

PROLOGUE

Amohelang



I sigh as the pants are seeming to be a bit tight

I don't want to be late

I can't afford to be late , not today of all days

When I have a meeting to get to

It would just be unprofessional of me

I don't have time to iron another outfit

And I didn't want to wear a skirt

Most of my formal pants need to be ironed

I take the pants off

I don't even know when I gained weight

This is insane

I walk to the closet and take a dress

A black formal short sleeve dress that's just below my knees

I put on my 8 inches heels

I put on my watch and grab my bag and laptop bag

I head down and grab an apple on my way out

I parked on the driveway last night

I was too worn out to put the car in the garage

I need to take this car to the car wash

I get in my car and drive out

I try by all means to beat the traffic

It's been a crazy week

Having a new CEO grace us

And he's been seeing executives all week

And today it's my day

I just want to be prepared well for it

That man scares the shit out of me

There's just something about him

I just can't wrap my head around it He keeps to himself

He's in his office from when he arrives until he leaves

I get to work just in record time

I park at my spot and get out, grabbing my bags

I head over walking inside the building

I greet the receptionist and pass going into the elevator

If I have any messages , my PA will bring them

I get off on my floor

I head to my office

And the scent that graces me

Tells me that my PA is back from her maternity leave

I had to put up with scents of detergents

I smile putting my bags on my desk

I open the folds and the upper window

I settle down on my desk , and she walks in seconds later

Bontle : bright and early

I smile , this one knows me too well

Me : oh well , I feel like I'm 15 again and heading to the head masters office She laughs

Bontle : well , the man is here and ready for you

She places the two files on my desk

Me : how do I look ?

Bontle : professional and sexy as always

I laugh

Me : you're being insane

Bontle : this is you , I don't understand why you're scared

Me : I am not scared , just a bit nervous

Bontle : you do your job , and you deliver always . Have no worries

I guess I don't have to worry

It's not like I don't know my story after all

I just want to impress

Bandla

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I have been dreading this meeting ever since I got here

And today it's Friday

It doesn't seem I can ditch it any longer

From the first day I got here and I laid my eyes on her I've just been trying to get out of her way

I even scheduled to see her end of the week

Me : stop being a fucking coward

I heave a sigh as my phone rings

I let out a smile

Me : mama

She laughs

Asa : baby ,how is work ?

I chuckle

Me : work is fine

Asa : you sound a bit frustrated

Me : it's work , and other things

Asa : other things I should know about ?

Me : no

Asa : are you sure ?

I laugh

Me : yes I'm sure , if you needed to know you know I would be opening my chest right now

She laughs

Asa : alright , I have a problem here

Me : what ?

She sighs

Asa : I can't get a hold of the delivery guys , and when I called the factory they said they hadn't come . They're giving me stress because I paid , and I need those outfits by tomorrow . The show won't be happening , without those outfits Me : I told you not to pay those guys before they deliver

Asa : I know baby , I made a poor business decision . But right now I need help

Me : okay , let me see what I can do

Asa : ngiyabonga Mbulazi (thank you)

I laugh

Me : okay mama , let me make a few calls

Asa : alright

Me : ngiyak'thanda njalo (I love you)

Asa : I love you too baby

I drop the call with a smile

Just as a knock comes at the door

Me : come in

The door opens and she walks in

Looking stunning in this dress, it's hugging her body so perfectly

Just looking at her for a few seconds

I capture her whole look

Me : Ms Adams

Amo : Mr Mabaso

Damn !

Me : uhmyou'll have to excuse me , I know we have a meeting right now . But I have a personal crisis I need to tend to right now , so please let's move this meeting . To during the course of the day , if not Monday it is

She is a bit disappointed

Amo : of course

And she turns walking out

Me : fuck !

I take a deep breath slowly shaking my head

I just ditched that again

I grab my phone making a call

Amohelang

To say I'm annoyed would be an understatement

I'm livid right now

Who tends to personal circumstances during business hours ?

I feel like that man just wasted my time

I'm heading out right now

I need a black strong coffee

If I'm to get through the day

I get to reception , and to my bad luck he's leaning by the reception desk

As I'm about to walk past him

I just get dizzy from out of nowhere

Suddenly feeling like I'll loose my balance

His damn cologne scent making me nauseas

I drop my bag , and I lose balance but he just goes on to catch me I want to get off his arms because he doesn't smell pleasant at all

I close my eyes slowly , trying to push him off

But I'm weak , and I'm loosing breath

I just give in

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A WEEK EARLIER

Bandla

She fixes my tie and moves over to the other side

She pulls the chair and sits down

Me : thank you

She smiles

Asa : how do you feel about this move to Pretoria ?

I don't even consider it a move

Me : I don't want to do it , and if there was anyone capable that side . I would have them handling the company

She nods

Asa : I understand , and I'm going to miss you

I lean over my hand grabbing hers

Me : and I'll be missing you , right ?

She smiles with a slight nod

Me : hopefully I can find someone , and just come back this side I have no intentions of staying in Pretoria

But now that my CEO resigned

I have to look after my company and my interests

That means going to that side for a bit

And being involved in the day to day running of the company

Asanele



It's a bitter sweet moment biding goodbye to my husband

He's a business man

And a I'm a fashion designer

Yes we lead two busy lives

And still have to be husband and wife to each other

It's tiring and it's a lot

But we're doing just fine

I know we will survive Pretoria

It's just the fact that he won't be around

I'm just so used to him being around me

Me : here

I hand him his phone as he gets in the car

Me : all the best there

He smiles

Bandla : thank you

He leans over and pulls my face down

We kiss for quite a few minutes

After a while we pulls back

Me : don't kiss me like that , as if we're loosing each other

He laughs

Bandla : I love you

Me : I love you Mbulazi

I hold his hand

Watching his left hand that's so clean

He doesn't look like a man that's married

He's never even worn a ring

Even though I understand the whole concept about it

It's an uneasy feeling now that he's leaving

And we've been married for 4 years now

Bandla : what's wrong ?

Me : just an ask

Bandla : yes

Me : the ring issue , is it still like that ?

Bandla : yes

Okay !

There was no hesitation to that answer

I don't know how I feel

Maybe I thought he will say no , or anything else Or ask what do I think

But it's okay

Me : I think you should make a decision really

He laughs

Bandla : not now mama please , I'm still working and making enough money for you . We'll see about this

I laugh

Bandla : let me get going , l'll call you

Me : drive safe

I peck his lips and move back as he drives out of yard

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Lira : I must say , I am surprised

Me: why?

Lira : because I thought they would choose you

I laugh

Me : I'm a CFO , what business do I have leading a company being a CEO ?

Lira : you're more than capable

Me : no , and it's okay . It's fine really , I just need to make sure I'm ready

Lira : this ain't fair

I laugh

She grabs the file and walks out of my office

Lira is the nosey receptionist

Like nothing gets past her

I'm sure she's been dying the whole day

To come and tell me that the new CEO is coming , as in like tomorrow

I grab my files and place them on my bag

I get up closing the window folds

I grab my bags walking out locking my office

My PA has her own key

I barely let anyone in my office

I get to the parking lot

And get into my car

I drive out , with a graving of ice cream

Strange because I'm not even a fan

But there's no other way to quench a craving than to have it

I take a detour to the mall quickly

I head over to the ice cream shop

And I get a bowl of different flavours of ice cream

I sit down and mind my business having this ice cream

Voice : sorry

Says a masculine voice

Not so far away from me

I turn and look , it's a man with a little girl and a woman

And the man crouches down to the little

She seems to be crying

And the woman is not having it

The man is having a conversation with the little one

And she ends up just giggling and all

I watch in admiration

And I must say, it's painful a bit

I get up and leave the bowl unfinished

As I turn to walk away , the man lifts his eyes

We lock eyes for a few seconds

And I walk away

I head to my car , just wanting to cry

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Bandla

Me : have fun

She giggles and I turn and walk away from them

All she wanted was just ice cream

And I got it for her

Now she's happy being alive , and the little person that she is Mother's love complicating the loves of kids

For no reason whatsoever

These little people want anything and everything

And what kid doesn't like or love ice cream ?

That was unnecessary

I rush outside using the same exist she used

I look around

Hoping that maybe I'll spot her

But she's nowhere to be seen

I heave a sigh

I walk back inside the mall making a call

After a few rings she answers

Asa : Mbulazi

Me : unjani mama ? (How are you)

Asa : ngiyak'khumbula mbhem (I miss you) We laugh

Me : I miss you too , I'm at the mall now just to get something to eat

Asa : oh yes , please eat and don't starve

Me : mama

Asa : Mbulazi ?

Me : the question you asked this morning

She sighs

Asa : yes , I hope I didn't offend

Me : no , but is it maybe you've changed your mind about it ?

Asa : no , the only person who can change my mind is you

I smile

Me : okay , ngiyabonga ke (thank you)

I take it all is still well

If she haven't thought of changing her mind

Me : let me get something and drive to the apartment

Asa : did you find it well ?

Me : yeah , it's fine

She laughs

Asa : you don't sound pleased enough

Me : I guess I just don't care that much , after all I'm renting it . So no feels there

Asa : you're a dramatic man

Me : that's who you married girl

We laugh

Me : I love you

Asa : and I love you

I drop the call with a smile

Amohelang

I just feel so down today

And I know it's because of what I saw last night

Seeing that cute little family

I'm so tired of praying

Because it's like God doesn't hear me

And I don't know what to do anymore

Even the procedure I did , just failed

Well , I think it failed

The doctor was very hopeful that worked

But it's been 3 months now

And nothing has happened

So yeah !

I've given up and just threw in the towel , and lost all hope that I had

Maybe this is just not meant for me

To a point that it fails with my own hand

Seeing that girl last night with her parents

That just got me somehow

If I wasn't anticipating that this week will be busy

I would be going home

Just to be with my own dad as well

At 26 , yes I'm my father's daughter

I'm a daddy's girl

And maybe going home is what I need To cheer me up

I'll just have to see how busy is my schedule

Even if I go see him for a day or two

I know I'll feel so much better

Asanele

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Saneli : are you okay really ?

Me : yes

Saneli : how do you be okay , when your husband is so far away from you ? I laugh

Me : he's working

Saneli : you know men

Me : oh please , I lack those insecurities . So they don't work on me , whatever you want to say just keep it to yourself . For your sake and mine , please

She sighs looking disappointed

People love talking about other people's issues

Things that have nothing to do with them

I have a fashion show coming up this week I really don't have the time to be mopping around

I know my husband and why he's there

There's absolutely no need for me to react anyhow about this

Or be wondering what he's doing with who

I don't even think of cheating where my husband is concerned

I married that man knowing who he is

And there was nothing done under pretence

Saneli : I was just saying

Me : no , don't say . You're divorcing your husband for a Ben ten , and you don't hear me being on your throat about it

Saneli : you know John has been cheating on me for years

Me : you told me , but you stayed . And waited until you find yourself a man to fool around with , now everyone thinks you're the reason your marriage is falling apart . But it's your business , let me be with mine

That gets her to shut up

She mustn't think I'll keep quite

When she makes remarks about Bandla , I know my husband is faithful

Bandla

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Me : yeah , I just walked in the office now

Asa : okay , be nice to other kids I love you bye

I laugh

Me : I love you mama

I drop the call

I'm early

Just because I want to see the executives before my day starts

Just a brief meeting with them

Nothing that hectic

I place the laptop bag down on the desk

And I walk out heading to the boardroom

And as I walk in lifting my eyes

They land on her

Fuck !

To think I looked for her last night at the mall

And she was nowhere to be seen

But here she is now

She lifts her eyes looking at me

And we have that few minutes stare before I walk in closing the door

I gather myself before I turn facing them

My eyes going from her from time to time , and I can tell she can recognise me from last night

I clear my throat greeting and they greet back

I just can't take my focus off of her

And now I just want to know who she is

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Amohelang

Me: I am okay

No, I am lying

Besides the fact that I have a creepy boss

Who I don't want to find myself in the presence of

I don't feel well at all

And I don't know what's the problem

Because I've been okay all along

And I'm one person who barely gets sick

Like I don't just get sick

But since last night

I am not myself

And I could call in sick

But with the new boss

I don't know what's what

And I don't want to step on anyone's toes

Bontle said I'm to see him tomorrow

I don't know how I feel about that

He's been seeing executives all week long

And I'm the last one why ?

It just doesn't make sense to me

But what can I say ?

It's his company

We've always had CEO's

But they were employees like the rest of us

But with him it's different

He's a whole boss

I can't miss work or make a somehow impression

I get out of my car

I've been parked here for a while

Maybe I should have gone to see a doctor before coming to work I grab my bags and walk out

Me : morning Lira

Lira : good morning Ms Adams

I pass with a slight smile

And as the elevator is about to close, I walk in

Now I feel like going back out

My heart thuds so hard against my chest

I clear my throat

Me : good morning sir

He says nothing but just nods

Mxm !

He will never get my greetings ever again

The elevator opens and we're not yet on our floor

Praise walks in , and he smiles

Only because I'm sure he can tell I'm annoyed

Praise : good morning

Again he nods

Me : hey

Praise : you look different , are you okay ?

I laugh

Me : I'm okay

Praise : if you say so

Me : what do you want to say ?

Praise : that you look different , like you're not okay ...

Me : different good or bad

Praise : good ..

I chuckle

The elevator opens and we get out

All three heading to our offices

Praise : coffee ?

He slightly shouts behind me

Me : latte

He laughs as I get into my office

Bandla

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Mhm !

And I fucked up

Like why couldn't I just greet her back ?

Like a normal person would

No wonder I felt like shit after that

But that Praise getting in the elevator after that

Didn't make things any better

The way they were talking and laughing like old friends it was insane

And he even offered her coffee ?

Like why ?

Okay !

That annoyed me

And I had that latte ordered as fast as I can

Now I knock on her office door

She doesn't answer but opens the door herself

Me : uhm sorry

She frowns

Me : I mean ...about the elevator thing , I didn't mean to be rude when you greeted and I just nodded

She caught me off guard

I didn't think she was gonna get in Amo : it's okay

Me : please forgive me , I don't want to make things awkward

She smiles

Amo : not awkward at all , although I had decided I won't be greeting you anymore I chuckle

Me : it's okay , I will greet you

She smiles

Me : uhm ...I got you this as an apology

Amo : thank you

She takes the cup from me and takes a few sips

And she's darn enjoying herself

She's even closing her eyes

Me : let me leave you to work

Amo : thank you , for clearing the air

Me : okay

I turn and walk to my office

Me : that wasn't bad

I take my suit jacket off and hang it

Amohelang

That was strange

But I sure enjoyed the latte

Although his cologne just didn't sit well with me

I could tell it's one hella expensive cologne

But there was just something about the scent

It was off to me

I guess now that he's kind of cleared the air

I can greet him again

Maybe he was just having a rough morning

But at least he saw his error after that

And he corrected himself

I can appreciate that

At least he's not a jerk

I would never survive a jerk of a boss

Now I can prepare myself for seeing him tomorrow

And get my files in order

Just so I know my story , and I don't mess up or end up embarrassing myself

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Bandla

Me : I spoke to Muzi , they will have the dresses delivered tomorrow

Asa : thank you Mbulazi , I was really getting stressed

I heave a sigh

Me : don't worry , your show will go on

Asa : okay , let me leave you to work

Me : I stepped out , I'm not at the office . I'm dealing with something

Asa : something wrong ?

Me : uhm no

Asa : okay , we'll talk later

Me : I love you

I drop the call just as the doctor walks towards me

Doc : Mr

Me : Mabaso , is she okay ?

Doc : yes both her and the baby are okay

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Me : she's pregnant ?

Doc : yes ...you didn't know ?

I scratch my forehead

Me : uhm no

He smiles

Doc : well congratulations , but the fatigue is not good for your wife . Especially in her condition , I would suggest she works less and rest more

Me : okay , uhm thanks . Can I see her ?

Doc : she's still asleep , but could be awake any minute now . I'll go check on her , and call you in

Me : thanks

He turns to walk away

Me : how far along is she ?

He turns and looks at me

Doc : just over 11 weeks

Shit !

Me : I see , thank you once again

He nods and turns walking away

Me : fuck !

I sit down

She doesn't even look pregnant

And how do I go and

Damn, she's fucking pregnant

Meaning there's a guy in the picture

I'm so fucking doomed no lies

Amohelang

Feeling a bit drowsy

I open my eyes slowly

I take a minute just taking in my surroundings

I see I'm in hospital

Did I really faint ?

Damn !.

My head is pounding

Feels like I've been hit by a truck

Someone clears their throat

And I see it's a doctor

He smiles exposing his white Colgate teeth

Doc : you're finally awake

Me : can I please have water ?

Doc : of course

He pours me the glass of water

And he goes on to help me drink

Me: thank you

Doc : alright , I need you to take it easy . I'm under the impression , you don't know that you're pregnant

No ways !

Me : I'm what ?

Doc : yes , you need to rest more so your body can adjust to these changes

Me : are you sure I am pregnant ?

He laughs

Doc : yes 11 weeks

Me : wow !

Doc : your husband was quite shocked too

My what ?

Did he say my husband ?

Doc : I hope I did not overstep , I thought maybe you knew you are expecting ...I told him

Did this man say my boss is my husband ?

Because he's the last person I remember , before I blacked out at reception

Unless he called someone else, to bring me here

Me : wait ...where is he ?

Doc : outside , he asked to see you . But I wanted to check on you first

Strange

Why didn't he correct the doctor if he was being called my husband ?

Unless he just said it to me

Me : is the baby okay ?

Doc : strong healthy and kicking

I smile

I can't believe this

I didn't think I was pregnant

I mean , a whole three months passed

I took four tests and they came back negative

Like all four

I had actually given up

This is my miracle

Doc : I hope those are tears of joy

I laugh through my tears

Me : you have no idea

This is my answered prayer

I really thought God failed me

And my efforts failed me

But here I am , about to be someone's mother . There's nothing I wanted more than this

I went through lengths to make sure I get pregnant

And I was sure that didn't work

Cause there were no results

Even though the doctor had assured me , chances of the procedure failing were very minimal

But I had lost hope

Doc : I won't keep you , I'll come back in a few minutes so we can do a scan

I can't believe this

I am just so excited

Me : thank you

He walks out

Seconds later the door opens

And he walks in

I can't tell his expression

After all I don't know this man

Bandla : hi

I wipe my tears

Me : uhmhi

The silence is just awkward

Me : I'm sorry the doctor called you my husband

Bandla : where is he ?

Me : who ?

Bandla : your husbandthe father of the baby ?

I heave a sigh

Do I owe to tell him the truth ?

Me : there's no father

He frowns

I am not getting into this with my boss

It's my personal life and business

I should keep it like that

Me : thank you for bringing me here

Something is going on with this man

His mind is seeming to be all over the place

I clear my throat

Me : anyways the doc is going to discharge me , he wants to do a scan . I can Uber to the company back , you don't have to stick around

Bandla : you're going home

What ?

Me : he said I'm fine

Bandla : you'll take the day off , you'll come back on Monday Okay !

Me : my car is there

Bandla : I'll take you home , and have your car delivered

Why is he doing all of this ?

Me : I can just Uber , and get my car

He heaves a sigh

I could be reading too much into this

But he seems to be getting frustrated

Me : okay

I turn my gaze away from him

It's just silence

After a while the doctor walks in

Doc : are you ready ?

Me : yes please

I'm so happy

Now I really need to go home

And tell my father he's going to be a grandfather

To a whole handsome boy

Doc : lift your t-shirt for me

Wait

Should this man be in here ?

This just looks so wrong

I lift my t-shirt , and as he pours the gel on my stomach

I gasp a bit , it's a damn cold

Doc : sorry , it's cold

Why is this one holding my hand ?

And that damn strange feeling in my tummy , as he holds my hand

Yhoh !

The doctor smiles as he goes on to mind his business doing his job

I can't help but tear up , as I hear the heartbeat

Doc : it's very strong

Too strong

Oh my baby !

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Bandla

When I saw her in the office

On Monday during the boardroom meeting

She didn't strike me as an emotional person

But the way she teared up hearing the heartbeat

That was cute though

I'm sure women are excited and happy

When they hear they're pregnant

But this is more than that

Doc : in your next appointment , you should be able to know the gender

She smiles as he wipes her gel off of her

Amo : it's a boy

Doc : wishing for one ?

She laughs fixing her top

Amo : no , I know for certain

Doc : and if it's not , I'll charge you for it

Amo : how about you just be my doctor ?

They laugh

Doc : I'll gladly take that

He looks at me.

Doc : if your husband is good with that

Amo : he's

Me : whatever makes the wife happy

Her jaw drops

Doc : it's settled then , I'll see you on the next one

Amo : thank you

She gets off the bed and grabs her bag

Doc : you'll get your prescription on your way

We walk out , and I can't help but keep getting lost in thought

Amohelang

He's looking around

Like why is he such a strange men ?

Me : thank you for bringing me home , I think my car is fine there . I'll call security , just to alert them it's there . I'll get it on Monday

He darts his eyes to me

Bandla : I said I'll bring it to you

Me : I don't want strange people driving my car

Bandla : l'm strange people ?

Yhoh !

Me : but you're here

Bandla : yeah , I'll bring it ..can I have a glass of water ?

I take my heels off

And I show lay off those tall things

I walk to the kitchen , and grab a glass I rinse it before pouring water for him

But what if he wants bottled water ?

Why didn't I ask though !

I just grab a bottle from the fridge as well

I walk back to the lounge

Me : I didn't know which one you want

He takes the glass

Great !

He downs it

Bandla : thank you

I nod walking to the kitchen

Walking back in the lounge , he has his car keys in his hand

Bandla : I have to go

Me : thank you once again

Bandla : you're welcome

He walks to the door and turns looking at me for a few seconds

Then he walks out

I stand by the door watching his car drive out

I close my gate as soon as he's out

I walk back to the couch , grabbing my bag

I take out the scan

And I just get all emotional

I brush my tummy , like this little human being is growing inside of me

Bandla

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I tried by level best just to be at work and focus

It was hella crazy

And now I'm supposed to go to my apartment

But I have to take her car to her place

Something has just been bothering me

I don't even know if I should be bothered

I take out my phone and make a call

Asa : Mbulazi

Me : mama , are you okay ?

Asa : yes , but you don't sound okay

I chuckle

I just go on to give in

I guess that's what happens when you've been with someone for 7 years

Me : nothing I can fix

Asa : you're worrying me

I heave a sigh

Me : I ...don't be

Asa : should I come that side ?

Me : no , I'll be back soon two . Just a week left

She takes a deep breath with a sigh

Asa : what is it ?

Me : there's someone here

She goes quite

Me : I am not saying it's anything though

Asa : figure it out , let's talk about something you're certain about

Me : she's pregnant

Asa : it's you ?

Me : no , of course not

Asa : that just sounds complicated

Me : mhm , let me get home . We'll have this conversation when I get back

Asa : okay

Me : I love you

Asa : I love you too

I drop the call with a sigh

I get up grabbing my suit jacket

I'll have my car dropped to my apartment

While I take hers to her house

Asanele

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I felt my stomach turn

I know my husband

Four years of marriage

And he's never had an outside interest

I know there's something about this woman

He would never just mention her without no reason

Now I dread him coming back home

I wish he can stay for three weeks now

Instead of the two

Because now only one week is

I wish he can stay two more

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Bandla

I don't know how Asa is feeling right now

I have a feeling that phone call left her somehow

And I don't blame her

Amo : thank you for the food , and bringing my car

Me : mhm , can I ask ?

Amo : you can

I sit down

Me : did you know you were pregnant ?

She frowns

Me : I'm asking because the doctor said you have fatigue , maybe you've been working hard this week

Amo : I have been working hard , I didn't want to look incompetent in front of my boss . I guess the pressure of it all was just too much , but I didn't know I was pregnant

Me : mhm , yet you sounded so sure that you're having a boy

She smiles

Amo : because I know I am

Me: how?

She heaves a sigh

Amo : you're my boss , I don't even know if I should be telling you this . But I chose the gender of my baby , when I did the IVF

Me: huh?

Okay !

I didn't even think about that

I thought maybe she'll say , it was a one night thing

Maybe the guy ran away

Or he denied the baby

Just anything , but that . So she purposely got herself pregnant ?

Amo : I did an IVF procedure , through the sperm donor bank . All I wanted was a baby

Okay !

And she's being real right now

Like she's not kidding at all

Me : the whole process ?

Amo : yes , please don't judge me

Me : waitthere's no judgement here , we're talking

Amo : like I said , all I wanted was a baby

Me : don't babies need fathers
?

She smiles

Amo : no , mine will be fine without one . I paid a lot of money for this

Me : so , why would you do this ? I mean , you're a beautiful woman and you can have any man you want Amo : I don't want stress , men run away from their responsibilities . And well, I don't need all of that . What I need is a baby , I didn't even think the procedure worked. Because I did it over three months back , and after a month I took tests but they all came back negative

Me : do you know who's the sperm donor ?

Amo : no , I just bought the sperm . And it was fertilized with my eggs

Me : mhm , what if you made an ugly baby ?

She laughs

Amo : no , the sperm donor is very cute

I don't like hearing that

Amo : I don't know him , I don't even know who he is or where he is. But I saw his picture , I determined how my baby will look like . And if it'll be a girl or a boy

Okay !

This is a lot

Maybe I need to go and gather myself

Me : okay

l get up

Me : I need to go

Amo : okay , once again thank you

Me : yeah

I walk out just defeated

Asanele

I didn't get any sleep

My head kept pounding back and forth

I should be focus on the show today

But I'm on what Bandla said last night

I dial his number

I know I said he should come to me with something certain

But now , a lot is just going through my mind

Bandla : mama

Me : Mbulazi

Bandla : I worried you mama , didn't I ?

I keep quite

Bandla : video call

Me : I

Bandla : please

I heave a sigh and request a video call

He accepts

And I see he's not at the apartment

Bandla : l'm at a café , getting her breakfast

Okay !

This man just makes it hard not to love him

Me : did you talk ?

Bandla : a bit

Me : and ?

Bandla : remember I said she's pregnant ?

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Bandla : there's no guy

Me : it's never a guarantee , a man can come back anytime and claim what's his

Bandla : she got a sperm donor , and did IVF

Wonders never cease to amaze

Me : wow , okay !.

Bandla : she's just close to three months , and she'll be having a boy . We spoke mainly about that , said it was her choice to just have a baby

Me : I guess that's a relief

He chuckles

Bandla : but you know I haven't said anything

Me : yeah

Bandla : so let's not dwell on that

Me : if there's something you'll tell me right ?

Bandla : yes , I'll be honest through and through

I smile

As heavy as this is

I guess this is the time now

It's even hard to be angry

Me : okay , get breakfast don't deliver it cold

He laughs

Bandla : I miss you

I smile

Me : if this is going anywhere , stay there for a bit . Don't rush to come back home

He laughs

Bandla : you don't want me to come back ?

I miss him

I won't lie

But I think I should use this time

And just prepare myself

So staying in Pretoria

Won't only work for him

But it'll work in my favour too

To accept this and make peace with it

Me : stay there

We laugh

Bandla : I am not happy with you

Me : I have a show to get to , we'll talk later Mbulazi

Bandla : all the best of luck mama

Me : thank you baby

I drop the call

Me : oh well !

That's that

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Amohelang

Me : I want to come home

Dad : I thought I was forgotten

We laugh

Me : I could forget everyone , just not you

Dad : I saw when I got the money yesterday

My dad is dramatic

But I love that I can talk to him about anything and everything

My mother passed on when I was very young

And he took that role of a mother and raised me

As a single father

He refused when my aunt wanted to take me in

Saying I'm a girl child

I need a mother role in my life

He didn't want to hear any of that

He's always been a mother and a father to me

My first period , he was there

Showed me how to put on a pad

My first heartbreak

He was there

Consoling me , when I cried over the boy

He was in the police force for many years

And only retired four years back

But he's never neglected me anyhow , or made me feel like I don't have a mother

So I always make sure I send him money every other two weeks Although I know very well he doesn't need it

Cause there's money he's getting every month

But it's my turn now to take care of him

Me : there's something I need to tell you

Dad : nothing serious I hope

I told him when I started this process

Even when I thought maybe it failed

I told him still

I know he will be happy

To know there's a grandson on the way

Me : I'll come later on today

Dad : okay , don't give me a heart attack

We laugh

Me : I still need you man , so that's not happening

Dad : okay , I'll see you later

Me : okay , I love you

Dad : I love you angel

I drop the call

It's still sinking in that I'm going to be a mother to someone

There's nothing I wanted more than being a mother

Hence I did the procedure

Without having a man involved

Because I don't need the stress of a baby daddy

Bandla

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I accessed her file from work

And I managed to get her number

I thought I should call first

Before rocking up in her house

But then just decided against it

I knock at the door

Her gate was opened

I don't even know why

I don't find that safe at all

After a while she opens

And seems like she hasn't been up for a while

Me : good morning

She's obviously shocked seeing me here

I don't have a reason to be knocking on her doorstep

On a Saturday morning

But here I am

Amo : did I forget anything with you yesterday ?

Me : no

Amo : oh !

Me : can I come in ?

Amo : of course , sorry

She makes way and I walk in

Me : I bought you breakfast

She smiles

Amo : what did I do ?

Me : nothing

Amo : okay , thank you

She takes the take away bag from me

Amo : are you joining me ?

Me : no

Amo : okay , I should eat then

Me : what are your plans today ?

Amo : I'm going to Midrand , to visit my father

Me : okay , I should let you get ready then

Amo : thank you for breakfast

Me : you're welcome

We have that silence

I'm sure she's asking herself what's it with me , like what's my deal

I think I still need to figure it out myself

Even though I think the clarification of how the baby came about

Fixed all of that

Me : feeling better today ?

Amo : very much

Me : that's good , I'll see you

She walks me to the door

Me : lock the gate , I don't think it's safe to leave it unlocked like that

Amo : I'll lock , I have a leak . I'm waiting on the repair guys

Me : where ?

Amo : sink

Me : do you have tools ?

Amo : I doubt

Me : let me see

She walks to the kitchen and I follow her

She opens the cupboard

And takes out the bucket , throwing the water in the sink

She moves over

I lean down , and check the leak on the pipe

Me : call me when you get back from your father's place , I'll come fix it Amo : I'll be back tomorrow late

Me : you'll wait for me to be back , just give me an hour . I'll be back

Amo : what about the guys I called ?

l get up

Me : cancel , I'll pay that fee

Amo : whatwhy ?

Me : because I am saying

Amo : you're my boss , I can't

Me : I am not your boss right now , this is not the office

She just looks at me saying nothing

I place the bucket under the sink , closing the cupboard

Me : eat , don't starve this champ

She smiles

Me : I'll be back

Amo : okay

I walk back to the lounge heading out

I get into my car and drive out

I wait to see that she locks the gate , and it closes

I drove off heading to the mall

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Amohelang

I would be lying if I said I understand what's the deal with this man

He's just being awkward

Considering I met him Monday

Not considering that mall scene

We have never even conversed until yesterday

Now he's in my house fixing my sink

After bringing me breakfast

I'm all done getting ready to leave

I'm just waiting for him to finish

I called the guys and cancelled

And he sent me the money to pay their cancellation fee

Bandla : your visit to your father , is it just a visit ?

Me : uhm yeah something like that

Bandla : something like that ?

I smile

He's not seeing me

He's under the sink

And I'm leaning by the kitchen counter

Me : I'm going to share my good news

He chuckles

Bandla : I see

Me : how old is your daughter ?

Bandla : what daughter ?

He better not be those kind of men

The kind that goes on to deny their wives and kids

For whatever reason men do such things

Me : I saw you at the mall the other day

Bandla : yeah , I saw you too

So , he can't deny his family

Me : your wife and daughter

He gets out from under the sink

And takes a cloth wiping his hands

He closes the cupboards

Bandla : can I have soap ?

I hand him the soap

He takes it , and washes his hands

Bandla : that's fixed

I hate that he's moved from my question

Me : thank you

He takes a dry cloth and wipes his hands

He turns around and walks over to me

He stands in front of me

And there's that cologne of his again

Me : I don't like your cologne

He frowns

Me : not in a bad way , but it makes me nauseous

Bandla : I'm sorry , I'll change it

Me : no it's

Bandla : that wasn't my daughter nor my wife , the little

girl wanted ice cream . And the mother wasn't having it , I just offered to buy her one

Is he telling the truth ?

Me : do you go around buying strangers ice cream ?

He smiles

And gosh !

Doesn't he have just thee perfect smile ?

Bandla : that thing costs less than R50 , you can't make a child cry and make a scene in public over such things . Of course she's a child , people are eating ice cream in her presence . It's only normal that she will cry for it That's sweet

Me : okay

I see he's not wearing a ring

He doesn't even have a ring print on his finger

So maybe he's not married , if that was not his wife

Should I ask him if he is married ?

But then again , why would I ask him such a thing

I'm being awkward

And it's wrong

Bandla : let me not hold you any longer

He's too close

Like way too close for comfort

And I'm really being strong right now

Because of his cologne

Bandla : drive safe

Me : I will

He leans over and places a kiss on my cheek

A cold shiver runs down my spine

Bandla : drive out , I'll come behind you . Just make sure you lock , once I'm out before we drive off

We grab our car keys and walk out

He gets into his car , I get into mine and I drove out first

He follows

And as soon as he's out

I lock the gate

We're most definitely going to different directions

But he drives behind me , until we get to the T junction

He passes as I wait for the robot to open for me

Doesn't he winds his window down and winks , driving off

I laugh my ass off

Like what the fuck ?

I drove off as the robot turns green

I need to get a grip

I don't know this man , I just met him He's my boss

I plug in some music , just to make me not think much

I don't even feel the ride to Midrand

I ring at the gate

It opens and I drive in

My father's car is parked on the drive way

Was he coming in , or is he going out ?

I mean he's only expecting me later on

I know I'm early

I get out of the car , and walk to the door

He opens as I'm about to knock

I laugh leaning in for a hug

Dad : you're early angel

Me : I know , are you going somewhere ?

Dad : I'll cancel

He says moving back

Me : no , need . I am only leaving tomorrow , we'll have time to talk

Dad : no , I haven't seen you in a while . They'll understand

I wonder who is they

Is this man dating ?

I've never seen my father with a woman before , that would be very awkward

But I know a living breathing human being has needs

Okay !

This is my father , my thoughts are running too wild

Faster than a stallion

We walk inside the kitchen

l sit down

Dad : you look good

I smile

Me : l'm pregnant

The shock !

His expression is just priceless

Me : turns out the procedure worked , we'll be having a little guy . Like very soon , you're going to be a grandfather He walks over and engulfs me into a tight hug

I just tear up because of happiness

Dad : I ask the Lord to keep me longer , now I have someone to raise again

This man y'all

When God gave father's , he just gave me the best that there is

And I lack the words

My happiness is his

He understood me , and he never judged when I said I want a baby and I'll make one without sleeping with a man

Another parent would have said , find a man and make a child

It's the only natural way that God created

But not mine

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A WEEK LATER

Amohelang

The door opens Bontle walks in

And the aroma just welcomes me

I smile

Me : I missed lunch , didn't I ?

Bontle : yes you did , but here you go

She places the take away bag on my desk

Me : thank you , you're a darling

Bontle : I'm just a delivery

Me : what ?

She laughs

Bontle : I didn't buy that

Wow !

No ways, it's him

It's been a week

And this guy is just creeping in more and more

He's become some sort of a support system , I never even asked for

Honestly, I don't know what's happening

Because I don't understand what's his deal

But he makes sure I eat

I ran out of supplements two days back

And he made sure to buy them

So I know this is from him

Me : well thank you

She smiles walking out

I don't waste time just eating

I am hungry after all

But once I start working

I even forget all about food

And I'm not doing good

Because I have to eat for this little person

I can't starve him

Bandla

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Me : I'm still not wanted home even now ?

She laughs

Me : mama

Asa : come home

Me : thank you

I sure stayed an extra week here

Even though that wasn't the plan from the beginning

But I still needed to understand this thing with Amo

And right now

I think I'm clear on that

Asa : how is your issue that side ?

I laugh

Me : is that what we calling it now ?

Asa : I don't know what to call it , cause you don't know either

A knock comes at the door

Me : come in

And she walks in , I let out a smile

She's been in dresses and skirts all week long

But today she's wearing formal pants today

And they damn suit her

Her figure is all out

Me : I have figured it out

Amo : I'm sorry , I didn't know you were on a call

Me : it's okay , come in

She walks over and sits down on the opposite side

Asa : is that her ?

Me : I didn't say

She laughs

Asa : baby , you have to understand that I don't know her . I'll probably assume it's every female I bump into

I chuckle

Me : that's your doing , not mine

Asa : of course , shift all of it . Let's talk later , I have to go to the factory . The show did well , orders are coming in crazy

Me : I am proud of you

Asa : thank you baby , bye

Me : bye

She drops the call

Me : sorry about that

Amo : it's okay

Me : what can I do for you ?

She heaves a sigh

Like she's bothered

Amo : this is a work space , and I'm probably overthinking all this

Me : can I just stop you ?

She takes a deep breath

Me : I'll come see you later , and we'll talk about this

I get up and walk over to the side

I sit on the desk , next to her chair

Amo : the thing is you have been too close , doing things someone who cares would do

Me : that's because i care

She opens her month to say something

But she doesn't

Me : I even want to father this champ , and it's not even about the fact of how he was made . It's because of how I felt about his mother , the first day I saw her She clears her throat

Me : this is just not the space and the time , I'll come see you after work

I get up and lean over pecking her cheek

She doesn't move for a few minutes

She gets up and fixes her blazer

Her bump is still not showing

Amo : let me get back to work

Me : don't miss lunch again

Amo : it was only today

Me : let's not allow it to happen , I won't be around for a week or so . I won't see if you miss lunch

She smiles

Amo : I'll make a reminder

I chuckle , and she turns walking to the door

She walks out

I just get lost in thought

Thinking of how I'll go about this

Asanele

After not seeing him for two weeks

I think he can come back

I'm still in my feels

I won't even pretend otherwise

But I miss my husband

And maybe coming home is okay

Then we can talk

And maybe it'll be even better than over the phone

The fashion show went great

And I'm loving the numbers

I'm busy as hell

That's why it wasn't so hard not having him home

But burying myself in work , doesn't help much either

But with how he's been , I'm taking it like this is happening

I just need to be at peace

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Asanele

Bandla : I'll come tomorrow

I smile

Me : I can't wait to see you

He laughs

Me : you're so not getting another week to deal with your issue

Bandla : I wasn't asking , this was even forced

Me : baby

Bandla : no , but be home tomorrow when I arrive . It's been a long two weeks

I laugh

Me : shame poor you

Bandla : you're enjoying this

Me : where are you headed to ?

Bandla : to sort out my issue

Why do I feel like this ?

There's a hint of a strange feeling somewhere

Me : there must have been progress

He laughs

Bandla : I don't know what you call progress mama

Me : like having some assurance

He chuckles

Bandla : we will talk when I get home

Me : will you be sleeping out ?

He laughs

Bandla : since when ?

I shrug

Bandla : ungizela nge drama (you're coming with)

Me : go have fun

Bandla : you're a trap

We laugh

Me : let me binge on my series , it's starting now .

Bandla : okay , I love you

Me : I love you too

I drop the call

Grabbing the pop corn bowl , and the fleece

I put my phone on silence

And grab the remote

Amohelang

I'm so anxious, it's just crazy

My heart is beating up so fast

I can't keep still

I keep checking the time

As if he said what time he will be here

And I don't know

A part of me feels like he's just taking too long

But another just feels maybe it's for the best he doesn't come

And just then the gate monitor goes off

I heave a sigh and pick the gate remote

I open the gate

And I hear his car parking on the drive way

I take a deep breath opening the door

And here he stands on my door step

Looking handsome

In just casual clothes

And this is a new sight for me

Because he's always in formal

Bandla : mami

Oh my God !

I close my eyes briefly

As that funny feeling hits my tummy

I make way for him

He walks in , and I close the door taking a deep breath

He turns and looks at me

Me : II don't know , but I cooked

He walks closer , and I'm backed against the door

Bandla : can I just do this ?

He caresses my cheek

Me : wha.....

My voice is just failing me

Bandla : I want to kiss you so bad

He says right on my face , his cold breath hitting me . Sending shivers down my spine

And he leans over brushing his lips over mine

I gasp as I pull on his lower lip

He responds back to the kiss

Placing his hands on my waist

He tightens his grip , as he deepens the kiss

I let out a moan in his mouth

I'm dripping down there

It's been 13 months of draught

He moves back slowly pecking my lips

Bandla : what did you cook ?

Like really ?

Me : in the kitchenI need the bathroom

He chuckles shaking his head

And I rush over upstairs to my bedroom

I do need to clean myself down there

And put on a fresh panty liner

Bandla

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Dinner was lovely

She was quite and focusing on her food the whole time

Me : are you okay ?

Amo : yes

Me : can we move to the lounge and talk ?

She looks at me

Me : please

Amo : I should clear up

Me : I will help you

Amo : it's already late

Me : I know that , but I came here to talk . And we haven't done that

She takes a deep breath and gets up

Amo : okay

I get up and we walk to the lounge

She goes on to sit on the one sitter couch

l let her be

And sit opposite her

Me : I won't sell you dreams , but I was taken by you the first day I saw you at the mall

Amo : me and you we can't happen

Me : I haven't even finished talking , and you're cutting me off

She sighs

Amo : I am sorry , but isn't that where you're headed ?

I chuckle

Me : maybe

Amo : well we can't

Me : mind telling me why ?

Amo : you're my boss , I'm not some office fuck . And I'm pregnant

Me : I don't intend on making you an office fuck

Amo : still , what man wants a woman who's pregnant ?

Me : I do , there's no man or father to claim this baby . I will

be that father , and I'm not taking advantage of that situation . I would still pour my feelings , even if there was a man and not involved . This is about me and you , and not the child . But I'm willing if you'll allow me , to be a father

Amo : to a child , that's not biologically yours ?

Me : yes , and if we get to an agreement . Can I not be told I'm not biologically the father ?

She goes quite

Me : I can't keep pretending like I don't want you

Amo : I already expressed why I chose to have a baby in this manner

Me : and I respect and understand that

Amo : I don't think its wise to

Me : don't you feel nothing for me ?

She fiddles with her fingers

Me : because if you don't , I'll respect that and walk away

Her silence is not worrying me

I think it's just the fear of the unknown

Me : at least let me be given a chance , and I prove myself on my words

Amo : you're putting me in an awkward position , because if this doesn't work how will I even face you at work ?

Me : why are you even thinking of the worst , before we even give it a try ?

Amo : maybe because it's an unusual situation on its own , and I don't want drama Me : to you , that's now how I see it . And there's no drama

I get up and walk over to her

I hold my hand out

She takes it and gets up

Me : let me try

Amo : promise me that if it doesn't work

Me : it will , it has to

She smiles

Amo : just promise me , you won't make things hard for me

Me : I don't intend to

Amo : and we keep this relationship

Me : no , I don't do secrets . There's no shame here , and I have no reason to hide you like you're one

I lean down capturing her lips into mine and we kiss

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Amohelang

This is crazy

It's not normal and it's unheard of

I can't even focus

Like he left very late last night

I'm not even sure what time

Because I fell asleep

I found my key by the window

And he had sent a text , just after mid night

I haven't seen him this morning

And I wasn't early

I came in a bit late

I don't know if he's here or what

My father would go insane

If I were to tell him , that there's a man wanting to father my child

Just because he wants to date me

Like how crazy is that ?

He's just signing up to be an uninvited father here

The door opens getting me out of my thoughts

I lift my eyes and look at him

He's not wearing a suit jacket today

It's just formal pants with a tshirt

Bandla : mami

I could slap myself for smiling like this

He walks over to my side and moves my chair back

He slides over and sits on my desk in front of me

Me : you look good

He smiles

Bandla : I feel good

I laugh

Me : touché

He chuckles

Bandla : are you okay ?

Me : yes

Bandla : that's good , when is the next doctors appointment ?

Me : in a week

He nods slowly

Bandla : I came to see you because I'm leaving

This is another thing

I barely even know this man

Where is he even going ?

Me : where are you going ?

He heaves a sigh

Bandla : Joburg , that's where I live

Me : oh !

I say with a frown

Bandla : I came this side , to see how I can manage both companies not being here

My heart sinks

Like damn girl !

It's only been what ? A few hours

Me : so we're doing a long distance relationship

That's more a statement than it is a question

Bandla : we will manage , I'll be here when I have to

No !

I don't like this

Bandla : don't look so sad , l'll be here

Me : while you're there ?

Bandla : mami , I still have to run this company

Me : it's okay

No it's not okay

But what claim do I have over a man I agreed to date last night

Bandla : I don't want to leave you sad

Me : I am sad , we just agreed to be in a relationship . And now you're leaving , you might change your mind as soon as you get there

He smiles

Bandla : that's not going to happen

I heave a slight sigh

Bandla : don't stress , you will stress my champ

He places his hand on my tummy

I laugh

Bandla : let's go do a late breakfast I am hungry

Me : will you be CEO while you're in Joburg ?

Bandla : yes

Me : are you looking on finding someone to take over ?

Bandla : not right now

That's better in a way I guess

Because it'll mean he's in charge for a while

I feel like if he finds a replacement

He won't have reason to come this side

Me : let's go eat

He holds his hand out

I take it getting up

He gets me in between his legs

His hands on my waist

Bandla : I want to marry

Lord help me !

Bandla : i'm not looking to be a boyfriend and a baby daddy

What a shock !

I pop my eyes stunned

This is way too soon

Like too soon

That even words cannot explain the speed this has gone

Bandla : I'm not saying give me a word now , but while I'm not here think about that . Just know my intentions , and where I stand

Wow !

I did not see this one coming at all

A whole marriage , just like that ?

Bandla

Me : you can be going home , and rest . Take the rest of the day off

She smiles

I lean my arm over the table taking her hand into mine

Amo : perks of dating the boss ?

I chuckle

Me : no , you're a workaholic . I'm thinking for the champ

Amo : I just like order , I deal with millions of money of a multi-millionaire company . One mistake , and that company could be bankrupt . I can't even afford to miss a single digit

I smile

Me : my company is safe in your hands

Amo : that's why I should be there , and not at home resting

I should be here for the next doctors appointment

Hopefully Asa and I can agree on that

That's if she'll even hear me when I get home

Cause I know we have to talk

And things aren't the same now

As they have been ever since I got here

Me : but promise me , less work load

Amo : yes

I doubt she'll keep to that

But we'll see

Amo strikes me as the woman who stands her ground

And really doesn't bow to no one

And maybe it's her energy that just draws me to her

A woman must know herself

And I don't want a woman that's looking at me , like I'm her source of oxygen

And she doesn't strike me like that type

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Asanele

It's like I haven't seen him in forever

I'm just so happy to be back in his arms again

I pull out of the kiss slowly

My hands on his arms

Me : you changed your cologne

There's just a spark in his eyes

Bandla : it was making her nauseous

Oh !

I laugh

Me : that's sweet of you

He shakes his head

Me : so I'm guessing there's progress

He sighs

Bandla : I missed you

Me : baby let's not avoid this

Bandla : tomorrow , tonight I'm tired . And I just want to spend time with my wife

Me : tomorrow don't give me another

Bandla : why would I ?

I take a deep breath

I really have my work cut out for me

Me : some food ?

He smiles

Bandla : I just want you , so food can wait

Three days without sex is enough for him

So the two weeks, was a lot

I turn and give him my back

He unzips my dress , I push it down my shoulders

It falls down to the floor

And he picks me up , and lays me on the bed on my knees

He goes on to slide my panty down

As he slaps my ass cheeks a bit

I wince in the pain a bit

He leans over turning my face to the side

He smashes his lips into mine

And we kiss as he takes his clothes off

I want to tell him to use a condom

But that doesn't even leave my lips

As he just slides through , taking deep hard strokes

And he has me pulling out of the kiss

Just screaming in pleasure as his dicks fills me up , stretching me apart

Amohelang

"Good night mami, tell my champ he's loved"

I laugh closing the message

Seems like someone has scored a father really , for himself

I want to respond the text back

But I won't even lie

I am tired and just drained

I pull the sheets up and cover myself

As I close my eyes letting sleep just catch up with me

Bandla

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Being home , and I'm up this early

It's just so unlike me

But I guess my mind is just all over the place

I'm thinking about Asa in all of this

And I can't help but be worried about Amo

Sometimes thinking about this whole thing

It makes me feel like I don't know what I'm doing Even though I know , I know what I'm doing

Asa moves and places her hand on my chest

I drop my eyes looking at her

She smiles , I lean over giving her a kiss

Me : good morning mama

Asa : Mbulazi

I know a lot is on her mind as well

Asa : you just woke up , we haven't even eaten I know ...

Me : and it's too early

Asa : I know , but I want to start the day with peace of mind

I chuckle

Me : okay , so I met her the day I left here . When I was at the mall to get something to eat , she was there having ice cream . I got caught up by this little girl crying for ice cream , and her mother wasn't being nice . But as I got up , the woman was gone . I will admit , I went after her trying to find her . But she was gone, so I went ahead and got my food . And on Monday, as I was meeting with the executives she was there. ThatI don't know how to put it , but I knew I was feeling something . And I avoided her, all that week . As I found out who she is, I was to meet with her Friday . But you called with your crisis, and I used that to

get away from having that meeting with her ...

I heave a sigh

Me : II went to reception , I don't even recall why I had left my office . I have no idea where she was going , but she passed out at reception . And she was inches away passing me , she collapsed . I caught her , and that's how I ended up taking

her to the hospital . And that's how I found out she's pregnant , of course that became tricky for me. Because I already knew , I had intentions about her . When I took breakfast to her next day, we got to talk. And she explained, she did an IVF through sperm bank . So there's no guy there, or an ex that they have to share custody with whatsoever. The baby is her's solemnly

It's too quite

And I didn't think she would want to discuss , matters of another woman in her bed

I turn my head and look at her

Asa : last night you went to see her , did you talk ?

Me : yes , this occurred in the office . I offered we do it , away from the office . She was against being with me , considering I'm her boss and she's pregnant . But the matter of the pregnancy doesn't bother me

Asa : so , she's the one ?

Freely as she can be about this

I'm sure there's a part of her, somewhere that's just feeling somehow

Asa : does she know ?

Me : no , I haven't told her

Asa : okay , do tell her though

Me : i've laid my intentions

She takes a deep breath

Asa : okay , let's hope she heard you . I can accept a relationship , while you're still getting to know each other . But don't drag it , and she ends up being a girlfriend in my marriage

Me : I understand

She smiles and leans over giving me a kiss

Me : I love you

She laughs moving back

Asa : and I love you Mbulazi

She gets up and grabs her gown

Asa : I'm going to prepare breakfast

Me : sibonge mama (thank you)

She smiles walking out

I grab my phone , and there's still nothing from her

Since from yesterday

I dial her number , and it rings

As I'm about to drop she answers

Amo : Mtungwa

A man can be blessed

But in this case , it's a double

Me : mami , you almost had me worried

Amo : I'm sorry , I'm only attending my phone now . Last night I was sleepy

I chuckle

Me : it's okay , I'll call you better sometime during the day

Amo : mhm , I have to get ready for work

Me : remember

She laughs

Amo : yes , I will not overwork myself

Me : thank you

Amo : I hope you're okay

I smile

Me : I am okay , thank you for asking .

Amo : okay , let me go then

Me : we'll talk later

Amo : bye

I drop the call

The intention is to have her

And not overwhelm her , to an extent of ending up scaring her away

I send her an eWallet , of 6K . Maybe that will remind her , she has to eat

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Asanele

I place the plate on the counter

And he walks down already showered

But he doesn't look like he's going anywhere

As he's dressed in causal

He stands behind me

I close my eyes briefly taking a deep breath

As he hugs me from behind

Bandla : are you okay ?

I take a moment

Me : we were reckless last night

Bandla : what ?

Me : the sex , without a condom . It's not about us alone anymore , there's two more people in this . We have to be considerate

He moves back

I turn and face him

Me : we have to be safe

Bandla : we only kissed , that's how far it went . We did nothing

Me : right now , we need to be open and transparent with each other

Bandla : I'm being honest mama , we did nothing beyond just kissing . This is new , I am not rushing anything

I heave a sigh

He can't lie about such a thing

Me : but still , please lets be safe . Anything can happen , and it all starts with a kiss . I don't know her health , so please before you two go that far get tested . And be safe at all times , for the sake of the baby . A woman who went to such lengths , just to be a mother shows she wants this baby really

Bandla : okay , I promise I'll get to it

I nod

Me : and be honest with her , you have to be considerate of her . Tell her the truth , I'll rather she knows . Don't cause her unnecessary stress , or anything that might pose a threat to her child

He smiles and hugs me

I laugh

Me : what ?

Bandla : thank you , not every woman would be like you

Me : you never hid anything from me

Bandla : still , it can't be easy now that it's happening

True

I won't lie and say it is

Me : I just appreciate the honesty in all of this

Bandla : I don't know when I'll see her again , I'll rather I tell her everything face to face . She has a doctor's appointment this week

Me : then use that opportunity , go there and attend the

appointment with her . But after that , tell her the truth

He nods

Bandla : I thought maybe you'll have a problem with that

I am not a crazy woman

Me : if all goes well , you'll be a father to that baby . And

fathers don't start being father's when the baby is born , they start now with doctors appointments and cravings

We laugh

Me : I would have a problem , if I start getting neglected

Bandla : that will never happen

I hope so

Me : is she beautiful ?

He smiles

Bandla : is that your way of asking to see her ?

I shrug

Bandla : I don't have her pictures

Me : ask for one , I'm sure she'll send it

He chuckles

Me : and ask for a decent one please

We laugh

I turn over attending to the pan

I'm just asking the Lord for strength

Because I always knew that one day

This might happen

Amohelang

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I heave a sigh paging through the file

Bontle : that's the third sigh , in like 20 minutes

I close the file and look at her

Me : I have some sort of a predicament

Bontle : personal ?

I nod

Bontle : I'm bad with advices

I laugh

Me : so I met this guy

Doesn't she cheer

Like why girl ?

Bontle : finally !

Me : hold your horses , please !

Bontle : no , but you haven't been with a guy in almost two years

Me : I have reasons

Bontle : I know , but I'm glad you're out there again playing the field getting your groove back . That's good for you

Me : l'm pregnant !

The shock !

Bontle : that was quick , how long has he been in the picture ?

I bite my lower lip

Me : it's new , he's not the father I did IVF through sperm bank donor

Bontle : oh my Gosh ! So you're going to be your own mommy ?

What the hell ?

Bontle : that's beautiful , I'm happy for you

Me : the guy knows , and he's just invited himself to be the father

She burst out laughing

Bontle : damn ! A whole uninvited father , I need your life problems

Me : it's not funny

Bontle : look at me , someone left bones inside of me . And four months later , he's gone with the wind . So please , don't deny this baby a chance to have a father , if he bails he bails Me : and that's exactly what I don't want

Bontle : but you can't stop living , just because you have fears

Well, she's right

Bontle : do you at least like him ?

Me : II think I love him , and it's too soon

We laugh

Bontle : there's no such thing as that , within three weeks men know what they want

I take a deep breath

Bontle : just live , and stop worrying about this

I wish it was doable as easy as she says

I don't want to let Bandla in

Make him a part of my child's life and mine

Only for him to ditch me

Bandla

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Nzuzo : what ?

Me : you heard me

Nzuzo : I'm just stuck on that your wife understands this shit Me : it's not shit , it's something she got married to me knowing there's a possibility for it

He laughs

Nzuzo : I want your life right now , because I don't even get how you convinced her to agree to such Me : stop , the other one doesn't know yet . I wanted to wait a bit , but MaShozi doesn't think it's wise to wait

Nzuzo : all men need the kind of oMaShozi , my wife would flip

Me : you married a dragon

Nzuzo : that's your sister in law

Me : and the truth is the truth

He shakes his head

Nzuzo : doesn't matter , I hear what you're saying . You'll keep me posted how it goes

Me : alright

I drop the video call

Speaking with Asa is one thing

I just have to speak to my brother

And I know if he doesn't have a problem with this

Once I get my shit in order

Things will just sail smooth

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Asanele

Me : what time are you leaving ?

Bandla : I'll leave tomorrow

Me : won't you be late ?

He smiles

Bandla : mama no , it's not 3 hours from Joburg to Pretoria

Me : come on Mbulazi , don't just rock up there

Bandla : I feel so coached

I laugh

Me : I'm helping you here

Bandla : is it ?

Me : you're the one who wants the woman

He chuckles

Bandla : I don't want to sleep in Pretoria , I'll leave tomorrow morning

Me : do you have the picture ?

Bandla : no ...

He's lying

Me : what does she do ?

Bandla : she's the CFO at the company

Me : oh wow , that's big

I don't know what's he's chuckling about

Me : you won't be shy , to say this is my wife a whole CFO

He laughs

Bandla : what are you talking about ? I have choice , my wife is a whole fashion designer

Me : flex

Bandla : don't start

I guess we can all find some common ground

He seems so happy

Not that he's been unhappy

Me : I would love to see her though

Bandla : let me fix my business first

He leans over

Bandla : I love you so much

Me : I love you too

Bandla : can I just

He pulls my t-shirt off

Me : condoms !

He laughs

Bandla : you don't think I'm going to get lucky , are you ?

Me : you kissing buddies , anything can happen

He chuckles

Bandla : she's going to hate me

Me : rather the truth Mbulazi , than pretence

Bandla : yes , now please

Oh what the heck !

Me : but after this , we're so done . And I mean that

Bandla : yeah

I laugh as he pulls my pants off, sliding down my panty

Bandla

I get off the bed slowly

Making sure I don't wake her up

It's just after 22:00

And I have no sleep at all

Maybe It's the fear of the unknown in Pretoria

I know for a fact Amo won't be happy

I put on my pants , and walk downstairs

I walk in the kitchen grabbing a bottle of water

I wonder if she's asleep now

Sure it's late

But maybe with luck she's awake

I dial her number sitting on the kitchen counter

It rings for a while , and she answers

Amo : Mtungwa

I chuckle

Me : did I wake you up ?

Amo : no

That's unexpected

Why would she be awake this late

I hope nothing is wrong

Amohelang

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Bandla : niyenzani ? (What are you doing)

I smile

Now the worry has worn off

Cause I told him nothing is wrong

I'm just awake cause I can't fall asleep

Not that something is bothering me

Me : watching a movie

Bandla : ngiya nikhumbula (I miss you two)

I love at how he's including us both in that

Maybe Bontle was right

I do need to let go of my fear

And just live

That's how I ended up doing IVF

Because I just simply wanted a child

Being an only child at home

Having only my father as the only family

I wanted something on my own as well

And I've always been a sucker for babies

From when I was 15 , I knew I wanted to have my own baby

Seeing the drama that just comes with relationships

I just decided to have my own baby

All by myself

It's not like I can't afford to

Me : when are you coming back ?

Bandla : angazi (I don't know)

What's this now ?

I thought he would come for a visit soon

This whole distance between us

It doesn't sit well with me

I don't even want to pretend like it does

Me : okay , tomorrow we have the doctors appointment

Bandla : am I not missed mami ?

I laugh

He's sulking now

Bandla : you're avoiding me , why ?

I don't want to be dealt by a man

Please

Me : I miss you , I would be insane if I didn't

And that's the truth

He's dearly missed

Bandla : you don't want see me ?

This man

I want to see him so badly

Me : you don't know when you'll come back

He chuckles

Bandla : you should come for a visit

Me: I hate Joburg, so no

He laughs

Bandla : we're talking about me here

Me : still, so no

Bandla : mhm , what time is the doctors appointment ?

Me : at 10:00

Bandla : okay

My father wanted to come with

But that man keeps asking me

If this baby will be born a real baby

Like for someone educated , he kills me on that part . Maybe he's expecting a zombie baby

Bandla : after the movie go to bed , and try to get some sleep . I would keep you up , but I have an early morning Why is he even calling me at this time ?

I guess there's no timeline for that

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Amohelang

I didn't think he would come

But I must say, I was happy to see him walking in

And the appointment went well

The doctor is happy

I'm also happy

I don't know about this one who just invited himself , that he will be the father

After the appointment we went for lunch

And he said I must knock off

So we went to the office together

To get files I need

Did he not make a scene out of us

And he just had to kiss me there

Getting us stares and whatnot

I'm sure I'm the office talk

We're at my house now

I'm comfortable in my casual clothes

I don't know , but something seems off about him

And I'm holding back asking him

I don't think he understands what he's getting himself into with me

Actually what man goes on to want to date a pregnant woman ?

Or does he think it'll be better because there's no father involved But fact of the matter will still remain that he didn't father this baby

It's not his genes

And I always thought men are very big on that

It's a totally different thing approaching a woman with kids

And being a step father , but this is something else

And worse , I'm still pregnant

And he wants to be a part of that

Maybe it's eating him

And just making him think twice

He better ditch me now

Before I even go deeper than I am already

Because I'll cry and dust myself

Bandla : there's something I need to tell you

I look at him

Bandla : please don't freak out , I think we can talk it out

If he says I shouldn't freak out

Then it means he knows I will

Me : what ?

Bandla : I can admit that I love you , it might seem like I'm rushing things . But I believe we're not kids , and we can lay our feelings out in the open without holding back

I smile

Me : I love you too Mtungwa , I won't lie I am scared . Because I don't think our situation is usual , but I can't deny the feelings are there

He takes my hand into his and faces me

Bandla : that's why I want us to be on the clear with each other , I will father this champ and be here every step of the way . If you don't stop me , then nothing will

Isn't he just one lucky champ

Me : if it ever gets too much , do say

He chuckles

Bandla : it won't

He sounds so sure of himself

Bandla : I was serious when I said , I'm not looking for a

relationship . But I want marriage , and I want us to be married before he's born . If you allow me , I will do right by him . And have him as mine

That's deep

Me : you want him taking your surname and all ?

He smiles

Bandla : yes

I don't know how I feel about that

Won't he run away with my baby ?

Bandla : I am married

No !

I look at him , like he just told me one big joke right now

Bandla : I don't know if you know the designer , Asanele Mabaso . She's my wife , we've been together for 7 years and married for 4 years . We have no kids together , not even outside the marriage . She knows about you Me : wait

I pull away from him

Me : what's this ? Is this supposed to be some kind of a joke , because it's not funny !

He sighs

Me : I am an idiot , this was just too good to be true . You were just too perfect , and I should have known it wasn't real

Bandla : I told her about you as soon as I knew I felt something for you , before I even approached you about my feelings . But this is about us now , and not her . She has always known , I wanted to marry another woman

Hell no !

This man doesn't even strike me as a polygamist

Bandla : it'll end with just the two of you

He must be thinking I'm out of my mind

Me : your wife is okay with you seeing other women ?

Is she insane ?

I mean , I know the woman

Not personally

But I even have a few clothes from her lines

And I was looking to order from her recent line Bandla : not other women , just you . She's always known from before we got married , that I want to marry another wife . And it just happened to be you

Me : that is sick , no ! You're actually a sick man

He chuckles , at least he finds all this amusing

Bandla : mami ...

Me : stop calling me that

Bandla : the same way you chose to have a kid through IVF , for whatever reason . I just chose to want to marry two wives

Me : don't compare the two

Bandla : the same and the one

Me : no ! I don't have a man , you have a wife . You have a wife , and you want to subject her to accepting another woman into your life . Then next you'll be bringing 7 wives

Bandla : I am not subjecting her to anything , she married me

knowing this . And we already spoke about you , even about the child she knows . I won't be bringing anyone after you

This is nonsense

Me : good for you and your wife then , but I will not be a part of this . I am not going to walk into another woman's house , and take her husband Bandla : how are you taking me , when you're going to be a part of us ?

Me : maybe you're not hearing me well right now , but please get up and leave . Don't ever come to my place , from today forth you're nothing but just my boss . Please stay away from me Bandla : I understand this is a lot , I'll give you time to think things through . And when you've calmed down , we can talk . I should have told you from the beginning , and I have no excuse for not being up front with you

Me : that's not going to happen , please leave Bandla : this changes nothing , I love you . And I will father

Me : no ! Leave , don't ever come here

He just looks at me

And I cannot believe this

I'm thinking he'll say it's a joke

But no !

He's serious

Me : so what's your excuse for playing women ? You want 17 kids ?

He smiles

He's really amused and I'm not

Bandla : it's not even about kids , even if there turns out not to be kids I don't care . I don't want 17 kids , the most of kids I want is just 3 and that's it . But I want two wives , I have no excuse behind it

This doesn't even make sense at all , why would his wife even agree to such ? Maybe if he had a reason , one that's valid I would understand

Bandla : you just wanted a child , there's no deep reason behind you wanting a child to go to such lengths . The same applies to me , I just want two wives . I just happened to fall for you

Me : then un-fall for me , because this is done . So thank you and bye I walk over to the door and open it for him

Bandla : I didn't expect you to applaud for me , but I'm not giving up

He walks over

Bandla : I love you mami

He leans over I tilt my head and he pecks my chin

Bandla : I am sorry I upset you , but I had to be honest

He walks out , and I close the door

I slide down , just emotions overwhelming me

Asanele

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I've been pacing up and down

Awaiting this call

Me : and ?

He heaves a sigh

And I know it didn't go well

Me : give her time to adjust

Bandla : I will see you tonight

It wouldn't be my husband

Me : stay there , try and talk to her . Don't push too much , but don't leave it'll be like you

don't care . Just stay and try to make her understand

Bandla : mama , she's pregnant . I don't want to be causing her stress about this , and I am not giving up . I can't do that , but I won't bombard her either

This man , I feel like he needs me to hold his hand . Because I don't think he should leave Me : stay , try and approach her . She knows now , and that leaves room for talks

He chuckles

It's just like him not to stress

Bandla : she thinks I don't have a valid reason for wanting two wives

I laugh

Me : because most men want more than one wife , because of family issues. Wanting many kids, or growing their families. Sometimes it's a thing required and requested by their ancestors, that's not the case with you . Which doesn't make it valid

Bandla : wouldn't I rather be an honest man with two wives , than a cheating one . Just because I settled for one wife ?

I laugh

Bandla : it's a personal choice really , and I don't need to have a reason to validate it for whatever . It's just something I want Me : I'm fine with you as you are , but she doesn't get this . Give her time Mbulazi

Bandla : and you don't want me home really ?

Me : not yet , try and talk to her

He sighs

Bandla : okay , I might as well work while I'm this side

Me : okay , don't give up . You didn't expect a walk in the park

I love my husband

And if I didn't think he loves this woman

I wouldn't care

I would just let him be

But he loves her , and he wants her

I want a happy husband

And if takes having another wife for that

Then so be it

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TWO MONTHS LATER

Asanele

Saneli : are you okay ?

Me : yes

Saneli : you know if

Me : please , l'm okay

This one is too nosey

And if all of us had her drama in our lives

We would not appreciate what she's doing , asking and wanting to know our business

She got divorced

And went on to be scammed by her Ben ten

Saneli : your husband is here

Me : you made him wait , so you can walk in here and gossip

Saneli : that's not

Me : enough ! I'm going out , lock my office

I get up and grab my bag

I walk out , and he's standing by the reception desk

I smile approaching him

And lean over giving him a kiss

Bandla : you're so beautiful

Me : I am already charmed

He laughs

Me : what brings you by ?

Bandla : just came to see my wife

Me : mhm , how sweet of you

Bandla : seems like you're going out

Me : let's go home

Bandla : oh

Me : yeah , we need to talk . And I'll rather we talk home , not here

He heaves a sigh

There comes a point , where you just have to put the next person before yourself And this is me right now about to do that

Me : you drove ?

Bandla : yeah

Me : okay , I'll drive before you

Bandla : let's stop by the mall and get something to eat

That's better

Because I don't even feel like cooking

Me : okay

He takes my hand and we walk out heading to the parking lot

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Me : he's good ?

He smiles

Doc : he is , but I am worried about you

Can he not !

Me : it's work

Doc : you're pushing me to drive you to early rest

No !

I can't have that

Work is the one thing that's keeping me sane right now

Me : I promise you

He laughs

Me : I will be better next time I come here

Doc : last promise

Me: yes

Doc : please take your prescription

Me : as always

I wipe my tummy and fix my blouse getting up from the bed

My phone rings and it's my father

Me : please let me take this

He nods

Me : dad

Dad : how far are you ?

Me : I am done , I'll be going home now

Dad : okay , we're leaving this side

l frown

Me : you and who ?

Dad : what ?

Me : you said "we're"

Dad : I'll see you soon angel

Me : wait

And he drops the call on me

Me : and then ?

Doc : is everything well ?

Me : I think my 55 year old father is dating

He laughs

Doc : that's sweet

Me : no , it's disturbing

Doc : no , love is love . It doesn't matter really when it comes , or how it comes . People date outside their race , others date people decades older than them some younger . Some it's same genders , others is sharing of partners . But at the end of the day , love is love . And we all deserve it , don't you think ?

The feeling in my heart

I close my eyes briefly

Doc : did I say something wrong ?

Me : uhm no

Doc : okay , if he's bringing a girlfriend be nice

We laugh

I can't imagine my father dating

Me : let me go

Doc : I'll see you next time

Me : bye

I grab my bag and walk out

I head to my car , and take a deep breath before driving home

It's been one hell of two months for me My baby bump is showing now

This guy is too active

He keeps me on my toes

And he kicks like crazy

The one thing I'm thankful for , is just his health

Bandla

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Asa : I got this

I laugh

Me : okay

Asa : you can be a lot at times

My phone rings I reach for it in my pocket

Me : I need to take this

She takes the key from me and walks towards the door

Me : doc

Doc : Mr Mabaso

Me : did she come ?

Doc : yes , I sent you an email of the scams and her progress of how she is doing

Me : okay , is the champ good ?

Doc : he's very good , I have no complaints . He is healthy , and developing well

Me : and her ?

Doc : she was crying of headaches , of course I prescribed something for her

Me : alright thanks

I drop the call and walk inside the house

Asa : how is the baby ?

I shrug

She laughs

Asa : what is that ?

Me : what ?

Asa : the shrug , like you don't know

Me : and how will I know ?

Asa : you must be thinking I don't know you

She laughs

I guess she just know's me too well

And I can't hide nothing from her

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Bandla

Me : what's that ?

Asa : you think I don't know you're paying the doctor , to update you I don't even want to know how she knows that

I won't even ask

Me : I have no choice

Asa : it's been two months Mbulazi

Me : and I have been trying , even last week I tried

Asa : all I'm saying is , this has gone too far

Me : there's nothing I can do about that , she's shutting me out

Asa : and you still want her

Well , my heart hasn't said it doesn't

Asa : honestly , we need a decision now . She's 5 months pregnant , you're missing out on this whole journey . Sending her gifts , and money and food is not helping anything

I lean by the counter

Me : what do you suggest I do ?

Asa : I am going to Pretoria

Me : what ?

Asa : yeah

Me : and that's wise ?

Asa : something has to be done , and someone has to go there . Since it won't be you , I'll go . And she will tell me if she doesn't want you

Ouch !

Asa : I will leave tomorrow morning

I did not see this one coming

But she's been supportive

Amo doesn't want to hear anything

I've been trying to get her to talk to me.

But she doesn't want to

It's been a crazy two months

With no progress whatsoever

Asa : I'm going to take a bath

Me : let me go run it for you

She smiles

Asa : you can be all sweet and nice when you want

I will never find another woman like this one anywhere

She deserves only the best of me as a husband

Nothing less

Amohelang

This old man

What is he doing bringing me a girlfriend at his age ?

But the woman seems nice

I just don't think I want to know that my father is dating

Sure he's been alone for as long as I can remember

But this is just awkward

Dad : hey

I look at him

Dad : is everything okay ?

Me : your girlfriend seems nice

She's doing dishes

She insisted on it , since I cooked for them

Dad : I am talking about you

He sits down

Where do I even begin ?

The last time we saw each other

We were seen in the office , and at some point he kissed me there

I wasn't aware that anyone saw that

But rumours started

And seems like people knew he was married

I don't know how I missed who Asanele's husband is But it was said I'm sleeping with the boss to keep the position

Sure he heard about that

From who , I don't know . I didn't even ask

But the man came and stood there in front of his employees

And publicly said I'm his woman

I had nothing to say

After that I was just taken as some glorified side

He's come in quite a few times

But I still didn't want to talk to him

I still don't even now

I thought by now I would be over him

But I miss him

I still love that married man

My life is just a mess when it comes to that

Me : I met this guy a while back , and he's my boss by the way . We were together , but that didn't last

Dad : what happened ? Is it because of the baby ?

Me : not even , he knows about the baby . And he said he's willing to be a father , I didn't ask him to be one . But yeah , just that he's married and he wants me to be his second wifeI broke things off , but I miss him . I still love him , and I just can't seem to forget about him . He sends money , and says the most stupidest things ever

about taking care of his people

. He sends me food at work , he sends gifts once in a while . And he's also paying for our doctors appointments

I don't think I've ever seen my father speechless

Me : he said his wife knows about us , and she's okay . Because she married him knowing he wants two wives

Dad : what's his reason for being a polygamist ?

I laugh

Me : nothing , he just wants two wives

Dad : smart man

What ?

I look at him shocked

Dad : don't give me that look , he's just a man who knows what he wants . And doesn't hide behind excuses or using dead people behind his needs

This is a shock

Dad : it's clear you're uncertain about this , and you may be conflicted . So I won't say much , but just know I will support

you in whatever decision you take

I thought maybe talking to him will help

And I will know what to do , but I don't

Cause this seems normal to him

Asanele

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He looks at me as I'm busy packing

Me : what ?

Bandla : you're seriously going ?

Me : yes

To be honest my husband hasn't been himself

He gives me time and everything

I still feel like I matter to him and all

But I'm not blind

I can see something is bothering him

And I know it's the issue with his wife to be and the baby , he misses them

As much as he's getting Intel from the doctor

It's not the same

And he wants to be there with her

He wants to hold her hand during the appointments

Be there to run around middle of the night for cravings and whatnot

But he's here

In shadows trying to take care of her

But it's not working

Bandla : mama

Me : please just trust me

He heaves a sigh

Me : trust your wife

Bandla : you're scaring me

I laugh

Me : you're being dramatic right now

Bandla : should I be worried ?

Me : no , of course not

I don't know what this will bring

But I'm hoping that it will be fruitful

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Asanele

Many women , or rather people in general

They would look at me and think I'm just a fool

Like how can I be this calm ?

How do I accept such without even putting in a fight

But , I have no reason whatsoever to fight my husband

He's never lied to me

And he's never led me on

He didn't sell me dreams

I married him knowing our fate

At some point , I did think maybe it won't happen

I did have hopes that maybe marriage will change him

And he won't want another wife

It's not even about having a need of a wife

Because there's no shortage here

And there is absolutely nothing missing in my marriage

But even in having hope , you still have to leave room for disappointment

And I guess that's what I did

I won't lie

It's a bit scary

And it sometimes makes me wonder if he won't change on me

It makes me wonder if he won't love her more than me

He already has me , but he wants her

I'm human after all

But so far , he hasn't given me any reason to doubt him

Or doubt his love

I don't know

Maybe I'll live to regret my decision

But for now , I'm sacrificing myself for them

I can only hope he is not bringing me a woman who will be a dragon in my marriage

I take a deep breath as I head over to the reception desk

I greet the receptionist and she greets me back

Her : Mrs Mabaso , uhm ...Mr Mabaso is not in today

I guess she knows who I am

Even though I have never been around this office

She's looking a bit nervous

Me : I am here to see Ms Adams

She pops her eyes

Me : I don't have an appointment , so can you please see if she's available ?

Her : uhm ...she's ...uh...

I laugh slightly

Must be the rumours that were happening

That she's having an affair with my husband

Maybe she thinks I'm here to fight

Me : I am not here to scratch anyone , no need to call security . I'll find my way

I turn clicking my heels heading for the elevator

Amohelang

The phone rings , just as a knock comes at the door

Me : come in

I pick up the phone as the door opens

And right now I'm conflicted

What is she doing here ?

Lord !

Help me, like please help me

She better not be here with drama

Because I'm not chasing after husband

Me : hello ?

I answer the call as she closes the door

Lira : Ms Adams , Mrs Mabaso is on her way to your office right now

I drop the call

What useless information

From when she left reception , until she got to my office

That call would have long been done

Asa : hi , I am sorry . I didn't know if you were available or not

Me : please , take a seat

She smiles and walks over pulling the opposite chair

She sits down placing her bag down

Asa : I believe we haven't met , but clearly know of each other ...I believe

Me : uhm

I can't wrap my head on why is she here

Asa : I don't come with drama

That's better

And such a relief

Me : I'm sure this is about your husband , I apologize really . I didn't know he was married Right now , I won't even use the he said you know about me card

Because I don't know what woman will be okay with that

Because I don't think I would be

She smiles

Asa : it's okay , I know you didn't know . Not that it changes anything

Okay !

Asa : I may be overstepping here , but I don't like the husband I have right now

What the fuck !

Asa : he may be there , and still being himself . But he's not himself to how I know him , and it's all because of you

Okay !

Me : I don't know what you're accusing me of but ...

Asa : I am not accusing you of anything , he's not okay

because he misses you and the baby . I am here , because I want to ask you to please give him a chance . If you don't see yourself in a polygamy marriage it's fine, but according to how he explained your conversation. To me it didn't sound like you've shut him down, there's hope there. All I'm asking for , is just a chance for him to be with you two . And you can decide if he

fails you , that you want out . For now , I personally feel this has been going on for far too long

She sighs

Asa : he's not himself , and he wants to be here with you two

I let out a laugh

Me : in no offence , is everything okay with you ?

She smiles with a slight laugh

Asa : I love that man , I want him happy . He loves you , and you make him happy . Right now he's happy , he's always been happy I have no doubt about that . But when he met you , everything wasn't just about Asanele alone . But it included you , and for him to be happy to that extent he needs us both

No !

This woman is crazy

Or that man fed her something

Asa : the purpose of having you , is not to destroy or fix what

we have . But it's to build upon it

Me : no ways ! No , this has to be a dream of some kind . How do you want another woman so openly into your marriage ?

Asa : he told me before we even got married that he wants two wives , I wanted a reason for that . And he had none , besides the fact that he just wants to have two wives .

Obviously that was insane, and I told myself that won't happen

. He proposed , and before I accepted he repeated again. And something told me this was really serious, but I went on to accept his proposal and we were engaged . For that two months being engaged, and we were getting married. I tell you , before I walked down the isle he asked if I still want to marry

him knowing one day he will take another wife . Like on my wedding day, still I requested a reason and I got the same answer. I didn't know what to say, but I am here. So yes, I married him still. We've been married 4 yours , he's never said he wants a child . I believe he's not marrying because of kids, and it's not because it's a thing in his family. Because he's the first , and he only has

his brother's support in this. Maybe I am crazy , but it's what he wants . And I learnt to make peace with the fact that , he doesn't have a reason to justify this. But as humans, there's a lot of things we want that people wouldn't get nor understand. But we want them still

Now I even feel like I'm the crazy one

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Amohelang

This woman is here

To speak on behalf of her husband

She's literally saying to me , I should marry her husband

She's giving me the permission for that

Asa : I have never shared a man , but I believe Mbulazi knows what he's doing . And I want to give him that benefit of the doubt, that one day I won't be crying against a pillow . He's been good to me , he's been trying his level best to be good to you and the baby. Even with the distance in between

She even knows about that !

Like what doesn't this woman know ?

Asa : I am not forcing you , but I am here because I believe you love him . And I believe we three can make this work , and create the best possible marriage we can . If only we

can work together , and know why we are in this together

This I have never heard of

And I am speechless

Asa : please , hear him out . Even if it's a text , or a few seconds call . Just let him talk to you , even if he says hi

I laugh , she ends up just laughing with me

Asa : the last thing we want , is causing you stress . In your condition , we just want the best . That's why he's not pushing so hard , but it got to me because I can see he's not okay

Wow !

Some men are blessed out there

I don't care who says what

Like , what gem of a woman is this ?

Me : can I give you a hug ?

I'm crying right now

Because I believe that man was just delivered a divine woman in the palm of his hands

Asa : oh come !

She gets up and I get up walking over to the side

We hug, and I hear sniffs

Me : don't cry

She laughs

Asa : but you cried first

Me : I am pregnant , I am allowed to cry

We laugh pulling back wiping out tears

Asa : I know he didn't go out there to bring me a monster in my house , he would never do that

Even if I was a monster

I would be ashamed right now

Just by having her sit in my office like this

And ask me to marry her husband

She's literally advocating for her husband

And scoring him a second wife

The job is being done for him

This is what they mean when they say "God's favourites"

That's Bandla Mabaso

Bandla

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Nzuzo : is it working out ?

I chuckle

Me : I don't know

Nzuzo : you now one thing about you I don't get , is why you're always so chilled in every situation

Me : bring crazy helps with what ?

Nzuzo : it gets things done

Me : I don't know about that

Nzuzo : if it was another man , he would be promising her heaven and earth

I laugh

Me : good thing I am not , and she must take me for me . Not because of promises Nzuzo : I will keep waiting , but just know your witch family members are rejoicing . Because years have gone by in marriage , and you're happy . They just don't get it

My brother can be a lot

Me : that's their business

Nzuzo : let me get to mine , we will talk

Me : sure

I drop the call

I've been meaning to call Asa , but I'll rather not

I'll wait until she's back here

Amohelang

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Me : thank you for coming , it really was a pleasure to finally put a face to the name personally

She smiles

Asa : I'm glad , it really was lovely meeting you

Me : likewise

Asa : hope to hear from you soon

I smile

She leans over for a hug and I return it

Me : drive safe

Asa : I will , you take care of that champ here

We laugh pulling out of the hug

Me : he's stuck with the champ name

Asa : there's no other way

My poor baby

Asa : bye

Me : travel safe

She turns and walks out

And I'm still like

Wow, woman!

Like just wow !

These ones they're staring

I'm sure they expected a fight

Or drama of some kind

But I'm walking out of my office

Walking the Mrs out , and we're laughing and hugging

No !

Enemies deserve to live longer, just so they can continue watching

I turn and walk to the elevator heading back to my office

Asanele

He is dying to know

He's just not opening his mouth and asking me.

I can just tell

Bandla : why did you come to the office ?

The plan was to sleep in Pretoria

But then , I saw I could make it back

So, I drove back home

Me : I knew you were working late

He chuckles

Bandla : am that predictable ?

I laugh

Me : not at all , but you use work as an escape . And I know my visit had you stressed He chuckles

Bandla : even now !

We laugh

Me : give it up , I am tired . I just want to get home , cook for my husband and take a long bath then sleep Bandla : you enjoy torturing me

Me : not at all

I peck his lips

Me : your wife to be is beautiful though , and the baby bump suits her

He raises his brow , curving his lower lip

Me : I could walk into a room with hundreds of people , and I would stand tall saying this is my husband's wife

He laughs

Me : I wouldn't be ashamed at all , you chose well

Bandla : can you ...

He chuckles

Me : I am actually applauding you , you should be proud

Bandla : no ! Right now we're going home

I laugh

Me : you don't want to talk about

Bandla : no

He gets up packing his files

Me : your employees were snooping

Bandla : cat fight ?

What the

I burst out laughing

Me : only in their dreams

He walks over and stands in front of me

He takes both my hands into his

Bandla : whatever happens , now or tomorrow . I want you to know , that i appreciate you so much . You're one of a kind , MaShozi you're just on your own . And there'll never be another

He must not make me cry

I did a lot of crying today

Me : I love you Mbulazi

He leans down and we kiss

Amohelang

I tap the phone quite a few times

Why am I such a nervous wreck ?

This is crazy , and absolutely unnecessary

I feel like a 6 year old

First day of school

I fiddle with my fingers for a few minutes

Me : no !

I switch my phone off and get up walking to the bedroom

I better sleep , since I just can't decide

On wether to call or to send a text

Sleep is my best option right now

And that's exactly what I'll do , tomorrow is yet another day

And we'll try again



Bandla

Me : yeah , have that report for me before noon

River : yes sir ...

A knock comes at the door

Me : come in

My eyes are fixated at the door

Because I asked not to be disturbed

So I want to see who is keen on doing that

But my heart just beats so fast as I watch her walk in

The weather is not favourable today

It's a bit chilly

And drizziles of rain

She's definitely wearing a dress

But she has on a coat on top

I can't even see her bump

Me : River , please excuse me

He gets up , and walks over to the door

He nods as he passes Amo , she graces him with a smile

He walks out

Me : mami

I get up and walk over to her

I open her coat , and the bump suits her like crazy

I place my hands on her baby bump rubbing it

Me : I missed you so much , you look good . You're are beautiful Amo : thank you

I can't believe she's here

Like she's really here

Now there's no leaving with talking

Nor fixing things

No ! Like MaShozi went out there and brought me my wife home

She didn't tell me anything about her trip to Pretoria

Amo : I see you're busy , I thought maybe I can steal you for lunch

Damn!

Me : lunch it is

I know I'm busy and all

But work can wait right now

Asanele

Me : please , keep it like that

Saneli : still ?

Me : yeah

I run the scissor through the cloth and hold the piece in my hand

Me : perfect

Saneli : your phone

I turn and look at it

It's ringing , I didn't even notice it was on silence

I reach for it and answer

Me : Mbulazi

Bandla : mama , are you okay ?

Me : yes , hard at work

Bandla : mhm , I had the same fate but had to step out of the office

Me : oh ! Is everything okay ?

Bandla : I don't know , but I'll be very distraught to think things are okay only to find out they're not . Because right now I have hope that they are okay

I frown slightly with confusion , until it hits me

I laugh

Like my husband is dramatic , he doesn't even show it

Me : your wife ?

Bandla : she's here , we're at the hotel . We had lunch , but she wants to talk . I got a room

Me : then please talk

Bandla : I might not make it home , if she decides to spend the night this side . I just want to do the right things I laugh

If he let's her leave unsure , I would give up

Cause I really tried my best

If he fails , that would be on him

Me : remember the one thing one I've always asked for

Bandla : we won't go there , but I promise now that she's back I'll attend to it

Me : okay

Bandla : I love you

Me : I love you Mbulazi

I drop the call with a smile

Sometimes , something's just a woman's touch

And all is well

If I tell you to take my husband on a silver platter

I'm just making things easy for you

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Right now , I have lost my sanity

Bandla : it's good to see you , I'm glad my boy is good

Me : I wanted to call , but I just couldn't

Bandla : well , I'm glad you came

I smile

Me : how does this even work ?

I can't believe myself right now

He takes my hand into his , and intertwines our fingers

Me : like is there a schedule for this , who get's you when and how . Who is the legal wife and all of that ?

I shake my head a bit , because I don't think I have this wrapped around my head well

Bandla : there's no schedule here , I want peace in my home

. And there only way to keep that, is by making sure I don't sell you two dreams . And I don't give either of you , the power to think you're above the other because there's no such. Only I know when I'll see you or her, and I most certainly will not be announcing my arrivals. I'm avoiding to be tied down by a schedule, so if I want to take you on a weekend away I can't because it's her

weekend . Or I want to take her to a date , but I can't because it's your night . That won't work for me

Me : okay , but you'll be fair right ?

Bandla : all the time , there's no wife who will see me more than the other . And I will treat you differently as you are as individuals , not as my wive's .

As my wive's , the same treatment goes to you both

He's making this sound so good

Honestly, the way his wife approached me

She really tempted me

And I was like , would I be a fool if I let this pass me

That woman has a smooth tongue

I give it to her

Like I doubt there's another her

Me : you're not wearing a ring

He smiles

Bandla : yes , I've always told MaShozi that I won't wear a ring until I marry again

And she agreed to that

Me : so now who's ring will you wear ?

Bandla : it'll be both your ring , you two will have to buy the ring together . Of course it'll be blessed when we get married , but I'll be knowing it's from both of you

I guess seeing he's always wanted this

He has things figured out

Me : I asked who's the legal wife ?

Bandla : I won't marry under civil law , already the marriage to MaShozi is under customary law which allows me to take more than one wife . So I'll be marrying you under customary law as well , you'll both be my legal wives

Me : I don't want to get married , and only find out later than I'm just a wife by name

Bandla : that won't happen

Me : I have an ask

Bandla : I'm listening

Me : I'll be honest with you , I am only here because your wife came and talked to me . Basically you're getting me because of her , because I wasn't hearing anything you were saying . So please, treat her right . Let's give her the respect she needs and deserves , and always bare in mind if it wasn't for her there wouldn't be us . Don't change on her once we're married, I'm not here to fill anyone's gap because there isn't any gap. That woman deserves you to worship the ground she walks on, give her that. And I'll never

have regrets getting inside her marriage

He smiles caressing my cheek

Bandla : I am a very blessed man to have both of you

Oh well !

Me : I missed you

It comes out as a whisper

But damn ! It feels good to let go of the truth

I lean over giving him a kiss

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Bandla

Me : when is the next doctors appointment ?

She runs her fingers down my arm

Amo : sometime next month

Me : mhm , when you get back let's go see a doctor

Amo : why ? I just had an appointment days ago

Me : I want to see my son , it's not the same as being sent scan videos via email She laughs

Amo : what ?

Me : I was paying your doctor , to give me updates

Amo : you have drama for days

Me : it was very hard for me to stay away

Amo : I'm actually surprised that you did

Me : the one thing MaShozi said I must not do , was to give you stress

She laughs

Me : I knew you were already angry with me , so I didn't want both of you angry with me Amo : well , continue listening to her and you'll be one happy man with a peaceful life . She is one wise woman

I chuckle

Me : I see , so do you give me the go ahead to send a delegation ? Amo : mhm , I spoke to my father . I thought he was going to be against this , but he shocked me

Me : oh ?

Amo : he said you're a very smart man , I think he was rooting for you

I laugh

Amo : maybe he's not that invested , I mean he's dating now

Me : what ?

Amo : yeah

Me : well , just as long as he can still get it up ...

She burst out laughing

Me : he's well within his rights to date

Amo : that is disgusting

Me : not at all

Amo : I don't want to think about this

She gets up

Amo : let me go take a shower it's late

Me : give me a kiss

She leans over and we kiss briefly

She walks over to the bathroom

I grab my phone making a call

Asa : Mbulazi

Me : what are you doing ?

Asa : having a date with a pencil and paper , my juices are flowing

Me : what juices ?

She laughs

Asa : creative juices , what other juicesoh my God ! You're a disturbing man , like really ?

We laugh

Me : I thought maybe you needed help

Asa : how do you even utter such , when you're having a sleep over

Me : at a hotel mama , does it even count ?

Asa : yes , you're not in your bed

I chuckle

Me : you just know how to conflict me

She laughs

Asa : leave me to work please

Me : I'll see you tomorrow

Asa : okay baby

Me : I love you

Asa : and I love you

I drop the call

I send my brother a text

And get off the bed walking to the bathroom

I open the shower door

She laughs

Amo : what ?

Me : you've been in here for a while , get out

Amo : it's not even 30 minutes

Me : you're not even supposed to be in water for that long

I lean over switching the water off

I hold a towel for her

She walks over , and I dry her with the towel

Me : I love you

She looks at me with a smile

Me : please lets be married before the champ gets here

She smiles

Amo : all I wanted was a baby , but now the baby has an uninvited father . And I'm getting married

I laugh

Me : uninv...what ?

She smiles leaning over getting on her toes

Amo : you invited yourself in this whole situation

Me : and I'm happy that I did

I lean down taking her lips into mine Me : we'll get tested when we go see the doctor right ?

I have to be on the safe side , and just do what was asked for me

Amo : yeah

I pick her up into my arms walking to the bedroom

Amohelang

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I have never seen this man naked

Sure I've seen his bulge

Especially when he's in formal pants

But this thing is scaring me

Me : don't shift my baby

He laughs

Bandla : he should be asleep , he can't be awake in the presence of such things

He gets in between my thighs

And leans down , and smashes his lips against mine

We kiss as he slowly rubs himself on my coochie

I part my legs further as I feel him sliding through I push him off biting my lower lip

This shit is too painful

I'm probably a virgin of some kind down there

It's been months and months of draught

Bandla : relax

Me : it's too painful ...

He sucks hard on my neck

Causing me to loosen up

And he thrusts in slowly

I hold tight on his back

As I feel the pleasure kicking in

I roll my eyes back , as he fills me up going in deeper

He deep grunts against my ear

I move my waist slowly meeting his thrusts

Not being able to hold myself

He's just giving it to me good

I let out moans of pleasure , as he goes in harder

Causing me to scream in pleasure , gracing his dick with my cum

As an orgasm hits me

And I grab tight on his arms

Bandla : I love you

He moves back

And stares into my eyes

Me : I love you

He smiles leaning down and we kiss , as he picks up his pace thrusting in

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THREE WEEKS LATER

Amohelang

Me : I know

He laughs

I open the door , and it's Praise

Me : hi

Praise : am I interrupting ?

I stand directly at the door

Blinding the view inside

Me : no , what can I do for you ?

He heaves a sigh

Praise : I want to be professional and all , but I must

say I have taken quite a liking into you

No !

I know I hide my tummy like crazy

But what makes Praise thinks I can date him ?

Like on the real

Not that there's anything wrong with him

But I don't like light skinned guys

And he's the Woolworths light

Definitely not my type , even if I was single . I would never

Praise : so maybe we can do lunch ?

Me : lunch ?

Praise : yes , of course if you don't mind

I heave a sigh

Praise : I know about the rumours , but I think you're a

woman who knows her worth . And you will never settle being Mr Mabaso's side

I chuckle

Me : no , I would never

I hear footsteps behind me

And he hugs me from behind placing a kiss on my cheek

Praise pops his eyes as he looks at him

Bandla : Praise , I don't appreciate you hitting on my wife

Poor guy !

Praise : uhm shit ! I'm sorry sir

Within the speed of lightening

He's gone

I can't help but laugh

Me : that was mean

Bandla : I long saw this one wants you , he better know what's good for him

Oh well !

Bandla : shall we go ?

Me : yeah , let me get my bag

Bandla : I'll get it for you

I've had my own assumptions about Zulu men before

Especially these ones who are rooted deep within the Zulu land

But this is , is one of a kind

Considering he's a man with two wives

But he's as romantic as they come

He paid dowry last week

It was a busy week

And I actually took leave

Because we had to leave for KZN after that

We had the gifting ceremony, and I was poured with bile welcomed in his family

What's left now is the white wedding

That's happening this week

I'm tired as it is

But I do want to get this over and done with now

Before my bump is bigger

My bump is grown now , and I don't want to look like an elephant in a white dress

He grabs my bag and we walk out

Seeing how almost the whole office saw us walking in here together I wonder how Praise missed that

I wonder what they are saying now

I'm not even shameful , parading someone's husband in public

Bandla : we should have used one car

First of all , he came here

And I was already here with my car

I laugh

Me : let's go

He walks me to my car , and goes to his

We drive out headed to Menlyn mall

Asanele

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Me : you look stunning

She smiles as we hug

Amo : I love this maternity line of yours , makes us pregnant mommy's feel sexy

We laugh

Asa : inspired by yours truly

She smiles

I've expanded my line now

All thanks to her

She was always complaining about her clothes not fitting her

And the CFO , didn't want to wear maternity dresses

She wants to rock pants suits and formal dresses

And well, I catered for that

And the line is selling well

Bandla pulls a chair for her , and she sits down

He walks over and pecks my lips

We both sit down

This is nothing fancy

Just the man having lunch with both his wives

But I'm only in Pretoria because I want us to three to talk , and I invited them

They're still yet to marry legally

But to me it's a done deal , she's a Mabaso

Because all the traditional things required were done

Amo : can I order , I am starving

I laugh

Me : I asked them to make a platter for you , it's coming

Amo : you're a darling

I know she loves food and she eats a lot

Bandla : how's work ?

Me : busy , but I'm not complaining . The money is good He laughs

Amo : just as long as there's money , all is well

Me : exactly

And the husband goes mute

But he knows the kind of women he married

We're independent , and we thrive to make money

Amo : we got bonuses , and I wanna go splurge

We laugh

Me : you deserve it mommy

Bandla : on what ?

Amo : anything and everything

He chuckles

Bandla : tomorrow morning I'm asking to take you two somewhere

Me : a treat ?

Bandla : no , there's something I want to show you Amo : ah !

I laugh

That ah is very disappointed

There's nothing exciting

Bandla : you'll be with me , at least be happy about that Amo : we're with you now

Bandla : that's mean

Amo : mean would be asking to see us for nothing exciting

Me : true

We can't be asked to go see something , only for it to have nothing to do with us

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Asanele

Me : thank you

The waiter walks away

Amo : lunch was great , thank you for asking us out

I smile

Bandla : you called us here

I heave a sigh

Amo : there was free food

We laugh

The waiter walks back to our table with her waffles and ice cream

Amo : thank you

He smiles with a nod walking away

And she doesn't waste time ravishing that dessert

Me : well , first of all thank you for coming . I just have something I'd like us to discuss , I can't say it's a problem . Maybe a concern , yes

Bandla : okay

Me : I know you're still yet to sign, and be married legally. But according to me, you're husband and wife now. The necessary important steps have been done, and she's a wife at your ancestors kraal. We're back here, and we have our lives . She's pregnant , she'll be needing you more . And knowing you , you'll be trying your best to make sure I don't feel somehow left out . You'll

be torn, between Joburg and here . And realistically , I don't see that working . Because what happens if she needs you middle of the night ? Yes you can come, but it's still a drive from joburg . And you're a man who holds things in his house, you don't even like us calling any kind of help. But if a switch trips in the house , and I'm stuck without electricity while you're this side it means you

have to rush back . The distance between the two homes is worrying me , it's just too much of a distance

I hope they don't get offended that I'm the one who brought this up

But I'll rather we talk about it , and figure out what to do

Me : Your wife stays in an apartment , it's big yes . But is it child friendly ?

Amo : no

- Me: see?
- He nods

Me : if we were in Ntuzuma or any village , I would suggest

getting a big yard . And we just build two homes there , close to each other . That way , we close the gap distance . But we're in the city , there's no having a Mbulazi home

Amo laughs

Amo : we need land

Me : yes we do

The husband seems to be thinking very hard

Bandla : so what would you say happens ?

Me : she has work this side , my work is that side . And you're in between , so I don't know how moving to one place and settling there will work He looks at Amo , and this woman is enjoying her dessert

Amo : I really don't like Joburg , it's just too busy for me . Everything seems too fast there

I laugh

I've heard this before , that she's not a fan of Joburg

But I don't see much difference between the two

Bandla : I hear what you're saying , I will think about it and see how we can come to a decision that benefits all

I guess this didn't go bad at all

Amohelang

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Me : can I say this ?

He smiles and nods

Me : thank you , I don't want to walk down the isle . And a year later from now on , or however many years . There comes talks of another wife , I bring this in the presence of MaShozi so she also knows . She has accepted me into her home , and if you hadn't said to me it'll be just us

. I would be expected to also accept another wife , if time comes . But now you said there won't be , so if you ever come with that I will refuse . And I don't want it to seem like I'm disrespectful towards MaShozi , because she accepted and welcomed me . It'll be because of what we agreed on , and I would like her to know that as well

Bandla : and I meant what I said , I won't be bringing girlfriends into this marriage . And there won't be any other wife

Asa : thank you Mbulazi , and honestly I wouldn't stand it

either . Because I only know one wife

Me : I would fight tooth and nail

Asa : he would leave our marriage , and go get his third wife away from us

We laugh

Bandla : I never win

It's the porridge he made for himself

Bandla

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Me : what's wrong ?

I'm at her place

I'll be going to sleep at the hotel with MaShozi

But I wanted to spend time with her before I leave

Amo : about the distance and houses thing

Me : the plan was to actually let each wife stay where they want to stay, I was to get you a house. Because an apartment doesn't work to build a family, as big as it is

She sighs

Amo : I feel like MaShozi has sacrificed a lot , and I don't want to seem like I am not doing my bit

Me : mami , you can't be forced to move to Joburg . You long said you don't like Joburg , I just have to come with a plan . Any of you can need me anytime, so I can't even say I'll be here a week and be there another week. I don't want to put that line in our lives, it'll just make things difficult

Amo : if I move , what will happen with my job ?

I don't like this

I know she doesn't want to go to Joburg

Me : mami , can I just think about this more ? For now , let's just leave it in the open . No decisions as of yet , because this is not an easy thing I don't want to abrupt their lives

But moving in one city

Even though they'll be having their own houses

But we'll be closer to each other

And that would be much easier for everyone

But it's not just a decision you wake up and settle on

So maybe even buying land after all wouldn't be such a bad idea

But that would also mean having one to move

Or even both of them

And then what about their jobs ?

Because they love what they do

And I wouldn't want them to stop working , and just become house wives Amo : okay

That's not promising

I know she wishes she can hear what's what right now

But I can't , I still need to sit down with myself and think long and hard about this Me : let me get going , l'll see you tomorrow at 08:00 . l'll come pick you up

Amo : I'm not driving ?

Me : no

She smiles

Amo : okay

I walk over to her , and give her a kiss

Me : I love you

Amo : I love you

I brush her tummy , and place a kiss

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Bandla

Asa : I was thinking

I can safely say , when my wives say this

I have no fears whatsoever

One thing I've noticed about them

Is that they always think of the other

Before they do themselves

Me : I am listening

I peck her lips , moving to her back helping zip her dress Asa : I don't mind moving , I can travel three times a week

What did I say ?

Amo felt the same that maybe she should be the one moving

But this one is also thinking the same that she should be the one moving

They're willing to sacrifice their places for the other

I don't know how to thank my ancestors for these two human beings

Me : Amo was thinking of moving

She sighs

Asa : she hates Joburg , I don't hate Pretoria . Just that the factory is that side , but like I said . I can travel , and if ever I'm needed that side I can even spend days or whatever will work

Me : maybe she should move

She turns and looks at me

Asa : no , I'm a designer . She's a whole CFO of a company

Me : your job is just as important

She smiles

Asa : I know Mbulazi , what I mean is that I can flex . She can't

Okay, I guess that makes sense

Asa : I can design everywhere I am , she can't run company finances not being in the office

Me : career women

She laughs

Asa : you love them like that , let's go

We're going to get Amo

And then we're headed to where I asked to take them

Me : I love you so much

I give her a kiss

Me : I appreciate you , without you there's no me . And there's no this family

She smiles

Asa : I love you Mbulazi , you just love me so right you make it hard for me not to act right . Even if I want to be crazy , it doesn't make sense to be crazy Okay !

We laugh going out , and she grabs her bag

Amohelang

I got picked up

And we just had to see where we were going

Without being told anything

Now we're here at a car dealership

With two X5 cars

With oMrs Mbulazi number plates

Black and white

I love Black , and Asa loves white

Bandla : I can't thank you two enough , I am the happiest man I am because of you two . This is my thanks to you both , for making me this man that I am I look at Asa and she's so emotional

I don't blame her at all

I didn't think we would be gifted with cars

For no apparent reasons whatsoever

Bandla : thank you , for being my wives . You make this marriage so easy , I don't go a day not being grateful

Me : I bought a car with my bonus

I say with a slight laugh

Bandla : when did that happen ?

Me : I figured , I'll need a bigger car with the baby coming

Bandla : I am so proud , enjoy your spoils

He gives me a side hug

We get handed our keys

Asa : thank you Mbulazi

They hug , and he places a kiss on her cheek

Asa : I can't believe this

She walks over to her car

Me : thank you

Bandla : you're welcome mami

We hug

The emotions are just something else

Bandla

Seeing my wives this happy

Makes me happier

I've been wanting to do something for them

I didn't know what

And I figured maybe getting them cars, would be appreciated

And it is

We're having dinner now

Tomorrow we're heading to Joburg

We'll be back this side on Friday

Since Saturday it's the wedding

Me : so I got to hear what you were saying both , and it seems like the both of you are willing to relocate

That shocks them

Me : if I had my way , I would make sure no one moves from where they are . I don't want to uproot and complicate your lives anyhow , you're both happy where you are . But like it has been said , this is the city we can't get land and just be in once place . Even if we do , it would mean one or both of you relocating to accommodate where the land would be . Or having to travel distance in between , to get to your jobs

Asa : we don't want you to be conflicted either

Amo : I am okay with moving , even though I hate Joburg . I do feel like MaShozi has sacrificed a lot

Asa : no , don't see it like that . The fact that you're a part of this marriage , that on its own is a sacrifice . You could be with a man , that you wouldn't be sharing with anyone . But you are here They smile

Asa : so Mbulazi , can we just agree that I move

Me : if we all agree on that , you'll have to find a house this side . You will tell me , and I'll pay

She laughs

Asa : I wouldn't afford one even if I tried

Me : both of you are looking for houses , the champ can't arrive while you're still staying in an apartment . So let's make sure the houses are in the same place , and not too distant from each other

Asa : we will look , and you'll pay

They laugh

Me : apparently that's how it is

I down my whiskey

Asa : is everything sorted for Saturday ?

Amo : I am seeing the designer for final fittings tomorrow

Now I wish I wasn't here

Cause once they start talking weddings it never ends

At least tomorrow my family will be arriving from KZN

I'm not expecting a lot of people

Cause not all of them are in support of my marriage

Apparently I'm just a polygamist , with no reason whatsoever

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A FEW DAYS LATER

Bandla

Nzuzo : don't cry

Me : don't be an idiot

He laughs

Sure my wife looks stunning in that dress

Well, they both do

I feel so blessed

Like even the one who's not in a white wedding dress

She's just as stunning , looking like the wife that she is

My father in-law is walking her daughter like one proud man

This man has welcomed me into his family

Like he's been so accepting of the situation

He didn't make things hard for us at all

Everything just went smoothly

And that makes me believe , even those before us support this And they have blessed us

Mr Adams : Take care of my daughter son

He says as he hands her to me

Me : I'll take care of her with my life , I assure you that

He smiles and they hug , he turns and walks to his seat

Next to his woman

The relationship between this man and his daughter

It's something beautiful to watch

It only makes me want to be a better husband and father

Me : hi mami

She lifts her eyes

And she's so emotional

Me: I love you

Tears stream down her face

And she mumbles an I love you

I dart my eyes to Asa

And wink at her

She smiles letting out a slight laugh



Saneli : so like you're being for real ?

Me : what ?

Saneli : you're there , watching your husband marry another woman . Say such vows to her , and kiss her . Worse you're smiling , and taking a video . To an extent to post it on your Instagram ?

I laugh

Me : don't ruin my day please , I'm having a blast this side . It's wedding vibes

Saneli : no ! Something is wrong with you , she's even pregnant if I saw that video well

Me : and this is why you'll keep seeing videos , and miss out on real action . You're so bitter Saneli , it must be hard being you.

Saneli : what ?

Me : you heard me

Saneli : you're sounding like a desperate woman right now , settling for less . This is nonsense

Me : yes , see how happy my husband is with his wife? That's goals , and I love that woman cause she keeps him happy. You keep changing men like underwear, so I don't expect you to understand. But keep watching , clearly we're entertaining you . Stay tuned, more content is coming

She drops the call on me

Me : yhoh ! What a bitter woman

Voice : why are you talking alone ?

I turn and look at her

Me : people are annoying , and I'm out here having a blast She laughs

Amo : did you see your husband ?

It's after the reception now

And she's changed into a much more simpler wedding dress , still looking like a bride

Me : he's happy that one , getting the best of both worlds

We laugh

Amo : the ring is a perfect fit

Oh yes !

Finally , he's a man with a ring now

That was always the agreement

That he won't get a ring , until he's married his second wife

We both got to choose the ring

And Amo suggested we have both our initials engraved on the ring

That's what we did

I honestly don't even mind the fact that he got it now

Now he has a ring I am happy

Me : finally , I'll put that part behind me

Asa : I am tired , it's been a long day

Me : get out of these heels , and put on sleepers . Text me when you're in your room , I'll have them bring you water to soak your feet

Amo : thank you

We hug

And this one is getting emotional

Me : don't cry

Amo : thank you so much , Mtungwa is so blessed to have you . I don't even know how to thank you , because without you this day wouldn't have been possible . You're the anchor for this family, I promise you I'll never make you ever regret the decision to accept me and welcome me

here . You're one of a kind , a true gem . Not many are like you

Me : don'tmake me cry

I wipe her tears as my own tears fall

Me : I love you for my husband

We laugh through our tears

Honestly Amo hasn't given me any reason to treat her anyhow

She respects me

And she doesn't think she's better than me

She most definitely understand that Mbulazi is not hers alone

I can't hate her for nothing

I am not a crazy woman

Oh , I must give Saneli some content

Before I forget getting into MaMkhulu vibes

Caring for this pregnant woman

I take out my phone and post that video from days ago

When we got our cars

She must go on and have something else to talk about

Than worrying about me attending my husband's wedding

And actually being happy about it

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Amohelang

He trails kisses up to my boobs

Nibbling on my nipples

Trailing up to my neck sucking hard

He balances himself with his elbows

And goes on to slide through

I wince a bit in slight pain

But he goes on to thrust in as I adjust to his length

I place my hands on his back

Locking my legs on his thighs

He thrusts in picking up his pace, going in deeper

And pleasure kicks in

I hold tight on him

As my walls expands to his thickness welcoming him

Bandla : I love you

I throw my head back

As he grows even thicker causing me a bit of pain

But as he deep groans and he fills me up with his cum

I release my legs over him

Moving my waist meeting his thrusts

And a wave of pleasure rushes through my body

An orgasm hitting me

I hold tight on him , listening to him panting down my neck

After a few minutes he moves up and looks at me

He pecks my lips quite a few times

Bandla : I love you

I smile

Me : I love you too Mtungwa

Bandla : thank you for being my wife

I don't know what I did for this man to see me worthy enough

To be his wife

But I am happy

And I'm grateful to have met him

It hasn't been too long I know

But so far , I hold no regrets whatsoever

Asanele

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Saneli : let's be honest , you only posted that video to get on my nerves right ?

I laugh

Me : we should stick to employer and employee , you're forgetting your place just because we're friends and I'm too nice to you . What bothers you about my husband's marriage ?

Saneli : I'm bothered on your behalf , seeing that you're all happy to share a man

Me : he's mine to share , don't be

Saneli : well , don't come crying to me when she starts taking

your place . And he loves her more than you

I laugh

Me : you're really bitter , you need prayers to find true love . Cause you divorced your cheating husband , for one who scammed you

Saneli : you don't

Me : bye , don't call me . Just keep watching

I drop the call

People are annoying no lies !

Just because we're friends

She thinks she has a pass to my private life

And just because I post something

I don't mean come tell me your views about it

Just watch and keep your negativity to yourself

I am happy

And I won't hide that just because I share a husband

Voice : muntu ka Mtungwa (Mtungwa's person)

I laugh before I even look at her

She sits down with a sigh

Me : what's with you ?

Amo : where is food ? I am hungry

Me : no ! Your man must do a plan , every time you're hungry you get grumpy . You have the after wedding glow , but you want to dim it because of food and hunger . Don't be this person

She laughs

Me : why wasn't room service bought to your room ?

Amo : slow morning

Me : rough night

She calls over a waiter tearing up with laughter

Amohelang

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Bandla's wife is nasty

Asa : so we're heading to Joburg , so I can wrap things up

Me : house hunting ?

Asa : I don't know where you want to settle

Me : anywhere this side it's fine

Asa : Centurion or Fourways

I smile

Me : I'll look online and see what's there , see if it's possible to find two houses near each other Asa : alright , we should do that before I finish that side . So when I'm done , I know I'm moving into a house this side

Me : if we can find houses , it won't be a problem . After all it's not our money closing the deal

We laugh

I just think it's all nice

Find what you like , and don't worry about payment

Mtungwa doesn't even care about the houses

How big they'll be or how they're going to look

So we have free reign here

Bandla

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Nzuzo : women with levels , so it's all about having money to sustain them ?

I laugh

Me : don't be an idiot , love is not money. It's not peace nor is it support, so don't get it confused. Polygamy is not all about having money, because even a man with one wife still needs money to maintain that wife . So yeah , I do need money to maintain them . But it's all about making sure they're happy , not making one feel less than the other . Loving them, and being fair to them

both. Mami bought herself a car, it doesn't make me feel any less of a man. I have to applaud her for that, and be proud. I bought them cars, it's no compensation at all . But I can't do for one and not do for the other, which is why now they're both getting houses

Nzuzo : I think God created me wrong , I should have been a woman married into polygamy

We laugh

Me : it's not always smooth sailing, I'm just blessed with two women who know their places in my life . And they know there's no need to be jealous over the other, because they know who they are. One is not intimidated by the other

Before I even went to on congratulate Amo for buying a car

Asa had gone and done it

Its just the peace that's in between them

They get along

Better than I even imagined

And it just makes everything better for us all

They'll rather be against me

Than not agree on something together

I really am blessed

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Bandla

Me : you will be okay right ?

She nods

That's not promising

We have to leave for joburg

So we can finish up that side

I don't know how far they are with finding houses

But I am sure that won't be a long process

Me : I love you

She smiles with teary glossy eyes

I hate to leave her like this

Amo : I love you Mtungwa

I lean over for a kiss

She holds tight on me as we kiss

After a while we pull out

I peck her lips , giving her a hug

Me : take care of my champ

Amo : and me

I chuckle

Me : yes and you mami

I caress her cheek

Amo : it's okay

I give her a hug , placing a kiss on her forehead

Minutes go by and we pull apart

Amo : drive safe

Me : I will call you later

She nods

I let go of her hand and turn walking out

I head out to the car

l get in

She looks at me

Asa : don't

She holds my hand as I'm about to start the car

Me : what ?

Asa : go see your wife , she is crying

Sure, she wanted to cry

But she didn't

Me : what ?

Asa : you can't leave her like that

Me : but she wasn't crying

Asa : she is Mbulazi , go see her

I heave a sigh

This is a lot of work

Asa : go , so you can come back

I chuckle getting out of the car

I head back inside the yard

And she's in her car

With her head bowed down

I knock on the window

She doesn't wind it down

She unlocks the door

I take her hand pulling her out of the car

She takes my hand , laying her head on my chest

Me : I am coming back

She nods against my chest

Me : I cant leave you crying like this

She laughs through her tears moving back

Me : I owe you a honyemoon

She wipes her tears

Me : do you want to come with us ?

She shakes her head smilling

Me : come with us

Amo : no , go to your wife please

She laughs

Me : there is no winning

Amo : I am okay now

I lean over and kiss her

Me: I love you

Amo : I love you too

Me : no more crying

She smiles

Amo : no more

I peck her cheek

Amo : bye

Women !

I walk back to the car

And I get that , what did I say look

Me : okay , she is fine now

She laughs

Asa : she is a new wife , she still wants your time . Lets go back ,

do what we neee to do . And come back to her

Me : this is supposed to be your time

She laughs as I drive off

Asa : you taught us there is no such thing , in this marriage

I take her hand

Me : I love you mama

She smiles

Asa : I love you Mbulazi

This is one selfless woman

Amohelang

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Dad : how are you feeling ?

I am fine

He laughs

Me : where is your girlfriend ?

I miss my husband

I didn't want to go home and cry worse

Thought I would come see this one with his girlfriend

She was at the wedding

And was with us the whole weekend there

I am sure she is here

Dad : sleeping

Me : mhm , after effects of a banging weekend

Dad : in my language banging means something else

No !

Somebody please put this man in line

And he laughs thinking he is funny

Me : I will wait

Dad : why ?

Me : just

Dad : no , you don't want to be alone in your house

I guess that's written on my face

Dad : it's okay , this is home

But my dad is the best though

Dad : how is it going with the house ?

Me : we are to look at Fourways or Centurion . Mtungwa wants the houses not to be distant from each other , that was actually Mashozi's idea

He smiles

Dad : I thank God everyday for this , he placed you in the

hands of peole I know will forever be good to you . So please angel , promise me that you will never change yourself and become something you are not . This is a blessing to you my angel

Why is he getting me all teary ?

I can never count my blessings

And leave Mashozi and Mntungwa out of that



I look over and see he's not coming

Me : hi is this Bontle ?

Her : yes , it's me

I heave a sigh with a smile

Me : thank you , its Asanele

Bontle : Mrs Mabaso , hi

Me : hi , I am sorry to call you . I actually stole your number from Amo's phone

Bontle : oh , okay !

Me : can we please meet ? There is something I would like to discuss with you , but you can't tell Amo I called you

Bontle : I understand

Me : alright , I will send you the details . And you can tell me when you are available

Voice : mama

Me : thank you , byeremember don't tell her

I drop the call with her laughing at me

Me : Mbulazi ngiyeza (I am coming)

I take a deep breath , getting my face together

I can't give anything away not even to him

Not now anyways

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Amohelang

She walks in

In such a hurry

I watch her in silence as she sits down

Bontle : good morning

Me : you are late

Bontle : yes

And then ?

Shouldn't there be an explanation of why she is late ?

Me : and ?

Bontle : I am sorry

And that's it

Me : okay , can you book me the conference room at Grand Hotel

Bontle : for ?

I heave a sigh

Me : I

My phone rings

I reach for it

Bontle : you will call me

She walks out

I answer my phone

Me : Mtungwa

Bandla : mami , are you okay ?

Me : yes , busy at work

Bandla : don't overwork

Me : I wont

Since they left two days ago

I have found a house

I don't know if Asa has found hers or what

Bandla : I saw the house

Me : do you approve ?

He chuckles

Bandla : yes , the champ will have enough room

Me : so its all about him ?

He laughs

Bandla : no , but the house has to cater for him

Me : oh well

Bandla : can I go ahead , and make payment ?

Me : yes

The house is 1.3 Million

A crazy amount if you ask me

But he is okay with it

Bandla : okay , I love you

Me: I love you too , can I ask ?

Bandla : yeah

Me : I want to do something small for Mamkhulu , just to thank her and show appreciation

Bandla : that's nice mami

Me : really ?

Bandla : yeah , I think she will like it

Me : okay , it'll be at Grand hotel . But don't tell her , of course it's a surprise

Bandla : I won't say anything

Me : thank you

I think if he is okay with it

She won't mind either

That woman has been everything in a sister wife

It doesn't even feel like we share a husband

She's like a big sister

Asanele

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Me : the prices are not the same

Bandla : mhm

Me: mine is 1.4

Bandla : okay , so I can pay ?

I heave a sigh

Me : I was thinking I can find something in the same range as hers

Bandla : no , she chose the house she loves . And she is getting it , you should also get the one you want I feel bad

Me : won't she feel somehow ?

He smiles

Bandla : for what ? The one thing my wives know is that , there is no competition here

That is true

Me : okay , its just me and my feels

He chuckles

Me : please go buy a present for your son

Bandla : a present for what ?

I laugh

Me : just trust me , and buy one . And don't tell your wife I asked you this

He laughs

Bandla : I feel like I am just keeping secrets these days , and its not good

Me : this one is nice

Bandla : whatever you say

I smile

Me : when are you leaving ?

Bandla : tonight

Me : okay

He has appointed a new CEO this side

As he will be going that side

I asked him to leave me behind

So he can go be with his wife

I will leave once the sale of the houses is done

Bandla

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I cuddle her up

Amo : you are here ?

I smile giving her a kiss

Me:yes

Amo : I missed you

Me : I know you did

I rub her baby bump

Me : I was kicked out , because you cry for me

She giggles

I turn over getting in between her thighs I slide my hand down , pushing her panty to the side

I part her folds , and lower my briefs taking out my dick

I rub my dick on her coochie

And she parts her legs as I slide in

I take slow thrusts

I lean over giving her a kiss

Me : I love you mami

Amo : I l....

I thrust in deeper , she gasps holding her breath

I move back slowly

Getting on my knees

I grab on her thighs , picking up my pace

I watch her as she throws her head down

Grabbing on my wrist

Letting out a scream of pleasure , loosing herself

Her lower body shaking

And I shoot up my cum , filling her up

I slowly slide out

And turn to her side cuddling her

She slowly lazily opens her eyes

Me : you are so beautiful

She giggles so sweet

Amo : you move around at night like a thief

I laugh

Me : I couldn't wait until tomorrow to see you two

Amo : I am happy you are here

I lean over and give her a kiss

Me : I love you

Amo : I love you

She snuggles closer to me

I cuddle her up to sleep

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Amohelang

I woke up to good news today

The sales of the houses has gone through

Emails of the tittle deeds were sent

I am happy

Like finally I own a house

One that I can call mine

And not the apartment I have been renting

But I won't move in right away

I want to have the nursery done first

And I need furniture for most parts of the house

It doesn't come fully furnished like the one Asa got

Nonetheless, I love my house

I love it the way it is

Bandla : why are you leaving me alone in bed ?

I laugh

Me : I am going to make you breakfast

He chuckles

Bandla : this is so wrong on so many levels

The drama of this man has no timing

Bandla : didn't they tell you , you don't leave your husband alone in bed ?

Me : he must starve ?

He laughs

Bandla : no , he's fully fed in bed

Mhm !

Me : no , leave me alone

I laugh getting off the bed

I grab his t-shirt and put it on

As tiny as I am

This is tight now because of the tummy

I lean over and give him a kiss

He smiles as I pull out

Bandla : I love you

I grab my phone from the night stand

Me : come eat , then you can tell me that . Hunger makes people say anything

He laughs as I walk out

I head downstairs and walk in the kitchen

I make a call leaning by the counter

Asa : maMbulazi

This woman !

Dramatic like her husband

Me : unjani MaMkhulu ? (How are you)

Asa : your drama is going to kill me this morning

Must be running in the family

Asa : ngiyaphila , unjani wena ? (I am good , how are you)

Me : ah , ngiyaphila nami (I am also well)

Asa : that's good , congratulations on your house Me : ngiyabonga , and same to you (thank you)

Asa : can't wait to move in now

Me : I hope that will be soon

Asa : just expect me anytime

I trust her on that

Me : I called to say thank you , I know Mbulazi is here because of you

She laughs

Asa : have fun , and take care of your husband

This woman !

Me : mhm-mhm ...

And he walks down , walking behind me

He hugs me from behind and places a kiss on my cheek

Me : we will see you soon

Asa : girl bye

I drop the call laughing

Me : what's wrong with you ?

Bandla : I thought you were cooking

Me : yeah

I turn and face him

Bandla : I don't see food

Me : give it up , I was talking to your wife

He smiles

Bandla : you two just can't help yourselves but gossip right ?

Me : you wish

I peck his cheek and get off his hold

Me : the appreciation thing for her is coming well

Bandla : mhm , how much do you need ?

Oh, my man

I blush like crazy

Bandla : I only see you blush when money is involved

Me : don't start with me

We laugh

Me : but , I'm so nice I am doing this all by myself

He pops his eyes

Bandla : oh really ?

Me : yes

I walk to the pantry and grab what I need

Bandla : okay , let's go spend my money on my son . And we should visit the doctor

I laugh

Me : we don't visit the doctor , we go there for appointments

Bandla : mhm , I miss my son

I miss my son , who's inside someone else

How nice

Asanele

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Saneli : you are moving ?

Me : yes , and I am not leaving you in charge

Saneli : what ?

Me : I love and value my hard work , wena you can sabotage me deliberately

Her jaw drops

Me : I consider you an employee now , more than a friend . Because you involved yourself too much in my life , being all judgemental . I don't need that negativity

Saneli : but ...

Me : no , please close the door on your way out

Saneli : you are ungrateful Asanele

Me : really ?

Saneli : after everything ...

Me : you were doing your job , of which I paid you for . So you weren't doing me a favour , you worked and I paid you . Don't act like you did me and my company any favour

Saneli : you know what ? I quit

Me : okay

She doesn't believe

Maybe she thought I will beg her

But no !

She can do whatever she wants

I serve what I get served

Once you give me negativity , I bring it back full speed

She walks out slamming my door

I chuckle as my phone rings

Me : Mbulazi

Bandla : here is the champ

He turns the camera and I get to see the screen

Okay !

I don't know why I'm getting so emotional

Me : ohh ...he's busy kicking

Bandla : yeah , do you see the machine ?

I die with laughter

That's the only thing he's proud of

Seeing the baby's machine as he calls it

Bandla : he's going to be one strong man

Me : can't wait for him to be here

I am actually on planning to design a whole baby line just for him

And we'll name it after him

Bandla : he should come already

Me : we do need a baby in our lives

I think this is just going to be the most loved baby ever

I didn't even think about babies

Until this one got here

And I am excited now about going to have a little someone in the family

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Asanele

Me : what's going on ?

I know this man , and for the past few days

He's been avoiding to have long talks with me

And I know he hasn't said anything to Amo

About what I asked him

And he did get the champ the presents

But we're here at Grand Hotel

And I don't know what's happening

I got a call from my sister earlier on

And I was surprised

Cause she barely calls me

But she asked to see me

Now I am wondering if we're here to see her or what

But the cars we saw parked on the parking lot

Didn't seem like cars of guests

I feel like something is happening here And I wasn't told

Me : Mbulazi

He smiles

Bandla : no , let's go in

I heave a sigh as we walk in

And I feel like I've just walked in

On one of the most prestigious events ever

All our relatives are here

Mine and his

I see Amo's father and his woman there

Like ...

I know it's not our anniversary date

And I don't think there's anything we're supposed to be celebrating

I see the mami walking to us

And she looks stunning in one of my gowns

From the maternity line

Amo : hi

I just tear up and I don't know why

Everyone is just looking at me

Like I did something and I don't know what

Me : what

Words just get stuck on my throat

Amo : come

She takes my hand

Mbulazi places kisses on our cheeks

And we walk away from him

I can't even look at everyone here

Cause I am feeling anxious

Me : what's going on ?

Amo : you will see

I am stunned and just lost for words

As I see the queen fitting chair she leads me to

Amo : please take a seat

Me : what

I place a hand on my mouth

She helps me sit down

And she smiles just looking at everyone

As they have now gathered around

Amohelang

I don't want to drag this

I managed to organise in just a few days

And have the relatives from KZN come

As well as her family

So I want everyone to just have a great night celebrating this wonderful woman I look at them sitting together

With Bandla playing with his ring

He's not even looking at anyone

Me : I ... I have never made a speech before , and I don't want to try right now

They laugh

Me : I just want to say thank you to you MaMkhulu

She looks at me with her glossy eyes

Me : many would probably not believe me when I say , I am a wife to Mtungwa today because of you . I didn't marry this man because he asked me to marry him, but I married him because you asked me to marry your husband on a silver platter. You came to me when I didn't know you , and you managed to convince me to give love a chance . And to give Mtungwa a chance ...

I take a deep breath

Me : this is nothing , but just a way for me to thank you . I lack the words, because I don't know what to say . Since from day one, you welcomed me into this family. You assured me I was no home wrecker, as it was portrayed by some. The truth is , you're holding my hand throughout this marriage. You just make everything so easy for us all, its hard to even complain about a single thing . I

don't even think people who are married and not in polygamy, have the marriage that we have . Today I want you to know that , I love you and I appreciate you so much . I will say in front of our family here, that if I ever change on you. They must never ask what you did, it would be solemnly me. You're one woman of a kind, and there can never be another you. The sacrifices you have

made , they don't go unnoticed . I strive to be a better wife everyday , because of you . You deserve only the best of us

I wipe my tears

Me : I would be one ungrateful human being , if I were to ever hurt you anyhow . Thank you for everything , so everyone is here tonight to just celebrate you

She breaks down as she walks down to me

And we hug

Asa : I love you too so much

The champ kicks like crazy

We laugh through our tears

I guess he is happy too

And there's cheers and claps

This woman deserves this and more

Bandla

Asa really went all out

And she spent her own money doing this

Without even a cent from me

Yet she was doing this for my wife

Talk about being selfless

The tears have stopped and now they're just having fun

Talking to everyone

Just laughing and drinking

Nzuzo : whatever you gave these two women , I want it

I laugh

Me : I gave them nothing

Nzuzo : we have seen polygamy , this is not normal

I chuckle

Me : my wives know their places in my life , and they know who they are . They're not intimidated by each other, and that makes them enjoy being married to one man. They know how to appreciate one another , they don't look down on each other . And they make sacrifices, to accommodate everyone and

make this marriage work . Having each other's backs , I am telling you they do it best

I look at him

And he's clearly pleased

Me : I am just one blessed mother fucker ! There can never be wives like mine Nzuzo : don't rub it in

We laugh

It would be a lie if I say , I am not proud of both of them

Just for the women they are

And the wives they are to me

How they respect each other

And how they respect their marriage

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Asanele

Me : what ?

He smiles

Bandla : nothing

Me : you don't just stare at me for nothing

Bandla : just felt like it

Me : you're being weird

Bandla : mhm , are you okay ?

Me : I don't know how I feel

I get over and sit next to him

Me : what your wife did for me , it was just

I shake my head with a smile

Just getting a bit emotional all over again

Me : I can't explain it

Yesterday was just something else

It was just amazing and beautiful

Me : you knew and you didn't even whisper to me

He laughs

Bandla : I was asked not to , and I couldn't . The same way , you asked me not to tell her about what you're planning

Me : you keep secrets as of late

He chuckles shaking his head

Bandla : you called me dramatic when I said

I peck his lips

Me : did you help ?

Bandla : I wanted to , but I was told not to . So no , I didn't help

That leaves me speechless

I can't believe she spent her own money

Just doing something beautiful like that for me

I don't even know how I'll thank her for that

To be honest that took me by surprise

I never thought she could do something like that for me

And all for what ?

Just welcoming her , and making sure we make this family work Like , to me that's what any woman who loves and wants to see her husband happy would do

And that's how anyone would treat a woman who possess no threat whatsoever on their marriage

She respects me , that's huge

Me : will she make it to my day ?

Bandla : just tell me when and where , I'll get her there

I smile

Finally my surprise is all done and dusted

And this afternoon it's happening

I just didn't tell this one what's happening

Just as long as he can get her there

I'm so glad Bontle kept her mouth shut and said nothing to her

She helped me plan everything to the T

I wasn't expecting her surprise

I thought mine will be the one happening

Look at how the days are just following each other

Hopefully she's not too tired from last night

Bandla

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I wish I knew what these things are

At least Amo had told me

Unlike this one where I just have to pick and drop someone somewhere

And I don't even know what's happening

Amo : where are we going ?

I hold her hand

Me : you will see when we get there mami

Amo : will there be food ?

I laugh

This baby eats a lot , making my woman want food all the time

And the doctor says he's big

His mother might even go for a C-section

My woman doesn't want to push out a big person out of her

She's open to the C-section idea

Me : yes

I hope there will be food there

Wherever that is

Because if there's no food , I'll be in deep shit

Amo : I thought you were sleeping in Joburg , what happened ?

I chuckle

Me : I slept there , only drove back this side this morning

Amo : oh , okay

She goes on to munch on her dry fruits

Amohelang

I am sure by now I just look ugly

I have cried so many tears today

I am the pregnant one

But I must admit , I didn't even think of a baby shower

It wasn't even on my mind

Like , not even once did it cross my mind . It was just never there

And we got here

There was a maternity shoot organised

And the father had to be a part of it

For the champs sake

I involved the other mommy too

I just couldn't leave her out of it

He must know , all his parents were there for his moments

And now, my family is here

Her sister and the KZN family

I guess it was a good thing they came for her event

Because now they got to attend mine

We have Bontle here as well

I heard she helped organise this

And the sneaky woman did not even think of telling me

Like not even once

It's beautiful no lies

And the gifts , I've opened a few

And I must say , everyone went all out

Bandla left a while ago with my father

But his girlfriend is here

I really don't know what to call my father's woman

But I'm happy she's here

It's the way she just pulls up for our family whenever

I think she's good for my father

I actually like her

Even though we've never really sat down and just really talked

But she seems good

Asa : so , I was thinking ...

And she laughs before she finishes that

Me : I like it already

Everyone laughs

Asa : you don't even know what is

Me : oh well , I can always retract

Asa : no mami , that's not allowed

I laugh

We'll see about that

Asa : I didn't know what to get my boy , and that's the honest truth . But , I have an idea here . To get him a whole designer baby wardrobe

No !

Like no ways !

She is not kidding

I am on my feet screaming , laughing and crying

Not to forget jumping with my bump

Asa : woman ! You're a pregnant

They're all having a good laugh

But I don't care

I am so happy

Like , so this baby will be wearing designer clothes

Like for real ?

Asa : you'll go to early labour

Bontle : sit down

Don't they hold me to sit down

Me : kill joys , you don't want to see me happy

Asa : and the line will be named after him

Lord !

Let this woman finish me

And again , just how can I not love her ?

Asa : you like that ?

Is she kidding me !

I nod wiping my tears

Me : I love it

She leans down and we hug

No ways !

I think the joy in this family is going to kill me

This is too much

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Asanele

I can't believe this is it

It's been a few days after the amazing events

And now , I am ready to move to my house in Pretoria

I've already set up a small office in my house

Where I'll be working

It's more like a creative studio , more than an office

Bandla : this is too many boxes

Why is he crying ?

It's not his things it's mine

Me : we need to talk

Bandla : about what ?

I laugh

He's sounding as if I'm about to accuse him of something right now

Me : Amo might take a while before she moves , cause she wants to set up the nursery

Bandla : I have guys working on that , they'll be done in a week

This man though

I smile

Me : that's sweet of you

He laughs

Me : for real , that way things will move faster . And she can be able to move

Bandla : is there a hurry ?

Me : the fact that she's 6 months pregnant now yes , but that's not it

He chuckles

Bandla : then what ?

Me : your clothes

Bandla : what about them ?

Me : Mbulazi , her house is literally 3 blocks away from mine . And you'll be in both houses, so you need to have your clothes at her house too. Because I won't tolerate you coming to my house without a belt, while you slept at her house

He laughs

I just can't help but end up laughing with him

Bandla : okay , so you're sharing the wardrobe ?

Me : yes half has to go to her house

Bandla : it's okay , I'll talk to her . But I don't think she will have a problem with that Me : okay , they'll all be taken to my place . And from there , you can move to hers

Bandla : that's fine by me

So this is goodbye to our house

I never thought this day would come

I never even thought about it

Bandla : don't look so sad , this is the beginning of something new

Me : yeah

He smiles and picks me up , placing me on the kitchen counter I laugh

Bandla : I remember how we blessed this house moving in four years ago

Mhm, he is insane

Me : no !

He unzips my dress

Bandla : now , I just want to remember how we bid it goodbye

Me : you're such a sick man

He smiles capturing my lips into his

And we kiss

The kiss is just full of lust

It's full blown

And not your normal passionate kiss

My dress is off , his t-shirt follows

As he lowers his pants with his briefs

Sliding his already hard and erected dick

And he pushes my panty to the side

Me : condom !

I mumble through the kiss

Amo is not tired yet , and I know these two get it on

We both decided on using condoms

Because he goes raw bare with her

We're doing this to protect the baby

We don't want to get the baby sick

Just because he's sleeping with her and me raw , that could be risky

As clean as we are

Precautions never hurt anyone

I move back , and lean over grabbing my bag from the chair

I take out a condom , and hand it to him

He tears the wrap , and let's me slide it through his twitching dick

Bandla : fuck ! Woman I love you

He grabs the back of my head as he slides through my coochie

My flaps clinging tight on him , hugging on his dick

And he deep grunts swearing underneath his breath

He goes on to thrust in

I grab tight on the kitchen counter

While locking my legs behind me

Me : Ohhh shityes ...

I go on to rub on my clit , moving my waist meeting his thrusts

He's just hitting the right spot, giving me insane strokes

And giving me one hella insane pleasure

Me : Ahhhh

I scream my lungs out as an orgasm hits me

And the condom slightly slides as my cum graces it

He thrusts in deeper

And goes in harder

And let's out a groan , filling the condom up with his cum

He slowly pulls out , and it slides off his dick

Dropping on floor with drops of his cum , dripping from his dick

Me : I love you

He smashes his lips against mine

And brings me off the counter he turns me around

Reaching for my bag

I laugh

Me : we gonna need the whole box

Bandla : damn right !

He goes on to tear the wrap and slides the condom on his length

He slides in from behind, grabbing my ass cheeks

And he just goes on to ram inside of me

Bandla

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Me : what ?

She smiles

We're laying on the floor

On top of a fleece

Butt naked !

She's running her hand on my back

Has her head on my chest , with her one leg crossed over mine Asa : I want to ask where you're sleeping , but I know that's not allowed

I laugh

One thing I'll never do , is have sex with another wife and go to another wife's house

And have sex with her as well

That's just crazy

And if I go sleep at Amo's place tonight

She won't be getting the whole of me

That woman is sex crazy !

I think it's the hormones

But she wears me out

So I need to satisfy her thourouly

And not be worn out , because I slept with Asa right now

Me : I love you mama

I place a kiss on her head

Asa : I love you too Mbulazi

She knows I won't say nothing about that sleeping statement of a question of some sort

I know I will be sleeping at her house

As we get to Pretoria I will go see Amo and the champ But then leave

I just won't be telling her that

Asa : I am sleeping for a bit

I chuckle

Me : okay

The sleep after sex is always just the best one

So I don't blame her

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Amohelang

Me : it's beautiful

I am at Asa's place

And it's beautiful

Asa : these boxes are going to your house

Me: why?

Asa : your husband's clothes

Me : okaywhy are they coming to my house ?

She laughs

Asa : enough with the drama , I shared . They're not all coming to you

Me : better

I pull a chair and sit down

Me : you pulled Mtungwa to buy something for the baby shower

She smiles

Asa : what did he buy ?

Me : one hella expensive stroller and a car seat

Asa : as parents I think we all need the car seat

Me : mhm , you should get one

And he kicks

He always does this whenever I am talking to Asa about him

The kicks are too much

I end up slapping my tummy so he can stop

Asa : you're abusing him

Me : no , it's scary seeing his foot print on my tummy

When he kicks he makes sure

Asa : he is too energetic

My father would say , that's because he wasn't conceived naturally

That man is too much for me

The door opens and the husband walks in

I didn't know he was here

I last saw him last night

I thought maybe he's at work

He walks over to me , and side hugs me

He places a kiss on my cheek , and brushes my tummy

The kicking starts

Me : get him to be still

Bandla : no ...

Me : Mtungwa these kicks are painful

He smiles

Bandla : I am sorry mami

No !

He shouldn't have brushed him

Bandla : I was going to pass by , I am headed to the office

I am not going there

No ways, I am too lazy for work

Bandla

Praise : good morning sir

I nod

Praise : I ... uhm ... I ...

Me : take a deep breath , and calm down

He heaves a sigh and takes a deep breath

Praise : sir , I want to apologize for my behaviour . I am really sorry , I didn't know Ms Adams was with you . Even though I had heard rumours , I just regarded them as rumours . I would never hit my on boss's wife , please forgive me

I nod with a smile

Me : uhmit's okay , just leave me my wife Praise . I can overlook that you weren't sure what's what , but now just like everyone else you know . And let's not have any of those encounters ever again , right ?

He nods

Praise : yes sir

Me : sure

He turns and walks away

I chuckle shaking my head heading over to the elevator

Amohelang

I would have taken my sweet time with this

But the guys have made so much progress

Better than I anticipated

I guess Bandla knew what he was doing

It's too blue in here

And just too cute

Now I feel like I want to push this baby out of me

Just so we came make memories in here

I take a short video , and post it on my Instagram

Like I am going to be a mother

Sometimes I don't believe it still

I guess once he's here and I have him in my arms

It'll be believable

My phone rings and I smile walking out of the nursery

Me : Mtungwa

Bandla : can you spare me a few days of your time

What ?

Me : few days ?

Bandla : yes

This doesn't make sense , or am I the one not understanding him ?

Me : okay

Bandla : thank you , go shopping . For the beach and sun

He drops the call with a chuckle

And seconds later , my phone beeps

It's a bank notification of 60K from him

Reference is literally shopping

Me : what

What is happening ?

Asanele

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Me : what ?

Bandla : dinner tonight at Cape Town , are you available ?

I smile

This man is insane

Who fly's just for dinner to another city ?

Me : what did I do ?

Bandla : I am just spoiling my wife

I laugh

My cheeks are hurting

Me : Mbulazi

Bandla : 16:00 , we're flying out please just be ready mama

Me : okay , I'll make sure

Bandla : thank you , now I love you

Me : I love you too

He drops the call

Me : wow

This man just knows how to kill me with joy

Like he just never fails

Bandla

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Nzuzo : I need to get out of your face , before my wife

starts questioning my love for her

We laugh

He gets up

Me : there's no show off here , I am just fulfilling what I should have done after getting married . Now things have settled , and so I can take my wife to her honeymoon for a week or so . She deserves it after all

Nzuzo : yet you're flying the one wife who's not going to an honeymoon

Me : mhm , she won't be seeing me for a week or more

Nzuzo : classic

He laughs shaking his head going out

Me : bye ...

I close my laptop and pack up the files

I'll go see Amo before we leave

Our flight to the honeymoon leaves tomorrow , after 12:00

I'll be back from Cape town by then

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THREE MONTHS LATER

Amohelang

Me : he is a living breathing humab being dad

He smiles

Dad : I see that

My poor father is shocked

I really don't know what kind of a baby did he expect My baby boy is here

I am so happy

I really am someone's mother

The genes are too good

He is just so cute

I can't believe he is mine

Like I really made this person

Dad : I think he is hungry

He hands him to me

I hate breast feeding

It feels very funny and tingly

Dad : call me when you are done , you look very funny

He walks out

Me : really ?

Asa : you have to get used to this , that's how he eats

Me : I am trying , he is also not making it easy

She laughs

Me : so , have you told him ?

She shakes her head

I don't understand why is she scared

It's been a week now

And she hasn't told her husband that they are expecting

I know he will be happy

I was the first person she told

I don't get why she can't tell him

Me : why don't you tell him ?

She sighs

Asa : Khaya just got here , and I don't want to take the spotlight away from him

I laugh

This is crazy

It can only be this woman

Always thinking of others

Before herself

Me : please tell him

She frowns

Me : he will be happy , and this one is here forever . He is not going anywhere Asa : let the champ shine , I will tell him . Today is just not the day for that

I won't push

I will respect her decision

It's her pregnancy after all

He walks in

He was attending a call outside

Asa : let me go get your yoghurt

No !

She is running away from her husband

I laugh as she walks out

Bandla : she is still on with that , even now ?

Me : yeah , your wife is dramatic !

He laughs

I move Khaya back

And he takes him , placing him on his chest

So he can burp

Bandla : this is one beautiful gift

He looks at me with a smile

Bandla : thank you for making me a father

Me : all I wanted was a baby

He laughs

Bandla : call me an un-invited father , mami I swear we will forget you just gave birth . I will punish you very hard

Wow !

Me : xola Mtungwa

He winks, bitting his lower lip

This man is a creep

Bandla : you are going to be a big brother , and you have only been here for an 12 hours . They are not giving you a chance

Some kids have strange parents

Since I didn't have a name for him

I let Bandla name him

It was only righy , because after our honeymoon

He did right by him

He went to my father , and finished for the baby

I wasn't expecting that

My father was one proud father in law

I don't like the name Bandla gave him

I was probarbly going to give him an english name

Not because it's an ugly name

But kids with such names think the world owes them something

Ntsikayekhaya

Like really ?

Me : do better naming the coming sibling

He laughs

Bandla : don't be jealous of my son's name

Well I am not

Me : don't tell her that you know , wait until she tells you

He smiles

Bandla : okay mami

I long saw her , even before she told me

And I told him

As a suspicion of course

I don't want him to ruin the moment for her

He should wait until she tells him herself

So she can have that moment and experience with him

Asanele

I take a deep breath walking inside the ward

He's holding Khaya , laying on his chest

My husband is happy

And he deserves this moment

This boy is loved so much

And he deserves his father's attention right now

I have my own fears

Not of being a mother , no ! Its not that

We have never talked about kids yes

But we are married , and kids are normal to happen anytime

We don't even need a timeframe for that

It's just the timing of this

Amo just had a baby

And Khaya is our baby all , including me

I am a mother to him as well

I just don't want it to seem like I am competing

Or that there is jealousy , just because of Khaya now being here

I really don't want to divert our husband's attention , from them to me

But I know he needs to know

It's only fair that he knows

It's his baby after all

Me : there you go

She smiles

Amo : thank you

She takes her yoghurt from me

Me : can I take him ?

He smiles handing me Khaya

Me : you are so cute , I just want to eat you

They laugh

He sits on the bed

I move over to the couch with my baby

He has his eyes wide opened

I will probably be at Amo's house everyday

All because of him

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Amohelang

Home sweet home

It feels good

I am happy , the doctor didn't see a need to keep us at the hospital for too long

Just two days , and we are out

It feels good to be in my own house

My father is here

Nzuzo as well

This one never wants to miss anything that's happening with his brother

He gives his brother great support

Bandla : you need food ?

Me : no , I am good

He smiles

Bandla : now that he is out of you , I wish I can return him back

What ?

I laugh

Bandla : you were so cute when you ate everything and anything

Me : now he is here , I am going to work on my shape and getting my body back

He takes my hand

Bandla : you gave me God's greatest gift , I appreciate this

body . so don't even feel anyhow , because my son made you like this . Every tear , ever scratch and stretch marks I love them

I don't know what I did

I don't know what prayer I might have prayed

But Lord knows my heart

This man is everything and more

And right now , he just got me all teary

Because what man finds you pregnant

And utter such

Me : I love you Mtungwa

He smiles leaning over and we kiss

We got home today

But I don't feel like I just gave birth

Khaya is with his mother

She is giving him a bath

Bandla

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Me : hey

She lifts her head and looks at me

Bath time seems to be done

And someone is feeding now or is he sleeping

Me : you two good ?

Asa : yeah , he is falling asleep

I walk over to his cot

Me : you are good with him

Asa : he is giving me baby fever , his clothes will be here tomorrow . It was amazing working on his line

I hold her free hand

Me : maybe you should have one

I don't like that she is keeping this to herself

I want her to also enjoy her pregnancy

Right now she is not

Because she is busy keeping it away from me

Asa : I am pregnant Mbulazi

I keep quite

She slowly looks at me

Me : thank you

Asa : please just enjoy being a new father , we still have a long way to go

Come on !

If I can handle two wives

How can I not two kids ?

Me : come here

She gets up slowly , balancing the bottle

Me : I love you

Asa : and I love you

Me : let's be happy to being new parents , and also for the sibling coming

Asa : okay , I love you

Me : I love you too , and thank you for making me a father again . This is a precious gift , it happened now . so it means , it was time now . Don't feel this way , you'll Rob yourself a chance to be a happy mother and enjoy your pregnancy

She leans over for a hug

I lean down hugging her back

Me : be happy

She nods agaisnt my chest

After a while she pulls back

I lean over for a kiss

We kiss for a while , she moves back checking on him

Me : he is sleeping , you can come be with us

She slightly laughs

Asa : I am coming

I don't trust that , but okay

I lean down a give him a peck on his cheek

Amohelang

I look at my lounge and I can't help but just be happy

Khaya is awake , he didn't sleep for long

He's now with uncle Nzuzo

Bandla got them drinks

And it's just laughter around

He and my father are conversing like old friends

The mommy is not at rest

She's busy observing uncle Nzuzo

lt's just so funny

I don't even feel like a new mother right now

I don't have the baby with me

I'm just on my own

I would have never thought this would be me

I am a wife to the most amazing man ever

I'm a mother to someone

Something I've always wanted for so long

I would say right now , God knew what he was doing when he took my mother and left my father

My first love , this man is my everything and more

I'm so glad he got to see all these amazing things happening in my life

Got to witness the wonderful sister wife that I have

She's more of a sister than she is a woman I'm sharing a husband with

Right now , I feel like I'm one of God's favourites

I chuckle at that

I feel hands wrapping behind me

I close my eyes briefly as he places a kiss on my neck

Bandla : I love you mami

I turn and face him

Bandla : why are you crying ?

Me : I'm just happy

He wipes my tears off

We lock eyes for a few minutes

Me : I love you more

He smiles leaning down and we kiss

All I wanted was to be a mother

But now I look in my lounge , and words fail me

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