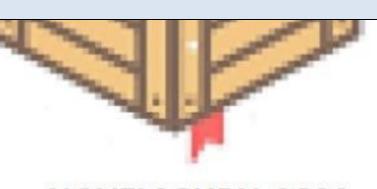


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Mom: cheer up, this is the biggest day of your life

She fixes the vail on my head

Mom: life doesn't get any better than this

Doesn't it?

This week alone I've been asking myself, one question NOVELSGURU.COM

If indeed life doesn't get any better than this

Is there nothing else much more or much better than this Is there nothing else besidesthis?

Getting married Being called a wife
I haven't gotten the answerto that I don't believe this is the life women were created for NOVELSGURU.COM

But coming from the kind ofa family I come from

I cannot dispute this
I cannot go against the word
of my father

In his home, it's his word and nothing else

No one is to speak abovehim
Only his word goes
And this is his decision forme
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What he says I've been groomed for

All my life, this is what I was being prepared for No one asked how I am feeling
If I want this If I am happy
No one cares enough to ask

My feelings do not matter

And I cannot defy myparents Mom: you are so beautiful She says with a proud smile She is happy I know my father is

He couldn't be more proud of himself

Mom: come on, let's go. Your father is waiting for us

I swallow the lump of pain that is stuck on my throat

I get up

And she takes my hand Mom: this is your day, be happy and ...smile

I let out a fade fake smile

I do what I'm told That's been my lifel don't want to get married I never saw myself as a wifelt has never been me I'm career driven

I know what I want, and I don't think this is it

But it's what my father thinks is best for me

A whole environment geologist

Getting married to a man I've only known for a monthA man I don't even loveMaybe like yes
But not that deep to the extent of love
It's painful to say the least

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The twenty first century

Who still arranges marriages for their kids

My father, that's who
They look at each other
My father pecks her cheek
Mom: we are ready

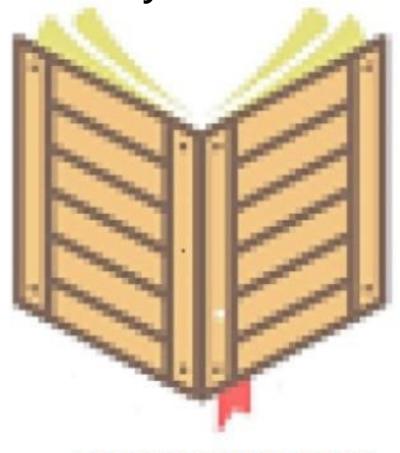
Dad: about time

He fixes his suit jacket NOVELSGURU.COM

Dad : we cannot afford to be late

Mom: it's okay, let's go

She takes my hand



And he walks in front of us

We follow behind him
He takes my hand from my
mother

As we walk inside the venue My heart is beating so fast I am scared more than anything

My palms sweat

I take a deep breath

My mother looks at me witha smile

She pats my shoulder

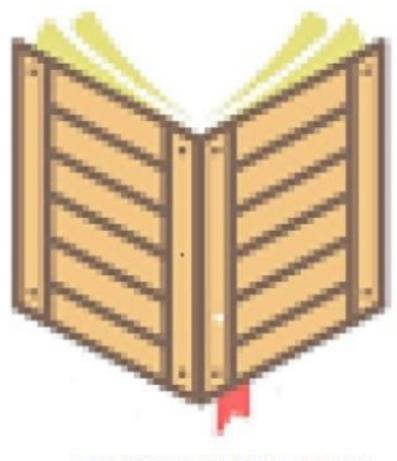
Mom: you have made us proud

At least they're proud

More them being proud NOVELSGURU.COM

Than their own daughters happiness

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I look at him

His eyes are darted somewhere else

He's not even looking at the woman he's going to be

marrying in a few minutes from now

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I dart my eyes to where hisare

And I clench my jawsI tap his shoulder

Away from the stares andeyes

He turns back and looks atme

Me : you just can't get a hold on yourself?

He scoffs

I shake my head justannoyed

Now I even regret agreeingto be his best man

I should have just not been a part of this







Bloody Anathi and his morals

I shake my head and look at her

She looks beautiful
I can't deny that

But , just not a cup of tea for me

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And that's just that

Unfortunately, this is what I have been dealt
There's nothing else I can do

I can only keep on living my life

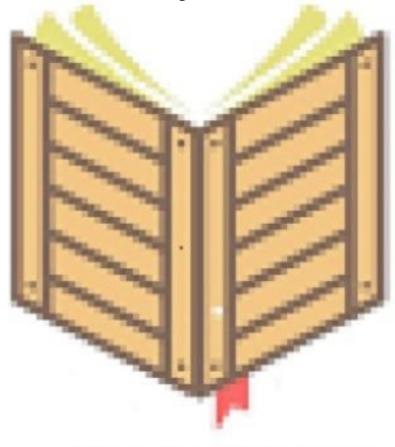
By marrying her

So, a man has got to do what a man has got to do

I take her hand She lifts her head and looksat

me

I take a deep breathThis is it All to make my father happy



And to keep my position in the company

The things we do for wealth

If it wasn't for all that

I wouldn't be doing this

Putting up on this façade And changing life this drastically over the second contract of the second changing life this drastically over the second changing up on this façade and the second changing up on this second changing up on the second changing up on t

I just hope it's worth it

And in the end , I just getwhat I want



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I have been to a fewweddings

And I've never been to one that's as cold as this one

Yet it's my very own

Everyone seems to be having a great time Except the so called brideand groom

It's like his mind is somewhere else

And as for me, I just want this day to be over and done with

I look at our parents
They look so happy And they seem proudl'm sure they are If only I felt any ounce of happiness

I look at him



And he's busy on his phone
He seems to be texting Under
the table
And hiding it very well

And well, whoever he's texting with
Sure is making him happy

He has one smile I've never seen

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I pick up the glass of wineand down it

I get up He doesn't even notice me walking away

I turn, and walk over toroom I was using

I take my heels off

And lay down on the bed

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Minutes later

I walk on in flats

Walking back to the gardenl bump into Anathi

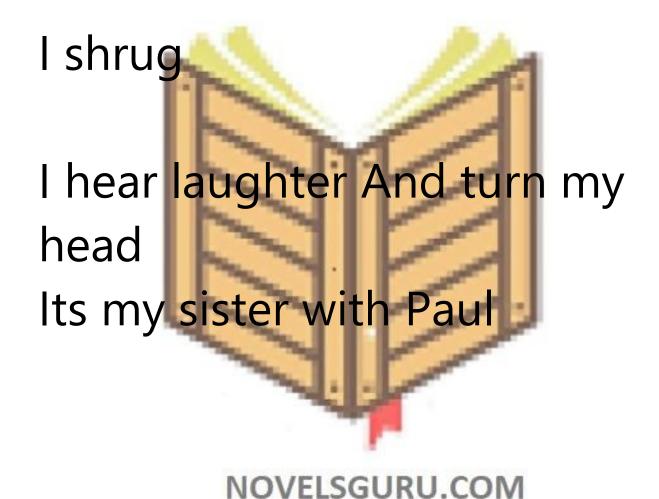
Anathi: Mrs P

I frownMe: hi

Anithi: that's ...

He chuckles shaking his head

Anathi: not a very good expression, especially for a bride



Conversing and laughing

They are talking like old friends

I didn't even know they knew each other This is extent

Anathi: excuse mel look at him
His facial expression has changed

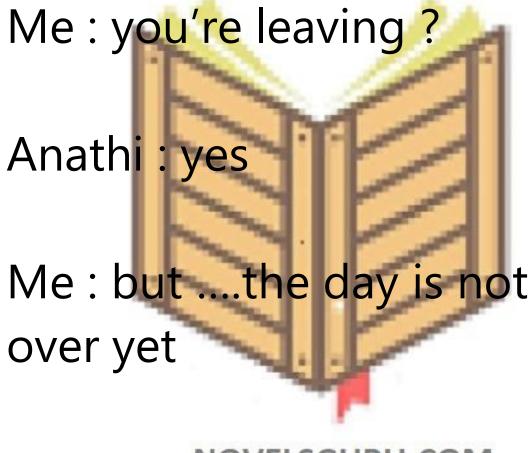
And he just walks out

He's headed to the parking lot

I look at Paul and my sister
They're really hitting it offl
turn and rush after Anathil
catch with him
Just as he starts his car

Me: wait ...

He winds his window down



Anathi: the wedding is done

Me: but it's the reception, people are still enjoying v

Anathi: not me, and nor you either. Infact, I shouldn't have come here

I frown at that

Me: what do you mean? Your best friend getting married is not worth of your presence?

Anathi: I came and I saw Something is off here And whatever is it

It has rubbed him off

I nod slowly moving back

Anathi: I hope sooner than later, you see right through all this

Me: what do you mean?

Voice: and I have been looking for you everywhere

I turn and look at himcoming over

Anathi: I don't know if you can try and enjoy this, but if you can just enjoy

He winds his window up and drives out of the venue

I look at Paul Paul: and that? Me: he's your best friend who just walked out of your own wedding reception

He looks down and gathers himself

Paul: what did he say to you

Me : nothing

Paul: you were talking about

nothing?

Me: I was asking him why he was leaving so soon

Paul: why? I've been looking for you

Me: when? Because you were all too chatty with Neo

He clears his throat

And the way his eyes are moving

There's something here

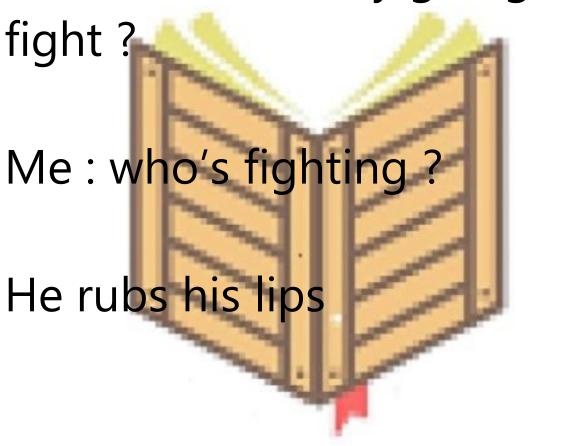
Paul: because you

disappeared

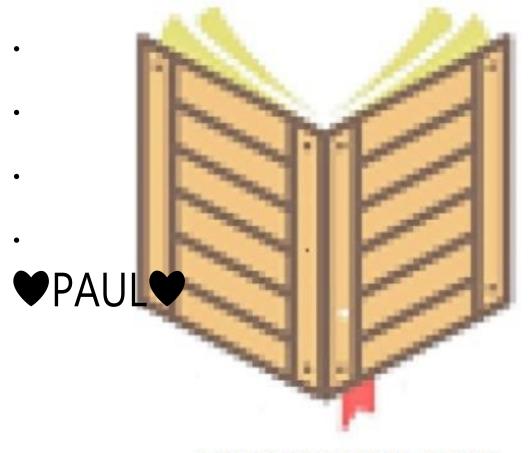
Me: I am surprised you noticed, because you were too busy on your phone

texting back and forth. You didn't even see me get up

Paul: are we really going to



Paul: let's just go, and entertain our guests! say nothing more
As we walk back inside





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Damn Anathi

Now I can't help but wonder what he said to Dintle One thing about Dintle She's one strong woman
Who holds her own opinion

She might obey her father

But it doesn't mean she's a rollover



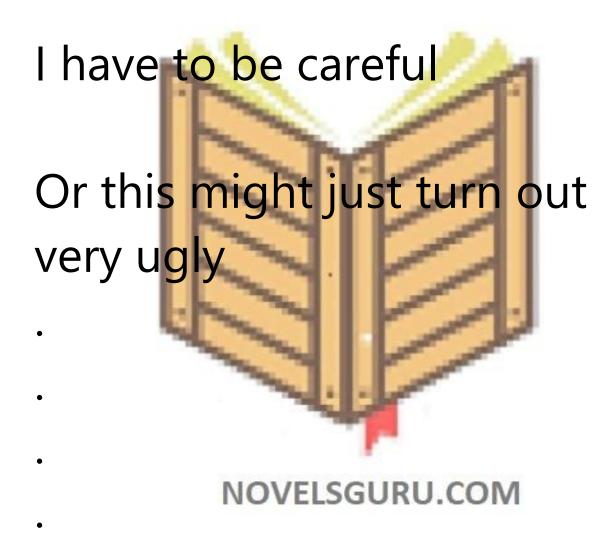
I am trying to engage withher

Just to ease her

But she's not having it

I even have my phone put
away

So I don't end up using it



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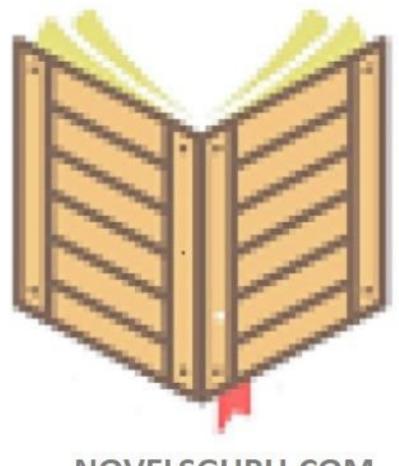


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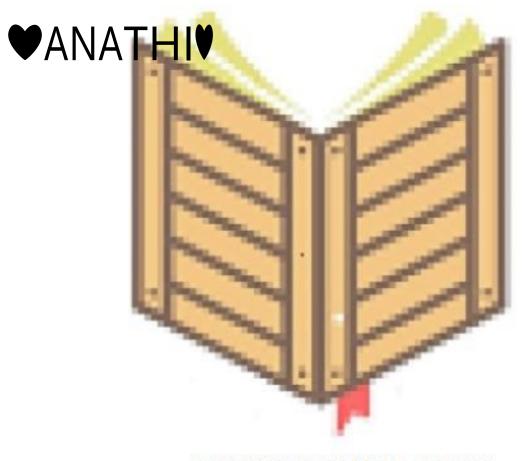
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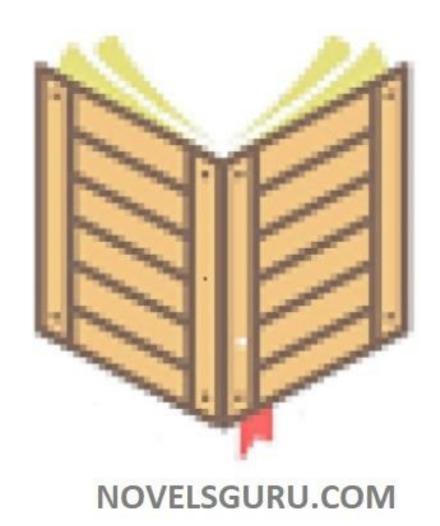




I am already not in the mood Paul: sure

Inod

Paul: are we fighting?



Me: with who?Paul: you

Me: why?

Paul: because you left the

wedding

Me: yeah, so?

Paul: what did you say to my wife

I chuckle

Paul: something amusing?

Me: you're the joke right now, and if you think Deedoesn't see ...

Paul: Dee? You're calling my wife nicknames now! shake my head
Me: what are you doing here?

Paul: don't ruin things forme, if you didn't want to

come to the wedding then you shouldn't have

Me: yeah, at least we agree on something. And this will end very badly for you

Paul: don't ...don't do that

Me: leave me out of your shit, I didn't say anything. But she's not stupid

Paul: who needs enemies with friends like you

He turns and walks outl lock the door

And head upstairs to pack

Maybe it's a good thing I am leaving South Africa

Then I won't have to deal with such friends

Some people don't know when they have a good thing

Especially something givento them on a silver platter

I just hope he continuesbeing a fool

So he can lose her right in front of his eyes

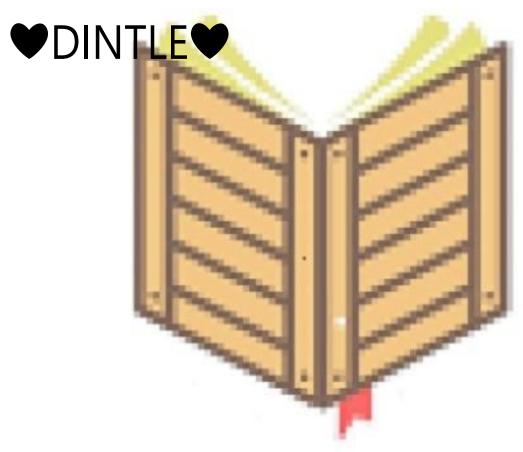
And watch another appreciate what he didn't

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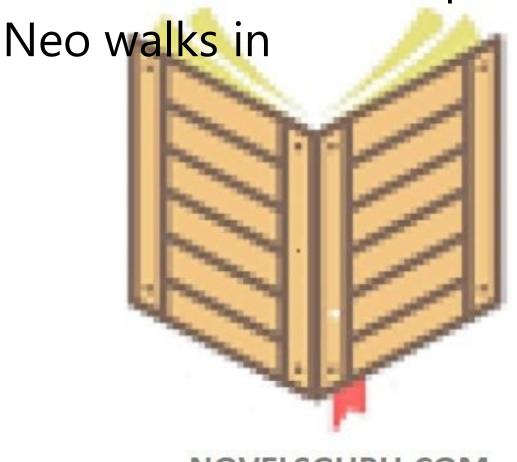


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The bedroom door opensAnd



Neo: hey sis

Me: why don't you knock?



I should have just stayed at my house

And left from there

I don't even know what's this trip for

It's so unnecessary

And a waste of money NOVELSGURU.COM

Something that just feels forced

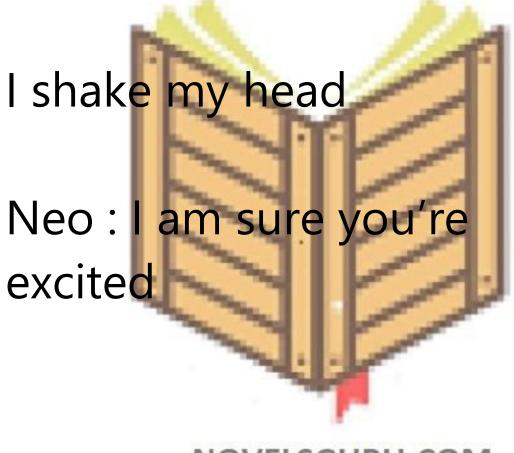
Especially because it's not even his money paying for it

Neo: so ... honeymoon

She says so excited

One would swear it's hers

Neo: so do you know where you're going?



Me : in case you're not aware , I'm well travelled

Neo: yeah but I mean ..he knows that, so maybe he's taking you some place you've never been

Me: yeah maybe

Neo: mhm, some of us can only dream of such

Me: such as?

Neo: getting married to such a man

Me: and what kind of a manis

that?

She laughs awkwardly

Neo: he's your husband I know, but he's most women's dream

Me: mhm, you would know that

And that wipes the smile offof her face

Neo: why ...why do you say that? I mean, I don't even know him that well

Me: yet you looked like best buddies at the wedding reception

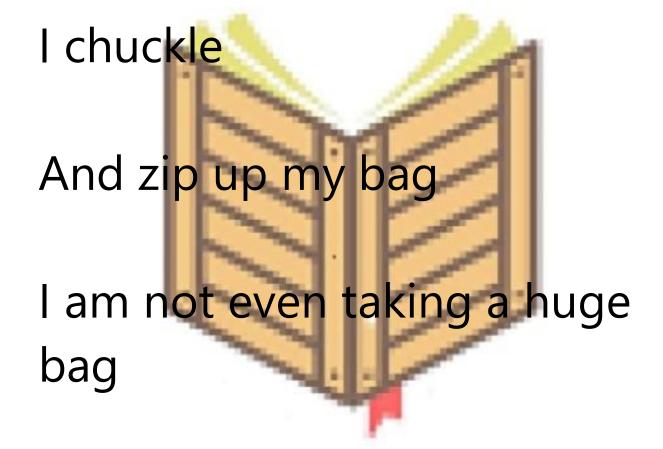
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The cough!

I shake my head with a slight smile

Neo: before you accuse me of something, I don't want your husband. I am not desperate for marriage, andI am not like you. I can never marry a man I don't love

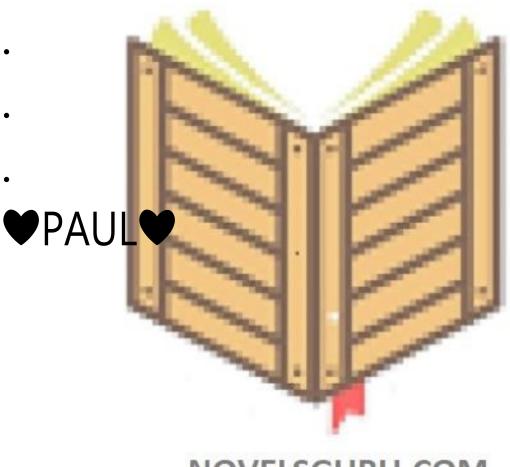
She turns and walks out NOVELSGURU.COM



Or more luggage

This honeymoon is nothing but a waste of time and money

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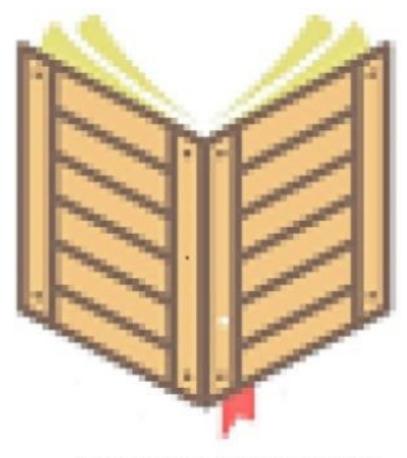




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Dad: use this time, and discuss important matters

Me: dad it's our honeymoon, and we're still getting to know each other. What could be more important than that?

Dad: don't forget why you married her, this is business. But it benefits you, and you still have your whole life to know each other

I heave a sigh

Dad: talk about moving in together, you're married now. And what of your assets?

Me: okay

Dad: I would suggest signing in community ofproperty
Me: and why is that? Dad: that girl has money, she's educated. And she has assets, she's not just a wife that's a going to be a responsibility. That's why I

am content with giving you the company

Well, that's great news to

me

Me: when will that happen?

Dad: I will get in touch with my lawyer, and when you get back from your

honeymoon the companywill be in your name

I nod with a smile

Me : I won't let you down

Dad: don't let that girl leave you, and I'll know never let me down

Me: I won't

I just have to be smart And play my cards well Everything will fall into place My father can be a lot And gets to me too much

But there are times like these

And I feel like he only wants the best for me

Truth is, Dintle is an assetAnd she also is influentialWith her by my side

I can achieve a lot

I just have to play smart and be safe

By the time she walks awayl would have gotten far Because I know she will

A woman like her, knows her worth

And this marriage benefitsher nothing

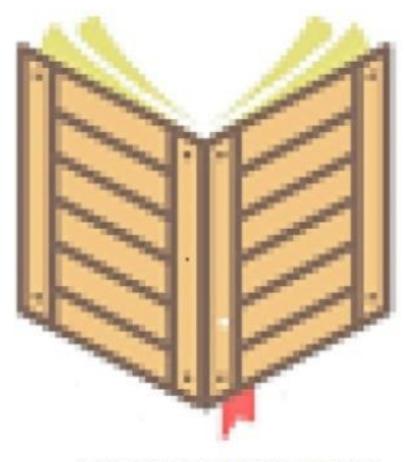
She's just obeying her father NOVELSGURU.COM

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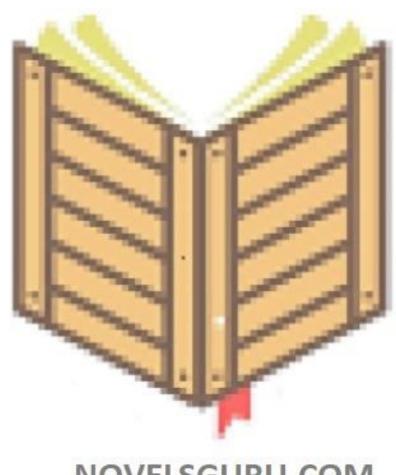
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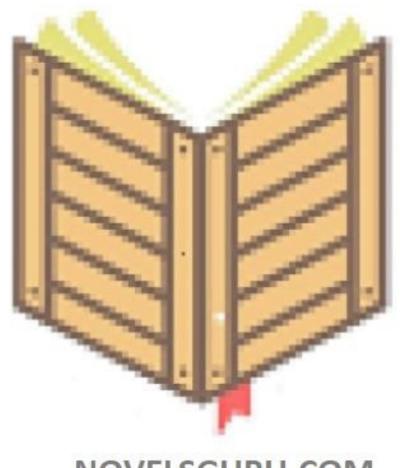


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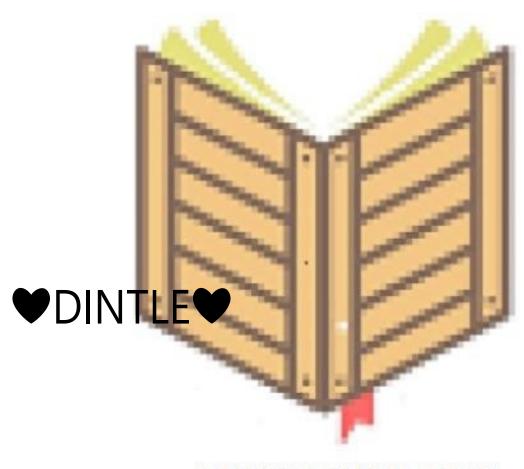


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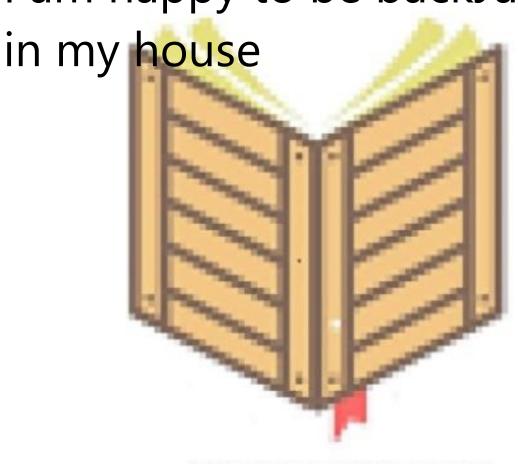


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I am happy to be backJust me



Although I wish it was justme

I don't even know what he's doing here

Because I was okay with a driver from the airport

But he insisted on coming to my house

I don't even know for what There's nothing here We spent the whole week in Zanzibar

And I was just bored

I've been to Zanzibar twice now

Making it this time the third

There really was nothing for me to do or see

Except a little bit of shopping

And well, he had tons and loads to do

On his own of course

His phone still being his best friend

And I didn't even careA place I don't know

And haven't been to

That would have intriguedme

But this one, I still say awaste of time

We might as well have gone to Durban, or Cape Town



It wasn't his money

Maybe he didn't even have a choice to pick a place to save himself

Me: you can leave

Paul: you don't even want to

pretend

Me: why bother?

Paul : you're too cold for a woman

I chuckle

Paul: we're back now, we have to atleast try and make this work. People will be looking at us now, and our family. We can't fool them

Me: we can do all that in public spaces, this is my house. There's no need for pretence

Paul: we need to move in together

Me: no

Paul: we're married now NOVELSGURU.COM

Me : you're not moving into my house

Paul: that would just be an embarrassment

Me: and so is moving into your parents house with awife

He sighs

Paul: married people stay together

Me: at their in-laws? Please don't shame me, I am way too high standards for that

Paul: you can just be humble for a second, it won't hurt NOVELSGURU.COM

Me: take it however

Paul: fact of the matter, I am serious. And another thing, we must sign in community if property. The lawyer called this morning, and our documents are ready

Me: forget it, I am not signing anything that gives you a share of entitlement to my assets

I take out my sneakers

Me : close the door on your way out

Paul: I am still talking to you Dintle

Me: and I am done talking, unless you're a fraud. Why would you want to share my assets?

Paul: because that's what married people do

Me : do you understand what you're saying ?

Paul: yes

This one must be thinking I am stupid

I am worth triple what he's worth

That's if he's even worth anything

Because everything abouthim is his father

I am not doing this nonsense with him

It's bad I married his ass

Everything else, it's just not happening

Not now, not ever

Me: buy a house, put it in your name and we'll move in together. But as for everything else, forget it it's not happening. What's yours is yours, and you keep It.

The same way I keep mine, including this house. We come as we are in this marriage, and we'll walk out as we are

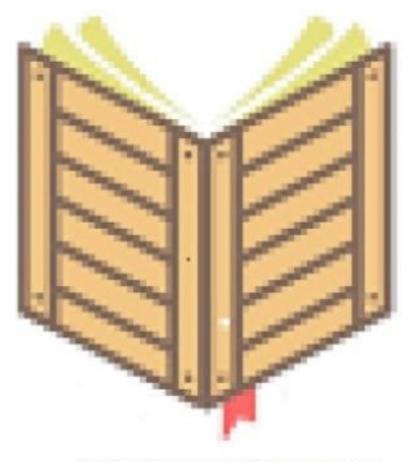
I turn my back on him and walk upstairs to my room

I lock the door

Because I don't want any nasty surprises

To this day, he hasn't seen me naked And he probably never will





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Not even a year married
Already I'm frustrated as it is
Buy a house, and I'll move in
Like what's that?
And she clearly thinks shehas
more assets

That's the only reason whyshe doesn't want to share

I know she's rich
I just don't know how big And she clearly thinks I don't amount to what she has NOVELSGURU.COM

And maybe I don't

But this seems like it'll just be pressure for me

A woman who thinks sohighly of herself

Just because she's worth more

Clearly they're nothing humble about her

This one, she's not even the type to submit

She can never be submissivel ended up leaving her house As she was not coming out

I couldn't even go home
Knowing my father
He's just going to bombard
me

And sadly, I have nothingthat will please him

I have nothing to say

Because I didn't quite listen to him

He said to speak about allthis at the honeymoon

But no, I didn't do thatWe're back now

And I've only just mention it to her

Clearly she's refusing

I know my father won't be happy

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For whatever reason he thinks this will be good for us

I don't know how they'll feel of us moving out

Because I've been staying at home ever since

And I isn't think getting married NOVELSGURU.COM

I'll be changing all of that

The rest I can afford not tobe honest about

But not us not staying together

That one I just have to makeit happen NOVELSGURU.COM

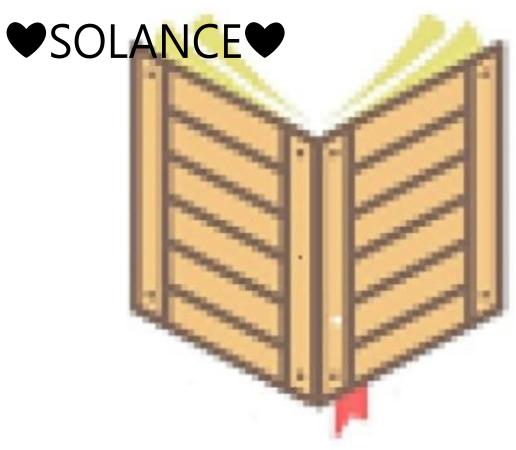
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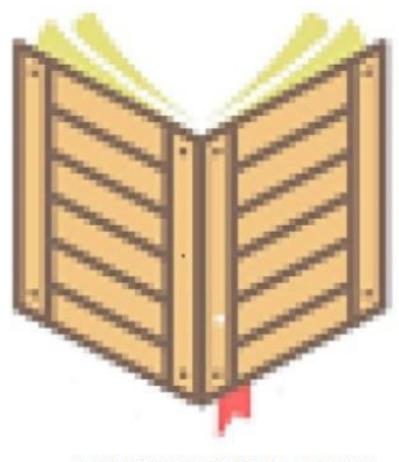
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And we signed not in community of property

If his father was the one who suggested the whole thing

I know Paul will lie to himAnd say we did We're house hunting as he said

But he's clearly making us look at apartments

And more like bachelor style

I don't know how we're supposed to live in such cramped spaces

At our age

Especially in thisarrangement

Because there's no sharing a bed

Paul: I think this one is good, even the rent

And now I've heard it all

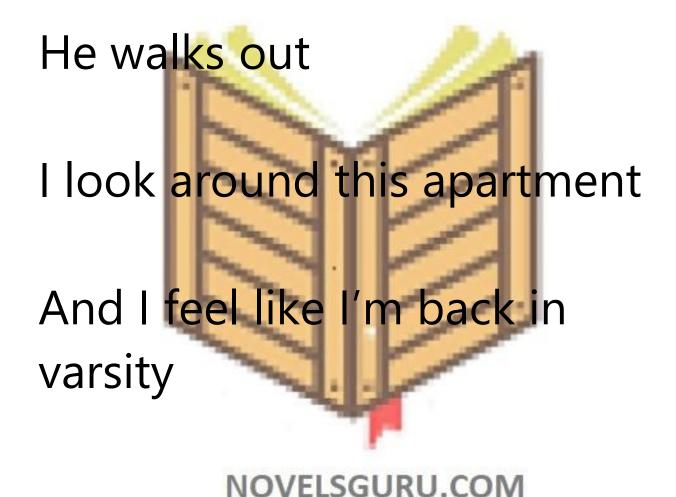
We're renting

Me : you can't afford a decent house ?

Paul: I am not going to take any of your insults

Me: it was a question

Paul: well, this is where we'll be staying. Make peace with it



I grab my bag and walk out Reaching the parking lot I see him leaning against his car

He's having a smoke

If such talks can raise hissugar levels

He should have played far from big leagues

Me: I am leaving

Paul: I thought ...where are you going?

Me: to work, if we dare stand a chance of having a proper house

I turn and walk towards mycar

I open the door and get inlessee him walking over

I wait, he comes to the window

Paul: whatever you do, don't embarrass me to the world. Its bad enough, you make me feel like I am beneath you. Just don't embarrass me out thereI take a deep breath

Me: I can't feel sorry for you, because I feel I was sold a dream. And I live my truth, the fact that I can and I am able makes me sound somehow. That's not even his it's addressed

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He just stares at me for a few seconds

Paul : drive safeMe : bye I say already reversing out

I'll rather go to work

Than jump up and downover apartments

I'm so over and past that stage in my life

At 18, I was living in an apartment

All by myself

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I moved to a townhouse at 22

I mean, by 26 I was loving ina penthouse

Now, at 30 I have my own mansion

And I must move from thatTo an apartment

And he's brave to talk to me about embarrassment

Imagine the shame, he's just seeking to bring me

Moving from a mansion in Rosebank, to an apartmentin Midrand

I don't even mind Midrand NOVELSGURU.COM

I would buy a house there

One that's fitting of course

The problem is moving into an apartment

As a newly wed

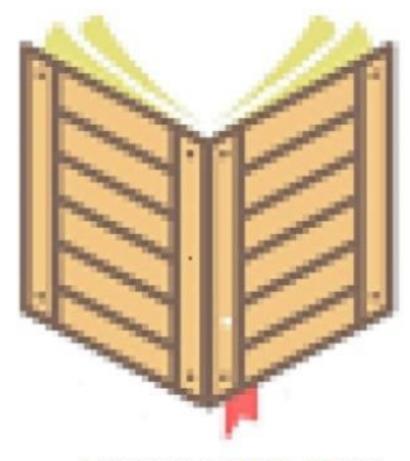
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What am I even going to tell my dad?

I know he will question me

He's going to want answers

And quite frankly

Nothing Dintle said my father will be pleased with

And I know it's not what he will want to hear

Right now, financially for me

Buying a house is not an option

She will just have to live atthe apartment

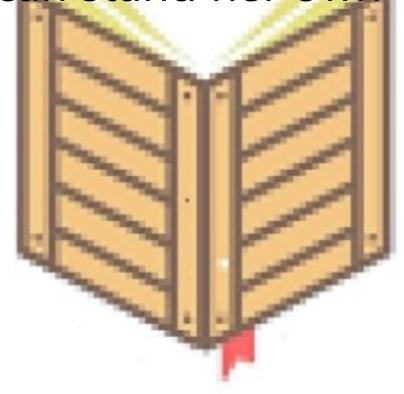
That's better than staying with my parents

And when it comes to them

A woman isn't supposed to tell me what to dol am the man What I say goes Sadly, I'm dealt a woman who can stand her own

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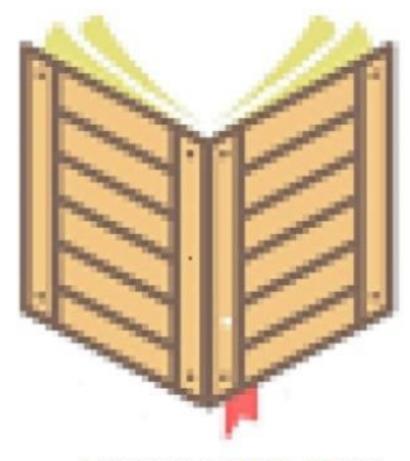
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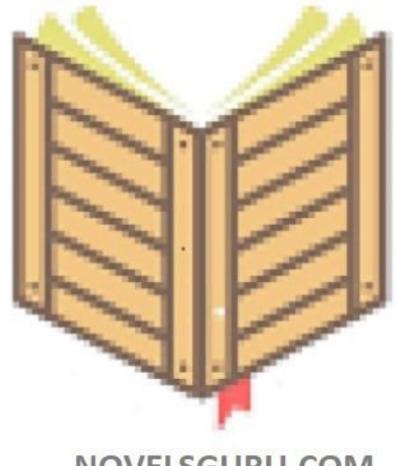


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A grown ass man going tolive in a apartment

With a wife



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Like, it doesn't even make sense why he doesn't have a home

I just wonder how long he plans to stay in his parents house

Or maybe it's his inheritance

Now he sees no point in moving out

I am only going to that apartment

To avoid drama with my dadl know he will drag me And I can say a lot

But never to him

Unless I've reached a breaking point

I hate this with every fibre in my body

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There's different stages of life

By age apart, for a reason

At 30, I'm moving to an apartment

Leaving a whole mansion

I don't know when this makes sense

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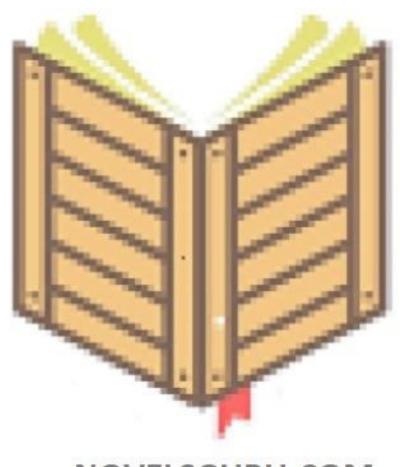
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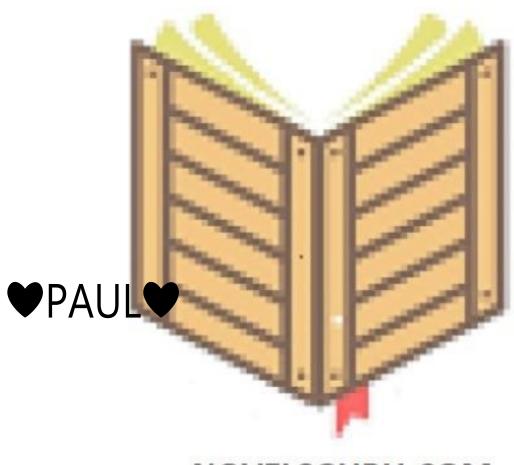


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I took two days staying away from the company

But I can't avoid work forever

Dad: looking fresh

I was actually avoiding him

But I can't avoid him forever

Me: yeah

Dad: and the honeymoonwas

great?

Me: it was goodHe starts at me
And not very impressed Must be my choice of wordsWhich are not his

Dad: good?

Me: great, it was great

Dad: now that's out of the way, and I'm sure you and your wife have gotten time with each other

If only he knows

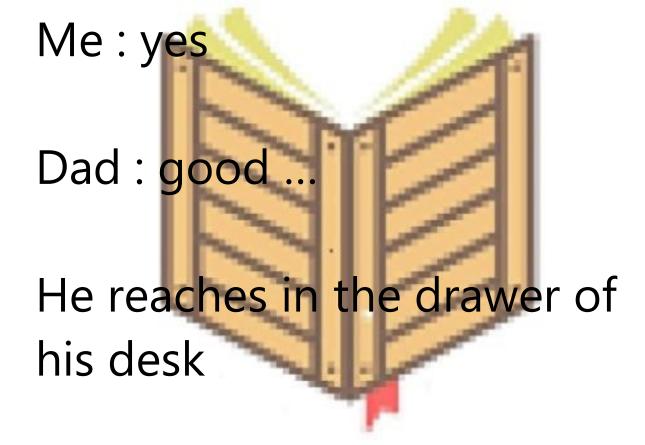
She was busy doing her own thing

I was doing my own

We didn't even share a room

We got there

And she booked her own room



And he hands me a brown envelope

Me: is this what I think it is?

Dad: yes, and you still have to prove yourself

Me: I won't disappoint you

Dad: good, because I will be

watching you

What's the use of being given a company to handle

If it means I will be monitored



I take the envelope and getup

Dad: we'll hold a meeting later, I'll do the hand over

Me: alright, I'll bring myself up to speed with the work load v

Dad: that's what I like to hear

I chuckle walking out



I just have an hour to spare NOVELSGURU.COM

I have to be back at work

I can't miss the meeting my father has called

I park my car and walk inside

Grabbing the key from reception

I walk over to the room

And I see it's not locked

I open and walk in , locking the door

Me : babel call out

And it's quite

I take out my suit jacket

Me: babe ... are you in here?

I sit down on the bed, folding my shirt sleeves

The bathroom door opens

And she walks out

I smile looking at herMe: hey She walks over, in nothing but just my shirt

We keep this room, we have it booked

Because we can't risk being seen together

And my father would flip if he dares finds out about this

If he was an easy man NOVELSGURU.COM

I would have talked to him, and chose this way

But my father gets what he wants

And this is not it

I knew it wasn't going to work with him

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I didn't even bother to say anything

When he spoke about this marriage to Dintle

She sits down on my lap, straddling me

I place my hands on herwaist NOVELSGURU.COM

She leans down and we kiss

She slowly unbuttons myshirt

Her hands trail to my pants, she unbuckles my pants

Slowly stroking my dick, it jerks in her hand

She pulls my pants down

And lifts her butt up slightly

Slowly she rubs my dick on her already wet pussy

And she goes down mylength

Taking all of me, and she starts riding me

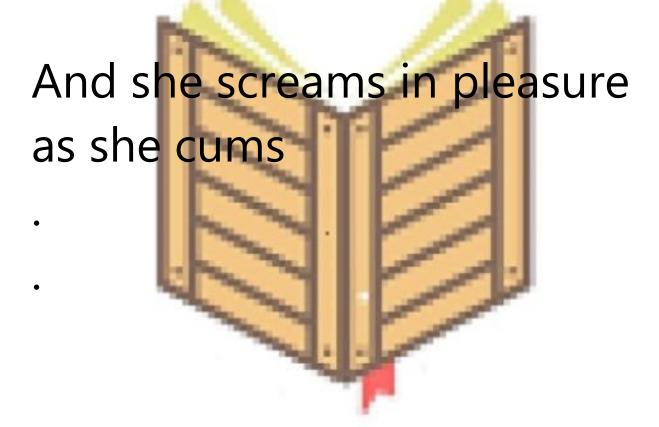
I hold tight to her waist

And start pounding in underneath her

She pulls back out of the kiss

And she throws her headback

Her moans gracing the room Her thighs shake I increase my pace, fillingher up



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She falls down next to me



I place a kiss on her forehead She heaves a sigh

Me: what's wrong?

I know this whole situation is not easy on her, and it's understandable

Me: talk to me

Neo: we have a problemMe:

what?

Neo: I am pregnantFuck!

This is the last thing we need

The past two years we've been together

I've just been wanting to be

a father

And she wasn't falling pregnant

Now, I'm married not her sister

And this happensDamn!
I can't even be happy

Me: pregnant ?

Neo: I am sorry, I found out today

Shit!

Now what am I going to do?

My father can't find out about this And her family
This is not good

What will they say?

How will they treat her now?

Neo: I'm five months
pregnant, I thought I was
getting my periods. Turnsout
I was just spotting, I
wasn't feeling well the past
two weeks. I took the test

yesterday morning and just now, and it's positive. I am sorry, because I don't know what we're going to do

I don't even know what to say

Neo: Lam scared, you're married to my sister. My father will not be happy, and

what about your father ...the company?

Me: I'm supposed to signthe contract, my father called a meeting today.

Leaving here I am headed there

Neo: my dad ...they're already regarding me as

nothing . Now they'll thinkI'm destroying Dintle's marriage

She tears up

And it breaks my heart

Me: don't cry, we'll figure this out. You're already five months, I haven't known

your sister this long. It's clear, we didn't betray her

This is a mess





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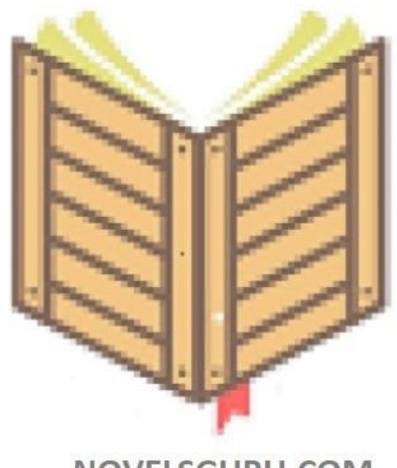


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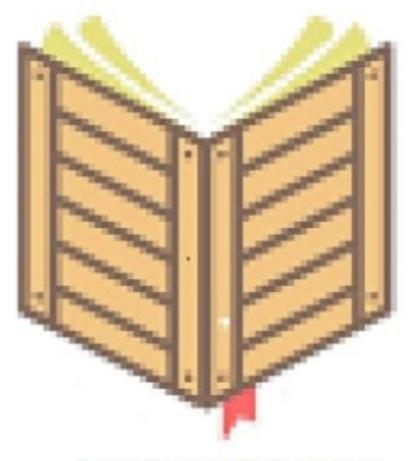




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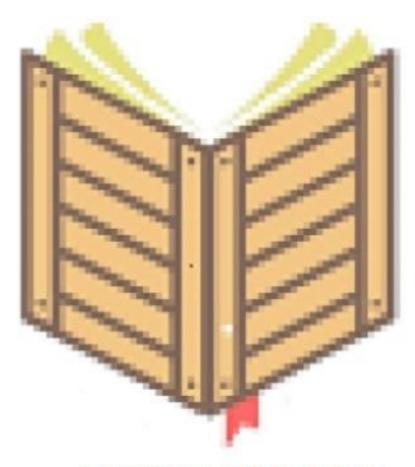




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I just want to get this overand done with

So I can gather myself

And think of what we're going to do

Right now, I am stressed as fuck

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This is not what I expected to happen

Especially at this time

Now we stand to lose everything

Without this company, Ihave nothing

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I don't know how we're going to do this one

I left Neo at the hotel

Because she's scared to go home

I wish I could go back to her But I must be home

Otherwise, how will I explain not sleeping at home to Dintle

She might not care about me Or what I do
But I know she will question that

It's not like I've been honest with her

I didn't even hint that I have

a girlfriend

My father told me to marry her

And what I stand to gain

And I was all in

I explained the situation to Neo

She was hurt obviously

Settling to be the other woman

Even though she was hetefirst

The sad thing about this, is that it's her sister

But we love each other

And we couldn't just break up because of this

Hence we're still together
Even though it's in secret
What made it a bit easier, is
that Dintle doesn't even like
me

Neo knows nothing will ever happen between Dintle and I in this marriage

Meaning, only she'll still

Now there's a baby in the mix

How do we continue to do this in secret?

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The meeting went well

My father signed thecompany

to me

Now I am in charge

At least that's out of the way

I can focus on this

I take a deep breath
I'm still in the office

Now I wish things were good between us

But right now, I know howhe feels

I always have

Just that he's always been a good friend

I grab my phone and call him

It rings for a while, and he finally answers

But gives me silence NOVELSGURU.COM

Me: RaymondAnathi: yeah

That's cold

Me: are you good?

Anathi: what's this?

Okay ...

I guess he doesn't want any small talks

Me : I <mark>am in deep shit , I</mark>need a frien<mark>d</mark>

Anathi: are you fucking with me?

Me : come on man , you've always known this

Anathi: and I told you to be honest, you just couldn't do that simple thing

Me: it's not that simple

Anathi: then even your shit, you can deal with it..

however you see fit . I hate what you're doing , I don't agree with it . But it's your life

Me: Neo is pregnant man ..

Anathi: yeah, you got her pregnant. What did you think was going to happen, when you're busy fucking her

without a condom? Or doyou do cum water?

Me : fuck off , you can go to hell man

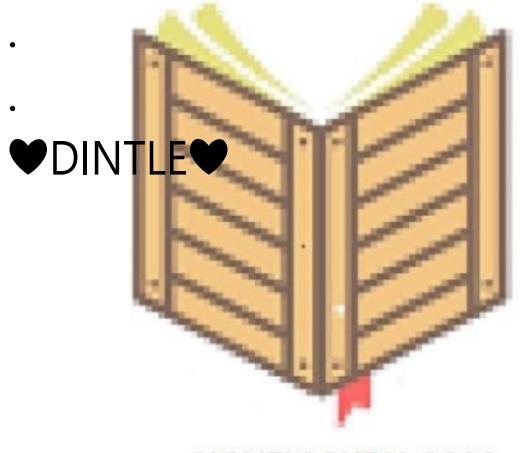
Anathi: I vacation there, you're just a piece of shit

He drops the call

Now I do feel like a piece of shit

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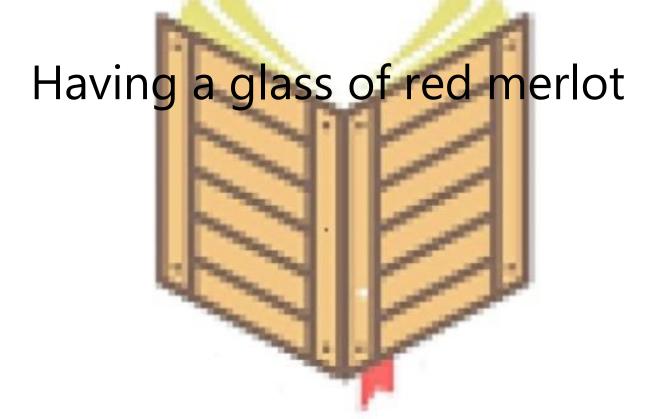


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I have my laptop on



Busy working on a projectHe walks in And looks like he's aged a few years

It's like he's carrying the whole world's problems on his shoulder

Paul: hiMe: hi

I take a sip from my glass

And he's just standing here

I so hope he doesn't expect me to ask him what's bothering him

He's in for a bad surprise

Because I don't care to know what's eating him up

Paul : I'll be going out for a drinkl nod

He sighs and walks to his bedroom

It's a two bedroom apartment

We don't share a room

Even though his clothes arein my bedroom

Just in case we get a nasty surprise of patents coming here

When you're pretending

You just have to keep up a good appearance, on pretence

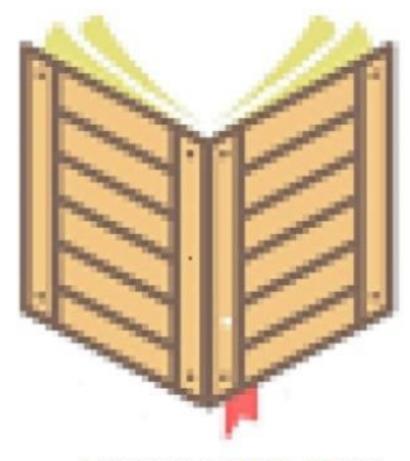
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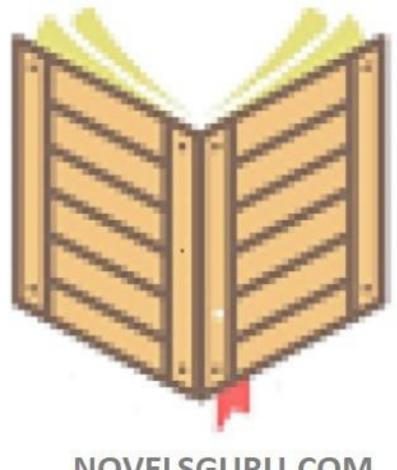
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Neo: why are you here? You'll get us caught, you

should be home

I sit down on the bed



Me: I said I'm going out fora drink, I can't be gone for long though

She sits up straight

Neo: you didn't need to come here

Me: she doesn't care okay, and I am going back

Neo: still using different rooms?

Me: and that's not going to change, I told you that so you know what's happening. And you don't worry about anything ever happening NOVELSGURU.COM

between us , we're like two strangers living together .Not even roommates

She nods slowly

Me: we can do this, we'll just have to be careful. I don't know what you'll tellyour parents, maybe you can say it's some guy who's NOVELSGURU.COM

denying partenity. I'll step up, and I'll always here to take care of my child. The both of you, just as long asno one suspects me or us being together

Neo: how will we do that?

Neo: the same way we have been doing all this time, we NOVELSGURU.COM

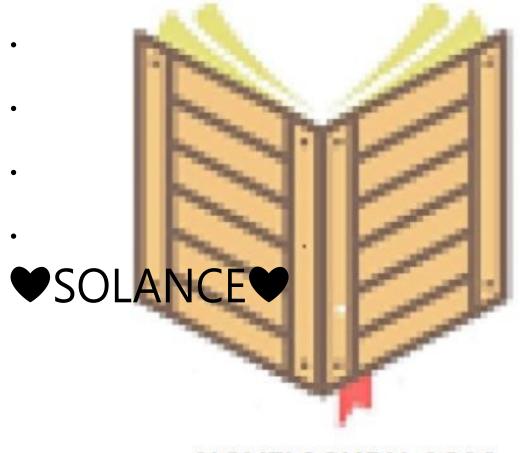
just have to make sure we don't get caught

Neo: what if the baby comes out looking like you?

Me: we'll cross that bridge when we get there, but babies are just babies. And they look like babies

I am playing with fire

And I hope in the end it doesn't bite me

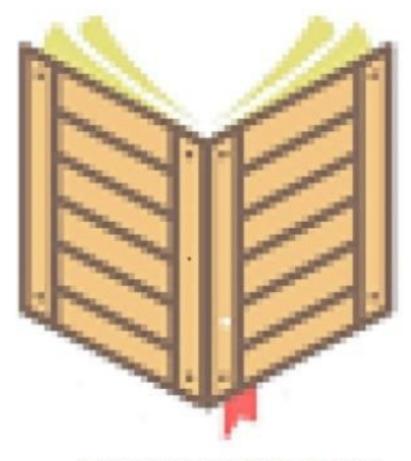




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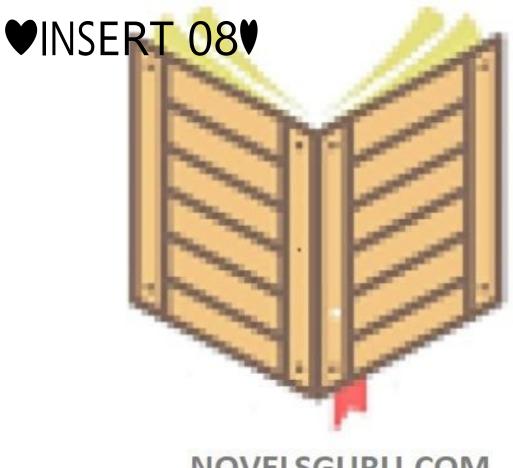


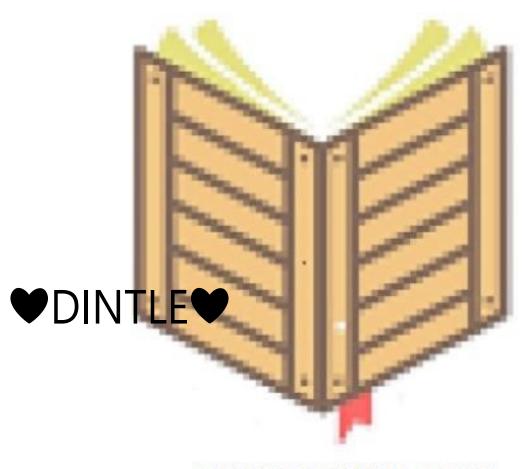
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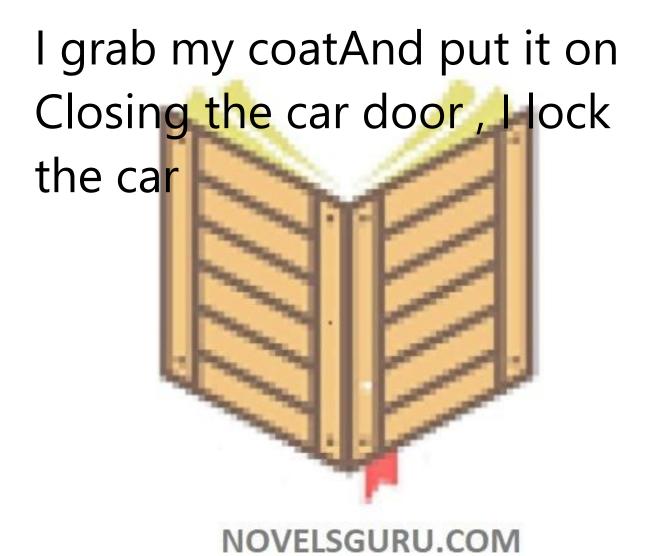




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And grab my bag and laptop bag off the car rooftop

I walk over inside thebuilding

And pass by reception

I wonder why this man called me here

Because I am acting pretty well as a wife

Even he can't dispute that

If I can fool my father
I sure can fool this manLola:
Mrs P

I smile at her

Me: good morning Lola

Lola: the big man is waiting

for you in the boardroom

Me: well thank you

Lola: you're so lucky, I am sure you enjoyed your flowers

I smile

Yet I'm so confused

I have no idea what flowers she's talking about

Lola is a very nosey receptionist

I don't knkw why they don't fire her

Out of everyone in this office

I am certain, she was first to know I am married to Paul

Me: what flowers?

Lola: the one's Mr P asked me to order yesterday, I'm sorry if I ruined his surprise. It was quite a huge bouquetof roses, I am sure you'll receive them by today

I laugh slightly

Me : oh don't worry , I'll act surprised as ever

Lola: thank you, you can go

right up

Thank goodness

I walk past her desk and head over to the elevator

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Mr Zwane: it's always a pleasure to see youMe: likewise
Mr Zwane: I know we're family now, but I asked you here and your husband

doesn't even know . And that's because I don't want him to know

Me: is something wrong?

Mr Zwane: I love my son, and I want only the best for him. And you're proof of that. But it's no secret, he's very slow at times. And he's

not a shark, at least not the one I expect. Business wise I mean

Now I am intrigued to know where this is going

Because I thought maybe he wants to talk about our marriage

Or something else that's personal

Hence he asked me here

And asked that I do not tell Paul

Of which I didn't tell him

I owe him nothing NOVELSGURU.COM

Even his own father doesn't want him knowing

Mr Zwane: I need to trustyou

Me: with what?

Mr Zwane: Paul has control of the company, but it's not

his as of yet. But he doesn't know that

Now this is a shockMe : oh?
Mr Zwane : and I need thatto
remain like this

Me: okay

Mr Zwane: I didn't tell him, because I wanted him to give this company 110. Knowing he's doing it for himself his own legacy in his own hands, but he's failing. Not just failing, but dismally NOVELSGURU.COM

I am sure he would disagree with this

Mr Zwane: I don't trust my son with this company, he's already doing a very bad job as it is

Me : now what do you want me to do ?

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Mr Zwane: buy in as in investor so you can keep an

eye on him, also lending a hand because he is struggling. And it won't helpto turn a blind eye to it

I may know nothing about running a logistics company

But it's money

And that's all I'm about NOVELSGURU.COM

Me: shares

Mr Zwane: what?

Me: I don't want to invest, let me buy a shareHe chuckles
And I am not joking

Mr Zwane : but that is not what I offered

Me: a share is what I want, I'm not saying I want it. I'll still buy in, but I'll be buyinga share. Truth is, you see the company is in danger. That's why you're asking me to invest, because you need

the capital



He sighs

Me : offer me shares , and I will do as you have asked

Mr Zwane : but I am not selling

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Me: yet you're willing to let your son run this company

The look he's giving me It's like he doesn't believe Mr Zwane: can't we come to some sort of an agreement? Me: no, this is it There's silence

He finally laughs

Mr Zwane : you drive a hard bargain

Me: I have the capital you need, that's what matters most here

He nods

Mr Zwane: I will give you20%

I know he owns 79%

I am not taking anything, that's puts me below his son

Because in the end of it all, Paul will get those shares This company is clearly his inheritance

Me: 50%

Mr Zwane: no, that cannot happen. You'll be the majority shareholder, and I am not selling my company. No, 20% that's my offer

I get up

Me: respectfully, 50% or nothing. You can't expect me to buy into a company, that is being led by someone who is clearly going to sink it and I'll lose

He looks at me

Me: I would like to be excused now, and get backto my work

Mr Zwane: he's your husband, I think you'rebeing unreasonable

Me: no, I am not. This is business, and not personal

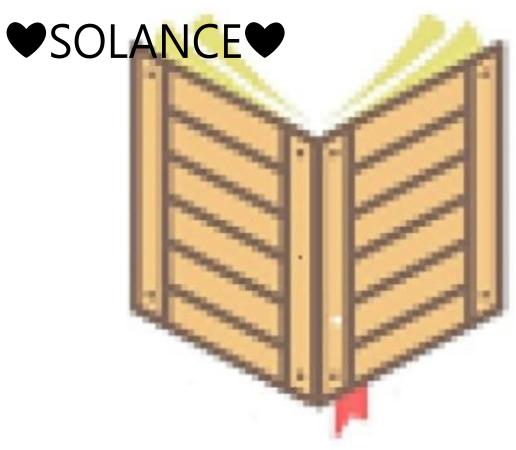
I push the chair back
While his eyes are still on me
Me: goodbye, have a great
day

I turn my back and walk outl will not baby sit Paul •

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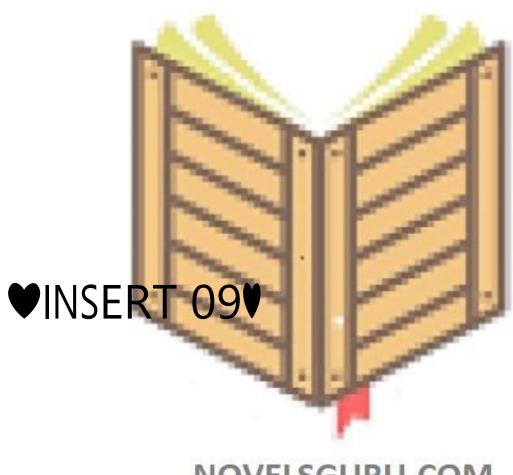
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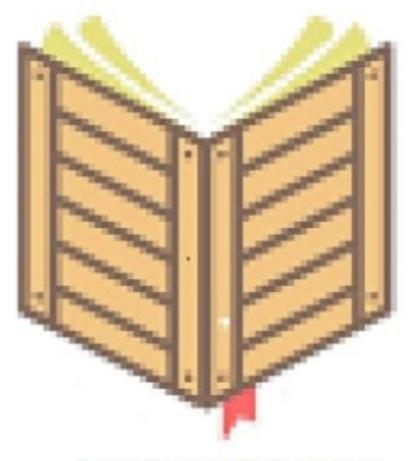
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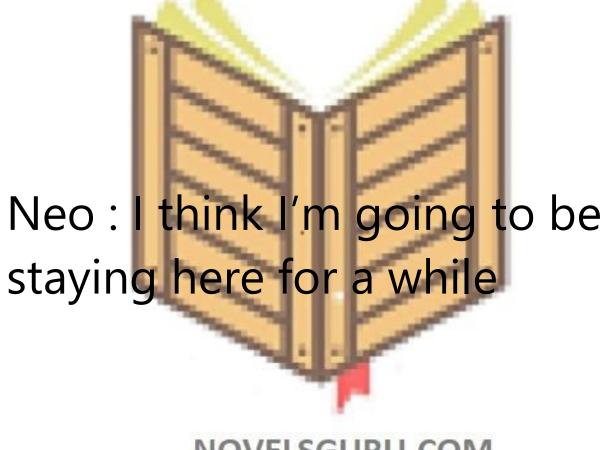




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Me: why? You can't stay in a hotel alone, you're pregnant

Neo: I'm 8 months, there's still another four weeks to go

Me : but we can't guarantee

that

Neo: I don't need the stress I get at home

I heave a sigh

I know things haven't been easy at home

Her parents are not happy at all

Me: I still don't think it's safe staying here, especially alone

Neo: I'll be fine really, it's just a lot at home

She endured all thesemonths

I think with just one left

She can make it

Neo: my father made it very clear, and you know he hasn't spoken to me since then. But my mom, she is so vile. Everyday I eat and sleep her words, I am tired baby

I sigh

Me: okay, you can stay here

Neo: thank you

Even though I don't like the

idea

I also don't want her to stress

Especially right now

That's not good for the baby

So if it means she must stay here at the hotel

It's fine

I'll just have to make time to see her more

Neo: I will go home and get few of my things, that I will need

Me: I can drive you

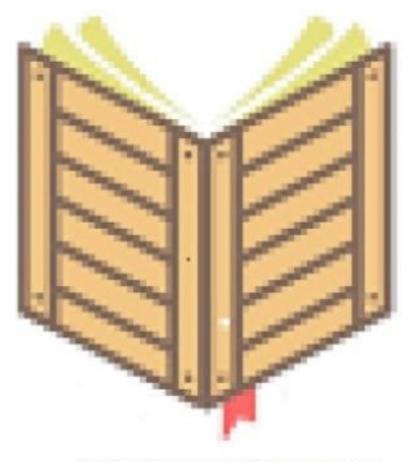
Neo: no, my dad is home.

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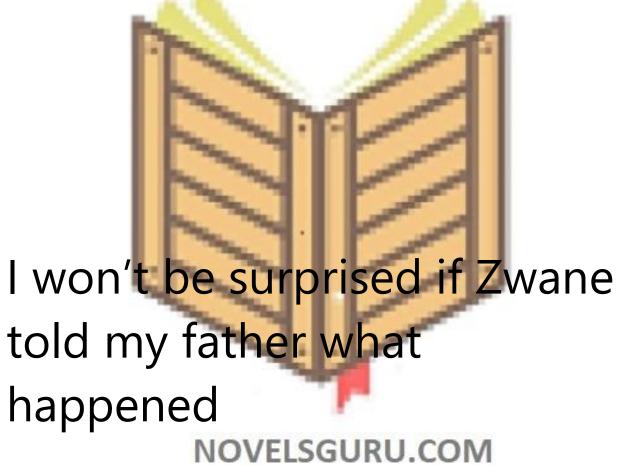
Me: just as long as you'll be communicating

Neo: I will baby! nod slowly
I just hope she will be okay
here
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Hence I am here

If he thinks he can get my father to speak for him



He's in for a nasty surprise

Because I will not listen to anything

I respect my father enoughto take his word

But on what he wants

Not when he will be used to get to me

I knock at the door

And Neo opens the door

I haven't seen her that much

She really does look very pregnant



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Me: I'm here to see ...

here?

My eyes dark to herbedroom

The door is open

And the huge bouquet of flowers, just caught my eyes

Me: those are nice

She laughs nervously

Neo: my boyfriend bought them for me

Me: the baby's father?

She sighs

Neo: please just don't tell your parents, because I said

he denied the baby . But that's not the truth , he's just going through a lot right now . And this whole thing is complicated ..but he is taking care of us

Me: well, I see

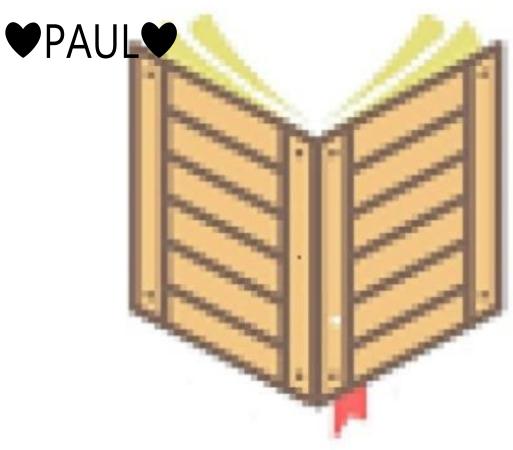
I am seeing to understand complicated very well

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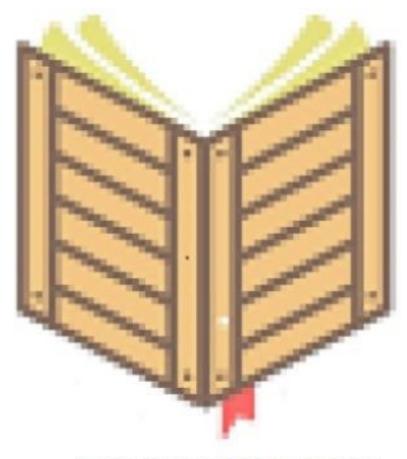
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Neo: she's at home, I left her there

Me : did you talk ?



Neo: yes

Me : and she didn't suspect anything ?

Neo: no, why would sheeven

suspect me?

I heave a sigh

Me: I am just asking babe

Neo: it's okay, it's not like she came home for me. She went to see dad

Me: about what?

Neo: I don't know, I didn't stick around to find out. I am already at the hotel

Me: okay

I wonder if something isgoing on

I doubt her father would call her for nothing

There has to be something

And I can't even ask her when she gets back

Because that's just our lives
We do what we want to do
Whenever we want to
We don't even explain
ourself to the other

Nor do we tell each other things

We live awkwardly The past three months
Nothing has changedbetween us

We're still keeping up the pretence

And it's good

Because our parents still haven't noticed

And it's working out well

Because Neo is not even saying anything to anyone

This is just our life

But I am intrigued to know why she went to see her father

It doesn't make sense

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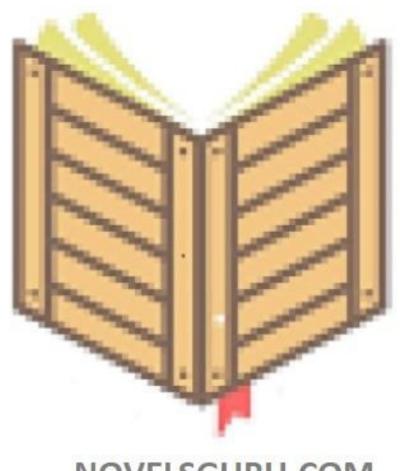
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Dad: you and Paul are married, you're a team.

You're supposed to work with each other, not against



each other. It's not a competition

I knew that old man was up to something, when I got my father's call

Me: I will not invest money, to a company that's being run by someone clueless

Dad: Dintle!

Me: it's the truth, even Mr Zwane knows it. That's why he approached me

Dad: but now you're wanting more

Me: yes, because I want tobe able to have a say and NOVELSGURU.COM

make changes. It's my money they'll be getting, Iworked hard for it





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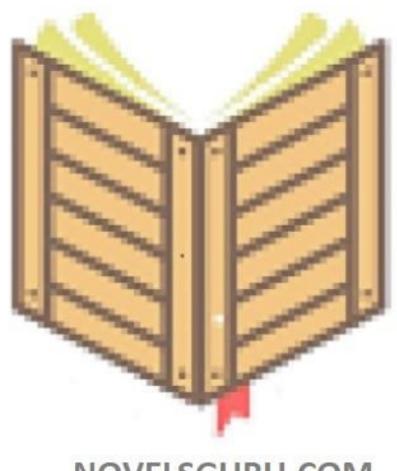


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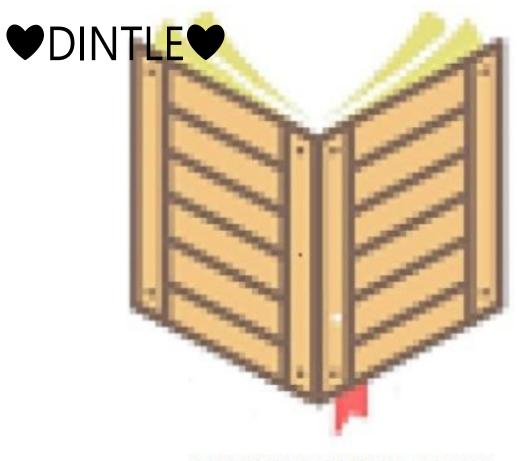
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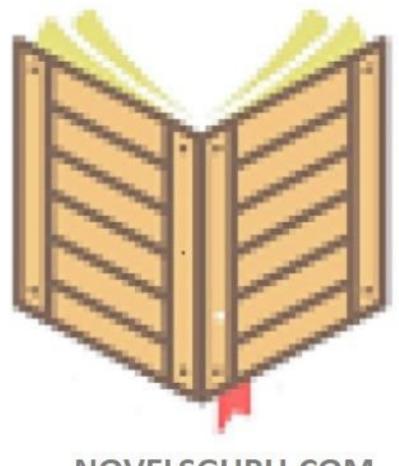
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But I'll rather not

He disappears quite a lot

Even when he's at work



He takes his lunch breaks out of the office

Now I know he makes orders of thing I never get

Not that I want them

In the evening he's always on his phone

Spends most of his time in his bedroom speaking on his phone

And I still haven't forgotten how he was so friendly with Neo at the wedding

It was even more than just being friendly

Now how much of a coincidence is it

That she has a bouquet of bunch roses

That we're supposed to be mine?

I could be crazy or wrong

But a gut feeling is there fora reason

Neo is pregnant

And she lied to our parents about the baby's father

Denying partenity of thechild

Yet she tells me it's complicated

How complicated can it be?

Unless he's someone's husband

Would I be insane to think it's this one that's supposedly mine?

But nothing stays hidden forever

Especially now that there's a child

I knock in his room
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He doesn't answer

But he opens the door

And he's on the phone

There's that shock in his eyes

I never bother him

And now, here I am knocking in his room

Me: I am doing laundry, where is yours?

He pops his eyes

Paul: you want to do my

laundry?

Me : are you going to bring it or not ?

Paul: yeah

He walks back in the rooml stand by the door And he comes out his his laundry basket

Thank goodness it's not a lot

Me: I made lunch, come eat
I'll put these in the washing
machine, and we can eatPaul
you cook?



The space is small

The washing machine is inthe kitchen

I have my laundry done atmy house

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By my helper who's still minding my place

There's no way I would ever leave my house unattended

But now, I want to play this game of his

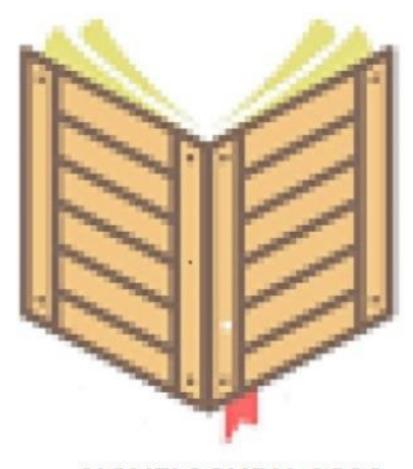
I don't even care
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What he does and with who

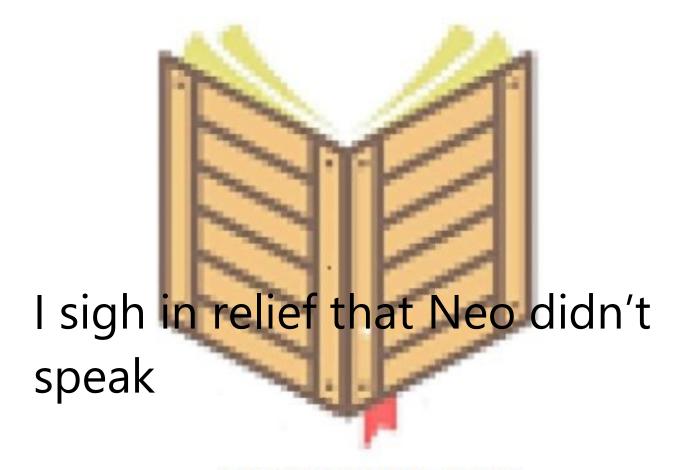
It's the fact that he's going to embarrass me in the end

He could have just been honest And we would go on withour lives NOVELSGURU.COM

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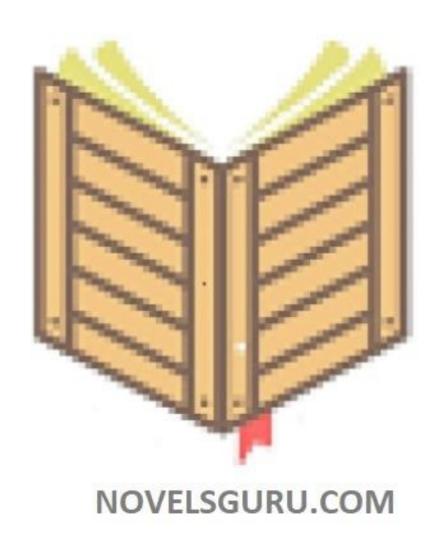


Me : babe are you still here ?

Neo: yes, what was that all

about?

Me: I don't know



Neo: I thought you said you live like strangers, but she's washing and cooking for you?

Me: this is a first, I swear.
For the past three months
we've been living together,
she's never cooked or did
anything for me

Neo : do you think maybeshe knows something ?

Me: no, she would rather be upset and confront me wouldn't she?

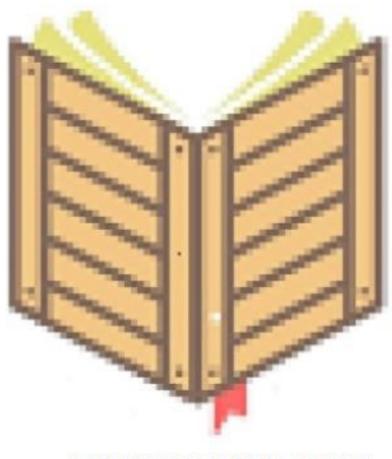
Neo: I don't know, Dintle is hardcore. We've never really connected

Me: yeah but still, I don't think this is how she'll react if she knew about us

Neo: or maybe she's readyto give you guys a real chance, and be a wife.

Maybe that's why she came home, maybe my father knows of how you've been

living



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That can't be it

Dintle hasn't shown any interest in me

Why would she start nowafter all this time?

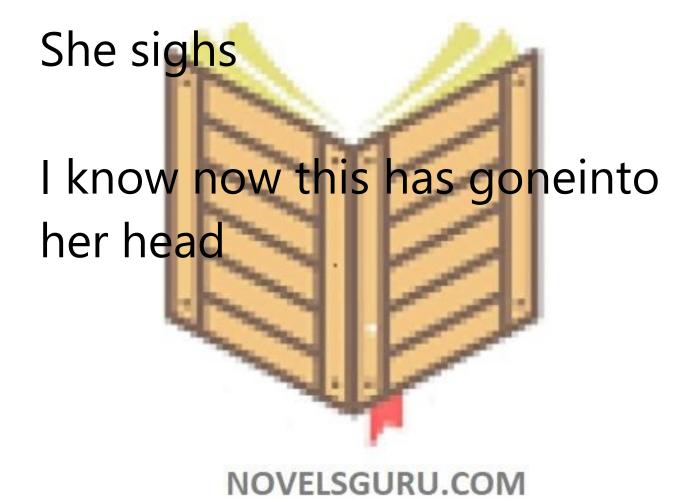
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Me: whatever it is, I'll find

out . I have to go now,

before she questions why I'm taking so longNeo: bye

Me: babe wait ...



And she's definitely overthinking

Me: I love you, and nothing is going to change

Neo: you promise?

Me: I swear on our baby's life, I love you so much

Neo: and I love you

Me : let me go , l'Il call you when I'm done

Neo: are you coming to see me today?

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Me: yes, later on

Neo: okayMe: bye I drop the call and walk out, heading to the kitchen

And what do you know?

The laundry is already in the washing machine

And she's done dishing up

I sit down

And the food looksappetizing

I don't remember when last I had a home cooked meal

Me: this looks goodShe smiles
And Dintle is beautiful

Now that I look at her genuinely smiling

I see just how beautiful she looks

I clear my throat
I can't do this shit!
Dintle: there's beer if you want

I look around the table

And I still don't understand what has changed

Or maybe it's just a thing for

Me: I'll get a beer

Dintle: no, don't worry I'll get it for you

What!

And she gets up

I watch her as she goes tothe fridge and open it

I quickly change the plates

Taking hers, and placingmine on her side

I move back as she moves away from the fridge

Dintle: there you goMe: thanks
She sits down And starts eating

I pick a fork and start eatingas well

Dintle: why are you lookingat me like that?

Me: is everything okay?

Dintle: yes

Me: I see She laughs

Dintle: I didn't poison you,

we can change plates



Dintle: we live together, we might be pretending to be married. But we're still not enemies, we don't have to like this. And be cold towards each other

Now I am shocked

Is this happening for real?

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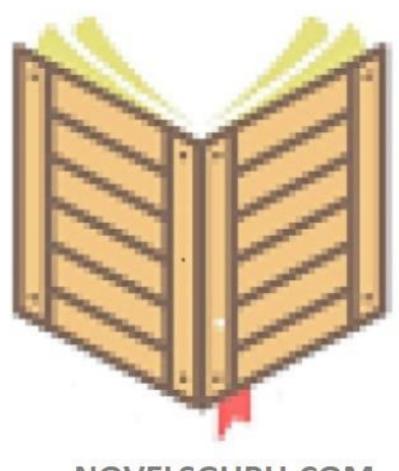
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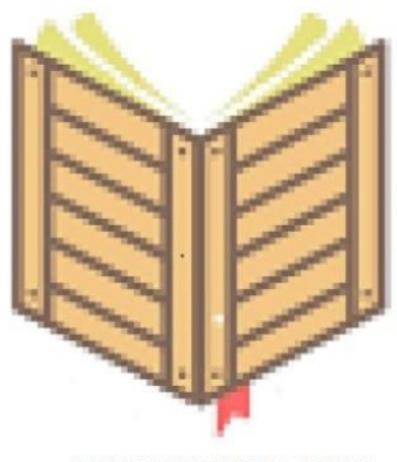


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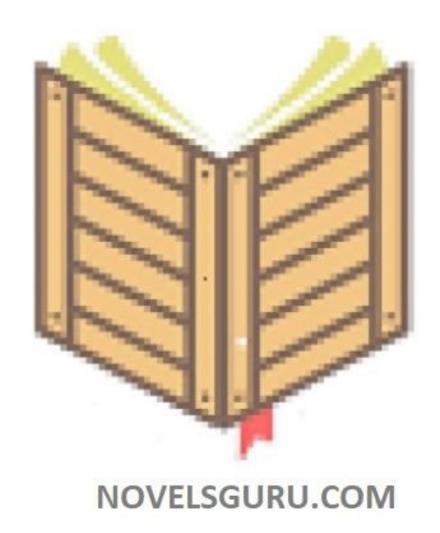
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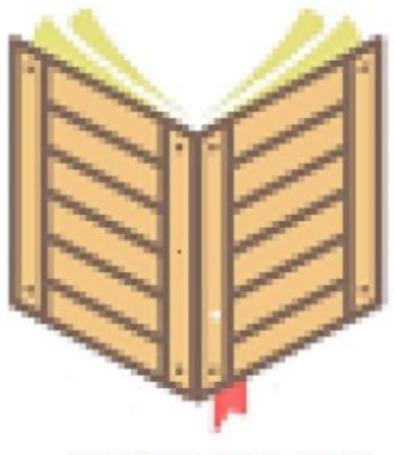




Now this is a messA risky one

Something we agreed must never happen

I look at her



And she looks like a mess

Me: what's this now?
She just stares at me Me: we agreed that we won't meet in public, worse you come to my work place

Neo: we need to talk

Me : couldn't you call or wait for me to come see you

Neo: Dintle sees you 24/7, and I must wait for you

Me : now you're being difficult for no reason

Neo: oh really? Am I nowl shake my head Me: this is the worst place you can come to, everyone knows I am married to Dintle . What do you think will happen if my father finds out you were here? How will I explain that?

Neo: are you two together now?

This is crazy

It's not even hormonesShe's just insecure

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And starting drama for no reason

I don't even have to defend myself over this

Me : is my word not enough to you?

Neo: you had dinner last night, she washed your NOVELSGURU.COM

clothes days ago and you shared a meal. What's next? Movies and dates?

I am not going to entertain this

Me: I won't deal with this, because I asked you when this started. I asked what I should do, and we agreed to

do this . I assured you , nothing will happen between us. And luckily for us, your sister is not interested at me at all. It just makes everything so much easier, but now you're here acting up . So I'm giving you a choice right now, let's tell everyone the truth and I lose the marriage to your sister. And everything that comes

with it, then you get all ofme as I am all by yourself.

She looks down

Me: when you walk out that door, I want you to think long and hard about this. And decide what you want, because I won't deal with this kind of drama

The door opens

And my father walks in His eyes stare at him
I feel the blood draining out of my body

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It's tense in this small space

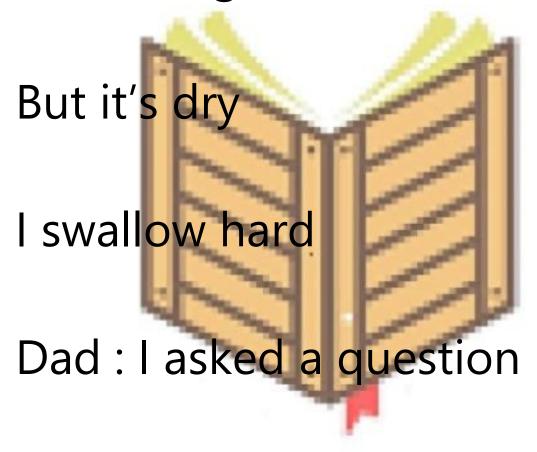
One can feel the tension

You can literally cut it with a knife

Neo gets up

Dad: what's going on?

I like my mouth to say something



I look at Neo

She's shivering



Dad: you what?

Neo: I am sorry Mr Zwane, I know this is inappropriate. I just wanted to talk to my brother in-law

Dad: about what in the absence of your sister, his wife?

He emphasizes on that his wife

Neo: things are not going well at home, I've fallen pregnant. And the father denied the baby, my fatheris disappointed. He wants nothing to do with me, and I am struggling because I have no financial support. So I can to ask my brother in-law

, if he can speak to my sisterin on behalf . Because I'm scared , that maybe she will reject me like my parents

Dad: leaveShit!

Neo: I am sorry ...

Dad: little girl don't ever, no matter how desperate you are find yourself and your sister's husband behind closed doors. Especially without your sister

She nods

And I can see she's embarassed

She grabs her handbag and walks out

Dad: and you?

Me: II don't want to get

involved

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Dad: boy don't test me

He ckicks his tongue and walks out

Me: fuck!

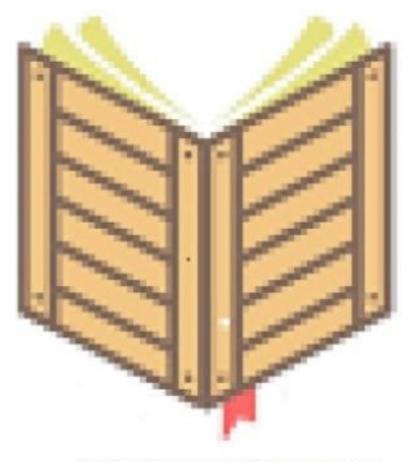
I slam my hand hard on the desk taking a deep breath

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I heave a sigh answering the call

Me: Neo? Neo: hey sis I shake my head slowly

The tone, I swear she's about to ask for something

Me: what can I do for you?

Neo: Uhmdid Paul say

anything to you?

Now this I would like to hear

Me: about what?

Neo: I went to see himMe:

and why?

Neo: I just ... I am desperate

okay, I need some money

Me : so you went to ask him for money ?

Neo: kind of

Me : okay , and did he give you ?

Neo: no, his father walked in on us and he wasn't happy "Walked in on us"
I chuckle

Me: walked in on you doing what?

Neo: no, I don't mean it like that. Just that he walked in the office, and he wasn't happy that I'm meeting with your husband in your absence

Me: mhm, I see

Background voice: ma'am your room service

And she abruptly drops the call on me

Me: wow

I let out a slight laugh NOVELSGURU.COM I grab my handbag and look at the hotel card

I found this card in his pants
When I was doing his laundry
And I knew something wasup

My mother told me Neo is barely home

She says she's found a place

I mean, I know my sister even better than she knowsherself

My phone rings

And it's his father

Me: Mr Zwane

Mr Zwane : can we placemeet ?

Me: when?

Mr Zwane : as soon as possible

Me: I'm at the office, but I have a meeting in an hourMr Zwane: I will be there Me: see you then I drop the call

And lean back wondering if this is what I think it is

Because if I'm right

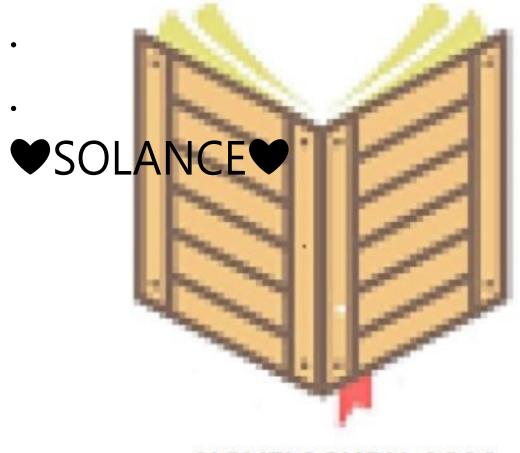
Then the old man is not tobe played with

He saw and he believed

I let out a smile leaning onthe chair

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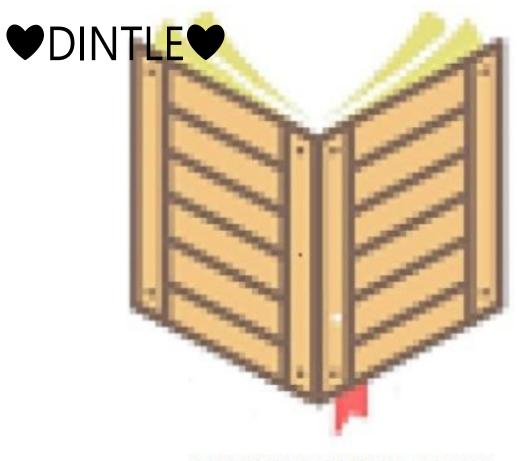
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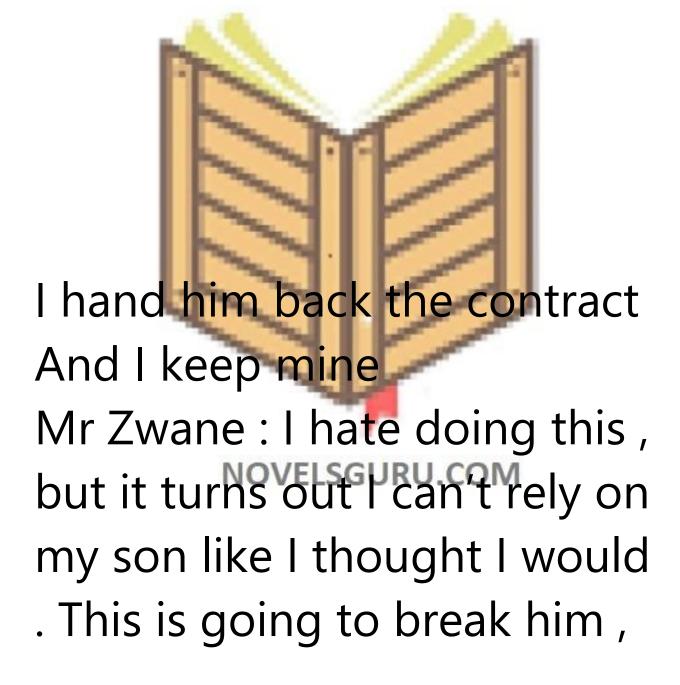




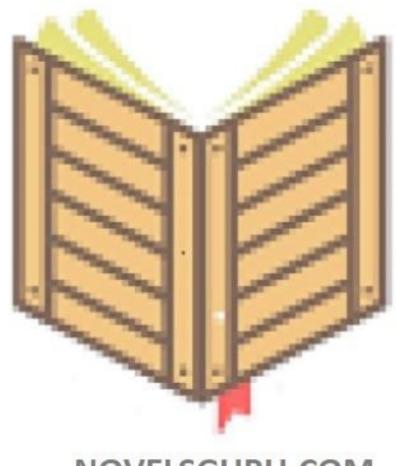
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and maybe tear our



relationship. But I feel it's a lesson he needs to learn, maybe he will grow up and learn to be a man and stand his own decisions

Mhm

Mr Zwane: the company was taking a toll on me either way , I am hurt I have to give

it up . Because I thought my son can handle it , but now I ma certain more than ever that he can't

I want to know

But I think I already have a clue

He caught his son with Neo NOVELSGURU.COM

And he's not pleased

However he found them

He figured things out himself
This is why he's done this
Maybe to hurt his son
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The same way Paul has disappointed him

This has worked in my favour

I'll always be seen as the girl who obeyed her parents

Married a man she doesn't know nor love

But he used her and cheated with her sister

Whichever way it may be Someone was used here And that someone will be me

Me: I understand, I promisel will take good care of this company

Mr Zwane: I trust in you, and I hope I will not live to regret this decision

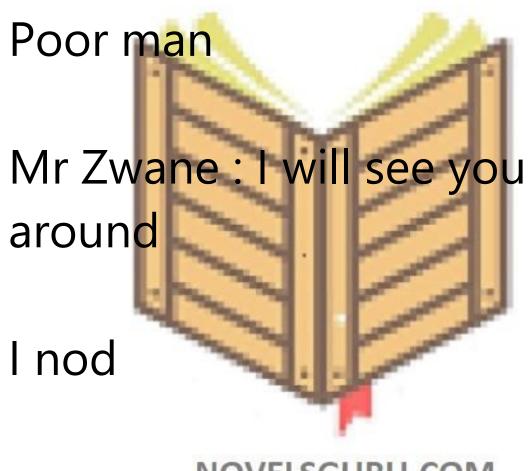
He gets up

I also get up

He holds his hand out

And I hold mine out as well We shake hands
Mr Zwane: take care, and in everything I did with your father ...we only wanted the best for you and Paul. And

maybe I made a mistake on my part, with my choice of a son



He walks out

I smile grabbing the contract





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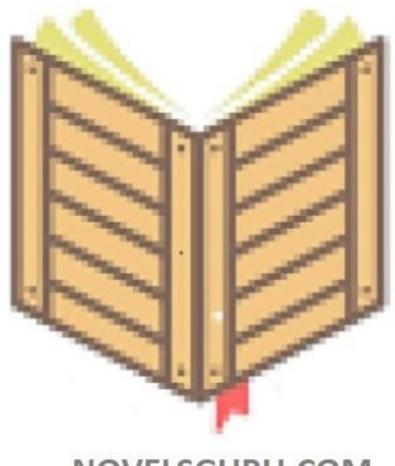


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I am livid



I didn't even want to come here

Neo: I am sorry

Me: why are you like this?

Neo: babe ..l said I am sorry

Me : right now , I want you to tell me where to from here

She gets you and walks tome

I heave a sigh

She sits down on my thighs crossing her legs

Me: is that even safe for the baby?

She laughs

And sits properly putting her feet down

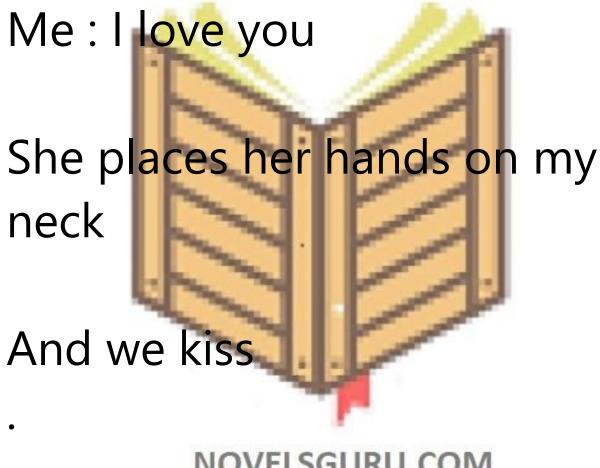
Neo: I will never make the same mistake again

Me: you stress me baby

Neo: I am sorry, please forgive me

She makes those puppy eyes
I can't help it
I heave a sigh

Neo: I love you, and we will get through this. Me you and our baby



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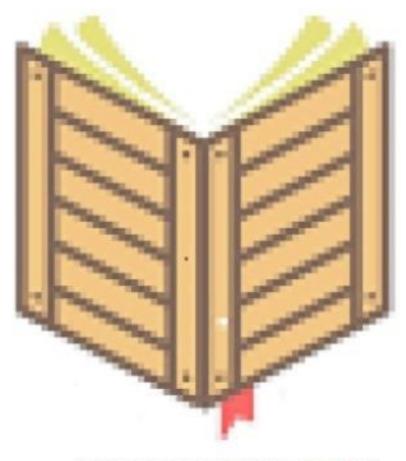
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Money gets things done And everyone has a pricel look at

the cleaner

Me: I'll be in and out

She nods

I hand her the money

She hands me the key card

Me : remember what we spoke about?

She nods taking her phone out

Me: don't make it obvious you are recording open the door And she's on top of him His hands her on ass

They're kissing passionately

I look back at the cleaner

Her: ma'am you can't ...

She pretends to shouts as if she's running after me

Me: Neo

She gets off Paul fallingdown

Paul: fuck!

He quickly gets up and helps her up

She's touching her tummy

Me: my husband and my sister

Paul: Dintle I can ... Neo: I am so sorry ...
I push the cleaner out, and she quickly puts her phone in her pocket

I wipe my fake tears nodding at her

We part ways

I rush out and get into my car driving out of the hotel

I heave a sigh of relief

Finally I can be rid of this nonsense

And just find my peace

Not even my father can hold anything against me

I know that

He will be angry

And repulsed to the core

And I will not be on the receiving end

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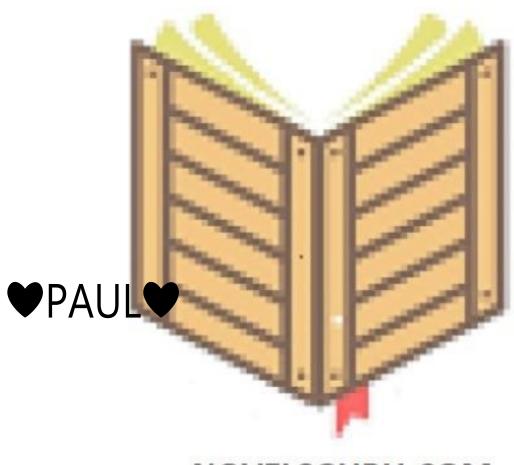
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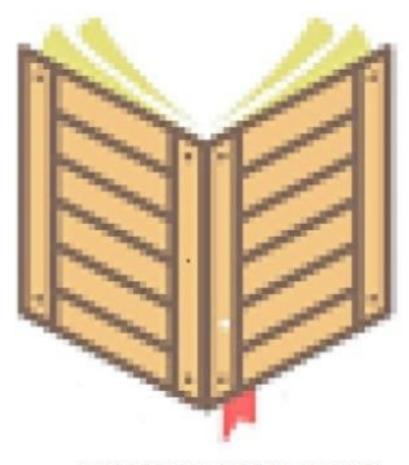


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This is a messNeo: and? I call her again

But it just rings unanswered

Me: shit!

Neo: Paul!

Me: shut up, you're not helping right now

Neo: don't tell me to shut, how did she know where we are?

Me: how the hell am I supposed to know that?

Neo: you stay with herMe: this is stupid

Neo: maybe you should go after her, and ...and try to talk to her. Before she tells our parents, we can still save this. Tell her thatwe got tempted. And you felt sorry for me ...

Me: enough with the lies! I will find her and I'll tell her the truth

I get up grabbing my carkeys

I walk out

As my phone beeps

I check the Facebook notification

And it's a video

I play it Me: shit! This was fast..

Now how will I even do damage control

When the whole worldknows

And I'm sure our parents will find out

This video has been shared

It's just a mess

Another notification pops in

Both Neo and I have been tagged on the video
People are feeling for Dintle
Obviously dragging us

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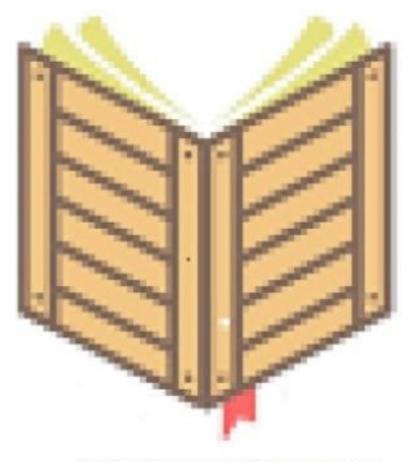
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I could have gone to the apartment and all

Or even my house

But I wanted to come home My father is livid
That cleaner sure did a stunning job

The video is trending as it as And it's only been an hour People are feeling for me Calling those two all sorts of names

I really don't care
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They should have beenhonest with me

It was just sick of them to think they can pull this through

Mom: I am sorry babyl say nothing v

My nose is even blockedfrom all the crying

My father has already called Zwane and told him off

And how their deal is off NOVELSGURU.COM

I don't know what that is about

But I'm sure it's something about this marriage

Me: whyI thought ..

My father turns and looks at me

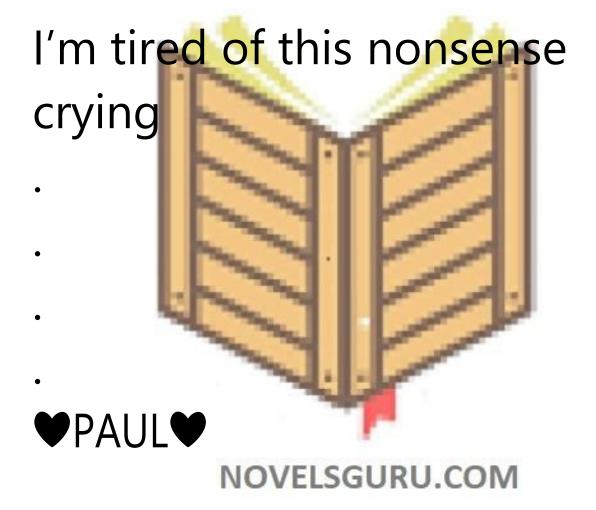
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Me: how could they....

I burst into a loud cry

Covering my face with my hand

Dad: that boy will know me He walks out I just want to be left alone right now





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She's not at home



I'm scared to go to her parents house

I know her father is angry

This just makes things worse for Neo

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Now he parents are going to resent her

I don't know how this got here

How do I even begin to fix it
Her phone is just ringing
She's not answering
My phone rings
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And it's my dad

I don't have time for thisl can't deal with him
I know he wants answers

He's not giving up, as it continues to ring

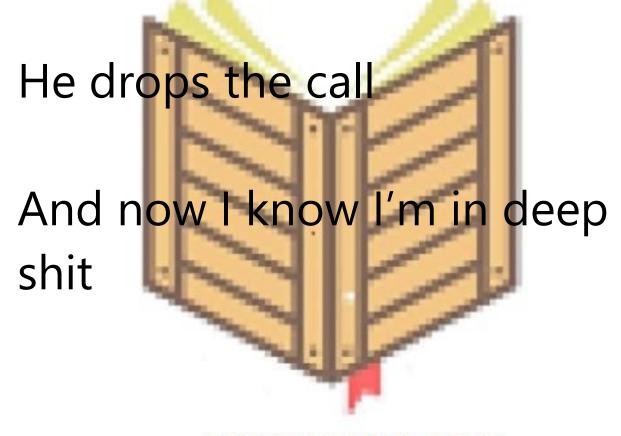
I heave a sigh answering

Me : dad ...

Dad : get your ass here right now ...

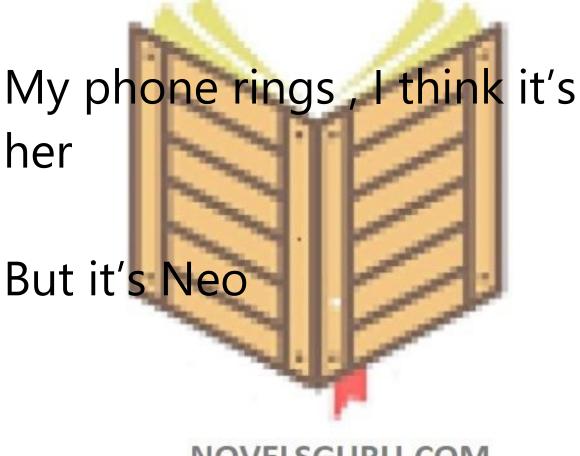
Me: I can't I'm looking for Dintle ...I have ..

Dad: I wasn't asking you, don't be mistaken. And don't run after that girl, because this marriage isdone



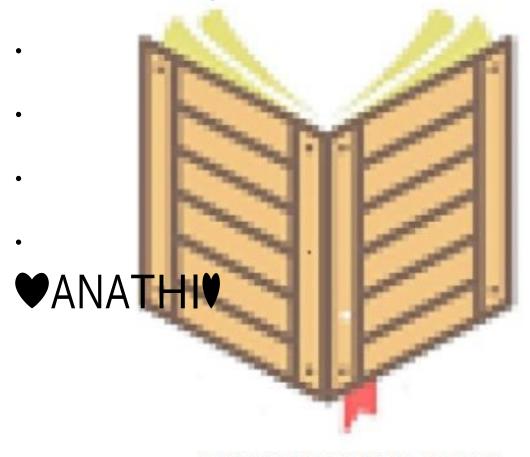
For him to say the marriageis done

That's no joke



I can't deal with her ...not right now

I let it ring





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This shit is fucked up

I knew Paul wasn't built for such

He was just bound to mess it up

And it sure didn't take long I'm tempted to call Dee

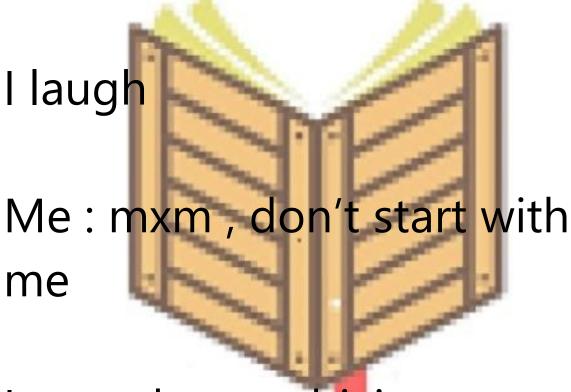
But I'll rather not get myself involved

John: Skwata areye mister mene (soldier let's go Mr man)

I chuckle putting my phone back in my pocket

I walk over to the car

John: wa jola neh monna? (You're dating now)



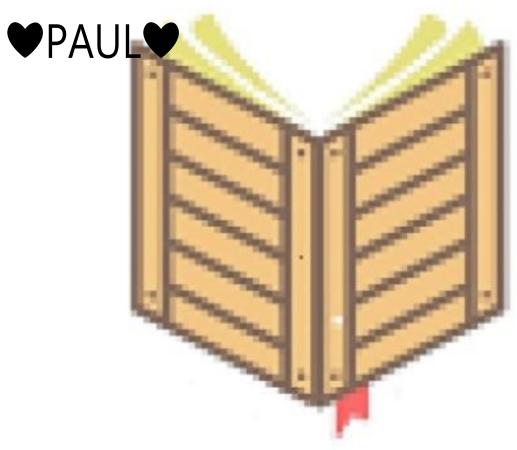
I start the car driving NOVELSGURU.COM

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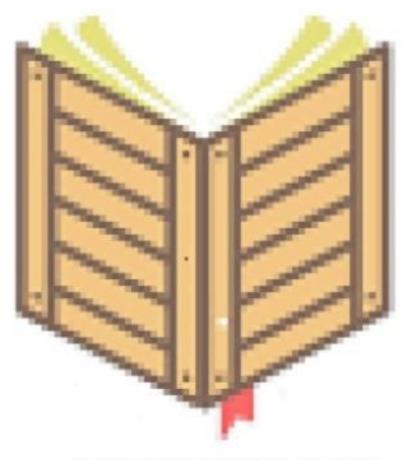
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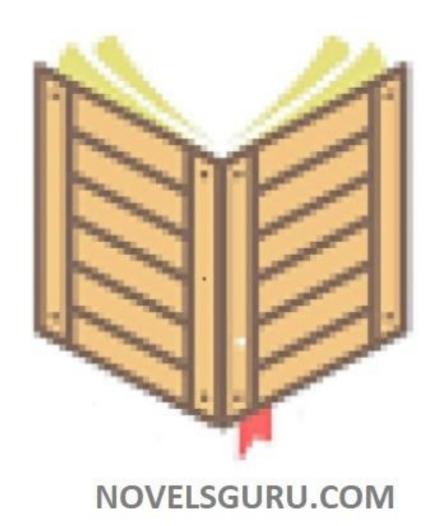
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I look at him

And he has a blank look



Right now, I don't even know what to sayMe: I will fix this

Paul: what's there to fix?

Me: I...I didn't know how to tell you, I've been with Neo even before I met Dintle.
When you arranged this

marriage, I didn't know how to tell you. And we thought we could do this, but it all became a mess. She got pregnant and ...

I heave a sigh shaking my head

Dad: you didn't tell me, because you wanted to keep NOVELSGURU.COM

the company . There's nothing else to it

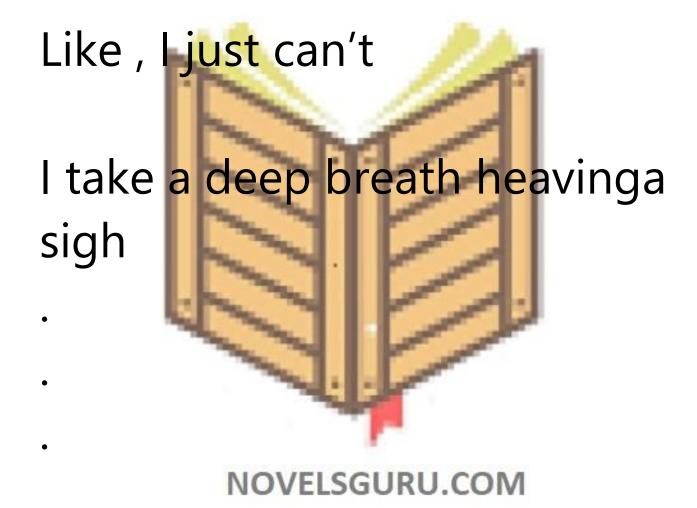
Me: no that's not ...

Dad: I am done, you might have not loved her. But she was a good thing you got

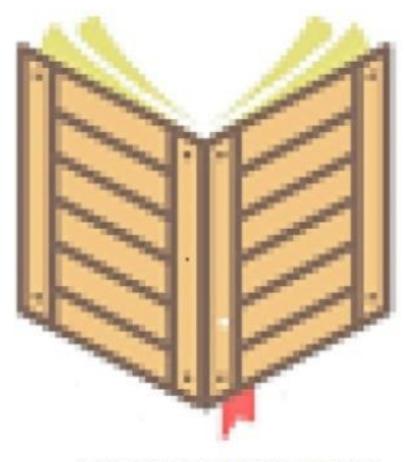
He gets up and walks out

Mom: really?

I can't



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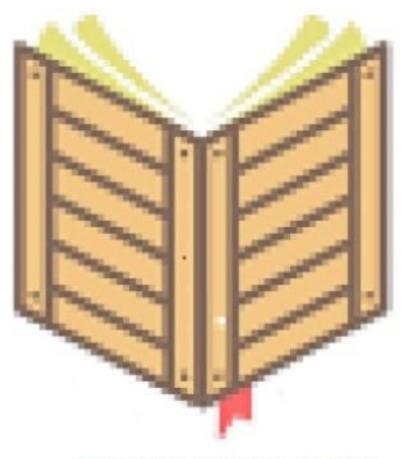


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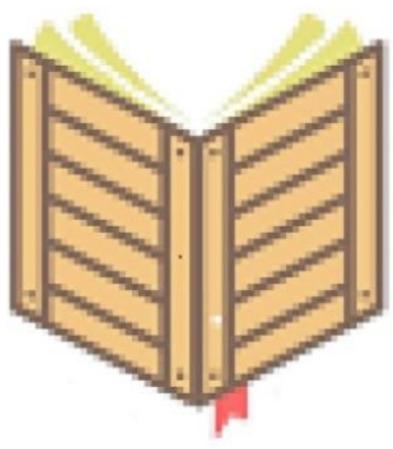


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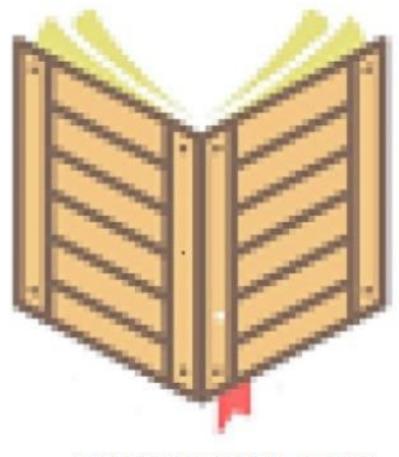




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I wake up

And I'm angry at myselfThat damn fake crying All my tears And now I have a splitting headache



And put on my robe

I walk in the bathroom

Ransacking my cupboards

And I have nothing I can take

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Me: great

I walk out, and grab my phone from the night stand

The headlines are still there

I don't know how long I can mope for

Just to buy face

And so it doesn't look like I am rejoicing over this

I out my phone down and walk out

I knock on my parents bedroom door

My mother opens



Mom: your father is verysorry

Me: do you have somethingle can take, for headache?

I know she has a cabin full of meds

Mom: please don't be angry at him, he regrets his

decision . He didn't know , he would have never made you marry him

Me: it's okay

Mom: no it's not, he lied to us all. And Neo ...I am even ashamed to call her my child, how can she? You're her sister

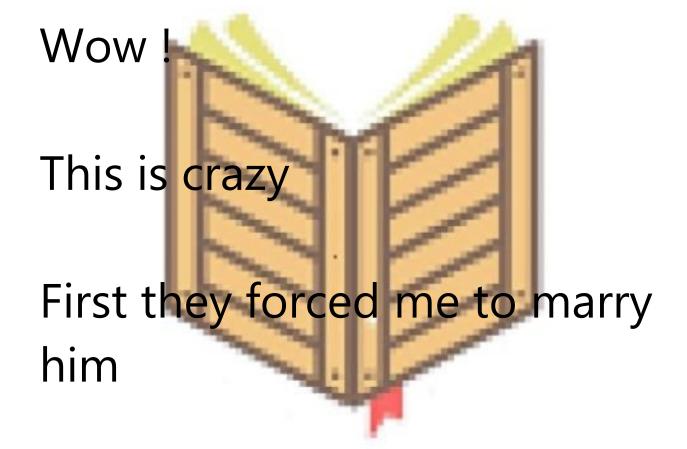
Me: they love each other

Mom: she should beashamed of herself

Me : actually all this doesn't matter to me

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Mom: good, because you're leaving him.



Now they re telling me to leave

Me: what if ...maybe I should listen to him, maybe there's an explanation ...

Mom: no, no child of mine will subject herself to such. You're a very prominent person in your field, you cannot stand this. What will happen to your reputation? You're leaving him, there's no way you can stay married

to that man . Let me get you those pills

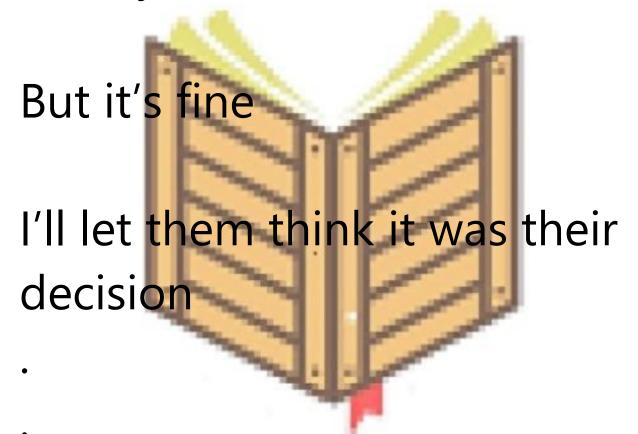
She walks back in the room

I'm just left stunned

My parents are something else

But I am more than happy to leave that man

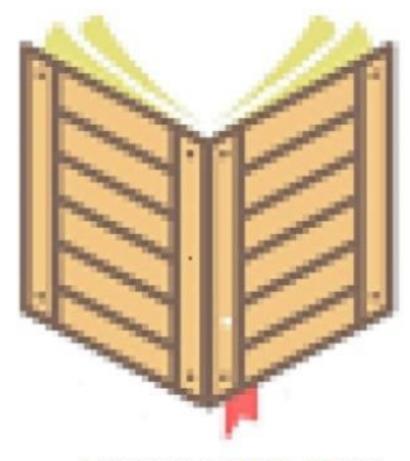
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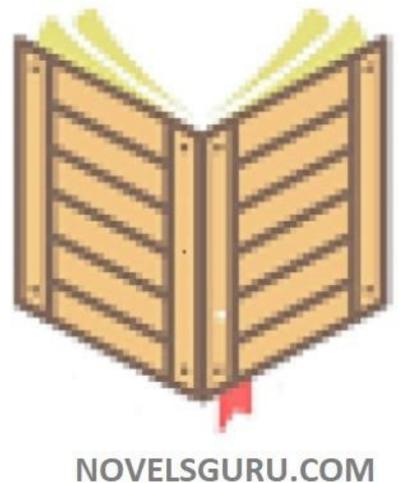
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Mr Tau: you're a piece of shit

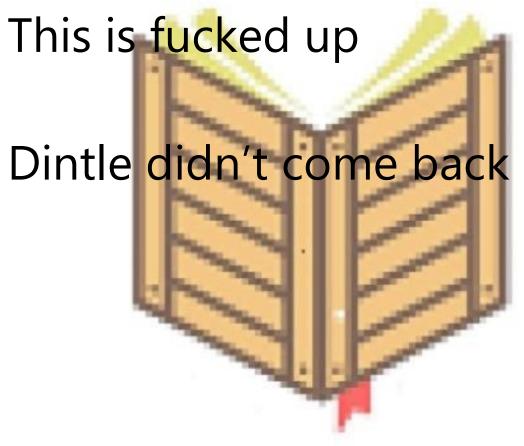
, I trusted you with my daughter and this is what you do to her



Mr Tau: I don't want to hear anything from you, you don't even deserve my daughter. And I'm glad you showed your true colours, before I invest into anything

Me: I am sorry

Mr Tau: come anywhere near my daughter, and we'll have serious problemsHe storms out



And I'm certain now, she went to her parents house

I couldn't sleep

I kept tossing and turning

Worse , I haven't called Neo back

I am sure she's angry NOVELSGURU.COM

With her father this angry

I don't even know how she will be welcomed back home

I take a deep breathgrabbing my phone

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I call her

And after a few rings she answers

Me: hey, I'm sorry yesterdayl couldn't ..

Neo: I hope you're happy now, and you can finally chase Dintle in peace

Me: wait ...what ...you know I was trying to control the situation, I didn't even find her. Your father is so angry, I'm sure she went home ...

Neo: I don't care

She drops the call

I try calling her back NOVELSGURU.COM But the call rings once and goes to voicemail

Me: what the fuck?

So she's blocked me

Now, I don't understand what's her deal

Because we both created this mess

When we agreed anddecided to lie

Now I am the bad guyMy phone beeps
I check the notification

And I've been tagged, butit's not the same post as of yesterday

Neo posted this, just 5 minutes ago

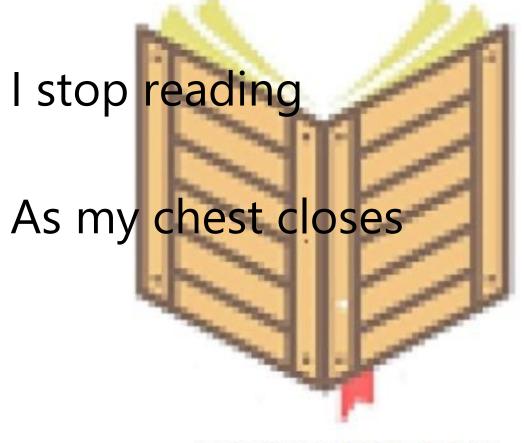
"I know right now I'm being judged and all, and maybe I deserve that. But I've been

with this man, even before my sister met him and their marriage was arranged. I couldn't leave a man I love, and we didn't want to upset our parents. We decided to continue our relationship, even though I was the other woman. I was willing to settle , because I was here first . Even when I fell pregnant, We couldn't tell

our families. It was never my intention to hurt my sister, I thought she didn't love him or feel anything for him. Because that's what he kept telling me, and I believed him. After she caught us yesterday, I started bleeding . He left me at the hotel, to chase after her. I called him, he didn't answer. Luckily, the hotel staff found meom

And they rushed me to hospital, I was to give birth. But I wasn't in the right state of mind, as the baby was in distress. I was rushed for Csection, unfortunately the baby was a still born. My beautiful baby girl, I feel likel failed her. I've never felt so alone like I am right now, I know my parents are disappointed with me and

they're angry . But I've just lost my baby , and the father doesn't care because he's chasing after my sister ..."



She can't tell me this, but she can post for the wholeworld

I send her a text message

"What do you think you'll achieve by your post"

As I press send, the message bounces back



And the comments are nasty NOVELSGURU.COM

"Don't come here cryingfoul"

"It's women like you who disgust me"

"How can you do your own sister like that? Over a man"

"Stop seeking pity, you should be ashamed of yourself"

"Look at Karma, it sure got your address very fast same day"

"You and that dog of a man deserve each other"

"Your sister's tears did notfall down"

"Sorry for your loss, but then again I am not. You brought this upon yourself by lying"

"Where is your self respect? How do you settle for such, when you came first"

"It is sad but maybe this will be a chance for you to do better, fix your relationship NOVELSGURU.COM with your family and your sister. Leave that man alone"

"You can't act like a victim now, you should have been honest with your sister and family"

I put my phone down

I hope she sees those comments

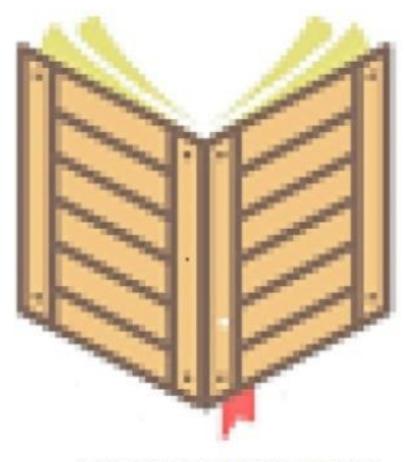
And delete that post

Because right now, these people are not feeling sorry for her

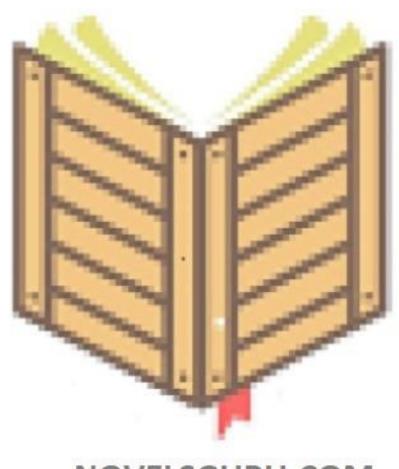
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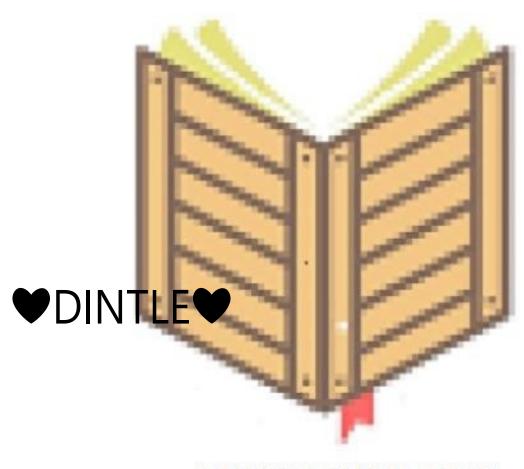


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Honestly just for me to walk away from this

I need my peace

Without being passed tosome random man

As if I'm incapable

A public humiliation, was the best way

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Had it been private

I know my father

He would have suggestedthat we sit down and fix things

Obviously grill Neo alone

As if she was the only liar in this

Amidst all of this

I didn't want Neo to lose her baby

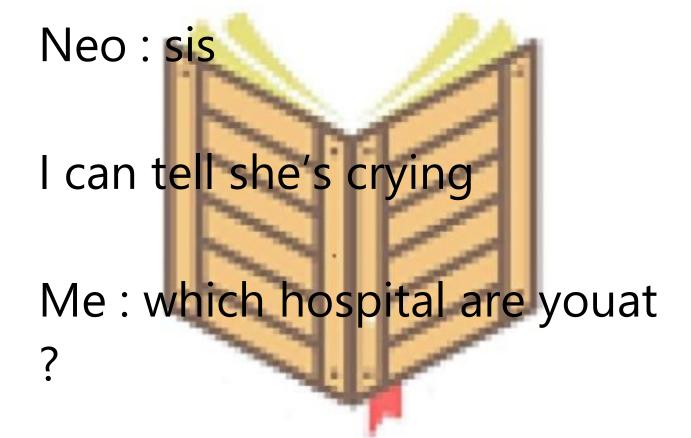
I didn't even think that far

She was already so in late on the pregnancy

I didn't think anything could happen

Especially not the baby passing on

I somehow feel responsibles call her And she answers



I saw the Facebook post Neo: people are so mean

She breaks down

Me: take that post down Neo, I don't know what youwere thinking. You don't need this stress, you shouldhave been honest. None of this would have happened, Iwould have left Paul. He's your man ...

Neo: I am so done with him

That's not my business

Me : delete that post , I'm coming to see you

Neo: even after everything

Me: you're my sister, andyou need your family rightnow

Neo: Dintle I am so sorry

Me: it's okay, send me a list of what you need I'll bring it.

And don't forget to pin me the hospital you're at ...

I get startled

As my father grabs myphone

And he sure drops it

Dad: you're not going to see her

Me: dad ...

Dad: no! If she needed us, she would have called us. Instead of just splashing her business on the internet

Me: she's just lost her baby, and she's hurting
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Dad: your husband's baby ...speaking of that one, I've

called my lawyer already .That marriage will be annulled

Wow! Look at him
As if he wasn't the one who
forced me into it

Me: I need to get away from all this, I'll take care of my business. And take a trio away from her

Dad : you do that , because you need it

I swear there can't be real father's like this one

He's just on his own league

I don't even know what to say

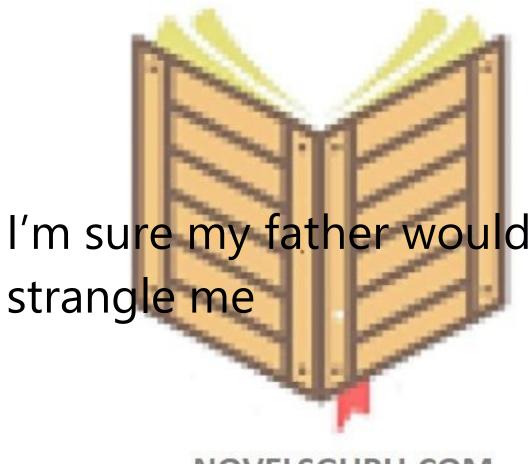




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If he were to find me herel came to see Neo anyways Me: has he come to see you?

She shakes her headl can just tell though

She has nothing

Not even a change of clothes

Neo: I am sorry

Me: I don't understand why



Neo: we ...we didn't expect this, and I guess we went about it the wrong way

Me: I would never settle for a man, that's mine

Neo: I guess ... I wasn't thinking straight. We should have been honest

Me: it is what it is, he's getting served

Neo : I don't want him anymore

Me: well, that's not my business. He was yours anyways

I get up

Me: I don't know what's going to happen, with the baby and funeral arrangements and all

Neo: I'll just cremate, I don't have money for a funeral. Your parents won't help me

Me: okay, you'll tell me when that is. Because I want to leave, for a while

Neo: where are you going?

Me: I'll rather not say

She nods

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Me: Uhm ...I have to go

somewhere

Neo: thank you for coming

Me: don't mention it

I grab my bag and walk outof the ward

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He opens the door

And looks like he's been drinking Paul: hey ..
Me: I came to get my clothes, I could have sent

someone . But I'll rather get them myself

Paul: I am so sorry

Me: it's fine

Paul: Dintle, please don't do this. Let's talk, we can still make it work. Without Neo,

without the baby . I'll beyours alone ...

I feel like slapping the shitout of him

But he's a piece of shit my sister chose for herself

Me: you repulse me

Paul: I ...don't leave, please

Me: if you think I'm so desperate to settle for you, you're in for a big surprise. I'm just here for my things, don't harrass me. Because I'll report you He steps back

I walk past him going to the bedroom

As soon as I close the doorl hear a glass shattering And he lets out a scream in agony

What an insane man





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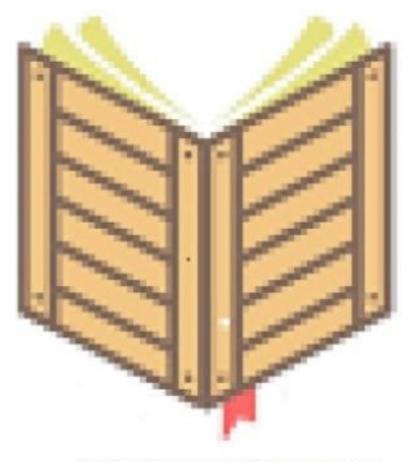






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This is really sad

My parents did not comeEven
Mr Zwane
Only Mrs Zwane came

As for Paul, he was nowhere to be seen in sight.

After I took the liberty to inform him of what's happening

It's really sad

That Neo is dealing with all this alone NOVELSGURU.COM

Yet they were in thistogether

I had to pay for this small ceremony

The cremation of the baby And everything else

Also, I had to settle the hospital bills

It doesn't make me feel anyhow

But I hope this is a lesson to Neo

It doesn't hurt to stand for yourself as woman

To be independent

Have your own assets and money

Without the need of a manto feel secure

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Neo: thank you foreverything



Me: my flight leaves in an hour, I still have some business to take care of

Neo: still won't say where you are going? I shake my head
Because I don't want to be bothered

Neo: I wish I was you Me: be

glad to be you

Neo: but I'm just me, you're

so educated. You have

money, and you're well

travelled

Me: that's because I work hard, I work hard for everything that I have.

Nothing was ever handed to

She looks down

me

Me: maybe ...that's what you need, to start working hard for yourself

I take out my purse from my bag

I take out R800 and give it to her

I would give her more

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Sadly , I barely keep cash on me

I could send her some more

But I also don't want to seem like I am enabling herNeo: thank you

Me: take care

I don't know what she's going to do from hereon

I walk to my car and drive off

I know someone will not be very pleased with me today

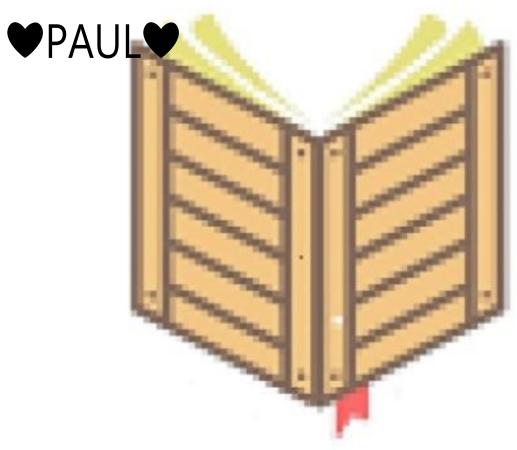
But I'll rather leave, knowing everything behind is being taken care of

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Me: what's this? I'm being summoned to my own company, like I'm an insabornate

I pull a chair

And I'm shocked to see Dintle here

As for the shareholders, maybe I understand NOVELSGURU.COM

But why bring her?

Maybe is it to build a case of some sort against me? Me: I do not appreciate this Dintle: please sit down, don't disrespect us like that

I look at her

Dintle: Mr Zwane

Her tone has changed

I swallow hard, and pull a chair sitting down

Dintle: thank you

Me: what's all this?

Dintle: there has been changed around here, I thought it best to inform everyone

Me : our personal life has nothing to do with these people

Dintle: it's nothing personal, but just business. You've

been on the forefront, for months yet we're not thriving as a company. The numbers don't lie ...

I laugh

Me: you don't ...what's this?

Since when is this company
your business Dintle

Dintle: Ms Tau to you, and since I bought this company. And I own 50%, and I hold Mr Zwane senior proxy

I get up

Me : are you fucking with me right now?

Dintle: watch your language, this is a boardroom and not the streets

Me: this is not true, my father would never do this

Dintle: alright, in the meantime clear out youroffice. Because you're suspended from your

position with immediate effect, a new CEO will be starting in a week

Me: bullshit, that is not going to happen. Who the fuck do you even think you are? You're settling personal scores here, that won't work. I don't even know how you manipulated my father like this, but 'I'll'get to the

bottom of this . And you'll be out of this company, as quickly as you got in

And take out my phone dialing my father

Dad: Paul ...

Me: what is Dintle doing here, claiming the company. And removing me from my position?

Dad: it's her company, she can do ...

Me : you sold her your shares ? 50%

Dad: I did what was best ...

Me: you ...

He drops the call on me

Me : fuck ...
I shout in frustrationAnd lean
by the wall

I see just how many eyes I've attracted

I gather myself and walk into my office

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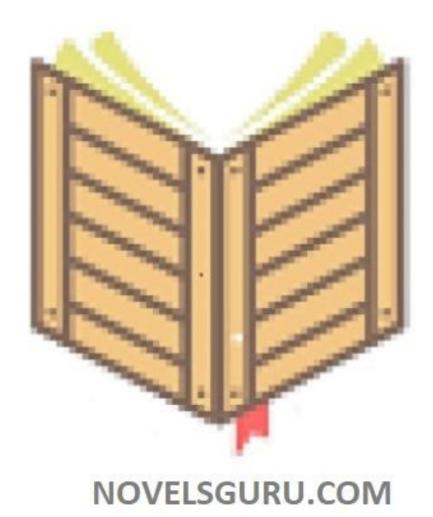


John: so watsamaya? (You're leaving)

Me: hey, don't be awkward

John: ta re fete ka Gabs (let's

pass to Gaborone)



Me: for eng? (What)

John: sa warra, ke ta catcher lift mo go wena (don't worry, I'll catch a lift on you)

I shake my head as he runs back to the camp site

With him around

It'll be a week in Gabs

He was just one of the first guys who welcomed me here

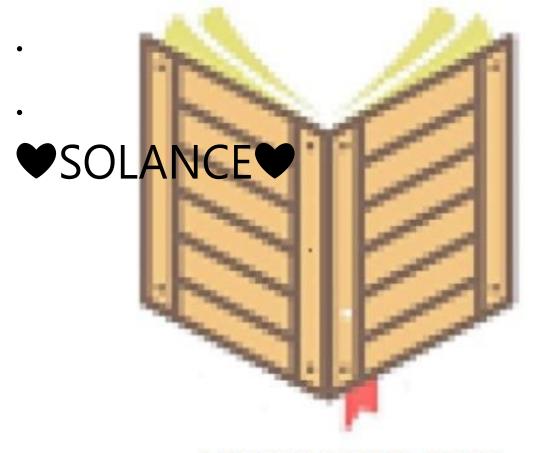
A soldier from South Africa

He made feel like I'm part of the family

So most times, we're just stuck together

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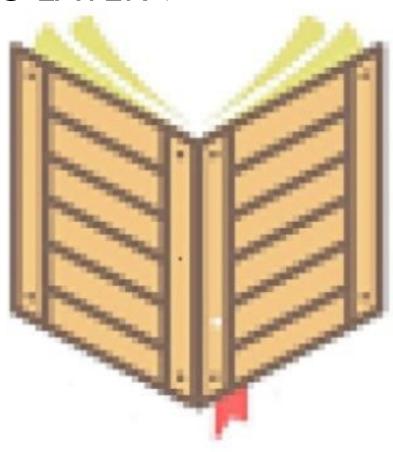


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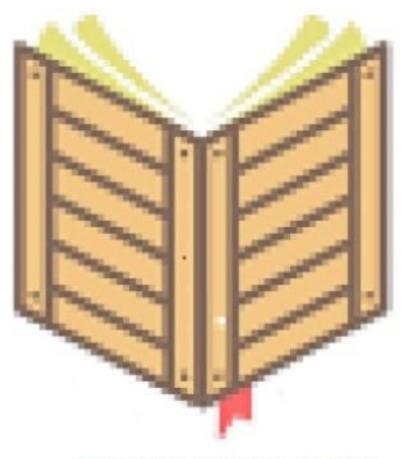


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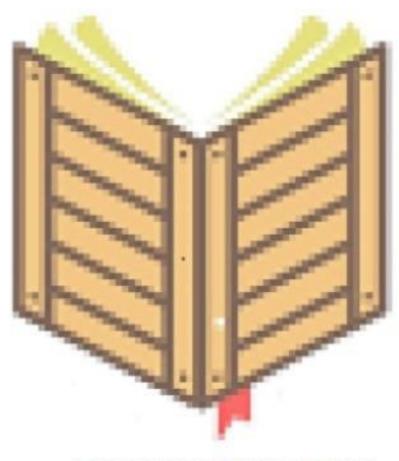


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Everything is just a mess

My father really sold majority shares to Dintle

And she has proxy of his remaining shares

When I signed, it was just to have control as CEO

He wasn't signing the company over to me

Or giving me any controlover the company

Basically I fucked myself

For just signing and not reading the contract NOVELSGURU.COM

Right now I'm kicked to the curve

There's a new CEO And I can't fight this
I didn't bring any revenue to the company when I was CEO

There's nothing I can do legally to oppose the motion of my suspension

I've been offered a position

As general manager

That's a curve to the core

I hold no power and no say NOVELSGURU.COM

A demotion of the worstFrom being CEO to GM That's just nonsense
I will not accept that

The only thing I can do istake my losses

And try to find another job

I don't know where

That company is my father's baby

I didn't think he would ever give it to an outsider

Or maybe that was the reason for the marriage

It was always going to be the



And to think I fell for hisword

Only to find out, what I thought isn't what it is

I wanted to talk to Dintle

Onky to find out she's out of the country

I am really fucked

I know my father won't Wang anything to do with me

He won't even listen to me

My mother is a no go area to even ask her to speak to him on my behalf

She's still angry with me

About the fact that I didn'tgo to the cremation of thebaby

Well, I am angry at Neo for not telling me

She didn't even tell me about the baby

But she was quick to announce it to the world

She blocked me

I have no means to contact her

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I wasn't even told about the baby, being cremated

Right now I just look like a shitty father

I'm wallowing in my sorrows

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The peace of just being away from everything

Just dwelling in solance

Finding myself

Preparing the inner mewithin

For everything when I get back

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I sure needed this
I'm glad all this is done My
father's lawyer got in
contact with me yesterday

The marriage is annulled

I don't know how my father pulled it so fast

Without hassles of going to court

Explaining to the judge why the marriage should be annulled and all

But I'm sure he paid someone

That's my father for you

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Decided to go out

And breathe some Gaborone air

I've been in that hotel for days now

Even though that was good Nothing beats going out Seeing places And meeting new people

Experiencing new food andall that

Botswana is a peaceful place

I love everything about this place

Even the people

You'll find the most sweet people around here

I've been here many times

Each time just visiting different places

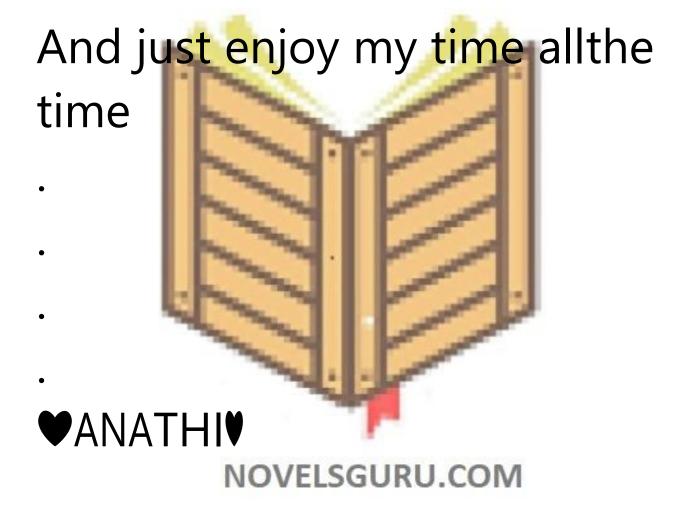
I love the rurals mostly

This time around, I thought why not see the big city lights

Last I was in Francistown

Another big city, and it was just amazing

This is one place I can visit many times





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Andy: Brock, I'm going to get something to eatl look at John

Always entertaining women

Andy: he won't be done anytime soon monna (man)! chuckle shaking my head

He's right

John is just one man, who believes women deserve love

Even if it means, he has tobe that one-man for all women NOVELSGURU.COM

Andy: and these ladies, are always falling for men in uniform

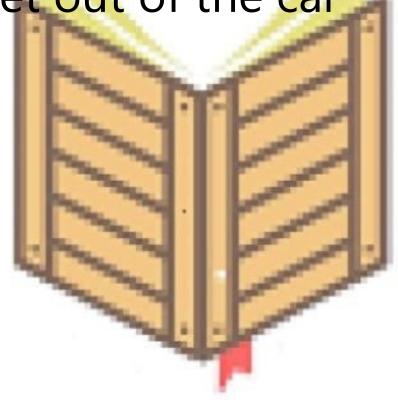
They sure do

It's a thing around here

You'll find few women who are scared of dating soldier

For some reason that we're short temperedAnd violent Also that we're womanizerMe : let's go

We get out of the car



Me: what you feeling like?

Andy: city food man, nothing like what we have at camp

Me: enjoy, because soon you'll bid this goodbye and head to Maun

Andy: don't remind me

Me: it's not bad

I mean, you might think
Maun is a great place
Only for us, we're mostly at
the camp site

So we don't see much of it

We live with the bare minimum

Of what we have

We walk in the restaurant

And a waiter leads us to a table

The stares already

Me: maybe I should have gone to my house and changed

He laughs

Andy: you're from work
Skwata (soldier), don't mind
them

He's in his private clothes Only John and Lare still inour uniform

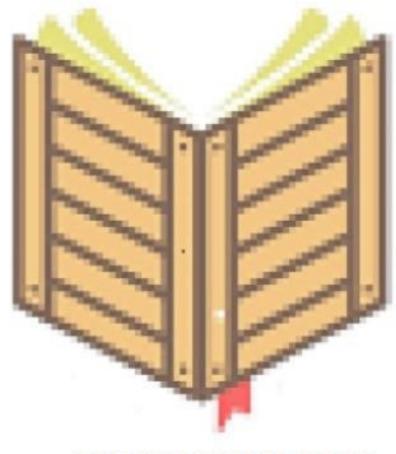
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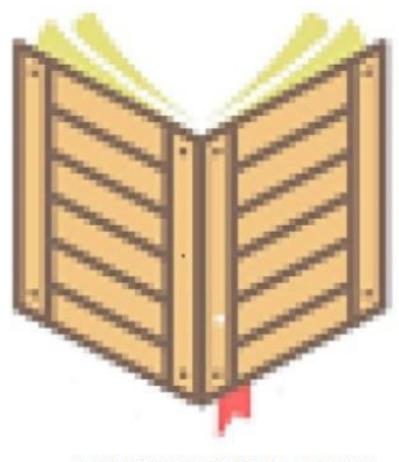


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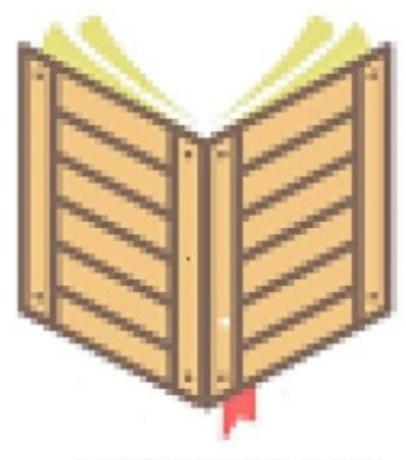


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I lift my head

Looking at the soldierwalking in



And the ladies are gawkingat him

He walks over to another table with one soldier and another guy

I frown as he looks at the guy who just walked in and they laugh

No ways, it can't be

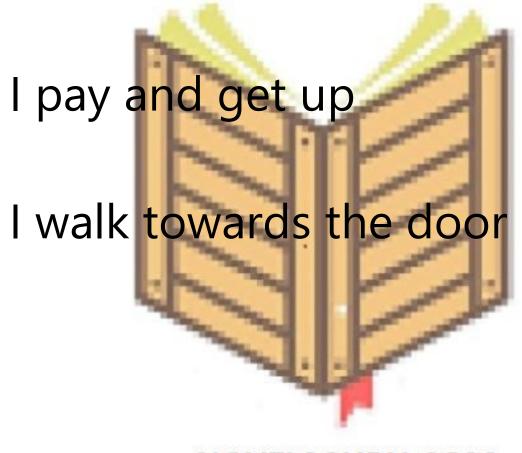
He looks the same

Like nothing has changed

Except that it's my first time

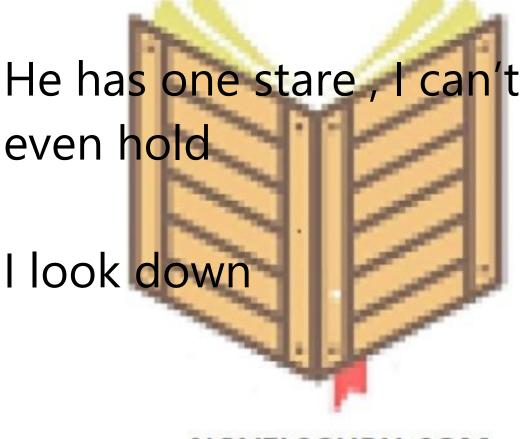
Seeing him wearing the uniform

I'm starring nowAnd it's creepy
I call over my waiter and ask for the bill



And we almost bump into each other

I look at him



Anathi: I thought you'll come say hiShucks!
So he saw me

Now I'm wondering if he saw me starring at them

Me: I...

I clear my throat

Anathi: you're beautiful

Me: I try He chuckles
We walk over near the door
outside the restaurant
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Anathi: it's good to see you

Me: what are you doing here

Anathi: I live here now, well more like in Maun. But I have a house this side

Me : wow , so you left South Africa

Anathi: that same day

Me: and you didn't say, I mean you just left abruptly

Anathi: well, when I'm not pleased I distance myself

Now it all makes senseHe knew
About Paul and Neo

And that's why he left the wedding reception the wayhe did

Me: mhm

Anathi: I saw, I am not sorry though. Cause if he listened, none of that would have happened

I heave a sigh

Me : it is what it is Anathi : I wish I told you Me: but it wasn't your place

Anathi: yeah

Me: ah, it's fine anyways. I am over it Anathi: over it?

Me : the marriage is doneans annulled

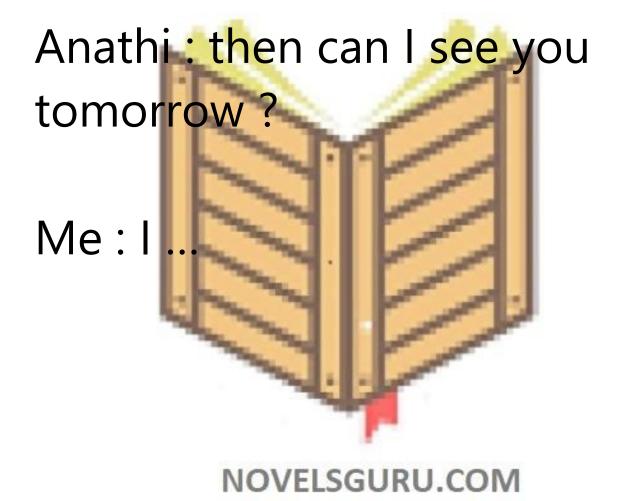
He nods slowly

I realise I'm staring at the man again

Me: Uhm, it was nice to see you

Anathi: wait ...is this business or pleasure? I smile

Me: pleasure



Anathi: right here, latelunch Me: I didn't say I will come Anathi: I don't want to hear a no out of your mouth, that would crush me. So tomorrow by 1500 hours, I'll

be here . And if you come then great

Me: and if I don't?

Anathi: just know I'll be licking my wounds, and you'll be responsible for that

I laugh

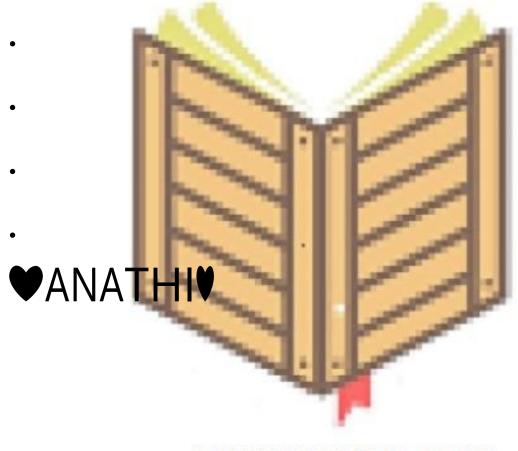
Me : alright , I'll see you maybe

He raises his brow

I tap his shoulder and walk away

At a distance I turn and look at him

He's still standing there looking at me I laugh shaking my head Finally, I can catch my breath





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John: monna who was that ?I

sit down

John: o tetsi basadi fa (you

came for women here)

Andy: look who's talking

We laugh NOVELSGURU.COM

John: so where did you find her? Does she have a sisteror something?

Me: hey, she's someone from back home John: ah, you lie! I shake my head NOVELSGURU.COM

John: an ex?Me: no

John: I hope so, because if

she is then it's a bad move.

Don't go there monna

Me: what are you saying?

John: next thing, she's with your seed inside of her and heading to SA. She gets there and pins it on another man ...just don't

Andy: you watch way too many movies

John : touché

Me : okay , just stop cause that just sounds so gay

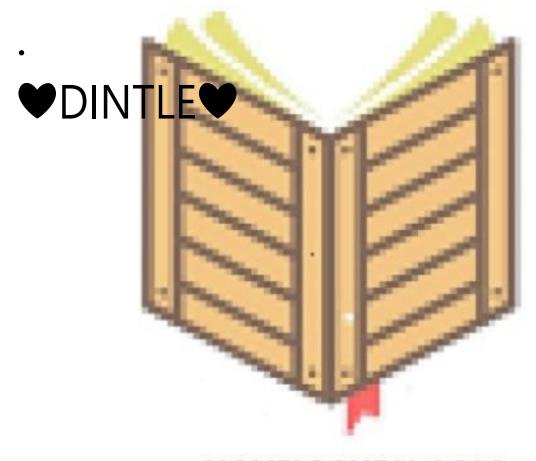
John: o ta nyela, o marete mister mene (you'll shit yourself, your testicles Mr Man)

We laugh

This guy sure can spit nonsense

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I don't know how he does it



Like is that even possible in this day and age?

I'm not that activeBut I'm there
There's nothing here about him

Unless he's using a different name

But how many Anathi Brock can there be?

I put my phone down

I wanted to check him out

I don't want to find myself being shamed in a foreign country

If he lives here

And he has a house here

It means his life is here now Who knows?

Maybe he has a family

I don't want any scandal following me

I've had enough of those as of late

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Since I can't find anything

I'll just have to ask him

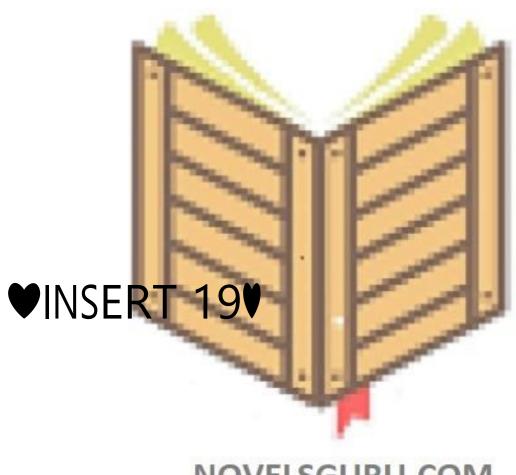
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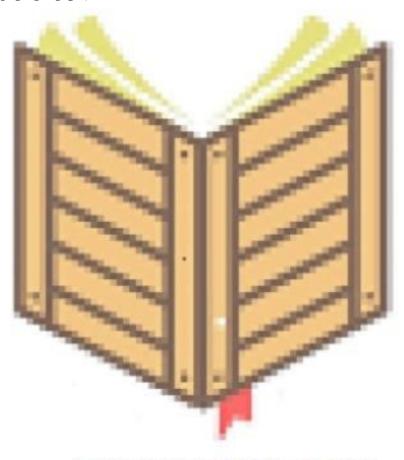
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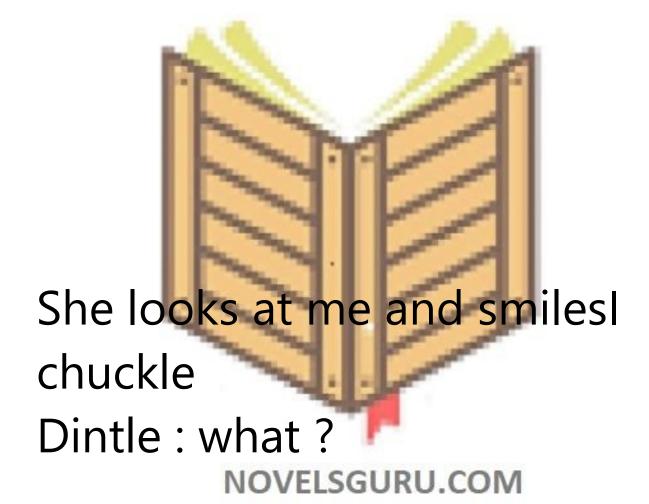
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Me: I didn't think you were going to come

Dintle: I didn't think you were bringing me to a barWe laugh
Dintle: just got curious and intrigued

Me: by?

Dintle: this ...you wanting to see me

Me: how long are you here for?

Dintle: a month or so

Me: mhm, well you're here and I hope I don't see you for the last time

Dintle : are you seducing me ?

Please, that's the alcohol speakingl chuckle

Me: not this coldShe shrugs

Me: you will just not leave

Bots the same

Dintle: is it? Me: yeah

Dintle: are you married? Me:

not yet

Dintle: financé? Me: not yet

Dintle: kids?

Me: not yetShe sighs

Dintle: girlfriend?

Me: soon, maybe end ofthis

night

She frowns and takes hergaze away from me

She downs her glass of wine And gets up
But she staggers

I'm quick to hold her

Me: what? Now where ...

Dintle: I need to peel chuckle

Me: okay, let's goDintle:

don't ..

I take her hand and we walkto



Dintle: I'll be fine

I let her go She walks in I stand by the door



I knock on the door and nothing

I check around and quicklyget in

There's two ladies by the sinks washing their hands Lady 1: are you lost?

Me: don't mind me

I open unlocked door

And she's sitting on the seat

Dintle: you can't be in here

Lady 1: hey babe, are you

safe in there?

What is it with women ?She smiles and gets up I take her hand we walk out

Dintle: I'm okay lovies

She says with a smile to the ladies

And they laugh

Me: that's it, you're donefor the night we're going home

We walk out of the bathrooms and head inside the bar

I pay for our drinks and we walk out heading to my car It's a good thing it's just usl didn't bring any friends





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I'm so out of it

I don't know how I got hereI didn't even drink that much Or maybe I think I didn't Wine is very sneaky

Anathi: you good? I nod He crouches down and take my heels off



Anathi: will you manage?

Me : yes , I just need a cold shower

I know it'll knock me back to my senses Anathi: coffee?

Me: just a glass of ice cubes

He frownsl laugh

Me : I'll sober up

Anathi : okay , the bathroomis that way

I nod

He walks out

I gather myself taking my clothes off

I didn't even see anything on the road to here

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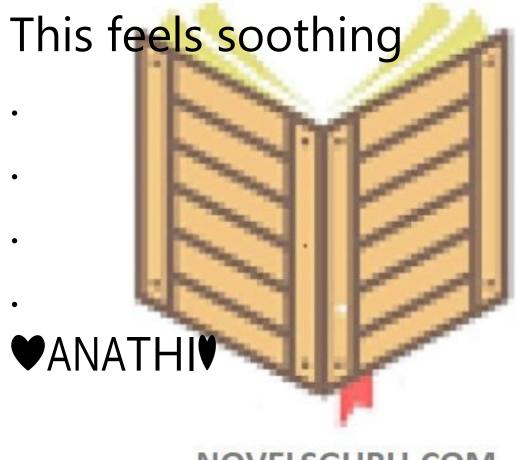
Or how we even got to the bedroom

I swear, this kind of drinking is not recommended at all

I walk to the bathroom and open cold water

I hold my weave back NOVELSGURU.COM

And letting the water run through my body





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She walks out of the bathroom

Wrapped in a towel

Water still dripping down her shoulders

I clear my throat and get up from the bed

Me : your ice cubes

Dintle: thanks, I feel better already

She takes the glass and pops an ice cube in her mouth

There's just something in the way she's chewing it

I wonder if it's not hurting

her teeth Dintle: what?

Me : you'll be okay ?



She walks towards me

I put my hands inside my pockets

To hide the boner

Dintle: I won't run out of here in the morning, being

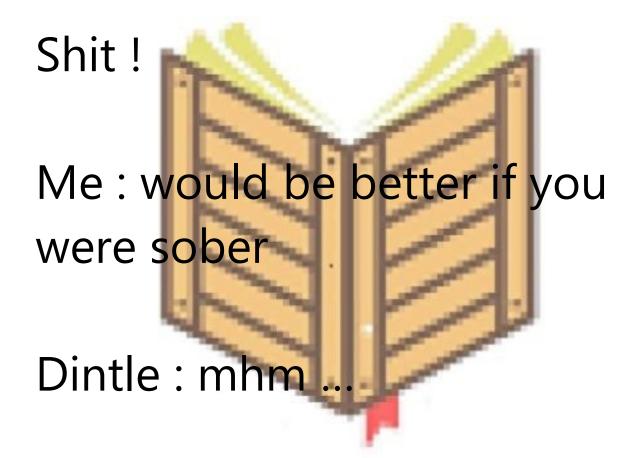
chased by some crazywoman?

Me: no, no crazy woman

Dintle: you've been a gentleman tonight

Me: I wish I wasn't

Dintle: don't wait for me



She gets on her toes and place her arms around my neck

I lean down, as she takes my lips into hers

We kiss, my hands trailing down to her ass

I grab on her ass cheeksThe towel becomes lose

She lets it fall

Her bare skin, against my body

She trails her hands on my chest, unbuttoning my shirt

I pick her into my arms

And turn around , placingher on the bed

She parts her legs

I position myself in between her thighs

Taking my shirt off

She brings her one leg other my back

I deepeen the kiss

She trails her hands to my pants unbuckling my pants

I pull them out

Slowly thrusting against her NOVELSGURU.COM

She lets out moans of pleasure

I pull out of the kiss and trail down

I grab her thighs

Burying my head in between her thighs

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Her hands trail on my head

As my tongue flicks around her clit

Feeling her juices pour out

And I keep licking her clean with my tongue

Dintle: ah shit ...

She presses my head down

As her thighs shake hard and she orgasms

I lay down and flip her over

Me: come sit on my face

She smiles bitting her lowerlip

And she moves up

I place my hands behind her ass, grabbing on her ass cheeks

And she presses down

And starts ridding my tongue As it flicks around her clit She throws back, placing her hands on my chest

I move my hands to herboobs, rubbing on her nipples

Dintle: uh ... ahhh...

I move back, and rub on her clit with my thumb

And her juices trail down to my mouth

Dintle: Ohhh shit

I flip her over

And position myself in between her thighs

And rub my dick head on her coochie

l get on my knees, lifting her novelsguru.com

And I slide in through, her coochie slowly

Letting out a grunt and she moans in pleasure

I thrust in through slowly and passionately

As her coochie grips on my dick

I slide in and out

Feeling the moist inside ofher

And her cum graces my dick as she grips hard on my arms

I lay down on her chest, shooting my cum inside ofher

And I pick up my pace
Thrusting in harder Pounding
in and out

Dintle: fuckdon't stopAhhhh

She grabs on the sheetsl thrust in deep Feeling myself so close to the end

I go in deeper and faster taping her sweet G-spot

And her whole body vibrate against mine

And she cums

I deep groan filling her up with my seeds

I empty inside of her

And lay down on her boobs

Placing a kiss on her oneboob

And she trails her hands on my head

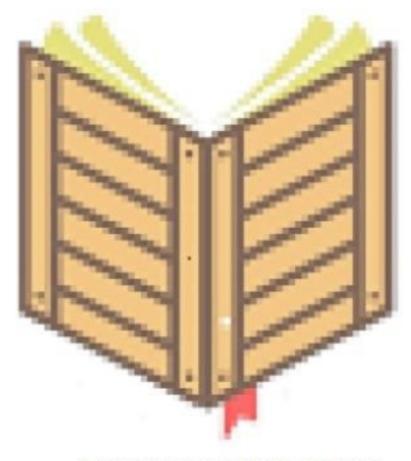
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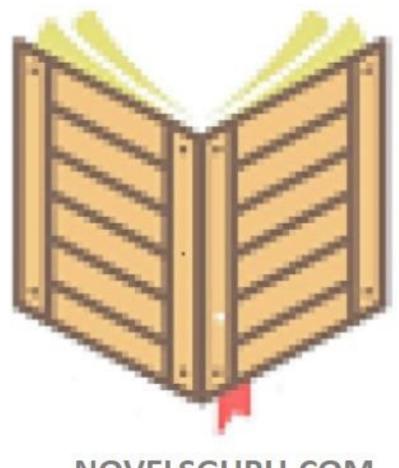
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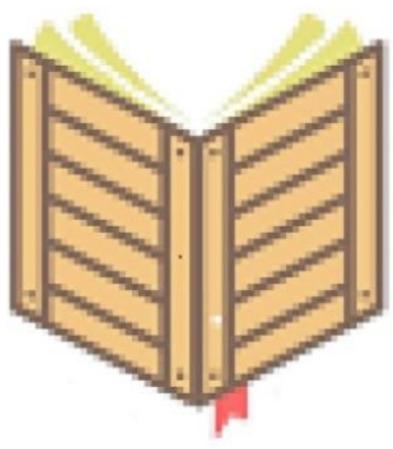
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And my whole body isaching NOVELSGURU.COM

What a night!

I don't even know what time we slept

My eyes are burning

Clearly I didn't sleep enough

I lift my eyes

And he's still sleeping

I slowly lift his hand off of my waist

And slowly get up without waking him up

I pick up his shirt from the floor and put it on

I walk to the bathroom and pee

I wipe myself flushing the toilet
I take his Listerine and rinse my mouth
I walk out

And he's still sleeping

I walk out , heading downthe stairs

This is one stunning house Way too masculine But clean, way too clean

He must be a clean freakl walk in the kitchen And I wonder who cleans this place

When this man is up in Maunl see the coffee kettle

And just make myself a cup

I walk up to the balcony with the cup

And place it down on the small glass table

As I look over the city

Damn, this place is beautiful no lies

Up here, everything just seems peaceful

Even though it's a city And already cars are busyThere's traffic and all

But it doesn't seem anything like Joburg traffic in the mornings

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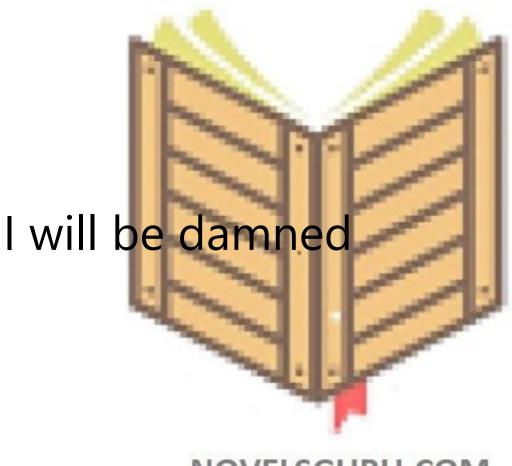




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If she woke up and run outon me

I get up

And I see her clothes are still on the floor

Except my shirt

I chuckle putting on mypants

I grab my phone checkingmy messages



And catch a glimpse of herBy the balcony
I open the sliding door and walk behind her

Hugging her from behindl place a kiss on her neck

Me : thought you bailed on me

Dintle: is that what city women are doing to you?

Me: no, I'm the one who bails out on then

Dintle: am I not just themost luckiest?

Me: there's no bailing out on you

Dintle: you don't say

Me: I thought you were going to wake you, have regrets and all kinds

Dintle: no advantage was taken of me, I was well in my sane minds. And I have no regrets whoever, nor do I feel

like bailing out

Me : good

I lift my shirt that she's wearing

And slightly part her legsShe bends over a bit Placing her hands on the rails

I unzip my pants and slightly rub my dick on her slightly parted wet coochie lips

She moans softly

I slide my dick inside slowly

Placing my hands on herwaist

And thrust in , pounding in harder

Her moans increases

As she lets out screams of pleasure

And my dick jerks inside ofher

Slightly pulling outBut I slide back in And she bends her back

Giving me better accessl tap in faster and harder
She welcomes and takes allof me

And moans louder as hercum graces my dick

And I empty my seed insideof her

I move back and turn her around

Placing my hand on her neckle pull her in for a deep kiss After a while, she pulls back

Catching her breath

Me: it's good you didn't bail out, cause this ...this is it. And you're not yet leaving

She smiles

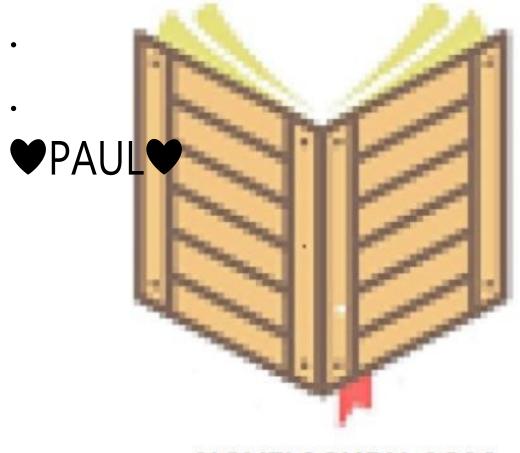
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And bites her lower lip

Her eyes sparkle as her smile reaches her eyes

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I hope I don't get fucked up



I've sent out applications And I'm not getting anythingIt's just frustrating I really need to speak to Dintle

But her office says she's not back

And they can't give out her numbers

I don't even know whenshe'll be back

Because they're not telling me anything

And it's not like they don't know

They just don't want to tell me

She sure has loyal employees Her father opens the door

And if looks could kill

I would be dead by nowMe:
Mr Tau: buy, do you have a
death wish?

Me: I am sorry to just turn up here, I wanted to ...Uhm ...

I clear my throat

Me: I have been trying to get a hold of Dintle but

Mr Tau: I told you to leave my daughter alone, I don't NOVELSGURU.COM

know how do you want to understand me

Me: I'm sorry, I just need to

talk to her

Mr Tau: well you won't

Me : is there a way I can

maybe contact her?

Mr Tau: this is the last time I warn you

I step back

And he slams the doorl heave a sigh Now I don't know what to do

I don't even know where Neo is

Maybe she would knowwhere her sister is

But that won't sound well

I heave a sigh turning around

I walk back to my car and drive out

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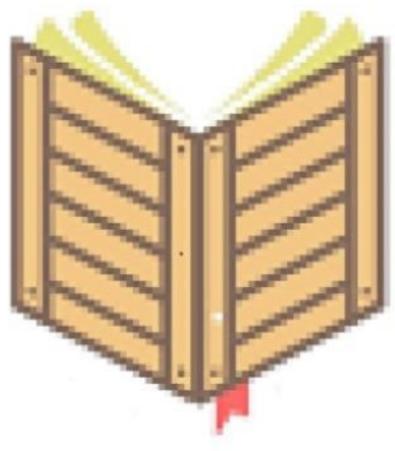


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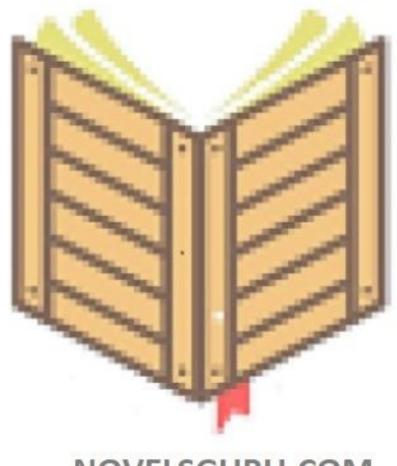


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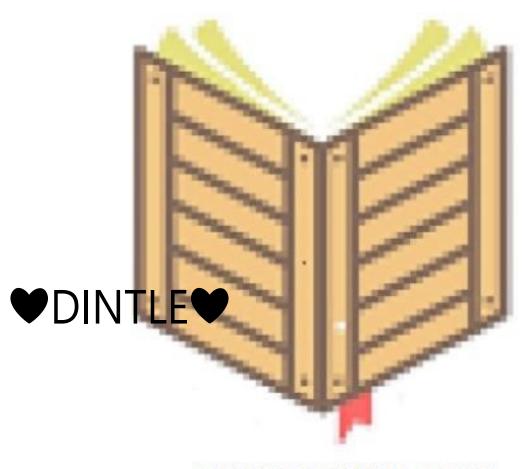
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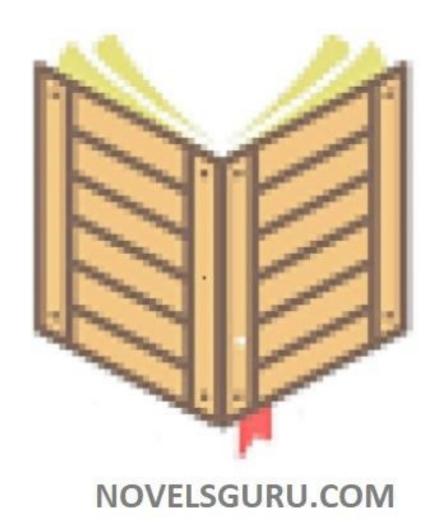




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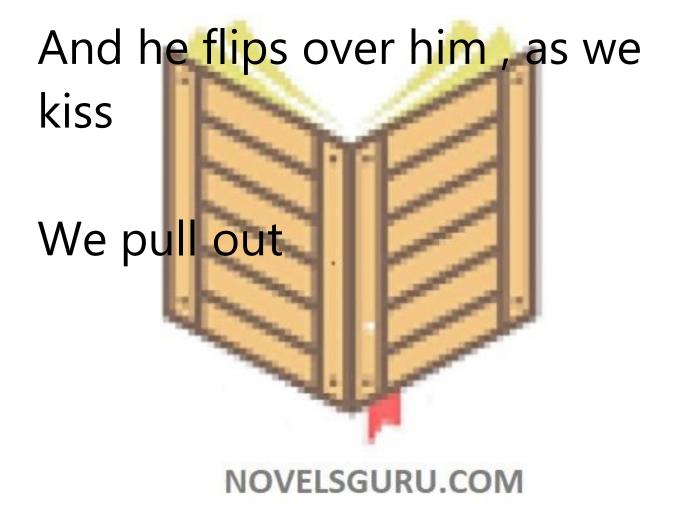
I turn and look at himI know

he's awake Me: wake up

Anathi: mhm



Me: babyl laugh And lean over placing a kiss on his lips



And he slowly opens his eyes

Anathi: hey

Me: wake up

Anathi: I am very muchawake

He says, sliding his hand underneath his shirt

In between my thighs

And he parts my coochie lips with his fingers

His thumb rubbing on my clit

I let out a moan feeling his dick poking me

I slide down , taking hislength inside of me

I move up, arching my back

I ride him, his thumbrubbing my clit

I place my one hand on his thigh

And hold his hand with my other hand

As he sends me over, pressing his thumb hard on my clit

I press down as his dick jerks inside of me

I lean down looking into his bloodshot eyes

He chuckles Me : I love you Anathi : I love you two



Being here in Botswana

Doing my work remotely

And just spending time here with this man

A lot has happened

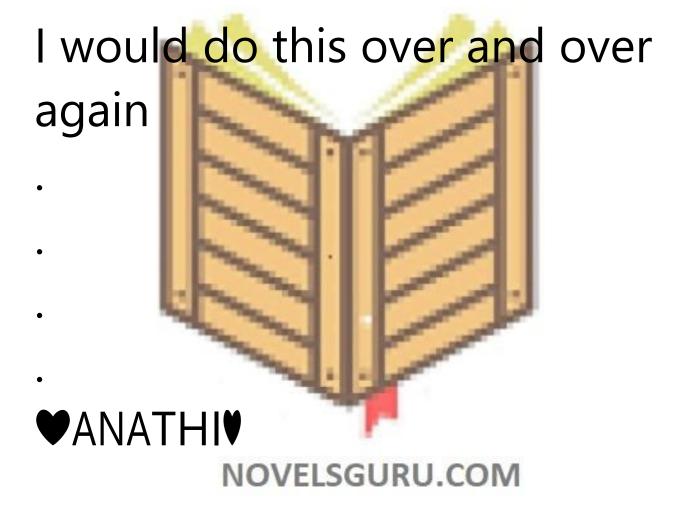
And I would never change anything

If given a chance to turn over

I would still take this chance to be with him

Making that decision to be with him, that morning on this very balcony

And we just never lookedback





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Me: I'm going to miss you

Dintle: me tool heave a sigh Even though I'm stationed in



And now she's going back to South Africa

Even though it's for a short

while

I know I'm going to miss her

Me: you'll be alright?

Dintle: yes, we even went to the doctor for this. I'm safe to travel, and all is well

Me: I know, I know ... I just wish I had time off. So I can come with

Dintle: don't worry, go work
. You need to make money
now

Her flight gets called

Dintle: I'll call you, and I know every chance you get you'll call

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Me: I love you, you know I'm only yours

Dintle: mine and mineUhm
We laugh
Me: not exactly aloneDintle: yeah

She leans over and we kiss

Dintle: be safeMe: always

We hug

Me: I love you

Dintle: and I love you

She moves back

I heave a sigh watching her walk in to the terminal





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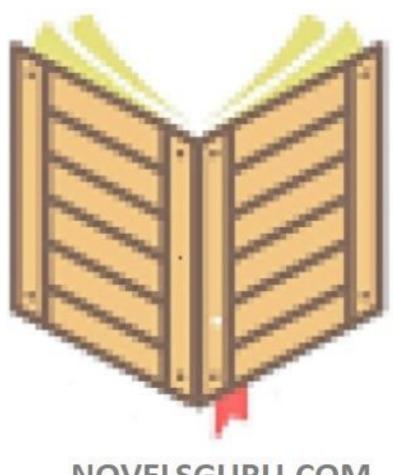


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I sure overstayed



And now I have to go deal with my life

And face decisions I've made

Of which, some of them I know my father is not happy NOVELSGURU.COM

But I was adamant to dowhat I wanted

And now I'll just have to face the music

I lean back, fixing my neck pillow

If I could get some sleepThat would be nice

Because I won't be able to sleep when I get home

I won't even be going to my house

I'll be going to see my parents

And then head over to the company

Even though I know that everything is going well

The CEO updates me about everything

And I get reports weekly NOVELSGURU.COM

I'm very much pleased

Even the revenue has goneup

Even Zwane himself is impressed

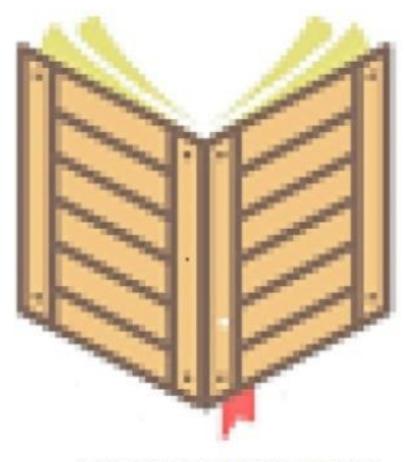
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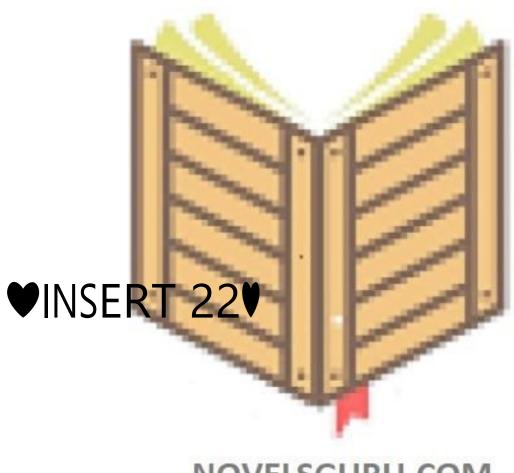
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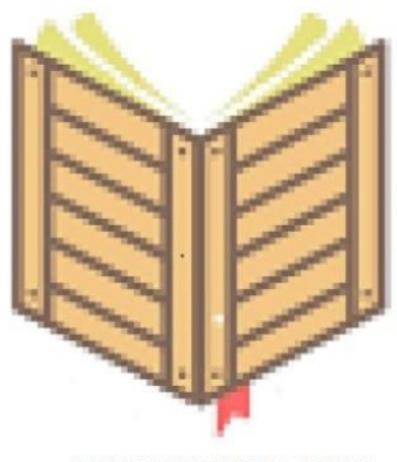
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Life will humble oneUntil it sinks in

sinks in
And you see no way up
Here I am

A while General manager My pride was way too huge And I never saw myself doing this job

Or even accepting it But knocking on doors

And getting only rejection

I found myself crumbling

And I begged my father to take me back

And I hate every single hour I spend here

I hate it

If there was a way

I would have long quit this job

But now, there's nothing

I need money to survive

I have bills to pay

And now I'm left paying an apartment I never even wanted to begin with

And Dintle just left me todeal with that

I can't even move out and go back home

Because my father made it perfectly clear

That I should sort myself out

So there's no going back home

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I was all fine staying there

And she had to come along And now, she's gone She didn't even twice about walking away

It's been 6 months, and she's nowhere to be found

Of course, to those who know where she is in surethey find her

I am angry at myself
I could have done better But
regrets change nothing

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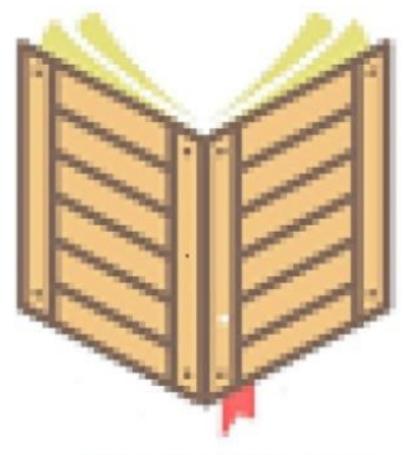
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Anathi: are you okay? Me:

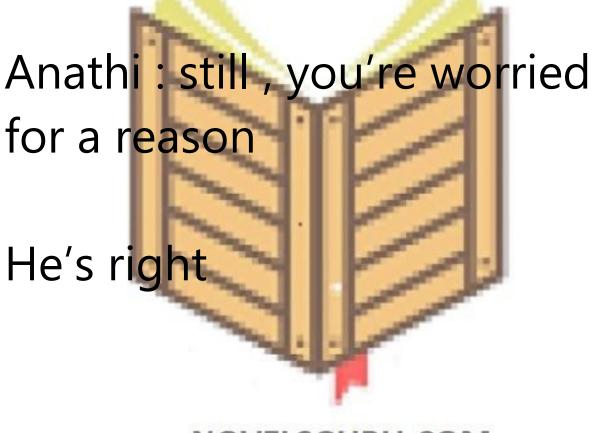
yes

Anathi: if you ever feel overwhelmed or anything, leave or let me talk to them



I take a deep breath

Me : it's okay , it's not likethey don't know



My father is one kind of aman

Me: okay, let me go inAnathi

: I love you

Me: we love you

I drop the call and get out of
the car

I fix my coat

Just as the door opens

And it's my mother

I walk over to her

Mom: I was coming to get you, you've been sitting inthe car for a while

Me: I was on a call ...

Mom: it's so good to see you, I was starting to lose faith that maybe you won'tcome back ever

I smile, guilt just eating meup

Mom: come in ...come in She makes way, I walk in Me: dad He lifts his eyes and looks at

me



Dad: you're back

Me: yes

Dad: good, it's about time

Mom: let me take your coat

Me: no I'm ...

Too late

Why would she say that

When she's already grabbing on the jacket

I look at my father

I can't read his reaction

Mom: you're pregnant?

I sit downMe: I am

Mom: but so soon

Dad: why didn't you tell us about this?

Okay!

Now they're just making a big deal out of nothing

I'm pregnant
It's not like I killed someone
Mom : Dintle

I say nothing

Dad: I don't like how you're carrying yourself as of late, and how you're doing things. Don't make me think I made a mistake, by allowingyou to leave that Zwane boy

I swear something is wrong with this man

And he's so quick to forget

Me: I didn't leave him, you made me. The same way you made me marry him, I'm so past all that. I'm old enough dad, I can make my own decisions. I don't need you controlling me

Dad: is that what you think I'm doing?

Me: all my life

Mom: Dintle, this is stillyour father

Me: I am not saying he's not and you'll never say anything against him.

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Because everything he says, is right in your eyes. I've been subjected to so much, wanting to make him proud. But it's never enough, so lam done. That's why I'm moving to Botswana

I get up

Mom: you're what?

Me: I have nothing left here, so I am leaving

Mom: what about yourfamily?

Me: I have my own family now mom, and that's wherel need to be

I grab my coat Me : I have to go

Mom: you just got here, you drop a bomb on us andyou're leaving?

Me: there's nothing else to say, I'm sure you're angry

and disappointed and all . But I'm tired

Mom: of us? Tired of beinga child?

Me: I'm a grown ass woman now, I'm about to have my own child. I can't be controlled, like I can't think for myself

I head towards the doorDad: if you're happy ...I turn and look at him Dad: I'm sorry this is how you feel

Me : just give me your blessings , to just be me for me

He nods slowly

I can see this is not easy on him

Because he's just so used to getting his way

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Me: goodbye

I open the door

Dad: if you're happy, then that's all that matters

I let out a smile

Me: I am happy, the happiest I've ever been in a long time

I walk out and head to mycar

I drive out to the company

Just as his call comesthrough

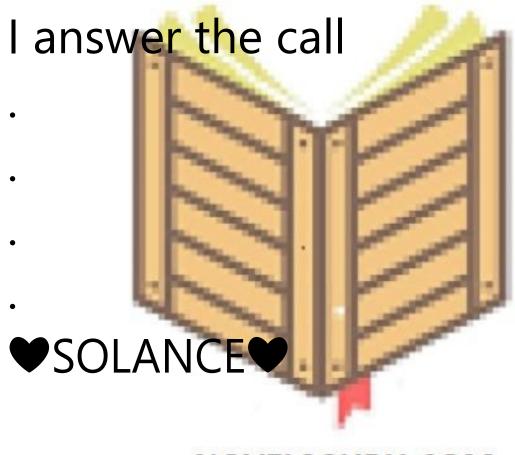
I laugh

I know he's worried about me where he is

But even I'm damn proud of myself

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How I stood up for myself to my parents

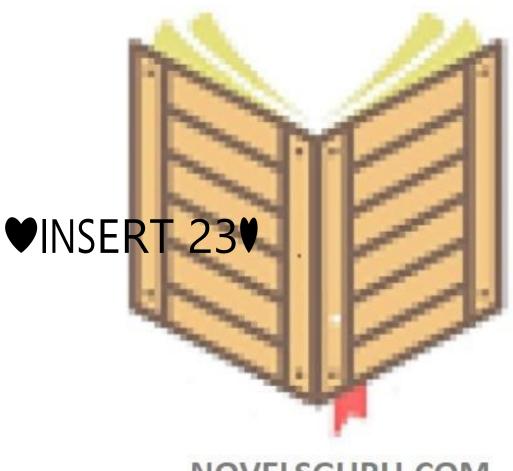




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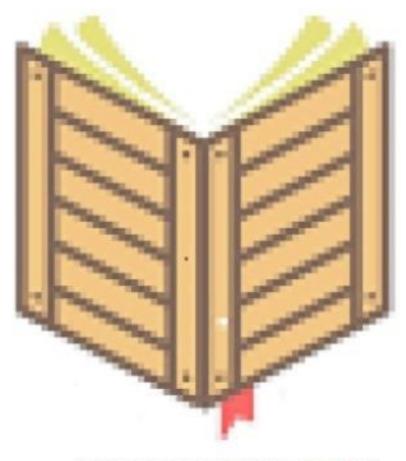
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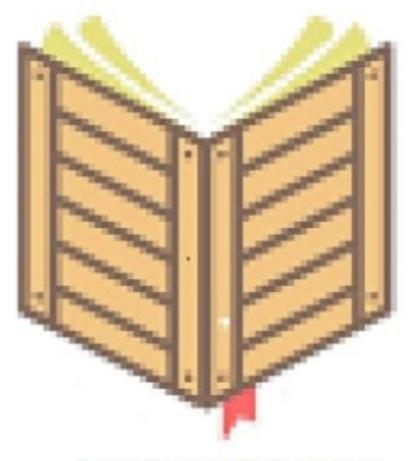
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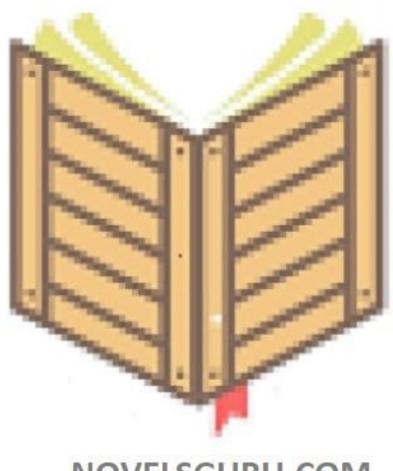


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I walk in the boardroom



And sit down

I wonder what's going on We've just been called And we don't know what's happening

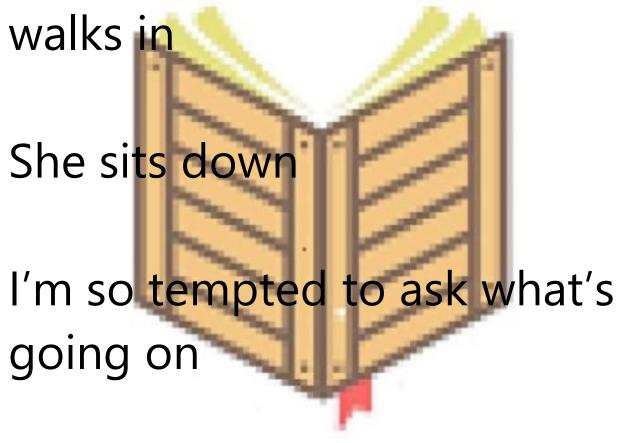
Maybe is with lower positions close to just beinggeneral workers

But I won't ask anyone anything

Because I'm just seen as nothing but a joke around here

The door opens I turn my head

And only just the receptionist



But I'll rather not do that to myself

Trinity: Gugu, how far is Mrs

Brock ?

Gugu looks at her phone

Gugu: she just parked in Mrs

Brock?

I mean, the only Brock Iknow is Anathi

So who could this woman be?

And why are we called here waiting for her?

Unless Dintle has sold her share

I wouldn't be surprised at all

This we shall hear and see

I lean back on my chair

Minutes later, the dooropens

And everyone lifts theirheads

I'm sitting facing the door Voice: I am so sorry, I'm late

Shit!

I quickly turn my head

Recognising her voicel pop my eyes in shock I didn't think I'll ever see her again

Especially being gone for so many months

Trinity: no worries, please take a seat

Dintle: I won't be long, so thank you to eveyone here And she remains standing Now I'm battling my thoughts

She can't be the Mrs Brock, I thought we're waiting for

She places her hands inside her coat

And I see the baby bump

Me: you're pregnant?

The words escape my mouth NOVELSGURU.COM

Dintle: Mr Zwane, I did not come here to discuss my personal life. So please, geta hold of yourself sir.

Ouch!

And that gets slight laughs

I'm even embarrassed

Dintle: I asked for this meeting, because I am leaving South Africa. But I will still be hands on in the company as I've been, working remotely scared mea bit. But if I could do it for almost six months, it really shouldn't be a problem going forward. As long as we keep

on working as hard



as we have been, and toying the line. We should be fine, and the company should continue to strive even more than it has the past months .l am not handing my proxy, or Mr Zwane senior to anyone. I will hold both proxies, and do due diligence where necessary. Trinity will continue holding the fort, the same as M

eveyone one their positions. Once again, thank you for coming at such short notice. But I couldn't just leave without coming here

They clap hands for her

Trinity: if that is all, please eveyone get back to work

No one says nothing Dintle: thank you They all get up And instead of walking out



I get up and walk out just annoyed

I stand by the door, and lean against the wall

Where has she been ?

In just six months she's carrying another man's child

I know it's not mine

That's not even a possibility

Finally one by one they start walking out

Until she's left with Trinity and Gugu

I walk in the boardroom NOVELSGURU.COM

Me: Dintle can we talk? They all look at me And now I see the ring onher finger

She sighs Dintle: what?

Me: in private please

Dintle: no, I have nothing to say to you ...

Me: I understand I hurt you, but please ..

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Dintle: it's not about that

She sighs

Me: what happened? Where have you been?

Dintle: I don't owe you any explanation, I'm trying to be professional with you right now. But you're getting way too personal, and I don't appreciate it

Me: you're married?

Dintle: yes, now please ...

She shakes her head

Dintle: ladies, once again thank you

They shake hands

Gugu and Trinity walk outMe

: Brock?

Dintle: what?

She asks shrugging

Me: it can't be, because the only Brock me and you know

is Anathi . Who happens tobe my best friend

Dintle: the only Anathi Brockl know, is my husband the father to my child. I didn't know you are friends, because he's never told me

I feel like my heart is being ripped out

Me : did it have to be my friend?

I look at her emotionally
Dintle: Please excuse me
Me: do you even love him,
or you're paying revenge?
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Dintle: tell yourself whatever will help you sleep at night

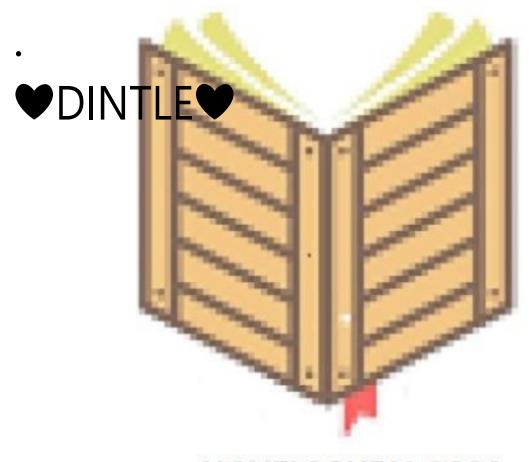
And just like that She walks past me I'm left feeling weak My knees are wobbly

I can't even run after her

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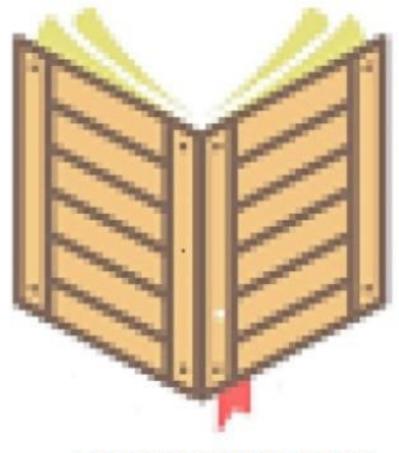
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Anathi: and?

Me: I told you not to worry, he's not even a factor



Anathi: I'm glad all went well

Me: yeah, I think my fatheris still not happy

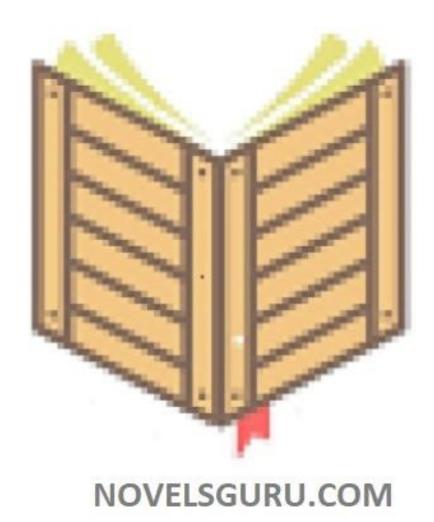
Anathi: they just feel left out baby

Me: but ...

I heave a sigh

Anathi: we got married, and I sent my uncle's to pay dowry. When I've already married you legally, and worse you weren't even home when that was happening. Traditionally and culturally, that's not now things are done

That was insane



But we couldn't leave for South Africa

Anathi had to be in Kasane

So we just did what we hadto do

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Anathi: we kept the pregnancy from then

Me: but now they know

Anathi: and you just told them you're leaving South Africa

Me: to be with my husband, they'll get over it

Anathi: you take this so lightly, I can't wait to seeyou

Me : just one more day , and I'll be back

I booked a return flight

And once I leave, I don'tknow when I'll be back

I've found what I've been looking for

It would be foolish to stay away from my peace

It doesn't need to make sense to anyone

Just as long it does to me

And sometimes that's just what's needed

Because not everyone has to understand everything about you

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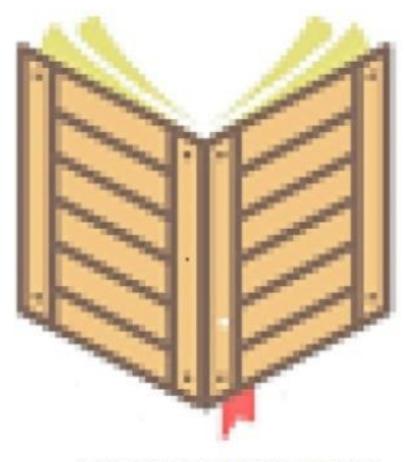
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