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Purity untold story Mosidi Ntsuntsha

Prologue

Prologue (Flash back) I have spent the last 3 days running away from the village hunters Lord knows what they will do if they find me, I have not had anything to eat except drinking water from the river, how I found myself in town its a story of another day all I want is to eat then rest my head the run has taken all my energy I walk around looking for where I could sit and sing maybe I will get few zim dollars to buy bread just bread nothing more. Everyone is going up and down the street vendors calling out people to buy their products others are fighting to carry the peoples bags no one even cares to notice that am in my night dress. I walked to the side of the bus session here you find buses that go to the capital city

South Africa, Mozambique and other neighboring countries I picked up take away plate looks like the person didn't finish his

rice and fish I ate the left overs. I felt someone touching my shoulder Voice: Purity Nyakunda. I slowly turned it was our family friend Mr Alfred Chirwa Me: Mangwanani Papa Chirwa Him: how are you my child we have been looking for you Me: please don't take me back they will kill me please Him: I won't take you back and am really sorry about what happened to your family Me: can you help me Him: how ? I don't understand Me: please take me with you to South Africa I will do anything just be away from this place. He kept quiet and thought very hard about what I said .I said a little prayer to the universe just hope this time it will respond on time. Him : alright my child you will get on that bus when we reach the border you will get off and follow others who don't have a passport to the river I hope you are a good swimmer or else you will drown. Me: I do know how to swim. Him: very well then my child you may get it. A new start of life will begin in South Africa and I hope the nightmare that has happened here in Zimbabwe will be buried. My name is Purity Nyakunda. . . .

Being a nerd has always been a problem other kids would bully me and ask me to do their home works do you know how painful it is to write 2 home works of the school bullies including mine I never had time for TV or play with my peers and that made my parents very proud plus that means am out of their face I won't be a nuisance they will do whatever they wanted to do , a tv producer and an actress Mr Isaac and Sara

Baloyi. They were forever at work forgetting about their daughter who needed them I found comfort in food especially when am upset I will binge myself with food then later on throw up. Girl1: ekse sbhumbesh you done with my homework Me: yes am done here it is Girl1: ai mara wena o bohlale Shilkwembu Me: am Khensani not Xikwembu Girl2: like we care sweetie now I want you to write this essay for me Me: you pushing it Hilda Her: did you just call me by my name? How many times must I tell you that my name is Mshoza. I almost laughed this girl is white and she wants to be called Mshoza I wonder if Mshoza knows that white girls wants to be just like her. I took her essay book and went to my driver Paul. My name is Khensani Baloyi . . . I have known pain I knew pain from the day I was five years old that was when I got my first beating from my grandmother Agnes one tough cookie she will beat us me and my siblings and say "ke leshapa hobane ke lerata"(am beating you cause I love you). I have two younger sisters Lebo and Kholofelo. My grandmother beatings never stopped a lot of people will call it abuse but I would like to call it discipline. Our parents died in a taxi accident and we never spoke about them Agnes never allowed us to talk about them in her house or even visit their grave we don't church rules. Me: Khukhu hurry up ausi Agnes will be here in no time Her: am almost done do you think Lebo will want something to eat Me: she will you know that she is always hungry leave some for her so she can eat.

You will find me outside. Her: don't forget to wait for me by the window Me: ohk hurry up. She always eats slowly should Agnes finds us in her house she will kill us we got in the house through the window cause she left with the key when she went to church with Lebo. The pain I know is from all her beatings and some harsh words she will use on me . My name is Hlompho Ledwaba. . . . Both my parents are strict and know the importance of education if you wanted them to buy you something you have to work hard for it make sure that your marks are not below 50 . I took extra lessons everyday after school. My parents have always been proud of me even on family gatherings they will brag about me and that made me feel uncomfortable around my cousins cause they will call me a snob forgetting that I struggle a lot to get my marks I have to take extra lessons. Me: Ma can I have money to go to Gold reef city with my friends Her: did you finish your homework Me: yes ma am done Her: bring my bag and Shane please don't come home late Me: I wont mom Am not going to Gold reef am going to some tarvern in Alexander what I love about my body and height is I look 18 when am only 16 years old. I changed my clothes in a jean and a white uzzi tshirt and carvella and called my friend I have the latest phone samsungE250. My name is Shane Nkosi

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Purity

"Please help them am begging you let them go they did nothing wrong am begging you please"

I woke up from this horrible dream with a painful lump on my throat and tears in my eyes, this marks 10 years since my family passed away if life had a huge eraser I would use it right away. I got off bed and stood by the window watching the rain fall and the building of the beautiful city Jo'burg. My phone rang and it was Shamiso I took a huge breath in before answering.

Me: Hello Ma

Her: Hello baby how are you? You have been scarce lately no phone call nothing.

Me: Ndine hurombo kuti kwete anodana (am sorry for not calling) I have been busy with work.

Her: I understand baby anyway happy birthday please smile more I know this day brings pain but my baby please smile and be happy.

Me: thanks Ma will smile more I promise to come see you next week.

Her: its alright child Zvakanaki(goodbye).

Shamiso is a sister of Alfred Chirwa she took me in after his brother left me with her she became my legal guardian she took care of me she tried all that she could to fill the void of not having a mother she is an amazing women just like her name. Khukhu budged in my room without knocking singing I rolled my eyes she knows how much I hate her singing.

Me: and you don't knock Khukhu

Her: Neria even on your birthday you want me to knock

Me: what if I was with someone and naked?

Her: pshh girl that's nothing new.

We both laughed and shared a hug as much as I want to be happy its hard to smile when your family died on your birthday.

Her: here's your gift and I made breakfast for us come let's eat.

I looked at the picture she gave me it was us when we were still teens it was me,her.Hlompho and Sticks I remember this day well when we took the picture and it was the last day I saw

Hlompho I have lost people I loved worse part was he promised to come back for us but he never did.

Khensi

I looked around my office with a big smile on my face and the award on the divider its been a long time coming and am proud for what I have accomplished I never thought that one day I will pat my back and say weldone Khensi. I have an organization" Ray of Hope" its a development center where we help young girls and women with their self esteem

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find jobs for them and send others to varsity a lot of them come from broken homes and giving them new hope its what I love. I was once a girl who had a low self esteem because of my weight and my looks I didn't see myself beautiful or attractive I battled weight loss I tried everything still nothing and the support from my family was not there they were busy focusing on their lives forgetting about me. The person who taught me to love myself was my boyfriend Hlompho my first and one true love.

Shane

I watched her walking in my office wearing a short pink dress and white stilletoes her curly wig was hard not to recognise and her smile I knew for sure there's something she wants. She came and sat ontop of my desk and smiled at, she has been through a lot I can tell even though she doesn't trust me and I want to make her trust.

Her eyes reminded me the first day we met at Eloff street she tried to pick pocket me I think it was her first time she kept on defending herself that she picked it up as attractive as she is I let it go, I bought her food and gave her a job we do get the moments where she "pays" for my kindness as she always says but to me we making love.

Me: you have been staring at me what's up?

Her: can I get a night off its my birthday

Me: happy birthday last night it was your night off so?

Her: please Shane I need to celebrate with Khukhu

Me: you can celebrate here with us

Her: no there's no fun in that. I will call you if I need anything or you can pick me up later and will go by your place.

She had her one leg on my croach rubbing it and she winked at me.

Me: OK fine but you will sleep at your place am flying to Durban tonight.

Her: you such a star love.

Hlomphe

Last night it was epic I drank until I couldn't drink no more my head was pounding hard we were celebrating my award of best actor. I act on the TV drama called Green pastures on Mzansi Magic this is my first award after appearing on so many drama series as an extra Isaac Baloyi saw my talent and took me in under his wing and for that I will be grateful. My phone has

been ringing none stop I checked the caller I'd it was my manager Vuyo.

Me: Vuyo boy

Him: where are you ? You should be on set right now

Me: am sick bro can I see you guys tomorrow

Him: no you know that we all hangover but we here at work so please bring your ass now.

Me: OK give me an hour then

Him: sure thing.

I took a shower and drove to the set in Auckland Park I first stopped at MuG and Bean for coffee then went straight to work it was quite guess they already shooting a scene I opened the door slowly when I heard people shouting surprise everyone came and gave me hugs they were happy for my award I didn't see this one coming.

Vuyo: speech boy

Me: shuu uhm thanks guy

Him: come on Hloms you can do better

Me: uhm thanks guys for the support thanks to my family the Baloyis and yeah to many more great scenes.

Him: Yeah Yeah

We took photos holding the awards drinks it was just an epic party until my girlfriend came and joined us.

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Purity

I stood by the mirror admiring the girl I see I looked like a million dollar in a black body hugging dress red suet heel and my dreadlocks tied into a bun. I took a twill I one more time and did those smile exercises that my guardian always talks about. I said a little prayer to the universe to have a wonderful night without worrying about my life and hope nothing goes wrong since its a norm that every year on my birthday something bad is bound to happen. My phone vibrated it was a bank notification R2000 deposited into my account from Shane his my boss and a good friend although he wants more than just to be friends but I don't see myself with him I mean the life am living there's no space for relationships. I went to the living room to eat before going out with Khukhu one of the girls we share a flat with was watching Green pastures I sat down and joined her.

Her:but this guy is all sorts of flames you know

Me: he is Hlompho Ledwaba

Her: his Hlompho Baloyi

Me:what? Since when

Her:since forever let me show you his instagram account

We browsed through it there were not many pictures most of them he was on set. I wonder why he changed his surname Khukhu came and we walked to News cafe this is going to be a goodnight Shane texted asking about my where about I replied his text and switched my phone off.

Hlomphe

I looked at the picture I took with Purity one last time this picture it carried a sentimental value to me all the memories I had with her and my sisters I remember the last time I saw them till today I last saw them in 2012 its been six years not making any contact with them. I blinked the tears away as I remembered Agnes words "monna me nku ha alle (men don't cry). The door opened

Her:dinner is ready

Me:ohk let's go eat babe

Her:what's that in your hand

Me:ah its nothing just a picture

Her: alright let's go eat before Mama starts complaining.

I live with the Baloyi family I have been living with them since I started working for them. I did want us to have our own place but they said we can't move out in leave them alone in a huge house besides them stopping me from making contact with my family I don't like how they take decisions for us and always meddling my relationship with their daughter.

Him: I still don't believe that you won an award

Me: it sure feels like a dream

Him: guess you will be on some magazines and radio

Me:yes I have an interview tomorrow with Jozi FM at 15:30

Him: that's good son..Khensi you sure did know how to pick your man his one of a kind

Her: I will always remember that papa.

Sara: so have you guys planned when will you announce the date of your wedding

Me: about that I would love to remain with my surname I don't get this two surname thing

Her: we also want our daughter to remain with ours remember you didn't pay any lobola for her

Me: that's because you said you don't want it

Him:like you have any relatives and please don't tell me about the Ledwabas they deserted you. They don't even look for you

Me: why would they look for me when I can go back to them

Sara:cause you better than them and you doing better without them.

I stood up and went outside for fresh air this is what I hate about this family.

Purity

Drinks were coming in the music was playing I was really enjoying myself for the first time on my birthday I managed to be happy I didn't know what is like to be happy on your birthday. The waiter came to our table and gave us a bottle moët.

Me:oh no love we didn't order that

Him:they guy with a black shirt asked me to give it to you.

I looked at him and raised the glass to thank him he did the same too. Khukhu smiled at me

Her:looks like we got ourselves a jackpot

Me: I thought we came here to have fun

Her: yes we having fun with the single guys who looking for fun

Me:yoh Khukhu you such a kill joy

Her:babes am horny so please don't be a cock blocker.

I laughed at her the guy came to our table he looked very handsome with the beard nicely treamed and the caramel skin.

Him: hey ladies my name is Edwin my friend and I would love to join you hope you don't mind

Khukhu:no we don't mind

Him:ohk let me go and call him will be right back.

He went to get his friend and introduced him as Xoli this two look like the rich guys from North Cliff they got us another round as we shared jokes and Khukhu was all over Edwin.

Xoli: let's give this two some space we can talk.

I followed him outside it was starting to get a bit cold he directed me to his car.

Him: you look pretty

Me:thanks Xoli

Him: do you mind if we take this party to my place I don't leave far from here

Me:where do you stay

Him: Maboneng Pricent

Me: sure what about KhuKhu and your friend

Him: don't mind the two they adults am sure they will find their way home.

I didn't mind going with him besides am used to this kind of life going home with men who needed some good fun and I aim to please I don't dissapoint. We arrived at his apartment it looked good didn't have time to complement because he was all over me kissing me like his having his last meal and his such a bad kisser

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Khensi

I didn't like how my parents talked to Hlompho and this whole thing of him using my surname is totally wrong I get that he didn't have an Id hence my father helped him to get one. He was upset last night he didn't touch his food he went to bed on an empty stomach. I took a tray of food upstairs I prepared his favourite meal toasted bread with cheese and eggs and one strong black coffee. He was already up when I got in our bedroom he looked very sexy in his briefs and with no top on I watched him as he was talking on the phone with his manager

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I placed the try on the side table waited for him to finish his conversion after a while he came and joined me.

Me:bon appetite babes

Him: Thanks love

Me:am sorry about last night

Him:do you want to use my surname?

Me:I do just that...

Him: why can't you tell your parents that I can go back to my original surname I mean am not your brother or anything

Me:babe we don't have a choice here my parents want me to keep the surname remember am the only child they have.

Him:and they want you to get married to me Khensi if they want you to be married you must change your surname like your mother did.

Me:love please understand

Him:understand what?that you must remain with the Baloyi surname and I must use the surname too ?

This whole situation gets complicated everyday I am the one who asked him to marry me even though am wearing the ring. I asked him cause I felt like he was slipping through my fingers maybe I was insecure because of his career and the vultures of woman who will think his single.

Purity

This guy was way too drunk to handle me he feel asleep in the middle of our inter course the rest of the morning was watching TV and waiting for an uber to come pick me up. I went upstairs to check on him he was still asleep I searched his wallet and took out R500 and walked back to the kitchen his fridge is empty the only thing I found was a yoghurt I took it with me and went to my flat.

I was surprised to find Lebo watching TV with Ziyanda looks like they were enjoying what they were watching judging from the way they laughed and the snacks in the bowl. I greeted them and went to my room I changed my clothes into leggings and a oversized tshirt ,I wanted to sleep but I have to know why Lebo is here.

Me:to what do we owe this surprise

Her: can't I just visit my two sisters

Me:without announcing your visit.

Her: ohk am sorry for not informing you am here now and you can't chase me

Me:ohk what's up?

Her:Neria no hug nyana or something

If you wondering why they calling me Neria is because of the Oliver Mtukudzi song Neria which is one of my favourite songs I used to sing that song a lot especially when am missing my family so they ended up giving me that name.

Me: Lebo what's wrong?is is it Agnes?

She looked down and wiped her tears I pulled her closer for a hug where could Khukhu be when her sister needs her.

Her: yes you know how Agnes can be

Me:what did she do?

Her:beat me up just cause she saw me with a boy

Me:a boy is he your boyfriend

Her:no just some guy I know from school...Purity that old woman hates me do you know the things she do?

Me:I know after school you always read your bible

Her:yes and I don't even leave the yard unless going to church or school she says she is hard on me because she loves me and doesn't want me to turn out like you guys. Purity I ran out of toiletries and she doesn't even bother buying me because Khukhu didn't send us money.

Me: its ohk baby we will buy you some ohk

Her: what did I ever do wrong to her that she has to treat me this way I wish she can die.

Me:Lebo as hard as she is am sure she means well she is a wonderful person and just know we don't choose our families and if she dies you left alone. Let me call Khukhu then we will go to the mall and buy food.

Hlompfo

The radio interview went well even though some people asked stupid questions some asked very personal questions things that I didn't want to talk about especially on radio. Most of the people I work with don't know that much about me I keep my personal life private. I don't feel comfortable talking about my past and how I ended up with the Baloyis.Sara joined me in the patio

Her:nice interview

Me:thank you

Her: I don't know if you understand how fortunate you are to be part of this family.

Me:where is this going

Her: you wanting to reunite with your family you wanting my daughter to use your surname

Me:you changed your so what's the problem

Her:our surname is very important in this industry and we planning to keep it that way.

Me:am a Ledwaba not Baloyi what will my family say if they found out I took my wife's surname. Sara am not taking your surname am going to change it

Her:boy watch your tone we took you in when you had nothing just the clothes on your back and this is how you thanking us.

Me: I love your daughter very much and her happiness means a lot to me she wants to take my surname to show that she is my wife. Can we do things the way we want Sara

Her: no my husband will never allow that.

Me: will talk to him about it .

I still don't get why must I be like am the makoti of that house where else am the husband I didn't think that this surname thing will go this far and I will be in a relationship with Khensi.

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Hlomphe

Khensi asked to have dinner with me at one of her favourite restaurant in Morning side we never go out that much because am avoiding the paparazzi this people write about anything they can even write about you eating your own snot I prefer keeping my life private. We made our order beef with greek salad. My fiancée is beautiful no lies but her insecurities are something else.

Me:feels good to be out for a change

Her:sounds like you have been suffocating in that house

Me:I was babe and your mom is always on my case what's her story.

Her: she is just looking out for her daughter.

Me: Khensi am serious about you taking my surname

Her:babe let's not ruin a beautiful night please

Me: we not and I have been thinking that maybe we should find our own place .

Her: Dad won't allow that

Me:come on think about it.

I think we should find our own place being in the Baloyi mansion its suffocating we can't solve our own problem without them interfering in our business we don't even have privacy her mother would walk in on us kissing or having sex, our opinions or privacy don't matter to them.

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Shane.

I came back from Durban few days ago I must say my business is booming I recently opened a club "Durb lifestyle" the hype there is amazing what's left is to launch it which will happen in the next coming weeks right now we were doing the final touch ups. I drove to my parents house they said they want to talk to me about something and I hope it won't be about me getting married or opening clubs which both my parents are totally against it my parents are not open minded when it comes to this for them I should have been an engineer of some company or being a teacher or lawyer those kind of boring career.

When I got home I was welcomed by my moms chicken stew I can't remember the last time I had a home cooked meal. I greeted her and my younger sister Shirly ran up to me she has grown and looks exactly like my mom,I spinned her around then kissed my mom on the cheek.

Me: where is dad

Her:in his study you know your father is always working

Me:is it safe to go in

Her: go will call you once we done setting up the table.

I went to his study and knocked twice before he let's me in when he saw it was me he came to me and we shook hands.

Me:obusy kang?

Him: ah you know preparing for my next lecture lesson.

My father is a mathematics professor and my mother is the matron of our local clinic now you know why they against me running a club.

Me:so papa whats the meeting all about?

Him:its not a meeting we just want to see our son thats all.

Me: are you sure

Him: yes Shirly tells me you were in Durban ore tletse eng?

Me: I didnt get time to buy gifts and besides you get them all the time.

He laughed we talked for a while then my mom called us for dinner we had it over a nice conversation listening to Candy stories telling us about school she is a nerd following dads footsteps.

Ma: so Shane ware o nyala neng?

Me:am not ready for that thats a big step ma

Her:big step?so you planning on being single forever

Me: no just that am not ready right now am still working on my career.

Dad:and we not getting any younger seun re batla ditloholo le makoti.

Ma:do you even have a girlfriend?

Me: not really..no

Her:ao bathong then how are we going to have grandchildren.

Dad:on a serious note son you must get married we have talked about this before so please leave this fuck boy business.

I dont know why my parents feel the need to pressure me into getting married I dont even know what is like to be in a serious relationship and I do enjoy having fun with Purity and other girls.

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Purity

"Stop her before she gets away she must join her family ..stop her" I kept running for my life the village hunters were chasing me I ran as fast as I could I didnt look back I wasnt even sure if they still chasing me as I dissapeared in the bush the only time I stopped to take a break was when I was few kilometers away from my village but news travel fast someone will find me and send me back home.

I woke up from this horrible nightmare breathing heavily
breathing I was even sweating I checked the time on my phone
it 3:30 am I got of from bed

Him:where you going come back

Me:I need the bathroom

Him:hurry up and come give daddy some love

Me:alright daddy

I rolled my eyes and closed the door I looked myself in the
mirror and the dream played back in my head again tears
streamed down my eyes as I kept hearing angry voices of
people shouting,cursing I covered my ears and slowly sat down
and let out a soft sob.I wish this memory I have would
dissapear but it never does everything kept playing vividly
a knock on the door forced me to compose myself.

Him:ey Purity ufile lapho

Me:ngiyeza

Him:hurry up dont keep me waiting

Me:am coming Zwide.

I splashed my face with water then wiped it with a towel, I looked at myself in the mirror the girl am seeing has never known happiness, Zwide kept on calling me I took a deep breath before walking out. I found him sitting at the edge of the bed rubbing his big stomach.

Him:kumba(come)

Me: am coming Mr mayor

I walked up to him and he stood up he instructed me to go down on my knees and he shoved his cock in my mouth causing me to gack, I wrapped my hand around his cock.

Him:keep your hands behind your back Missy and look at me.

I kept on gacking and tears were escaping the corner of my eyes as he enjoys himself and shot his load in my mouth I had to swallow cause that's what he loves and wants his girls to do.

Khensi

Me: papa can we talk?

Him: what's wrong nono tshama hanzi(sit down)

Me:papa I would love to take the Ledwaba surname

Him:nono..

Me:papa its wrong Hlompho is not your son its only fair that I take his surname I mean we love each other where have you seen a guy taking his wife surname unless his gay.

Him: our surname is very important we protecting our own legacy here

Me:papa you can protect it not on my expense and happiness.. Hlompho will leave me is that what you want

Him:his not stupid he knows what will happen to him

Me:papa what you doing is wrong

Him:you never met any of his family members yet you want his surname?

Me: that's because you keeping him from his family what is that you or he has against you ?

Him: Khensani watch your tone girly you not too old to get a beating.

We were interrupted by a knock he let the person in it was some guy I never met before he looked very buff with tattoos on his forearm and had dreadlocks his accent was a bit strange

he sounded French something about him was disturbing, I know all the guys my dad is in the import and export business with but this one I never met him. He introduced himself as Mario.

Me: will talk later papa

Him: no this conversation is over nono.

I walked out and went to prepare myself for work I thought I will never be bullied by my own parents but I was wrong everything must go their way if not that they will remind you about their family "legacy" as if I asked to be their only child.

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Purity

I woke up to an empty bed this means Mr mayor has gone back to his wife he left a note and cash by my bed side"thanks for a wonderful night" I squashed the paper and went to the bathroom to do my hygiene then ordered a room service everything I will eat will be on his tab, after my breakfast I requested for an uber to drop me at my flat. Good thing is I have enough money to contribute on the groceries don't want the girls to be breath down my neck.

When I arrived at my flat found Khukhu and Ziyanda arguing I greeted them no one replied I passed them and went to my room I changed my clothes into a short and a crop top,I listened to their argument and still don't get what is all about,I went back to the kitchen someone needs to stop them before they kill each other.

Me:guys what's going on

Ziyands: ask your sister here she thinks she is smart

Me:Khukhu?

Khukhu: no this one is mad cause I ate eggs

Her:she didn't buy eggs matter of fact she didn't contribute on the groceries but has the guts to eat eggs she didn't buy.

Me:so all this noise its because of eggs?you guys you need to grow up

Zee:grow up? Did you just say that?

Me:yes food is food no need to fight for it and if it will make you better will buy your eggs..and please keep it down some of us need to rest.

I walked back to my room I heard her clicking her tounge.
Ziyanda is a problem she complains about food and everything she is like that greedy mother or aunt who will hide food every time when her relatives comes to visit.

Hlomphe

Isaac Baloyi came in our make up room I was getting prepared to shoot a scene I had to look like someone who was crying

after losing his parent. He asked our make up artist Glenda to excuse us. I looked at him waiting for him to speak.

Him:what is this nonsense you feeding my daughter? What is this rubbish of the Ledwaba surname

Me:I told you before that am a Ledwaba but you insisted on making me use your surname

Him:remember you never had any identity I took you cleaned you and made who you are and today you going to tell me about Ledwaba??you know you nothing without me

Me:more like you nothing without me, Isaac I made you rich when your career in this industry was fading I made sacrifices for you..do you remember those Diamonds I stole for you?remember Marko? Who killed him?

Him:but that money put you through school you had the best education money can buy

Me:yes because I was helping you to redeem yourself right the media was crucifying you and I had to still diamonds from that Indian family and killed Marko so he won't snitch on you.

Him:boy you don't know which side of bread has butter on

Me:I know very well Isaac is either I get my surname and do things according to the book or I tell Khensi about you your choice.

I got up and walked to the door I looked at him

Me:we got a scene to shoot so come with me.

I helped him get the diamonds from the Moodley family his career was already fading and he had lot of debts those diamonds got him money to get him back on his feet,to get his own production and film the only person who knew was his best friend Marko he wanted a share of the money Isaac refused so he was going to snitch on him

the only thing that was going to silence him was death.He has a lot of shaddy deals and I know about them because am part of those deals his wife and daughter know nothing about,the drugs,diamonds,pouching of rhino horns and the human trafficking business he has.

Shane

I thought about what my parents said and getting married is something I don't want am still young all I want is to have fun

that's all I have girls that I take home if I need to release Purity is one of them but she is special sometimes we don't have sex we cuddle and listen to her stories just have a nice pillow talk, the girls I sleep with I don't take them out for dinner or get them gifts only Purity knows our dinner nights and the gifts I get for her. My manager Jimmy walked in with some papers I had to sign.

Him: can you sign this for me

I signed the papers while talking to her

Me: did you manage without me

He nodded as he kept on giving me papers looks like am going to sign none stop

Me: and the girls did they all report to duty last night

Him: yes they did and I know you asking about Purity she has been on her best behavior lately

Me: that's good thought she was going to give grey hair

Him: no she didn't but. .

Me: but what?

Him: she left with Mayor last night

Me: Zwide or Kgomo

Him: Zwide you know she leaves with different men everyday especially when you not around.

I sighed at the thought of her leaving with Zwide

Me:are we done here?

Him: yeah we done. Thanks bro

Me:what time is she coming in tonight?

Him: she is on her way as we speak..I don't know what you like about her she has no self respect and I hope you using...

Me:thought you said we done and close the door on your way out.

He left I texted her asking her to come by my office as soon as she set her foot in the building.

Me:Purity what are you doing to me...shit

Purity

I wasn't feeling like going to work I thought of calling in sick but when I saw a text from Shane my face was filled with a smile.Khukhu walked in while I was watching Greene

pastures,Hlompho still looks like flames those hazel brown eyes and when he was crying on tv I felt like giving him a hug. Khukhu stood in front of the TV.

Me:Khukhu move

Her:ain't you supposed to be at work

Me:I will after this

Her:girl we going to be late the last thing I need is Jimmy on my face.

Me:just look at Hlompho don't you miss him

Her: Miss who?he died along time ago he died the day he left and never came back for us

Me:I miss him hey everyday

She laughed really hard and clapped her hands

Her:I doubt that he thinks about us,rich people like him don't think about peasant like us so babes come back to earth and stop dreaming about him.

She pulled me up and we walked to Braamfontein. The first person I saw was Shane and looks like his talking to Zwide when he saw me he signaled me to come to his office .I followed him and closed the door behind me.

Him:I missed you come here

I went to him he kissed me

Him: heard you have been a bad girl last night..Zwide huh

Me: am sorry but you know that...

Him:you spending a night with me right?

I smiled at him I know how much he hates when I leave with different men but I try to respect him by not leaving with them in his presence. I kissed him again I felt his cock pressed on my stomach I stopedd and looked at him

Him: get back to work see you when you knock off.

I returned to work I entertained few of our old and new clients Khukhu was working on the table of the mayors.

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Shane

I took Purity home she was quite all the way to my house,I kept stealing glances at her I wonder what is she thinking about. We arrived at Park Town in awkward silence I got off the car and opened the door for her waiting for her to complain she always complains when I open the door for her.

Me:you have been quiet what's wrong?

Her:its nothing am just tired

Me:you know you can talk to me right

Her:I know can I take a shower?

Me:sure go ahead.

She went to take a shower I placed my T-shirt on top of the bed she can use it as her night dress besides she looks hot in my clothes. She came out and lotioned her body I was drooling and salivating my member was getting hard but I had to wipe that thought away cause I feel like she has a lot in her mind I went to her and hugged her from behind kissed her neck.

Me:you were crying right?

Her:no the shower gel got in my eye

Me:such a bad liar come let's sleep

Her:we not going to shagg?

Me: no we just going to cuddle and you can tell me that story again uhm what's her name again? Ah yes Latifa's mind.

Her:I told you that story a lot of times

Me:ohk just this once Please babes

She rolled her eyes and we got in bed she had her head on my chest and she told me the story somehow this story might be about her the way she gets emotional when she speaks about it every time she tells me about this so called girl I try to gather all the information and put it a puzzle.

Khensi

I waited for Hlompho to come home its not like him to be this late I called him again his phone is on voicemail. I went to check if my father is home and he hasn't arrived guess its me and my mother. I wish I can wake her up. I knocked twice on her door and let myself in

Me:Mani...Mani,

Her:Khensi...what's wrong

Me:Hlompho is not home mama and am worried

Her:worried about him? Khensi his a grown man am sure his still at work with your dad

Me:no mama by this time his already home..

Her: I know or maybe his out with the colleagues don't stress baby he will come home.

My mother seem calm about this what if his out with some girls in the club twerking for him. His a celebrity it is expected for girls to throw themselves at him. I called my dad his phone was also on voicemail.

Her:go to bed Khensi he will be home in no time.

I went back to my room tried to sleep

Hlompho

I had a meeting with Isaac and some of his employees the meeting is held in the some strip club in Hilbrow the owner sells our drugs to his customers

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we have our private office where we sit and discuss business I hate this job I have told Isaac to let me go a lot of times but he never listens.

Him:gentlemen I know you wondering why you here instead of being home with your wives.

Me:can we get straight to the point

Him:Very well then Gentlemen our clients in Russia need girls and you know we haven't sent any girls for a while so we going to do some abduction.

Mario: so when do we start?

Him: today already Adze has some girls for us

Adze:they ready just need to drug them.

I got disgusted by this I felt like vomiting how can they be so calm when they talking about trafficking girls they talk like they exporting clothes not people. I got up and stood next to Isaac

Me: you promised that we won't be doing this again

Him:we in business here money is money son

Me:but this is wrong we taking daughters away from their families am sure their mother are worried sick come on Isaac

Him:Holms put your feelings aside we taking them to Russia tomorrow night.

Adzi:Holms you will leave with Mario he will show you where the girls are

Me:what ?am not going there

Mario: no Adzi I will take Reginald with me mr Celebrity here has cold feet.

I don't care what they say about me but what I know is I don't want to be part of this I walked out and drove straight home its time to move out if Khensi won't come with me then she can kiss our relationship goodbye.

Purity

I don't know what time I fell asleep I woke up with a swollen lump on my throat, Shane was already up you can tell by the music down stairs that he is in the good mood. I walked down

stairs watched him singing along Black diamond sthandwa and working his magic on the stove,I sat on top of the counter

Me:you in a good mood

Him:am always in a good mood can you set the table for me please.

I helped him set the table and we had our breakfast in a light conversation I must say he knows his way around the kitchen even my food don't taste this good .

Him:you were crying in your sleep last night

Me:oh why didn't you wake me up

Him:cause If I woke you up you wouldn't tell me your dream.

I raised one eyebrow and sipped on my tea

Him:you were speaking in Shona and I don't understand a word you said but you mentioned your mom and someone by the name of Tapela...who is he

I looked down and tears were close to escaping I quickly blinked them away and looked at him he had a concerned look.

Me:what else did I say

Him:I dont know you speaking in Shona most of the time
..Purity can you trust me please tell me whats going on with the
nightmares you always have.

Me:you won't understand anything its complicated

Him:everything with you its complicated with you..tell me
what's with you leaving with different men everyday? I gave
you a job at the club but you selling yourself

Me:that job doesn't pay that much thats why I entertain man
for extra cash

Me: prostitution?you call that entertainment?

Me:yes am a prostitute on the side and you don't have to judge
me

Him: but You have me Purity I told you a lot of times that I will
take care of you so please stop this thing of sleeping around..I
love you ohk

Me:what??

I got up and went upstairs to change clothes Shane doesnt
understand that I don't want to be in a relationship with him I
have no room for love. He leaned on the door with his arms
folded

Me: Shane I know you mean well but I don't see myself with you its better if we keep things the way they are no strings attached or labeling .

Him: am sorry I scared you

Me: I have to go see you tonight.

I don't know what he was trying to say but I left him. I don't want us labeling our relationship and I certainly don't want him to tell me how to live my life I never wanted to be a hostess or a prostitute no one grows up planning to be one but the universe had a different plan for me all those dreams and wishes of becoming a teacher died when my family died, All those dreams of having a beautiful house and family died when Hlompho left me and now am living my life the way I see it fit.

Khensi I didn't here Hlompho when he got back last night all I know is I was wrapped in his arms and that felt really good. I smiled to myself and woke him up he slowly opened his eyes and smiled at me his smile was warm and full of love. Me:how are you my love Him:am good shiluvha sanga(my flower) I blushes and pecked his lips he sure knows how to wake my butterflies. Him:did I tell you how much I love you? Me:you tell me everyday Him:I love you Khensani your happiness means a lot to me. I want to ask you something Me:go ahead ask me Him:if I choose any road will you come with me? Me:yes I will. Him: then we moving out at the end of the week I think we need our own privacy Me:and where are we going to stay? Him:we will look around Me:ohk will see. He kissed me and we had one steamy session how he moved slowly on top of me those kisses he would plant on my neck and boobs his breath on my neck sent me into the world of milk and honey. *****

Purity My life is not perfect no one knows what is like losing the only family you have and the ones you call your relatives have a hand in the murder of your parents and siblings I had two younger brother Tapela who was 10 and Given who was 4 years old if I know can stand before me and tell me that pain is when you giving birth or when you have broken up with someone then you don't know pain. Pain is when you lose your loved ones and you will never ever in your life see them again how I

wish they were still alive. I decided to visit Shamiso its been a while not seeing her and I have promised to see her good thing is she was at home she didn't go sell her feather dusters or collect money from people who bought feather dusters on credit. Me:am glad you home am sorry to come unannounced Her:don't be silly this is your home Me:I know mama I got up and hugged her,her scent really assured me that I was home I let my tears fall she rubbed my back and calm me down. Me:its hard mama life has been kicking me really hard Her:tell me more Me:I have been having those nightmares again mama Her:do you pray like I taught you I shook my head no nomatter how many times I pray the universe never listens they just go no where I gave up on prayer I gave up on God Her:Purity you need to let go of this pain you have its not your fault that your family is nomore baby life goes on I don't think your parents would want you to hold back like this. Me:I wish I could have saved them mama Her : you pleaded with them to let them go you pleaded with them to let your family out of that house. I don't know what happens but somehow my mind went back to that horrible place I heard the screams of the angry villagers,saw that big flame and my family was inside the house sleeping while the house was burning down. Me:am begging you let them go..get them out of the house they going to die please they did nothing wrong to you please. I felt warm hands touching me and I knew it was Shamiso she hugged me and I

cried very hard. Her: Hush baby it will be over soon cry as much as you want take that pain out its time to let it out and heal my child . That flame kept on playing in my head the screams were not going to be over I kept on screaming for Tapela wishing he could hear me but he never did. I cried until I fell asleep by the time I woke up it was already late for me to go back to Jozi.

***** Hlompho After work my colleagues invited me for drinks in a club in Braamfontein clubs are not my kind of scene but since Khensi said she is having a girls night out with her mother and friends I thought its better to get two cold ones then go back home. Club Eclipse looks fresh and the vibe is out of this place and of course some people saw me and they wanted to take pictures with me I couldn't say no to my supporters remember they voted for me. A hostess by the name of Relo escorted us to the VVIP session here is where all the celebrities

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BBBEE, mayors all the important people chill saw some few people smocking cigars each table had its own hostess. We got ourselves Ballantines and had some great conversation I was really enjoying myself when my eyes landed on someone I thought I will never see Me: Kholofelo... Our eyes locked for a while then she turned her heels and went back where she came from am assuming she was in the kitchen placing an order of

food cause her try had some food. I excused myself and went to the bar I asked the barman if he could call her for me. Me:hola boss Him:awe Buddha Me:ngcela irhentse nyana..ngfriyza ungibizele uKholofelo Him:Kholofelo?? Me: yes she is wearing a mustard dress Him:alright wait will call her for you. Minutes later she comes and stands in front of me I wanted to hug and kiss her but am scared to give my sister a hug. Me:Khukhu how are you Her:am good can I help you with something Me:its me Hlompho please tell me that you remember me Her:I do know who you are just that I don't know what you want from me Me:can we talk somewhere Her:no as you can see am busy and please don't bother me. I don't want to talk or see you again Me:Kholofelo am sorry can I have your phone numbers then Her: no you deserted us you forgot about us then you want me to give you my number?stay away from us we don't need you just like you don't need us and please don't ever set your foot here you will complicate our lives. She turned her heels and left me feeling confused my very own sister wants nothing to do with me. I wonder how is Lebo and Agnes are doing are they coping well. ***** Shane Me: where are you Her:am at my mothers Me:your mother's? Her:my guardian Me:you were supposed to be at here Her:I know that's why I called you am sorry for not coming Me:are you ohk send me your location I will pick you up Her: its dangerous here Shane I will come tomorrow She sounded so down and her voice was husky. Why

can't she allow me to help her I deeply care about her.

Me:Purity please allow me to come there even if you don't come back with me I want to see you. Her: Shane am not good company I want to sleep goodnight Me:I love.,. She hanged up on me I felt defeated. Purity is going threw a lot of things she doesn't want anyone to help her even her best friend doesn't know how to help her she has this huge wall she built around her she won't let no one in truth is I want her to let me in and help her with whatever demons she is facing.

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Hlomphe

I had one of those meetings again with Isaac and Adze I hope this time they won't be telling me about abduction but tell me that they letting me go. The meeting was in a golf club in Midrand .

Me:gentlemen

They replied in unison and we had our cognac over the conversion

Adzi: Hloms there's something I want you to do for me

Me: I hope it has nothing to do with the girls

Him: no I have some diamonds with me I need you to take them to Cape Town

Me:what?

Him: relax you won't get caught you will be meeting up with a guy called Jao

Me: am not interested you can ask Reginald he won't mind

Him: its not a request you going to do it

Me:or else what?

He showed me a picture of Agnes and Lebo my heart broke is he being serious? I may have not been in touch with them but I love and care about them.

Isaac: I know you still love them so what is it going to be?

Me: if I do it you won't touch them

Him: we won't son and you get to use your surname again

Me: I will do it then

Him: that's my boy now as Adze was saying Jao is a very important client of ours so you will give him those diamonds in exchange of the new drug we will be supplying, this drug no one has it its new on the market and we the first ones to have it.

Me: so you will be killing people with this drug

Him: no no don't put words in our mouth this drug is for people who are bored and have money to spend and remember we will pay you 200k for this.

I didn't say anything I will meet up with this Jao person asking as they won't touch my family.

Khensi

Me: guys I need you to send all this applications to all the universities we have some of our girls have applied in Cape Town and Durban

Zora: will do and there's someone who is waiting for you in your office

Me:who?

Her: Lebo

I went to my office to find the crying Lebo she suffers from depression we try all our best to give our girls the best advise as possible.

Me: me what's wrong baby

Her:sis Khensi my grandmother hates me I haven't had anything to eat and am on my periods.

Me: why didn't you ask Zora for sanitary towels? You know we give you guys that for free even the food.

Her:sis Khensi am I a bad person?

Me: no why do you say that?

Her: because my sister and brother don't care about me they living their own lives and they don't come home to check on me unless if I go to her sometimes I don't find her I find her friends

Me: am sorry to hear that we are a family we care so don't worry.have you applied at any university you want?

Her:no I don't think I should be persuing something next year besides who will look after my grandmother when am gone?

Me: Lebo do you want to turn out like your sister or brother?

Her:am already like them.

She stands up and leaves am not sure I understand her statement.

Purity

I have been avoiding Khukhu and Shane for weeks this two should learn to stay away from my business and let me handle my demons the way I want. a very faint knock came in

Me:come in.

I turned and it was Khukhu I rolled my eyes and carried on with folding my clothes.

Her: can we talk

Me:am busy as you can see

Her: Neria I don't understand why you mad at me I mean I did what was best for us

Me:best for us?who is us? Why didn't you tell me that Hlompho was at the club I had to hear from Jeff and his bimbos

Her:I didn't think it was important I mean he left us

Me:yes he left us but you talked to him what was that about

Her:my phone numbers but I didn't give him

Me:what?are you stupid why didn't you don't you see his trying to reach out and you chased him away what's wrong with you..you know very well I need him in my life you know very well that I still love him

Her:Neria wake up and smell the coffee. Hlompho has moved on with his life his getting married soon. Do you think he would want to pick up where he left off with you? Look around you,you are a hostess and a prostitute who has nothing but matric he is rich doesn't have time for poor people like you

move on Purity and get your head out of the clouds he left us he don't care about us and yet you want to find him and work things out what a waste of time nxa.

She stormed out and banged my door I felt helpless I wanted to cry but what is the point of crying for someone who hasn't made any contact for years.

Shane

Its our date night I hope she didn't forget since she has been avoiding me I bought her rose and drove to her place I hope she is home I knocked twice and some girl opened for me.

Me:Hi am Shane Nkosi

Her: Busi Mpofu can I help you

Me: yes am looking for Purity is she home

Her:yes come in I will call her for you.

She disappeared in one of the rooms and came back with her she was in her pijamas when she saw me she turned around I had to follow her.

Me: why are you not ready

Her: what are you doing here?

Me:date night did you forget

Her: no I didn't I told you that I need to be alone

Me:Purity what is going on why can't you open up for me

Her:Shane I told you that am fine

Me:you not fine you hurting please talk to me. I know you don't trust me but you need to trust me.

Her: Shane I..

I kissed her she tried pulling back I pulled her back in, our breathing started changing I got my hand in her panties she was already moist I played with her bean a little and she moaned"Shane please stop" part of me wanted to carry on the other wanted to stop I pulled her shorts down and buried my head in her pot I licked every cream that came out and her moans were not going to stop,she exploded in my mouth and I made her taste herself.

Me: have dinner with me please

Her:alright let me take a shower then.

Me:that's my girl.

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Hlompfo

Me:am here for Jao

Him:and you are?

Me: Hlompfo Baloyi

Him:wait here I will be back.

I have never been this scared the guy who opened the door for me is very scary he has tattoos on his face even his accent is a bit strange am not sure if his French or Portuguese.

He came back and let me in I was offered a glass of whiskey but I politely refused, "you don't eat or drink something that comes from strangers" Agnes words echoed in my ears I looked around as if I will see her.

Him: my name is Jao and that's my friend Domingo.

Me: pleasure meeting you both can we get to business

Him: sure you not a man of many words I see.

We exchanged the goods they spoke in a language that I don't even I understand why don't I have someone who will translate for me.

Me: Uhm English please.

Dom: well we were saying we are very happy for this diamonds this will bring us good money.

Me: that is very good gentleman

Jao: well Mr Hlormpho it was a pleasure doing business with you. Please send my greetings to Isaac and give him this.

He gave me a bottle of whiskey straight from Italy.

Him: that is one expensive bottle you have be careful with it and that drug boy.

We shook hands and I drove back to my hotel room, something was bothering me looks like I have been followed.

Purity

I woke up feeling happy with no tears or a pain in on my throat.
I washed my face and brushed my teeth

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I joined Shane for breakfast. He seems like a morning person. I hugged him from behind

Me: you always happy

Him: you know me very well

Me: what's for breakfast

Him: cereal unless you feel like standing on the stove.

Me: anything you having I will eat.

He smiled at me something about him that makes my heart warm I wish it was simple to tell him about my life but it is difficult it's not easy for me to say what happened to my family.

Me: what's with the smile

Him: you were laughing in your sleep seems like your dream was full of blissful moments.

Me: you were watching me sleeping

Him: I do that all the time and I know it's weird.

Me: you should stop that

Him: Tapela and Given were mentioned again. Are they your siblings?

I slowly nodded and looked at my dish

Him: what happened to them ? Did the Zim army take them away from you.

I nodded gosh why am I lying to him, why can't I say they died in the fire.

Him: am sorry Purity come here.

I got up and hugged him as I let my tears fall on his chest. When will I ever forget about this horrible tragedy.

Hlompho

Just after a few hours I have been in my hotel room somebody knocked and said he brought my room service and I don't remember calling in for a room service the person was so persistent about it I decided on opening the door and chase him. I gun was pointed me.

Him: put your hands where I can see them

Me: what do you want

Him: you have something very important that we desperately need.

Me: what? You have the wrong guy

Him,: relax we have the right person.

They searched the hotel room am assuming they looking for the drug if they don't find it they will kill me and if they take it Agnes and Lebo will be in danger.

Him: where is the drug boy?

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Him: you know very well ..where is it or am going to kill you

Me: I swear I don't know

Him:ohk then your pretty wife will die

Me: please don't kill her she knows nothing

Him: will see about it.

They left I had to call Isaac and he was not picking up even Adzi was not answering his phone I left a voice message .

Me: Adzi we have a situation here some guys came looking for the drug and since they didn't get it they coming after Khensi please make sure she is safe.

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Purity

I joined my flat mates who were watching TV whatever they were watching seemed interesting I squeezed myself between Zee and Busi, I took a bowl of popcorns as I binged myself.

Me: what are you watching

Zee: we watching Happiness is a four letter word

Me: ohk let's watch then it looks like a nice movie.

Busi: Purity who is that hunk who came for you the other day

Me: Shane Nkosi

Her: Thee Shane Nkosi from Eclipse

Me: yes

Her: you fucking that guy? is he not your boss

Me: he is my boss

Her: and you sleeping with him

Me: yes and where is this going or is it part of the movie?

Her: you not afraid of his wife

Me:babes he has no wife or girlfriend but if you want him you can have him besides his a very sweet guy.

I received a text message from one of my clients Jake asking to meet up with me after work guess I just got a booty call good thing is Shane is not around so I don't have to come with excuses of not meeting with him.

Hlompfo

I haven't heard from Isaac or Adze none of them is picking up and my thoughts are running wild what if those thugs got my wife and didn't something horrible to her. You might be wondering why they didn't find the drug when they searched the hotel room,when I got here I swallowed the drug I rolled them into balls using condoms then swallowed them the honey made it easy to swallow, this is will make it easy for me to pass at the airport.

I immediately packed my bags and booked a flight for 5pm I have to be home and make sure my woman is safe. I tried Isaac before boarding in he picked up on the third ring.

Me:I have been trying to call you where is Khensi

Him:at home with Sandra

Me: will make sure they safe some guys where at my hotel room looking for some stuff

Him:did you give them?

Me:no I didn't but they going to come for me and Khensi make sure she is safe until I get home.

Him:Hlompho what's going on

Me:I will tell you when I get there for now please do as I say.

I hanged up on him and got in a flight,I was still unsettled if Khensi is home and safe then maybe they went for my grandmother and Lebo somehow I felt like am going to be betrayed if they want the drug they will have to assure me that my sister is safe.

Purity

I met up with Jake he didn't look good he looked like he was drunk his eyes were blood shot red. I stood at the door and smoked at he called me with his finger and I walked up to him.

Him:what took you so long

Me:I had to start somewhere first

Him: you know I hate it when you take time to get here

Me:am sorry Jake

He got up and unbuckled his belt, I got scared I know Jake is a person with a short temper and always want things be done his way.

Him:strip and show me how sorry you are.

Me:please don't do this

Him:strip Purity.

I took my top off before taking my bra off he whipped me with his belt it stringed a lot.

Me:Jake you hurting me

Him:are you sorry now huh? Are you sorry now?

He whipped me again

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he whipped me countless times until I was on the floor crying my lungs out,I begged him to stop beating me

Him: now you sorry bitch this what happens to girls who don't know how to keep the time you don't know how to keep time like that useless wife of mine.

Me:Jake am sorry please don't hurt me please..I will do anything but stop beating me.

Him:get up and leave right now!!

He was shouting me I took my top and ran for my dear life,tears were blinding me and body was in pain the only thing I wanted was to be home. I called Khukhu and she picked up immediately

Me:Khukhu where are you

Her:am at work what's wrong

Me:I need you I need my friend

Her:Neria are you crying?is it Shane?

Me:Khukhu please come home

Her:ohk I will be there but first where are you

Me:am at Midrand but am going home now

Her: ohk babe.

I know by the time I get home she will be waiting for me out of all the men I slept with none of them had lifted a finger on me, Jake is the only one who does this but today what he did was extreme it only ends with slaps only I didn't think that he will whippe me the way he did.

When I got home Khukhu was waiting for me in my bedroom she enveloped me in a hug and I cried till I had hiccups.

Her:what's wrong babes

Me:Jake happened he whipped me

Her:what?what for?

Me:cause I arrived late for his booty call

Her:babes I told you a lot of times to cut ties with him you know what kind of an animal he is.

Me: I need money Khukhu you know we have to send money home

Her:I know my friend..

She tried touching me I flinched with pain, I took my top off my body had marks all over

Her:oh my God you need to report him this is abuse

Me:and say what? Khukhu this won't work they won't take me seriously

Her:they have to just cause you a prostitute doesn't mean you should be beaten up like this

Me:Khukhu..

Her:no Purity if they can take a housewife seriously when she lays a charge on domestic abuse then they will take you seriously,tomorrow morning we going to the police station. Did he have sex with you

Me:no he didn't but don't you think that you taking this far

Her:am not dear its about time we teach that cow a lesson.

She was angry more than I am, she is also a victim of Jake that guy has beaten up a lot of girls and am the only one who had to put up with his beatings.

Khensi

Him: Khensi pack up your bags we leaving

Me:where are we going Hlompho?

Him:we leaving we will stay with a friend for a while right now
you not safe

Me:I don't understand am not safe from what ?

Him: just do as I say will explain to you later

I packed few clothes and we drove to a place that is unknown I didn't even get a chance to say goodbye to my parents. He was focused on the road and to even ask him any questions would be pointless. We drove to a town that had a lot of shacks it was past 11 but the place looked very busy as if it was daylight

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Khensi

Hlompho wasn't saying anything even when I asked questions of what are we doing here he never answered me,we arrived at some house it had a very big wall and gate he got off the car and talked to some guys who were standing outside the yard they shoulder hugged and talked for a while looks like they know each other. My phone ringed and it was my father I answered he must be worried about me.

Me:Hello papa

Him:Khensi ule kwini(where are you)

Me: am at some township with Hlompho

Him:what township what are you doing there

Me: I don't know papa will call you later.

I hanged up when Hlompho was returning in car,he drove in and we got into the house we were welcomed by a young women she introduced herself as Boipelo.

Him: where is Sticks

Her:he will come down now his still in the shower. Can I get you something to drink so long

Him: yeah anything you have for my wife

She went to the kitchen and came back with coke something I don't drink I accepted it and sipped on a little my phone ringed again.

Him:don't answer it

Me:but why

Him:Khensi please do as I say.

Some guy came down from upstairs am assuming its Sticks he looked very handsome to be a gangster that's if he is one but judging from the way his yard looks and the guys who were standing outside he must be a gangster.

Him:eh eh singenelwe yini(look who is here

Him:ao bafo unjani

Sticks:ngi grand bro wam

They shoulder hugged and Hlompho did the introductions.

Sticks: so what brings you here Mr celebrity

Him: I need a little favour can we talk somewhere private

Sticks: yeah follow me

Him: Khensi don't call or answer any phone calls.

They both disappeared in some of the rooms now am left with Boipelo who kept on asking me questions of how I met Hlomphe.

Hlomphe

Me:man I think I have been betrayed by Isaac Baloyi.

Him: thee Isaac Baloyi? What makes you think that

Me:he asked me to deliver diamonds to some guy called Jao in exchange of a new drug so I did exactly that the next thing my hotel room is being searched by some guys looking for the drug since they didn't get it they coming for Khensi

Him: you think he will kill his own daughter it doesn't make sense did they find the drug

Me: no man you know what I did to it

Him: you said Jao?

He opened his laptop and searched for him then he showed me his picture

Me:that's him and his right hand man or friend

Him:well my friend Jao wanted his drug back

Me:what do you mean

Him:he got the diamonds now he want the drug back he operates that way he fooled alot of cats so what you have to do is leave Khensi here give Isaac the drug. Did you check on Lebo and Agnes

Me: no why? I haven't been in touch with them for years.

Him: I know angithi you making money so you forgot about them,am surprised you even came to my house.

Me:Sticks bro am sorry..

Him:you can sleep here will have to go check on them am the son she always needs while his grandson forgot about the only family he has.

He clicked his tounge and walked out. I don't know what will I do should anything happen to them

am really grateful that Sticks opened his home for us and his still checking up on my family.

Purity

I was waken up by Khukhu shouting my name I know for a fact that she wants us to go to the police station and am really not in the mood for arguments or going to the police station it is pointless. She got in without knocking I pretended to be sleeping

Her:you not ready? Purity wake up

She shook me roughly and opened my eyes

Her:we going to the police station

Me:but why.

Her:you know why.get up and prepare yourself that animal is going to jail

Me: Khukhu I don't think this is the right idea.

Her:of course it is..

Her phone ringed thank God, I got off bed and did my hygiene wore black jeans and a ginger knitted jersey. She came back looking angry .

Her: yeses Lebo is getting on my nerve

Me:what do you mean

Her: she didn't sleep at home last night and Agnes is worried sick about her.

Me:that's not like her she will never do anything stupid

Her: I hope she has a good explanation for not sleeping at home cause am busy busting my ass for her.

Me:you forgot your pussy.

She laughed and we went to have breakfast with the girls and I hope I will be able to convince her about going to the police station.

Hlompfo

I had to meet with Isaac and Adzi they need to tell me why was I followed and if my family safe. I called Sticks to let him know that am in Hilbrow for few hours will be back before he know it.

Adzi: its good to see you in one peace Hloms

Me: who is Jao

Him: we gave you a clear discription of who he is.

Me: no you didnt . did you know he is the one who wanted his drug back

Him:why would he want it back?Hloms that guy is a very good man.

Me: you not sure about that.

Him: alright enough about this, where is the drug?

Me: where is the drug?

Him: yeah you said you have it so bring it.

A text message came in I rad it "Lebo is missing" I looked at him and my blood boiled they fooled me they planned the whole thing and now my sister is missing. I pushed him across the room and pinned him against the wall

Me: where is she?where is my sister

Him: I dont know what you talking about

Me:you know very well, you threatened me then she is missing?

Him: Hloms I don't know anything

I punched him few times on his stomach and he stood there doing nothing. I spat on his face

Me: you will get your damn drug down the toilet sewage

I walked out.

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Hlomphe

Weeks went by fast and Lebo is nowhere to be found some say they saw leaving with a car that had tinted windows some say she left with her friends to some party that was held in Katlehong Sticks and his friends searched for her but there is no sign of her. Isaac says he knows nothing about her disappearance no one just vanishes in the face of the earth just like that.

I wish it was easy to go home and face Agnes but what will I say to her? It's been years not talking with them it pains me that my sister gets abducted for something she doesn't know of they want their drug they will get it along as my sister is safe. I scrolled down my phone until I stumbled upon Agnes's phone numbers I called her and she picked up immediately.

Her:Hello?Hello

I kept quiet.

Her:hello wang kutlwa(can you hear me)Moleboheng is that you? Nnana bua hle(baby please talk)

Her voice sounded down and pleading she must be worried I didn't know what to say I just hanged up.

Purity

Lebo' disappearance got us on our toes we have been searching for her but with no luck I don't understand how she was abducted cause MaAgnes says she left as someone who was going to the toilet and she never came back. I asked Shane to help us find her I know he has contacts and maybe just one of them might come through for us.

We sitting in his car just talking about random stuff I think I love the guy he is just not to be in a relationship with him.

Me:thanks for helping us it means a lot

Him:anything for you babes I promise we will find her I know she is like family.

Me:she is hey and her grandmother is worried.

Him:I would too if I was in her shoes imagine your child just disappear like that. Purity can I ask you something

Me:yes

Him: if I ask you to stop working at the club and find a better job would you?

Me: no I won't I love working for you

Him: I know you do but I fear for you what if something like this happens to you? You leave with different men all the time and one of them might be a psycho and hurts you. I will never forgive myself.

Me: I know you mean well but I can take care of myself. I know all of them and I don't go with someone I don't know.

Him:at least think about it before you say no. Purity. I care a lot about you I mean I feel happy around you I see a future together... Can you see it also?

I kept quite I have no words to say I can't even look at him. Shane never gives up I appreciate that he cares for me but I don't need him in my life. He came closer to kiss me I looked away.

Me:ndinofanira kuwana kuenda(I need to get going)

Him: pardon?

Me: I have to go Shamiso needs help with her feather dusters.

Khensi

I have in this place for too long I am not allowed to leave the yard all I do is watch TV and wait for Hlompho to come back

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his also keeping me in the dark like my father. I miss work and I miss my mother. I went downstairs found Sticks making sandwiches I greeted him and sat down.

Him: can I pour you juice? Its not Oros me wild Island

Me: its fine thanks. sticks can I ask you something

Him: sure

Me: what's going on? Why am I in this place kept as a prisoner

Him: you know Khensi some people are dangerous you see them in suits thinking that they harmless only to find they dangerous like a scorpion.

Me: am not sure I understand

Him:Hlompho has done so many things for your family pity those things led to his sister being abducted.

Me: how did you know about that

Him: cause am the one who is keeping an eye on the Ledwabas and Nyakunda family. He got rich and forgot about us.

Me: Nyakunda? He has never mentioned them.

Him: am sure of it. What other business does your father has?

Me: import and export

Him: I see. Look I have to go make sure you don't answer any calls

Me: I know.

He walked out I called my parents and they not picking up. This is strange and am scared of what will happen if this so called dangerous people find me.

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Khensi

My phone kept on ringing none stop I was told not to take any calls but part of me yearned to speak with my dad I have no doubt that his the one calling me. I checked if there's anyone before answering.

Me: hello papa

Him:hello nunu are you alright baby

Me: no papa what's going on?are you in trouble with someone

Him: no nunu just some misunderstanding but I promise it will be over soon

Me:papa na chava

Him:I know my baby but I will send Reginald to come fetch you.where are you

Me: I think am in Thembisa papa

Him:ohk stay on your phone Reggie will be there for you ohk nunu.

I felt happy that his sending someone to fetch me I can't wait to leave this place. I packed all my clothes took a bath and wore blue jeans with a black T-shirt my hair was a mess I just combed it and tied it into a bun.

Shane

I have promised Purity that will find the missing girl one of my contacts Mike knows some clubs in Johannesburg that might be useful in finding the girl

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most dangerous clubs are in Hilbrow and they mostly owned by Nigerians who find it easy to attract young girls with money and all the finer things this girls love.

Mike: there's this one club in Hilbrow called Pines I think we should visit it.

Me: have you heard something about it

Him: most girls who go there they never return home they abduct them for human trafficking.

Me: that's hectic and how come the cops never investigated it.

Him: Cops are on their payroll you know what I mean so I think we should pay a visit there maybe we can find something.

Me: I hope so Purity is worried about her

Him: seems like she is one special lady that one you love her don't you.

Me: yeah she is special pity she doesn't feel the same way about me

Him: give her time one day she will open up for you.does she still get those nightmares you told me about

Me:she does and she won't speak about it.

Him: take her to a therapist she is a broken person she won't heal now.

Me: I hear you man

I think he is right the only way that will get her trust and love is through therapy.

Hlompfo

Isaac came to my change room the sight of him makes me sick
he knows where Lebo is and want to play dumb with me.

Him: Hloms we need the drug

Me: I need my sister

Him: I told you I don't know where she is why would I abduct your sister

Me: you tell me and you not doing anything to find her.you and Jao know what you did

Him: I promise I don't know.

Me:take me to the warehouse where you keep your girls I want to see all of them.

He kept quite and that proves he knows something.

Him:the girls are already in Russia some they on their way to Tanzania.

Me: don't lie to me Reggie told me that you still keeping the girls so that Vick can examine them.

Him:he lied.

Me:I want to see for myself you taking me there now .

Him: Hloms listen

Me: then you leave me no choice I will flush the drug then get one of my old friends to kill Khensi and am sure you know that will kill your wife.

He took his phone out and called Reginald the call took about 15 minutes I know Lebo was there and if I can call Vick he will tell me the truth.

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Shane

We went to Pine club with Purity she said it will be easy to spot Lebo or anything that could lead us into finding her I don't like this idea but I will just have to act tough when some guys busy touching her and flirting with her she was wearing a short silver dress with black lace on the sides I watched her as she was dancing to Black motions fortune teller, my eyes were on her and she kept on wicking at me, the way she moved her waist and swayed her curves got men surrounding her like she is honey and they are bees.

I got up and made my way to the toilet some girl followed me she touched my hand .

Her: you must be new here

Me: I am

Her: are you enjoying yourself

Me: yes and you

Her: not really was hoping maybe we can go somewhere and have fun just me and you.

She licked her lips and moved her hand slowly on her breast. She is beautiful but not my type or the girl I would sleep with.

Me: you know am looking for someone do you know her.

I showed her a picture of Lebo she blinked couple of times and she was now uncomfortable.

Her: I should go and I don't know her.

She tried to walk away I pulled her and pinned her on the wall and got my hand on her neck.

Me:where is she?

Her: I don't know

Me:but you know her?

Her: yes no

Me: do you know her?

Her: yes I saw her once in town

Me: Don't lie to me

Her:if I say something Adzi will kill me..please let me go

Me: where is she

I tighten my grip around her neck and her eyes popped out.

Her: somewhere around Africa I don't know I saw her when we were taken to the warehouse to give them food cause Mario and Reggie were busy.

Me: thanks I kissed her forehead and shove R100 in her breast.

I walked back to the dance floor and pulled Purity away.

Me: we have to go

Her: but...

Me: I will explain everything to you in the car.

Khensi

I have been waiting for Reginald to come and fetch me but there was no sign of him I called him and dad their phones were on voicemail. I paced up and down am now worried what if

something bad has happened to them ? I called Hlompho his phone rings unanswered. A knock came in I opened the door it was Sticks he saw my bags and looked at me.

Him: going somewhere?

Me: yes I am going home

Him: you not going anywhere sisi

Me: my dad is coming to fetch me

Him: I don't think so. Your dad is busy with something he took Lebo am sure he stuffed her with drugs.

Me:what?

Him: you didn't know? Your dad is the big bad wolf he kidnapped Lebo and some other girls your dad has illegal businesses

Me: its a lie

Him:yes its a lie. Your dad sells drugs do you know Mario

Me: yes

Him: good now you can read between the lines.

I suddenly felt dizzy my mouth got dry as I fell on the floor.

Somewhere in Africa

Lebo

We were kept in a container with some girls I feared for my life this guys who abducted me had no remorse or mercy they tortured us and killed one of the girls who didn't want to strip her clothes in all my life I have never imagined that I will be far from home

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I kept on praying prayer its the only thing that gave strength even though my body was ready to give up on me cause of

thirst,starvation and exhaustion. The girl next to me was no longer crying I think she is dead I touched her hand she griped me a little thank God she is still alive.

The door opened and they told us to come out I looked around the place you cant see anything cause we in a warehouse different from the other one.

Man: Hello ladies welcome to your new home.

He looked very ugly with a foreign accsent. He moved around around us and stoped next to me and sniffed my neck.

Him: you smell of fresh meat am assuming you still pure. We going to make lots of money out of you. Ladies you do as I say or you will die tonight you will be doing your first job so please take your clothes off so you can take a proper bath.

He took his gun out we all striped our clothes my heart was beating very fast I think am going to faint. We stood next to the wall as some men splashed cold water on us using horse pipes.

Me: Even if I walk near the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me your rot and stuff comfort me, you prepare a table for me in the presense of my enemies you anoited my head oil My cup runs over surely goodness and mercy shall follow me and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever amen.

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Hlomphe

We got to the warehouse and it was empty no sign of the girls being here not even the blood stains cause they torture them if they become stubborn. I kept looking still nothing worse part the CCTV cameras are not working.

Isaac: I told you that you won't find anything

Me:where is my sister Isaac?

Him: I don't know

Me: so you going to lie straight to my face that you don't know her?

Him: I swear I don't know her

Mario: can we now have the drug?

Me: forget it you not getting anything.

They both took out their guns aimed straight at me, you can tell that they mean business if I don't give them the drug they will kill me. Mario cocked his gun his ready to kill I stepped closer to him and moved his gun to my forehead he wasn't shaken. I moved fast on him as I kicked his balls and his hand so he can lose the gun, we exchanged fist on the floor we stopped when Isaac fired warning shots.

Him: boys no need to fight just give us the drug Hloms.

Me:over my dead body.

Him:very well then keep the drug and you won't find your sister.

He walked away Mario followed him leaving his gun behind I took the gun and shot Mario twice that got Isaac's attention.

Me:are you going to tell me where my sister is or you will get Khensi's body inside a body bag?

Him: you wouldn't dare.

Me: get my sister and you get a drug.

Him: fine I will do it.

Khensi

I was still shook about what Sticks told me not in many years have I imagined my father doing something illegal. I have bben trying to call him ,his phone is on voicemail. I called my mom she didnt pick up now am worried about my mom does she also know that her husband is this evil.

Me: Sticks when will Hlompho come back

Him: I dont know but he will be back.

Me: I need him

Him: put your shoes on we going somewhere

Me: I thought..

Him: I know sweetie change of plans.

I wore my shoes and he warned me not to do anything stupid or he will slit my throat. We drove to some township not scary as his township.

Me:what are we doing here?

Him:to meet your inlaws but you will act as my girlfriend

Me: but..

Him: I want you to see what your father has put my family through.

Purity

After what Shane told me my body cold and I sobered up this means I will never see my Lebo how will I tell MaAgnes that Lebo is trafficked to somewhere around Africa.I cried so hard

Him: I promise you babe we will bring her home will do everything we can to bring her home.

Me:how? Shane she wont come back who is behind all this?

Him : the Nigerian owner she said his Adzi.

Me: this is bad Shane

Him:I know babe thats why I want you to quit at the club I will help you find another job .

Me: Shane you know I want to work for myself I don't like handouts.

Him: I know babes. We will go in the morning to update Khukhu about Lebo me

Me:Yes .

Him: come here .

He enveloped me in a hug his warm embrace is something I love and enjoy. I hope he won't ask me to tell him his favourite bed time story. I looked at him and our eyes locked he slowly came close and our lips touched Laws his lips taste so good

he moved his hands slowly on my back, my pot was getting wet and I can't wait to ride him he took our clothes off and threw them all over the room, I gave him a blowjob as he had his hands on hair his grip was a little painful I gacked and he let out a groan.

Him:Shiit babe this is good fuck.

I gacked some more he groaned again, I helped him roll the condom we don't hit it raw. He made me sit on him reverse cow girl and he played with my slit this is good so damn good all the guys I slept with they nothing compared to him. He can make me cum 3 times while doing only one round or the same position.

Me: ahhhh Shane ahhhh

Him:talk to me

Me:I..I...wa...want...it haaaarddd oh fuck am cuming.

He bent me over my hands were balancing with the coffee table and he thrust me very hard, hard the way I want it his nails were digging my thigh and his other hand was spanking me.

Him: look the way you creaming my cock babe shiit

Twack Twack his pace was was slowly increasing twack twack.

Me:ahhh yes hard please

Him: you want it hard Purity? Huh

Twack twack he fucked me real hard and my legs were now shacking I reached my third orgasm and he played with my clit this was sending me to a place unknown to me if I knew the place I would describe it. We came together and I went to dreamland

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Purity

Hlompho didn't stay for long after the little argument he had with his sister he thought it is better to leave before he says something he will regret, I felt upset I thought he will want to stay until Khukhu had calmed down yes she was angry and didn't hide her anger one thing I know about Khukhu is she is straight talker she doesn't call a tomato an apple and she will never apologize for speaking the truth.

I knocked twice before letting myself in she was sitting on her bed reading a book titled Secrets We Keep, I sat on a chair that was next to her bed you don't sit on her bed unless she lets you.

Me: are you alright my friend

Her: I am friend why are you asking?

Me: because of the way you spoke to your brother

Her: I had to tell him the truth. He doesn't understand that we were suffering while he enjoyed life drinking those expensive Champagnes

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he is our older brother he is the one who was supposed to look after us. He said he will come back for us but he never did.

Me: he is back now

Her: only because Sticks told him that Lebo is missing. He should go back to his rich life am perfectly fine without him.

Me: can't you atleast ask him why he never kept his promise?
Friend we need.

Her: you need him more than I do.

Me: but friend

Her: Neria we don't need him honestly look at us we have a roof over our heads we don't go to bed hungry we doing fine. Yes our jobs are not those 9 to 5 but girl we doing fine.

Me: I never stopped loving him.

Her: I know and I think you should just forget about him.

Maybe she is right I should forget about him but how do you forget someone you love? He was my first and I think we still have a chance to work things out.

Khensi

I met with my fiance for dinner we were in a restaurant in Park Town he seemed lost in his thoughts he didn't touch his steak and I was half way through my plate.

Me: babes are you alright? You seem lost in your thoughts what is bothering you

Him: ah it's nothing just feeling exhausted. I had a busy day today.

Me: oh my poor thing should we go home ?

Him: no let's eat and enjoy our food

Me: but you haven't touched your steak or should I have it.

Him: am not really hungry.

Me: alright then let ask the waiter to put this on a doggy bag.

I signalled our waiter to come and asked him to put Hlompho's food in a doggy bag and I also asked for a bill I think we should go home because sitting here with him not talking or eating is no fun.

Purity

" Tapela!! Tapela!!muka (wake up) Mama !! muka. Ngapota ngavaende (please let them go) they going to die please

Villager: kill them yes they must die and you Purity how did you escape?

I started running as the hunters screamed "stop her she is getting away"

"Lord please don't let them kille the same way as they killed my family"

I quickly opened my eyes and looked around I was in my bedroom I must have fallen asleep while I was still chatting to Shane. My throat was painful gosh I hate this dreams why don't they stop? I checked if I have any messages from Shane I got one saying his waiting for me in the parking lot, the time on my phone was 23:35pm. I called him he picked up on the fourth ring.

Him: am still in the parking lot come down.

Me: Shane why didn't you come up? Do you know what time it is.

Him: Purity come please.

Me: alright give me a minute.

I grabbed my gown and went downstairs he opened the door for me he leaned over to kiss me.

Him: I miss you.

Me: thanks for missing me. What brings you here?

Him: I told you I miss you and that's why am here.

Shane will never give up I don't know what should I do to show that am not interested in him the only thing am always with him is because of the sex, I enjoy it alot but I don't like when he starts treating me like his girlfriend.

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Shane

I ended up spending a night at Purity's apartment she didn't want me to drive late, I couldn't say no to her offer I like being close to her and her sleeping on my chest makes my heart sing praises sending gratitudes to the Nkosi ancestors for sending a beautiful angel to be my future wife and that's if she agrees to be my wife or girlfriend.

I removed her dreadlocks that was covering her face carelessly she is really a beautiful wet dream. I brushed her buttocks and she slowly opened her eyes and smiled at me and I smiled back at her.

Me: Hey beautiful

Her: Hey how long have you been up?

Me: long enough to watch you smiling in your sleep.

Her face changed am sure she thinks she spoke in her sleep. I kissed her passionately I moved my hands on her thighs she let out a moan. I stopped and looked at her beautiful eyes.

Her: why did you stop?

Me: Purity do you love me?

Her: Shane...

Me: let's take a bath and go out for breakfast.

She touched my hard member and moved her hand up and down on it, I closed my eyes and felt her warm mouth on my cock shit this is so good damn it. I looked down on her as she kept on sucking and brushing my balls. I groaned

I am about to reach my climax and she stopped.

Her: let's go bath am hungry.

She smiled at me and walked to the bathroom I followed suit and we scrubbed each other after that we went to have breakfast in Braamfontein.

Khensi

I got an unexpected visitor which is my father he hardly comes to my work place, he came only once when we were launching Ray of Hope, he never asks about it or show any interest. I asked our cleaner ausi Thembi to make us coffee.

Me: this is a pleasant surprise papa

Him: I know my baby I had to come and see you I don't remember the last time I was here.

Me: you never here papa so what brings you here.

Him: I came to see my daughter is that a bad thing?

Me: no its not but we had breakfast together so?

Him: alright then you got me. I just wanted to hear how are you doing and if you heard anything about the missing girl.

Me: no I haven't, Hlompho hasn't said anything new and I don't think they still looking for her.

Him: that's a shame man I was hoping to digg even more.

Me: Papa are you in any illegal businesses?

Him: no you know my business are legit so I don't know who told you that.

Me: papa I need the truth I want to know what type of business you have besides the production one.

Him: we exchanging good with Nigeria and France

Me: what kind of goods papa ? last time I checked Adzi runs a club in Hilbrow and Mario I don't know that much about him not to mention Reginald.

Him: nunu I will never put my family in danger and if it will make you happy we exchanging softwares. Nunu don't let people say bad things about me am your father and your happiness and safety comes first.

He got up and opened his arms I went to him and he gave me the most warm hug I can't remember the last time I was hugged like this. We spent two hours talking about my organization how it is growing there way it has changed so many lives and it has given hope to those who were ready to give up on life.

It was now half past 5 and I have to go see Hlompho at his place I promised to come see him since he doesn't want to come to my house.

Hlompho

Me: you haven't changed that much even your ascent still sounds the same.

Her: you mean I still sound foreign even now?

Me: yes especially when you speak Isizulu .

She laughed her laughter hasn't changed also it still sounds the same she even when makes that sound of pigs when she laughs.

Me: so is Khukhu still mad at me?are you also mad at me?

Her: not anymore. Why didn't you keep your promise?

Me: I got held up by other things

Her:such as what? Hlompho we were just few hours away from each other you couldn't get in a train and come see us even if it was just for one day? Life was never too kind on us .

Me: I was hungry for freedom and wealth

Her: do you have that now? Did you get your freedom?your wealth?are you back for good or you will leave us again.

Me: am sorry for hurting you guys.

Her: you didn't answer me.

I sat next to her as she looked straight into my eyes I felt like she is searching my soul searching for answers .

Me: I am here now and am not leaving you again.

Her: do you promise?

Me: cross my heart and hope to die.

She smiled at me and shook her head.

Her: you said that the last time and you didn't die.

Me: so you thought I was dead?don't you watch TV woman

Her:no I don't watch TV. too much TV is not good and I dont think you also watch TV.

Me: I dont .

A knock came in wonder who could it be because I didn't let anyone in hope its not those bunch of school kids who came to ask for selfies cause am not in a mood. I opened the door to find Khensi standing she opened her coat she is wearing a black lace body suit I couldn't move my eyes on her thick and yet sexy body.

Her: like what you see ?

I came back to my sense and cleared my throat.

Me: uhm Khensi what are you doing here?

Her: to see you.

She pushed me and got in her eyes landed on Purity she stopped and looked at me. Purity got up and fixed her short dress.

Me: uhm Khensi this is Purity an old friend of mine Purity this is Khensi my ..

Khensi: fiance. Nice meeting you Purity.

Purity: same here. I should get going my shift will start in the next two hours.

Me: it was nice seeing you again please greet Khukhu for me

Her : I will and please keep your promise.

She said that with so much hurt in her voice I could see her eyes were glossy she was ready to cry but she blinked her tears away.

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Purity

I have alwaysd known pain and it was nothing new to me a space for disappointments was always available but I didn't think that Hlompho could be the one who is disappointing me I waited for him for years and when he comes back he comes back engaged guess he never meant every word he said to me. My mind was all over the place I couldn't concentrate on work for the first time since I started working at club Eclipse I was the bad hostess. I broke few glasses and the money will be deducted from my pay, someone tapped my shoulder I turned and looked at him he must be someone new to the club he was wearing navy shirt and Navy chino he looked handsome.

Him: hello miss my name is Eddie may I have a minute of your time.

Me: yes.

Him: I came with my friends here and as you can see they came with their partners and am bored do you mind if we can just chill.

Me: am still working my shift is not over yet.

Him: but after your shift can we talk.

Me: sure why not.

I tried my best to concentrate and pull my weight I have glasses to pay and I need to make few tips. After work I left with Eddie we drove to Rosebank, his place looked good I kissed him he talks too much for a guy. We kissed and took our clothes off he took out condoms and handcuffs he cuffed me on his bed.

Him: hope you will enjoy this like I do

Me:I will certainly enjoy.

He muffed me it did feel good I wanted to forget about all the pain I was feeling. He came up and got between my legs his thrust were hard and rough. I screamed and begged for more my screams were from pain and pleasure.

Hlompho

I stood by the gate as I asked myself a lot of questions what will I say to after all this years I have been gone it is only now I will be able to talk to her without Khukhu being present or any of our relatives being present. The gate wasn't locked and its unlike her not to lock the gate

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I went in and walked to the house the door was open she was staring into space and the pot on the stove was boiling. I took a deep breath before speaking.

Me: ausi Agnes

She turned and looked at me her facial expression was plain and yet intimidating, she always intimidated a lot of people she makes you think twice before you can talk to her.

Me: may I come in?

She looked at my shoes and nodded. I took my shoes off and made my way in. She went to switch the stove off and took out two mugs and poured us rooibos tea. I sat down and watched her as she sips on her tea.

Me: ausi Agnes I came here to explain and apologise to you. I know you didn't expect to see me here after all these years but am here now.

She looked at me without blinking this woman won't change it felt like the time when you had to explain why you did

something wrong then she will whoop you for not listening to her.

Me: ausi Agnes when I left here was because I wanted to change my life I was hungry for wealth, I wanted to change my life I wanted to be someone. Leaving and not coming back was never part of the plan. I found something better than the life I had here in Thokoza.

Her: did I fail you as a parent to you?did all my teachings and advise fail you or fall on deaf ears?

Me:no Ausi Agnes.

Her: then what kept you away from us?is it the Baloyi family that kept you they gave you more than what I could give

you?that you came back with a new surname Baloyi instead of Ledwaba?

Me: ausi Agnes the Baloyi family have been very kind to me they welcomed me in their home and gave me the best education in life something that you couldn't give me and I understand that you tried your best but it was not enough.

Her: I see so what brings you here?are you back for your family?

Me: yes I am

Her:what kept you away from us Hlompho do you know how worried we were ?

Me:am sorry about that.

Her:you didn't answer me

Me: Isaac Baloyi didn't want me to make any contact with my family he kept a very close eye on me.

Her: why would he do that?

Me: I have something on him and if I speak about it to anyone it will put you or me in danger I stayed away from you guys to protect you from him.

Her: Hlomphe...

Me: you wouldn't understand your safety came first and am really sorry for all this. Isaac is a ruthless man he doesn't think twice when his angry.

She didn't say anything she took her bible and paged through it.

Shane

Last night when I saw Purity leaving with another man made me angry I have been nothing but good to her I treated with respect and tried to bring change in her. I am in love with her I chose her amongst all the beautiful girls we have here in the club or around Johannesburg. I saw her walking in wearing a red long sleeve shirt and a jean she never dresses like this she always shows her skin and wear short dresses. She waved at me and I plained ignored her. I am really angry at her I have reprimanded her for leaving with different man but she won't listen I guess prostitution gives her a lot of money. I asked one of the girls to tell her that I need to see her in my office.

Me: please sit down.

Her:why so formal ?

Me: heard you broke my glasses you know that will be deducted from your pay.

Her:I know that.

Me: Purity don't I make you happy?isn't the money you make here and the money I give you not enough?

Her:what?

Me: I saw you last night leaving with that guy Purity how many times must we talk about this? Do you like what you doing?

Her: Shane I didn't know you were here and am sorry about that but you know this money is not enough.

Me:and that is why I was willing to help you find another job but you won't listen to me you prefer leaving with different men do you trust this guys that much? Do you use condoms with them?

Her: am not going to answer you if we done here I will like to return to my post.

Me: Purity stop being so stubborn and let me help you change your life.

Her:I don't need your help Shane I can manage on my own. Why do you always have to be on my case about what I do with my body?

Me:because am in love with you I tell you this all the time.

Her: you won't understand Shane I have a boyfriend and I told you that I can't love you the way you want me to and I think its better we call this so called "friends with benefits" thing quits and stick to you being my boss.

She spun around and left me astonished her tone was very sharp and she spoke on top of her lungs. She became someone I didn't know in just few seconds.

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Khensi

I came to realise that Hlompho has been very distant since he has reunited with his family,he doesn't talk that much or shows interest in our conversation. I think this whole thing of his sister missing has affected him I wish my father can help him I know he has resources but he won't use them.

I have prepared a very special dinner for us, I bought food from his favourite restaurant in Morning side I would have made something simple like pasta but I chose to get his favourite food,wine is in the ice bucket

Rose petals on th floor and some good music to set up the mood.

Purity

My phone has been ringing none stop I don't know why people can't stop calling me am not in the mood of taking any calls. Shane's name flashed on the screen I pushed it a little so that it can fall from the side table.

♪♪ Please Mr don't go missing nomore

Please Mr don't go missing nomore

Am tired of missing you boy♪♪

I sighed when I heard it ring again gosh why is he calling me? didn't he get the message that am done with me him? I swiped left rejecting his call. I tried to close my eyes for few seconds when I heard Ziyanda banging my door and shouting my name.

Me: Ziyanda go away please

Her: you have a visitor and he said he won't go until he speaks to you.

I got up from bed and dragged myself to see this so called visitor who can't stay away from me. I found Shane leaning on the door with one hand on his pocket and the other one was scrolling through his phone.

Him: why are you ignoring my calls?

Me: what brings you here?

Him: you didn't answer me

Me: I didn't feel like taking your calls

He shook his head no and looked at me in the eye his eyes were red looks like he was drinking.

Him: you have no slightest idea of what you doing to me right?

Me: no

Him: I have fallen for you and I have fallen hard and you think it makes it ok to break up with me?

Me:we were not in a relationship we were just having sex

Him: sex that came with alot of benefits I gave you a job and I made sure you taken care off.

Me: I accepted those things cause you persisted on me taking them yet you knew I don't like hand outs.

He pulled me closer to him my hands were on his chest he kissed my lips,I tasted nicotine mixed with alcohol the kiss was passionate filled with lust I tried to pull back he pulled me back in. I spoke between the kiss.

Me: let me go please

Him: I cant.. I want you Purity

Me:no let me go

I pushed him and stepped back I felt hot flashes kicking. He walked away without saying anything leaving me flushed .

Hlompfo

I got home to a lovely surprise the set up was very beautiful and the mood was something I can't put into words. She cat

walked herself to me and planted kisses on my neck and rubbed my semi hard bulge.

Her:should we eat or skip dinner

Me: let's skip it for a change.

I picked her up and kissed her her weight is nothing she is a plus size but to me she weighs nothing.

Her: make love to me please

I took off her lingerie and got her nipple on my mouth my hand made its way to her mound I played with her bean until she was moist, I planted kisses until I got to her wet cunt moved my tongue in circles around her clit and my index and middle finger were playing inside her creamy pot she moaned softly, she squirted and that drove me crazy I couldn't help myself I got in between her legs and moved slowly in circles she said my name very slow, the way she moved her hands on my back and she played with my anus it sent me into a frenzy. We switched positions and twerked my cock I kept on spanking her ass it made the most sweetest sound and our moans filled the room we both came at the same time.

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Hlomphe

I watched Khukhu leaving her flat going to old fashion fish and chips in Bree street, I want to talk to her but she won't give me a light of a day she keeps on pushing me away.

I got off my car and walked to the shop people started screaming and asking to take pictures with me it is when she realised I was following her she cancelled her order and walked out I couldn't get away from the crowd rule number one never disappoint your fans we took pictures and I have few autographs to those who needed them.

I kept looking for her she was nowhere to be found I went back to Newtown flats the guard didn't want to let me in even when I produced my ID and drivers licence, I took R500 and gave it to him he let me in stupid guard money speaks when you are desperate to this people. I knocked few times before she opened, when she saw it was me she let out a sigh and tried to close the door on my face I blocked with my shoe and went in.

Her: you just can't stay away from me now can you?

Me: I can't sisi..may I sit

Her: Jah dula(you may sit)

Me: Kholofelo I am really sorry am sorry for not making contact with you.

Her: is that all?

Me: no Khukhu I had to be away so I can protect you from danger I had to be away .

Her: besides the lavish lifestyle you also doing something illegal right?

Me: what?

Her: yes you are, are you selling drugs or killed people?

Me: no nothing like that.

Her: so what danger were you protecting us from?

Me: I can't tell you but know am back for you guys.

Her: that too late for you

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we managed just fine without you and as you can see am doing good.

Me: good in prostitution? Does Agnes know about this?

Her: wether she knows or not atleast she doesn't go to bed hungry and her medical bills are taken care off.

Me: you feeding her with dirty money? Sleeping with different man every night and you even proud of yourself with what you are doing Kholofelo"o seke wa kgoba ka mmele" don't you remember that scripture? Agnes always preached that.

Her: who died and made you "The great Pope"? You know what I think you have over stayed your welcome.

She opened the door for me I got up and walked out she clicked her tongue and slammed the door.

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Shane

I have been drinking the whole weekend I can't believe Purity ended things with me I don't react well to rejection infact I don't love rejection. Alot of you are wondering why am busy chasing after her when she always takes my love and throw it on my face, the reason is I love her she is the kind of woman you can take home she is well mannered , I know that she can take care of a household yes she has her flaws but no one is

perfect right? I know my parents will be happy if I say she is the girl I want to marry. I dialled her number again and it took me to voicemail. I gulped down the shot of whiskey and threw the glass against the wall.

Me: Purity what the hell are you doing to me.

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Khensi

I went to visit Hlompho and to my surprise I found his old friend sitting in the lounge sipping on some red wine, this the third time I find this girl here she seemed to be more than just a friend and everytime I get here she just ups and leave, I made my way in and greeted her.

Me: hey girl where is Hlompho?

Her: he went to buy Pizza down the road.

Me: oh I see so you were going to have supper without me

Her: oh sorry but you here now.

Me: I am ..so tell me what do you do for a living?

Her: I..work for club Eclipse am a hostess.

Me: I can tell. How long have you been friends with my husband?

She shifted uncomfortably on the couch and sipped her wine again, I hope she is not sleeping with him and the way she dressed it shows she is more than just a hostess. She got up and went to the bathroom. Hlompho got it

Him: I hope you hungry cause Lover... Khensi.

Me: hey love

Him: what are you doing here?

Me: to see my man ofcourse.

I kissed him and we sat down having light conversation you can tell how uncomfortable Purity was she kept on stealing glances at us I held Hlompho's hand and kissed him.

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Khensi

I could tell that Purity was really getting uncomfortable she kept on shifting on the couch and the way she was gulping down her wine. I kissed Hlompho again.

Me: slow down girl or do you want to vomit?

Her: no just that this wine taste really good

Me: unfortunately that was the last bottle

Her: that's bad. I should get going.

She took out her phone am assuming she is requesting for an uber, she tried to get up and she fell back on the couch.

Me: how about I take you home? You can't go home alone very drunk Hilbrow is very dangerous at this time of the night.

Her : I would appreciate that but I stay in New town.

Me: then let's go. Babe I will be back before you know it.

Him: how about I come with you

Me: we will be fine babe relax right Purity?

Her: yeah we will be fine and if she needs something she will call you back.

We drove in silence I need to know why is she busy after my man and Hlompho has never mentioned any friend by her name and I know for a fact they don't work together or went to varsity together.

Me: so how do you know Hlompho?

Her: its a long story doll

Me: the drive is also long so shoot come with it.

Her: where do I begin ?

Me:anywhere you want so are you going to tell me.

Her: we met at Thokoza we both grew up in Thokoza maybe you know it, well when I came here in South Africa I became friends with his sister who later introduced me to him and we started dating.

I immediately stopped my car good thing is there were no cars coming our direction or else we would have been involved in a car accident. I looked at her again before driving she looked serious like a heart attack.

Me:dating as in boyfriend and girlfriend?

Her: yes as in that he was my one true love you know but then things didn't work out for us so we became best friends.

Me: I didn't know he hardly talks about his past.

Her: I wouldn't too knowing that I left my poor grandmother I never had a good upbringing my grandmother always spit venom and know my sister is a prostitute don't you think its embarrassing?

Me: are you also one? I mean prostitute.

Her : please drop me off that block after robots

Me: ohk babes we should do this more often,can I have your numbers.

I gave her my phone and she punched in her numbers. This was one interesting night. Hlompho has some answering he needs to do.

Shane

I was waken up by a very loud bang the person kept on banging my door many times, I got up from the couch and went to open the door my father was standing holding hands with my mother. I am in trouble wonder why they are here.

Me: Batswadi

Dad: seun. are you going to let us in?

Me: oh please come in.

I stepped aside I saw mom looking around and shaking her head

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I went to pick up the empty cans of Castle light and the bottle of jack Daniels. I sat down feel embarrassed.

Dad: so you were having a drinking spree right? We were calling you the whole weekend with no luck of getting hold of you.

Ma: so we decided to come and see you. Shane are you alright

Me: am fine ma thanks for stopping by. Can I get you something to drink?

Her: no what you can do is go take a shower you smell like a tarven. I will cook something fast. ntate should bring you tea?

Dad nodded lightly I went to take shower I must say I really feel fresh its like I spent months without taking a bath my dad made his way in while I was wearing my pants.

Him: didn't know you not decent.

Me: its alright pa.

Him: son what's going on?

Me: I don't understand

Him: your phone was off, the house smell horrible you also look horrible what's going on is it your businesses? Are you losing them? How much do you need

Me: its nothing like that papa. Am just going through some stuff.

Him: is it her ?

He was pointing at Purity's picture yes I have one picture of her I always had her picture. I sat down and nodded. This girl will send me to rehab my heart still aches.

Me: she doesn't love me I tried so many times to show her how much I love her I was even willing to settle down for her.

Dad: as in like marriage or try something serious.

Me: both of them. Papa I really care a lot for this girl. She is the right one for me papa.

Dad: sounds like a special lady. Give her time she will come around.

Me: I hope so papa you guys want grandchildren and she will make the right mother.

Purity

I had to tell Khensi the truth she had to know that Hlompho was mine and he will still be mine she has competiton . When I got home I went straight to take a nice deserved bath I soaked my body in warm water while listening to music on my phone. A text came in it was from Hlompho" I had a good time" .I smiled like a retard looks like the universe is smiling at me again.

After my bath I wore a rob and prepared myself to go to bed when a knock came in I went to open the door Shane was standing in with folded arms.

Me:Shane?

Him: Purity. I miss you

Me: not this again Shane .

Him: Purity you know I don't beg and I don't run after girls they run after me, Purity do you know how much I love you

Me: Shane please I told you I have a boyfriend and we fixing our relationship.

Him: Purity you never had any boyfriend for as long as I can remember and now you do? Is he one of your clients? The ones you pick from my club?

Me: no Shane is late I think you should go.

Him: I refuse to leave Purity please give us a chance let me love you let me take care of you let me in .

He pulled me closer for a kiss gosh his lips always taste so sweet and they so soft. His hands moved all over my body and with no doubt it was a pool down there. This guy here is the only guy who has always confessed his love for me, his the only one who actually means the word "I love you" but my heart is with someone else my heart belongs to Hlompho. I pushed him away.

Him: tell me you don't love me and I will leave you alone.

Me: Shane don't make this difficult.

Him: OK Purity I will stay out of you and the time you ready to be with me I will be waiting but don't take too long.

He pecked my lips and walked away. I closed the door and cursed under my breath I hope he will forget about,as soon as I got in bed I went to dream land.

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Khensi

In the morning the sun was shining across my face my head was pounding I guess its the wine side effects I reached over my leften side and Hlompho was already up. I got up made my way to the bathroom to brush my teeth and have my morning pee then went to kitchen to find Hlompho, he was on the phone whoever his talking to surely knows how to put a very beautiful smile on his face he has never smiled at me like that before, when he saw me he cut his call shot.

Me: who was that?

Him:My manager he was reminding me about my interview with Glam magazine.

Me: oh that's nice did they send you questions?

Him: yes they did anyway how's my shiluvha doing

Me:am alright babes just having a headache

Him: come let me take the pain away.

He kissed my forehead then went for my lips

he picked me up I wrapped my legs on his waist my back was against the wall as he played with my clit I let out a moan, he directed his cock on my pot and trusted me hard my back was banging the wall I will sure feel pain after this,he kissed my neck I tilted my head giving him more access to it his warm breath on my neck and his groans sent me to the land of milk and honey as I creamed his cock with my cum and he shot his load after me.

Him: that was good

Me: yeah it was.

Him: do you still have headache?

I giggled and shook my head no he kissed me again then we went to take a shower.

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Purity.

Hlompho knows how to put a smile on face I don't remember the last time I was this happy infact I didn't know what

happiness is until this morning am glad he wants to fix our relationship. I searched for something I will wear tonight I want to look beautiful. My wardrobe has a lot of short dresses and few long dresses. Khukhu came in threw herself on my bed this girl is something else.

Her: what are you doing?

Me: looking for something am going to wear

Her: going somewhere with Shane?

Me: nope am going with Hlompho

Her: wait what?

Me:ndaive mukomo wako(I was with your brother) and we fixing our relationship

Her: what relationship? There's nothing to fix Purity .

Me:we having dinner tonight.

Her: oh I see so you letting him fool you? He lied to you before so what will change now

Me: can't you be happy for me I mean his back and we going to start afresh.

Her: I anticipate dissapointment here. This won't end well for you babes. You have Shane someone who loves you and you running after a soon to be married man.

Me: wow trust you to come with that.

Her: Neria you know Shane loves you and his the only guy who loves you with your clothes on imagine what will Hlompho say when he finds that you not just a hostess but a prostitute as well.

Me: are you going to tell him? Thought as much.

She shook her head no and clicked her tounge. If she thinks she will stand in my way of happiness she has to think again am not letting anyone stand in my way. I found a mustard dress that has an open back and a long slit on the side it will match with black painted stilletos.

Her: you going to wear the dress Shane bought you meeting another man? Yoh Purity.I give up on you.

She claped once then walked out. I have no doubt that tonight I will be happy.

Hlompho

The interview went very good all the questions asked I answered them with confidence I even mentioned Lebo on the article pleading with whoever has her to bring my sister home. After the interview I went home to freshen up and prepare a small intimate dinner for me and Purity I would have chosen the restaurant but you know how the paparazzi is they will have a field day on us.

After struggling in the kitchen Purity arrived she looked very sexy I couldn't help but drool on her.

Me: you look beautiful

Her: thank you. You also cleaned up good.

Me: come let's eat before our food get cold. I tried to make something worth eatable.

Her: its alright guess kitchen is not your thing.

Me:wow

Her: yes remember how you burned pap trying to impress me and we ended up eating bread with chicken feet.

We both laughed the conversation was on some other level we talked about everything my relationship with Khensi, our dreams.

Him: I love you Purity and it will make me happy if we work things out.

Her: I love you too and it will also make me happy if we work out. but what about Khensi? You know I don't share my man.

Me:let me handle her .

Her: you promise

Me: cross my heart hope to die.

Our lips locked she moved her hands all over my body. My cock was getting hard I stopped her when I thought of what will Isaac do to her if I hurt his daughter. She has been waiting for me and I don't think its fair to disappoint her and my affair is about to begin

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Purity

I really had a wonderful night with Hlompho I couldn't wait to see him again it sure feels good to be happy again. I did the chores around just to keep myself busy so I won't fall asleep after that I cooked lunch pap and mince meat can't remember the last time I ate the food I have cooked myself good thing is am not a bad cooker. I sat in front of TV watching the repeat of Green pastures and there was my man all handsome as ever I felt some goose bumps.

My phone rang and it was the club manager I know his calling just to take a shit on my head like he always does.

Me:hello

Him: Hi Purity am calling to tell you that your shift has been cancelled

Me:what? Why

Him: we have 8 girls on duty tonight.

Me:so you thought its better to cancel my shift out of all the girls you have?

Him: am sorry doll Shane said I should cancel it.

Me:that's bullshit OK you know I need money and I have to pay for those damn glasses.

Him:at least you have people who pay for your vagina so you can use it tonight.

Me:I beg your pardon.

Tututu he hung up on me. This guy is really crazy am going to show up at work if he has a problem with me then he will have to ask Bruno to escort me out and that's if he will be able to cause he tends to get weak when he sees me.

Khensi.

Me: hey bhuti Zweli did that girl come again?

Him: yes she did I think they were having dinner cause she did look very beautiful sisi.

Me: what time did she leave?

Him: she left around 02:30 I can't remember the time sis.

Me: I see thanks for keeping an eye on them. here are some bursary forms for your daughter tell her to fill them in and I will personally submit them.

Him: ngiyabonga sisi unkulunkuku aku busise. (may God bless you)

Me: kubonga Mina bhuti let me go in.

I see Hlompho likes spending time with Purity and that makes my body itche I don't mind him having friends but being friends with your ex doesn't make sense . I started by cleaning and making sure if she didn't leave her earnings or underwear. Good thing she didn't leave anything behind or else I would throw a fit. I decided on catching up with work before Hlompho comes home.

Shane

I saw Purity making her in the club in a gold dress and black thigh boots her dress was shorter than all the dresses I have seen her in I called her to my office.

Me: and what are you doing here?

Her: I came to work.

Me: didn't you get a call that your shift is cancelled?

Her: I did. Why would you cancel my shift?since when do my shifts get cancelled?

Me: there's a first time for everything.

Her: what?is this about me not wanting a relationship with you?why would you stoop so low?

Me: its not about that Purity.

Her: if its not then what is is all about?

Me: Take your bag and go home

Her: Nkosi please don't do this

When she calls me with my surname it makes my heart dance she releases a beast in me nothing makes a man happy like when a women calls her man with his surname. I looked at her

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her eyes were glossy she looked very innocent I felt like kissing her and making love to her all I want is to make her happy.

Me: just go home Purity will ask Mandla or Bruno to drive you home.

Her: no am not going anywhere

Me:yes you are.you know what I will take you home myself.

I picked her up and put her on my shoulder she was scream asking me to put her down she kept biting me and kicking and that got everyone's attention. When we got to the car I made sure that she has her sit belt on and we drove to New town we were there in less than 30minutes Braamfontein is not far from New town. She got out and slammed the door and made her way inside the building I had to wait until am sure she is not coming back.

Few weeks later

Hlompho

My relationship with Purity has been good we meet more often go out on dates hoping that no journalist can see us we just be discreet about it three days ago she spent a night in my house I did enjoy myself with even the love making it reminded me the first time I took her virginity. I took my phone and called her.

Her: hey babes

Me:hey love are you good?

Her: yeah and you?

Me:am good but you don't sound too what's wrong?

Her: its nothing serious.

Me: please tell me

Her: I had a nightmare you know those nightmares I once told you about.

Me: I remember have you ever thought of seeing someone maybe a therapist.

Her: no they will go away one day

Me:if you say so. When will I see you again?

Her: tonight its my day off

Me:alright I will come pick you up and we will go to Randburg

Her: cool I want us to go to some Thai restaurant

Me:anything for you babe let me get ready for work.

Her:Love you

Me: see you tonight.

Khensi

I have been feeling very fatigue lately I would find myself taking naps in my office sometimes on the couch not even energy drinks help. I opened the fridge to be caught by a very awful smell I felt like vomiting. I closed the fridge and opened it again.

Me: eeuww what is that smell ?

I took everything out and started cleaning the fridge we have a maid but she let's everything rot inside the fridge my parents should fire her she is getting useless anyway. My mom came in while I was disposing the meet in the black plastic bags.

Her : and then what are you doing?

Me:cleaning the fridge something your helper fails to do.

Her: she cleaned the fridge three days ago

Me: that she has to put the rotten meat back in the fridge

Her:haibo Khensi there's nothing wrong with that meat. you haven't even opened the other packets of meat.

Me: mama this is rotten and am taking it to the rubbish bin outside.

She shook her head as I took the meat outside not even dogs can eat this meat its very rotten. I made myself cereal then prepared myself for work.

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Lebo

I have never felt violated all my life my innocence was taken away by rich old men they didn't have any mercy as they were enjoying themselves with me some of the girls have died while trying to escape this horrible place we living in. We are denied access to the outside world we have never been to town even if you get sick they call a doctor for you, we live in a very huge house that has a very long wall the yard has green grass and palm trees it sure looks like Paradise but its hell surrounded by Lucifer and his friends.

I sat on my bed starring into space thinking about my grandmother and sisters I know we never got along very well but they loved me they did all they could to make sure I have food before I sleep. The door opened and it was some guy who looked young maybe same age as my lost brother.

Him:Hi you must Lexi

I rolled my eyes I hate this name they given me, I nodded and faked a smile we were told to smile at our clients so they can come back.

Him: am Richard may I sit.

Me:why not. So what are you doing here?

He looked very nervous especially when I took off my gown I unbuttoned his shirt and looked at him in the eye.

Him: I came with my friends well I didn't want to come but they forced me too one of them are in the next room.

Me: ohk so what do you want me to do?

Him: I beg your pardon

Me: do you want me to give you a blow job

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Him: I am not sure of what I want.

Me:listen here just do what you came here to do you came to have sex with me right go ahead take advantage of me like this other dirty man and stop wasting my time.

Him:relax lady am not here for that if you don't mind we can sit and talk.

Me:what?are you kidding me

Him:no but I want you to fake your moans please and I will pay for it. I don't want to sleep with you.

I sat down and let out a sob he covered my mouth and faked moans and groans on his own.I wish he came sooner before I got violeted.

Khensi

I woke up when I heard someone calling my name at first I thought I was dreaming but the person kept calling my name countless times. I opened my eyes to find some guy standing in the middle of the room I have never met him before he was wearing a black suit with a white shirt his bald head was very shining.

Me: hello may I help you?

Him: yes my name is Eric Rose from Roses cooperations we are a company that funds small business and sponsor organization that help young women hence the name Roses.

Me: oh please sit can I get you something to drink

Him:water will be fine please.

He sounds Italian. I asked ausi Thembi to bring us refreshments and he made me understand why he came to Ray of hope.

Him: I looked through your organization and am really impressed with what you doing for your fellow women, I must say you have given them a new meaning of life.

Me: thank you sir so what exactly brings you here?

Him: I want to be your sponsor.

Me:but we didn't approach you so I don't understand

Him: Miss Baloyi your organization stands out you putting girls through school, you finding jobs for unemployed women so I want to be your sponsor. I will donate money into your organization and give few learnships for your girls.

Me: oh that would be wonderful

Him: Roses corporations takes pride in CSI our aim is to uplift communities.

I have never heard such wonderful news in a long time I can't wait to tell my parents and Hlompho about this.

Hlompho

Me: I didn't know you love Thai food

Her: there are a lot of things you don't know about me

Me: really I thought I know Purity Neria(imitating Oliver Mtukudzi)

Her: you know the old and young Purity.

Me:so what do you want to eat

Her:Pad Thai(Thai style fried noodles)

Me: noodles you eat that everyday .

Her: what about you?

Me:Pad Krapow Moo Sap(fried Basil and pork)

Her: ohk I will have that even thou I was craving Pad Thai

She pulled a puppy look she looked cute. I asked the waitress to bring our food and we enjoyed ourselves she talks for days. Her phone beeped it was a what's app text from Shane. she immediately removed her phone from the table.

Me: who is Shane

Her: he is a nobody

Me: I see.

Someone stood behind her and touched her shoulder she slowly turned and she froze like she is seeing a ghost.

Purity

I didn't believe my eyes what stood in front of almost made want to vomit all the food I have consumed. This guy has a nerve of touching me after he almost killed me I wish I did take Khukhus advise.

Him:what brings you here.

Me: Hi Jake

Him: what brings you here? I have been calling you but your phone goes to voicemail

Me: oh I blocked your number.

Him: why would you do that? Am really sorry about the last time.

Me: well so am I. As you can see am in the middle of my date.

He laughed so hard that everybody in the restaurant stopped eating all eyes were on us he shook his head .

Him: are you going to sleep with him too and take his money?

Me: excuse me

Him: nyexcuse me..what do you know about dates?

Me: Jake please leave me alone

Him: sorry bro careful of this one she might have a lot of diseases please use a condom.

I felt my blood boiling this guy disgust me to the core his could he say that just because I blocked his number now he wants to be an asshole I slapped him. He shook his head and walked away I turned and looked at Hlompho who was shooting daggers at me I bet he has already changed his mind about me.

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Purity

I didn't know what to say I was hoping the truth won't come out. I looked at him and faked a smile.

Me: are you done eating?

Him: who was that?

Me: his a nobody just someone I happen to know.

Him: is that so? What did he mean you have diseases?

Me: I don't know his angry cause I refused to be in a relationship with him. I don't date married man.

Him: I see. I hope you not some call girl like my sister.

Me: relax am not.

He nodded. I just had to lie to him I won't lose him because of Jake his stupid to think I will tremble when I saw him.

Me: did you tell Khensi about us?

Him: not yet but I will tell her .

Me:Hloms I don't like this thing of snooping around with you I mean we both grown ups and you guys are not married.

Him: we engaged and soon we...

Me: you going to brake it off. I waited for so many years for you please end it.

Khensi

My meeting with Mr Rose went well he gave me a contract that I have to sign before signing it I have to ask our family lawyer to view it and tell me what he thinks about it. This means more opportunities are coming for my girls.

I called Hlompho wanted to tell him the good news his phone sent me to voicemail I pray his not with Purity. I decided to call her she picked thank God.

Her: hi Khensi

Me: hey babes are you good

Her: good love.

Me: I was checking up on you.what are your plans tomorrow?

Her: I have no plans .

Me: great tomorrow night we going to get some drinks at Rosebank.

Her: why not in New town?

Me: girl you always in New town so let's go to Rosebank my treat and I will pick you up.

Her: alright then

Me: please dress to impress ohk. See you bye.

Isaac

I have taken interest in Khensi organization that I asked an old friend of mine to pretend to be someone from Rose corporations

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her organisation is doing very well and it has alot of women and that is good for my business. The money I will get from selling them it will go to her organisation, a man has to do something to put food on the table.

Eric walked in my office he took his time off and sat down I poured him a glass of my fine cognac and lit a cigar for him.

Me: how did it go?

Him: pretty good my friend.

Me: that's what I love to hear.

Him: she said she will sign the contract after reading it.

Me: that was fast how did you pull that one.

Him: Isaac clearly you don't know me that well. Once we have the girls we sending them to Russia?

Me: we will see right now let's celebrate.

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Shane

I came to Durban for a couple of days Durb lifestyle will be launched in three days time so I don't want any slip ups or running around like a headless chicken doing the last minute things I want everything to be perfect, I came with my little sister since she has been nagging to come with me.

I got off bed to take my morning jog just to clear my head before attending all my meetings I need to have a clear head cause today is going to be a busy day. As I was running down the beach I saw a lady sitting down looks like she sprained her ankle part of me wanted to pass her the other was against it if I pass her I wouldn't be a gentleman right? I slowed down and kneeled before her.

Me: hey is everything okay?

Her: no please help me I have sprained my ankle

Me: oh sorry let me see.

I touched her ankle and she flinched in pain. Her eyes were already glossy looks like am dealing with a cry baby.

Me:does it hurt that much?

Her:ofcouse it does what do you expect

Me:okay am sorry listen let me take you home and we will put some ice on it.

Her:please do that I will direct you to my place.

I helped her up and put her on my back and we went to her hotel room

Khensi

I met up with my father's lawyer and he said its alright to sign the contract he doesn't see anything wrong with it. I immediately signed it and asked MrRose to meet up with me at Sushi corner that is in WaterFall. I was craving for sushi can't remember the last time I had sushi. Our meeting went well

then we parted ways. I have to prepare myself for tonight am going out with Purity.

I did some shopping and did my nails. I decided on wearing a white long sleeved dress that has gold pearls on top until on the sleeves with gold hoop earrings and gold block heels hell am going to look like a yummy snack.

Shane

Me: let's put more ice so it could swell down.

Her: thanks for helping me. Une nhliziyo enhle.

Me: ukusiza nje akukoho ukuningi.

Her: but thank you.

Me: My name is Shane Nkosi.

Her: I am Senzi Khumalo

Me: Senzi?

Her: its short of Senzeleokuhle

Me: yoh that is very long name Makhumalo.

She giggled. We ordered a room service and we talked for a while I even forgot I had meetings until my phone started ringing my club manager was breathing down my neck I hurried back to my hotel room to bath and attend my meetings.

Purity

I fixed my hair one more time before heading out. I have to look perfect we going to a very porch place everything there is porch and they always play expensive music

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music that smoothens your soul. I wore a turquoise dress that has a triangle shape on the front showing a littlebit of skin which is my stomach, red bottom heel. I walked out my room my flat mates were having supper.

Khukhu: where are you going?

Me: going out for drinks with your sister inlaw?

Her: sister in law?

Me: yes Khensani Baloyi do you want to come with?

Her: no I will pass.

Me alright then you missing out babes.I checked my phone if theres any messages from Hlompho or bank notifications I have asked Shane to borrow me money and he never replyd. Khensi came and we left for Rosebank.

Khensi

When we arrived the club was a bit empty we went to the VViP session we found a place to sit we got our most in an ice bucket and had a small conversation. I am interested in her life and in Hlompho's past I need to make sure that she is not trying to get back with him.

Me: do you have a boyfriend?

Her:of course I do what kind of a question is that?

Me: am just asking I mean if you don't have a boyfriend I will find you one tonight. You must come with a date on my wedding.

Her: your wedding? When are you getting married

Me:I will send you an invitation you just make sure that you have a date.

Her:I will certain do.

Me: you have been checking your phone what's wrong?

Her: its nothing .

Me:hope you told your boyfriend you having drinks with me I don't want him to kill you.

We both laughed. DJ Chocolate bar brand new healing came in and she stood up to dance she really know how to move with the beat of a song. This is the type of song that doesn't need any voshos or gwara gwara this a song for sophisticated people. I envied her I wish I could dance just like her she was getting all

the attention from the single guys. She came back and sat down there wasn't even any sweat.

Me:girl you got moves

Her: thanks babes I love that song.its one expensive track right there.

Me:you right and looks like the guy you were dancing with loved you he is coming to our table.

Her: let him come he will go back to his table wit a tail between our legs I have a boyfriend.

Before the guy could utter any words she got up answering her phone leaving me with a guy who felt like a dandruff that has been brushed off real quick. She came back after 30 minutes followed by a waiter who had an ice bucket filled with two bottles of moët and strawberry lips.

We had a good time we were both drunk and I can't drive drunk or let her drive my car I don't trust anyone with my car even Hlompho knows that. I called my father to come pick us up since Hlompho switched his phone off.

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Purity

Mr Baloyi came and picked us up he looks more reserved like he doesn't speak that much. Khensi fell asleep immediately when we got in the car.

Him: your friend didn't introduce us. I am Isaac Baloyi.

Me: Purity.

Him: nice meeting you Purity with no surname. Where do you live?

Me: I stay in New Town.

Him: that's far how about you spend a night at our place then in the morning will ask a driver to take you home hope it's not a problem.

Me: it's not a problem sir.

Him: Isaac please. Aren't you going to call your family let them know you not coming?

Me: I stay alone so it's not a big deal.

He raised one eye brow and nodded along the way we shared jokes here and there he told me a little about his Princess and Hlompho that made my stomach turn.

We arrived to their house he showed me the guest room and immediately fell asleep.in the morning I used the face cloth I found in the ensuite bathroom then left after requesting an Uber I had to leave before I hear another story of the Princess and Hlompho.

Shane

I went to look for Senzi and they said she has checked out I felt disappointed I wanted to invite her to come at the launch of Durb lifestyle. I went back to my hotel room checking my messages and emails I got one from Purity thanking me about transferring money in her account, I still don't get why is she asking for money when she is working and ended things with me. I called her and she picked up.

Her: hello Shane

Me: hey are you alright?

Her:. Alright thanks for the money

Me: sure no problem. When are you going to pay me back?

Her: month end

Me: good cause I want it back benginga beji phela.

She laughed I felt my heart feeling warm how I miss her

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I miss being around her just waking up next to her.

Me: alright see you when I come back.

Her: where are you?

Me: am in Durban for the launch. You were supposed to come with me but then again.

Her: am sorry Shane anyway enjoy the launch Nkosi.

We said our goodbyes and she hanged up. I let out a sigh I really miss her .

Khensi

I ran to the bathroom when I woke up I felt like vomiting I spend a couple of minutes vomiting then rinsed my mouth. I went downstairs to have breakfast with my family. Before I sat down I was hit by a horrible smell I ran to the bathroom to vomit again .

Dad; are you alright Khensi

Me: am ok papa just a little hangover

Him: you drank alot last night.

Me: I know papa

Ma: you have been vomiting alot lately you might be pregnant.

My dad stopped eating and looked at me without blinking, my heart skipped a bit this explains all the fatigue I have been having and the vomiting I need to visit our family doctor to confirm it.

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Khensi

I attended my appointment with our family doctor good thing is I had booked him he is a very busy man, he asked me to pee on the stick and we waited for the results.

Him: your results Khensi

Me:it shows two lines ..does it mean am pregnant

Him: yes congratulations you going to be a mother.

Me:wow I don't know what to say.

I felt overwhelmed I didn't know what to do should I cry or scream.

Him:would you like a pregnancy scan?

Me: no I will do that at the end of the week.

Him:very well then you can make an appointment with my assistant.

Me: I will sure do .thanks again

Him:you welcome Khensi.

I can't wait to break the news to the love of my life. Our lives are about to change for good.

Shane

The club looked very beautiful everything was amazing people came in large numbers, the ladies were dripping hot it was sauce after sauce not to mention guys who were also dressed to impress.

I stood behind the bar admiring what I see it's safe to pay myself for a job well done. I helped the bar tenders to serve drinks well am good in making cocktails. The music was playing and people were enjoying themselves.

I went to make a welcoming speech and to thank people for supporting me. Someone tapped me on the shoulder I turned to look who it was.

Me: MaKhumalo

Her: BabuNkosi

We hugged I couldn't believe my eyes I thought she had left .

Me: I thought you left.

Her: I moved into the company apartment staying at the hotel was not permanent.

Me:oh so you not from around here?

Her: yes am actually from Gauteng so I relocated here because of work.

Me: I see am glad to see that your ankle has heeled.

Her:thanks to you.

She flashed a smile and bit her lower lip. She is very beautiful. We found a place to sit and we had couple of drinks before she decided to leave

I asked for her phone number instead she asked me to give my phone numbers.

Hlompfo

Me: you look beautiful

Her: thank you

Me:come here Purity

I pulled her closer to me and our lips locked and our clothes were flying all over the room she rubbed my balls and I played with her clit our breathing was changing she went down on her knees and gave me head I grabbed her head as I fucked her mouth she deepped throat my cock I felt my hair pulling up I picked her up and kissed her.

Her: condoms?

Me:they in my drawer let me get them.

She played with her pussy while I was rolling down the condom.
She flipped me over and got ontop of me .

Her: let me take care of you.

Me:ahhh please do babe .

She sat ontop of me and pumped on me I was enjoying myself she knows how to make a grown man cry. She switched position doing a reversed cow girl her ass was wobbling I got my fingers in her butt hole and she moaned louder she spoke in Shona her orgasm came and her moans were becoming very faint I pumped while still under her body and I shot my load in a condom and we fell asleep.

Lebo

I said my morning prayer before going to soak my body in a bath tub. I still pray everyday the same way ausi Agnes has taught me prayer keeps me going alot of people would have

given up by now but I chose to see beyond this if I pray God will answer me some day.

After taking a bath I wore a short red skirt with a white lacy top that shows my boobs not something I would wear but what can I say I have to wear like a dirty hoe everyday, our leader told us that we have guest waiting in the dinning room and they going to pick who they want to sleep with right there I felt like screaming.

Me: Lord be with me.

We marched to the dinning room and we stood in line looking at this thirsty and disgusting man ,I scanned the room and I saw Richard he smiled at me. He raised his hand.

Him: I would love to pay for that girl in a red skirt .what's your name baby girl.

I looked at him with my eyebrows furrowed, he nodded slightly.

Me: seductive Lexi

Him: yes I want her she is really seductive.

He paid the amount they asked for without complaining and we went to my room.

Me: what are you doing here?

Him: to see you and saving you from those old dirty man.

Me: you shouldn't have.

Him:it's nothing you know what you have to do right.

Me:fake moans?

Him: yes so come let's do it

We faked moans making sure that the bouncers who stood by the stairs don't come knocking on my door thinking am not working.

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Purity

I enjoyed my night with Hlompho I wish we could stay in bed the whole day just talking and watching movies but what can I say when duty and that Khensi girl call. I don't know why she doesn't leave him cause by the look of things his not that happy. I received a message from Khensi inviting me to have dinner with her and the rest of the family I rolled my eyes getting out of bed gosh I don't even think I can survive hours being with her in the same room.

Hlompho

Work has been keeping me busy though I could still spend some time with Purity and Khensi. I love both of them I don't know how can one love two people at the same time the love I have for them is different I don't love them equally. I love Purity but not the same way I did as teenagers. Khensi is a wonderful person she has a big heart she loves unconditionally though she has her insecurities.

I have been lost in my own world when Isaac and Adzi walked in they had some files in their hands they both stopped talking once they realized I was in the office.

Isaac: oh Hloms you came I thought you won't come.

Me: I am here so what's the meeting all about.

Him: we will start shortly we waiting for the guest of honor

Me:guest of honor?

Him: yes someone very important. Adzi pour us some drinks.

Adzi:sure boss.Hloms Scotch or a pink cocktail?

Me: pink cocktail will do.

They both laughed and We talked for a while then the guest of honour arrived they introduced him as Eric R I don't know what the R stands for.

Isaac: gentleman we are on another mission of the girls and the drugs.the drug we have has to be in China in the next few weeks.

Me: girls again? Please excuse me.

Him: Hloms you walk out on us someone will be in trouble.

Me: what?

Him: you know very well what am talking about.

Me: so you have Lebo? Where is she

Him: I know nothing about Lebo so please sit down.

I felt my stomach turning this guy has a huge hold on me and this time he won't just take Khukhu he might even kill ausi Agnes or worse go after Purity. I sat down slowly.

Him:as I was saying the girls Adzi you know what you must do right. Hlompho you working with Adzi on this one we don't want any slip ups. Eric?

Him: well the drug gentleman is very dangerous it can kill you if you not careful with it. How we get it to China is pretty simple we going to operate the girls or put it inside their pussies.

He took a small plastic that had purple tablets he crushed them and smoked it. He smiled as he wiped the remaining powder of it.

Him: Gentleman you have to be careful with this drug. It kills once the pill dissolves chances are the person can die. You don't mix it with water and don't use it on pregnant woman.

Adzi: so who is going to operate the girls?

Me:that sounds dangerous won't they die?

Him: we have doctors specially trained for this.so relax.

Adzi: and the packaging?

Him:we put it in one plastic each plastic will carry 20.

By just listening to them my stomach turned I feared for all the girls they going to abduct. I got up and stood by the window how can they be this cruel I mean Rhino horn pouching is way better than abducting girls some of them die before they even leave the country.

Isaac: Gentleman we done here let's meet tomorrow some of us we have family dinner we must attend.

We parted ways and went to meet Khensi and her mother at Park Town restaurant to my surprise Purity was also there my heart skipped winder why is she here.

Purity.

When I saw Hlompho walking in I smiled my heart danced with love this guy wakes all the dead feelings I had . I felt like hugging him and kissing him the universe is smiling at me. We exchanged greetings and we ordered food and had a conversation most of it was my childhood with Hlompho and how I came to South Africa I had to lie about my past am not ready to share with anyone.

Khensi: am sure you wondering why I called you here.

Hloms: tell us I hope its good news some of us could do with them.

Her:it is good news.lately I have been receiving good news.

Me: are you going to tell us or you will keep us in suspense.

Her:alright then Hlompho I love you so much I can't see my life without you. Thank you so much my love for trusting me with your seed.

Him:seed?

Her: yes baby.mama and papa Hlompho and I we expecting a baby.

Him:what?

Her:am pregnant.

I spit my drink out and het father chocked on his meat. This was a shock on all of us I suddenly felt hot my whole body was feeing hot and my heart was breaking. I looked at Hlompho who couldn't speak even when his mouth was wide open. I got up from the table without asking to be excused I walked out of the restaurant walking slowly my knees were very weak I don't know if I could walk until I reach the traffic lights. Love has failed me again.

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A week later.

Purity

I haven't heard from Hlompho ever since that day we found out Khensi is pregnant. This is one bitter pill to swallow I thought that I will be happy again turns out I will never know what happiness is.

Zwide stood behind me and wrapped his arms around me planting kisses behind my neck. I wish he could do what he has to do then let me go cause honestly I don't enjoy his kiss.

Him: ready for another round sweetness?

Me: yes daddy Z

Him: that's good now bend over for daddy.

He bent me over roughly I got my hands balanced with a chair. He whipped me with a belt before going.

Him: you such a naughty girl making daddy Z this hungry huh?

He pumped me roughly while hissing and puffing behind me. I wasn't enjoying it my mind drifted to the night at the restaurant my heart broke all over again I started letting out faint sobbs this pig behind me thinks am enjoying it. It was quick didn't last any longer after that I went to take a quick shower then took my money that he paid me and went back to New Town.

Hlomphe

I still don't believe that Khensi is pregnant and am going to be a father the thought of it scares me. I am not afraid of being a father am afraid of what if we make enemies like Jao then he comes for my child and his mother? What will I be without my child. This gives me so many reasons to quiet this whole illegal business and do right by my child.

Doctor: this is the head

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legs oh his opening his mouth your baby is a foodie.

Me:how many months is she?

Him:5months pregnant.

Me: what? How is that possible?

Him:what do you mean?

Me: why didn't we know she is pregnant from before.

Him: it happens sir sometimes you won't have any sickness from the early days of conceiving it happens a lot of time and its normal.

Me:are you going to pull the "I didn't know I was pregnant "shit on me?

Him: no sir what am saying is a lot of women do find late on their pregnancy . not every women will find that she is pregnant after 2 weeks no , see this...

Me:are we done here?

Him: yes we done.

Me:Khensi I will wait for you outside I need to make a call.

Khensi should have known that she is pregnant the moment she missed her period I thought all women know their bodies turns out she didn't even know her own body

Shane

I have been spending some time with Senzi she is a beautiful person with a huge sense of humour. I feel her aura I don't even have to try too hard to have a conversation with her. We sitting at the beach enjoy the sun and the beautiful breeze of Durban.

Her: I wish you were staying a little bit longer.

Me: I wish I was taking you with me

Her: I am going to miss you.

Me: I will miss you too.

Her: can't you stay a bit longer?

Me: my club Eclipse needs me my love but I will be back before you know it.

I kissed her forehead my phone ringed it was Purity calling me wonder why is she calling me I looked at Senzi not sure to answer or just let it ring.

Her:I think you should answer it what if it is important could be about your club or anything. I moved away and talked to her she sounded very upset and it broke my heart I felt like I could be with her right away this girl has one strong hold on me and I don't know when will I bury my feelings for her. We talked for a while until I heard her laughing we said our goodbyes and I went back Senzi.

Khensi

What Hlompho did was very uncalled for he was rude for no reason and I don't even understand why he was being difficult.I

went Ray of Hope to print out the learnership applications for the girls and handed them out to them .

Me: girls this learnership will change your lives. Imagine working for big company like Rose and earning R6000 this is amazing right.

They replied in unison you can see excitement written in their faces you can tell this means a lot to them. Most of them come from disadvantage background and they know what poverty is what I like about them is they are hungry for change they hungry for a better life and they are very ambitious.

Me: I wish you all the best and girls please do me proud cause a Ray of hope has been given to you.

They all laughed and promised to do better once they get the learnership.

Purity

Its funny how life can kick you and you find your self running back to the person you said you don't need. I was so upset that the first person I thought of was Shane. I don't know how many times he has been confessing his love for me but I would turn him down. I bit my lower lip after talking to him on the phone as if I could taste his lips on mine he is sure a good kisser.

Khukhu: that was Shane on the phone?

Me:eavesdropping?

Her:of course I was. How did the date with Baloyi family go?

Me:disaster with a capital D Kholofelo.

Her: oh no what happened.

Me: Khensi is pregnant.

Her: wow that's good.

Me:good? How can you say that.

Her: babes I told you so many times that Hlompho has moved on and you should do the same. Hlompho is going to marry Khensi.

Me: Khukhu you not helping but putting salt on a fresh wound.

Her: I think you should be with Shane that guy loves you even a blind man can see that. How many times has he told you he loves you hell he even wants to change your life Neria think about it let Hlompho go cause this won't end well if you busy chasing after Hlompho.

Maybe she is right I should let Hlompho go but how do I let him go when am so much in love with him I never stopped loving him this guy is everything to me but now there's a baby in the picture.

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Shane

When I arrived at Jo'burg the person I wanted to see was Purity is funny how love can make someone a fool. I have shown my love for her so many times treated her like a queen she is but all of that was thrown in my face here I am wanting to see her before I even see my family.

I walked into my club scanning the room and it was empty meaning we haven't opened our doors. She was standing behind the bar counter writing something on a her diary she always carries with her when coming to work

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she was humming a song while writing. I sat down and cleared my throat she lifted her eyes and smiled at me.

Her: I didn't know that you coming today.

Me: so you didn't get the memo?

Her: obviously I didn't .how are you Nkosi?

Me: am good miss Nyakunda.

Her: can I get you something to drink.

Me:yeah coffee will do am a bit tired.

She poured me coffee and carried on writing. I looked at at her before she looked at me back. Why did she turn me down? She is making it difficult for me to be in the same room as her without wanting to kiss her,she looked at me her eyes says a lot and she is making me weak.

Her: Shane am sorry about the last time.I know you mean well and you wanted to be the right guy for me. I won't be able to love you the way that you do.

Me:I understand what you saying. I thought you would see that I dearly love you and I ment every word I said to you. Purity I love you with all your mistakes and probably am the only guy who means it when I say I love you

She looked away her body motion says a lot she wants to say more but she is holding back. She removed the dreadlocks that was covering her right eye.

Me: I wish you did let me in and allow me make you my wife but what can I say your boyfriend bit me up to it. Let's leave the past in the past but always know am just a phone call away or one taxi away should you want to come by my place.

Her: Shane..

Me: shhh don't say anything. I will be in my office if someone is looking for me.

I got up and walked away with no doubt she is looking at me I can feel her eyes piercing through my soul she is the only girl who can make me change my walk when she is looking at me wonder how does she do it.

Purity

"Probably am the only guy who means it when I say I love you" those words echoed in my ears the whole night it did hit the nerve he is the only guy who meant it and the only guy who loved me with my clothes on. Hlompho really broke my heart I

didn't think he will do this to me not when we just found each other.

After work I waited outside for an uber to come and drop me home it was around 3am when a car stopped next to me. The person rolled down his window it was Hlompho.

Him: hey let me take you home

Me: no thanks.

Him: come on Purity dont be like this I have been waiting for you the whole night. we need to talk.

Me: talk about what?

Him: are you going to stand there or you will get in the car?

I got in and we drove in awkward silence this guy is here to stab my heart one more time. I have cried a lot all this years can't I just be happy for once without being stabbed in the heart by people who claim to love me.

Khensi

Dad: when is the wedding?

Me:we don't have a date yet papa

Him:it better be soon cause you not having that child out wedlock.

Me:I don't think I will get married soon remember you want me to stay as a Baloyi.

He kept quiet for a while and drank his whiskey he must be thinking very hard about what I said. It will make me happy taking Hlompho's surname I mean he is the right man for me and it makes sense to use his surname.

Him:alright you will take his surname now there's a baby in a picture.

Me: Thanks papa you will have to tell him right.

Him:I will tell him tell me something have you heard anything about the Rose company?

Me: yes and I have given the girls the learnership forms.

Him: that's good how many are they and age.

Me: 10 girls and they between the age of 20 to 30 .Papa they so excited about this learnships this is a great opportunity for them.

Him: this will sure change their lives for good.

Me: am doing well for myself wow.

He refilled his glass and typed something on his laptop and I sent some emails to our other sponsors but the Rose company is the best thing that has ever happent to Ray of hope.

Hlomphe

I know I have let Purity down but I need to be honest with her I need to tell her to forget about me and I don't want to put her in trouble with Isaac he is a very dangerous man it won't take him an hour to kill her or kill her guardian.

Me: am sorry about the last time I didn't know she is pregnant.

Her:what do you mean when you say you didn't know.

Me:am saying she also didn't know about her pregnancy she found out on that day she told us about it.

Her:Hlompho we just found each other. What does this all mean?

Me:Purity am sorry.

Her:I waited years for you for what?for you to rip my heart out of my chest? Hlompho I love you I never stopped loving you.

Me:Purity a lot is at stake her not just me or the baby but a lot of people will get hurt if we don't end this.

Her: Hlompho please don't do this to us . you know you need me as much as I need you I love you Hlompho let's work on this or let's leave the country if it will make you happy.

She wiped her eyes with her hand. She looked up to blink tears away but they kept falling. I have hurt her a lot I pulled her closer and pecked her lips.I don't know what to do with her she is already broke her heart.

Me: we will figure this out let's wait for her to give birth.

Her: so that means I will remain your side chick?and the wedding?

Me: there won't be any wedding . I love you Purity .

Her:I love you too. Wanna go upstairs with me?

Him: no let's go to a hotel in Sandstone just spend a night there.

She smiled at me. I have opened a can of worms here and I have to be careful with all of this. Its hard to leave her and I pray that no one will find out about us.

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Lebo

It has been days not seeing Richard his presence saved me from the dirty old men that am forced to sleep with, we would sit and talk about the Bible am glad I have met someone who is spiritual because this hell whole can drive you insane, he has given me a hope that I will get out of this place someday, am lucky that I haven't been fed drugs just because I don't want to cooperate when you have to sleep with more than one guy, I agree to do whatever they say I must do cause this is survival of the fittest.

One afternoon a strange man came in I have never seen him before , his look made my skin crawl and his eyes were very cold I struggled to look at him in the eye

he had three gold rings on his right hand, tattoos on his face and very pink lips.

Him: hello pretty thing

Me: hi am Lexi

Him: am Domingo. You the pretty thing that makes old men cry right. I heard alot about you.

Me: good things i hope.

Him: good things only pretty thing..good things only.

This makes me feel like am a master of Karma Sutra techniques and all I do is take instructions from men I sleep with. He took a pill and swallowed he gave me one and I looked at him

Him: it's a energy pill relax I won't drug you. You going to need this pill cause I booked you for the whole night.

I took the pill five minutes later my whole body started feeling very funny, whatever he was saying to me sounded feverish my voice was very faint he took my clothes off and had his way with me, he pleased himself and tortured me with a tazer.

Hlompfo

I enjoyed my night with Purity I wish I was brave enough to end things with her but how do I do that without breaking her heart? Do I allow her in my world full of cruelty or break her

heart anyway? If something bad happens to her I will never forgive myself.

Isaac came to my house whatever that has brought him here must be really serious.

Me: what brings you here

Him: we must talk son. Can I have a drink.

I poured us a glass of Hennessy.

Him: you must marry my daughter no grandchild of mine will be born out of wedlock.

Me: marry someone who will still use your surname

Him: she is taking your surname. This is something that you both want.

Me: marrying your daughter comes with a lot of things. A lot of people will get hurt.

Him: what people ?

Me: if I marry her you let me go because I don't want to be in this illegal business or I tell your wife and daughter about them.

Him:are you giving me an ultimatum or threatening me?

Me:take it how ever you want.

Him:marry her and I will let you go.

I extend my hand to him he looked at at it he didn't say anything he just left. Looks like I got him where I wanted him.

Shane

I watched Purity arguing with some guy he kept on touching Purity roughly. I think it's one of her clients the guy kept on pulling her closer to him she tried fighting back until the guy slapt her on the face. It made my blood boil I hurried to him and punched him on his nose.

Him:Purity who is this?

Me:leave before I rearrange your face

Him: you sleeping with him too huh does he know that you a good for nothing prostitute.

Me: I said leave.

Him: no am not going anywhere.you busy defending this whore here ,are you expecting a free pussy?

Me: you still talking to me?

I got closer to him he stepped back busy cursing at Purity. I punched him twice on his face and he fell I got ontop of him and fed him my fists,Purity was screaming begging me to stop she came and pulled me away.

Her: go away please.

She hugged me trying to calm me down I was really fuming she whispered sweet nothings in my ear just to calm me down.

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Shane

I watched Purity while she was asleep a lot of emotions spread on her face,her facial expressions she said a lot and she was having those bad dreams again. She cried and only this time she spoke English not shona

Her: please let them go they going to die they did nothing wrong,I beg you please. Aunty Grace please talk to them please tell them it was a mistake my mom didn't do anything aunt Grace please.

Her voice was breaking she was crying whatever dream it is surely broke her a thousand time. My heart was also breaking I couldn't watch her suffer like this in her sleep. I woke her up and when she opened her eyes I enveloped her into a hug while rubbing her back

Me:am sorry babe this will end

Her:when Shane it won't end

Me: let me help you let me get you professional help

Her:I don't want help I want them to stop

Me:please look at me.

I wipe her tears with my thumb,cupped her face I looked deep into her eyes and sadness is what I saw

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she is a broken soul and it will take time for her to find healing if she let's me help her I will be by her side always.

Me: you need help Purity and don't be stubborn about it I know someone who can help you,you went through a lot of things.do you trust me?

Her:yes

Me:then let me help you.let me help you change your life.will you let me in?

Her: Shane how do I love you?how do I make you happy?

Me: don't try too hard love will come on its own you will love me eventually but just know that your presence make me happy it completes me.

She blinked and a tear escaped I kissed her passionately making her moan and lose her herself in my arms

Isaac

I met up with Rose we were going to talk about the girls how many girls we taking and when we should abduct them,I must say trafficking makes me money soon I will be paying for Khensi's honey moon am stilldoing my research of where they should go I want them to got to some exotic Island.

Me: so Rose how many girls will you be interviewing?

Him: about ten or so.

Me:good they must be good looking

Him:you know me I have a sharp eye for beauty.

Me:good now here's what is going to happen we will have the girls working for few weeks before we take action.we going to

use one of my apartments in Brynston that's where they will stay remember we cutting transportation cost for them. You tell them that they going to stay there for free

Him: and they love free things.

Me:yes once they start being comfortable we take action we abduct them.

Him:do we drug them?

Me: we will see about that but now do as I say.

Him: alright to abduction

Me:to abduction.

We both raised our glasses and did a toast to that.money will be rolling in.

Hlompfo

I have been trying to get hold of Purity with no success her phones takes me to voicemail. I drove to New town that's the

only place I think I will find her during the day. I knocked few for a while before I was let in.

Khukhu: what are you doing here?

Me:to see you

Her:see me are you sure?

Me:may I come in?

She moved and she gave me a glass of water.I wish she could let me in am the only brother she has and she is the only surviving sister I have if Lebo is no more. Me: you look good

Her:I always look good and congratulations I heard you going to be a father. Me:oh uhm thanks.

Her: you don't look excited you should be excited I mean that's your first child right. Me:yeah and am very much excited.

I faked my laugh and she could see right through meand that's what I hate about her she has always been the one who can see through you and the one who always spoke the truth and never apologized for it. She sat opposite to me and sipped on her Smirnoff guarrana.

Her: you know I don't get what you doing with Purity abuti.

Me:I don't understand

Her:you do understand. You about to be a new dad and you have a wife but you still running after her.

Me:she is not my wife yet.

Her:soon to be wife.why are you stringing her along? You know what you doing is wrong you don't love her and you don't care about her. Hlompho stop stringing her along she will get hurt even more,she was broken from childhood even now she is and you want to string her along?

Me:I love her Her:but what?

Me: not like before everything has changed and she is still stuck up on me

Her: just let her go I mean she has a boyfriend that loves her .

Me:what boyfriend?

The door opened my eyes landed on Purity she had a bouquet of daisy flowers on her hands when she saw me she froze the room suddenly became quite. I got up from my chair and left .

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Purity

I was surprised by the way Hlompho left he didn't greet me or anything he just left and am sure Khukhu said something that has made him upset.

Me:what was that all about what did you say?

Her:I told him the truth he needed to hear it.

Me:what truth?

Her: that you have a boyfriend and he should stop stringing you alonge.

I sighed at what she just said I sat down and tried to process what she has said matter of fact she told him the truth I feel like he is stringing me along he promised to end thing with Khensi and he never did now there is a baby in the picture how do I compete with Khensi? My phone beeped it was Zwide he wanted to meet for dinner and I texted him back told him that am working.

Khensi

Everything about the learnerships is going perfectly the girls have been interviewed and they about to start the program very soon to my surprise they have given them a place to stay so that they can cut transportation cost they seem very excited they couldn't stop praising the beauty of the building. I am glad that hope has been given to them.

Lebo

My whole body was in pain I had purple marks and it was itching I kept on scratching myself and that seems to annoy Richard.I faked my smile when I looked at him.

Him:are you alright Lexi?

Me: am alright Richy thanks for asking.

Him:why do you have purple marks on your body did they hurt you?

Me:no I got in a fight with one of the girls.

I lied one of my clients beat me up with a belt after I refused doing anal sex with him he beat me up to a pulp and they forced me to take drugs so I can be numb,all this time Richard was not coming and drugs became a habit they injected my hands and I have stopped fighting them maybe am now addicted to them that's why am body is itching.

Him:am sorry that I have disappeared for long I have been busy with work.

Me:its OK am not mad at you. Are we going to read a bible today?

Him:no we must talk. You not alright Lexi tell me what did they do to you?

Me:they did nothing to me I will be fine.

Him:stop scratching yourself you will end up bleeding.are they giving you drugs?

I looked at him as if he said something terrible, tears were near to escape I could do with just one shot and I will be fine. I slowly nodded.

Me: I don't have a choice Richy they always drug me even the food they give me has drugs.

Him:I am so sorry I will get you out of here one day.

Me:when that day comes I will be long dead. Have you ever been to South Africa?

Him:no I have never left our country before why?

Her: I just need to make a call to my sister

Him: you know they take our phones when we get in but you can write their phone number in a piece of paper and I will call them.

I took a pen and wrote Khukhu and Purity's phone numbers.I have to get out of this place I can't stand the abuse that I have to go through everyday.

Hlompho

Purity has a boyfriend and all along she has been lying to me I even felt bad about using her for sex. She has no idea who she is dealing with to say am angry its an understatement am furious at her. A faint knock came in and it was Purity she stood at the door looking very nervous

I stepped aside to let her in and soon as she turned to look at me she was met by a very hot slap.

Me: you cheating on me Purity?who is this fool you messing around with? Answer me damn it.

Her: I am sorry Hlompho I don't know what Khukhu told you but its not trues its a lie

Me:a Lie?explain those flowers you had with you

Her:Hlompho please let me explain

Me:go ahead explain. You know I was willing to leave Khensi for you.I was going to protect you from her father but now I won't do anything of that am not going to leave the mother of my child for you.

Her:you don't mean that.Hlompho I still love you

Me: no you don't why did you lie to me?

Her: I never lied to you.

She stepped closer and held both of my hands her perfume made me weak and her glittering eyes made me weak she looked me straight in my eyes and bit on her lower lip. I leaned over to meet her halfway our lips locked I explored her mouth with my tongue and my hands moving up and down on her body, she unzipped my jeans and played with my hard member. I picked her up and placed her on the kitchen counter shifted her panties to the side and made my way in with my cock she moaned on my lips. I started going in slow and went in fast. We were both enjoying ourselves and she kept on apologising to me. We heard a very sharp scream you can tell the person is in great pain to scream like that, I spun around and my eyes met with Khensi who was covering her mouth with a hand and holding her stomach. My whole body froze she was crying.

Me: Khensani it's not what you think it is

Purity: Khensi...

She screamed even more in pain and looked at her white pants she was bleeding this can't be happening.

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Hlompho

I rushed Khensi to hospital my mind wasn't functioning properly I felt like the world has stopped rotating. I looked at the rear mirror and Khensi was in pain she was crying hysterical, I blamed myself for all of this. When we arrived the doctors took her in I kneeled in front of the chairs and praid for the first time in ages I was praying asking God to spare my child's life I can't lose the baby not now. My phone rang and it was ausi Agnes I ignored her call am not in the mood of talking to her.

Purity

I have never been this scared before I never saw any one bleeding that much before I pray that she doesn't lose the baby or else I will leave with guilt for the rest of my life. I stayed behind to clean her blood off an d went back to my place, I locked myself in my room I wasn't in a good mood for people.

I tried to sleep but my memory played back the event that occurred today I woke up and called Hlompho I needed to hear how is he doing and how is Khensi doing.

Him:Hlompho hello

Me:hey are you alright.

Him:am not OK how will I be OK when my soon to be wife is admitted

Me:am really sorry what are the doctors saying?

Him:they have been with her for a while now and I don't think the baby will survive this..Purity what have we done?

Me:am sorry Hlompho am really guilty of all this and I will never forgive myself.

Him: the worst is yet to come Purity..but let's hope for the best.

His voice sounded very distraught and it broke me a lot I wish I was with him at the hospital to support him. He needed me and I chose to stay behind because I feared what Khensi will say to me. I made a mental note to go visit her at the hospital tomorrow morning.

Khensi

The doctors have been busy with me and they not communicating with me besides telling me to open my mouth and

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everyone in the room was moving up and down and my vision was getting blurry,I closed my eyes and it was light outs for me.

When I opened my eyes Hlompho was sitting by my bed side he looked very exhausted and his T-shirt had stains of my blood.

Me:what are you doing here?

Him: Khensi you awake..thank God

Me:ulavha yini(what do you want)

Him: Khensi am really sorry I didn't plan all of this am so sorry please forgive me.

Me:you didn't plan it?

Him:yes Khensi let me explain this to you..

The doctor walked in he greeted us and looked at my file before speaking .

Him:am really sorry Miss Baloyi we tried everything to stop the bleeding but already the baby was in danger.

Me:what does that mean?it means that I have..

Him:yes and am really sorry.

Me:no no not my baby Hlompho look at what have you done Hlompho you killed my baby .

Hlompho: am sorry baby please forgive me

Me: I want you to leave please get out now..LEAVE!!

I shouted at top of my lungs I was mad at him he thinks he can explain his cheating shit and that will make everything dissappear he thinks that will bring my baby back?he thinks I will be pregnant again?he must be mad. I called my parents and informed them about the whole story and how did I miscarry. They promised to come see me before visiting hours are over.

Shane

Me: hey Senzi long time how are you

Her:I am good thought I should check up on you since you havent called me.

Me: am sorry hey should have called you sooner.

Her:its good well listen am in Jo'burg for few weeks so how about we go out for dinner?

Me:uhm that will be great I guess.

Her:you guess?did you have plans tonight?

Me: not really

Her:good so let's meet at around 7

Me:sure send me all the details I have to go bye.

Tonight is dinner date with Purity and Senzi wants us to meet how will I tell Purity? I have already confirmed the reservation at The Sands now I have to cancel this is pretty messed up.

Purity

I woke up very early to prepare myself I needed to see Khensi I needed to apologise to her. Hlompho told me that she has lost the baby and I feel so guilty. I brought her flowers and filled the basket with fruits and all the good things she can eat and few magazines. I have never visited any one in hospital and I didn't know what to buy I hope this will be enough and she will accept them.

The walk to her ward was very long my hands were sweaty and my knees were shaking it was even hard to swallow saliva. I knocked and let myself in she was facing the window. I cleared my throat and she looked at me, she was shooting dangerous daggers at me right there I felt my soul leaving my body she was ready to kill me.

Her: what do you want? don't you know you not welcomed here?

Me: Can we talk please? Khensi am really sorry.

Her:sorry?sorry that you pretended to be my friend only that you busy stabbing me in the back?

Me:no...Khensi what you saw is..

Her:two people having sex in my house two people I thought I could trust having sex enjoying themselves in my house. Purity how sick are you?

Me:Khensi Hlompho and I have been dating since we were kids and when he left I waited years for him to come back to and when we reunited we...

Her:picked up where you left off? Are you stupid you knew we getting married and you knew we going to have a child and you thought you can have my man ?Purity you are going to pay for this I promise you.

Me:Khensi I know what I did was wrong but..

The door opened Hlompho walked in he froze when he saw me

Her:oh finally your boyfriend is here so you two came to celebrate on my pain right? You two deserve to rot in hell and I don't ever want to see you again take the shit you came with and don't ever come back.

Hlmopho:baby listen..

Her: GET OUT GET OUT..GET THE FUCK OUT NOW.

She screamed at us tears were coming out her voice was loud that people down the corridors could hear her.she threw things at us she was really going bananas we both left.On our way to the parking lot I saw Isaac he shot daggers at us then he smiled shaking his head.

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Shane

I had a wonderful dinner with Senzi we talked about alot of things one she wants to move back to Jozi and she wants to be in a relationship with me, I admire a girl who puts her feelings on the table and doesn't bit around the bush,I would be lying if I said she is not attractive ,she is also smart and has great business ideas. I invited her to come to Club eclipse we were sitting in the VVIP section listening to music Black coffe's inseparable was playing in the background. I saw Purity making her way to our table she smiled at me.

Her:hey is everything still ok here?

Me: yes we good thanks.

She stood looking at me with some sort of confusion look and she cleared her throat.

Me: oh Purity this is Senzi and Senzi this is Purity my..

Senzi: do you always introduce your employees to your girlfriend's?

Me:Uhm ofcourse not but I thought I should do it because..

Senzi: no need for introductions she is just an employee. Uhm Purity can you please get me another bottle of moët my glass is empty.

Her: come right up.

She turned and kissed me Purity's jaw dropped and she walked away. I felt embarrassed I didn't think that Senzi can pull such a stunt.

Lebo

Richard promised that he will call Khukhu or Purity but he has never given me any feedback I don't remember the last time I saw him but one of the girls said she saw him coming in but he was told that am off duty, we never get any offs we sex slaves here we work everyday 24/7 the only time you get to sleep it's when you don't have any clients.

I was in the shower when I felt hands touching me I turned to look at the person it was one of the guards he pinned me on the wall his hands were on my neck he was strangling me I tried to fight him he was strong and the floor was slippery his manhood got between my legs and he raped me

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he made sure his grip was tight and I will struggle to breath, he kept on huffing and cursing I passed out with him raping me.

Purity

I don't believe Shane can hurt me like this he is the one busy confessing his love for me and yet he has a girlfriend that girl is very rude she made sure I feel her presence I have never met any girl like that not even the mayor's wife is rude like her. I went back to the table one last time before my shift ends.

Me: here's another round of moët and your your orange juice Shane.

Him: thanks Purity

Me: if that will be all can I be excused and have a wonderful night.

My eyes were glued on Shane and my heart beating right on my knees ,I faked my smile and looked at Senzi she chased me away with her hand while sipping on her moet, I walked away with eyes piercing my back I got to the lockers rooms changing my shoes and putting on my denim jacket and requested for a Uber. Shane walked in he kissed me before I could speak I pushed him and slapped him.

Me:are you crazy? You busy with your girlfriend then you come and kiss me what's matter with you?

Him: am sorry it's not what it looks like

Me:oh it is exactly what it looks like.you were confessing your love for me all along now this?what the hell do you think I am?

Him:can I explain to you?

Me: no don't explain anything cause you going to lie like all men who are involved in my life.

He chuckled

Him: all men? Referring to your boyfriend and all these men you sleeping with?you comparing me with them? Wow Purity

My phone rang before I could answer it I didn't check the caller ID I answered with so much annoyance on my voice.

Me:what?

Caller: hello can I speak with Purity

Me:speak what do you want?

Caller: ok am calling with regarding to Lexi I mean Lebo my name is Richard,I have been trying to reach you all day. Purity Lebo needs you she is in Tanzania I,she was abducted by some man ...

Me: hello can you hear me did you say Lebo? Hello

The line was very bad I couldn't hear much of what he said I only heard Lebo and the rest of the call got cut I only heard the annoying sound when the line gets bad.

Shane:who was that?

Me: I don't know but said something about Lebo...

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Purity

Shane: are you going to call the number back?

Me:yes I will call when I get home.

Him:what are you stupid?call the number now.

Me:don't you have a girlfriend you need to get back to?

Him: don't do this..just call the number please .

I dialled the number more than once but it was out of reach the network seemed to be bad I don't know if it was on my side or his side.

Him: we will call again tomorrow but please keep trying..do you promise you will try again.

I nodded with him holding my hands , this guy is a sent from above and I understand why Senzi was rude to me.he attempted to kiss me again and I pushed him back and left .

3 days after

Lebo

My life has been hell of am not raped by the guard then am drugged to do things I don't want to do. I watched other girls busy twerking for older men they have given up fighting and I think I have given up too. I closed my eyes and said a little prayer to myself"Lord I need you now and always please here my cry Lord please Lord make a way so I can get out of this place" I felt hands touching me my whole body froze I hope it's not the guard I kept still waiting for the person to speak.

Him: I did sent in your message

Me:oh thank you Lord..where have you been

Him: I have been trying to get it but they kept chasing me away

Me:I don't understand

Him:you will understand look I have to go hope you understand.

He walked to some girl and they exchanged hugs he turned and looked at me before disappearing to the house I slowly nodded guess if he wants to see me he must change the person whom he has to sleep with.

Khensi

I felt someone presence while I was sleeping the person wasn't moving but kept still looking at me

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I opened my eyes and it was Hlompho I looked at him without speaking his hazel brown eyes were red and he reeked of alcohol.

Him: the doctor said you going home tomorrow. Khensi am really sorry about what happened. I know what I did was wrong and you out of all people don't deserve it.

He sat down and held my hand. He brushed my face then kissed my hand.

Him: Khensani can you forgive me? I know you were excited about the baby and I was too I guess being weak got to me, I am a man and I get tempted of I knew my infidelity will lead to this I would have stopped it if I knew that people will get hurt I wouldn't do it.please say something.

I kept quiet I didn't want to speak to him and his presence was disgusting me. He kept on begging me to speak to him hoping that I will go coco on him well he has another thing coming I will feed him silent treatment until he leaves.

We sat for about two hours not talking to each other and he was already dozing off to sleep I shook him a bit.

Me:please leave ,take a bath and sleep see you tomorrow.

He got up with a little bit of hope on his eyes and left. I called my mother and told her that I will be discharged tomorrow.

Isaac

It looked like the girls are enjoying their new home I have been waiting for them to settle in and get comfortable.

Me: you need to throw a celebration party for the girls well everyone in the office must be present and their drinks must be spiked.

Eric: noted and where are shipping them to?

Me: China and Russia

Him: that's good and the other girl the one you said she is special?

Me: leave that one to me I will handle her you just make sure by the end of the week the girls are at the warehouse.

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Isaac

I hate seeing my daughter upset it breaks my heart because she is a good person she will never hurt anyone not even a fly. She looked like a stray dog hey eyes had bags

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I poured us a drink and sat next to her.

Me:nunu are you alright?

Her:papa am not. It hurts papa.

Me:am sorry my baby but it will get better in time believe me.I will do anything for you to feel better again.

Her:Papa they were having sex in my house enjoying and confessing love for each other. I want them to suffer like I do.

Me:they will trust me my nunu they will.

Hlompho made a very bad move by hurting my daughter and as for that girl I will send her back to Zimbabwe kicking and screaming she has messed with the wrong family.

Shane

I made few phone calls in Tanzania I need Lebo to be found and maybe Purity will now see how much am needed in her life. I love her and if she gives me a chance I will wife her. Senzi is a beautiful girl but her attitude is something she was rude on Purity she was even rude on my sister in her head she thought my sister is one of those girls who just throw themselves on guys who have money. She came to my house for few days and already she has moved things around she went as far as taking Purity's clothes and put them in a plastic bag. It looks like she is a control freak and I don't need that in my life.

Hlomphe

I have been trying to see Khensi but the guards won't let me they acting like they don't know me. I stood by the gate trying to negotiate with the guard to let me in when I saw Khensi making her way to me.

Her: I told you to stay away from me

Me:Khensi I have apologised a lot of times what do you want me to do?

Her: make me pregnant again

Me : what?

Her: you heard me Hlompho I want my baby back.

Me: can you let me in so we can talk

Her: sure come on in.

Purity.

Khukhu: we should go out tomorrow night

Me: what are we celebrating?

Her: nothing we just going out see different people. Let's go to Sandstone

Me:why that far? Let's go to Maboneng

Her: girl we always there let's go see different people maybe we will find one rich guy who will spoil us. We can give him a three some

Me:now that's nasty you know.

Her: OK but we need to go out. I promise I won't disappear .

Me:if you say so then we will go.

Honestly I don't feel like going out with her cause she has this tendency of disappearing. I will find myself going back home alone if not leaving with any guy who needs to get laid.

Isaac

I met up with Reginald and Adzi the girls are ready and they are at the warehouse.

Me: good job boys now we shipping the girls tomorrow night. Doctor Dlamini will perform the surgery from 6pm. Boys I don't want anyone touching the girls today please be on your best behavior.

They replied in unison. I gave Reginald the picture of Purity and her address.

Me: find me that girl and bring her here as soon as you can.

Him:she did what?

Me:she just stepped on my toe I need to teach her a lesson she won't forget.

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Shane

I had a dinner date with Senzi tomorrow she is going back to Durban. I waited for about 20 minutes with no sign of her. I decided to call Purity and give her an update about Lebo.

Her:Nkosi

Me:hey babes we getting close to finding Lebo.

Her: you are lying right

Me: am not my contact said he is meeting with Richard tomorrow I think he will give him directions.

Me:oh my word I don't believe this. I don't know what to say.

Him:you can thank me properly tonight I can come pick you up.

Her:that won't be any problem but you don't like spending a night at my house so why now.

Me: because I want to make you scream until your flat mates start knocking on your door.

She laughed. I could feel my member getting hard and I could imagine her riding me and the feel of her warm body.

Her:Shane??

Me: Purity

Her:are you hard?

Me:yes I am.

Her: then come over now am getting wet.

She sounded very innocent and yet so naughty. I settled my bill and texted Senzi told her that I have Left. My drive was long it felt like I will not make it on time.

Hlompfo

One thing I hate the most is hurting Khensi she has never cheated on me not even once but for me cheating on her with

Purity was very easy and that's one thing I regret. Isaac was sitting in my make up room.

Me:Isaac.

Him: Hloms. Am sorry about what happened I know you were looking forward to being a dad.

Me: yeah I messed up and am sorry for hurting your daughter.

Him: I understand temptations got the better of you.

Me:it did and I regret everything.

He walked closer to me and looked me straight into my eyes. If I didn't know him I would be pissing myself or praying that the world to swallow me up.

Him: you have hurt a lot of people I don't know if you will be able to live with that.

Me: what do you mean?

Him: my daughter shed blood when she was miscarrying. A lot of people are going to shed blood son. Tomorrow midnight meet me at the warehouse don't be late.

Me: I will not come.

Him: even if your grandmother and your sister are at the warehouse you won't come?

Me: you leave them out of this. You touch them I will make sure you suffer and you know I stick to my words.

He chuckled and walked out whistling his favourite song by Siphho Hotstix Mabuza.

Shane.

As soon as I got to Purity's apartment she attacked me with kisses she wasn't giving me a chance to speak or breath she was devouring my lips like she is having her last meal. I ripped her lace lingerie off. I layed her in the middle of the bed and my tounge found it way on her cunt I moved around her clitoris she moaned softly and locked my head between her legs.

She opened her legs releasing me from her pot.I unzipped my pants and directed my cock to her pot the way it gripped it and how warm she felt looks like I will reach my climax before anything. I moved slowly on top of her and her hands moved all over my body.

Me: you feel way to good..Purity am in love with you.

Her:Shane...I.....

Me: you want it hard?

Her:no I....I..lord I love you.

I stopped and looked at her she was blushing my cock got harder am going to make her come and I won't stop until she asks me to stop. My pace increased and so are her moans. I got her legs over my shoulders and I went deeper my cock touched parts that I didn't know exist and that was sending me to a frenzy. She gave 3 orgasms in one round and I emptied my babies inside of her.

Isaac

I did a little research about this Purity girl I wanted to know everything about her and the person who was going to give me the information about her was a lady called Shamiso

I paid her a visit.

Her:how can I help you.

Me:am here regarding Purity do you know her?

Her:yes she is my daughter.

Me: that's nice. Your daughter is a very bad girl

Her: I don't understand.

Him: do you mind telling me about her? Her upbringing and all of that.

Her:an sorry I can't share that with you.

Me: don't be difficult mam this is very simple you speak that's all I won't hurt you.

Her:how do I know you won't hurt my Purity?

Me:relax I won't do that.

She was very difficult she didn't want to say anything. I took out my gun and placed it on top of the table and that scared her she was close to crying when she told me how did Purity grew up and what happened to her family. The girl really went through a very hard time but what she did to my daughter was very cruel my Khensi didn't deserve it.

Her:that's all I can tell you.

Me: thank you for the information. How much are your feather dusters? My maid needs one.

I took one and left R800 on top of the table and walked out.

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Purity

I woke up early before anyone in the house I made breakfast for Shane and I toasted bread with chicken mayo

coffee and orange juice. I know if I was at his house I would have woken up from a sound of good music and him working on the stove the breakfast am doing I learned from him am the type that likes oats or soft porridge for breakfast. I smiled to myself when I thought about what happened last night boy this guy knows how to use his machine no lies. Did I tell him that I love him? man I just opened my heart for him guess I need to give him a chance he has been waiting for this for too long.

I placed everything on the tray and looked at it I hope he will enjoy this cause I made it out of love"when you cook make sure you do it out of love" his words echoed in my ears I smiled like a restart and went to my bedroom he was still sleeping I could see his cock was erected. I placed the tray on the side table and kissed his lips he smiled at me.

Him: morning my love

Me: hey I made breakfast

Him:I didn't know you can cook

Me: now you know and I made it specially out of love.

Him: then I will sure enjoy it.

I took the tray and put it between us I watched him taking a bite from the toasted bread.

Him: this is so crunchy and yummy.

Me:swallow first then speak.

He laughed as we enjoyed our breakfast talking about random things and I told him am going to the club with Khukhu after that we had our morning glory.

Lebo

Him: hey you must be seductive Lexi.

Me:the one and only how can I be at your service.

Him:how about we go to your to an d show me what you made off

Me: that's a good idea.

I know all my clients and this guy looks new even his accent is different from all men who come here. He was tall a bit dark he didn't look like his from around here. I twerked for him giving him a little strip show thanks to the drugs I had with my breakfast he pulled and pinned me on the wall and covered my mouth his hand.

Him:Listen here Lebo am going to take you out of here soon what I need from you is to be on your beat am going to arrange something that will get you out of here.do you understand me?

I nodded fast and tears were threatening my eyes for a moment there I thought he was going to hurt me like all this hooligans.

Purity

I looked so pretty in my royal blue turtle neck dress and accessorised with silver studs my dreadlocks was curled on the bottom I looked ready to paint the town red. We requested an uber and left for Sandstone.

♪your eyes change color

When you lie

I can see it am not blind yeah

Your eyes

Your eyes yeah

Your eyes they sparkle in the light

But in the dark I can see the color

Of your eyes yeah

They say you love me

There's no one above me

They say am pretty

I don't no need no make up

Your eyes yeah♪

I was dancing to Black coffee and Shekina I won't lie I love this song it blesses my soul and the guy who was dancing with me had a rythem can I say am a good dancer ? We were having a good time drinking, Khukhu was drinking cocktails and I went for Smirnoff vodca I needed something strong. Khukhu disappeared with the guy she was busy dancing and kissing with I felt lonely and drunk to be sitting alone.

I walked out of the club I looked left and right looking for Khukhu and the was no sign of her. She took my money with and the one I have won't pay for uber or maxi taxi. I checked the time it was after midnight time to go home and I can't walk home drunk this is what I hate about Khukhu.

Me: where are you shit.

I walked and car stopped next to me.

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Purity

I looked at the car at was the latest SUV with tinted windows,he rolled down the window and smiled at me.

Him:hey baby girl come let me drop you home

Me:no am good

Him: please I promise to drop you home where do you live?

Me:New Town

Him: me too so come let's go

I jumped in the car he locked the car he played music most of the songs he played were house music we sang along and laughed .

Him:can't help but notice that you have an accent.

Me: am from Zimbabwe

Him: am Reggie by the way

Me: Purity

Him: is that your real name or just a name?

Me: it's my name and I don't have a second name.

He nodded everything was good until I saw he took a different route to New Town. I looked at him and he shot daggers at me.

Me: where are you taking me?

Him: shut up zizimbane

Me: please let me go

Him: let you go? Are you crazy

Me: please am begging you.

My heart was beating very fast I didn't understand anything that was happening. I am used to going home with different guys but being abducted it is something I never imagined. I reached for my phone and he pointed at me with his gun

Him:Letha Lana(bring it here)

Me: no..

Him:yey Wena Letha Lana or ngizo Ku hlapaza ubuqhopho manje (bring it here or I will blow your brains)

I gave him my phone and he tossed it out of the window

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he drove until we were in some place that had old firms and warehouses he instructed me to walk and he was walking behind me, tears were falling down like a water fall I had my shoes in my hands.

Khensi

I have returned to work I couldn't stay at home and do nothing because I was losing my mind. I love my job so I needed to get busy to stay sane. One of the girls mother came to my office and told me she can't get hold of her daughter that got me worried. I dialled all the girls phone numbers and they sent to the voice mails I panicked.

Purity

When I got inside the warehouse I saw blood on the floor and some bodies laid on the cold floor the girls looked dead it was horrific. I turned and looked at this Reggie guy he smiled at me

Him: welcome to paradise

Me: what?

Him: did I say you can talk? Keep moving bitch.

I walked and some guy came to us he was covered in blood I felt my stomach turn and vomit came out I couldn't stop vomiting.

Him: sies Uzo sula am telling you(you going to clean that up)

Me:why am I here are you going to kill me?

Him: what do you think? Keep moving please.

I had some horrific screams coming from the other end my body was getting cold I was terrified of what will happen to me and my heart was beating up to my throat. I turned and looked at the guy again when I saw another body ontop of the table.

Me: please let me go.

He hit me with his gun and I fell on the cold floor.

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Khensi.

They say when life gives you lemons turn them into a lemonade I decided to turn my lemons into a lemonade y can't always feel sorry for myself cause I will be giving Purity the satisfaction she don't deserve and as for Hlompho he is one person am willing to forgive but I don't know if I will trust him again yes he did wrong by me but he deserves a second chance he also lost a child I need to allow him to moarn for his child I don't have to be selfish we both lost our child. My mom walked into my office she didn't look happy.

Her:so this is where you hiding yourself

Me:am not hiding ma am working and I know I haven't healed but Ray of hope needs me.

Her:you have people who are helping you. You should be home healing.

Me: ma I will lose mg mind if I stay in that house again please try to understand

Her: I do understand my baby. How is that useless boyfriend of yours?

I shrugged my shoulders I know my mom doesn't like Hlompho but he has been part of our family for a very long time. He knows us in and out and he has been the first and last guy I always loved.

Me: I think he needs to grieve for his child mama so let's cut the name calling.

While we were busy arguing about Hlompho one email caught my attention it was from my bank R 900.000 was deposited from a name I don't know and I don't think there's someone who can be this careless

my eyes felt like they popping out of their sockets.

Me:ma I have to go something just happened

Her:tell me .

I showed her my email she almost fell she looked at me.

Her:something is wrong here cause if it was one of your sponsors it will say right? And why would a person give this kind of money and remain unknown ?

Me:I don't know.

Purity

I slowly opened my eyes there were voices of men laughing they kept talking and laughing. My vision was blurry and the light in the room was blinding me.

Voice: looks like the princess is up

Voice2: finally you have been sleeping for too long now..wake up bitch

He shook me roughly I forced myself to open my eyes . it was Reggie and some two guys who sounded Nigerian. They stood watching me with folded arms I looked around and I was tied on the chair with no clothes on just my panty and bra..Lord

what have they done to me?what if they raped me?what have I done cause I don't know them

. They gave me a dirty smirk as one of them brushed my thighs and breast he removed my bra and sucked on my nipple.

Him: Thank you Lord for this meat..jah chinekeme.

He licked his lips and continued moving his hands on my body while the other two just watched and laughing. He removed the cloth on my mouth and shoved his tongue in my mouth I took a bite on his tongue he groaned and slapped me hard.

Him:damn you.

Me:don't ever touch me..You have no right to touch me.

Him: you can talk wow..relax am going to do more than just touching you.

He attempted to touch me I spit on his face and a fist landed on my eye. He took his belt off and he whipped me hard. I heard a familiar voice ordering him to stop. I looked at the person I

couldn't believe my eyes it was Isaac Baloyi I felt relieved he came to my rescue.

Him:boys didn't I tell you not to touch her? She is no punching bag.relax will you.

Me:please help me

Him: are you asking me to help you? Am sorry dear child I can't.

Me:please Isaac they going to hurt me

Him:I know my dear..you did hurt my daughter you know that? I opened my home for you.my daughter became your friend and you stabbed us in the back.no one hurts my family then gets to live and tell a tale.

Me:am sorry please forgive me.

Him: forgiveness is earned my baby. Boys taize her I need to make a call .

They taized me my whole body felt pain I screamed so loud and they laughed at me. I am destined for pain. Wonder have I done to the universe.

Lebo

I was with one my clients pleasing him with a hand job he kept groaning and biting his lip he was enjoying himself. We heard gun shots coming from outside we quickly put our clothes on I tried to peep through the window and he pulled me roughly

Him:are you mad do you want us to get killed?

Me:no I was ..

More gun shots came I ran and locked my door. I heard some of the girls screaming I got under mg bed and he went inside the wardrobe. The person kicked my door and shouted for my name. I showed myself and it was Richard I ran to his arms and he enveloped me into a hug.

Him: we have to get out of here before they kill us.

Me:what is happening...I don't understand

Him: please come with me

We ran downstairs before we could reach the door a gun shot came behind us and my Knight was shot right on his head. He died while he tried to save me. I lost all my strength of running I slowly went down on my knees and cried hard

Me:please don't leave me Richard please wake up.

I never felt so much pain even when they were stuffing me with drugs or forcing themselves on me it was nothing compared to losing someone who supposed to be your hero. Someone picked me roughly I didn't get a chance to look at the person I looked at Richards lifeless body in a pool of blood my voice was breaking as I was screaming for Richards name.

Hlomphe

Me:hello

Isaac: where are you?I told you to come at the warehouse

Me:I can't come am busy

Him:busy for me?

Me:am with your daughter here I can't leave her she needs me.

Him:alright then what ever happens to this girls is on your hands including your precious side chick.

Me:what?

Him:yes I have Purity with me and the boys are already having fun with her.

He hanged up my heart skipped a bit I don't believe Isaac he has Purity and I know for a fact she won't come out alive.I looked at Khensi and how do I tell her that I need to save Purity from her evil father.

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Hlompho

Khensi: what's going on?

Me: I have to meet up with your father he wants us to discuss something.

Her:that can wait you are with me and we must talk

Me: talk?can we talk when I come back

Her: no that can't wait

Me: alright then come with me and we can talk on the car.

Her: no you will be focusing on the road than on me so I can't.

Me:Khensi please try to understand

Her: understand? Oh I see this you want to go and see that floozy of yours Purity that you have to use my dad as an excuse. You think am stupid don't you? You cheated on me I lost my child and you still running behind her what is her pussy so tight that when you think of it you lose your sanity?answer me damn it.

Me:wow its not like that alright I will stay and talk about whatever you want to say. You need me and I need you .

I sat next to her and hugged her I need her to trust me again.

Lebo

Me: please let me go am begging you

Him: you need to shut up right now and don't fight me

Me: let go of me

He put me behind the truck I was with other girls who survived the shooting they were all scared. My mind went back to the scene I saw Richard in a pool of of blood my heart broke all over again I shed tears if I could rewind the time I would and it would be me in that blood not him he didn't deserve it.

Me:father forgive them cause they don't know what they are doing.

Girl1: where are they taking us?

Me: I don't know I hope they won't hurt us.

Her: I pray so too we have suffered enough. Our capturers abused us alot and I hope those who died can burn in hell.

Me: amen to that.

Shane

I have been trying to get hold of Purity and her phone sends me to voicemail.I hope she is not back to her old ways. I drove to her place Khukhu opened the door for me she seemed surprised to see me..

Me:is Purity here

Her:no thought she is with you

Me: when last did you see her?

Her: when we at Sandstone.she left me behind I thought you came and picked her up.

Me:you mean you never tried to call her or anything

Her:I only sent her a text message.

I got worried immediately what if she left with some psycho and he did something horrible? This one of the things I always warned her about she never listened.

Me:alright please let me know when you hear anything from her I will do the same.

Her:alright cool.

I left and got a text from my contact that said they lost Richard during the shooting. I let out a sigh can't this day get better.I need to find my woman.

Purity

They kept torturing me with electricity all I could do was scream, cry and vomit. I had no strength left in me I was ready

to die at any minute. They looked at me and laughed very hard
this are Satan agent.

Me: can I have water please.

Isaac: she is thirsty Reginald bring water for her. You very feisty
Purity I think I like that.

Reggie came with a glass I took a sip then spit it out

it wasnt water it was vinegar. They laughed at me

Me:thats not water. Am thirsty Isaac.

Him:I know my dear you are going to die of thirst and pain . i
thought your boyfriend will be here by now. Shame looks like
he don't care about you.

He shook his head and spit on the ground. Reggie wiped my
face with and they shocked me again I screamed so loud it felt
like my soul is leaving me .

Him:See Purity I know a lot about you I know how your family
died and it saddens me that you will die just like them

Me: you can kill me its fine I don't care anymore.

Him:you hurt my daughter I kill you, you killed my unborn grandchild I will kill you. You took my daughter's happiness I will kill you.

Me: go ahead kill me Isaac be a bigger man take your damn gun and kill me.

He punched me on my face countless time he didn't stop he must have felt like Mike Tyson. His boys stopped him and wiped his hands . he whipped me with his belt and told his boys to have fun with me and they raped me.

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Hlompho

I couldn't shake off the feeling that Isaac is up to something that is against the law and maybe being around Khensi helped me I would be doing something that am against off. My phone vibrated "Kholofelo" flashed on my screen I removed Khensi's hands and tip toed to the bathroom.

Me:hey(whispering)

Her:Hey why are you whispering

Me:its nothing. Is everything alright? Is it ausi Agnes?

Her: no when last did you speak to Neria.

Me: the last time Khensi miscarried. Why?

Her: I think she is missing. We have been trying to call her with no luck and most of her clients don't know where she is.

Me:clients what clients?

Her:oh you didn't know? Listen if you hear anything please let me know. I will call ausi Agnes maybe she went home.

Me:what clients Kholofelo..you mean she is a ?

Her:yes she is I have to go now.

She hanged up I couldnt believe my ears I stared at my phone like am waiting for another call from Kholofelo.

Me:Purity is a prostitute wow...she played me.

Shane

I asked all our clients who were fond of Purity if they have seen her or not others said they haven't seen her for a while I even went to Sandstone to seek help and they refused to show me their CCTv tapes unless I come with the cops and the affidavit. I felt defeated I have to hire a private investigator to find her for me. I have a lot to deal with I sent few emails to all my contacts so that they can help me find her.

Lebo

We arrived in some house it looked very beautiful it had that homely feeling but in my head I knew that we in another brothel before we know it we will be sold to the highest bidder. We walked into the house in a line they guards with guns didn't talk that much we were ordered to take a bath we clothes ready for us. The good thing was the clothes were very decent not skipmy outfits we used to wear.our rooms were very clean, we went to the dining room and had our meal most of us doubted the food cause we thought we were going to get drugged.

One guy came downstairs he looked very presentable am assuming that he is our boss .

Him:good evening ladies.am sure you wondering why you came here. First please write your names and your ID numbers here.

We wrote our names and ID numbers my mind had a lot of questions that I couldn't answer myself I pray that we won't be used as sex slaves.

Him: ladies I have good news and some bad news for you. The good news is you all going back to South Africa and the bad news is you are going to be here for a while which means you won't go to town or anywhere this is your safe house we are protecting you from the guy who is responsible for your abduction.

Me: can you tell us his name?

Him: I will but not today. Am going to give you papers and you will write all that you remember on the day you were abducted. You can trust me and I promise I will get you home to your parents.

This are the best news ever heard. I remembered the time when Richard said he will take me out of here he rad Exodus 6:7." I am Lord your God when I set you free from slavery in Egypt. I will bring you to the land I solemnly promised to give to Abraham

Isaac and Jacob and I will give it to you as your own possession." I blinked twice and a tear escaped this is it I am free at last I have found my freedom Richard kept his word and it breaks my heart that he died saving me.

Me:Thank you Lord.Thank you Richard may your soul rest in eternal peace.

Purity

Ice cold water was splashed on my naked body I watched as they use a horse pipe on me I didn't scream I kept quite as my body was trembling.

Isaac: you must be hungry now.

Me:am not hungry

Him:do you still remember what happened when your family died ? Am sure you forgot let me remind you,do you still remember your aunt Rebecca and her daughter Judy? One afternoon...

My mind slowly went back on the day my family died. Aunt Rebecca came to our house crying she had her sick daughter Judy on her hands no one knew what was wrong with her she asked my mother to help them, she asked my mother to give her daughter the traditional herbs and consult her bones maybe the ancestors will give them light of what was wrong with Judy. My mother refused because she knew that Judy has to be taken to the hospital whatever her condition was it needed the western doctors not a traditional healer. My father was willing to drive them to the nearest hospital but her stubborn sister didn't want to hear it she wanted things to be done traditionally but how do you give a child who was running out of breath oxygen when you don't have any equipment.

My dad begged Rebecca but she still refused until her daughter died in my mothers arms later on the news travelled the whole village that my mother is a murderer and a witch who gave Judy wrong herb that led to her death. In my village witches were burned every week they will burn down a certain house cause of witchcraft and sadly my house and family had to die in the fire it didn't make anything better because a lot of people believed that my mother was a witch and she deserved to die with her family. I survived because I was in the toilet when I

saw my house burning and villagers surrounding it as much as I begged them my plea fell on deaf ears and Rebecca was shouting let them die I believe that Rebecca is the one responsible of her child death not my mother.

The day has been haunting me for a very long time and what is about to happen to me is the same way as my family died. I was taken to some veld far from the warehouse I could only see cars passing but they were from a very far distance you will never make it to the road by foot.

Isaac: see the girls that are in that bus are dead some of them are alive and they just stubborn to cooperate with us.

Me: please don't do this.

Him: oh I will Purity I will. I have shipped some girls to China and some to Russia and as for you my darling you going to witness what stubbornness can do to a person.

They poured petrol all over the bus the girls were already crying once the bus was on fire I heard horrific screams they will haunt me forever I was made to watch before I was pointed with a gun. Reginald sent warning shots and they joined him I

guess this is some form of celebration while they were at it I chose to gamble with my life and run I don't know how far will my feet carry me but I ran for my dear life with my aching body and my leg was shot I didn't slow down I kept on running I forced to open my swollen left eye I need to make it to the road maybe I will survive.

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Khensi

Something was bothering me about the money I received the other day I have a lot of sponsors but nine of them will give such a lot of money and the other thing the Rose company sent leadership application forms I gave them to my girls who also need your learnships. Some ladies barged in my office they seemed very angry with me.

Woman1: Khensani where is my child I haven't heard from her for days now.

Me: I thought you know where she is

Her:have you heard from them?

Me: no I haven't I was going through a lot of thing but I promise you I will go see them at their work place

Woman2: don't lie to us you know very well you won't do that. We want our daughters back home.

Me:let me call Mr Rose am sure he will put you at ease.

I called him his phone was on voicemail I didn't know what to say worse part U don't know where his office is situated.

Me:ladies I give you my word I will get them to call you or come home please come down.

They were ready to kill me when I mentioned to them I don't know where the company is I guess I was really stupid for not doing any background check on the company.I will need my father to help me...I just realized I haven't seen him for days now and my mother hasn't talked about him.

Shane

Till today there is no sign of Purity I was really worried about her I even went to report him missing.I checked every dodgy brothels and clubs still no sign of her. I let out a sigh and blinked my tears away the love of my life is no more what if I won't see her again. I call brought me back to earth.

Me:Shane Nkosi

Voice:hello Mr Nkosi you speaking to constable Moses from Hilbrow police station.

Me:yes am listening..

Him:there are some bodies who were found just outside Jo'burg would you please come to the mortuary to identify the girl you looking for .

Me:alright no problem sir I will be right there.

I pray that it is not my Purity who was found dead and ditched somewhere. I was really nervous when I got to the mortuary they showed me all the girls none of them matched with Purity and most were burned almost became arches. Whoever did this to this girls deserves to die a painful death.

Purity

I don't know how I made it to the road all I could say it was all in Gods hands when I got to the road I passed out I was out of breath

out of strength out of everything.

I heard a male voice speaking I pray that its not Isaac that man is all sorts of evil. I slowly opened my eyes and some lady looked down on me.

Her:oh my God she is awake Papa please hurry up.

Me:who..who..

Her: hush child you in good hands we taking you to the hospital.

I tried to move and body ached a lot I screamed so loud she held me down and asked her husband to speed up. I suddenly felt dizzy again I couldn't hear what she was saying to me and my vision went blurry it was light outs for me.

Hlompfo

I went to the warehouse found the cleaners removing blood looks like the whole operation went successful. I searched for Isaac found him counting money with Adzi.

Him:look who finally graced us with his presence. Hey Hlombs you missed out on a movie.

Adzi: eh my brother we had a lot of fun eh with your girlfriend.

Me:girlfriend?

Adzi: yes the one who has a baby's food name..ah Purity eh chineke that girl is fire I tell you.

Me: Isaac what did you do to her?

Him:what do you think I did? I killed her.

Me:you killed her?how could you?

Him:I think you know the answer by now somebody must have found her dead body.

I charged at him and Adzi got between us he stepped back shaking his head.

Him: Hloms son you know I can kill you but then my daughter needs you. You going to marry her next week.

Me: you must be mad.

Him: oh no am not son.

Me: first it was my sister now its Purity and you want me to marry your daughter? Are you crazy.

Him: your sister? how did you figure than one out?

Me: so you agree that you the one who took my sister?

Him: I never agreed or disagreed with you but then again you know me. You never gave me what belonged to me then your sister paid the price just like Purity who have hurt my daughter she also paid the price.

Me: you one evil person I pray you burn in hell

Him: that is my home son ...find me a new one.

He took the bag of money and he left with Adzi.

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Khensi

I spent the entire afternoon researching about Rose company and there was nothing on the Internet. My heart beat raised very high I started feeling sweaty and dizzy the panicked attacks were kicking in it is safe to say I was struggling to breath. Hlompho came in just in time he unbotten my blouse and gave me water to drink.

Him: breath in and out my love.breath.

I did the breathing exercises while he looked at the papers that were scatted all over the table his eyebrows furrow.

Him:tell me what's going on?

Me: remember the Rose company I told you about. The new sponsors.

Him: yes

Me:they not on the Internet a big company like that can't be found.The girls haven't returned home their mothers are

looking for them..Hlompho what if something bad has happened.

Him:something like what?

Me:babe girls get kidnapped and killed we read about this all the time. Hlompho am scared.

Him: you mean you didn't do any background checks before signing the contract and you just sent the girls to work there without keeping in touch with them? Khensi that was stupid and irresponsible.

Me:I didn't see anything shady I even talked to my dad about this including our lawyer.

Him:I should have known.

How am I going to explain to the parents about their daughters whereabouts? I checked the contract and some learnship forms for the address good thing I found the address its in Wyneburg.

Shane

♪the truth is.

I'm high on love

These feelings

And I don't know what to do

Do I hold my breath as I wait for you

Can I afford to compromise

This feeling inside my mind

I feel my head rush as I think of you

Then try to put myself use

Laughter and time don't always heal the wounds.

Its crazy it must be love♪

Lady Zamar collide was playing on Channel O I could picture Purity dancing gosh she loved dancing besides her stubborn self dancing made her happy. I wiped my tears that were falling a lump was slowly building I took another shot of vodca to ease up the pain and to kill the lump on my throat. I tried to stand up and I lost my balance this means am drunk and I won't be able to drive.

Purity

I slowly opened my eyes and I was in hospital everyone seemed to be minding their business. A nurse was standing next to me writing something on a file.

Me:hello..hello

Her:good morning mem finally you awake.

Me:where am I?

Her:Baragwaneth hospital mem. What's your name?

Me: Purity.Purity Nyakunda

Her:alright let me call a doctor for you stay put.

Me:uhm can you please borrow me your phone I want to call my family

She handed me her phone and I tried calling Khukhu her phone was on voicemail and I called Shane it rang until I decided to hang up he picked up.

Him:hello?

I took a deep breath and blinked the tears away it felt good to hear his voice.

Me:hey its Purity.

Him:Purity?babe is it you oh my God where are you are you alright ?

Me:I am at Bara hospital. Am not OK Shane I ..

Him:shhh don't say a word I am on my way right now

Me:alright.

We said our goodbyes and some woman and a man walked in holding hands they both smiled at me I remember the lady a little. We exchanged greetings and they sat down.

Me:Thank you for saving mama and baba

Ma:it is our pleasure child it was a right thing to do. Can you tell us your name and what happend to you.

Me:my name is Purity Nyakunda and...I don't think am ready to talk about what happend

Him:we understand but you going to report those animals who have hurt you. They must pay the price they must go to jail.

Me:I wish it was that easy.

Him:it is very easy child .

Me:I can't even afford a lawyer and I don't know how will I repay you for helping me Mr?

Him:Nkosi am Mr Nkosi.

Me:yes Mr Nkosi if I get better please let me know what I can do to repay you.

Ma:Purity what you can do is report the people who have assaulted you. The doctor says you were also raped and this marks on your body says a lot has happened.

Me:I will do this when am ready..I don't think I will be ready .

We talked for a while until they left they promised to come and see me tomorrow afternoon. They seem like good people I hope they don't know the Baloyi family or else they will mention it and they will come back for me.

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Lebo

We.woke up to prepare our journey we about to take finally we going home. I feel like am dreaming finally the nightmare is over. I kneeled down and said a prayer thanking God for being by my side even when I was ready to give up he showed up right on time

it is true what they say He is never early or late he is always on time.

My heart breaks when I think about Richard he was a heaven sent he is exactly what I needed may his wonderful soul rest in peace and those guards who held us hostage at the brothel were arrested and some died during the shooting.

Khensi

We drove to Wyneburg with Hlompho the drive was filled with so much awkwardness I pray to find the girls so I can take them to their families it will kill me if something bad has happened to them.

We were welcomed by some Indian lady she directed us to Rose office something about this building was very weird I didn't see a lot of people moving around and the reception didn't have any computer just a phone. We knocked twice and he let us in he was focusing on his laptop.

Me:Mr Rose?

Him:oh good day Ms Baloyi what a lovely surprise.

Me: I know. Uhm where are the girls?

Him:which girls?

Me:girls from my organization.

Him:oh you didnt know? The girls are at Cape Town we sent them down there we have an event that side called Herstory.

Me:I didnt know just that their families are worried sick about them. They hardly call home.

Him: they must be very busy but will try to get our team leader to talk to them.

Me: please do so.

Him: anything I can help you with?

Me: no that will be all thank you for your time.

We walked out busy scanning the other rooms they were empty what kind of an office place is this?

Purity

It was almost visting hours and I wish I could see someone I know walking in I could do with a box of pizza and a magnum ice cream the hospital food is not that good we just eat cause we dont want to starve. I saw Shane walking in I wanted to jump at him and hold him for my dear life.

Him:Purity

Me:Shane.

A tear escaped his eye and he gave me a warm hug I held onto him for a long time it sure felt like home a place where I am safe. I wiped his tears with my thumb and cupped his face. His eyes were red and he attempted to speak but his voice was failing him. He walked to the door holding his head he looked back at me and he came and sat down with both my hands in his.

Him: you really scared me I thought I will never see you again.

Me:I thought the same thing too.am really sorry for that.

Him:what happened to you my love? Who did this to you

Me: Shane I dont know where to start.

Him: start anywhere you want .

Me: I was abducted by some evil man he tortured me and his boys raped me.

I told him everything that has happened He listened to me attentively without asking me any questions I even felt like he doesn't believe me. Mr Nkosi and his wife walked in holding a basket of fruits I smiled at them.

Me:and here are the people who saved me they found me lying next to the road and they brought me here.

They stood next to him.

Mr Nkosi: what are you doing here son?

Me: do you know him?

Shane: uhm Babes they are my parents.

Me:what?

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Purity

I didn't believe that the people who had saved me are Shane parents and he looks exactly like his father guess the universe is smiling at me again.

Shane:ma and dad meet Purity my girlfriend.

MrsNkosi: your girlfriend? Why didn't you tell us you have a girlfriend?

Him:I was going to once the time was right.

Her: well this is the right time akere Papa.

She looked at her husband who couldn't stop smiling at his son I rolled my eyes at them they busy talking about me as if am not in the room. We talked about everything they even promised to pay for a lawyer if I agree to press charges on Isaac Baloyi it does scare me and maybe he won't even smell jail cause the law favours the rich not peasants like us.

Isaac

Me: so how did it go?

Him:it went pretty good she believes my story I think we should move fast on the next girls.

Me:I think so too but we have a problem the Tanzania girls have escaped and I dont know how did that happen.

Him:maybe we shoul lye low for a bit until the dust settles

Me: alright and I need you to track Purity for me that girl must be shipped somewhere far.

Him:like Russia perhapes?

Me:Europe will do.

Him:consider that done.

Me:good .

I need Purity gone I dont want her any close to Hlompho or Khensi that girl has brought so much pain in my house and I have a feeling that Hlompho knows where she is.

Shane

We drove to KFC with my parents I know this whole lunch thing is about me and Purity nothing more and since they have been on my case the question will come up

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we all ordered street wise and pap.

Ma: Shane where were you when your girlfriend was abducted?

Me: I was at work ma and I thought she was safe cause she was with her friend.

Her: Shane do you let her go alone to clubs ?

Me: Ma she is a grown girl and she is stubborn ma its not easy to make her see things my way.

Her: but still Shane you need to keep her close. look now she got into trouble with Isaac Baloyi.

Me: and he is so going to pay even if I have to put a bullet in his head I will.

Dad:son don't do anything stupid what you should focus on is keeping your girlfriend safe.

I nodded I wish she wasn't stubborn like this and I don't know how will I get her to move in with me and get another job cause we all know how that ended.

Khensi

I saw all my employees running back to the building and closing the doors and windows I was so confused of what was happening when a brick got through the window that's when I saw that the was a riot outside I ran back to my office with my employees following me. This is bad luck.

Me:someone please call the police .what is going on here?

Thembi: the parents want answers about their daughters

Me:but I told them that they are at Cape Town working. What more do they want.

Her: I don't know but you must fix this we have families and we can't die for something we don't know.

I called my father and he said he will come sort everything out. The noise outside was scarring me and the windows that kept on breaking this will cost me more money to have them fixed.

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Khensi

I saw my dad walking in with the cops I let out a sound of relief I ran to him and he hugged me I felt safe. The cops escorted us out and they were left to sort out the angry community.

Me:I thought Hlompho will come with you.

Him: he had other things to do. Khensi what's going on?

Me:they want their daughters papa and I told them they working in Cape Town.

Him: let's get Mr Rose to talk to them. Am sure they will understand

Me: they won't understand papa girls are getting killed out there and I will never forgive myself should anything happen to them.

Him:relax nunu everything will be alright.

3 days later...

Purity

The doctor is discharging me today he is happy with the way am responding to my medication although I wish I could stay longer until am completely healed and be safe from Isaac and his boys part of me wish Hlompho could have come to my rescue but he didn't I guess I learned the hard way. I made a promise to myself that I will not go any inch to Hlompho let alone breath the same air as him.

Shane walked in with Shamiso my heart danced to see them both it meant the whole world to me. She rushed to me and started crying I couldn't hold my tears I cried with her.

Her:ane urombo mwana wangu(am sorry my child)

Me: its alright mama

Her: ndingadai kudzivirirwa iwe(I should have protected you) he had a gun and he promised to kill me if I don't talk

I know this is one thing you don't like talking about but please forgive me.

Me: its alright mama you did what was best for you and am glad you are OK .

Her: I am really sorry that man is wicked very wicked.

Me:he is going to pay for what he did to me I swear on my family grave I will fight him with all that I have and if I can't get him behind bars God will fight the battle for me.

Her: amen to that. Son thank you very much for bringing me here now am at peace knowing my child is still alive.

Shane:anything for you mama.

I got off bed and went to change my hospital gown into normal clothes sweat pants and a long sleeve T-shirt they brand new am assuming Shane bought them immediately when he heard that am going home. I went back to where they were waiting for me. Shane held my hand as I limped to the car.

Me: Shane can I move in with you if it won't be any problem?

Him:you...

Me: am sorry for asking this but I don't think am still safe I mean I got away from them and maybe they are looking for me and if they do find me they will kill me.

He smiled at me and pecked my lips I felt embarrassed cause I have never kissed a man in front of Shamiso.

Him: I thought you will never ask of course you may stay with me even Ma Shamiso can stay with us.

Me: are you sure I mean I can always go back to my place.

Him: I have never been this sure. Purity I care a lot about you and you know it your safety means a lot to me.

I hugged him and we drove to his house in perfect peace knowing that I will be safe . he dropped us off and said he had something to take care of.

Lebo

Some guy picked me up at the airport he said he is friends with Purity at first I didn't believe him until he suggested that we call her and confirm that they know each other.

Him:am Shane Nkosi by the way.

Me: Lebo Ledwaba

Him: I know who you are but am glad you got out safe from that brothel.

Me: I wish we all did pity someone had to die saving me.

Him: am sorry about your friend I heard about him and he is the one who told us about you.

Me: its part of life.anyway where are you taking me

Him:am taking you home and I know you won't feel safe but trust me everything will be alright.

When I got home I saw ausi Agnes sitting on the bench outside it is almost sunset and she has lost a lot of weight you can't miss the sadness that is all over her face. I opened the gate slowly followed by Shane, she put her hand above her

forehead creating a shade so she can see who is getting in her yard.

Her: Moleboheng is that you? Ke wena nnana?

Me: yes it is me ausi Agnes.

Her:oh Jehova modisa waka.

She ran to me we both hugged and she kept touching my face in disbelief she made me take a twill so she can see if it is really me pity I did lose more weight on top of my thin body. She hugged me again and kissed me .

Her:I thought I will never see you again. Lebo where have you been.

Me:I will tell you everything ausi Agnes.

Her: Jehova ke modisa waka

Me:nkeke ka hloka letho.

Her:oh praise God who is this gentlemen?

Me:a friend of Purity and someone who saved me.

She invited us in the house it sure feels good to be back home I thought I will never be home again I said a little prayer in my heart thanking God for keeping me safe until I got home.

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Hlompho

I received shocking news that Lebo is back home I didn't waste any time I rushed to Katlehong I had to see her and she has some explaining to do. I found her still sleeping my grandmother didn't want to wake her up she said she needs all the sleep she can get.

Me:where was she?

Her: she didn't say anything but some guy brought her home. I am happy my child is back in one piece.

Me:ausi Agnes you let her sleep without knowing where she was and she was brought by a guy?

Her: don't raise your voice at me moshemane. You of all people should keep quite you failed to find her or even care if she is okay.

Me:I tried looking for her with no success.

Lebo: if you were my brother you would have tried harder.

She said that while leaning on the door, she made her way to us rubbing her eyes she sat down and looked at me straight in the eye somehow guilt washed all over my soul .

Her: I was abducted by some guys they said you have what belongs to them. The next day I was taken to Tanzania and I worked there as a sex slave. tortured and raped everyday sometimes drugs were injected on my body and my so called brother didn't even think of returning whatever it was to the rightful owner.

Me: Lebo listen it wasn't supposed to be like that.

Her: how was it suppose to be? Hlompho you never cared about us you even put my life in danger and who knows what if you do the same thing again? put me in danger? Purity is in danger caused of you.

Me: you know where she is?

Her: do us a favour and go back where you belong cause quite frankly you dead to me I buried you when I found myself in a brothel and I was always reminded of what you have.

Me: am really sorry .

Her: sorry? sorry killed me it killed one person who was saving me that's what sorry did.

She got up and walked back to her room I tried to follow her but Ausi Agnes stopped me. I have never seen her like that before and the way she spoke there was a lot of pain coming out of her mouth her voice was shaking. I did hurt a lot of people and I will never live with myself.

Shane

Nothing makes a man happy like seeing his woman happy. She was singing along to Lira' feel good while brushing her dreadlocks I pray that this moment last forever.

Me: I wanna feel good everyday I wanna wear a smile upon my face .

I joined in and she smiled at me I got hard immediately. If she wasn't wounded I will get between her legs and have her like my last meal.

Her:you do know that you have a terrible voice right.

Me:ouch that hurts.

Her:am kidding Shane you do have a lovely voice.

I know she is being sarcastic with her laugh caught on her voice and smiling eyes she really means it that I have terrible voice. I punched her on her shoulder teasingly.

Her:that hurts.

Me:cry baby keke

Her:no it hurts on a serious note.

Me:oh am sorry thought it won't hurt.

Her:its OK I will be fine. Shane thank you for everything. For allowing me and Shamiso to stay in your house and saving Lebo.I really appreciate it.if there's anything I could do to repay you please tell me.

Me:how about you get better so I can do all the things I want to do and all the things I want to do for you.

Her: I will get better. This is one traumatic experience I went through.I need to thank your parents properly they saved my life.

Me:you will thank them right now my love you must heal.

She pecked my lips then opened my mouth with her tongue I responded to the kiss. It was passionate full of love and magic I broke the kiss.

ME:Let me go to work see later.

Her:have a good day and please send my love to Khukhu and I will love to see her .

We kissed one last time and said our goodbyes.

Khensi

Me:Bazali bam please listen to me I assure you that your children are safe and working.

Parent1: and we supposed to believe that? Khensi bana ba lahlaha everyday and they get killed you want us to believe you.

Me:yes I care about your daughters a lot if I didn't care about them I wouldn't be standing here with you.

Parent2: why are they at Cape Town again and they don't let us know?all their phones are off not even one of them bothered to call.Khensi liphi iqiniso lapho?

Parent3: yesterday on the news they announced that they found burned bodies just outside of Jo'burg how do we know they not our daughters?explain that.

Me:Bazali please..

Parent1: sisi what you do for our children is good but should my daughter be dead am telling you
you going to pay .

Parent3: yes you are going to pay intact I have a better idea let's go to the mortuary see if we can find our children I know they burned but am sure we can find something amongst all those dead bodies.

They all agreed in unison. They sure that their daughters are dead and it scares me what if something bad happen to one of them. They started singing a protest song

,♪Zizo jika izinto

Wena ukhalelani

Wena ukhalelani

Zizo jika izinto.

Wena ukhalelani.

Wena ukhalelani!

They all marched outside leaving me breathing heavily I never thought this one day all my hard work will cause pain to other people.

Lebo

I woke with my grandmother shaking me roughly I must have passed out on the couch while watching TV.

Her:you were having a bad dream

Me:yes ausi Agnes am really scared I don't know if I will be able to face that man at court.

Her:the one responsible for your abduction?

Me:yes he is a dangerous man

Her: God will give you strength. I invited the church ladies to come and pray for you .

Me:I will appreciate that.

Her: who is the man you talking about?

Me:Isaac Baloyi and his cronies.

Her:Isaac Baloyi

Me:Khensi father.

Her:the one from Ray of Hope

I nodded she widened her eyes and covered her mouth I know no one believes me but it is the truth that's the information that was given to us I pray that he pays for his sins.

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Isaac

All my operations seemed to work except the one from Tanzania I don't know how did the girls escape and who had the guts to step on my toe but whoever he is will know me better. I checked on my emails before I can go to bed and the girls have arrived safely in China and the other girls died I guess the drug crushed and got mixed with blood and led to their death. I lifted my eyes before I could close my laptop and my wife was starring at me and that look means danger.

Me:Madam.

Her:we must talk Isaac

Me:alright we talk about what?

Her:our daughter. She is in trouble her girls gone missing

Me:and what's that got to do with me? Khensi knows she was supposed to do a background check on her new sponsor but she didn't .

Her:well the parents found one girl dead she was burned.

Me:my God who can be this evil?

Her: Isaac you must help her. They going to hold her accountable for this. She is the one who gave the girls learnership forms and know they die some went missing.

Me:I will see what I can do.

I got up from my chair and hugged her she seemed very scared and if she feels like this I wonder how Khensi is feeling.

Shane.

I met up with my friend who is a detective Ezra Simmons he works for the FBI he has solved many cases and this of human trafficking is his specialisation. I have no doubt that he will handle Leno's case and all the other girls will testify against him what I like the most is Lebo said she remembers the guys who have abducted her.

Me:its good to see you man

Him:good to see you too when was the last time I saw you?

Me:man its been donkey years I think.

We both laughed as we shoulder hugged he hasn't changed that much.

Him:so why did you want us to meet?

Me:man there is this girl who is close to someone's special to me she was abducted about months ago

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to cut the long story short someone informed us about her whereabouts and now she is back. What I want from you is to arrest the person behind all this.

Him: that's something you know.so this girl is she willing to open a case about this or?

Me:she is willing too but I think she is still scared.

Him:well bring her to my office and we will get someone to talk to her. It is time we put an end to this killing and abduction of women our country needs to be safe.

Me:that's true even my own girlfriend went through the same thing but she escaped thank God.

Him:a can of worms has been opened.you bring them to me tomorrow please I can't wait to nail the bastard.

We talked over drinks talking about random stuff and I made a promise that I will bring Lebo and Purity to give in their statement.

Purity

I still get nightmares and they not about just my family but what Isaac did to me and those horrific screams I once heard when they were burning those girls I won't lie and say my sleep is peaceful but it is not. I limped to the bathroom to take a shower and my tears couldn't stay away from my eyes I have cried a lot and am tired of crying I need to sort my life I need to be happy like other girls my age. I after taking a shower I felt liberated I tied my locks into a bun and wore a grey dress and went downstairs to have my meal. I found Shamiso with Khukhu she came and gave me a hug his I missed my crazy friend.

Me:am so happy to see you.

Her:am happy too girl you scared me I thought I will never see you again I mean first it was Lebo now you?

Me:am fine now but my friend ngcishe ngafa(singing)

Her:abantu aba ngaka..hey but am glad you alive.

Me:am glad too.

Her: on a serious note Neria you good ?my friend we almost lost you what happened.

Me: your inlaws happened the Baloyi happened my friend.that family is twisted .

Her:am really sorry and..

Me:you tried to warn me and I never listened I know and I was so caught up in love with your brother and it got me nowhere he didn't even come and save me when Isaac told him about me.

Her:am sorry .

Me:well as from today am changing my life am changing everything about me.

Her:I don't understand.

Me:let's say in the next coming months I will be a different Purity but once I have everything planned out I will let you know and please don't tell Hlompho about me.

I am still afraid of Isaac what if he finds me and finishes me off. What I have planned I need to tell Shane and Shamiso about it they are the only people I trust with my life.

Khensi

I saw a police van pulling up next to Ray of Hope and the girls mothers were following behind my knees were shaking to a point I almost pissed myself.

Him:hello are you Khensani Baloyi?

Me:yes I am.

Him:am detective Ezra Simmons can you please come to the station with us .

Me:why?

Him:we have some questions to ask you and miss Baloyi please don't be difficult with me.

Me:its not a problem can I go get my stuff in the office?

Him:go ahead and you may want to call your lawyer.

I got my stuff and followed him to the station.

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Khensi

I have never thought that one day I will find myself in police station especially for something that involves people's lives. Detective Ezra sat down and switched on the tape recorder. I think he can hear my heart beat cause that is the only thing that made noise.

Him: please say your name.

Me: Khensani Baloyi.

Him: do you know anything about learnerships that you gave young girls from your organization.

Me: yes I gave some girls learnership that came from our sponsor Rose cooperations

Him: and what happened.

Me: they signed forms after that they were given the learnership opportunity.

Him: did you know that they were offered accommodation ?

Me: yes one of the girls mentioned it. I thought that is a wonderful idea.

Him: we went through your bank accounts and someone injected more than your other sponsors do and the person remained anonymous.

Me:yes that is true.

Him: days after young girls were found burned outside Jo'burg care to explain that?

Me: no I can't it could be anyone but that doesn't mean am involved.

Me:I never said that you involved don't put words in my mouth.

Me:but that is what you insinuating Mr Simmons.

He chuckled and switched off his tape recorder. We looked at each other for a while until I cleared my throat.

Me:are we done here.

Him: yes but let me tell you Miss Baloyi I will find the person you working with and when I do I will make sure none of you gets bail or parole you will rot in jail mark my words.

Me:you sending threats to the wrong person sir.

Him:that was not a threat .you may leave Miss Baloyi and please have a goodnight.

Shane

Having Purity at my house makes me happy and she has never mentioned going back to work or her place. We all know how stubborn she can be but this time around she agrees to most of the things I say.

We having dinner on the patio specially prepared by her she made vegetables stir fry with beef and stuffed potatoes. Did I mention how beautiful she looks in a long red dress that leaves her back naked and in the front it has a little bit of lace.

Me: this smells good

Her:made with love

Me: I see you learn very fast my love.

Her :can we talk?

Me:sure I also have something I want to talk to you about but you can start first.

Her: Shane after what I went through I decided that I want to change my life. I want to start on a new slate.

Me: am confused.

Her: I want to go for therapy all this nightmares won't stop if I don't talk to someone . I keep having bad dreams day and night and am tired of them.

Me:who are you and what have you done to Purity?

Her: Shane if you don't mind can you help me find an affordable therapist? I know this will shock you but am resigning from Club Eclipse with immediate effect. I need to find a better job one where I won't be working with drunk and horny men. Maybe call center or anything.

Me:resignation accepted my love. You just made me a happy man.

Her:so will you help me? I mean with everything that I have asked for?

Me:of course I will hey we updating your CV tomorrow morning.

We both kissed and moved the while thing to the bedroom. I need to make love to her Temple.

Hlompho

Khensi stormed in crying she looked like a walking corpse and if I did something wrong I will have to apologise for it .

Me:what's wrong?.

Her: everything is a mess Hlompho my organization everything is just messed up.

Me:calm down and tell me about it.

I gave her a glass of starch water to calm her down .

Her:apparently some of the girls died they were abducted and burned and I was in the police station for that.

Me:why?

Her: the FBI think am involved in it .

Me:FBI? Hell that is hectic they not going to let this go.

Her: I know why would someone kill innocent girls ?

Me: I wouldn't know.

How do I tell her that her father is the one who is involved in killing innocent girls and he also deposited money on her account? She need to learn the truth about Isaac she must know that her father is Lucifar walking in suits the only difference is he has no fork.

Purity

The way he played with his tounge on my bean made me squirt I screamed his name and locked him between my legs. He licked me more and I loosened my legs I wasn't sure if am breathing or not.

Me: Shane what are you doing?

Him:worshipping you am at your peace.

When he got between my legs that guy who was sucking my nipples his face splashed on my memory.

Me:please stop am sorry I can't do this.

Him:did I do something wrong?

Me:no ..its..its..

My voice started to betray me and I think I can't speak. I could hear the sound of my voice my tears spoke for me

Him:I understand my love I think we moved too fast and we can take things slow. How about tomorrow we go find you a therapist and we open a case against this guy who has hurt you.

I nodded as fast as I could I want Isaac and his agents to pay for what they have done to me.

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Hlompho

I paid Khukhu a visit in a hope of finding Purity but there was no sign of her not even scent. Khukhu looked very annoyed like always I think my presence disgusts her more than anything.

Me: heard anything about Purity?

Her: yes she was found half dead near the road.

Me: damn where is she now?

Her: I can't tell you that but what I can tell you is that you are one self centered and useless person I ever met in my life .

Me: Kholofelo let me explain before you start throwing stones at me.

Her: please explain to me why she was the one who was tortured almost died and you here alive not even with one scar or a blue eye .please explain to me.

Me: if I was with her obviously I would have been hurt as well and yes Isaac told me to come see her but I couldn't cause Khensi thought I was meeting with Purity.

Her:so you had to protect the little princess feelings?does she know that her father is evil?

Me: no she doesn't.

Her:she must know the truth that her father is evil. You are going to tell her and Hlompho you couldn't even save your own sister from him?

Me:its not that easy Isaac is a dangerous man he kills whatever stands in his way.

Her:you have to tell her the truth or someone will.

How do I tell her that her father is in illegal businesses he is the one who burned those girls and he is the one who sent Rose to her organization? Will she believe me? Khensi believes anything her father says even if he can say He bought haven she will still believe him.Isaac is nothing but an awesome father in Khensi's eyes.

Shane

I found the perfect psychologist for Purity he has a high profile and most of his clients recommend him. I am very lucky that he is in town for few months since he is going to start his practise this side.

I booked an appointment for Purity she needs to start right away I can't stand watching her crying in her sleep or when we try to get intimate she stopes and cries this thing is eating her inside I think if she gets help she will do much better, I even found her a new job at Bhengu communications she will be the receptionist.

Me:I have some good news for you

Her: I could do with them

Me:I booked you your first appointment for therapy and I have found you a new job so you have an interview tomorrow morning at 9 am.

Her:so many things in one day? What time should I go for my therapy session?

Me: its at one o'clock so you have all the time in the world.

She smiled and hugged me I squeezed her hard she let out a soft moan.

Her:thank you so much.

Me:welcome my darling.

Her:are you ready to take me to the police station?

Me:you want to go today?

Her: its now or never. I want that Isaac to suffer I wish I could be in the same cell as him so I can chop him into tiny pieces while he is sleeping.

Me: don't worry karma will visit him pretty soon .

She took her handbag and I followed her to the door. I am glad she has put her words into action.

Isaac

Her:papa you must help me find this girls or I will rot in jail for something I didn't do.

Me:relax my baby everything will be fine. we will find those girls though I don't even have a plan.

Her:papa make a plan please .

Me:who is in charge of your case?

Her:Ezra Simmons. He means business that one he said he will find the guy am working with and he will sure teach us a lesson.

Me: I never heard of him before but relax I got this.

She wiped her eyes and drinker her water. My poor child is going through a lot and she has no idea that am behind of all this. My biggest worry is this Ezra person I don't know where is he from but one thing for sure I will have to find something that will make him drop the case.

Purity

After giving my statement at the police station I thought I should pass by Rosebank mall I need some formal clothes to wear in case I get this job,am happy that at least my life is taking a different direction if it wasn't for Shane I don't know where would I be,he has loved me for a very long time and I was too blind to see it.

I shopped around bought myself formal pants

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skirts,tops,and dresses then went to the salon to style my hair I need to look good after everything was done I went to a restaurant to buy me lunch I was femished . someone pulled a chair and sat next to me when I looked up it was Khensi, I rolled my eyes at her part of me wanted to leave but am not going leave until I finished my food. I took a bite of my meat.

Her: Purity?

Me:what do you want?

Her:what happened to you?the cast on your arm?

Me: do you want to know?

Her: no I don't I want you to stay away from my man.

Me:your man?you mean Hlompho?honey I don't want your useless boyfriend next to me and am glad that what we had didn't last.Hlompho is a spineless man who chose a wicked family over his own blood family. Your family is wicked Khensi you all deserve hell.

Her:you cost me my life I lost my child and you going to say all this rubbish who the hell do you think you are?

Me:sure you lost a child.I apologized for it and hell I almost lost my life I paid the price for it.

Her:I don't understand.

Me: let me tell you something.

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Khensi

The way Purity looked at me made my skin crawl she had a lot to say but she kept quiet she kept on digging her plate.

Me: you won't tell me right? I bet you thinking of coming with a lie and that won't work my dear.

Her:I don't need to lie. I need to tell you the truth. Khensi if I was you I would open my ears and shut my mouth cause right now you will hate your father.

Me: come with your lies.did you try to seduce him like you seduced my man?

She laughed so hard that everyone stared at us even the waiter who was standing next to our table just froze the eyes were really digging my skin.

Her:your father is a monster. Days after your miscarriage he came after me. He send Reginald to kidnap me and I was taken to some warehouse and what I saw will haunt me for a very long time.

Me:that's a lie my father will never do anything like that. I will not believe this kind of lies.

Her:I don't care if you believe me or not but just know that your father will rot in prison even if he tries to buy the law but justice will be served .

She settled her bill and got up to leave. I know my father is a good man Purity is just bitter and I curse the day I met her.

Purity

I went for my interview in the morning I must say I didn't expect to get the job right away I thought I will wait until Mr Bhengu has made up his mind, he said they need someone who will start immediately and agreed to it after my interview I passed by the bank for statements before going for my therapy session.

The building of Bheki Mpilo health center looked beautiful it is nothing compared to any health center , the interior designer did so much justice to it,it has that feeling of welcome that feeling that gives you hope surprisingly their slogan is "giving hope and comfort to those who are in need". I knocked twice in his office before going in .

He was looking at his laptop and talking on the phone whoever he was talking to sure knows how to make him smile gosh this guy looks handsome it must be a sin to look that chocolate and handsome,if I was still a prostitute I swear I would strip naked for him

he looked at me and his smile faded now am nervous.

Him:Hello I am Mpilo Thabethe and you are?

Me:Purity Nyakunda.

Him:nice meeting you please sit I will be with you shortly.

I looked around his office had a portrait of his family he really has beautiful family.

Him:sorry for wasting your time.am Mpilo by the way.

Me:you said that before

Him:I know I did I was just testing you if you were listening Ms Purity. So what brings you here?

Me:uhm...uhm..not sure what to say.

Him:say whatever that comes from your mind.

Me:am here because I need help. I need help to change my life I need to live a normal life.

Him:alright so what is the difference of your life and the normal life you want

Me:I think that..

Him:alright let's do this you tell me about yourself and I will do so to or you want me to start?

I nodded.

Him: I already told you my name,am a father of two children and a husband to a beautiful person,years ago I was hooked on drugs and alcohol I started using after my father died well the drugs and alcohol helped to numb a pain, my mother took me to UK I was all alone I didn't have any friends or family that's

when I decided to change my life before coming here. I came back to the mother land and got married a year later my former employee who was obsessed with me abducted me she drugged and raped I was going to die but I had to fight to live not just for me but for my family.

I widened my eyes not in many years have I imagined a guy being abducted we never read about that all that happens to women am very lucky to sit next to someone who might now what I have been through.

Shane

David's assurance was playing on Channel O I stood to dance for my woman she laughed at me as if I have bad moves am not a bad dancer I know how few moves the ones she taught me.

Me:biggy biggy heavy heavy baby do you love me.(I tickled her and she laughed)

Me: I love you Purity I hope you know that.

Her: ndinokuda mambo wangu(I love you my king)

Me: what does it mean?

Her:it means I love you my king

Did she say my King? My ears are deceiving me I don't believe this it feels like a dream.I need someone to pinch me.

Me: say that again and slowly please.

Her: ndinokuda mambo wangu.

I smiled and kissed her passionately this is the right time to ask her if she will marry me,my parents have been waiting for this.

Me:can I ask you something.

Her:go ahead my king.

I got disturbed by someone who knocked on the door I went to check who it was and to my surprise Senzi was standing on my door.

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Shane

Me: what are you doing here?

Her: I came to see my man won't you let me in.

Me: Ahh come in.

We went to the lounge and Purity was still watching TV they exchanged greetings. I didn't know what to do but from the way they looking at each other WWE SmackDown will happen.

Senzi: what is she doing here?

Me: she..she .

Purity: she stays here just for a while.

Senzi: oh I see. Can we talk alone?

Purity looked at me and she got up to leave she had so much disappointment written in her eyes.

Me: why didn't you tell me that you coming?

Her: I wanted to surprise you. Besides I missed you.

Me:you should have told me you know.

Her: I thought you would be happy to see me. you have been ignoring my calls and texts what's up ?

Me: Senzi..you are a great girl and lovely with brains. I am really sorry for leading you on.

Her:wait what's all this? Are you breaking up with me?

Me: we never dated or our relationship was not that serious. I have someone in my life.

Her:you mean Purity you dating your hostess someone with no brains she is not that beautiful even.

Me:yes am dating my hostess.

Her:so you going to choose her over me?

Me: yes I choose her over you.

She blinked her eyes then slapped me hard,it stinged alot. She turned her heels and walked out.

Hlompho

I heard a really loud bang on my door whoever was knocking wanted to break my door I opened and it was Khensi she looked like a mess she has been crying .

Me:hey shiluvha what's wrong?

Her: everything is wrong Hlompho.

Me:come here.

I pulled her closer for a hug and she sobbed letting her tears wet my naked chest. She then looked at me with puffy eyes.

Her:I saw Purity

Me: oh?

Her: she said hurtful things about my father . I don't believe that girl .

Me:what did she say?

Her: she said my dad abducted her she almost lost her life.this means my father is responsible for hurting her.

Me:do you believe her?

Her: no ways how can I believe something like that it's a lie.

Me: I see.

Her:why do people have to come up with stories first it was that gangster friend of your now Purity..oh my God it can't be true right.

Me: you can read between the lines it is true.

She took her bag and left me behind,I took my car keys and followed her.

Isaac

I did some digging on this Ezra person I need to know who he is and where is he from

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I don't like it when a tiny fish like him thinks it can swim with Sharks like me.

Me:what do you have for me Reginald

Him: he is from Mpumalanga, no children,he stayed with his mother and siblings apparently his sister Kelly needs special care of everything she can't do anything walk or talk and looks like he cares about her alot.

Me: that is something.we have something that will send him to that whole he crawled out from.

Purity

Shane walked in while I was packing my clothes I think it's best for me to leave since his girlfriend is back in town. I don't want to stand in his way .

Him:what are you doing?

Me:packing my clothes

Him:I can see that. Why are you leaving?

Me:your girlfriend is here so am giving you space to talk and do whatever you guys want to do.

Him: she left already. Purity don't leave me.

Me: I feel like a fool already just when I allow myself to love someone then this happens or maybe we moved too fast.

Him: no we didn't.

Me:Shane I heard everything you talked about. I think I should leave I will be in Newtown if you going to need me.

Him:if you heard everything then you won't leave. I chose you over her.

Me:what?

Him:yes I chose you over her and I will choose you over anyone and anything.

Me: I don't know what to say.

Him:you can say you love me.

I laughed and walked up to him and hugged him, I never had anyone who will put me first besides my parents or Shamiso this is love.

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Purity

It has been just few days attending my therapy sessions everything is slowly falling into place i must say every after a session I go back home feeling like a new person like half of my burdens are being lifted off my shoulders.

Him: you say you slept with different men almost everyday ,men you picked up from your work place or at any clubs right?

Me:yes are you judging me?

Him:no am not judging you,so this sleeping around how did it make you feel?

Me:it made me happy it made forget about my miserable life.

Him:do in a way this was some sort of distraction and a way that took the pain away.

Me:yes.

Him: so have you ever been intimate lately?

Me:no I tried but the people who raped me just come back in my head all the things they did to me they coming back .

Him: and how does that make you feel?

Me: I get livid I got used to having sex anytime I wanted too and even now I feel like having sex but this damn people violleted me.

He nodded and wrote in his note pad he poured us water.

Him: do you jog sometimes?

Me: no

Him: I want you to jog everyday to keep your mind off things, you can do it at anytime you want

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when it comes to sex don't rush it.

Me: I see.

Him: and your family tell me about them.

Me: they were a loving family I never had much but my parents tried all they could to provide for us,my parents loved each other I wanted to live that kind of life have a loving husband.

He wrote down again and that made me uncomfortable I don't understand why he keeps writing everything I say.

Him : I think we done for today, I made you a list of things I want you to do.

Me: thank you.

Him: one day you will find healing.

I slightly nodded and he gave a small smile and I walked out, this feels good I can surely taste "healing" on my tongue.

Isaac

My office door flung opened Khensi walked in she looked like she hasn't slept in days.

Me: I missed you at breakfast how are you?

Her: angry. Is it true papa?is it true that you abducted young girls and sold them?is true that you had Purity tortured her?is true that you have illegal business?

Me: who told you all that?that is a lie Khensani people will come up with lies just to hurt you.

Her: then why am I being questioned by the police for something I didn't do.

Me: I don't know my child. I wish I can give you the right answers.

Her:papa Hlompho told me about your business papa please tell me the truth?

Me: I swear on my life I don't know about this accusations.

I hugged her she cried so hard. This people are going to pay no one gets on my way and expect to tell a tale Hlompho will know me better.

Lebo

I gave in my statement and I have been moved to the safe house with some of the girls, I can't wait for the day when those evil men get arrested. Ezra came with a sketch artist.

Him:do you still remember the guy who was a leader or any of them?

Me:yes

Him: can you describe him for us?

Me:yes.

I described him very well I didn't miss anything and he drew him the way he is.

Me: that's him.

Ezra: I will ask the girls if they remember him.

Me: it's ok.

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Hlomphe

Me: you need to believe me Khensi your father did all those things

Her:he said he didn't do them it is all lies. Why would my father lie to me?

Me:cause he thinks he is protecting you.Khensi you are going to pay for his sins. The burned girls,Rose company that's all his work.

Her:I don't believe you.

Me:then you will believe me when you are in jail then. I will no longer help you see what's happening cause clearly you blind as a bat.

Khensi is very stupid I gave her all the answers she needs but still wants to believe her father I give up on her just like Pontus Pillate in the bible.

Isaac

I just got of a call talking to Adzi he has arrived in Mpumalanga we need something that will scare Simmons away. I soft knock came in it was my wife followed by two cops.

Me:gentleman is everything OK?

Ezra: Mr Isaac Baloyi you under arrest for abducting girls,murder,rhino horns pouching and smuggling of drugs.

He cuffed me and rad me all my rights,my wife was screaming her screams were piercing my heart.

We drove to the police station when we got in I saw Reginald fighting with the other cop when he saw me I winked at him and he nodded. We are not going to spend a night in here

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he took me to the interrogation room he went out for 30 minutes I think he was standing on the other side watching me cause there is a glass that looks like a mirror you can't see the

person in the next room but he can see you, after a short while he came back and threw a file next to me.

Him:can you read that please?

Me:read for you ?

Him:if you like Mr Baloyi.

I rad the file everything I was doing was written in black and white this is a mess a serious mess but I will get bail and Hlompho,Purity and his precious sister will know what hell is.

Me:can I call my lawyer please.

Him:sure let me get you a phone.

Khensi

Ma: your dad has been arrested.

Me:what for?

Ma: I don't know why Khensi we need to calk our lawyer.this is bad first it was you now him.

Me: mama am really scared what if they come for me?

Her:they won't come for you. Where the hell is Hlompho when we need him.

Me:let me call him.

I called him and left a voice message on his phone. I paced up and down so my father was lying to me when he said he doesn't know about the girls and Purity?how sick is he? I went to his study room and searched the whole room I turned the room upside down, I need to find somethig. I switched his laptop on and it needed a password I tried all the passwords I can think of but nothing. His am I going to find some evidence if his laptop need passwords.

Me:damn it Papa you better come back home.

Isaac

Him: Mr Baloyi I have been waiting for this day so I can find the person who is responsible for killing young girls.

Me:is that me you talking about?

Him:oh yes its you sir . you opened a can of worms.

Me:I see.you think am going to spend a night here?

Him: I don't know but I think some inmates will enjoy your visit Mr big shot producer.

Me:am sure they will

Him:where are other girls Isaac where did you take them too?

Me:I don't know what you talking about.

He pulled a chair and sat down he pulled his sleeves up and our foreheads met.

Him:don't play games with me Isaac where are the girls.

Me:somewhere around the world

Him:and who are you working with?

Me:I work alone.

He laughed at me.

Him: see one of your boys is singing like a bird in the next room so if you want to lie go ahead lie to me but that sir will keep you in here forever. I mean we looking at 30 years in prison with no parole.

He got up and leaned against the door whistling some song I don't know.

Me: you Mr Simmons I got one of my boys who is at your mothers door step as we speak.

He stopped whistling and looked at me.

Me: I know you don't want anything happening to your family especially to Ms Kelly Simmons who needs the special care. if you let this go I will make it a worthwhile for you I mean this job of your doesn't pay that much it pays a little. If I help you Kelly can get all the help she needs all you need is throw away the file.

His eyes danced his smile made volumes and voalla I got him right where I want him,he looked so happy like a Sunday school kid who has a candy in his hand.he sat down and smiled at mehe pulled the file.

Him:really can you do that?can you help my Kelly?

Me:yes tear up the file son

He smiled at me again.Thanks heavens for the power of money.

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Khensi

I went to the police station to give evidence to detective Ezra I needed to clear my name I can't get arrested for something I don't know nor even knew it was happening and it pained me that Hlompho was also involved in this. After giving the evidence I asked to see Hlompho he has a lot of answering to do .

Me: why didn't you tell me you working with my dad

Him:I was asked not to say anything.

Me:so you carried on doing all of this evil things .I thought you loved me.

Him: Khensi I love you and you know it.believe me when I say your father didn't want to let me go I begged him a lot of times but he didn't he said if I do anything he will come after my family.

Me: why didn't you report him?

Him: not that easy. Khensi your father is very dangerous he has connections everywhere and as we speak he is already plotting revenge. You are no longer safe he is going to kill you.

Me: he wouldn't do that.

Him: you don't know your father. You gave in evidence enough to bury him but he is coming after you. shiluvha please listen to me gather all the money you have and skip the country.

Me: and go where? what about my mother.

Him: take her with you. Go to Mozambique he has no connections that side. he won't even try to get close or know where you are going.

This sounds ridiculous why would I want to run from him he is my father he will never hurt me although he did something drastic like this but he will never hurt me I need to make him understand that I wanted to clear my name nothing more.

Months later

Lebo

Justice has finally being served Isaac will spend the rest of his life in prison am glad that we all stood together me ,the girls and Purity. Now I can focus on school get my matrix and go to Varsity. One thing am most grateful for is Hlompho saved money that will pay for my varsity years that's the only good thing he has managed to do as a brother.

I have put the past behind me and am looking toward to the future, my story was all over the news and I have been described as "Womandla" a strong African girl.

Isaac

I can't believe that I will spend the rest of my life in this hole 30 years with no parole. My own daughter turned against me she even testified against me tell me who does that against his blood? I should be angry but I find it useless to be angry when I

know that I will get out of here very soon. I don't need to be on a good behaviour but I know I will find my way out. Purity and Simmons are still going to pay for putting me behind bars.

One of the inmates came and sat next to me everyone calls his The Don king of prison apparently he has been here for a very long time.

Him: can we talk.

Me: sure

Him:I heard you had some operations outside so I was wondering can we partner in it?

Me:what?

Him: you bring the drugs in I ask my boys to sell the we split the profit.

Me:what happened to your supplier?

Him:he doesn't have the good stuff you have,we need to introduce the new thing to this kids if you get my point.

Me: let me think about it .

Him:go ahead Baloyi.

He walked away leaving me to think about what he said. if he has been in here for long am sure he has tried to escape this place a lot of times

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he must give me a plan.

Purity

Life has been promising me good things the universe is smiling at me I no longer have night mares I have finally let go of my past. God has given me strength to work and change my life. I have registered at a university for teaching finale I will get my teaching degree, Shane has been a wonderful boyfriend and each day I fall in love with him.

I turned to my left side and I found Shane looking at me with a huge grin on his face I guess he was watching me sleeping or waiting for me to have one of those nightmares again.

Me:why you looking at me life that?

Him:cause you didn't have any nightmare.

Me:but it has been months now.

Him:I know my love and that makes me happy.what's your day like?

Me:work then therapy the usually routine.

Him:can we have lunch together?

Me:yes you tell me the time and I will be there.

I got off bed and ran to the bathroom. I need to bath then prepare myself for work,Mr Bhengu can be a Slavs drive sometimes after my hygiene I found Shane downstairs singing along to jagged edge "Let's get married" this side of him I like .

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Shane

Today am going to ask Purity to marry me I have never been this nervous I have already bought the ring and booked the restaurant for us.my parents have been asking me about it now I think its time to pop the question.

It was now 3pm and She was running late I called her and her phone took me to voicemail.

Me:babe this is the third message am leaving please switch your phone on. I love you.

I hanged up and poured me a glass of bubbly and gulped it all down I hope she is fine nothing has happened to her, Isaac is a difficult man and I doubt he will let this go .

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Purity

Today is my last session with Mr Thabethe and it took longer than I have thought which also makes me late for my lunch date with Shane. He kept writing on his note pad while humming a tune it sounded beautiful. He stopped writing and smiled at me.

Him: any nightmares?

Me: no none.

Him: still hard to get intimate with your boyfriend?

Me: yes but am glad he still understand.

Him: that's good he seems like a good guy one of a kind.

Me: he is.

Him: you know am happy that you made a lot of progress, your attitude has changed everything about you has changed.

Me: am happy too I thought I will never make it.

Him: I always said to you...

Me: trust in the Lord , he is the way, truth and life.

Him: now that's an A student right there.

We both laughed he started making jokes well that's what he always does sometimes.

Him: Purity you have found your healing a brand new healing has been given to you.

Me:thank you so much for helping me.

Him: its a pleasure. We done here but if you ever need to talk to someone you have my phone number.

Me:even if its in the middle of the night?

Him:no that middle of the night it is made for me and my wife.so please call during the day.

I laughed we shakes hands and I immediately rushed to the restaurant, a lot of messages came flooding on my phone gosh Shane must be mad at me I sent him a text message letting him know I was on my way.

Khensi

As I was driving around my neighborhood some car was busy following me this car has been following me the whole day

I was close to my house but I chose to drive past it see if the car will stop but it kept following me. I had Ezra phone numbers on speed dial, I dialed him and he picked up.

Me: there's a car following me and it has been following me the whole day.

Him: where are you now?

Me: driving to nearest police station.

Him: give me the number plates of that car.

Me: HDS...

I heard gun shots coming from behind I lost control of my car the only thing I heard were gun shots and the car wheels scratching the road Lord this is the end of my life.

Ezra: Ms Baloyi can you hear me? shit boys get ready we have a situation.

Purity

As soon as I walked in the restaurant my man was already planning to leave. I hugged him and apologised for being late I explained why I took so long to arrive I pray that he understands.

Him: I was worried about you I thought something bad has happened.

Me: am sorry but am here now.

Him: don't ever scare me like that

Me: it won't happen again. why is this place empty?

Him: I booked the whole restaurant for us.

Me: wow couldn't you do that at Eclipse?

Him: there's no romance there and I didn't want to bring memories we might have had if you know what I mean .

I nodded while pouring myself red wine his eyes moved around he seemed nervous and he kept wiping his forehead.

Me:are you alright?are you sick?

Him: am fine baby.uhm can I ask you something

Me:yes.

He took out a small black box. My heart was about to stop beating my knees were melting just like butter when it melts on hot potatoes. His eyes were full of love and his mouth moved I couldn't hear what he was saying whoever has a remote should give it to me cause he sounds like he is on mute mode.

Him:what do you say my love?

Me:Shane..I...I Please

Him:please say yes.

Me:Shane I love you but I don't think am ready for this or we both ready

Him:what?

Me:let me finish. I love you a lot but can we hold on a bit on marriage. I want to marry you in the future but not now..

Him:what?am I not good enough for you?

Me:you good more than enough for me. I can't imagine my life without you I just want us to take thing slow. Am already healing and starting a new career I want us to be physical ready and emotionally ready.I don't want to walk out on you when things start falling apart or finding ourselves in a court room fighting over a divorce. What am saying is can we wait just a little while?

Him: yes but do you give me your word that you will marry me someday?

Me: cross my heart hope to die.

I kissed him I felt some sweet sensation between my legs and his member was hard I could feel it pressed on my stomach I pulled him much closer directing his hand to my cookie.

Him:should we go home?

Me:take me home please.

We both ran to his car driving home I think am ready to get intimate if this is the brand new healing Mr Thabethe is talking about am happy with it.

Khensi

I don't know where I was but my body told me am being abducted the room was dark with no little light or a sound. I screamed my lungs out my mouth was covered with a tape and my legs and hands were both tied. Where am I? The door opened some man walked in wearing a white suit and a black Dorbs hat. His ascent was Portuguese.

Him:hello Ms Baloyi welcome to your new home.am Jao by the way .your father owes me a lot of money he took my drug and never paid me all my money now he is arrested and you are going to pay all his debts.

Oh my God what did Isaac Baloyi do?I don't deserve this life I don't deserve to pay for his sins.

Shane

I played with my tongue in her bean I moved it circles and gave all my attention to the sensitive part on her bean. She pressed my head hard letting out all the sweet sounds. My member was hard and leaking if I go in am afraid I won't even last that's how horny I am.

I kissed her belly button up to her mouth. She tasted herself and I inserted my middle and index finger in her pot going in and out making her to speak in Shona whatever she was saying I loved it.

Me: are you sure about this?

Her: more than sure.

I went in without warning her and she grasped for air. I moved slowly while she moved her hands on my back, I loved how her cookie walls massaged my cock she felt so warm making it hard

for me to keep our babies in I emptied all of them inside her and we both collapsed.

A year and half later.

Purity

I looked at myself in the mirror that was standing in the middle of the room I can't believe this is happening years ago I didn't imagine of this life I thought I will forever remain Purity the prostitute. Today I look beautiful in my maternity dress yes am pregnant, soon we will a mini me or a mini Shane running around the house. This child means alot to me this means I will love and protect her with all that I have.

Lebo

First day in varsity is hell I wish someone told me that I will get lost if I don't attend the orientation day. I walked down the corridors looking for my lecture hall until someone bumped into me.

Him:am sorry.

Me:you should watch where you going.

Him:I said am sorry let me help you with that.

Me:no leave it I will be fine.

He picked up my map directing me to my lecture hall damn I suck at reading maps. I looked at him with a straight face and he kept on reading the map for me.

Him:come let me accompany you and please don't be stubborn about it.

Me:I said I will be fine.

Him:yeah you will be fine.

He grabbed my arm and we walked to my lecture hall I don't know who he think he is being all bossy I tried yanking my hand but his grib was strong talking about a manly grib.

Him:you chose law?you must be a smarty pants huh? I am second year student doing media studies by the way my Arabang.

Me:Lebo.

He stopped next to my lecture hall he opened the door for me and smiled.

Him:this is your class till we meet again MsLebo.

Hlompfo..

Prison is no fun here there are hardcore criminals and me am just a small rat compared to them, I made a big mistake by allowing Isaac to use me like this now I will be in this place for 5 years and when I get out I won't have a home or a job my career has ended very bad. I picked up a shovel and started digging we always digging and I have no idea what are we looking for. We doing hard labour something am not used to. My back is killing me and by the time I sleep am hoping to pass out.

Khensi

I have been moved from one place to another because my father tipped the cops about my whereabouts Jao and his partner are trying by all means to keep me away from my freedom . I cried a lot when I was being used and abused right now I have no more tears left in me I have accepted this life and nothing about it scares me.

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

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