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Salinda

I woke up and looked next to me to find Sizwe Dlomo sleeping like a dead man. I guess the sleeping pills that I grind in his food are now kicking in. I slowly got up not by choice because of all the bruises that my body has endured. I walked slowly and got to the closet and wore my black track suits and took the bag full of money that I stole in his vault. I don't know how much it is but I know that its will serve a purpose for the new journey that ill embark on. Placed the back pack on my back and took the bag of clothes and tip toed out of the bedroom. With my box of jewelry to sell just if things gets tough. I took 3 steps and stop to hear if his still dead than walk another 3 steps and wait.

When I finally made it outside the house without any hiccups

I ran to the nearest engine garage and request an uber to take me to Umalazi to the guy kwa V who was selling his Tazz for 20 thousand that I have been withdrawing with amounts of 5

thousand a day from my card. Sizwe has been coming home asking what I use the money for and I have been showing him the same Victoria Lingerie for the past four days. Uber came and my driver was chatty but my heart was pounding so loud I thought it might explode. We finally got there and I paid and called the guy and he came out. I told him I'll fetch the car later. It was now close to midnight.

Guy: Manje my sister uyabalekha yini(so are you running away?) I just stared at him and gave him his last envelope of 10 thousand and he gave me the car keys. I got in and drove off. I got to Mega city and added petrol then drove off to Umthwalume. I ditched my phone there then got into the car and got to N2 driving to Johannesburg. It's the only place where I knew is big enough to hide me because Durban is too small for Sizwe and I in less than 2 days he would have found me.

Sizwe

I woke up with a banging headache and looked at the clock near me and it was 10. The side of my bed was cold. I guess my wife is making breakfast. I went into the shower and bathed and wore my black suit and went to check my messages one of my girlfriends has called while I was in the shower so I called her back.

Her: Baby.. she answered after a second ring and I walked to the kitchen while I was speaking to my girl telling her what dirty things ill be doing later on. To my surprise I found the kitchen empty.

Me: Buka baby sokhuluma later khona into efuna me manje(look baby we will talk later, something needs my attention) I hung up and looked around to find the house empty. That little bitch is nowhere and she never told me anything. I called her and her phone kept on ringing. I went to the bedroom check my I pad to get her location and its says Umtwalume. Who the fuck dose she knows there. This girl better not be messing with me. I pray on her mother grave that she not or she will follow her.

To be continued hope you enjoy

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Salinda

I arrived in Johannesburg and my heart felt lighter and I smiled at myself thinking I have actually pulled this thing off. I can finally breath. Am free of Sizwe. I got in at the bonjure garage and went to grab the newspaper and juice and pie. I Went to the chairs and sat there and ate while checking for a place to stay and what my next move now.As I sat there I thought of my life. My name is Salinda Kritzia Smith. Am 25 years of age and am a qualified accountant. My aunt sold me off to Sizwe family when I was 18 and Sizwe was 30 years. The first 4 years of my marriage was amazing. Sizwe did everything for me and took care of me like no body business. Every girl in Durban envied me and my life. His a big shot construction guy and everyone wanted a piece of him. He took me to university and had an accounting firm for me when I graduated but that all came crashing when he saw one guy kiss my cheek after confessing how much he loves me. I didn't have time to react because Sizwe smashed him in to pieces and took me home and he did the same. The last 3 years have been hell on earth. Iv been his punching bag, his sexual release doll and his emotional release target. He has been a living monster. Iv been out of hospitals more than I could even count. I have a plate at the back of my head that holding my head together. I got that from a new

years beating. I've lost friends and most certainly family. Am all alone and now this is a fresh start in a new world. Am ready for this journey.

6 months later

Sizwe

" You mean to tell me that you can't find one lousy girl?, what kind of an IT specialist are you" I roared as I grab my bags and left their offices. My name is Sizwe Dhlomo, I am Dhlomo construction. My life has been amazing. I married the love of my life who has been amazing to me and I have been an ass to her. I know I should not hit her or rape her or do all the ugly things that I do to her but I feel if I stop she will leave me. I am who I am because of her. She keeps the monster in me at bay. It's been six months since I've been looking for her and she has been smart. She left with 300 thousand and all her jewelry. She left all the ones that have insurance and could be traced. I have to give it up to her she's smarter than I've given her credit. She dumped her phone at Umtwalume am not sure if she still around there or if she not. She knows no one outside of Durban. I've had her head in every newspaper in the last 2 months more over the ones in Durban because I think she still

here. I've called her family more than a million times and she still has not been in touch. Now it's a matter of tracking account jobs and just wait for that money to finish and she will pop up and I'll make her pay for all my troubles. I drove off to my lady friend to get a few fucks even though I know they won't help because I really need my Salinda.

Salinda

It's been a peaceful 6 months. I've found a place at Edanvale Lyndhurst and am loving it. I'm renting a bachelor pad and it's nice and cozy. My neighbors are amazing. I have an old lady on my far right and she is my now new friend Mbali who is a lawyer by my left. My life is good. I work at a small company that deals with life insurance and investment plans. I picked that place because of the fact that it's small and it's private and my information won't be put on the data base so that makes life harder for Sizwe to find me. I love my job because we hardly have big shots, we only deal with old people and youngsters that want to invest and make big bucks and it makes my life easier because that will mean less running to people that Sizwe might know. I'm happy and content but not forsaking my safety. I have self-defense classes and shooting classes not to forget karate classes to help in case of a physical assault. My trainer has been an amazing lady. I picked a lady

because I feel safer with woman than man. Am still good money wise thanks to my investment and budgeting. Plus i live a regular life nothing fancy am always home. I walked out of the shooting range and went to the coffee spot opposite it to get some breakfast. I got there and ordered a bran muffin and some hot milo and went to sit at a corner that gives me a view of the door and parking lot. The waiter came through and handed me my order and left.

Akani khuzwayo

My name is Akani Khuzwayo and am 33 years old. Am a business man but mostly am an under operative agent. Iv worked for my government over the years to bring down drug lords fraud and serial killers. The reason I have had 100% successful rate in all my assignments is because no one suspects anything. Am a ghost in the underworld business yet am classified as the world most sought out agent or assassins. My name is ghost in the underworld. I have no time to live life to my fullest because am always busy. I have no family members apart my brothers in the Army who have become my family with they wives and children. We were all orphans until the government recruited us at 12 and we have been together ever since. I walked into the coffee shop opposite Max shooting range and ordered an Americano then walked to my table and

stopped halfway when I noticed a woman sitting there. She had a black bennie, black scarf around her neck, long sleeves top and black shoes and pants. I moved to a table that I can study her from. I always been having my coffee here and today is the first time am seeing this woman here. I know almost everyone walking in here. She lifted her head up and did a full sweep of the room and looked to her side. She was using one of the silver appliances on the counter to check behind her. I must say I was impressed. Right then Zumbu came in.

Zumbu: Sir we need to go if we will cover the 10 o'clock meeting. I looked at my beauty in black one last time and I left the restaurant to my 10 o'clock meeting. I arrived at one of the government under cover offices 328 and found the boardroom with the secretary of defense and the defense politicians who makes sure that the country stays safe. They all got up and I greeted and we all sat down.

Secretary of defense: We have an issue here. There is a war that is about to start and I want us to contain it before it gets out of hands. He handed us files " In those files you will find Sizwe Dhlomo from Dhlomo construction who basically runs Durban. He launders money for big shot gangsters all over the world meaning he is connected. The people he helps will do everything to make sure he stays in business. It was brought into my attention that a month ago he started doing business with

Russia biggest cartel Denisovich cartel and that cannot be happening. It will enable the guy to do unimaginable things and we cannot have that. We need to convince Sizwe Dhlomo that he can not help this guy with cleaning his money and the only way we can do that is to find his missing wife." He says as he switches on the screen and then pictures of the most beautiful woman iv ever laid my eyes on. She was tall and slim yet curvy wearing a red dress next to Sizwe and he was talking to someone who was not in the shot. Her smile was fixed yet if you looked closer you could see it wasn't a genuine smile. Her blue eyes we as light as a sky and her tiny breasts created the cutes cleavage. She looked inviting and yet a sadness was lurking in her eyes. Something about her looked familiar like I know her. He slides a few more pictures and in all of them apart the graduation day photo she looked haunted and sad. Her graduation picture they both looked happy an content. Something in me kept telling me that I know her but for now ill ignore my instincts and focus.

Me: So basically you want to find the wife that been missing for 6 months now, Sizwe who is one of the richest man who probably has hired someone to help him find his wife haven't been able to locate his wife. Maybe he killed her and berried her. You cannot tell me he has not found her. Anyways When you find the wife who clearly dont want to be found or is dead. what are you planing to do with her?

Secretary of defense: According to our sources his losing it without her. So if we find her and bargain her to him and in return ask he stops working with the Denisovich cartel. I looked around to find the man around me nodding to this ludicrous idea.

" your job is to find her and bring her here and ill convince her husband to make the change or he never sees his wife again. If Denisovich cartel's money is not stopped then a lot of people will have money to do a lot of damage in our world" he stands up letting us know we are dismissed. I take the file and as am about to leave the secretary of defense comes to me.

Secretary of defense: The President is trying to have relations with Russia right now and stopping they biggest threat Denisovich. They are a biggest threat to Russia and soon to the whole world since they expanding and lucky for us South Africa was they first pick giving us ample time to help our President out. You have never disappointed don't disappoint now. He walked off and so did I. I found Zumbu smoking outside the car. I just stood next to him trying to calm down.

Zumbu: Tough meeting boss? He throws the cigarette and steps on it.

Me: Yes, take me home. We drove to Sandton.

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Salinda

I finished my mini breakfast and went home to find Mbali my neighbor apartment buzzing with people in white uniform going in and out with food and deco things. I quickly pass not wanting her to see me. The past few months she been keeping me hostage at the corridor whenever we bump into each other. I don't want today to be one of those days I cannot deal with her bubbly self. I got in and locked all 7 locks that I have from the inside and went to shower so I can come back and prepare something to eat than work a bit. While I was coming out of the shower I heard someone was at the door. I switched on my tv to the ccv footage and I saw Mbali standing at my door... I grabbed a track pants and my long sleeve vest and scarf for my neck and I went to her.

Mbali: Hi friend, so am having my girls over for lunch and I want you to come through. She walks in and makes herself at home. Looking around my please, this is the first time iv actually let her in here.

Me: No thanks for the invite I have work, maybe next time. I move towards the door so she can get the idea that I want her to leave.

Mbali: oh I don't remember starting the sentence with if its pleases they highness. Ill see you in 30 minutes or ill come drag you out of your nice cosy house. She turned and left. I closed the door and sank down.

Mbali

Hi am Mbali and an 26 and I have a weird neighbor that I like. For the past 6 months or so she has kept to herself and iv let her be since Iv been told that am too much. Iv been telling my friends about her and they suggested we do this lunch so they can meet the mystery woman and have fun. So here we are. After I changed into my jeans and tops I heard Zindani And Buhle talking in my kitchen and when I moved more in I heard Tshiamo walk in.

Me: yourl here... I walked to hug them and we walked to the lounge.

Zindani: where the mystery woman?... she asks sitting down and looking around.

Me: Give her a few minutes you impatient child. They laughed and I went in the kitchen to pour drinks and a light knock came through. I went and opened the door to find my neighbor smiling and wearing black jeans and long sleeve black polo

neck. She had her hair in a messy bun. Holding a bottle of red sweet wine

Salinda

Here I was standing at Mbali door with wine. She smiled and open the door wider.

Me: I got wine.... I say smiling

Mbali: Thanks... let me put it in the chiller. She moves to the chiller and place the wine with the other bottles. Picks a tray of juice and glasses and I Tag along behind her.

Mbali: look who I found.... she places the tray down... girls meet my lovely neighbor... she looks at me.

Me: Salinda

Mbali: Salinda meet, Zindani, Tshiamo and Buhle... the 3 woman smiled at me

They made room for me in one of the couches. And I sat there. We had lovely lunch and chilled on the couch and had a few bottles of wine. After awhile they were so tipsy and I only had a glass.

Mbali: I like you Salinda and we will be best friends.

Me: I like you too.

Mbali: why are you hiding? She blurts out. Tshiamo and Zindani both call Mbali name out trying to stop her.

Me: Am not hiding... I shifted.

Zindani: Its okay dear you don't have to tell us. This is why I like her she understands privacy. She gets up and dust herself. " let me call my Husband before him and his brothers hunt me down" she walks out to go make her call.

Mbali: I know you hiding and its okay with me but always know am always going to be there for you. You should take my number so we can chat sometimes.

Me: I don't own a phone anymore. They both look at me shocked. And Mbali laughs.

Mbali: and they say you not hiding. She pours herself more wine.

Zindani: Here i was thinking I was going to give you my number so we can hook up sometimes. She walks in and sits next to me. I just smile. I really like these ladies so much. They respect my boundaries and are not too pushy.

Buhle: You must have an email address. She looks at me.

Me: I have an email account that I use but its not in my name. They both look at me shocked.

Mbali: Are you CIA?... they laugh. I guess they too drunk now.

Me: No. A knock interrupted their next question. Mbali went to see who it might be and I moved in to a spot I know if anyone walks in to the lounge they won't see me. She comes back after a few minutes.

Mbali: It's your drive Zee. Zindani gets up holding her heels and bag.

Zindani: Thank you guys for a wonderful afternoon. She hugs her friends and comes to me "my sisters in law and I have a little braai next week to celebrate her graduation. Come through with Mbali. She will give you all the details" she hugs and kiss my cheeks and leaves.

Akani

I got in my house and went to the basement to start on finding Dhlomo's wife. My thought is the bastard killed his wife and now he's bitching about it. I got in my basement closet and change my suit for shorts and vest. Fired up my system, while that was happening I made light lunch and went to my screens to check her digital footprints. After 3 hours of searching I came to the conclusion that Mrs Dhlomo has been missing online 3 days before the day she was reported missing. She has no new accounts. Her active accounts have no recent updates. Even her bank accounts are not active but the one that had 4

withdrawals of the same amount in consecutive days shows she was planning something. I now believe that Mrs Dhlomo ran away from her husband. Her medical record shows that she has been living in hell makes me hate Sizwe more. She has suffered Rape, emotional abuse, physical abuse and nothing can break a woman more than isolation. The more I read about this woman the more I became drawn to her and I felt that sense of knowing her. She looked beautiful before this whole horror of a life she lived. In some pictures she looks like a ghost and in most she could act that all is well but her eyes told a different story. I switched off my system and went to the lounge and found Zumbu flipping through the channels.

Me: I thought you left?... I went to fetch water and came back.

Zumbu: Am about to leave, I wanted to know if you needed anything for the rest of the day.

Me: Yes please get your underground boys to track any new cars that have passed or entered Johannesburg via Bonjure Garage dating 6 months back. Track any number plates that is not GP. I need that information in 3 days time.

Zumbu: sho case boss. He got up and I saw him out and went and lock.

Zumbu

I work for Mr kuzwayo. They not much to my life apart that am a big time thug in soweto and thanks to Mr kuzwayo connections. That enables me to run the underground world. Everyone knows am ghost right hand man and I do everything for him and they also know am Mr kuzwayo best friend tagging with him everywhere little do they know that ghost is Mr khuzwayo. The man has been good to me and my 2 daughters who stay with my mom in Eastern Cape. I drive to spitjo one of the best IT people ever so we can run throughout the tapes from the garage without the garage knowing of cause.

Salinda

After Zindani and Buhle left it was just myself and Mbali. Mbali was so drunk its was funny and she was more talkative. I helped her cleaned while she drank asking me a million questions.

Mbali: okay since you being vague with all my questions than answer me this one last question and I promise to leave you alone. I look at her to give her a go ahead. " Were you married before? I ask cause you have a ring line on your finger." She asks. I look at her and nod. " is it him you running from?" My eyes got blurry and I nod. She jumps down from the counter and hugs me really hard. And I must say it felt good being in contact with a person again. " whatever happens am always going to be here for you"

Me: Thank you. We broke our hug and cleaned and I must say after crying I felt much better.

Krutze Denisovich

I woke up to the smell of beacon and I all yesterday events played in my head and I remember bringing a girl over. Shit, I need to get her out of here. My dad coming by for breakfast. I jumped out of bed with my boxers to the kitchen and found her wearing one of my boxers and her bra.

Me: You need to leave. I walk up to her and spank her ass.

Girl: why? She makes a sad face.

Me: I have a meeting in the next 20 min and you cannot stay. She tries to kiss me and I move out of her way. She turns away angrily and goes to the bedroom comes out dress and I open the door for her and there stood my Dad with his army. How i wish a whole could open up and swallow me. The girl hurries out.

Me: Dad, you landed early. I try to smile but he was looking like a bull that he is.

Mr Denisovich: You ask to come America to fuck young stupid girls. He says with his thick accent.

Me: Its not that dad. I go to the kitchen counter and on the coffee maker. The girl did cook a storm and I guess that what we will eat than. He looks at me while I dish out the food my one night stand cooked.

Mr Denisovich: Am not going to eat bitch food. He snaps his fingers and his guards leave my apartment. I sat down on the counter and ate. He walked to me. " You going to South Africa to your brother he says he needs you there for a project. Now dont mess this up. The government and police dont know that we there. Keep your dick in your pants" He turns and leaves me with my breakfast. Am krutze Denisovich am 25 years and am half Russian and Half South African. Iv never been to South Africa after my birth and my mom died giving birth to me and so did my twin. My dad brought me here and that it. I have two bigger brothers. One a doctor working for my dad organization and has his own medical practice and stays in South Africa. One a full blown gangster just like my dad and wanted by all cops. His more to take my father business than I. Nothing special about my life apart that I take orders from my family to help grow our family business and am a family lawyer and help everyone get out of jail. All my dads employees depend on me to take them out of jail. Sometimes I can but sometimes I cannot. I finished my breakfast and got dressed. My phone buzzed with my flight information from my father and I walked out of my place to start my journey too Africa...

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Akani

We have finally found a promising lead in regards to where she might be. So the past few days I have had Zumbu guys on tag along to get more surveillance on her and Today I have to attend my brothers braai with his woman. I took a shower and wore my black ripped jeans, black T-shirt with black dots here and there and wore my black Timbaland. Took my glasses and wallet and drove to go buy alcohol before heading to Simo place.

Salinda

My relationship with Mbali has been amazing the past few days and she is a good friend. We have had dinner at her place a few times and sometimes movie night at my place. Its feels nice having someone that I could completely let go with. I woke up a little nervous today am going to Zindani family braai with Mbali. I open my wardrobe after making my bed to check what I can wear. I picked a black flowing pants with a black polo neck ill tuck it in and wear my brown belt and brown pumps. I went to the kitchen and made two breakfast meals and coffee then left my place with coffee and knocked at Mbali door for what felt like hours. She finally opened the door looking awful.

Mbali: Its 9 oclock... why you up so early? I handed her the coffee and dragged her to my house.

Me: I made breakfast for you. She looked at and screamed her lungs out. She sat down and we had our breakfast over lovely conversation.

Sizwe

I woke up to my phone ringing non stop. I checked my screen to an unknown number. I texted my IT guy to track the call. I answered.

Voice: You take your own time answering my calls.

Sizwe: Its 9am Mr Denisovich, what did I do to get this call?

Mr Denisovich: My older son Ray is around and he will be meeting you at 11 to go over things with you. Make sure your gates are open. He hangs up. I was now fully awake. How can a man that in Russia know my address. I get out off bed and call my team to assemble just incase things get bad.

Akani

I got at Simo place and found Mpendulo,Syabonga and Mzo already there.

Me: Guys booze in the car. They all ran like headless chickens. I laughed and went to the kitchen and found Zindani and Nokuhle busy in the kitchen. Nokuhle is Simo wife and this is her little get together. I hugged them and stood next to the counter.

Zindani: You look good... she looks me over.

Nokuhle: She right you look good.

Me: Thank you

Zindani: so you didn't bring anyone?she looks at me sly

Me: You always ask me that and the answer is always no.

Zindani: Good.. I turn and look at her.

Me: usually i get a lecture

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what are you up too?They both laugh and turn to continue what they were doing and I leave them just as more girls walk in. I see one of the girls look at me with as if she knew me but I continue to walk out. And find the guys outside preparing the grill.

Salinda

After dressing, I sat down and brushed my hair into a clean sleek bun. I wore my silver studs and a necklace that my mom

always wore. I took my brown handbag and left to Mbali place. She was wearing blue ripped jeans and a shirt. She looked stunning with her model body.

Me: Are you ready to go babes? I ask eyeing her.

Mbali: Yep. We can uber right? So she ordered uber and in 5 min its was there. We left and headed to four ways. We got there to one beautiful house.

Me: Wow

Mbali: oh jah I forgot to say Zindani family is rich, wait till you see the cute brother they call Akani. She giggled as we made our way to the door.

Akani

My phone rang and Zumbu name popped up.

Me: sho(yes)

Zumbu: she is in there boss, Sizwe woman is friends with one of Zindani friends and they just walked in there. I quickly moved to the side so I can have the view of the door. Just as Buhle was going to open the door. And in walked a screaming Mbali. That girl can be loud sometimes but funny and my brother Mpendulo wants her. They hugged and right behind Mbali was the most beautiful woman that iv ever seen in my life. She was tall but not to tall. Slim fit and she knew how to dress for her

body. She looked glassy yet not out of place. Than my mind clicked she the coffee woman. All along iv been searching for sizwe wife and its my coffee woman. She smiled at Buhle and they shared a brief hug until Zindani came and her face light up. They shared a warm hug and moved to the kitchen. My attention was brought to life by Zumbu.

Zumbu: boss... boss

Me: Am here... go home ill take it from here. I hang up and breathed hard.

Simo: Hey bro are you good? He looked at ne worried.

Me: Yeah yeah am good. I walked to stand next to them... Now what do I do next? Why do i feel this strong connection towards her? How did she stay hidden this long? I drank my beer and tried to switch my thoughts to something else.

Salinda

We walked to the kitchen and found more beautiful people. I must say the kitchen was to die for. Its was silver and grey with black appliances. Mbali: These are the ladies and ladies this is my girl Salinda. I greeted. The one named Nokuhle who I learned this is her thing came and hugged me.

Nokuhle:Nice to finally meet you... Zindani been raving about you.

Me: Pleasure is mine.

Zindani: Okay ladies let move to the lounge. We moved there and sat. Mbali already had wine in her hands drinking. I took a bottle of water. Sat at the love seat. After awhile a few guys walked in. One came and kissed Nokuhle I guess that her husband. " Thank you ladies for coming over, hope you enjoy ur stay" he said moving to the kitchen. Behind them stood one tall handsome all in black guy. My heart stopped for a minute and I looked straight into his grey eyes as he stared right into mines. He was fair in complexion. Had short hair and was muscular. He looked more like Jaden smith with a body of Idris Alba. I looked away to find Zindani staring at us and smiling like a retard.

Zindani: Akani I want you to meet someone... she walks up to him and drags him my way. He had a glass of something brown in it. "Salinda this is my big brother in law Akani... Akani this is Salinda" I tried to smile and yet I was so nervous it must have looked like a sneer.

Akani: Hi... his voice was to die for. It had that vibrating notion and was husky.

Me: Hi... I weirdly answered back and looked down.

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Sizwe

11 came and a whole army of black Mercedes drove in. I was standing by my patio and waiting in my silver grey suit and black shoes. A scary guy got out off the car and a whole army surrounded him. I walked to the liquor corner and poured whiskey.

Ray: Mr Dhlomo, we finally meet. He smiles an evil smile and all the rumors iv heard about this family finally make sense.

Me: Pleasure to have you in my home. What brings you all the way here?

Ray: specifics Dhlomo... just specifics... he seats at one of my chairs. " you see Dhlomo rumors says you are losing it with your other half on the run, now here I am to make sure if the deal is still intact and the man that My dad trust with my inheritance is still clear headed? He looks right into my eyes and I feel like jelly. I sweat a bit.

Me: All is good Ray. I don't let family affairs disturb me. He leans back and smile.

Ray: Good, ill look for your wife and ill let you know once I find her.

Me: Thank you that will be highly appreciated.

Ray: oh no, I mean ill look for her and find her than keep her as a guest of cause so you can keep your end of the deal. He got up and put his hands in his pocket." If you want to see her or even touch her again, you need to make fast in cleaning that money. You have a week." He walked back to the car and left. In all my years iv been working with thugs, I must say this is the only thug that has ever made me shake. One thing came out of this my wife coming back. I called my team to let them start moving in getting the money cleaned.

Akani

My phone rang. " excuse me" I moved to the passage.

Secretary of defense: My information from a CI in Sizwe organization says Sizwe met up with one of the Denisovich sons.

Me: That must be Ray. The other two are not too involved in this.

Secretary of defense: Yes, he threatened him with his wife in order to have his money cleaned faster and it worked. Now tell me you making progress with the wife because if Ray finds her. She good as dead. I look at the smiling beautiful soul by the couch.

Me: Give me two days and ill answer you.

Secretary of defense: Okay fair enough

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Khuzwayo don't let me regret trusting you. He hang up. I stood there and watched her for awhile and she looked my way and her smile froze. My mind was running wild with thoughts. I took my phone and called Zumbu.

Me: You have 24 hours to find everything on the Denisovich cartel and more information on Ray.

Zumbu: sho boss

Me: Get a team of men you most certainly trust to be guard's and send them to my house ill brief them when I get there.

Zumbu: sho boss

Me: Get someone to go to Sizwe wife house and pack all her work and clothes and have them delivered and packed at my house. Get one of the girls to stay at her place just incase someone track her there so we know when they have made her.

Zumbu: sho boss

Me: sharp. I hang up and breathed. I hope what am doing will be beneficial. I walked to the room and enjoyed my time with family and they friends. We ate and had lots of fun. I noticed that she hardly drank and she was alert. Now how do I tell her

that am taking her home with me and her chances of surviving are greater if she sticks with me.

Ray

I left Sizwe place and went to the hotel and called my brother to have lunch with him. He agreed.

Me: Tell Oscar I want that girl here by Friday. He disappeared. I sat down and watched the news thinking of all the things that I had done in order to please my father so I can run this empire.

Salinda

The girls are amazing. I've fallen in love with the bond they have and how sweet they are. I go to the kitchen while everyone is by the poolside drinking. I was going to clean up a bit since I'm not much of a drinker. I was busy washing dishes when I sensed someone behind me. I slowly turned and found Akani leaning by the door frame.

Akani: Hi

Me: Hi.. I turned and finished up my dishes. He came next to me and started wiping them.

Me: Thanks. We did the chores together in silence. When I was done he held my hand. I snatched it out of him.

Akani: Sorry, I know who you are. My mind just went crazy, I turned red and I couldn't breathe for a minute as fear took over my whole body.

He kept saying breathe and the more I tried the more it felt like I was being choked.

Akani: Am not going to hurt you please breathe. He sounded so sincere and he was brushing my back and I was slowly breathing. When he saw I was getting a grip he poured a glass of water for me and I slowly drank that with my hands shaking. " just calm down, am really not going to hurt you." He looked straight into my eyes and somehow I believe him. And relaxed a bit.

Me: Are you one of his men? I couldn't even say his name.

Akani: No am not but I know he has hired the Russian mob to find you. That got me shaken again.

Me: His going to kill me this time around, i know that he will. I don't know how but I felt tears running down my eyes as it hit me that am dead. Yes I take lessons but not to fight a Russian mob. He will chop me up and fed me to the dogs. My life is over.

Akani: Calm down please. I was making the front of his shirt wet with my tears. " I know we don't know each other but your chances of survival are better with me. You can move in to my place until this blows over" he had my face in between his palms. I looked at him all serious and his lips making me yearn things I have long lived to live without. My inside got all mushy and my Vijay got all moist. This man can make me yearn things with just a look. Just when I was about to answer Zindani walks in and I really tried to move out of his embrace but he wrapped his hand around my waist.

Akani: We going to leave now Zee, when Mbali asks let her know that she at my place and give her my number to call me if she wants to speak to her friend at anytime. Zee was smiling like a retard

Zindani: Sure, ill see you babe. She came and hugged me open the fridge and got more Ice. I walked out and got my bag and he held my waist as we walked to his car. He opened the front seat for me.

Me: Thank you. He went to his side and we drove off in his Jaguar.

Akani: I stay in Sandton. Don't be alarm, iv already alerted my guards am bringing someone over and took liberty of getting your things from your house to make the house more welcoming to you.

Me: oh Thank you.

Akani: Yes I took brought the gun you had next to your bedside table too just incase. I turned to look at him shocked. " look iv been following you for sometime, and no am not doing it for Sizwe but when I like someone I tend to try my best to know them first before introducing myself to them" he looked at me and some how that felt like half true. They is more and he is not sharing. Am I being stupid in risking my life and putting it in the hands of a stranger who might give me away to Sizwe in a silver platter? Or am I just being paranoid? Maybe this is God way of letting me know that he is still with me And am not alone. Maybe just maybe its time I fight back and believe in the Almighty just for once. I kept quiet as I prayed for this not to be a mistake and to come out of this alive.....

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Salinda

We drove into his house, well I thought this house was better than the last. It had a long drive and a big yard. The front wall was clear white bricks than the rest was brown. It had big window, the garage doors were beyond huge. He parked in front of the little patio and walked around to come get my door. I got out and walked into the most simple yet classic lounge. He let me walk around the house. From the outside it looked like a big house but in actuality it wasn't. There was a huge lounge which was decorated with red carpets. Silver coffee table. The black huge tv screen occupied the white wall and the couch was leather and "U" shaped. From the lounge you could see the dinning are that was huge with just an oak dinning suite and white walls with a huge chandelier in the middle. On one end they was a sliding door taking you to a patio and pool area. The kitchen was spotless and had the smeg white gas stove and latest appliances. The kitchen was Auburn green with charcoal tops. Had white bar stools here and there. I walked up to the stairs and upstairs they was a study room full of books. One empty room next to it filled with boxes Opposite it was a bathroom. Then a guest room was very colorful but the bed wasn't made. I wonder who was using it. I walked into the master bedroom and it was so clean. It was clear white walls

with a black bed set. There was a huge Tv on one wall. I opened the closet and it was huge. Right at the corner I saw a few of my clothes. I walked to the en suite bathroom and it was breath taking with the shower that had a full shower head. It must feel like being in the rain with that shower. I walked out to go down stairs and found Akani with a whole bunch of men by the lounge. I stood at the edge of the steps because I wasn't expecting this. Just before I could turn to go back up he calls me to him. I walked towards him.

Akani: This is the team which will make sure you are safe. Team this is Salinda. Everyone mumbled something, I just smiled and waved at them. Akani moved us to the kitchen.

Akani: Are you good? He asked with so much concern written on his face.

Me: Yes am good, I think I'll lay down a bit. It's all just too much to swallow right now. He nodded and I walked to his room. Undressed and wore one of my sleeping T-shirts and got on the bed and slept.

Akani

Salinda looked so frail. I walked back to the team.

Me: Thank you guys

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you will use the pool house and will work out the shifts amongst yourselves but Salinda needs to be safe. I want the whole house and yard monitored. I have cameras in the house when am away ill keep an eye on things when am at work. Someone make sure Zumbu comes to my study when he gets here. They turned and left. I went to the kitchen to start on dinner something light.

Ray

I was having late lunch with my baby brother and older one. When the call came through from Oscar.

Oscar: Just letting you know that we found her house but to our surprise they is another chick living there but her car is still outside am not sure she has a Roommate or not. But according to the files I have on her, she doesn't look like a roommate type.

Ray: Find her. Meantime send me all her information so I can meet this woman who has Mr Dhlomo losing his marbles.

Oscar: Sure case ill send it to you right now and her pictures.

Ray: In the next hour when you call I hope it will be news in regards to you finding her.

Oscar: Yes. I hang up and went to the table to finish my lunch.

Zumbu

I was driving like a maniac to Mr khuzwayo house. He wont believe what I have just found out. I got there and found my guys posted, took the file and walked into the house to find him in his study. The house was filled with a food aroma. I guess he has just cooked. I knocked and walked in, he was in a business call so I walked to the guest room that I always use when here. Got in the shower and came out and changed. Did the bed and walked downstairs to the basement office. This is where we talk about our dealings. The study is more for the real world business. A few minutes after Iv been there he walks in looking all serious. Sometimes this man scares me. As much as he is a friend and a brother to me but Iv seen him do unimagivable things. I hand him the file to read because they was no way I could explain this to him.

Akani

I took the file and read through it for sometime and I got a shock of my life. I took the phone and dialed the secretary of defense and he picked up on the fourth ring.

Me: So when were you going to tell me that she is Denisovich daughter?

Secretary of defense: who? What are you on about?

Me: Salinda Kretzia Smith married to Sizwe Dhlomo daughter of the late Lindakuhle Ngcobo father unknown. Miss lindakuhle Ngcobo worked as a domestic worker for the Smith family in 1994 where she later reported that she was raped by they guest at that time. A case was opened where the investigators found the guest to be Mr Kruvichi Denisovich were the file later disappeared making it impossible to make any arrests. Miss Ngcobo later gave birth to two beautiful twin babies a boy and a girl. They were some complications with the pregnancy resulting in her passing away 3 days after giving birth. She has named her baby girl Salinda krutzia Ngcobo and Simlinde krutze Ngcobo. Who were adopted by the smith family. When the Smiths died in a car accident the kids were 2 years old. The aunt took the baby girl with her on learning that she is family but leaving the boy up for adoption. Now tell me what I have just read is not true?

Secretary of defense: This intel changes everything. Have you found the girl?

Me: You haven't answered my question sir.

Secretary of defense: Khuzwayo I have intel that says that the Denisovich brothers are meeting and Mr Denisovich is on his way to the country. I was about to call you when you called. You need to find that girl and you need to find her fast. Because things are about to get ugly. This information also explains why Sizwe Dhlomo has a whole army that was reported to be in Johannesburg.

Me: I have the girl and she is here as we speak.

Secretary of defense: Am sending your "A" team because things are about to get me..... there was a huge explosion and I felt my body flying to the wall and it was light out for me.

Salinda

I woke up to guns shots and screaming and fire. I got up and ran to the closet. I ran to my side of things and searched for my gun. I found it in my bag. Loaded it. I took my black boots and wore them. I didn't care that I was only wearing a T-shirt and panty no bra. I moved around searching for something else that I can use in the closet and found a safe. Pity I don't know the combination. I walked to the bedroom and opened the drawer and found nothing. My mind was in fight mode. I'll fight my way out of here and am going to run for my dear life it time I leave this country. Am not sure how but am leaving. I slowly moved

out of the door. I walked at the passage checking all the upstairs room for Akani. I got to his study and it was on fire. The books were catching on fast. I opened his drawers and found an envelope opener and right under the desk two guns were taped there. I slowly removed them. I checked the other drawers and found a thigh gun holder. I strapped it tight and put one gun there and carried the two guns in my hands. I slowly moved out and walked towards the stairs. I heard a few footsteps. I stood there breathing and next minute I heard gun shots. I started shooting at everyone that was shooting at me. Bodies were falling down like apples falling off a tree on a windy day. More men kept coming in and the more I aimed and shoot. Someone shot my shoulder and the bullet gazed through scaring me and making me lose my gun. I crouched down in pain behind the couch. I took the envelope opener and cut through my T-shirt and wrapped it on my shoulder. Before I knew it someone grabbed my hair and pulled me off from my hiding place. I screamed and kick to no avail. I took a few breaths than aimed for they sheen and he let go of me. I rolled my neck and got ready for a fight of my life. He got up.

Guy: You bitch... He ran towards me and I moved to the side and kicked him straight into the wall. I quickly ran to the kitchen an open the drawers and took two pans. I cant really fight with my fist now they just to small and these guys are

huge. Just than walked in one of the guys iv seen Sizwe talk to multiple of times when I used to go to his office.

Guy: Make my job easy Mrs Dhlomo and come in peace.

Me: why can't he leave me the fuck alone. I screamed 2 more guys walked in. Good thing they weren't shooting cause than ill b dead meat. I threw the kettle at one of them.

Guy: you out numbered, come along. We not going to harm you.

Me: Than what you call this? I pointed around the house and at my shoulder. He ran for me from one side and another ran from the other side and the third guy pointed a gun at me. When he was about to hold me I threw the pan at the guy who was pointing the gun at me and swing around and hit the guy who tryin to hold me with the other pan of hot sauce that was on the counter and he screamed. The other guy tried to hold me but I saw him and moved fast aiming to his head. He went down like a sack of potatoes. I was left with the ugly looking guy. He tried to punch me and I opened the fridge and he banged his hand while he was screaming in pain I took a pot and banged it on his head. He went down. I quickly ran out of the kitchen and just as i was about to reach the sliding door something sting my neck. I turned around and found the ugly guy smiling. And it was light out for me...

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Akani

I woke up to machines beeping and Zumbu sleeping by the couch. I closed my eyes trying to recall everything and it all came to me.

Me: Zumbu.. I tried to call but my voice became a crack of whisper that sounded foreign to my ears. Zumbu shifted and I called out again and he opened his eyes and smiled like I just came back from the dead. He came to my bed and pressed the intercom for a doctor and offered me water. I drank and tried to sit up with his help.

Zumbu: you look good boss. He smiled just as the doctor came.

Doc: Mr khuzwayo, you are up. As he inspected me. "Well all looks good but your ribs are bruised . You going to feel some pain for the next couple of days. Am not even going to suggest making you stay over night but ill keep you in for a few hours". I nodded and he wrote a few thing in my chart and walked out. Zumbu turned and took out a laptop.

Zumbu: Let get down to business. This is why I keep him around he does the things that I want to be done without me even asking.

Me: Is she alive?

Zumbu: Yes boss she is but Tk man got her. Sizwe hired them to get her from us. I switched on the laptop and watched the video of my lovely home being destroyed. Then I saw Salinda wake up and assert herself like a woman who wanted to live. I watched the whole clip over and over again. And I just realized that apart the new found respect that I have for the woman. This is the woman that I need in my life. The way she fought man two times her size. How she improvised and almost got away. I should have given her my safe combination and this would have ended in a bad way for the other party. When I was done with the clip Zumbu showed me a file.

Zumbu: so while you were out I took the liberty to track TK man and found out that they in Soweto with the girl. She held up in the basement at some RDP house at Thokoza street. The house is heavily guarded. I got one of my man as her guard in there and they say she isn't badly treated instead she treated like a queen. Sizwe hasn't been making a move to come to Johannesburg.

Me: Do we still have the "A" team with us?

Zumbu: Yes they are at your house at North Gate. Setting up.

Ghost

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Mr Denisovich senior is in SA and they is no activity from they house and that getting the whole government uneasy.

Me: I need to think. Looks like ghost is needed to come play. I closed the file and my eyes and just went into deep thoughts. This is the war the secretary of defense was talking about. I heard Zumbu leaving my room.

Salinda

It has been two days since I was drugged and dragged out of the Akani house. I pray he is not dead. I really don't want him to die because of me. I woke up again to the lovely room that has everything that I need. Am really confused as to who kidnapped me because the Sizwe I know and the room that am in makes no sense at all. It more of a small cosy bachelor pad. I have my double bed in one corner and couch. With a huge tv by da wall. At one end of the room they is a small kitchen with every single favorite of mine in the fridge. Not to mention the book case and love seat at the corner were I can sit and read. And a small door that takes you to the shower and bathroom. I have never seen any person ever since I was here and that suits me fine. I know the room has cameras and they watching on me but the bathroom doesn't. That where I exercise and plot my way out.

Ray

My father called us all to gather for breakfast. We were now sitting and biting out nails while he was eating in slow motions. My brothers and I can communicate with our eyes and right now we all telling each other to get dad to speak.

Me: Papa

Mr Denisovich: Not now Ray, can I eat in peace. And that it they was silence as the only sound was made by the cutlery.

Sizwe

Tk has found my woman and lord ain't I glad. Now I need to finish this money deal and get my share and leave this country for awhile. Rumors have it that the house Salinda was at belongs to Ghost second in command. Now I don't want to meet this Ghost deal and I have no idea why Salinda was there but that bitch will tell me. I have a camera feed to everything she does and I must say 6 months away and she looks like fire. I missed having my Dick buried in her and that the first need am going to satisfy. I switch on my laptop and found her playing some Beethoven cooking. She wore shorts and a sport bra and her long skinny yet fit legs were visible. I immediately got a boner form that. Lord have mercy this woman is going to be the end of me. In her absence I realized I love her. She still has to

pay for all the troubles that she has made me go through. Am going to fuck her until her legs give up on her and her Vjay starts talking. I got harder by just thinking about all the nasty things ill do to her body. I called my receptionist to come service me.

Ray

Dad placed his cutlery down after enjoying his meal in peace. Our head snapped up and watch him wipe his mouth with the napkin.

Mr Denisovich: 26 years ago I was here for a business deal with the government that turned wrong. I stayed with a friend of mine that we went to university with Andrew smith. He offered me his home and I must say it was the most rewarding visit ever because I feel in-love. I meet the most beautiful African Queen lindakuhle. She was beautiful. We hit it off and she held the most intellectual conversation for a maid. She was smart and very opinionated. Your mom and I were having troubles Ray so this was my escape. In the weeks that followed our friendship turned into a love interest for me but for her it stayed at a friendship. I committed the biggest mistake in my life that resulted in me losing her as a friend and me leaving the country. Only to find out that 3 years later she was dead and left behind two beautiful twin babies.

Me: dad... I tried to speak and he cut me off by lifting his hands. In all my 30 years iv never seen my dad this sad and remorseful.

Mr Denisovich: one was a boy and one a girl. My friends adopted them but they soon died in a car accident. I got my people here to take the kids for me because I knew they were mine. Unfortunately they only got the boy. He was two years and was the most beautiful boy iv ever seen. The moment he saw me he hold on to my leg and never let go. I searched for the baby girl to no avail. Until a week ago when I found her. Her name is Salinda kretzia Dhlomo and her twin brother is Simlinde Krutze Denisovich. The room became dead silent and I looked to my baby brother and found his face covered in tears and when I turned to my father his face was red as a tear rolled down his face. Never in a million years ever thought that Sizwe Dhlomo wife would be my sister yet I was planning all those nasty things for my sister. I quickly took out my phone as the family looked at me and opened the file Oscar sent before my dad came over and went over to the pictures and right there came an exact replica of Krutze and dad just that it was feminine and so God damn beautiful. I guess by my reaction got my brothers came running to see and krutze snatched the phone from my hand. I think he had a shock of his life and fainted.....

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Krutze

I woke up to so many thoughts running through my mind. Cannot believe that dad lied all my life. Am a product of rape. Rape out if all things my dad could have done, he raped a woman. I took my phone out and searched my sister on facebook and went through her pictures. She truly was beautiful. My brother Chris walked in.

Chris: You up. He checked me over and looked at me with pity. " Hy I know this isn't the life you envisioned for yourself and I know you might be having issues with how you were born but you still one of us and we love you" we hugged and I really got emotional. The one thing I love with Chris is how he made it a point to take care of my emotional wellbeing and Ray was more of a physical enforcer. I knew exactly which brother to go to if I had a problem. I also kinda get it why Chris decided to stay so far from dad. We really are a broken home and to think we about to bring in another soul into this mess.

Salinda

Its been a week since my abduction and I still haven't seen a soul. Yes at first I liked it but now it feels like am in prison. I walked around the room thinking my options. This not knowing

who kidnapped you is weighing on my soul. What if they asking Sizwe for something, thinking am an assets to find out that I am not. Life is really cruel to me. That man will tell them to kill me before he even gives them anything that they ask for. Dear lord why was I sold to a monster? What did I do to deserve this? If my mom is in heaven isn't she looking out for me letting you know that am her child? I sunk down against the wall as tears were rolling down my face in frustration as all my days and months of torture came crashing down on me. Draining me of the little energy I have.

Sizwe

I woke up preparing for my big day. Iv sent all the money that the Denisovich family asked me to clean and took my cut. I took a shower and wore my jeans and a white Polo golf shirt. Wore my white adidas and drove to my private jet. Got to Johannesburg around noon and ordered food to take as a take away. I got us sushi and wine. The driver took me to Soweto and found the house highly secured. I got in and greeted TK.

Tk: You finally blessed us with your presence

Sizwe: I had to finish up some things before I can really leave Durban hand over things you know.

Tk: I see, well your wife hasn't given me any problems. And thank you for your payment.

I smiled and walked in with my food. I checked my phone to see what she doing and she was sitting by the couch watching something intensely. I unlock the door and walk in. She doesn't even look up. I walk in to the kitchen and took out the plates and set up for eating than walked back to the lounge and found her still watching the news on business talk and still not noticing my presence.

Salinda

I saw Sizwe walk in and I calmed myself and pretended that I didn't see him. Can my day get any worse. He went to the kitchen with take aways and set up. He must be mad thinking ill eat whatever he brought for me. I kept calm and continued to watch the news without really watching it. He walked closer and touched my shoulder and I jumped.

Sizwe: Hi

Me: Hi. We both stared at each other for awhile.

Sizwe: I brought sushi for you. He smiled

Me: No thanks, iv already eaten. I played with my fingers this is the first time in years since I spoke back to him. He looked at me than smiled and moved to the table.

Sizwe: Come eat Salinda. I moved to the table and sat opposite him. "How have you been?"

Me: good and you?

Sizwe: Good. He poured wine in a glass sipped and poured more and passed it to me. He pour some for him too. I just stared at the glass. " so let catch up a bit" he says while dipping his sushi in the sauce . I just stare at him not moving at all. I studied him and his face all calm, usually this is his demeanor before all hell breaks lose. I really didn't want to be surprised.

Akani

The "A" team and I drove out to Soweto. We heard that Sizwe is here and we knew his going to fetch Salinda. If he gets there than that will be the end of us ever seeing him because his been making arrangements and shifting power in his organization meaning his leaving the country. We drove out with the plan to eliminate everyone there apart Sizwe and Salinda. Sizwe needs to pay for his sins and Salinda well she and I have unfinished business that ill like to explore.

Salinda

I sat there watch him take a few more bites.

Sizwe: Eat Salinda

Me: Am really not hungry Sizwe

Sizwe: doesn't matter indulge me. I took a sip of wine and smiled. He smiled back and relaxed.

" was I really that bad that you had to run away?" Now i didnt expect that.

Me: excuse me?

Sizwe: I mean I gave you all your heart desires and treated you like a queen, so I want to know where I went wrong?

Me: Sizwe are you seriously asking me this? I looked at him and he smiled at me. He smiled that smile that gives me the creeps. And right than it dawn to me that Sizwe will never change. He is evil and will always be evil. He knew what hell he has brought in my life and yet he wants me to relive my moments just as a reminder of what he is capable off. It clicked in my mind right than that I had to take matters into my hands. I need to gain back my power of mind

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soul and not let him torment me anymore. I took a bite from the sushi in his plate.

Me: I don't know Sizwe, maybe its how you threw me on the wall for over cooking the rice. Or maybe it was how you had sex with me when I didn't want too. Oh not to forget the countless times you were fucking around and even fucking girls in the next room in my house and make me wash the sheets. Not to forget how I told you I was pregnant and you told me to abort and I didn't and you put meds in my food resulting in an abortion. Do I need to carry on telling you what an amazing husband you have been? Or are you satisfied with what Iv said so far?. They was silence in the room. I was trying to be calm but all my years of pain and torments was now rushing in on me making me boil with anger. He looked at me and laughed. Really laughed out hard.

Sizwe: Maybe I would have treated you better if you would have never played me. He spat out with so much anger

Me: When? How? If that what makes you sleep at night than Good for you Sizwe because lord knows iv only been with you, never slept with anyone but you, never loved anyone but you. Iv cared for you even when you crushed my bones with a bat just for being 5 minute late. 5 minute that you later saw I was held up by the traffic officer, was i suppose to say Dont stop me my husband will bash me?. Iv loved you until the words and the

feeling itself seemed to be slowly slipping away from me with every time iv landed in hospital. Iv loved you and you saw that and abused my love. You have stripped me of my identity and my self worth. You are no man, you just a shallow man that thinks beating a woman makes them a man. A slap shook me out of my body. I touched where he slapped me and laughed so hard. He than began to hit me countless times. And kicking me and I just couldn't stop laughing. He took out a gun and pointed it at me. I looked at him with so much hate. " go ahead, shoot me so I can be in peace in heaven while you rot in hell for not only shooting me buy for all the horrible things you have done in my life. Shoot me Sizwe" I screamed at him. The gun went off and I closed my eyes as I felt blood on my face.

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Salinda

I woke up to find myself in a hospital bed. I closed my eyes as I tried to remember how I ended up in here. I remember Sizwe pointing a gun at me and I was telling him to shoot me. Next thing I know he was shot on his right shoulder than it got blank and I woke up here in this bed. Am not sure if his dead? I don't even know who shot him? Oh no what if am not safe in here? What if the same people who shot Sizwe are here and holding me hostage? But hostage for what because Sizwe is the only person I know? Or who would fight for my freedom. I closed my eyes just not wanting to get up since am scared of what going to happen if I do. I heard footsteps coming in and I heard someone move towards my bed. They just stood there and I could feel they eyes watching me and I did my best trying to be calm and not move. I heard another set of footsteps these ones were heavier.

Akani

I walked into Salinda room and found the Denisovich youngest son standing there. The resemblance was too great. I now have no doubt that they are twins.

Me: Hi

Krutze: Hi am krutze

Akani: Pleasure to meet you. I shake his hand after placing the things I got for her since she being discharged later today.

Krutze: You must be wondering who I am. He rubbed his head and shifted a bit.

Me: Nope am not I know you and your reasons of why you are here. He looks at me so shocked.

Krutze: Does she know?

Me: Nope I haven't gotten an opportunity to let her know yet. She been through a lot.

Krutze: I know, I just wanted to see her.

Me: understandable. We stood there in silence for awhile looking at Salinda sleeping so peacefully.

Krutze: She looks at peace and she is beautiful. I nodded and kept my mouth shut.

Sizwe

I woke up to a room that had a small bed on one corner and it was beyond filthy. My whole body pained. They really did a number on me after shooting me and then beating the shit out of me. He even had divorce papers drawn up and made me

sign them. If I survive this ill make Salinda pay for getting her goons do this to me. For shooting me and for all the pain they causing me. I tried to move but pain made me paralyzed beyond words. I sat there trying to breathe as it was very difficult to even do so. I lay there trying my best to not let the pain get to me but it was unbearable. Tears slowly went down my face as I thought of all the things that iv done in my life. If this is God way of punishing me than I surrender because I cant take it no more.

Salinda

I woke up to find the two guys looking at me. I shifted and Akani Helped me move into a sitting position. And just then the doctor came and they left the room as he checked me.

Doctor: You going to be fine you just need a few days to heal. Ill discharge you but also give you a few meds to help with the pain. I nodded as he left the room. I turned to the new guy that was in the room. I studied him for some time and I must say he looked like me. He had my nose and eyes and was the same height as me.

Me: you look familiar. He laughed nervously and moved to my side of the bed.

Him: Hi

Me: how are you?

Him: good and yourself?

Me: good. They was awkward silence and I saw Akani just leaning at the wall with his hands in his pocket.

Me: So you are? I quietly asked and he laughed nervously.

Him: Simlinde krutze Denisovich but I go by krutze.

Me: pleasure to meet you. I gave him a hand to shake and he did. The minute our hands touch my heart was beating so fast that I had a flash back to the time when I was sitting on a hospital bench outside the corridor and was holding a teddy in my hand and next to me was a little boy my age and he was holding my hand as we both waiting. I blinked as tears were running down my face. Am really not sure why am crying but Akani was next to me in a minute.

Akani: You good? I nodded with my head because talking was very difficult. Krutze was now blinking away his tears.

Me: I dont know if it weird for me to ask you if you could just come hug me. I was looking at krutze and he nodded and we hugged. The most comforting hug iv ever had in my life. Yes I never trusted me but this one felt familiar. I felt safe in his arms like he would protect me. Somehow i felt connected to him in ways that I couldnt understand nor explain.

Akani

I stood there and watched them hug for what felt like years. I guess even when you dont know your twin your body remembers. It felt akward standing there so i left the room to go make a call.

Zumbu: sure?

Me: Was just checking if you have started extracting information and has he signed?

Zumbu: Yes he signed the divorce papers and we haven't done anything after as he was weak.we will try in a week time but for now we dealing with Tk boys they searching for him and causing distraction where ever they go.

Me: Alright handle that while I take her to my house. That where she will be staying until all this mess is sorted out.

Zumbu: Sure boss will do. Mbali and Zindani have been banging at her door. Do you think I should fill them in.

Me: You can. But no visitors for now plus she just meet krutze and am not even sure to tell her who he is.

Zumbu: Give her time to adjust to what happen to her first.

Me: okay bye. I walked back in to find them laughing about something. She really does look beautiful. She looked my way and shy away looking the other way.

1 year later

Salinda

Its been a year since the whole ordeal of Sizwe who I later found out that he served me with signed divorce papers. Which than turned out that he signed half of his things over to my name which was a surprise. I moved in to Akani house after my ordeal that resulted in Akani shooting him after he found me which till today he couldn't explain how he found me. The past year has been challenging in so many ways. Iv learnt Sizwe have disappeared on the face of earth and that doesnt sit well with me as much as Akani has always been there for me in a way but still its gives me no peace that he is running lose. In all this iv learnt that I have a father who had to run off to Russia due to reasons I dont know. I stay in a house with my two brothers that I adore kruzte and Cruise. Ray well his in and out of South Africa. They spoil me rotten and I must say iv never felt so safe in my life. I now work at a big accounting firm thanks to Cruise and my Twin brother is a big shot lawyer. Its been 8 months since iv heard from Akani who really was a big part of my life and getting me on my feet. He has disappeared on the face of the earth.Mbali

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Zindani and I have been the best of friends and I must say they made life bearable. The Dhlomo family have been harassing me saying I killed their child and took his money which is not true. I got out of bed and wore my gown and got downstairs to find a fresh coffee pot. I poured myself some coffee and stood there drinking it while watching the birds go on with their business. When I was done I went to shower for work, I had an important client meeting at 10 that my boss wants me to sit on in. I knocked on Kruzte's door while going to the bathroom to wake him up. I got to bathroom and began getting ready for work.

Akani

It's been the most challenging year. After the whole Sizwe saga I've been trying to leave the organization but the secretary of defense hasn't been welcoming to that idea. After we got all the information that we needed from Sizwe we found out we had a mole in our group that helped Sizwe escape a high secured location till this day he hasn't been found and it's been 8 months. I haven't seen Salinda in 8 months although I trust the Denisovich family to keep her safe. I got ready for my meeting then went downstairs wearing my silver suit and brown shoes. I got in my car and drove to Accounting Spirits Ltd. I got in at the receptionist.

Receptionist: Good morning Sir

Me: morning am here for the 10 oclock with mr Giba. She checked the dairy and walked in-front of me shaking her ass. We got to the boardroom and she opened the door for me.

Receptionist: Make yourself at home and feel free to the refreshments. And she left. I got myself water and checked my emails and after awhile the door opened and Mr Giba came.

Mr Giba: Thank you for joining us,give me a few minute am waiting for Miss Smith to join us. I nodded and just than she walked in wearing a red pencil skirt. White shirt neatly tucked in and wearing gold studs and red lipstic. Her boobs formed a perfect V on her chest with a silver neck piece. She looked breath taking and ravishing. She looked at me all shocked and shy. My heart caught up in my throat and all I could do was to just stand there and admire her beauty. She truly was breathtaking.....

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Salinda

I walked in and I saw Akani and my heart stopped for a minute. I took small breaths to calm myself as I made my way in.

Me: Good morning... i greeted and got down to the presentation. When all was done I sat down and took a sip of my water.

Mr Giba: Thank you Miss Smith for your wonderful work. I smiled.

Akani: Will she be the person who will be dealing with my account? He asked with no emotions what so ever

Mr Giba: Yes and Ill be helping here and there.

Akani: okay set up a meeting tomorrow for your most convenient time to come at my office and will go through finer details. I was beyond happy for my first big account and to prove to Mr Giba that am more than just an empty skull with looks. We shook hands and I felt like I was being electrocuted from my toes to my head but not in a stinging way but more of a warm fuzzy feeling spreading from within. This man has been saving my life from day one and now his about to jump start my career. I walked out of the room shaking my ass little to give myself that sway effect of am the boss as I went to my office.

Sizwe

I got up and went to the kitchen to make myself something to eat. I've been in Lesotho for a year now and am still planning my revenge on Salinda and her goons. I've been living off the money that I make as a working class man. I live like a common man and have a job at one construction site as a manager. Am lying low until whoever is helping Salinda other than the Khuzwayo boy come to light. I've even went through the trouble of learning Sesotho. I sat there thinking of all the million things that I would do to make her life a misery before she dies. All my offshore accounts were frozen. The man are under surveillance. Whoever this bitch been opening her thighs too really knows on how to make life a living hell for me and their day is coming. I'll be king again

Akani

I drove all the way to my office with just her on my mind. I could get her off my mind. I called Zumbu.

Zumbu: sho boss

Me: I need a favor can you do a check to see if Salinda Dhlomo has been dating anyone or is dating anyone if not can you give me her number?

Zumbu: give me an hour

Me: olryt. I hang up and tried to work which was close to impossible. Her voice kept playing in my mind and all I could think about was her. How on earth did I let her go for so long.

(Somewhere in a hotel)

He looked at me as if am the only woman that he has ever laid eyes on. His looks alone made me shiver with so much want and need. He walked closer to me and pushed me against the hotel cool white wall

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my body was already burning up with so much need and want. All i could think about was him in me. I swallowed hard as he moved his hands in slow motion down to my honey pot while he looked deep into my eyes as if his searching my soul for something. Just as smoothly he inserted a finger a little roughly causing my breath to catch.He grinned the most devilish yet handsome smile and ravished my mouth like a hungry animal making my whole body shiver in anticipation of what can be next. My body was on fire yet the wall helped to ease the heat a bit. We kissed for what seems to be hours but yet it was only just seconds. He was slowly making circular motions making my whole body tense in anticipation. I shifted a bit causing him to

pin me harder into the wall. He then went down leaving wet kisses everywhere he kissed and just as I was thinking I was about to lose it. He stopped with his finger and looked at me shyly with eyes filled with so much passion.

Him: Isabella... he whispered causing my whole body to shiver as he left bite kisses all over my hip bone. "You going to do exactly what I am going to ask of you no questions" he whispered with his deep voice causing me to nearly pee myself. Before I could give him an answer he went down on me like a man possessed. I was screaming as if I was being chased by a monster. My one leg was now wrapped on his shoulder and my other leg on the floor I was slowly losing balance as I could feel myself about to climax. My whole body vibrated and loud I came screaming and holding his head in place. When the last bit of my climax rushed over me I collapsed and he let me slide down to the floor as I tried to catch my breath. I looked up to find him undoing his pants and his big boy sprang out of his pants all eager. And I knew right there and then that I am in trouble and there is a big possibility that tomorrow I might not be able to walk properly....

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Salinda

I finished up with my work and just when I was about to leave Mr Giba assistant poked her head in.

Her: he wants to see you before you leave. I nodded and made my way to him after packing my bag. I knocked and went in to find him still content in his office as if his not going anywhere any time soon

Me: you asked to see me sir?

Mr Giba: Yes please sit down. I went and sat crossing my legs. “ The reason I called you here is to discuss Mr Khuzwayo account” he looked tight into my eyes for a moment than relaxed back to his chair.

Mr Giba: iv been observing you the past few months and you have some brains in that pretty head of yours. He tried to smile but it looked weird on him. The thing about Mr Giba, he is a smart man and makes it a point to let everyone in the room know that no one is smarter than him. He also has a big ego and is very stubborn. Am even surprised that he allowed me to do the presentation yet alone lead the account.

Me: Thank you sir.

Mr Giba: Not a compliment but anyways Now this is your first account I want you to let me in on every step or decisions you make. My door is forever open and dont think you got this account due to your hard work, which is very much appreciated but it because man like Khuzwayo will rather be stuck with a beauty than an old grizzly bear like me. I looked at him with so much distaste but that didnt affect him nor bother him.

Mr Giba: I hope your morning is cleared and you made an appointment to see him first thing in the morning since when you walk in those doors, i want good news or you can kiss your job goodbye. Are we clear Miss Smith?

Me: crystal clear sir.

Mr Giba: iv sent you an email of ideas that you can squeeze in your project and pitch to him tomorrow, make use of it. Good evening Miss smith. I guess i was dismissed. I took my things and left feeling a bit defeated. Having a boss like Mr Giba can be exhausting at times but what he lacks in personality he sure knows how to pay us. I drove home and saw a black jeep by the drive way and I knew my Gangster brother Ray was in town. I parked and made my way in to a house filled a cooking aroma.

Somewhere in a Hotel

I got dressed in my gown and ordered room service. Then went to the bed to wake up the girl I picked up from the mall earlier on so she can be on her way home.

Me: Isabella.. she moaned in her sleep and I yanked the blanket. “ up you go, take a shower and eat and go” she looked at me.

Isabella: I thought am spending the night.

Me: you thought wrong now go. I took my lighter and cigar to stand by the balcony and smoked as I looked out at the busy streets of Sandton and people all dolled up for the night. Am going to enjoy Johannesburg.

Akani

As I drove in I saw the guys car in my parking lot and knew they have made themselves home. This is exactly what I needed after my long day. I walked in to a house filled with a welcoming cooking Aroma. I walked to the kitchen to find the guys busy eating and drinking and the conversation was lively.

Me: Evening, I see you have made yourself home.

Simo:Yep and we cooked, Nokuhle has me in a diet and I just cant anymore. We laughed since Simp needed a Diet anyways.

Me: you'll need to start contributing to my monthly groceries than since half of it is half way through your belly.

Simo: Am way ahead of you man. Mzo showed me the now filled cabinets. I dished out for myself and ate while enjoying the conversation with the guys.

Mzo: So you meet up with Salinda? The room was silent

Mpendulo: Yayi uyababa loyo muntu ngathi ngashesha ngafuna Mbalo(that girl is hot, i made my choice early with Mbali)Mzo threw a scatter cushion at him since we now in the lounge drinking a few beers

Me: How you know?

Mzo: bra when you married your wife comes home and spills the beans about everything, from her day at work to her conversation with the girls. Apparently Salinda told her that she was shocked to have you at her work and now you her client and she is nervous since she had the hots for you. That stopped my drinking

Me: she told Zee she has the hots for me? Those her words not Zee words?

Mzo: you know my wife what do you think? We all laughed since we know how hyper she gets when it involves me and a potential or a single person. Ever since i've known her she been thriving for me to date or to meet someone.

Mpendulo: Ngempela what your deal ngaye vele? (seriously what with you?) trust Mpendulo to stick his nose right in.

Me: what do you mean?

Mpendulo: It been over a year and you havnt made your move, yini usaba ukushela or awusakwazi vele?(are you afraid to ask her out or you have lost your touch)

Sya: ay sono side lesikathi nidlala uhide and seek(it a pitty

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its been awhile since you are busy with your hide and seek)

Mzo: more like u runaway njalo you run when you hear she at my place, its starting to look creepy.(it has been awhile since yourl at it with this hide and seek but mostly you hiding)

Mpendulo: or Ugay mshana? (or are you gay) that caused them all to laugh

Me: fusegani yezwa, angikho gay it just that angazi ngithini kuye(get lost, am not gay, i just dont know what to say)

Mpendulo:aay besesithi uphenduke Usom som(ay we thought you went all somizi)

Me: ubani manje loyo(who that?) they all laughed so hard.

Mzo: ay ngeke ndoda, thola umuntu awumazi usomgaga(no ways bra, you need a person, you dont know somgaga)

Simo:woooooooh shem. He screamed and They all laughed.

Me: now yourl sounding gay.

Mzo: bra when you have a woman in your life you know everybody. Yazi sengabukela nama drag queen.(i even watch drag queens) they all laughed

Simo: nawe ubuka uRaupaul(you also watch Raupaul) they laughed nodding

Sya: I thought I was the only one going through the most with this gender kanti nani nilapho. (we all in it together) the laughed drinking and I was now completely lost. They looked at me and laughed they heads off.

Mpendulo: one day my brother this conversation will make sense to you. Mzo changed the channel to to dstv catch up and went to some program

Mzo: This is what we talking about Mshana. He pressed play and a show played. I looked at them all content and watching the show with all interest. I cannot wait to be at a place where I enjoy my woman shows as much as they are right now. To share things as simple as Tv programs. I walked to the kitchen to go get us some more beers and chips and dips.

Sizwe

My phone rang and I checked to see who calling and the number was blocked. I answered on the third ring.

Voice: Thank you for answering your phone saving me the time to come down there to see you in person.

Me: who is this?

Voice: call me a friend.

Me: okay "friend" what do you want?

Voice: I believe we both have a mutual interest at this present moment.

Me: which is?

Voice: You want your money and I want the person that has your money frozen dead. I was silent for sometime comprehending what he is saying.

Me: So you know who has my accounts frozen?

Voice: How about you come to Johannesburg in 2 weeks time and Ill have all the answers that you need and we can come to and understanding of how we might help each other out?

Me: If you know that my accounts a frozen,you will also know why I left Johannesburg.

Voice: I can help with that, ill send a car. Wait for my call. He hung up before I could get his name. I jumped up and punched

the air. Looks like the Gods are with me again. Salinda am coming for you my dearest and you will wish you were dead.

(Somewhere in a hotel in Sandton)

I placed my phone down and smile as my plan of avenging my brother is coming to place. Akani khuzwayo/ ghost wont know what got him. I dialed my boys number.

Me: Make sure you follow him around 24/7 and let me know if anything changes in his routine starting tomorrow.

My guy: yes boss

Me: Good. I hang up with a smile thinking all my hard work is about to pay off. Akan khuzwayo/ghost took everything from me. He killed my brother and chopped him into pieces and gave his body to his boss as proof as to no one steps in his territory. This destroyed my family since my brother was the only one who brought money in at home and was paying for my studies. My mother died from depression of not knowing where her beloved son was. I nearly dropped out of university but I was lucky enough to have my brother gang support me. They gang leader treated me as his son until cancer took him away leaving everything to me. I now have power, money and the whole number of gangs in capetown that want ghost dead. It took me years to find this ghost until it struck me that the person who

can walk me right into him is his right hand man Akani khuzwayo. Little did I know that ill later find out that he was the man himself. It all happened when I was following one of his brothers that we overhead a conversation they were having and it all made sense. The tricky part in killing this man is no one could get close to him since he has ears everywhere, worse that bodyguard of his is forever around. I dont want to shoot him nor do I want anyone else to touch him. I want to kill him with my bear hands the same way he killed my brother. Now let the games begin let see who will live between a ghost and an actual living person who ain't hiding behind a mask of being invisible. I smiled as Sizwe was just the little distraction I needed since iv noticed his interest in this Sizwe character....

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Salinda

I woke up a little optimistic today. I showered and wore my long black high waist pants and wore my black polo neck and tucked it in and added a red belt and wore my red heels and took out my black and red handbag and took out a red coat. I combed my hair in a sleek updo with a neat bun and wore silver hoop earrings to give my face that dramatic look than applied nude lipstick and and no make up. I must say i looked lovely. I took my briefcase and handbag and left knocking on my brother door to wake him up. I got to the kitchen to find Ray and Chris having cereals I took an apple to nervous to eat.

Chris: woah sis looking stunning

Me: thank you

Ray: you not eating? He looked at me up and down

Me: nope to nervous plus I dont want to be late. I kissed they cheeks and left to the garage and took my white Yaris that Chris brought me and drove to Khuzwayo enterprise. I got there and sat in the underground parking and had my fruit and a bottle of water and left going to the entrance. It was just after half 8 and my meeting was at 9am. I walked into the building and it was buzzing with professional looking people. I got to the receptionist.

Me: Salinda Smith for Mr Khuzwayo . She buzzed the phone and told me to go to the last floor on the elevator and I did to find another receptionist there who walked me to a boardroom that was filled with all kinds of breakfast assortments to choose from. I made myself green tea to help calm my nerves. After awhile and my second cup Mr khuzwayo walked in looking all kind of handsome in his full grey suit and white shirt. He looked all powerful as an aura of success filled the room. I calmed myself once more and looked at him as he made himself Rooibos tea with no milk and sugar just plain. He sat down.

Akani: My apologies for making you wait

Me: Its okay gave me time to set up. Then they was an awkward silence.

Akani: The reason I asked you here is not to pitch your idea to me or try to win me over to work with your firm. That took me off guard. I looked at him with questioning eyes. “ well I don’t make it a point to out source my business, I want you to come work for me.” I looked at him stunted and I guess I was speechless since all I could do was to just stare at him as he was drinking his tea with so much ease and calm after dropping a bomb to me.

Me: I dont know what to say. I finally mumbled.

Akani: Well I dont need you to say yes now but atleast think about it. I nodded as I closed my laptop defeated and all of a sudden I was just super hungry. I got up and took two muffins and made coffee and sat down and ate. The room was in silence both of us in our own thoughts. It wasn't awkward nor a forced silence.

Me: To think I had a whole pitch planned on what am going to do for this company. I spoke aloud my thoughts and I was shocked to see iv spoken out loud. He smiled showing a dimple and looked at me.

Akani: I dont usually do this but can I ask for a favor?

Me: Yes

Akani: Just enjoy your breakfast, stop thinking for a second and just be present in this moment. Forget about your pitch or Mr Giba. Just relax and enjoy the moment right now, just two people who were to eager to see each other that they skipped breakfast and now here we are. That really made me smile genuinely and he looked at me satisfied.

“ by the way you looked amazing” I blushed and he really smiled. The room was back to being silent and we ate. With my thoughts running wild.

Zumbu

I was doing my monthly checks on the business when one of the guys I have at Connerstay Hotel in Sandton came to me after his late night shift.

Me: Sho ntwana

Him: Hi boss... I just thought you should know that at room 215 we have a really dodgy guest and they are people going in and out of there who look scary. He handed me the phone as he showed me of the pictures that he has taken. I sent the pictures to myself and started on a search to find out who they are. I went to the safe and gave him 1000rands.

Me: keep your ears and eyes open while I find out who they are and what they here for. He nodded all happy and left. I left the system running doing it background checks on the pictures.

Salinda

I was really dragging going to work today, what on earth am I going to tell Mr Giba. I entered the office and went straight to my office to start work and just after I finished setting up Mr Giba receptionist calls me in and I slowly make my way to his office. I got there tho find him sitting by his desk punching on way on his keypad.

Mr Giba: Your face tells me you didn't represent me well Miss Smith. I stood there not knowing what to say. " remember our

conversation?" I nodded. He opened a draw and took out a cheque. "It like I knew that you will disappoint, take your cheque and leave immediately " i took the cheque and went to my office. I packed my things and went in my car and sat there waiting for the tears of frustration to come but nothing. I drove to the gym to do some kick boxing just to let out steam and when I was done I went home. I got there found the house empty. Went to the phone and called Mbali. She answered in one ring.

Mbali: Chommie, are you sick? Why are you hope at this hour?

Me: I got fired Mbali, I got fired because I didnt bring a client over. The one time I had a client to win.

Mbali: hang tight sisi ill come with wine and the girls after work.
I love you

Me: I love you too. I hung up and did some spring cleaning just to keep my mind and body busy. At around about half 5 I took a shower and changed into leggings and a baggy Top and my long socks. I let my hair lose than went to the kitchen to prepare light dinner for the girls. And prepare snacks when I was done I was sitting by the lounge going through the Tv channels when the girls Mbali, Nokuhle and Zindani came in and through they heels by the floor. I dished out for them and they ate while I told than everything that has happened leading up to me being dismissed. We are now having wine and eating chips.

Me: I don't know what to do right now, i hv to work to keep my mind busy. This was the first time that am actually drinking and I must say I like the fuzzy feeling am getting.

Zindani: well maybe you should take Akani offer ?

Me: I cannot work with my crush, what will i say or do?

Nokuhle: I knew it... i knew it you liked him... she was jumping up and down

Mbali: Hawu kanti ube nama doubts

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we knew it long ago(did you have any doubts)

Zindani: Well maybe you wont be working to closely with him? Maybe he needs you for something else? She tried being optimistic but I wasnt feeling it. I drowned my glass and poured another one

Me: Mbali now I know why you love wine so much. The girls laughed we drank some more.

Me: They something I need to tell you girls. The all looked at me Zindani a bit concern since iv never drank this much. " I was married before and the guy used to abuse me to the point where I had no friends hence that why I don't have a cellphone cause I fear his out there and he might use it to track me down

and kill me” they looked at me not shocked I figured they knew all along and just wanted me to tell them. Mbali hugged me.

Mbali: we here for you babe, your family with us and a hot crush who will do anything for you and brothers who can protect you. Nothing will happened to you, you need to take charge now and stop giving him power to control you. Live your life to the fullest and if his out there let him see you shine. Let him get frustrated that you living your life to the fullest without him. I was in tears and so were they. They hugged me and we drank some more and they left. I sat by the couch for some time trying to absorb what she said and she was right. It time I live my life the way I see fit, first things first am going shopping tomorrow morning and a phone is amongst those things. For now Lemmie look for Akani business card and tell him am taking the job.

Akani

The guys came following each other not looking good at all.

Me: and than why the long face?

Mpendulo: I had plans with Mbali today and she ditched me for your girl

Me: my girl

Mzo: Salinda dude, apparently they need to cheer her up after she had an awful day at work. Something about being fired for not landing a big client.

Me: oh. The guys looked at me with questioning eyes “ Yini?” (What?) just than Simo walks in.

Simo: Yazi Akani ngathi uzoba ikinga shame(its seems like you will be a problem)

Me: What did I do?

Simo: Its date night tonight and my wife had to cancel because your girl was fired because of you.

Me: aybo how you know it because of me?

Simo: you the only client she was meeting today and she was fired for not being able to sign a client, you forget I have a team following her. Everyone turned to look at me with questioning eyes.

Me: Am not saying anything. I went to order the spur ribs n buffalo wings combo. We chilled for a few hours than they left and I cleaned up than went for my international conference with the cartel for an hour once done I went to have a shower than came out to find my phone ringing. I picked up.

Me: hello. They was silence and a little breathing on the other end. I looked at the number and I knew it was Salinda calling.

“ hello” i said again and this time they was a sigh.

Salinda: Hi... she finally said

Me: hi

Salinda: I was wondering if the job offer is still available?

Me: yes it is

Salinda: When can I start?

Me: Monday if you can

Salinda: Yes I can thank you.

Me: my pleasure. They was silence again.

Salinda: am going to hang up now. They was some shuffling but the phone never hung up than I heard some sounds of throwing up. “ oh gosh, why did I let Mbali drown me in alcohol” they was more throwing up and some growling. I never hang up. I think she thought she hang up. I checked my notes for her address. I got dressed took some meds and drove to the garage and got some water and some fresh mints and yoghurt. I drove to her place and found only her car parked which means she was home alone.

Salinda

I was throwing up the wine after hanging up on Akani, good thing this wine decided to come up after my call. I made my way to the kitchen and there was a knock by the lounge, I walked there and checked to find Akani standing by my door, I tried to brush my messy hair and to look alive but failed. I opened the door and he stood there with a fresh and Go plastic looking all fresh with his sweatpants and hoodie.

Me: Hi

Akani: Hi... he smiled at me and I nervously smiled back at him. "I got you these" he showed me the plastic as he handed it to me. I took it and looked in to find meds. Just what I wanted and needed.

Me: Tha... I ran to the bathroom to take out the last of my meal, he came in and held my hair as I vomited my guts out. When I was finally done he picked me up and placed me on the couch. He gave me water and one pill to swallow. I smiled at him and he walked to the bathroom and cleaned up my mess. After a while he came and my head was feeling heavy.

Me: Thank you. He smiled and I felt myself slowly drift off.

Akani

I stood there watching her sleep. Than I heard the car pull in. After awhile one of her brothers got in and was shocked to find me here. I guess this is the doctor.

Me:Hi

Him:hi

Me: Akani Khuzwayo, Salinda friend

Him: Chris her brother. He looked at his sister and found her passed out and looked at the meds and glass then looked at me

Me: She had a little to much to drink and couldn't handle it

Chris: That weird she never has more than a glass. Coffee?

Me: No thanks I should be leaving was just dropping off the meds.

Chris: oh Thank you. He adjusted the phone hanging up. I moved to the door and left driving home with a smile on my face. Iv been doing that a lot because of her. Smiling and I must say it feels good. I like it. I drove home with her on my mind how she looked with her hair in a mess... her leggings holding her tight tinny ass. How she felt in my arms. All fragile yet strong and soft. How her right breast was rubbing against my chest. I looked down to find the little guy up and smiled as I parked to go take one more shower. A cold one this time.

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Salinda

I woke up with a banging headache. I was by the lounge and when I looked towards the kitchen Chris and Krutze were eating and they were mired like banging their plates. I walked to the kitchen area holding my head as if it's going to fall.

Chris: Too much to drink? I gave him one of my looks and walked to the fridge to take out water and drank. I sat down and watch them eat.

Chris: Your friend got you meds if you want them they're by the 3rd cabinet

Me: which friend? I asked confused.

Chris: The tall seriously handsome one. I scratched my mind for yesterday events and all came rushing in like a ton of bricks making my head bang more. I placed my head on the cool counter and tears just came out of my eyes and I cried until I had hic cups. My brothers tried to calm me but I just couldn't stop crying. Now I've lost a second job. My boss just saw me being a mess and I totally just embarrassed myself. The house phone was ringing and Chris ran to go pick up after awhile he came and told me it was for me. I walked to the lounge and sat on the sofa folding my legs underneath me.

Me: Hi

Akani: Hi, was just checking in on you to see if you slept okay and feeling better.

Me: yes thank you

Akani: are you okay? You dont sound well.

Me: just a headache.

Akani: I see, have you eaten?

Me: no iv just woken up

Akani: I dont mind bringing you something to eat and cure a hang over.

Me: if you not busy that will be fine

Akani: okay see you in an hours time. He hung up and I sat there thinking for a while, what just happened. I walked to the kitchen and the guys were leaving for work.

Krutze: not going to work today?

Me: I was fired and now have a new job monday

Krutze: we catching up tonight. He kissed my cheek and left and so did Chris. But he turned before leaving.

Chris: He seemed like a nice guy

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dont over think it and dont compare him to Sizwe... he is not Sizwe. I nodded with my eyes being all blurry again.

Akani

I really dont know what happening to me but all I want is to be next to Salinda at all times. Her reserved nature is so appealing and when she makes the out of space thinking face that just makes my heart do a full turn. I called a friend shisa nyama to make for me a full hot platter with pap and salads. I quickly showered and wore my black ripped jeans and black T- shirt and my black Timberlands. I went to pick up the food and went past Woolworths and brought all the junk that I could possibly think off. I drove to her place.

Zumbu

I went back to the office to go check on my mystery guest to find that its Kelvin short. My mind was racing as I tried to call Akani to no avail. I called the team to meet me at the warehouse immediately as I got in the car to drive to Akani place since I couldn't get him on the phone.

Salinda

I was wearing my blue jeans and my white long sleeves top. Had my hair in a pony and wore a nude lipstick and silver earrings. I wore my white All stairs and went down stairs just as the doorbell rang. I opened up to find Akani looking all handsome with plastics. We went into the kitchen and placed them there.

Me: you brought a whole store

Akani: just a few things

Me: I was going shopping later today

Akani: mind if I tag along

Me: If you not busy

Akani: am not... he took out his phone and switched it off. " am all yours"... we ate in silence and I must say the food was amazing than he helped me pack my junk. I went upstairs to brush my teeth and take my handbag and went out.

Akani: Mind if we use my car?

Me: No problem. He open the door for me and we drove to east gate mall.

Akani: Tell me about yourself?

Me: oh theys not much to tell apart that I married young and got divorced and here I am starting all over again.

Akani: hmmm I see, what you do at your free time.

Me: nothing apart chill with the girls and you?

Akani: I chill with the guys. I nodded and turned his radio to the classical jazz that his playing.

Me: do you always listen to jazz

Akani: its helps relaxes me after a hard day at work.

Me: i see... we were both silent both in our thought this is shaping out to be a good day today. We got to the mall and i went to change my cheque into cash and saved some than we went to Steve Madden shop to look for shoes.

Me: you really didn't have to come you know, i don't even know what ill like here. He laughed as we looked around until a nice pair of shoes caught my attention and and i asked for my size 5. I fitted it and went to the till and paid. We went to the apple store to go see if I can get a phone. We got a guy who was assisting us and they vibe with Akani. It shows that he was here alot he ended up buying me a Iphone 8 plus and he got me an Ipad said it for work and apple laptop. Said its for work and i thanked him than he helped me set it up while we enjoyed milky lane ice cream. After awhile We decided to go to Jackie jewelry. I figured i buy him a watch since he brought me a phone. We went through watches and I saw the one he liked and brought it while he was busy looking at other watches and

cuffs. I quickly hid it in my plastics than we went to Elsa fashion to buy a few Tshirts for myself. I ended up picking a few things that I think Akani will look good in. He was sitting by the couch, he looked odd yet comfortable while i went in the fitting room to fit a few things. Once done I went out to till to go pay but he stopped me and offered to pay after the balance was 8762 rands. When done we finally went home and to my disbelief Ray was there. Ray is not as cool as Chris and Krutze. I just know he will say something that totally offish. We got in with my bags and found Ray watching the News.

Me: Hy Bro. I went and kissed his cheek while placing the things on the couch

Ray: I see you did some retail therapy after your drinking session last night.

Me: oh they told you

Ray:I know everything my dearest sister. Akani walked in with the rest of the things. Ray stood up and took his gun out aiming at Akani who looked so calm for a person who had a gun pointed at them.

Ray: What are you doing here?

Akani: I dont Answer to you Raymond. Ray chuckled

Ray: oh how can I forget, you answer to Ghost. He sneered at Akani.

Me: uhm Ray put the gun away please. My eyes were popping out and I was beyond terrified just as I thought my day couldn't get any worse Zumbu walks in the house unannounced with his gun out pointing it at Ray

Akani: Its okay Zumbu he aint going to shoot me. I stood there shocked and not comprehending what happening in our living room and where the hell is Zumbu coming from and why is he so protective of Akani??.....what the hell is going on with these 3 guys??

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Somewhere in a hotel in Sandton

I walked to the lounge as one of the guys gave me an Ipad to show me all of Akani/ghost movements today. I watched as he spent the day with the most beautiful woman that iv ever seen. Through out me watching the pictures, i was seeing the way she looked at him. The love visible in her face. The way she smiled and how she addressed him with so much respect. The best picture was that time they were at Milky Lane and he said some and she scooped a spoonful of ice cream from him than laughed when he tried to do the same. I looked closely at Akani/ghost and saw that he didn't know that he was slowly falling in love with this girl and so Am I. I closed the ipad

Me: keep tabs on him at all times dont let him out of your sight and more information on the girl and keep tabs on her too. I want you to set up a meeting with Sizwe guy TK too they are things we need to discuss. I switched the TV on to check on some news.

Salinda

Me: Ray put the gun down

Ray: tell his bodyguards to put the gun down

Me: you had it up first now both of you put the gun down.
Zumbu looked at Akani and he nodded and he put his gun away
than I looked at Ray who looked pink but he put his gun away.

Me: now let sit down and let talk this out.

Ray: mxm. He walked out the door leaving me behind with
Zumbu and Akani

Me: Am really sorry for my brother behavior, I really dont know
what got into him

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his really not like this, it just..... Akani came to me and held me
for a few seconds and I kept quiet since I was rumbling.

Akani: breathe. I did as he instructed and out if nowhere he
hugged me and I stood there in his arms smelling his perfume
and wrapping it all in my senses. I snuggled in closer to him and
felt his heart beat in my ear.

Akani: That how big brothers react. No need to explain. His
voice vibrated within me. It was suppose to be calming me but
it was waking up all Parts of my body that I never knew still
knew how to function. After that hug he let go of me and
looked right into my eyes and I swear my tummy did a flip flop
and I felt it move and I looked down. He placed his fingers
underneath my chin and looked into my eyes

Akani: I really had a lovely day today, thank you am going to go now but ill call you later on your cell. I already put my number in it.

Me: okay. He bent down and gave me a forehead kiss and I just melted. He left. I stood there for what seemed like hours but it was only just minutes. I touched my forehead to feel his presence and smiled like a retard.

Akani

I followed Zumbu while switching on my phone we drove out and I noticed we were going to the warehouse we got there and the guys were there. We walked in and Zumbu walking like a mad man. I didnt say anything cause it was clear he was mad.

Zumbu: Majita... he addressed the crowd of 12 guys that we had the. One of the best we have.

“ Mr khuzwayo was being followed and tagged nina nithule nithini ngalokho(what do you say about that)?” They was silence in the warehouse you could hear a pen drop

“ aybo majita ishile yini imilomo yenu” (cats got your tongue) still they was silence.

Zumbu: am dividing you into groups of 4 per group. Two for day shift and two for night shift. The first four will be following Mr

khuzwayo 24/7. 2 in the morning and 2 at night. The second group will be at the Coners hotel following the guy ill send a picture to you! now. He fumbled with his phone and the four guys got a notification and the last group will follow Miss smith 24/7 i want reports every 12 hours and I want them in burner phone text. All the equipment and vehicles are here. If anyone tags you than kill yourself cause clearly you aint it now fusegani. The guys left to the equipment room and I was left standing in the room with a very angry looking Zumbu. It was so silent as he was breathing so hard and shaking with rage.

Zumbu: Akani with all due your respect make my job easier by making sure your phone is on at all times or leave a message to let me know if you are unavailable. I have so many things to attend and one of them shouldnt be making sure that I look after a grown adult. Siba dala kabi and you know the world we have put ourselves in. You now longer work for the agency now, you a free lancer meaning no 24 hour protection. You have enemies a list of all the Anc cabinets and political parties minsters shuffling day in out wanting to know who the fuck ghost is and they will kill you to get that information from you. Now stop acting like a fucking normal human and be the gangster/ghost that you have always been. He took a long breath and turned and left.

Zumbu: nisase lana madoda(you're still here) he screamed and I heard shuffling of feet.

Somewhere in a hotel in Sandton

I was pacing up and down after I couldn't get ahold of the guys that were following Akani and I sent two more guys that were working with me to go check what wrong. They came back with the look that I always hate on my people.

Me: what wrong? praat!!(speak)

Sticks: The guys were found in they car with bullet wholes and we got this letter on one of they bodies. The handed me a letter and I read it:

“ you cant follow a ghost”

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I felt the rage boiling in my head from top to bottom I took my phone out and called my main guy from cape town

Me: Ek wil hê dat al die 26 bendes gereed moet wees om via my privaat vliegtuig na Johannesburg te reis en ek wil julle almal binne 4 uur hier hê. maak dit vinnig of verloor u lewe.(I want all the 26 gang ready to travel via my private plane to Johannesburg and I want you all here in 4 hours. make it fast or lose your life.) i hang up and called one of my warehouse

managers to prepare space for my guys cause clearly iv been compromised. I was so angry that I under estimated the man and now iv lost two valuable guys well Akani/ghost khuzwayo let the game begin.....

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Salinda

I charged my phone than went to pack a my things and took the few things that I brought for Akani and packed them neatly in a plastic. I took out the watch and got wrapped paper than covered it and left it next to my bedside table. I went downstairs to cook dinner for my family. Once done I went to my phone and added my friends number from the book that I kept next to the house phone. I created a group called “ Girl power” invited my girls and texted “ guess who has a phone” I went to shower than took a selfie in my long black sleeve top and black head wrap and placed it as my profile picture. My what app was buzzing with the girls positive messages after reading it. I got downstairs found Chris and krutze. Dished up for us as we spoke via light conversation and I told them what happened with Ray and Akani.

Chris: Your guy doesn't seem like a person who is in Ray circle

Krutze: Ray has beef with everyone just don't mind him. We finished up and I dished up the caramel cake Akani got me as desert.

Chris: I see you took my advice. He says while eating a big chunk of the cake.

Me: We just friends nothing more.

Krutze: its all starts at that then something develops than bomb you are married and have kids. I remember how scared I was when I saw him a year ago in hospital, I thought he was your guy the way he used to take care of you and help you move around. I don't know much about love but I say he has the hots for you. I just laughed and right than Ray walks in looking more angry.

Ray: Salinda Am only saying this once and once only, you will fucken stay away from that boy. He was all pink and that terrified me

Me: why

Ray: because am your brother and I know what good for you. Stay away from that boy or you will regret it.

Chris: Raymond what wrong with you. I was shaking with fear looking at Ray all worked up like that just took me back to the time when Sizwe was angry and I had no Idea what was happening or what did I do to make him angry. I knew that a slap was coming next. In my mind I knew my brother will never hit me but in that moment I felt so useless and trapped in a nightmare of my past. He tried to come closer and I moved back in fear and krutze got up to come hold me as he rocked me in his embraced as tears just fell from my eyes.

Chris: leave Ray

Ray: but....

Chris: Now and come back when you calmer. Ray left looking all apologetic and banged his bedroom door making me jump.

Krutze: iv got you sis, its just us. You are safe. He rocked me until I dozed off and I woke up I was in bed and my phone was ringing. I took it without checking the ID and answered

Me: Hello

Akani: you don't sound okay. And just like that the events of the night came crashing down on me and I couldn't breathe as my eyes were blurry as tears blinded me and a cry came out.

Akani

The minute I heard her take a quick breath and heard her cry over the phone I grabbed my keys and drove the 10 min drive to her house got there knocked and her brother Chris was there.

Me: Am sorry to budge in on you guys but I need to see Salinda she not okay. I was walking pass him and took the steps two at the time and got into her room found her crying in her bed. I got in and held her. Chris looked at me so confused.

Krutze: and than..... he kept quite as he saw me in bed with a crying Salinda they looked at me with confused faces. Chris

mouthed that he was going to make tea and I nodded and he pulled Krutze with him.

Me: Am here baby... its okay... I kept saying while rocking her until she slept and than I placed her softly in bed than left to go talk to her brothers. I got downstairs to find them finished with they tea and they looked at me with blank expressions

Me: I called to say goodnight and she just cried. They filled me in on the situation that she had with Ray and that got me so angry. I looked at Chris.

Me: I don't mean to be disrespectful with my presence in your home but if its okay with you can I spend the night just to make sure she is okay not no.... Chris stopped me

Chris: its fine by me

Krutze: From day one I never had an issue with you.

Me: Thank you and goodnight. I walked back into her room and kicked off my morning shoes and got in bed with her and she snuggled closer to me. In that moment my heart was over filled with so much emotions and so much love and I knew right there and than that she meant something dear to me and ill protect her at all cost and maker her mine.

Sizwe

My phone rang just as I finished with dinner.

Me: Hello

Voice: I've emailed you, your flight information and I need you here asap

Me: okay, how will I find you

Voice: TK will pick you up at the airport. He hang up. Am not sure how I felt with this mystery guy who seems to know everything about me. I went to shower and pack because tomorrow am going to be one step closer into making Salinda pay for all my troubles.

Salinda

I woke up and went to pee. When I got back I found Akani sleeping in my bed and lord he looked so handsome and my bed looked so small. I took my phone and snapped a few pictures than went back into bed snuggling closer to him. He hugged me closer to his body. I smiled and went back to sleep.

Akani

I was up and Salinda was halfway on top of me and I took out my phone and snapped a few pictures. I really needed to go

pee but she was sleeping peacefully so I lay there letting her sleep. I sent a text to Zumbu letting him know ill be late since I slept at Salinda place. I played with one of the pictures and changed them into a pencil growing and posted it on my social media and caption “ if I could wake up to this everyday...ill die a happy man” i switched off my phone knowing the guys will go crazy with asking questions. Only those who really know Salinda will see that its her. I closed my eyes for a moment just feeling content and letting this feeling wash over me and making other things grow very uncomfortable.

Salinda

I felt much rested and I woke up and found Akani staring at me.

Me: Goodmorning

Akani: morning he kissed my forehead than went to the bathroom and came back. I was making the bed when he cane behind me and he hugged me for a second than I turned around and he pushed me onto the bed with him on top of me. He looked right into my eyes. “How are you feeling?”

Me : am much better thank for staying the night.

Akani: Anytime, am always just a phone call away. I nodded and he lowered his face and kissed me softly on my lips and that sent chills down my spine. “ iv always wanted to do that ever

since day one” I smiled as he kissed me again and this time putting a little more pressure in his kiss making my toes curl and my heart to do a flip flop.

Akani: Now am going to go home I dont think your brother Ray will like to see me here.

Me: okay

Akani: just so you think we not clear

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you are now my woman. Those words made me melt as he kissed me again

Me: okay. I smiled shyly as he got up from me.

Akani: come walk me out. He took his car keys and phone and he held my hand and we walked out just as we passed the kitchen Ray, Chris and Krutze were there.

Ray: What the fuck???

Chris: oh for God sake Ray

Ray:He slept here? How the fuck did you two allow that? He walks towards us and Akani slightly pushes me behind him.

Ray: Let this be the last time I see you in this house Akani

Akani: Ill keep coming to this house to check on my woman every time you act like an Ass like how you doing now. The had a staring contest with Ray all pink and Akani all calm.

Ray: Ill never hurt my sister

Akani: Take a look in a mirror when you angry and ask yourself why she behaves the way she does when you lose your marbles, now I respect you as her older brother and want no beef with you but am very much in your sister life so live with it. Ray looked at him so hard than walked away banging his room door shut. Krutze was smiling like a retard.

Chris: Good Morning and sorry for that join us for breakfast.

Akani: I have a meeting, Thanks for the offer. He turned and looked at me. “ are you okay” i nodded afraid of saying anything. He hugged me and kissed my fore head than whispered in my ear.

Akani: ill fetch you later and will do more than just forehead kisses. That made me blush so much and he kissed my forehead and left.

Krutze: You look like a Tomatoe, what did he say?

Chris: Krutze

Krutze: Am just asking what he could have whispered that will make her all red.

Me: leave me alone. I made two cups of tea and toast and left going to Ray room. I knocked and No answer then I slowly walked in and placed the tray on the side table and sat on his bed while he stood bu the window.

Ray: Am never going to lay a hand on you

Me: I know

Ray: I just care for you deeply and I hate we weren't there when you we going through the worst before

Me: I know and I really appreciate that you are here now but Akani is not like Sizwe

Ray: I know its just that he gets under my skin

Me: is it because he dont fear you like everyone you threaten. He laughs and walks to my food

Ray: You really think highly of this guy

Me: He helped me before and opened his home for me and never asked for anything in return. He talks to me like a partner and He makes me feel things

Ray: Too much information

Me: sorry. I drank my tea

Ray: I love you

Me: I love you more Raymond... I really didn't know you are Raymond. I laughed. He came and tickled me.

Ray: Am just Ray, don't let that boy make you disrespect me. We laughed. I went to the kitchen with a smile. Cleaned than went to sit by the couch with my phone. I went through my what group messages:

"He slept over "

"Oh my gosh yourl together?"

" did you see the post he posted on instagram and facebook"❤️

"Tune in to entertainment news now ladies"📺

I turned to the channel:

News lady: On the lighter news Today South African Bachelor Akani Khuzwayo is no longer available ladies, earlier on he posted a picture on instagram with his woman and a very touching caption. Than they showed a pencil picture of me sleeping on Akani. And this just made me smile like a retard. I guess am officially his and the world knows it. I switched off the Tv and danced than went on my whatapp:

Me: Ladies I think am in love😊

Mbali: Halalah 🙌📺🙌📺🙌📺

Zindani: Am the maid of honor

Nokuhle: finally 🙌🙌

Zindani: Lunch at my house after church tomorrow. bring you

baes 🙌 📱❤

Mbali: Ay mina nje no mpendulo we not talking

Nokuhle: useyezeni ke manje(what did he do?)

Mbali: speak of the devil nango la, later ladies

I logged out and went to nap.

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Sizwe

I landed in Johannesburg and to my surprise I found TK standing by the gate for me. We hugged like long lost brothers and got in the car.

Me: who is this guy?

Tk: Kevin Short, his one of the gang leaders in Cape town, he even got a few crew member to come. Its going to be war bafo.

Me: How is Salinda

Tk: been good, just this morning she and Akani made they relationship known. He took out his phone and showed me of the most beautiful woman ever. She really was strikingly beautiful.

Me: so its been Akani all along who was making it impossible for me to come back?

Tk: apparently he is ghost right hand man. The shock on my face must have been to visible.

Me: wow. We drove to the hotel where I was to meet this Kevin guy.

Akani

Me: So Kevin is avenging his family and now he has brought Sizwe to town.

Zumbu: exactly that boss, what do you want to do?

Akani: We don't attack, We observe but in the meantime I'll make a video. Give me the ghost mask and I'll post on the underworld net to remind them what I'm capable of. Also get me all their numbers I'll send them a personalized message to the ones forming against me. Also can you get the florist to come see me please. Zumbu nodded and left. I called Mzo my IT guy.

Me: Bafo I need you to encrypt the system and bounce off the location in the poles.

Mzo: sure. He hung up and after an hour he sent a text letting me know I have 45 min to do what I need to do and I sent out the video to the underworld and every one on the list Zumbu sent including Ray

Kevin

My phone rang and so did everyone in the room and I clicked on the MMS and a video pops up of a black background and there stood Akani in a white hoodie and mask:

“ Maybe you have forgotten who I am and what i stand for? Maybe iv been looking weak for you to try and test me!!! I have eyes and ears everywhere, meaning I can snatch you as easily as I could send this message to you. Be aware... ask yourself are you fully ready to take me on knowing fully well what could be at stake. Let me remind you.....” The video showed a video of my brother begging for mercy once again and him telling him that he will spare me and my mother and it showed how he chopped his fingers first and fried them in a pan and made him eat it. I looked up to see the gang one by one being traumatized. He then amputated his limbs in order making sure that he lives. Then finally he looked straight into my exhausted brother face and said “ No one messes with a ghost and lives to tell others” his hoodie was red from all the blood from my brother than he just amputated his head off with one clean cut and laughed his evil laugh and the video went blank... “Try me and you will be next” the room was silent. I looked around to see everyone shaking in they boots and not moving or saying anything. They all looked up to me to see what am going to say. I left the room in frustration and went outside and screamed my lungs out kicking and punching the ground.

Me:Ill not rest until you are dead khuzwayo. I fixed myself and went back inside.

Salinda

My phone woke me up and I checked to see its Akani.

Me: Hi

Akani: Uright?

Me: yeah I was just sleeping

Akani: alright, well if you don't mind and if you have no plans, would you like to spend the weekend? Reason i say weekend is because its already late Saturday and tomorrow am invited to Zindani house for lunch and ill like to go with you. Plus Monday morning is your first day at work and ill like to drive you there.

Me: Oh okay

Akani: Ill have Zumbu pick you up in an hour okay

Me: okay... I hang up and quickly showered then got dressed in a long black dress sandal. I tied my hair in a bun and wore studs. I packed my Sunday outfit that was a plain blue dress and white sandals. I packed his watch and A the T shirt I got him. I packed my Monday outfit that was going to be a pencil dress it was nude and nude heels and a peach coat and nude laptop bag. I packed my jewelry and cosmetic bag. Once done I made my way downstairs to find Zumbu already there with Chris watching soccer and having a lovely conversation.

Chris: I told you that she will come down when she is done. I smiled at them and called Chris to the kitchen while Zumbu took my things.

Me: Am spending my weekend over at my friends

Chris: You old no need to explain.

Me: Thanks ill see you Monday

Chris: Monday?

Me: yeps he wants to drive me to work too

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something about making the first day special

Chris: This guy is making all of us look bad. We hugged and I left with Zumbu

Zumbu

The drive with Salinda was quiet and I switched on the radio to the classical Jazz that khuzwayo has me hooked on.

Salinda: Not you too. I laughed at her facial expression.

Me:what did I do?

Salinda: you listen to Jazz too

Me:No but Mr khuzwayo gave it to me to try and turn me. She nodded and looked out of the window her mind far with thoughts.

Salinda: He really loves jazz, he says its relaxes him when driving and helps him unwind.

Me:Yes so he have said many times. She was quiet again and fidgeted.

Salinda: how long have you known him?

Me:my whole adult life, he found me in Nigeria when he was on business and came back with me. Iv been with him since than. She nodded

Salinda: You are very protective of him, when my brother pulled a gun on him, he didnt flinch cause he knew you were there ready to pull the trigger.

Me:No he didn't flinch because you were there.

Salinda: why you say so? We just meet.

Me:Yet here I am getting the privilege of driving you to his house. A place that no one but myself and the guys have been too. He always call it a man cave instead of a home and today for the first time ever I heard him referring to his house as a home. I kept quiet not knowing how to answer that. We drove

and when we got to his beautiful house he called and Akani came out.

Salinda

He was wearing his track pants and vest and gave me a hug and a kiss on my forehead. Zumbu took out my bags and plastic giving it to Akani.

Zumbu: Sleep well Miss. He got in the car and drove off. We walked to the house and Akani opened the door for me and the house was pitch black.

Me: I cannot see a thing Akani

Akani: Hold one. There was a shuffling of plastics then he switched the lights on and it looked amazing. The whole lounge was transformed into a garden. There were fairy lights everywhere and fairies and flowers. It looked like I'd stepped into a magical garden.

Me: wow

Akani: A picture in your room was my inspiration. We walked to the blanket that had white and yellow roses surrounding it. A small table for two was decorated and we sat on scatter cushions. The meal was beyond amazing. We talked and joked and laugh. I was enjoying being in his presence. The mood was

light and chilled and we vibe. He spoke about his businesses, friends n how they are his family. I spoke of my past abit and finding my brothers and the things I want. After that we went to the bathroom and he prepared a nice bubble bath with oils. I got in and he came in and sat talking to me while i soaked. I was so relaxed and really enjoying my time with him. After that i got in a gown and went to the bathroom and we picked the movie “ Me before You” to watch obviously i cried. After that we got in bed and I was only wearing his T shirt that was knee high. We talked untill I dozed off than later on I woke up to feel Akani hands fiddling with my boobs as he was kissing the back of my neck. I slowly turned and he had his hands up and down my body as he kissed me breathless. We kissed for what seemed like hours as took of my top. I was now completely naked and him in his boxers. He attacked my lips again and than went down leaving wet kisses all over my body. He was biting and kissing leaving tingling sensations on my body. We he was closed to my shaved place he grinned making me shy and lifted my leg to his shoulder as he lowered his head between my legs and chowed me like they is no tomorrow. I was slowly losing my mind about to explode. With a flick of his tongue he sent a shock wave to my body resulting in me exploding and screaming out his name. He got up and removed his boxer and the big guy looked all scary and ready for action. He got on top of me and tried to push himself in and couldn’t after a few tries

i was able to accommodate him. When he started moving it was like i was in cloud 9... he was touching me and poking me in all the right places. He turned me upside down with my ass high up and he was ravishing my G-spot that I felt myself squirt a million times. My body was now mush and my voice was close to disappearing with all the screaming that i've been doing. He quickly brought me on top of him and I rode him like my life depended on it with both of us collapsing and trying to breathe and catch our breath. I dozed off and woke up again to him in between my legs that happened so many times during the night were we will make love till I doze off than wake up to him in me again and will repeat. Around morning when the sun was out I woke him up with a quick blow job and caught him by surprise. He was growling like a bear and when I was done he looked at me with the most exotic grin ever.

Akani: Good morning to you too. I smiled and tried to walk to the bathroom which was almost impossible with how my in between was feeling so numb. We got in the shower and had a shower session that was too hot for me. I don't even know how I did half the things in that shower. I was wearing one of his tops and he was just wearing his boxers and I was so hungry. We went downstairs and it was clean. I don't know who did the cleaning and when was the cleaning done but the house was back to normal. I sat on the bar stool as he made an omelette for me and tea. We ate over light conversation and somehow I

ended up on the counter and he did things to me that made my head spin. We went back up and we slept until late and woke up and bath and got dressed for the late lunch we were having at Zindani house. When I went downstairs all dresses up and Akani looked at me whistling, I blushed and he came and gave me a big kiss.

Me: Contain yourself Mr khuzwayo

Akani: What can I say, you very inviting and beautiful.

Me: Thank you. We locked the house and got in the car and he drove. After a few times that he was looking at his rearview mirror.

Me: is everything okay?

Akani: Yes. He took his phone and called Mzo. It rang for a while than he answered. " Will you be able to hack the cctv system on the freeway am being followed" he said and I quickly looked back to see the black car that has been following us. As he changed lanes it changed lanes.

Mzo: done am doing facial recognition now.

Akani: get the a few guys to go to the warehouse area am going there

Mzo: is Salinda with you?

Akani: yes

Mzo: are you driving a bulletproof car?

Akani: Yes

Mzo: Are you packing?

Akani:yini Mzo ubonani?

Mzo: we on our way, there is a roadblock ahead of you and those guys are driving you straight to it. I have a team dispatched to you as we speak. I pray we make it in time

Akani: call Ray and tell him Salinda needs him. He disconnected the call and drove in a normal speed. Looked at me and looked ahead and I could see a bunch of cars. " Put on your seatbelt love" he accelerated the car.....

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Akani

I looked ahead and I saw the black cars lined up and I knew that I'll do anything to get us out of this mess. I looked at my side to find Salinda looking straight ahead and not blinking nor swearing nor showing any signs of panic

Me: Babe I need you to lean to the back seat and press the red button that u find below the seat. She leaned and pressed and the whole seat moved and revealed a seat covered in guns, grenade and all the bad shit i have stocked up in the car.

Me: now i want you to grab a gun that you can hold in you hand and I want you to take those green small things(grenades)....

Salinda: Akani i know what grenades are. She laughed nervously. Gosh I love this woman. Me:Hand me a few. She did

Me: and hand me the two guns and take a knife and hide it somewhere on you.she did with shaking hands.

Me: you got this babe,now press the safety...

Salinda: I know how to use a gun, i took lessons after i ran away from Sizwe.

Akani: Am so glad you did. I drove faster and just as I was about to reach them they started shooting at the car. The bullets we falling off since the whole car was bulletproof. I did a quick U

turn and brake than rolled down my window and unpin a few grenade and threw them out the window. While they explode I shot at everything and every one.

Salinda

The sound of the bullets was deafening and the smell was the worse. The car rang and I quickly answered not wanting to let Akani lose focus on the shooting that he was doing.

Mzo: the helicopter with Mphendu is 3 min out bafo, are yourl good?

Me: yeah we okay.

Mzo: oh Hi Salinda

Me: Hi. They was silence. Am not sure if he was scared to speak or just didn't know what to say.

Akani: khuluma bafo you on speaker(talk you on speaker) he says as he rolled up the window and his muscles were popping out on his arm.

Mzo: was just checking to see you are good am a good 10 min away people are reversing back causing traffic

Akani: am about to make a U Turn have the team make a blockage. He shifted gears and made the U- turn and just than I

saw Sizwe jump in the car and I froze. Akani looked at me and touched my thigh

Akani: Babe... babe... i was now mute and the shock was paralyzing

Mzo: what happening bafo?

Akani: I don't know she isn't blinking.

Mzo: Its just shock

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she will be fine, focus bafo. He step on the accelerator some more and I felt the car go faster than next thing the car was flying than we rolled a few times and it was lights out for me. I came through to me being tied on a chair and I knew right there and than that it meant Akani and the guys are dead because they is no way that he would have allowed for me to be captured. I sat there crying silently until the door open and I smelt him before he even switched on the light. Sizwe Dhlomo is here.

Sizwe

I poured her with a bucket of water and she stared at me with so much hate.

Me: my darling wife. She kept quiet.

Me: you thought a piece of paper will separate us? I slapped her and she looked at me again.

Me: Look at us now it just you and me and am about to teach you a lesson that you will never forget.

Salinda

My cheek was on fire after that slap. I was freezing from the water splash and i felt something at my back and I remembered the knife that Akani made me take. I took it out as he was raving about what a bad wife iv been to him. I took it out and was able to free my hands. I sat there waiting for him to turn back and he did and I ran to him with the knife stabbing him at the back he screamed in pain and took it out bleeding. He came at me with kicks and slaps. I felt myself gaining strength to fight back and I fought for dear life. I scratched, bite and kick where ever I could.

Sizwe: you little bitch. I fought like they was no tomorrow remembering my lessons from self defense class. He pinned me on the ground and started choking me. I felt myself suffocate and I thought this is not the way that am going to die. He took out a gun from his back and he was about to shoot me than I remembered a lesson from self defense and I maneuvered and

kicked him making him scream in pain and the gun flew to the far end. I was coughing trying to catch my breath. When I finally did I tried to get to the gun quickly before Sizwe and I did while kicking him on his face and then I moved next to the door slowly pointing a Gun at him. My whole body was shaking from all the torture of the fight that happened a few minute ago. I looked at him standing a few feet away from me and I knew at this point that its either he dies or ill be running for ever. He stood up raising his hands up high and had the most evil grin ever. " You are not going to kill me Salinda" He was moving closer and he thought i wasn't paying attention. I aimed to the space right next to his ear and fired. " move one more inch you mother fucker and you are dead" He looked at me all shocked at my bravery and it dawn to him that this is not the same Salinda he knows. His years of torture has made me what I am right now. He looked straight into my eyes and I knew that tonight only one of us is going to leave this place alive and right now am going to fight him with every fibre in my body to make sure I come out of this Alive. I have a life now and he will not take that away from me. I have friends who might hate me nor love me. I have brothers who love me dearly and a father but mostly he had to paying for taking away my one true love, he had to pay for coming into my life just as iv found happiness and just as lv began to experience love. He had to pay for all the

evils he had done to me but mostly he had to pay for killing Akani.

Sizwe: You going to kill me for a thug in a suit? Kill me Salinda for a gangster that have killed innocent people. Iv loved you and gave you everything that you ever wanted and what did you do? WHAT DID YOU DO? You took it and threw it on my face!!!

Me: Iv been nothing but a good wife to you but your selfish black heart stopped you from seeing that and No am not going to kill you for that, Am going to kill you for all the sins that you have done in the past on me , for every scar I have and for using me to make you feel like a man while you are nothing but a Puss. He tried to come for me and I pulled the trigger to many times. His body went down as shock came through his face and he went down. I walked over to him and looked at him as blood was choking him.

Me: This is for my unborn child that you took away from me. I shot at him multiple times and I watched as his breath left his body and I felt so light knowing that Sizwe will no more hurt me.

Akani

After the car was shot we were taken to the warehouse before my team could reach me. After hours of Kevin beating me up one of his guys slid me a blade and I was able to fight back. After killing everyone the team and the guys found me but we had no idea where Salinda is. I had two bullet wounds on my shoulder but my mind was on Salinda and Sizwe since they were the only ones missing. Ray and his guys were part of my team and he couldn't keep his mouth shut on how I lost his sister. We were now busy arguing in front of the team and they were looking at us since a few punches were thrown here and there. The first gun shot vibrated and we all ran towards that direction. And just as we were about to reach a few more rounds went and I kept praying that Salinda was alive and well. We got into what looked like a barn and there stood Salinda carrying a gun and looking at Sizwe lifeless body and I felt so relieved that I felt tears blur my vision. I ran to her and held her in my arms as the tears fell from my eyes. I buried my face in her shoulder to stop the fellows from seeing me cry.

Me: Its over babe... its all over... she didnt say anything. Didnt hug me back now acknowledge that I was even there. She kept quiet. I picked her up and carried her outside and I saw Chris her brother drive in. I guess Ray called him. He checked us both

and removed the two bullets. We were now in the car as Mzo was driving us to my house after fighting Ray on that.

Mzo: Salinda

Salinda: Hmmm?

Mzo: just checking. He kept quiet and continued to drive. We got home and all they guys were there. Zumbu, Mpendulo and Simo. They all didn't know what to say or do.

Salinda: Are you all gangsters? They all looked at each other and back at me not saying a thing. Salinda turned and looked at me.

“ Akani are you a gangster?”

Akani: Babe... she moved back not wanting me to touch her

Salinda: Take me home Zumbu. Zumbu looked at me and I nodded and he took her home. I don't know what happened but I felt like a tons of bricks came on me and I went down crying and screaming.

Salinda

I heard Akani screams and it pained me but I needed time alone to think and see if this is what I want in my life. I saw Zumbu was torn between going back or driving me home.

Me: You can go back, I can drive. He opened the door for me and drove me home.

Zumbu: Can I say something?

Me: sure

Zumbu: I don't know what you thinking or what you have been told but Mr khuzwayo is a good man. If never seen him love a person the way he does you and from that sound we heard am sure you know it too because iv never heard him scream nor cry and trust me with the battles we have been one has to shed a tear here and there.

Me: Goodnight Zumbu. I have work tomorrow. That if am still hired. I kissed his cheek and went in to find my brothers and they hugged me and I cried my soul out to them to the point that Chris had to sedate me in order to sleep. I woke up in the morning to get ready for work to get a text from Akani giving me a month off. That month I never saw him at all even though he came multiple times to check on me and I wouldn't open the door for him. I closed myself in my room. Didn't speak to the girls or my brothers. Only person that I was speaking to was Zumbu. He would come daily to check in on me and he will bring food and snacks that Akani got for me. We will sit and he will update me on Akani how ruthless at work he has been and how they call him Iron man.

Akani

Today am going to see her for the first time in a month and I must say am both nervous and scared. Although Zumbu says she doesn't Care about my other life anymore and she has adjusted to it but still needs space. At least she allows Zumbu to drive her everywhere and be there for her. She still my woman and still has to have protection will never know what can come at us and who plotting and where. I wore one of the shirts she brought me and the watch. I scheduled a big staff meeting so I can introduce her. I arrived at work to back to back meetings than at 11 o clock the big stuff meeting was scheduled. I walked to the board room to find everyone there.

Me: Good day to you all

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as you all aware we have a new member in our team Miss Smith kindly welcome her and show her around. The staff clapped and she stood up greeted and lord she was beautiful and glowing. After the meeting she went to her office and I was going there but one by one people were in and out.

Salinda

Its been two months now since iv been working and things between Akani and I are civil. I still love him but I just cannot believe his a gangster. My girls and I are now on talking terms.They giving me space in regards to accepting the situation. The past few weeks iv been so sick but 3 days ago iv been vomiting non stop in the mornings. Iv started being picky when it comes to food. Zumbu still drives me around and his now more of my personal bodyguard than Akani. They is a girl at work Lucia who hates me for no reason and has been spreading horrible rumors about me that I don't entertain. Zumbu walked in carrying my lunch and I made a dash to the bin to vomit

Me: ay ngeke the smell.

Zumbu: its just chicken

Me: its smells so bad. He smelt and looked at me.

Zumbu: its smells fine nje. He placed it on my table and I continued to vomit non stop.

Akani

I was walking to a meeting when I heard the commotion in Salinda office I peaked in to find Zumbu confused and Salinda head in the bin vomiting.

Me: Zumbu?

Zumbu: she says the food smells bad but It smells normal.
Zumbu made me smell the food and indeed it smelt normal.

Me: Take it out of this office. I knelt next to her and held her.
After awhile she picked up her face from the bin and she wasn't looking good.

Next thing she was unconscious. I carried her out of the office with Zumbu running ahead of me and drove her to the nearest hospital. After an hour of the doctors busy on her and I was pacing up and down the waiting area with her brothers.

Ray: I swear you just bad news ghost

Krutze: Can you two just shut up please. After awhile a doctor came out.

Doctor: Miss Smith. We all stood up.

Krutze: We all family.

Doctor: She is okay just need to hydrate for a while and eat while we wait for the blood test you can see her. We all rushed into her room. I got in and kissed her forehead while she still looks pale.

Salinda

Akani: Doctor say you not hydrated enough

Me: yeah He told me. We were quiet for awhile.

Zumbu: You never ate do you want anything to eat?

Me: chicken lickin hot wings would be nice.

Zumbu: okay, let go guys. They left us alone with Ray being reluctant.

Akani: You hate me?

Me: No I dont, I just needed time to process everything you know. He nodded

Akani: I love you Salinda. I looked at him and my heart did the same flipflop that it always does.

Me: I love you too

Akani: Can we start afresh?

Me: I think we can do that. I smiled, gosh how i missed him. The doctor came while I was busy eating my hot wings. Akani didnt even eat his because I was o hungry. The doctor came in and food the guys chilling.

Doctor: Can we have the room please

Me: its okay they my family. Akani stood next to me.

Doctor: well according to the HC hormones in you blood Miss smith its save to say you are pregnant and due to it level well they is a possibility it might be more than one. I looked at Krutze who was grinning and Zumbu just laughed so loud and Akani looked like he might have seen a ghost as Ray face just turned pink.

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

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