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If I say am okay, I would be lying. Am shattered and broken and
every now and then I feel like anytime from now my soul will
depart from this skeleton city called my body and I will forever
find peace.

Am in a losing battle with anxiety and a deadly cousin
depression and it seems as am the one at the losing end. I can
say so because I have lost my voice and faith.. Chuckle... Tell me
how do I believe in the most higher being yet he is always
unavailable for me.

I have been through a lot since I was a kid and now am a young
adult... A 22 years woman with lots of questions and a
shadowed ways that are forever haunted by the evil being I
attract... Mxm, that just life.

Anyways am PRECIOUS... precious no surname, that life also guys. Let's walk together as I take you back from when I was about 8 years to the present day and as we unfold the future together in this life journey of mine.

Precious... Precious, I heard someone calling my name softly and I slowly open my eyes. "precious come with me, my child", the voice sounds so familiar, it carries so much peace in it. I look around alarmed, it can't be her, she died long time ago when I 8 years if am remembering correctly, or wait am I also dead?

"precious come with me" loudly, her voice to carries so much warmth and you just find peace in it. I snap out of my train thoughts and look around again, I couldn't recognize the place but I wouldn't mind staying here for ever, it's so peaceful here. I was laying nicely on the greenest grass I ever seen and the sight was something else, oh not to mention the smell of fresh flowers and nature all together, while I was still adoring the place she speak again making me to wake up n sit so I can see her.

"we are running out of time nwana Wa nwananga" (my granddaughter).

I could believe my ears but it is her my grandma from maternal side.

She stretches hand hand towards me to help me stand then it start to kick in am dead

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he killed me.

Makhulu : your not yet dead nwananga (my child).

Me: then where am I?, what am I doing here
makhulu(grandma), didn't he kill me? He wanted to kill
me makhulu. And where are we rushing to?

Makhulu : Hai precious mbudziso nthihi Ndi fhindula zwo
lingana(one question per time it's enough then I will answer).
Your not dead and he didn't kill nwananga. Am here to deliver a
message to you my love. You see am truly trying my best to
convince your forefathers to change your fate but pour actions
my child. It's seems like you have forgotten where you come
from and your allowing people to walk over you. You no longer
appease the ancestors or pray to the higher being and time my
child time it not on your side. If you continue to slacking like
this there is a river you will never cross even though it not
deep but won't.

I started to panic, I ask with a panic voice

Me:what? What do you mean?

Makhulu : you know very well baby you know...
Look the at the sunset am must go back so is you

Me: but I still want to be here makhulu,mme anga vha gai?
(where is my mom).

She started to walk towards the smoke, she was walking so fast
I tried to run after her but I could move my feet I just stare at
her disappear in that smoke with a heavy heart.

Then I started to hear the beeping sound and was going beeping
so fast and i can hear voice of tee people I don't recognize
scream to one other"we are losing her, bring the defibrillator
electrode fast".

They put something on my chest and I started to shake
uncontrollably. After some time I feel myself drifting to light
sleep.

****after few hours***

As soon as I open my eyes, the light brightness blind my eyes, I
closed them and then open them again slowly. I looked around

it seems like am at the hospital and there's a man who is wearing a white coat he looks like a doctor, he was busy writing something in his books so Jah am in the hospital.

I so wanted to talk to him but I couldn't find my voice so I just stare at him.

After what feels like forever he looked at me and smile.

Doc: Hey! miss Moloi your awake

I just stare at him, my voice was still lost and I wasn't ready to play hide and seek with it because my body was in too much pain and headache was doing me no justice either.

Doc:Miss Moloi can you hear me?

I just nod, joh nobody ever told me that nodding can be too much work joh my head feels so heavy. I clear my throat, joh! It was a wrong move because my throat feels so dry like Kalahari desert. I feel like I just tore my throat a bit then I tried to talk again

Me: Wa....water....ple..please d

As I gulped down the water immediately, it raced down my throat and it taste so nice and refreshing it felt like it's been long time without having anything going down my throat and I was so furnished and a bit sleep that the effect of the medication. The door slowly open and to my surprise it was my husband's mother Sarah, she hates my guard and she doesn't even hides it so am so surprised to have her visit me at the hospital, or maybe she is here to finish what her son started. So, let me just keep quit and listen to what she have to say.

Doc: "I will come and check on you later with the results" he said looking at me, then turn to look at my monster in law. "Be quick please my patient should rest". then look at me again I nod at him and I don't know why, but let me not dual at it, I don't want to make the monster in law give his son more reasons to beat me.

She looked at me with disgusted eyes and I mentally roll my eyes. After some time she decide to end her staring game as I wasn't also going to give in or start a conversation with her

Sarah: how could you?

I just stare at her because Lord God knows I don't have strength not now please yoh. Even when am at bed ridden out of all

people I wouldn't want her near me because she is so full of herself and like to gloat and paint her son as a good person yet they're both the devils agent. I know very well that she don't wish any good to me and visiting me here it's because she have same old stories to say to me like accusing me of using her sons hard earned money yoh! Murena (god) what have I done. Is like she forget that her son is my husband and his freedom lays in my hands.mxm

Sarah: so you have gone mute now?.. You see I knew from the beginning that you cannot be trusted at all and now you will be crying abuse to people while my son is busy falling into depression because of you.

Thendo having a depression maybe his demons tormenting him for his evil ways and their fighting their way out. I wanted to say so loud but I know better

Me: what have I done to your son Sarah? Tell me because am struggling to equate the equation here. Your son....your son is abusive and you know that very well and your busy here blaming me for his actions his an adult he will have to own up to his actions. As woman I thought that you will understand what am going through and find ways to help your cheating and woman beater son of yours.

I said that fuming with anger and tears slowly building up at the wells of my eyes and I know few blinks it will be like an opened

tap so am trying so hard not to relive that moment. Because to be honest I hate what he did to me but he is my husband and I know very well that when he come to visit me and also apologise and all the romantic gestures I will fall in his trap again like all other times.

She stares at me with purest hate and I know her brains are plotting evil against me, I just stare back at her then her face become serious and immediately I know that threats are coming and most of them are promises

Sarah: you see precious I hate you

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you disgust me and you're not good enough for m son

I roll my eyes because it's a same old story and now it's starting to get boring.

Sarah: continue doing that sweetheart continue because you won't like what the outcomes faking your unconscious self-did to you...Andani was there for him and we also discovered that she is pregnant with Thendos child, my first grandchild the Thendos first born and I hope and pray the baby is a boy an heir you will never carry with the cursed womb.

I just stare at her fighting my tears back so bad. She softens her face and stares at me then turns to the door as she does her

victory walk. It suits her very well she got all the wealth in the world so yeah.

She just left me in the pool of thoughts and not only was I drowning but also losing hope In my relationship but there was nothing I can do about it. I mean Andani is carrying something that could have saved my relationship and me dololo. Here I am lying at the hospital bed with no one to cry in because I cannot tell people about my relationship affairs the 'bekezela ntombi it will be alright' is taking a toll on me and it has already taken self-love, confidence, self-esteem and the old me is gone and if there is way out of it I could use it.

I met my husband THENDO MULAUDZI. I met him when i was 16 years old. I also know you're wondering why the doctor called me Miss Moloï instead of Mrs Mulaudzi it is because we only do the smallest gathering which surpass all smallest gathering you know of with only my parents, my grandmother few cousins, his parents, siblings and few uncles that how small it was. We only do the introduction to the ancestors' ceremony to welcome me as his wife. He wanted the smallest of them all and I at the other side wanted the biggest wedding ever as every girls dream. I guess mine we will do it in heaven one when God grants married couples second chance so jah. His reasons for a small wedding and me not using his surname he said is to protect me from his hustles so that I don't find myself

at the firing line and I understand as naïve and silly girl I was and still am. The other reason I agreed it was because I really wanted to get out of that God forsaken house I used to call home. I was also happy that am going to be with the love of my life, the one who have always comfort me when am in stress and make sure am a happiest person in the world....sigh that was then.

"hey" interrupted me when am still telling you guys my life story and how it become what it is nw. I slowly looked up trying to convincing myself that it's not him. I know as my partner he could come and visit me but I thought maybe later, not now..now it's too early am not ready to face him I know I said I missed him but am not ready.

Me: Thendoi whispered with tears threatening my eyes and I have no intentions to fight them. I just let them flow

I looked at him straight in his eyes but he couldn't look at me. shame,regret was like worm busy eating him in the inside and my heart break immediately. Looking at this proud man of mine who now looked like his carrying the whole world in his shoulders. His mother was telling the truth even though she have exaggerated a bit but this is not Thendo I know this is his skeleton. He looked so pale, his eyes looked so heavy and chilly red not in a sexy way. i have only been here for few days and his like this. this is my first step to forgiving him actually I have already forgave him am just waiting for his first move. Then he talk to me, bringing me back to mother earth.

Thendo: am sorry babe..I don't know what have gotten to me. I was angry and took my anger out on you. I should have stayed away from her because I know very well that it will hurt you yet i continue and me beating you makes it look like i chose her over you am sorry my love please don't leave i will find help baby.

He was a bit teary and his voice shakey and his face was changing red,disadvantageous of being a caramel bone you can't even blush in secret like us brown chocolate.

Me: please come sit here

I said indicating with my hands for him to sit next to me in the bed.

Me: am sorryam sorry I talked to you the way I did, it was a pure disrespect and I know you hate it. Am sorry I humiliated you in front of her I know you told me to talk to you in private if ever I have a problem with things you have done in the public but that day ...that day I acted out of manner and it was just a spark of fire ignited inside and fighting it away for recognition and I end up making hasty decisions and also burning from that spark. Please forgive me

Thendo: it's okay my love I will forgive you if you also forgive me

I chuckle with tears in between

Me: I....I forgave you long time ago

Thendo:thank you my love...I promise to never hurt you again

Me: please don't hurt my fragile heart again

Thendo:I won't my love never again.

My tummy grumbles from hunger..then thendo chuckles ,your hungry my love.i nod shyly and he stood up

Thendo: let me go but you something to eat

I nod,he kissed my forehead and walk out

You see,Everytime I see him my walls comes trembling down and there is nothing I can do.when love is calling its calling and I just have to give the heart what it wants. I know you maybe think am such a dummy to let him back into my life but the truth is that you won't understand. I love him yes and his also my shoulder to cry on

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my hiding place,he provide everything to live my life style and he never complains.,but everytime he tells me I smoke him my life at most cases I agree with him because GOd didn't take me out of many shitty things I have been through but thendo was

there and he helped I seem times see him as much GOd but
hey

Before I was interrupted I was telling you guys my story. where was I?...mmmmh...my wedding....I was telling you how happy I was to leave home and go and stay with the love of my life. Home...lol home was warm and lovely and I was a bubbly child until I turn 8. My miniseries started then which blinded me I no longer see wrong and right, which makes me to always be at the receiving end whether good or bad.

I just come back from school that day and mom have gone home to visit her family in venda. Yes, my mom was a venda....so it was only me and dad. He come back from work with takeaways like always when mom is not around we eat takeaways.

He found me busy with my home work ,he grab a chair sit next to me to help me. While we were busy,his hand was brushing my little thigh and I see no problem with it,I mean his my dad and not a stranger. That how it all started, he could touch my breast here and there saying his just checking if it's growing well. Even when mom was around and she would

make no comment about it so I thought it is how it was supposed to be what harm will he do me.

Xoxo

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I started to feel uncomfortable around him and never felt safe around him anymore. I mean at school we were being taught that we shouldn't allow strangers to touch us inappropriately and there I was being touched by my parent how do I voice that out. That only wounded my self esteem and key in my voice, before it was even heard.

My brains become a rushing train of thoughts that not only crippled me as a human being but they inject fear and thirst of finding haven in my inner being. I started to see the difference between an innocent stare and the stare of hungry eyes ready to endeavour on a women like a hungry lion and a women being a piece of meat.

That made me to shut down the communications walls and difficulty in building relationships with other people and it is still hard even today. How do I sit with people who would be praising their father, like they are the best thing ever since slices bread ? Yet mine doesn't see me as a daughter but a women.

The smell of food hit my nostrils pulling me out of the pool of my thoughts and the story I was telling you guys...we will continue some other time when we are alone.

I looked at this fine being looking at me with a worried face.

Thendo: babe, are you okay?

I felt my hear skip a beat when he asked that..... look at him, all so worried about me. I smiled and looked at him

Me: am okay I was just thinking

Thendo: with a shakey voice 'about what?'

Me: my life in general just

Thendo: okayI understand ..here is your food.

He placed them on my lap and he didn't have to tell me twice about eating I started to eat enjoying good food yoh how I have missed them. He was starring at me while I was eating and at that time I didn't mind because I was really famished. His phone rings and his stare at it then drop the drop the call.. I saw the name of the person who was calling him and it was

Andani...yoh guys I even forget that this guy have a pregnant side chick and i feel anger brewing in the pit of my stomach but I have to control myself am at the hospital because him and his Andani, so I better act unbothered. His phone rings again and

he looks at me then the phone and looked at me again like his asking for my approval.

Me: Dont look at me like that

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just answer your phone

He answered it

***phone conversation ***

Thendo: hey Andani what do you want?

He asked with a very stern and serious voice. That voice that says am busy now can we do this later.

Andani: hawu....I was asking if you can bring me lunch...like am craving something sweet and also chilly so how about you bring me a chocolate cake,hot wings and a pizza it must have sweet chill topping.

Thendo: that lots of food would you finish them?

Andani: am pregnant Thendo what do you think? It's what your baby wants.

He signs

Thendo: okay...am still with my wife now so.....

He didn't even finish what he wanted to say

Andani: I don't care who your with ..I want my food and make it snappy ...their not for me but your baby

He signs again

Thendo: okay am on it.

***End phone conversation ***

He looked at me and he didn't know what to say so I decided to make it simple for him.

Me: So....your pregnant girlfriend wants you to bring her food now.

He looked surprised by my statement and he looked at me. He looked like he wanted to say something but it seems like he lost his voice he clear his throat and looked at me again.

Thendo: how did you know that Andani is pregnant?

That statement only killed the little hope I was holding onto in this loveless relationship of ours. I know his mother told me but I wanted a confirmation from him. It's made me remember that it's been a while trying for a baby but in vain. How the doctors told us that there is nothing wrong with both of us and how his mother keeps saying I have a cursed womb and now those words are starting to sound so true. I looked at him with a blank face am not going to cry in front of him never again...its like he enjoys inflicting pain in me. The doctor walk in and is like he can feel the tension between us...who am I kidding even a child can feel itI take my eyes off him and focus on the food on my lap that weighs heavy now and tasteless. Then the doctor gives me the look, he always gives me...that look that assures you that everything is going to be okay, that am here for you look..the look full of warmth and love in it....I don't even understand what am saying because maybe that what's part of his job requirements what do I know...maybe am exaggerating things.

Doc: hey, I didn't know you had a visitor. Mr Mulaudzi I hope your doing well

Thendo: am good doctor

Doctor : Miss Moloi your....

He didn't even finish his sentence before theno interrupted him

Theno: its Mrs Mulaudzi

He looked at me then theno

Doc: am sorry I mean Mrs Mulaudzi your scans are back so is the tests I took and on the test it shows that everything is okay and scans also shows the same ...so I don't see any need to keep you here anymore...I will tell the nurse to give you your discharge forms and your free to go.

Me: okay...thanks doc

He turns and walk out leaving me with the devils agents himself

Me: you can go and attend your baby mamas need and I will request uber don't worry.

Theno: are you sure?

That alone shows how much he doesn't want to be here and it

hurt me...I chuckles my tears alway and nod

Thendo: okay...see you at home and please just rest dont do anything that will hinder your healing process.

I nod again...he kissed my forehead then peck my lips then practically ran out...and I just let them fall.after some few minutes I got up pack my bag ,take my phone and request an uber then the nurse walked in and handed me my discharge papers I signed and limp my way out with my bags.

I never thought I will see this day...the day where Thendo will choose his side chicks over me if someone told me 5years ago that this was going to be my life...I would have laughed at them and tell them they maybe dreaming but now ...wow ...this is my life being abused and don't have friends to confide on, the in laws who are always telling me to bekezela it will be alright and the annoying monster in law....it surely true when they say when it rains it pours because wow...life its showing me flame yoh.

It has been a week since I come back from the hospital and my dearest husband does come back home but he come back very late in such a way that we don't eat supper together anymore and wake up early in the morning before I even wake up. Today its Saturday and am planning on spring cleaning the house to keep my mind off things because every now and then I feel like my walls are closing in on me. I know I should see a shrink or something but my situation makes me to toughen up and take like man. I dont have strength to ask him for money to see a psychologist because he will just say" you know precious I work so hard to maintain this lifestyle of yours, and inwi ni cou toda u engedza muhwala kha mahada anga(you want to increase the burden on me) what your asking for is not for us ,maybe the other race" mxm, I curse the day I decided to drop out of varsity in the name of " I will take care of you babe, my money is your money and you babe your my soulmate" mxm, what is it that soulmate doing for me other than breaking my soul.

Maybe I misunderstood him because there isn't much his doing rather than destroying me. I might act all strong and all but I know deep down am dying little by little and before a new it I will be losing myself.

Let me start cleaning before my troubles weigh me down and end up not cleaning as I continue telling you about my past life.

So where was I.....ooh I was telling about my father. When I was doing grade 10 things change from bad to worse. My father lost his job and he become a drunkard I think due to stress but Joh mom become his punching bag

he could beat mom for things I find inappropriate to reprimand a person and on my side things were escalating from rubbing of thighs and touching breast. He could find me preparing food for dinner if mom will not be home early and he could hug me from behind making sure that I can fill his manhood on my buttocks and sometimes his hand could find it's way to my cookie and rub it even though his rubbing it while its inside my clothes but I couldn't hold my tears I felt violated and there was nothing I could do. He killed the little sprirt in me before it was even seen. He turned me and stare at me straight on my eyes and said"this belongs to me better keep it safe, your growing sweetheart and those little boys you better make sure they stay away from what's mine because their death would be on your hands" with that said he walks away and the steps of his feet grows louder and louder even though he was leaving the kitchen but my mind reverse all that and it felt like he was coming near me and his words were like a broken record the only difference was that with each and every reply it was getting louder and louder and I felt the air slowly leaving my lungs and tears blinding my eyes....with questions like is he my dad?...why would he do this to me? But what was I expecting

from him, being all touchy touchy were leading to. I sink on the floor and cried my eyes out when I was satisfied with my crying I carried on cooking and I never talked about it with anyone until I met my husband Thendo. He didn't stop touching me he continue and he would sometimes nibble on my ears and so on and I always felt dirty after wards and sometimes I still do. There were times were I thought about committing a suicide but then I tell myself that i would be making him a winner and i should focus on my school work and go to varsity and leave this hell hole.

I was a loner at school and other learners categorized me as a weirdo and I wouldn't care less. My school work was always up to date and I was one of the A learners. So I passed very well and progress to the next grade which was grade 11 and I was 16 by that time. I used to go to the park just to sit and watch happy and busy people going up and down the street and also look at the view of our village. I did this as away of escaping my miserable life and this way was my way of taking a breather. My dad still hasn't find any job by that time and he was very much at home because the money he was having he drank it all and he was practically broke and I was afraid of going home early so the park was the best place. One day after school a go to the park and I was just sitting minding my own business as usual and this guy approached me, I always see him at the park

with few girls and guys that's it. He introduced himself as Thendo MulaudziI remember that day very well....he introduced himself while stretching out his hand for hand shake...and I just stare at him remembering the words my dad told me about staying away from boys and keeping my body safe fot him so I wasn't trying to be rude at all. I looked at him and I introduced myself...I said hey am Precious Moloi and I don't talk with strangers....that how our relationship started he introduced me to his friends as his future wife and there was nothing he couldn't do for me.....he was the first person I ever trusted with my life and that means me telling him everything that was going on with my life. After some few days I heard dad saying he found a job and he would be working at Mulaudzi Holdings as a security right there I knew Thendo was the one who talked to his dad because I also told him that I wish my dad find a job maybe he will stop abusing us(me and mom). Indeed My dad stop what he was doing towards me and stop physically abusing mom but emotionally he was on another level...because his cheating ways were becoming visible and there was nothing she could doI chuckles as I realise am leaving the same story as my mom about being abused and am afraid I don't want to end like her. My relationship with Thendo became serious we would go on romantic dates....joh guys forgot to mention that he is older than me by 4 years so he was on his final year at the university by that time. He was a true

gentleman.....he was there for me when ever I needed him and did pressurize me into a relationship with him and I loved him more for that. I passed my grade 11 then grade 12 I also passed very well that I got accepted at university of Pretoria to study Bcom in accounting and I was very happy that am finally leaving.....chuckle, little did I know I was only drowning in a hole and I was moving to an ocean of miseries that at times I could fail to keep myself afloat and I will be sinking little by little and am in the process of drowning. My relationship with Thendo was going very well and we were cohabiting and I wouldn't care less I was happy and was treating me well. The time he introduced me to his family.....well his father and siblings were okay with me but joh my monster in law didn't hide her hatred towards me but I was okay with it because I was there because of Thendo so what. Am done cleaning guys and I will continue telling you more about my past after taking my nap because am tired and hungry joh...I love food guys.

When I was busy making the food I heard the front door being open ...I didn't lock it and I know its not Thendo because he usually uses the kitchen door it might be one of his siblings that's how they get inside like it's their fathers house lols what am I saying it's their older brother's house. As I was busy making my sandwich Rudzani walks in. Am glad its him really his one of the quietest people I know and I like him because he

sometimes reprimand his mother while she is busy being rude and screaming at me like am a her little baby. I smile and he returns it.

Rudzani: hey beautiful

That what he calls me... ever since he knew me..his two years younger than Thendo which makes him two years older than me...I continue to smile

Me: hey bra....am making myself some food should I count you.

He laughed....and I just looked at him with a smile plastered on my face.

Rudzani: by food you mean a sandwich....no beautiful....I will cook you,myself and my brother some good food anyway where is my brother?

I stare at him trying to find right words but my facial expression failed me as I went from a happy mood to a sour mood....that's how much effect he has on me even not around I tried to make fake smile but I couldn't.

Me: he....he went to

He interrupted me before I could even finish

Rudzani:forget asked about him and you tell me what you want to eat.

His a chef so guys, you could imagine how I feel anytime I eat food prepared by himI wouldn't mind having him as my personal chef

Me: suprise me chef

I said excitedly

Rudzani: if you weren't my brother's wife I would have wife you ...you know...mxm and the fact that he treat you bad and you keep up with his nonsense and it baffles me but hey what would I dolet me make food for you beautiful lady

Me: You wouldn't understand my relationship with your brother mani Rudzani can we not talk about it

He looks at me and chuckles while nodding his head and turns to take out the ingredients.

THENDO MULAUDZI

I have been spending lots of time with Andani and avoiding my wife. My family especially my mother is pressurizing me on taking Andani as my second wife...I also wouldn't mind but how do I break that down to my wife. I know you guys think that I don't care about her but I do. It's just that sometimes she frustrate me and I end up beating the shit out of her. my friends think it will be best I let her go but I just can't..I have a lot to lose with her gone, I know am not supposed to be with her at all...only Rudzani, my parents and our traditional healer knows that she is Rudzani soulmate and her being with me was just to make them meet...but am never letting her go because she is loved by her ancestors so they bless her so is her husband...That is why I say I can't survive without her, she is my wife until death do us apart and I meant it.

Today I decided to take a half day at work anyway am the boss so jaham driving back to my house I want to spend sometime with my wife and gather some courage to tell her about Andani(I dont know why am afraid because her input doesn't matter at all

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am just doing it because it has to be done)I also don't want my baby to be born out of wedlock so jah. I find my younger brother's car on the driveway and I wonder what his doing here. I just need to have some word with him because I have already told him to play far away from my wife. Let me get inside before I got more angry mom.

I find them at the kitchen busy with the pots....I shake my head and chuckle. His too comfortable for my liking around my wife and soon he will be spilling out the family secret and all because this idiot is head over hills for my wife.

Me: What are you doing here Rudzani? Didn't I told you to play far away from my wife didn't I?

Rudzani: Hey Thendoyou did but you also forget that when you paid Lobola for her you were making her my sister so am I not allowed to visit my sister

He replied with the same tone I was using on him. He maybe younger than me but I also know his more dangerous than me. If I try to slap or just punch him I will end up in the hospital so I raise my voice on him because I know that he respect me as his older brother and won't do me any harm unless I push him. He turns to look at Precious and his face softens....and my

anger escalates just like that am the one whose supposed to look at her with that love I swear Precious might have slept with him mom this bitch and I say I love her mxm

Rudzani: Beautiful.....you will finish cooking because I can see your idiot husband here doesn't want me near you....if he hurt you tell me I will deal with him okay

She nods...what did I tell you guys she is cheating with my brother joh.

Then he looked at me with hatred filled his eyes and you wouldn't miss it on his voice though he tried to hide it in front of precious.

Rudzani: am coming for what is mind big brother....you can't have my treasure and misuse it while am breathing never.

He walked out....as soon as I heard him drive out ... I turn my attention to this useless being in front of me. Looking like a child found stealing sugar mxm she is a bitch not the woman I fell in love with mxm.

I walked towards her and she stands from her sit and walked backwards so with her step I was taking towards her when was also taking her steps backwards until her back hit the wall and then she stand still with her head bowed down.

My hands were shaking with anger and I can hear buried spirits waking up and I can't allow them to take over because I will kill her and Rudzani will make sure he kills me, Andani and my baby avenging for her death that the only reason I don't strangle her to death. Or maybe u should kill her and dispose her in the basement who would know.....Rudzani just doesn't understand that I have her and he can't have her mxm

Me: So now you entertain man in my house...tell me do you even respect me as your husband mxm....you act all holy and what so on yet your nottoday baby girl we will see if he will be here to save you mxm.

I started to throw punch and slaps and she fell down I starts to kick her on he r stomach,chest face....her whole body and blood were gushing out....after am satisfied I take a sit next to her and looked down and cried afterI was starting to gather my continuous and realizing the mistakes I made.

I touched her to feel her pulse and it was there but faint.....I will call the my doctor friend let me clean up and before I do that...as I was standing up I heard the front door open and Rudzani walk in

Rudzani: beautiful I left my phone at the....

He didn't finish what he was saying as his eyes travel around the room and stopped where there was blood on the floor ,my hands and precious who looked lifeless on the floor with blood coming out of her nose. His face changed from being surprised to emotionless one and I knew at that moment am in deep shit.

****two days later****

I woke up in the room I didn't recognize and i can't remember how i get here, because all i remember it's when Thendo was beating me for finding his brother in the house but i don't understand why this two are always fighting for Rudzanis treasure and why Thendo have it anyway because wowit affects me also,I really enjoy spending time with Rudzani and his so funny and makes me tells him my troubles without him trying.

I might have to beg my husband to tell me or at least give his Rudzani his share because he can't continue to keep his brother away from his treasure.I can bet that the treasure might have something to do with wealth and gold because my husband is very possessed in acquiring wealth which according to me he already have it but he still want more.

The bedroom door open I moved near the headboard and hug the pillow in fear...his hypothetical manly smell hit my nostrils giving him away and for a minute I was glad that its him but what am I doing here with him? Where is my husband?yoh God this time his going to kill me ..yoh jehovah why me ..while I was

busy asking myself these questions he walked in with some guy I don't know.....wait a minute this is the doctor who helped me that time I was at the hospital.

Rudzani: Hey beautiful am glad your awake.....you really scare me

Me: hey..Rudzani sorry I didn't mean to.

Rudzani: This is my friend doctor Rendani

Me: nice meeting you again doctor

He stare at me as usual and this time his stares kind of last a bit longer making me uncomfortable.

Doc: hey mrs Mulaudzi nice to meet you again and am glad your okay because this idiot here thought I overdosed on you and busy telling me how his going to sue me for this

So his still remember that an married,I guess he wouldn't forget as I remember how he was corrected by my husband that day. They were still laughing about doctor Rendani statement. Then I decide to ask Rudzani why am here.

Me: Rudzani what am I doing here?..where is my husband...where am I?what...

He interrupted me while I was still asking him questions

Rudzani: slow down beautiful....I don't know where husband is and I don't care. We am are at one of my houses. Now eat we don't want you die because of hunger nowdo we?

I just nod at least am safe here and am planning on staying here until am healed and regain my strength....look at me talking like it's my place...just wait until his girlfriend kick me out of her boyfriend's house.

It been two blissful weeks staying with Rudzani while none of his family members knew where he was or where I am. I tried to ask him where we are but he told me that we are at one of his houses, yet I thought he has one house but am not complaining because I have been living in this bubble of happiness with my favorite chef. *chuckle* look at me am already saying my favourite chef like his mine. Yoh, guys I know it's been nice being here but i think it's time i go back home, I can't run away forever especially with my husband's brother am not that cheap.

As I continue to make my way down stairs to the kitchen,being welcomed by the nice aroma and his , I just stand looking at him busy making breakfast ,he was singing along some song listening from his cellphone with earphones his voice gives me goose bumps and butterflies in my stomach....yoh! guys look at me drooling over my brother in law. Let me scrap that idea and focus on things like asking him what is it his fighting for with his brother?

After few minutes with me enjoying the perfect view he turns only to find me smiling looking at him. He chuckles with unavoidable smirk in his face....mxm his too proud I tell you.

Rudzani: enjoying the view?

Me: *I roll my eyes walking in* not at all

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I was just enjoying the sweetness of your voice as of the looks I would bet on it .

*he slightly chuckles shaking his bald head...I just stare at him with smile plastered across my face *

Rudzani: jealous much beautiful *he said with a raised eyebrow, and that only guys did things to me I can't explain nor understand *, you can see I ain't an ugly beast but a rare specie.

*I let out a loud laughter I have never heard a man who talks about his beauty like a women.....and his hygiene joh guys I swear his Indeed a different specie. *

Rudzani: sit down the food is ready....ooh and before I forget to tell you, I won't be home tonight am going to my parents place there is a family meeting and I also know they will be expecting me to come with you because they already know that where ever I am you are with me but am not going with you.

Me: * as i sit down on the high chair waiting for my food * why

aren't you going with me? * I asked in a low voice because deep down I know the monster in law and my husband they will be throwing insults my way and am no ready for that.*

Rudzani: do you want to go beautiful? *he asked in a serious tone*

Me:I...I don't know.* I truthfully say while taking a bite of my mouth watering breakfast *

Rudzani: I know I don't have the rights to tell you what to do but beautiful I think the way things are going to be it's best you don't go,you may act all strong but your fragile also and Thendo will be bring his baby mama.

Me: *I just nod and continue eating my food. Then I remembered what I wanted to ask him* Rudzani what is it that Thendo have that belongs to you? * I asked while looking down*

Rudzani: * he gave me an intense stare as I looked down my plate and i hear him sigh* hehe got something I value so much and everyday I yearn for it yet I have to witness him not taking care of it beautiful..* he chuckles bitterly * it's all twisted fate, but I tell you am going to gets what mine I rather die

knowing that it's safe rather than not peacefully resting.

* I looked at him and sounded serious but once he realizes that I was looking at him he softens his face and with that said I knew that thunderstorms are on its way*

Rudzani: am sorry if I scare you but don't I won't do you anything to harm you beautiful.

* I just nod and continue eating , after that I offered to do the dishes and then clean the kitchen then goes to my room to take a bath*

NARATTED

At the Mulaudzi household the workers were busy going up and down doing final touch ups for the dinner. Mrs Mulaudzi was overseeing if they are doing it correctly you would swear that they are hosting the president himself...that what money do to other people they go over bord. The uncle's where arriving some with their family and others alone. Mostly those who are here alone are the ones that really don't want to be here but didn't want to be seen rude by declining the invitation and also the burning issues that they said they are to be discussed.

At seven o'clock people started to settle around the big table that fitted the whole family perfectly well but there were two people who are not here yet. Them not being there was driving Thendo crazy as he knows that Rudzani would never let Precious go that easily after he almost murder her, his face was turning red with frustration and he keeps looking at his watch clicking his tongue every now and then until he head a door open and foot steps coming toward where they were having their dinner. By the sound of the foot steps you could tell that there is only one person and that person is really taking their time to get there and he felt like he should stand up and go and meet the person half way hopping it could be his wife.

***RUDZANI MULAUDZI ***

looking at them "family" their presents just ignites fire inside especially seeing Thendo and his baby mama but I know that I have to keep my cool because I know that his mother and him expected Precious to come with me so that they continue to instill fear and low self esteem on her. These people I guess today is the day I tell them what's really on my mind and these uncle's who think that they have to agree with everything my mother say it's so annoying and my dad whose just a spectator of what happens in his house

Mrs Mulaudzi: ooh son you came, I was thinking your ni longer coming and where is Precious. * she says faking a smile and I genuinely smiled back*

Uncle 1: Ambudze hafha muduhulu,ndi ngani ene a na mufumakadzi wa mukomana wawe.(tell me my nephew, why do you have your brother's wife)

Thendo: asked him uncle, it's like his forgetting that Precious is my wife how are supposed to fix our marriage while he took her to a hiding place.

Uncle 1: Thendo fhumulani inwi a thi ro no thetshelesa your side of story. (Keep quite Thendo, we have already listen to your side of story)

Thendo: * with anger sky rocketing while his face look like a tomato* but uncle he have MY WIFE and it's like his forgetting that PRECIOUS is mine .

* I just chuckle slightly shaking my head ,as I fold my hands sit back and continue to listen to their conversations....thendo being like "she is MY WIFE

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she is mine" while forgetting precious is my soulmate...what people do for money and wealth they doesn't even belong to them*

Uncle 2: Thendo keep quite and listen to what your brother have to say for himself and as for Makoti yena she will also talk for herself when she comes back wherever she is. *he signs and look at me,I know that most of my family members fear me because of the power I hold, i was chosen by our ancestors as the protector of our clan and the power invested on me supurse them all* mmmmh muduhulu kha ri vhudza hafha....ene precious u nae naa kana I divha uri u gai.(are you staying with precious or at least know where she is?)

Me: she is staying with me and I don't have any intentions of allowing her back to him* i said and a her some whispers between them, I let them be cause precious is mine and they know that they tempt with her fate, while they turn my heart stone cold*

Uncle 3:* he just burst out in laughter* I told you to convince Thendo to let Precious go be with his chosen one but what did you do ...now here they are fighting for what one another soulmate don't tempt with fate I tell you.

Mrs Mulaudzi: ** anger and annoyance was brewing deep down, because she know that Rudzani is a no walk over like Thendo and for her own benefit it's best Precious stays with Thendo * that not on you to decide but us and when we agreed about that as a family you where here and as for you Rudzanj you better bring that girl here am giving you till tomorrow or I will have to disown you for your feeling your self as a man now ..mxm..* the anger and authority her voice Carrie's echoes the whole room and the last statement makes Rudzani more angry but still he keep his cool*

Uncle : * he looked at her with eyes filled with nothing but hate and if eyes could kill she would have been dead by now then he clears his throat * you know what the seer said he told you that making precious stay with Thendo would bring bad blood..... a

war we don't want to start with our ancestors and wena because you think you can play God with people fate you make yoursall I can say is to your majesty *he bowed a little...he voice filled with sarcasm* the blood war it's near andmany won't come out as survive * after saying that he stand up from his chair and leave*

**** NARRATED****

The room becomes dead silent and the tension was so thick while dagger were being thrown at Rudzani could make any normal person shaken and ready to run away but not Rudzani. With Rudzani refusing to bring back Precious that just the start of what seems like a battle between two brothers, one fighting for his true and only love with the other only fighting for the blessing that come with being with the woman.

Who could let such wealth go that easy, his business ever since he married her are being more successful and and his already established other 3 other branches in 2 province and as he continues to want to expand overseas he have to have her by her side even in his illegal business he have more power just because he married the one who is fovoured. He can't let her go.

After what seems like forever Rudzani stood up and go to his room when his here and pack his belonging which were not much only few stuff he have leaved them here when he moved

to his house. Making this decision was not that easy he loved his family and there is nothing he couldn't do for them but now he has to choose his soulmate and he knows he will never regret this as he walked away for the first time he sees his father's tear drop but there was nothing he could do ...he choose his path.

Mrs Mulaudzi was busy conniving other ways to have Precious back ti his golden son if that won't be possible it will be the best if Precious dies because if Thendo can't have him so is Rudzani....not when she is still alive.

Andani was just quite overwhelmed by what has just happened and the anger of seeing his fiance fight with his brother for a woman in her presence even though she knew she was/is going to be the second wife she couldn't stop but feels a little ping of anger and hate towards Precious for she has to share her soulmate with her

While the uncles who were still here and their families focus eating the food. They just would let such nice food go to waste while they are here. They didn't even look bothered at all.

ANDANI MUDAU

Last night's event come crush down on me leaving me with many questions and confused. Calling Thendo my husband to be no longer leaves a sweeter taste on my tongue as I consistently wonder what Rudzani meant when he said that "I hope you will enjoy fisting her" I mean Thendo doesn't beat women or am I blinded by his love towards me or his just a wolf in a sheep skin.

What is it that one of the uncles mean when he say that "there will be blood bath?and the battle line being drawn"? From what I have heard about these people especially Rudzani I heard his ruthless and take no kind treats to those who hurts his family. *chuckles* what family because Precious has managed to destroy it, I give it to her the girl can play all victim and what what yet Thendo said he found her and Rudzani making out in the kitchen.

Am taken out of my thoughts by the sound of my ringing phone. I looked at the screen as the name of the person who's calling me flashed and I just stare at it contemplating on answering it. Why do he have to call me so early in the morning when he chose to leave me at his parents house mxm if he

want to talk to me he better come and fetch me. Let me go and have breakfast.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

Last night when I get home I found Precious already asleep and I too just went to my room. The pain am emotionally going through its bearable because I know what am fighting for and it's worth it. When we found out that Precious is my soulmate mom said I shouldn't go for my brother's girlfriend and the ancestors will understand but the seer we consulted didn't agree . I tried to forget about her for peace sake but I couldn't, that made me to try and be her friend instead and when I found out that Thendo was abusing her and mom covering it all I know I have to fight for her because I cannot stay a bachelor while my soulmate is being abused where she is.

I wake up do my hygiene process and head down stares to the kitchen to prepare some breakfast. As I was walking down the stares the aromatic smell hits my nostrils my tummy grumbles. No one told me that it feels so nice waking up to a nice smell of food and I hope they also taste good. I made my way to the kitchen and there she was my goddess * look at already calling her minewhile she knows nothing about being my soulmate *

I stand there looking at the beauty in front of me and I can tell that the spirits in me were ululating... It didn't take a while before she turns to look at me...am whipped guys....her presence just melt this stone cold heart of mine and I can proudly say she is my sun rays.

Precious: hey....Your awake

Me: good morning to you too beautiful

Precious: **chuckles ** how did the family dinner go? Was Andani also there?

Me: Andani was there as for the dinner I enjoyed it, I don't know if others enjoyed as me.

Precious: okay...sit let me dish up for you I hope they taste good but I know they won't be good as yours but I tried.

I sit and she placed a plate in front of me and we eat in silence.
I think it's time to go back to my main house

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because hide here forever.

Me: Precious I was thinking that we should go back to my main house we can't hide here forever.

Precious: your right and I also think that it will be best if I also

face my demons I have been in break for so long and Andani might be taking over my house.

Me: * I couldn't believe my ears but that where she is wrong she is not going back to that hell hole while am still breathing never* mmmh ...Precious your coming with me am not sending you back to the wolves forget about going there* I said with the very stern voice*

Precious: Rudzani am grateful for what you did for me but I have to....

*she didn't finish what she was saying because we heard a knock and I know very well that its Rendani , I go and open and it was for sure Rendani and Abigail one of my no strings attached girl and I know she was starting to catch feelings so I left her high and dry and now here she is with my friend.

Abigail: * when getting in before I even invate her in* this is where your hiding hey? And you didn't even try to tell me where you are I have been calling you and you were busy avoiding my calls. I was so worried about you.

Me: I turn to look at Rendani* I think I told you that I don't want any one to know where I was.

Doc/Rendani: am sorry thama(friend)I just didn't know what to do because she following me everywhere.

Abigail: hello am still talking to you man Rudzani.

Me:* I gave Rendani I stern look and then turn to her* hi Abigail the last time I check I don't report any to you. When you see I wasn't answering you I guess you will get the message I no longer need your service and get out of my house and forget that we ever meet.

Abigail: who is she? Heh you can't just leave me so tell me who is she?

* I gave a a bored look and Precious walk in from the kitchen*

Precious: morning guys and nice to see you again doctor* she turns to look at me * I will be in my room.

Abigail: * fuming with anger and already pink from anger* hey girl what are you doing in my mans house and with my man.* she just look at her and walk away*

Me: now that you have seen her you can go..* she was trying to act all smart on me so I dragged her out of my house, I just pray that my chance with Precious is not ruined because she will be thinking that I have a girlfriend..mxm *

Doc/Rendani: was that necessary ?

Me: it was..she is busy catching feelings and that was not in the plan.

Doc/ RENDANI: so how did the dinner go

Me: * I chuckle...he loves gossip too much* you love news but for your information it didn't go well mother ended up disowning me.

Doc/ Rendani: why? Because of Precious?

Me: yeah and she is not going back there even if she wants to.

****MRS MULAUDZI ****

Those who knows me trembles with fear in my presence they just don't call me your majesty just for fun. My word is law and as for Rudzani his my son and I know that his under the love spell. That is the reason why I never wanted him near Precious because I knew her presence will make us fight as they say darkness and light don't mix.

The day we found out that Precious was chosen by the ancestors for Rudzani and that she was also blessed so is her husband will be blessed through her I and ther dark world manipulate her fate and make her marry Thendo even though she wasn't aware that the was no ceremony introduce her to the ancestors it was just a celebration.

I wouldn't let her marry Rudzani as his the chosen one to lead and protect our family by the ancestors but the dark world was

boiling for wealth and for me provide all that...it was easy
Thendo is my puppet he does everything I say and he
unknowingly work for me and his blessings take half and left
him with half tell him that he should let his wife go because she
is blessed and I know now that the things heaven been looking
up to us u know he will fight tooth and nail for her.

I know you think I hate Precious for no reason. I have my own
reasons why, but I don't think hate it's a good word it's too
strong for my liking let's just say i dislike her, because I know
she is carrying the power to destroy the darkness that is why I
degrade her so that she never truly find her true self. Eith her
staying with Rudzani it is going to be hard and I also think
maybe I made hasty decision by disowning Rudzani while
Precious is with her. I know I will find a way to hell with the
ancestors.

****ABIGAIL****

I wonder what Rudzani takes me for, I know the agreement was for us to satisfy each other sexually but who could do that for two years without catching feelings. I cannot just let him slip through my fingers just like that never. I have to do something, the fact that he left me for that girljah...jah...she is beautiful but Rudzani is mine and her beauty has nothing and shouldn't even lure my man in her arms.

All I have to do is to get rid of that girl before the situation gets out of hand. I know what I want and now I know I want Rudzani and its Rudzani I will get. I just can't let another woman have him while I leave. I know I don't believe on magical things, and I am not planning on using the magic's because I have heard that for them to work you must believe on them and as for me am a go getter and nothing can stand in my way I have to find a way to break them apart even if it means spilling blood I will gladly do that.

While was still busy pacing up and down my phone rings and it's an international call. I know it's none other than the mighty Tshilidzi Mulaudzi, Rudzani and Thendos little sister. Let me not answer her call because I know she will be asking how things

are going between me and her brother...mxm... I know she also wants me to date her brother, apparently Thendo is married to some girl whose name is Precious and the way I have heard it Tshilidzis mother hate her for no reason.

I must do research about the Precious girl and I also heard that the business tycoon Thendo Mulaudzi have impregnated some girl her is Andani I wonder how Precious is taking it. If I fail to take this girl down then I will ask Precious to help me while I help her sort Andani out.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

I wake up to someone knocking at the door and it is none other than Rudzani. Last night I locked the room before I sleep because I didn't want his girlfriend to come and disturb me. I open the door to find him already looking like a snack, it seems as if his going somewhere.

Me: going somewhere?

Rudzani: * slightly chuckles while shaking his head* you have to learn to greet other people beautiful.

Me: jah...jah... I will learn *I said yawning I was still feeling sleepy and I didn't even close my mouth*

Rudzani: yooh...beautiful close your mouth man you're a lady *
I just laugh at his statement * and yes we are going back to my
main house we can't hide here forever remember.

Me: okay.....you can go but can I stay here for few days just to
find a way to get to my husband then I will give you the keys
when you visit.

Rudzani:* looking at me like I have lost some marbles

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he clucked shaking his head in disbelief* I guess you so
adamant about going back to your so-called husband hey.

Me: yes, in every relationship there are challenges and you do
not see people divorcing each other Rudzani and even in mine
there are challenges that's why I am saying I want to fix my
marriage before Andani takes my man from me.

Rudzani: so tell me do you have a death wish* I looked at him
thinking about what I have heard from people and I know if he
kills me here no one will ever find me it will be like I
disappeared from the face of earth with no trails of where I will
be* do you want to get out of that toxic relationship of yours in
a coffin?

Me: * I laughed at his statement mxm Thendo his a lot of things
but not a murder* he cannot kill me Rudzani, just let me go and

be with my husband and as the matter of fact am not asking for your permission but am I telling you. It's not like you will understand because you have never been married before so you know nothing about marriage.

* I can see his veins we popping, and he looked like he could squish me at any moment. We stand in silence for sometime and it seems like he was gazing and searching for that little girl in me, so he can protect her out of the blue he started to laugh. I looked at him confused after some time his face becomes serious again*

Rudzani: beautiful you can say what ever you want anyhow you like it but just know you are not going anyway. The only place your going isand that is where you will be staying with me. I don't care about what marriage is and how it feels like you said it best I have no experience but when it comes to love there is this lady I love so much and there is nothing I couldn't do for her, she is just in denial and busy gripping on the post lust as she positioned it as love but it's a lust and until she gets her affairs in order I will be ready to receive love from her side.

After saying that he turns and leave me standing there regretting what I have said, I know I shouldn't have said what I have said but I did. The truth is I feel like am nothing without

Thendo like I owe him because he has been with me through my worst times and the fact that I promised to be with him through everything now I can't break that promise.

What Rudzani said asking me about wanting to come out of my relationship in the coffin really got me thinking of my mother we might not have been really close but her death still feels like a fresh wound all the time. My mom was also a victim of domestic violence. One day they were arguing about my paternity. The argument got heated and my father end up stabbing mom to death, my mom was coldly murdered by my dad she is also a statistic of women being killed by their boyfriends or husbands and now here I am in between the line of choosing to walk away or also one day become choose to be a statistic.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

Am on my way to see Rendani (doctor) I just couldn't stay in that house because of the argument I had with Precious. If I did stay any minute longer I could have hurt her really bad. What she said got me questioning my decision of choosing her over my family. I mean there is already bad blood between me and my family because of her. I cannot let her go back to that hell-hole never it will be a cold day in hell before I even allow it.

She has to make peace with it, she is mine and will be mine alone spilling blood for her is not a problem. I may not have experience love before but her presence gets me feeling something I would like to explore with no one but her. Maybe I should tell her what really occurred that day of a family dinner, but that will make her feel like am entitled to her. I cannot do that to her already none existent self-confidence.

I should book her for therapy, and she got to learn to voice out herself and earn herself back her self-confidence. I have to talk to her about going back to varsity and feel her degree in Bcom in accounting I want an educated woman on my side. Look at me already thinking of ways to claim back her independence, or maybe I should just let her make her own decision and I just

guide her. All I know is that I don't want to lose her and I can castrate every bull that thinks can take her away from me I AM A VENDA PRINCE; I am not a walk over

It did take long before I am in front of Rudzani's house. Let me call this fool to tell him am at the gate.

Me: hey...I am at the gate.

The open, then I drive in park at the drive through and walk in. it didn't take me long before I am knocking the at the door and get inside before he even come to open for me. I find him making himself some food in the kitchen.

Rudzani: *without looking at me* hey man...what up, I thought by now you will be parking your stuff with your beautiful going back to your main house.

I just stare at him brushing my head, because I don't know if I should tell him that I had a fall out with Precious and the argument got so heated that I saw it fit to leave her before things get out of hand.

Rudzani: is she that stubborn?

He asks slightly chuckling

Me: she is too stubborn that we even had a serious argument that is why am here to cool off.

Rudzani: don't tell me you lay your filthy hands on her man.

Me: what do you take me for? I didn't touch am just giving her time to cool too, and we will talk later. Can you believe she is so adamant about going back to that pig?

Rudzani: can I ask you something?

Me: you can go ahead.

Rudzani: are you sure you're helping her to expect nothing in return or you want her to be your wife.

Me: * to be honest I don't want her to be my woman because I already know that she is mine, my soul mate, mufunwa wa mbilu yanga (the love of my heart)

but I cannot tell him about voodoo shit that my family do and the fact that precious is my soul mate chosen by the ancestors for me, so I had to lie * am not expecting anything from her am just doing so because I want to. I cannot keep quite while there

is a woman being abused while I have knowledge about such information and keep quite.

Rudzani: okay

After saying that we keep quite as I go and take out a can of beer from the fridge. I don't care if he believed me or not but that his to pounder his mind on.

****RENDANI (DOCTOR)****

After Rudzani has left it was time for me to go to work I am working night shift tonight. I hate night shift but I don't have a choice I took an oath to help people so that is what I am doing and I enjoy every bit of it. I love my job so much but the problem is that it affects my love life so much as the people I have dated before feels like I don't make time for them so as a man I relay on booty calls or just buy to release.

But that is going to change very soon as I have met the one for me, and she will be the Venda queen, my queen. She is the goddess a black beauty and every time I am around her I feel this calmness aura she carries with her. The only person who mighty seems to be a problem is Rudzani.

Precious is mine, I know I have heard stories about that guy but I don't care. Actually Rudzani thinks am a fool or I don't know him, his in love with Precious, and he just doesn't want to accept that it is like he doesn't know that Venda proverb that says "he zwi ni kha di ri mbu...mbu...mbu, munwe u da e mbulu yanga*(when you're still contemplating on taking or doing something, someone will come and take or do it without being resistant).

I even have a plan on how I am going to get her, its either I make fall for me too when Rudzani is still busy fighting his with his family. I can imagine them busy fighting each other for Precious musi o edela kha khana ya daddy*chuckle*(sleeping on my chest) by the time they realise that they are fighting for the cheese which is long stolen we will be relaxing in Morocco enjoying life, or I can partner with Abigail to take seduce Rudzani and I can give her fertilisers so that she become pregnant. That way I can have my girl, and she can have her man.

Now its way past afternoon and Rudzani is not yet back, am really worried and also afraid of what am i going to say to him because honestly I cannot even look at him straight on the eyes because what I have said. I have to apologise and I have already packed my bags am ready to go with him. while I was still busy mastering the courage and how am going to apologise without being punished or insulted because that what am used to, am so used to a bruised body and fractured bones. I hear the car park outside and I take the glass of cold water and gulped it in a one go.

The door is pushed open and he walk in looking all sexy as ever and his hypothetic manly smell hit my nostrils making my joints loosen up, am lucky am because am sitting down or else my knees would have failed to support my body. His eyes travel to mine and the moment they find each other they lock and it felt like our souls are communicating. He started to walk closer and I couldn't keep the eye contact so I looked down. When he gets closer to me he pass me and I felt tears threatening my eyes but I have to toughen up.

Me: Rudzani can I talk to you?

He turns to look at me then stand in one position just staring at

me and I can feel his eyes were bore my skin

Me:*still looking down* can you please come and sit down.

He walk slowly and his walks towards me and sit opposite me still looking at me and I felt my palms get sweaty and the little voice in my head tells me I cannot do this...that I should just stand up and run back to my master (Thendo) but my heart tells me a different story. I rub my hands together to gather some courage and he didn't even try to say anything rather than staring at me.

Me: am sorry* these are the only words that manage to escape my mouth because my brains seems like they have reboot the speech I have prepared to render it to him of how sorry I am.

Rudzani: you're sorry for what?

Me:*I hate that question so much because I know the person am apologising to knows very well what am sorry for but choose to drag those words out of your mouth* am sorry for the way I talked to you this morning it is just that am afraid...am afraid that I couldn't make it out there without Thendo

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that I owe him so much that because i have nothing to offer that is materialistic in our relationship I choose to sacrifice my happiness

I am already a crying mess and he just continue to stare at me that just made me to continue

What you said earlier got me thinking of my mother, I know that we were not best of friends but she was and even in death is still my mother. It reminds me that my mother died because of love and na nne ndo fhiwa tshi khala (am given a chance) now to choose what I want, but that shouldn't be taken as an excuse of how I talked to you.

Rudzani:*he looked at me like he was studying me if am lying or telling him the truth after a few minutes of torcher I heard his bold deep voice fills the room yet sound so warm* it's okay I understand beautiful, but that doesn't me that you should scream at me like am some school kid and can we please respect each other. I know that am not and I was never before married but that doesn't mean that I don't know what a toxic relationship is and yours falls under that category.* he stand up from where he was sitting and come sit next to me and he embrace me in a hug and I feel safe and at peace.

After some time we slowly pull out of the hug and he again stares deep in my eyes, he places a soft kiss in my forehead

Rudzani:do you still want to go back to your house or your coming with me?

Me: * that's hurt I was expecting him to tell me that am going with him but what did I expect because am busy giving him tough time and now his tired* Ii can go with you if you still want me to come with you and I promise to stay out of your girlfriends way.

Rudzani: am glad you're coming with me as for the girlfriend I don't remember introducing one to you.

Me: you don't have to because she have already deed that for you that day* I said laughing*

Rudzani: *laughing also* still I didn't introduce nor confirm that she is mine so am still single and available but not searching.

Me: why not searching?

Rudzani: because I have already found my wife it's just that not easy for me and her to be together at the moment at the right time I will propose

I didn't know how to respond to that so I just keep quite still in his arms. His phone rings and he look at the screen his "princess" is calling he break the hug so he can answer his phone.

****THENDO MULAUDZI****

Life have been hectic everything is taking a down turn and that is keeping me on my toes. My relationship with Abigail is slowly deteriorating and what is left for it is to die and being buried, and I cannot blame her on that am way too buried in my demons and spending I can't spend time with her, am just happy because her pregnancy have been good one not the stories I have heard about pregnant abusive woman.

I can say it has been really a bumpy road with too many thorns and it's getting too much. The businesses are falling so fast and am at the verge of retrenching almost 55% of my workers and trade unions are going to fry me, but I will cross the bridge when I hey there. Today there is a board meeting and I don't even know what the meeting is about but I can't seem to shake off the feeling that this meeting is going to flush this company done the drain.

To be honest am drained and don't know what to do. I haven't talked to my mother in days and Tshilidzi have been blowing my phone I just don't have it in me to answer her. Let me call my Tshilidzi just to hear her out and then mom. I dialled Tshilidzi's number but it says it's unavailable then I called my mother and it rings for some time before she answers.

Mrs Mulaudzi: this better be good Thendo make it snappy I am in the middle of something important.

Me: hurini mmawe? (How are you mom?)*I say and I know am just continuing to piss the already pissed off woman.

Mrs Mulaudzi: Ni songo mmbudzisa uri hurini (don't ask me how I am) how do you think I am...just get to the point or stop wasting my time* wow she is really in bad mood

Me:* I take a deep breath because I know when she is answering me like this, the insults are coming my way and I cannot back out now because I really want her inputs* mmmh!... mom there is a board meeting today and to be honest am scared, am afraid they are going to remove me from my position mom.

Mrs Mulaudzi: * she laughs but not a happy laugh but an angry laugh* so Thendo do you have brains or go to school at least?

Me: I...am afraid I don't understand what you're trying to say mom* I truthfully answered*

Mrs Mulaudzi: what is it that you don't understand son, tell me or should I answer that for you heh! As it looks like you don't have your own brains or you just don't know how to use them heh! I cannot always be your brains man Thendo. I am supposed to come with ideas on how we are going to deal with the Rudzani and Precious saga not what you're saying.

Me: but ma...*she interrupted me before I even finish*

Mrs Mulaudzi: don't but ma to me Thendo that is your business you better tell those people to take their money or what so ever and shove it where the sun do not shine not in your

business. You're good at what you do and there are many people who can kill just to work with you. *after saying that she dropped the call*

To be honest I feel relieved after talking to her I know even if she talked in a bad way to me, but she will tell me what I should do. Before I knew it three o'clock I heard to the boardroom for a meeting, and I was a late, mumble my apology and sit down

Chairman: *looking around while nodding* we are all here let's start. Mr Mulaudzi (Thendo) so tell us what your plans are as you can see that in your leadership the business is running down the ground so what is your plan in saving the business.

Me: *to be honest I don't have any and I so hope things work out because I also don't understand what is really going on* I don't have plan at the moment sir, but I can assure you that I am doing all I can to try and save the situation you have nothing to worry about anything. *I boldly say*

Chairman: *he looks at me and slightly chuckles while looking around other to the other members* his saying we should trust him with our millions while he has no plan on saving the business *he turns and look at me* you got to me kidding us
Mr Mulaudzi (Thendo)

Me: *I can see what his is trying to do, his trying to convince these people to be on his side it has been long with him trying to take my business from me and that will only happen when am six feet under, I was getting pissed and my temper

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I was so trying to keep myself together so that I don't grab that throat.* if you'll want to pull out you can gladly take your business elsewhere, I cannot work with people who have no confidence in me and am not stepping down as a CEO this is my business I started it

Chairman: and you better run it to the ground yourself? Is that what you're saying? He has no respect this boy as you can see... So I am pulling out and whoever who wants to pull out too can raise their hands* I sit there and watch them busy raising their hands forgetting the millions I have made for them before all this scandal that is going on. I feel so defeated I stand up and walk back to my office still carrying pride with me*

****TSHILIDZI MUALUDZI****

I have just landed at OR Thambo airport and I haven't told anyone that am I will be visiting even because they will make a fuss about it. There is one thing I know about my brothers, the first thing is they hate each other and second is that they can tolerate each other just for me. The main reason am is to support Rudzani through whatever he is going through because when I talked to him through the phone that day he didn't sound fine according to me so now here I am for him. Let me call mom while waiting for my bolt to arrive. It rings for few minutes before she answers.

Me: hello mom* I said excitedly and screaming a little*

Mrs Mulaudzi: hello princess, no takalela mini? (Why are you so happy?)

Me: guess what mom

Mrs Mulaudzi: what?

Me: you are supposed to guess mom but I have just landed

*she says still in the same mood, when getting inside the car
(bolt)

Mrs Mulaudzi: *she chokes on her own saliva and coughs hysterically* tell me you're joking Tshilidzi.

Me: unfortunately not mom, but it sounds like you're not happy but don't worry because I will be staying with Rudzani.

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Mrs Mulaudzi: so he is the one who convince you to come and

visit.

Me: No mom he doesn't know that, I am here to check on him as he didn't sound okay over the phone the other day.

Mrs Mualudzi: ooh okay, you must come and see me tomorrow. There is someone at the door I got to go by baby I love you.* she hangs up before I even respond...there is something going on between Rudzani and Mom ...no I mean there is definitely something going on between Rudzani and Thendo and as always mom is on Thendo's side. My bolt park at the gate and I thanked the driver, pay and head inside because the gate wasn't closed.

After some few minutes I am knocking at the door and I get the surprise of my life, I couldn't believe my eyes and yes it was her in flesh maybe I am lost.

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After few seconds of walking to the front door I knock and get the surprise of my life. I just couldn't believe my eyes; maybe Thendo is the one that live here while i thought that it is Rudzani who lives here. Shock is written on both of us faces, but knowing precious she smiles everything away, even though she is shocked because of my presence.

Precious: are you going to come in?

Me: mmmh is Thendo at home?*I asked just to check if am really lost or not, before she could answer I hear a man's voice behind and I could tell that is my brothers voice, his voice carries so much calmness and authority in it, it is Rudzani's voice*

Rudzani: Precious who is at the door?

Precious: mmmmh it's your sister

While getting inside with so many questions that got no answers at the moment and to be honest I no longer feel like being here anymore. It haven't been two hours being here in the country and Precious have to be the first person I seen who is a family member ...mxm... maybe if I was seeing her after two glasses of wine I could have had the courage to ask for forgiveness of everything I have done to her in the past and show her that I have changed and that type of courage is found in the bottle of wine.

I cat walk towards my brother who had his mouth wide open and popping out his Chinese's eyes, he looks so speechless am sure he feels like he is hallucinating but no am here in flesh. I gave him the biggest hug and that is when he realised that it me and no one else but me. He hugs me back and I feel safe and at home as always, his hugs always carry emotions with them.

While were still in our bubble of happiness, Precious decides to open her mouth. We break the hug, I had even forgotten about her presence.

Precious: mmmmh I will be in my room*Rudzani just nod and she turns to walk ways. I so wanted to ask what room because last time I checked she has no room here but what can I say it has been a long time since I left home*

Me:*looking at my brother* so my love*that how I call him and he calls me princess* enlighten me about what have being going on in my absence.

Rudzani:*leading us to sit on the coach* so no greetings and telling me what you have been up to not forgetting why you didn't tell me that you will be visiting us or coming back home for good tshine na thoma nga tsho ndi u toda u divha uri hu cou itea mini(what you start with is to ask what have been

happening*he said raising his eyebrows...and he looks so cute
yoh! guys if he wasn't my brother wouldn't mind being his girl
or side chick but unfortunately he is my brother and also I don't
do caramel I like my tea black with no sugar, if you know what I
mean*

Me: you're still the same....no changes at all*my brother
doesn't like it when people go straight to the point without
greeting him first *...it feels like I have been here always...*I
laugh and bow down a bit placing my hand together and greet*
Aa mufunwa wanga,vho vuwa hani?(hello my love, how are
you?)

Rudzani:*while laughing* more like that princess more like
that...so what were you saying again.

Me:*laughing out so loud* now that the greeting part is done,
tell me why you are staying with your brother's wife.

Rudzani: it's a long story princess a very long one.

Me: and I have time my love.

He tells me everything from Thendo being abusive and mom taking Thendo's side and I even cried when he was telling me am just glad that Rudzani is helping her out by giving her a place to stay but I also think that he should rent a place for her because am sure Abigail is livid about this and her insecure self could kill Precious before dawn if she knows Rudzani is living with a woman in his house.

Me: how does Abigail feel about your living with a woman in your house?

Rudzani: how does it affect her?, who I stay with in my house is none of her business

Me: she is your girlfriend musi.

Rudzani: did I tell you that?

Me: *looking down* no you didn't

Rudzani: I understand that she is your friend princess but I am not dating you're her

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we were just helping each other out, and I no longer do nasty things princess there is someone am in love with and you will know her when the time is right.

Me: ooh okay, just know I can't wait to see her.....if you and Abigail never dated are you okay with me calling her for sleep over I really missed her please.

Rudzani:*looking at me for some time*only if you make her behave because I swear one wrong move I will splash her brains out with gun powder.

I just laugh because I know his is very much capable of doing that, it is just that he don't like doing that in my presence but when the shoves push they push and you got to retaliate.

****RENDANI (DOCTOR)

Today work have been hectic am tired, lately I have been getting calls from Abigail that girl is crazy. She wants to know about Rudzani's girlfriend or the name of the woman that she found that day with Rudzani. I told her that Rudzani is not

dating anyone but she is so adamant about it and tells me am covering for him.

The truth is that I am not covering for him, because he said that he is not in love with precious and the reason I can't tell her the name of the woman she found at her "boyfriend's house" as she claims it is because I don't want her hurting precious. That girl looks like she has few loose scruffs.

Am on my way to Rudzani's place and the main reason am going to Rudzani's place is to see my flower. Every time I see her or hear her soft voice speaks or just to giggles the things her mere presence does to me yoh! Guys i am heed over hills with her.

I call Rudzani asking him to open the gate for me and he did, I drive in park my car at the drive through checked myself one last time, I have to make sure am representable when seeing the future Mrs me, I get off my car and walk toward the front

door and knocked. When the door is opened I couldn't believe my eyes, she is here, Tshilidzi is here.

The pain I thought I have buried long time ago I felt it once again, and this very time I feel it ten time worse than last time. This girl have hurt me in a way that no one have ever hurt me, I was ready....i was ready to them the world and being a better person but that was just in my head not hers and killed him/hermy baby...I pled with her but m pleas fell in deaf ears.

Rudzani should have told me that her sister is back I would have come expecting her. I think it's safe to say that I hate her, the pain she inflicted on me, turned me who I am today. I haven't dated anyone since her because of trust issues and being afraid to get hurt, but that is about to change as I have seen my precious and I know she is not capable of any evil. I didn't realise that I have zoned out on her until that soft voice speak unknowingly calming my nerves.

****TSHILIDZI MULAUDZI****

Seeing Rendani (doctor) after such a long time is....I don't know how it is because it's like he is still harbouring hate in him and if am to be honest with myself right now I don't regret what I did back then. I know when I took that decision it was based on my own selfish reasons. I didn't want to disappoint my parents and brothers, especially Rudzani he puts too much trust in me and in everything I do I can't disappoint him.

To him I am an angel, am so perfect and I never do anything wrong. If someone or even Rendani himself tells Rudzani that he once dated me he will laugh right in his face and call him a liar. Am sure he will flip once he heard that I did an abortion of his friend's child. He will murder both of us. He believes in rectifying the mistakes the right way not the way I did and abortion is defined as an act of cruelty that doesn't need forgiveness but a punishment according to his dictionary. But truth be told I still love him.

Rudzani: mmh princess are you good?

Me:*ooh flip I have zoned out on them* mmh yeah am good

He gave me that I don't believe you look, and we will talk later because I can see he has realized that I was staring at his friend, but who wouldn't his such a catch and now his more handsome than when we were together its true when they say that they say money cleans a person because wow? I wouldn't mind showing him off as my past and still try my luck with him.

Rudzani: Tshilidzi.....Tshilidzi...

Me:* ooh God I am embarrassing myself here, Abigail should have been here by now I really needed her* mmmh...Ni cou ri mini? (What are you saying?)

Precious: you look like your deep in thoughts.

Me: ...mmh am just thinking if Abigail is still coming let me go and call her, to check if his still coming or not.

Rudzani: as long as you remember what I have told you princess I don't want any problems please.

Me: don't worry love, she won't cause any troubles.

Rendani (doctor): I wouldn't bet on that

I just look at him and smile because I know he have so much to say if I start bickering with him a lot will be said and that lot can ruin my life just like that.

I call my girl (Abigail) and she said she will be here in 20 minutes... I sit outside as I wait on her to arrive I don't hate precious but I just can't stand her and with Rendani (doctor) my high school sweetheart who hate me so much in the same room...they will send me to psychiatric ward.

****ABIGAIL****

Am happy that Tshilidzi is back, even though I have been ignoring her calls these past days but her presence right now excites me...Yoh! Guys the girl will be sleeping in her man's arms tonight and am so happy struu. The way I am so excited I thank my ancestors for getting rid of that girl very fast before I do it myself. Let me call my man and tell him am at the gate I know his at home, and he knows I am coming.

It rings for some time and then a woman's voice answered.

Woman: Rudzani's phone hello

I felt the very same pain I felt that day when I find him in his

hiding place with that girl, I guess I better up my game this whole week because I am not losing my man over some girl from nowhere never I have to fight for him.

Me:*I clear my throat*...mmmh its Abigail can you please open the gate for me.

Woman: okay

I drive in and take I deep breath get out of my car, open the boot and take my weekend bag, and I take my sweet time making my way to the front door then I heard a voice, the voice that I love the most and of the person who can never hurt me in any way not intentionally.

Tshilidzi: hey babe*she said joyfully *

Me:*forcing a smile

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and fighting tears,there is nothing I can hide from her. She is my rock and now I need her and her love more than ever* hey girl...look at you...your beautiful man Yoh!...mukololo wa Venda (Venda princess)* I say still laughing, am not a Venda guys am Tsonga so yeah I know Tshivenda because where I come from

there are also Vendas.*

Tshilidzi: what's wrong sweetheart...don't say nothing because I can tell something is bothering you.

Me: I don't want to burden you with my troubles babe you've just arrived we should be happy that you're here.

Tshilidzi: don't be like those babes... I already have troubles hovering around me, my past is catching up with me.

Me: what do you mean babe?...yoh have just arrived tou cannot be having problems already.

Tshilidzi: Rendani (doctor) is here babe you didn't even tell me that he has turned to be hunk and the way his looking at me you can see hate written all over his face, and he is busy choking on the idea of strangling life out of me while me on the other side is falling in love with him once again and I can say that I want him back.

Me: and what stopping you girl go get your man....so tell me babe who is the new lady in your brother's life.

Tshilidzi: my brother? Which one?

Me: you know who I am talking about Rudzani

Tshilidzi: girl he told me earlier today that you and him are not dating and were never dating he said that you guys were just helping each other out... I mean satisfying each other sexually.

To say that I am hurt by that statement it will be an understatement its feels like she has taken a very sharp blade and rip my heart out slowly making sure I feel every bit of pain.

Me:*clearing my throat trying to fight tears back* then who answered his phone when I call him to open the gate for me?

Tshilidzi: ooh it is Precious... Thendo's wife

Me: ooh okay *I say masking the pain and hurt* let's go inside then.

We make our way inside the house... I came to shock realising that the woman I found last time with Rudzani is actually the sister-in-law. My question is what is it going on between them?, who moves in with her brother-in-law and leave her husband just to take other man from another woman not any man but a brother in law..who does that?.

****THENDO MULAUDZI****

Yoh! Have you ever heard that sins catches up with you no matter what...mine are slowly catching up with me one by one? Today I have to say that I used to own a company because what left there are only buildings. I think my sins are catching up with me real fast; I have to get my wife back. I had even forgotten about Andani, yoh! That one moved back to her home two days ago because she says am emotionally abusing her...mxm...cry-babies.

Right now am with my family or should I say what's left of it, apparently mom have a great plan on getting precious back and the only person who can help us is Tshilidzi as she will be leaving with them. Now we are on our way to Rudzani's house to see her, she doesn't know that we will be coming so yeah we will be surprising her. To be honest am not looking forward to this I know Rudzani wouldn't even allow us to get inside the house.

We get there park outside and mom calls Tshilidzi to ask her to open the gate for us, after few seconds the gate is opened and I

drive in it looks like his friend Rendani (doctor) is here so is Abigail(Tshilidzi's friend) are here. When he throws us away it looks like it's going to be embarrassing. We get out of the car, Tshilidzi come running towards us, yoh! My little sister has grown so much people. We hug and share some friendly kisses, and she led us inside.

People inside the house were busy laughing to some joke I guess but the only giggle I heard the most was that of precious. Her giggle is like those of a care free baby and that made me wonder do she deserves what I have put her through or what am about to put her through?, but I swear guys I don't have a choice circumstance are forcing me and I can't back down now.

They stop laughing at our presence and I can see fear written all over Precious's face. The satisfaction I feel deep down when I see that the scar I have left on her emotional being is too deep that even a two months with her out of my life she is still afraid of me... the douchebag decides to talk.

Rudzani: what are you doing here?

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

Their presence in my house is not welcomed at all and I very much know that they are here because mom must be planning on something or ways to attack me or Precious. OH! God, I don't understand that I choose to love them and protect them as my family through everything but ever since that day they disown me, I choose to protect my happiness and I find that happiness in Precious and for them to think that they can come to my house and act like they are here to see Tshilidzi they must be out of their minds ...my guess is that they have death wish, their will might be updated.

I am getting angry with every passing second and them not answering my question nor saying anything, it is making me feel like strangle them to death right now...but I can't do that in front of Precious.

Me: if I should repeat my question again, what are you doing here? * you couldn't even miss the annoyance in my voice*

They both keep quiet with Thendo busy clenching his jaws, mom or should I say Mrs Mulaudzi because she is no longer my mother staring at me while dad was just standing there like a statue he is always.

Me: *chuckling* I know very well that I am not a broken cassette you better start talking before I blow your brains out of those stupid heads of yours*I said getting more angry*

Mrs Mulaudzi: *clearing her throat* we are here to see Tshilidzi and welcome her back home as a family* she said faking a smile*

These people...it looks like they have forgotten that am crazy like them...at the end of the day we are family.

Me: mmmh... I see... *looking at tshilidzi* am sorry princess you will see your family out of my house.*she just look down busy wiping off her tears ,she hates it when we fight.

Abigail: ...but babe you can't be like that to your family.

I was about to answer her but Thendo beat me to it and I am thinking he is going to take this opportunity to cough out his recited apology to Precious but no he is busy sticking his nose in my business.

Thendo:...mmh....*he starts laughing and everyone looks at him after sometimes he catches his breath and continue talking*...so Abigail clarify me here, if you and Rudzani are dating why did you allow him to go to his hiding place with my wife... do you know that he wants her fir himself..do you know why they run away together? * she shakes head

indicating that she don't know* it is because I found them making out in my house at my own coach.* he said feeling proud of himself..mxm...this an excuse of a man painting his wife a a whore it's wrong man*

I look at Precious who is busy biting at her own nails she looks frightened and sobbing softly.

Me: how is that any of your concern? Her knowing or not it's none of your business...focus on building yourself not degrading Precious in front of people.

Mrs Mulaudzi: ...he is just concerned that you choose his woman over family while you have a beautiful girlfriend by your side who according to me shouldn't be allowing this bullshit you're doing man Rudzani.

This is what I was afraid off, I never wanted Precious to find out that I choose her over my family because that will make it look like I am forcing her into relationship with me...I want her to love me because she love me too.

Precious:*with her eyes looking like they are about to roll out of their socket*...so you...you choose me over your family?

I looked at her and drop my head down in shame... I was never ready to let her know nor for her to find out this way but what can I say. Should I say yes what is it going to change between us? Should I say no will she believe me? When I was busy battling with myself on what and how to answer her Mrs Mulaudzi decides to do the honours of answering her.

Mrs Mulaudzi: ooh your already having secrets at your relationship heh...romantic land os long phased out heh...*chuckles* what were you thinking mara moving from one brother to another you're just a slut, I wonder what Thendo saw on you and what you're feeding my son should be

serious voodoo stuff because wow girl ...you just run away with him two weeks only he is already madly in love with you...mxm... you just like your mother its true an apple doesn't fall far from its tree.

Me: enough with the insults this is my house... go back to the hole you came from and stop coughing your bullshit here okay.

Tshilidzi: so it's true you decide to take her side over the whole family you choose her my love* she said with tears flowing down her face* you choose her over us your blood.

Me: yes I choose her and I will do it all over again if I have to princess

I said with no remorse and I truthfully mean it.

Me: *looking at them "family" I feel nothing like we are not related* leave my house before I say things I might regret later.

Mrs Mulaudzi: what is it that is stopping heh?

Me: are you serious because the secrets your keeping might come back to bite you. *I said with a smirk*

Thendo: you wouldn't dare

Me: try me

Thendo start walking towards where Precious is sitting...unexpectedly Precious stand up and ran up the stairs to her and Rendani stood up too and ran after her.

Mrs Mulaudzi laughs and clap her hand looking at me and then look at Tshilidzi who is busy sobbing...for what I don't understand because wow according to me she is being dramatic.

Mrs Mulaudzi: girls you will come and see me tomorrow musi?

Abigail is the one who nod

Thendo: *as he turns to go with his master* this is not over little onethis is far from over it has just started.

I click my tongue I walk behind them accompanying them out... I don't want them to hide their supernatural things in my house.

To tell you the truth am afraid their presence instil fear in me and I feel like the ground should open and swallow me. I am tired of this, them and everything. Thendo's eyes bores into my skin and that sends chills down my spine making me shiver everytime I try to compose myself and not show fear toward him and his mother.

I am shocked on learning that Rudzani chose me over his family. This make me have so many questions running on my mind...What do he want from me? Why would he choose me over his own blood? How that does portray me as a woman when they think he is dating me? Am I that loose? Am I the cause of their fights? If it is me, how did I contribute in all this? Sitting here with them I just zone out and I could help my choke on my own sobs silently.

Maybe I should accept that Thendo's wife and stop listening to Rudzani telling me to choose my own happiness. I was deep in thought when I hear footsteps working toward me something deep down tells me to stand up and run that is why I run away from him. When I was about to close the door Rendani (doctor) runs in it and I close the door.

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He takes me in for a hug and I just broke down in his embrace... I cried my eyes out and I feel safe in his arms... I feel at home and the effect they had on me is out of this world but Rudzani's hugs are the best. After some few minutes we unlock our hug, and he stares at my eyes and it feels like our souls were connecting or doing the same maths I don't know but I feel attracted to him.

Me: can you stay with me until I fell asleep please?

Rendani (doctor): okay*while nodding*

While getting inside the sheets... I snuggle close to him, and ask him to hold me. He did as told and I close my eyes listening to his heartbeat.

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******NARATTED******

At Rudzani's house in the lounge, Tshilidzi is feeling beside herself with a grief even though they are not dead but the wonder family died and there is nothing at this moment that they she can do. She couldn't help but feel betrayed by everyone especially Precious for coming in their lives ever since her arrival things turned south in her family.

At this moment she is wondering what her agenda is all about that she acts all saints while busy destroying her family. She got questions of what went wrong thinking of the beautiful memory of her past life as a child with her brother being one up until Thendo get married to Precious.

Questions with no answers ran round her mind make it a playground, she couldn't help but wail in pain as she replay her brother's words in her mind "if am given a chance I would choose her once more". Her walls were closing in on her. Here she feels her soul separating from her flesh and it hurts. She cried mumbling some word "it hurts...Abigail I hate her"

Her cries and her words fell on his brother (Rudzani) ears and he wouldn't stand the sight of his princess' piercing screams...they make him wonder if his decision was worth it.

He turns to look at Abigail who is busy giving solace to her friend. He didn't say any comforting words towards them, he also is feeling sad and also scared to face Precious but from his observation towards Rendani (doctor) he knows he got a competitor so he better up his game...maybe it's time I lay my cards down *he thought to himself*

while he turns and make his way up the stairs to check on Precious with a heavy heart hoping on finding comfort in her

embrace that warms his heart all the time he feels down. He open the door as he gets inside but stop in his tracks when he sees her in Rendani (doctor)'s arms with her head on his chest she looks so beautiful and peaceful too and her body perfectly fit in his arms, and he envied him, he wishes it was him but fear is the barrier in showing his feelings. He quietly turns going to his room but he decide to go to the gym to let the steam off.

After two hours of running on the treadmill and throwing some punches on the boxing bag he takes a break. Sitting there thinking of a way forward and how he is going to tell Precious about about what happened that night of a family dinner but he was still failing on how he is going to tell her that he is her soulmate.

While he is deep in his thoughts with his eyes closed he feel a hand touching him on his left shoulder and slowly brushing his abs and making it's way to his V-line, he know who the person is, but he couldn't stop her. He really wanted to but the smallest part of his brains wanted this... but the bigger part was so weak and tired to even fight this.

The picture of them (Precious and Rendani) flashes across his thought, and he tried to block the thought of what could have transpired before they fell asleep...they could have kissed who knows or more who knows.

She continues brushing and planting soft kisses all over his upper body that isn't doing justice to his already aroused self. He blocks Precious out of his brains

so he could enjoy the moment he knows very well he will regret this afterwards, but he tells himself that he will face the consequences in due time now it time to play. It is like she can read his mind as she plant a kiss on his lips, and he quickly grabs her closer to him as deepens the kiss and things get heated. Things led to the other and they both enjoy the session.

After that hell of a work out he takes his stuff walked to his room as guilty is already eating him up. He knows he is destined to be with Precious but now he has just given Abigail an idea to break them off but he also couldn'tlie to himself he really

enjoyed that session. He takes a shower wear his boxers and get in the cover off to the dream land.

****ABIGAIL****

Watching my friend cry because of what Precious did to her family breaks me and it also motivates me to make Rudzani mine. When Rudzani goes up the stairs maybe to his room a hushes my friend until she fell asleep, so I come up with the idea. I am not sure if it would work but a girl gotta do what she can do to make things happen.

From the years that I have been with Rudzani I know that when he is angry he goes to gym or have sex, so I know that his pride couldn't let him come near me as he is busy hitting on his brother's wife I take my cell phone and hide it at the gym and make sure that it is taking a video. I ran back to the lounge.

After some few minutes I heard the gym door being opened and closed and I know I got him *laughing* he is mine and after getting my man I am going to help Tshilidzi get her high school sweetheart back ... I don't understand why these men keeps running after her (Precious)...mxm...she has met her match like I have said it before let me say it again Rudzani is Abigail's man.my ancestors are really looking up for me struu... I keep myself busy for some time I didn't want to look suspicious and I go change to a sexy number he once bought me some time ago and I know he loves it.

Make my way to the gym and I find him looking like he is buried deep in thoughts and the sight of him topless and those abs covered with sweat just turns me on. I tip toe my way toward him, and I know he can tell there is someone in the room but he didn't open his eyes. I touch him and again he did say anything or just to look at me to acknowledge my presence the little devil in me say am must also continue with what I am doing.

When I kiss him on his lip and kissed me back I knew I have him where I wanted him to be and the work out is out of this world

even if after that he just wore his clothes and walk out with no words exchanged I enjoyed it. It hurts but he really don't know me when u set my mind into something.

If he thinks he is going to leave me her and go and sleep alone he better be joking, I said that to myself. I go to his bedroom and find him asleep. I take off my clothes and then get inside the sheets with him. I snuggle close to him and fell asleep right away. We are awakened by the knock at the door.

Rudzani:* realising his not sleeping alone* what are you doing here?

Me: I am sleeping * I said with no care in the world.

Rudzani wakes up and go to open the door and it is none other than the mighty whore(Precious), the one who moves from one brother to another and the friend

Precious: ...mmmh... I am here to tell you that breakfast is ready
*her voices Carry a little pain with it *

Rudzani:* for the first time in his life feeling afraid and feeling the need to explain himself, but how do he does that after the session in the gym*...look beautiful it's not what you think.*he says trying to touch her hand*

Me: babe come back and finish what you started *I said in a seducing voice trying to muff my laughter*...we will have breakfast after we finished what we were doing.

Precious:*forcing a smile* I will put your food in the oven.

Precious turns to walk away while Rudzani just stand there and look at her with shame and anger...angry on himself for allowing such to happen but most importantly angry at Abigail for pulling such stunt in the presences of his soul mate.

*****TWO WEEKS LATER*****

*****RUDZANI MULAUDZI*****

Someone should have told me that guilt is like cancer; it eats you up daily and slowly killing your inner being which is making me feel empty and lonely at times because every time I look at Precious my consciousness couldn't ease the guilty in me. I know I should tell her but I have been dragging my feet on doing so and as for my sister she packed her bags the following day (the day after Thendo and his parents coma) she said she is going to stay with her parents and couldn't stand to see Precious divide her family at least she didn't ask me to choose because it could have been hard for me to choose between them.

Even though I have been ignoring precious this past days the decision that Tshilidzi took of moving out makes me happy because Precious is now comfortable I know that Tshilidzi was just pretending to like her for my sake. The other thing that I

don't like is Rendani (doctor)'s friendship with my Precious I can tell he is busy hitting on her ...mxm...hitting on my woman, maybe it's time I lay my cards on the table I will deal with Abigail later because I rather face my demons with Precious I don't want to lose Precious to Abigail.

While I am still buried deep in my thoughts my office door is opened...*did I even tell you guys what I do for living beside that I have couple of businesses. I have a degree in electrical engineering. I have my own company which is called T.R.E. Ltd (TSHILIDZI RUDZANI ELECTRICIANS) and it has three branches and others are family businesses which at the moment am not part of them.*

Back at this moment, I looked at the door and I see a hand coming through before the person comes in, the person is having a white cloths on her hand and I know who the person is because I feel her presence even if she is in the other room and it is none other than Precious. She hangs the white cloths un the air as a sign to show that she come here in peace and I chuckle at this playful sight of her and I tell her to come in.

She is holding the containers in her hands and my tummy grumbles reminding me that I haven't eaten anything since last night.

Precious: hey

Me: hi....* silence hit the room for few minutes making me feel more guilty and my stares making her uncomfortable*

Precious: ... I brought you lunch *she says breaking the silence and placing the containers she is holding on my desk*

Me: mmmh... Thank you*showing her a sit, so she can sit down*

Precious:*sitting down* Rudzani...*playing with her fingers* am sorry

Me:*looking at her surprised* sorry...what are you sorry for?

Precious: I don't know...it is just that ever since that day I don't understand what went wrong between us, I thought maybe it is because I woke you up while you were with the other person...I didn't know that you were sleeping with your woman as am used to you waking up early and having breakfast together.

Me*looking at her, as my brains and mouths loses signals to each other because my brains wants the mouth to say am the one who should me sorry but words were refusing to leave my mouth*...I...I...she is not my woman.

Precious: even though you are saying that she is not your woman I think I should say sorry because ever since that day our friendship is no longer the same you have become distant.

Me: am just stressed out because of work am sorry

Precious: it okay...mmmh... I am thinking of visiting my mother's grave this coming Saturday and when time goes by I will go and see my dad.

Me: okay I will go with you.

Precious:*looking at the watch on her hand* ... I should get going

Me;*raising my eyebrows*...where are you going? I thought we were going to have lunch together

Precious: I am meeting Rendani (doctor) for lunch.

I just couldn't let her have lunch with him while their only two never, no woman of mine will be having lunch with the other man while am still very much alive I am going with her...Rendani(doctor) is my friend and I know he wants her for himself.

Me:*standing up while packing my stuff* I am going with you.

Precious:*laughing at my reaction* what if I am going on a date with him

Me: are you dating him?*I asked bit afraid of the answer because these two have been spending a lot of time together lately*

Precious: no am not dating your best friend man*she said still laughing *

Me:*that makes me happy and made me to make a vow to myself ...I am going to tell her how I feel about her tonight* lets go *I said leading our way to the door.

We make our way out of the building and go to the parking

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I open the door for her and jog to my side and drive out to our destination.

*****RENDANI (DOCTOR)

Ever since that night that I slept in one bed with my flower, my queen (Precious) I am a happy man. We have managed to build the good bond between us, which she thinks is a friendship bond but to me *chuckles* it's a relationship bond. I see a wife in her and I can confidently say that I want soccer team children with her. After what I have been through before in relationships I didn't think that I will ever want to be in committed relationship with anyone ever again, but ever since I have known her that changed if you don't believe in love at first sight, I tell you today that I believe in love at first sight and Precious is the proof of that love.

As for Tshilidzi she must just get out of that bubble of possibilities she is in because every time I see that girl I try so hard to control my anger and the thoughts of ripping her heart out of her chest, but it is not that easy and because I know that even though Rudzani looks calm and down to earth he is also

cruel and when you touch his loved ones there will be hell to pay that the only reason I haven't touched her. And now I know that he loves Precious that us why I know I should make my move on her now while it's still early, or she will be Rudzani's woman if I play around.

I am sitting at the restaurant waiting on Precious to arrive she is few minutes late. She doesn't know that the main reason I have asked her to have dinner with her it is because I want to confess my undying feelings towards her. Am all about striking an iron while it's still hot but the time Rudzani gathers strength to confess his undying love on her, she would have been long mine.

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Rendani is still at the restaurant waiting for his not in sight flower, he is slowly losing his patients whilst waiting for her arrival. He has been waiting for her for approximately 35 minutes, he lastly talked to her when she said that she is still at T.R.E which is 10 minutes away from where he is, he couldn't help but wonder if Rudzani have asked her not to come to this lunch. And this could have been a waste, his wasted time on search of the greatest art of unknown writer in his books to just grace his vocabulary with words that will sound sweet when coming out of his mouth yet smoothies the heart of his flower.

But at this moment it seems as if his strengths went in vain, because the flower of his heart haven't grace him with her presents. With every second, minute that pass makes his heart to beat twice or maybe thrice as fast than any other times he have been nervous before because this time his nervousness is caused by love, the love he claims as his true love his God chosen life partner. His nerves were reeking high and he keep

on taking deep breath trying to catch his normal breathing pattern while he recites a poem written by 'Samuel Zubair', he only takes the stanza he loved most.

"I LOVE YOU

I always thought that love was wrong

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But everything changed when you came along.

For the rest of my life, I want to be with you,

To touch your hand and stay with you"

He has been learning these words to charm her using these beautiful words that the author has taken his time strategizing and formulating these heart felt words whose according to him makes hearts to beat as one and souls communicate and will convey the trueness of what hides deep down the depth of his heart.

Whilst waiting for Precious he is on his third glass of Hendrick's gin listening to it as rushes down the race trails of his oesophagus and left the burning sensation that is slowly clamming his nerves. He look at his phone hoping for the text coming from her or even a call but there is none and he is busy contemplating on whether to call him not because he doesn't want to look desperate but shouldn't he wonder what have happened to his companion. Then he made up his mind to call her once more again as it is close to an hour and he still haven't heard from her, and still he tried in vain.

He drinks whats left in his glass and calls the waiter pays and walk out of the restaurants with his heart aching. He has never been stood up before by a girl and this was the first time. He get in his car and drive to his house but on a way he decided to

go and check on his friend first before going to his house, but before going there he decides to call him but his call didn't go through. Leaving him with questions about their whereabouts.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI ****

To think I almost lost her to that douchebag because of my tortoise steps makes me to question my seriousness and at the same time open my eyes. The fact that she is my soulmate made me to relax because I already know that she is mine nda hangwa uri maanga a cou lavhelesa (and I forget that the vultures are looking) ready to devour her and snatch her out of me.

I look at her then look ahead as am driving listening to her happy and care free self who just need to be pushed in a right direction so that she can learn to do things for herself. I wouldn't mind having her as a housewife but I also want her to be able to take care of herself what if something happens to me?

Precious: hey... Rudzani what are you thinking about...it has been sometime while I have been talking to you and not answering.

Me: ...am thinking...*how do I tell am thinking about our future....oh boyI got a lot to learn because wow* am..am thinking about our future

Precious: ...

Me: mmmh about us beautiful...yes am thinking about us.

Precious: what about us?

Me: * I take a deep breath I know that this is not or anywhere near the romantic rules or books but it is now or never....actually let me tell her if I die then I will try again when the time is right*....I love you Precious...I love you so much and I have been feeling this way ever since the day I met you. I thought maybe I should give you time to settle in with me and get over my brother but I can't wait anymore...I know I have a lot to tell about what happen and the things my family did to you...

When he is still talking and driving he didn't see a car that hit his car at the back making him to lose control over his car as it when he is busy trying to gain control over his car Precious is busy screaming her lungs out and he managed to take it out of the road he ran into the tree that is on the road side.

*****THENDO MULAUDZI*****

A message come through from one of my boys "IT IS DONE"...you should have seen my ear to ear smile plastered across my face looking like an idiot. Only two thing up to now manages to elevate my mood this high, only two things that is money and things working out the way I wanted them and now I so wish to say God is or my ancestors are looking up for me because wow. I have beaten two birds using one stone just one stone.

Even the might Mrs Mulaudzi will be amazed by what I have done, she is busy thinking of a long way but as for me I have seen an easy way. They thought that I was joking when I said that even though we didn't say it in front of God and people...but isn't God anywhere we are but still those promises we made behind closed doors while we aware only two still applies to me even though I was saying them with no good intentions in them but still until death do us apart.

I stand up from my desk chair going to where I put my finest whiskey so that I can celebrate in style. Take the best whisker that I only drink while celebrating something and today's event even though there are no people to celebrate with me but am happy and I should celebrate in style. My phone ring and model my way to the table so that I can answer it and it is none other than the family princess.

Me: the family princess*I said and my voice couldn't help its self and give away the happiness it so boldly holds on.

Tshilidzi: hey...* she said sounding down or maybe she is crying and at this moment I don't care because I know the reason why am just praying my move manages to act hurt but for what reason*...he...he*a loud sob erupted on her side and I couldn't help but worry because of the other stuff are too luxury for me to worry about them.*

Me: princess what wrong...talk to me you know I cannot help you when you're not talking* I said trying to put on my Oscar winning performance which am trying to master for when I meet her I could be best at it*

Tshilidzi: ...I have heard that there is a car accident.

Me: ...so

Tshilidzi: its Rudzani's car ...Rudzani was involved in a car accident.

Me: oh...okay is he okay? ...like his in which hospital...I can come and accompany you*I said trying to be sincere because to be honest nothing inside me moved from that

*****ANDANI MUDAU*****

My life in the past month have been a rollercoaster struu, everything flashes right before my eyes and seems near yet distant. I have never thought that Thendo will turn against me oneday, but I know deep down in me that he did me a favour the guy is truly possessed and would do anything to make sure he get Precious back and me and my baby will be on our own.

To be honest at first I thought it was Precious fault that Thendo is the person he is but staying with him those few days I salute Precious for accepting such nonsense for all the years she has been with him. As for my pregnancy am three months now and everything is still going accordingly and am just happy even though I don't have people who can hold my hand except and enjoy my pregnancy with except Thendo's family and at this moment I don't want to mix with them I just want to catch a breather or something because wow when they say some people are living a movie life they are talking about them...only that it's a movie that I don't want to be featured on.

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******THENDO MULAUDZI******

Here I am rushing to my sister like i will get the 'brother of the year' award. I know that she might value and respect the word family but in that word word Rudzani is what is closest to her haert, the reason why she abondon the luxurious life she was enjoying in the states just to come and be there for him in his 'time of need'. But what can i say because she is my princess after all the family family princess.

The other reason I am going there is because I want to know how ctritical the condition that that bastard is in so that i can finish this game once and for all, and also to be there for Precious I really need her, joh it has been too long, my business is falling and not making any profit whats left is for it to close down just that am just not giving up on my business not now.

I drive in my parents yard, pack my car in the drive way and get out making my way to the house using the kitchen door, it is a

habit of mine to get inside the house using the kitchen door
maybe i love food. I find my mother drinking her cup of hot
chocolate because i can smell it from the door. She didnt notice
my arrival, it is like she's buried deep in thoughts.

Me: Ma

Mrs Mulaudzi: ...

Me: Ma...Ma

Mrs mulaudzi:* slowly taking her eyes off the wall she is staring
at and putting her cup down on the table*...are you the one
who did it?

Me:*suprised because I dont want to believe that she knows
what I have been up to*...what are you talking about ma.

Mrs Mulaudzi:your the one...it's you...it's you

Me:*getting annoyed* i dont know what your talking about.

Mrs Mulaudzi: nywe...nywe...i dont know what your talking about you know exactly what am talking about...your sister is busy blaming me in all of this Thendo mani...this was not part of the plan.*she said screaming at me *

Me:*I cannot admit now that it is me, what if Tshilidzi hears me, i still need her to help me so am going to play dump on this one

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I guess it is high time she knows I dont hide behind her skirts I am a man and can fight my own battles very well*...told you I don't know know what you're talking about woman...actually where is my sister because am here to see her not to listern to you accuse of things I know nothing of.

As I am about to go and look for her at her room she come running to me, and I open my arms for her. So that I embrace her in big hug. My t-shirt starts getting wet and I knew she is silently sobbing while mom gives me looks that one can swear they are going to kill me, but I dont care.

After the crying session I look at her her in eyes and I feel bit guilty of my deeds because hurt is written on her face and also she looks vulnerable.

Me:do you know which hospital is he in*I asked hoping to be told he didn't make it but I got nothing to lose other than plenty of things to be planned if he is not dead, I so wish he is in a coma so that I can finish him myself*

Tshilidzi:he...he is at the hospital...I saw it on Facebook and they didn't say anything about his whereabouts ...i saw his number plate and his calls are not going through...I guess or maybe I should say I wish she is in the hospital.

Me: okay go and take your bag then we can go and see him okay*i said holding both her hand giving her assuring look....my acting skills are on the other level if this was a movie i was going to win an oscar award.*

She turns to go and mom clears her throat ...mxm its time to learn that her might nonsense stops today because I have my own brains after all I am my mom's son.

Mom:...so this is it... your just going to act like you did nothing wrong...I thought I taught you well

Me:*looking at her suprised* what did you teach me mother dearest

Mom:*she let out a loud laugh...that kind of laugh that irritates a person to the core but I keep my cool, I am not going to give her any ammunition that am behind this not now...I know she knows that it is me is behind this, all she want is a confirmation*...I told you that no matter what we go through as a family and even though we hate each other no killing each other...you can't go around spilling blood especially your brother's blood.

Before i can answer,Tshilidzi walk in and we walked out of the house heading to my car.

*****PRECIOUS MOLOI*****

My eyeslids feels so haeavy my whole body is in too much pain, I look around around and recognise the room am in. I have been in this hospital before what am I doing here?...I drop my eyes to my hand and I see it wrapped in bandages and the floods of the accident that have lead me here come rushing to refresh my mind and I just couldn't help myself but cried.

I don't know what happened to Rudzani all I could remember is him calling my name that all...the door opens and his perfume hit my nostrils before I could even looked his direction because I know that it's none other than Rudzani....I cried even harder, am happy he is okay am happy.

Rudzani: sssh....dont cry....please dont cry

* he said as he walks towards my bed so that he could give me one of his warm hugs which right now feels different.*

As am still crying in his arms someone clears his/her throat and we break the hug to look at the person's direction and it is the door...it is none other than doctor Rendani standing there trying to mask his pain which I don't know with his practiced doctor face because wow he was so trying to be professional.

Rendani: we have thoroughly check you and the scans shows that there is nothing wrong....beside the broken arm only... I will be discharging you today.

Me: thanks doc...*we become silent for few minutes *...am sorry Rendani

Rendani: for what Precious...its not your fault it's not like you were the one who was driving the car* he said eyeing Rudzani*

Rudzani: * looking at his friend in disbelief*

What are you implying?

Rendani: ...nothing

Rudzani: I thought so

I smell bad blood between them...I dont understand yesterday they were all good and now what is this.

Me: so is any of you going to tell me what is going on?

They just both stare at each other not saying anything but one could tell that a lot is being said with those uncomfortable stares of theirs with none of the giving up.

Me: Rendani what's wrong between you two...yesterday you were all good and today when I wake up your fighting what is going on Rudzani.

Rendani: I love you Precious... I have loved you since the day I have met you...the first time you come into this hospital covered with bruises and unconscious...I fell on love with.

Me: ...

Rudzani: and what is it that you don't understand....heh I told you she is taken...didn't i

Rendani: *laughing* taken by who...taken by you?

Rudzani: if she is taken by me do you see anything wrong in it

Rendani: firstly she is your sister in law ,secondly she is no longer in a relationship with that abuser you call a brother and thirdly she have to tell me herself that she is taken.

Me: so you guys are fight with each other because of me?

I asked with rmtears forming in my eyes, I dont understand why they are fighting for me. Am not their girlfriend...then I I remember that Rudzani declared his love for me yesterday before the accident happened and I didn't answer him. Ooh God!do I love them ...am so confused...I didn't know that they both love me.what do I do...doni reject them both or do i choose one and they forever becomes enemies but whether I choose or not their relationship will never be the same.

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******TSHILIDZI MULAUDZI******

The ride seems to be long at times I feel like Thendo is driving slowly purposefully because his relationship with Rudzani is sour but I decided to keep it inside because I also don't want to be seen as ungrateful for driving me there. Maybe I should call Abigail to keep me busy and take me out of the ocean of thought that will only drown me because of the questions I don't have answers on and also I have to tell her about Rudzani's accident. I take my phone out from bag and tried to call Abigail but her phone take me straight to voice mail.

"This girl" I mumbled to my self with so much frustration...I really need her, I need her by my side at this time of need.

Thendo: is everything okay princess? * he ask with a concerned voice.*

Me: I...I am okay, it is just that am nervous big bro...what if we find him in a critical condition...and also I have been trying to call Abigail for sometime now and I can't seems to get hold of her.* I said holding my tears inside*

Thendo: do say like that princess we might find him in a better condition* he chuckles a little...he couldn't believe that his mouth have alter things that his heart is saying different things*, do you perhaps have something important to tell Abigail.

Me: ...no..no I just figuredthat it will be best if I let her no about Rudzani's accident* I mentally roll my eyes

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sometime I forget that Thendo and Abigail once dated while they were still teenagers...long before Thendo meet Precious...what happened between them is only known to them and they don't hide the fact that they hate each other *

Thendo: ooh okay

We get at the first nearest hospital and I practically run straight to the receptionist.

Me: hi

Receptionist: hey...how can I help you * she said with her Colgate smile plastered across her face*

Me: am looking for my brother...he was involved in a car accident not far from here.

Receptionist: okay... who is your brother mam?

Me: Rudzani....Rudzani Mulaudzi

Receptionist:...there is no one who goes by the name of Rudzani Mulaudzi admitted here mam.

Me:...so there are no people or a person who are admitted here from a car accident that occurred two street away from here.

Receptionist: I don't know about that man...but there is a lady by the name of Precious Moloi who is admitted here

Thendo: Precious who?* he couldn't believe if his ears heard the receptionist correctly because ...now he is starting to feel guilty in his doings*

Receptionist: Precious Moloi sir

Thendo: can you please tell me her ward number.

Receptionist: are you related to her?

Thendo: she is...she is my wife.

Receptionist: * giving Thendo and Tshilidzi a questioning look*how do I believe that your telling me the truth sir.

Tshilidzi: he is telling you the truth...he is my brother Thendo Mulaudzi... we just didn't know that Precious was with Rudzani when the car accident occurs.

I see a nurse coming our way...am sure she is coming to the receptionist for gossip.

Receptionist: nurse can you please take them to Miss Moloi's ward and don't leave them unless the patient say other wise.

Nurse: okay...let's go *she said giving us a friendly look*

We walk in comfortable silence...Thendo is no longer in a talking mood so I let him be...and that gives me chance to think of Rudzani I have to go and check on him...the last time we talk was when I was at his house and since then I have been ignoring him. I am glad he is not involved in a car accident...what worries me now is his whereabouts as his calls aren't going through...maybe he is with Abigail because both of them their calls ain't going through. I am still lost in my thoughts that I didn't even know that we have reached her ward. I am taken out by Rudzani's voice...he is sitting on the

bed next to Precious and Rendani is standing, it looks like they were in a serious conversation.

Rudzani: what are you doing here Thendo*she said with a serious voice*

Nurse: Miss Moloi do you know them?* Precious just nod...and she turns to leave*

I rush to my brother and hug him for dear life and my eyes immediately become teary and I let them flow...after some time i looked at him

Me: I am so happy that you are okay...when I see your car posted on Facebook I nearly had heart attack...don't do that to me again mufunwa wanga(my love)

Rudzani: ...am okay...Precious is the one who got hurt

Thendo: an taking my wife home with me* he bluntly said
,looking so seriously *

Precious: which wife?* she said it loud ...with no fear for the
first time she talk back to Thendo.

Everyone is surprised by her answer....that answer made
Rudzani and Rendani very happy knowing that she is
learning to stand her ground...leaving Thendo's ego bruised a
little.

Thendo: what do you mean? You're my wife

Precious: am not your wife...my husband Thendo died long ago just that I was holding on in what seems like a relationship but the minute my husband starts to disrespect me and throwing fists at me like am his match that killed my relationship with him as for you...your not my husband.

That statement made Rudzani and Rendani to whistle because wow the girl is on fire.

Thendo: * getting frustrated* can I talk to my wife alone * he said looking at his brother and sister ,his yes moves to Rendani *

They all of just stare at him not moving or saying anything.

Thendo turns to walk out because in his life he has never been been this much disrespected especially by her...not the

Precious he knows the one who is always "yes sir" to everything.

Now that Thendo is gone the uncomfortable atmosphere makes itself visible but now the uncomfortableness was so loud and none of the people in the room were ready to leave the room but when duty calls you have to answer making Rendani to leave the room as he proceed checking on his patients but his mind not there but with Precious.

*****RENDANI (DOCTOR)*****

' if Rudzani thinks that he can have Precious just like that then am sure he is dreaming because that is never going to happen' he mumbled to himself as he keep on going with what he is paid to do.

He is happy that atleast now Precious knows how he feels about her but also nervous that she might reject him ...but looking at the competitor he hasn't done anything to score in this game and he knows he have a higher possibility to date her than Rudzani.

I should check on her everyday and always make her to never forget about me and my love towards her.

ONE MONTHS LATER#

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****one month later****

******PRECIOUS MOLOI ******

My relationship with both Rudzani and Rendani is blossoming very well but am not comfortable with being with them at all.

I haven't given any of them my answers and am thinking of going away for few days just to find myself became wow things have been a bit tense with me and my inner being, I just don't know what to do.

This past few weeks I have been having repetitive dream of my grandmother "follow your heart" that what she keeps on saying and when I start to ask her questions she walks away.

I don't know what she means when she say I must follow my heart, but something tells me that this might be about me choosing between Rudzani and Rendani I just don't know.

I also love the fact that Rudzani haven't been putting pressures on me, I still stay with him and his trying so hard to not make me comfortable

Which is one of the reason I need to just go away for a while and think about my life and future without destruction. I am planning on going to visit my mother's younger sister in Venda because I know being there will bring me peace and understanding of what is going on.

Let me call her to let her know of my visits.

Me:hello

Aunty:Aa Precious,hurini(how are you)

Me: am good mama and you?

Aunty: nne ndo takala nwana wa mukomana wanga(am good my sister's child)

Me: mama I am thinking of coming down to visit you.

Aunty: zwo Luga ,u cou do da lini (it's okay,when are you coming to visit)

Me: Tomorrow mama

Aunty: okay ndi do lugisa lufhera lwawe(I will prepare your room)

After talking to her am so happy that am going home. When am there am going to visit my mother's grave, it will be the first time I go to her grave since she died.

Let me prepare dinner because soon Rudzani will be here and even though am not compelled to cook I feel like I have to because I cannot just stay here not contributing anything and also not do the house chores.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

Am meeting with my sister for a late lunch then I will be heading home. The past few weeks have been a bliss even though I still hate the fact that Precious is stringing one of us

along and I just pray that person is not me because I don't think am brave enough to handle rejection.

I ordered a whiskey while still waiting for my sister who is taking her time to arrive her but she told me I shouldn't be late or make her wait.

I wonder what makes women to be always late, they really know how to waste time because wow, I have even seen it on Precious too, if she is going somewhere she will be late because she doesn't have clothes, but her closet is full if she has to even do the face beat wow she needs the whole three years just to prepare herself, because she will complain saying she isn't done dolling her self up while to me she is looking beautiful.

While am still waiting I see a familiar face it's none other than my brother's baby mama and I wonder where he is because if she was mine I couldn't let her walk around on her own because wow the pregnancy is treating her good ...mor'guel is glowing .

She look at my direction and I see her making her way towards me. Giving me time to look at her and how big she is but not in a bad way...how long is her pregnancy again?.

Andani: hey

Me: hi

Andani: can I sit?

Me: *I don't want to roll my eyes because that girly stuff....I mean since when are we friends* mmmh am waiting for someone * I said wanting her to get the message that she isn't welcomed to sit...but she chooses to sit down *

Andani: I know you don't like me and you dont have to pretend to, all I want from you is Precious's contact only.

I looked at her for a longest time trying to figure out what she wants from a "barren" as she calls her.

Andani: I know I haven't been a good person towards her but please...please can you give me her number I want to personally apologize for the things I have done to her in the past am a changed person and trying to change my life.

Me: * I looked at her and she looks sincere, I don't want to give her Precious's number and she just bothers her or fills her head with nonsense*...how about you give me yours and I will give them to her.

Andani: okay * she takes out a diary and a pen from her bag write down the contact details and she hands the paper to me...I will see you around * she said standing up and going to take her order or make an order I dont know*

I looked at my watch one more time because it has been long waiting for my beloved sister but hu nga o tikisa liwa nga khundu(it looks like she is not arriving anytime soon or at all)

Voice: am sorry we are late* I looked up to find my sister standing in front of me*

Me:*looking at her* why are you this late?

Tshilidzi: am sorry just that something came up and I couldn't cancel our lunch.

Me: *I looked at her uninvited friend then her* what is she doing here? I thought its our bonding time not knowing that we will be having intruders.

Tshilidzi: dont be like that mufunwa wanga.

Me: okay...how are you Abigail?* I said with annoyed voice*

Abigail: am good and you.

I just nod my head,because I didn't feel like making any conversation with her. I just want to go and be with Precious.

Tshilidzi: hey mufunwa wanga*she said snapping her fingers,takingme out of my thoughts*, what are you thinking about ?

Me: nothing let's order I have to go home early.

Abigail: is it that girl.

Me: which girl because last time I checked I live with a woman at my place.

Tshilidzi: so are you two a couple like mom and Thendo says?

Me: yes we are *I don't know where this answer comes from but I so wish it comes true...there is nothing that would make me happier than calling her mine...'mme a vhananga'(my children's mother)sounds sweet.*

Abigail: what about me Rudzani?....what about me?* she said tearfully*

Me: what about you?

Tshilidzi: *looking down*she...she ...she is pregnant

Me: preg... what?

Tshilidzi: big bro

Me: am I talking to you tshilidzi* I said with a serious voice this is going to mess my chances with Precious big time,I can't lose her over this and as for Abigail she better be joking*

Abigail: I am pregnant

Me:* I let out a nervous laugh and looked straight in her eyes* then look for the father and stop playing games with me.

I stand up take my wallet

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take out few R100 notes places them on the table and left. Get in my car and speed out to home.

When I get there I find her busy preparing some dinner, I looked at her and I know I can't lose her because of this, I have to tell her about Abigail's pregnancy before she makes her decision on who she wants between me and Rendani.

Me: hey

Precious: hey....how was your day?

Me: it was good and yours

Precious: it was bust tiring....I hope you don't mind I did laundry today and I also take your clothes.

Me:*hiding my smile* no its okay

Precious: go take a bath when you come back you will find the food ready

Me: okay*I looked at her not moving just adoring her beautiful self...she is beautiful with and without makeup.

Precious: is everything okay?

Me:mmmh yeah everything is okay* I take my stuff and rush upstairs to my room and take a quick shower after few minutes am done heading downstairs.

I find her also done cooking,I sit down and the she handed me my food, we eat in a comfortable silence. After eating I helped her do the dishes then go to the lounge to catch up on our favourite stories.

I am busy contemplating on telling her or not because this woman makes me afraid of her without knowing it.

Precious: mmmh Rudzani

Me: beautiful

Precious: am going to visit my mother's younger sister tomorrow.

Me: ooh...is she around?

Precious: I am going to visit her back at home am going to Venda,I feel like being around them will do me good and give me time to think about everything that is happening in my life.

Me: okay...I will drive you then

Precious: no I will use a bus dont worry

Me: okay...how many days are you going to spend there?

Precious : a week or two

Me: okay.

This gives me time to own up to my things and maybe by then I will be knowing if the baby Abigail is carrying is mine or not. I have to convince Abigail to do prenatal paternity test so that I can know if the baby is mine or not early. I know its costly but it will be all worth it.

****ABIGAIL****

I have been feeling some type of way lately and I don't know what up. When I tried to look back my menstruation cycle it shows I have seen my periods 2 weeks ago but the girl is still waiting.

I looked at the four packs of pads on my drawer, they simple shows that I have missed my period for second time this months...according to my calculations if am pregnant there is a possibility that the baby can be Rudzanis or Zach.

Zach is one of people I het naughty with and am so hoping and praying that they baby is not his but Rudzani. The reason am going to keep this baby its because I know Rudzani would be over the moon to have his own child maybe a son and his going to be mine because our baby cannot grow up without both his parents.

The way Tshilidzi is happy,you would swear that this is the first pregnancy in their family but I understand because her relationship with Andani is complicated as Andani now wants nothing to do with the Mulaudzi family, I wonder what they did to her but I guess I should stop wondering and focusing on making my future bright .

I am the one that convince Tshilidzi ti call Rudzani for lunch because I know he has already blocked my calls and wants nothing to do with me. We are on our way to me Rudzani

Me: how do you think Rudzani will take the news

Tshilidzi: I know my brother, he will be thrilled,his first child.
Maybe your relationship with him will improve I know he will
wants the best for his child.

Me:I hope so too,I really don't want my child to grow up with
parents who dont live together. I want to give him a
comfortable and warm home

Tshilidzi:* raising her eyebrows with a biggest smile plastered
across her face* "him " heh ...so you don't want a mini you?

Me: not now...I want to give him a heir.

We arrived at the restaurant and I start feeling sweaty and
little bit afraid, I know he is crazy and am afraid he will still
wants nothing to do with me.

We walked in the restaurant and we find him
sitting drinking his whiskey,looking like he is buried deep in
thoughts.

Tshilidzi: am sorry we are late

Rudzani: *looking at her* why are you this late?

Tshilidzi: am sorry just that something came up and I couldn't cancel our lunch.

Rudzani: *I looking at me then her* what is she doing here? I thought its us bonding time not knowing that we will be having intruders.

Tshilidzi: dont be like that mufunwa wanga*she said to her brother *

Rudzani: okay...how are you Abigail?* he said with annoyed voice*

Me: am good and you?

Tshilidzi: hey mufunwa wanga*she said clicking her fingers,taking Rudzani out of his thoughts*, what are you thinking about ?

Rudzani: nothing let's order I have to go home early

Me: is it that girl?

Rudzani: which girl because last time I checked I leave a woman at my place.* he said looking at me and with an annoyed voice.

I truly knows how to annoy him xem,I deserve a trophy or medal at least.

Tshilidzi: so are you two a couple like mom and Thendo says?*
she asked a question that I also truly wants to know*

Rudzani: yes we are

Me: what about me Rudzani?....what about me?* i
said trying to fight my tears*

Rudzani: what about you?

Tshilidzi: *looking down*she...she ...she is pregnant

Rudzani: preg what?

Tshilidzi: big bro

Rudzani: am I talking to you tshilidzi*

Me: am pregnant

Rudzani:* he laughs and looked straight in in my eyes* then look for the father and stop playing games with me.

That statement hurt me but I just wouldn't show him now because I need him to believe me, so I better keep quite from his insults and take them like a woman but at the end he will be mine.

I looked at him as he walks out and I let them flow. Tshilidzi comes next to me and embrace me in a hug.

Tshilidzi: don't worry he will come around, he just didn't expect that

Me: you know your brother he won't, he doesn't believe that I don't have the other people am sexually active with.

Tshilidzi: you know he is stubborn but if you want your baby to grow up with a present father I suggest you talk to Precious as she is the only person who seems to get through him this days.

I just nod but this Precious girl is messing everything I have and I wish all bad things to go her direction

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******PRECIOUS MOLOI******

We are on our way to bus rank, Rudzani insisted on accompanying me to bus rank at least as I have refused him to take me to venda. We are in a comfortable silence which gives me time to be day dreaming about how my visits will be like. It have been long without seeing my cousins or anyone from both side of my family but at least now am reaching out to them.

Rudzani: maybe I should also go and visit extended family, its have been long without going there.

Me: ooh when are you thinking of visiting them?

Rudzani: now* he said playfully*

Me: as in now now

Rudzani: why not because I am no longer used of staying alone and now your leaving me, you said your only going there for at least two weeks but have you seen how huge and heavy your luggage is.*he said dramatically *

Me: but that doesn't mean that am not coming back ...

My phone rings,I checks the name and its Rendani. I don't know how to answer the call because it will be a bit uncomfortable with Rudzani by my side so I let it ring. I will call him when I get time.

Rudzani: are you not going to answer that beautiful * he said with a smile*

Me: no,I will call him back

Rudzani: is it Rendani? * he asks with a little hurt in his voice *

Me: yeah,its him

Then they continue to travel in silence but this time it isn't the comfortable one. They reach the bus rank buy the ticket and they have 45 minutes before the bus going to venda takes off.

Rudzani: how about we go to the nearest shop to buy you snacks?

Me: * I really didn't want to bother him with that because am running low in cash and when I come back I have to look for a job because I cannot depend on him always.* no I will be fine,am going to be sleeping throughout the journey so I really don't need snacks.

Rudzani: okay,I need something to drink can you accompany me, I am not leaving you alone you will get bored so I am going to wait with you.

I accompany him and we get to pink n pay,I thought we were only going to buy his drinks but he takes a lots of snacks and I just keep my mouth shut because the guy is busy taking my favourite stuff and I have no money and I am not going to use my last money to pay for that.

Then we head to the till to pay, he pays for everything and we head back to the bus rank, we get there while still having 20 minutes to spare.

Me: Thank you

Rudzani: for what?

Me: for taking your time and accompany me here. I would have been bored now if it weren't for you.

Rudzani: as long as you promise to come back with bananas then it's all good and I will also come and fetch you when you come back.

Me: I will

He give me the plastic, we said our last good byes and I get inside the bus,opt for a sit next to a window get settled take my headphones put them on my phone and listen to the music.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI ****

watching her leave breaks my heart a little but what makes me happy is the this isn't good

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she will be back before I know it. Am driving to the office and listening to phalaphala. I love listening to my home radio channel because it's most playlists remind me of home and makes me to always remembers my identity.

A call come through from an unknown and I connet it to the bluetooth and answer.

Me: hello

Voice: hey can we meet,I am going for the scan and I will appreciate it if your presence ,it is also your baby.

It is none other than Abigail , how I hate this but what more choice do i have then i will be able to ask the doctor to do the prenatal paternity test.

Me: okay send me location

Abigail: just like that?* she is suprised by Rudzani's response because she the Rudzani she knows wouldn't even agree to this

.

Rudzani: what am I supposed to say?

Abigail: nothing ,okay I will send it now

Rudzani drops the call before she even say something else because he really doesn't want to engage in chit chat with her.

****NARRATED****

Rudzani drives to the sent location and he find her already waiting for him.

Abigail: finally your here, the doctor have been waiting for us for about 3 minutes

Rudzani: I am here now

They walk silently to the front and the receptionist shows lead them to the doctors office and then leave them for privacy.

Doc: good day how are you

Abigail: we are here to do baby scans and checks ups all the stuff you do to the pregnant woman* she said with an excited voice*

Doc: how far are you with the pregnancy, and did you go to the doctor to check if your truly pregnant

Abigail: no I didn't, it is not really necessary because I have missed my period for about 2 months nw and I did a home test it come out positive.

Doc: you do know that it is not accurate

Abigail: but it said 99%

Doc: but that doesn't mean it is accurate, let do an ultrasound then we will see a way forward.

Abigail: okay

Doc: okay, lay in that bed and bring your top upward.

Abigail do what she is told then the doctor place a cold gel on her stomach but nothing is heard not even a faint heart beat and all this time Rudzani is just look and quit. He knows he

doesn't like Abigail and will never love her but if this is his baby he will be proud to be called dad. But now it's a farfetched dream because there is nothing that seems alive.

Doc: there is nothing I am hearing here but, we can do the blood test.

Rudzani: so your saying a home pregnancy test can be wrong at time?

Doc: yes,even though it is rare for it to be positive while in actual fact your not pregnant it is called false positive.

Rudzani: what could have caused it?

Doc: A false-positive might happen if you had a pregnancy loss soon after the fertilized egg attached to your uterine lining (biochemical pregnancy) or you take a pregnancy test too soon after taking a fertility drug that contains HCG. An ectopic pregnancy, menopause or problems with your ovaries also might contribute to misleading test results.

Abigail didn't even hear what the doctor is saying because to her she has lost the only opportunity to have Rudzani. She is busy thinking of a new way to make lure Rudzani but failing dismattly. She feels like wanting a second option but how because she doesn't have money. Things are really messed up for her.

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******NARRATED******

Abigail feels like a scorned woman and she knows she won't be able to stop at any level in the process of making Rudzani her man. Now the chances of her carrying his child are slim and this isn't what she wanted. She better think for something quick before the blood test results come because she just can't seem to see a way forward without him.

Her mind is flooding with ideas but one she thinks is the best is to fake this whole pregnancy thing, she will have to talk with that doctor there is nothing that money cannot do and now she better start investing in her future. She takes her phone and dials the doctor's number, how or where she got them is only known to her. It lead her straight to voicemail.

Then calls someone, the person answers on the first ring.

Voice: this better be good * he said with his deep voice *

Abigail: I am in need of help* she said holding her thumbs hoping for the best*

Voice: what's in for me?

Abigail:*she swallowed* money...money

Voice: how many figures?

Abigail: six...six and advances * she said hoping he agreed because sometimes he is a tough nut to crack*

Voice: time to think about it...sure.

He drops the call before she says anything else. Now she have to have the doctor in board,she takes her purse get in her car and drives to the doctors offices.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

After 5 hours of being in the road we finally reach Tshakhuma fruit market am so happy to be here it's been years.

I step outside the bus take my luggage and board a taxi to where my aunt lives.

I didn't call her that I have arrived so it's a surprise to her and the cousins. I get inside the taxi,what I like about the taxis

around here is that they are always available I don't have to wait. I get in the taxi that leads me deep inside Tshakhuma in one of the village called maungani.

The taxi drop me off at my destination

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I carry my luggage to home. I guess my aunt sees me from afar because she come running towards me before I even reach the gate and hug me for life. "Nwana wa mukomana wanga nandini, nwana wanga" its what she have been staying in between her cries.

This warm welcome made me feel little guilty because ever since the incident that were happening in my life when I was still young I blamed my mother and hated the whole family my paternal and maternal both sides.

I feel all alone while I still have her as a mother figure after sometime of our crying session she helps me carry my bags

and we heard home. The improvement at home ut really really makes me happy and also sad at the same time I was married to a wealthy family and I never did anything to help them improve their standard of living and by look of things it shows that their standards have improved.

We get inside the yard and she closes the gate,I find all my cousins sitting having conversing about some village gossip and also new faces. Introduction are done again as it has been long since have seen any of them and others have kids,others are at school and others are working . Some are genuinely happy to see me others are wearing fake smile and all but it's all good I am not here to make enemies but to do self retrospection. I am doing this for me and no one else.

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****PRECIOUS MOLOI ****

The following day I wake up early as I wanted to visit the graveyard and my aunt says she will accompany me. You know how the summer sun is, you can feel it burns your skin even though your sitting under the tree shade so we wake up at 5 AM so that we will be able to walk there before the sun becomes blazing hot because the grave site is a drivable distant and we will be walking there.

My only worry at this moment is what I will do or say when I meet with the Mulaudzi family that stays here. I know the uncles could have told them about my separation with Thendo and they would have lied about me being in relationship with Rudzani. Ai...I will face them when the time come now I am here to recollect my life while taking break from the busy life of the city.

I wear a long dress and a head wrap and flip flops,make anyway to the lounge and find my aunt already waiting for me.

Me: good morning ma

Aunty: macheloni avhudi nana(good morning to you too nana).

Me: am ready we can go now ma

Aunty: okay my love, let me talk to this lazy bunch of cousins of yours first.* she said standing up from a sofa going to the the bedrooms direction, she shares the duties amongst them then we head out*

Me: ma can we walk we will use a taxi when we come back it's long have seen the beauty of this village* I said making puppy eyes*

Aunty: we can but when we come back your going to give me foot massage...ha be mulenzhe yanga I ya vhavha(I will be having sore feet)

Me: okay I will ma

Aunty: nwananga a mbudze hafha,is everything okay ? * she asked with a concerned motherly voice*

I don't know what to say to her,I have never had anyone to talk to beside Thendo and then he starts changing on me so I hardly talk my feelings out or anything at all.

Me: *swallowing a lump on my throat* everything is okay
mama

Aunty: *she looked at me for sometime and she nod her head*
if you ever want to talk don't forget that am here for you
always * she chuckles * can you believe I tell people I have 8
kids*she says trying to change the topic*

Me: I thought you had 7 mama where is the other one

Aunty: did you birth yourself * she asked laughing *

Me: *laughing* no mama

Aunty: what am saying is your my child, my sister wouldn't have
wanted you to lack a mother figure while I still leave,I love you
Precious and I am happy you finally reach out to us and I
promise we will be there anytime you need us.* she says
holding my hands and my tears fall,she helps me wipe them*

don't cry in me young lady you want people think I reprimd my kids on the road* she says laughing *

I have long forgotten that my aunty is a breath of fresh air and crazy at all times. She tried staying in contact with me years back but I just cut her out of my life yet while she counts her kids I add on that number. I feel guilty and all but I am trying to change myself and everything.

We reach the grave site and she leads us to my grandmother's grave first. The grave is so neat you will swear there is a person that lives her, but I know my aunty is the one who always cleans her. We kneel beside the grave and she talk first.

Aunty: ndo livhuwa mma(thank you mom), I asked you to bring her back and now she is here mama, your girl Gundo wavho(your Gundo).

Gundo is my venda name, my grand mother used to call me Gundo but it is not in my ID so that is why you guys don't know about it. I just stare at her grave words failing me, where do I begin

Aunty: I am thirsty, there is a tap there so am going there to drink water and I will bring you some.

I nod, I think she is giving me space to.

Me: I miss you granny

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I truly miss you. I wish you were here so that you could listen to me and when I finish talking you will like " stop whining man Gundo, you have to work, work girl work" I said laughing. My marriage have finally falls apart and we are no longer together with Thendo and now I deny know what going on with me makhulu(grandma) Rudzani and Rendani have both declared their love to me and I dont know what to do. I my

heart says Rudzani but my mind is like girl wait,he is your ex husband's brother and Rendani he is a good guy makhulu he understands me and I care about he I really dont want to hurt him.please help me make good decision this time around.

My aunty comes back and we walk a little bit to my mother's grave,it is also clean and I turn to look at my aunty.

Me: thank you

Aunty: it's okay baby.* she said rubbing my back*

Me: ma...Ma Moloi. Firstly I would like to say I love you mama I really do, it's just that my love towards you was clouded by hate and disappointment that was and still is slowly eating me mama. I forgive you even though some of the choices you take I don't understand but I forgive you, I almost love the same fate as you mama and I know you wouldn't want me to leave the

same way you did you I managed to pull out early before I die. I love you mama.

We stand up and make our way out of the grave yard and as for me I feel at ease, I never knew I was carrying a heavy burden until now and am happy that ndo fhungidza muhwalo.

****RENDANI ****

I have been trying to get hold of Precious since yesterday and she is not answering my calls. I don't know what up between us and I know if she has already made her mind she could have told me that her self.

I am at Rudzani drive way and i am contemplating on whether to go in or not. But am already here so am going.

I get out of my car walk to the front door and before I know Rudzani opens the door, it looks like he is heading out.

Me: hey bra

Rudzani: hi * he say with no sight of teeth anyways and a serious tone ,mxm the guy like being serious and all he better losen up*

Me: is Precious around

Rudzani: no

Yoh,what is it with one word answer basis yoh this guy.

Me: ...mmmh is she alright?

Rudzani: yeah...Rendani am running late so can you make it fast please I dont have time

I looked at him, it's true what they say about friendships and romantic relationships. While ago we were okay now he can't even stand my sight he just tolerate me.

Me: when will she be back, I have been trying to call her since yesterday and she is not answering my calls.

Rudzani: she went home, and if she is not answering your calls it means she don't want to talk to you. Bye

I feel little bit hurt by his response but what was I thinking, hoping that he will be welcoming. I get inside my car drive out m trying to call her once more.

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*****RUDZANI MULAUDZI*****

I don't know where he finds the audacity to show his face in my house is, mxm some people can just make you commit unplanned murder straight. He walks straight to his car drives out in a high speed ,he got a lot going on and a lot to do before Precious comes back if not he might end up doing the things he is not supposed to do.

He arrived at the doctors offices and find Abigail already inside with the doctor, there is a bit of a tension and yoh would swear they were in a heated concession.

Rudzani: hi,am I late* i said trying to break the silence while the doctor wipes the sweat that were on her forehead.

Doc: Mr Mulaudzi...mmmh....no your no late * she says trying to fake s smile*

Rudzani: So what does the blood tests says doc.* he said hoping for the same answer,he really loves kids but he wants to only have kids with Precious not any other woman out there*

Abigail: * hoping the doctor do as told,also faking a smile trying to touch Rudzani's hand* we can't wait for the results ain't we, I can feel it am pregnant and I am hoping am carrying a boy, not just a boy am heir * she said rubbing her flat tummy*

Doc: * she chuckled * I am happy your here early Mr Mulaudzi, I don't understand how a man like you get involved with psychos.*she said the last statement looking at Abigail,who happily reply with a death stare*

Doc: *taking out the brown envelope from her side drawer*
here are the results * handing them to me but Abigail takes
them before they even land on my hands*

Abigail: no...no...no,we need a second opinion....I mean a
second doctor or maybe a good gynecologist who know what
he/she is doing not you. Your very incompetent and you think I
didn't see that you were flitting with my man.* she said
screaming and very angry, being light skinned not doing any
justice to her because she is already red with anger*

I take the paper of the results from her and what I see makes
my heart to do voshos and all other trendy dances, I feel like for
the first time ever this year started that God and my
ancestors are working for me and I should do the ceremony to
appease them.

After that I looked at the angry Abigail and the doctor, it looks like they were daring each other but I don't care because I am happy.

Me: Abigail I think this is where our journey comes to an end, don't even think of calling me and your friendship with my sister doesn't give you any right to come at my place, you meet her at the roads or where ever but my place is off limit so is bullying her in having dinner, breakfast, lunch or what so ever with her and you. Stay away from me and I will gladly do the same.

Abigail: but Rudzani...

Me: but nothing girly nothing * looking at the doctor* have a good day doctor * I said standing up and shaking her hand*

I turn and make my way out trying to call My woman, mme
vhana vhangamufunwa wa mbili yanga.

****PRECIOUS****

The sun is already scorching hot and I am sweating I regret not
taking the sun hut or an umbrella. When I get home

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I find 17 missed calls, 2 from Rudzani and 15 from Rendani I
have really forgotten about calling Rendani back. Let me call
Rudzani first then I will call Rendani.

Rudzani: beautiful * he said in a happy voice *

Me: hey Rudzani, how are you?

Rudzani: am good and you

Me: am also good

Rudzani: how's home treating you? I am sure your cousins and aunty are happy to see you.

Me: its treating me very well, I am from visiting my mother and grandmother's grave, as for my cousins and aunty they are very happy to see me and they make me regret pushing them away.

Rudzani: I hope now your building a relationship with them that won't be brought down by other people.

Me: yeah

Rudzani: what are you thinking about?

Me: nothing

Rudzani: let's try again, what are you thinking about?

Me: I am worried because I don't know what I will say when I meet your family by the road you do know how they are.

Rudzani: why do you care about what they will say about you and to you, just remember why you're doing this, you're doing this for you and no one else stop thinking about other people's opinions towards how you live your life but focus on you.

Me: thank you

Rudzani: anything for you beautiful...the house is so quiet without you it's so boring.

Me: are you saying I am the noisy one?

We continue with our harmless argument about who is noisy and so on and so on and he just continues to lighten up mood. Until we drop the call and then I call Rendani.

Rendani: Precious, what did I do wrong to you, you were not answering my calls nor my text.

Me: hello to you too Rendani, how are you?

Rendani: am sorry my flower, I am just worried that all. I am good and you my queen.

Me: I am your queen already * I said laughing * I am also good.

Rendani: your my queen it's just that your still in denial after you make the right choices and choose me am taking you to Paris and Dubai just for shopping my lady.

Me: oh okay* I didn't know what to say next*

Rendani: why didn't you tell me that your going home, I could have accompanied you.

Me: that the reason I didn't tell you, I wanted to use the bus that why

Rendani: and to think that Rudzani was bust declaring his love for you and he let you use the bus instead, what kind of a man he is but I ain't amazed he is Mulaudzi after all.

This is the other reason I hate talking to him for long because I will be abusing hearing Rudzani this Rudzani that while Rudzani himself respect the fact that I don't want to talk about feeling now and he never say anything bad nor good about Rendani. I have to cut this conversation short.

Me: mmmh okay * taking the phone off my ears and pretending to be answering someone calling me," ma ,are you calling me....yes am coming "* I have to go my aunty is calling me

Rendani: okay have a good day, love you

I immediately drop the call and realise the breath I didn't realize I am holding. Yoh, that was close.

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******NARRATED ******

Abigail was so angry after the stunt she pulled at the doctors office, she was even more surprised to see the doctor not afraid of her threat, she thought she got everything under control but it was all a lie and that leaves her with no choice rather than to deceive her own friend.

She have to think about her own future and being Mrs Mulaudzi is what she wants. Now the game has to change. The new Olan is more focused on making Rendani fight for Precious as she has seen that both Rendani and Rudzani loves Precious and according to her investigations it is like Rudzani and Rendani are no longer friends because of Precious.

Helping Tshilidzi get Rendani back will happen once she have Rudzani as her man, Tshilidzi will have to understand that things happens not in the way we planned it. She takes her phone and call someone

Abigail: hello

Voice: I thought I said I wanna think about your offer first.* he said with a sleepy voice *

Abigail: you don't have to think about anything anymore, change if plan and am pretty sure I can complete this mission on my own. * she says with the voice filled with attitude *

Voice: so your still going after Mr

Abigail: bye and lose my numbers* she hangs up before the other person would talk any further.

What she doesn't know is that this is an already planned journey and her ways were already set so were the solutions. She sit down browsing through her phone gallery until she reach that video the video she hope it will do the trick because everything seems to be heading south and her plans get crashed before they even start.

****ONE MONTH LATER****

I am still at home,being here made me to see things in new perspective. Ever since that day I go and visit my mother and grandma grave. I have been having dreams of them, for the first time ever since mom died I dream of her.

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I am was sitting under the tree shade as it was very hot, this tree shade gives the best fresh air ever, it makes me feel relaxed and got me thinking about everything that have been happening in my life ever since I could remember. I mean look at me am bearly 23 and have been married and now I am about to jump into the other relationship, yoh my life is a movie and I am just an spectator of what is happening. While am still lost in my own whole I heard her voice,my mom's voice and before I even looked up tears were already streaming down my face and I couldn't hold them back.

Mama: Precious

I looked up only to find her and my grandma holding hands looking at me with smiles and I couldn't help but cry out loud.

Me: mama, makhulu

Makhulu: Gundo nwana wa nwananga.

Me: I missed you mama, i am sorry....I am sorry * I keep saying in between the sobs while she hugs me brushing my back making me to cry more .

Mama: it's okay my love ,it okay. You know mama loves you.* she said with an angelic smile and it is so contagious that I find myself smiling back*

Makhulu: now that, that is out of the way can we talk before our time it's up * she said looking all serious*

I just nod still in my mother's embrace, for the first time the word my mother leaves a sweater taste on my tongue.

Makhulu: do you remember what I once told you while back.

I kept quit trying to think about it

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and she looks at me while shaking her head.

Makhulu: it is time baby,it is time Gundo. The fact that you have no idea about what is really going on under your nose makes the time runs more quicker. One decision only one can determine your fate its either change it or seal it, it all your choice Gundo.

Me: what decision makhulu

Makhulu: can you promise me one thing

Me: yes

Makhulu: all the decisions you make think them throughly and there are things that will need you to follow your heart and others that will need you to do what your head tells you...but your instincts never go wrong Gundo they never go wrong.

Me: what do you mean grandma* I asked getting out my mother's embrace *

Makhulu: what I mean is the road is still going to get bumpy in what ever decision you take but one will be worth it at the end.

Me: what decision grandma... is it about me choosing between Rudzani and Rudzani.

Mama: ee (yes), it is all about that about that. Your fate was set and determined before some people manipulate it. Making the universe changing its plans but still the answer is still the same.

Oh, God this people are confusing me I don't know about what fate, the manipulation of fate and so on yoh.

Mama: remember your fate my have been long sealed before you were even born but by the same reason God created us and still gives us choices whether in believing in him or not the same thing applies to you my love.

But can you help me make the right decision, I am afraid and alone

Makhulu: your not alone,we are with you so is your aunt and cousins. Don't push them away because they have been praying for you and for you to forgive them for all the bad they have done even though they don't know what wrong they have done to you.

Me: okay ndi khou vha pfa makhulu wanga.(I understand grandma)

Grandma: look at the sun, we have to go back before the sun set, remember one wrong move you won't be able to survive the storm coming your way...follow to follow your heart it this matter your will never go wrong.

Me: but grandma I still want to be with you.

Mama: time is running out, I will visit when I find time.

They both stand up and start walking towards the smokey area and I stand up from the bench we were sitting on but my feet couldn't move.

Me: mama come back please, makhulu don't leave me I need you please mama.

I was screaming my lungs out that I was wakened by the whole family as they say they heard me screaming and the cousin I am sharing the room with tried waking me and I wasn't waking up.

●●●end of flash backs●●●

Ever since that day I have been having dreams of either both of them or one of them but this this time they only just smile and tells me to follow my heart.

Right now am packing my bags am heading back to the city and I haven't told Rudzani or Rendani. I don't want them to be fighting for who is going to drive me. Rendani once told me to move in with him but I kindly decline the offer, so I thought it will best, I find my own apartment. I have already looked for an appointment.

I have already find it and make 2 months payments it's near the mall so yeah I will be able look for a job without worrying about the travel costs. I will be spending a time a my own apartment, it is nothing much just it have one bedroom, a kitchen combined with a sitting room. It is not big but enough for me.

I said my goodbyes to the family and my two cousins accompany me to Tshakhuma Fruit market where I will catch the bus back to the city.

I will call both of them tomorrow for lunch or dinner and give them my response, my heart aches that I will be losing one of the person who cared for me and I so hope and wish I have taken the right decision.

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******PRECIOUS MOLOI******

I arrived at the city around 4PM and I am happy to be going to my own apartment. I have already talked with the landlord about handing me the keys and all other stuff but I am happy, for the first time I do something for myself without reporting to anyone.

I get in the bolt and the driver drives me to my apartment " my apartment " it leaves sweet taste on my tongue. I find the landlord already waiting for me and I sign the documents that were left and he gives me the key and drives off. I walk to the 2nd floor where my room is located. It is fully furnished all I have to do is to buy the bedding and some groceries and other utilities.

I will go to the mall tomorrow to buy them for now I will just order something to eat then I will buy the rest of things tomorrow I just want to bath,eat and sleep am tired. After I finished taking a shower I wear my pjs an sit on the couch browsing on my phone until my phone rings,it is my aunt and I totally forgot to call her and tell her about my arrival.

Aunty: hey,do you want to kill me with heart attack * she said in a serious tone*

Me: * muffing a laugh* I am sorry mama

Aunty: am sorry am sorry ya mini...because I have been trying to call you for the past 30 minutes and my calls weren't going through, do you even know that there is an accident at the N1.

Me: so you thought I am involved in an accident?

Aunty: what should I think hey, while you were not informing us about your safety * she said in a shakey voice and I feel guilty*

Me: am sorry mama.

Aunty: its okay just never do that again.

Me: I won't mama.

We continue to talk about anything and everything, it is now that I gather the courage of telling her about my separation with Thendo and the woman couldn't even hide the excitement because she didn't like the fact that I quit school just to be taken care of by him. I even tell her about the current issue and she just tells me to follow my heart if it

doesn't work out I must just dust myself and continue her word were " your still young my love, you have to endure all love and heart breaks and your allowed to make mistakes just don't depend on other people too much" which encourages me to find a job and save money to finish my studies.

While we are still talking my food arrived and I give and take them finish talking with my aunt and then start eating. Go to bed, before I sleep I take my phone send both Rendani and Rudzani and SMS asking them to meet me for dinner and I will send them location tomorrow. Then I switched off my phone, I know they will both try to call me.

****RENDANI****

The whole month with Precious not here, I have been kept busy by Tshilidzi. She came at my work place we talked and I tell her that I am in love with Precious and so is her brother. We are still waiting for her response both of us and I know I live

her and she loves me too. She tells me she doesn't care as long as we are helping each other until Precious comes back and it's been long without having some, who would say no to free meat not me xem.

So yeah, we were busy and tonight she will be sleeping over, I am preparing dinner for and this is a reminiscing on the past times and it feel good but not best, all my best moments are with Precious. While we were eating a msg come through from my flower. Asking to have dinner with me tomorrow, she said she will send a location tomorrow. I feel my heart beat right at my plums and sweaty at times, my woman is back and I am already cheating on her.

I looked at Tshilidzi who seems to be enjoying the food and looks at the message again I don't know if I should tell her to go or enjoy this moment one last time.

Tshilidzi: is everything okay?* she asked not looking at me but continuing to enjoy my mouth watering food.

Me: mmmh...yes

Tshilidzi: are you sure? * she asked with a raised eyebrow and damn she looks super cute like that*

Me: mmmh yeah...yeah am sure.

She keeps quite and continues eating while in my mind am bust contemplating on whether I tell her or not.

Me: I think Precious is back or she is coming back tomorrow, she asked to have dinner with me.

Tshilidzi: ooh okay. I am sure your happy

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I mean you have been waiting for her for so long. * she said in a pained voice*

I am starting to feel bit guilty but she knows I situation so it sure not like am cheating on her.

Me: I am, but also afraid what if she don't want to be with me.

Tshilidzi: ooh okay

She said in away of dismissing this conversation and I ni longer feel like having sex so we will just chill.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI ****

A whole month without Precious is yoh, it feel like a whole year. I have spent this month watching our favorite shows and her favorite, and browsing through our pics or hers only and each and every time I fought with myself to stop myself from posting our pictures or hers only.

I am also happy that I managed to sort out the pregnancy saga before it is too late. I also manage to keep up with all that have been happening in my businesses with my absence. So yeah j have been super busy.

Right now am sitting watching some storie or maybe I should say the story is watching me because if am not laughing thinking of the crazy moments I had with Precious I am browsing through my phone. Until the message come through from Precious asking me to meet with her for dinner tomorrow, she said she will send the location.

What location because we stay together, is she coming back tomorrow? At what time? Let me call her so that she can clarify this, I called her and it lead be straight to voice mail. I just pray and hope that this could have been worth the waiting.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI ****

I wake in the morning , get ready and I so with I could go to Rudzani's place and take my other clothes, I will give there tomorrow and at this moment I so wish I have a friend i hate shopping because i do it all alone but right now I don't have I Choice.

I take my purse and herd to the mall, first stop is Mr Mr price home and I buy everything that I want from the bedding to other decoration utensils for my apartment to feel homely. The next stop is pick n pay I buy everything on the grocery list then board a bolt back to the apartment and the security helps me carry my plastics to my apartment.

I pack every and by the time am done its 3 o'clock the I decide to take a nap for atleast one hour then I will wake up and cook for my guest. My phone itis still off, I sleep and wake up take a shower and wear a simple dress and sandals and go to the kitchen start cooking. Around 6 I switched on my phone and the messages and missed calls come through. I ignore them and the send both of the my address then i call my aunt we talk for few minutes and to the call.

After minutes I get a call from the gate asking if I know Mr Mulaudzi and tell them to allow him in and also tells them that they should also allow dr Rendani to get in. After some few minutes I heard I knock and I go and open the door to find Rudzani standing there handsome as ever, attack him with a huge and he giggles for the first time I hear him giggle.

Rudzani: miss me much * his deep voice vibrated on my ear making me to feel weak but at the same time I feel same and at home in her warm embrace.

After the hugging session I invited him in and he is looking around i know he got questions but I will wait for him to ask first.

Rudzani: so you will be staying here?

Me: yep, I figured it is time I stand on my own.

Rudzani: that good but I wish you could have told me, I am so used being with you the house have been so quite and lonely without but if this what makes you happy then do it for yourself.

This is what I love about Rudzani he wants me to do me as long as I will be happy with my decision.

Me: thank you for understanding.

Rudzani: so you've already make your own decision about who you want.

Me: yeah and we will talk about that when Rendani get here.

He just nod and sit at the high chair in the kitchen as I finish with my cooking and his gaze making me uncomfortable. After sometime we heard a knock and I ask him to go and open the door.

Rendani get in without even greeting Rudzani and comes to hug me. Then he turns look at Rudzani.

Rendani: what are you doing here

Me: I am the one who called the both of you, do you want to talk first then eat later? *I asked both of them and they answer at the same time*

Both: talk first.

Me: okay* I said leading them to the couch and I share one with Rendani and Rudzani sit on the other side. I do the breath in ,I really hope this is worth it*

Me: Rendani can you please go and sit with Rudzani I want to talk while looking to both of you.

Rendani: but...

I cut him off while still speaking.

Me: but nothing

He stand up and go and sit next to Rudzani at the far end of the couch and Rudzani just chuckles.

Me: I want to tell you guys that I appreciate your support and comfort that I find in you during my time of distress, I promised myself that I will continue be your friend both of you but that changed when you both fall for me and to be honest I love you both but I can't have you both.

Rendani: that true

Me: so just know that whoever I choose it is not because that person is better than the other but it's the person that I think

we can be more strong together than I am with the other person.* they both nod*

I take one last breath closing my eyes, this is the new beginning of a new chapter and I hope I won't be like the last chapter then I heard my mom voice in my head " follow your heart sweetheart "

I open my eyes and they were both staring at me. They look like they were holding their breath and I looked at both of them same time my heart saying Rudzani but my brains telling me Rendani.

Me: I love you both but I love... I love Rudzani more.

It looks like he didn't heard me but Rendani is the one that heard me because he goes on his knees in an instant and begging me to be lying because he cannot image how he will

go on without me, he is even suggesting that I choose them both and all this time Rudzani is starring at me and for the first time I stare in his eyes I feel love and at the some time hooked to him.

Rendani stand up and look at Rudzani

Rendani: I will come back for my woman don't get too comfortable he said kiss my forehead, takes his care keys and drove out.

Rudzani come and sit next to me and looked straight on my eyes and I couldn't hold the staring to long so I looked down. I feel his hand on my chin and he helps me look at him again but this time I am looking everywhere on him face except his eyes.

Rudzani: you look beautiful mufunwa wanga* he said with his deep voice which is by now more deeper than before and the

word "mufunwa wanga" sends all types of sensations down my spine and I feel butterflies in my stomach *

Rudzani:can I kiss you

I just nod because I feel like I lost my voice in the presence of my future husband.

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*****THREE MONTHS LATER *****

*****PRECIOUS MOLOI *****

Love life have been superb, there is nothing I could add nor subtract in it because babe has been wonderful. He hardly spent time at his own house as he is always at my place. I have find a job as at clicks at first he refused me working as a there he was like " I have a businesses, if you want job we can work something out there" but I refused I wanted to do this on my own.

What he didn't give me a chance to deny his help is paying my tuition fees. So I have applied at UJ only and I am hoping they will take me, soon I will be having my bcom in accounting degree am so happy that I will be completing my degree.

Right now am preparing for work as I should be at work by 7am and the shop opens at 8 O'clock am busy doing the final touch ups of my make up and Rudzani get inside the bedroom, last night he slept at his house as he was having a late meeting that side, by the look of things it's like he is not going to work today because he is in sweatpants and a sleeveless tshirt.

Rudzani: mufunwa wanga.

Me: Rudzy

Rudzani: so I don't have a pet name...3 months yonke with no pet name hayibo girl you better find your man a pet name * he said being dramatic as ever*

Me: I will find one suitable for you my love don't worry.

Rudzani:* hugging be from behind even though am sitting on the chair* how was your night mufunwa wanga,don't ask how mine was because it was horrible I hardly sleep last night.

Me: *turning to look at him* it was good actually and why was yours horrible?

Rudzani: I can't sleep without you next to me

I told you this guy is dramatic and I never knew until we started dating and there is nothing nor anyone I would trade him for. Can you even believe that he make me save his number phone as my man because I haven't given him a pet name,I told him he is my boyfriend and he was like " I am too handsome to be called a boyfriend and besides am too old for that"

Me: if you say so my love...I didn't make any breakfast and I am running late see you when I come back * I said taking my handbag on the bed*

Rudzani: no kiss or just a peck nyana on my chick mufunwa wanga.

I walk to him and peck his lips and he snaked his arm around my waist and pulls me closer to him and stare deep inside my eyes.

Rudzani: I don't need a peck my love I don't need it I need some sugar I am too old for a peck,maybe we should start with the baby making dance my love so you can have kids to give a peck.

I just laugh at him ,because this guy is the one that suggested a peck and now his talking a different story. We kiss the kiss get heated and I immediately break it...I will be late for work.

Me: my love I will be late for work.

Rudzani: do you have to go to work, you can call and say your sick.

Me: no I am not sick

Rudzani: how about I pay you to take 1 week off from work.

Me: how much are you going to pay.

Rudzani: how much do you want mufunwa wanga.

Me: hundred thousand* I said laughing *

Rudzani: deal * he said taking his hand forward for a hand shake*

Me: am just joking

Rudzani: and am not.

Me: I should get going* I said ,trying to dismiss the conversation I don't want to milk him dry as he is the one who pays the rent this month and have been refusing me to buy groceries using my own money*

Rudzani: think about it my love please , I am taking you to work.

I just nod

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walking out and him following me .

Oh and I forgot to tell you that ever since that day I haven't heard anything from Rendani and I am happy that he is respecting my decision.

****ANDANI MULAUDZI ****

I am so ready to poop and I am so tired and times I wish Thendo will be available for me and his baby but what am I thinking. That is a farfetched dream that I will only see on TV where a man is available throughout the pregnancy of his child.

Today is so hot and I don't know why but I called everyone who I know because am so bored I even called my parents after some few years without us talking. My heart still yearns to talk to Precious that woman I have heart so much and I have to enjoy inflicting pain on her and I know I don't want to brought this kid while my life is messed up I want to be a changed me to be a better parent to my baby.

I am driving to the mall right now and firstly I should go to clicks to buy some toiletries and then lunch before any other shopping. I get to clicks take what while I am still looking for the products I normally use and not finding them I couldn't believe my eyes, Precious is standing a little bit far from me packing the stock on the shelves and I know I should take this opportunity now.

Me: hi

Precious: hey... how are you* she said smiling as ever, this is the definition of a good woman *

Me: am good and you

Precious: am good...how's the little one treating you * still smiling *

Me: the pregnancy is treating me well...mmmh can we talk .

Precious:mmmh sure

Me: I have been trying to teach out ti you but invain,I even give Rudzani my contact to give them to you as he refused to give you mine.

Precious: maybe he forget to give me them. My lunch is in 10 minutes you can pay for the products then we can have lunch together

Me: are you serious * I asked not believing my ears just wanted to hear her say it again*

Precious: go and pay before j change my mind* she say laughing this time and her laugh is so contagious that I find myself laughing back at her*

I heard to the till and pay after paying I find her waiting for me at the door and we heard to spur for lunch. We get a table placed and order.

Precious: mmmh Rudzani says he is around and I promised him I will have lunch with him do you mind if he joins, if you won't be comfortable it's okay I can cancel on him.

Me: it okay he can join us.

Precious: okay let me call him

She called him and tells him that we are spur and sited on what side, after few minutes he makes his way in looking all sorts of sources mild, hot and extra hot because wow the guy is calm and too hot if you ask me.

I am more shocked as the guy kissed Precious on the lips ,I thought they were housemates but here they are doing love making yeah neh, I also wouldn't resist such guy too his even more hot than Thendo mxm why am I even comparing them.

Rudzani: hey Andani * he said sitting down*

Me: hi

He placed his order and I start talking it is now or never.

Me: Precious what I wanted to say to you is to ask for your forgiveness, every painful words and pains that I knowingly inflicted on your and rejoicing while you were in tears am sorry .

Precious: why now all of the sudden.

Me: I realize I don't want to bring the child in this world while I still haven't asked for forgiveness to people I have wronged, I can't imagine what I will do if my baby go through what I made you go through .

Precious:* smiling* I have forgiven you for some time now but I am glad you finally came and ask for forgiveness.

Me: Rudzani I am sorry to you too for things I might have done that may have hurt you.

The waiter come with our food ,placed them on the table then leave us.

Rudzani: the madam has already said it * he said kissing Precious's hand* your forgiven Andani.

We eat our lunch with so much laughter and I haven't laugh like this in few months and this right here is a beautiful sight. After that lunch I ni longer feel like doing other shopping so I head straight to the parking get inside my car and start driving and I am drinking so slow I just feel week and sleep I wanted to sleep right away but I have to get home in one piece. While I am still driving i didn't even see the robot have closed so I enter the robot only to be waken by a truck's bell before it heat my car and out of the blue my car have catches fire, I couldn't move or

to anything as I am in exquisite pain. I manage to hold my tummy as I whisper mommy loves you sweetheart and my eyes where slowly closing while I inhale the smoke.

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******NARRATED ******

Help...help come in late by the time the ambulance and the fire fighter arrived it was already to late. We both know in most cases traffic officers or police are the first one to arrive rather than help that is needed by an injured person.

Unfortunately heaven gates where already opened for her,she never knew her apologies to everyone she has ever wrong and making amends with her parents were her way of saying goodbye, she was running out of time and she never knew that why they say "only time,place and date remain the mistry that is only know by him only the one who giveth and taketh" that last laughbetween her Precious and Rudzani was the last one. She was once lost in her in her life journey but find her way during her last days.

As for Precious the news come to shock to her and she was a crying mess. She just wish that she haven't agreed to have lunch with her or given her time to apologize maybe just maybe she would have still been her. Her condolences goes to Thendo who according to her,he have lost both a girlfriend and a baby in this turmoil.

The Mulaudzi family only think of their grandchild. He or she was going to be the first grandchild in their family they can't help but feel like someone is behind this and to Thendo and Mrs Mulaudzi assumptions it is none other than Precious, as she is the bitter " baren" who wouldn't stand that her man pregnanted the other woman and this is her revenge to Thendo and their theories make sense to themselves.

****RENDANI****

You maybe wondering where I was for the past few month, yoh life have been hectic and I am at the verge of losing my job because someone dyed at the theater room because of my

mistake the parents of the kid a sueing me. Going to that theater room was a mistake that is ruining my career.

I know very well that I can't go to the operation room intoxicated but I did and I have noone to blame other than Rudzani. Why can't I say that he is the one because, he has taken my woman from me. I was thinking of letting this go but I can't, everyone deserves to be punished for their mistakes so is Rudzani and I know I will avenge for myself. There is nothing much he can do alone as he have pushed away his family, they say two is better than one and that guy is no match.

You maybe wondering why I say two while I also I am on my own not this time my people not this time. I am on my way to meet with Abigail. She made me a wonderful offer and I couldn't resist it as she wants Rudzani and I want my flower zo yeah. We will heat while they least expected it.

Let me call her to check whether we are still meeting at the same please and if she is near because I hate waiting.

Abigail: hello

Me: hey are we still meeting?

Abigail: yes,don't tell me your no longer coming as I am already waiting for you .

Me: okay I am in my way.

When I arrived to where we are meeting I get out of my car make my way inside the I spot her sitting at the corner table and make my way to her.

Me: this better be good.

Abigail: I have a video * she keeps quiet*

Me: so...you call me to tell me you have a video watch or delete it your choice.

Abigail: keep quiet and listen. I once took a video of me and Rudzani doing the deed and now am planning on sending it to Your flower.

This is a great idea, I mean I will be there for Precious while she is working on how she will get her man.

Me: okay, when are you going to send it

Abigail: tonight...tonight because I know that Rudzani and my Zach are meeting for late night meetings about their businesses stuff, then I will send it.

Me: good plan, so where did you take the video.

Abigail: at his house, in the gym

Me: great, you have to make it look like it happened the time she went home.

Abigail: she went home?* she is even more amazed and now so sure that her plan is going to work*

Me: yeah,she went home for the whole month.

Okay I will send the message, then because you and Tshilidzi have been busy recently I think it's the best she go to get brother just to check the atmosphere .

I nod in agreement with what she is saying. Then take my phone and car keys make my way out to my car.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

After that lunch with Precious nt mind was at ease and peace at the same time. I realised that harboring hate in me won't do me any good but I will end up evil and I don't want that.

I get to work and before I new it it was knock off time, a text come through from my man telling me that he is at the parking. I made my way there and I find him fiddling with his face and damn his is my type of everyday crush. We share a huge and a kiss then get inside the car.

To my surprise he didn't take the direction that leads to my apartment but to his house. I looked at him with that look that says can you please explain this now now and he just chuckles. I know he won't say anything until I say something.

Me: I thought you're taking me to my own home.

Rudzani: and I thought your own home is where your man stays mufunwa wanga.

Me: okay why are we going to your place?

Rudzani: because your man has a late meeting and I don't want to sleep alone even tonight so why not take you to my place.

Me: *laughing* so you think of making me your house guard or security what ever it is.

Rudzani: you can never be that my love but a man gotta dream and my dream is sleeping next to you always and now making sure my dreams come true.

I just laugh and I just feel like sing to him where have you been by Rihanna because wow the song is literally talking to me or about me. There is no day that I go to bed angry or have we already have our first fight I don't know all I know is that he promised me love that won't pass the honeymoon stage but we may disagree while we are still at honeymoon, I don't know if I make sense but well I love him more than I have ever love anyone.

We get to his place I head to the kitchen to drink some water and he follow me, i have already get used to him following me

around all day, and later he will said he is tired like I said he have to follow me.

Rudzani: can you come a sit here * he said patting his thighs*

I drink the water and go and sit next where I was directed to sit and I feel him chest move like his taking a deep breath.

Me: *looking on his face* is everything okay Rudzani

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your scaring me.

Rudzani: who is Rudzani, heh my love who is Rudzani.

Me: you...ain't you Rudzani

Rudzani: I am your man not Rudzani, I am banning you from calling me by my name my love will do until you find me pet name.

Me: okay and now tell mommy what is troubling.

He laughed so hard, you will swear I am telling him a joke or something because wow the guy can laugh and I just giggle starring at his beautiful face.

Rudzani: mommy neh...okay mommy I have some bad news.

Me: who died *I said jokingly*

Rudzani: Andani.

I stoped laughing instantly and my mouth hang openly and my eyes pop out, I just couldn't believe this I was having lunch with her and she even tells me about being happy that soon she will be giving birth, that she waits the gender to be surprise and so on and the name choices she have that perfectly fit both gender and I was so happy for her. How is it even possible? That a person can ask for forgiveness and there before an hour passes he or she is already dead, why did I have to tell her tha I forgave her first before she depart, I know we weren't best of friends but I wanted her to lead a happy life. I didn't realize that I zoned out on Rudzani as he start screaming at me while patting my back." Precious....hey babe ...Precious " as he sat my back and a tear escaped my eye and one followed by the other it can't be her not now, her baby.

Me: her...her...her baby* I managed to say in between my sobs*

Rudzani: they both died, she was involved in a car accident, her car catches fire and they both died before help arrived.

And that pierced my heart I couldn't take it anymore I just blame myself, maybe I shouldn't have forgiven her too now, maybe if Rudzani did give her my numbers she would have asked for forgiveness through the phone and she could have never died but what the use its water under the bridge and all I have to do is to accept it. After some time of my crying session I stop and he helps me wipe off my tears and he just kissed me all over my face.

Rudzani carried me to the bedroom we lay there silently after some time I fell asleep and I woke up I think around 7, Rudzani is no longer next to me and there is a paper on top of the pillow next to me I read, he is telling me that he is going to the meeting he told me about and he will be home before 12 and that he order food for me.

I bathed and wear his clothes, mxm let me stop lying I only wear his T-shirt as it already looks like a short dress on me so yeah. I make my way to the kitchen go through the take a way then take a plate, dishes the food on the plate the make my way to the lounge to catch up on some stories , you those tv drama are like so yeah.

I eat my food enjoying and for a moment I forgot about Andan's death and enjoy the moment. I take my phone browsing on today's pics especially the ones I took with her and I upload one on my status, the one she was smile and she looked beautiful and I write the fallen flower. Then I continue watching the tv while counting minutes and seconds left for babe toncone back home.

Again I fell asleep while watching the tv and I am woken by my phone vibrating underneath me on the couch. I look for it while still sleepy and answered without even looking who is calling me.

Me: hello

Voice: stay away from my man, or atleast let's share in peace.
He can't even sleep at my place we because he doesn't want
to hurt you mxm.

Me: wrong number sis I don't know who your talking
about and what man.

Voice: wrong number wrong number ya mini because I am
warning me stay the hell away from my man

Me: who is your man.* I said getting annoyed because I know
that Rudzani will never do me like that*

Voice: Rudzani who do you think* then she dropped the call*

I looked at my phone screen not believing this," no..no...no " I said to myself history cannot repeat its self after the cheating what is coming next the beating and pregnancy " yoh!,Precious what are yoh! going to do? While am still busy thinking I message come through from the different number, get inside the message and it's the video of Abigail and Rudzani making out at the gym and the message says, we can afford hotel bills but it more fun doing it at home can you please go and visit your family so we can have more fun and don't worry I will make more videos for you my love".

Right at that moment I feel my chest closing in and I started to struggle to breathe and I never fight to get hold of my breath I just feel weak and my eyes were closing in slowly and I know heaven is where am going.

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******NARRATED******

When Rudzani get home he becomes happy when he see the lights still on. He couldn't believe that Precious waited for him. He slightly chuckles as he stare once again at the box of a ring in his hand. He doesn't have to be in a relationship with her for 5 years to know that she is the one for him. Her presence makes his huge house a home and he truly knows that every time she is around he knows when he says his going home he is not lying because her presence brings warmth to this house. He left the ring in the car and make his way inside whistling a tune of a happy song and you would swear he is promised something he have been looking for or he finally get the girl he have been searching for you know the feeling right?

He never knew what awaits him at the lounge as he proceeded with his steps as handsome as ever being topped by one hand

in his front suit pocket and he would have get them girls under his spell but he wanted none them but Precious.

What he finds at the lounge shocked him he couldn't understand why his woman would be lying on the floor. The first thing he did is to take off his jacket go down on his knees "no...no...no what happened my love" he is busy repeating this words as he panics then he feels her pulse is there but he decides to take her to the hospital. He takes his phone and hers put them at the back pocket of his trouser and take Precious to his arms and carry her to the car and drive like a lunatic. He is scared but at the same time wanting answers.

He get at the nearest hospital and the nurses come with the stretcher to carry her and go inside then he goes to the reception to the fill tha admission papers and then sit down but sit he take his and Precious phone out of his back pocket,then pry that Rendani doesn't come his way because he will talk nonsense. He remembers that Precious have some funny videos of them and he doesn't have them so to keep himself from going crazy maybe it's best he watches them.

As he opens her phone his eyes weren't ready for what his eyes landed on. A video of him and Abigail having sex and the message that comes with it. His plums get sweaty the same time and his heart raced faster and he knew he is doomed if Precious doesn't believe that this happened long before he confessed his love to her, he wonder if she would believe him, if she doesn't then he will be left with no choice rather than going back to the life he promised himself not to ever go back to again because he can't lose her not now and not ever.

He sees the woman white doctor coming his way and he quickly stand up and make his way towards the doctor so they meet half ways.

"Are you related to the patient" the doctor said. He nodded in agreement as he rub his hands together.

Doctor: she fainted because of panic attack

Rudzani: is it possible for a person to faint because of panic attacks?

Doctor: it is possible.

Rudzani: what caused the panic attack doctor.

Doctor: stress, shortness of breath. Brain shutdown and adrenaline caused her to faint.

Rudzani: okay can I see her.

Doctor: yes you can and I don't think it is necessary to keep her here overnight, I will organize the discharge papers for her.

He smiles and thank the doctor and the doctor tells his her ward number and he makes his way there prying she gives her a chance to explain.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

If there is a person that need his or her her own room at the hospital it is me I am sure my file is close to be full. Jokes aside guys I don't know how to feel when that happens I wasn't his woman but already know that he loves me. The question is this.

Should I be angry? Am I allowed to feel betrayed by what I saw? What about the call?. Then he walks in with his head held high like he wasn't with some girl pleasing her while lying to me saying his going to the meeting mxm maybe it runs in the family.

Rudzani: babe* he said avoiding eye contact*

Me: get out* I say softly*

Rudzani: and go where? * he said placing his and my phone on the bed side and sitting on the chair next to the bed.*

Me: I don't know and I don't care as long as you are not next to me* I said screaming and I can feel tears building up*

He brushes his head then looked down for a moment then look up

Rudzani:I am not going anywhere my love and I hope we won't be screaming while am sitting next to you.* he said in that tone that says don't mess with me*

And I am not scared at all,I have been cheated on and when cheating escalated I endure beating for the wrongs I know nothing of then it was pregnancy and this time I am not going to tolerate that.

Me: LEAVE...I SAID LEAVE ME ALONE. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING,JUST LEAVE ME ALONE AND NEVER COME BACK.* I said screaming with tears flowing down my face*

He clench his teeth and stare at me and just keeps quit and listen to me continue to scream at him. After some time I keep quiet and the doctor walks me. And he hands Rudzani same papers and he signs and give them back to the doctor.

Doctor: Miss Moloi if you ever feel like your losing your breath please you must try to breath slowly and try to catch your normal breathing okay.

I just nod and she tells me that I am being discharged and I know now it's late and I would have to sleep at Rudzani's place then I will go to my apartment in the morning.

I go to the bath room and change back to his Tshirt and walks back he takes my hand into his and we made our way out of the hospital. Get in the car and drive out in silence.

I am busy browsing my phone when a text come through and its Rendani, at first I ignore his text but when I think about it I say why not I am a free lady and single for that matter. I say convincing myself.

I started to reply to his text then he tells me about what he have been up to for the past few months and he ended up cracking some jokes as always and I am busy smiling and laughing with my phone while Rudzani steal some glance at me but I don't care.

We reach his house and I am the first one to get out of the car and make my way to the his bedroom take my hand bag and go to the room the guest room I once used. I get there go to the bath room take a quick shower then get inside the blanket and start playing game on my phone until the door get open and he walks in closed the door and come and sit at the empty side.

Rudzani: I have listened to you talking now can I talk all you have to do is to listen.

I keep quiet and he takes it as my way of saying he should talk so he start talking.

Rudzani: I so much wanted to say am sorry but I know I not guilty of anything but for the sake of peace I will say sorry. Who ever called you I don't know who she is nor what her intentions are but what I know is that I have no friend who is a female or any close relationship beside you and my sister. On the video part I am sorry that you have to see that but I didn't know Abigail was filming us and that video I am sure it was taken that time she come here when Tshilidzi comes back

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that night my family come here, I was so hurt and I also needed a shoulder to cry on and I knew I will find comfort in you but when I get to your room I find you asleep in Rendani's arms. I then go to my room changed into gym attire then go to the gym after some few minutes maybe an hour with exercising I sit down to catch my breath.

And that is when she comes in and at that moment I was vulnerable and frustrated so I took an opportunity to realise my frustration. I am sorry but I promise you when you were home I did do anything with her or anyone. Ever since that day

I never had sex with anyone or look at them because I didn't want to hurt you.

I believe him but I don't if I should make him sweat a little or what, maybe maybe I should get sometime to think about it.

Me: I want some time.

Rudzani: okay we can talk in the morning am sure it's enough time .

Me: it not enough.

Rudzani: what I am supposed to do in the mean time. While your busy find that time you want.

Me: I don't know maybe think if you still want Abigail * I heard this words leave my mouth and to be honest I didn't plan to say that*

Rudzani: I know what I want I wouldn't be here with you if I didn't know what I want.

Me: okay now can you get out I wanted to sleep.* I said changing the topic*

Rudzani: you're no longer sure about us? * he asked in a pained voice*

I just nod and keep quite.

Rudzani: is it because of Rendani

Wait what is he talking about now, how do he know I was talking to Rendani and I feel so ashamed of myself.

Rudzani: I saw his name while you were busy laughing while we were coming back.

And guilty hit me and I looked down.

Me: he...he have nothing to do with this,this is about you. Can you go I want to sleep.

He keeps quiet while staring at me. After some times he talks.

Rudzani: since when don't we sleep together, if you feel like sleeping here so am I.

Me: Rudzani I am not sleeping with you I am not wearing anything .

He chuckles and after the chuckle a laugh come through he laughs for some time and I just feel my anger disappears and I just smile back. Then he takes his top of and gives it to me.

Rudzani: khe tshi tsha u ambara(here is something to wear)

I take it because I know even though I don't take it he is going to sleep here. After I am done wearing it he gets inside the blankets hold me from behind and kiss my neck

Rudzani:I am sorry my love, I just have to deal with Abigail once and for all. And I will also find out who called you and talk that nonsense for now please forgive your man.

I just nod and he continues to talk.

Rudzani: please don't scream next time when your talking to me I feel disrespected when you do that and I hate that. I am also asking you to draw the line in your relationship with Rendani if you can't ignore him, not to sound like a jealousy man or I don't trust you. I do trust you but think of it this way that guy have been hitting on you and did get you, after some time without talking to you he started talking to you today and the same day we are fighting because of some girl and a video something is up.

I just keep quiet but what he is saying makes sense because Rendani was busy asking me if I am okay not once but thrice. Then we sleep and I sleep as a happy woman.

****TWO MONTHS LATER ****

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******NARRATED******

Ever since that argument that occurred between Rudzani and Precious their love have been growing strong and stronger everyday. Rudzani finally managed to convince Precious to attend therapy so that she may be able to leave behind all the pain she have been through.

There is only few days left for Precious to go and register at university of Johannesburg and then she will finally be paving a way to her future on being independent and that didn't only make Rudzani happy so is her aunt. Precious's excitement is written all over her and the glow topped the package.

She have nothing to worry about,because her man seems to be taking care of her very well and after that incident he did find

who called her and say such nonsense but he haven't done anything to her nor Abigail because he says he wants to dig deeper in this.

But will he be happy with what he will find stored for him, or whatever he will find will turn him into a monster because he wants to protect his woman and that is a big if he ever find it

****MRS MULAUDZI****

Two months back I went to visit this other lady that was supposed to help me get rid of Precious but ey...ey what happen there there no one who is even subjected to see it with their naked eyes.

The lady even disappears with no trace right in front of me, I don't know what happened but out of the blue I started to hear chanting and ululating and drums at times I could hear the

sound of feet steps like their dancing and clapping of hands but I don't know where the sounds come from...sometimes a voice calling me by my name " Sally tshikhathi ndi tshino" ("sally it is that hour")

I don't know what is really going on with me because sometimes my Tshilidzi would find me staring at one place " a thi koni" (I can't do it) is what am saying with tears and sometimes covering my ears. Sometimes I see shadows moving around but others can't. I wish that lady did disappear on me before giving me answers or atleast telling me how I am supposed to use the black powder she gave me.

When life turns everyone turns on you, even that sangoma I used to use can no longer help me. The might Sally Mulaudzi is falling and I must save myself. Even my legs fails me this days sometime I woke up with them swollen and I couldn't even walk and today is one of those days which makes it hard for me to run my errands and as for my good to nothing husband is busy being...good to nothing as always.

" maybe I should confess my sins and lead a happy life and with no heavy burdens and dead spirits tormenting me at night...lots of peaceful nights " I laugh as I say that to myself because I no I ain't doing such thing. Joh just think about it telling them all the evil things I have done to my husband,Thendo and everything I have done to Precious joh hayi ngeo. As for Precious I didn't do anything to her ...* laughing * no wait... played with her wonderful heart and made her do all my evil things while she thought she was doing the right things.

Talking of Thendo and Tshilidzi let me call them I want Thendo to accompany Tshilidzi to drop that plastic that have black powder at Rudzani's place, I know he loves him and if she says she missed him, he won't suspect anything. Let me call Tshilidzi theni will call Thendo. It rings for sometime before she answers, yoh!,she really can take her time mxm.

Tshilidzi: Mma

Me: where are you

Tshilidzi: I am at Thendo's place.

I smile excitedly, now I wouldn't have to waste my airtime because they are together. It is true when they say they might do fall because wow only swollen feet manage to take me down from I am the queen position to nothing at all.

Me: I wanted to talk to you both, can you please come home with him now please.

Tshilidzi: eeh,okay

I drop the calls and sit as I wait for their arrival. I am even thirsty and those helpers seem to be nowhere...a person can really die in this house because of thirst she says to herself as she starts to fan herself with her hands.

****ABIGAIL****

Zach...zach I dumped as his booty call the day I sent Precious that video and I truly regret my decision. Okay, here is what transpired that night I sent Precious the video I went to this club and with one of my girls and ask her to call Precious and tells her all that stuff and I am glad she panicked but I ain't seeing the fruits of my hard work because Rudzani haven't called or just to answer my calls, I just got promoted to block mxm.

After a month Rendani packed his bags and I heard he went away for good the guy didn't even see it fit to say goodbye and Tshilidzi blames me for filling her man's head with

nonsense,mxm what the hell is that. How can I make decisions for an old man. Hayi this life though

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maybe I should go back home just to visit my mother it have been sometimes with her asking me to come and visit her as she is now ready to tell me who my father is. Maybe if I find him this all bad lucks will be removed.

I no longer have a leverage over Rudzani so I figured I let this go because I know it's not only me which don't want them to be together but also Mrs Mulaudzi and that one,nothing defeats her because I heard that she even use witchcraft so she will do the work let me just sit and watch this show quietly.

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

The therapy have been going well and I have only one task left and the doctor will decide from it if I am okay,or let go of the things that keeps holding me back. My relationship with my

aunt and cousins is growing everyday and we are becoming close and all I have to do is to ask Rudzani if they can come this side to enjoy festive seasons with us, I don't want to leave my man alone and also I don't want them to enjoy this Christmas without me.

My task is to visit my father as the prison so yeah I am up for it and Rudzani says his accompanying me. He is driving and I am nervous I haven't see him since I can't remember, but I know it is before my mother died.

Rudzani: mufunwa wanga,don't stress or over think about this okay.

Me: I am not stressed Rudzani I am just nervous .

He briefly looks at me and the focus on the road, I know why he did that it is because I called him by his name and this guy us still waiting for a pet name. Mxm,if I wants a pet I better get a

dog or car then give them names* laugh* dont tell him I said so. He looks at me again.

Rudzani : why are you laughing?

Me: am I not allowed to laugh at my own ideas my love.

Rudzani: your allowed but do you mind to share a joke?* he said raising his one eyebrow*

It like he knows that I get charmed when he does that and everytime we are playful he does that.

Me: I am thinking of having my aunt and cousins coming here to enjoy festives with us. I don't want to leave you alone and I also don't want to enjoy Christmas without you so I think it's

best that way. But I am laughing at my silly ideas of how I am going to ask you to accommodate them as my apartment is only one bedroom.

He just nod and don't say anything.

Me: aren't you going to answer that Mr.

Rudzani: you didn't ask me musi.

Me: okay, can they come and stay with you at your house please. * I said trying not laugh*

Rudzani: I want to firstly hear or see yoh do those silly ideas first then I might agree who knows you just have to perfect your game Mrs Me.

Me: game on

I say as we reach our destination, he find the parking spot and park.

Rudzani: do you want me to come with you or wait in the car.

Me: wait in the car.

Rudzani: okay...just know that I love you okay

Me: I live you too* he kissed my forehead and i make my way out of the car walking through the gate of a place I swore to myself i will never set my foot at.

****RUDZANI ****

Is a guy also allowed to allowed to say that he is over the moon,hayi ke I dont know but what I know is that I am. Sitting here waiting for Precious is bit boring and I might use this time to call my old time friend alfred known as bra Alf he have to help me out on this one and he owns me a fovour let me call him and I just pray this would be the last time because I made myself a promise to myself leave this life behind long time and I won't be going back anytime soon but now I need to deal with the people who have to be taught some lesson. Let me call him theni will call my grandma I really missed her.

Bra Alf: my brother from another mother, how do I own this pleasure to be called by the higher people.

I laughed like really laugh, his sense of human is always on the other level and i have missed him a lot I.

Me: I have a lice and you no ut a no no feeling my brother.

I said in a serious tone and I know he knows I mean business.

Bra Alf: should I take it out or just sniff around boss.

Me: sniff and when you find them take them to the room of life
(the room of life is our warehouse or should I say their
warehouse as am trying to leave behind this life for my wife)

Bra Alf: consider it down boss

Me: okay I will send the names now...now.

I send him Abigail's names and my mother's name Thendo and Tshilidzi.

I take a deep breath then call my grandma.

Grandma: Rudzani wanga

I know she missed me if she talked like that and it have been a while with me not contacting anyone from my family but it okay.

Me: makhulu

Grandma: when I are you coming to visit me with your woman? I want to see my great grand kids.

My grandmother knows that I am the one who is supposed to be with Precious and she tells me to fight for him before that sham of a fake marriage occurred and she did come to that party as she wasn't invited. Her and my mother aren't best of friends my grandma is a straight talker and my mom likes playing hide and seek so that don't mix.

To cut the story short, I promise her that I will claim her before they year ends and I didn't it is now that I managed to get her now I have to be honest with her and I know she will be angry as old as she is,when she is angry we all feel her wrath.

Me: *while brushing my bald head* mmmh grandma it's like we will have a problem there.

Grandma: where? Don't tell me you don't have your woman...if
don't it is like you're forgetting who I am I will kick you so bad
my boy, what do you want to see the ancestors do heh...what are
you waiting for actually I am coming today mxm and
don't even think of telling your mother I want to catch her on
her wicked ways.

Me: but grandma.

Grandma: don't but grandma me ...don't even think of
anything I am so glad you called because I was thinking of
going to visit your uncles first but no I have to come and do risk
management there.

Me: I have her as my woman just that it all happened few
months back

Grandma: I am glad you did but that doesn't change that I am still going to kick you and chop off that brainless head of yours.

She drops the call and I take a deep breath, my grandma is dramatic but a ball of fire and she is serious she can beat the shit out of a person using her walking stick so yeah and I have to tell Precious everything before my grandmother comes here because I see the chicken coming home to roost.

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******NARRATED******

It didn't take long before Bra Alf finds every information about people who are on the list given to him by Rudzani. It was an easy job for him because they have nothing hidden they always leave loose ends, he now knows everything from where they were born, at what time, who give birth to them their favourite colors everything, he takes one last look at the information on his laptop then call Rudzani.

It is already late in the evening, after Rudzani and Precious have already eaten their dinner and they were sitting watching their favorite stories and Rudzani busy thinking on how to break this down without sounding weird at all. How did he tell her that he knew that she was his soulmate from the moment she set her foot at the Mulaudzis...this is messed up but he have to do it now rather than hearing it from his grandmother.

His phone disturbed him from his thought, looks at the screen and look at Precious.

Rudzani: I will be in my study* he said kissing her forehead as he stand up and walk away*

Then he get inside his study and call back bra Alf.

●●●PHONE CONVERSATION ●●●

Rudzani: Alf

Bra Alf: what I am about to send you is bad boss and I hope you will make good decision because I know once you get angry you bay for blood .

Rudzani: is that bad

Bra Alf: if you get crazy you will find your woman at your destination I know she can calm you down.

Rudzani: you wouldn't dare alfred.

Bra Alf: just think carefully am sending them now...Treat her good because if you don't we will have a problem.

Rudzani: who?

Bra Alf: your woman you know I wouldn't mind taking you on just for hurting her. Read through the documents you will

understand what I am talking about before I show my presence.

Rudzani: okay

●●●End if phone call●●●

Rudzani open his email and quickly go through everything, and he feels like he have opened the can of worms. He wasn't and still isn't ready for what he has find on those documents, the question is what is he going to do.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

" Hai...hai...hai" * he said to himself brushing his head,he seems to do that a lot when he is frustrated *. Things weren't looking good at all,it's times like this where I wish to just take my woman and vanish with her from the face of earth.

I am not the one who is going to tell her this

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her father will tell her when he is ready. As for me...I must focus on telling her what my family did to her I mean I am also to be blamed because I know she is mine at the first place and choose to see her endure abuse while I should be protecting her.

Let me do this,I take one last look at the information... I save them with one of the business documents I don't want Precious to see them yoh! This is too much. I stand up and make my way back to the lounge and I find her deep in thoughts.

Maybe she is thinking about what she talked about with her father ...I am saying this because she didn't tell me what happened inside there, she come back quiet too quiet for my liking. I sit next to her and she doesn't even notice my presence, maybe I should pay her father a visit.

Me: Muthu wanga.(my person...but let's say my love)* she doesn't answer...you see what am talking about. Shaking her*
babe

She looks my direction and fake a smile...but her have tearful eyes.

Me: What is wrong, babe?

Precious: nothing she says *trying to hold back her tears*...you were saying something?.

I know she doesn't want to tell me what is going on ...and I am not going to push it because I am also going to break her heart...I pray my punishment will not be that much severe because if she thinks of living me I might not be held

responsible for my actions because wow. I scratch my head then rub my hands together.

Me: baby I am sorry.

Precious: what did you do* she asked in a shakey voice *

My baby is a cry baby people .

Me:please just listen...so I can be able to finish what I am about to say .

I say with my voice wanting to spoil me that I am afraid, and my plums getting sweaty. I know I have done many things that sometimes where risky but I was never afraid. I guess it official that I am afraid of my Precious.

Me: mmh... do you remember the first time you come into my home.* she nod*, at first my grandmother was happy but after sometime she was fuming with anger and she keeps saying you have to tell her* she nod again*. The thing is at my home like anyother homes where they believe in ancestors we have our own family healer. The healer said the ancestors have refused to take you as Thendo's wife...* I rub my hands together * as you were already chosen for me.

Precious: and there was no wedding that occurred * she chuckles and I don't know what to say* that your mother or should I say family decided to make a party and all those things you make me do I just do them with your mother's friend acting as a healer and doing the introduction.

Me: how...how did you know?

Precious: Mr...Mr Moloi told me today

Me: you mean your father.

Precious: and that the reason why your family never paid lobola my mother refused, your family to give her money money as an exchange for me because things were not done correctly.

Me: okay.

Then I see her tears falls down and my heart beat out of its cage.

Me: I am sorry I didn't tell you.

Precious: it's okay...I need you to help me with something.

Me: anything for you my love* I am happy that she is not angry about that but something is weighing her down I can tell*

Precious : my dad is dying he has stage 4 cancer and he said his last wish is to see his children all together.

Yoh. Jesus christ...why did he forsake me now. How am I going to take myself out from this one, I said to myself

Me: do...do you have siblings? * I asked trying to act surprised *

Precious: that is what my dad said...he said I have a little sister but not that much little as I am older than her by only a year and I will meet her soon...but he asked me to look for my older

brother...he said my mother before she had me she have a baby boy whom they give him up for adoption.

Me: do...do you atleast have his name?

Precious: yes his name is Alfred... Alfred Munyai.

I didn't know what to say...but I will have to talk to Bra Alf about his sister looking for him.

Me: come here* I said opening my arms for a hug...and she gladly throws herself in my embrace * ndi a ni funa mufunwa wa mbilu yanga.*(I love you,the love of my heart)* I said kissing her head*

****NARRATED****

Mrs Mulaudzi senior finished packing her bags and she was about to call one of her daughters wanting to inform her about going to visit her son(Rudzani's father) when she heard a knock. She tells whoever knocking to come in and the person did as said. It was none other than the family healer and she seems to be having her bags with her and she looked at her in surprise.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: vha khou ya gai vho Maine? (Where are you going)(maine~sangoma/ traditional healer)

Healer: am going with you...there is a lot of work to be done. Your daughter in law have made the ancestors angry and their spirit is rooming around that house...you know Mulaudzi the dead doesn't stay with the living.

Right there she knows that this is going to be tough and she, starts to smell blood. She looks at the healer and by the way she looks like she knows it's true...it is confirmed blood will be spilled.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: * shaking his head * is there anything that we can do?

The healer shakes her head and that was it blood...blood smell fills her nostrils and she knows this was bound to happen but she just hope the ancestors will change their fate.

****34.1****

****NARRATED****

Mrs Mulaudzi was sitting with her Children, husband and Abigail at the lounge watching some stories but it seems as everyone was lost in their own world. Mr Mulaudzi was busy looking around for the hundreds time since he has sat here asking for his son Rudzani.

Mr Mulaudzi: Mma Rudzy, why is Rudzani not here?

Mrs Mulaudzi never entertain her husband in attempt to answer such questions so the husband keeps on talking to himself and in between his talks, he could shed some tears and sobs are heard and that sight makes Abigail to feel uneasy and Thendo just stare at his father as he pities him. As for Tshilidzi her heart bleeds so bad as seeing her father cry evokes some deep buried emotions in her. She loved her dad so much but her mother pushed her away from him and maybe

just maybe she is also to be blamed in this, why not because she has witnessed her mother turns her father into the version of some sort of zombie. Even though she doesn't have proof but that is the truth, her father used to be a happy man filled with love until that day...that day he asked for divorce and things turns upside down.

As for Mrs Mulaudzi she wasn't even touched by what was going on, but she did listen to the words that comes out of her husband's mouth attentively. " They are angry...blood...blood" was what he keeps saying crying, and she knows the war...the bloodbath war have started but this one was plotted spiritually, and she had to make a plan fast...fast.

Mrs Mulaudzi takes her phone and start write a text to Thendo and few other men that owes her a favour to get ready as she may need to be rescued. " The war have started my house 23:00 tomorrow bring the ammunicions and everything that is needed" she sent to the men and "before 3 o'clock in the morning meet me here" she sends to Thendo. Whilst he just nods in response.

****ABIGAIL****

There are many times that I have spent here at the Mulaudzi household, but nothing comes close to today's atmosphere because it is heavy and that makes me wonder...what's up and to the confirmation of those feeling for the first time I have ever seen Mr Mulaudzi like he is today and what he is saying makes me feel like I should extend my visits I would love to see what is going to transpire.

My phone vibrated taking me out of my thought, "meet me tomorrow at that address" is what have been sent by my mother. I sign as I am not ready to meet my mother, but she sent me a hospital address I guess tomorrow it is, I don't want her to die with a heavy heart.

I look at Tshilidzi she is busy holding her tears in I know her and I know I should let her be, I would also cry if this was my dad

and that makes me wonder who my dad is and wherever he is if he even thinks of me.

****RUDZANI****

My gut tells me that something is up today, my grandmother is coming this side today I know we will be having family dinner. Things will be going south I tell you, I don't even wish to go there but I cannot defy my grandmother I know better. What I know is that I have to protect my wife with my life. I looked at the Sleeping Beauty next to me and kiss her cheek "I promise to protect you with my life... I wouldn't mind dying for you".

I get off the blankets and head to the study room

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I take my phone and call bra Alf, he immediately answer.

Bra Alf: it is like you can feel that I am about to call you.

Me: maybe you're having the same feeling as me.

Bra Alf: your gut feeling never lead you wrong boss.

Me: that is why I need you to come with me to the family dinner tonight.

They drop the call, and he walked to his safe cage. He looks at it for few minutes thinking of those days back. Where the streets were his home, he could express all his feelings...paint the streets red when he is angry and feels frustrated and blue as when he is happy ... Mr people's man who takes no nonsense from anyone. Gone are those days, I punches the pin and take out my hand gun and chuckle as the adrenaline rushes throughout my body, and I love the feeling " What is that"? Her

soft voice brings me back to present time's reality and I know I am late now to even try to hide the gun from her.

Me: it's nothing mufunwa wanga...why are you up so early * I said without turning to look at her*

Precious: *while making her steps closer to me* I got the call from the hospital my dad is admitted and he wants to see me at 10. So you own a gun?

Me: okay...yes I own one.* I have to tell her about this feeling I have so that I can easily protect her*

Precious: you know something doesn't make sense.

I turn to look at her put my gun down take her hand as I lead her to the couch. We take a sit and look at her in a way that says continue.

Precious: yesterday I dream of my mother and grandmother touching both our forehead when I ask them why they say I will understand when time come and as for now I must trust you with my own life.

Me: babe... I don't know what is going on but something tells me that something is going to happen to night and my love I promise ...I will protect you with everything in me but if I don't make it out alive know that daddy loves you okay.* I said kissing her hands*

Precious: you can't leave me alone never... I can't...

Me: * cutting her short* I know you can Precious... I have help you find yourself and letting go of the past and now what would make you think that you can't live without me. It will be hard but you can my love. But I trust we will come back together intact.

My phone rings interrupting our conversation, I look at the screen and it's none other than bra Alf.

Me: Alf

Bra Alf: I am at the gate please open.

Okay... I open the gate and look at my woman.

Me: my friend is here...we will be taking him with us to the family dinner. Listen to everything he tells you okay. If things get out of hand.

Before she could answer I stand up head to the door open and walk to the front door and while Precious goes to the kitchen.

Bra Alf: yesterday I go and visit my father at the hospital.

Me: the real father or the adoptive father

Bra Alf: my real father, and he said I should be at the hospital by 10 so I thought why shouldn't I come here and devise some plan for tonight before we go there .

Me: or your here to check on your sister. * I said with a smirk*

Bra Alf: and also that* he said laughing and I looked at him analyzing his features and they are siblings they don't need DNA tests to prove that.*

Okay we go back to my study discuss everything and anything...he even enlighten me with some new...new... news on my side my mother have sent a message to some boys who are his rivala that she should make their presence available tonight and that confirm my gut feeling. After some time we heard a knock and I order a person to come in and the door is slightly opened and Precious tells us breakfast is ready the first person to stand up is this idiot here mxm ready to eat my wife's food.

We go to the kitchen and already the table have been set and as for her she have already freshened and to me she looks appetising I walk to her with biting my lower lip that makes her blushes I get close to and hug her we sit down and start eating.

Me: babe this is my friend bra Alf.

Precious:* looking at bra Alf...she laughs* you look familiar...what is your real name Alf.

Bra Alf: I am...Alfred...Alfred Munyai.

Her eyes pop out and her mouth hang open and you could see that she have lot to say but she just fails her... she turns to look at me and I shrug my shoulders.

Precious: thank you* she muttered *

She stand up and literally runs to where bra Alf is sitting as he stands up to embrace her in a hug and I just watch this beautiful reunion with so much happiness and I know that my woman is happy and I am happy when she is happy.

After sometime with them hugging and no word being exchanged only tears were doing the talking, expressing their feelings in such a way they both understand. We continue eating with both of them stealing glances to each other and I feel threatened hayi this bra Alf guy can't take my woman. I looked at the time its eight. I quickly finishes my food and excuse myself giving them time to get to know each other. Before I take my woman, she is supposed to steel glances with me only.* chuckles *

****PRECIOUS MOLOI****

The joy...the happiness that have filled this girl's life is out of this world. I dont know how I am feeling but I know all this emotions are of happiness even though I wonder who my little

sister is and I pray and wish we could get along like house on a fire.

After Rudzani excused himself we talk about anything and everything with him busy asking about mom and all the stuff we even call my aunt and she was like " "finally...he is home" she even cry and make him talk with everyone at home, I didn't give a damn care about what she means because I am happy....when this year started I was having suicidal thoughts and being consumed deeply by depression and I couldn't take it anymore but now I am looking forward to next year and I know nothing will separate us not now not ever.

Rudzani come down look fresh and smelling nice as usual.

Me: baby ...we will meet there, I will be driving with my brother.* I said taking my chances*

He looks at me then bra Alf who is just like Rudzani they like to study a person before they even answer and they don't hurry. That what I have seen on Alfred in this little time I have spend with him.

Rudzani: not happening

Me: okay...I will use bolt * taking my chance again*

Rudzani: I have a car so even that not happening.

I was just taking my chances because I know very well he won't agree. We drive to the hospital and we go straight to his ward and you wouldn't believe who my eyes landed on and she is also suprised to see me too. I guess we live in the small country. I pray father God to not make my assumptions correct, Abigail can't be my little sister no. That is the punishment from hell I tell you.

Rudzani squeeze my hand a little as he can see I am getting uncomfortable.

Rudzani: morning everyone.

He said trying to break the starring concert between me and Abigail that even the elders can sense the tension between me and her. Ever since that video saga I haven't heard from her.

Them: morning

I go to my dad and hug him and before I could even introduce Alfred.

Mr Moloi: my son * he said in a weak voice but you can tell that he is happy and he looks at my Rudzani * I hope your treating her well * that made Abigail to forget about the elders in the room and she clicks her tongue so loud that she called the attention to herself *

Rudzani: I am treating her well baba.

The lady that I have found here, she looks like Abigail so I guess it's her mother. She gives her daughter that look that says behave, and that manages to zip that mouth of hers.

My dad introduced us...so the thing is me and Alfred share the same mother...dad cheats on mom with Abigail's mother and mom used to know that dad have other daughter out there even though I didn't know. We spend sometime together when visiting time elapse we go to the mall because I said I want a new dress for dinner and Alfred asks Abigail to come with us but she refused, even her mother said that she must forget about Rudzani because its obvious he doesn't love

her and she must just focus on building relationships with us(me and alfred) but she refused.

We let her be but I can see in Alfred's eyes that he is saddened by her refusal but he masked it with a smile. We enjoyed the rest of the afternoon.

**** NARRATED****

When the senior Mrs Mulaudzi makes her way in her son's home. She feels a heavy weight weighing her down and the healer starts to make those grunts that are made by healers,she didn't have to ask what is going on as she can feel their presence.

" this is a mess" is what she said to herself and she knows it's too late to beg the ancestors right at this time. The negotiating time is up and now they are here to take punish thosewho defy

them. When she stepped out of the car she saw yard filled with blood " blood ...blood" she said as the healer continues to grunt.

She blinks twice then she see can no longer see blood but the beauty of this yard and she knows its gonna be tough. She walks straight to the front door walking like a queen she is and didn't ask for an invite but forcefully opened the door and her presence is felt...she didn't knock on purpose and the healer just laughs as she knows how crazy she can be. She finds Mrs Mulaudzi drinking some liquid that looks like black while your near but black and red while your in a distance.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: and I find the devil on action *she said as soo as her eyes land on Mrs Mulaudzi *

Mrs Mulaudzi dropped the glass of what she is drinking because of fear and she wasn't prepared for this. Now her plans are ruined she looked at the two uninvited guests and she couldn't see them clearly as she starts to hear a voice telling her

everything bad she have ever done and the pictures of all those events. She runs her eyes around the room with tears and fear is detected on her voice when screaming " I can't confess now it is too late. " she keeps on repeating these words.

Healer: it is not yet time * she said looking at Mrs Mulaudzi senior * can you please show us which room we will be using.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior immediately knows that this house is possessed and them sharing means protecting each other easily.

****34.2****

******NARRATED******

Mrs Mulaudzi senior looks to Mrs Mulaudzi one last time before she turns to the helpers. She asked one of them to take her to Rudzani's room and that is where she will be camping when she is here. They get in the room and immediately when they get there the healer takes out the bottle of herbs mixed in water and sprinkle at the corners of the room asking for protection.

After that they take a bath as they were both tired from the journey wanting to sleep so they can regaining strength for tonight.

While Abigail makes her way back to the Mulaudzi household, the moment she get out of her car she feels the back

of her hair stands and cold breeze hits her back as she shivers from coldness and fear. She knows they are so many weird things happening in this house, but wonders if it all worse it,being here thinking that today she will hopefully get her man back.

She feels the presence of people...like someone is staring at her while others passes next to her. This is the kind of witchcraft she have never seen before and this is her last straw on trying to make Rudzani hers as this experience is some what and never want to be on this situation again.

****RUDZANI MULAUDZI****

When we come back we were tired so we sleep. I am awoken by my phone ringing, I take it and check who is calling and it is my grandmother.

Me: makhulu.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: I hope you haven't forgotten about tonight.

Me: no I haven't.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: good* someone wants to talk to you*

I hear the shuffling before I could even agree or disagree to talk to the person.

Voice: hello.

Me: * I immediately recognize the voice,it is our family healer*... mama

Healer:how are you?

Me: am good mama and you?

Healer: I am also good...nwana wanga(my child) don't ignore your gut, whatever you feel you must do before coming here please do it okay. Unless things changed at the last hour but at this moment danger is lurking around.

Me: okay mama.

She drops the call and I look at the time again, I know if I don't wake Precious up we will be late. I wake her up and we

take an innocent shower together. Wear our clothes and my dear looks beautiful. I asked her not to wear heels but flat shoes and she did and she looked beautiful... her makeup is on point.

I call bra Alf and he says he was about to call me as he is at the gate. I left Precious doing her final touch ups and go down stairs so that I can open the gate for him. After few minutes he invite himself in and we discuss the plan one last time and talk to the leader of the guys that will be outside. We will be the one to tell them to start shouting everything that moves outside as my mother's men will be ready to devour on us like vultures. I take my hand gun gives it to bra Alf.

I wear my bulletproof and gives one to Alf then head to my lady and help he wear hers when we are done we head out in one car.

****NARRATED****

People have already settled the only people left were Rudzani, Precious and his dad. As, for Abigail she have used this other muti she find in one of those bring back lost lovers ads, it is mixed with a perfume she must be calling Rudzani's name and declaring her love for him when wearing it.

Rudzani, Precious and bra Alf make the grand entrance as usual and Mrs Mulaudzi and Thendo's veins were popping it look like they will bust out but they have to control their emotions. They planned this game together but both with different intentions,...Thendo still want Precious back and he knows he have to take out Rudzani for that to happen while Mrs Mulaudzi's plan is to take out Precious so that both Rendani and Rudzani don't have her.

The table is so quite awaiting the arrival of Mr Mulaudzi...while waiting the time is running out and the healer could feel it in her bones and she looks at Abigail, the stares she gives her makes her feel guilty and want hide at the very same moment.

Mr Mulaudzi walks in and takes a sit with no car on the world but he also looks like he is struggling with something.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: let's start with you Abigail

Abigail: * pointing at herself * me...what have you done?

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: So you're saying you didn't do anything?

She nods in agreement to that she didn't do anything.

Rudzani: stop lying girl.* the calmness in his voice yoh

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guys*

Healer: how about you tell us were you find that cologne you're wearing... you wear it calling Rudzani's name.

Everyone stares at her and she didn't know what to do but look at her brother with pleading eyes.

Abigail: big bro I don't know what they are talking about* she said looking at bra Alf *

Little did she knows that Rudzani knows all her shenanigans through the research her brother(bra Alf) did but still Alf loves her and Hope's that she changes because he can't have his sisters hating each other because of a man. He keeps quiet as he knows she must face consequences of her doings for her to learn.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: *with don't mess with me tone* I am giving you 1 minute to think carefully before you answer the asked question my girl.

Abigail: I dont...* before she could even finish what she wanted to say, a back slap landed on her face and she could tell it rearranged her beautiful face*

That clap made her understand how serious Mrs Mulaudzi senior is, she start to sing like a canary and everyone is suprised by how far she is or was willing to go just to have Rudzani as his man but...you would wonder what this girl things Rudzani is they whole person who was a leader of a cartel...mxm, let me keep quite. When she talked about the part where she tried helping Rendani get Precious...so that she can get Rudzani back knowing very well that Tshilidzi loves Rendani. Tshilidzi start cussing as anger and feelingof betrayal rises from her stomach...she slaps Abigail, that turns Abigail off and what she said after that clap shock everyone. They couldn't believe that their princess could do that.

Abigail: It is not like you love him...you played with his heart long time ago and killed his love for you that time you aborted his kid when we were in grade 10. If you love him you could have been strong enough to stand the embarrassment you could have caused your family...but no not you...you wanted to be seen as a princess who honors her parents falling pregnant and then kills the baby for your own selfish reasons.

That shut and broke Tshilidzi to the core and right there she knows there is no relationship in the future with her. Betrayal from someone who swear that even when things get hard she will never tell people her deepest secrets. Now is singing everything like nothing.

Mrs Mulaudzi senior: now that is out of the way my daughter in law the stage is yours* she laughs to herself and the healer grunts loud and louder*

Mrs Mulaudzi: time....time ...time is running out.* she said in a horse voice...she is sweating looking like she is struggling to breathe.

Everyone feels the hair at the back of their head stands and a cold breeze as hit their back leaving goosebumps all over their body. People were not ready for what happened next the house get with filled smoke and snakes that leave everyone terrified except for Mrs Mulaudzi, the senior Mrs Mulaudzi abd the healer. The time now it's 23:00 and they start hearing gunshoots outside.

Among those snake there are two that brings heeling the asclepius and it cowl to Mr Mulaudzi's direction. The healer believes that those snakes represent healing and rebirth.

While the others cowl to Mrs Mulaudzi before they could even reach her...she changed to a snake...a black thick snake and that sends Abigail and Tshilidzi to the fainting world as Precious

held Rudzani so close to her. As for others they have never seen this voodoo shit before.

Her changing gives confirmation to Mrs Mulaudzi senior as she always calls her a witch but this...this was beyond her expectations. This shows she have been harbouring a witch ...let8het son share a bed with a witch. As for Mr Mulaudzi he is on his own world as the two snakes keeps hissing around him and he even hears the sounds of drums and voices chanting "healing...healing" and he start throwing up.

The snakes surround the one that is Mrs Mulaudzi...they being to wrestle with her while others just hiss around giving theirs power it took an hour with them fighting. Until the one manage to bite Mrs Mulaudzi.

Mrs Mulaudzi's body changed back to a human form as a white form comes out of her mouth. The serpents turns going to Thendo's direction and he didn't think twice...he took out his hand gun and point it at his brother,he wouldn't die alone the snakes hiss more louder and the healer makes a loud sound "envy, selfishness kills the bond between brotherhood it made

you bitter even though your mother did add on that but most of all was built by you within you" the snakes vanished right in front of his eyes and he looks around trying to find them but they were not there and he looks at his mother's body lying there, his father who is busy throwing up everything that she was given to him by his wife then his brother with anger of why every woman wants him even his own wife.

"Brotherhood can be rebuilt and trust can be worked on" the healer keeps screaming but the guilty was too much for him to handle... turns the gun to himself and he blows his brain with a gun powder and that is the end of Thendo Mulaudzi.

In agony they watch their child...their brother killed himself. It was a lesson learned to all who witnessed his life journey and as for Precious her heart bled as she watched the man she once loved with everything in her killed himself in front of her.

My name is Precious...Precious who have grown up, this is the journey I traveled. It was filled with bumpy roads, throngs and curves but I came out strong. I managed to let go of anger and knowing that forgiveness is more than just forgiving those who hurt us but is letting go of burdens that weigh us down and blocked us to see good in those people who hurt us before.

I also learned about love...self love and how much is more important to love myself more than anyone because I cannot

give love that I dont have...you only give what you have,
overflow first to be able to fill other people's cups.

In this ordeal situation I find love. The love that managed to
show me and make me know what love taste like, and I thirst
for self love for myself, gives me freedom of mind and also of
speech...Rudzani is not only my soulmate but my friend as
well...this was bound to happen packaged with trials....This is a
SEALED FATE.

.....THE END.....

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