckle

Me: but you're not packing

Zuri: uhm hello, what will I be wearing there?

Me: you're going shopping, you'll buy everything you need there

Zuri: what?

She's being dramatic right now

Me: MaDube just come, before we miss our flight

Zuri: you're serious?

Me: yes

Zuri: I don't need my card just incase?

She's being extra right now, and just totally insane

Me: no you don't

She sighs

Zuri: okay, I'm coming

Me : you have two minutes

Zuri: make it three

Me: two and a half

Zuri: yhoh

She leaves me hanging on the phone, while I'm literally listening to her run

And soon she comes out of the gate, just carrying her basketball jacket

I open the door for her, she gets in and settles on her seat

Zuri: hi

She looks at me, my eyes trails to her

Me: what's wrong?

Zuri: uhm...

She shakes her head no, we look at each for a bit without no exchange of words

Me: I didn't see you the whole of today, and when I finally get to see you. You don't look nor sound fine

Zuri: it's....nothing

It's the shaking of the head worrying me crazy

Me: who hurt you?

She sighs, she better know I won't let this pass

Zuri : just...my roommate she just annoyed me

I so want to say this is why you need to move in with me.

But I just want to cheer her right now, that's the most important thing

Me : let's go get ice-cream

She pops her eyes, I lean over for a kiss. She kisses me, but she's so impatient

Me: what?

I ask chuckling pulling out of the kiss

Zuri: ice-cream?

Me : for you , I don't eat ice-cream . Don't even get any ideas

She laughs as I drive, we'll make a stop heading to the airport

I got her to laugh, now that's a first. This weekend better work for my good

Zuri: what ideas?

I side eye her with a frown, and she just chuckles getting busy on her phone

Playing a game !! I'm defeated

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\*Zuri\*

When he said , don't pack you'll buy whatever you need there

I didn't know that he meant, I booked a whole boutique in Durban North for two hours just for you to shop

Like that's crazy! Dude why get people out of the shop as if I'm allergic to people

And his answer was that I look don't like people, I just tolerate them

And he didn't want me bothered, he just wanted me to be myself

And money wasn't a problem , like at all . Even though I still came with my card

As we arrived at the airport, he slid out his black card and gave it to me

I'm like, he's only 24 what is he doing with a black card!!

I'm the damn ministers daughter, and I only have a gold card

But let me just say, the whole shopping got me a whole large suitcase full of clothes

Now this Zulu cultural of somewhat husband of mine, yes I did say that

If he were to tell me that he doesn't like a certain thing about my outfit

I wouldn't even think twice, I wouldn't even hesitate to stop wearing that

Because he digs into his pockets, and buys me clothes and shoes

He has earned that right and privilege

Luzuko: you want to go out, and we get something to eat?

It's just 19:00, and I'm tired. I want to sleep, but it's food

Me: I'm hungry

Luzuko: but you don't want to go out?

I nod , he sits next to me . I'm laying down in bed

We're at a hotel in Sea Point, it's stunning. And we got the honeymoon suite

He said though , this is it a honeymoon .

That he will give me that when he gives me a wedding . Whatever that meant!

He brings his one and on my back on my waist, as the other one he's busy pressing on his phone

Luzuko: what do you want to eat?

Music to my ears

Me: meat....like lots and lots of meat. Ribs, steak, like everything meat

He side eyes me , and he has a blank expression

Luzuko: are you a foodie?

Hell no!

Me: no, no l'm not

He chuckles

Me: I just love good food

Luzuko: don't fight me

Why am I even entertaining him?

Even just this set up, the way his hand has slowly just gone to my butt

And we're going to share a bed! Lord, what happened to my sanity?

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\*Luzuko\*

I walk out of the bathroom, and she's laying flat on her stomach on the bed

She's in just a short pj short, and her but cheeks are exposed

Me: sthandwa sam (my love)

She turns and looks at me

Me: Are you not cold?

It's not even about that , just that I'm tempted right now

I so badly wanna bury myself deep inside of her

Zuri: I'm not cold

I swallow nodding , I don't even know what to say

And I think if I do say so something , I'll just be uttering nonsense

And just things that don't make sense at all

I slowly take the towel off, and why her eyes just had to be on my dick that beats me

Zuri: I.....I need....I need a top....yes a top

She gets off the bed, and heads to where the bags are at

I follow her, and hug her from behind

Me: calm down

She takes deep breaths, but they slowly turn into slight moans

My dick is twitching, against her lower back, and I know she can feel it. Against her bare skin

I trail my hands up to her boobs, the softness of them

I squeeze them slowly, rubbing her nipples with my thumb

And they're slowly getting aroused, I lean down and place soft kisses on her neck

She throws her neck back, giving me more access

I suck hard on her neck, she will be left with marks

I slowly turn her around, we face each other. Our lips find each other, and they move in sync

I trail my hand to her short, pulling them down she steps on them as the fall down

I pick her up in my arms, and walk to the bed I lay her down

She slowly opens her eyes looking at me, as I take her boy leg panty off

Me: do you allow me?

She nods slowly, I lean down burying my head in between her thighs

I nibble on her clit, while sucking on it. My hand on her lower waist

Her lower body starts to shake a bit, she's moaning so softly. But you can hear pleasure is building up

I move my one hand, and slowly slide one finger inside of her

She moves back, from slight pain. And now I don't know if I should continue or not

She's still sealed, and she's so damn tight. I fear that I might hurt her

I move my hand inside of her, until she slowly relaxes her thighs

My tongue and finger move in sync, bringing her pleasure

As she's quick to move my finger away, and she orgasms

I trail my eyes up to her, and I slowly move up. We face each other we kiss

She holds on my back, I slowly rub my dick on her wet coochie

Zuri: baby.....

It's a whisper

Me: mhm?

She holds tight on my back

Me: I love you

I slowly slide it inside, and not even half the fucking tip is in

And she pulls out of the kiss, screaming a bit

Me: I'm sorry, should I stop?

Zuri: your thing is big, its too long and thick....ah it won't fit in there

I chuckle

Me: I should pull out, or you'll continue feeling pain

I capture her lips into mine, she kisses me back. Her body is slightly tense now

As I try to pull out, she locks her legs on my back

I push in back again , she bites my lower lip . As she suppresses her scream

I can fucking swear that my lip is bleeding, but she doesn't seem to care nor stop

As I tear her, her tears grace my cheeks

Me: you need to relax, or I'm just going to keep making you feel pain

She has her eyes closed, and the pain expression is on her face

Zuri: I....I feel it inside of...me

Me : remove your legs off my back , you have me locked in

She slowly removes them

Me: relax your body, don't pay attention on that you can feel it inside

I start moving in slowly, eventually she welcomes me

But she's still in pain, as her body relaxes I cum not being able to hold it back

But I'm not going to be remembered this week, so I keep thrusting in

It'll take her a while , before she adjust to my length and size

But I'll be the only man she knows, I'll be all she craves for

She whispers , her body shaking . She grabs on my arms

Zuri: move back a bit

I feel her walls closing in , so I move back a bit giving her the space to orgasm . As her cum graces my dick

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\*Zuri\*

I am tired , like so worn out . I have no energy whatsoever

I doubt this is how people feel, after loosing their virginity

This is all Luzuko's doing, like the guy is big down there

He's humongous and huge, not to mention thick

That thing doesn't even fit in my whole hand

And he says it's normal, like no! No man it's not normal

That thing is an extra large size, on both length and size

I slowly turn, and the pain that shoots me. I wonder if I'll be able to walk today

He walks in , and he's fresh . This means he's long been awake

Luzuko: sthandwa sam (my love)

Why is this melting me? Like this is what? The second or third time I hear it

And I'm growing found on it , like yes! I'm your love , I am his love

Me: hey

He leans down giving me a kiss, and I kiss him back

Luzuko: how's the pain?

Me: bad

Luzuko : I'm sorry

He should be , this is all his doing

Me: I'll get soothing bath salts

Luzuko: what are those?

Me: bathing salts, they relax the body and makes the pain bearable

Luzuko: huh?

He probably wants to ask, how do you know that?

Well I've hurt myself, and some cuts sometimes are deeper

Me: they will just be good for this

Luzuko: where do we find them?

Me: I don't know

He gives me a funny look

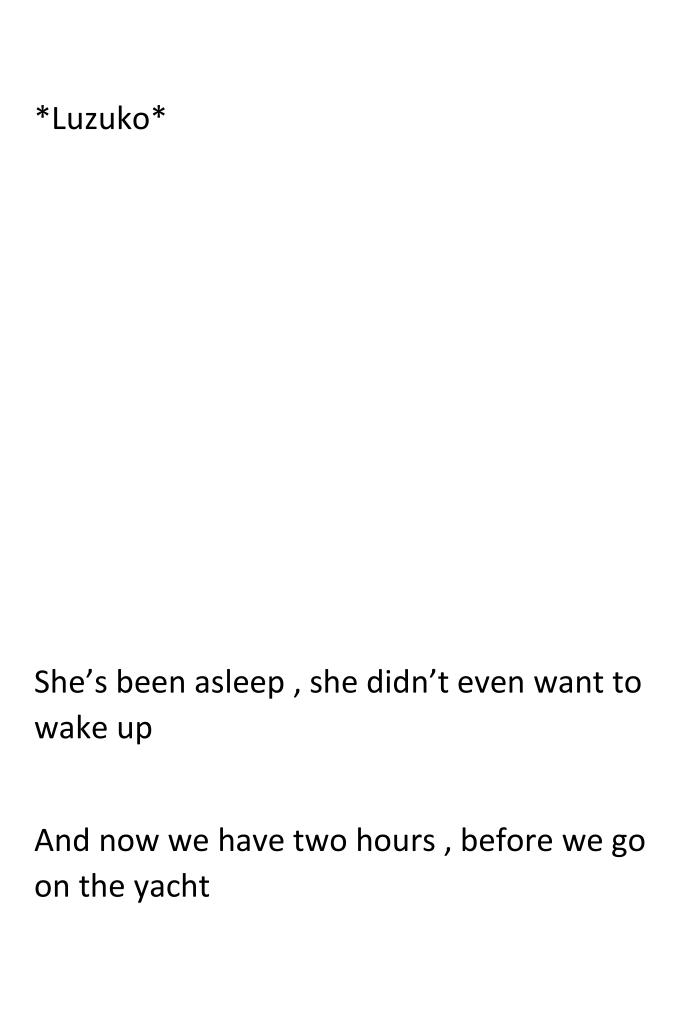
Me: I'm in a city I don't know

Luzuko: let's just google them

I laugh

Luzuko: a whole source of information

Must be tiring being a lecture, no lies



I slowly wake her up , just shaking her up slightly

She opens her yes, I peck her lips

Me: you have to wake up

Zuri: now?

I nod , now I feel bad . She's really tired , I guess I took a toll on her

Me: we can always postpone the yacht trip

Zuri: no....no it's time for that?

Okay! She's excited

Me: yes it is

Zuri: I'm getting up

I move the sheets off her, she did take a bath earlier on when we got the bathing salts

I help her up , slowly and gentle

Zuri: what are we going to do about that?

She points to the bloody sheet, I smile

Me: I'm taking it with

She frowns

Zuri: what why?

Me: despite everything, sthandwa sam. I'm a proud Zulu man, and I'm still yet to humble myself to your father. And ask for your hand in marriage, and pay for taking your pride. Also pay bride price for you

She looks at me speechless, I guess she never even thought I would want to do that

But I do! One thing I've realised about this situation, is that I do love her

Despite how she came about , but I see I can have a life with her

So why waste this marriage, when I can actually make it work?

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\*Zuri\*

This place it's beautiful, well the water precise I mean

I'm not even crazy about the yacht, yeah sure he outdid himself

But there's just something capturing me about this water

I'm leaning over at the edge, there's just a whole feeling of belonging as I'm staring into the water

Voice: hey

I turn my head and look at him, he walks closer and hugs me from behind

Luzuko: you okay?

I nod, he places a soft kiss on my neck

Me: this is beautiful

Luzuko: you're scaring me, the way you're looking into the water

I smile nervously

Me: it's....just water

Luzuko: you are just admiring at it, very weird for me

I turn and face him fully, he holds my waist

Luzuko: don't jump over, I still need you

I slightly laugh

Luzuko: let's go eat

He takes my hand, and we walk to where everything has been set

I tell you, this is even way much better than what was on that video

I don't brag, I don't flex but there's no way in hell I'm not capturing this moment

I know my cousins are going to be on my neck

But what the hell !! I'll rather we have sleepless nights talking about this

Than not capturing and sharing it, because definitely I'm going to post it

Me : you outdid yourself

It's his money, let him have the this moment and let credit be given where it's due

Luzuko: you happy?

I smile, and it's so damn genuine. There's no way I'm pretending right now, like for what?

I lean over the table, and give him a kiss

Me: I'm very happy

He laughs

Luzuko: and for the first time ever, she gives me a kiss

Me: what....what are you talking about?

Luzuko: we both know this

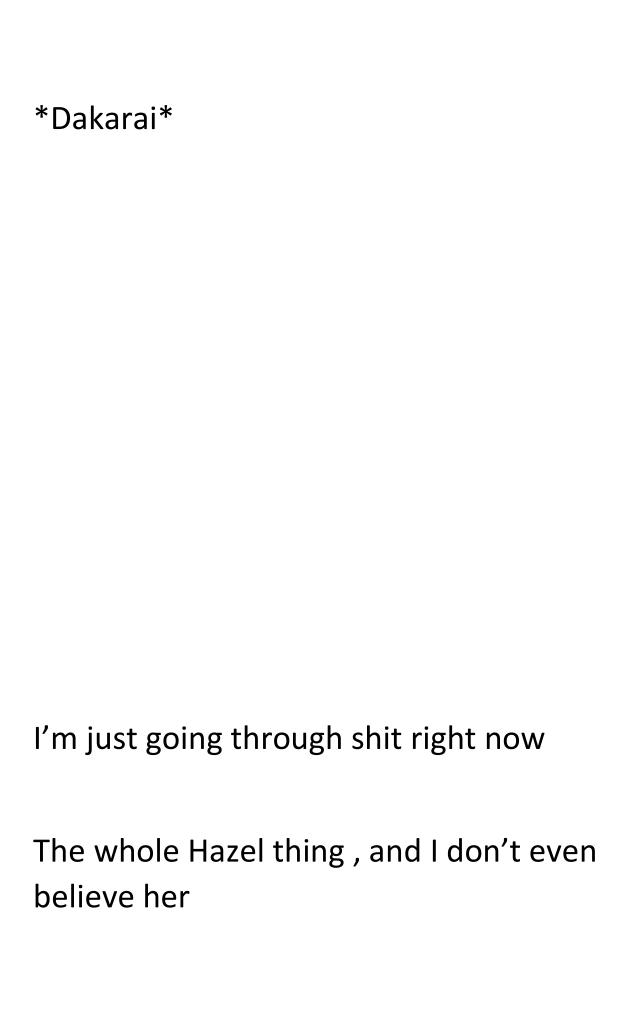
Doesn't food just save me? And now I'm like happy like beyond

Luzuko : your love for food never cease to amaze me

I chuckle, already digging on my plate

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As much as I want to , it's just not there . I don't believe she's pregnant

I swear she's lying, and too bad for her. I don't want to be with her

So there's no changing my mind, or going back to her

I won't even reach out to her, she will see what to do

I don't believe there's a baby there, she's just trying to trap and play me

Just because of what Sofia said to her about Zuri

And she felt intimidated

And what better way than to tell a guy you're pregnant?

Another thing is Zuri, could Pretty be right? That there's no husband

So she lied to me, but why? If it's because of the cheating with Hazel

Why couldn't she just confront me? And we work past this?

There really was no need for lies, especially of marriage even

I've been calling her, but her phone is not going through

I think we should just meet and talk, like really talk

And she be real with me, because now her friend is telling me something else different

I don't know what's what , that's why we should just meet and talk

So she can be honest with me, like totally honest

I wronged her , I'll apologize . And she can tell me what's what

I call again, and it's the same thing. I sigh, leaving her a message

Me: babe, please get back to me when you can. I just want us to meet and talk

I drop, and sigh leaning back to the chair

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Her yatch what not went great, to the extent that she even said that herself

And I'm happy, that I'm the reason she's happy today

And I hope, I can just keep this up. Just as long as she's happy

Whatever I do for her, doesn't matter what it is or how much it costs if it costs money

I'll always do it willingly, and without any hesitation

She's given herself to me, and I damn appreciate her for it

She lays her leg over my thigh, I'm still buried deep inside of her

Taking slowly thrusts , I'm not yet myself with her

Because she's not yet familiar with me, and she hasn't adjusted yet

I stop moving, giving her a kiss she gladly returns back

I move out slowly, even that causes her pain a bit

I flip her over me, caressing her back. As she says her head on my chest

I kiss her head a few times

Me : sleep and get some rest

I won't touch her middle of the night, because she will be tired in the morning

And we're leaving, our flight is only at 14:00. I want to take her out, just before that

Zuri: cuddle me to sleep

Me: okay

It doesn't take long until she finally falls asleep

And I'm left wide awake, the ten thousand thoughts go through my mind

I'm worried about our sex life , I'm just rough like literally

I don't know how to make love, she's actually the first virgin I've ever slept with

I don't sleep with girls who are sealed, because I know it'll be a problem

But she's my wife, and wether it happened now or later

It was bound to happen, either way it was going to happen

My worry is that she won't be able to adjust to me

And maybe she won't even enjoy or like rough sex as I do

And I don't love making love, I really don't because I even think I suck at that

She's inexperienced, so she'll take whatever I give her

But she knows sex now, what happens when she stars watching porn and such

And wants us to experiment on those things

I'll have a hard time making love to her, even though I love her and she's my wife

It's not that when I'm rough, it'll be like just to get off and be done

But it'll be of pleasure as well, especially with her. She's not just anyone, she's my wife

This is one conversation that we seriously need to have as time goes on

So she knows what's what, I think I'll also be open to accommodating her

Even though I don't know how I'll be able to pull that off

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\*Zuri\*

He took me to Umhlanga rocks, and it was lovely

I never took Luzuko for a romantic person, he's really amazed me

Or maybe he's just trying to lure me in?

Either way, I had a great weekend. Like everything

Even the sex, even though I don't know about that from his side

He's my first, I don't know much. So whatever I'll know, it'll all be lessons from him

So I don't know where he stands with that on his side

Maybe he didn't even like it that much, because it's not like I was even doing anything much

He's too big, even though I enjoyed myself. There was always pain in between pleasure

Like he dude doesn't even fit all in , that's just how long he is

Surely with time, I'll get used to him.

Although I know this will men, his dick is the only dick I'll ever want

I wouldn't even cheat on him, honestly I would cry. Because a guy smaller to him, won't fulfil me like he does

So that's just settled, he doesn't even have to worry about that

We're finally back in Joburg, the braveness they just had with his friend Tau. Leaving his car at the airport for us

I got him a watch and cologne in Umhlanga With my money of course, this is the guy who gave me his black card

And told me to go wild with it, the same guy who booked a whole boutique for me

The guy who took me on a yatch, just because I posted a status

And Durban weather favoured us, we got the sunset and all

I'm happy, like I'm really happy. That it's rare for me

The only feeling of being happy that I know, is that of love from my father

So this is new, and it's something else

I so wish we didn't come back, but our lives awaits us

And I need to sleep, it's late yes. But I need as much sleep as I can get

Luzuko: where are you going?

Me: home

Luzuko: to your father?

Me: yes

I don't want to go back to res, and deal with Pretty

I don't have her energy at all

Luzuko: you look drained, I'll drop you by and leave. I don't want your father grilling me

I laugh

Luzuko: for real, I'll call as soon as I get

home . I hope you won't be asleep by then

Probably I will be , but I won't put my phone on flight mode . Just so I can even wake up to get his call

He parks at the gate

Luzuko: is he home? Like does he know that you're coming?

He doesn't know, and I don't know if he's home or not

Me: I don't know, and no

Silly me! I don't even have my key with me. Even though security will let me in Luzuko : call him , I don't want to leave you stranded

I take my phone out and call him, he answers. So I guess he's not occupied

Dad: finally someone is available on her phone

I so wasn't available, I only used my phone for pictures and videos only

Me : are you home ?

He chuckles

Dad: that's all?

Me : daddy please

I beg , he wants to make fun of me right now

Dad: yes

Me : okay

I drop the call

Me: he's home

Luzuko: let me kiss you and I leave

He looks grumpy, I don't know what went wrong!

Or maybe it could just be my imagination, and he's perfectly fine

I lean over to him, and we kiss. Somehow there's just emotions on this kiss

Maybe I'm just going crazy, we pull out he pecks my lips

Me: I....I got you something

I reach over to the back seat, and take the small paper bag

I hand it over to him, he tries to open but I hold his hands as quickly as I can

Luzuko: what?

He chuckles

Me: I...please open it on your own

Luzuko: but why?

I'm anxious right now , and I don't like how I'm feeling

Me: incase you don't like it, I don't want to see your disappointed expression

He kiss the top of my hand

Luzuko: I'll just respect you, but thank you

He smiles, giving me a hug. And I return it back

Me: thank you for a great weekend

I just hope he feels the same way, but either way I'll express my feelings for my side. Because it really was great

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\*Luzuko\*

I drove half way through my place, just to turn and come home

So I called Zuri a little later than anticipated, but she still took my call

And she was asleep, I felt bad that I woke her up

But there was no way I was going to sleep without hearing her voice

I really had the best time being with her, and I didn't want to part ways

I just hope she didn't feel my emotions, as we were saying goodbye

I wasn't maybe there , because I wanted her to be with me

I didn't want us to be apart, and all thanks to the weekend that I felt that way

But I'm waking up feeling much better today

I guess that's why I opted to come home, I didn't want to be alone

I've just showered, I can't stay long. Because I have a class at 09:00

So I need to be at campus by then

I call her, as I'm walking downstairs. She picks up on the third ring

Zuri: hello

Me : are you running?

She's breathing heavy

Zuri: just ran out of the shower, as I heard the phone ringing

I chuckle

Me: you didn't slip now did you?

She slightly laughs

Zuri: no, I did not

Me: mhm, this is a good morning text

Zuri: well thank you

Me: you slept well?

Zuri: I was dead throughout the whole night

Me : feeling much better ?

I take a seat, as everyone is on the table

Zuri: way much better

Mom: greet, we didn't sleep beneath your

feet

Me: I'm on the phone, with my wife mother!

She laughs, and the look dad gives me I ignore him

Zuri: oh you're home?

Me: yes

I remember I didn't tell her that, so she thinks I'm at my place

Zuri : let me go

Me: now we're interrupted

Mom: you should have stayed in room, until you were done with your call

This woman!

Zuri: goodbye

Me: mhm, I love you

I drop the call, the eyes. It's the eyes man.

Ziya: Zuko uphi umfazi wakho? (Where is your wife)

This one is getting better and better each day, with improvement of speech

Me: my what?

## She frowns

Mom: stop doing that to her, she's a Zulu girl

Dad: love?

We all look at him

Lethuxolo: this is not for me

He gets up , taking Ziyanda with him

Mom: what's your deal?

Dad: he said "I love you"

Me: actually Mr, I meant that. So leave the inverted commas out

Mom laughs

Dad: what happened?

Me : she happened

Dad: this is way too soon

Mom: don't even go there, you fell for me when I wasn't even there with you

He frowns, and now I can't help but laugh

Dad: this is different

Me: uhm yeah, but I'm all in Mr so let it go

Dad: is she?

I don't know, I think maybe. But this is about me now, not her

Mom: leave the child alone

Me: thank you dear mother

Ziyanda comes back dragging something, and I'm off the chair as soon as I realise what she's dragging

I grab it off from her, and she frowns. But I won't entertain her right now

Me: girl!

Dad: why are you just snatching that from her?

Me: damn Mr! My wife got me this, and I forgot it on the couch, you're a little thief

Mom laughs

Dad: we'll never heart the end of this wife, like whose son are you

Me: eh eh Mr!

He takes his daughter, I sit down with my present or is it a gift? Whatever it is

And she must be thinking I don't like it, because I didn't say anything to her

Now I damn feel bad, like for real

Mom: get out of my house

Me: uhm wait....

I open it, and it's a watch and a cologne. A whole fucking Rolex

Perks of marrying the ministers daughter, this wasn't my money

Because the card she has , hasn't reflected such a huge amount of money spent

Mom: Ohhhh she has taste

Me: I know right!

Dad: this is a shame, a whole grown man blushing

Me: Mr get a wife

Doesn't she slap me!

Me: what the hell!

Mom: men money is spent and eaten, and women's

Me: she's changing the game

I'm flexing now, fuck this Rolex suits me like crazy

I even spray some cologne, he's so annoyed. But that's his deal

Mom is amused, I need to see my wife. So I can thank her, a call wouldn't do

Mom: what did you do?

I laugh

Me: I took her on a thingy to Durban

Mom: damn!

Dad: she fed you

Me: that's fine, if she fed me then it means I was hungry. She can keep feeding me I don't mind

He's annoyed, and I'm loving this. We're bonding

Mom: so how was Durban? Was she happy? Come on Dube! At least tell me you were romantic

Me: whose child am I?

She looks at dad and we laugh

Me: but damn her dad!

Dad: mhm, what did he do?

Now he's curious

Me: he had creepy guards around us, like the whole fucking time. But Zuri wasn't aware

I didn't even bother behaving anyhow, knowing we're watched

Because I figured , she doesn't even know what her father did

Mom: and you did spot them, because you're a little criminal

Me: I'm not

I know their doings , so I know they know mine somehow

Mom: but do you blame the man? You threatened him to get his daughter, of course he didn't trust you with her

Me : uh uh , I didn't threaten anyone . It was your boyfriend

Mom: baby daddy you idiot

These two are awkward

Me: I'm leaving

I get up

Dad: why was she asking where is your wife?

I look at her

Me: she's your daughter Mr, ask her

I kiss their cheeks , except my father . And I leave

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I'm yet to leave for campus, I'm still home

Because I was tired when we arrived, I didn't get to talk to my father

And he just let me be , we're having breakfast right now

My first class is only at 12:00, so I'll leave at 11:00

Dad: you slept well?

Me: yes, I did

He nods smiling

Me: what?

Dad: you couldn't wait for bed, you didn't even talk to me.

Me: jet lag sir

He laughs

Dad: but an hour later, you were on your phone?

Me: I was?

Dad: I did not raise a liar

Ah! Luzuko's call

Me: well, that slipped

He laughs

Dad: how was Durban?

I smile, it just happens not intended

Me: it was great

Dad: I'm glad that boy behaved

He's saying this like he saw , or knows for a fact he behaved

Me: were you expecting him to mess up?

He gets up , his plate is only half empty

Dad: considering everything, I don't trust him

He takes a sip of his juice

Dad: bye

He comes to my side, and pecks my cheek

Me: bye

He walks out , I'm left laughing

Evenly: he's still not ready to let go of his baby girl

She walks in clearing his plate

Me: he's too much

Evenly: he's just being a father

Me: I know, but Luzuko is not all that bad

She gives me a look I can't comprehend

Me : did I say something wrong?

She pulls a chair and sits down

Evenly has been around since I was a child, and growing up I honestly thought she's my dad's woman

Evenly: do you call him with his name?

Me: who?

Evenly: your husband

Me: uhm....l'm getting lost

Evenly: when you're with him, how do you call him?.

How do I call him? Do I even call him anyhow, or I just talk?

Me: I....I just talk

Evenly: and how does he address you?

Evenly is okay, I can talk to her

Me: MaDube, or Sthandwa sam (my love)

I think I'm slightly blushing there

Evenly: and he's just Luzuko to you?

This woman! She's making me feel things

Evenly: imagine how that will make him feel

I've never thought about that

Evenly: or just imagine if he stopped calling the way he does now

Ouch! Would that hurt though? I mean I think it will

Me : okay.....okay I get it and.....

My phone rings, and it's him

Evenly: let me leave

She gets up and walks out with the plates

Now do I answer and say hello? As I usually do or what?

Me: a second call in the morning?

He chuckles

Luzuko: come see me when you get here

In just two weeks, he's gotten the hang of my class schedule. Well I think he has

Me: okay

Luzuko: you're still home?

Me: yes, but I'm to leave soon

Luzuko: okay, I'll see you when you get

here

Me: okay

He drops the call

I must say though , I'm a bit sad . That even by now , he still hasn't said anything about the gifts I got him

Maybe he really didn't like them

I sigh leaning back on the chair, serves me right! What was I even thinking?

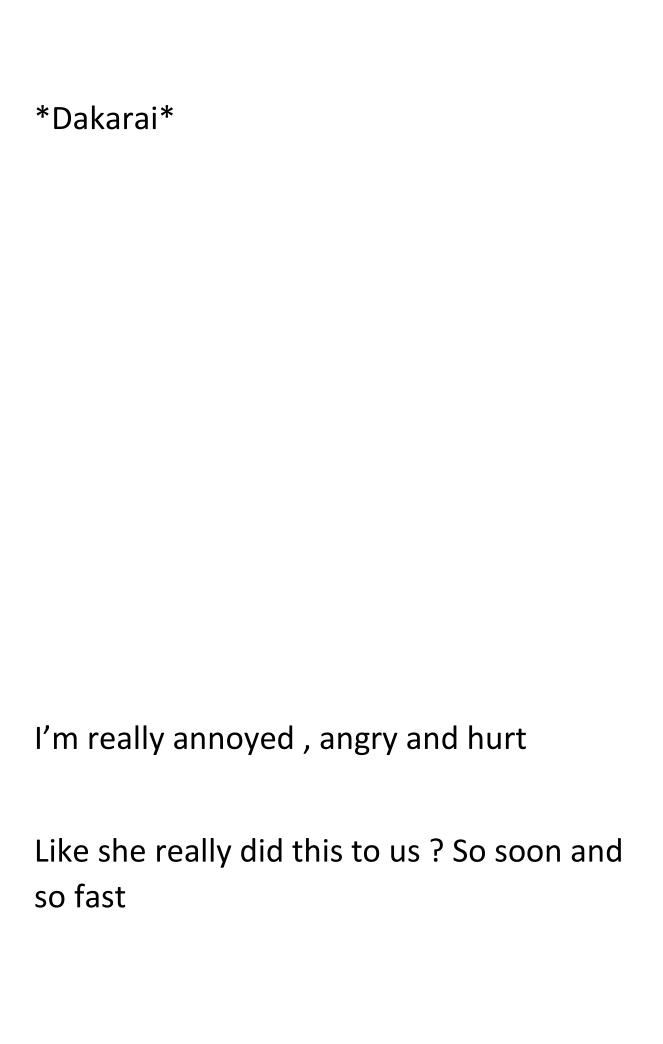
Either way, I take my phone and post a video of the romantic setting on the yatch

My face is not on this one, nor his. But he you catch a glimpse of our hands fingers intertwined on the table

I don't caption it with anything, just the face love emoji's

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She's now living off things she posts on her status

Is it maybe why she left me, without even thinking twice?

Because she used to post things, and I wouldn't treat her to them or even buy them

But I always told her, if she wants something she must communicate that

I'm no prophet, and I how in the hell was I supposed to know she wants to live what she posts?

Just looking at this status, I just feel my anger boil

This is clearly a guys hand, no matter how light or clean

But you can tell a man's hand, and obviously I'm no fool

I know her hand, must have been nice. Really it must have been

Maybe she's dating some right old man, or an old politician

She's just disgusting me right now, and my heart is failing me by still loving this girl

I throw my phone away

Kevin: what's eating you?

Me: what did you mean that I should just fuck Zuri up?

He laughs

Kevin: tell me please, that you're finally willing to teach that bitch a lesson

Me : sure , just tell me what you wanted to do . I'm all in

He sits up straight smiling so conniving

But I won't let Zuri get away with this, she can't hurt me and be happy

Fuck no!

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\*Tau\*

It's after my last class, and I'm going to the club

But I came to see Luzuko first, he probably won't come around

We needed to discuss a few things, since he was away

Me: you're seriously not playing

Luzuko: with what?

Me: a whole Rolex?

He lifts his head and chuckles

Me: enjoying some Mexican money nice

He laughs

Luzuko: no

Me: bit....

Luzuko: my wife got me this

I pop my eyes , like what !

Me: she did?

Luzuko: yeah

Me: the weekend must have been great, women are stingy. They never buy anything for men

He chuckles

Luzuko: well it turns out, that women actually spends on men they want to spend on

I laugh , leaning back on the chair . Like who is he fooling ?

Me: no

Luzuko: no?

He shakes his head a bit

Me: women actually do spend money on men they love

His expression changes to a blank stare

Me: how did you win her so fast?

He sighs

Luzuko: I didn't

Me: there is no....

And she walks in , I shut my mouth . Good thing I'm facing the door

Me: let me leave

Luzuko: I won't be around later

Me: figured as much, sure

I get up

Me: Mrs Dube, nice seeing you again

She gives me a slight frown before a smile, I laugh leaving

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\*Luzuko\*

Hearing Tau say, women spend money on men they love

At that moment I so wished that , that was the case with us

I know I love her , but I don't know if she feels the same way

There is something, but I don't know if it's yet love of what

Me: MaDube

She's still near the door

Me: please close the door, and come

She closes and walks to me

Me : are you okay?

Zuri: yes, how are you?

Me: all the better seeing you

She smiles and I hold her waist, giving her a kiss

Me: I called you to ...

She tilts her head, and her expression is just priceless

Zuri: you like them?

She's happy, I guess she felt somehow when I didn't say anything about this

Me: I do, very much so. And thank you

Zuri: I'm glad you do

I'm wearing the watch , I didn't take it off

Me: here

I reach for the spare keys and hand them to her

Me: keys to my apartment, can you please visit me today?

She's looking at the keys in her hand, and not me

Me: I might be pushing this but...

Zuri: it's okay, I'll come

I smile, she lifts her head and we lock eyes

Me : really?

Zuri: yes

Me: okay, I'm still two classes from being done. But you can drive over there, and I'll find you there

Zuri: okay

This is another step right? So it's worth me being happy

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\*Pretty\*

Seems like I just missed Zuri, it's like she was here but she just left

I can just see , by just how things are left like

She's not a messy person, as lazy as she is she's not messy

While me on the other hand, it's another story. My energy is not for being domesticated

I'll make something to eat, since unlike her. I cannot afford to eat out everyday

This is varsity, we don't even live like tenants. I don't know what we are

I just make eggs and bread, with some juice. Just pathetic food

But the stomach doesn't know that, it wants food and all it knows is that it has to be full

I go on WhatsApp, I've been busy trying to catch up on my work

I slacked a bit , during my dilemma . I'm fine now , I have to get my things in order

There isn't way too many messages, I read some and respond to some

I go check statuses, and the one that catches me

Is the one of Zuri, she's on a yatch here.

And she's not alone, definitely she's with a man

Lord! She wasn't around the whole weekend, and I thought maybe she's home

But then Luzuko also wasn't at the club, Tau was the only one around

Could this really be ? I mean the guy has money he can afford Zuri without even feeling intimidated by her status

How did she get him? Even to an extent that he's taking her on trips?

I'm really not liking this, and I have to find out if this is happening for real or not

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\*Luzuko\*

I got delayed in campus, I'm only arriving now

After two hours and 30 minutes, I hope she's not angry with me

I should have long arrived

She's locked the door, but she took the key out

And now I'm thinking, what if she's not even here. She could have left? Or maybe she didn't even come

But I quickly scratch that , as I use my key and let myself in

She's sleeping on the couch, and cartoons are playing on TV

Like what the hell?

How old is she again ? I can't be having another Ziyanda, worse as a wife

I walk over to her, and she's really asleep. I shake her slowly

She opens her eyes, I give her a peck on the lips

Me: sorry I'm late

Zuri: it's okay

Me: is everything okay?

She nods, rubbing her eyes

Me: you were watching cartoons, why?

Zuri: they're just nice

I pay DSTv, and not just any but the Explora. There's nothing she can't find there

And she settles for watching cartoons, I give up

I lift her legs, and sit down placing the back on my thighs

I'm happy no lies , I didn't think she'll ever come here

I lean over , giving her a kiss . I don't drag it for long , she's been here for a while

And I know she's hungry, I pull out and grab my phone

I order food

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*TWO MONTI	HS LATER*	

\*Zuri\*

It's been a crazy two months, Pretty on my case everyday

She's been watching me like some hawk, like she has nothing to do with her life

She's annoying me, to a point that now I really want to leave here

I'm just conflicted because if I move, Luzuko will want me to move with him

And I don't think my fear allows me to do that

I'm still scared, so far I've been well and all. There's been slight anxiety here and there

But nothing I couldn't handle, so I'm find really

But who knows what could happen?

I'm not ready for being with him 24/7, that's just something else

After his class he asked me to come see him in his office

My classes are done, so I'll be going to my room leaving here

Luzuko: I miss you

He's been having a crazy week, we hardly saw each other

But I'm not complaining, because we saw each other enough during Easter holidays

He leans down, I fist my hands on his coat and we kiss

I missed him too, like I really did. I'm so used to seeing him more

This has been the toughest week, it feels so good being this close to him again

I'm startled by someone clearing their throat

I got so lost in the kiss, and forgot where we are

I turn my head and it's Dakarai, I haven't seen him in a while

And the last time I saw him , he just gave me a murderous look . In guessing he hates me now

Luzuko: can I help you?

His tone is even scaring me

Dakarai: I'll come back tomorrow sir

He walks out , I'm just left in awkwardness I don't even know why

Luzuko: who is he?

Why is he asking me?

Me: uhm... Dakarai

Luzuko: huh?

Me: he's...an ex

That comes out as a whisper, but he heard

Luzuko: mhm, he has some bruised ego. Can you just help me, and have your ring on at all times. I've realised just how you don't like putting it on

Now I feel bad, we got rings when we got married. Well more like he did

And as soon as I was out of that court, I took the ring off

I've never worn it again, but he wears his. I've never paid attention if it's everyday or what

But I know he wears it, even now he's wearing it

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\*Dakarai\*

With Luzuko! Like our lecture

It had to be him , couldn't it be some fool . Someone I can easily take on

Levin wanted us to gang rape her, I was all of that

Until I remembered who the fuck her father is, and what he would do to us when he found out

I ditched that idea , but now I see I can't let her be

I refuse to be hurt like this , that even today I still regret Hazel

Whom I was right about, it's three months now and there's no stomach

I haven't asked if she aborted or what, because one thing I know is that there was no baby there

Unfortunately her plan didn't work at all

Me: we have to take her

I say as I get to our room

Kevin: take who and where?

Me : Zuri , can you believe she's with Luzuko

Kevin: what? That's who she's married to m

Me: I don't know, or maybe she's fucking cheating on the old husband with him

Kevin: are you sure about them?

Me: just saw them together kissing in his office right now

Kevin: shit!

Me : she won't get away with this

Kevin: you've been dragging your feet, it's months now

Me: we're doing this

And I'm not kidding this time around

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\*Pretty\*

It's late, we're watching a movie in our room

More like I'm the one watching a movie, she looks so lost in thought

I wonder if all is well, I wouldn't be surprised if it's Luzuko

Me: we.....

Zuri: please say nothing, I'm not in the mood for people

Wow! People being me?

Me : you know....

A knock comes at the door, I look at her she doesn't look like she'll get it

I sigh getting up , and I open the door and it's Luzuko

My whole body freezes, my insides turn

Me: uhm...ah

I swallow none stop

Luzuko: where is Zuri?

What?

I haven't found anything linking them together

But why is here, and just asking out for her like this?

He won't hurt me right? Not in front of her, especially if she doesn't know who he really is

Me: she's not here

His stare gives me cold chills down my spine

Luzuko: do you want me to kick this door?

He's capable

Me : she.....she's not feeling well . She doesn't want to see anyone

Zuri: Pretty just get away from the door

Mxm this bitch! His dick must be doing her so good

And she's should choose him right now, doesn't she know what he'll do to me for this?

He walks in , and I'm shocked beyond shock as they just kiss

My jaw drops, she's on her feet now.

I'm speechless, I don't even know what to say or what to do

Luzuko: you'll spend the night over

I'm just frozen a the door

Zuri: okay, let me take a few things

Luzuko: you'll find me in the car

He pecks her lips, and turns around to face me

Luzuko: the next time I want my wife, you don't stand in my way!

Wife? He said his wife, but....like they're married? How?

He walks out , as I'm still left shocked like that

Me: what the hell Zuri!

She ignores me

Me: Luzuko! Really, even after everything I've said to you about him

Zuri: he's my husband, just give it a rest

I'm beyond shocked right now , so Dakarai was right

But she's married to Luzuko, like how did this even happen She picks the small box, she has been holding it for the past hour

She opens it and a takes a silver single diamond ring, and she wears it

I am left defeated, as she takes her bag and walks out just like that

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\*Luzuko\*

I move back slowly as she orgasms, holding tight on my back

I stay still, until she calms down. And I start thrusting in back

She's wet like hell, I have no trouble just fitting fine

But she's in pain, her moans are carrying that slight pain

With a few deep thrusts, that I'm sure are just hurting her I cum

And I'm fast to just pull out , just so she can get a breather

I get off the bed , rolling the condom off my dick . I pick the two on the floor

I walk to the bathroom, wrap them with a tissue. I flush them

I walk back to the bedroom, she's laying in the same position as I left her I get in bed , and lay down next to her . We lock eyes , I give her a few pecks on her lips

Me: you need to get on contraceptives, I don't want to use a condom with you anymore

As soon as we got back from Durban, I started using condoms

Just to avoid pregnancy, not because of anything else

Me: it hurts you, and I don't even know why you haven't said

Zuri: I'll go get pills

Me: I'll go with you

She nods

I cause her pain yes, but using a condom just makes it worse

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\*Zuri\*

Luzuko was right , the condom hurts me . Like very bad

But I was scared to tell him that , so I just endured

But I'm glad he saw, and he came up with a solution

After leaving his apartment this morning, we went to the doctor

And I got the pills , I just hope I don't forget them

But the crazy man set up an alarm on his phone, for everyday at the same time

He said he'll remind me

I'm seriously detailing going to res , I don't want to be bothered by Pretty

I know , she will be on my case . And I don't need that

Because I don't owe her anything, that's why I won't explain myself to her

I decided to come home, but my father is not here

And well I'm bored now, I might as well shouldn't have left Hyde Park

I get out just to take a walk, I'll just be around the block and not go far

My phone rings, thinking it's my father but it's Luzuko

I still haven't gasped or gathered what to call him even now

Me: hello

Luzuko: uphi? (Where are you)

Me: taking a walk

Luzuko: when are you coming back?

Me : at res or your place ?

Luzuko: res

Me: uhm maybe later

Luzuko: you have no classes today, so that means I won't get to see you

Me: I....could come back

That could actually work for me, and I'll be getting to avoid Pretty

Luzuko: I'll see you at home

It's settled then , I'm going back to Hyde park

Problem, I have to use public transport.

Since my car is at campus, from last night

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\*Dakarai\*

He looks at me, and we're still watching her She's a quite a bit far from her home, and the fact that it's quite it's just perfect Kevin: are you ready? Me: yeah

I keep nodding , because I am nervous in a way

But I'm not backing out of this one

Me: you go and grab her

Kevin: as soon a we're inside, you're gone in high speed

Me: sure

He gets out of the car, and she's so ignorant. He walks over to her, and taps her shoulder

As she turns he just picks her up, and runs to her car while she's screaming as kicking

As he throws her in the back, getting in with her I drive off in high speed

We even had to hire a car, just so we're not easily caught

He tapes her mouth, tying her hands and legs

Because she's fighting him, and the hurt in her eyes looking at me

It really breaks me, her tears can't stop falling.

Kevin: this is what you get for being a hoe, and bitching on my boy

She shakes her head viciously, he laughs

Kevin: unfortunately I can't hear you

He just keeps mocking her on and on, and she hasn't stopped crying even now

Kevin: wait....what are you doing?

He slaps her, and I turn back in full speed.

Me: what the hell!

It's when she starts shaking like crazy, to a point that her whole body looks like it's freezing

Me: oh shit

Kevin: what the fuck is she doing!

Me : she's.....she has panic attacks....this must be one of those

I stop the car

Kevin: shit! You better pray she lives, she's out cold. How could you let us do this, knowing this?

Me : oh great !!! Blame me now

He shakes her, but nothing. She's really out, he just pisses me off as he keeps slapping her

Me: that won't wake her you idiot!

Kevin: you have nothing better, we have to get her to the hospital. She needs medical attention

He's right, and I start the car driving off to the nearest hospital

Kevin: we can't walk in with her, we'll be in serious trouble. Let's just leave her here at the gate

He's right, there's security so they'll see her

We get off and carry her to the gate, we rush back to the car and I drive off in high speed

I'm scared, and I've never seen Kevin this scared

Kevin: you fucked up

Can he tell me what I don't know

Me: I didn't think about her episodes, I just wanted to hurt her

Kevin: you better pray she lives, I don't want to be responsible for the death of someone

Shit! What if she really dies, what if she was already dead when we dropped her off there?

What the fuck have I done?

\*Tau\*

He looks annoyed, and he's not happy

I wonder what has him sour like this, I could just ignore him

But I know I won't keep it up, so best I just ask and get it over and done with

Me: what's wrong?

Luzuko: call Pretty here

What now!

Me: what ....why?

Luzuko: Tau just do it

Okay! I get up, and head out to the girls changing room

She's busy doing coke

Me: come here

She looks at me

Me: now

I raise my voice a bit, she's on her feet in seconds

We walk back to the office, and he's still on the same spot I left him

Me: here

She looks scared, I wonder what she done right now?

Luzuko: this living arrangement of you and my wife isn't working for me

Me: they live together?

I'm shocked, but he ignores me

Pretty: I.....what should I do?

Luzuko: move out, or make her move out

Pretty: I have nowhere to go

Luzuko: she has where she can go, don't make your problems mine. I'm giving you a week, or you'll be out of a job. Get the fuck away from her

She has he head bowed, and seems like she's crying

Me: fuck off

She walks out in a rush

Me : do you think she knows ?

He shakes his head

Luzuko: I doubt, but living with Pretty

doesn't work for me

This guy is all in with his wife, and this does across as some kind of a threat

His phone rings, and he looks hesitant to answer it but he does

Luzuko: yes?

He listens, and in seconds veins pop on his forehead. I'm on my feet

He drops the call, grabbing his car keys

Luzuko: let's go

He rushes out , and I follow him out . We run out of the club

Getting into the car, and the way he's furious. I won't even ask what's going on

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We get to the hospital, and we're helped by some nurse who calls a doctor for us

He comes up to us, holding some flies

Doc: gentlemen, you are here for....

He looks at his file, and I just hate how he's wasting my time

Doc : yes....Ms Zuri Nyiko

Me: it's Mrs Dube

He looks at me

Me: where the hell is my wife?

Doc : oh....maybe I have the wrong patient here ....

I have him by his throat pinned against the wall

Tau: best you stay the hell away if you know what's good for you

He says to the security coming to us

Doc: please....there's no....no need for this

Me: where is she?

Doc: ward....ward 03

I let go of him and like mad men we rush to the ward

She's laying on the bed, hooked on a drip and the first thing I notice are slap marks on her cheek

I remove the hospital sheet, and there's marks on her ankles and writs as well

Me: Tau who you find out who did to my wife, and you find out now

He takes his phone out

Tau: on it

He walks out

I lean over covering her up, I hold her hand

The idiotic doctor walks in , and just his sight pisses me off

Doc: I come in peace

Me: I am not your friend

Doc: Mr Dube, your wife had a panic attack. And I see she's been diagnosed with depression, and anxiety. Which she's not

medicated for , but she's a danger to herself. Because I found some marks on her arms

Me : are you stupid ? Those are rope marks

Doc: may I?

He walks closer, I nod he holds her left hand and shows me the razor marks on her arm

They're fading but if you look well, you see them

I sigh rubbing my eyes, how did I miss this? Like how did I not see all these marks all this time?

And how come she's never shown any signs of depression?

Doc: your wife is suicidal....

Me: get out

Doc : she need help , I'm not.....

Me: I said get the fuck out!!

I roar and he rushes out, I take a deep breath and look at her

Me: I'm so sorry I wasn't there, I'll find whoever did this and I'll kill them

I kiss her forehead

Voice: it...was Dakarai...and Kevin

I move back and look at her, she has her eyes slightly opened

Me: it's okay, get some rest

I lean down and peck her lips, and I see she's out of it again

Tau walks back in

Tau: it's....

Me: I know, and you'll get me those boys

Tau: on it

He walks out

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\*Dakarai\*

I'm panicking like crazy , I just can't calm down

I took three glasses of whiskey, but I'm still the same

I'm still very much aware of our actions

And I can't help and wonder if she's okay, if anyone saw her in time

If something happened to her , I don't know what will happen to me

But I know I'm in deep shit, because there's her father and there's Luzuko the husband

I swear I am done for , I fucking messed up this time around

Kevin: I won't stay here, and drive myself crazy

He gets up, grabbing his jacket

Kevin: I'm going out

He opens the door, and he's stuck there. He's literally shaking

I hope it's not cops, he slowly moves back inside

Me: what.....

And our worst nightmare, Tau walks in . He has a gun in hand

Kevin: man ....what ....what are you.....

He heaves a sigh, probably to gather himself

Tau: you two are going to walk out of here with me, don't try anything stupid or I'll blow your brains out

Kevin looks at me, I don't know what to say or what to do

Tau: let's go, I don't have the whole afternoon

Kevin : please don't hurt us

Tau: let's go

Are we seriously going to walk out of here, and follow this guy. Who has a gun, and is probably going to hurt us

Tau: don't even think about running away, I'll find you. And I'll kill you

Shit!

Kevin: I can't believe I'm going to die because of your recklessness

What the hell! We don't even know why Tau is here for us, it could be anything

Like how would they even know it was us?

I mean no one saw us there. So this is just stupid, he just wants to blame me because I'm the one who fucked up

Yet he had a plan for us to gang rape Zuri, I just said let take her and leave her stranded somewhere

With no means of help whatsoever, my plan was ought to have been better than his

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\*Luzuko\*

Nyiko and his men are just useless, like I don't get how this happened

She has guards watching her 24/7, yet she gets kidnapped by two stupid varsity boys

Honestly I'm pissed and annoyed, that man will leave my wife as she is

And I'll get my own men to watch her, because his have failed and failed miserably

This is her life they fucking toyed with, and these are the very same men trusted by a whole minister of defence

This is just utter nonsense, and I so hope for the same of everyone in this country

That the men he deploys to protect and serve, are actually up to the task

I had her discharged, there was no way I was going to leave her there

I didn't even call her father, if he's ought to know he will know

It's his duty after all to know, what happens to her daughter and all

I look at these two fools, and they're shit scared

Me: if you start something and you can't finish it, then why the hell even start it?

Tau: these two were just taking chances

Me: and that's why they're not even worth my time

I get up from the chair, rolling the sleeves of my shirt

Me : strip them off

He laughs walking towards the boy, and he starts off with Kevin

Taking all his clothes off, more like just ripping them apart

And he just tears them off, he goes to Dakarai and does the same

Kevin: please don't us

Tau: boy! You don't go around hurting people's wives

Dakarai: we meant no harm

Tau: harm was done you idiot

And he slaps him, I shake my head grabbing the butcher knife

Their eyes says it all, but who gives a fuck? Definitely not me, no one does that to my wife and gets away with it

Me: you won't ever get to tell this tale, where she's concerned I don't spare lives

I bring Kevin down to the floor, my one foot goes to his throat

His legs kick like crazy, his hands grabbing on my leg. He's just trying to fight me off

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\*Dakarai\*

Is this really how I'm going to die?

Couldn't he just at least start with me then?
Because right now watching this guy cut
Kevin's dick and balls it's torture

The pain he's feelings, and the screams they're echoing in this room

He's not having mercy on him, and I'm just looking like this is the same fate that awaits me

Shit!

I should have just let Zuri be , I shouldn't have done what I did

I should have just accepted my loss, and move on

Me.: Man please.....

I'm so not ready to die and not in this way

Tau: don't beg, you're seriously just annoying him

Me: I... I don't want to die

Tau: you should have thought about that, before you kidnapped his wife and landed her in hospital

Me: that was a mistake, it won't happen again

Tau : sure it won't , boy dead people don't do shit

He laughs, I trail my eyes to Kevin and the blood that's just oozing from where his manhood and balls used to be

I literally pee on myself as Luzuko looks at me, as bloody as he is he walks over with that butcher knife dripping off Kevin's blood \*Tau\*

He just had this boy pee on himself, with just a look

And now that he has him down on the floor, his foot on his throat

As he's cutting his balls first, he's just suffering the same fate as his friend

I want to throw up , this shit is just disgusting

I'm all my life, I've only killed 3 people. He kills people for a living

And he goes on to live his life, so perfectly and so normal

I just think killing people is disgusting, there's just blood everywhere

Me: I'm not cleaning this up

I head to the door, as he cuts off his dick and this boy screams like hell

A whole fucking chick, maybe running away from a dog. I just don't know

He stands up, and looks at him

Luzuko: I'm going to my wife, burn this place up

This boy is still conscious, he shakes his head crying

But I know Luzuko is not playing, when he says

no body no evidence he means it

He walks out, as I grab the bottle of gasoline and pouring it around and these two

I take my lighter , and light the place running out

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\*Luzuko\*

She's in bed , I just check on her and head to the shower

I take a quick one, and just get into bed. I bring her closer, cuddling her

She moves, laying her head on my chest.

Zuri: where are you coming from?

I guess she must have woken up, and I wasn't here

Me: out, I know it's late I'm sorry

I kiss her forehead, rubbing her back. She goes back to sleep

Morning I wake up, and I'm all alone in bed

I know she couldn't have gone anywhere, and I don't know

I get up , and walk in the kitchen . It's the smell of aroma in the air

She's busy cooking, just wearing my briefs and my t-shirt

I hug her from my behind, and I startle her

I'm just quick to hold her hand, and the mug before she drops them

Me: I'm....sorry, I'm sorry it's me

She takes slow deep breaths, and after a while she calms down

Me: I'm sorry

I turn her around, and we face each other

Me: I didn't mean to scare you

She nods

Me: am I forgiven?

She smiles, I lean over giving her a kiss one she returns back

Me: it smells nice in here

Zuri: thought I could cook

Me.: Mhm, that's nice of you

She is lazy, that I won't even hide. I've seen that in these three months

Me: have you talked to your father?

Zuri: I don't want him knowing what happened please!

There's worry and concern in her eyes

Zuri: please!

Now she's just begging

Me: why did you hurt yourself, and when was that? And why don't I know about this depression and anxiety diagnosis?

Zuri: I was scared.....I was embarrassed and ashamed that you will leave me

Me: what?

Zuri : please.....don't leave me....and ....and I won't do it again

She's crying now, I just pull her closer to my chest

Me: I love you, and I'm not going anywhere. We will through this together, you should have told me. I understand why you didn't tell me though, so it's okay

I don't even know what to make of this, because she doesn't strike me as the kind of person to be depressed

She has one loving father. Who would go to the ends of the world just for her

This just doesn't make sense to me, but maybe there's more to it than it meets the eye

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\*Zuri\*

I'm grateful that Luzuko, agreed that he won't tell my father

Whatever happened is so vague in my mind, I don't even remember everything in detail

I don't want my father to be worried, or stressed for that matter

I don't want him to think maybe he's failed me because he hasn't

He's just been the best, and I don't want to come across as a disappointment to him

Although Luzuko told me that he has his own guys watching me now, since my father's men failed to do their job

And that had me questioning him, like who is he? And what kind of men does he have?

Ones that he can trust with my life? I'm sorry, but I do think he's some kind of a criminal

Of course I didn't say that to him , like I wouldn't dare

Luzuko: my mother invited us for dinner

He says walking in , I'm still at his place . And I'm thinking of moving in

To be honest, I'm scared of Dakarai and Kevin now

Who knows why they wanted to kidnap me?

And I don't think I want to go to campus anymore

I will bump into those two, and just the scene of what happened will come back

I just can't deal with that, so I'm just caught right now

Luzuko : sthandwa sam did you hear me ? (My love)

Me: yes....uhm sorry, tonight?

Luzuko: yes, but if you're not up to it. Then I understand

Me: no ....no it's okay we'll go

Luzuko: what's wrong?

He sits down next to me, and holds my hand

Me: I'm scared to go to campus now

He rubs his forehead

Me: I'm scared that I will bump into them, I don't even want to stay in res anymore

He nods slowly

Luzuko: uhm...where will you go?

There's just some worry about this question of his

I fiddle with my fingers of the other free hand

Me: here

That's a whisper

Me: that's if, you still want me to

He hugs me chuckling

Luzuko: this is your apartment remember?

I laugh

Luzuko: of course you can move in

Me: thank you

He chuckles , I guess I just sound so crazy thanking him

But I appreciate what he's doing for me

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\*Pretty\*

I'm just minding my business right now , or just trying to

Zuri hasn't come back, and I wonder if she thinks she'll avoid me forever or what

Unless she decides to move back home, which I don't think she'll do that

She's been home her whole life, this is her chance to break out

Now I don't even know how I'm going to make sure she leaves

Really Luzuko just dealt me a raw one, I don't want to lose my job

But I also don't know how to pull this off

Honestly this is just crazy, I don't even know how this damn marriage happened

That she even hid it from me, and now I have my life threatened

I don't know any other means to support myself

If it means I'll have to mistreat Zuri so she leaves ,then so be it

She has a criminal husband, and a minister of a father

Unlike me, money calls her by name even in her sleep

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\*Zuri\*

Dinner went great, like everyone was just nice

With Ziyanda busy calling me Luzuko's wife, that baby is cute

Mrs Dube : it's late now , you babies are not leaving

Luzuko: I don't think that's appropriate

Mr Dube: yes it's not, no wife and husband will spend a night at my house

This man!

Mrs Dube: what the....

Luzuko: I meant us being called babies

His father sighs

Mrs Dube: they're sleeping, and Luzuko please go check on your sister before you go to bed

Luzuko: Lethuxolo will do that

The two have long gone to bed , I think

Mrs Dube: he's asleep, you can even steal him and he won't hear a thing

Luzuko: fine

Mrs Dube: goodnight baby

Oh that's me , how nice ! But I'm so awkward around these people

Me: goodnight

The father looks at me, but the wife saves me she takes her hand and they leave

Luzuko: finally

I think I'm the one who should be saying that

I've gotten used to him, but his family that's another thing

Especially his father, I doubt I'll ever get used to him

His mother talks to me like I'm a daughter to her, and Ziyanda is just Ziyanda

I'm Zuko's wife to her, nothing more and nothing less

Lethuxolo is fine, he's not awkward at all

Luzuko: you're not sleepy yet

I shake my head

Luzuko: let go watch a movie

He takes my hand, we walk to the lounge

Luzuko : no cartoons sthandwa sam (my love)

I smile

Me: come on!

Luzuko : no , you torture me enough at home

Poor guy, he doesn't know his sport anymore

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\*Luzuko\*

This is what my father was talking about, that it's inappropriate

We're sitting in the lounge, and right now the movie is watching us

We should be in our room I know, but we have a throw covering us

She's not completely naked, nor am I. Just I have my thumb inside her panty, rubbing on her clit

My lips on hers, she has the kiss deepened. Suppressing her moans

I slide my middle finger inside of her coochie, she's so wet I just want myself inside of her

And not my father clearing his throat, like dude what the hell!

Me: uhm what?

Zuri buries her face on my neck, I can just imagine how embarrassed she feels right now

But that's not me, he knows I'm a married man

Dad: this is why I didn't want a wife and a husband spending a night in my house

Me: I seriously can't kiss my wife, because it's your house? Uh uh Mr

He chuckles, not Zuri bringing her thighs together. And mind you my finger is still inside of her

Dad: I'm not a child, go to you room. Sleep it off, and in the morning be gone

I nod he turns to walk away, only he turns back. I'm holding in a light

Dad: don't have sex on that cough, or on this carpet. Infact, just sing have sex anywhere in my house

Me: I heard you, but I can kiss my wife

He raises his brow

Me: just saying

He chuckles walking in the kitchen, and he goes out with two bottles of water

That alone is inappropriate, why do they need water at night?

Zuri : let's go sleep , and you go check on Ziyanda

I sigh

Me: that man just go me deprived

She laughs getting up , I've shown her my room . So we part ways when I go to check on Ziyanda

And she's sound asleep, I leave the door slightly opened

I go my to room, I close and lock the door. People in this family, will be my death

She's already in bed , I take my clothes off and get in behind her

I hold her tight, she snuggles really closer

I don't know how she manages to fall asleep, and I'm dying with a hard on

I feel bad that it's middle of the night, she's asleep. But there's no way I'm ignoring this

I trail my hand to her thighs, and slide my fingers in between her thighs

I rub on her clit, and slowly that gets her to wake up

She turns her head, I captured her lips into mine she slowly kisses me. I part her legs, bringing one over mine. And I rub my dick on her coochie

She's wet enough , I slowly slide it in . And she accommodates me

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\*Zuri\*

I'm glad to wake up with him still in bed, it would be a shame having to walk down alone

He has his hand around me, and there's no way I can even move

I want to leave , because I just have a lot of things to do today

I want to go see my father, and I want to go to res and get my things

I don't care about Pretty, I just hope she's not there

And it would be amazing, not to bump into those two

Luzuko: you're going down for breakfast, or should I bring it for you?

That's the good morning text

Maybe he should just bring the breakfast, considering how his father found us last night

And he still woke me up middle of the night, and we had sex in his parents house

Me: I'll go down

Luzuko: okay, join me for a shower

Me: no sex please

He laughs, trailing his hand to my coochie

Luzuko: I know it's still painful, I won't. It's just a shower

Me: okay, I want to go see my father. And get my things from Campus

Luzuko: okay, we'll leave after breakfast

I try to move off him, he loosens his grip and I slowly get up

Luzuko: get the water in temperature, I'll make the bed. I don't want you bending, you'll end up hurting yourself

I won't say nothing to that , because I even do hate making the bed

I walk in the bathroom, and get in the shower. Open the water. I walk out, just to fix my hair. And walk back in, the water is now perfect

But as it touches on my nipples, I see they're too pointy and they're painful

But the touch of the way, I walk back where it doesn't reach

I hold both my boobs, and really they're strange. But I've ever noticed this before

Luzuko walks in , and he catches me holding my books

Luzuko: what's wrong?

I shake my head slightly, he just kisses me but of course he doesn't believe me

\*Pretty\*

I'm scared, but I have to do this. He needs to know, his so called wife is nowhere to be seen

So how can I get her to move out? Because me moving out is so not an option and it won't happen

I knock at the door, and after a few seconds it opens

It's Tau, he looks at me

Tau: what?

Me: I....I need to see the boss

Tau: for what?

Me: it's about the job he gave me to do

He makes way, I walk in . And Luzuko is on his laptop, he looks rather very occupied

Me: b....

He lifts his head and looks at me

Luzuko: what do you want!

His teeth are greeted, and there's no way I'm even going anywhere closer to him

Me: Zuri hasn't been around, there's no way I can get her to leave.

I say as fast as I can

Luzuko: get off my face

He's not kidding, but does this mean he doesn't care anymore?

Tau: leave

This one!

I get out as fast as I can, but I lean against the door. Taking a deep breath

He can go and kick his so called wife out of res himself

I hear them talking, I Listen closely. And what I hear us music to my ears, tonight will be a great night

I better find where Zuri is at , she'll finally see him for who he is

She's a child, she's weak and naïve. She really can't handle a big man boss like Luzuko

I'll play my cards right, he'll finally notice me when his heart is broken and I'm there offering him all the comfort he needs

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\*Zuri\*

I told my father about going to live with Luzuko

He didn't say much , but he wasn't against the idea either

It was a problem though , to convince him of the guards

He still wants Dimitri and them watching me, even though I told him that's not necessary

But he wasn't having it, so I just agreed. Just so we cut the conversation

But the way I was so worried about what occurred this morning

I just had to do something, and I went to google searching for what it could mean when boobs feel full. And the nipples are hard and painful

And Google shocked me, to such an extent that I got the pregnancy test

And it was positive, because I had already left home

I had the chance to just go see a doctor after that, and she confirmed it

So I'm two months and two weeks pregnant, meaning I got pregnant in Durban

It was just stupid of us, to start using a condom in means to prevent pregnancy

Yet I didn't even take one test, now look at the results

Strange because I used to get my periods, they've been light. Like way too light, and would last only for two days

I didn't make much out of it, thought maybe it's because of Luzuko and his extra large dick

I guess I was so wrong!

I don't even know how to tell him this, will he even be happy or what?

And what if he doesn't want the baby? As for me I'm already excited

But fearful of what my father will say

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\*Luzuko\*

I just had to come home, just to see my wife

I'll be very late tonight, and I might not even come back

So that's why I came back to see her

And something strange happened that day, like an hour ago

She used my card, I don't mind that she did. Because she never returned it

And I never wanted it back, because it's not like I want it back

But the fact that she used it , I found that amusing

She's serving me lunch now, and I want to ask her about this

Zuri: I'll go to res after lunch

Me: okay

I start eating

Me: sthandwa sam (my love)

She looks at me, and there's just something about her eyes

Maybe it's because of the money

Me: why is there money missing in my account?

She gets up and hugs me so tight, with kisses all over my face

This is crazy, like in all our three months marriage she has never been this free and affectionate

Me: wait....just answer me

She laughs

Zuri: wait, I'll show you

She gets up and walks to the bedroom, this I cannot wait to see

And she walks back, with tiny pink clothes and what looks like a stick of some kind

I just burst out laughing, and I don't know why I'm laughing

Because this is not funny at all, but why the so many pink tiny clothes?

This is half the space in my tiny closet

Me : cha ! (No)

Zuri: it's so cute

I laugh

Me: you're not doing this to me I refuse

Her smile is just priceless

Me: when I married you, it's like I literally begged you to eat my money legally. Now you're bringing your best friend, so she can help you eat my money too

She burst out laughing, and some of the tiny pink clothes fall down on the floor

I get up picking them

Me: sthandwa sam, what happened? (My love)

Zuri: my nipples were painful this morning, and my boobs just felt bigger

Me: that's why I caught you holding them in the shower?

She nods

Zuri: I'm married to a lecture, he trusts Google

We laugh

Me: now you're mocking me!

Zuri: so I used his methods, and after the shocking answer I had to get a test

She hands it to me, I take a look and it's true and for real

Zuri: I couldn't believe, I headed straight to the doctor. And well 2 months and two weeks

I laugh shaking my head

Me: so you know it's a girl? That you have these tiny pink clothes

She nods smiling

Zuri: it's still too early to know, but she'll just have to be a girl

I place the clothes on the couch, and just engulf her into a hug

I won't even say anything, because I'm happy

Sure we weren't planning for a baby right now, but it has happened

So it has happened, and there's nothing we can do about it

I'll just be the best husband, the best father I can be

Zuri: Dube are you happy?

Now I'm a father, and I'm called Dube. I should have knocked her up, like first day of marriage

Me: I'm very happy, even though this best friend of yours seems to be very expensive

She laughs hiding her face with the pink clothes

She's happy, so more happy than I've ever seen her before

And it's because of this tiny pink clothes, and spending my money for her best friend

I lack words to express what I'm feeling right now

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\*Pretty\*

I'm back at res , I need a few change of clothes

I'll be working the whole night, one outfit won't do

A knock comes at the door, I wonder who it could be

I open , and what do you know ? It's the so called Mrs Dube

Zuri: hi

Me: hi

Zuri: are you going to let me in?

Me : so you're back ? Trouble in paradise ?

She frowns

Zuri: I'm just here to get my things

Me: your things?

She just pushes me through

Me: wait....you're moving out?

She sighs

Zuri: yes

So he got her to leave, well that's great

Me: uhm did I do anything?

I ask as she's busy packing her clothes into her bag

Zuri: no

Me : so why are you leaving?

Zuri: I'm moving in with my husband

The hell she is!

Me: now long exactly has this been going on?

Zuri: this?

I clear my throat

Me: I don't mean it bad, but I mean you and Luzuko. Honestly I feel played, I mean after everything I've said about him

Zuri: well, it is what it is

Me: well, so will you tell me?

Zuri: it's been months now

Wow! I can see she doesn't want to tell me anything straight

Me: I hope this doesn't break our

friendship

Zuri: it doesn't

I hope Luzuko didn't tell her shit about me, I'll dare expose him tonight

Me: don't you want to the club I work at?

Zuri: a club?

Me: yes, don't worry it's nothing nasty or

such

Zuri: it's a club

Me: please, I know you don't drink. You don't like fussy places, so I won't drag you into such. And if you don't like it, we'll leave

Zuri: didn't you say you work there?

Me: I do, but we'll go an hour earlier

She sighs

Me: please, I know I've been secretive about it. Disappearing and all, but I feel like we should be honest with each other as friends

Zuri: it's because of this marriage with Dube isn't it?

She smiles, and it's only because she mentioned her husband in that

Me: yes, we don't know things about each other. And that's not a friendship

Zuri: okay

Me : so is that a yes?

Zuri: yeah, we'll go

I hug her, she laughs

Me: you won't regret this

She nods, and I got her

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\*Zuri\*

I went to Hyde Park first, and dropped my things

And then we left

I must say she lied, this place is busy. Way too busy for my liking

There's poles, there's strippers. Obviously, a whole lot of things happen in such a place

It doesn't matter how fancy and classy it seems like

It's even too loud for my liking, I want to be out of here

I actually just agreed to get Pretty off my back, I'm not interested whatsoever in a friendship with her

I tried calling Luzuko, but his phone just rang unanswered

I don't know where he is , he just said he has something to do he'll be home late

But I can get him on the phone, so that shocked me that I couldn't get him

And I wanted to tell him that I'll be here with Pretty

Me: all this is nice, but I want to leave

Pretty: now?

Me: yes now

Pretty: okay....well I just need to see someone quick

Me: that's fine, but I'm leaving

Pretty: wait....let's do this. Wait for me because I don't even have transport back,

and I said we'll leave together not you alone. Let me walk you to my boss's office, it's quite there. He's not around, give me 10 minutes and I'll come get you we leave

I can't trust her

Pretty: please I'm not going to sell you

Me: fine

We head up the elevator, and getting on this floor it's quite

Even though you can see what's happening down there

Pretty: in here, 10 minutes tops

Me : your boss better not find me in his office

Pretty: don't worry, he's not a creep and he's nice

She opens the door, making way for me.

And what I walk in on, I'll never be able to erase

I look back turning my head, and Pretty is gone. Nowhere to be seen

I face them , and there's a girl on his lap . He's busy dragging a line of cocaine

The room is full of men you can see are damn powerful

And he doesn't look like a skivvy, he knows what he's doing and more

His eyes are locked with mine, and Tau is on his feet

As he gets on his feet, the girl falls down flinching in pain. Because I guess she wasn't anticipating him to get up, I turn around

\*Luzuko\*

Fuck that damn Pretty!

How many times have I told Tau to keep that girl in line?

Without a doubt this is all her doing, and she brought my wife here with a purpose

Tau runs out, and these men are just looking at me

Gary: do we have a problem?

Me: this is my house, you don't get to ask me shit. Unless I tell you we have a problem

I wipe my nose with my thumb

Me: just finish what you were doing

I rush out , bumping into Tau in the parking lot

Me : she's gone ?

He nods, I take my phone out and track her car

Me: fuck!

Tau: what?

Me: the tracker is disabled

Tau: what....how? She didn't know it was

there

I don't want to think the worst right now, I have to believe they're fine and okay wherever they are

Me: I have to go after her, you finish up with those men

Tau: I'm coming with you

Me: I don't trust anyone to handle that

He just nods but he doesn't agree with this I can see that

Tau: you don't even know which direction she took

Me: I'll just take whichever one

I head to my car leaving him there, I drive out dialling her number

I thought it'll take me to voicemail, but fuck no! The phone is disabled, meaning the tracker is useless as well

How did she know about those trackers?

Fuck! Where could she be?

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