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[LAURIAN]

2 MONTHS LATER

Operator: 112 Emergency call...

Me: Please help my father shot me and my sister, i am bleeding  
alot and my sister is not moving (Crying)..

Operator: mam' please calm down and where are you?

Me: He shot us at the back of his car, please help us (Crying)..

Operator: What's happening now? Is your Father still there..

Can you identify were you are?

Me: i am dying thats what's up!!!

Operator: Mam where are you?

Me: "silence"

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Operator: Mam' can you hear me?

Me: "silence"

Operator: mam' are you still there?

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I then felt someone gently Shaking me..

Austin: Baby wake up..

I slowly opened my eyes and my Austin was sitting up straight next to me.. My heart was beating fast, i was sweating like someone poured water on me

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i was finding it hard to breath too, i just don't know what was happening but what i know is that the fear i was feeling at that present moment, couldn't be compared to anything....

He pulled me closer and hugged me..

Me: i had the dream again!!

I was now crying uncontrollably as he was trying to calm me down..

Him: Shhhhh you safe now.. It was just a dream...

It has been 2 months since that incident with my father happened. Unfortunately my sister passed on, and i lost my baby too. My father and mother are number one on the list of FBI's most wanted, after what they did they fled the scene immediately before even paramedics got to us. I wake up everyday and wonder why im still alive, why didn't i also die from that shooting i lost two people that meant the world to me now im left to face the world all on my own. Yes i do have Austin, but what if he wakes up tomorrow morning and decides that he doesn't want me anymore? I mean we talking about Austin here someone who cannot let a skirt pass him by..

I slowly got out of bed.

Him: Where are you going?

Me: i just need a glass of water

Him: ill get it for you

Me: Austin ill be fine

Austin is keeping his eye on me because ever since i got back from the hospital, i have attempted suicide several times..

I put on my gown and made my way to the kitchen, but before going there i went to Leah's room..

I started going through her clothes, i could still smell her perfume.

Me: Why God? Why me?

I am trying soo hard to live without her but Its very difficult when she died that day a piece of me died with her..

I sank down on the floor while holding one of her tshirts close to my chest and i let it all out...

I try to stay strong, i try to live with what happened but i cannot although physically i look fine, but emotionally im dead..

[FUNI]

I was sitting at the kitchen counter trying to get some work done but i can't concentrate with my twins around. They were more peaceful when they were still babies, they spent most of their time eating and sleeping but now since they turned one and their little feet know how to touch the ground they troublesome. If they not Knocking things down and falling, they

hitting each other or breaking things..

Sean is the one that i cannot handle, he is always hitting his brother running around and making noise he is a nightmare and the dominant twin. Sade on the other side is sensitive and fragile, always crying always wanna be treated like a new born i don't mind all of that but Cowen doesn't like it when i baby him alot..

I was checking out a few sketches that Dima sent me. The ever sweet Dima gave birth to a beautiful baby girl they named her Thando. She is 6 months old and she is such a jolly baby..

As i was trying to get my head around on which designs we should go with for spring i felt small hands touching my thighs i ignored. I couldn't ignore anymore when i felt small teeth biting me, i looked down and it was Sean..

He looked at me too as i looked at him waiting for my reaction.. Mama k said i should gently bite him on his forehead that will make him stop biting others..

I leaned over and bit him on his forehead, instead of crying he laughed to him it was a big fat joke..

He bit me again thinking that we playing, i moved him over..

Me: Sean go play somewhere else Mommy is busy

He stumbled his way around to the lounge..

The designs looked beautiful all of them, Funi fusion is always a blend of 2 colours but Its spring so we playing around with more bright colours..

The boutique is doing so well now Dima suggested that we grow it more and more but i just like it how it is now...

Sade disturbed me when he started crying, that only means one thing he has had an encounter with Sean's teeth..

I exhaled and made my way to him, he had a scratch on his cheek and was bleeding a little...

Sean was standing next to him busy pushing him, i picked Sade up and looked at Sean..

Me: This is your brother! I don't know why you always treat him like he is a stranger that we picked up from the street...

He came close and started pulling Sade's foot. Twins are supposed to be very close but Sade hates his brother with passion..

The elevator opened and Cowen walked in, Thank God he is here ive been struggling with this rascals since the Nanny went home at 17:00..

He looked at me..

Him: put him down

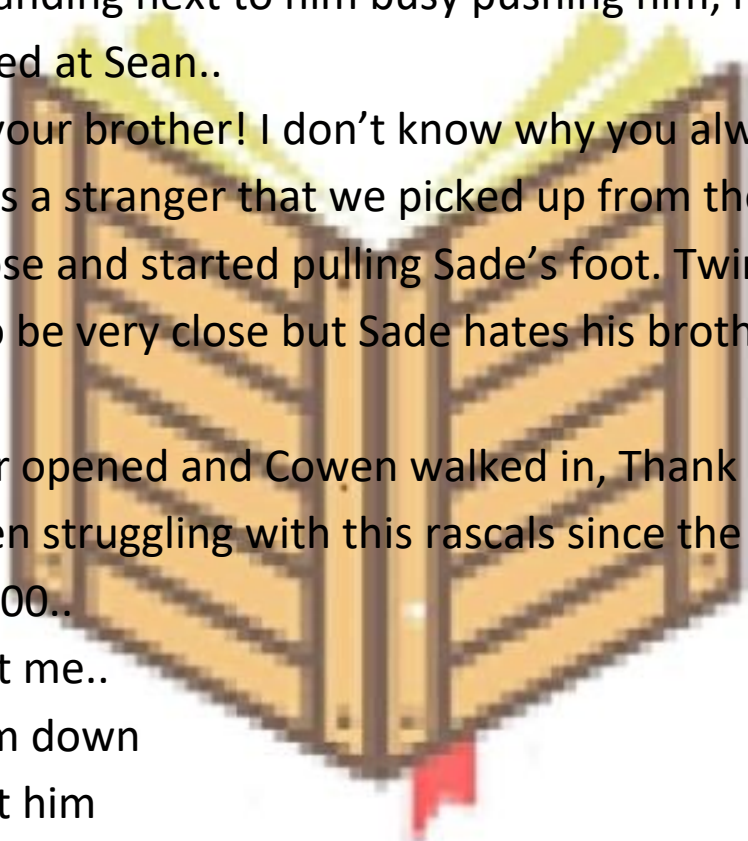
Me: Sean hit him

Him: put him down

I put him down but Sade held on to my leg wanting me to pick him up..

A part of me wanted to just pick him up and we go to bed, but with Cowen trying to enforce new parenting skills Its a bit hard..

He went to Sean and Crouched in front of him so they can be at



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the same level. He held his hands and looked at him...

Cowen knows how to discipline the twins, they listen and respect him but when it comes to me they do as they please..

Cowen: Sean look at me

His voice was firm and he had a serious facial expression..

Sean was reluctant at first but then looked at him..

Cowen: We do not hit or bite others do you understand?

He nodded...

Cowen: You gonna get a 5min time out at the naughty corner

He held his hand and walked him to the naughty corner..

Cowen: You going to sit here for 5min

When he left him there my little cub started crying.. It was really hard for me to just look at him sitting there and crying it was painful..

Cowen went and looked at the designs like nothing is happening, Sade was playing with Cowen's car keys..

Cowen: They look beautiful when did you guys come up with them?

My heart was at the naughty corner..

Cowen: Funi

I looked at him..

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Me: huh?

Him: Don't even look at him

Me: dima came up with the designs...

We continued talking about the designs until the 5min time out

was over. My heart jumped for Joy when Cowen went to him..

Cowen: i put you in the naughty corner because you hit your brother, we don't hit and we don't bite understand?

He nodded..

Cowen: give me a hug

He hugged him and kissed him

Cowen: i love you

I looked at them all smiling was a sweet moment.

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[FUNI]

The twins always wake up at 6am and make noise, but good for me because im also awake at that time preparing for work.

They mostly run around making noise and fighting until their Nanny comes in at 7am. Nanny Olifant has been with us ever since the twins were born. She's 65 years old and comes highly recommended she's been a Nanny for many Years now ever since she was in her 30s. The only problem about her is that she loses touch with reality every now and then because she was involved in a car accident together with her husband and two boys. Unfortunately her whole family didn't survive the crash, and with her, it left her with deep emotional scars and trauma...

Although her state of mind is not always stable, but she has never given me any reason to not trust her with the kids. She is



not violent or dangerous she just talks alot of things that don't make sense at all..

We were at the kitchen, i was busy putting the sketches and my laptop in the bag. Sean and Sade were being their usual self fighting Sean was doing more of the hitting..

I know this seems normal for siblings to fight but, the facial expression that Sean always gives Sade scares me too sometimes. Sean sometimes has this serious deadly expression more especially when he is pissed about something..

Me: Sean i am going to put you in the naughty corner if you keep on hitting your brother

he ignored me..

I know that me putting him in the naughty corner will be a complete waste of time because he never takes me serious..

He pushed Sade and Sade fell..

Me: Sean naughty corner now!

He gave me his pissed facial expression and shook his head no...

Its early in the morning and i don't even know what his pissed about.

I went and helped Sade to get up who was crying..

Me: Im sorry my little cub

I looked at Sean..

Me: go play alone, never play with Sade ever again!

He just looked at me and put his dummy in his mouth. They always have their dummies we put some strings on them and put the strings around their neck so they don't loose them..

The elevator opened and Nanny Olifant walked in. The twins love her so much because she's always acting crazy with them..

Sean started jumping up and down and clapping all happy to see Nanny Olifant, whilst Sade was still sad and holding on to my leg..

Nanny Olifant was dressed like those American plain Indians, she even had the warbonnet (hat with feathers)..

Yesterday she was convinced that she is one of the Mayans, and today she is Indian..

She came in making those weird noises they make when they are dancing around the fire..

Her: Delish good Morning

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Me: Its actually Fu.. You know what never mind

She's always getting my name wrong. She reached down from that plastic she had with her and came out with two small warbonnets for Sean and Sade...

Her: Today we must prepare ourselves for war!!!!!!.

Sean was still clapping his hands..

Sean: wooooooo!! (war)

I looked at Sade..

Me: You hear that baby?

He usually gets very excited too when Nanny Olifant walks in through that elevator, but today i don't know why he was like this..

Nanny Olifant put the hat over Sean's little head and then came to Sade, before putting the hat on him he looked at him.

Her: Its soon to happen

Me: What?

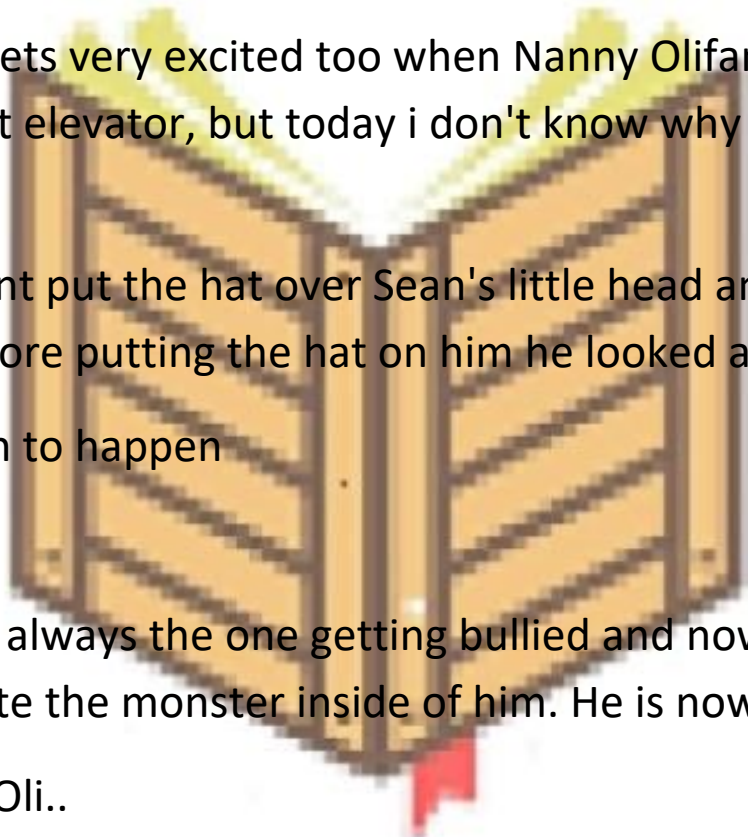
Her: he was always the one getting bullied and now, he let his silence create the monster inside of him. He is now vicious!

Me: Nanny Oli..

She got Sean closer. She then looked at both their palms...

Her: blood and blood more blood! Brothers who have been enemies since birth

She closed her eyes and started writing in the air with her index finger..



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She then opened her eyes..

Her: Enemies they will be in different gangs, they.. They..

Me: Nanny Olifant calm down

Her: We must prepare for the war ahead!

I sat her down..

Me: there is no war. Just because Cowen is in a gang that doesn't mean my cubs are going to grow up and be gang leaders too..

I poured her a glass of water and brought it to her...

Her: Shane he is in town

Nanny Olifant always talks about this Shane that I don't know, but now I'm starting to think that it's her son that passed on in the accident..

Me: Nanny Olifant I have to go I'm already late

She held my hand..

Her: We must prepare for the war ahead Delish

I looked at her hat. **NOVELSGURU.COM**

Me: is that why you're wearing a warbonnet?

She let go of my hand and smiled..

Her: Oh I'm Indian my great gran..

Me: Nanny Olifant you are English

Her: Im not Indian?

Me: No you not

Her: either way it doesn't matter

She took the other hat and put it on Sade's head. Sade was all smiling i think the feathers amused him..

She then took a pencil and paper, then sat down with them..

Her: We must draw up a plan my fellow Indians

Shane is coming to destroy us!

She raised her hands up..

Her: Gods of our Gods!

Sean and Sade also raised their hands up.. I took my things and walked to the elevator, goodness me the madness that happens in my house..

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[AUSTIN]

I was at the kitchen throwing away those Savannah bottles that were ontop of the counter. Last night when Laurian couldn't

sleep she did what she does every other day and that is to drink her life away..

I have tried being there for her, comforting her but nothing is working, nothing makes sense to her anymore, i don't make sense to her anymore too. I know im supposed to be very much understanding of the situation, but sometimes i just get aggravated because i have to babysit her everyday im even scared that if i leave her alone, she might finally kill herself..

What has changed in my life for the past 2 months is not that much other than the fact that im now enemies with my uncle TK. He found out about me going behind his back and making contact with his son, he also found out about my business of selling oxy and since Its doing well he wants a profit from it, for all the times he has helped me..

Another person that i needed to make sure that he doesn't come back to finish what he has started, was O'Njaay. I allowed him to kill Laurian once and this time around i won't allow him to kill her twice..

I know that i wasn't gonna do this alone, Its too heavy for me. I need help, i need the strongest in the game..

I was to meet up with Cowen this morning, plus he can help me grow my business he holds great potential for my business....

I was standing at the kitchen and drinking coffee waiting for Charmaine. She has been helping me by looking after Laurian while i go and run errands..

The door bell rang and i went to open..

Her: Morning

Me: Hey

She walked in..

Her: She's sleeping?

I nodded..

Her: has she been drinking again?

Me: Im afraid Yes

Her: We need to get her help Austin

Me: im trying to help her

Her: No she needs professional help

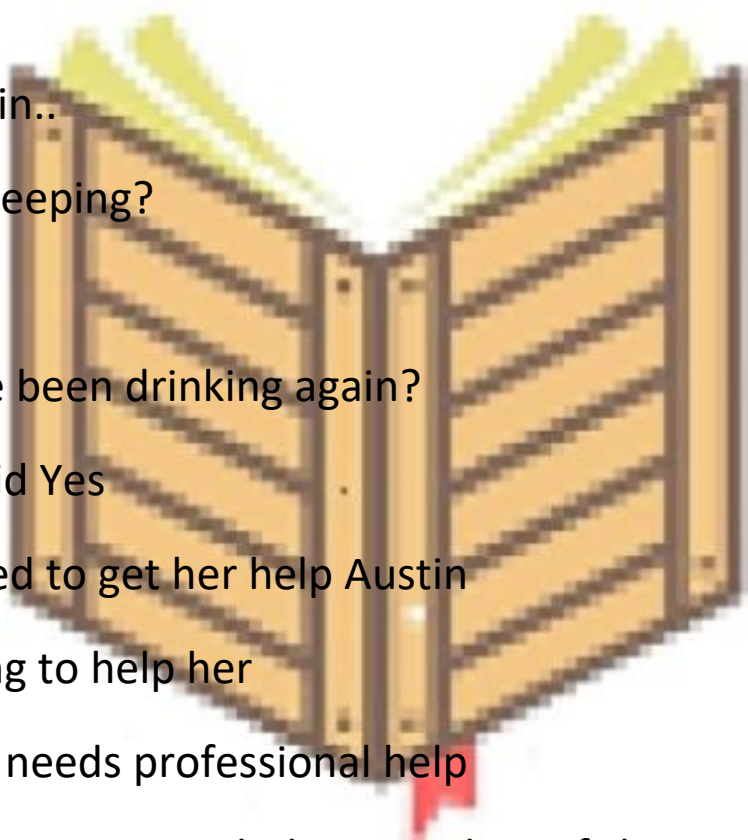
Me: ill talk to some psychologist and see if she can make a house call

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She nodded..

Me: Thank you for helping me

Her: anytime



I took my car keys and headed straight to Cowen's surgery were we are supposed to meet..

I arrived at the surgery and went in, he was already waiting for me. I thought it was gonna be me and him but Another nigga was there. I noticed from his outfit that he is a member of the Skulls..

Cowen: thought you were no longer coming, i have theater to prepare for

I went and sat down..

Me: Sorry im late

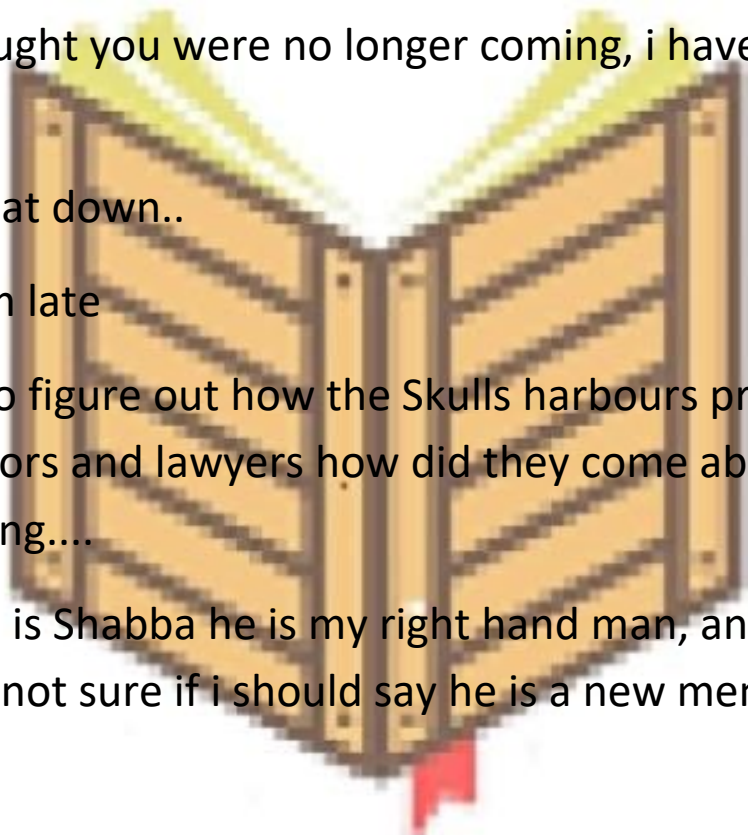
I still need to figure out how the Skulls harbours professionals? All this Doctors and lawyers how did they come about to start a Gangster gang....

Cowen: This is Shabba he is my right hand man, and Shabba this is Austin im not sure if i should say he is a new member of the gang

I looked at Shabba and he balanced his foot against the wall.

Cowen: do you know how much paint cost? You will pay with the money that you supposed to buy your daughter nappies with

Shabba took his foot down and started yawning..



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Cowen: What's wrong with you?

He rubbed his eyes..

Him: i didn't get much sleep last night

Cowen: isn't it a bit too soon to be hitting it up?

Shabba: No maan, my daughter is sick she kept us awake almost the whole night

Cowen: What's wrong with our little Thando?

Shabba: Dima says Its a whooping cough

Cowen: Eyy your wife likes thinking that she knows it all

Him: Im taking her to the peaditrician at 12:00 in the afternoon

Having to listen to this conversation after i had just lost my child was a bit difficult i even wanted to stand up and bounce..

Cowen took out a form and handed it to me

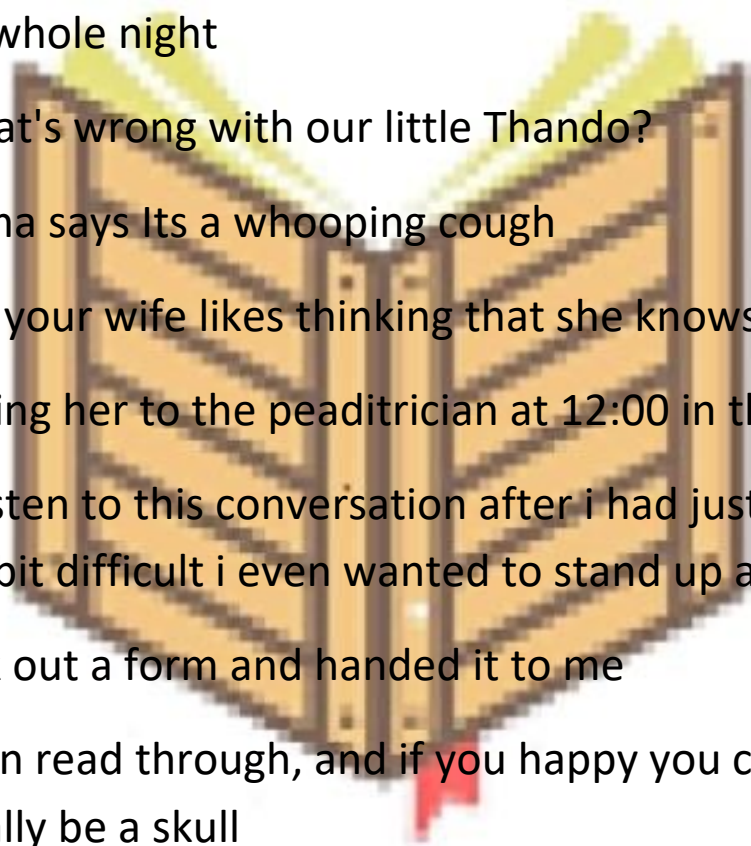
Him: You can read through, and if you happy you can sign then you'll officially be a skull

I took the pen and signed right away..

Shabba: This nigga didn't even read through

Me: Are we done?

They were shocked..



Cowen: for now Yes but there's still training to be done

Me: When?

Him: ill inform you

Me: i can go now?

He looked at his watch..

Him: Shabba can just take you threw and go show you our museum so you can learn more about the Skulls. I will set up a meeting with the rest of the gang and we will take it from there other than that welcome to the Skulls nigga

He gave me a handshake.. Shabba came to me too

Him: Welcome man

As i was about to give him a handshake he took my hand then flipped me over and before i knew it i was laying on the ground. It was a very quick reaction from him.

Him: Welcome to the Skulls



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[LAURIAN]

I was woken up by an unusual pain, especially when i go to the toilet to urinate it would be extremely painful and i would bleed too. At first i thought it was just periods but the bleeding would happen only when i go to urinate. I drank pain killers they would partially do away with the pain and after like 30min it would be the same story..

I made my way to the kitchen when i couldn't handle the pain anymore..

Me: Austin!! (yelling)

It was even hard to walk or sit down.

Me: Austin!! (yelling)

Surprisingly Charmaine showed up instead of Austin...

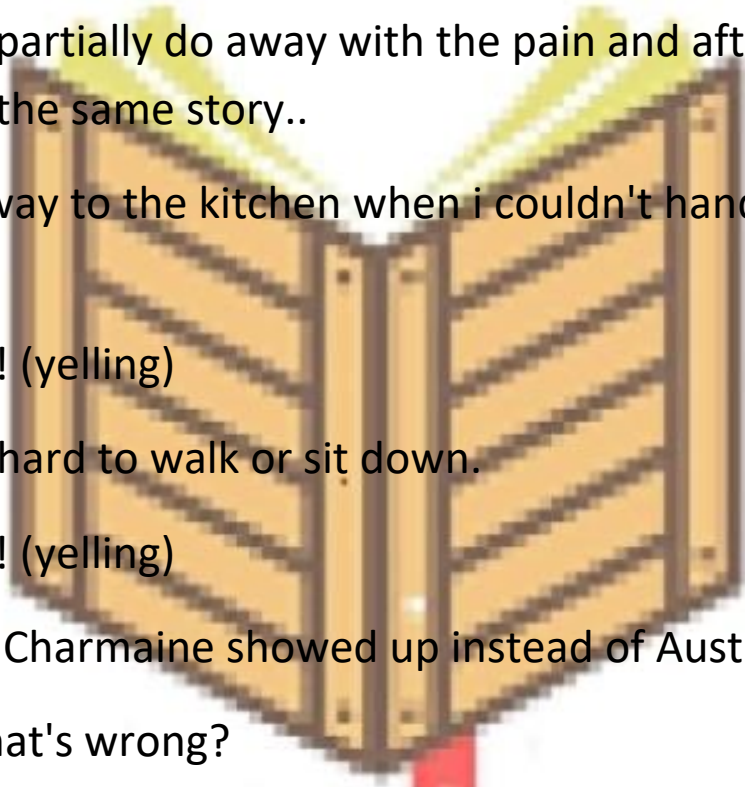
Her: Hey what's wrong?

Me: im not feeling good where is Austin?

Her: he went to run errands

I held on to the table, it also felt like something was eating my intenstines i really felt like death was coming for me..

Her: Let me call him



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When she was about to call him Austin walked in..

Charmaine: quick we need to take her to the hospital

Austin came to me..

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Im not feeling good i feel like im gonna die, don't let me die

Him: Its alright we'll take you to the hospital

He picked me up and we all went to his car..

I was at the back seat with Charmaine while he drove..

I was busy turning at the back seat because i found it uncomfortable sitting down..

Me: You need to stop the car i feel like i wanna pee

Him: Can't you hold back?

Me: No i can't i really need to go pee

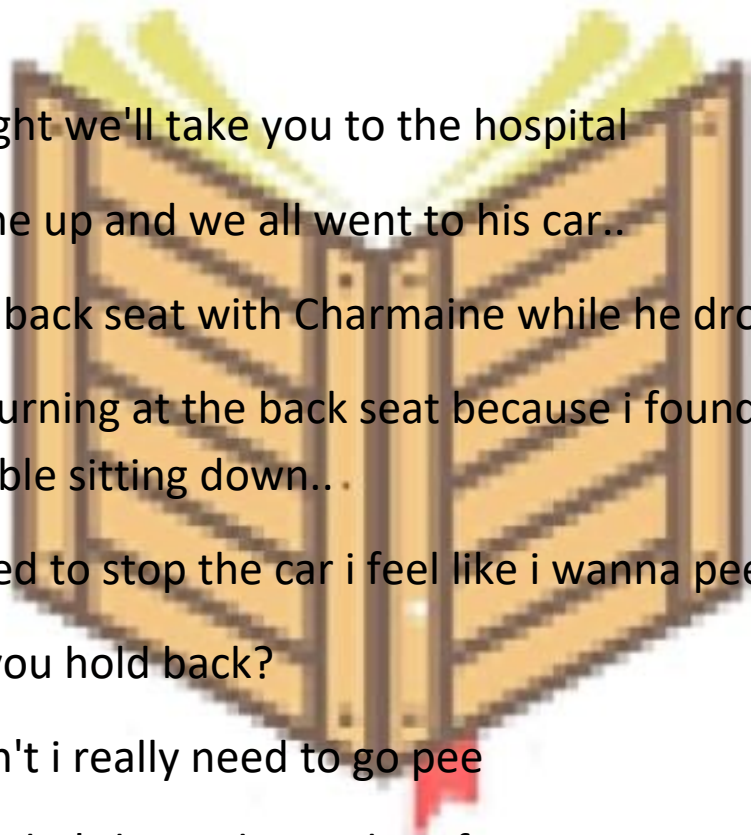
Charmaine: She's been doing alot of peeing

Me: And its painful when i pee

Charmaine put her hand on my back..

Her: We will get you help don't worry

Me: Austin stop the car i wanna pee!!



Him: Im trying to find a gas station so that you can go pee

Charmaine: This sounds more like an STI

Me: STI? i don't go sleeping around where would i get that from? Ive only been with Austin

Charmaine: Well it does sound like Symptoms of Ghonorhea

Me: if its like that then Austin has alot of explaining to do

Him: What?

Me: Its no secret that you like fucking bitches Remember Angelica?

Him: if you have it then that means i should have it too smart ass don't you think?

Me: plus you been acting weird lately! You always out doing who knows what

Charmaine: Guys

Austin: i am out hustling!

Me: hustling for what if you the CEO of Ngema Gold mine?

Him: Im not gonna do this with you!

Me: if the doctor finds out that i have an STI i am leaving your cheating ass



Him: Don't do that. You always wanted to leave me now you gonna use an STI that i didn't even give you as an Excuse to leave me.. How do i know that you not the one messing around?

Me: Excuse me?

Him: You always out clubbing and Remember Sandile the "friend" you kissed?

Me: We are soo not for each other! Its over Austin Its over!!

Him: Fuck you Laurian!

I looked at Charmaine.

Me: And how do i know that you guys ain't fucking?

Her: What the?!

Me: You always together, it wouldn't be surprising you live upstairs from us!

Her: Okay Austin please talk to your person

Austin kept quiet and kept on driving..

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We arrived at the hospital and they attended to me very quickly. When i told the doctor about my Symptoms he asked me to pee in a glass, of which i did then after he pumped me alot with Antibiotics..

He made me drink 6 antibiotic pills

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he gave me an injection then made me drink 2 pain killers..

The antibiotics were shit i won't lie, i felt like vomiting immediately..

I was in the ward with Austin he was occupied with his phone and i was just laying on that small bed waiting for the doctor to come and give us the results...

Doc: How are you feeling now?

Me: apart for the antibiotics having an effect on me Its still painful when i go to the toilet

Him: You will be better when the antibiotics start kicking in

Austin: What's wrong with her?

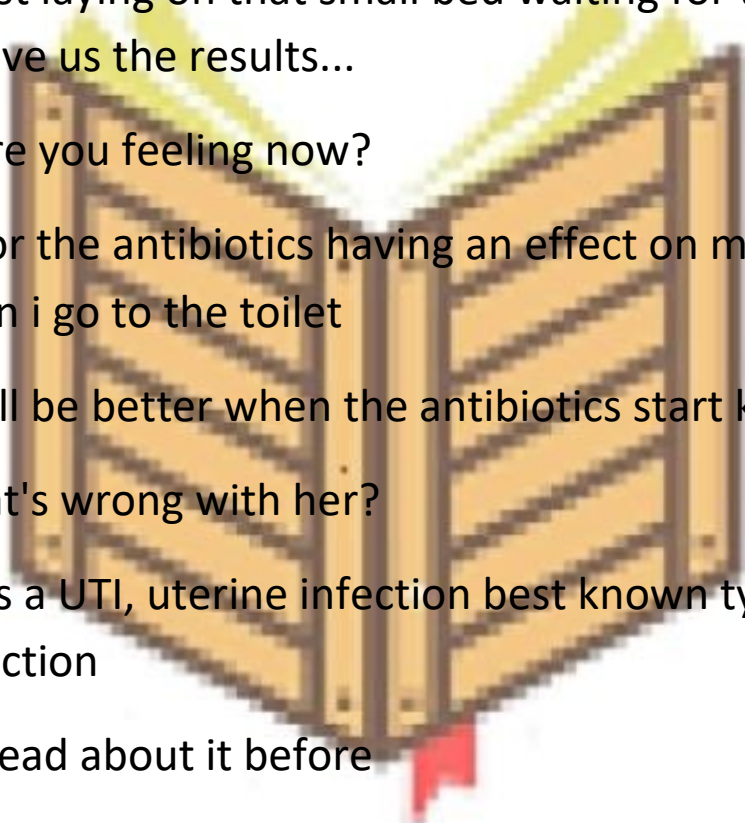
Doc: She has a UTI, uterine infection best known typically as bladder infection

Austin: ive read about it before

Doc: the E.coli bacteria made it to her bladder through that route down there

That's why she feels pain when she urinates

Me: am i gonna be fine?



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Doc: Yes just finish your antibiotics to prevent it from coming back. Your urine was very acidic Its not normal do you drink water?

Austin giggled..

Austin: Yeah right

Me: ive been drinking alcohol

Doc: alcohol could've been a predisposing factor

Austin: so it wasn't an STI?

Doc: No, no ways

Austin: Wow

Doc: There's no reason to keep you here, you will get your treatment at the dispensary let me get the prescription form

He walked out to get it..

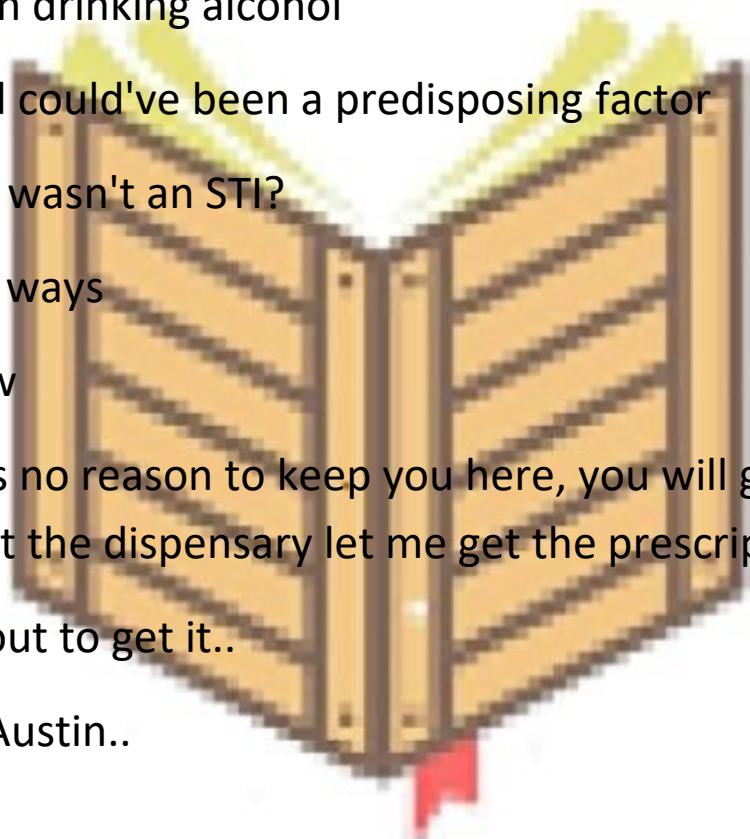
I looked at Austin..

Me: Au..

Him: Save it, i don't wanna hear anything! Ill wait for you at the reception

He walked out.

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[COWEN]

The patient that i was supposed to operate unfortunately passed on the previous night. I was affected by the death of this patient he was just 9 years old and looking forward to getting a new heart in his own words...

I took the rest of the day off and went home i just wanted to be with my boys because i hardly spend time with them....

When i got there i found Nanny Olifant washing dishes off which i didn't know why because we have a maid for that...

For a change the house was quiet.

Me: Nanny Olifant

She turned and looked at me. I was Taken by her hat..

Her: Cowen im glad you home we need to talk

Me: Where are the twins?

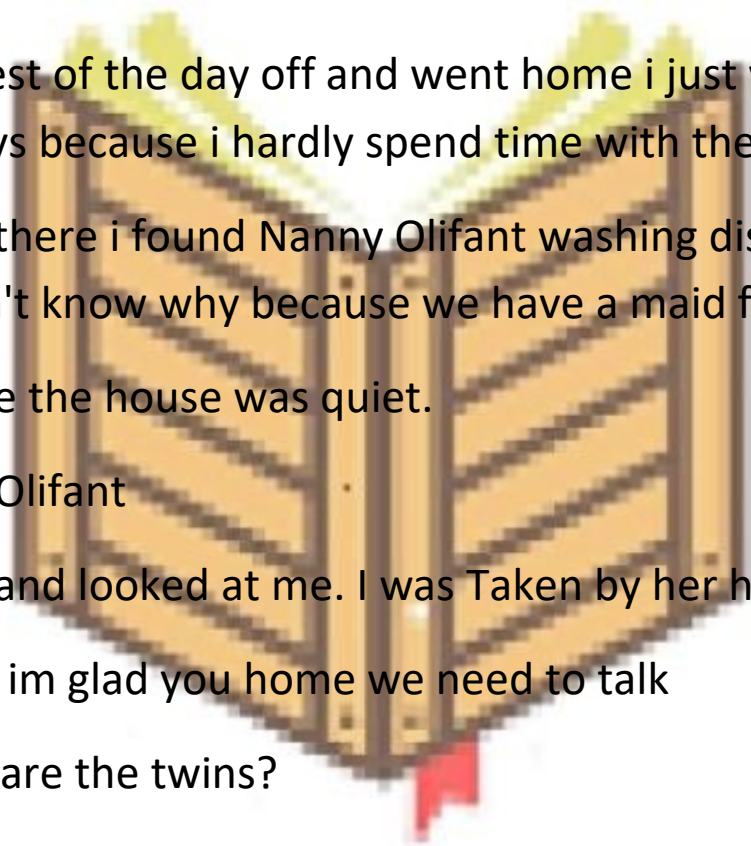
Her: They sleeping

Me: What do you wanna talk about?

Her: Sit down ill make you something to eat

I sat down..

Her: i wanna talk about Shane



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Me: Your dead son?

She looked at me and thought for a while..

Her: No your twin brother

Me: My what?

Her: Your twins portray the same relationship you had with your brother when you guys were young

Me: Im not following

Her: Shane is in town, he is no longer that little vulnerable boy you used to abuse

Me: Where are you getting all of this?

Her: i.. We are family i am your grandmother

Me: What medication did they put you on?

Her: aha! I am self medicating

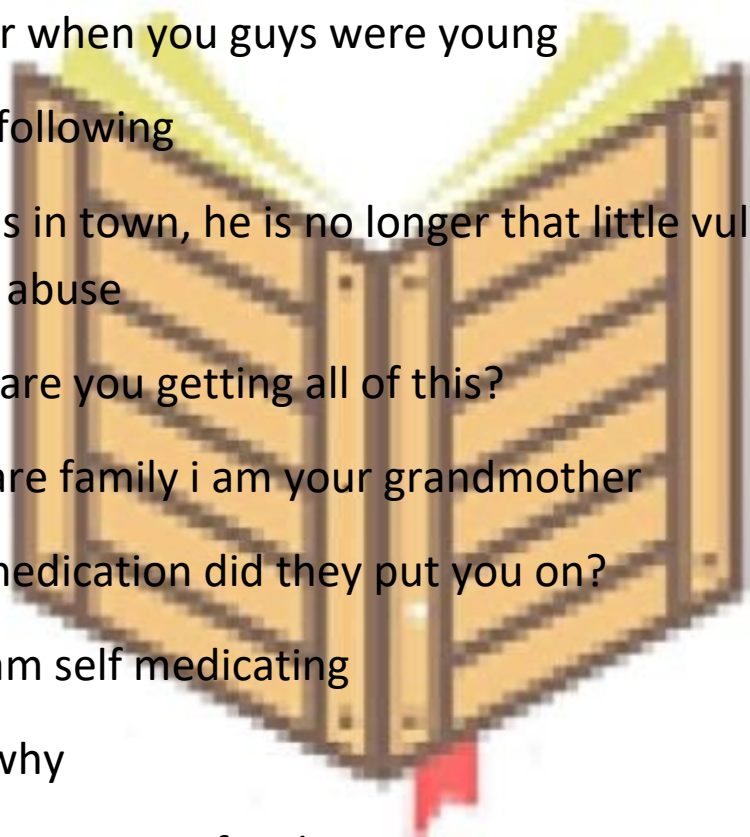
Me: That's why

Her: We must prepare for the war

Me: Nanny Olifant can i just go to sleep a bit?

Her: Shane was in my house he wanna speak to you

Me: Yeah i don't have a brother



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Her: You do have a twin brother.. You just don't know about him but he knows about you.. He said i should tell you something

Me: What?

Her: me and my mind.. I forgot

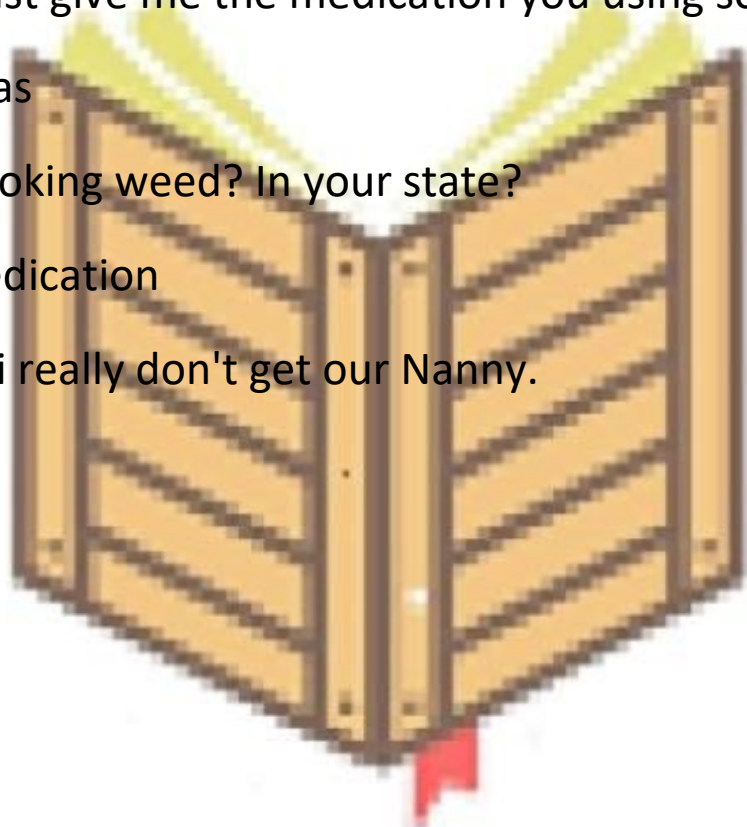
Me: You must give me the medication you using so i can test it

Her: cannibas

Me: You smoking weed? In your state?

Her: self medication

Sometimes i really don't get our Nanny.



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[FUNI]

We were in the boutique ready for the day ahead it wasn't busy as yet because it was still in the morning customers usually come in the afternoon...

I had to hire one more staff because Dima and i couldn't handle everything on our own the Boutique gets very full at times and customers don't like to be kept waiting..

Jenna and i we were ready to work i couldn't say the same for Dima because she came with her Daughter who is sick so she was very down...

Her: Don't worry Shabba will come and get her at around 12:00 he is supposed to take her to the Doctor

I looked at the adorable Thando who was sleeping in his car seat while sucking her dummy. The sound her chest made when she breaths was very disturbing..

Dima: Im suspecting Its a whooping cough

Me: Agh shame my sweetie pie Its almost as if like you can just cough for her

Dima: she can't even eat, when she eats she starts coughing until she vomits last night it was worse

Jenna: i can just imagine her tiny lungs are probably tired

I saw Tears in Dima's eyes..

Me: No sweety don't cry, she will be okay you know Sade once had such a terrible cough

Jenna: it is normal for babies to get such

Dima: i just want her to be okay

Me: And she will be.. You shouldn't even have came Nana

Her: i couldn't let you guys handle everything alone

Jenna: We will be fine, you should go home and sleep

Her: ill be okay ladies thank you

The door opened and Shabba walked in..

Me: He is 30min early

Shabba: ladies

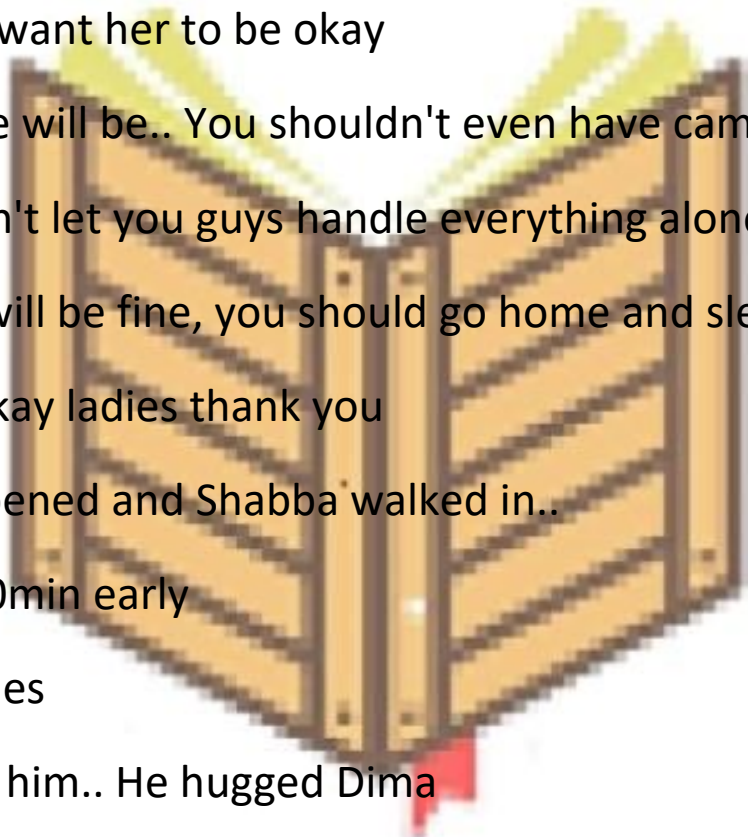
We greeted him.. He hugged Dima

Him: How is she now?

Dima: still the same

Him: let me take her to the Doctor

Dima: Are you gonna be alright being left with her all by yourself?



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Shabba: we'll be fine

Me: You know Shabba i realised that your Daughter is But-Her-Cheeks too

Him: Don't go there, look at my daughter then look at yourself

Me: What are you trying to say?

Him: Im not trying to say anything im just saying look at my daughter then look at yourself

Me: She is but her cheeks

Shabba: Funi this shouldn't even be an argument

Dima: Honey you will be late for your appointment

Me: You trust this guy with your daughter?

Shabba: Same way you shouldn't be trusted being around my daughter, you making her more sick

Me: go to hell Shabba!

Jenna: Are they always like this?

Dima: always

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Me: We will be sending a letter in future for your daughter, my son is gonna marry her

Him: which son?

Me: Sean

Him: but his cheeks?

Me: What? My son is cute

Him: he has your cheeks!

Me: go Shabba and don't ever come back to my boutique

He walked out, i looked at Dima..

Her: he didn't mean that your son is cute, Sean is very cute

Me: i was about to set all up in here

She yawned...

Me: Are you sure you don't wanna go home?

Her: No..

She looked at Jenna..

Her: can you please go and buy me a can of red bull?

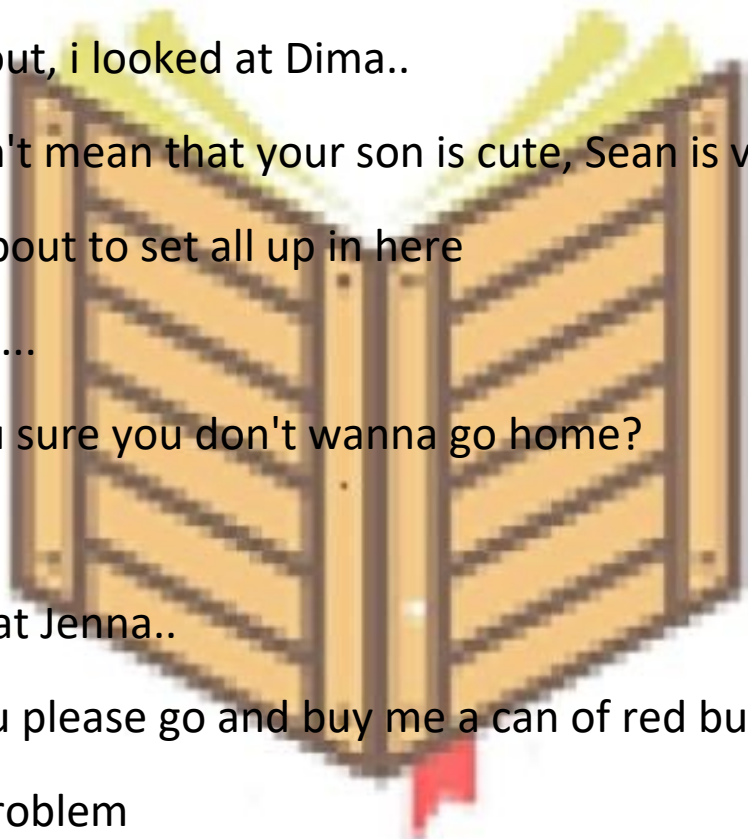
Jenna: no problem

Dima took out a R50 note then Jenna walked out...

After like 10min of Jenna gone

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some white guy walked in. He was hot, he had shades on i mostly was taken by his hairstyle..



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He was wearing black pants, black sneakers, Red tshirt and a black jacket..

He came to us and took off his shades...

Him: Morning

We greeted him back...

Him: Im hear because....

He turned around...

Him: Where is she now?

Some beautiful black girl walked in, she looked pregnant...

She came closer to us and she had a big diamond ring on her left finger the diamond was Emerald and pinkish.. I looked at his finger and he had a wedding band Lord tell me they not married she looks a bit young for him..

Him: this is my daughter Mbali

At least he said Daughter, but she looks 100% black no Traces of his Genes in her..

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She smiled and greeted us..

Me: What can we do for you?

Her: first of all i just wanna say im a big fan of your brand Funi fusion is out of this world



Me: Thank you very much

Her: i just want some maternity clothes that's all

Dima: ill show you

Her: Thanks

Dima took her to go check out a few clothes...

I looked at the guy..

Me: Your daughter is beautiful

Him: Thank you

I went back to doing filling..

Him: Funi.. Funi.. Are you Funi Cowen?

Me: Yes

Him: married to Sean Cowen?

Me: Yes

Him: such one lucky bastard

Me: And why is that ?

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Him: You beautiful and you have a beautiful body too, though your curves are wider than my wife's

Me: Thank you for making me blush

He chuckled..

Him: i heard you guys have twins?

Me: Yes we do

Him: i also wanted twins unfortunately me and my wife we don't carry the "twin gene"

Me: Well Cowen and i we not twins

Him: Really then how did you have twins?

Me: We were blessed i guess

Him: That is very rear. I mean if my knowledge of Genes is not deceiving me one of you has to carry the twin gene

Me: well we don't

Him: interesting.. You must ask him about this since he a Doctor

Me: i definitely will

He put his shades on again..

Me: if im not being forward who are you?

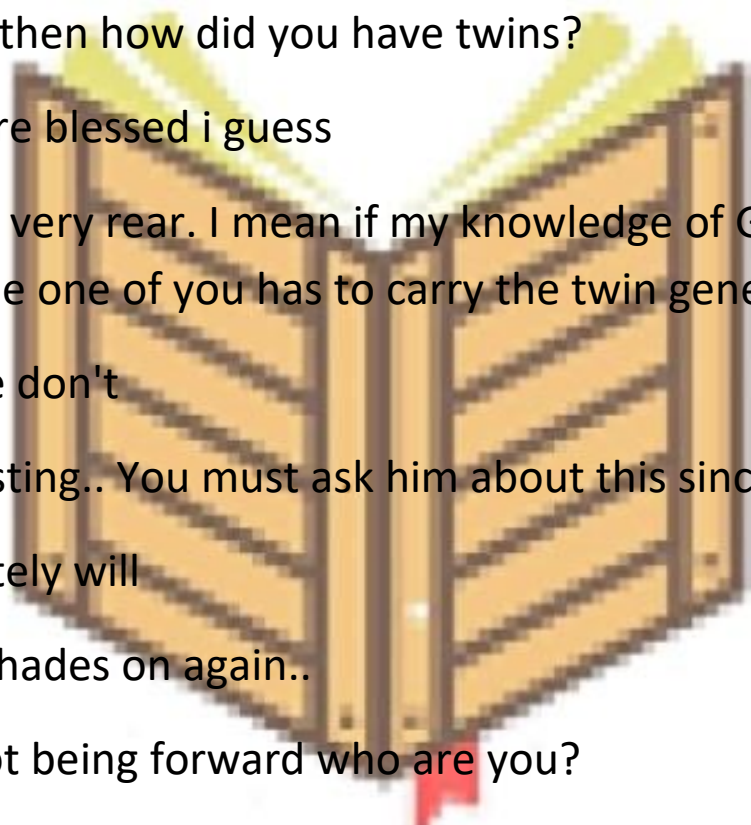
Him: Have you heard of "The Sniper"

Me: gun?

Him: Yeah you can say that.. Im the Sniper

Me: Ohw ok

What kind of name is that..



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[LAURIAN]

Before we went back home i wanted to make a stop at the cemetery. After Leah passed on we didn't really have a funeral for her she got buried after a few days and Austin suggested we erect a tombstone right away. The tombstone had a picture of her smiling. She was soo young and full of life..

As i stood there i couldn't stop the tears from falling, i always come here to remind myself that she's truly gone..

All of this was just unfair i should be laying next to her, i wasn't supposed to survive that shooting..

Its unfair that she died alone..

Austin came and put his hands on my shoulders..

Me: i should've died with her..

Him: Don't say that

Me: i don't know what my purpose in life is, i wake up everyday with soo much pain and i don't even know why im living.

He turned me around and hugged me..

Him: We will figure everything out don't worry...

He hugged me for a while...

Him: Where this flowers always here?

I broke the hug and checked...

Me: No...

Him: someone was here

Me: Its lillies my mother's favourite flowers.. That means they..

Austin: go back to the car!

He called Charmaine and Charmaine came..

Austin: Take Laurian to the car....

Charmaine: No problem

Austin: Are you armed?

Charmaine: always

Austin: shoot anyone that comes near the car

Charmaine: You got it I looked at Austin...

Me: Where are you going?

Him: Im just gonna look around

Me: Lets just go home

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Him: Its okay ill be right there

Me: be safe then

Him: i will He kissed me then after Charmaine and i Walked up to the car..

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[LAURIAN]

When i got home i went straight to bed, this pills were just too heavy on me and my urine was also now smelling of pills. But they were helping because when i go to pee although Its still painful, but Its not that baaad im sure after i finish the treatment ill be fine..

As i was sleeping i was sure that i heard Leah's voice wondering around the room..

She kept on repeating the same words..

"the only way you can have revenge on what happened, is to pick up the broken pieces and live your life. Show them that although they tried to break you but you are stronger than that"

Those words kept on being repeated and repeated until i opened my eyes and looked around the room. I was alone..

Me: Leah?

I got out of bed and went to wash my face in the basin, then looked at myself in the mirror. Its easy for her to say i should pick up the broken pieces but how do i mend such when i don't even know which piece fits where?

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I rinsed my mouth then i put on my sleepers and went to the kitchen, something was smelling good only to find Charmaine and Austin in the kitchen all laughing and cooking..

Before i could say anything, i stood there and looked at them..

Charmaine: taste

She put that wooden spatula in his mouth..

Austin: tastes good and chilli

Her: Just the way i wanted

Austin looked at her..

Him: Thank you for all your help

Her: Don't mention it, im glad that i can help

I cleared my throat before this romantic moment goes far...

Austin looked at me..

Him: You supposed to be in bed

Me: Im tired of sleeping

I sat down...

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Charmaine: You are just in time for rolls and chilli soup

Austin came and kissed me on my forehead..

Him: How are you feeling now?

Me: still feeling a bit of pain

Him: The pills will kick in soon

Charmaine brought the soup and rolls to me..

I looked at the meal..

Her: You don't like it?

I looked at Austin..

Me: i would like us to go out

He was astonished by that..

Him: Are you serious?

Me: Its been a while since we last did anything

The door bell rang..

Charmaine: ill get that on my way out

She went to open and then walked out, Kate walked in.. What is she doing here?

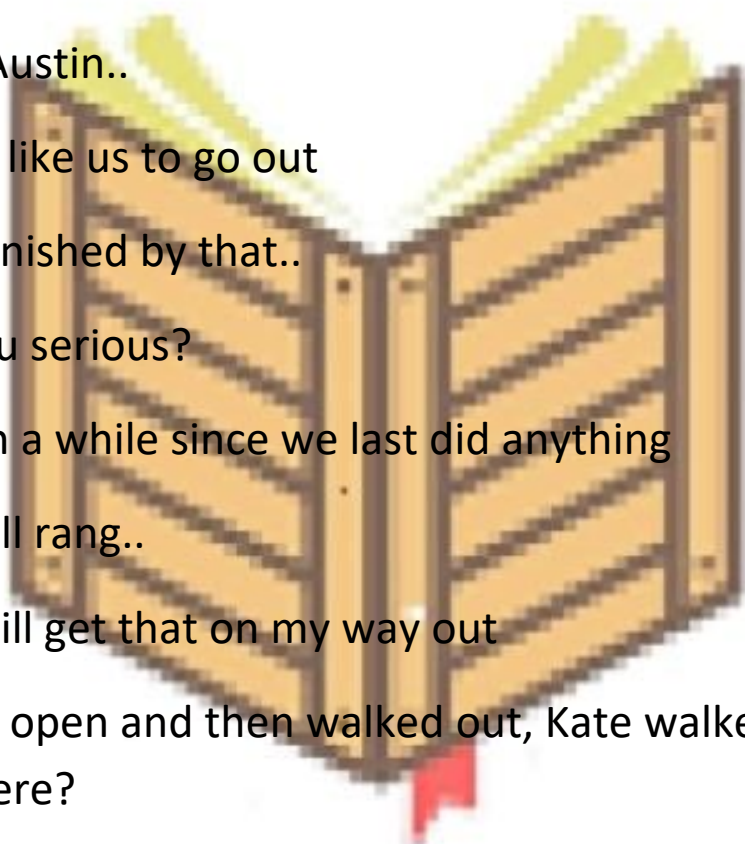
Austin: Kate? What are you doing here?

Kate: Good to see you too

Austin: How did you find out that we live here?

Her: Really Austin? You not even gonna hug me

Austin went and hugged her, she then looked at me..



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Her: Laurian

Me: Kate

Her: Don't just sit there come and give me a hug

I went to hug her..

Her: ive read about what happened, im sorry

Me: Thank you

Her: How are you holding up?

Me: ill be fine

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im just trying to take it one step at a time

Her: That's good dear

Austin: You still haven't told us why you here

Her: We family, i want to fix everything

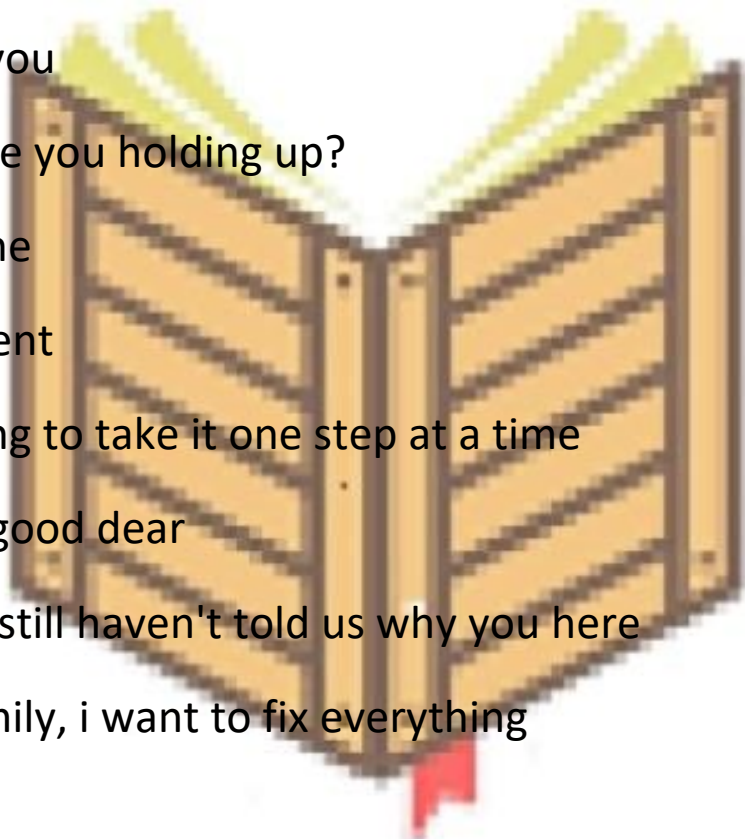
That's new..

Austin: now Its not the time

Her: How are you holding up and what do you do to afford rent?

Austin: Not now Kate

Her: must not be easy especially after you lost your job



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I looked at Austin..

Me: You lost your job?

Him: i didn't loose my job she voted me out

Me: When were you gonna tell me?

Him: Im telling you now

I can't believe that Austin would lie to me..

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[FUNI]

Cowen came in as we were working, that was weird because he has an operation to perform..

What was more weird about the whole scenario was that he didn't even come to greet me or kiss me he just went around the boutique looking at clothes..

I lookedat Dima..

Me: isn't this weird?

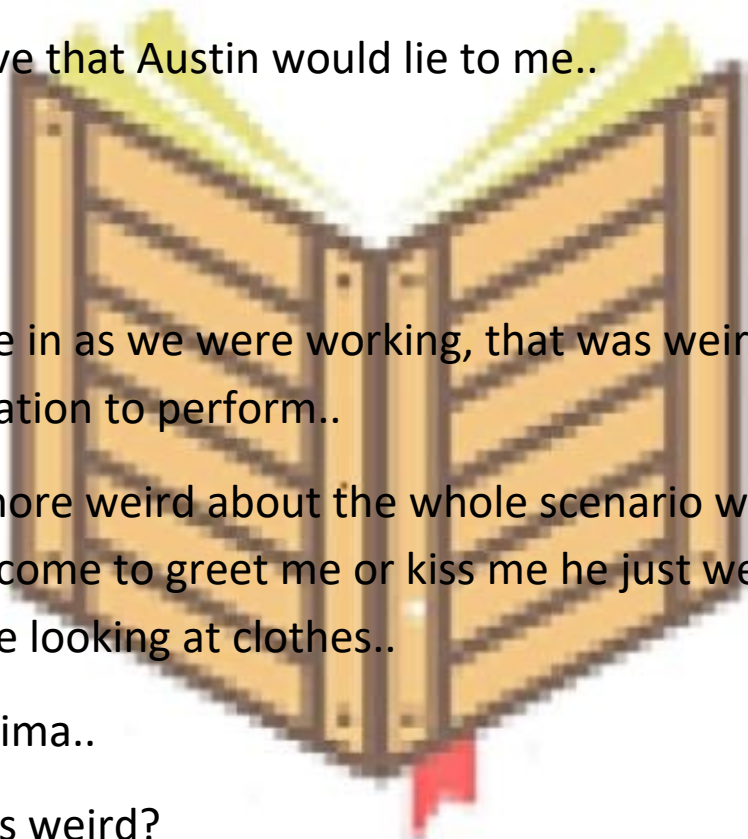
Her: it is

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Me: Cowen!

He didn't look at me..

Me: Sean Cowen!!



He looked at me..

I went up to him.

Me: What's wrong with you?

Him: Excuse me?

His voice was a bit different..

I looked at him and something was off, he was wearing red&black

Me: Since when do you wear Red?

He looked at himself..

Him: i...

Me: You have alot of explaining to do and why are you not at the hospital?

Him: i was b..

Me: did you cancel?

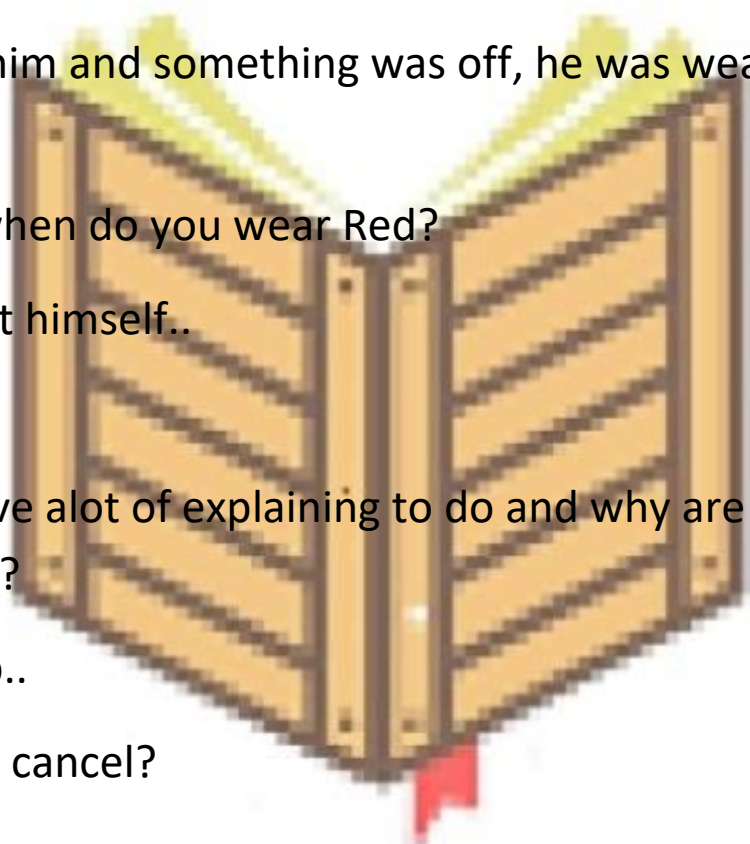
Him: No.. I..

Me: You cannot just cancel i mean..

Before i could finish he put his hands on the sides of my arms..

Him: would you just shut the fuck up!

Me: What?



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He had a tight grip on me, then he let go..

Him: Im sorry i..

He smiled..

Him: im just not feeling myself today

Me: i can see that

Him: Why don't you take your bag and let me take you out

Me: i can't leave Di...

Him: Im sure they will be alright, just for 30min

Me: uhm okay

I went to the counter, something is very off with Cowen today..

Me: im coming, Cowen is taking me out are you gonna be alright?

Her: Yeah we will

I took my bag and went to him..

Him: after you

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I walked first and he followed me..

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[DIMA]

I was worried about my baby, i hope the doctor gave her something that can help her..

Ive been trying to get hold of Shabba but his phone was on voice mail, which got me very worried..

The phone at boutique i went to answer it..

Me: Shabba

Voice: No its Cowen

Me: Ohw sorry i thought it was Shabba

Him: Its cool, ive been trying to get hold of my wife but her cellphone is off

Me: You guys went out together what happened?

Him: went out together where?

I laughed..

Me: You so funny

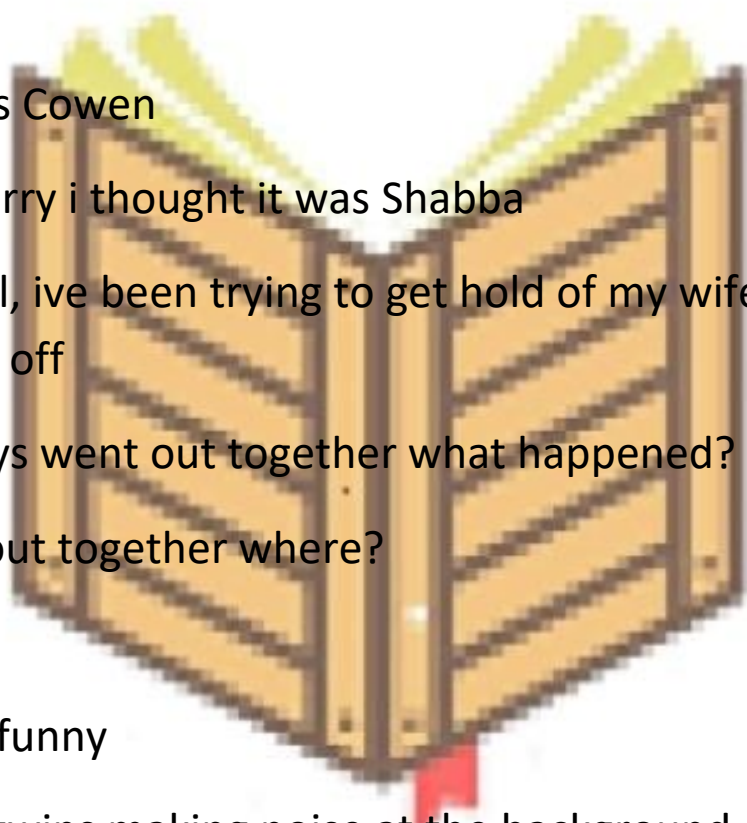
I heard the twins making noise at the background..

Me: wait are you home?

Him: ive been home all day

Me: You didn't come to the store wearing black&red?

Cowen: i don't wear Red

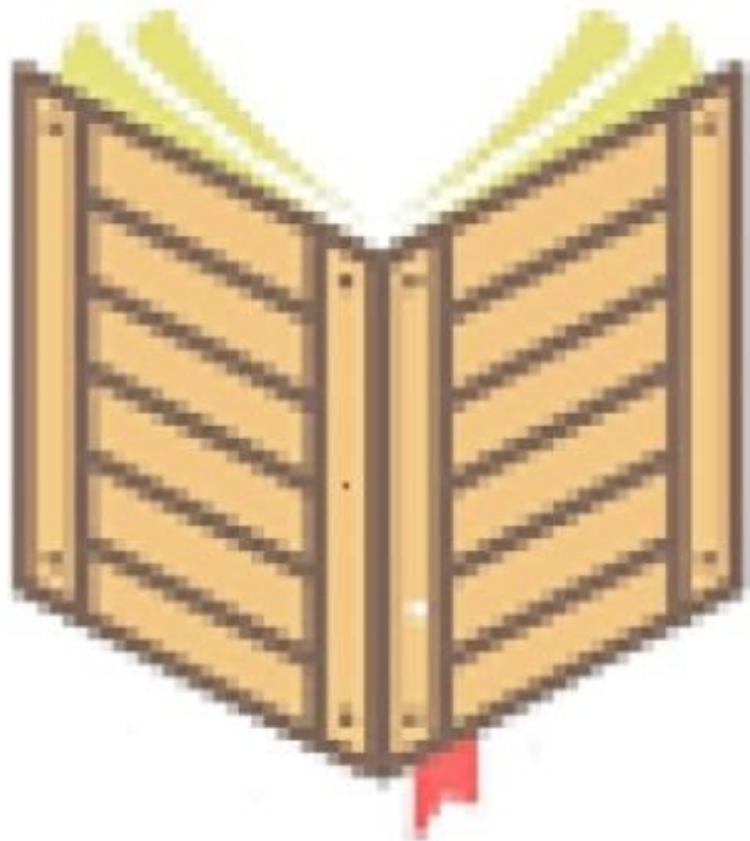


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Me: ohhh my God

Him: What do you mean ohh my G.. Dima what happened and where is my wife?

I let go of the phone.



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[FUNI]

Cowen and i spent the whole day together we did something ourageous and that was biking,horse riding, all those fun extreme sports.. I never knew this side to him, i mean Cowen mostly delights in his work and the Skulls, never have i heard him saying he is going biking and all that so i was very surprised,Its like he just changed in one day this was completely new to me..

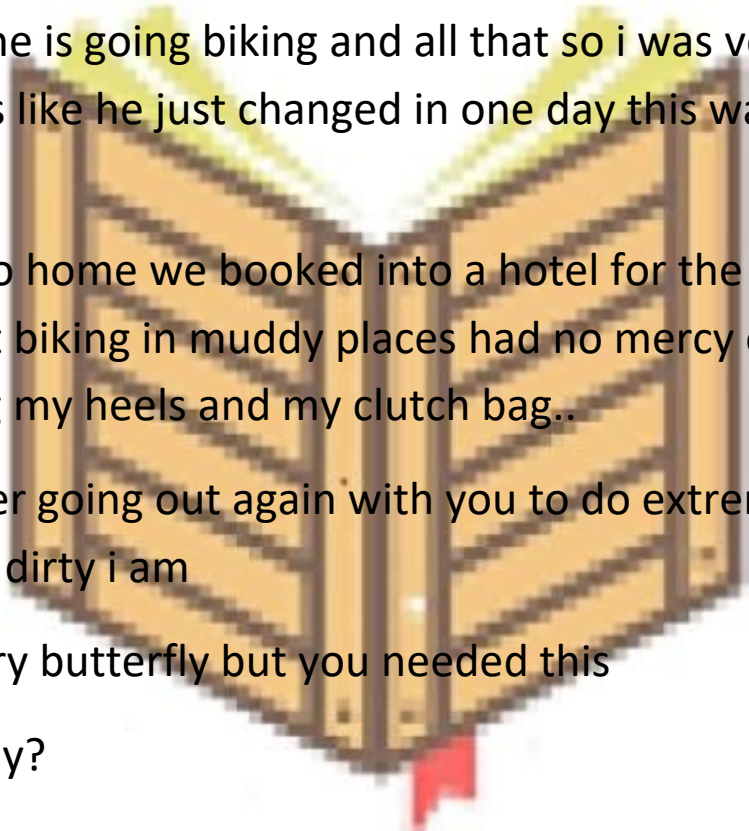
We didn't go home we booked into a hotel for the night, i was dirty all that biking in muddy places had no mercy on me. He was Holding my heels and my clutch bag..

Me: Im never going out again with you to do extreme sports, look at how dirty i am

Him: Im sorry butterfly but you needed this

Me: butterfly?

Him: Have you seen how beautiful butterflies are? All those mix and blend of colours on their wings. The combination of golden yellow, black, violet and sky blue. The most beautiful thing is when it spreads Its wings and fly around leaving behind a trail of beautiful scent and colours. A butterfly reminds me of you



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Wow i have never heard Cowen say such beautiful words to me before, not that his not romantic or anything but he is not this deeply romantic..

He put my things down and came to me, he put his hand under my chin..

Him: You beautiful even when you dirty

I laughed..

Me: i.. I just never knew this side to you

Him: i just want you to know that i appreciate you and today i wanted you to feel special

We just stood there and stared into each other's eyes, here is my husband standing right in front of me but he seems so different, it was almost as if like Its not Him but his clone

Him: Tell you what, we not done yet

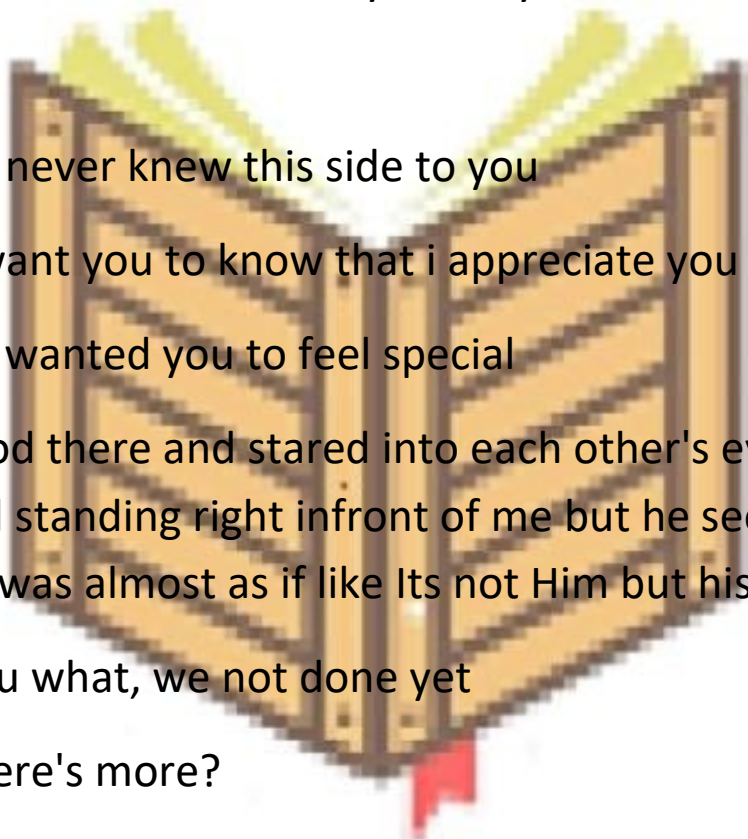
Me: wait there's more?

Him: Pshhhh what you talking about there's more, Ofcause there's more

Me: i hope Its not another extreme sport

He chuckled and bit his lower lip.

Him: Its something less extreme



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He picked me up...

Me: ohw since when don't you complain about me being heavy?

He stopped and looked at me..

Him: Just for tonight let's stop with "since when don't you do this, since when don't you do that"

Me: if it bothers you soo much then im sorry

He smiled at me and his smile was not wide like how it usually is..

He then led me straight to the bathroom..

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[COWEN]

I was with Dima, Shabba, and Nanny Olifant. I had called Mama k and she was on her way..

Shabba and i have been making calls we really need to find my wife.

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Me: Dima are you sure about what you saying?

Her: Yes i am. Cowen he looked exactly like you the only give away is that he was wearing red&black

Shabba: You trying to tell me that Braga has a twin?



Me: Its not possible

I looked at Dima..

Me: What else was suspicious at the Boutique today?

Her: Well i.. Let me see

We kept quiet and looked at her...

Me: You need to think hard

Her: Im trying

Me: Not hard enough Apparently! (shouting)

Shabba looked at me..

Him: she is trying to help you here! She's done all she could!

Me: My wife is in danger! (shouting)

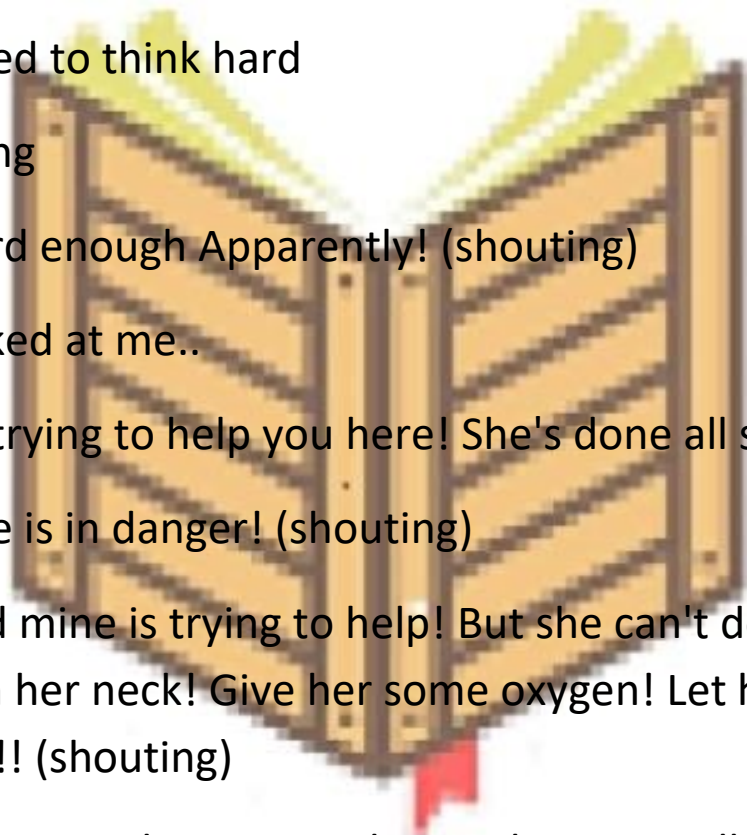
Shabba: and mine is trying to help! But she can't do that when you all up in her neck! Give her some oxygen! Let her breath for fuck's sake!!! (shouting)

Me: nigga you need to tone it down when you talking to me!

Him: or what?

Dima: guys can you please cut it? We should be focusing on finding Funi not turning into enemies..

Me: Ofcause and im sorry



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Shabba: don't you wanna go and lie down?

Dima: Im fine honey

Shabba: You haven't got..

Dima: Shabba please not now..

Olifant: Shane..

All along Nanny Olifant has been quiet and it is only now she says something..

Shabba: Shane?

She looked at me...

Her: Im afraid the war has started

It seems like Nanny Olifant has alot to tell us, and she probably is the only lead i have right now..

The elevator opened and mama k walked in, it was almost as if like a tornado has just came through..

Mama k: Where is she? Tell me you have found her Cowen!!

Me: Calm down Ma... We..

Her: Don't tell me to calm down!

Olifant: Jacobeth!

Mama k looked at her..



Nanny Olifant looked like she had just seen a ghost or something..

Olifant: Devil!! She devil!!!

She was breathing abnormally, she looked agitated..

Dima: i think she's about to have a heart attack..

Olifant: she.. She.. Devil!! She started this whole thing!!

Mama k: Who.. Who.. Who is this?

Nanny Olifant stood up and went straight to strangle mama k..

Olifant: Devil in a blue maid uniform!!

Shabba went and separated them..

Mama k: Who is this?

Olifant: Devil in a blue maid uniform!!!

Mama k: What???

Me: Dima can you please take Olifant outside so she can get some fresh air

Shabba: ill do it

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Shabba went over to Nanny Olifant..

Shabba: Let's go Nanny

Olifant: Devil in a blue maid uniform!!!

They walked to the elevator..

Mama k looked at me..

Her: Who is that?

Me: Nanny Olifant

Her: that woman looks mental unstable and you gonna have her around my grandchildren, Cowen was is wrong with you??

Me: She said i have a twin Ma..

I hit a nerve with that comment because she started coughing..

Me: Ma, is there something that you not telling me?



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[FUNI]

We had our moment in the shower and it was a hot moment, not something im used too but Nevertheless it was very Wow..

Another weird thing was that Cowen and i used condoms this time around and we never use condoms we both agreed on a morning after pill..

After i finished showering i left him to shower because if we stay there together we will probably never come out..

I put on the white gown and sleepers then went to the main room..

An outfit was laid out for me on the bed, it was a blue skinny Jean, sneakers and a tshirt. Everything looked new, he also had an outfit of his own laid out...

I went to check the Jean and it looked like it was gonna be a bit tight, i just hope it passes through my thighs..

I lowered my gown and looked at my naked body i had red bite marks, they weren't painful just that Cowen and i really don't engage in hardcore sexual intercourse, im talking about real hardcore..

Something was definitely wrong with my husband..

He came out from the shower covered in a towel..

Him: Are you alright?

I put on the gown again..

Me: Yes im fine, just..

Him: Just?

I put on a fake smile..

Me: Im fine

Him: i see the outfits are already here..

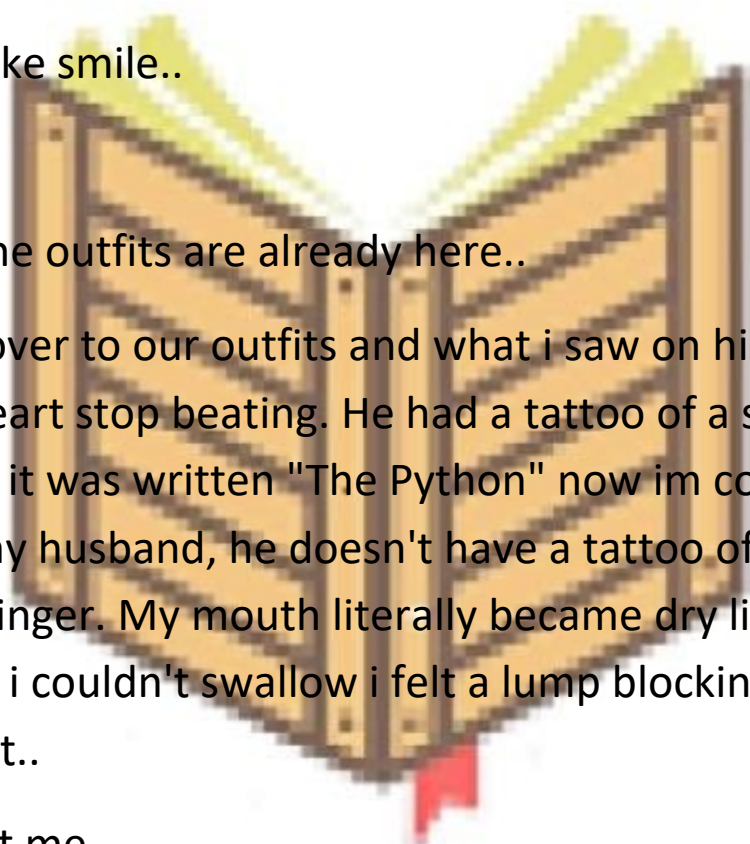
He walked over to our outfits and what i saw on his back really made my heart stop beating. He had a tattoo of a snake underneath it was written "The Python" now im convinced that this is not my husband, he doesn't have a tattoo of a skull, or a ring on his finger. My mouth literally became dry like i have xerostomia, i couldn't swallow i felt a lump blocking my throat and i felt hot..

He looked at me..

Him: You can get dressed

I just froze, i didn't know what to say or do..

Him: Are you okay butterfly?



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I can't break now what if this person hurts me.. In the mist of all that fear, a smile surfaced..

Me: Yeah i.. Im fine.. Im Good

He gave me that faint smile of his..

Him: for a moment there you scared me

Me: Im Good

Him: ill just go to the bathroom and finish off

Me: Okay

He started walking away.

Me: uhm Cowen?

He stopped and looked at me..

Me: Remember your crazy ex gf that.. She.. She was obsessed with you and i.. One time you wanted to leave him and she bashed you out with a gun on your forehead?

He looked at me for a while clearly indicating that he is thinking..

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Him: i remember that moment and it was crazy..

Me: it was

Him: except that it was your ex that bashed you out with a gun

Me: Ohw ya

He chuckled...

Him: ill be back

He started walking again..

Me: Braga

He stopped and looked at me..

Me: You always give me a kiss when i call you that

Him: ill never forget

He came to kiss me, now im definitely convinced that this is not my Cowen..

After the kiss he walked to the bathroom...

I quickly got my phone and tried to switch it on but it didn't...

Me: Come on, come on switch on (whispering)

I then heard him speaking behind me..

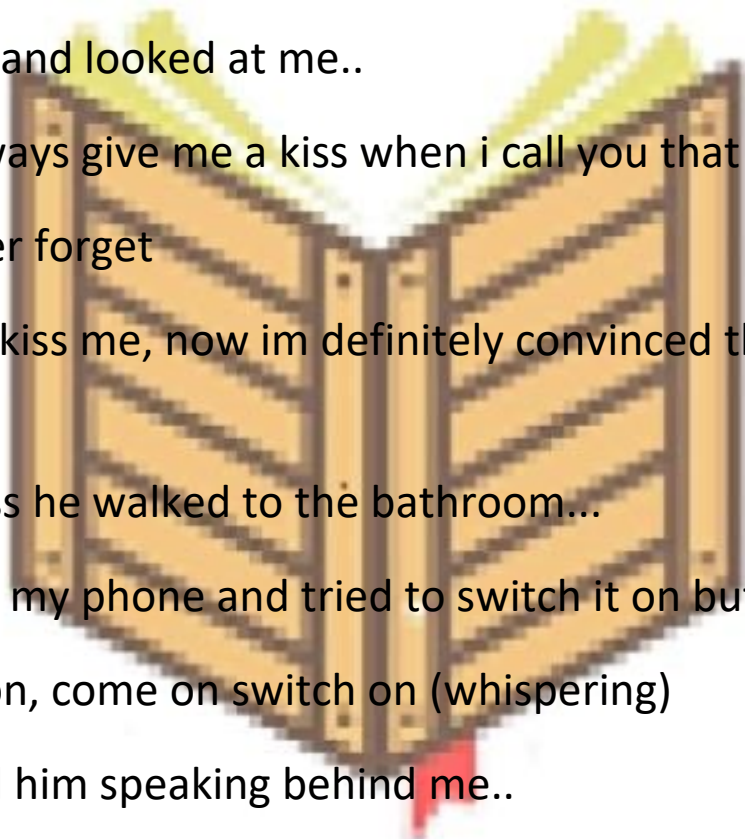
Him: i failed that last test didn't i?

I dropped my phone and it fell on the bed

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i turned and looked at him...

Me: Who are you?



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Him: took you that long to realise that im not your husband?

Ohh my Goodness so he is not my husband..

Him: i am Shane Cowen better known as "The Python"

Shane????? As in like Nanny Olifant was right all along??

Him: to answer your next question Yes i am Sean's twin brother..

I just sank on the bed..

Me: ohh my God this is not happening

Him: it is happening butterfly

I looked at him..

Me: You bastard!

Him: Don't pin all of this on me sweetheart you wanted it as much as i did

Me: My husband is gonna kill you, i am going to tell him you kidnapped me and raped me!!

He laughed..

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Him: kidnapped you? Raped you?

I looked at him..

Him: What proof do you have that i raped you? You showered after our session in the shower, and i don't remember leaving anything inside of you and im a good person to kidnap you then hold you hostage in a 5 star hotel?

Me: You are evil!

Him: i love you too, now you need to come up with a good story on what you gonna tell your husband butterfly

There's no better way to put this but "im screwed"

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[AUSTIN]

I took Laurian out to a dope restaurant,think us getting some fresh air was good but it wasn't as good as i hoped it would.

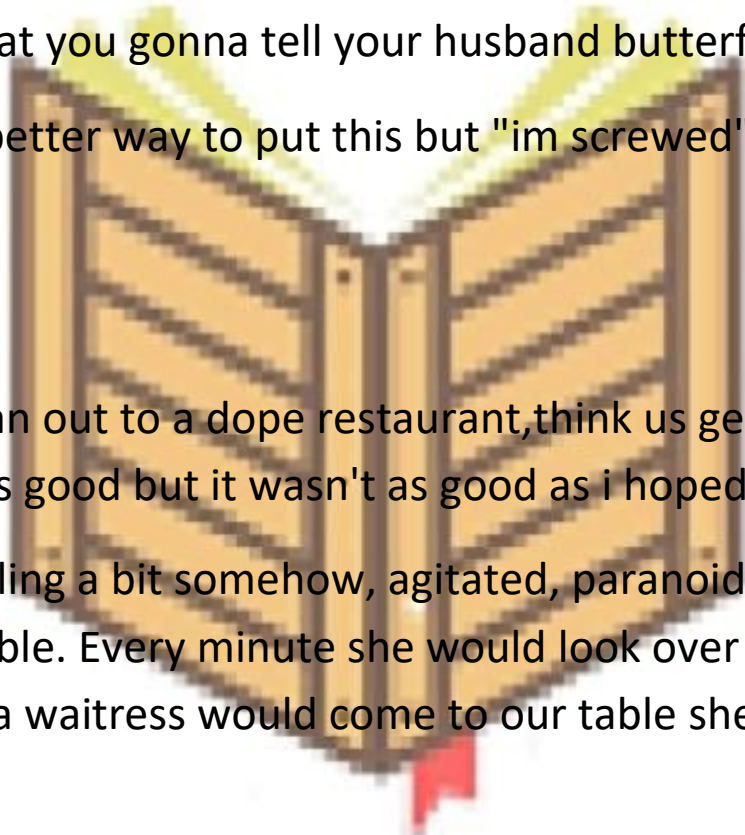
She was feeling a bit somehow, agitated, paranoid and highly uncomfortable. Every minute she would look over her shoulder, even when a waitress would come to our table she would freak out..

I stretched out my hand to hers...

Me: if you feel uncomfortable we can go

She gave me that cute smile of hers..

Her: Im sorry ill try to relax



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Me: ill never let anything happen to you especially in my presence

Her: can i come sit next to you?

I nodded she took her chair and came to sit next to me..

Me: He will never attack you in public, plus he knows better than to come here with all the law enforcement after him

Her: sometimes i feel it would be better if i knew that he was behind bars or somewhere out there than to not know at all. And that flower stunt they pulled, it feels like they put those flowers there to remind me that they still out there, they free

I put my hand around her shoulders and pulled her closer so she could lay her head on my shoulder..

Me: i would never let anything happen to you, he tried to kill you once ill be damned if i let him kill you twice

She giggled..

Me: at least lets try to live our lives as if like they no longer exist

She lifted her head and she looked at me..

Me: if he is out there and planning to texas massacre us then lets make sure that we lived our lives to the fullest, lets die happy

She laughed..

Her: are you trying to make me feel better?

Me: is it working?

Her: i think so

She put her arms around my neck and kissed me..

Her: i love you

Me: i love you too

Her: now lets eat

Me: Ohw now she has appetite

She smiled. It was good to see her smile for a change..

Her: ive been thinking

Me: about?

Her: Maybe i should start seeing a professional

Me: Are you for real?

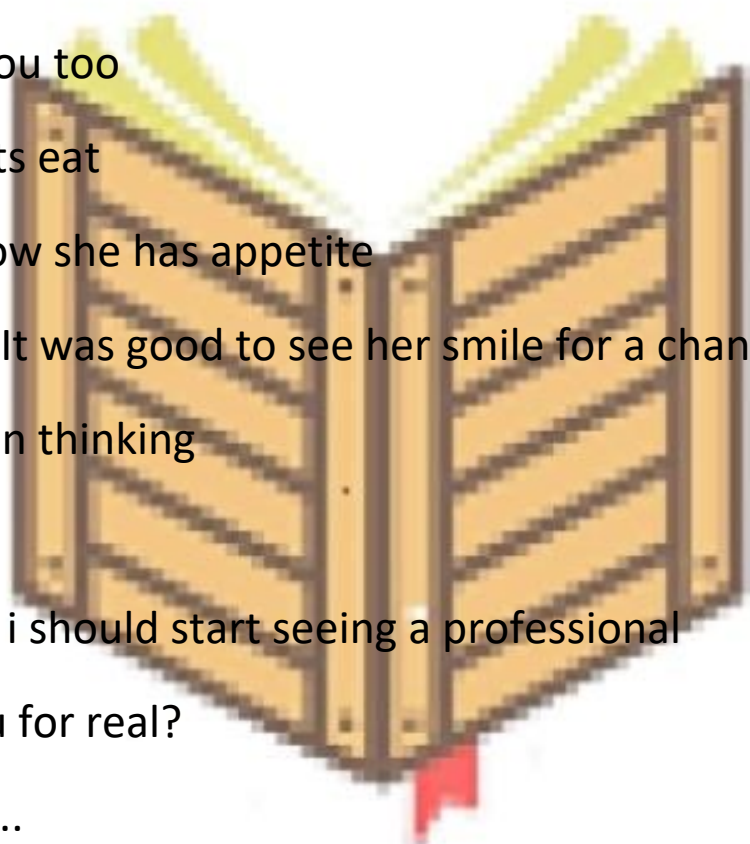
She nodded..

Me: Im Proud of you

Her: and maybe Its time i go back to the Salon

Me: now you moving way too fast

Her: says someone who wanted me to come out of my shell



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Me: Im just kidding, in actual fact im happy that you making this changes

Her: You are?

Me: Yes i am

We kissed again this time for a long time that even we forgot we were at a restaurant until my phone disturbed us..

I pulled out..

Me: You mind if i take it?

Her: go ahead

I kissed her on her cheek then answered..

Me: Austin here

Voice: Austin, you speaking to Gesh

Me: Gesh?

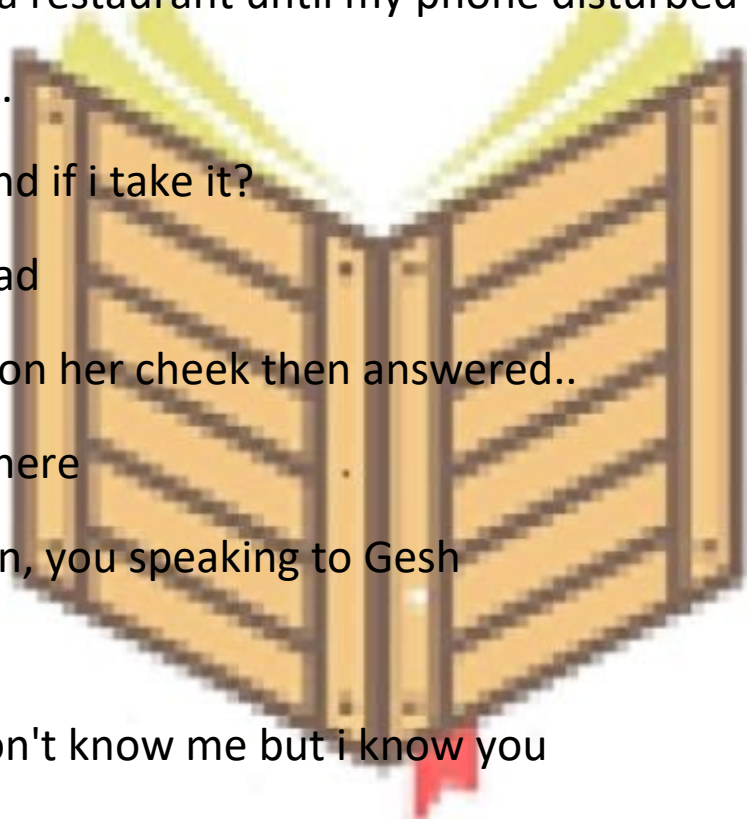
Him: You don't know me but i know you

Me: so is that supposed to make headlines?

Him: i can see ukuthi unobu female nyana bring it down a little im not hitting on you

Me: Can i help you with something?

Him: more like i can help you



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Me: with?

Him: How about we meet tomorrow?

Me: i am a busy man is this important?

Him: awuphole tuu (cool)

Me: i see ukuthi we busy wasting each other's time, i was gonna end this conversation with fuck you but good night

I hung up after...

Laurian: Who was that?

Me: No one



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[LAURIAN]

I went back to the Salon the following day, i couldn't just stay at home and do nothing or feel sorry for myself. The more im alone the more i think alot and end up depressing myself..

I haven't been out in a while and Austin was very worried about me if im gonna handle being in the presence of people and also about my safety. He made sure that an alarm was installed that morning at the salon, an advance security system was installed he really didn't want any mistake..

Kay and Menzi were very happy to see me and i wouldn't say i was impressed with the level of performance at the salon, we were going down the drain it wasn't doing that good anymore and i blame myself because as a leader i was supposed to be here leading this 2 sheeps..

Nevertheless i was back and ready to take charge Its gonna be very hard for me to adapt to this environment again especially with the Level of my panic attacks and agorophobia and paranoia..

I walked Austin out to his car after the whole system was installed..

Him: Are you sure that you can handle everything?

Me: i hope so

Him: We could've started slow by going out to the mall everyday first, coming back to the Salon i think that's heavy and a big step

He leaned over on his car with his arms folded.. I got his hat off and turned it around so that the back of the cap can be at the front..

Me: You more cute when you wear it like that

He looked at me..

Him: Leave my cap Its fine, and don't ignore the subject

Me: Austin im trying to get my life back

Him: i know but.. And you still sick

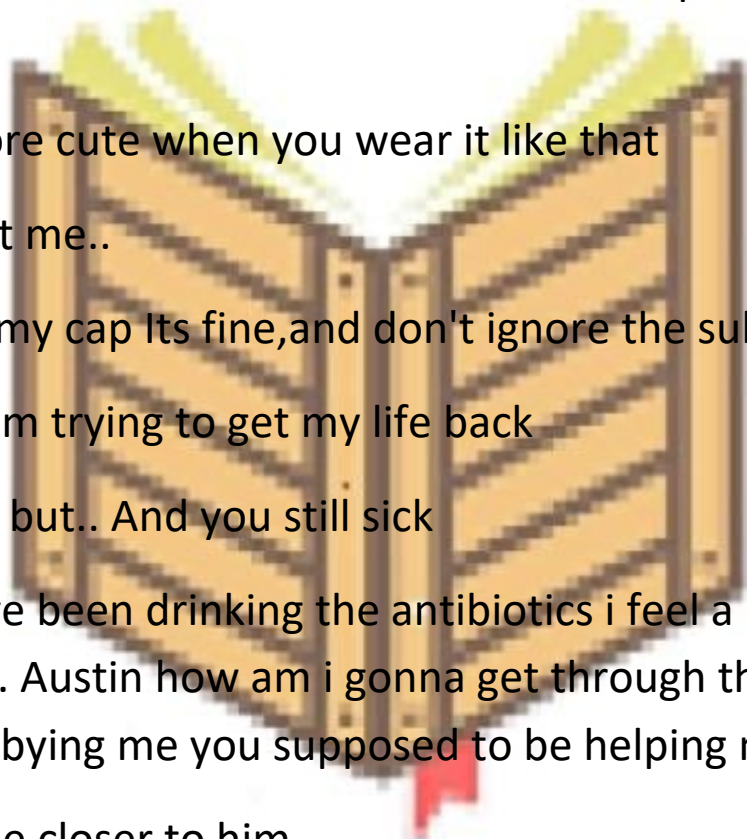
Me: Since ive been drinking the antibiotics i feel a bit better than before. Austin how am i gonna get through this day when you busy babying me you supposed to be helping me out here

He pulled me closer to him..

Him: Im sorry doll im just..

Me: having separation anxiety? Its no lie that we always together

Him: No im just worried about you



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Me: Yeah right

Him: Im old i don't get that

Me: Just go so i can go back to work

Him: fine whatever suits you

He kissed me but backed up..

Him: Your heart is beating fast

Me: Are you serious right now?

He put his hand on my chest.

Him: Are you having a panic attack?

Me: Just go before you give me a heart attack

He kissed me again..

Him: ill call and..

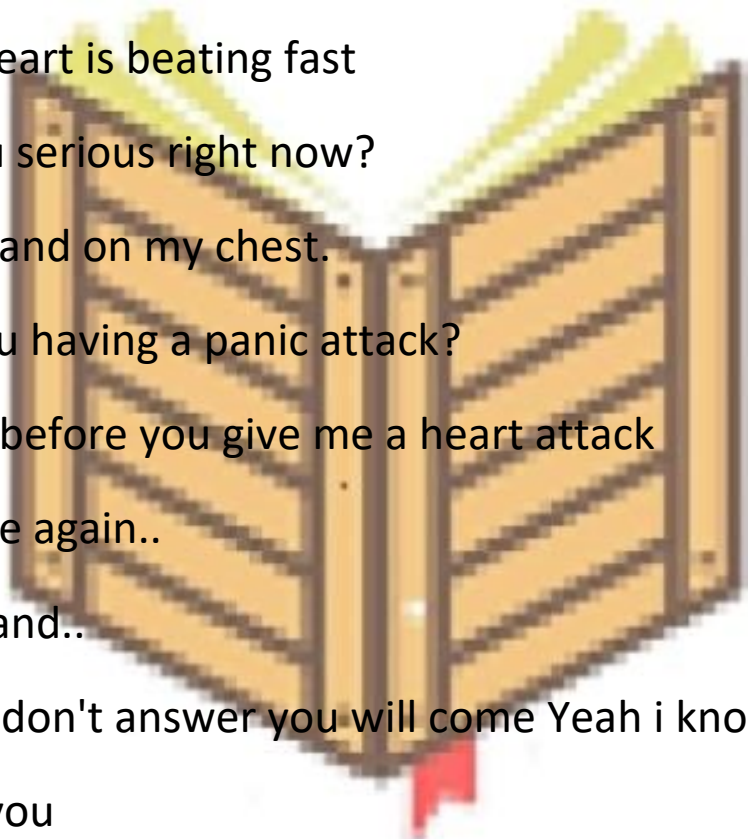
Me: And if i don't answer you will come Yeah i know the rules

Him: i love you

Me: love you too **NOVELSGURU.COM**

He unlocked his car and went inside..

It was hard seeing him leaving, lately it has always been me and him so i don't know if im gonna survive the whole day without him..



Hiccups came first and tears followed as i walked back to the Salon..

Kay and Menzi came rushing to me...

Kay: What's wrong? Did someone try to hurt you outside?

Menzi: Where is Austin? Did he see everything? Awe kodwa is he okay?

The hiccups were making it very difficult for me talk..

Me: i mi.. miss..h..h..him.. Alre.. Already

Kay hugged me..

Her: Ncoooh you have to miss him, phela you guys were always together ever since the.. Uhm...

Menzi: Anything we can do to make you feel better?

Kay: coffee next door?

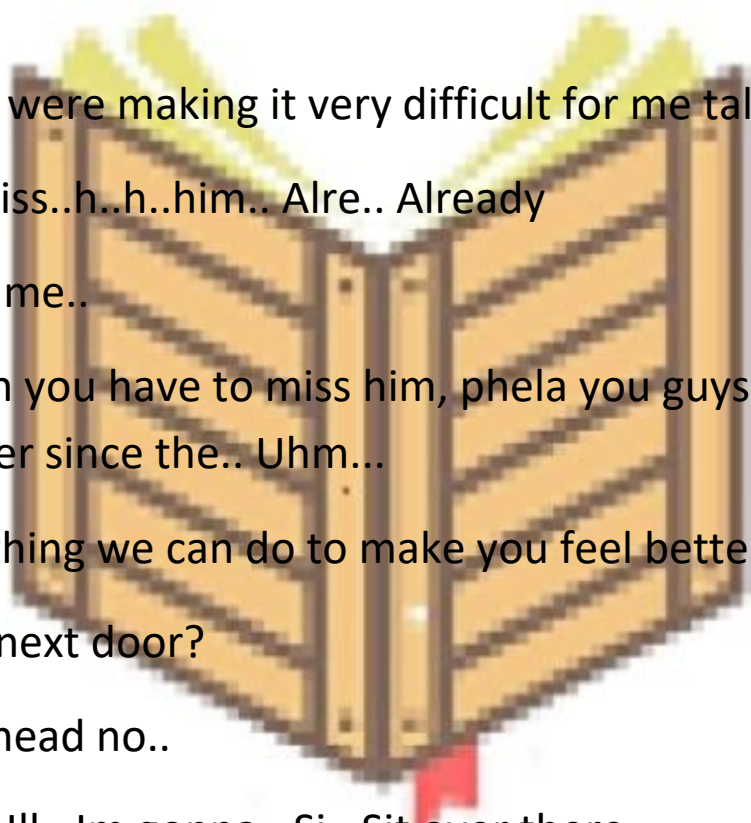
I shook my head no..

Me: ill just.. Ill.. Im gonna.. Si.. Sit over there

Menzi: go sit down Nana

I went to sit at the reception behind the counter i looked down so i don't attract eyes

The door opened after maybe 45 seconds of me sitting there i was still crying.



Voice: ladies

Kay: Morning welcome to Laurian hair salon

Voice: Thank you mntwana kodwa i already saw outside, no one can miss that big sign

Menzi: singakunceda? (can we help you)

Him: ive brought my princess, her hair is a mess

Kay: We can fix her up

Voice: Thank you

Menzi: You can just sit over there

Voice: No athi ng'khokhe before anything (let me pay first)

There was silence for a while then after i heard the person talking right close to me..

Him: Slavithi

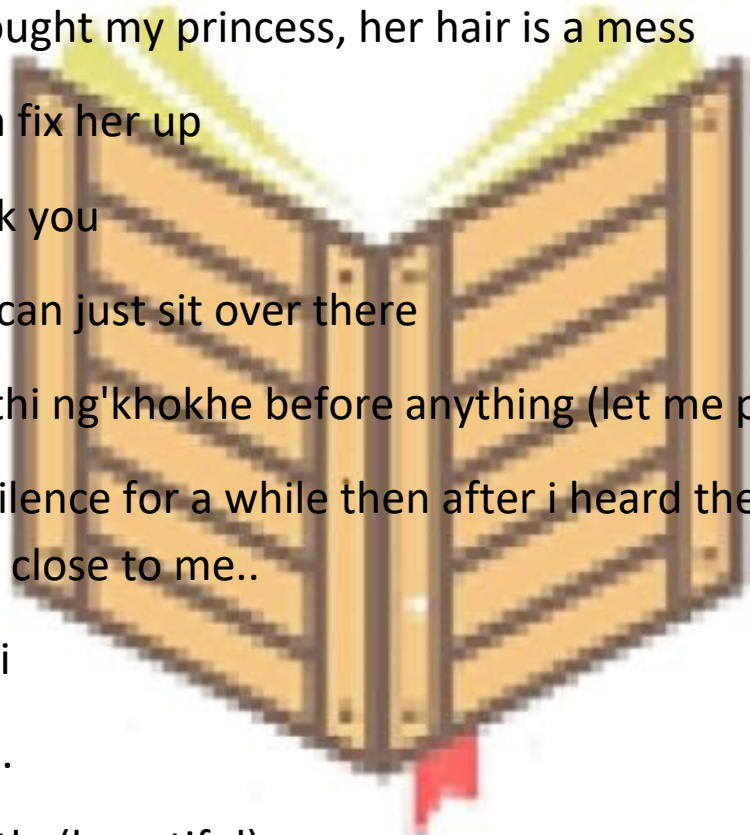
I kept quiet..

Him: ntwentle (beautiful)

Kay: Laurian!

Me: i heard him Kay

I was still looking looking down, i didn't have energy and judging from how this guy talks, i can see his forward...



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Him: maseku yi cry me a river k'hambani (why you all crying, what's going on)

I got irritated i lifted my head up i was ready to give him a piece of my mind but i got tongue tied as soon as i looked at him. He was very cute with that beanie hat of his

cute pinkish-reddish lips, perfect facial structure, caramel skin..

I stood up and wiped my tears..

Me: Sorry about this.. I.. Im not usually like this..

Him: no ku grand we all feel like that sometimes

I looked at him and he was a perfect description of that song "soldier\_Destiny" ..

Like for real though the song played in my head

"if his status ain't hood, i ain't checking for him better be street when you looking at me.. " as it played in my head i got to look at him from his black sneakers and black pants, all the way to his black vest and a stripped black&red shirt of which was not buttoned at the front and his black beanie hat, i was also distracted by a red bandana that was hanging from his front pocket..

My moment was interrupted when i felt something being gently rubbed on my cheeks, only to find he was wiping my tears with a tissue..

He then looked at me...

Him: That's better

Me: Wha.. What can we do for you today?

Him: i wanna pay for whatever is gonna be done to my putsununu

Me: Kay what are you gonna do?

Kay: i was thinking of uhm.. Re.. Maybe..

I think Kay was really taken by this guy too, ive never seen her this nervous about any guy before

The guy looked at me...

Him: Eyy yabona manje angiyithembi le ngane ye coloured touching my daughter's hair (i don't trust this coloured touching my daughter's hair"

Me: i promise you she's the best, you just caught us off guard

He looked around...

Him: Why don't you guys put that thing maan what do you call it again?

He snapped his fingers at Me trying to come up with the name for "that thing" he was referring too..

Him: You know this thing maan boma fringe nyana daar so

Me: huh?

He looked at Kay..

Him: ntombazana yase makhishini (coconut) what do you call that thing again? It has a variety of snacks and chocolates inside?

Menzi: usho i Vending machine?

Him: Come and educate your friend here ngathi ushort knowledge nyana

His daughter laughed..

Daughter: daddy stop messing with people

Him: Im not messing with people, people are messing with me

She laughed again.. Her phone rang and she took it out, it was a Samsung S7 that kid looks young to be carrying such.. She answered

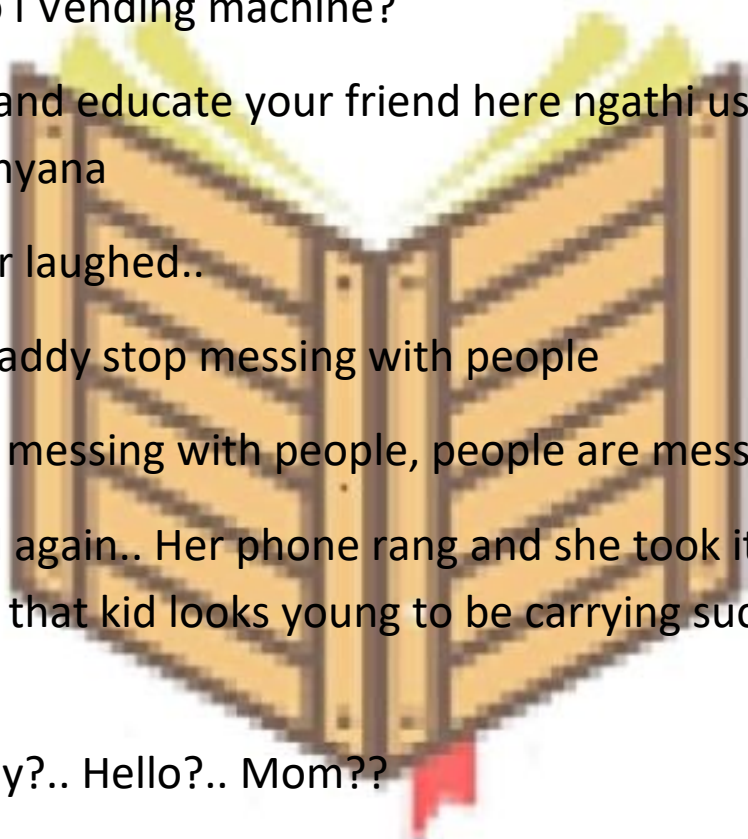
Her: Mommy?.. Hello?.. Mom??

She looked at her phone and put it on her ear again..

Her: Mom?.. Hello??.. Lwazi are you playing with mom's phone again?

She hunged up and looked at her father..

Her: Dad lwazi is playing with mom's phone again



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Him: i told khikhi to put her phone where lwazi cannot reach

He looked at me again..

Him: konje how much is it going to be again?

Me: huh?

I was like this confused dumb bimbo...

Him: You are soo.. Tell me do you have Ancestors? Fede ang'tholi smart ngathi uhlala u lost (i don't understand you, you always look lost)

His daughter laughed again....

He looked at her..

Him: Bontle what did i say about eavesdropping?

Her: Im not eavesdropping daddy you not gossiping

Him: either way young girl..

Her: can i go to the bathroom?

Kay: ill take you

Her: Sorry but i don't trust strangers and their strange bathrooms

She looked at her father..

Her: Dad..



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Him: You want us to go to the mall just so you pee?

Her: Yes

Him: awukahle Bontle Skhosana anginaso iskhathi sok'dlala  
(Bontle skhosana i don't have time for games)

Her: Maybe ill just call mom

Him: fine we can go!

She looked at Kay..

Her: ill come back i Promise

They both went out with him having his hands on his daughter's  
shoulders..

Him: ill break your tiny shoulders, i told you i don't have time  
for milk and cookies

Her: You crazy daddy, everything you say is crazy

They went out all arguing.. No one said anything for a while..  
We were all just i don't know..



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[FUNI]

I returned home last night, Shane even had the nerve to drive me back home. I didn't understand this guy but most of all i didn't understand myself. How can i not know my husband? How can i not take those small changes seriously? Well i didn't take them serious because i didn't think that Cowen has a twin. I just took it as if like he was making changes in his life.

Everyone was happy to see me when i walked through that elevator even Mama k was here but i wasn't in the mood for nothing i went straight to bed. Cowen tried to be a loving husband but i pushed him away i can't face him after what ive done, i should've taken my wedding vows seriously..

I spent the whole day indoors didn't feel like going to the boutique, i didn't feel like going Anywhere..

I was sitting at the kitchen counter that and thinking about what happened that i didn't even hear Cowen walk down..

When i had snapped out of my thoughts i saw him standing there looking at me, i wiped my tears as he made his way to me..

Him: Bubu

I looked at him..

Me: i thought you'll be at the hospital

He stood next to me and looked at me..

Him: What did he do to you that hurt you soo much, that made you cry the whole night and even today you still crying

I shrugged my shoulders...

Him: Its fine ill find him and he is gonna pay for this

The elevator opened and Shabba walked in..

Him: Family

Cowen greeted him back..

Shabba: But her cheeks how are you feeling this morning?

Me: ill be fine

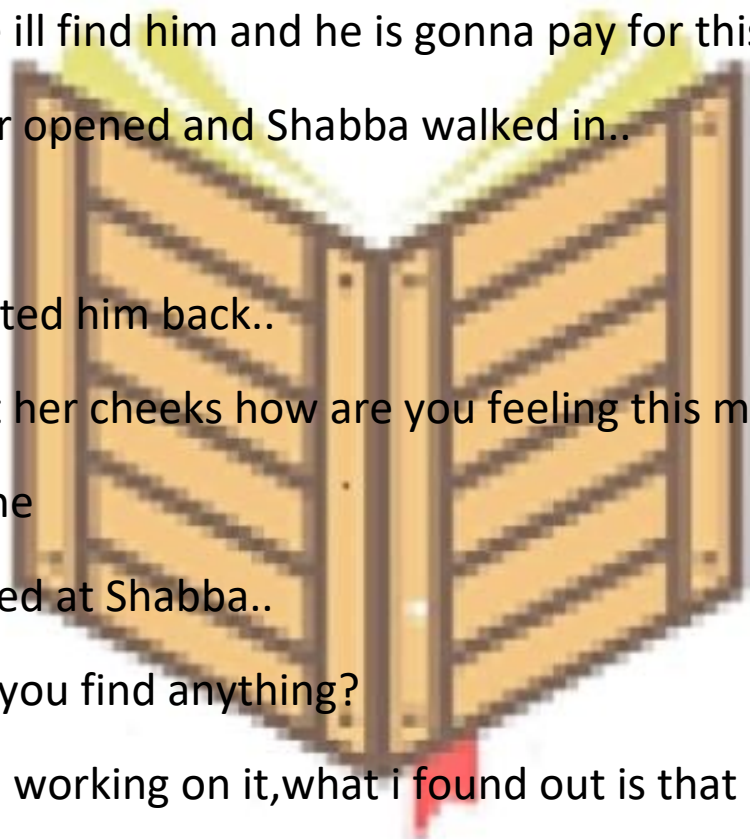
Cowen looked at Shabba..

Cowen: did you find anything?

Shabba: still working on it,what i found out is that he is with the bloods

Cowen: That doesn't surprise me

Shabba: You know Mama k denied you having a twin last night, could it be that Riley got your double? A look alike?



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Cowen: Im starting to believe so too i mean Riley is capable of anything

I sat there listening to what they were saying, if only they knew that Shane was not a double nor a look alike. He was Cowen's twin, mama k is hiding something, she is hiding something big..

Cowen: but what would be Riley's motive in all of this?

Shabba: That's what we need to find out

His pager went off..

Cowen: i have to go

He kissed me on my cheek

Him: Are you gonna be fine?

I nodded..

Him: ill be in theater so please inform Shabba about your whereabouts

Me: i will

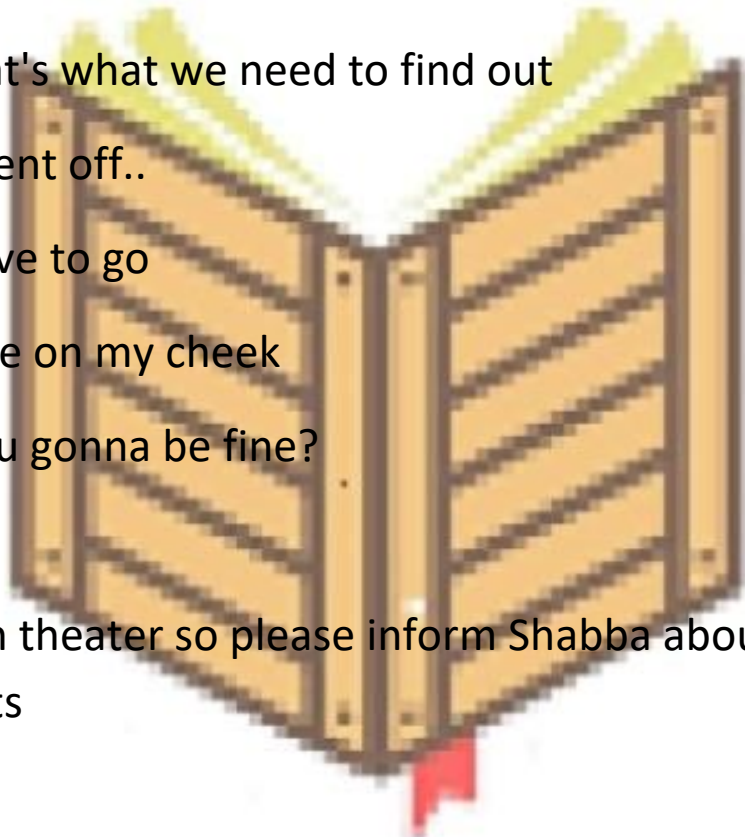
Him: i love you

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Me: i love you too

He walked away to get his things.

Shabba put his hand on my shoulder..



Him: Don't worry Funza we will get him

Me: He is not fake Shabba, he is really Cowen's twin

He looked at me..

Me: i felt him, i touched him

i was with him he is real

Him: did he force himself on you? Because if he did then...

Me: No he didn't i slept with him willingly, he didn't kidnap me

Him: he fooled you into thinking he is Cowen

Me: No Shabba.. The was little things that made me realise he is not my husband

Him: and you went ahead to sleep with him?

I nodded..

Him: not only are you but her face, you but her dumbness, but her stupid, but her slowness, but her brain..

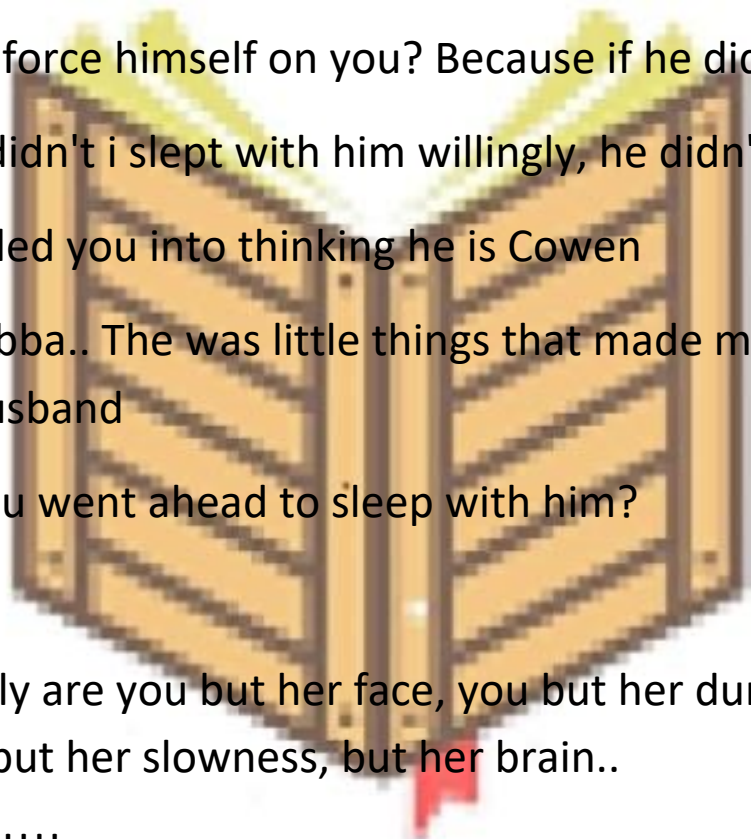
Me: Shabba!!!!

We both took deep breaths..

Him: You need to tell him

Me: What? Are you crazy? He is gonna kill us both!

Him: if you don't tell him, he is going to find out he is Braga!



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Me: i can't loose my husband Shabba

Him: You have to tell him

Cowen came down..

Him: got everything, im ready to go

Shabba: but her dumbness here would like to tell you something

I looked at him shocked how can Shabba throw me under the bus like this?..

I looked at Cowen as he was looking at me too and i couldn't tell him..

Me: i.. When i was kidnapped yesterday all i thought about was you and the boys, if something happened to me i..

He put his things down..

Him: Come here.

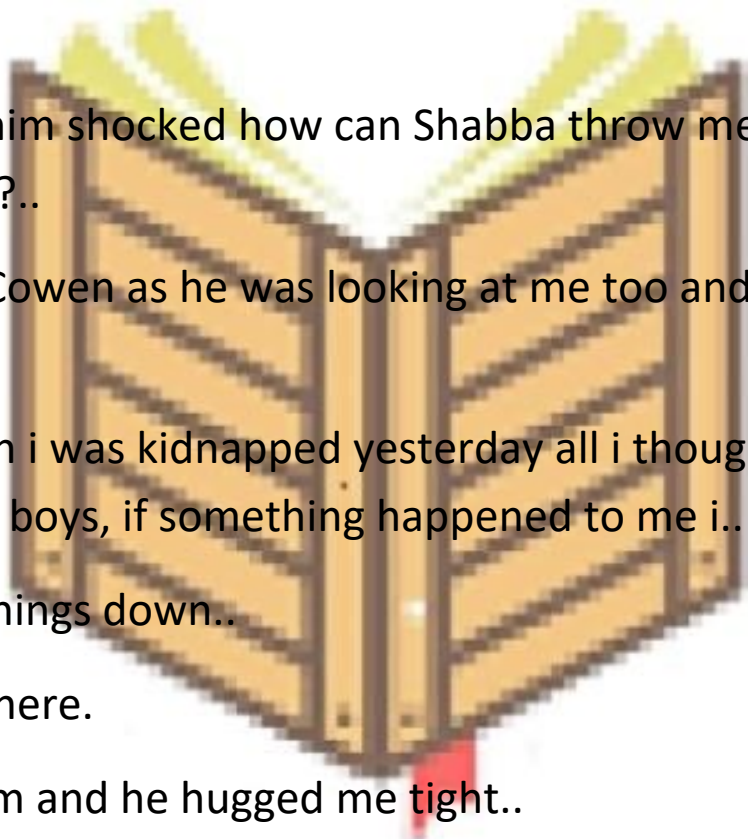
I went to him and he hugged me tight..

Him: i am going to make him pay for this, same way that Zuko paid with his life

Shabba stood there and looked at me while Shaking his head..

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[LAURIAN]



Austin fetched me at around 19:00 from the salon, today we opened till late hoping to get more customers. Unfortunately that guy with his daughter didn't come back such a disappointment. I don't ever think of cheating on my nigga but that guy at the salon shuuuuu Lord had mercy he just fascinated me. By the way he handled himself was very attractive, i knew very well that he grew up in the hood he wasn't no cheese boy...

I found myself laughing alone as i was sitting on that small dressing chair applying lotion on my legs

Austin was laying in bed watching Tv...

I laughed again and he looked at me..

Him: mind Sharing the joke?

I looked at him.. He looked at me too.

I stood up and fixed my towel then went up to him, i sat ontop of him.

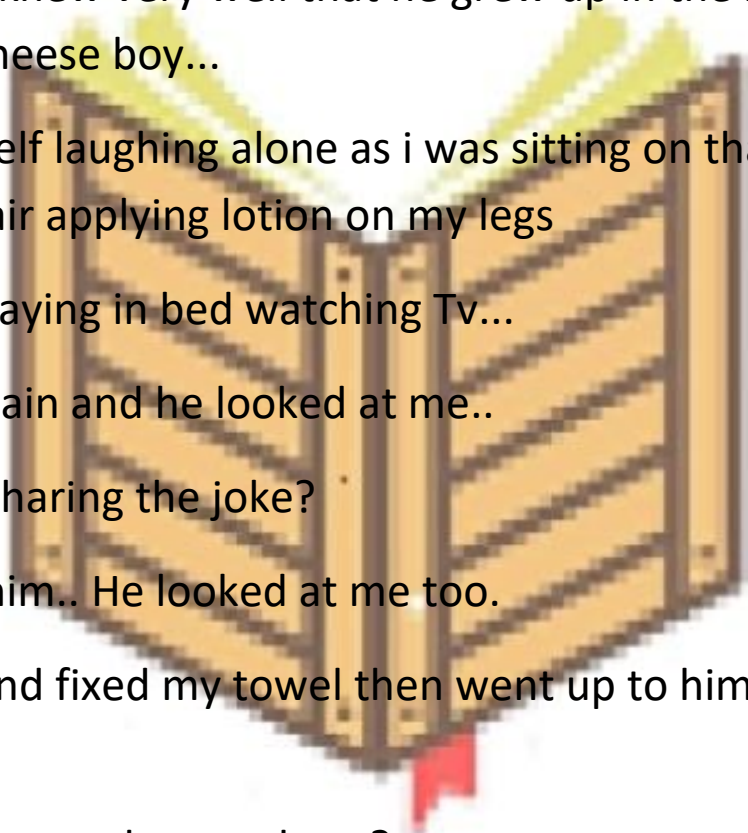
Him: What you so happy about?

Me: so something happened at the salon

Him: Yeah?

Me: so this guy walked in

Him: "this guy"



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Me: Yes he was funny as hell and very cute

Him: cute?

I nodded..

Him: so his cuteness is what's making you giggle all alone like a 13 year old teen?

Me: Are we jealous?

Him: Are we supposed to be?

Me: so cute when you jealous

Him: get off me Laurian

Me: but..

He threw me on my side of the bed i laughed..

Him: if his cute he is cute

He looked at me..

Him: say his cute again i dare you

Me: but

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He raised his hand...

Him: Say it

Me: Can i at least laugh?

Him: Im not joking



I got out of bed..

Me: He is cute

His phone beeped..

Him: hold that thought

He took his phone and checked.

Him: What do you know your cute guy text me "Your girlfriend is very is beautiful, indoni yamanzi. are you ready to talk now"

Me: Ohw he is using me to get to you?

Him: i think we can agree that he is into me than he is to you

I sat down..

Him: let me hear you say his cute?

I kept quiet and he laughed..

Him: "his cute".." his cute"

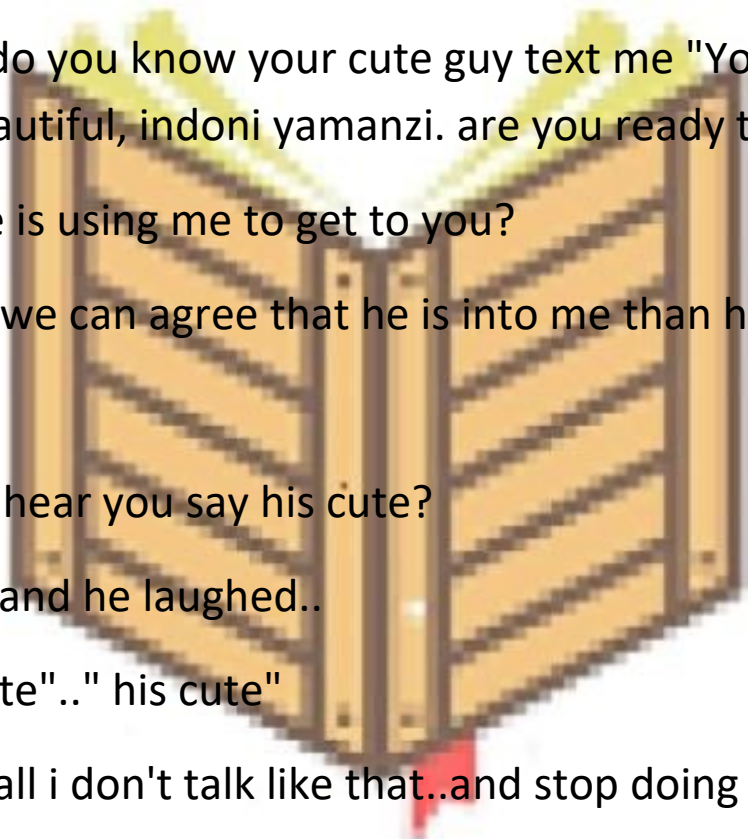
Me: first of all i don't talk like that..and stop doing that Its wrong

Him: Okay im sorry come here

Me: No. so you can make fun of me?

Him: i won't i Promise

I went closer to him..



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We laid side by side facing each other with my thigh on top of him..

Him: Im happy that you taking charge of your life again

Me: Im happy too

He kissed me..

Him: i miss you

Me: i miss you too

He put his hand on my thigh..

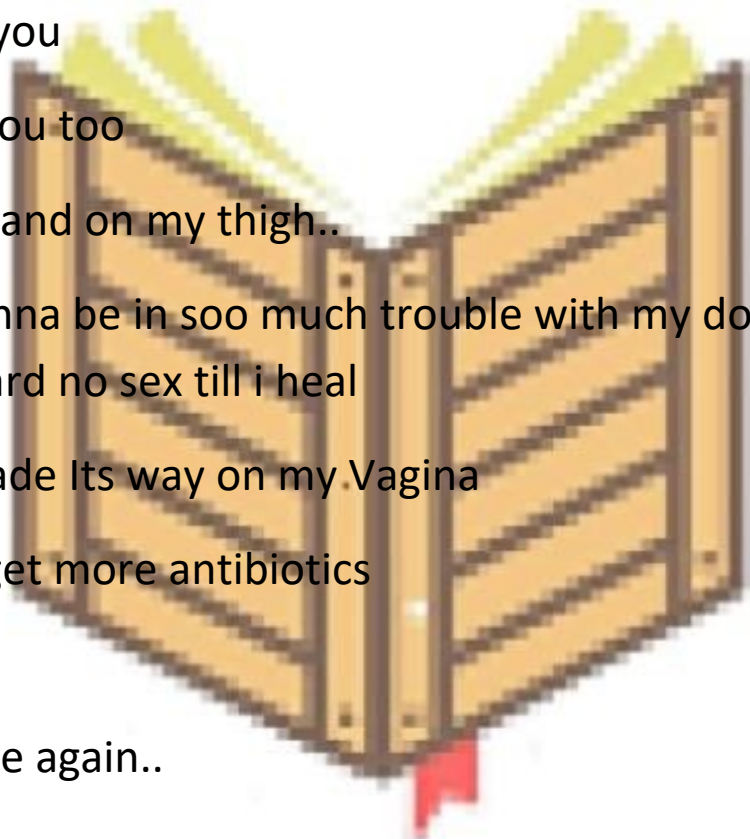
Me: You gonna be in soo much trouble with my doctor im still sick you heard no sex till i heal

His hand made Its way on my Vagina

Him: We'll get more antibiotics

I giggled..

He kissed me again..



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[AUSTIN]

I finally decided to go and meet up with this Gesh person so i can find out what he really wants from me.

When Laurian went to the Salon i went to the address that he sent me..

It was a flat in a private place you wouldn't notice it if you were just passing by. I rang the door bell and someone told me to come in, i opened and went it.. Two guys were standing at the kitchen looked like they were already waiting for me. One of the guys looked exactly like Cowen only difference is that he had snake eye contact lenses..

The other one came to me and extended his hand to me..

Him: Gesh

I didn't shake his hand...

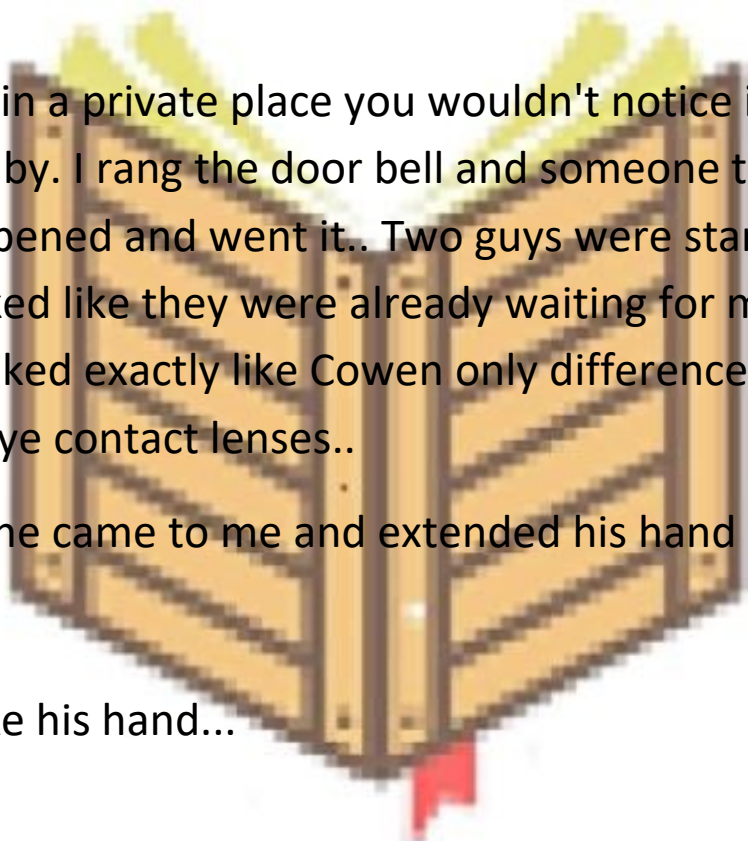
Me: Austin

Him: glad you could make it

We walked up to the other guy..

Gesh: This is Shane but known as The Python

Shane: hence the lenses



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Me: You look..

Him: Familiar.. I know

Me: Are you?

Him: Sean Cowen's twin brother? Yes i am

Gesh: i think we'll get straight to the point

Gesh went to the table and got a file, then came and gave it to me.

Me: What is this?

Him: find out for yourself

I opened it and it was pictures of O'Njaay

Me: How did you get this?

Shane: he is hiding out in Afghanistan

Gesh: one word and we can serve you his head in a Gold Tray

I looked at them..

Me: What do you want?

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They looked at each other..

Shane: We have looked up your history, you have been in a gang before, arrested for murder, and..

Me: i know my history if you could just get to the point

Gesh: We want you to join the Bloods

Me: And why would i wanna do that?

Gesh: We can get O'Njaay for you, we can get your Uncle TK off your back and being a drug dealer myself i can help you grow your Oxy business

I looked at the pictures again...

Me: Where is his wife?

Gesh: that one we don't know

Shane: You don't have to answer now you can just go home and think about it

Me: Ayt cool

I started walking then stopped and looked at Gesh..

Me: stay away from my girlfriend

He raised his hands up..

Him: Say no more

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[LAURIAN]

I was relaxing one of my client's hair. At least this time around we had round about 3 clients..

Menzi: so that lekker thing is no longer coming back?

Me: Looks that way and miss Kay is disappointed

Kay: Im not disappointed

Client: Can you please increase the volume of the Tv

Menzi took the remote and increased..

News reporter: The bones found a few weeks ago buried in this very own bush, have been confirmed to be Dr Ntsele. A medical report also confirmed that she died from multiple gun wounds. A homicide case has been opened and investigations are being carried out to find the people responsible for killing Dr Ntsele. I am Patricia Buthelezi reporting live from Johannesburg..

Me: i know her she is Austin's Doctor

Client: Who would kill such a kind woman? And a good doctor

Menzi: This world that we live in is now cruel

Kay: worse they saying her kids are missing too

Client: could they been murdered?

Kay: possible

Me: whoever did this must burn in hell

Menzi: They should lock them up and throw away the key

Me: i have to call Austin and tell him about this he will be soo hurt shame..

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[FUNI]

Today i decided to go back to the boutique

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cannot just sit at home feeling sorry for myself and what happened..

I wasn't at the front i sat at the back office and did filling because i was still very much emotional about what happened..

I betrayed my own husband, i broke my wedding vows and i don't know how to deal with what happened..

Dima walked in while i was crying..

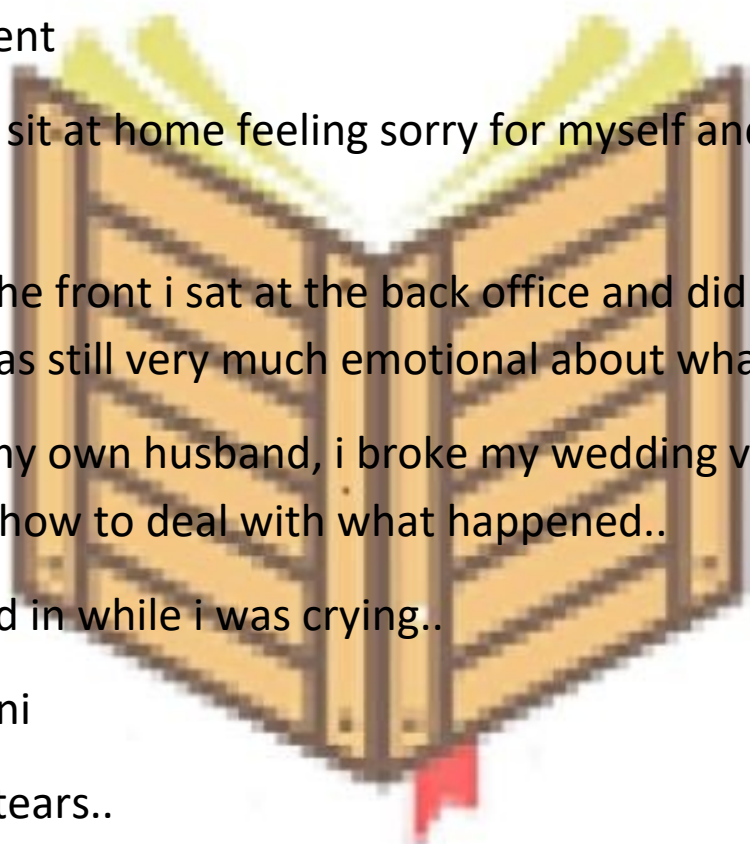
Her: Hey Funi

I wiped my tears..

Her: are you alright?

Me: ill be fine

Her: Im truly sorry about what happened and im sure Its very difficult for you to deal with it i mean being kidnapped can be a traumatic experience



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Me: Thank you

Her: Anything i can do to make you feel better?

Me: No ill be fine

Her: Okay

Me: How is Thando?

Her: She's getting better

Me: That's good

She put her hands on the table and looked down..

Me: Anything else?

Her: No im sorry ill..

Me: Shabba told you?

She nodded..

Her: he didn't mean to tell me i just forced it out of him

Me: And what is your take on it?

Her: honesty and trust in a marriage is important. Lies and secrets can break a marriage. If Cowen ever had to find out, let it come from you

Me: Im scared Dima i.. I don't wanna loose him



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Her: You won't lose him, Cowen loves you and he will forgive you. I don't think he can hold this against you, you didn't know.

Me: but i knew, i saw the signs and i ignored them

Her: Don't do this to yourself

Me: i don't think i can be able to look at Cowen and tell him the truth

Jenna came in..

Her: Sorry for interrupting but Dima there's a customer that wants to talk to you

Dima: ill be there

Jenna: Okay

Dima looked at me..

Her: You have to tell him the truth

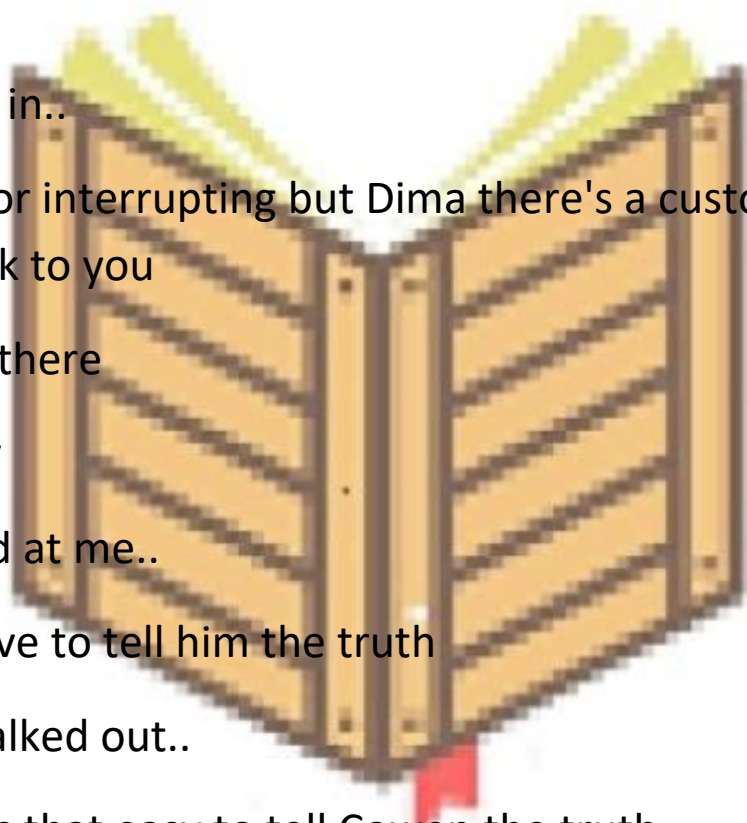
She then walked out..

If only it was that easy to tell Cowen the truth...

After about 3min of me closing my eyes and thinking, i heard someone clearing their throat..

I opened my eyes and looked at the door, it was Shane..

Me: What are you doing here?





He closed the door and came to me...

Him: Your boutique is splendid

Something was different about him, he had snake eye contact lenses.. I know they supposed to make him look scary and they did but they also made him look cute

Me: What are you doing here?

Him: i am here to see how you holding up and by the look of things you don't look fine

He squeezed my cheek..

Him: What's wrong?

I looked at him if only he knew that he was the one who is wrong..



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[COWEN]

It was around 21:00 and i was in my office going through a few X-rays. Sometimes Its difficult being a heart specialist even when you have a Degree and years of training but you still have to reflect back to your Text books. I always keep a few in my surgery so that when i forget i can reflect back..

I was all alone, my assistant long went home so i locked myself in because i wasn't expecting anyone..

It wasn't until i heard sounds like someone was trying to open the main door, i stopped what i was doing and listened carefully..

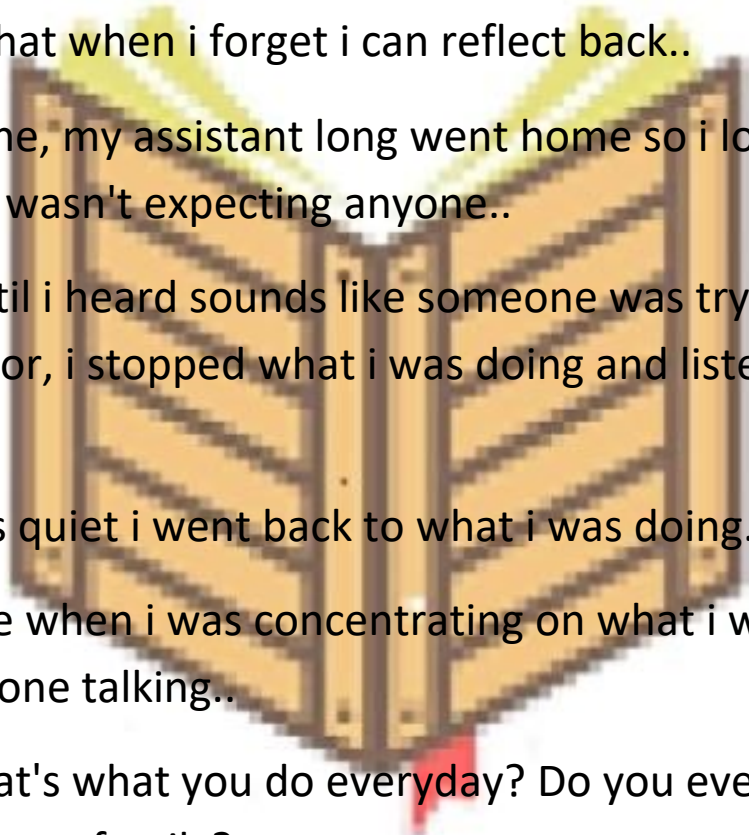
When it was quiet i went back to what i was doing..

After a while when i was concentrating on what i was doing i heard someone talking..

Voice: so that's what you do everyday? Do you even get time to spend with your family?

I looked at the door and it was almost as if like i was seeing a mirror reflection of me, just that his eyes looked different..

He slowly walked in with his hands in his pockets and i stood up..



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I had a mini heart attack i won't lie, if this is really my double then Riley did a damn good job in perfecting it..

He extended his hand to me.

Him: Brother

I looked at his hand then looked at him..

Him: Okay no handshake

He picked the photo that was on my table..

Him: Your family is beautiful

I was very stunned i didn't know what to say..

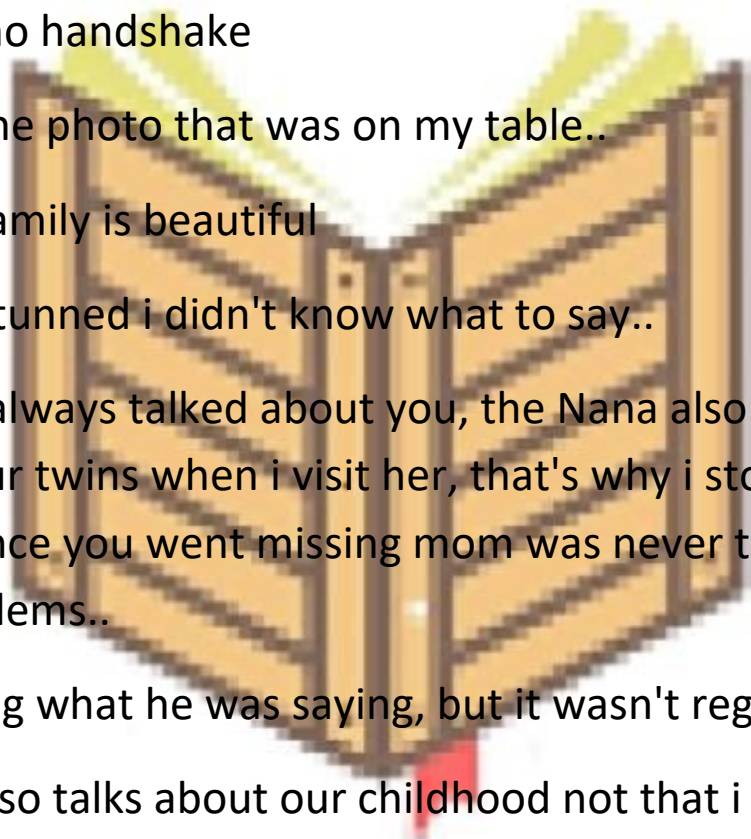
Him: Mom always talked about you, the Nana also talks about you and your twins when i visit her, that's why i stopped visiting her. Ever since you went missing mom was never the same had health problems..

I was hearing what he was saying, but it wasn't registering...

The Nana also talks about our childhood not that i have much knowledge of it but she describes everything in detail..

He moved to check other things..

Him: She says that she always knew that we were gonna be enemies. Mom debated on that but Nana based it on how we used to wrestle even when we were still in our mother's womb. Weird isn't it?



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I kept quiet and let him go on...

Him: Nana says you were always the dominant twin, she said mom loved you more because you always showed courage, you were smart you were very different. She says you always bullied me mom would yell at me and tell me to go fight back, quite Frankly she even thought that i was always gonna be a sissy. See my eye contact lenses i have to wear them most of the time because my left eye is very sensitive to light and in turn that makes me very dizzy. Sometimes a sharp pain would arise from my eye extending to my head and ill get a terrible headache..

Wanna know why? Heard when we were one you struck my eye with a sword. You know when you went missing life became worse as i grew up to learn what was going on mom was always sick because of the fact that you were gone but that didn't stop her from loving you. She would drink alot, beat me, take out her frustrations on me always ask me "why aren't you Sean, why didn't they take you instead of him, why is God punishing me why are you a curse to me" she would throw me out, she would feed me paint thinner, when all of that happened i would go hide out in the closet crying i was scared i was alone..

She then started doing drugs and would get worse when she's high she would do things to me that were disgusting!

All of that was hard for me to process..

Me: i cried and cried until one day i stopped crying, i started being a Rebel i started my own gang when i was 14, i Remember we were EMOs we embraced death and anything that's dark. Moms once came home and tried to touch me but you know what happened? I stabbed her several times she couldn't fight back she was high and for the first time she couldn't fight me i deafed her. You can visit her in the cemetery don't worry i made sure that she had a good funeral

Me: so you not fake?

Him: do i look fake to you?

Me: What do you want?

Him: Revenge, i wanna kill you and take over your life. I was abused all this years because of you i want your little perfect family and everything that you have

I laughed..

Him: by the way i had the best time with your wife the other day

Me: You touched my wife?

Him: did i?

Anger started to take over..



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Him: she has two birth marks. One is on her thigh right close to her pussy and the other one im sure we both know were it is..

I approached him and he took out his gun..

Me: You took advantage of her because she thought you were me

He laughed...

Him: she noticed that i wasn't you alot of times but she ignored. We fucked in the shower even how i fucked her she didn't notice that i am not you

we had 3 rounds i still have scratches on my back shiit you got a real female tiger in that woman and all those curves and ass shit!

I don't wanna lie i felt like killing him..

Me: i will kill you, just know that you and your fucken leader Riley!

Him: i hope i live to see the day... By the way i brought her clothes left them at the reception we went biking she enjoyed herself and got mud all over her so had to get her a new outfit. She's very fragile though i was at her boutique earlier was crying on my shoulder with my hands moving all around her. You can come closer you will still smell her perfume from me..

See Sean im slowly taking your life bit by bit your family will be mine and i will watch you as you get destroyed just know that this is only the beginning..

After saying that he walked out..

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[AUSTIN]

Laurian and i we were watching Tv in the lounge. The one in the lounge was much bigger than the one in the bedroom.. She put her legs ontop of me and i was massaging her feet.

She was watching those local sopies and busy talking in between. My mind was very far away, i was thinking about The bloods and the Skulls both gangs are powerful and you wouldn't wanna be an enemy of either because they are the biggest rivals..

I looked at Laurian as she was talking and smiling, i wanna keep it like this and the bloods can help me they know where her Father is, they can take him out like that and Laurian will be free, she won't have to look over her shoulder anymore. This will also be justice for Leah...

She put her hand under my chin..

Her: Where is your mind at?

I looked at her..

Me: Huh?

Her: You thinking about Dr Ntsele don't you? I saw it today on the news and its sad..

Me: You saw what on the news?

Her: You haven't heard yet?

Me: heard what?

She kept quiet...

Me: Lauri heard what?

Her: They discovered bones last week, today a medical report confirmed they belong to Dr Ntsele, she was murdered

That was news to my ears, i didn't think that they were gonna find her i mean where and how i buried her you wouldn't notice and it has been long

Me: Do they have any suspects?

Her: Not yet

That was a relief... [NOVELSGURU.COM](http://NOVELSGURU.COM)

Her: i wish they find whoever did this to her, those people must burn in hell. No human can kill another human unless you truly evil!

I kept quiet..



She got her legs off me.

Her: bloody devils they make me sick who kills such a wonderful doctor?

I don't know what came over me but i spoke without thinking..

Me: You want your Father dead doesn't that make you all the things you've just mentioned?

She looked at me shocked...

Her: Wow!

She stood up...

Me: Babe i..

She walked out to the bedroom..

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[COWEN]

I headed straight home after that Scenario. What was revealed truly destroyed me inside. I know that my wife didn't know but couldn't she notice anything? I mean me and Shane are twins but we cannot be identical in everything even our actions.

Worse if this was a clear confusion then why isn't she telling me? Why is she keeping this from me? What's more worse is that today she allowed him to touch her again what was her excuse today because she knew who he is?



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The elevator opened and i Walked in, the twins were sleeping on different couches with their toys she was humming at the kitchen i made my way to her...

She was cooking while wearing a sexy number, i stood there for a moment looking at her. She allowed him to touch her, to enter her, to kiss her and she did nothing she went along with it. Did she enjoy him? Is she falling for him?

After a while she noticed me..

Her: You scared me

I smiled..

Me: You look beautiful

She smiled back..

Her: Thank you

She went back to what she was doing and i Walked up to her. My first thoughts was to just strangle her squeeze the life out of her while looking her in the eye, but then i passed my boys in the lounge i cannot take their mother from them, that would be selfish of me..

I put my things on the table, looking at those curves, those thighs, made me boil inside..

She turned and looked at me..



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Her: dinner will be served after you have showered Mister

She came and unbuttoned my shirt..

Halfway through i held her hands tight, i squeezed them very tight i was ready to crush her bones...

Her: Awww Cowen!

I let go..

Me: Im sorry

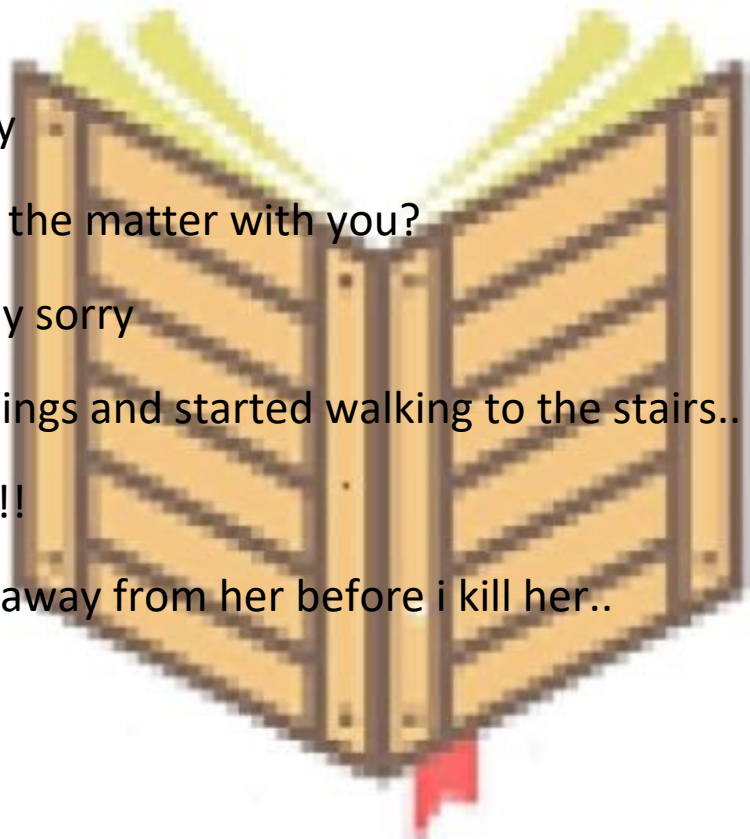
Her: What's the matter with you?

Me: Im really sorry

I took my things and started walking to the stairs..

Her: Cowen!!

I had to get away from her before i kill her..



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[COWEN]

I needed to be away from Funi for a while before i do anything that im gonna regret later. Its not what happened that really gets to me, but the fact that she's keeping it from me makes me believe that they having a sinister affair for real.

I had called the Skulls we were gonna meet up at the warehouse, Austin was to come too i think this assignment will be good for him...

I arrived at the warehouse and everyone was there already waiting for me including Austin.

Me: Thank you guys for coming at such short notice

Shabba: What's soo important that i had to leave my wife's pussy to come and attend this meeting?

Me: Im getting to that Shabba

Vic: kana his married now we won't hear the end of it

Shabba: Can i have that in writing?

The crew laughed...

Me: Thank you for the jokes Vic and Shabba but can we get back to why we here?

They all gave me their attention..

Me: i have decided that we should go after Barclay's

Shabba laughed...

Him: now that's a great joke to start the meeting..

Me: Im not joking

Vic: with all due respect Braga but Barclay's is not our territory  
Its the Bloods

Me: i know but money is money

Shabba: the bloods are planning on doing damage there next  
week

Me: i know that too that's why we should go there first

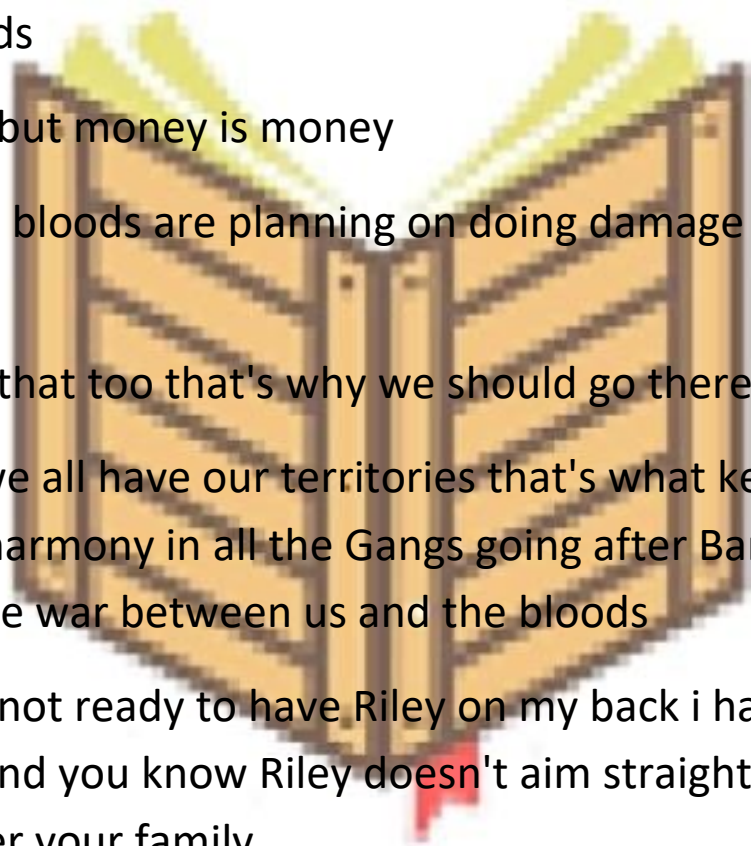
Vic: Braga we all have our territories that's what keeps the  
peace and harmony in all the Gangs going after Barclay's is  
gonna create war between us and the bloods

Shabba: Im not ready to have Riley on my back i have a family  
that i love and you know Riley doesn't aim straight at the target  
he goes after your family

Vic: the Sniper is dangerous. The bloods as a whole are  
dangerous

Shabba: They have Gesh there, Gina, Brandon, Sniper, jamie,  
Anathi, Jennifer..

Me: And the Python



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Vic: Who is the Python?

Me: My t.. My twin brother

Austin: This sounds more like a personal vendetta

Vic: ya and we don't do personal vendettas

Me: i don't think you guys hear me clearly

this is not a request Its a command

Shabba looked at the other members..

Him: i might as well start planning my own funeral

Me: i know you guys are concerned and everything but im bringing in the best in our team

Shabba: Who?

Me: the blue bandanas

They started laughing..

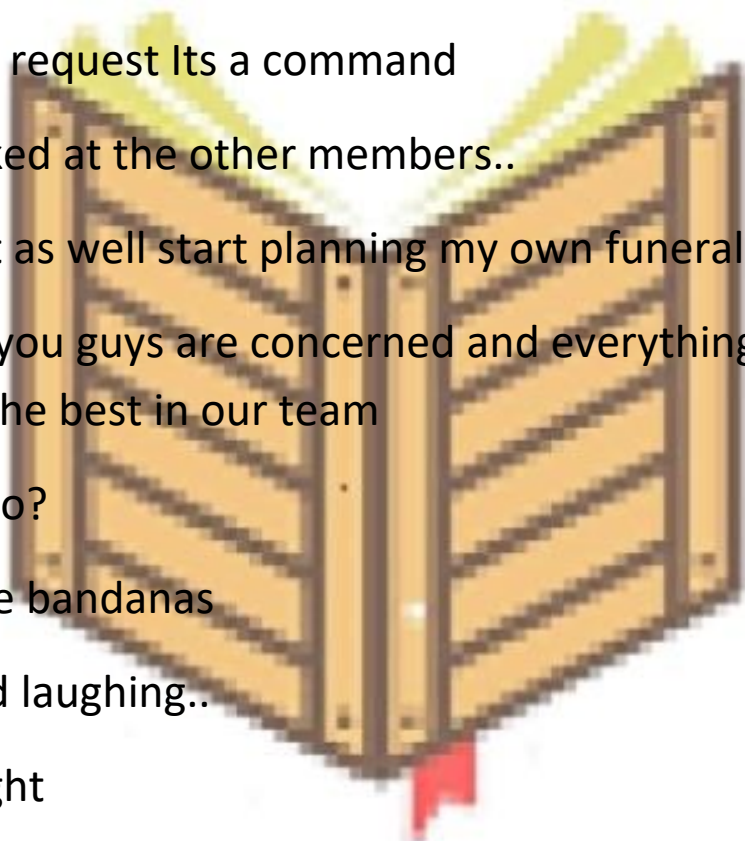
Vic: Yeah right

Me: Shabba would you please open the door for our guests

Shabba went to open the door and he came back with the blue bandanas.. The crew just lost it..

It was Duvenhage, Carl, and some girl, Tpee wasn't with them..

I looked at Duvenhage



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Me: Where the fuck is Tpee?

Him: he is.. Its even hard for me to say this but he is out on a date with one of his students..

Me: Wtf? He stood us up because of a student?

Duvenhage: i know but ill make sure he is here in our next meetings

Me: He better be

I looked at the crew...

Vic: Where is Tpee?

Everyone else started following her..

Them: Yeah where is Tpee?

Me: unfortunately he had to attend an emergency

I looked at Duvenhage..

Me: but i hope that he will attend our next meetings

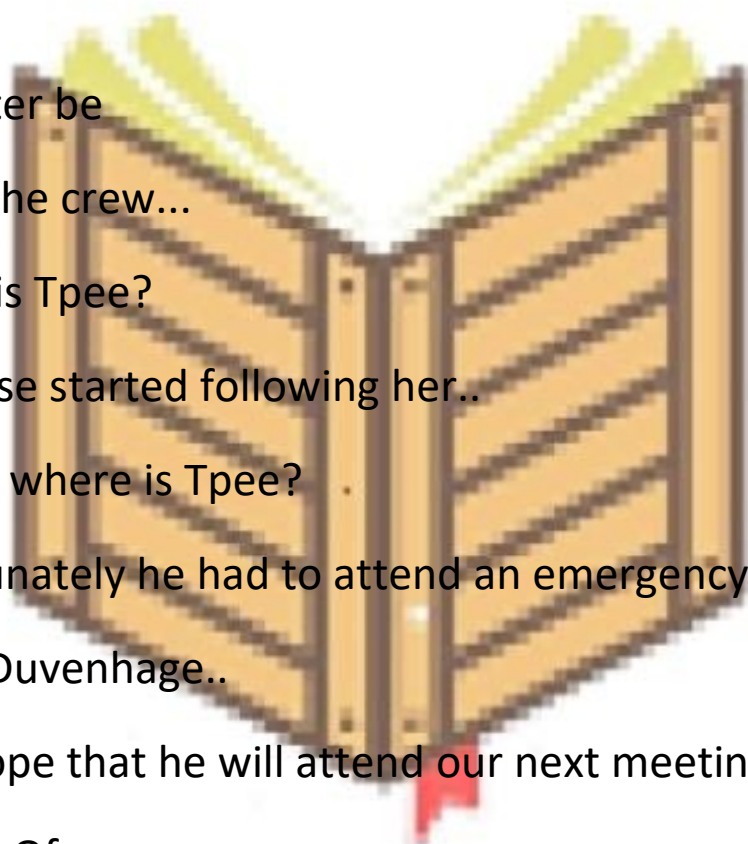
Duvenhage: Ofcause

Vic: Who is the newbie?

Duvenhage: This is Dimpho but we call her Dudenol

Austin: Dude what?

Vic: i might as well just hand myself to the bloods



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Me: What's special about her?

Carl: The bloods have Brandon he is the spitting Cobra. We have Dudenol and she is our Trigger happy

Vic: that doesn't even sound Gangster, it sounds like we are about to invite our enemies for dinner at kfc

Me: Vic..

Her: You have Carl who doesn't know how to use a gun, and then we have Miss finger looking good we are not slaughtering chickens here

Duvenhage looked at me..

Him: Where did you get this loud mouth?

Me: Don't even ask

Dudenol: i bet my A game is better than yours San!

Vic: Your A game? They fucken call you Happy trigger!

Dudenol made her way to Vic but Duvenhage held her back..

Dudenol: We will have our day

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Vic: looking forward to it, Vic vs trigger happy

Me: Im sure Tpee wouldn't have had her in his team if he didn't think that she was the best

Vic rolled her eyes..



Me: meeting adjourned. I just wanted us to come here and meet our alliance and ill inform you about our next meeting

We all said our goodbyes then other members went..

I turned to Duvenhage..

Me: Thank you for doing this i mean i Really need the best in my team right now to pull this off

Him: any enemy of the my brother is my friend

Austin came to us...

Him: Braga i would like to have a word with you

Me: Yeah sure man

We moved away from everyone

Me: What's on your mind

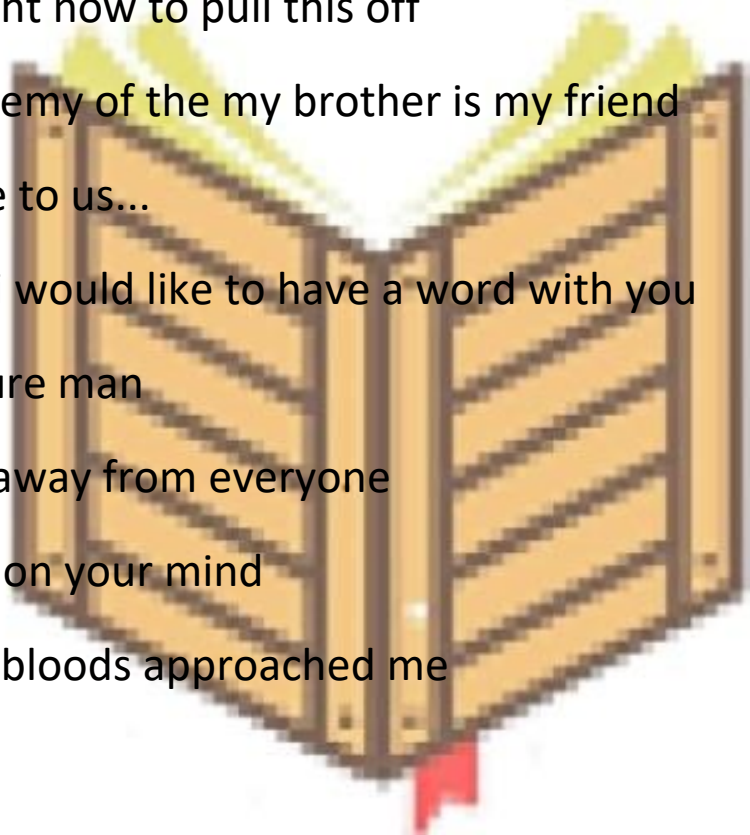
Him: so the bloods approached me

Me: And?

Him: Im sure you read about what happened to my girlfriend Laurian O'Njaay her father tried to kill her?

Me: i did read about that story man it was terrible what happened to her, so you involved with her?

Him: Yes and she's still haunted by what happened



Me: Ofcause she would be that shit is heavy

Him: ya it is

Me: so what does it have to do with the bloods?

Him: They said if i join them then they will bring me O'Njaay in a silver platter his head Ofcause

Me: And what do you say?

Him: i don't know i.. I don't feel them, something about them that i don't really like

Me: They are quite something

Him: i don't see myself wearing a red bandana

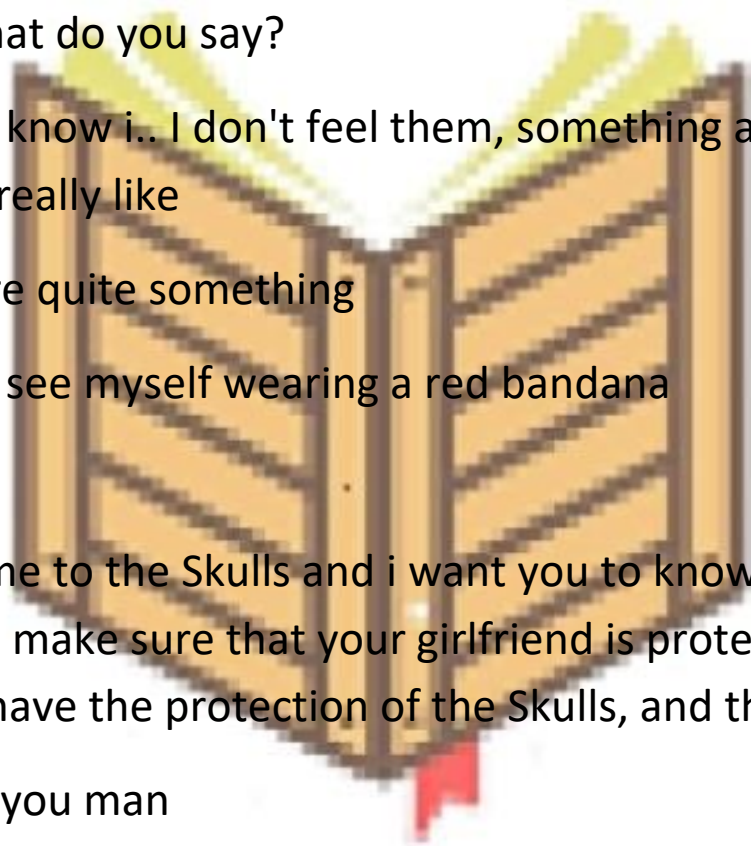
I laughed..

Me: Welcome to the Skulls and i want you to know that we will go all out to make sure that your girlfriend is protected at all times. You have the protection of the Skulls, and the crips

Him: Thank you man

Me: matter of fact come and meet the lion personally

We walked up to Duvenhage..



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[FUNI]

Something was definitely not right with Cowen. He didn't even stay that long, he showered and left while wearing his Skull outfit meaning he was going to meet up with the Skulls. He hasn't been giving the Skulls much attention lately, he was fully focused on his career but tonight i am not sure if his heart is still gonna be on his career..

When he went out i bathe my babies then tucked them in, i didn't eat the food that i cooked i just put them in containers and put them in the fridge. I tried sleeping but it was hard to sleep with him not being around, what if something happens to him or happened to him with Shane around i wasn't too trusting....

It was now 01:00am and i was tired of waiting, just as i was about to go upstairs the elevator opened and he walked in holding a plastic..

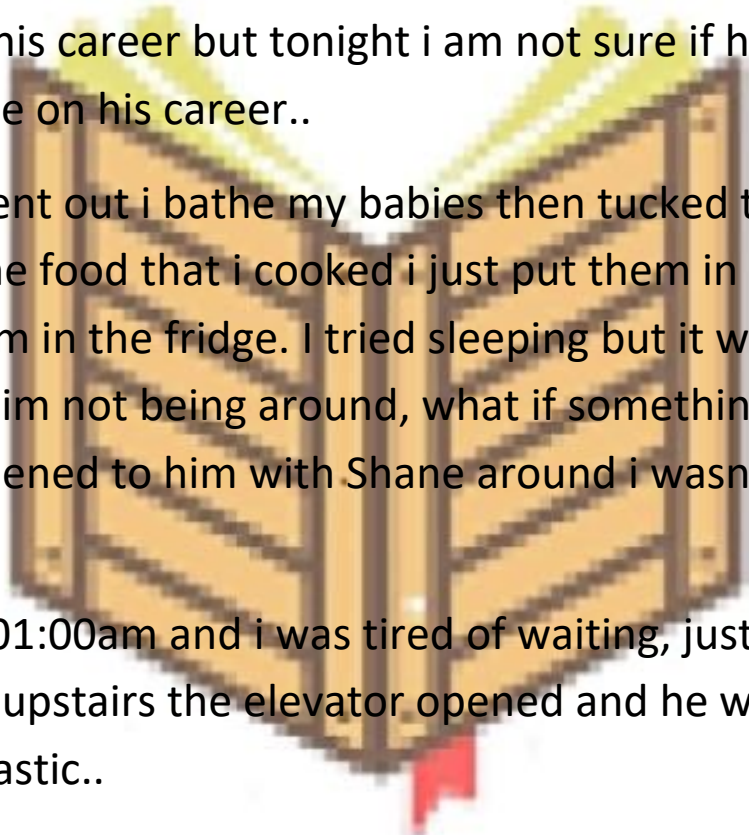
He made his way to me and took off his skull cap..

Him: Thought you'd be sleeping?

Me: i couldn't sleep without knowing where you are

He handed me the plastic..

Him: i believe this belongs to you



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I took the plastic and opened, it was my muddy clothes the very same clothes i was wearing when i was biking with Shane that day....

Him: he dropped them off at the surgery

I didn't know what to say..

Him: is there something that you wanna tell me?

Me: \*\*\*\*

Him: Funi?

Me: \*\*\*\*

I couldn't look my husband in the eye and tell him that i slept with his brother. It wasn't a mistake because we had about 3 rounds, that's enough to spell out an affair..

Me: so he was riding you like me that you couldn't even notice that he is not me?

Me: \*\*\*\*

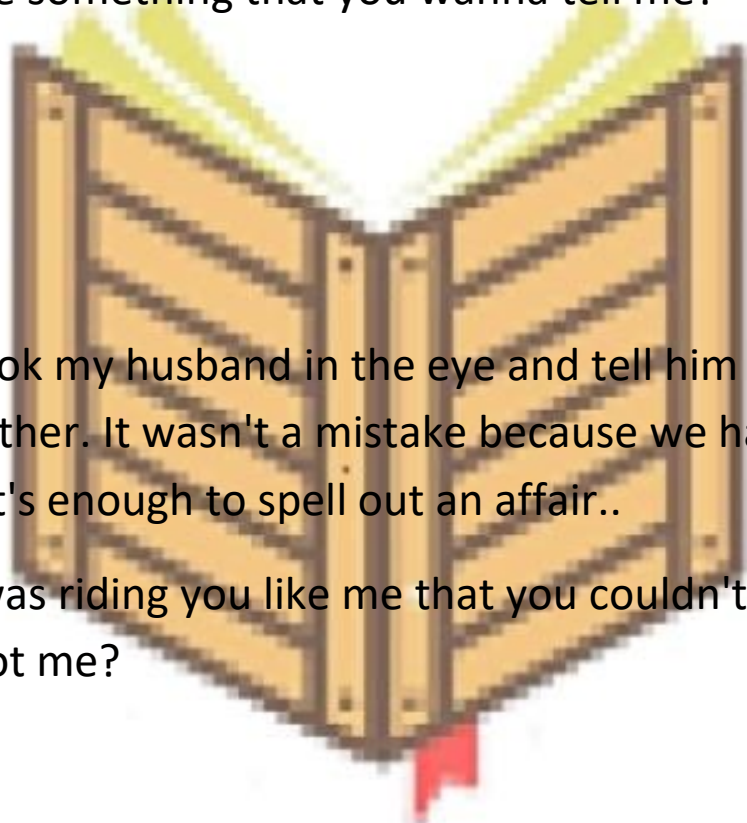
Him: Funi!

Me: Cowen...

Him: Tell me what i need to know, tell me the truth!

My tears failed me...

Him: did you sleep with him?



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I shook my head no..

Him: Im gonna ask you this one last time, did you sleep with him?

Me: No..

Him: You making a fool right now, even with soo much evidence you gonna deny?

All i could do was just cry because i was really scared to loose him..

He came close and wiped my tears..

Him: i love you soo much Funi and i wanna fix this, i wanna fix us..all i want is for you to be honest with me.. Now tell me did you sleep with him?

I still shook my head no..

He turned and hit the table hard..

Him: Dammit Funi! Im trying to help us here and you pissing me more off by lying to me! (screaming)

This was now getting real, i am going to loose my husband but at the same time i can't tell him the truth..

Him: What could've been a mistake, you now making it look like a secret affair

He took his car keys from the table and started walking to the stairs, i followed him....

Me: Cowen please (Crying)

I held his arm..

Him: let me go

Me: No im not gonna let you go, i don't wanna let you go

Him: Then are you ready to tell me the truth?

Me: \*\*\*

He exhaled..

Him: Good night Funi

He walked up those stairs..

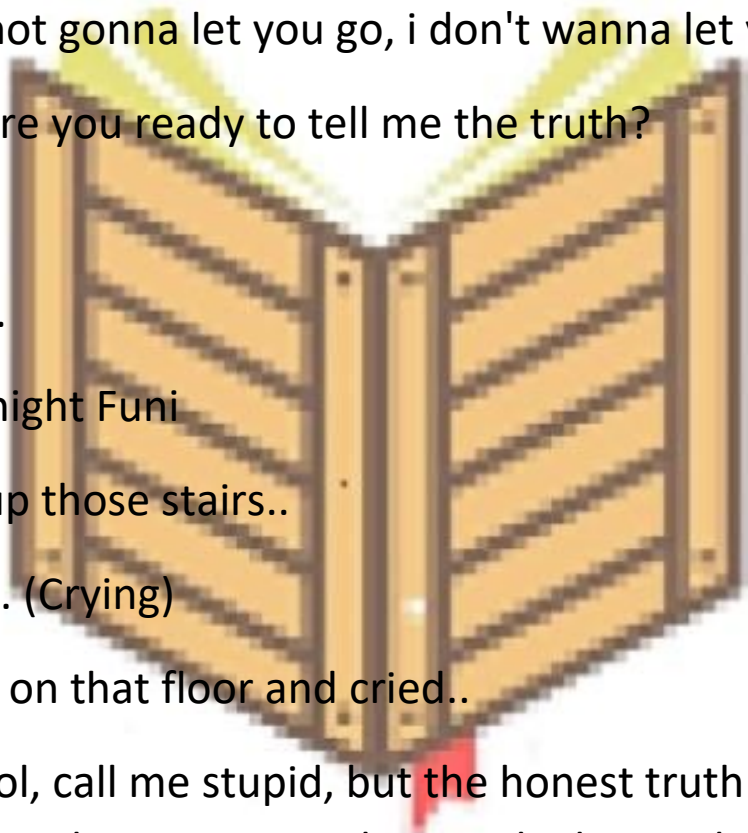
Me: Cowen.. (Crying)

I sank down on that floor and cried..

Call me a fool, call me stupid, but the honest truth is that you cannot look at the person you love and admit to hurting them, admit to ruining your family, admit to breaking trust and your wedding vows....

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[LAURIAN]



It was the same routen for the past 2-3 days. Wake up

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bath, get dressed and go to the Salon..

Today i was to go and meet up with a psychologist at around 13:00 it's gonna be an hour session.....

I didn't wanna do this, i didn't wanna relive that moment but i had too i need to deal with what happened so i can move on with my life. Its not something im gonna wake up one day and forget about it, Its not something that im gonna heal from, but Its something that i wanna accept and learn how to live with it, without it breaking me down..

After i was done preparing myself, i walked to the kitchen and my loving yet annoying boyfriend at times had prepared breakfast for me..

Him: Good morning

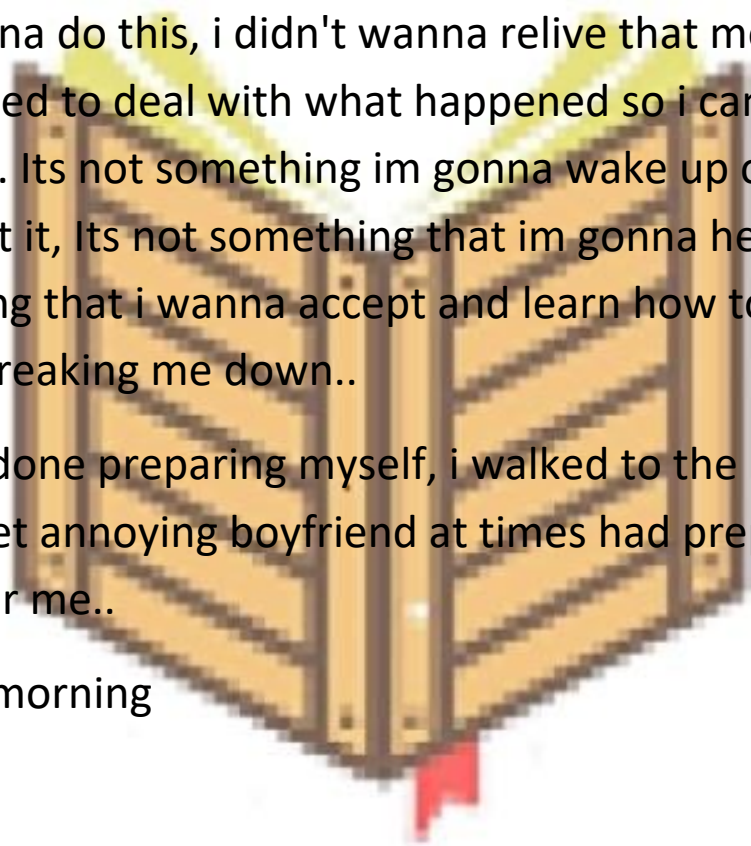
Me: hi

Him: i made you breakfast

Me: Thank you

I sat down.. There was even flowers on the table, he really went out of his way to show that he is sorry..

Him: Im sorry about last night, everything came out wrong



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Me: Its okay, i understand.

Him: You do?

Me: Yes i do

Him: What's happening with you this days? You no longer fight me not that im complaining

Me: Austin there's alot that's going on with my life and im fully focused on that

Him: uhm okay

I dished up and started eating..

Him: i wanna talk to you about something

Me: What is that?

Him: i don't know how to tell you this

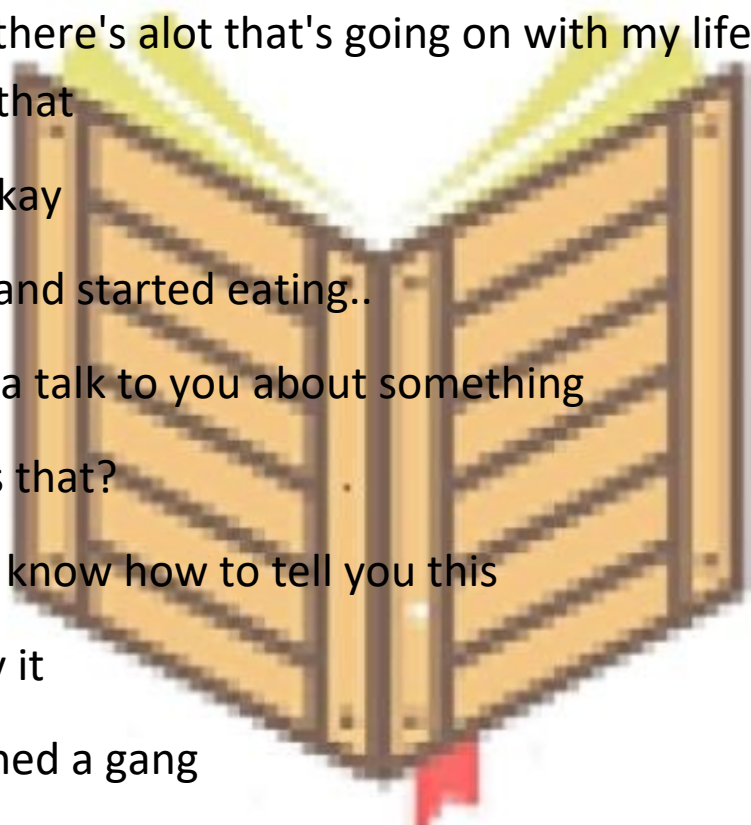
Me: Just say it

Him: ive joined a gang

My fork fell.. I don't know if i heard right or what..

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[COWEN]



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I left home early that morning, i didn't wanna see Funi at all and i am gonna come back late. I couldn't believe that she looked at me in the eye last night and lied to me like that..

Both the women in my life are lying to me..

I didn't go to work, i decided to go home and talk to Mama k about all of this i really need to find out what happened..

When i arrived home, she already knew what i wanted from her and that is the truth.....

Her: You probably hate me

Me: i just wanna know the truth

Her: Have you met him?

Me: i did

Her: ive always known that this day would come, i just didn't think that it was gonna be this soon

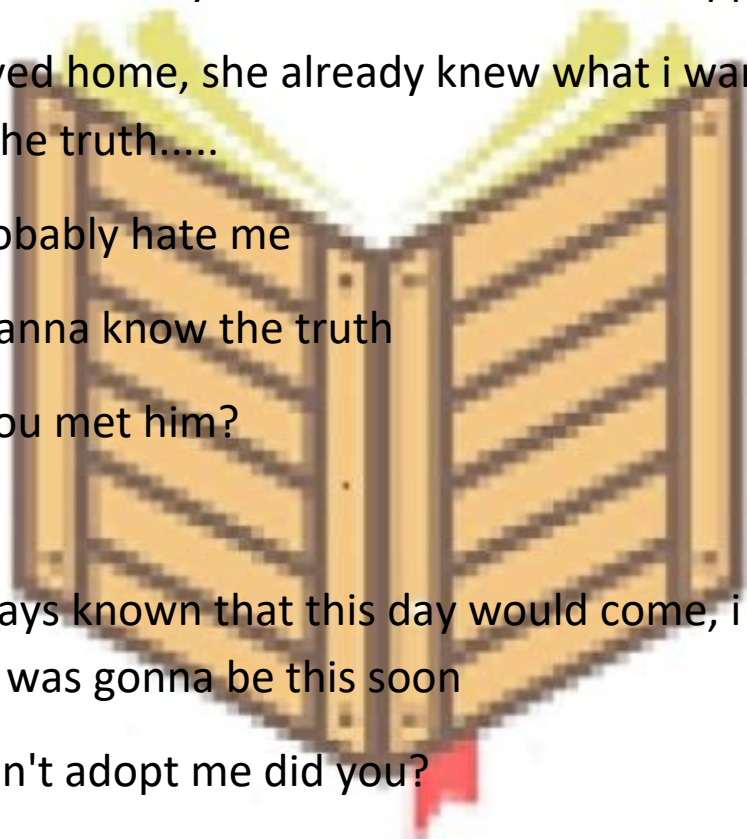
Me: You didn't adopt me did you?

Her: No i didn't

Me: You...??

Her: i.. I stole you, then convinced your mother that you dead

Me: What?



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Her: i was the house nurse, although Your grandmother Olifant always mistaken me for a maid. I loved you Cowen, i was fond of you.. I..

Me: You?

Her: i made you sick alot of times so that your mother would be convinced that your health was not good, then after i.. I overdosed you with panado, you became unconscious and i convinced her that you dead, i ruled it as crib death..

This was too much for me to take in, all this years i was convinced that i was adopted that Mama k helped my mother...



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[COWEN]

After having that talk with Mama k i left and went to talk to one of my home boys who probably know how i feel or better yet give me some concrete advice because deep down i was very mad at mama k and Funi, all that circulated in my mind was to just murder them and call it a day that's an easy way out of this whole drama. Mama k robbed me of the relationship i could've had with my mother. There is no excuse to what she did at all..

Same as Funi..

I arrived at Tpee's office and he was starring at his Ex's picture..

Me: Are you ever gonna get over Nissi?

He put the picture down and i went to sit down opposite him..

Him: What's up man?

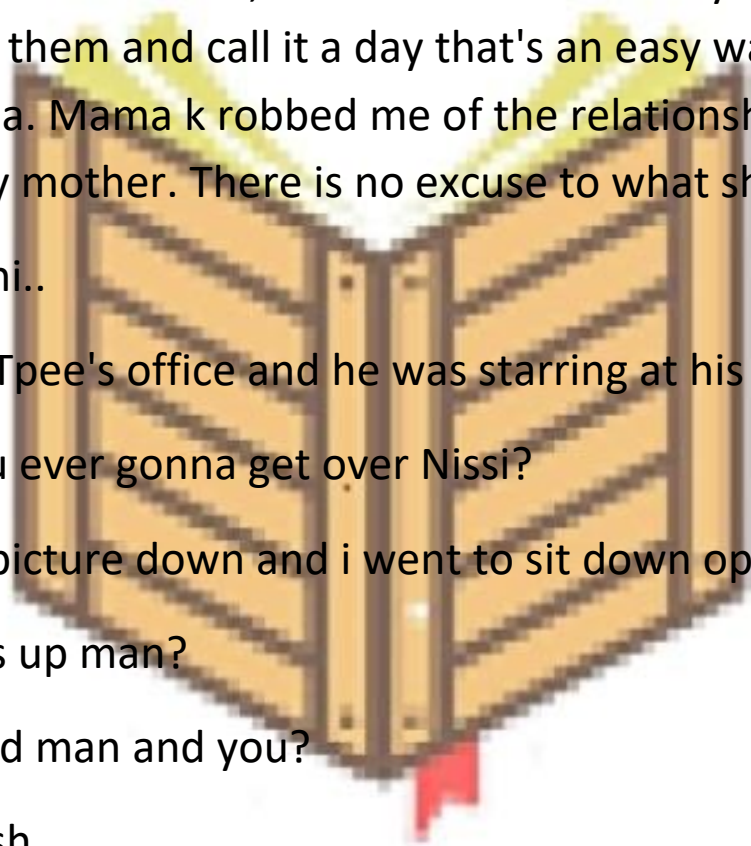
Me: Im Good man and you?

Him: Im fresh

Me: You don't look fresh what's happening with you?

Him: Just been missing my day one bitch that's all

Me: things aren't going good in your marriage?



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Him: things are going fine, my wife and i we good everything is perfect but you know that there's gonna be times when im gonna miss what used to be my everything

Me: i get you man

Him: and what about you? What's happening in your marriage

Me: Shit you don't wanna know

Him: No longer the "it" couple?

Me: i don't know if you've heard about my twin

Him: The new Shane guy? Yeah ive heard about him

Me: so his fucking with me, and he hit it were it hurts most

Him: and that is?

Me: He fucked my wife

Him: Shiiit!!!

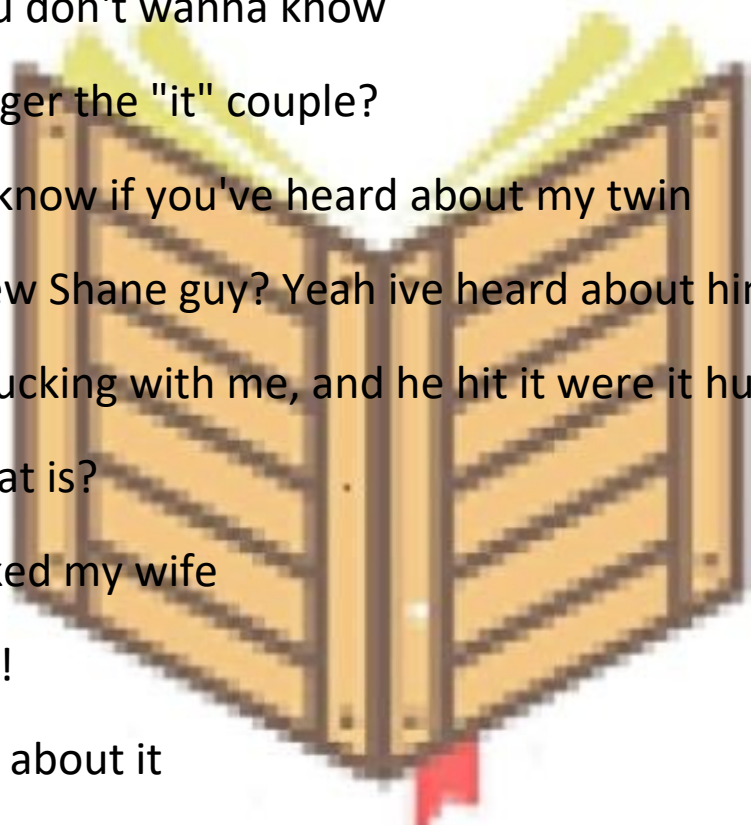
Me: Tell me about it

Him: How the fuck did that happen?

Me: He went to the boutique got her she thought it was me and ya the fucken rest is history

Tpee: and you still haven't put a bullet in his head?

Me: That would be easy



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Him: heard he a blood

Me: Riley got me good

Him: Riley has always been fucked up but his good

Me: so if its a fight he wants we gonna give him one

Him: Barclay's?

Me: What better way to mess up his life?

He laughed..

Him: Yeah but he has the best we cannot deny that. He has Gesh and Shane. He has Brandon and Jamie, don't wanna mention Gina and Anathi

Me: Brandon's wife is out of the game right?

Him: Heard she's back

Me: That's gonna be a problem

Him: so we have to prepare for this war.

Me: We don't have much of a strong team but we have Shabba, Duvenhage

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You, and Me.. That new kid in the block Austin it seems like he has potential

Him: i searched him up and he does

Me: wanted to talk to you about him

Him: What?

Me: He runs his oxy business so since you have a Pharmaceutical i thought that it would be best if he partners with you

Him: That could work, plus oxy is a well sought after drug

Me: He needs a mentor

Him: i can do that... And what you gonna do with your wife and all this mess?

Me: i mean i love Funi but what pisses me off is that she's lying to me about this whole thing

Him: guilt?

Me: more like shame

Him: id loose it if i heard that another nigga fucked my wife

Me: Im trying not to loose it

He laughed again.. [NOVELSGURU.COM](http://NOVELSGURU.COM)

Me: You won't stand us up right when we have to pull this off?

Him: Anything to piss off Riley im all in

Me: What happened with your dinner date student?

Him: Shit ain't working out

Me: were you hoping for a more closer relationship?

Him: She's too weak for me, she won't be able to handle my shit

Me: She is not Kresi

Him: she is not Nissi

Me: Let the dead Rest in peace

Him: Maybe you and your wife can come to my house tonight for dinner

Me: Naa

Him: i married a prostitute so your wife sleeping with another man cannot be compared to mine sleeping with alot of men

Me: That's some messed up shit

Him: too much

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[LAURIAN]

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I was distracted at the salon by what Austin told me, i mean being a member of a gang that sounds dangerous..

Someone sprinkled water on me..

Kay: Where is your mind at?

Me: Sorry what was that?

Her: add shampoos to the stock

Me: Shampoos Ofcause

Her: and Hairfood

Menzi: ungakhohlwa phela neMoisturiser

I jotted that down..

As i was writing the door opened..

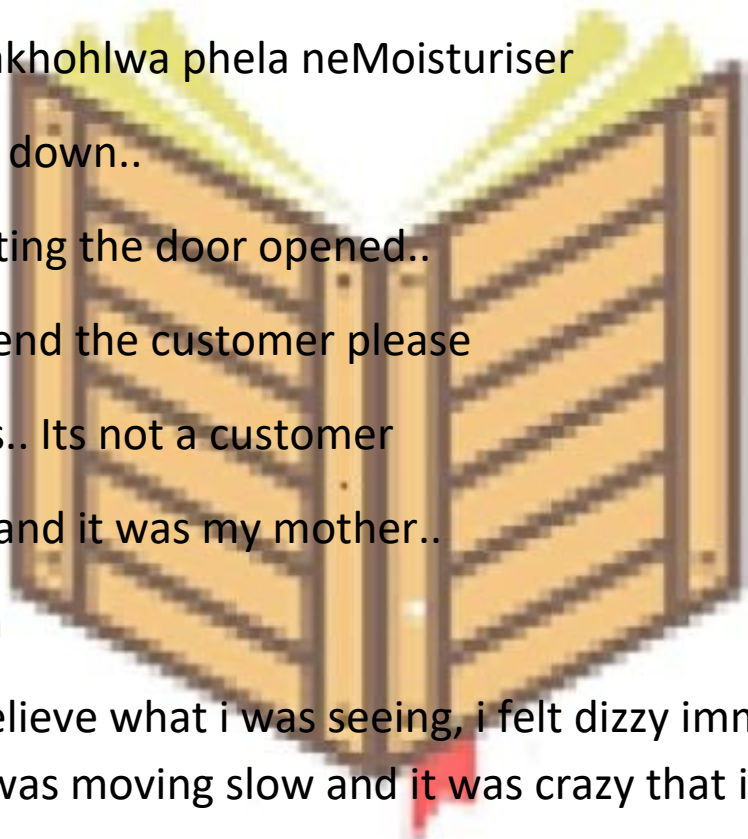
Me: Kay attend the customer please

Kay: uhm Its.. Its not a customer

I looked up and it was my mother..

Her: Laurian

I couldn't believe what i was seeing, i felt dizzy immediately.  
Everything was moving slow and it was crazy that i collapsed.



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[LAURIAN]

I opened my eyes and i could clearly see that i was in the hospital. Austin was with me..

Me: Austin

He looked at me..

Him: are you okay?

Me: i think so

Him: Let me go get the Doctor

Me: No im fine

I sat up straight and my head was aching..

Him: You hit your head hard when you collapsed at the salon

Me: When i coll.. Collapsed?

It all came down crashing to me, i remembered what happened, i remembered my mother showing up at the salon..

Me: i remember what happened, she came to the Salon Austin

Him: Calm down i know

Me: Where is she now?



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Him: police custody. They gonna question her about what happened and probably even charge her for being an accomplice in the whole situation

I closed my eyes and sighed..

Me: thought i was just dreaming

He held my hand..

Him: she cannot hurt you

Me: What if she came with him

Him: Your Father skipped the country

Me: How do you know?

Him: had people look him up .

Me: Your gang?

He nodded..

Me: i should've figured that out

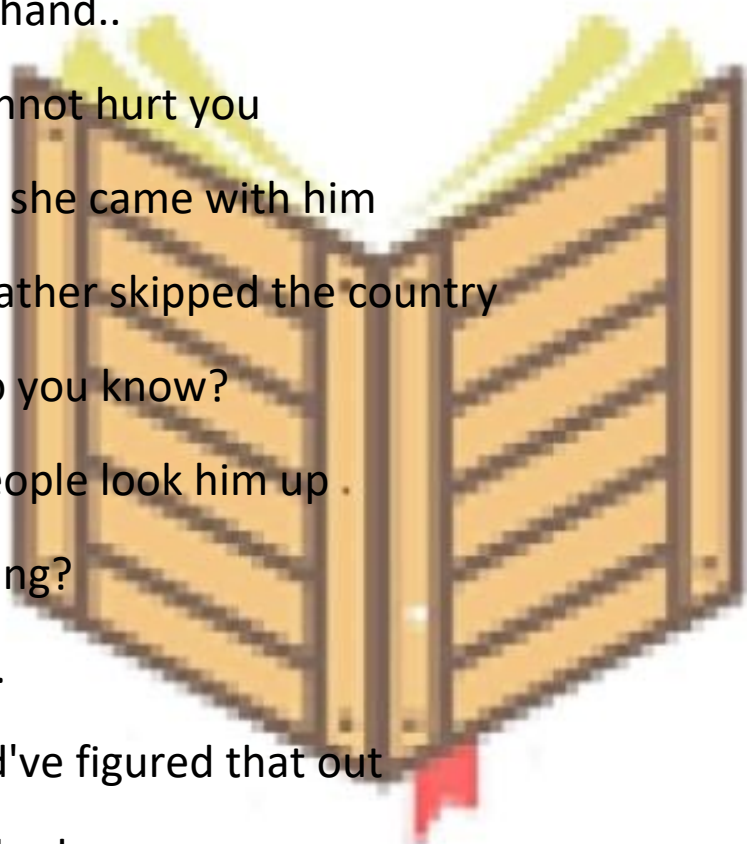
I got out of bed..

Him: What are you doing?

Me: i don't feel sick

Him: wait for the Doctor

The doctor walked in..



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Me: speak of the devil

The Doctor looked at me..

Him: What are you doing out of bed?

Austin: ive been telling her that

Me: i don't feel sick

Doctor: i understand but your body went into shock, i need to check your BP and everything else

Me: Im fine Doc

Doctor: well okay ill get your discharge papers

He went out.. Austin came to me and put his hands on my shoulders..

Him: How are you feeling though?

Me: scared

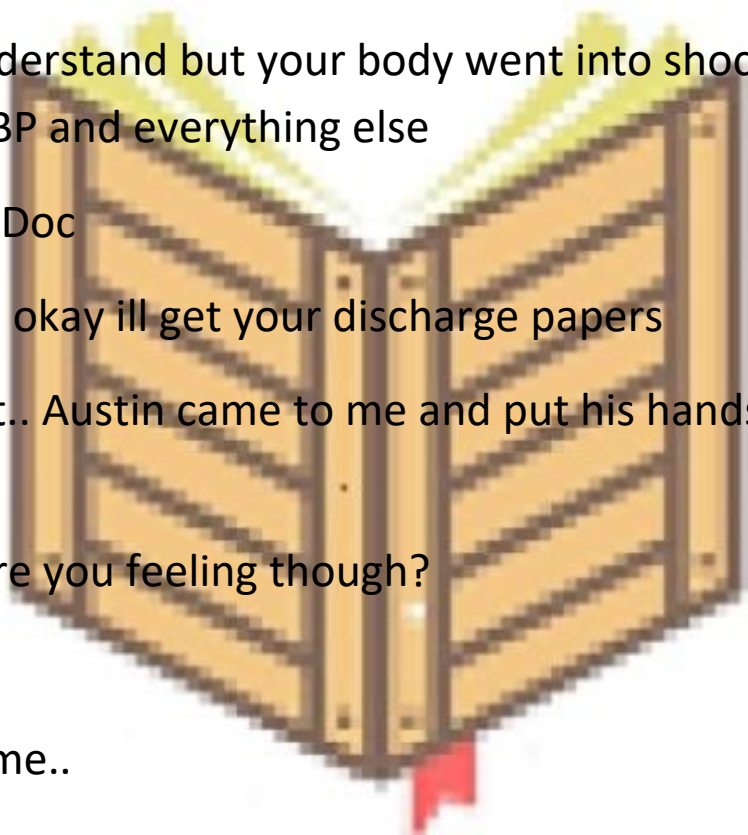
He hugged me..

Him: nobody will hurt you, i promise

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[FUNI]

It was hard to work at the Boutique all i kept on doing was to think about Cowen and everything else.. Id cry every now and



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then. Once upon a time we were perfect and happy but now just because of a stupid mistake here we are..

I went up to Dima and Jenna..

Me: Are you guys gonna be alright if i go out for a while?

Dima: uhm i think so

I took my bag..

Me: Thank you

I walked out and went to my car then drove to the only place that eases my pain. I drove up to my dad's grave first to cry it all out then after i drove up to the nearest bar to have a couple of drinks..

I was very hurt and shattered, i love my husband and here we are our marriage is breaking..

The last time i drank this much i ended up in the hospital, and this time around was no different..

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[COWEN]

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After having that chat with Tpee

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i went back to the penthouse. Nanny Olifant was sitting on the floor with the boys they were playing...

I went up to them and Sade ran up to me crying as always, i picked him up..

Me: What happened to him?

Olifant: Sean hit him as always

I sat on the chair with Sade..

Olifant: You not putting him in time out?

Me: No im not in the mood

I stood up from the chair and went to sit down with them

Nanny Olifant looked at me..

Her: Something is bothering you

Me: i...

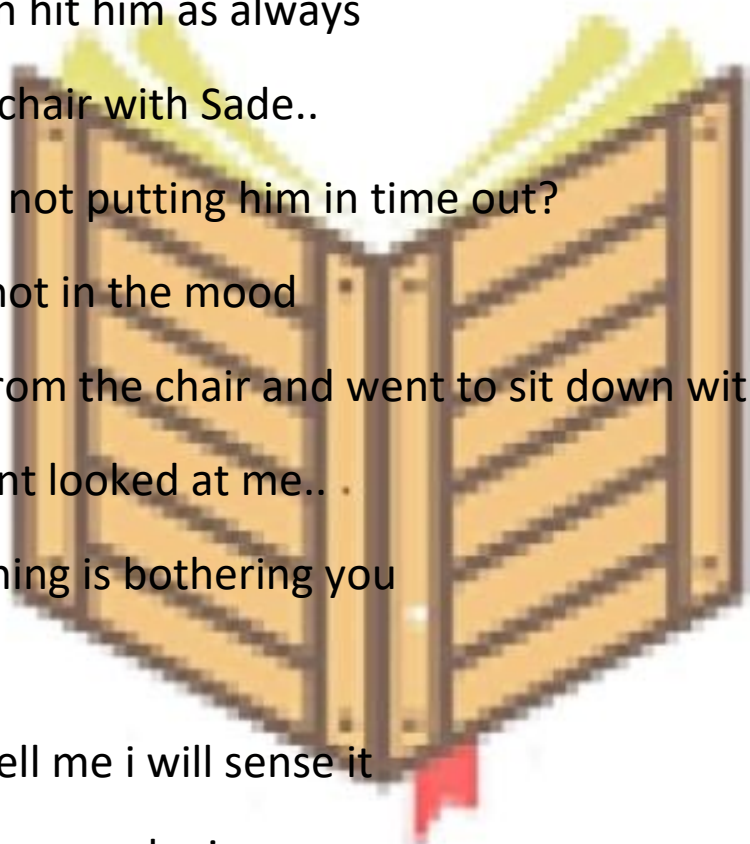
Her: Don't tell me i will sense it

I forgot how crazy she is..

Her: it has to do with Shane

Me: He is here to ruin me and my family, he is ready to ruin my life

Her: he was forever jealous of you



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Me: twins are supposed to be close but, i don't feel the closeness with Shane

Her: i know sweety, that's because you two have soo much hate for each other

Me: i know what you talking about

Her: How about you and Delish visit me tomorrow in my place for dinner

Me: ill think about it

[FUNI]

My head was buzzing, i opened my eyes and i was still a bit drunk. Everything appeared fuzzy i didn't know where i was..

I looked around and this place looked different. Paintings all around, looked more like a studio of some sort. Was very perfect i won't lie..

I was laid in bed, i turned over the duvet and i was only left with my bra and underwear i freaked out..

I got out and looked for my phone, until i heard a familiar voice talking behind me.

Voice: Coffee?

I turned around and it was Shane. He was only wearing his red track pants.. I hope that we didn't do it again.

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[FUNI]

I got my clothes and started dressing up. I did my husband bad once im not gonna do him bad twice. Shane is a blood, he probably is using me to get to Cowen and i am not gonna allow him to do that..

Him: i thought that since you drunk you might wanna sleep over

Me: stay away from me Shane, i am married happily married!

Him: That didn't stop you from opening your legs for me

Me: That's because you tricked me into thinking that you my husband!

I got my phone..

Me: did you rape me?

Him: Im not that petty

Me: My car?

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Him: at the bar

Me: How did you even find me?

Him: i have my ways

Me: Are you stalking me?

He shrugged his shoulders..

Me: Really Mr Python that's low of you, don't you like have a job?

Him: i am not stalking you... Well not in the way that you thinking!

I was still a bit drunk, but not that drunk as to not be cautious about things..

I got everything of mine and headed to the door, thank God that we used condoms the first time when we slept together...

I stopped and looked at him..

Me: if you raped me i am going straight to the police station to cry rape, ill even say you got me intoxicated

He laughed..

Me: if you don't wanna feel my husband's fury stay away from me

Him: i will take that as a warning

Me: do so

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I opened the door and Walked out..

I wasn't in a good state to drive so i walked up to a nearby park and took my chances to call Cowen praying that he answers his phone, and he did..



Him: Funi?

Me: Cowen i hope im not disturbing you at work

Him: i didn't go to work

Me: i.. I need you to fetch me

Him: fetch you from where?

Me: Remember when i stole your car and went to that bar to drink?

Him: i do remember

Me: Im at a park that's close to the bar

Him: Why can't you drive home?

Me: Im.. Im drunk

He exhaled loudly..

Me: Im sorry

Him: fine im coming

He hung up.. I am gonna talk to Cowen and eventually tell him the truth about everything. I owe him that much, if i really want us to work then ill come clean to him..

He did show up at the park, i stood up as he approached the bench. I was emotional, i was scared i had mixed emotions..



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Him: lets go Nanny Olifant is about to knock off

Me: i want us to talk

Him: Can't we do that at home?

I shook my head no..

He looked at me..

Him: Why is your hair messed up?

Me: That's what i want us to talk about

He sat down and i sat down too..

Me: Cowen i love you, with all my heart and soul. I don't wanna imagine my life without you..

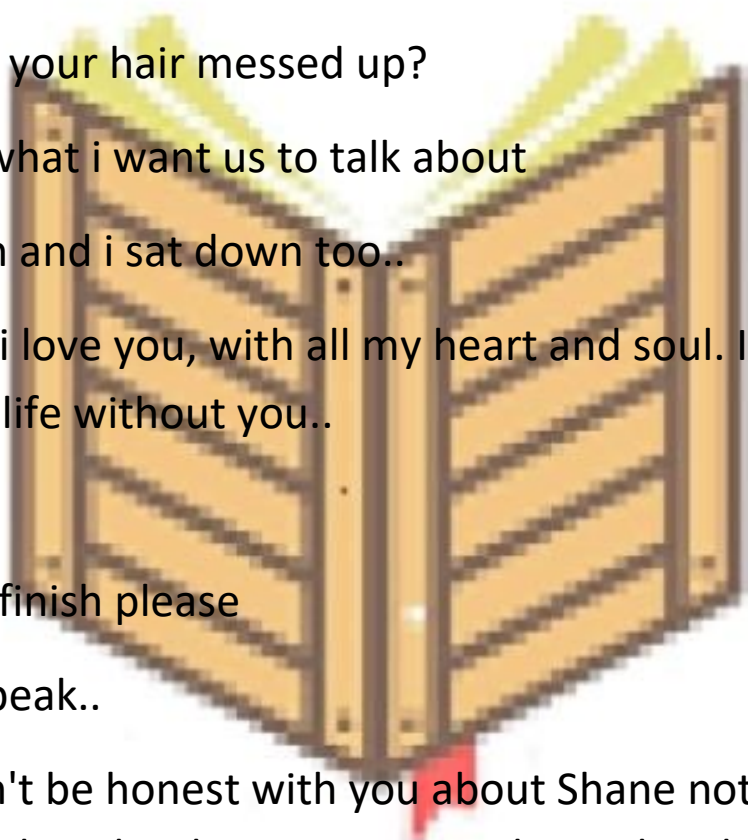
Him: Funi..

Me: Let me finish please

He let me speak..

Me: i couldn't be honest with you about Shane not because im hiding something but because i was ashamed and scared. I was ashamed that i don't know my husband, as much as you two look identical but i should've picked it up from the small changes that Its not you...

I wiped my tears..



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Me: i think its because i didn't know that you had an identical twin. I am not saying that to try and defend myself Its just the truth. On the other hand i was Scared that if i become honest with you that you were gonna leave me, i love you and i am sorry for hurting you..

He kept quiet for a while and looked at me..

Him: Anything else?

Me: i was at the bar and uhm.. I drank alot then i..

This was very hard..

Him: You?

Me: i think i passed out at the bar and i woke up in his bed half naked

His facial expression changed.

Me: He claimed that he didn't touch me

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he claimed to stalking me and..

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He stood up..

Him: Where does he live?

Me: He is not worth it, let's just go home

Him: Funi..



I put my hands around his waist..

Me: This is exactly What he wants, let's just go home because at the end of the day no matter how much he can try to force his way in, the truth is that i love you and it will forever remain like that

He put his hands around me..

Him: Are you hurt, are you in pain?

I shook my head no..

Me: No

Him: then let's go home

He put his hand around my neck, with mine around his waist and we walked to his car..

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[AUSTIN]

Laurian and i didn't drive home, she wanted us to pass by at the police station she wanted to talk to her mother..

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We got to the police station, i parked my car and looked at her..

Me: Are you sure about this?

She took a deep breath and nodded..

Me: i can feel your heart beating all the way from here



Her: Im a bit scared

Me: a bit?

Her: i wanna do this Austin, i need answers

Me: lets go then

We got out of the car and made our way in...

We requested to speak to the detective who was in charge of the case, and they denied for us to speak to Mrs Njaay since she was still being interrogated..

A part of me was happy because i didn't want Laurian to relive that moment again..

We got into the car and drove home..

Surprisingly when we got to the Duplex, there was a yellow tape all around and police cars we weren't even allowed to go anywhere close to the flat..

We went up to one of the officers..

Me: Excuse me

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Him: Sir please stand back

Me: My name is Austin, i live here matter of fact im the land Lord

He looked at us..

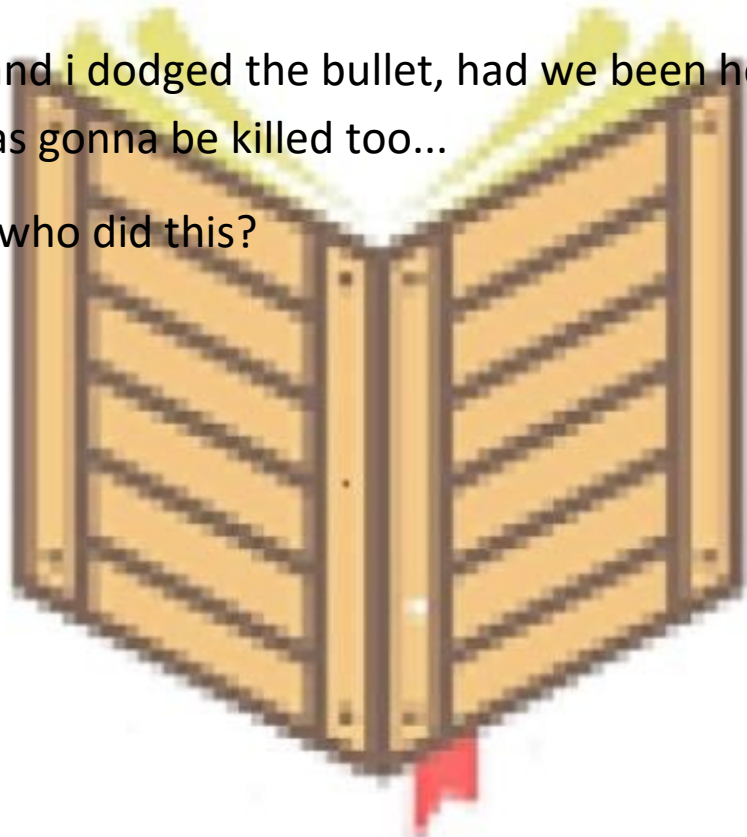
Him: Come with me

We went under the tape then made our way to the flat. Our place was turned upside down, many things were broken it was more of like a robbery..

The officer took us upstairs to Charmaine's place and my heart sank when i saw her laying there in a pool of her own blood...

So Laurian and i dodged the bullet, had we been here we probably was gonna be killed too...

Question is who did this?



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[AUSTIN]

One of the cops informed me that there was a message written on Charmaine's t-shirt, the message read:

"Stay in your Lane, west side is not your territory"

At first i thought it was my uncle who did this but then i figured out that he is not from the west side so i called Braga and he called up the crew then they came to the Duplex. It was him, Shabba, Duvenhage, Carl, and today there was a new guy with them he had dreadlocks..

When i told them about the message they already knew who it was from..

I left Laurian in the care of one of the female cops while me and the crew had a word in private just a bit away from everyone..

Braga: This is Tpee, Tpee this is Austin

He gave me a handshake..

Him: What's up? **NOVELSGURU.COM**

Me: Im Good and you?

Him: Im fresh

Braga: This is definitely Riley sending a message to us

Tpee: he knows about us going after Barclay's

Shabba: question is how?

Carl: There's a snitch in your crew Braga

Braga: my crew? Why not your crew

Carl: There's only 4 of us in our crew

Duvenhage: and we all know how important Loyalty is

Me: What about this new kid on the block? What's her name again?

Tpee: Dudenol?

Me: Yes

Carl: she wouldn't

Tpee: i still think That the Skulls have a snitch

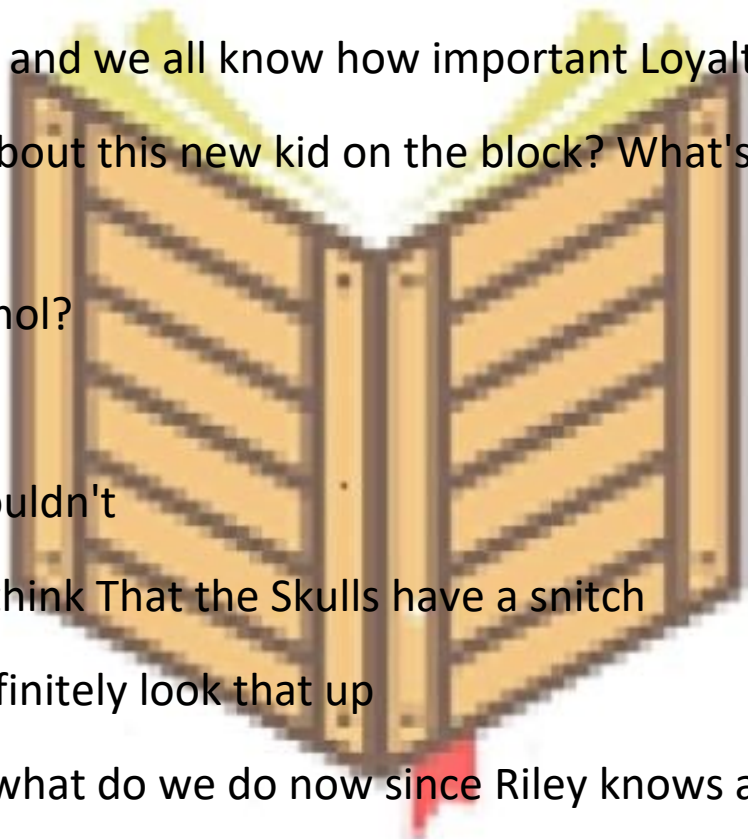
Braga: ill definitely look that up

Shabba: so what do we do now since Riley knows about our plan?

Braga: We call a meeting, meet up with the bloods

Tpee: now you losing it, Riley and i cannot be in the same room without us not wanting to kill each other

Braga: Its the only way we gonna get settle this



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Me: so what do i do now?

Braga: You need to move out

Me: as in like another flat?

Braga: No that's too dangerous, maybe move in with one of us that way you and your girlfriend will be protected at all times

Shabba: i live in a two bedroom flat the other room has my daughter's things Its too crowded

Carl: although i have a big house but i like my space..and you know i can't use a gun so Its useless staying with me i won't be able to protect them

Duvenhage: moved out of my house i now live in a small apartment

Braga: my house is crowded too

Tpee: fine they can live with me plus that will give us time to talk about the business, you can follow my car

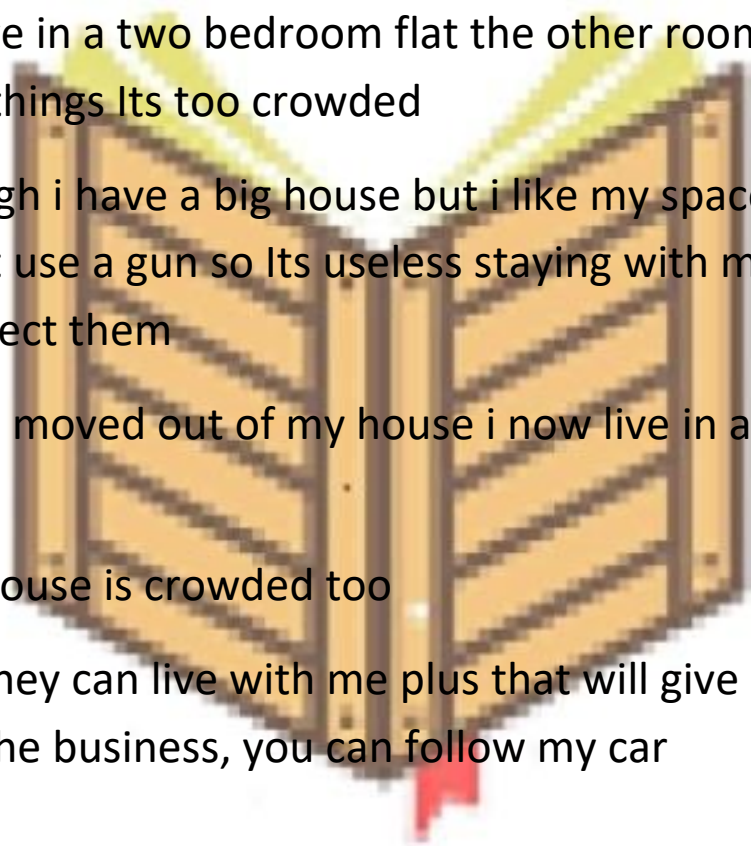
Me: sure

Braga: We have to keep intouch

Shabba: at all times

We bid each other farewell and i went to Laurian..

Me: Are you alright?



She looked at me..

Her: do i look okay?

Me: Let's go get our things

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we gonna be staying with a friend

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[FUNI]

I felt some stinging sensation on my cheek and something watery..

I slowly opened my eyes and Sade was biting me on my cheek..

I looked at him..

Me: Since when do you know how to bite? And how did you get in my bed?

He just looked at me..

Me: Where is Sean?

I heard something falling, i looked over and he was dropping things from my dressing table..

I got out of bed and went to him.

Me: Not today Sean i have a massive headache



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I picked him up and put him on the bed.. I picked up the broken pieces of my perfume.

Me: see what you did to my perfume? Hope your Father will buy it

After disposing the broken pieces i took them and we went downstairs...

Me: Cowen must put a slide or something, i get tired of carrying both of you down the stairs..

When we got to the kitchen i put them down..

Me: ill give you both some snack

I opened the pantry and took out some cheese curls, they started jumping around and clapping hands..

The elevator opened..

Me: Looks like Daddy is home

But it wasn't Braga who walked in, it was The Sniper

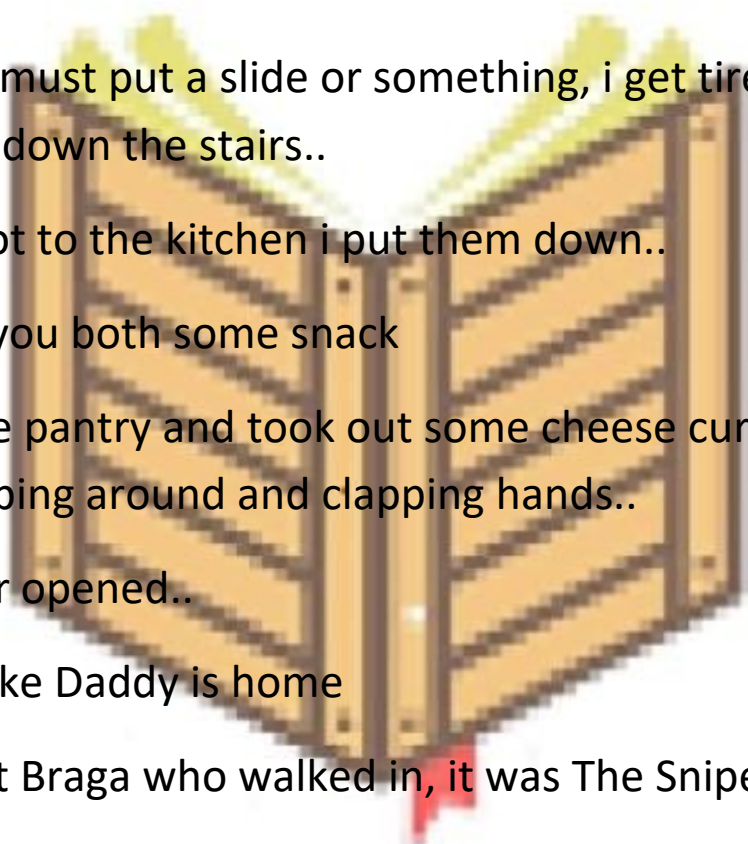
Me: How did you by pass security?

He took off his shades and came to us...

I started getting scared...

Him: Don't worry i am not here to hurt you

Me: Then why are you here?



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Him: Im looking for your husband

Me: He is not here

Him: ill wait

He sat down..

Him: You can get me something to drink, ice tea would be nice

Me: Yeah i don't have ice tea, at least not for you

Him: call your husband im sure he will hurry up and come home when he hears that im here

Sean walked up to him and looked at him with his pacifier in his mouth

Me: Sean get back here

He picked him up and sat him on his lap..

Him: aren't you a cute little fella, make me wish that i had a son

Me: You only have daughters?

Him: Yes and i love them all

Me: How many?

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Him: 3 but one was killed

Me: Im sorry

Him: Its okay was a long time ago

Me: i don't have ice tea

Him: Anything will do

Me: You don't seem like a bad person

Him: Im not, i just happen to find myself in bad situations

I looked at him as he was playing with Sean, he seemed like a nice person..

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[LAURIAN]

We arrived in this big house, was very beautiful but i wasn't all for living here. Seems like Austin's new life is gonna get us killed soon..

Tpee: Welcome to my house, pick any room and make yourself feel at home

Austin: Thank you

Me: You live alone?

Him: No my wife is in hospital she's getting discharged tomorrow and my daughter is with my dad

Me: beautiful house that you have

Him: Thank you

When we were about to walk upstairs the door bell rang



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Him: ill get that

He went to open and then guy who once brought his daughter to my salon walked in..

Tpee: Gesh

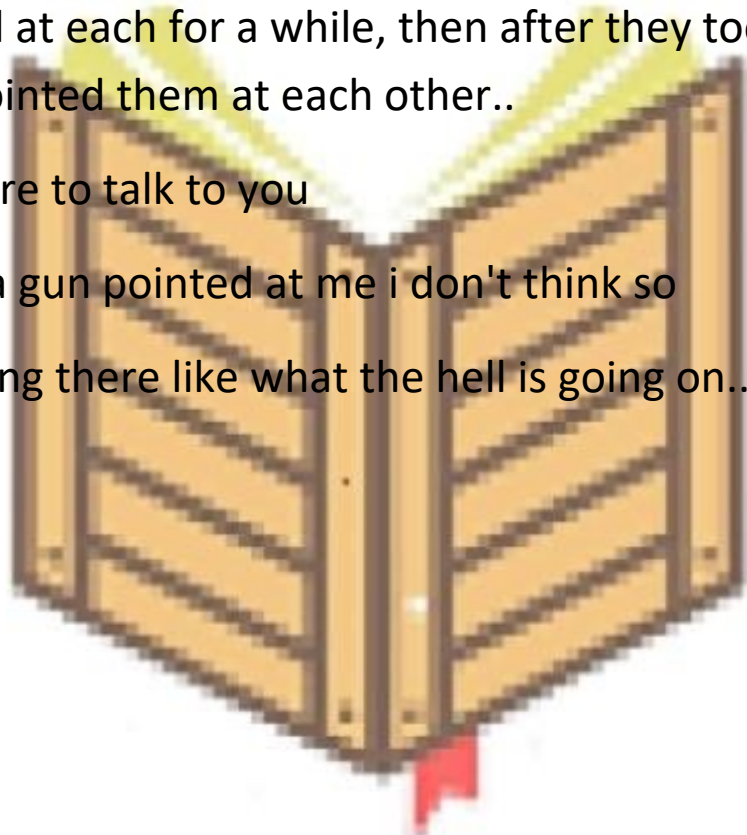
Gesh: Homie

They looked at each for a while, then after they took out their guns and pointed them at each other..

Gesh: Im here to talk to you

Tpee: with a gun pointed at me i don't think so

I was standing there like what the hell is going on..



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[AUSTIN]

Laurian and i went upstairs to the guest room just to give this two guys some time to talk because it seemed as if like they had alot to discuss..

The guest room was very accomodating, one would swear that we was staying in a hotel of some sort..

I went up to Laurian..

Me: i didn't really ask you how you feeling

She looked at me pissed..

Her: Leave me alone Austin

Me: Im sorry

Her: We almost got killed and you sorry? Whoever killed Charmaine was probably gonna kill us too

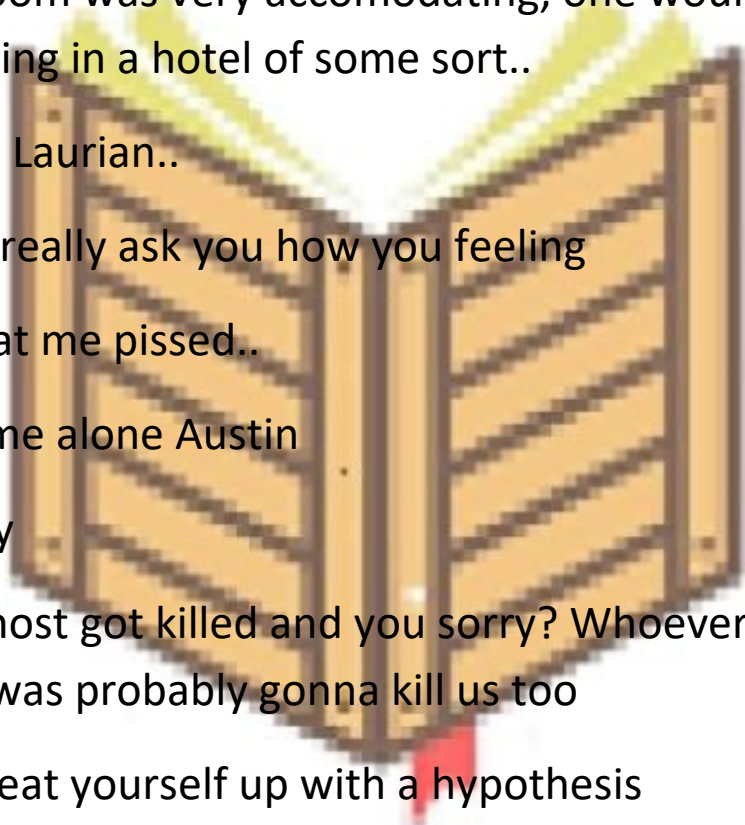
Me: Don't beat yourself up with a hypothesis

Her: Its not a hypothesis! You gambling with our lives!

I waited for her to calm down a bit...

Her: Why was Charmaine even killed?

Its no use lying to her, ive lied to her and its enough now..



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Me: the gang that wanted me to join them was sending out a message

Her: What message?

Me: that i cannot tell you

Her: Really Austin? After how we almost died?

Me: Just trust me okay?

Her: Trust you? You got to be kidding me

Me: You know all my crew members their wives know what they all about and they don't give them half of the shit that you give me

She giggled, and that giggle harboured alot of anger i could sense it....

Her: that statement is true but you forgot one thing

I looked at her...

Her: Im not your wife!

She then went to her suitcase and got her toilet bag then went to the bathroom. I love Laurian but the way we fight and how things are between us makes me wonder if we really meant for each other..

As she was bathing i went downstairs and Tpee was now alone sitting on the couch watching soccer while drinking whiskey..



Him: Wanna join in?

Me: Why not

I poured myself some and went to sit down too..

Me: What did he want?

Him: he was hoping that the crips could withdraw from the Skulls and join forces with the bloods

Me: And?

Him: and what?

Me: Never mind man

Him: i never knew that your girlfriend was Laurian Njaay

Me: We have been together for a while now

Him: She's tough. I read about her father attempting to kill her

Me: Was some fucked up shit

Him: How is she copying?

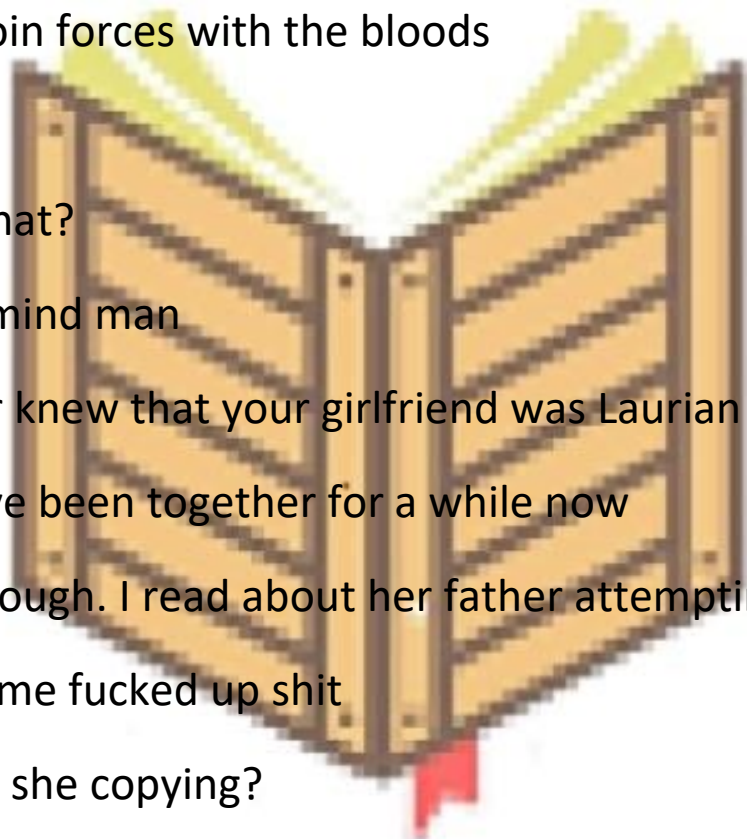
Me: by biting my head off everyday

He chuckled..

Him: Sounds like something that Nissi would do

Me: Your wife?

I think that question hit him hard..



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He put his glass down and wiped his face..

Him: No she's not my wife. She was my fiance

Me: What happened to her?

Him: Riley happened

I looked at him to elaborate further

Him: he killed her

Me: That's tragic

Him: took everything away from me

the day im gonna put a bullet in his wife's head he won't see it coming

Me: Riley sounds dangerous

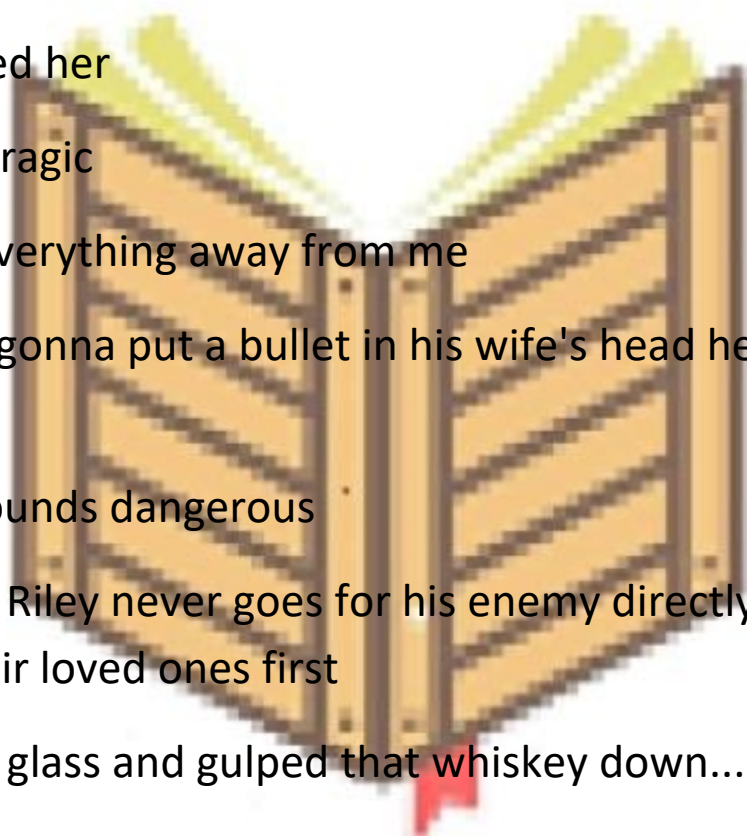
Him: pussy! Riley never goes for his enemy directly, he always goes for their loved ones first

He took the glass and gulped that whiskey down...

Me: so with me he could go for Laurian?

Him: You said it right

We continued drinking whiskey then i heard someone saying "Daddy im home"



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Tpee stood up and some pretty young girl came through the room and ran up to hug him..

Tpee: Hey i missed you

Her: i missed you too

Him: Where is Grandpa?

Her: he is coming

Tpee: Say Hello to my friend Austin...

He then looked at me...

Him: This is my daughter Naledi

Her: hi

Me: hi

I also heard someone complaining all the way from the kitchen to the lounge...

Tpee: Evening Dad

Him: Why would put the sprinklers on at night?

Tpee: only time i get to water my grass

Him: my Angel go upstairs i wanna talk to Dad

She went and hugged him..

Her: Have a safe trip Grandpa



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Him: i will..

Her: i love you

Him: i love you more

She then walked upstairs..

Tpee: Dad this is a friend of mine Austin, and Austin this is my dad Vic

Me: Its an honour to meet you Sir

Him: i know

He looked at his son..

Vic: When was the last time you went to see your wife?

Tpee: ive been busy dad

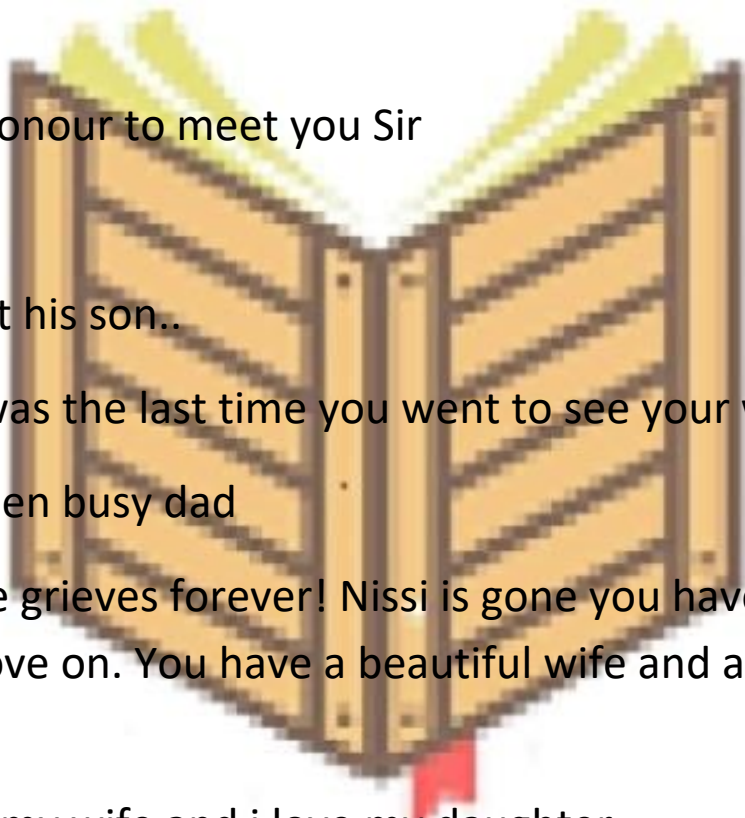
Him: No one grieves forever! Nissi is gone you have to accept that and move on. You have a beautiful wife and a beautiful Daughter

Tpee: i love my wife and i love my daughter

Vic: i know you love your Daughter but im not sure about your wife

Tpee kept quiet..

Him: my flight is taking off in an hour



Tpee: ill walk you out

They walked out. Its good to know that im not the only one with an annoying parent..

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[COWEN]

I got home and i was shocked to see Riley having a good Family time with my wife and my boys..

Me: You gotta be kidding me!

I walked up to them..

Funi: Hey honey look your friend is here

I looked at Riley...

Her: i tried to call you but your phone was off

Me: Yeah sorry about that

She sensed the vibe between us..

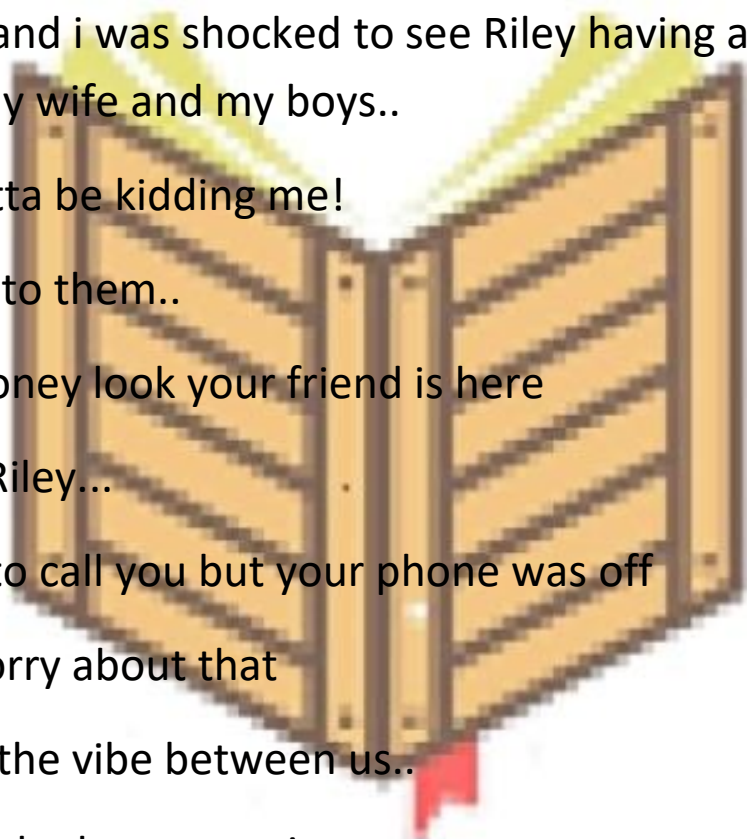
Her: ill take the boys upstairs

She took the boys and they walked upstairs..

Me: You don't see me visiting your wife and daughters

Him: dope family you have there

Me: What do you want Riley?



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Him: call off the operation

Me: That's never gonna happen

Him: Braga you and i we not enemies, and we know very well that we don't play in each other's territories

Me: Barclay's is no different from any other bank

Him: but Barclay's is ours

Me: Not anymore

Him: is this about Shane? Look Tpee fucked my wife once i got over it so you too can get over having a loose wife

I went straight up to him and started punching him senseless..

Me: You don't come to my house uninvited and then insult my wife!!

All the anger i had towards the situation i took it out on him..

And for him to defend himself was to reach for his knife and stabbed me at the back..

I got off him..

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He took out his gun and didn't even think twice, he shot me

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[RILEY]

After that whole incident i went home leaving his wife screaming out her lungs. I would've taken her out too but i don't wanna put her kids through that. Though i did threaten her should she call the cops...

The girls were not around when i got home, so i went to the bathroom to wash my bloody face. Cowen really did a number on me..

I was hoping that he was gonna come through in this deal, but unfortunately he has his feelings too much intact to his femanine side..

The girls came back after a few hours, they found me sitting on the stairs as always i do that alot when i wanna think..

Me: Where have yall been?

Anathi: took Mbali to the emergency room

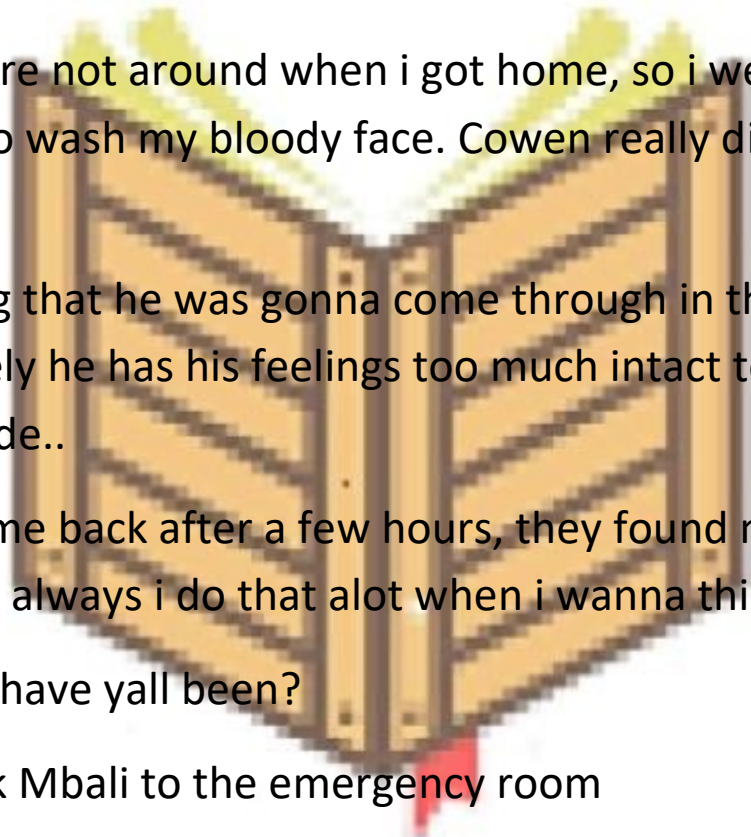
Me: is everything alright?

Mbali: ill survive.. Ill be in my room if anyone wants me

She walked upstairs..

Andrea: and ill be going to do my homework

She also walked upstairs, Anathi sat next to me..



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Her: What happened to your face?

Me: got myself in some trouble

Her: What happened?

Me: long story

She laid her head on my shoulder..

Her: i did the pregnancy test again

Me: And?

Her: negative

Since Andrea is now 18, Anathi and i decided that we gonna try for a baby, and we have been trying..

Her: i think its time we see a fertility specialist

Me: We will go tomorrow

I kissed her on her forehead.

Her: Mbali and itu are having problems

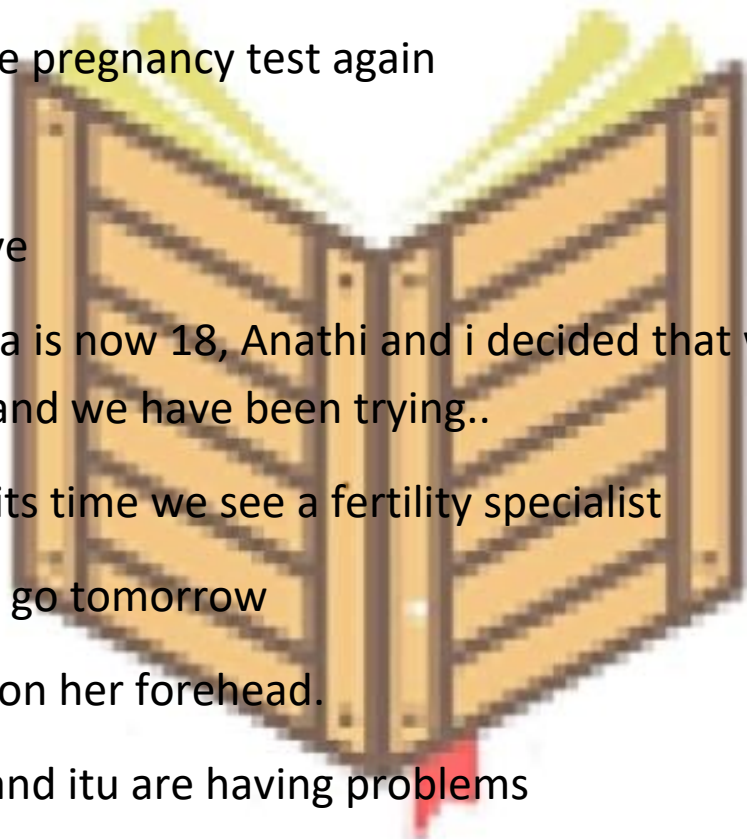
Me: That's why she's moody?

Her: Yes

Me: Think i should go and talk to her?

Her: Yes but don't threaten to kill her Husband

Me: i don't do threats



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Her: Riley..

Me: i won't say anything bad to her about him

Her: Good

I stood up and went to her bedroom.. I found her sitting on the bed holding her teddy bear.

Me: Can i come in?

She nodded..

I walked up to her and sat next to her..

Me: What's happening?

Her: We just having problems

Me: What kind of problems?

Her: Since his parents divorced he has been acting strange

Me: in what way?

Her: going out clubbing and drinking

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he doesn't sleep at home.. I spend most nights alone. When he is drunk he becomes a total different person like i don't know him at all..

Me: He is too old to be emotional over his parent's divorce. It's not like they died.

Her: I guess it hit him hard.

Me: Not as hard as I'm gonna hit him.

She looked at me..

Me: I'm just kidding, I promised to stay out of your marriage affairs and that's what I'm doing.

Her: Thank you.

We then heard someone making noise..

Me: Is that him?

Her: He is probably drunk.

Me: Then he has the nerve to show up in my house drunk?

Her: Uncle Riley.

I stood up..

Me: You are divorcing this fucker.

She followed me as I made my way downstairs. Anathi was busy trying to calm him down; he was indeed drunk..

Me: What the?



Anathi: You think Mbali is going to come home with you in this state?

Him: i just wanna talk to her

Mbali: Itu

He tried going to her but Anathi stopped him..

Him: baby i need to talk to you

I went up to him...

Me: definitely not in this state

Him: We just gonna talk

Me: do you care about your wife and unborn child?

Him: i do, that's why im here

Me: Come back when you sober to talk

Him: You don't tell me what to do

Me: Its my house ill tell you whatever i wanna tell you

I started pushing him out..

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[FUNI]

I was pacing up and down the corridor stressed out. The doctors have been with Cowen for a while now and no one is telling me anything..

I am so grateful that Nanny Olifant agreed to look after the boys, for the time being that im gonna be here..

Shabba and Dima made their way to me they were the first people i called..

Dima came and hugged me..

Dima: Im so sorry

Shabba: What happened?

Me: He got shot

Him: Where?

Me: at the penthouse

Shabba: Someone came to the penthouse and attacked him?

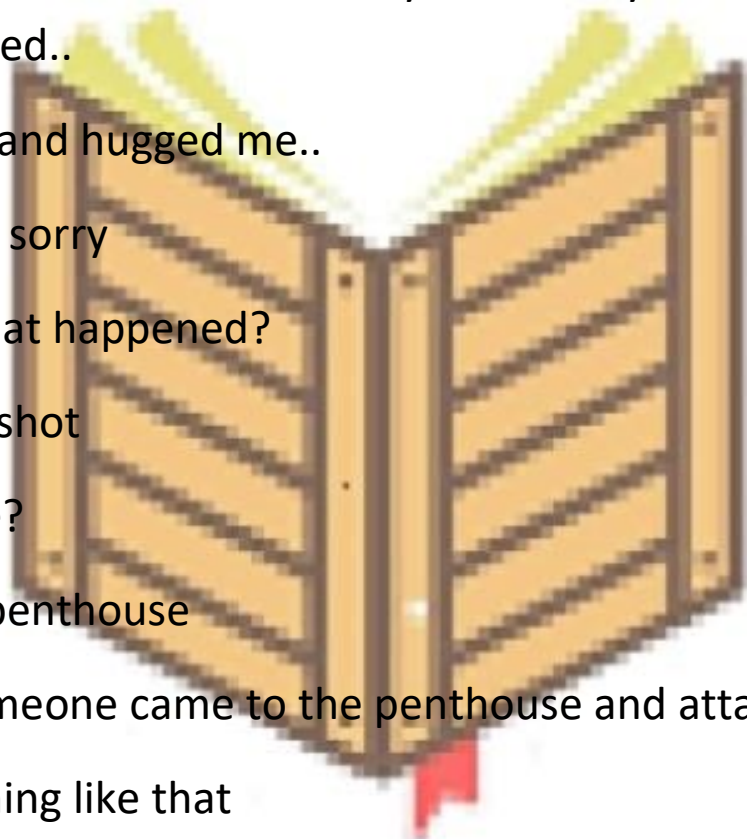
Me: something like that

Him: did you recognise the person?

Me: The Sniper

Shabba: What? He shot Cowen at his house?

I nodded.



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Dima: How is he?

Me: i don't know the doctor hasn't said anything

Dima: Police?

Me: i can't rat him out if i do he is gonna come after me and my boys

Shabba: i have to make a few calls excuse me

He walked away..

Dima: don't worry everything is going to be alright

Me: Everything is not going to be alright Dima, Its been hours now and..

Her: Don't think like that, he is Braga and i know he is gonna come back from this stronger!

The doctor finally came to us..

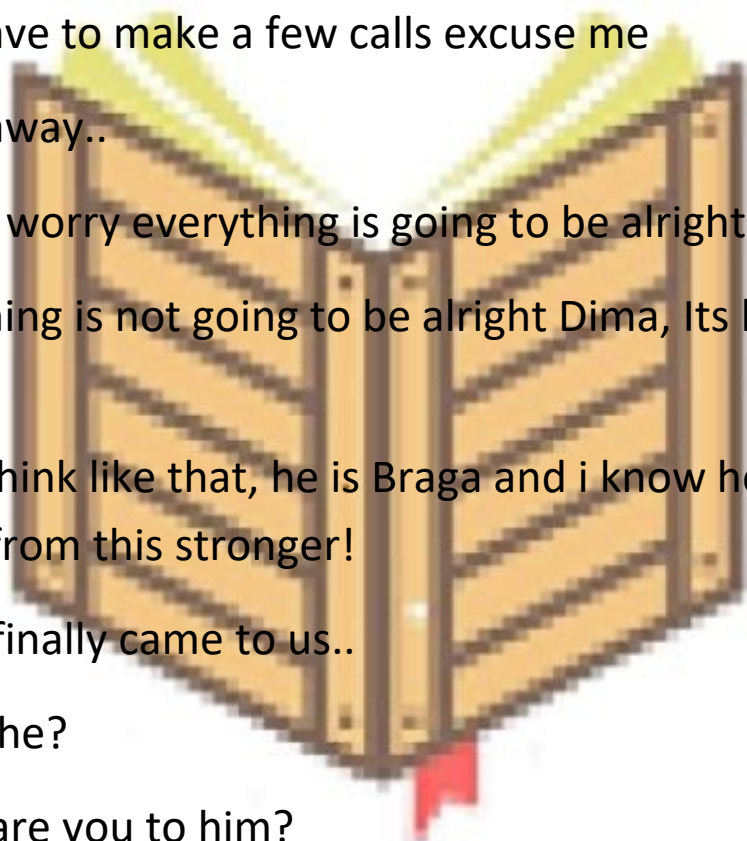
Me: How is he?

Him: What are you to him?

Me: His wife.. How is he?

Him: Im so sorry

Me: No don't say that.. I know when doctors say that Its bad news



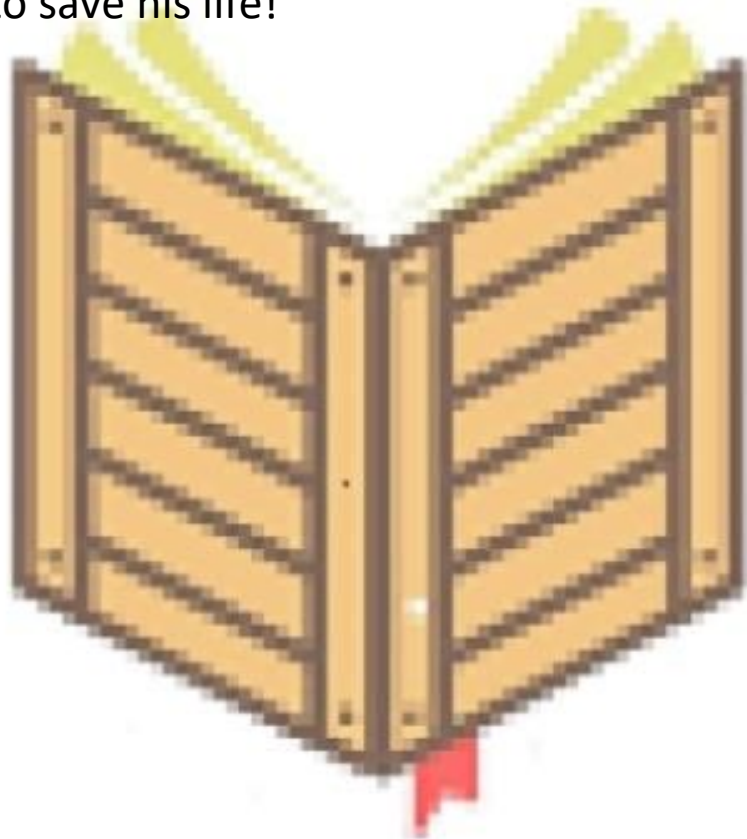
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Dima: Funi

Me: No!!..

I looked at the doctor..

Me: You need to get back in there and Save him, that's not just some patient laying in there that's my husband and you will do everything to save his life!



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[FUNI]

It was almost as if like someone had ripped my heart from my chest, or worse they had struck an assegai right in my heart. I cannot take losing another person that I love so dearly.

I looked at the doctor defeated..

Me: don't tell me that my husband is dead, I won't be able to survive that

He looked at me weirdly..

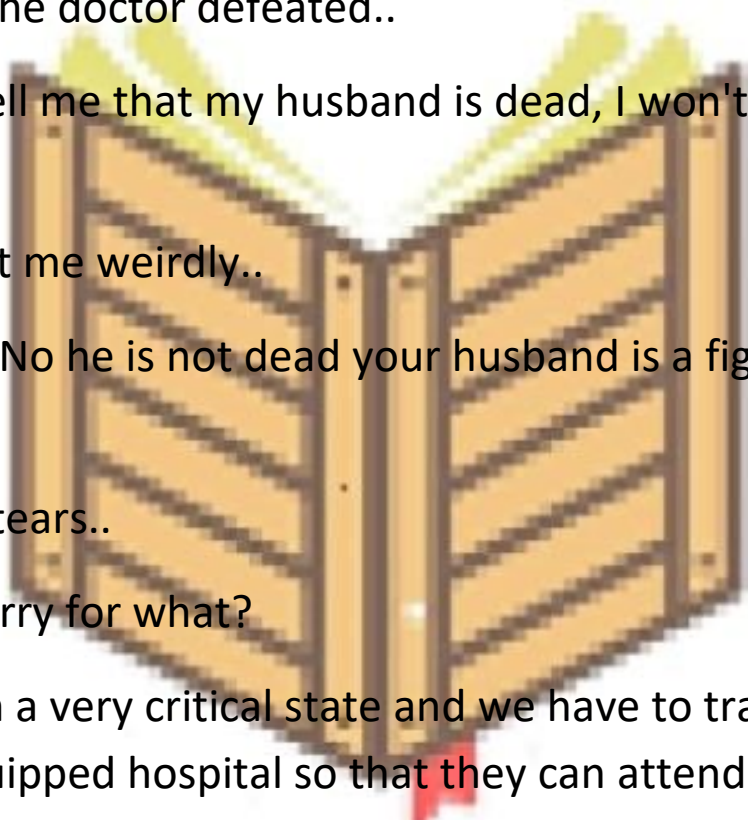
Him: dead? No he is not dead your husband is a fighter I give you that.

I wiped my tears..

Me: then sorry for what?

Him: he is in a very critical state and we have to transfer him to a better equipped hospital so that they can attend to him fast. 2 bullets pierced through his left lung, he has internal bleeding and if he is not rushed to that hospital as in like immediately im afraid he won't make it..

Me: where is the hospital?



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Him: cape town. There's great surgeons there who will attend to him, he is gonna be there until he is fit enough to come back to our hospital.

Me: then what are we waiting for?

Dr: one last problem

Me: problem?

Him: like I said, his condition is very critical and he might not make it we can take the risk of flying him there but when he gets there it might be too late

Me: that's the risk I am willing to take

Dima: funi..

Me: my husband is strong and I know that he will make it there alive

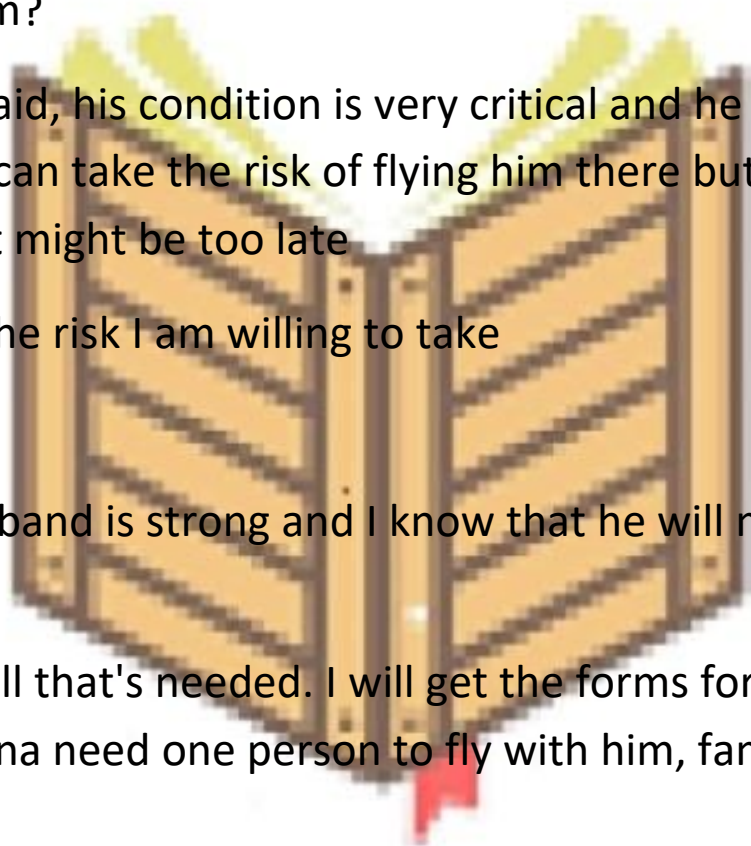
Dr: faith is all that's needed. I will get the forms for you to sign and we gonna need one person to fly with him, family to be exact

He walked away to get the forms..

Mama k walked in with shabba..

Her: where is he?

She made her dramatic self to us..



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Her: where is my son?

Shabba: calm down mama k

Her: don't tell me to calm down! My son gets shot and no one bothers to call me! I have to hear it from that crazy nanny of yours! When I went to the penthouse

She looked at me..

Her: you call all this strangers and you forget to call me his mother?

I was really not in the mood for this woman

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I was more worried about my husband more than anything else..

The doctor came back with the forms..

Him: have you decided on who is gonna fly with him to cape town?

Mama k: cape town for what?

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Dr: excuse me who are you?

Mama k: I am Sean cowen's mother my son is he okay?

Shabba giggled..

Him: mother or stoler?

Mama k looked at him..

Her: uthini wena? (what are you saying)

Shabba raised up his hands as in form of I surrender..

Me: I'll fly with him

Mama k: Ill fly with him

Me: mama k..

Her: you have your twins to look after so Ill go

Dr: we have to move really fast if we wanna save him

Me: can I at least see him?

Dr: I'm afraid it's not possible

He handed mama k the forms

Dr: I'll need you to fill this in

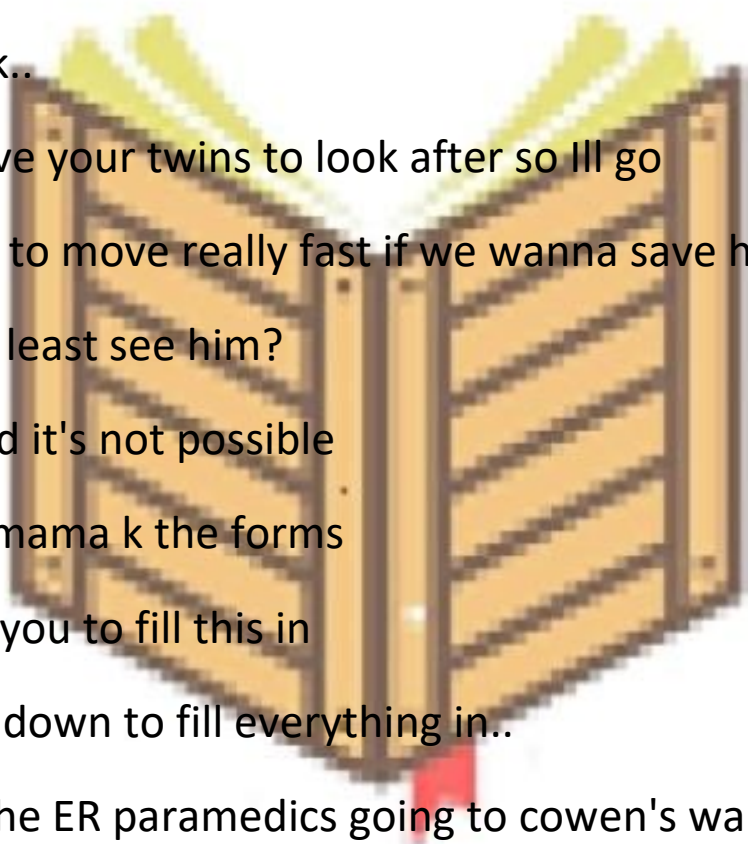
Mama k sat down to fill everything in..

I then saw the ER paramedics going to cowen's ward, then after they pushed him across the corridor to the exit..

Me: cowen!

Shabba held me back..

Me: shabba let me go I wanna see my husband!



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I was trying to get off his grip but he held me tight.. Cowen passed us and he was not looking good at all..

Had an oxygen covering his mouth and a lot of other things that I wasn't familiar with..

I let everything out seeing my husband like that killed the life I had left in me..

Shabba: shhhh everything is going to be alright

When mama k was done with the forms they walked her out too..

I had to go back home too since there wasn't anything left for me here, im just gonna let mama k call me and tell me how they went..

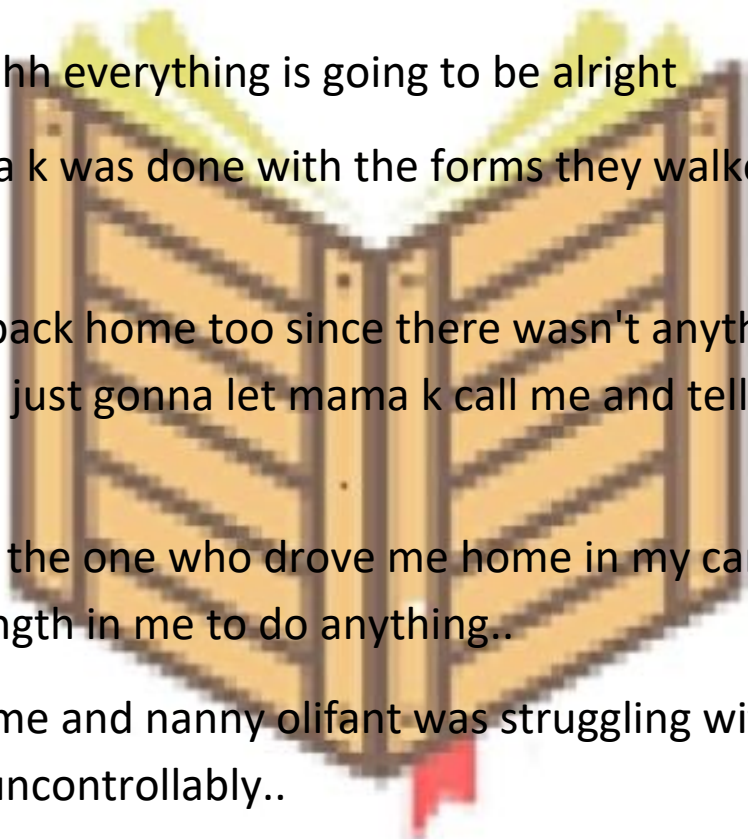
Shabba was the one who drove me home in my car because I had no strength in me to do anything..

I arrived home and nanny olifant was struggling with Sean. Sean was crying uncontrollably..

I went to her and she handed him to me..

Her: I think he can sense what happened to his father that is why he is like this

I started rocking him..



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It was breaking me inside to see my baby crying like that, Sean and cowen are pretty close he prefers his father more than me..

Olifant: how is cowen?

Me: they transferred him to another hospital

I looked at shabba..

Me: thank you for driving me..

Him: no problem

Me: I think we will be alright

Him: are you sure?

Me: yes

Him: I promise you funi, Riley won't get away with this.. All of this means war

Me: it's okay

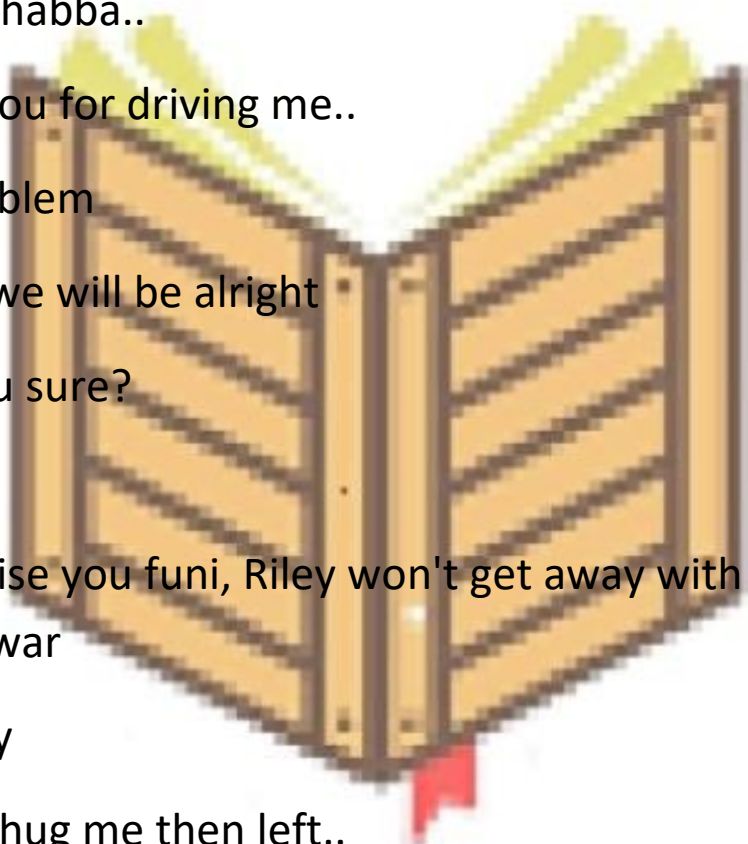
He came to hug me then left..

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[RILEY]

The bloods weren't very happy with what I did, and that meant shooting cowen..



Gesh: you shot braga?

Me: he came at me and I had to defend myself

Jamie: by shooting him? Couldn't you at least shoot tpee, but Braga? Are you mad?

Me: i know what I did so ya

Gesh: we have to be prepared I mean the skulls in all the provinces are gonna come after us

Me: I know that too

Jamie: this is a fight I am not looking forward to it

Gesh: and when Braga comes back from all of this you won't see what hit you, he is gonna come at you with everything he has

Jamie: in simple English you are screwed



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[FUNI]

Nanny Olifant agreed to stay with us until Braga makes it through. I needed all the support i could get from friends since i didn't have my own family close with me. The only family i have left now and the only family that i know is my husband and my boys..

We didn't sleep at all that night, Sean couldn't stop crying he was just too clingy and didn't want anything. He really wanted cowen, he would call him in between as he was crying "Baga, Baga".

I didn't know what to do or what to tell him, again how do you explain to a one year old that his father got shot..

He fell asleep at around 05:00am after nanny olifant gave him two tea spoons of Panado, but i know that when he wakes up its gonna be an emotional roller-coaster again.

When everyone finally slept at 05:00am i bathe and prepared myself for work. I wasn't gonna sleep, i couldn't sleep all i saw when i closed my eyes was cowen laying on the kitchen floor in a pool of his own blood with Riley standing right next to him with his gun on his hand feeling very much superior and also not believing what he has done..

I didn't even eat, i just took my keys and went to my car then drove straight to the boutique..

I arrived at the boutique then parked my car at my usual spot and walked towards the building.

I then saw someone standing at the door. It was a beautiful light-skinned woman. She even had her shades on..

I made my way to her..

She took off her shades.

Her: funi coven?

Me: who's asking?

She extended her hand to me..

Her: Anathi muller. Riley's wife

I looked at her hand then made my way to the door to open..

Her: ookay definitely not a good start

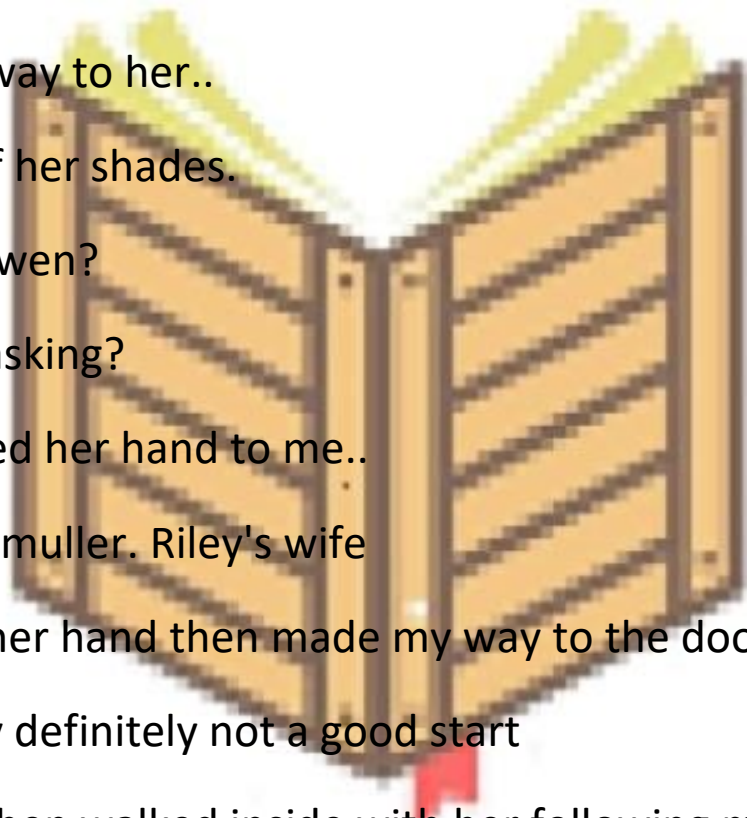
I unlocked then walked inside with her following me..

Me: what can i do for you?

I put my things on the counter..

She looked around..

Her: i was hoping that we could talk perhaps?



I folded my arms..

Me: about?

Her: i think you know

Me: and how does it include you?

Her: look Funi i know that you are angry..

Me: you know? Tell me is your husband shot for you to know how angry i am?

She cleared her throat..

Her: umm no

I looked at her for 30sec or so..

Me: you can excuse yourself

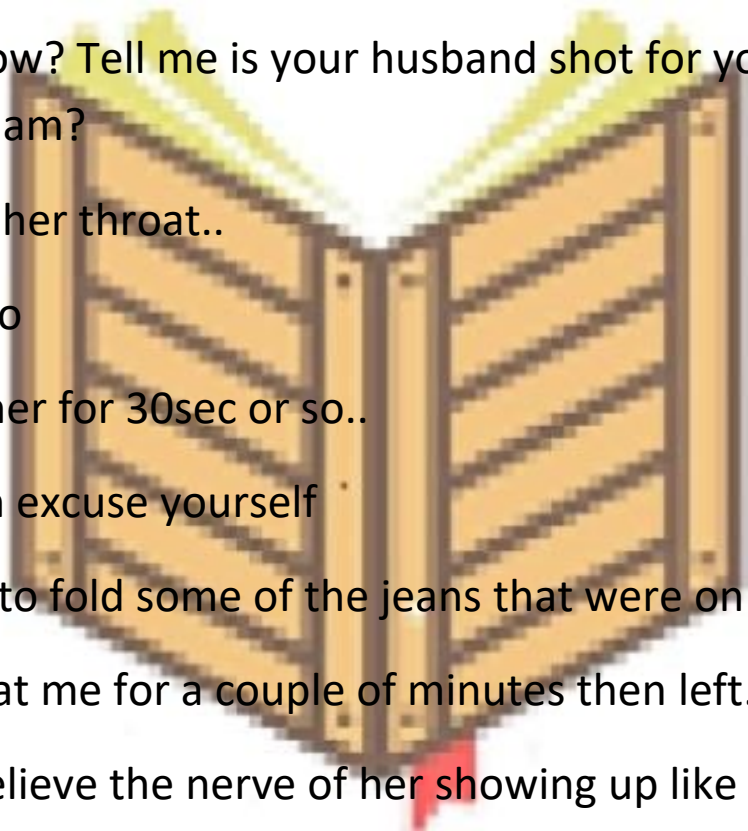
I went over to fold some of the jeans that were on the couch..

She looked at me for a couple of minutes then left..

I couldn't believe the nerve of her showing up like this hoping that she will make everything okay just by talking?

I went over to my bag, i took out my phone and tried calling mama k again but her phone was off..

Mama k knows better than to switch off her phone in times like this, i need to know how my husband is holding up.



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# TPEE

I was in the office with one of our best clients Mr Jefferson. Mr Jefferson is the Chairperson of the Jefferson clinic, that was founded by his great-grandfather in the early 90s and it is one of the best private clinics in our region right now..

Me: thank you for agreeing to meet up with me i know how busy you are

Him: im always looking forward to meeting up with you under any circumstances

My assistant Linah brought in coffee for us..

Jeff: still the best coffee?

Me: only in the building

I looked at Linah..

Me: thank you Linah, under no circumstances should i be disturbed

Her: yes sir

She went out and closed the door..

Him: all the women at your table are beautiful



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Mr Jefferson has a slick eye for women even though he is married.

Him: what happened to the last one?

Me: i married her

Him: congratulations

Me: thank you

Him: now back to business why am i here?

Me: you are here because i wanna find out how you feel about oxy?

Him: as in like the Analgesic?

I nodded..

Him: great drug especially for severe and moderate pain

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it can do my cancer patients justice

Me: im glad you feel that way because im bringing it into the game

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Him: isn't it illegal?

Me: not if you have a license or certificate for it

Him: do you?

I chuckled..

Me: just say the word and ill draw up the contract

He sat there thinking about the proposal..

Me: we'll both benefit from it, your clinic will be the first to have it in the private sector

Him: tempting Thobekgale very tempting

The door flung open, and my beautiful wife who looked pissed walked in with my assistant following her..

Linah: i tried stopping her sir

Kresi turned and looked at Linah..

Her: put your hand on me again and i swear!

I looked at Jefferson..

Me: rain check?

Him: ill be intouch

Me: Linah please show Mr Jefferson out

Linah: yes sir

Mr Jefferson stood up and went out with Linah..

I stood up too and went to close the door, i then looked at Kresi..



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Me: why are you so upset?

She handed me an envelope..

Me: what is that?

Him: Divorce papers

I took the envelope...

Me: why am i being divorced again?

Her: i don't know hey, other than the fact that you were kissing other bitches while i was at the hospital, or constantly having to compete with your dead fiancé, and moving in two people in our house without me knowing? I seriously don't know which one made me to divorce you!

Me: kresi..

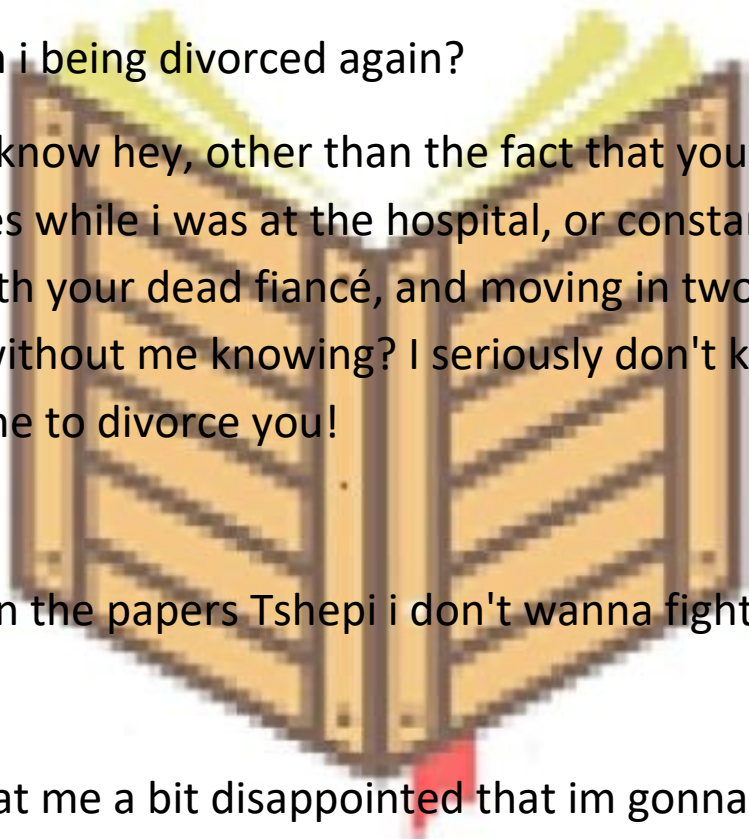
Her: just sign the papers Tshepi i don't wanna fight..

Me: fine

She looked at me a bit disappointed that im gonna sign..

I went over and took the pen then took the papers out while looking at her. She tried to remain neutral but deep down i could see that she was scared..

I signed and handed them to her..



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She looked at me then tried to take them but i didn't give her. I started tearing them up and she exhaled..

Me: i don't understand why i should be forced to sign the papers i don't wanna divorce you

She sat down..

I sat down too..

Me: you know the jag suv you always wanted? They have it in your favorite colour charcoal...

She looked at me..

Her: money cannot buy you my forgiveness not this time around..

Me: its a limited edition

Her: i don't want a car

Me: then what do you want?

Her: i want you to love me!

Me: what makes you think that i don't love you?

She looked at me..

Her: do you love me?

Me: i do love you



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Her: more than Nissi?

Me: i..

I couldn't say it..

She smiled through her tears but it wasn't a friendly one...

She stood up..

Me: kresi wait

Her: for what? So you can hurt me more?

I went over to her, and wiped her tears..

Me: its unfair for you to ask me such a question

Her: because you don't love me?

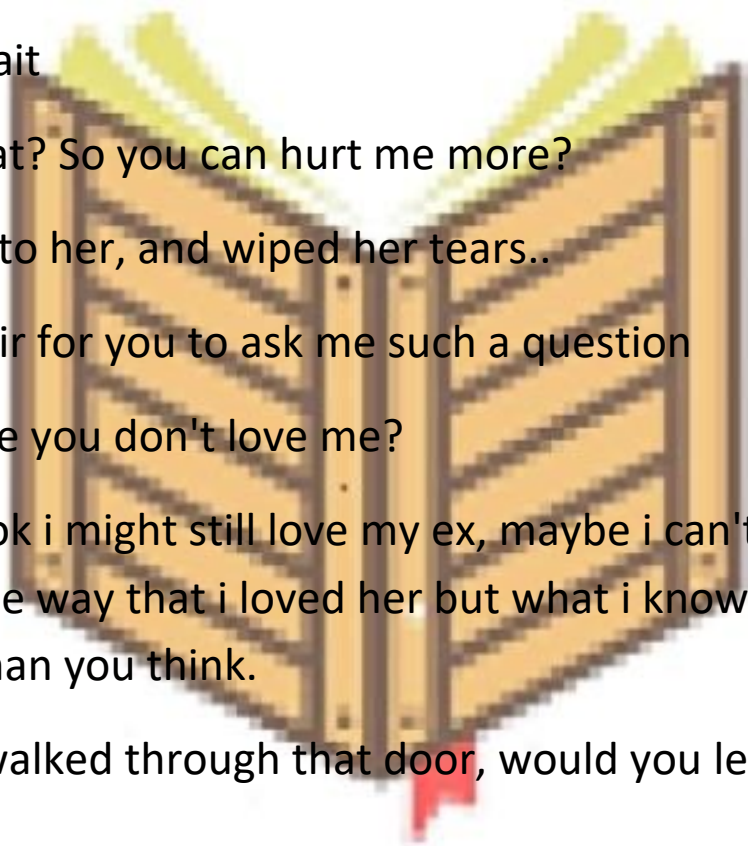
Me: no.. Look i might still love my ex, maybe i can't love you  
tgdttthe same way that i loved her but what i know is that i love  
you more than you think.

Her: if she walked through that door, would you leave me for  
her?

Me: well if she agreed for me to buy her the Jag then ill leave  
you

She laughed..

Her: the Jag



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Me: so do you want the jag?

Her: yes i would like the jag

She pulled my tie..

Her: but do you know what i would like more?

Me: what?

Her: some morning office sex

Me: i don't know what the doctors gave you but i like it

As i was about to kiss her she stopped me..

Her: i think i know a perfect spot

Me: better than the office?

Her: way better

I followed her out of my office to the elevator. I stopped the doors from closing as she walked in..

She took her shirt off..

Me: what??

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Her: come in, we gonna have sex with the elevator going up and down..

I laughed..

Me: you kidding right? People use this elevator

She took off her jeans..

Me: kresi i am a CEO, junior staff cannot see me freaky like this..

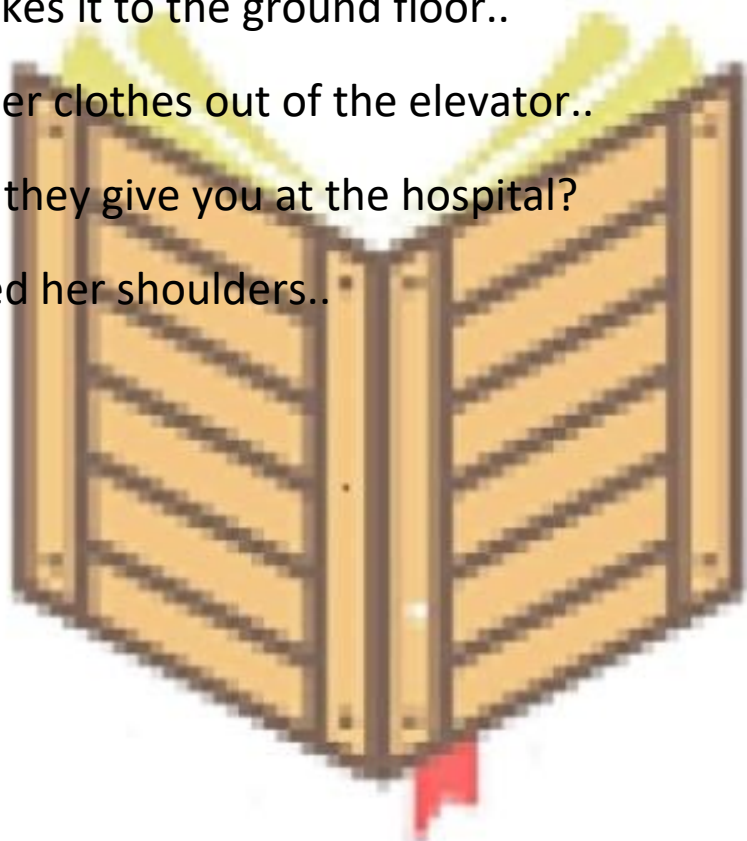
She took off her bra..

Her: know i will be fucking anyone who walks in when the elevator makes it to the ground floor..

She threw her clothes out of the elevator..

Me: wtf did they give you at the hospital?

She shrugged her shoulders..



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[LAURIAN]

That day during my lunch time i went to the police station, i really wanted to talk to my mother about what happened, i want to look her in the eye and see if she is sorry about what happened, does she have feelings of Remorse about what happened? Did she know that my father was gonna do what he did? Was is their plan? There's alot of questions that i need her to answer as far as this situation is concerned. Was i scared to face her? Yes i was, this is the same woman who drove me and my sister to our doom, this is the same woman who led my sister to her untimely death..

I was in the interrogation room waiting for her, she was still in the holding cells because the police were still interrogating her hoping that she will lead them to my father..

The detective got me a glass of water

Me: Thank you

I picked up the glass and my hand was shaking vigorously that i put the glass down again...

Detective: Are you gonna be alright?

I nodded..

The detective has been for this case ever since, he is very much dedicated into getting me and my sister justice..

Him: Laurian you don't have to do this

Me: i want too, maybe if i talk to her she will be more open to me she owes me that much

Him: does Austin know that you here?

I shook my head no..

Him: ill be watching everything through that window. You won't be able to see me but ill see you, if you start to feel uncomfortable raise your hand and we will cut everything

Me: Thank you

The red light at the top of the door started flashing..

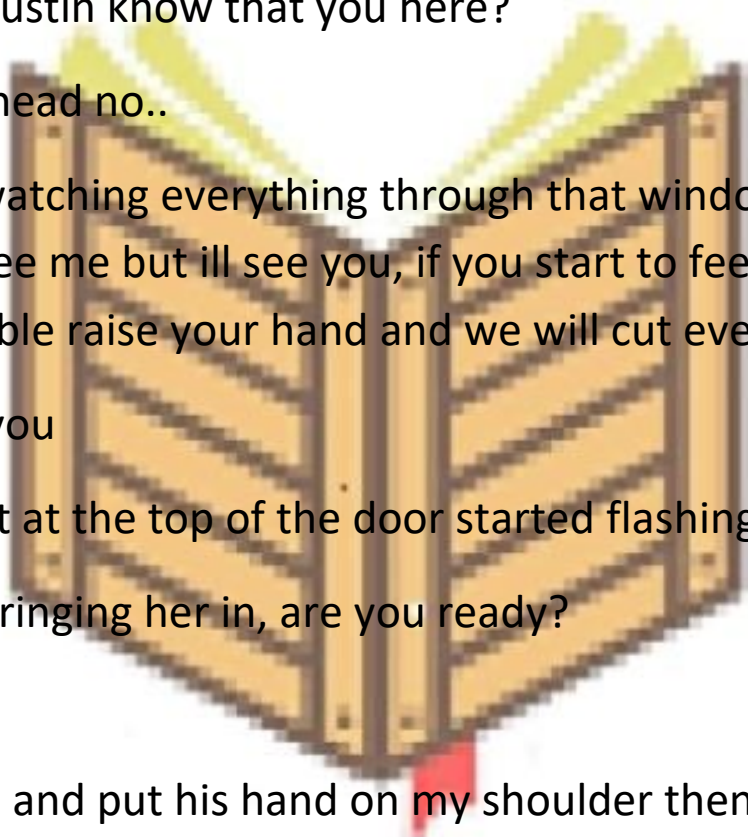
Him: They bringing her in, are you ready?

I nodded..

He stood up and put his hand on my shoulder then went to open the door. A Constable walked in with my handcuffed mother. She looked like a wreck, like she hasn't slept for days and had been crying..

She looked at me then attempted to come to me..

Her: Laurian



The detective held her back..

Him: No physical contact

Mom: Sorry

The detective looked at me..

Him: When you start to feel uncomfortable just raise your hand

I nodded..

Him: The Constable will be here standing by the door just for incase

Me: Okay

The detective walked out and my mother sat opposite me with tears falling...

I saw the regret, the pain, and Remorse that her tears symbolised..

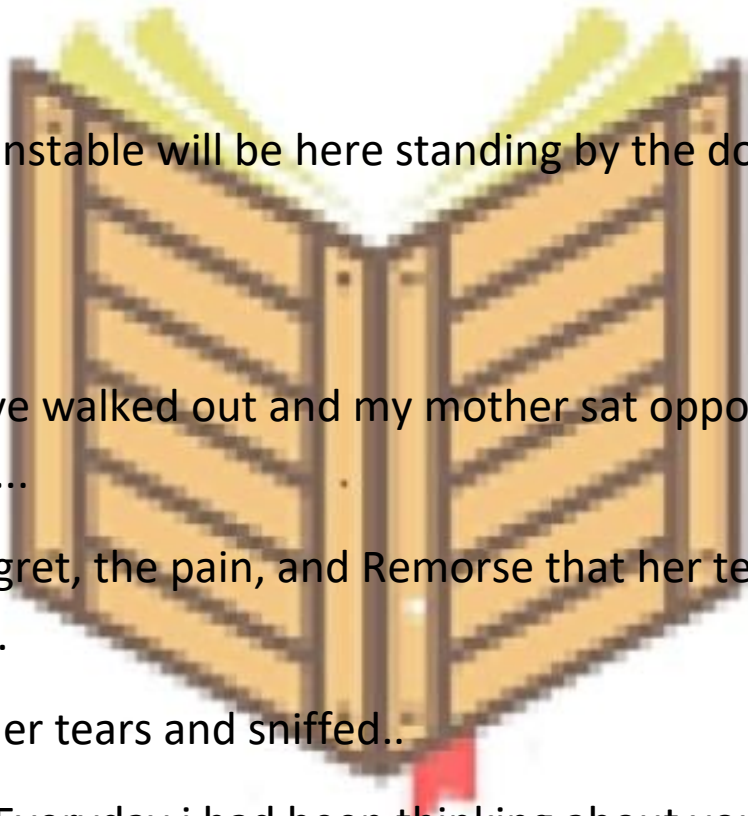
She wiped her tears and sniffed..

Her: Ever... Everyday i had been thinking about you, ever since ive learned that you survived i have been asking myself how you copying

I looked at her for a while

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she just didn't know the right words to say..



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Her: Laurian i am sorry, i don't even think sorry will begin to show how apologetic i am

My mom was the same woman who was for my relationship with Austin, she was the same person who made sure that i was safe and afforded me that partial happiness that i wanted when i was living there..

But the betrayal erases the good she did..

Her: i understand if you don't wanna talk to me

I felt tears burning my eyes, then they fell..

I finally had the strength to say something to her..

Me: did..

I cleared my throat as my voice was breaking..

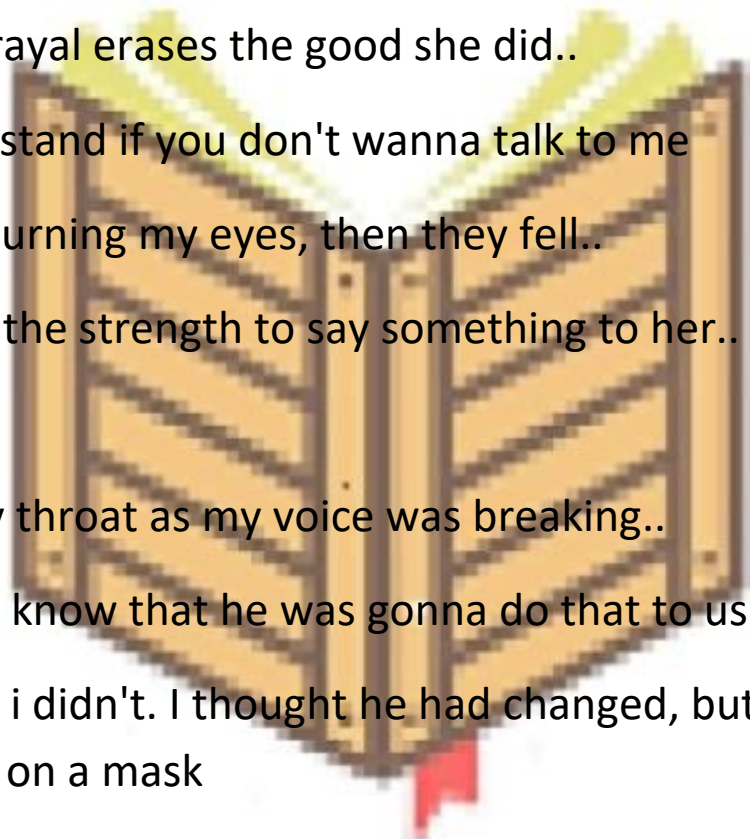
Me: did you know that he was gonna do that to us?

Her: i swear i didn't. I thought he had changed, but all along he was putting on a mask

Me: then after he shot us why didn't you call for help or something? Why didn't you stay behind to see if your children were alright?

Her: i probably should have

Me: but you didn't!



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Her: i.. I was scared Laurian that he was gonna kill all of us!

Me: but you let him kill us!! Me and Leah!! (yelling)

Her: Laurian baby..

Me: Im living physically Yes, but im dead inside!

Her: if i could mend what i have done i would

Me: then tell the cops where he is

Her: i don't know where he is

Me: You lying!

Her: i don't know where he is i swear!

Me: You do know!! (yelling)

Her: i don't!

Me: Just tell the cops!! Do it for me! Do it for Leah you owe us that much!!!! (yelling)

Her: i don't know!! (yelling)

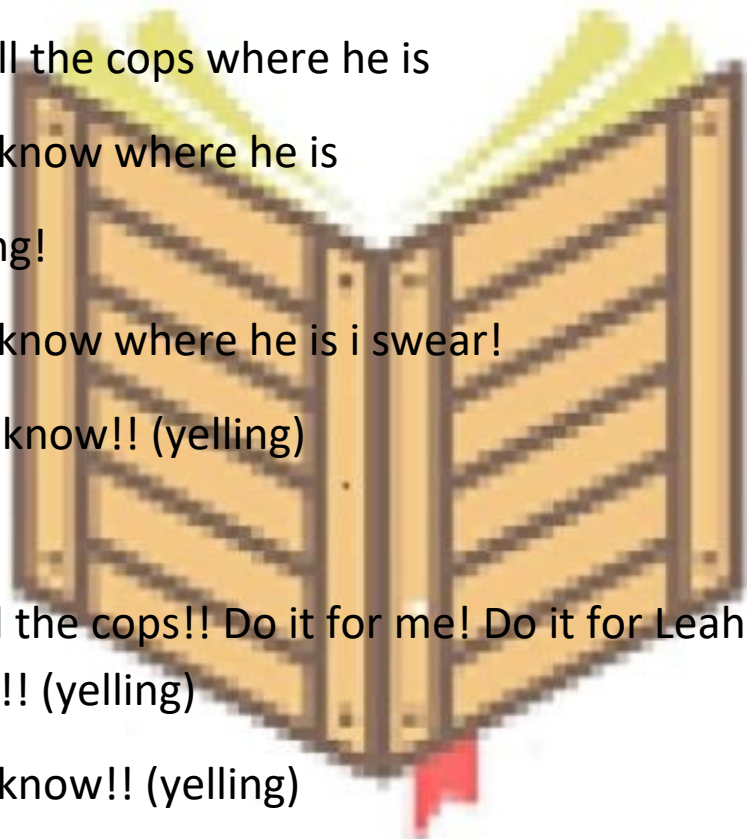
She cover her face with both her hands..

We kept quiet for a while..

Me: Then we have nothing else to talk about

I raised my hand up..

Her: Laurian please



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Me: Get me out of here!!

The door opened, the detective walked in, together with Austin, when did he get here?...

Austin made his way to me..

I stood up and hugged him..

The Constable came to my mom.

Him: lets go

My mom stood up..

Her: Austin..

We broke the hug and Austin looked at her..

Her: Take care of my daughter

The Constable then took her away..

Austin looked at me, i thought he would be angry at me but he wasn't..

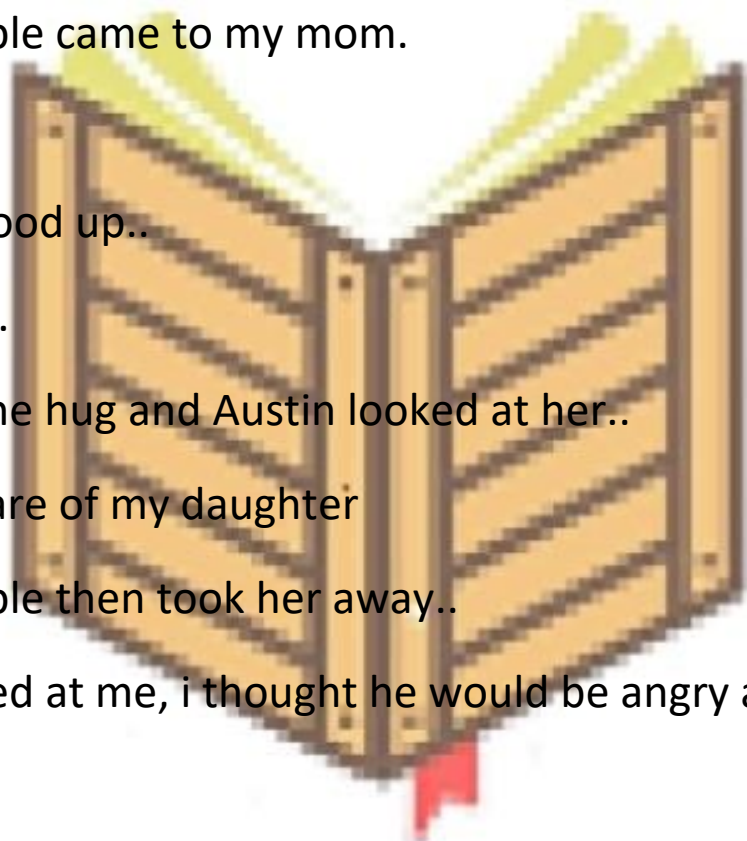
Him: lets go

Me: Okay

We walked out..

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[RILEY]

I was having a meeting with the bloods at the back of my backyard. Everyone was around except for Gesh. Maybe Its a good thing that he is not here because i have recently found out that he betrayed me and was the one who helped Tpee get a double that time i was set to go and kill Tpee for sleeping with my wife..

Now i had a perfect plan to eliminate Braga forever. Since he was in hospital i was planning that we would go there and finish him off then have Shane pose as Braga. Since people know about Shane now, i was gonna fake Shane's death with Braga's body then have Shane take over Braga's life. That was gonna be beneficial to me because then if Shane poses as Braga that means no war between the Skulls and The Bloods..

But that night when we set off to kill Braga and steal his body from the hospital, he was moved to another hospital meaning someone knew about our plans..

Vic is a blood who went to the Skulls undercover to snitch so now im caught up between Vic and Gesh, who is betraying me between them?

I was walking around with my Sniper..

Me: Jamie what did you find out?

Jamie does most of the research for the bloods..

Her: So Cowen was supposedly moved to a different hospital because the hospital he was initially at was said to not have advanced equipment and specialists to treat him..

Me: That's bullshit! He was in one of the best hospitals with more than 10 surgeons

Jamie: True now the Doctor who was in charge of the whole situation is a skull and he knew that Cowen's life was in danger that's why he had him moved..

I went and punched the wall..

That's how pissed I was..

Me: We had everything planned out, who is the snitch?

Shane: I was ready to take over, I was ready to be Braga

Gina: We have Vic and we have Gesh

Jamie: Gesh recently visited Tpee maybe he told him about our plan and Tpee alerted the bloods, they are alliances after all..

Me: Get me Gesh and Vic immediately!!!

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[FUNI]

I was at home i had just knocked off, and what i did when i got home was to comfort my little cub. Sean was still his clingy and Emotional self. At least he didn't refuse when i fed him, when i was done feeding him i let him pass out on my shoulder while i rocked him gently..

I was hurt to see my son hurting like this, wherever Cowen is right now, i hope he holds on for the sake of his sons..

When Sean was fast asleep i went and put him down, then i came back downstairs to give my other cub my attention..

Sade wasn't affected by his father's absentia as much as Sean was..

I was making him something to eat when the elevator opened and Mama k walked in..

She looked very drained like she hasn't slept for days..

I didn't care about her state of health, what i cared about was finding out how my husband is holding up..

She threw her bag on the couch then came to sit down, i looked at her waiting for her to tell me about my husband's state of health..

Her: The surgery was successful, he is back they transferred him earlier today

That was a big relief..

Me: He is back at our hospital?

Her: Yes

Me: i have to go and see him

Her: You can but he is still unconscious

Me: i don't care about that i just wanna see him

Her: You can go

Me: umm Nanny Olifant has gone to her house to get clean clothes, she will be back soon so can you please look after the twins for me?

Her: i don't mind, they my world after all

Me: Thank you, let me get my bag and go

Her: Miss cover page

I looked at her **NOVELSGURU.COM**

Her: When are you gonna fire this mental unstable Nanny? i don't want her anywhere near my grandchildren

Me: Cowen and i trust her. Yes she's a bit not together upstairs but she loves the twins and the twins love her too

Her: i understand but..

Me: Can we talk about this later? Because now i really have to see my husband

Her: no problem

I went to get my bag and everything else, then i called Shabba to let him know about everything when i was on my way to the hospital..

I got to the hospital and went straight to the reception to let them know that i was here to see my husband. They let me sign some form, then after they called the doctor who came to get me..

Dr: Mrs Cowen

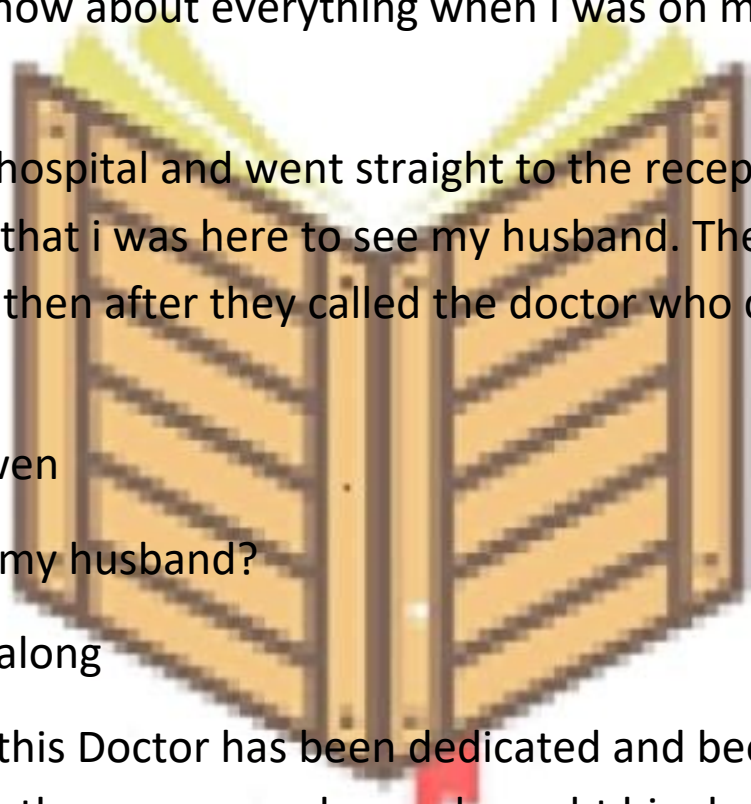
Me: How is my husband?

Him: Come along

Apparently this Doctor has been dedicated and been there for Cowen from the very same day we brought him here. He wants no other doctor but him attending to Cowen..

We walked down the corridor to the Intensive care Unit to see Cowen..

Him: 30min



I walked to Cowen and he had a lot of pipes and machines helping him breathe. Although his eyes were shut but I could see that they were swollen and that he hasn't opened them ever since..

He was shirtless with bandages around his body..the duvet was covering his lower body..

I dragged the chair and set next to him..

I looked at the EKG as it was monitoring his heart beat..

I held his hand. I don't know if he was gonna hear me if I talked to him but all I know is that I need him, his sons need him..

I looked at him, I mean one minute my husband is this fearless gang leader, then the next thing he is laying on this bed dependant on these machines to help him live..

I looked at him

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I wanted to say something but words failed me, but where words failed me tears had me..

I couldn't stop crying, I put his hand on my face so he can feel my tears I needed my tears to show him that I'm breaking and I need him..

As I was crying I heard the EKG doing the "Beep" sound..

I looked at him and he still remained stationary..

Me: Cowen?

The doctor quickly got in with a few nurses..

Dr: Im gonna need you to step out

Me: No what's happening with my husband?

Dr: someone please get her out

A Nurse came and walked me out..

Me: What's happening with my husband?

The door closed when i was out of the Intensive care Unit ward..

I walked up and down in the corridor all Scared and worried whilst they were busy working on him..

I then sat down against the wall with my knees up high my chest, and my Face buried on my knees and i just cried..

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[LAURIAN]

So Austin suggested that we go to his house and have dinner with his family.

He has been hinting that his mom been calling him for us to come and have dinner with them. I couldn't refuse because at the end of the day Its his family and you can't keep someone away from their family no matter what..

We were standing at the door and he rang the bell while holding my hand...

We looked at each other and then looked at the door..

The door opened after a few minutes, it was his sister Cherie who opened and she was happy to see her brother that she threw herself on him..

Her: Austin!!!

Austin: Look at you, you getting more fat for me to even pick you up

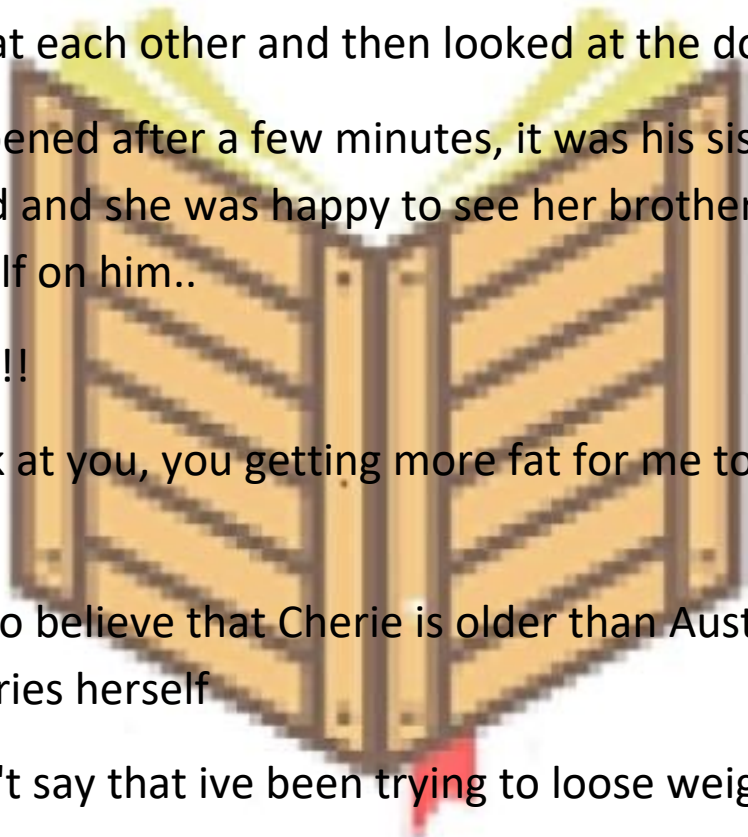
Its difficult to believe that Cherie is older than Austin from the way she carries herself

Cherie: Don't say that ive been trying to loose weight ever since my baby

Austin: How is is my Nephew?

Cherie: other than the fact that he sleeps alot and dry me off my milk, he is fine

Austin: Can't wait to see him



She looked at me.

Her: hi

Me: hi

No hugs, no nothing just that dull greeting. I think Cherie doesn't like me anymore ever since that fight at the salon..

Austin and i walked in, i knew from then that this is gonna be one hell of a dinner..

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[FUWEN]

I must've passed out at the corridor because then i heard someone gently shaking me and calling my name, the voice sounded familiar..

I raised my head up and it was Cowen next to me. He didn't look sick anymore, he looked normal and fresh..

Me: Cowen?

Him: Bubu

He gave me that everlasting smile of his..

Me: You don't look hurt

Him: i feel alright, im not in pain anymore



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Me: but how can you recover so quick?

He looked down..

Me: Cowen?

Him: Funi just know that i love you, and i will always be there watching over you and the twins, Take care of yourself and the twins.

I looked at him..

Me: No..

Him: Bubu..

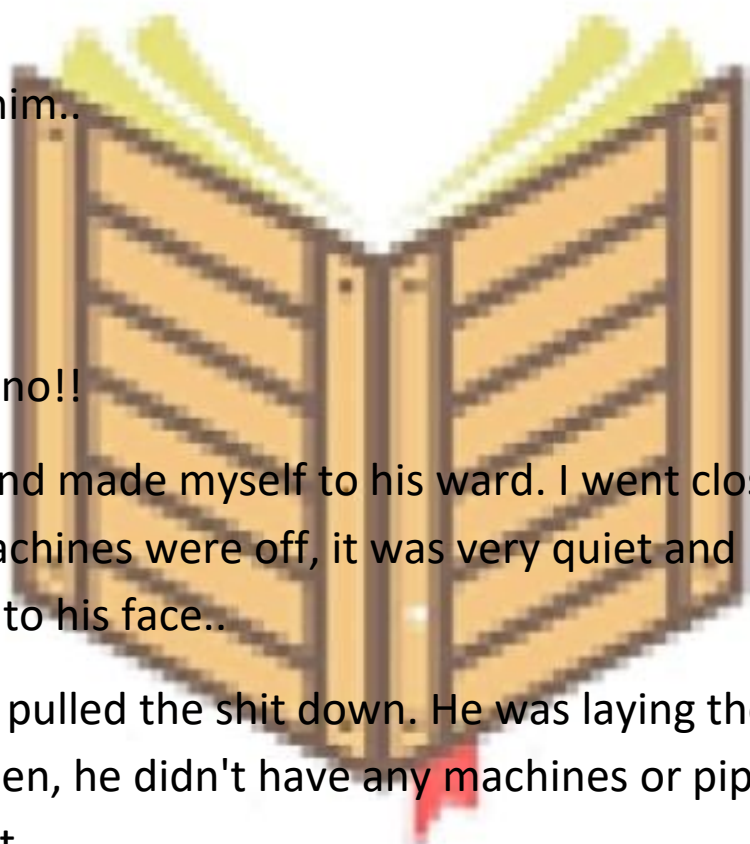
Me: Cowen no!!

I stood up and made myself to his ward. I went closer to his bed. The machines were off, it was very quiet and he had his sheet all up to his face..

I went and i pulled the sheet down. He was laying there with his eyes half open, he didn't have any machines or pipes with him, he was quiet..

Me: No.. No.. No!!!!

This can't be!..



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[LAURIAN]

This was a very awkward situation, sitting around the table outside next to the pool having dinner with Austin's family knowing very well how they feel about me..

We were eating food that i didn't know, Kate with her high class status..

She had a private chef cooking and then dinning us.

I was very uncomfortable, the food wasn't going down so well..

Kate: so Austin since i voted you out of the company what have you been doing to get through? I saw that Duplex it looks expensive

Austin: ive been hustling

Cherie: hope Its good hustling

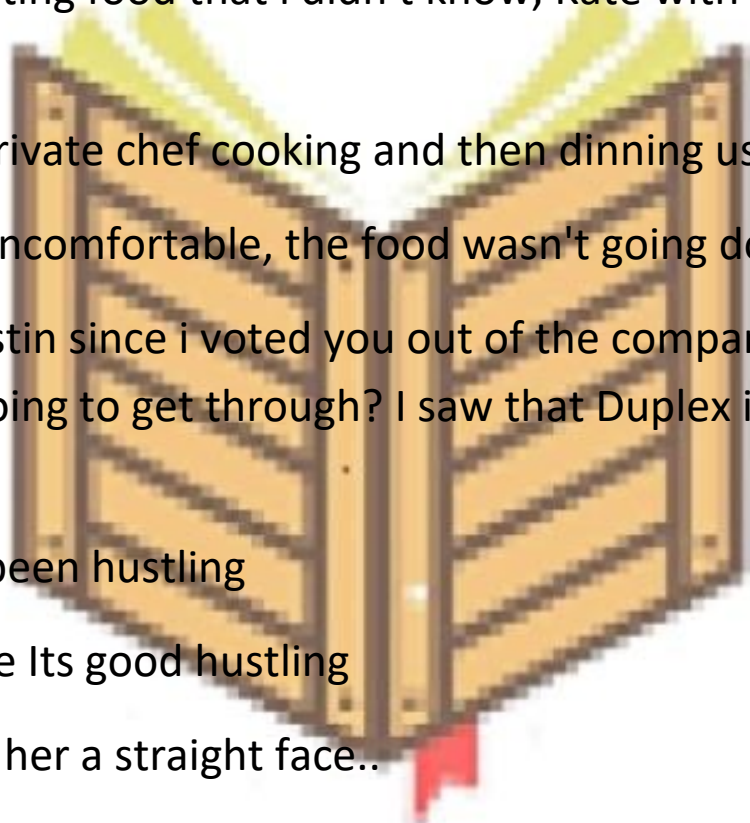
Austin gave her a straight face..

Kate: How are you finding your meal Laurian?

Me: Its good Kate Thank you

Her: it has to be Its called "Bangers and mash" dish that was well known in the 1900s

Me: ummm okay



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Her: You don't know it do you?

Me: Not really but it tastes good

She took a bite..

Her: Well i don't blame you for not knowing it with an unstable family like yours

Austin: Kate

Kate: am i lying? Its on National news im not making things up her father tried to texas massacre her

Kate can really run her mouth..

Kate: and your mom was all making herself a Saint to me like i was evil to be against your relationship with Austin while you were "Married", at least i wasn't an accomplice to no murder

That stung a bit...

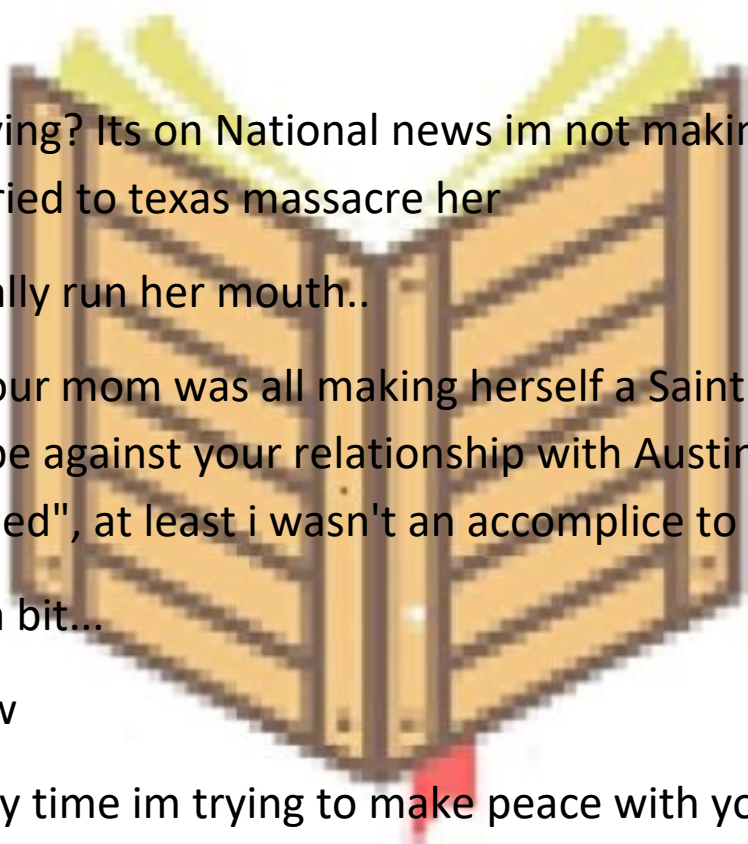
Cherie: Wow

Austin: every time im trying to make peace with you, you go and do shit like this

Kate: i am sorry, im always bad so im sorry

We all kept quiet..

Cherie: Maybe next time we can come at the Duplex and have dinner there. I would really like to see the flat



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Austin: We no longer staying there

Kate: Why? Can't afford Rent?

Austin: No they doing maintaince. Water pipe burst

Kate picked up her glass half full with wine..

Her: it looked like a pretty good flat to have such problems

Cherie: even the best places have that problem

Kate: so where are you staying?

Austin: with a friend

Kate: You guys should move in with us. I can't have my baby wondering about like he doesn't have a home and family

I don't know if the wine was getting to her or what, but she was being very strange..

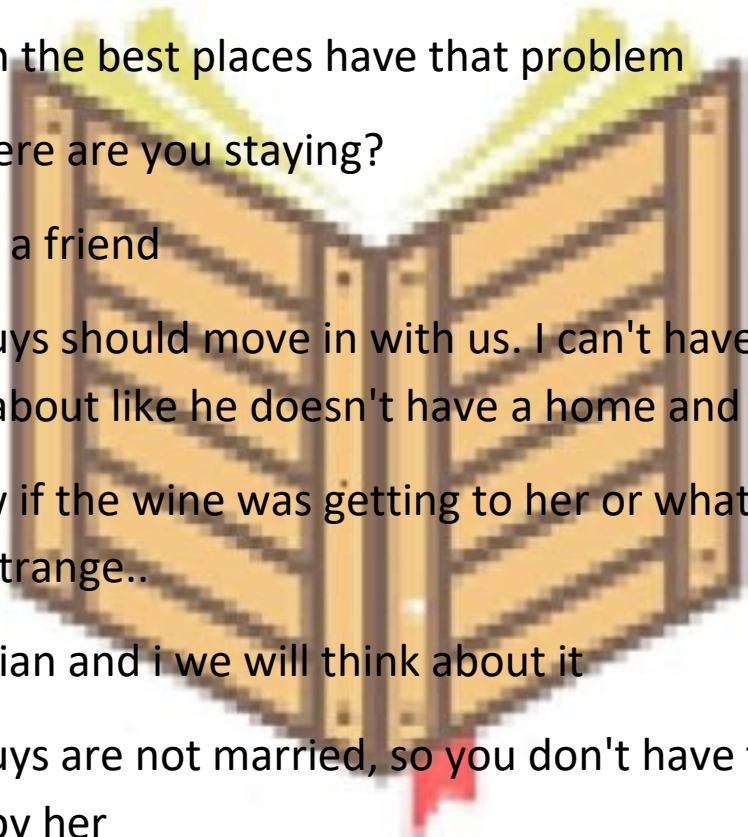
Austin: Laurian and i we will think about it

Kate: You guys are not married, so you don't have to run everything by her

Cherie: Maybe lay off on the wine mom

Kate: Cherie don't treat me like an alcoholic im fine

She wiped her face with her hands..



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Kate: Maybe i should go wash my face, feels a bit itchy.. Ill be right back

She stood up and went while stumbling around in her high heels..

Austin looked at Cherie..

Cherie: She's going hard on those wine bottles

Austin: Why?

Cherie: i don't know, but what i know is you have to move back home before she runs the company down the drain..

Austin: How?

Cherie: Not attending important meetings, missing work every now and then.. She's just running the company down

Austin laid back on his chair with his hands ontop of his head..

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[FUNI]

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I felt someone gently shaking me..

Voice: Funi

I raised my head up and opened my eyes

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it was Shabba.

Him: uGrand? (are you alright)

I looked around and i was sitting flat on the floor at the corridor...

He helped me get up, i must've passed out..

I went over to Cowen's ward, i looked at him through the window and he was still in the same state

I went round and walked in, i was relieved when i saw his chest moving...

I felt Shabba putting his Hands on my shoulders..

Him: i should get you home

I closed my eyes with tears falling..

Him: Sean is still at it, and he is worse when you not around

I exhaled..

Me: Thank you

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He held my bag and we walked to the reception. I signed out and we made our way to the door when we bumped into Chelsea. The leader of the Skulls at Durban, she was with a few members..

Shabba: Chelsea

Her: Hey Shabba

They greeted each other with that side hug..

Chelsea is a bit confusing. She looks like a tomboy, she looks lesbian, and then she looks straight. My first thoughts are she might be lesbian i mean ain't no girl being a leader of a gang, she mostly wears black leggings, black knee boots, white muscle vest and a leather Jacket.. She is beautiful, very beautiful..

She looked at me..

Her: How are you?

She ran her hand down my arm

Me: i am..

I didn't know what to say..

Shabba: So are you staying with me and my wife?

Her: Definitely not, ill be staying with Miss Fu here

She looked at her Companions

Her: You can go ahead ill be there

They walked to Cowen's ward..

Shabba: Well im driving Funi home



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Chelsea: ill be here for a while checking on Braga

She looked at me..

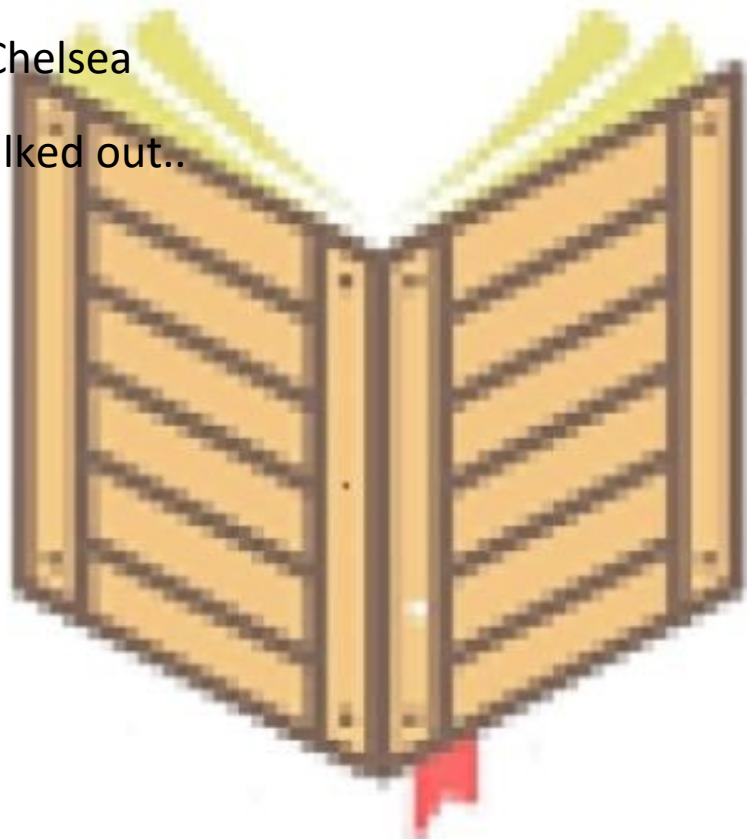
Her: Miss Fu ill see you later

She winked at me.. Then walked away..

I looked at Shabba...

Him: She's Chelsea

We then walked out..



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[FUNI]

-ONE MONTH LATER

Ever since that time when i went to the hospital and i had a dream that Cowen was dead, that was the last time i was at the hospital to see him. Ever since from then, i have been keeping myself busy with alot of work as to not think of him and everything. It was very hard to wake up everyday and live without Braga, it was also hard for my twins but we were getting there..

Shane tried by all means contacting me but i ignored him greatly i know what he is about and what he wants im not for all of that at all..

I was sorting out a few things at the Boutique when Chelsea made her way in. Chelsea has been living with us ever since and she is off great help, she has been nothing but supportive and protective from day one..

I still didn't know about her sexuality and i wasn't gonna ask even though we have grown pretty close..

Her: Hey

Me: Hey you

She sat down and took off her shades..



Me: What you doing here?

Her: Just checking up on you, what's happening and all that?

Me: Im Good

She kept quiet and tapped the counter. Living with Chelsea for a month or so now has made me to know her and know when she is hiding something from me..

Me: What's wrong?

She looked at me and i went to her..

Me: something on your mind?

Her: Why would you think so?

I looked at her..

Her: When are you gonna see Braga? I think that it will do the twins good if they could see their father especially Sean

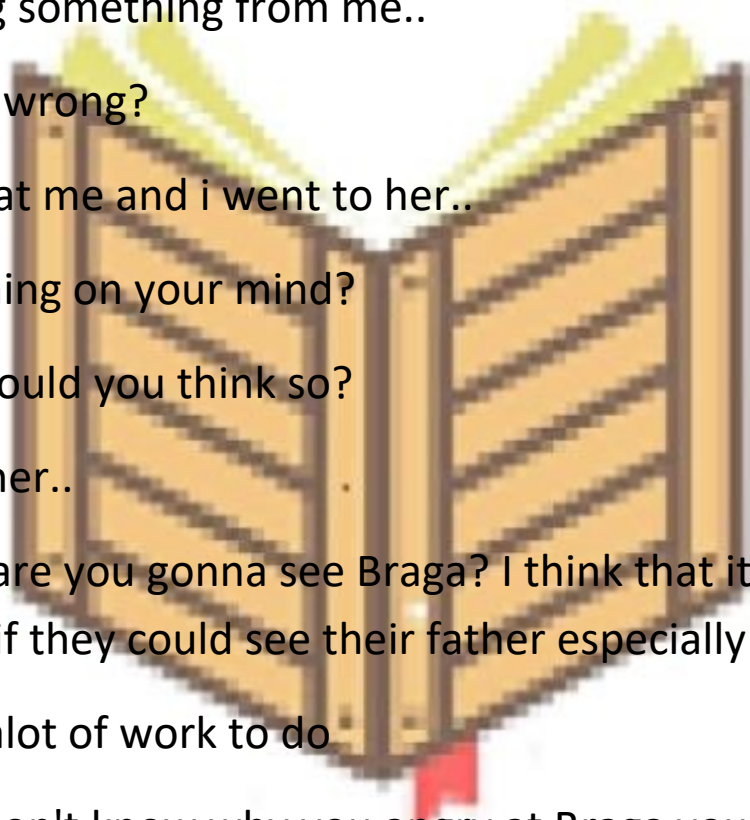
Me: i have alot of work to do

Her: Funi i don't know why you angry at Braga you acting like Its his fault he got shot

Me: i don't blame him!

Her: Then what is wrong?

Me: What's the use of going to see someone who doesn't wanna wake up!



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Her: Don't do this, at least have Sean go see him. The boys miss him

Me: How will i explain to them why daddy doesn't wanna wake up?

Chelsea: We will figure that out when we get there. Should i get the twins?

I looked down..

Her: Funi?

Me: Fine but only for today

Her: We will come back and fetch you.

Chelsea went to fetch the twins, then they came to fetch me too so we go to the hospital to see Braga.

I was more worried on how the twins are gonna react seeing Cowen laying there and not waking up...

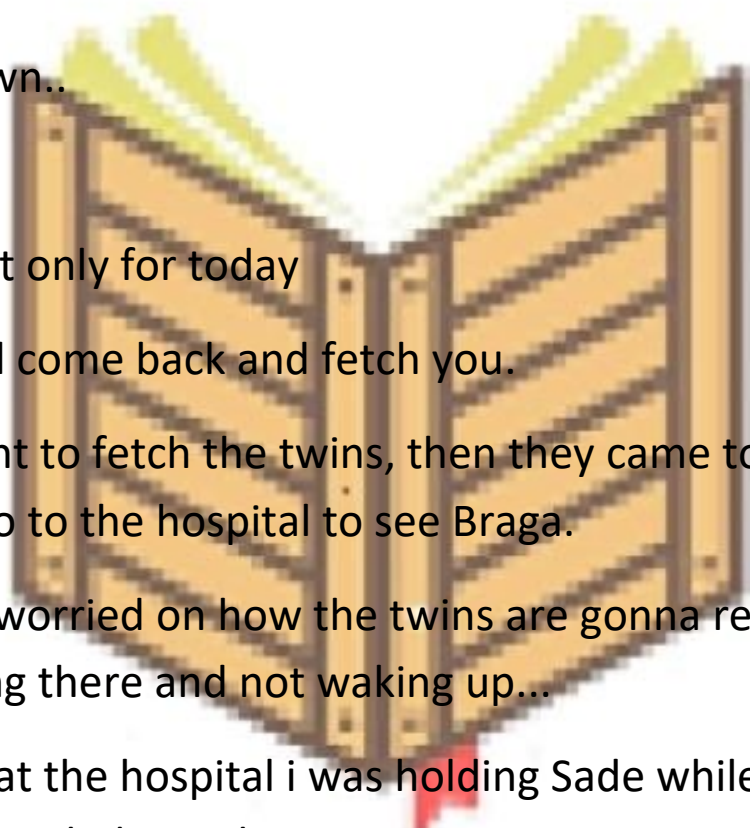
We arrived at the hospital i was holding Sade while Sean was being held by Chelsea. The Doctor came to us.

Him: Good afternoon

Chelsea: Doc

Dr: How is everyone doing?

Chelsea: Everyone is doing okay we just here to see Braga



The Doctor looked at me..

Him: Good to see you Mrs Cowen

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we haven't seen you here in a now while

Me: i know

Him: ill take you to him

We walked down the corridor and we didn't go to his Ward, we made a different turn.

The Doctor led us into some room it didn't look like a ward it was Physio. He opened the door and my husband was on a trademil. He was running just doing it in a very slow pace with what looked like his physio instructor busy giving him instructions..

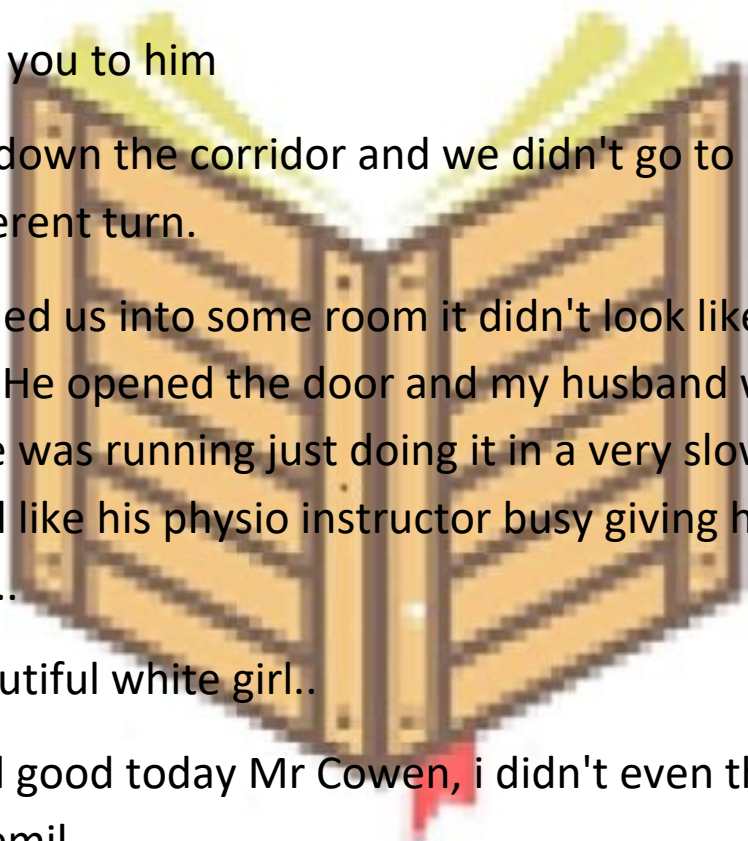
It was a beautiful white girl..

Her: You did good today Mr Cowen, i didn't even think you can do the trademil

My heart literally jumped when i saw him, he looked better..

Sean lost it when he saw his father..

Him: Baga!!!!



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Chelsea put him down and Sean ran to his father. Braga got off the treadmill and picked him up..

He limped his way to the bed and sat there..

Dr: i think we should give them some space

They all went and i was left with the twins and Braga...

I made my way to him and put Sade next to him. His boys were very happy to see him and i just had mixed emotions about everything..

He put them down again and they went to play with all the machines and big balls there..

Braga: i think they wanna do physio

I chuckled..

He looked at me..

Him: How are you?

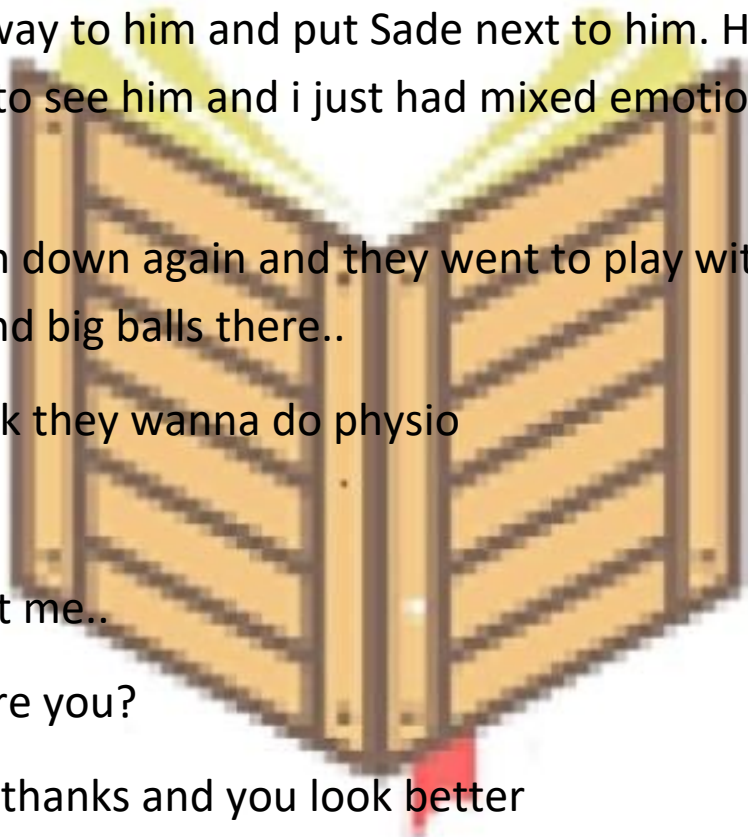
Me: Im fine thanks and you look better

Him: ive been pushing myself to get better

I tried holding back my tears but i couldn't.

Him: Come here

I went to sit next to him and laid my head on his shoulder while he ran his hand on my back..



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Me: i was soo scared that you were not gonna make it

Him: gonna take more than a few bullets to kill me

I realised today that my husband is stronger than i thought to have survived this..

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[LAURIAN]

What has changed on our side is that Austin was now employed at Thobekgale Pharmaceutical, the Oxycodone is making the company alot of money. With Austin owning 30% of the Oxycodone in the company he is getting a big fat cheque every month. With his first cheque we put a deposit in buying a house and month end we finishing off..

We had moved into the house and the interior Deco was beautifully done.

I was proud of Austin for finally being his own man and taking charge of his life, he wasn't that rich out of control player that i met a few Years ago he has grown up and he is taking charge of his life..

Today we didn't open at the salon so Kay and Menzi came over to check the house, we had some wine while i gave them a tour of the house..

Kay: Its big girl and its only you and Austin

Me: i know

Menzi: did he buy it cash?

Me: No we gonna finish it off this Month

Kay: Im really proud and Inspired by you and Austin, you guys are young but have achieved soo much

Me: True that

I have been having a bit of some dizzy spells lately and sometimes ill feel extremely hot my temperature would just rise.. And i was feeling hot now

Kay: Are you alright?

Me: i feel hot lately

Menzi: Fever?

Me: Could be

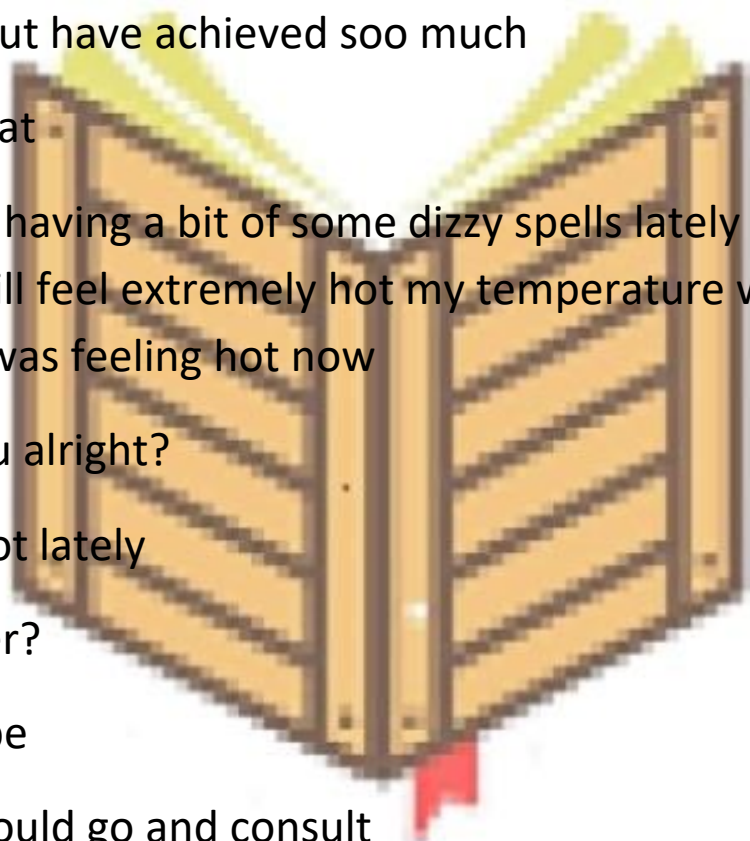
Kay: You should go and consult

Me: if it gets severe i will

We continued walking..

Me: Kay did you change your perfume?

Her: No why?



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Me: Smells awful

Her: Ohw Wow Laurian now you balling and suddenly my perfume smells somehow for you?

Me: i don't mean it like that

Her: Then buy me a better one

I was getting dizzy too and feeling light headed..

I sat down on the stairs and took off my tshirt

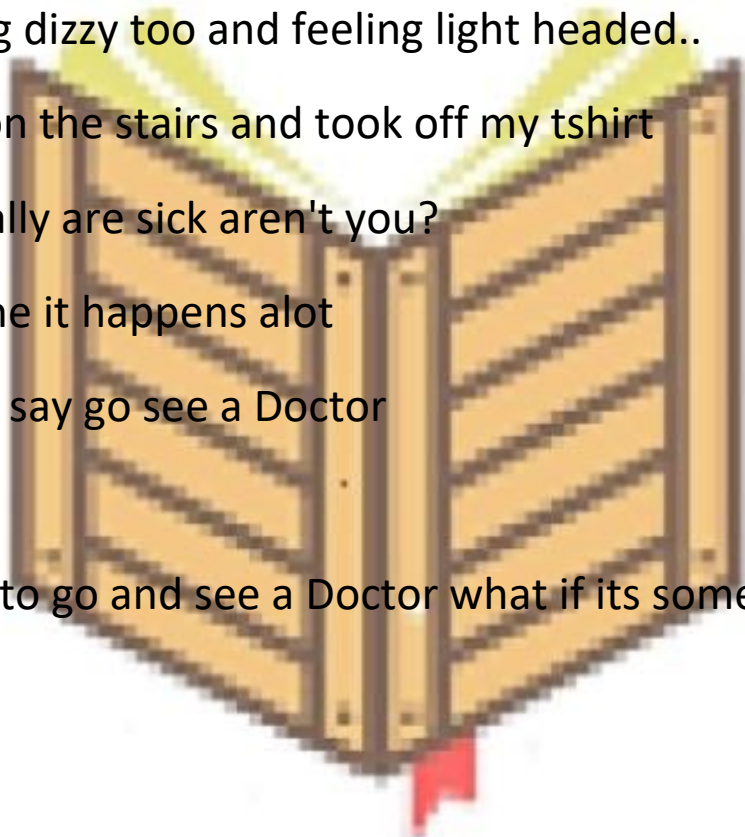
Kay: You really are sick aren't you?

Me: ill be fine it happens alot

Menzi: i still say go see a Doctor

Me: i will

I am scared to go and see a Doctor what if its something serious..



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[RILEY]

I was at the bar with Shane. We were having a couple of drinks just trying to sink in the fact that Braga snapped out of that Coma, our plan was perfect but unfortunately we couldn't get to him, The Skulls are more vigilant and more protective than i thought. The problem is we need strong alliances to go after the Skulls with, because unlike them our Gang is outnumbered. The Skulls are everywhere and at every province reason why security was tight when Braga was at the hospital..

Shane: so what's the plan?

Me: i have no idea i mean after finding out that Vic is the one who betrayed us i just don't know who to trust anymore

Shane: We shouldn't have trusted that bitch

Me: and Gesh is too busy with his drug operation to even give a fuck about what's happening in the bloods now

Him: i tried getting closer to Funi but she's more smarter now and more Loyal to her Husband

Me: We just need to train more and be alert at all times incase Braga wanna strike back

Shane: hook up the crew



Me: ill sure do so

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[FUNI]

Cowen was discharged the following day, or make that he discharged himself. Doctors didn't have no choice as long as he does his physio everyday then everything is okay..

I had come home during lunch time to check up on him and his physiotherapist. I am highly uncomfortable with some blonde skinny girl touching my husband.

I walked in and she was giving him a message. He was laying on that stretcher bed, with nothing but a towel covering his genitals and miss thing was massaging Cowen's legs all the way up to his thighs and Cowen seemed to be enjoying it..

Her: feeling any better?

Cowen: You have magical hands

She giggled..

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Her: Just only doing my job

I walked in with my heels making noise..

Her: Mrs Cowen

I stood there and smiled at her while holding my cluth bag

Cowen: You can take a break Staci

Her: ill go get a few groceries of the things you should eat, your Dietician is strict with what you should eat

Her: ill be glad too

Cowen: You can get my wallet from the couch

She got the wallet and gave it to Braga...

Braga took out his card and gave her

Him: pin 225..

Me: hold up i have some money

I took out a couple of R100s and gave it to her

Me: my husband's card please

She gave me the card, then left..

Cowen sat up straight and i made my way to him..

He looked at me and chuckled..

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Me: What's funny?

Him: Nothing

Me: so how is physio going?

Him: Its going good

Me: i mean with a blondie like that it should be going good

Him: Are you jealous?

I rolled my eyes..

Me: Pshhhh

Him: You know there's nothing to be jealous off

Me: Where are my little cubs?

Him: Nanny Olifant took them out to the park

Me: so you can have some alone time with Miss thing?

Him: bubu are you really jealous?

Me: Im not jealous

Him: Come here

Me: Leave me alone Cowen

Him: Come here

Me: No

He stood up and covered his lower body with a towel and then made his way to me..

He ran his hands on my thighs..

Me: Cowen just stop will you?

Him: make me



He said that while kissing me on my neck. I mean i missed this, i missed him. He had been in the hospital for quite too long now..

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[AUSTIN]

Working with Tpee and owning 30% of the Drug i brought to him was dope because i make twice what my Dad's company was paying me while i was still with them..

I have no intentions on leaving here

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but at the same time i am worried about my Dad's company. My mom thought she could run it better than me and she voted me out so she must just pull through..

Tpee walked in while i was doing some paperwork. Paparazzi has been disturbing our peace ever since his elevator sex tape with his wife leaked. It didn't look good for him at all, being a CEO of such a well respected company then such happens Its a bitch..

He sat down opposite me..

Me: How are you holding up?

Him: after knowing that my wife set me up with the sex tape to get back at me how do you think im doing?

I kept quiet..

Him: Hade jo(sorry) just that i don't know how im gonna explain this to my father and my Daughter, especially my daughter Kresi didn't think about Naledi when age was planning all of this

Me: Its messed up i won't lie, imagine how her school mates are gonna react to this

Him: ill find a way

Me: so heard Braga is out

Him: Yeah he is, just don't know about his plan against Riley after this

Me: Its crazy

The door opened and cops made their way in with my assistant..

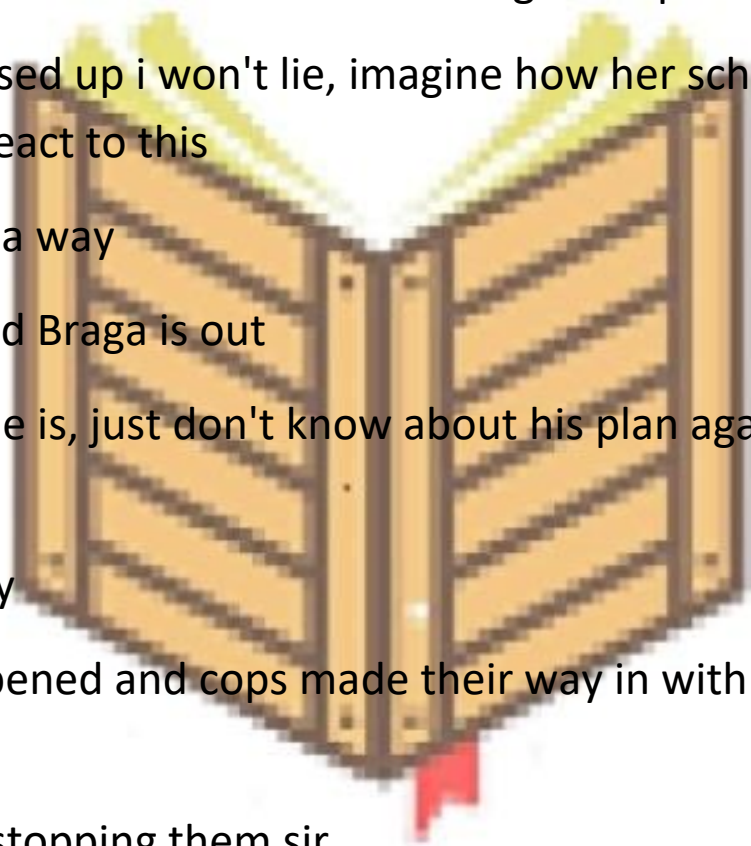
Her: i tried stopping them sir

One cop looked at us..

Him: Austin?

Me: i am Austin

Him: You are under arrest for the murder of Doctor Ntsele.



Tpee: Wtf?

He came to handcuf me..

Him: You have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law. You have the right to an attorney, if you can't afford one, one will be assigned to you..

They walked me out of my office in handcuffs.

Tpee: Just don't say anything when you get to the station until my lawyer gets there..

I looked at him..

Me: do me one favour

He looked at me..

Me: make sure Laurian doesn't know about this

Him: i got you man don't worry

They led me to the elevator, here i am again for the second time arrested for murder..

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[AUSTIN]

After what seemed like forever they finally let me go after Tpee's lawyer got here. What had happened was that there was an eye witness who saw us burying Dr Ntsele's body, but because it was a long time ago the eye witness could only give a clear description of my car but what we wore or how we looked like, they couldn't describe because it was very dark..

The lawyer made sure that he cornered the detectives with a lot of questions that they didn't know what to say anymore and he made an ever-lasting impression when he told them that the case will not go anywhere because of the lack of evidence but nevertheless I was just glad to be released for now and go home I'm sure Laurian was very worried it was now around 23:00.

I arrived home and I found her walking around the kitchen, I took that as if she was worried about me, and I had a lot of missed calls from her..

I closed the door and looked at her..

Me: hey

Her: Where have you been?

Me: You know work got crazy

Her: Work?

Me: Yes work

She took a newspaper from the table and handed it to me...

I looked at it and i made the front page walking out of Thobekgale Pharmaceutical in handcuffs..

Lately Tpee and i have been making headlines and dragging the Thobekgale surname into the mud. Jozi news was making a lot of money from our scandals.

I looked at her, i wasn't gonna lie to her anymore...

Her: They saying something about murder

I walked over and put the paper on the table...

How do you look someone in the eye that you love and confess to such without making them thinking that you are a monster?

Me: i did kill Dr Ntsele

Her: What?

Me: it was after i had her kill what was supposed to be your future husband. She cracked under pressure and i knew that i had to take her out before she rats me out, i had help from my best friend.

She looked at me and i didn't know which emotions were taking over from her.



She kept quiet for a while, and i also didn't know what to say..

Her: tell me something, if you could get a chance to do it all over again you would make better decisions?

Me: No i would still do the same thing

Her: You not remorseful about what happened?

I shook my head no, and that's when she broke down. I wanted to go up to her and hug her, but now is definitely not a good time..

Her: You know that i have been sick lately?

I nodded..

Her: i went to the doctor today

Me: and?

She gathered strength in her to tell me what was going on..

Her: Im pregnant Austin, im pregnant again

I was stunned

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i was surprised i didn't know how to react or reply to what she just told me..

Her: after what you just told me, i don't think we are ready to be parents

Me: don't say that

Her: You are a murderer Austin, our child is gonna have a father who is a Murderer tell me how that is okay?

This was a very difficult situation...

She wiped her tears.

Her: i think i should move out and move in with Kay for a while

Me: if that's what you want, then I accept

She didn't say no more she walked upstairs..

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[COWEN]

The following morning i woke up and prepared myself. I was going to have a meeting with the bloods regarding what happened. I was going with Duvenhage, Shabba, Chelsea and the newest member from the Crips dudenol. It was time to settle this matter once and for all..

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We met in an abandoned building, Riley was with Gesh, and Shane...

We all looked at each other there was a lot of bloodthirst, and blood to be shared. We wanted to kill each other right there,

but we probably should all handle this in a more rational manner..

Riley: Thank you for meeting up with us

Me: it was time

Riley: so what's the way forward from here? Is war gonna be started amongst us?

I kept quiet and let them think about what my answer was going to be...

Me: No

Shabba: What?

Me: There's no war that's gonna be started between us

That took them by a grave shock..

Me: if we start war it will be a never ending one. There's alot of people we need to consider now and that being our families they could easily get hurt by what's happening...

They looked at each other and then looked at me..

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Me: However there's something i want from your side, actually a couple of things

He waited for my request..

I looked at Gesh..

Me: i know being a Drug Lord has taken you to alot of places and you know alot of people too from around and also in far away places. I know that you have contacts and you know where O'Njaay is.

Gesh: That's true

Me: i think you know what to do

Gesh: You want him alive or dead?

Me: any will do

I looked at Riley...

Me: i want Shane to skip town. I don't care where he goes but i don't wanna see him ever again. If i hear that he is still here, then we gonna have a problem a never ending one

I tossed our bandana them..

Me: truce?

They looked at each other then after they tossed theirs to us...

Riley: Truce

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I would like to think that i went about this situation in a very mature way rather than starting a war that was never gonna end.

A MONTH LATER

[LAURIAN]

I had been living with Kay ever since i left or moved out of my house. What Austin said that day really took me by surprise, it would've taken anyone by surprise i mean finding out that your boyfriend is a Murderer is not really something that is easy to process.

I am almost 2 months pregnant, i made sure that i attend my Doctor's appointment when required, i go to therapy for my depression and i also do not stress myself that much with anything as im in my first trimester of pregnancy and my Doctor said i need to take care of myself because im still at a great risk of miscarrying..

I try my level best to keep this baby alive at all costs although i am a bit scared because of how i lost my first baby but this time around i am really looking forward to having this one.

Austin and i haven't talked ever since, i don't blame him though i mean how i left and how everything happened was just crazy. After thinking alot about this matter his good outweighed the bad. Though his actions were sinister, but his intentions were good because somehow he did make my life better. I was very

much unfair to him but now i am ready to move forward from this..

It was 13:00 and i had gone to his office so we can have lunch and talk things through. He was still in a meeting so i waited for him. I was a bit nervous, i don't know why but we haven't spoken for a while..

After a while the door opened and he came in followed by his assistant, he was fully concentrating on the file he was carrying and his assistant was busy talking behind him as they made their way in..

Assistant: i did email the documents sir as you can see for yourself, i even attached proof.

Him: i can see what you are talking about but..

He lifted his head up and our eyes met. My heart started beating fast because i couldn't clearly read his face whether he was happy to see me or not..

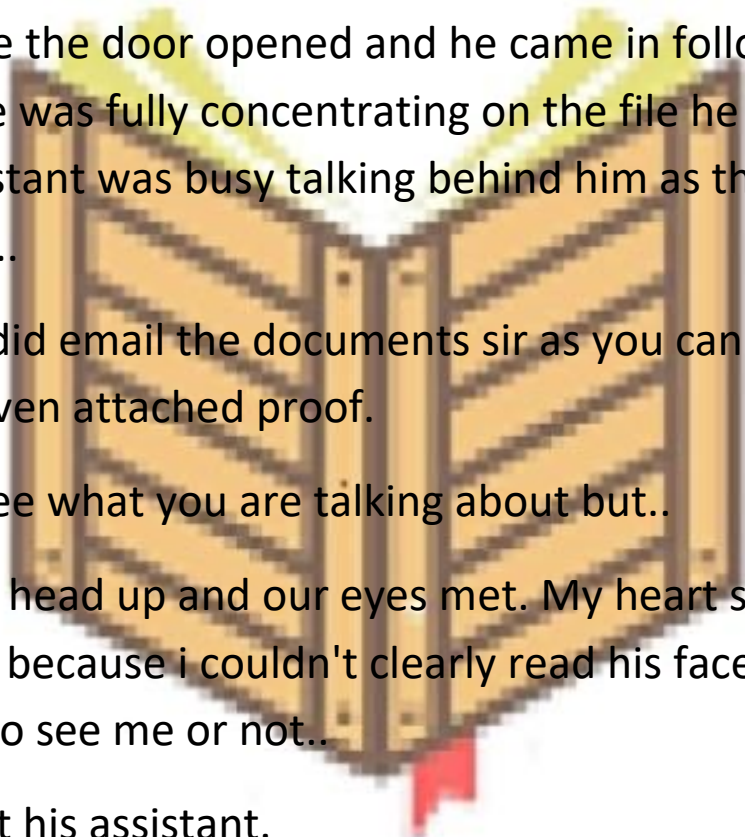
He looked at his assistant.

Him: We'll discuss this later

Her: No problem.. Can i bring you anything to drink or eat?

Me: uhm no Thank you

Her: ill be at my desk if you need anything



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She walked out and closed the door..

Austin made his way to his chair, i could sense that he was also nervous he couldn't even make eye contact with me..

Him: When did you arrive?

Me: Just a few minutes ago

Him: Sorry i was in a meeting

Me: Its okay i understand

There was some awkward silence..

Me: uhm i brought you lunch, hope you haven't eaten anything

Him: no i haven't ordered anything yet thank you

Me: Its rice and chicken strips from Galitos

Him: Its cool

I handed him his food..

Me: i have been going to the doctor for my check ups

Him: and?

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Me: the baby is fine

Him: Im glad to hear that

Me: Maybe you can come next time

He shifted his food..

Him: i don't mean to be rude, but why are you here?

I stopped eating..

Me: i wanted to come and apologise

Him: for?

Me: How i reacted with the whole situation

He kept quiet for a while.

Him: i appreciate your apology

Me: and i would like to come back home if its fine with you

Him: It's your home too

We were really talking like strangers the connection is still there but a month of no communication made us to be uncomfortable around each other..

Him: Have you been watching the news lately?

Me: No

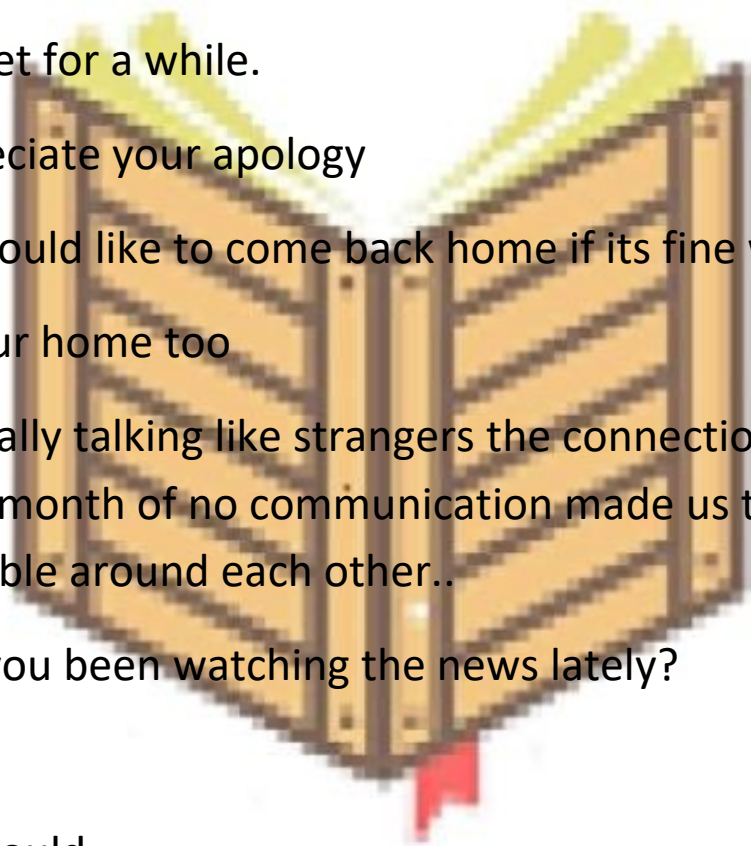
Him: You should

Me: Why?

Him: Your Father was killed in Afghanistan

I looked at him..

Me: huh?



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Him: Its like that

Me: What happened?

Him: he was arrested for murder and illegal possession of a fire arm then he was sentenced to death, and i think last week they ended his life

How i was feeling at that point i cannot explain, i didn't know whether to be happy or sad about the whole situation i had no emotions to portray at all..

Him: Your mom was found guilty, she was sentenced to 25 years for being an accomplice in your sister's murder and your attempted murder. She is only eligible for parole after serving at least 15 years of her sentence..

Me: Wow!

Him: You must really watch the news

Free at last i am. This was a confirmation enough that no evil deed goes unpunished.

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Things were really peaceful on our side, heard Shane skipped Town. We heard learned that Olifant is actually Cowen's Maternal grandmother it was a shock to me when i heard that Mama k stole Cowen when Cowen was young..

Another thing that has changed, Sean and Sade are learning to get along with each other there's less fights between them now..

We were at the cemetery, Cowen wanted to see her mother's grave so Nanny Olifant told us where it was. The tombstone wasn't impressive, it was a typical tombstone but Cowen doesn't wanna change it and there was flowers all around. Her grave was very clean though..

Him: Its amazing how i got to meet her like this

Me: i feel like you could've had more time with her

Him: i feel like that too

Me: so are you gonna forgive mama k for what she's done to you?

Him: i already forgave her

Me: but?

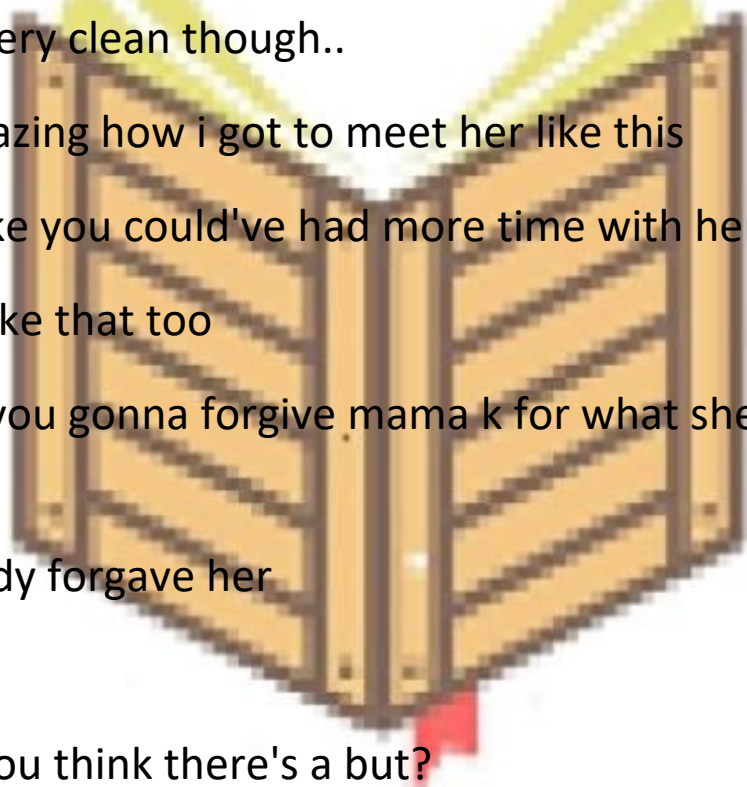
Him: Why you think there's a but?

Me: she hasn't visited or called in a while

He Crouched to fix the flowers..

Him: forgiving someone doesn't mean you have to take them back into your life

Me: then what does forgiveness mean to you?



Him: giving up hope that the past could've been different

He stood up and put his hand over my shoulders and pulled me closer to him as we walked to our car..

Me: Anything planned for our anniversary this year?

Him: How about we renew our vows?

Me: that sounds good

Him: We have been through alot including your crazy ex

Me: and we have been through your crazy brother too

He chuckled..

Me: Are you ever gonna make peace with him?

Him: some other things in life are not meant to be, Shane and i we only meant to be brothers only by name

Me: and blood

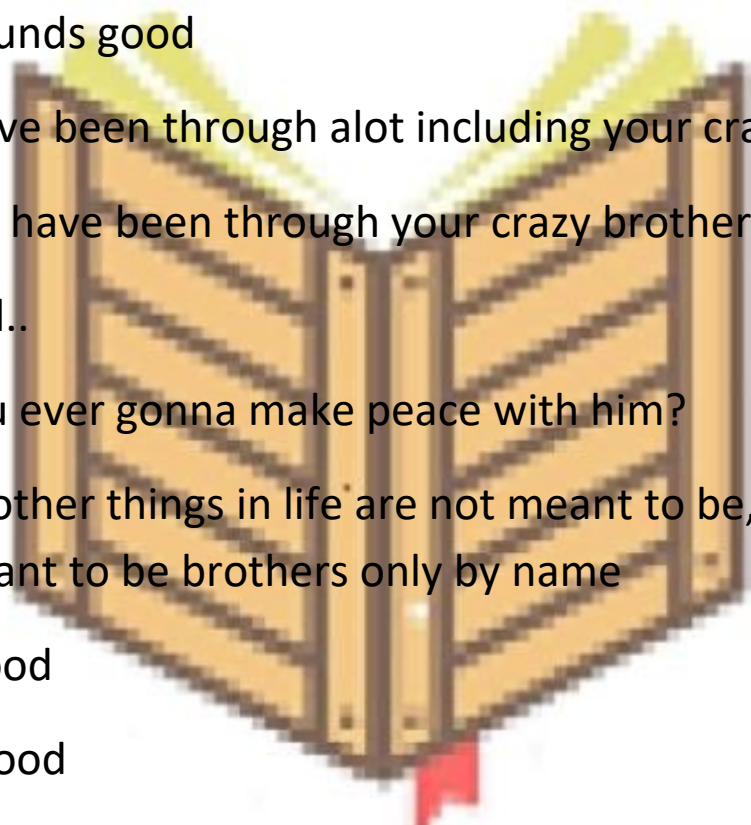
Him: bad blood

Me: i hope our twins won't be like that

Him: They be Ayt

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Things got better as we were talking and having lunch. We had moved from talking like strangers to how we always are..



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After lunch he walked me out to my car..

Me: Thank you, i had a good time

Him: me too

Me: guess ill see you tonight

Him: i guess so

He looked like there was something bothering him

Me: What's wrong?

Him: Its nothing

Me: Can't fool me

He exhaled..

Him: There's something ive always been meaning to ask you

Me: What?

Him: i get tired of always referring to you as my girlfriend

Me: so?

Him: That didn't pose as a question?

Me: What question?

He looked at me..

Me: wait a minute.. You want us to??



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Him: Yes, i want us to get married

Totally caught me off guard with that..

Him: only if you are okay with it

Me: Wow i mean i never really thought about marriage but

Him: but?

Me: i think now is the right time, we about to have a baby soon so why not?

Him: is that a Yes?

Me: that didn't pose as an answer?

He laughed and then pulled me closer to him then we kissed.

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