



My step mother BROKE me!!!

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Insert 1:

5 years later

Lalela

I opened my eyes but only one eye was opening as I looked into the grey ceiling. I had no idea what was happening but i tried to cough and the machines went crazy. Nurses walked in and its clicked that am in the hospital. I really don't remember much but after some time they moved stuff around and moved my bed up after the doctor checked me in all this there was a tall guy at the corner wearing a black winter hat, black polo neck and pants and shoes and a coat like thing. He was the light brown skin type not yellow bone, not fair but that rich light brown skin type. And eyes so grey they looked almost like a cat.He had his hands in his pocket.

Doctor: Can you remember your name?

Me: My brother? Where is my brother? I whispered and the doctor looked at me.

Doctor: Tell me your name:

Me: Lalela. I tried to swallow but couldn't swallow as the guy moved from the corner took bottle water and opened it than put a straw in the bottle and I took a few sips mumbled thank you than looked at the doctor.

Me: My brother!!!

Doctor: You need to calm down.

Me: You need to tell me where my brother is!!!! I snapped and coughed for some time when I tried to breathe my chest got heavy making it kinda impossible to breathe. The doctor placed a mask over me as he looked at me.

Doctor: Your brother is here!!!

I looked at him, i know my brother was covered in to much blood when I found him and I know he was long dead because for me to get this beating that got me here was because i attacked the man responsible for hurting my brother. The man that my evil step mother sold us too.

Kwandile

I called his phone but it rang so i left a messages “ please text your mom before she loses it

Xoxo Dad”

Hana walked in with Khetho tagging along. We have 5 kids with TJ being the oldest. He was 22years, than we had a girl named kholiwe 18 years

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than we had twins Kwenzo and Kwezi 16 years and our last born girl Khethokuhle we usually call her khetho who just turned 10.

Khetho: TJ was suppose to pick me up from school but he didn't, he sent a driver!

Hana: Whole week his been doing that

Me: At least he sent a driver

Hana looked at me.

Me: Come one, his way old. He has other things to attend too.

Hana: Enlighten me!!!

Me: I don't know boys his age what they doing?

Hana: This is TJ we talking about.

Me: I know but still let him breathe Hana.

She looked at me. Hana knows i have a soft spot for TJ. I do because his not normal. Its one thing dealing with you not being normal than to also deal with an over protective mom. My phone rang and it him so I answered.

TJ: Am fine dad. His calm deep husky voice vibrated in my ear.

Me: Call your mom. I heard the beeping machines and i sat straighter.

Me: Are you in a hospital?

TJ: Yes

Me: Doing what?

I saw the panic in Hana face

TJ: Guys come on. Am fine. I cancelled my phone called via video call, which he answered and i grinned at him as he looked irritated with Hana and I smiling.

TJ: Seriously!!!

Me: You are in a hospital!

TJ: I know which you guys built, am just popping in.

Hana: Really?

He looked at his mom.

TJ: Guys am 22 years old!!

Hana: Who is she?

TJ: Mom stop!!! His eyes went darker and my table rambled.

Me: Okay superman and superwoman cut it out.

Hana: She will pull through

TJ : I know

Hana: Is this why you asked us to build a hospital?

TJ: mom!!

Hana: Fine, you were suppose to pick up your sister whole week but you been bailing on her!!!

He closed his eyes for a minute.

Hana: No TJ

TJ: I didn't say anything

Hana: I can read minds too!!!

He grinned at his mom.

TJ: Now that you guys can see am fine and that I love you. Can i hang up now??

Me: You coming home for dinner right?

TJ: Nope

Hana: but...

Me: Okay.. call us before we sleep

TJ: Thanks dad. He smiled one of those rare smiles giving me a dimple on his right. I looked at Hana

Me: What did you see?

Hana: His worried about a girl.

Khetho: A girl?

We both turned forgetting our little curious mouse.

Me: Go eat something Khetho

Khetho: Not when you say my brother have a girl!!! I laughed at the little princess picking her up and going to the kitchen...

NB: please read Rome was not built in one day to have a better understanding ♥☐

Insert 2:

Lalela

I woke up to two cops looking at me. A woman and male who introduced themselves as detective Tyrie and Moniko.

Moniko: I understand you are South African?

I nodded

Moniko: And you are here illegally

I nodded

The guy in full black was standing there looking at us.

Moniko: Want to tell me how you got here?

I looked at them and kept quiet. The guy in black eyes went dark and I didn't look at them.

Moniko: We can only help if you allow us to help. Right now this doesn't look good for you. You killed Ike. Do you know who is Ike? I felt tears roll down my face as everything came rushing to mind.

Moniko: You slaughtered 4 men genitals and feed them choking them with they own private parts. I looked at the police man.

Me: Are you arresting me?

Tyrie: No

I looked at them confused. I know what i did, why am I not arrested.

Moniko: The house you were in helped us find 10 more girls as young as you from South Africa that were reported missing. They all say you saved them. The house that you were found in belongs to Ike father, a man known for his not so kind personality. They say that you stayed behind and fought for your life after you let them free. what the girls told us is the only reason you not in cuffs. Now talk to us.

I wiped my tears and looked at the woman.

Me: i killed him because he raped my brother who was 15 years old. They had turns on him because he tried to protect me from them. They did what they did to him because he tried to protect my innocence. He lost his life because of me so i took theirs after I watched more than 20 man rape my brother day in and out with me watching. I heard his screams turn into whimpers. Saw his soul lose his body. Heard old man groaning ontop of him and them being promised to have me next. I saw man of all shapes and sizes come in and when they were done. I watched Ike put 22 bullets in his exhausted little body. I watched my brother lifeless eyes look at me. And all i could do was hold his body for 3 full days crying until I saw at the corner of that mattress a homemade knife. So when Ike dragged me

out of that room calling me names as he hosed me with a water pipe cleaning me he said. I took it all in, i took it all in because I knew i rather die than have the same fate as all the girls and boys in there. I knew later on he and his man were going to have me first so when they locked me in a room that was furnished i used my brains and planned an attack. So yes I killed Ike and his man and am fully aware of my actions and funny enough if I was in the same position again. Ill kill them before they even touched my brother. So do your worse, am a dead woman walking anyways. I know who his father is!!! I wiped away my tears to see the two cops blinking away tears and the guy in black standing there eyes dark grey. I closed my eyes for a minute trying to calm myself and my thoughts.

Moniko: Is there anyone we can call for you?

I laughed a bitter laugh.

Me: the only people who would have cared about my disappearance are dead!!!

Moniko: No relatives

I turned looking at her.

Me: If you not arresting me or deporting me. Than let me be please!!! She looked at her partner and dashed out. He looked at me for some time.

Tyrie: We going to solve this case. I promise

Me: Don't make promises that are beyond you. I turned a bit with pain shooting through every inch of my body. They left and I sat like that not saying a word. Nurses came in checked my vitals and left leaving me food. I know he was there

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i could feel him.

Me: I don't know who you are and what you want from me but I have nothing to offer you and if you dare touch me. Ill kill you with my bare hands!!!

His deep rusty throaty voice filled the room " lala lalela!!!"
(Sleep lalela)I turned slowly to look at him. I know not all African countries can speak Zulu and iv heard them speak a funny language. Yet there he was with his unusual features speaking Zulu. I looked at him and he looked right at me and I never feared him. After the experience i had with man, i should fear them but somehow I didn't fear him. I closed my one eye that could see.

" ufunani la?(what do you want?)

Him: Ngithe lala Lalela.(i said sleep)

I kept quiet for sometime.

Me: But...

Him: For a person that named Lalela, you don't listen. He walked closer to me pulled a chair and sat on it. He pulled the tray table close and removed the the Yoghurt lid. He took a teaspoon and dug in than place it on my lips as I opened up for him to feed me. Yes as crazy as how iv been in hell ever since my father murder. I let him feed me all my food. When he was done he washed his hands and I could feel that am sleepy.

Me: Am I going to find you here when I wake up?

He looked at me for sometime.

Him: Go to sleep. He whispered with his calm voice.

TJ

I watched her sleep and I stood there for a while as she slept. My aunt walked through the doors and smiled.

“Aunty Thandie”

She smiled and kissed my cheek and sat by the sofa while I stood there looking awkward. She runs the hospital. Its a full time job for her. She married my uncle Hiba from my mother side and they have two beautiful kids. And uncle Hiba took after my grandfather as he is the palace Farmer. Our goods are sold over over the world.

Thandie: your majesty called me.

Me: I figured mom will call

Thandie: And here i am

Me: Do you guys have to listen to mom?

She smiled.

Thandie: Apart that she is my sister in law twice, she is also my Majesty and my boss and a God Mother to my kids. So yep.

I kept quiet as she looked at the girl in front of me.

Me: her name is Lalela, been through a lot but she is a fighter.

Thandie: Read her file, I don't know where you fit in? My staff says you been here ever since they brought her here a week ago.

Me: yes

I looked at her as she looked at me with a kind calm face.

Thandie: wanna tell me why?

I looked at her for sometime not sure how to explain her. I kept quiet for some time and looked her dead in her eyes. " am going to marry her!!!"

Insert 3:

Lalela

Talk about tough weeks, my jaws had two wires holding them in. My right eye was still healing but I wasn't going to lose it. I had glasses made for me to help me see. I did physio everyday and everyday TJ was there silent in the background. He always wore a same colour head to toe and always had a hat on no matter how hot it was. One day he came wearing full maroon and I was having oats as he sat by the chair took out a few papers and a pen. He placed them in front of me.

T J: Please sign here.

I took the papers not reading them and signed them everywhere. When done i gave them back to him and he disappeared for 3 Days. 3 full days, i had panic attacks and paranoia the whole damn time. This morning i woke up to doctors checking me and he smiled writing a few things.

Doctor: Ill come back later to discharge you

Me: Okay

Than my head started banging discharge me to where? Who do i know here apart TJ. How do I go back to SA? What exactly am I going too? He walked in with a bag and greeted me.

Me: Hi

TJ : Doctor says his discharging you

Me: Yeah

He looked at me for some time than placed the bag lightly on me.

TJ: You can take a shower while I sign the papers. I got you somethings. I nodded as I went to shower.

TJ

So 3 days ago she signed consent that she marrying me in that paperwork. I have my mom first wedding ring with me. Its light blue stone still intact and the size measured to her size. I was super nervous because i really haven't told a soul about this but my aunt. The last 3 Days i was gone because i was preparing my cabin that just in the words across from my mom garden. Its like an outside building from our home but a walking distance. I spend most of my days there with my spiritual guide Ziphethe and of cause Nonkosi visits now and than. I stood there just as the doctor came with some papers and I signed them giving me all her meds and instructions.

Doctor: I hear congratulations are in order your highness.

Me: Thank you.

He grinned leaving me standing there as she walked out looking a little civil and her hair a mess.

Me: Come have a seat. She sat and I took a comb combing it like how iv done before for kholiwe and Khetho than i did the 4 braids they thought me. When done she walked to the mirror looking at it and I saw her hide a grin.

Me: I want to talk to you.

Lalela He looked so serious and i kept quiet.

TJ: I have a small place that I don't mind sharing with you. I looked at him, which guy offers a place without wanting anything in return.

Me: Am not sleeping with you.

TJ: We not all evil.

Me: You touch me without my say so ill kill you

TJ grinned taking out a small box and giving it to me. I figured it had a key to his place but when I opened it, it had a ring. A beautiful ring that sparkle and you could see it worth thousands.

Me: Its beautiful.

TJ: Come let me help you with it.

I looked at him as he took it out and slid it in my finger as he gave me a mischievous grin.

TJ: Looks cute on you.

Me: I've never worn something so beautiful in my life.

TJ: Than keep it on. There is a little tracker in it that I can use to keep tabs on you since the investigation is on full blast.

I looked at him skeptical of all this but kept my reservation. I need a place to stay and think, figure out my next move. And his offering his cabin so I'll use it for now until I can walk and I'll find my way to SA. kill Lihle Mathonsi myself. He looked at me as if he can read my mind because he had a little frown.

Me: Thank you

TJ: For?

Me: Just being you. He nodded and I guess he took that as a yes as he helped me to the chair. Placed the bag on top of me as he wheeled me out of that hospital. Am I making a mistake in trusting him or is he what I've seen so far? Or am I just too naive even after all I've been through??...

Insert 4:

Kwandile

I watched my wife prepare an early lunch

Hana: So you heard him right? He said his bringing a girl over?

Me: Yep

Hana: To eat with us?

Me: Yep?

Hana: That was when?

Me: When he asked a team to clean up his cabin yesterday and he got new furniture

Hana: I go to town for a few hours and I miss all this?

Me: Yes

She stood by the stove mixing something as Kholiwe came and set the table and looked at her mom.

Kholiwe: Are we having a visitor?

Me: Yep

Khwezi: Heard we having a visitor?

Me: Yep.

Kwenzon: Is Grandpa Riwa coming over?

Me: Nope.

Hana turned looked at the kids who were helping place everything we need.

Hana: Your brother is bringing a girl over. They all laughed for sometime than stopped looking at me.

Kholiwe: You serious?

Me: Yep

Khwezi: A real girl?

Me: where do we get fake girls?

Kwenzon: With my brother anything possible.

Kholiwe: I didn't even know his dating!!!

Everyone shrugged.

Me: Guys why is it so hard to believe that he might have found a girl?

Kholiwe: Dad we all know you have a soft spot for him and to you he is normal but he isn't!!!

The car parked outside and the boys changed the topic to Soccer

TJ

I was nervous about her meeting my parents. Yes dad gave me the ring years ago but I was very nervous. We parked and I looked at her.

Me: Uhm... How you feeling?

Lalela: Okay

Me: Well this is my place.

She looked around for awhile in the car

Lalela: I thought you said little cabin not this mansion.

Me: Its behind the mansion

Lalela: I see

Me: Come let go in have something to eat than il walk you over to the cabin. She nodded as i helped he out of the car as we walked in the hours our assistant walked by smiling

“ your highness “ he bowed and I smiled at him as she looked at me skeptical. I could hear my family laughter and loud nose as we got closer I pushed the door entering with a shy lalela tagging behind and she stood a little shy as everyone turned with they huge goofy grins.

Mom: You home early kwando

Me: Yep. Missed me?

Dad: I always miss you .

The kids: We know. They echoed and mom laughed.

Me: Guys, meet Lalela , lalela

my parents and irritating siblings. The goofy braces girl is Kholiwe, the super models are Khwezi and Kwenzo. The beyonce is my Khethokuhle. And of cause my lovely mom and dad.

They all grinned sending greetings to her as she shyly nodded.

Dad: You are South African

She nodded and I looked at her as she mumbled yes.

Dad: From where exactly?

Lalela: Durban.

Dad: Aaaah Florida of South Africa.

She smiled a bit.

Mom: Come have a seat.

She looked at me as if asking for permission and I walked with her sitting down.

Miss Mathonsi

My phone rang and it was black chillies number. I answered while i had my legs in a spa tub.

Chillies: That little bitch of yours killed my son!!!

I shifted and listened.

Me: Who? lala?

Chillies: the kid!!! The blow job kid!!!

Me: That Lala... how? ... where?

Chillies: I want my money back or I want that little bitch back.

He can't possibly want his money back, iv used it.

Me: I can get her back!!!... ill be in the next flight there dont worry give me a few weeks and you can have her all to yourself.

He hang up and I screamed in frustration as my maid walked in.

Minnie: Madam?

Me: Am going to kill that child!!! All her life she has made my life miserable!!! Oh my gosh!!!!... i got up wiping my legs and feet as I went to pack. I texted the principal of where am working telling him I have a family emergency that i need to attend too. My step kids are missing. With the kids in my school missing every month thanks to me. Am sure he wouldn't mind if I take leave for mine. I called a cop I know and work with to open up a case and get his people to act like we investigating so we can fly over to the Thiwa region!!! " she better not give that cookie to anyone so I can resell her. I know Ike was saving her for last." ...

Insert 5:

Lalela

I sat down and they smiled at me. Her face was familiar but am not sure from where and his dad too. I looked at them once more as I tried to place them.

His dad: We look familiar

I blushed

Me: Its feels like iv seen you and your wife but am not sure where since i never rarelyly travel.

His dad: I see. He hasn't told you

TJ: Dad!!

Kholiwe i think “ did he do his famous braids on you? I shyly nodded

Khethokuhle: They look nice.

Me: Thank you

He took my plate and placed leaves on them and weird looking stuff. I looked around the table to see everyone eating and talking. I tore the leave a bit and ate it. Its tasted nice so instead of using the weird looking spoons and fork I used my hand and ate and looked up to find them looking at me with shock on

they faces. Please don't tell me that am not suppose to eat the leaves.

One of the twins: Are you wearing mama Sapphire?. I wiped my hands and drank the weird looking thing in a coconut shell. Its tasted awesome.

TJ: Guys!!!

TJ

I know they were about to lose it because that only means one thing and yes my mom lost it.

Mom: You married Her???

The shock on her face and I swear within minutes her hair went red.

Mom: How can you marry someone without us? Without telling me or your dad or did you tell your dad?

I looked at Lalela who cleared her throat and everyone looked at her. She looked at me with tears in her eyes.

Kwandile

Lalela; What does your mom mean when she says you married me? How? When? Why?

TJ: Guys can we be excused. We all looked at him not moving an inch.

Lalela: You married me without my consent? The shock on her face was too much to fake. Bravo son did he just marry a girl without her knowing? How on earth did he pull it off?

TJ: You signed!!!

She looked at him with her eyes burning of anger.

Lalela: Are You Kidding me????? Those were not hospital papers

TJ: No

This is better than TV. I sat there sipping my juice just as everyone was quiet looking at the two.

Lalela: You don't know me!!!! You can't just marry a stranger!!!! Am only 18, i have my own shit that am going through and now you adding to my list. Marriage???????.... hell no I do not wish to be married, not to mention that I know nothing about marriage

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i know nothing about you and you know nothing about me. Oh My world. why? Why do this to me??? She had tears rolling down her face. I guess its tears of frustration.

TJ: Its the only way I can save you.

She laughed a bitter laughter.

Lalela: We both know that i can take care of my self TJ!!!

TJ: And look where that landed you?

My son was calm and she was ragging and she got up with tears all over her looked at him.

Lalela: iv been a prisoner for The last 5 years and only now am getting a whiff of freedom and you taking it away!!! You messing up my plan.

TJ: than share the plan Lala... what your plan?

I heard the anger in my son voice and the rumble in the sky.

Lalela: Please don't call me that

TJ: Why lala?

Lalela: Stop!!!

Her voice was shaking and I could see the fear in her eyes.

TJ: What is it lala, can't stand it?

She literally jumped on my son hitting him full on his chest and he stood there taking it while she was screaming at him calling him all crazy names punching his chest and we just sat there

with my wife wiping a tear away from her eyes with pain all over her face.

She stopped and he held her in his arms as she cried the most excruciating pain filled screams ever. He held her tight. Just as the guards jumped in the kitchen saw we okay and moved out.

TJ: This is one of the reasons i married you. Flying over to South Africa and killing her with your bare hands won't heal you. You need to find a way to heal first before anything else. She just cried as he picked her up leaving us behind shocked and speechless.

Hana: we protect our own right?

Everyone nodded.

Hana: Lalela is family now. And we will protect her.

Kholiwe: How mama? TJ is the only one who has powers.

Hana: Protecting a family member doesn't need powers. Your presence around her is more than enough. They are many ways that you could protect a person. Mentally, emotionally and the physical stuff you leave to TJ and I. They all nodded.

Me: Holy crap am a father in law? I have a daughter now.

Hana: seriously??? That all you going to say?

The kids laughed.

Khwezi: Imagine getting married without your knowledge. Just the other day we were watching, I didn't know I was pregnant

Kwenzon: I believe we just saw the first episode of " I didn't know i got married" they laughed with they mom throwing ice on them..

Insert 6:

TJ

I carried her to the cabin and placed her in bed with myself and held her until she dozed off. I took a blanket and covered her. I walked out of the cosy cabin that like my man cave and went to the main house to find mom and dad cleaning up.

Mom: You should have told us.

Me: There wasn't any time

Dad: You should have asked her

Me: She would have said no

Dad: Son!!!

Me: I did what i think is right for both of us

Dad: Really?

I kept quiet and looked at my parents.

Dad: She will need clothes, you can take her shopping tomorrow.

Mom: You can also do her hair too

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woman like that.

Me: Thank you

Dad: Good thing you have your own money!!!

I smiled at my father opening the fridge for some cold snacks. I took out a plastic and added the junk and took some from the cabinet.

Mom: buy your own junk too.

Me: About that, are you guys okay with us not eating here everyday?

Dad: She is your wife right?

I nodded

Dad: Than she is to eat here daily. Cook her own food if she want but meal times are family time!!!

I nodded and walked towards the door and stoped looking at them.

Me: Thanks for being supportive parents

Mom: We got you son

Me: Her step mom is a fighter!!

Dad: So are we. Ill organise guards for her.

Me: Thank you

Mom cleared her throat and looked at me.

Me: Yes mom she is the next Queen!

Mathonsi

By the time i landed at Thiwa airport I was exhausted as We drove to the nearest hotel. I need to sleep first than Ill go looking for her and the first place is the pipes. She is a foreigner here and has nothing to her name so finding her will be easy!!!

Lalela

I woke up the next morning to see him next to me with his eyes staring right at me.

Me: Am sorry

TJ: Its a new day!!!

Me: I know but am sorry!

TJ: we good. He smiled a bit and i felt better a bit.

Me: your family must think am crazy!!!

TJ: Nope

Me: after last night.

TJ: They think you human.

I kept quiet because i know i blew up yesterday and I shouldn't have.

TJ: If you up for air today we can go to town and get you some clothes.

Me: You want to buy me clothes?

TJ: yep

Me: You got me new clothes yesterday

TJ: Its not enough

I kept quiet because after my dad married her i had only two Jeans, two dresses and one skirt and 5 tops i had 3 underwear's. So talking about clothes made me nervous because i never knew what to expect.

TJ: mom making grandma famous banana bread. Wanna try some?

I was nervous but I nodded as we got out of the bed walked to the small bathroom were we both washed our face and gaggle our mouth than walked out. I hope last night didnt make them hate me or think am crazy and kick me out!!

Insert 7:

Hana

She was shy as she walked in and I greeted them putting the last bit of things on the table.

Kholiwe: is TJ dropping us to school or a driver?

TJ: driver

Dad: I can drop you off!!

Kholiwe: No thanks last time you did the assembly took forever to finish.

Lalela: why? She shyly asked as everyone looked at each other.

Kwandile: Perks of being royalty

The whole house was silent.

Lalela: Like king and Queen stuff?

Kwandile: yep

Lalela: Cool... so what that got to do with you dropping her off? She innocently asked as she took garlic bread and spread Rama on it taking a bite.

Kwandile: I don't know, so Kholiwe what that got to do with me dropping you off

Kholiwe: seriously dad?

Khwezi: episode 1 of I didn't know am with Royals!!! he murmured to his twin and i looked at them.

Khethokuhle: you not from here?

She innocently asked Lalela

Lalela: Nope

Khethokuhle: I see, so you have no idea that dad is the king

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mom the Queen and Kholiwe a crowned princess and TJ a crowned prince.

Lalela nervously laughed.

Lalela: Of the house?

She looked at Khethokuhle who smiled at her giving her that mischievous smile.

Khethokuhle: Of the kingdom, of our country, of 8 villages!!!

Lalela choked on her bread and TJ gave her something to drink and she looked at us.

TJ

My family is set in chasing her away with the truth. She was much better and looked at me as I ate.

Lalela: what... she cleared her throat.... What does that make me?

She asked with a shaking voice and quickly wiped a tear that escaped her eye.

Khethokuhle: Technically since you married him. You his princess but since his crowned and he married you since his crowned. That means that Kholiwe is just like me now. A princess and all the duties she had are now yours. My smart 10 year old baby sister explained. There was silence for some time as we all ate.

Lalela: I finished school two years ago... My dad made sure i get the best education that Durban can offer but he passed on the last day i wrote my last paper. My step mother told me straight out that she doesn't have money to play with but always had parties. The last Two years were the worse so I really don't want to bring bad press and I most certainly dont want to drag you all in my drama... So... she licked her lips and I looked at her, she looked at me too.

Me: All i know is that am not getting a divorce. I saw my parents grin while she looked at me than open her mouth and closed it.

Kwenzo: That it for episode one of I didn't know am dinning with royals. Stay tune for more. Everyone laughed as I looked at my brother who grinned. I saw lalela fully smile for the first time ever since iv seen her on that pool of blood that i picked her up from. Yes am the one who found her!!!...

Insert 8:

TJ

We were on the drive to school to drop of everyone. I really don't know how i ended up being the driver but here we are.

Kwenzon: so how is it being married?

Me: guys!!

Khwezi: Mom told us to be ourselves or you will bore her to death.

Lalela laughed and turned to look at them at the back. Khetho goes to primary so she wasn't in the car.

Lalela: we haven't really gone into the dynamics, its only one day.

Kwenzon: I would have done a lot in one day.

Kholiwe: Like what?

Khwezi: Sex

The car hit a hard brake and i turned to see them all grinning. Khwezi and Kwenzon hi 5.

Lalela: you guys are evil!!! She laughed

Kholiwe: TJ makes it easy for us, his so serious. They spoke about school as i drove in silence and saw she keeps looking at me now and than.

Kholiwe: maybe we can do late lunch together after school.

Lalela: That would be nice.

Me:Am not sure we will be back to pick you guys up.

Khwezi: remind me again why are we not driving ourselves?

Me:18 years is a driving age and Kholiwe doesn't drive

Kwenzon: We know how to drive!!!

Me:We know that but the state says 18

Khwezi: are you not in the board of state?

Kwenzon : doesn't decision or rules that are mare come to you first?

TJ: am not changing anything guys!!

Khwezi: in America...

Me:Thank God we in Africa!!!

Lalela

Seeing them pull his leg was fun as he dropped them off than it was just us. He drove us to the mall and I saw his also wearing a wedding band and somehow that made me grin. He parked and looked at me. Today i looked a little better Kholiwe helped cover the blue eyes and she gave me huge sunglasses and did her best doing a bun with my hair. I was wearing a long black dress and sandals on that he got me. I wasn't wearing a bra but i had small boobs so it didn't matter.

TJ: This is our first time appearing in public and given am a public figure they are always people hiding somewhere to take a picture or two. And right now, they are speculations about me being the next king and of cause who am I going to take out of the 8 villages that we took underneath us as a Queen(wife).

Me: Okay, how do they know we here?

TJ: They sources.

Me: I see

TJ: am not saying don't be yourself

am making you aware that today business will be tomorrow news.

Me: Does the news get to SA?

TJ: yep at times

Me: she will find me than!!! I felt panic, i really hate feeling like this.

TJ

I saw the fear in her eyes and I got out of the car and went to her side. Opened the door and went to her level while she sat.

Me: I married you because i told myself ill protect you.

Lalela: She is well connected.

Me: Look at me.

She did just as the guards parked with the other car. They job is to blend in with the crowd.

Me: you see those guys coming out of that car?

She turned looking at them.

Me: Those are the 5 guards who will blend with the crowd while we go on with our day. If anyone is a threat, they will deal with them before you and I even know about it.

Lalela: Am sorry

Me: No apologies okay?

She nodded and somehow the need to hug her overwhelmed me so i did. I brought her closer to me and held her tight. When

she calmed down i helped her out of the car and locked it
nodded to the guys and walked with her into the mall.

Me: Let start with underwear first. She looked at me holding in
a laugh

Lalela: why?

Me: You not wearing a bra right now

She held her boobs stopping looking at me.

Lalela: How do you know?

I smiled at her innocence.

Me: Your nipples. I took her hand holding it and walking to a
shop called Undies. We got there and I stood there frozen. Iv
never seen so many bra and panties in my life. An assistant
bowed for me and i smiled back at her.

Assistant: how can we help? She addressed me

Lalela: Ill like some bra and undies. Only than she turned to
Lalela. She kindly smiled at her as i held her hand to show she is
with me. Her mouth did a small O but she held herself and I sat
by the chair as they measured her than the shopping begin. We
bounced store to store getting her clothes. She was grinning all
the way and yes she was wearing a bra now. We were now at
the hair dresser where she getting her hair done.

Me: what you going to do on your hair?

She looked at all the styles.

Lalela: My hair is long because my step mom used to say that a woman is a woman by the length of her hair. Will it be evil of me wanting to shave it off?

I was shocked because she really have long hair. Yes its bushy but it long.

Lalela: You like long hair?

I can't say no or say yes because its her hair.

Me: Whatever you comfortable with.

Dresser: We can cut it shoulder length if you like.

Lalela: Can you wash it and blow it and let see what happens. She did as she was told and her hair literally touched the middle of her back.

Me: your hair is really long.

Lalela: If i leave it like this are you going fo braid it every night like how you did?

Dresser: You did those braids? She asked impressed and I nodded.

Me: Well for now you can do a bun like thingy.

Lalela: Bun like thingy?

She was teasing me and somehow i liked it.

Me: You know those buns like how Kholiwe did hers

Lalela opened a book and pointed to one and i nodded as i moved back and they did that when she was done, she looked beautiful. Lalela is that humble beauty. She aint yellow nor brown but just normal tone. She has full lips, light brown eyes and a small nose. She is tall like us but am still taller. She is the Ciara looking type body wise and facial features.

Me: you look good

She blushed than i paid and booked for her treatment in 3 weeks. Than we left.

Me: I know a hotel near by that sells nice food. Wanna try it?

She nodded grinning as we walked to the car. It was full from the boot to the back seats. It was nice seeing her smile and I feel like i like it when she smiling....

Insert 9:

Mathonsi

We been to every police station and homeless people hideouts and nothing its like she disappeared into thin air. I walked back to the hotel defeated as I sat by the indoor restaurant and ordered the African cuisine platter when my ears were almost deceiving me. I turned and there was a woman with the same laugh as my step daughter but she was more classy than that talking to the next king. I knew him because his a feared man and some even think he has supernatural powers just like his mother but none has been reported. The girl looked like my step daughter but she carried herself well than that child. I ignored them and continued my lunch.

Lalela

Being around TJ is becoming easier since this morning ride. He is shy but funny, he listens to me but also places his points across in a humble not demanding manner. We were having ice cream.

TJ: What you wanted to be growing up?

I laughed because for some time my dreams were just dreams. I never thought I'll be something after what happened to me.

Me: I'll have to rethink my dreams.

TJ: Why?

Me: people like me... he stopped me and looked at me.

TJ: What do you want to be?

Me: funny enough I wanted to be a therapist

TJ: What stopping you?

Me: I can't talk about my own problems or fix mine why would I think I can help another person?

TJ: You look down on yourself and I don't like that.

I looked at him and I saw he was serious.

Me: What do you expect. I've been through so much and I've ... he looked at me.

TJ: We leaving.

He looked serious and I looked at him not saying anything.

Me: Are you angry at me?

TJ: right now I want you to look at me. I did as he asked .

TJ: I'll never be angry at you

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your step mom is here but has no idea that you are you. Now Dont look at anyone but me and we will slip out of here.

I could feel the panic and fear bubbling in me, i dont have the strength for her and its looks like he can sense it too.

TJ: I got you okay? I nodded because I couldn't speak.

TJ: take your glasses and put them on. I did what he asked than he took a card and swiftly passed it to me and told me to raise it up so the waiter comes to our table.

Mathonsi

The minute she raised the card and was paying I knew it was just a local looking looking like her so I paid for my food.

Me: The table ahead of me is that the prince

The waiter looked at them than smiled.

Waiter: Yes its the prince and his been trending all day on social platforms with the lady his with.

Me: New girl?

Waiter: Oh Miss we have no idea but all we know is that he has never... ever been seen in public with a woman. Speculation about his sexuality were even drawn, until both him and the

woman were spotted with rings on they fingers. Its said he might have eloped since the past two weeks he has cancelled all his meeting and appearances. I laughed looking at the friendly waiter. So there is noway that My Lala. I got up and left giving him a handsome tip....

Insert 10:

Lalela

The ride home was long and I was shaking. We finally got there and i got out of the car and helped him with my bags. We placed everything in the lounge. His cabin was really cool. An open space of a cabin. The lounge was huge with a fire place and a cosy reading corner at the left with a view to the forest. Its was mostly glass that side and we could see the river far off. Than there is the right side that has a small sideline kitchen and a small passage going to the back where there is a huge master bedroom with a breath taking view. When you enter the whole left side is a closet door that fully covered in mirrors that you slide taking you in the walk in closet where its now divided to his side and mines. The roof is full glass showing you the sky which you press a button and its covers up dimming the room. There is a huge tv that pops up from the floor and the whole right slides open going to the forest. Its really beautiful and cosy. I sat by the love seat and he sat by the floor placing his head on my thigh as we both looked up the ceiling.

TJ: At some point you have to face her.

Me: I know

TJ: wanna talk about it?

I kept quiet for some time than he got up picking me up with him and i said nothing as he placed me on his bed with him snuggling me in the most comfortable position.

Me: my life wasn't always like this!!!... it started when my dad dated her. My mom passed on when I was really young and I cant tell you how she looks but I remember how she used to sing one song over and over again. My brother never knew him at all. Anyways when mama died, dad took us with him moving to Durban and starting a new life. That where he meet her that woman hated us at school but claimed to love my father. She would torture us when his not around and love us in his presence. We never said anything because dad was always happy around her until my matric year. I really don't know what happened but I woke up to them fighting and she was crying and begging him. I never listened to what was said but I got out of my bed and got into my brothers bed and slept there. Woke up in the morning and they were not saying a word to each other. As usual dad took us to school and when he dropped us off he stopped me and looked right in my eyes and said " are you happy at home?" i saw he needed answers so I said no. Than he told me his sorry he failed us. After 5 years of torture from that woman I broke down and told my father everything.

TJ: What everything?... He whispered!

I took deep breaths and closed my eyes as it all came crushing on me.

Me: when I was 14 she started taking me with for girl time and that girl time was a dirty hotel where in a room they wash and curl my hair and apply heavy make up. I wear the shortest dress ever with no panty and we go in a room that dark. First we stand in a line with other girls my age and old looking into a mirror than she will say turn around and bend. we will just kneel on the floor like dogs with our assess up. We kneel like that for what seems like hours with a light showing our ass and of cause our exposed private parts. At first it never used to make sense until One day i decided to go there unannounced and hid in the room and saw men take out they wands and jerk off with us exposed like that. It made me sick to my core when ever we did that. At 15 she started booking me to dance on them. For hours she made me practice slutty dances and ill do it on men with a mask on as they dry hump me. When I was 17 years old I graduated. I call it graduation because that what she said. Into a hand job person. She will take me into a room where men will put the penis into a whole that in a wall and my hand will be covered in jelly and ill jerk them off until they came. When done ill bath a million times and when I was doing matric she wanted to promote me to doing a blow job but ill vomit all the time she tried teaching me with a dildo so she gave up and told me she selling me. Before she could do

that she had to get rid of my father because there is no way that my father will let our disappearance go unnoticed.

TJ I knew she was crying because my chest was wet. I know I was pissed because I couldn't speak but hold her. And I also knew she needed this. She needed to vent so she heals.

Lalela: after venting to my dad he kissed me on my forehead told me he will fix this. I went to school and wrote my final exam. Went home to find the house empty. I stood outside for some time. After primary school was out I saw my baby brother walking home. I asked him why is he walking? Did Mathonsi not wanna drive him today? But only to find out that she never went to school. That day later on a cop car drove to our home, took us to the hospital where we found our father. Lihle Mathonsi crying like a child rolling on the floor and my dad declared dead. He was beaten and stabbed to death on his way to work. His car found burnt and his promise to a better life broken. Do I believe that lie? No because her story changes and I know that my father knowing what I told him, he confronted her and it led to this or whatever the fight that night was about led him to death. Now when someone asks what happened to him? I lie and say he got sick leading to his death. So you see why am broken? My dad died protecting us and my brother died protecting me!!!...

Insert 11:

Hana

I had the family seated for dinner.

Kholiwe: Big bro is trending!!!

Kwenzco: I can't believe his photo of him eating ice cream with a girl got more likes than us.

TJ: what you on about? TJ walked in with Lalela following behind him and i saw they bonded. I saw how she was stuck on him.

Kholiwe: You breaking the internet with your lady. He sat down with her sitting next to him as kholiwe handed him her phone.

TJ

I saw our pictures and she looked radiant and beautiful. I could feel her smile right through the pictures. Felt it in those pictures. I smiled giving the phone to Kholiwe.

Dad: So that why the council wants us to meet? Allegations? They switched on the TV and yea we are news.

Lalela

My heart froze as I saw all our pictures there. Comments of how beautiful I look and how lucky he is to find a girl that pays lol that was when a picture of me raising a card was shown.

Mr Thiwa: She paid?

TJ: Yep

I looked at him and he shocked his head no

Mr Thiwa: I thought you better than that son.

TJ: i know.

Anchor: All the allegations that his gay are out of the window. They showed multiple pictures of him holding me. One in the parking lot, one at the parking after we escaped Lihle Mathonsi, one when I got my hair done and the one where i was laughing slightly pushing him as he grinned.

“ you can't fake love even if you try

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these two share a bond beyond words” they showed a picture where he wasn't paying attention and am playing with my ring grinning

“ they tell a story without saying any words “

A picture of him helping me wear that ugly shoe as I laughed at his comments

“ Now the Question is, who is this lovely woman that has worn our heart and the kings hearts” the king closed the TV and everyone erupted but what i got is that they smiling. Its good right.

TJ: Now you have a nation behind you!!! He whispered.

Lihle Mathonsi

How the fuck could I be so stupid? How? She was right there in front of me... she was right there!!!! That bloody ass is married???? How??? How on earth did she do this to me???? Why???? I took a jug of water and threw it on the mirror and my phone rang and I looked at it, it was black chillies. Holy fuck am dead!!!... I need a plan now and I need it fast!!!!....

Insert 12:

Hana

We finished eating and TJ looked at me and I knew he wanted to go out a bit so I nodded as he and his dad left giving me more time with Lalela. She helped me clean up and the kids lefts as we finished and i got us some sour gums and chips and went to the lounge. She looked nervous and I looked at her.

Me: He loves you.

She blushed looking at me. I took out a chain that Kwando father gave me the day after he was born.

Me: Iv had this all his life.

I put it on her and looked at her.

Me: Am not going to lie and say being Queen is easy. But its hard and the man you married to is different and unique. You going to need us more than you think and the great part is that you have us. My kids love you as you are, they love the person that you are and how you make they brother feel.

Lalela: I feel safe with him.

I grinned at her.

Me: That how you suppose to feel with your partner. Safe!

Lalela: I have too much baggage.

Me: We all do

She touched her chain and smiled and it warmed my heart. I've gained a daughter. A true genuine soul. I placed my hand on her and smiled. I felt peace around her and pure soul.

Me: Wanna know something?

Lalela: What?

Me: I know that you're feeling a little down but, how about we have a girls night tonight? I can get kholiwe and khetho. We go to the spare room upstairs and we have junk. We have junk and watch sad movies and cry. It's Friday anyways.

She wiped a tear from her face and I hugged her and in that moment I saw her smiling and my son grinning at her wearing shorts and no top. I have no idea what they're smiling about but that gave me hope that they will survive this.

TJ

I was with my father in his study.

Dad: You can't just kill her

Me: She hurt her, created self-doubt in her.

Dad: Am not saying don't do anything but killing her and making her vanish will torment Lalela for the rest of her life. Let start from the beginning. What happened to her brother body?

Me: Its in the hospital morgue.

Dad:Than tonight we not sleeping we doing it all right. We taking the first jet out of here tomorrow morning and we going to find her father tombstone burry her brother next to him. We going to make sure that both graves have good tombstones. And when that done

we going to look for any family members that might be alive that is hers. Every child comes from two families and the child needs to know both of them. Its up to those members and the child to decide if they want a relationship or not! We will than pay for her dowry son. I know the council will wanna fight you on this since they have always had they own agenda but we will figure it out. But the first step is going to lay her brother to rest than we come back speak to your uncle Thingo and Hiba and both your grandparents.

I nodded at dad

Dad: You know where she is?

Me: Yes

Dad went on his desk took a number and gave to me.

Dad: Call it and speak to that man see what can be done tonight.

I nodded and spent most of my night preparing for tomorrow and arranging the funeral with my dad right besides me. I also hired someone to her hotel to roughen her up sexually for now and see if she frights when tables are turned.

Lihle Mathonsi

I woke up to big hands on my mouth. I tried to move but they pinned me down and i kicked but nothing. I felt panic in my heart as my underwear is being snatched right out of me. Before i could even do anything a hard push and raw push was made making my body jerk in pain. Iv never in my whole life been this helpless and raped and this man was roughly ravishing me. I couldn't move my neck and it was throbbing as his big hand pushed me harder into the pillow. He went hard and fast and I could feel his raw skin in me. I wanted to scream out in pain but I couldn't instead tears sprang to my eyes as he ride me harder and wilder as I felt his sperms empty in my womb. I felt defeated like something in me was taken away. I think i passed out because i woke up to my mouth closed with a hanker-chef and the same man was ontop of me again this time was taking his sweet time in love making, he bite my nipples sending sensations down there as my mind was stuck in me not

wanting this. He wiped my tears and groaned in satisfaction as he went hard in me.

“ scream for me Lala” he moved the hanker chief and I screamed out of the pain i felt which some how made him harder as he gripped my face hard. He started shaking and emptied himself in me than layed next to me breathing hard holding me not to move and I cried. I cried because i knew that tonight an not getting any sleep from this monster. Before i could wipe my tears the door opened as one guy entered.

Him: Its my turn now.

The rough guy: Am not done... she so tight!!!

Him: I promise not to touch your whole, i need mines now. Before i could say anything he switched on the radio a bit muffling sound.

Him: I love screamers... he removed his pants and iv never seen such a dick. Iv seen all shapes and sizes but never this huge as he pulled me with my leg. I tried to fight and scream and that got him more excited as he gripped me hard the other guy pinned me down on my chest as the other one lifted my ass towards him. The way he angled me, i knew he wasn't going for my Virginia but he was going for my butthole. Iv never had it go up there and he wasn't patient as he roughly went in and I screamed out of pain and shame and frustration as he ravished

me he was groaning in pleasure. He pulled on my hair and everything pained as whole night the two of them took turns in ravishing me. In the wee hours they disappeared and I sat in sheets covered in poo and blood, my body shaking and sore everywhere. Who has such guts to do this to me? Why? What have I done?

Insert 13:

Lalela

Last night was sweet. My mother in law and sisters are sweet humans. I woke up in bed from them and slowly moved out and went to the kitchen where I made an English breakfast and saw some garlic bread warmed it up and placed it in the kitchen. On the dot like robots they all came out of bed in time and they were grinning as they sat. TJ stood right in front of me.

TJ: You made breakfast?

I nodded and he looked at me for some time then with his cold hands he touched the chain that his mother gave me.

TJ: Ever since I've known her, she has never taken it off. He tipped my head up for me to see him then just like that he lowered his head and lightly placed his lips on my brushing it in front of his family in the kitchen. I felt hot all over that was my first kiss ever. He let go of me and moved a bit.

TJ: Thank you.

I grinned as he took the last bit of the food prepared and walked to place it on the table.

Queen: Breathing helps. I blushed as I took a deep breath and sat next to him.

Khwezi: When can I get married?

Kwenzon: this is tasty!!!

I beamed as they ate laughing and smiling

TJ

I never expected her to fit in so well with my family. I sat there smiling and eating.

Me: Ill love for you guys to go to South Africa with us!

There was silence for a while.

Kwenzon: This is a trip?

Me: No we going there as support for Lalela. She looked at me.

Lalela: I don't want to go

I looked at her held her hand in mines.

Me: She lost her brother a few weeks ago and we going to burry him. She froze and i looked at my siblings.

Kholiwe: We will come with you

Me: Thank you. The jet leaves in two hours.

Mom: We will be ready.

Lalela took a sip of juice with shaking hands.

Lalela: I have no means to burry him.

There was sadness in her voice and dad took out a paper and placed it in front of her.

Dad: A friend of mine called Thabang is helping us set everything there. The school he was going too has been informed of him passing on and they offered they assistant. We will lay him to rest on Sunday. The community that you from offered help to make it as beautiful as you want. All we need from you is to pick a box for him. That all my Angel.

She wiped a tear from her eyes and mumbled thank you as she picked a casket that was exactly what I ordered to be made. We finished eating than helped her pack as she stood there hugging herself in silence. When done with everything the whole family took a ride to the airport when I froze in gratitude to my whole family, the Riwa clan and The Thiwa was there.

Grandma Veronica: Family always has each other back my child. She smiled at me kissing my cheek. I introduced her to the family and she was engulfed by they love and support as we boarded. She sat next to me looking out of the window wiping tears as my family sat at they places.

Lalela: You making me human again.

Me: you have always been human to me.

She turned looking at me.

Lalela: I know you care about me, your actions have showed me that over and over again. And I hope you see my gratitude too. I hope I am to you what you think I am.

Me: You my wife, what affects you, affects me too.

She smiled a sad smile than slowly placed her head on my shoulder and I laid back not moving as dad looked at me smiling.

Nonkosi: We are with you guys.

Me: I thought you taking care of matters that side.

Nonkosi: Ziphethe is that side.

Me: Thank you

Nonkosi: For what exactly?

Me: For always being here for us.

Nonkosi: You give us more credit than you should.

Me: I wouldn't have found her if you never guided me to that house.

Nonkosi: Its our job Kwando lika Thiwa. The journey ahead for both of you is troublesome. Yes your parents had a fair share of they troubles but yours... yours is greater and you need her to survive.

Me: I know.

Nonkosi: Her mother is alive!!!

Me: I know.

She nodded and I opened my eyes and looked at my mom. She wiped a tear and i could hear her in my mind “ she been through so much son”

Me: She has you to help her heal from this.

Mom: I hope am helping.

Me: Your love alone is enough mom.

Mom: I pray she accepts you with your gifts.

Me: Eventually she will mom, stop stressing yourself.

Mom: I see danger around you two.

Me: Iv felt it mom.

Mom: Nonkosi needs to stay with her, that why she is here!

Me: I kinda figured the minute she told me she is here. Mom nodded and I closed off the window for us to speak without talking. I can sense the danger and I pray we get through it. I know it wont be from Lihle because last night shattered her...

Lihle Mathonsi

I was on the hospital bed where the hotel cleaner found me. She called her manager who called for help which landed me here with detective Moniko and Tyrise standing before me.

Moniko: We can help

I looked at her.

Me: Its God answering a prayer!!!

Moniko: A prayer for you to be repeatedly raped? She asked confused as the news showed a clip which i took a remote and up the volume.

“ We are bringing News to you that the whole Royal family has left the country. We dont have all the details as yet but this boy” A picture of Lukhona was placed on the screen.

“ 3 weeks ago a blood bath was reported at the house of Ike Siyawa, a great thug in our region who is a child of Opheke Siyawa aka black chillies. They are a well known criminals that authorities have tried for years to stick they crimes on them but to no avail. This young boy was raped, tortured right in front of his loving sister Lalela Ngidi” a picture of Lalela was placed on our screens looking sad at the airport were she touching a coffin with the Prince holding her as her face is covered in silent tears. The picture was heart breaking. I saw the two detective look in shock to the TV.

“ she looks familiar right? Well that because she is, our Prince is the man who found her and 12 other girls huddled up in that house transported from South Africa to be sex slaves here at they young age. Yes guys our prince saved her, took her to hospital where she went on intensive care. Am sure you asking yourself where am I getting all my facts? Well from The King of Thiwa Kwandile. He sent to me this detailed story that am to unfold to you. In doing this

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we seeking help, awareness and the people of Africa to mourn with them this great loss they have. Prince Kwando married a victim of human trafficking, child molesting for years, human indecency and violations-of rights that I could go through the whole day. These two suffered beyond words and have endured things that only people like you and I have never, ever imagined. I stand before you with one request. “ just like that a picture of me was blown up on TV and its like every nurse and the two detectives looked at me as the anchor voice rang across the hospital “ Lihle Mathonsi, an educator, a wife but unfortunately a step mother to these two kids and the woman responsible for al the horrible crimes committed against them. Yes you hear me, this woman who was suppose to nature, love and protect these kids was they worse nightmare that exposed them to the crimes committed to them. The pain, trauma and

lastly, the death of a friend, student, brother of the woman we will now look at as our courageous woman who is now our Princess. A woman that has suffered in silence for years. A young woman who is now in turmoil about to bury her only family left. So yes my people yesterday she was smiling but today... Today is the day that she is faced with a task that i wish on no one. Not even my worse enemy. God bless you guys” there was silence and Moniko looked at me with so much hatred.

Moniko: You are under arrest for..... as she told me my crimes my phone was ringing like crazy when I checked the channel to see this was an international news broadcast. I guess this is it for me!!!...

Insert 14:

Lalela

Being in SA all over again brought memories to me. Memories I couldn't shake away from. The funeral was the most devastating thing that iv ever went through in my life apart my dad death. I cried like i lost a part of me. A part of me that i could never get back. I cried for all the lost years that am to endure without him. i cried because of his sacrifice of giving himself up than having me being attacked. I truly cried and through all of this TJ was next to me. He was my shoulder to cry on as I wept until there was no energy in me. When the funeral was done and all was well he feed me. Yes made sure that I eat all my food than held me in the room we were renting until i dozed off.

TJ

When she was sleeping i left her in our room and went to the lounge and found my family sitting there eating and just being them.

Me: thank you

They all turned and i stood there not sure what to do with myself.

Mom: It was beautiful

Me: yeah

Dad: Well now we here, why dont we look for her family?

I shrugged not sure about this.

Mom: I know you feel like we bombarding you but if you want the elders to not destroy what you guys have

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marrying her civil just isn't enough.

Me: Am not marrying anyone from the village nor am I taking a second wife. She is the only woman that would be able to understand me or bare with me. If the elders have a problem with her, they will have to deal with me.

Dad: Son

Me: No dad, am not going have a man who has his own wife pick who am to marry. She is my wife!

Uncle Hiba: We support you in all that you do and decide but going at odds with the elders is not the way to go.

Me: Than ill step down from being the next King if the wife i have isn't enough. Everyone looked at me

Kwandile

I saw that he was serious.

Me: Don't talk like that son. He took a bottle of water and I saw my dad look at TJ.

TJ: That my last resort. Goodnight guys! He walked away and the whole room erupted with so many questions.

Dad: He can't throw away the throne. The whole kingdom will perish. Our people will suffer.

Me: I know dad

Hana: They would be drought and heat and...

Me: Than let help. Let help him with the elders and finding her family. Mothers side or fathers. But find a home for her a home where we can pay for her bride price and do all that needed. Everyone shifted with a main focus because we know that if things dont work out with her. A lot of us will suffer and I cannot have that....

Insert 15:

Lalela

We stayed two days in SA and I saw that things were tense. We were all sitting down by the table eating and it was silent. That unusual for this family. Everyone was stressed out.

Me: Did I do something wrong?

Everyone mumbled something.

Me: TJ

TJ: its nothing

Me: Is it me? I looked at his mom smiling at me shaking her head no.

Me: Than?

His dad is an open book like his grandfather.

Kwandile

I saw she needed answers and had so many questions.

Me: we worried about you that all

Lalela: What about me?

Me: You see things are done differently were we from.

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Insert 15:

Lalela

We stayed two days in SA and I saw that things were tense. We were all sitting down by the table eating and it was silent. That unusual for this family. Everyone was stressed out.

Me: Did I do something wrong?

Everyone mumbled something.

Me: TJ

TJ: its nothing

Me: Is it me? I looked at his mom smiling at me shaking her head no.

Me: Than?

His dad is an open book like his grandfather.

Kwandile

I saw she needed answers and had so many questions.

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TJ

I was fuming with anger, yes i get why my family is doing all this but still its my life. The door opened and she stood there. She held the chain that mom gave her. She closed the door and looked at me for some time in silence. I really don't know what got to me but yes i moved closer to her and pinned her to the door and she looked at me with huge eyes but no fear. I lowered my lips on hers and kissed her this time for longer as she placed her hands on my chest. That gave me courage to deepen the kiss so I did and I felt my blood boil. I moved from her controlling myself as she stood there with lust in her eyes.

Me: Am not losing you due to Royal politics.

She keot quiet looking at me.

Me: Am not losing you because of someone who wouldn't understand what you mean to me?

She looked at me.

Lalela: You don't know me.

Me: I know enough to know i need you

Lalela: I have nothing to offer.

Me: Your presence is more than enough for me.

I looked at her and she stood there looking at me.

Lalela: I wont ruin your life.

Me: You asking me to leave you here is you ruining my life. I stood there with her and she looked at me wiping a tear that rolled out of her eye.

Lalela: What you want from me?

She whispered and I could feel the pain in her voice.

Me: Promise me no matter what happening around us. You will always be by my side. That all i need from you. Your presence!!!

She kept quiet for sometime and I moved closer to her and touched her face and I could feel the need I had for her in me but tonight wasn't the night for us. I knew if I kissed her I wasn't going to stop. So i opted to touch her face.

Me: I don't have any more words in me.

She shifted and i brought her closer to me.

Lalela: We can try

I smiled at her innocence.

Me: I think we passed the trying stage.

She blushed

Me: Am going to sound obnoxious but you are mine Lalela....
Understand that and own it

own that you are mine!.

She got up on her toes and she lightly placed her lips on my lips and I could feel the need to be in her overwhelms me. So i kissed her harder giving her a glimpse of where my mindset is and she moan. That moan was enough to have me going crazy so i pushed her to the door and slipped my hand under her dress as there was a knock on the door. We were both breathing heavy and she was flushed.

Dad: Son!!

Seriously.

Me: yes?

Dad: Um we on fire!!!

I kept quiet for sometime and closed my mind off and calmed it.

Dad: Thanks!!!

I looked into her eyes and I saw the lust. So i moved my hands up her dress and parted her legs as she looked right at me not blinking but her breathing gave it away. I slipped two fingers under her panty and she took a deep breath.

Me: Do I have permission to touch you?

I whispered and she nodded fast and I slowly slipped one finger in her wet welcoming private part and I knew that things are going to go crazy with me and her. I closed my eyes enjoying her moans as I slowly and softly did her with my fingers. Instead of heat I made the weather chilly with lots of rain and rumbling and thunder to muffle up her moans. I know I said I am not going to make love to her tonight but I can't stop. When she exploded on my fingers, I picked her up and quickly placed her on the bed. Snatched her dress off her making her naked in just a bra and panty.

Lalela

I closed my eyes for a second and next thing we were both naked his mouth on my boobs. He still had a Bernie on so I moved it from him and he lifted his head to look at me. There was nothing just a brush of a hair cut. He kissed me and I welcomed him just then he hovered between my legs and entered with such force making me vibrate in pain and then the ink that covered him glowed. His head glowed and I froze. I couldn't run or hide because we were connected as one. Fear gripped my heart as his whole body was warm and the rain became stronger outside. He shifted in me and the glow from his head to his body disappeared as he looked at me assess

what ill say. But instead of saying anything the urge to kiss him made me lift my head up and kiss him. He groaned and I felt his part inside me grow. I've heard about sex a million times, heard the good and the bad but this was over the moon. My mind was going crazy as he rode me to ecstasy. I felt the need to pee so many times as he ravished me and I did which was embarrassing but that didn't stop him. I felt juices go out of me so many times and I swear I was screaming like I was being chopped into pieces and the thunder and rain was raining heavily that gave me comfort that I cannot be heard. He gripped me hard and I felt his hands burn in my buttocks as his wand got harder and I screamed as I vibrated in joy and so did he. I felt his juices travel deep in me and him moving to the side taking me with him. He was still in me and I was a little numb from that.

Me: You glowed. I whispered and he slowly left my body and lifted me up. Taking me with him then we stood in front of the mirror with my legs shaking but he was behind me holding me in place. I looked at myself on the mirror with my heart beating so hard out of shock.

Me: What have you done to me??? I whispered fear gripping my heart!!!...

Insert 17:

TJ

She had all my markings on my upper body on her upper body. She looked cute and I felt my stick rise for her. Her hair was loose and it was black with highlights of lavender here and there making her look hot. I know she still numb from what we did but I slowly parted her legs and she did as I guided and arched her back a bit and entered her as she moaned. I looked at her via the mirror as her insides gripped me. Her hair glowed just as I did and so did her markings and I saw the shock on her, she moved and I took that as a go ahead and I fucked her. Yes I fucked her raw and hard while the intimacy was tense as she looked at me via the mirror. I felt myself exploding with her as we both tried to breathe and catch our breathes. She was a little weak and her legs shaking so I moved from inside her and lifted her to bed moving all the wet blankets. I changed the room temperature to humid so we don't get chilly than I got us on bed and had her sprawled out on me. She had a finger on my chest drawing silly patterns that made me ache for her. It was still raining outside but the calm smoothing rain.

Lalela: I like the new hairdo.

I kissed her forehead and snuggled her closer.

Lalela: Its going to stay like this?

Me: Yes, sorry

Lalela: Wanna talk about the unusual stuff that has happened?

Me: Am scared to tell you who I am because you might leave me.

She shifted and looked at me for a second than she saddled me and I felt my stick get hard so she shifted and slowly lowered herself on me and we both glowed for a while as we looked at each other.

Lalela: We are one now

Lalela

I never meant to make him emotional but i was scared of what happened but than again he accepted me as I am, what would stop me from accepting him? I wiped the tear rolling off his eye and he gripped my sides so hard as he lifted himself deep within me and just like that I explodes into a million pieces with him spilling in me. I laid on him while we were connected and he held me tight, clearing his throat.

TJ: Am different

Me: I think iv known that

TJ: I mean am half human.

That shut me up a bit and shifted in his arms

Me: What the other half?

TJ: I have no idea. I got it from my mom.

Me: I figured she different too.

TJ: yeah, so this enables me to do so many things that you as a human can't do.

Me: Like?

TJ: I can't say right now dont want to scare you off.

I shifted saddling him again and looked at him.

Me: My hair changed colour without me dying it, my whole body is covered in marking that I don't understand and am still here on top of you naked while you in me. I doubt anything you say would make me run now.

He looked at me for some time and just like that he closed his eyes and a ring of hallow appeared on him and he moved into a sitting position with me still on him as i wrapped my legs around him as huge wings literally appeared from his back. They were so huge that everything on it way fell making so much noise. I looked at him glowing, a hallow ring hovering above his head and beautiful majestic white wings. After a few seconds of his exposure there was silence and a few footsteps running towards the door from the other side and a knock.

His dad: Uhhmm... son!!!

His voice was shaking i think the noise and the vibration of the room caught them off guard.

His dad: Son!!! I could hear the panic but he was looking at me and I was looking at him.

Another voice i think it was his uncle Hiba

“ ill kick this door if you don't answer”

I wet my lips with my tongue.

Me: We okay

I have no idea where i found the strength but i did and there was silence. My voice was dry and cracked.

His dad: You sure?

TJ: We okay dad!!! His voice was so smooth, its was like he sang it. From the other side i heard his dad in panic say holy shit!!! I guess he knew what was happening.

Kwandile

I knew the minute we got a little earthquake nyana that the wings and Hallow ring was out but when the racket of things breaking started i feared for that child so yes i ran out of my bed and I guess Hiba and dad were stressed out too so here we

were by the door that closed and the light that showing underneath showed that he was glowing. We moved away from the door and went to the lounge where my wife and my step mom and sister were standing.

Hana: His showing her his true form!!!

Dad: She not screaming like Vee so I guess we still good. There was a racket of noise and another tremble and than it rained hard.

Me: This is not good... what happening Hana?

She shocked her head

Hana: He blocked me out!!!

TJ

Iv never had sex in my true form but now I was. Her hair was glowing

i was on my back with my wings sprawled underneath me and she was glowing. A beautiful sight to see and she was ridding me out of her own free will. I watched her enjoy herself go crazy as the wings literally destroyed everything on it way as she literally fucked the shit out of me. I felt myself come as she milked me dry riding her climax too. I groaned and she moaned and the heavens poured rain.

She lowered herself on me with both of us catching our breaths as i slowly got my wings out of the way.

Lalela: You are right!!

Me: With?

Lalela: Am yours !!!

I stiffened as my heart was beating fast. I shifted her to my side still in her and looked at her with tears rolling down her face.

Me: Why you crying?

Lalela: Am scared!

Me: Of me?

She smiled holding me.

Lalela: Ill never be scared of you. Am scared of how you make me feel.

Me: How do I make you feel?

She shifted a bit finding comfort in my hands.

Lalela: my body is overwhelmed, am not sure if this is just the love making or not but I know with you am safe. I feel safe, i feel loved in your presence, i feel like am worthy in your presence, i feel like you care more for me than yourself and funny enough I feel like you mine. Like you just mine, no one else but mines!!!.

In all my life iv never been so happy, i was beaming and I grinned at her.

Me: Well you mines!!!

Lalela: And you mines.

Me: forever?

Lalela: I have to much baggage and issues you fine with that?

Me: Am half human and you just fucked the daylights out of me. You loved me in my true form.

She grinned a naughty smile.

Lalela: No one said anything about love Tee

I laughed so loud that the walls shake and she snuggled closer looking at me with dreamy eyes.

Me: What?

Lalela: I love this side of you.

That caught me off guard.

Me: Which side?

She tilted her head kissed me lightly and moved back.

Lalela: The free side!!

She looked at me and I saw the love in her eyes, she may not be ready to say it but i saw it. I felt it and It made me wanna scream with joy so i rolled her over as she giggled and I kissed her directing my shaft in her as she gasped in excitement, i guess we not sleeping tonight!!!...

Insert 18:

TJ

The sun was rising and she was just on top of me sprawled there as we looked at it together after that busy hour.

Me: Do you like rainbows

She nodded and I planted one on the sky... i called out for humming birds to hum close by and we just laid there looking out to the sky.

Lalela: This is beautiful.

I grinned and shifted looking at her.

Me: Just like you!!! She blushed and I kissed her lightly. Than we closed our eyes sleeping for a while before the family gets up.

Hana

We woke up to a beautiful morning so the ladies and i made breakfast and opened the lounge doors going to the patio of the guesthouse and set everything up. One by one everyone started getting in. Jaleel my younger brother looked at me.

Me: What?

Jaleel: I hate thunder!!!

The room was silent.

Me: It wasn't me!!!

Jaleel: Than who was it?

Kwandile: Can't it just be nature???

He snorted and took a glass of water walked to the seat and sat down.

Jaleel: i really hate thunder. Just than TJ and Lalela walked out with Lalela hair looking beyond magnificent. She had it in different shades of purple and lavender giving her that young youthful look. And lord she glowed she had on a black hugging dress and wore TJ sleepers while he had on his grey pants and sweater and of cause his Bernie. They looked peaceful and yes he had a love bite on his neck which was very visible.

TJ: Family

Everyone mumbled they greetings and Lalela blushed her blushing just gave it away.

Jaleel: I hate thunder!!!

TJ: Not me.

Jaleel looked at him and snorted.

TJ: Sorry

Kwenzo: What was the thunder and rumbling for?

Kwandile: Can we change the subject please

Khetho: How will TJ know? He isn't God

Kwandile: Please guys

Khwezi: He controls the weather.

They spoke as if his father never said a word.

Khetho: That nice. Did you make the rainbow?

Lalela blushed.

TJ: Yes

Khetho: Its looked beautiful. I loved it.

Khwezi: Its wasn't for you!!!

Hana: Oh twins please cut it out!!

They grinned they mischievous grin.

TJ

I know they know what happened but its the perks of having noisy family members. So i took out a plate and dished out for her she mumbled thank you and ate in silence.

Khwezi: just out of curiosity, will it rain all the time when... i choked and everyone screamed his name.

TJ: If you want me to mute you for forever, i can do that!!!

I looked at him and he grinned wider.

Kwenzco: Last night your hair was black sisi Lalela.

Mom: Kwenzco!!!

Kwenzco: What am just commenting on her beautiful colour.

Khetho: I love it.

Lalela: Thank you

Khwezi: Did it last night?

Dad: I swear ill kill you guys!!!

Kholiwe: Its vibrant and I like the curls too.

Khwezi: Yeah its curly!!

Khetho: Can I have my hair like her.

Kwenzco: uhm... I don't think that possible.

Dad got up and playfully slap kwenzco head.

Mom: You guys don't know when to stop

Uncle Hiba: Ill whoop they asses.

Lalela looked at the family than looked at me and she was pink. I held her hand, she might as well get use to it.

Khwezi: Iv been thinking...

Grandpa: we don't wanna hear it son

Kwenzo: Ill like to hear it.

Mom: Whisper it to him

Khwezi: If sisi Lalela and TJ were to get a baby.... lalela choked and looked at me with fear. Yep we were raw the whole night and not once crossed my mind.

Grandpa Hamza: This boy needs beating.

Khwezi: Well as i was saying

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what would we name him? Arabic or Zulu name sisi Lalela?

She was shocked and took a sip of water. As much as the family was bashing him, they had interest in they eyes.

Kholiwe: Ill like to name a child one day.

Lalela: You can name him.

TJ: But wouldn't you want to name your own child?

There was silence as she looked at me.

Lalela: iv never thought that far

Kwenzon: Hypothetically than

She was silent and looked at kwenzon

Lalela: If his father gives me a list than ill pick from there

Khwezi: TJ?

Are we really taking about this.

Me: If i ever have a son ill like to call him Akanni (meaning the first one to bring joy) and if i ever get a girl she will be named Ayodele(meaning joy has come home)

Mom: Lovely names son.

Lalela: What origin are they?

Me: Mostly Nigerian, they come from a Yoruba language.

Khwezi: Thina ke we will call him kani!!! And the girl Ayo. The family laughed as I looked at Lalela, will it be wistful thinking hoping she carrying my child? Her carrying my child will also help with the elders not fight us. She looked at me and smiled squeezing my hand. I lowered my voice and whispered only for her to hear.

Me: Wanna sneak out?

She moved her hand from mines placing it in my thigh and moved it up to my crotch.

I cleared my throat and looked at my mom who was laughing with her eyes.

TJ: What time we leaving today?

Grandpa cleared his throat and I saw his thoughts and I got so angry that the table started shaking.

Me: I did say not now grandpa!!! I roared and I saw lalela look at me confused.

Grandpa: its the only way son!!!!!!.....

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Lalela

I was confused but I placed my hand on his thigh and he looked at me with his eyes burning as it slowly got better. Then i turned to his family.

Me: What the plan baba

King Thiwa: the plan is for you to meet your family my child, i know last night you said you have no desire to meet them but we looking at a bigger picture. When we get home i know the committee will have things to say but to be safe.

Me: I get you, am sure TJ won't mind. Just like that he got up and left us sitting there.

Me: Can I be excused?

They nodded.

Hana: We leaving in an hours time.

I nodded and walked to our room where i found him standing there looking out of the window. I didn't need to be close to see his pissed.

Me: Wanna talk about it?

TJ: you already going...

Me: Its the only way to get the elders off your back about us.

TJ: your mom is alive!!!

He turned to look at me and i stood there frozen without any words.

TJ

I looked at her and I saw the confusion in her eyes.

Lalela: she was involved in a car accident she died. I saw my dad cry... i know where her tombstone is. We grieved for her for years!!!!

I shook my head no and she looked at me.

Lalela: You lying!!!

I held her and I felt her pain.

Me: She is alive!!!

Lalela: There must be an explanation!!! There must be some sort of an explanation!!

Me: She is married. With kids one older than you and 2 younger than you.

I saw tears running down her face.

Me: Your brother and you were her middle children. Your dad was just a job!!!

The shock in her eyes.

Lalela: A job?

Me: Going to see them is the biggest mistake that you will ever make. She left you Lalela. She not dead

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your dad did all that to save you and your brother. To save your feelings and right now am telling you this because i need you to see that going there is opening a can of worms.

Lalela: What about my dad family? Are they as evil as my mom?

Me: No but...

Lalela: No buts. Your family thinks that paying my bride price will help. So that what we will do, we will go to dads family and take it from there, ill deal with everything else when that done!!

Me: Trust me when i say this aint it. This is just a heart ache.

She nodded but i can see the pain in her eyes

Me: Come here. I pulled her closer and held her and she cried. She cried so much and I sat there comforted her.

Lalela: We suffered and she was alive!!!

Me: I know

Lalela: What mother leaves they children with a man... yes our father was a great man but still.

Me: I wish i had answers for you!!!

I held her closer.

Ngidi household.

We all gathered there due to the royal summons.

“ which royalty will wanna talk to us?”

Malume: Call all the girls in here. They brought them all and stood in front of the elders of the family.

“Anyone know a Thiwa kingdom?”

Luphatha raised her hand: Its a royal kingdom at the Edge of Congo

“You know why they request to see us?” Everyone shrugged.

Cars pulled up at the front and we told the girls to go back as we waited.

TJ

I could see we she was nervous.

Dad: You guys will stay here and we go in okay.

I nodded and held her close to me.

Kwandile

After standing for 15 minute there they allowed us in and we looked at them after we paid for them to talk.

Me: We are here on behalf of my son.

Them: Okay

Me: he has seen a rose this side of the family that he would like to keep for himself.

Them: Here?

Me: Yes.

Them: But they have no knowledge of you guys

Me: that because the rose am talking about is a lost child. Everyone looked at me especially the man who I think is the head of the family.

Him: what you mean???

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Kwandile

There was an uproar of the household and we were silent.
When they were all done, I looked at them.

Me: We here to pay for her bride price.

The old man who I learnt was her grandfather looked at me

Him: Can I meet your son please. I nodded and khwezi went to
fetch his brother and came back. His just here with his brother
Kwenzo to observe.

TJ

I walked in the house and the old man looked at me. I looked at
him too

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he grinned and I sat down from him.

Grandpa Ngidi: do you have 10 rand?

I nodded opening my wallet and took it out handed it to him.
He raised it up for his whole family to see.

Grandpa: You have paid her bride price

Family: Baba!!!

Grandpa: Where do you need me to sign son?

I looked at my dad who gave me the papers and He signed them than looked at me.

Grandpa: My son came to me 3 days before he died crying here. He told me that he suspects that his wife Lihle Mathonsi is abusing his kids and she isn't who she says she is. 3 days later he passed away to a mugging. I know she killed him and I couldn't take the kids because he told me not to intervene for my safety but he did say that one day something will come up and if I can help, i should. This is me helping my grandchild. Iv never seen her or meet her but I know that this is in her best interest. I trust that you will take care of her and protect her.

I nodded.

Grandpa Ngidi: if she is anything like her father. Am not even going to push for us to meet.

Dad: We will like to have small ceremony in 2 days time if that is okay with you mkhulu.

He grinned and nodded

Grandpa Thiwa: Thank you. He placed a few hundreds on the table and i watched eveyone take out money from they wallets. Even Kwenzo and Khwezi.

Grandpa Thiwa: I know the 10 rand is enough but this is just something to help you over the two days. The old man smiled and got up going to the wall unit taking out a key from his neck and unlock a door where there was so much money.

Grandpa Ngidi: My son was a thoughtful man. He took out an envelope and gave it to me.

Grandpa Ngidi: Please give it to her!!!...

Insert 21:

Lalela

I was so nervous as I sat in the car with my mother in law and
Both the grandmothers

Grandma Aliyah who was lively just as her daughter was talking
about her day when TJ opened the door and looked at me with
a grim face.

Hana: You look so grim.

TJ: Mind if I steal her for a second?

TJ

They nodded and I helped her out of the car to the tinted car
that we drove in. She sat in and looked at me with her big
confused eyes. I gave her the envelope.

Me: You know if you don't want to read it its fine but I think its
best that you do. I gave it to her.

Lalela

I opened it with shaking hands and i was blinded by tears after I saw his handwriting.

“ my dearest daughter.

Lalela wamie wakha Ngidi(my Lalela)

This letter is suppose to bring you peace but i have no words my child. I have no words to explain my actions to you. All I can say is that Am sorry that I made a choice to lie to you but it was all in means to protect the both of you. I hope the little money iv saved for you is enough for you to spread your wings and fly with your brother. In this envelope are papers that state the house and cars are all yours. There is a letter too that in there for you to submit at work to help so you can get monthly allowance to survive. I know you lazy so i made card for you that will help you process this in your name. Second originals of all the important documents that are for all of you.

Lastly i know you know she is alive and I wish i could tell you in person about her. But her job made us do what we did. Her job made us hide you two. I love you Lalela wami and when you meet Lalelani tell him he was always in my heart.... Am really sorry for everything that about to unfold!.

I wiped my tears and read the later again.TJ held me

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he held me so tight and I cried silently.

TJ: Your grandfather is a lovely man.

Me: He is?

TJ: tall like you, smart and you have his eyes.

Me: I do

TJ: Yep. If i put a beard on you and some glasses his just like you.

I looked at TJ as I slowly wiped my face tears and he grinned at me.

TJ: You know I wasn't open to the idea of us coming here.

Me: Iv noticed.

TJ: Seeing you cry is not one of my favourite things and all the secrets that are to be of light now

Me: Who is Lalelani?

TJ: Your older brother.

Me: Why is dad sorry?

TJ: I wish i could tell you everything but i cannot. Today am your husband and for today am just here as your husband okay?

I nodded as I looked at him.

Me: I wanna see my family.

He wiped my tears and kissed my forehead and he walked with me to where his mother and grandma were and we all went in as the yard erupted in mumbles.

Lalelani

I was at the sports ground watching soccer with friends as my phone vibrated and I looked at it and a picture of me in a female form. I zoomed it and I saw that she was exactly like me the only difference is that she is a girl. I got up and excused myself from my friends and ran home. I got there opened the door and found mom and dad with the twins watching TV. I looked at mom and she looks like me right? The twins too Silalele and Siyalalela were younger versions of myself. I kept quiet and my mom as always saw i needed her and got up and walked closer to me.

Dad: Are the matches over njalo? I tried to speak but I couldn't so i turned and mom followed me and we got to the kitchen and i handed her my phone. Showed her the picture of my self in a female form. She picked up my phone and I saw tears blinding her and her hands trembling. In all my life iv never

seen my mother cry like this. I've never seen her be the way that she was.

Mom: Where you got this? She whispered with a crack voice.

Just then dad walked in and I saw her flinch for the first time in his presence and I kept quiet looking at her.

Dad: You guys good?

Mom was quiet and I grabbed her car keys. Am 18 now and she always allows me to drive.

Mom: Where you going Lani???

Me: You know!!! I closed the door running to the car to Adams where my cousin from my mother side sent me this picture so he could show me where this girl is!!!....

Insert 22:

Lalela

I walked into the house and saw the whole family looking at me as I looked at them.

Grandpa Ngidi: you look just like your father. I never said anything because I've heard that a lot that I look like my father. I smiled at him since he was a calm soul and the love that he had for my father was visible on his face.

Me: Thank you for having us today.

Grandpa Ngidi: I knew that one day this day will come just like your father told us before.

Me: did he ever tell you why we never visit? There was silence as a boy that looked just like me walked into the house in a daze. He had on black skinny jeans white top and white sneakers and had his hair neatly cut. He really looked like me in a male version of myself as I looked at him in shock and so did he. The Thiwa family was as shocked as I was but the Ngidi family were understanding. I felt my body go cold for a second and I looked at him. Another boy walked in and he was terrified while this look alike of mine wasn't.

Grandpa Ngidi: today is a blessed day indeed.

Boy: ngiyaxolisa nje ngokutholeka (sorry for just barging through) the uncles were too shocked to say anything.

Grandpa Ngidi: lalelani? He asked and the boy nodded. TJ was sitting a little far from me but this time he sat closer and looked at the young man.

Sthembile

I looked at my husband and he looked right at me.

Me: we have to talk

Ndu: what is it about that has lalelani talking like this?

Me: sit down

He sat down and I took a deep breath as I told him everything from the beginning.

Lalelani

She looked like me and I walked closer to her and touched her. I felt tears rolling down my face as she looked at me with confusion. I don't know who she is but I felt connected to her.

Grandpa Ngidi: lalelani meet Lalela. Lalela meet lalelani your twin sister. I think my ears are deceiving me did the old man that I will look like in the next few years just say this is my twin sister? All my life I had a twin sister that I had no idea about, a

part of me? This explains the foreign feelings that I have felt before there were not mines. They were hers.

Lalela

I listened to the old man and my heart was beating fast. Did he really say twin brother?

Me: how? What happened?

Grandma Ngidi wiped her tears and now was the first time she spoke ever since I got her.

“Sit down my child” TJ got up and lalelani sat down. There was so much silence that you could hear everyone breathe.

“We all don’t know the story well but you mother and father have 5 children together. It’s you lalelani the first born by 10 minutes than lalela than the middle child lukhona uthando and the baby twins. You are all Ngidi kids and you are all our grandchildren that were brought here and imbeleko(welcoming ceremony) was done for every single one of you. The tricky part is that only you kids don’t know and of course the people that they were married too.

Me: am confused

Before Grandma Ngidi couldn’t finish anything as a tall slender woman walked in and the whole Ngidi family members gasped.

Lalelani: mama???

TJ

Not even Nigerian movies that my mom watches so much has as much drama as this family. The minute that lalela mom walked in there was silence in the whole room and I shifted closer to my wife because I could see that things are about to blow up.

Grnadpa Ngidi: sithembile??

Sthembile: sanibona baba.(greeting) She sat down and there was a little noise at front veranda and then two heads poked in that looked exactly like lukhona. Talk about a woman of many secrets.

Lalela was so silent looking at her and she looked at the kids that looked like her baby brother that we just laid to rest a few days ago.

Lalela: it took my brother dying and me coming home to lay him to rest for me to know that I have more siblings, a family and baby brother and sister?

Everyone was silent as she uttered those words.

Sthembile: I can explain

Lalelani: what are you going to explain ma? That another man raised me while my father was alive? That I have a twin sister? Or that my best friend is literally my cousin? Or that all these

years when we come home this side to visit your family mines is literally 4 roads away from gogo? Which are you willing to explain mama? What happened? What happened that caused you and dad to do this to us? What did we do to deserve such from you as our mother? A death of one of your own? Is that it?

We were quiet as a mouse as she looked at her kids with tears rolling down her eyes.

Sithembile

Seeing her after so many years was amazing and sweet. She looks so much like her father and that warms my heart. I looked around and saw that majority of the family were looking at me with blank eyes. I cleared my throat and tried to speak but I couldn't than a woman with kind eyes and light blue dreadlocks got up and held my hand and somehow I had strength to speak.

"Growing up Mbusa and I were inseparable. He was everything that I ever wanted and needed and we had same dreams and vision. So when we got older and went to varsity we decided to get married. You all know that, that he got a job at the government offices and I got a job which you all know and can't speak about. That created tension for both of us and of cause lead to our break up. The twins were born and I took one and

he took one and We co-existed in the world. Years later we meet and lukhona was created and he begged me for him to keep him and I was travelling a lot and lalelani was staying with mom so I figured it's okay for him to have lukhona so he raised him. Lalela you were so young when all this happened and your dad hired a nanny throughout that period to take care of you. When you were getting smarter to understand things we thought its best to say am dead and stop having an in house nanny so your brains can link her disappearance with my death. Time went on and your father and I continued to see each other behind everyone back. Due to my job and his we couldn't be together as a family. He would have been killed and so would I. this was the best remedy than the twins happen and I kept them. I was married by then and I learnt long ago that Ndu and I can't have kids so it's worked out. Am not proud of how things went about but am also not ashamed of it. I'll make those decisions all over again just so we all live, just so we can have those moments again with Mbusa. Yes we were selfish, I was selfish but it was the only way we could....

Lalela: that is utter bullshit!!!!

TJ

I know lalela to be a calm person but the woman that I saw now and was sitting next to me was furious.

Lalela laughed a bitter laugh.

“You seriously want me to take the bunch load of crap you are saying right now?”

Her voice was stern and she was cold and distant. Her voice wasn't even shaking and I could see that her mother and everyone was shocked by her statement apart her brother.

Lalela: am no mother but I know for a fact that I'll never do what you did to us to my children. I will never claim to love a man and his kids and yet separate them all in a name of a job??? A fucken Job!!! Are you seriously saying that I suffered the last 5 years of my life all because you and dad were apart because of a fucken job? I was beaten, assaulted and treated like a piece of shit all because your guys had a job that you couldn't resign from? I watched my brother be rapped until he gave up all because of a fucken Job? She wiped her tears and looked at her mother with so much hate.

Lalela: my prayers to God pleading with him to shield us and to let you watch over us and all along you made poor choices, selfish choices all in a name of a fucken job??? You got to be kidding me, you got to be joking with me to tell me my pain of being motherless, hopeless and angry are all in a name of a bloody job. I have trust issues, abandonment issues all in a name of a job??? What job will take a husband from you what job will make you lie to your family, kids and a husband? What

job will make you guys so hell bent in saving it than saving your own flesh and blood!!!! Tell me what job was so important that I had to lose my siblings, father and go through so much just so you could keep the job??

There was silence in the whole house as we all looked at her and her mother looked at her hands.

Lalelani: ma!!

Lalela: at least you still have a mother, I don't. Mines picked a job rather than me. Mines choices got me sold to a highest bidder than to be a mother to me, mines rather have me crying and praying for safety than to protect me. Mines rather ...

Sthembile: I tucked you in every night lalela!!!!

There was silence as she looked at her and laughed in disbelief.

Lalela: and when you saw the beating marks, and when you saw me sharing a bed with my brother or the room we slept in what came to mind? What came to mind Miss I tucked you in?

There was silence as lalela looked at her mother.

Lalela: This should be the happiest day of my life. Am meeting a place where I belong , people who are part of me, am being asked to be someone wife traditionally and yet all I hear is that we suffered because you, you who carried us for 9 months gave us up for a fucken pay check!!! Took me away from a piece of

me, robbed me of so many memories all in a name of a job? A Job that you treasure so much you rather lose us???

There was silence in the whole house and heavy hearts, I could feel the somber mood and saw multiple family members from both side wipe tears from their eyes.

Lalela: I have suffered so much for an 18 year old. I've seen things that people my age shouldn't be exposed too and a mother would have been great. A mother that would have sheltered me and protected me from all the evils of this world.

She took a deep breath stopping her voice from breaking and I could feel her pain. I could see it on her face and I could sense it. She got up and looked at her mother for a second and walked out of the room. I excused myself and walked with her. Outside we walked to the playgrounds next to her home and she sat on the bench and I sat next to her. We were both quiet for some time than she looked at me.

Lalela: I want to cry but I feel like she doesn't deserve anymore of my tears.

I shifted closer to her and held her closer to me as she cried. She cried out in pain and all I did was hold her. I held her as her twin Lalelani stood a little offish next to her with tears in his eyes. Lalela looked at him got up and hugged him and they cried as I moved away to give them some space.

Insert 23:

Lalelani

Seeing her cry made me sad, I have no idea what type of life she had but it seems like she has had it tough. We sat by the bench and looked at each other, life have been unkind but here we are.

Me: so you getting married?

She blushed and I looked at her looking so cute. Yes am being bias she is my sister.

Lalela: his a nice guy

Me: you happy?

Lalela: yes I am

We were both quiet for some time.

Lalela: tell me about her?

That took me off guard since I didn't expect it.

Me: mom?

She nodded we sat down and I told her.

“Over bearing kind of but she is an amazing person. She loves to laugh and is somehow shy at times. Respects dad a lot and they have a ...” I stopped and looked at her.

Me: he must be shattered by all this.

Lalela: your dad?

Me: he has never treated me like am not his child

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he took care of me ever since I could remember it was him all my life. She looked at me for some time than smiled.

Lalela: you look exactly like dad.

Me: I do?

Lalela: yeah even the way you talk and walk it's so him.

I grinned with contentment.

Me: they really did a number on us.

Lalela: yeah

Me: what next now?

Lalela

I really didn't know what next but ill love to have my brother as a brother in my life and my younger siblings.

Me: I don't know hey, but ill love to have you in my life.

He grinned and touched my hand and I held his.

Lalelani: me too

Sithembile

After lalela left I stayed with the elders and we spoke through everything from the lobola to the note that Mbusa left and all. When done I walked out of the house with my heart heavy but hopeful that she will forgive me as time goes on. I saw my son in law TJ standing at a distant watching Lalela and lalelani by the park bench. I stood next to him in silence and he looked at me for some time.

TJ: it's better if she doesn't know the whole truth.

I looked at him and the seriousness in his voice. That was more of a command than him suggesting.

TJ: I know who you really are?

Me: that impossible

TJ: 420 hits in less than 3 decades

The shock must be visible on my face because he looked at me for some time again as if reading me.

TJ: I know your job was complicated and you did all that you did to protect your family, she may not understand it now but she will eventually.

Me: I didn't choose the job. I chose them.

TJ: I know

I looked at her and lalelani laughing at something and my heart was at ease.

Me: am a horrible mom

TJ: yep

I looked at him shocked and he shrugged.

TJ: I won't lie to you and say you were a good mom because your actions damaged my wife.

Me: how do I make it up to her?

TJ: be you... be the kind person that you were before all this!!!

I nodded and we stood there for a while before Lalela and her brother saw us.

Insert 24:

Lalela

Watching him with my mom gave me some sort of comfort because that means that she might be open up to him than me.

Lalelani: he seems kind of strict.

Me: TJ?

Lalelani: Yeah

Me: he is okay not that strict.

Lalelani: so long you happy than I won't object

I laughed at him and looked at him

Me: if I wasn't happy what were you going to do?

He stood up and showed me his skinny muscles and I laughed so hard.

Lalelani: I was going to kick his ass. Don't let the skinniness fool you. I laughed so hard

Me: Do you have a girlfriend?

That got him to blush.

Kwandile

It was a sober day today, I've never seen so much drama in all of my life. The Ngidi family made a simple lunch for us to eat and we ate after a while TJ and Sthembile walked in.

TJ: I'll like for us to have a traditional wedding in two weeks if that's okay with the family.

I nodded because the sooner the ceremony the better

Grandpa Ngidi: we don't mind but two days before the wedding she will have to come here and sleep here

TJ: we can do a day before if that's okay Mkhulu

Grandpa Ngidi: two days swana lamie.(my child)

TJ: we have never been apart

Me: you can survive two days without her

I saw him shake his head no

Hana: kholiwe and Thandie will sleep over with her.

That seemed to calm him down because he nodded.

Me: I know you have charged us but we will like to bring the cows.

Grandpa ngidi: how many?

Me: the eleven cows that we normally negotiate and one for her purity. We will like to send that today.

I saw TJ blush and I hide my smile

Grandpa Ngidi: she is a virgin?

Me: yes.

The older ladies were grinning in being proud of her and he nodded agreeing. After a while she walked in with lalelani and they sat down as they dished out for her.

Grandpa Ngidi: I understand you royals have certain traditions that you follow

Me: we are here for you baba

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do things your way and we shall follow your traditions.

That seemed to make them happy because all the uncles smiled at us.

Gogo Ngidi: I see she wearing a ring, is she married already?

Me: unfortunately according to the law yes she is now a Thiwa. But we are yet to formally introduce her to our ancestor's. We couldn't do that without coming here first.

They nodded seeing sense in what I was saying.

Grandpa Ngidi: well let me call all her cousins and aunts we are a big family to meet her tomorrow. Will it be too much to ask for her tomorrow?

TJ: ill bring her back Mkhulu

He laughed lightly and I smiled knowing what he was thinking that lalela doesn't go anywhere without TJ....

Insert 25:

Sithembile

The ride to the house was long but I kept quiet and drove as the twins talked without a care in the world. I got there to find lalalani already home and I took the twins and went in the house.

Nduduzo: hi

I froze as I saw him standing there. I thought we both agreed for him to go home for a while to process this. I stood there looking at him and I saw that he was drunk.

Me: you supposed to be at umtwalume??

Nduduzo: I figured I stay and you answer a few questions for me.

I looked at him for some time than just walked over to the kitchen where I made a little snack for the kids and I gave them left them there and walked to our bedroom where he got in and closed the door.

Nduduzo: did you ever love me?

Me: you know I do

He raised a bottle of pills that I take to regulate my periods every now and then.

Nduduzo: you told me I couldn't have kids and these kids are not mine but a man you told me that you no longer love and now this? What is this Sithembile? I saw the anger in his eyes and looked at him.

Me: you know very well that the doctor gave me that for my period pains. Look am sorry, I know what I did is despicable and I dragged you into my mess. Am really sorry about that. I can fix this, I promise I can fix it.

Nduduzo: make the twins mine? You can fix that?

He took out my gun that I had hidden in our safe and pointed it at me.

Nduduzo: I've loved you sithembile, with all of me. I've loved your kids as if they were my own. Loved your son who has always loved me and treasured me. Loved the twins, believed they are mine and now you tell me that all along I was just a stand up, a fill in for a man you have told me that his just an old friend? A man that you have sworn you don't love? How could you Sthe? How could you do this to me?

There was a tiny knock and push and the twins ran in after being chased by lalelani and they all froze as they looked at Nduduzo holding a gun and pointing it at me.

Siyalalela: mama...baba...?

I saw rage in his eyes as he fired screaming don't call me that. I felt a piece of me shatter as he fired a couple of times and I saw my kids falling to the floor one by one and I ran to him with all my might as he fired a couple of times and I slowly went down. I went down on my knees and he looked at me and the kids in disbelief.

Nduduzo: what have I done??? He turned the gun on him and shot the last bullet through his head and his brains spilled on me. I looked at him clinging to the bullet holes in my tummy as I crawled to my kids. "what have I done???" what have I done!!!"

TJ

I closed my eyes and saw rage as I ran to the car without saying a word to anyone and I drove in a panic. I drove all the way where Nonkosi was showing me.

Nonkosi: you need to save the kids first.

I nodded as I parked in a frenzy and ran in the house to the end of the room where I found them on the floor. I could feel 3 heart beats only as I picked up lalelani first and he opened his eyes. I looked at him as tears slipped off his eyes.

Me: am here

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don't panic. I ran to the car and placed him.

I ran back picked up both the twins and I could only feel one heart beat yet I had two individuals on my hands. I placed them close to each other than went in and picked up sthembile.

Sthembile: check him!!

Me: his dead. I picked her up and rushed them to the hospital where it was a frenzy as they nursed them. After they were safely taken care off I went with the cops to the house where I left him and drove back to the hospital where I waited outside for the doctors to work on them when my phone rang and I looked at it, it was my mother

Me: ma?

Hana: am bringing her over, are they good?

Me: I have no idea, when I try to see all I see is blood and I see more blood too.

Hana: I know, Nonkosi is with you.

Me: I know.

Hana: we will be there in 30 minute.

I nodded and hang up, I stood there pacing, and this is going to hurt her. If only we stayed at home none of this would have happened!!.

Insert 26:

Lalela

Something was going on but no one was saying anything so I kept quiet as my mother in law and father in law drove me. We drove to a hospital and I never asked anything as we walked in with my heart beating so fast. We finally found TJ looking like a mess with blood all over him. I rushed to him and touched him all over to make sure that he is fine and that nothing is wrong with him.

Me: whose blood is it?

He held me tight without saying a word just held me tight as if he needed to be consoled more than me. I kept quiet and took him all in as he held me. When done he moved me to the side where it's a little away from the people in the waiting room as he looked at me.

TJ: it's your mom

My heart skipped a beat

Me: what about her?

TJ: your stepfather couldn't handle today news so he took it out on her and your siblings. My whole body went cold and I looked at him I felt my whole body shake and I really don't know what

took over me but It was light out as I felt his hands hold me and panic in his voice as he called out for help.

TJ

I shouldn't have told her anything. I should have just kept quiet and let things be. I should have stayed home.

Nonkosi: and let them die?

TJ: this is just a mess

Nonkosi: that we can handle.

TJ: she fainted

Nonkosi: from shock

TJ: I shouldn't have brought her here.

Nonkosi: you questioning yourself is not it.

TJ: where is my spiritual guide?

She roared with laughter and disappeared as I stood there watching her sleep and mom sitting there.

Mom: am not going to ask you to come home with us.

Me: we staying behind while we prepare for the traditional ceremony.

Dad: I figured you will say that. He took out keys and I saw mom grin as he gave them to me.

Me: what are these?

Mom: our first house here. We kept it. I've asked a friend to look after it while we were that side and its all cleaned, got a friend to stash up food and you can leave from here to the house.

Me: thanks mom.

Dad: you going to be fine without us?

Me: I think I can handle my inlaws and they drama and the shooting.

The doctor walked in after some time the same one treating sthembile and her kids. I closed lalela room and looked at him.

Doctor: the mother is alive and suffered 3 bullets but no major organs were hit so she is fine, the oldest is okay the bullet was lodged in his ribs a few centimeters to his heart but lucky enough he didn't die. The twins, one lost a kidney

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we checking if he survives with one kidney and lost too much blood. But we keeping them together since keeping them apart they health get unstable

Me: so they all pulling through?

Doctor: for now, I can say yes they all stable.

Me: thank you.

Doctor: we understand that the oldest one is a twin and his twin sister is here?

Me: yes

Doctor: do you mind if we place him in the same room as her? I nodded yes as the doctor turned and left and I looked at mom.

Mom: you saved the child.

TJ: I couldn't let him die.

Mom: you know what this means right?

TJ: I won't be able to save another soul if I ever need too.

She touched my cheek and kissed it as she turned to lalela room.

Dad looked at me for some time not saying anything.

Dad: don't be too hard on yourself.

Me: I told you guys that we shouldn't come here.

Dad: but you know that the elders are going to give us a hard time about this.

Me: I would have dealt with it

Dad: taking her away and eloping wasn't going to solve anything. Instead you were going to hurt a lot of people.

Me: if we didn't come here all this wouldn't have happened.

Dad: she needed to know her family, we needed to pay for her and the truth always come out son.

Me: thanks for the place dad.

Dad: Thabang will check in on you every now and then. Ill sort things out with the elders that side and we will come back in two weeks' time on Thursday.

Me: thanks dad.

Dad: I paid for the cow and asked for it to be delivered today.

I smiled at him.

Dad: am I going to be a grandfather soon?

Me: am not about to have a sex talk with you dad.

Dad: just asking

Ma: I hope we are

Me: guys!!!

Dad: your mom and I were not ready for you and it all happened so fast, it's only fair that things go There were

beeping sounds and nurses running to a closed door and I felt a sharp intake of my breath indicating that someone one is drawing they last breath. I ran to the door and opened it to find the doctors working hard on lalela younger siblings and I felt they soul leave they body. This is going to be too much for lalela. I ran out of there and went to her older brother.

Nonkosi: his not going anywhere

Me: promise me

Nonkosi: I can't make that promise.

Me: no promise me that his not going anywhere. A few minutes ago the doctor was positive they would live and I saved a soul. I saved them!!

Nonkosi: they were already gone TJ.

Me: but I saved a soul

Nonkosi: you looking at the one that you saved

She disappeared before she could explain more and I stood next to lalelani.

Me: I failed her.

Mom: I wish we could stay

Me: I got this mom

She hugged me and left with dad looking like he has lost a child. Now how do I tell my wife that she has lost two siblings not one but two after a few days of burying one. Why is this all happening now? Why?....

Insert 27:

Lalela

I woke up to lalelani next to me and TJ sleeping by the couch so I took one of the sheets and placed it on him. I turned to see my brother sleeping peacefully so I moved to his side of the bed and lightly placed a kiss on his forehead. I went to bed to see TJ looking at me and I sat on my bed as he got up and walked closer to me.

TJ: want to snuggle? I nodded and he got up and got in bed with me snuggling me like a child holding me tight. We were silent as he held me and I could feel his heartbeat.

TJ: am sorry

I knew that something might have happened but who was it?

Me: is it mom?

TJ: it's the twins. I felt my heart ripe into smaller pieces as my brain tried to process what he was telling me.

Me: it's my....

He held me tighter and I kept quiet as I cried out in pain of siblings I just meet, siblings I planned to have in my life. Siblings that I lost out on knowing all these years and now this???

Chillies

“What you mean she is out of the country?”

The guys looked at me and I looked at them.

Me: what about Lihle?

Killer: I hired a lawyer for her.

Me: if she talks than we are screwed.

Killer: I know even if we kill her, she has insurance.

Me: I want the girl.

They all looked at me as if I was crazy.

Killer: What you mean that you want the girl? She married the future king.

Me: And that supposed to do what?

There was silence.

Me: how much do you think we will get for a future Queen?
How much do you think we will get for kidnapping her? Just think about it.

There was silence as I grinned at them.

Killer: TJ is not a man to mess with.

Me: says who?

Killer: boss!!!

I turned and left them standing there. This is going to be epic.

Sithembile

The past 3 days were torture from seeing the pain in my daughter eye and Lalelani not talking to me to the whole media coverage of the whole ordeal and of cause the funeral which happened so fast and took a toll on everyone. I knew in the eyes of the world I was the worse parent ever and I kind of made peace with it. It was the day of the funeral and it was a sad day, the Ngidi family offered for us to have the funeral at their home so here we were. Everything was going smoothly and the family was supportive throughout and my family was here too and yes they were shocked about the truth too.

TJ: you okay?

He stood next to me as I stood by the tree while the whole family was moving about.

Me: how is she?

TJ: better I gave her something to help with the headache.

Me: they hate me

TJ: they hate your actions not you.

Me: it's the same

He kept quiet and looked at me.

Me: what is it?

TJ: I don't mind you coming to stay with us for a while. Help mend things with you and them

Me: thank you for everything and the coffins

TJ: it's the least I could do

Me: I don't...

Tj: I wasn't suggesting it though. I know right now you feel like the world is against you. Well am not going to say they not but am on your corner. Yes lalela and lalelani feelings are valid but I get your reasons too. I don't agree with you but am here for you and me being here for you is not because I agree with you but I support you. Family is meant to be supported but if you hurt her one more time, ill kill you with my bare hands myself. So apart from what I know about you if there is more. I think its best you tell me now so we can better manage things!!! He looked at me and I looked right at him.

Me: the truth?

TJ: yes please....

Inserts 28:

TJ

We walked out of the yard.

Sithembile: when the government asked me to work covert assignments I was happy until I learnt that the assignment was my boyfriend Mbusa and his department. At first I told myself that I will not let the job get to us. But as years went by things just couldn't be separated so when the twins were born we were having cracks in the marriage but didn't want to let go of each other. We tried for some time but we decided to part ways and I take the boy with me. Over the years yes we meet a couple of times. I've been to ever graduation that she has had. I've been close by but not that close. When the twins were born I drifted and that when he married lihle. If I didn't drift away maybe, just maybe he would have stayed single and... anyways I know I should have done a better job at things since am the world's biggest spies but I didn't. I trusted Mbusa to take care of them the same way I was with the other kids. I know my actions will never be explained but it is what it is.

Me: she will get through it

Sithembile: I haven't retired.

Me: meaning?

Sithembile: am working with the federal crimes and we have been investigating Opheke Siyawa aka Chillies. I looked at her in disbelief.

Me: you got to be kidding me

Sthembile: I didn't know about Lihle until recently

Me: that bullshit

Sthembile: I swear I didn't. My job is to keep tabs of the local thugs here and when Mbusa came to me.

Me: he came to you?

That shut her up. I swear this woman is something else.

Me: let me get this straight, the woman that has tortured your children life, married the man you claim to love and you investigating her boss and yet you know nothing about her?

She looked away and I closed my eyes and touched her to see if she is lying and to my surprise she only knew about her when Mbusa came to her for help.

Me: how you managed to have those hits is beyond me when a criminal could be right under your nose and you missed it.

Don't you investigate people that come into your life? Your child life? I can tell you everything about everyone that around my wife right now. I don't do it to spy on her but to protect her from things she can't see, and right now I think I need to

protect her and your son from you because you are seriously playing with fire.

Sthembile looked at me and looked defeated.

Sthembile: ill make them all pay for what they did to her and lukhona

am not sure how but I will.

Somehow hearing her say those words and seeing the tears in her eyes, I knew that they were going to suffer and she meant every word.

Me: what next?

Sthembile: am going under cover with the syndicate and I need your help!!!..

Lalela

The past few days were though. We had good days and bad but mostly I was busy with preparing for the traditional ceremony. Mom has been staying with us but left earlier today to sort out her affairs. Lalelani was still in hospital but I visited daily after my running around to update him with what next. The house was all ours since mom left and we got in bed and I tried to sleep but couldn't and I guess he couldn't too because it was raining that silent soaking rain and I felt his hands roam around

my body and I knew he was horny by his shaft at my back. Yes we been sleeping without him trying anything and I guess it was him just giving me space to grieve the deaths. I kept quiet as he awoke my body touching me in all the right places than he lifted up my night dress and slowly parted my legs and entered me from behind gripping me as he groaned. I felt him stiffened inside me and feel him feel me up and I knew that I was about to be ravished. We never spoke as he took me for the most satisfying ride ever. The room was filled with our moans and groans as I took all of him and so did he. The sun was now rising and not once have we slept as all he did was to wake me up with his shaft in me. I was pinned to the wall and his head was in between my legs with my one leg up on his shoulder as he was muffining me like crazy.

Me: am going to come. I whispered with a hoarse voice and he stuck his tongue in me and I vibrated coming all over his face and that never stopped him as he ate me up taking me to the edge again than just as I was about to explode again he moved and roughly inserted himself in me as I came with him banging hard in me releasing himself in me as I was pinned to the wall taking in all the pleasure. When we were both spent and filled he picked me up walked with me to the bathroom and placed me in the cold bathtub the tub cooling me off as he opened the tap adjusted it and pour some weird stuff and got in with me as it filled up and adjusted me so I lay on his chest with my

back. We were silent letting the water fill up and the salt baths do they magic.

TJ: you picking your dress today?

He was playing with my hair and I was drawing circles on his knee.

Me: yeah.

TJ: hmmm I heard your mom say she taking you there.

Me: she picking me up at 9am. And she paying for it.

TJ: hmmm

I turned and looked at him to see him with his eyes closed relaxed, I shifted kissing his lips lightly and he opened his eyes. They looked Topaz. Iv noticed that my husband is different but been to lazy to ask. Figured that when he wants me to know, he will let me know.

Me: your eye!!

He closed them for a second than opened them and they were normal. I looked at him for some time.

TJ: you staring.

Me: are you going to share? He kept quiet for some time and I touched my hair, it was still lavender and I still had those markings that glow when his in me.

TJ: one day my love. He lifted me up slightly and slowly lowered me on his shaft and like clockwise the markings glowed and he moved my hair to cover my boobs and he grinned with his eyes going dark grey like a storm and I knew it's about to get rough when he gripped me hard and just like that I squirted with each thrust he inserted in me with water splashing everywhere.

Sanibonani!!!!

Insert 29:

Lalela

I wore my black jeans and black top and comb my hair out than did a bun. I took a small bag and walked to the lounge to find TJ sitting there with a woman. She is beautiful and I stood there for a second confused.

Me: uhm

TJ: you're assistant. I looked at him because I do not remember asking him for an assistant.

Me: With?

TJ: the wedding, she is a wedding planner.

I looked at the lady and she smiled and I looked at TJ and asked to be excused to the kitchen where he followed.

Me: mom helping me out with the wedding and my cousins.

TJ: I know

Me: so what is she going to do?

TJ: I feel like you angry

Me: am not but I don't need an assistant. The lady got up and I swear I've never seen such a perfect body. Ass, curves and a

waist to die for. I have no idea what got into me but I was getting teary. TJ looked at me confused.

TJ: did I do something wrong?

I shook my head no and he touched me and then looked at me grinning.

TJ: I like your ass and boobs and waist the way it is! I looked at him shocked because I didn't voice my insecurities out loud.

Me: but...

He gripped me closer and I felt his nudge touch my belly as I looked up at him.

TJ: if I could baby ill have you every day, every minute and every hour. So don't be threaten by anyone else because you are my life okay? I nodded feeling silly, now let me excuse you while you and the planner talk things through before you meet your mom.

Sthembile

It's been hectic sorting things out with my house in Durban and now flying to Johannesburg to help Lalela with things. At least TJ offered me his chopper as a mode of transport but still. I drove to where they stay and knocked as she answered glowing head to toe.

Lalela: mama

Me: hey. I hugged her and she allowed me in as I walked to the unusual lounge. It's really needs getting used to. When I found a cute lady packing up some stuff.

Lalela: lizzy my wedding planner.

I nodded and she smiled finishing up and saying bye while I stood there with her looking at her ass. The young woman is gifted.

Me: wow

Lalela: I know

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TJ got her.

Me: seriousy?

Lalela: yep.

Me: are you ready? She nodded and got her bag and we left. We really not that close but she is civil towards me and that more than enough. I drove us for fittings.

Chillies

Today I was visiting lihle in prison before I go to SA. I organized for her the rooms so we can meet in peace. I got all her favorite food and waited. She walked in with the guards and she smiled looking at me.

Me: you look better

Lihle: now that you are here, yes.

She sat by the table.

Lihle Mathonsi

I've never seen so much food in my life so I took it and ate like there was no tomorrow as Chillies looked at me not saying anything and that got me so nervous. He usually speaks his mind.

Me: you are so quiet

Chillies: undress.

I choked on the food and coughed looking at him than it clicked as I turn and saw a bed behind me. This is no social visit.

Me: but

Chillies: I know I said you paid your debt long ago, but come on, I miss you.

All the memories came flooding and I felt tears roll down my face.

Me: please

Chillies: I don't want to force myself on you Thembilihle!!

Is this seriously going to be my life now? I removed the over rolls and stood there naked and I saw him grin.

Chillies: you still got it. He removed his pants only and his shaft was there big long and thick as he moved to where I stood. I was frozen in fear as he slowly placed my hands on the table. Moved my leg a little apart and I felt tears choke my throat and before I knew it he shoved himself in me and I screamed in pain and he groaned in satisfaction.

Chillies: am home!! He grovel as he raped me until he was exhausted. I closed my eyes thinking of ways of how I will escape this? Ratting him out is not a choice, killing him is not a choice too. Should I play along? Should I play along to fool him long enough to take me out of here? That seemed like a better idea so I moved my ass and moaned and that got him happy. I moved out of him than pushed him on the bed as he grinned like a dummy and I inserted him in me.

Me: I want to feel you all the way.

That got him happy as he shoved himself all the way in as I rode him. Moaning and I felt him vibrate as I milked him dry. When done and spent, I laid on him.

Chillies: welcome home my love.

Me: anything for you daddzy

That got him happy as he slapped my ass and I giggled like a small girl.

Me: are you working something out?

He moved pinning me on the bed and the fear ripped my heart as I thought my plans are going sour.

Chillies: ill have you out in a week baby. Now give me some sugar. I moved my leg as he hovered on me as he slowly entered me. Taking his fill all over again. "Dear God please oversee my plan!!"

Insert 30:

Lalela

I stood in front of the mirror with Thandie and kholiwe next to me and of course my mom, mother in law and both my grandmother in laws standing behind me as tears flooded me. They have just dressed me in their African attire since the gifting was done and everything was sorted now we about to eat and am about to leave this room as a full blown Thiwa. My left hand was covered in 3 traditional bangles and my heart was beating fast. I haven't seen my husband, oh my gosh did I just say my husband? Oh well I haven't seen him for two days and lord it was torture. So now the gifting is done and he is welcomed in the yard.

Mama: oh you look beautiful my angel.

Mom and I have hatched things up in the past days and I must say it's nice having her around.

Hana: I just got a daughter again. She wiped her tears and I smiled. All these woman have been kind and amazingly well.

Grandma Aliyah: oh I can't believe my first grandson is getting married and am alive to see it.

Me: thank you so much for everything. I wiped a tear.

TJ

I was so nervous I haven't seen her in two days and now here we are. The minute the ladies started singing and the dancing happen I knew she was about to leave that hut. And boom there she was the most beautiful human I've ever seen in my life.

Uncle Hiba: yeah son, she is remarkable

I grinned. She had on my African tribe attire and has her hair done in beautiful locks, I know it was my mom idea and she indulged her. Then she had beads all kinds in her hair and a head wrap

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her tall slim body dancing to the beat of the drums. She danced closer to me with my family behind her and literally the whole community singing and dancing.

Lalelani: welcome to the family Thiwa.

Talk about a gem of a brother. We were so close its unbelievable, I feel like he is my twin too that how close we have been.

Me: thanks.

We bro hugged just as lalela touched me and we were together after so long, I know there are people around but I wanted to feel her lips on mine and I slowly grabbed her closer kissing her and the crowd went crazy as her soft lips touched mines. And she blushed red.

Me: you look beautiful maThiwa

She grinned and blushed as the dancing continued.

Chillies

I was watching from the gate as the ceremony went on and I knew I couldn't attack today. I'll have to wait for them to settle into a routine before I take her away, plus there was media both international and locally to celebrate the union of two countries. I sat there watching as I called the guys responsible for Lihle escape tonight.

Lalela

We were in a forest somewhere around kwaZuluNatal that a chopper dropped us off at a few minutes ago. I walked to the beautiful open bedroom and took off all my clothes as he stood by the door looking at me. I know when his eyes are grey that he wants me. So I just took the see through red lace nightie and threw it on as he cleared his throat.

Me: you good?

He didn't say anything as he gripped me hard than smashed his lips on mine as he quickly removed his pants in a frenzy and took a deep breath as he inserted himself in me. I loved every moment of it as we did a fast quickie. When we came we were both panting and I guess it the two days' worth of waiting. He was still in me as he looked at me grinning like a kid.

Me: what?

TJ: I love you.

My heart choked in its own blood as I looked at him and all I saw was love. Is this how it feels to be loved, completely loved with all your faults and mistakes.

Me: I love you more.

That got him happy as he fucked me. Yes he fucked me so hard for the next 3 days. That all he did burying himself in me and making me explode into a million pieces. By now I was so raw that even to pee was a big ordeal but when he touched me and offered himself to me I never shut down, somehow am always ready for him to devour me....

Insert 31:

Lalela

The ride out of the country was exhausting but he allowed me to sleep as much as I wanted. Something in him was different but I kept quiet and watched him hold me and not want to let go of me. When we landed I had some nausea so I ran to the bathroom to vomit a bit and I felt so dizzy that I sat by the seat a bit. My husband was with me through out and said nothing. I got up and he followed me to the sink and a few ladies looked at us.

Me: babe, you in the ladies room

TJ: you sick, I wasn't about to let you go in there alone. I nodded took a sip of water and felt my stomach change. I ran to vomit again but nothing came out and his hand on my back was calming. After a while we finally came out and made it to the car. I just wanted the window down and I could see the worry on his face.

Me: can we pass the chicken feet house and get some spicy chicken feet.

TJ: since when do you like chicken feet?

Me: please and some dumplings and they soup.

He nodded and got me some and I silently ate on our drive to the palace.

TJ

Something is different about her, the way she is eating and the vomiting. I now can't read her thoughts and when I touch her

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I can't feel her heartbeat or anything. I kept quiet watched her eat all the way back home and when she was done she wiped her hands and snuggled sleeping on me. We finally got home and the lot was full of cars that usually happens when the elders and the councilors are here for a meeting. I didn't wake her up so I just picked her up and walked to the cabin and placed her on the bed and took a shower than changed took an apple and walked out of the house asked the guard to guard our place and walked in the palace bumped into a girl.

Her: sorry

Me: its cool

I walked away and saw my brother kwenzo and he tried to run and I stopped him.

Me: avoiding me?

Kwenzu grinned and I know he was. I turned and the girl was pacing there.

Me: who is she?

Khwezi walked to the corridor and tried to run but I made him freeze and pulled kwenzu to him and literally dragged them to the open room closed the door and looked at them

Me: now spit it out.

Khwezi: its not our place to tell. I walked out of the room freezing them in place and called the shy girl pacing outside the chancellors doors and she walked towards me shaking and I made them stand there.

Me: you two know I can make you guys talk? Now before I do I need you guys to talk on your own accord. Wassup??

They both looked at each other.

Kwenzu: well glad you two meet.

Me: why?

Khwezi looked at him and nodded.

Kwenzu: she is your second wife.

I looked at the shocked girl next to me and I looked at them as if their crazy. They better be kidding me.

Chillies

I've been tracking their passport so when it clicked that a few hours ago they landed here, I organized for my team to follow them. The minute they sent me pictures confirming that they have landed I smiled. Told them to follow them and keep tabs so that where they were right now.

Lalela

I woke up feeling hungry again so I walked to the fridge and I knew it will be stocked up so I got myself something to eat and took out the laptop that he usually allows me to use and saw that he was looking at pictures. I was smiling looking at the pictures when the door opened and my brother walked in looking handsome.

Me: you look African

He laughed

Lalelani: you look radiant

Me: seriously

Lalelani: yeah

He walked closer and hugged me tight and I could feel that he was down.

Me: are you okay?

Lalelani: am good

Me: tired?

Lalelani: yeah.

I made him the sandwich that I was eating and he looked at me as if am mad removing some of the things I added and I sat down eating them

Lalelani: crazy food

Me: just have this craving. I poured juice.

Me: so tell me

Lalelani: mom called today says she is taking some time out to find herself.

Me; really

Lalelani: yep. Doesn't really matter.

Me: hmmm.

Lalelani: how's married life

Me: it's only been a month but the honeymoon was nice.

Lalelani: no details please...

I laughed at him as the weather changed, thunder clapping like crazy and a hail storm in a matter of minutes and I knew it was TJ. Yes I know nothing about his powers but rapid weather changes are him. So I ran out without thinking to the main house with lalelani tagging behind me screaming for me to stop. My heart was pounding so fast, what going on? What made him so angry???.

Insert 32:

Hana

The windows were rattling with winds and yes he had his full form with wings out and was glowing in front of the whole room full of councilors, elders, chiefs and they execs. Everyone was stuned and the elders know of his powers but they have never seen him like this. His father and I have seen him multiple times as he was a kid but the rest of the family haven't. They were all stuned and I saw my brother Hiba and dad do a small prayer.

Kwandile: Kwando!! It's not often that he calls him that and usually when he does it means he is warning him.

TJ: WHO PAID FOR HER???

He pointed to the terrified girl that was shaking and Khwezi and Kwenzo were seeing their brother like this for the first time ever and you could see the shock and excitement on their faces.

Kwenzo: holy moses!!!

The doors flung open and there stood Lalela bare feet in a black long hugging dress and her hair glowing. She looked confused and looked right at her husband. That didn't stop the wind and the rain and the storm banging in the doors and she walked

slowly towards her glowing husband. Touched his face, and the rain and havoc that was happening a few minutes ago stopped. The fear in all the men that were in that room was replaced by gratitude towards her. A simple touch from her calmed him.

Lalela: you too angry

TJ: sorry

Lalela: want to talk about it?

We were all stuck on our seats as if we watching a scene from a theatre play.

TJ: you going to be angry

Lalela: but I won't cause destruction when angry, trees am are falling apart out there.

TJ: sorry

Lalela: didn't you say we stop apologizing and talk things through?

TJ: my elders paid for another woman on my behalf without my knowledge or my family.

I saw the pain in her eyes and tears rolling down her face and immediately the heavy soaking rain and thunder roared on us and I saw TJ look at her confused.

TJ: you controlling the weather??? The shock in all of us was stunning and I got up from my chair and walked closer to her as if something else is drawing me in.

I stood next to her and touched her stomach and I felt tears roll down my face and my heart beating so fast. I looked at her than at him.

Me: its not her, its him.

The whole room was silent

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a pen could be dropped on the floor and could be heard.

Me: she is carrying they first child, the future king of this land. And if you guys don't welcome her as our own of us, his going to destroy this kingdom with everyone in it. There was a big thunder clap and a rumble of clouds to emphasis my point followed by silence.

TJ: who ever paid for her better take her away from my kingdom and as of today, all of you are relieved of your duties as councilors, chiefs and execs. I want you all to leave here knowing you have failed your people. And tomorrow morning I want the eldest son or daughter of each and every one of you to be here. You are all excused!!!!

Just like that the rain stopped and the sky's opened up to a sunny weather and I laughed as a little voice spoke in my head "Take care of her grandma" than there was silence as I grinned. In all my life iv seen remarkable things but I've never seen such a remarkable gesture. She touched her belly, flat as ever and smiled with tears.

Lalela: am pregnant?

I nodded as everyone left and Tj picked her up walking with her to the family lounge.

TJ

My heart was beating so fast and I looked at my wife and I couldn't believe that I was going to be a father.

Me: you pregnant

She grinned and I looked at her.

Me: am going to be a father.

She nodded and I held her so tight and cried. I really don't know why I was crying but I just couldn't hold in my excitement so I cried on her belly and she held me so tight as I felt a light kick on my forehead and I laughed. I could feel my family behind us and I got up wiped my tears. They all congratulated me and mom was next to her not moving at all as if being her guard.

Lalela: its kicking, isn't it too soon to be feeling kicks.

Mom: they grow fast when they in there so its normal dear. The twins I carried them for 4 months only.

Lalelani: bro did you just have wings a few minutes ago? He and the twins erupted into a full blown conversation about it and I looked at lalela.

Me: rina awawa mina diwawa tiwaya mo

She grinned at me.

Lalela: what it means?

Me: my mom and dad used to say this a lot when I was growing up and it never made sense to me until I understood the words and today it just made sense.

Lalela: what they mean?

Me: I am you and you are me forever.

That got her grinning and I touched her flat belly as I light kick got me grinning.

Insert 33:

Lihle

The minute the whole ordeal was happening I knew that chillies had no idea that am playing him. He was now hiding me in one of his stash houses and I was living life. The minute it was safe for me to leave and I have collected enough money from him to disappear, will disappear but for now ill fuck my way out for freedom even if it's the last thing I do.

Lalela

The past two weeks have changed drastically. TJ has a new team of counselors that have both men and woman making us the first country in the whole continent to have a kingdom dominating in both men and woman. The media was having a frenzy in all this and of cause my growing belly. Today was my first day as a crown Princess and the first task was to get an assistant. I walked with Kholiwe to the royal offices.

Me: you know I've noticed something strange.

Kholiwe: with?

Me: my brother.

My brother enrolled at the nearby university and he had his own place but somehow he was coming over too often and

offered to drive kholiwe and the twins a lot. Kholiwe blushed and I looked at her stopping.

Me: are you guys dating?

She looked at me shocked.

Kholiwe: please don't tell TJ

Me: his your brother by law!

Kholiwe: that didn't stop uncle Hiba.

Me: are you for real?

Kholiwe: his everything...

Me: hold it right there, am not listening to any of this!!!

We were both quiet and I looked at her.

Me: am not against love and trust me am the last person to even try to fight you in this but I don't think the family will allow it. You are a royalty, my brother is a normal person like me!!!

Kholiwe: and yet here you are ready to be queen. I love lalelani, I love him with all my heart and we going to stand by each other.

Me: well you have my blessings. She grinned hugging me and we walked in to see the most nervous bunch of ladies ever all

waiting to be interviewed apart one confident looking girl in a glassy suit.

“ I’ll make this simple

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how many of you are here because your parents forced you too?’ about 5 hands got up.

Me: move to my left please. They all did.

“how many of you are here and have the qualifications of being an assistant and some experience?”

3 people stood up and I smiled and looked at the last two ladies still sitting. One was tall and skinny lacks food and was wearing torn chipped heels and the other one was strikingly beautiful and looked well dressed and got her shit together. I pointed to the lady that looked well dressed.

“why you here?”

Her: tired being home so needed a change.

Me: what you good at?

She looked at me for a second.

Me: your hobbies or something you passionate about.

Her: frankly your highness I love to style and do make up.

Me: I need a stylist and make up person so will you be open to that? She looked at me as if am crazy and nodded.

Me: you start tomorrow, I have a gala I need to attend. Go home figure out a type of style I should wear and don't forget my baby bump okay. She nodded happy. Kholiwe who knew my plan all along gave her a file with everything. She knew that today I wasn't planning to hire just one person but a whole force of people.

Her: thank you so much she wiped a tear and I smiled.

I turned to the 3 that have qualifications.

"any of you been an assistant?" they all shocked they head no.

Me: okay tell me one by one what you good at. After an hour I had 9 people employed from a stylist to my public relations to my media consultant to my book keeping but not an assistant. The tall skinny girl was looking at her hands. She had no profile to give me nor have any qualities that is for cooperate.

Me: what's your name?

Her: satima

Me: tell me about yourself?

Satima: I really have nothing to offer but am a hard worker and a good learner.

Me: an assistant will stay in the palace.

Satima: that won't be a problem

Me: she will assist me in lord know what not but most importantly all the people I just hired today will report to her.

She looked at me.

Satima: I can be your maid your highness or a cook.

Me: that will be hard because I believe you just what I need, you allowed me to interview 9 people before you even though you the first person to come here. You sat there in silence and let them speak. You did all the means you could to get here and be here today, didn't care how you looked while everyone was wearing posh clothes but you held your head high. Yes you had moments were you doubted yourself but you stayed.

She looked at me with tears in her eyes.

Satima: I have a grade 10 never finished school.

Me: and now you my assistant, my day will be a mess if you not here besides me helping me lead. Just than TJ walked in holding a smoothie in his hands looking dashing in his suit.

TJ: sorry to interrupt you but you taking too long.

He handed me the bottle. I took it smiling.

Me: meet Satima, my assistant. He looked at her. One thing about my husband is that he never looks down on anyone. He took her hand shaking it.

TJ: Nice to meet you.

The young woman had tears in her eyes as she nodded.

TJ: why don't you show her the new living apartment and let her freshen up than I can take you all out for a celebration lunch on your new job.

She literally cried her eyes out and I smiled at my husband he brought me closer to him and whispered.

“ why does she look familiar?”

I smiled because she is. She the homeless woman that always stands by the last robot when we leave the city coming to the village I mumbled a thank you to my husband....

Insert 34:

Lalela

I stood in front of the mirror with my new stylist standing behind me gushing on the lavender silk dress that flowing on me. It was beyond beautiful. She had my locks in a high clear cut bun making the ends a fringe on my face. The dress was a fitting dress cupping my tiny belly and a slit from my thigh giving it that sexy look. I had silver straps sandals on and lord I looked hot.

Me: I love it. I love everything Nokwitha. She smiled satisfied. I turned to see Satima dressed in a black silk dress that I got her and her afro was washed looking amazing,

Me: you look beautiful satima.

She grinned.

Me: are you guys ready for tonight? They nodded nervous and the baby kicked so I took a sip of the smoothie that his father been giving me. We left my quarters walked to the patio where TJ was standing looking sexy as hell.

Me: you look handsome

He grinned kissing me full blown in front of people. The gala was just outside the palace gates it was a big outdoor set up next to the historical park. We took the short ride there.

Chillies

I had everyone in place and I was super nervous and excited about the possible kidnap today. Things are about to get exciting for me.

TJ

The minute that Nonkosi and Syapheke came through and I senses them I knew there was danger.

Sithembile

Iv been following the cartel of chillies and just now the rumors were that his doing the biggest hit at the Gala today and no one knew what exactly it was. So here I was with the city finest detectives Tyrise and Moniko. We had squad cars and cops that they trust with us. I was trying to call TJ but the number wasn't going through to anyone at the palace.

Lalela

I loved everything about the gala, the food was amazing and so was the music and the people. Satima was having the time of her life and I could see it in her eyes and enjoyed the food too.

Me: coffee will slap right now.

Satima: I don't want the future king to kill me. He said smoothies only and he made sure that it's on the menu. So smoothie it is. She left me at our corner table and I sat there alone in plain view of everyone with my husband just a few feet away and the next thing I know a cloth was on my face and it was lights out for me.

Lalelani

Talk about the worse 7 hours of our lives being hell and fear and heavy rains, thunder and trees falling down and tornados. It was a huge mess, my sister was missing and my brother in law was a mean man. He roared like thunder and I've never seen a lion and a panther in my life but the past few hours I've seen animals that I've never seen before roaming the streets looking for my sister.

Satima: first day of my job and I lose the future queen.

Me: you didn't lose her.

Satima: I shouldn't have left her

Me: you over thinking this.

Satima: the king hates me

Me: no he hates the situation not you.

Mom walked in looking a mess.

Mom: I should have known she was the target...

Lalela

I have been in this room for some time and I told myself that am not going to panic

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am not going to eat anything and am not going to lose my mind. I closed my eyes and calmed my breathing touching my stomach.

"You okay?" a smooth calm voice rang in my ears and I kept quiet looking around to see nothing and closed them again

" It's me mama"

My heart was pounding.

Me: am going crazy

“Hearing my thoughts is not you going crazy”

Me: you are baby!!

“With an old soul and plus am half human remember?”

I laughed finding comfort in his voice.

Me: I love your voice.

“Kind of sexy isn’t it”

I laughed again

Me: you too young to even know anything about being sexy.

“Old soul mama, I have an old soul”

Me: your dad going crazy over us.

“ Yeah we having our first tornado”

Me: that bad?

“ His in his full form”

Me: its very hectic

“ yeah”

There were foot steps and the door opened and I turned to find my step mother holding a tray.

“ don’t eat it mom there is poison just drink the water only, we getting out of here, I promise you”

I nodded holding my belly.

Lihle

The minute Chillies told me he had kidnapped her, I had to see her for myself so I know she is pregnant and he told me his plan for her hence the poison in her food to take out the baby.

Me: I got you something to eat.

She took the bottle water open it and took a sip.

Me: you look good. She looked at me and I knew she wasn't buying the am kind behavior.

Me: you know things didn't have to end the way that they did!!

Lalela: so you thought kidnapping me is better?....

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Lalela

I could feel my body change and I knew it wasn't me.

"Stay calm mama I got this." I took deep breathes.

Lihle: You know I never hated you

Me: Am not going to have this conversation with you

Lihle: Am sorry

I looked at her, is she really apologizing or she just making this stuff up for me to have her food.

Me: you broke me!!!

Lihle: you hated me

Me: because you were an evil vile woman, I had every right to hate you.

Lihle: I tried to be a mother to you....

Me: wait a minute when did you even consider being a mother to me, the minute you got to my house you bossed us around and treated us like slaves.

Lihle: we could have been happy..... All the memories of what I went through with her came to mind and I felt anger in me and

I raised my hands out of nowhere and she flanged to the wall. I knew that wasn't me but the child am carrying.

“You abused my mom”

The voice rang out loud as if that of an old enough person and I froze because I know lihle heard it. She looked at me as if I grew two heads.

Lihle: what did you just do?

I raised my hand and I saw she was pinned to the wall and I looked at her.

Lihle

Her eyes were like a stormy angry sea and I saw them look at me with such distaste that I literally pee my pants. I stood there pinned to a wall and I felt my body shake and all the air in me leave my body.

“ Shall I kill her mother?”

The cold distance male voice rang from the wall and I saw her shake her head no and her fingers loosen on my throat and I watched as she gave me an evil smile and I knew I was doomed...

TJ

The air changed and the weather changed to a soft drowning rain and all the animals that I was searching with stopped and turned to look at me. And I knew that things have changed as mom and dad looked at me.

Me: it's not me

The sun got so bright that it was too much

Mom: it's your son. Then there was a line of trees blowing differently

Dad: follow the trees.

That exactly what we did call me superstitious but followed the trees to an abandoned house.

Chillies

The alarms around my house was going crazy and I ran to the screen and I've never seen so many animals in my life. And out of nowhere the king himself appeared in wings with his mom dressed like a hobo girl. I walked out of my study and the sight I saw was lihle sitting in one corner drenched in blood with Lalela standing in the middle with wings. Yes she had wings coming out of her looking so magnificent "shall I leave him to daddy or we got this?" the voice vibrated through the walls and I saw lalala look at me with so much hatred.

Lalela: I hope he makes him pay for everyone that he has tortured.

I looked at her confused as she walked out leaving me with a shaking lihle who looks like she has just saw a ghost.

Me: what happened?

Lihle: she is possessed.

6 months later

TJ

I was beyond nervous as I watched the doctors help her into an emergency c section. She woke up to pain and as the day progressed it got worse and when we got here finally she was in labor but the child was too tired so here we are getting an emergency c section.

Nonkosi: she is okay

Me: the child?

Nonkosi: he is fine

Me: you promise?

She laughed.

“come on dad am good just tired”

Lihle

It's been 6 months since I was returned back to jail and been in psych hold and every time I close my eyes I see how lalela ripping those guys throat apart with her bare hands and how she made me watch. I saw how she snatched they balls and feed it to them by a simple touch and I felt each and every one pain as if all that was happening to me. I watched in horror as chillies had every animal climb on him rapping him until he couldn't take it anymore and I watched in horror as her husband tortured him until he took his last breath than he turned to me and looked at me with so much evil in his eyes.

"Now you live with it"

And lord am living with it. Whenever I try to kill myself I see lalela face and a scary voice

"No one messes with my mother and escapes easily!!" than I'll get help immediately. I've tried everything even threw myself off a building and now here I am in a wheelchair without the use of my legs but very much alive!!

Lalela

I woke up feeling lighter but goofy

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I know I passed out. I touched my tummy as it felt light than looked at the couch to find TJ sleeping on it without a top on and on his chest was a tinny soul with a pampers on curled up

at him. Satima was a distance away the minute she saw me she walked closer to me.

Me: is the baby okay?

Satima: he cries when they move him out of his father's hands.

I grinned.

Satima: congratulations

Me: thank you, did he name him?

Just than he woke up looking at me smiling. He got up with our little guy in his hand and slowly gave him to me.

TJ: meet Koa

Me: Koa?

TJ: its means brave, fearless and strong warrior. That who he is.

I grinned thinking of how he saved my life.

Me: my little koa

“mom am not little, remember am an old soul”

I heard his cool calm voice in my ears and laughed and so did TJ.

I guess he heard it too.

NB: thank you guys for bearing with me till the end, join me on the second book about the Thiwa lain in the next book called Unwanted!! Kuazoba mnandi

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

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