

## MY SOULMATE

Me: "I never thought you of all people would do me like this, you said you will never leave me, you said you loved me." I had been crying for over a month now and I was sending him voice notes on Whatsapp kodwa dololo akaphenduli, he blue ticks me yet again.

Just as I finish sending my voice note Nsika Knocks again on my door, angmazi ukuth ufunani ngoba he knew Thato was getting married and he didn't bother telling, mnxm then he says his my twin brother ekhohlisa abantu.

Nsika: Yomuzi open the door for me mntaka Ma, I know I should have told you about Thato but he begged me not tell you he said he will tell you himself. Ngiyaxolisa Wele." (I haven't spoken to him in 2 weeks now and it hurts

because we talk about everything but I'm mad as hell).

Me: "Go away Nsika, bekumnandi emshadweni kaThato? You of all people should have told me when you found out but you let me be an idiot, Nsika kanti aren't you my brother, my twin brother, why would you not tell me about this, hamba go back to where you come from and leave me to drown my sorrows ngokuthula"

Nsika: "I was afraid to tell you, you were in love so in love and I hadn't seen you that happy lokhe kwashona ubaba"

I quickly rush to open for him, because he just pissed me off, how dare he brings our father into this.

Me: "Uthini?" I look him straight in the eye, I want him to repeat what he just said about dad."Nsikayomuzi don't you dare you use our father as an excuse to keep things from me" I

brake down and cry, because as much as I'm angry at my twin brother I just needed to be held by him and ngikhale ngizidelise.

Nsika: "Thula Mpandeyomuzi kababa, I'm sorry I didn't tell you I guess I was a coward, nxese half, I promise not keep any secrets from you ever again".

This was our biggest test with my twin brother, you see a month ago my best friend Khosi came to my flat flying to show me iythombe of my then boyfriend (inja) membeso. Khosi had found them on Twitter, don't ask me how cause inja had no social networks accounts. I couldn't believe my eyes, but he was wearing the famous membeso shirt and the lady was wearing ingubo yodumo. I cried so much that I didn't even have a voice, I called my twin brother crying my lungs out and to my surprise he knew but had not told me because Thato had said he

would come clean. I was hurt beyond that day, even my twin brother knew beksele mina nje.

My name is Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, I have an idiot twin brother Nsikayomuzi Khumalo, we are the youngest of 6, I've got 2 big brothers Fikanokuthula (Fika) and Nhlanhla, then 2 sisters Langelihle (Lihle) and Thembalamntungwa (Themba) it's a girls name too, I don't know what my parents were thinking when they named my sister Themba but ke, it is what it is. My dad past on 3 years ago which is when I met Thato (inja). And well the love of my life Mom is still around, iCherry kaDad madoda, I love her so much Mrs Zama Khumalo.

This is my story of how I found my soulmate.

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After I found out that Thato, who I had been dating for 3 years, then was getting married I lost myself and got depressed for months.

When I first found out, it was with pictures from umembeso wakhe that took place at Ladysmith, my friend found out on Twitter where one of his friends had shared the pictures congratulating him. Our friends were there, I was the only one absent, meaning everyone knew besides me. I sent him an Sms congratulating him with an attached picture of him and his madam, wearing iOutfit yodumo. I binged on vodka that weekend, I whatsapped him, called and sms'd him but dololo uThato.

Three months later he shows up at my door, wearing a ring mntakaDad, his things were in a big Nike bag, the previous day I decided to clean up my space. So I put all his clothes in a bathtub and put jik, and went to dry them. Now

Thato was a typical durban boy izinto ubeythanda iscefe, so his clothes were expensive, so I knew I hit a nerve. I cut some jeans ngabenza obhemude \*hehehehe\*. Packed and waited for him to show up, luckily today he manned up and came.

Thato: "Yomuzi I sorry, I didn't mean foe you to find out the way you did. I jjust thought my parents would understand that I don't love that girl, it was arranged baby" inamanga lenja mnxm "Mpandeyomuzi, please say something, please understand Mamntungwa I would never intentionally hurt you, ngiyaxolisa Yomuzi, I asked Nsika to not tell you when he overheard me speaking to my father cause I wanted to be the one telling you, I am really sorry Mpande. I came to take my stuff" he attempted to get inside, you see I hadn't allowed him to get inside my flat, he had been standing by the door when he was apologising.

Me: "ima nje lapho Sithole, don't get inside I will bring you your trash" I walked to take his bag

Thato: "I'm really sorry Yomuzi, no amounts of sorry's can mend your heart or take away your pain but I'm sorry waiting your time all these years Makhumalo, I just thought I'd have a plan by the time I have to marry her" when I walked back to the sitting room he was now sitted, I could hear him talk while I was taking his things, what hell is he doing in my sittingroom

Me: "Did I not tell you not to get inside my flat Thato" I looked at him straight in the eye and he quickly stood up " you don't listen to simple instructions, I don't want your sorry's, I don't want to see you Thato, sengathi ungashayiswa yimoto futhi nxaaaa, now this everything that belongs to you, hamba ungabheki emuva swayini". He was shocked, Thato had never seem me that angry. He stood up and tried to kiss me and I stopped him

Me: "does your wife know youre busy trying to force yourself on your ex girlfriend?"

Ungazonginyanyisa"

He left, I closed my door and went to the kitchen and tool out my bottle of Absolute Vodka and a glass and dry lemon from the fridge and mixed it ngabhlaba.

I woke up in the morning with a massive headache with my twin brother cuddling me.

Me: "Nsika let me go, it's hot mani"

Nsika: "Stop drinking so much Yomuzi, you called last night crying, I thought you were over Thato it's been 3 months now, I will tell Fika if you continue like this" I turned to look at him and he was dead serious, our big brother was now our dad, he was overprotective and was strict as F\*ck and didn't take nonsense

Me: "mus'ukphapha wena, you know how Fika

will leave everything and come here to reprimand me about crying over a boy. Nsika I loved that piece of shit and not once in the 3 years we date did I ever suspect anything" I cry again

Nsika: " Stop crying now, you'll go back to hospital, you know how I don't function if you're not okay Mpandeyomuzi, hush now half hush"

Me: " I just need to cry one more day and then I'll be fine yezwa give just today and I will stop" he gave me a tight hug

Nsika: "okay one more day ke, just today and you stop"

Indeed I cried and drank again on Sunday we drank together with Nsika and cuddled again. I woke up just in time for showering and getting to work, I saw a note from Nsika 'hey half I left already for work will chat soon <3 ' I just smiled and went to shower, dressed up and went to

work. I got to work and went straight to my booth, and started doing some work after a few hours I received a call from mom.

Me: "Mazulu unjan kodwa"

Mom: "Mpandeyomuzi kaMntungwa angsakwazi ntombi, awu ngiyalizonda igoli elangithathela abantabam" I chuckled because my mom was the master of emotional blackmail and exaggeration

Me: "Hawu mama, we speak almost everyday and Nsika and I were just there 2 week's ago"

Mom: "Sibonga uNsika otherwise you were going to die without us even knowing that you were not okay, I hate what that boy did to you, you even lost weight from 36 to 32 Yomuzi, you almost killed me man" she sighed

Me: "oh mom I didn't mean to scare you nxese Mamntwana"

Mom: "I just called to say I miss you, Nhlanhla

was here last week to show me his girlfriend that he wants to marry, yhuuuu she's so beautiful baby, I hear she works at SARS, hayi mani that girl can even cook even Themba likes her and you know how hard Themba is towards your brothers girlfriends" I laugh hard cause its true, Themba gives everyones partner lol she's the typical mean sister in-law.

Me: "hahahah mom I need to go before I get fired, I love you Mrs Khumalo"

Mom: "bye baby, love you too"

I should actually call my siblings, I last spoke to them last month while they came to see me at hospital when I was diagnosed with depression. We chat but it's not the same.

Before I know it its 5pm and it's time to go home, I need to go drop my files and my bosses office before I leave. I do so and head home.

I get to my flat and when I jjust get out of the lift

I see a lady standing by my door.

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I forgot to describe myself. I'm a 24 year old working for a marketing company, I was a 36 now 32, I've got a big bum with big hips and I'm short, and I'm not light nor am I dark. I'm not your magazine beautiful girl, I'm just your average girl, ngimikahle nje. I love reading. My twin is almost opposite of me, we are not identical, but siyafana cause we are twins, his tall and handsome, our skin tone is the same though. We work in Johannesburg at the same company just different branches, we did Business Science and I did my honours in Marketing while he did A course in IT, hence we work on different departments.

So there's a lady with a long weave by my door,

I wonder who she is as I walk closer taking out my keys

Me: " Hi, May I help you " I smile but ugirlings aint about that life, she looks at me from head to tow

Girl: "Are you Yomuzi" she asks while chewing, I look at her calm as fuvk, she's pretty though but her nasty attitude makes her look ugly, and she's chewing gum, sies who still does that in this day and age?

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi, yes that's me ngingakusiza ngani"

Girl: "I don't like what you did to my man's clothes, I mean ujole naye knowing very well that he was going to marry me so I don't understand why you're angry at all, you're a petty bitch, who threw herself to an engaged man, now listen and listen carefully Sisi..." I cut her off very quick before she continues insulting

me

Me: " Ngizokuhlakaza ngempama mina, whoever told you that I'm going to be your playground misled you, I will beat you up nendoda yakho mina, you don't know me and I don't know you and I don't care about you. I suggest you leave before I beat the shit out of you" She looks at me in shock, I guess her husband didn't warn her about me, I'm a pitbull once I bite I don't let go, once I start hitting this skinny girl I will break her skinny ass and clean the floor with her skinny ass "now leave before your husband finds you at a hospital, MOVE!" she quickly moves and runs to the lift and I chuckle bantu lemconjwana.

Just as I get in my phone rings, and I take it out and it's Lihle the Cool sister.

Me: "Lihle sisi wami unjan kodwa" I say with a

big smile, I love my siblings kodwa. Lihle just brightens my mood, she's such a hippie, She's a lecturer at Ukzn, at home they call us the "woke ones" lol we are exactly that Woke

Lihle:" Mpandeyomuzi kaMntunga, how are you princess, I miss you"

Me:" lol Lihle you just saw me, I'm fine, I jjust got in and Thatos wife just attempted to scare me because I Jikd her husbands stuff" Lihle chuckles

Lihle: " lol does that girl not know that you're crazy and you will clean floors with her ass" we laugh "Thato didn't tell her I see" we laugh "how are you on a serious note though?"

Me: "I'm so much better then the last time, I haven't called him in oover a month now, I don't cry anymore and I hardly drink"

Lihle: "hardly" we laugh "it's good to hear you laugh and so grown Yomuzi, phela the Yomuzi I

know would have jumped on that bitch the minute she opened her mouth" I laugh cause its true "come down to Durban next week for the long weekend"

Me:" now that's an idea sisi, I haven't spoiled my niece and nephew in a while"

Lihle: "haaibo I didn't call you hear for those brats, come Thursday night and leave on Sunday, I'll book your flight now so you won't give me any excuses" hahaha she knows me too well I use to cancel on the last minute.

Me: " I won't Lihle hawu, greet the kids for me he, see you Thursday night babe" we said our goodbyes and hung up. I went to shower before I cooked for myself.

The week flew and it was Thursday and was all packed and ready to go Khosi was going to drop me at the airport and pick me up on

monday, I took a day off again. I couldn't wait to see my sister, Lihle and Themba were married with kids, Themba liked acting old so we hardly chill I will probably chill with them on Sunday with mom and the kids and Bhut Fika and his wife and kids. But Friday and Saturday it's strictly the cool kids Nhlanhla and Lihle.

I see Lihle walking towards me and Ndalo my niece running towards me and I quickly grab her, I love the way she calls me

Ndalo:" Ncane I've missed you, you don't love Ndalo anymore" lol oh wow I didn't I didn't expect that at all, I hug Lihle as we laugh

Me:" You know I've got mad love for you Ndalo, wheres Sihle?"

Lihle: "his helping his dad pack for the weekend they are all leaving including this one, they are visiting kubo until Monday" She winks at me, that means sodakwa from today until Sunday

Lol we leave going to their house in Zimbali, phela Lihle married a lawyer who has businesses so she's rich.

Me: "Sihle kaNcane" I shout as I walk in and he comes running down almost falling

Andile (Lihles husband): "I wish you fall so I hit you, I warn you everyday about running in the house " he says walking down towards me

Me: " Hawu kodwa Msindazwe"

Andile: " Your kids don't listen including your little Angel there Ndalo" he says pointing at her lol " I told her not to go to the airport cause shes hasn't finished packing but noooo" I laugh and he laughs too giving me a hug "how are you Yomuzi, sorry about Thato"

Me: " I'm all good Sbali, all good" he gives me a nice long hug and goes out to fetch my bags in the car while I bond with the kids before they leave.

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Andile left with the kids leaving me with my sister to enjoy the weekend drowning in alcohol, hehehbe kuzonyiwa yezwa. First I call my twin whose joining us Saturday cause apparently he has a thing with his girlfriend tomorrow and they had planned it a while back and had to shift it because I was going through stuff which meant Nsika was also Awol emotionally. I called Nsika to check on him and Khosi to check in and say Im at home. While I was talking to Khosi my sister showed me a bottle of Ciroc, Jizas I love vodka, so I said my goodbyes and hit the bottle lol. I called Nhlanhla and he said he was on his way useseduze..... Kusazobamnandi lol.

Nhlanhla came and we were half way with the

bottle he had 2 bottles of Ciroc naye, lol and it was just the 3 of us lol. We drank the whole night until we fell asleep on the sofas, many would judge us but we don't really care lol. We woke around 9 and Lihle suggested we eat out so we drove to gateway because I wanted to get a few novels and do some shopping. We got to gate way and went straight to Mugg n Bean we were hungry yezwa. After breakfast Nhlanhla recieved a call from his girlfriend telling to come back cause she misses him mnxm! He told us he would be joining us later again cause his off and he wants me to meet the Mrs. Seems like I'm the only one whose single laykahya. Lihle and I went to look for books and did shopping I bought a few items at Zara with Lihles money, phela she's married to a rich man does nothing with her salary, bayadela abanyo sisi shame. When we were done with our shopping we went to Tashas for a late Lunch. We ordered and we were having a

few cocktails

Lihle: "Yomuzi I had forgotten how much you love shopping, I'm so tired. I think you will go out with Nhlanhla tonight sisi iyoo"

Me:" Don't be extra Lihle hawu, we still have time hawu, don't be that person"

Lihle:" Ngiyakudlalisa hawu" we laughed the waiter brought our food and said the bill has been settled by a gentleman and he said a tab has been opened for. "Kwaze kwamnandi eThekwini" I thought to myself.

Lihle: "Asenze mnaka ma sidakwe siphelwe icala" we laughed

Me:" lol Lihle you Sony even know who settled our bill sufuna udakwa"

Lihle: " Mina I can afford my own stuff if someone wants to buy me stuff indaba yabo leyo angibacelanga" lol this girl kodwa. I called Nhlanhla telling him we were going to change at

his place since he stayed at Mbilo and we are going to Florida, going back to Zimbali wasn't an option now since we were getting drunk. After cooling off we went to Pick n Pay to get toiletries to freshen up KwaNhlanhla.

Me:" Nhlanhla vula we're downstairs" the gate opened and we drove in and we went up to his flat. We find the door opened so we jumped in, I couldn't believe my eyes, what the Fuvk is she doing here?

Nhlanhla: " Hi guys, senifikile, meet my girlfriend..." I jump her before he could even finish and she runs to hide behide Nhlanhla.

"Yomuzi WTF mani" I look at her, I'm pissed, I can't believe it's been over 7 years now but I'm still mad at her, I hate what he did to Nsika. He went to that dark place luckily dad was still around because we would have lost him.

Me:" Phumla did I not tell you stay away from my family, did I not tell you that I will beat you up? Do you know that Nsika almost killed himself, leave before I do something stupid" Lihle and Nhlanhla are so confused right now, that's because they were in Varsity and we didn't tell them about my brother's suicide attempt, they were about to write exams.

Nhlanhla:" Leave Phumla, or she will hurt you" he wasn't even looking at her, he was confused and hurt and I could tell he loved her but I could never allow her back in our lives, we almost lost Nsika.

Phumla:" Nhlanhla please allow to explain, I'm so sorry I didn't know that you guys were siblings" She's fuvking lying, you could never miss our resemblance, we look alike, especially my brothers they looked like one person in different ages, I jumped over Nhlanhla and Luckily He was not ready for me so I gave her a

hot clap!

Nhlanhla:" Yomuzi you will hurt her bese uyaboshwa" he looked at her with pleading eyes

Me:" I don't understand why she has to lie, are the pictures on Nhlanhla's walls invisible, angikufuni anywhere near my family ngifunga amantungwa ngizokulimaza" She quickly rushed to take her bag and left. Now I was left with an angry Nhlanhla and a confused Lihle, I went to the fridge where I found a bottle of vodka ngathi Stiff. Now I need to tell these two what happened 7 years ago

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I walk back to Lihle and Nhlanhla while having my vodka, they both looked at me waiting for me to explain. I know dad said this must stay between the three of us but today I will share this with my siblings.

Nhlanhla: " why did Nsika almost kill himself and why didn't you guys tell us this" his not looking at me I know his pissed and his containing his anger "and does that have to do with Pumla"

Me:" Promise not to tell mom or she will die"

Lihle: "Mom doesn't know? Kant what did you do and how did you manage to hide from ma?"

Me: " Nsika and I killed Mthobisi Ngcobo" I drank my vodka again, they both looked up at me with Shock written all over their eyes. "I couldn't let Nsika live under another man's shadow and we needed to pass our matric with flying colours to get that Scholarship, so I wasent going to all Mtho to take that away from us" Nsika and I depended on each other emotionally, when the other one was not doing well we both crashed.

Nhlanhla: " manje uPhumla ungenaphi lapho?"

Me: " that little skinny whore was responsible for all this drama nxaa" I gave him an annoyed look " Nsika use to date Pumla so that's one reason why you can't date her" Nhlanhla looks at me again with a confused look.

Nhlanhla: "when cause Pumla is from New Castle?"

Me:" Is that what she told you? Hehehe hamba Pumla, uPumla is from our hood, kwaDlamini emabhasini Nhlanhla, yes you wouldn't know her because vele she's not your age, she was still a kid when you and Fika went to boarding school it didn't help that went on to varsity, nut I'm sure she knew you very well, Sly bitch"

Lihle: " Now I see her yaz, she is Sthembiles little sister? Now I actually see her"

Me:" As I was saying this witch used to date Nsika, one day Nsika came back from school beaten up, I had left him because he does

sports, dad asked him what happened and he told us that the Ngcobo brothers had ganged up on him and their big brother told him to leave Pumla alone"

Nhlanhla: " why didnt dad tell us this?" I sshrugged my shoulders

Me:" I went to confront Pumla at sschool about this and apologised saying that Nsika and her had broken up but Nsika didn't want to accept that that's why the Brothers beat him up, I told her shit without involving Nsika"

Lihle: " so that's why you killed Mtho?" I rolled my eyes at Lihle and took another sip from my Vodka.

Me:" Stop being extra Lihle, so weeks went and before we knew it its our Matric ball, Nsika shows up with Pumla, I rushed to him and asked him what's he doing with the witch, I could see Mthos brother and I knew he would

tell, he told me to chill and that they were here as friends, I let go and went to Sipho umzala whom I had initially come with, after that we went to the after party, Nsika was MIA and his phone was just ringing and taking me to voicemail, I thought he was probably he was fuvking that witch, at around 3 I want to go home and Nsika is Still MIA and we can't leave without him, something was just not feeling right now, in comes Pumla and the devil Mtho, I rush to her and ask where Nsika is and she says she last saw him at school, I know she's hiding something because her eyes are all over the place" Nhlanhla has his elbows on top of his knees and Hands on his checks not looking at me at all, all the men in family do this when shit is not popping.

Me:" I call Sipho and we go looking for Nsika at school but Nsika is nowhere, I look everywhere, it's almost 5 now and I can't find him, I walk

towards the Soccer fields, and I see him laying there helpless, I run to him kuyabanda his naked I take off my jacket and cover him his beaten up and bleeding at least he was breathing but as I cover him I notice his bleeding at a rather unusual place for a guy, I call Dad now crying and tell him where we are. I cover him up and call Siphos to the fields cause we had split, he comes and I'm hysterical and we wait for dad. Dad takes us to entabeni hospital, I call the nurse aside and tell her that I think she raped him" Nhlanhla looks up with Shock starts crying and Lihle walks up to the kitchen and comes back with a bottle of Vodka " So that's how Nsika ended up in hospital the first time"

Lihle: " Nsika was went to hospital more than once?"

Me: "That bimbo raped my brother, and he thought he could live to tell the tale" I said shouting and crying " I told dad that Mtho raped

Nsika and he just broke down, I had never seen him like that, he asked that this stayed between us cause you guys were writhing exams and mom would die. We went home told mom that Nsika had been beaten up by thieves after the farewell, we went to check on him and the nurse told us that he had not spoken and eaten since we left him but they had done all the test and gave him all the necessary medication, I went to him and got in bed with him and he just cried Lihle" I wiped my tears and refilled my drink.

Nhlanhla: "so mom still doesn't know?"

Me:"yep, after that Nsika was not fine, he didn't even eat with us anymore, he couldn't look at dad in the eye, one day he left school saying he was sick I quickly rushed home to check him out and I found him laying in bed with his wrists cut, I went crazy and called dad who took us to the hospital again and then he was put in

suicide watch" my siblings were hearing this for the very first time and I think the alcohol was making them too emotional

Lihle:" I would have killed that boy myself if I were there" we both turned to look at her and she was dead serious

Me: " we needed to focus and pass but with Nsika depressed I couldn't focus, so thats when I saw it was best that Mtho dies, Nsika came out a week before exams and it was time we killed Mtho, I asked Pumlas friend to get me Mthos numbers and she did and I gave her 20 bucks, I sent Mtho an Sms telling him that it's Pumla and he should with her at the old shop and that her phone was dead thats why she was using another phone number." " I waited for Nsika after school and told him that we needed to sort something out because I wanted my brother back"

Lihle:" Mpandeyomuzi this is too much so much

things going on and you were dealing with it wedwa, I'm sorry for not paying attention" she lets out a sob,

Me:" When we get to the old Shop Mtho is already there waiting for 'Pumla' he sees us and just laughs and tells us to leave before he repeats what he did to Nsika to the both of us and Nsika tries to leave and I tell him moms famous words ' No Mntungwa backs down from a fight, kubo Mbulazi' and he stays" Nhlanhla chuckles because he knows these words very well, Fika and him use to beat the shit out of at their school dad use to be called every week emaceleni, until he just stopped going. It was the same with Nsika and I, it's only Lihle and Themba that we the behaved kids the ladies of the house.

Me: " I think Mtho thought we were joking when he saw put our bags down but immediately when he saw the darkness in our eyes he

started being nervous, his brothers were not there just him and us, we made sure that we beat him, Nsika was on top of him when I noticed he wasn't breathing"

Me: " I then called dad and told us to leave and he will sort it out and that it stays between the 3 of this"

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Nhlanhla: " let's just just drown ourselves in this vodka and eat junk, I don't feel like going out anymore, Yomuzi I'm really sorry asdakwe mntaka ma" we drank our Vodka and junk, we had to sleepover at Nhlanhla's cause we were really out and Zimbali was actually far. I was woken up by Nsika's phone call telling me that he was boarding his flight and when I checked the time it was 9am which meant at 10:30 am he will be landing. I woke these two up and we

freshened up, and went to pick up Nsika at the airport. He came out running to me it's like I last saw him last month but I had recently seen him on Wednesday, ukphapha nje.

Nsika: " Hey twin, guys how are you doing? I've missed you yaz." these two couldn't even look Nsika in the eye they were just being awkward mnxm idiots.

Nsika: " what's with the Silence hawu, is everything fine? Lihle aren't you going to tease me or something?" these two idiots are being extra right now, they aren't even hugging him.

Me:" Bhabhalaz bafo"

Nsika: " rough night huh? Wena you are abusing alcohol you should stop now" he gave me a stern look, lol this one likes thinking his older than me lol.

Me: " awungyeke, let go have breakfast at gateway Mathole omntungwa" we all laughed

and got to gateway and headed to Circus circus.

Nsika: " Lihle how is Sihle and Ndalo, can't wait to see them tomorrow, is Andile treating you well, you lost weight mani are you on a diet or something?" Lihle starts to Sob, what the freaking hell, ukhalelani manje lo! Wow yaz I see why my dad made us promise not to tell, hayi man.

Nsika:" what's wrong Langelihle? Is Andile mistreating you, I will deal with him now let's go." I shake my head in disbelief and hold Nsikas arm for him to sit, Lihle is still crying.

Me: " ukhalelani makaNdalo" I look at her annoyed as fuvk. "Nsika I told them everything "

Nsika: "Ini? What are talking about?"

Me:" about Mtho, everything..." he cuts me off

Nsika:" What the F Mpandeyomuzi, wow... Why? Now look at them looking at me with pity nxa mani Yomuzi hayi mani."

Me:" I had to angithi Nhlanhla decided to date that witch Pumla..."

Nhlanhla:" Hey Yomuzi it's not like I knew hawu, and why did you hide this from us Nsika, we could have dealt with Mtho yaz"

Nsika: " this is why we didn't tell you all these years, because of this look you're giving me now, Lihle would you stop crying, were you the one Mtho raped? You guys treat us like kids yesses" he was really annoyed

Me:" May I please have the bill?"

Waiter:" Your bill has already been settled mam" we all look at each other with Shock but Lihle wants to leave so we leave it at that.

Nhlanhla and Lihle have loosened up now, thank Gooood, the pitty party they were throwing was starting to bore me. It's just 7pm and Nsika suggests we call Themba to come and we all

shout no because Themba is a bad drunk she cries a lot, she misses dad and her ex's so siright ngaye.

Lihle:" let's go mates, we will uber cause I aint driving tonight, I wanna get sloshed" we laugh

Nhlanhla: " is there a day where you don't get sloshed when we're out Langelihle?" lol two baqalile lol

We arrive at cubana and the fun begins, we get our drinks and we start our night with shooters, I love myself some cocktails tonight no vodka lol, we hit the dance floor with Lihle as we dance I feel like someone is watching me so I stop and go sit down and continue to drink. Andile walks in and Lihle jumps to him, these two have been married 3 year's now but they act like they just got married lol. Nhlanhla and Nsika say we must go to some house party,

Nsika knows I don't like people's spaces so o know his trying his luck and really want to go, we tell them it's fine we will catch a ride with Andile. I hit the dance floor again and this time I know someone is watching me but the alcohol is in control now so I don't care. The song changes so I go back to out table and find Andile and Lihle with some guy, I sit next to him, these two are busy being lovey dovey here That they don't even introduce me to this guy.

Guy:" Hi my name is Nqobizizwe Zungu but my friends call me Zwe" he takes his had for a hand shake and I take it

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, but my friends call me Yomuzi" he gives me a wide smile.

Zwe: " Wow nice and different name, wow" I just laugh "So what are you drinking, Mpande?" I smile

Me:" Vodka with dry lemon please" he calls the

waiter and asks for a bottle of Absolute with cranberry juice and dry lemon

Zwe: "Andile here is my old good friend and business partner, him and wife are always like this ngibamba ikhandlela njalo" I laugh hard cause its true these two are always on a kissing tip

Me: "Lihle here is my sister, and I totally feel you when it comes to their pda, ungsizile wafika" we both laugh but he stares at me a bit longer that I become uncomfortable

Zwe: " umuhle yaz, I love your hair" he says touching my dreads " Your eyes are beautiful yesses"

Me: " don't be weird dude" he laughs mnxm there I was thinking I was going to have a fun peaceful night now this guy is trying his luck. I excuse myself cause I'm going to the loo, I tell drunk Lihle and make my way to the loo. When

I come there's no Lihle or Andile, I call them but dololo. WTF

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The only person I know in this club now is Zwe, I can't believe Lihle and Andile left me just like that shame. I try to call my brother but my battery dies, how convenient mnxm. I'm way to drunk, I don't know how I'll get it Nhlanhla's flat if I get a cab and so I need to ask lomlisa to take me to Lihle's house. This last happened when I was doing my second year when my friends left me at a club at long street and later claimed that I had left mnxm fucking losers. I walk back to our table and Zwe was just smiling looking at me.

Zwe: " wanna grab one more round of drinks then I take you home neh, how about that huh?"

Me: " okay that sounds good, let's have Jager"

he Chuckles

Zwe: " I see you want to get sloshed" he went to the bar and came back with 6 Jaegermeister shots, I laughed cause it was about to go down.

We downed the shots and went to his car all I remember is getting in his car, nice big car I can't even see what it was. Lights out!

\*Nqobizizwe\*

I first saw her at Tasha she was a lady who looks just like her but she's lighter and older, actually I know that lady it's Lihle, Andiles wife, Andile is an old friend and a business partner. I at a business lunch so I have to professional, so I tell the waiter that I will pay their bill and he must open a tab for them I'll pay and then went back to my business lunch. She has nice dreads, like really nice ones. Her smile is amazing and she's so loud lol, typical black girl. She looks

like she lost weight though but I don't mind that at all. As soon as they call the waiter I see her turn and I can't believe this, her eyes are beautiful too. I'm inlove, ngadla mina kababa. Kuthi angigiye.

I take out my phone to call Andile so he can help me this girl.

Me:" Msindazwe how are you?" he Chuckles I guess he knows I want something

Andile: " Manzini unjan mngan wam"

Zwe: "I'm in love Andile, I love her, her smile is the bomb, she's all natural" my eyes are closed as I say this lol, he laughs out loud

Andile: " What the fuvk Zwe, who are you in love with? You sound stupid futhi, stop it"

Zwe: "it's your sister in law uyangichaza yeses" I'm smiling here

Andile: "who Themba? How do you know

Themba? Where are you?" I sigh thank God now I know her name. " wait how do you know she's my sister in-law" he interrupts

Me: " cause I see her with your wife here at tashas, I loves her dreads man" he laughs

Andile: " ooooh thats Yomuzi, dude that's the little one stay away from her, she's just had hwe heart broken by some asshole and she almost lost it, stay away Zwe. She just started speaking to her family since her horrible breakup, you're a fuck boy, stay away" he warns Me:" What?

Come onnnn Mdletshe, I honestly love her man, I'm inlove" he laughs

Andile: "You don't even know her like that Zwe, plus she's rude as Fuck, doesn't listen to anyone and is a pitbull, you won't be handle her with that temper of yours" I laugh this time

Me: "Andile I think I've found the one" we talk about other things then I hang up. Love at first

sight. Listen this girl is not beautiful she's just your average girl with a banging body, beautiful eyes and an amazing smile.

\*Yomuzi\*

I wake up with a banging headache, where the fuck am I and where's my phone, the last thing I remember is drinking those shot. Oh shity shit the picnic with the siblings and the mother, where am I? I get up from the bed, this room is manly and dark, I rush to the mirror. I'm wearing just my underwear and a guy's t-shirt, have ma I just hope angilahlanga. The guy from last night walks in shirtless, mnxm angimazi akagqokile ngan, he stands ny the door frame  
Zwe:" nothing happened, I slept on the couch even" I look at him and nod

Me:" I didn't say anything happened, where's my phone? What time is it" he Chuckles and points

at my phone which is charging by the bed side. I pick it up and open it, and it starts vibrating non stop, I wait for it and check the time then my messages. It's just after 8am, Zwe is still standing by the door angmaz ungibukani, I call Lihle first it rings once and she answers

Lihle: " where are Mpandeyomuzi kaMntungwa" she's sounds worried so I keep quiet at just to scare her lol "Yomuzi speak Nsika will die without you" I laugh

Me: " Nsika will survive, ungsusa egoli uzongidayisa la eThekwini Langelihle heh?"

Lihle: " it's not like that Yomuzi it's Andiles fault he said you will be safe with Zwe" "haa baby" I hear Andile shout from the background lol these two though, we talk and she says Zwe will drop me off and I hang up, Zwe is still by the door, uthanda iyndaba

Zwe: " Whose Nsika and why can't he live

without you" haaibo TF

Me: " what's it to you, uzokwnzani?"

He walks closer and narrows his eyebrows  
hahahaha didn't they tell this nigga that I ain't  
scared of shit

Me: " Stop doing that with your eyebrows it  
doesn't suit you, if want to know to know  
something ask politely don't be rude, now ask  
again" he stop and laughs a bit

Zwe: " Whose Nsika, Mpande?" he says more  
calm now lol angmaz ubezamani

Me: " Nsikayomuzi is my twin brother, please  
take me to my sisters house" I face looks  
relieved but he frowns

Zwe: " Please stay for breakfast, I've already  
made it" he scratches his head

Me: " Nxese maybe next time, I'm rushing to our  
familys picnic and I still want to go to the beach

later" he sighs and goes to put on some clothes while I dress up too and we leave.

Just as we drive out of his apartment, which is beautiful by the way for a guy Nsika calls

Me: "Nsikayomuzi kaMntungwa sup?" this idiot smiles, angmaz ukuth usinekani

Nsika: " Where are you half? I'm at Zimbali and Andile says ulele iOut?" TF

Me:"Zwe where are we? " he says morning side "Morning side boo, please put Lihle on the phone" I knew Nsika was going to throw a tantrum but ain't nobody got time for that

Lihle: "Sup boo?"

Me: "please take out my yellow dress, its hot here and fix it for me"

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\*Zwe\*

This girl is so rude yaz, I tried intimidating her and she threw it in my face and told me to learn some manners, like WTF. I got to look at her well today morning, I was supposed to drive to Zimbali today but we were both too junk so I didn't want to take chances ngempilo yengane yabantu so I headed to my place which was close by vele. We got home and she was fast asleep, so I picked her up and put her in bed, changed her dress and put my pj top on her and slept on the couch, I didn't want any drama in the morning. I woke up earlier than her and went to make breakfast I didn't want to wake her. I heard that she was up, she's was fidgeting so I went to look because I knew she was looking for her phone, so I stood by the door frame and watched her a bit until she saw that I was there which is when I showed her phone which I had put on a charger. Whuuuu I saw her

body cause she was just wearing my pj top, those Zebra lines on her butt looked so sexy! This girl is not you're magazine perfect girl She's just normal kodwa uyangihlanyisa. She has hips for days and a nice bum, her breasts look amazing under that top, wadla Gwabini. Her attitude makes me laugh because she doesn't force it its just natural nje, uyeyisa. I she asks me to drive her to her sister place because they are running late for a family picnic, I would have liked to have breakfast with her though but she said next time. So I drive her home and watch her on the phone with her siblings, she makes me wish my siblings and I got along like this. It's been 3Years now and I have not set foot at home, I call mom and she begs me to come and I tell her I'm busy, truth is I can't stand the fights we have at home with regards the businesses and taking care of mom, so I jjust do my own thing nje.

Me: " So Mpandeyomuzi tell me about yourself"  
I say after she drops her phone, I love her name too

Yomuzi: " Please call me Yomuzi, only dad use to call me Mpandeyomuzi and I'd like to keep it that way, and my siblings too when they are panicking, what would you like to know" she looks up at me with a frown

Me: "Can I call you Mpande ke? Your age, where do you stay and work, marital status, kids etc"  
she frowned when when I Said marital status I know I shouldn't have done that but I'm trying her

Yomuzi: "Yomuzi is fine thanks, a woman never reveals her age, I stay in Joberg and work for Marking company, I'm single and not looking, I've got no kids yet my nieces and nephews are my kids and you?" she just gave me huge sigh like she was holding her breath.

Me:" But I love calling you Mpande Makhumalo"  
she rolls her eyes lol " well I'm well I'm 31, I sTay  
here in Durban, I love this place, I'm single too  
but I'm looking, I want kids I don't have any yet"  
I'm lying I'm not single but we wi'll cross that  
bridge when I get there. I thought I loved her but  
now I'm just not sure, we've been together for a  
while now. But now my eyes are on Mpandeeee  
<3. Before I know it we are at Zimbali and I drive  
in and she gets off says Thank you and jumps  
off leaving me kanjalo nje so I follow her inside  
lol this girl.

\*Yomuzi\*

I jump off Zwes car and head inside and there's  
chaos, everyone is here even Fika with his wife  
Lindi and their kids Sthelo and Unazoi, they run  
to me and I give them hugs, I've been these

people. I put them down and jump on Fika, I've missed my big brother and he looks like my dad and I let out a Sob.

Fika: " Manje ukhalelani Yomuzi?" he looks at me " I saw you me last month"

Me: " You just look like dad namuhla" hi tightened his hug, Zwe walks in and Sihle and Ndalo ran to him and jumped on him, I see he loves kids too

Fika: " Whose this?" he says pointing at Zwe with his eyes and Nsika walks in with Nhlanhla I laugh cause my brothers look alike and I can see that Zwe is shocked lol

Me: " Andiles friend, and theres nothing to it so relax" and they all backoff, I see Andile and Lihle walk down and Andile is not looking at me and mnxm I see now that he did what he did last night on purpose.

Lihle: "Usufikile ntombi " she says not looking at

me either " go shower your cloths are on the bed, Hi Nqobizizwe" these idiots, Im not looking for a relationship Thato killed my love and sexual desires for other human beings.

We all leave to meet up with my mom and Themba at Botenic gardens and Andile invites Zwe to join us, I don't know why cause this is a family thing and his not family. Zwe says he will join us later he still needs to sort out somethings. As soon as we get to Botenic gardens I see mom and Themba already sitting and having wine, tshisa Mazulu. We get to them and give them hugs and we sit and my nieces and nephews start playing.

Mom: " please gain the weight back boo, you look horrible" talk about someone who has no filter at all

Siblings: " Hawu moooom" and she ignores

them

Me: "I agree with you mom, I miss my hips and bum" they all laugh. We all enjoy our day together Nsika and I go to the beach before we go back to the city of Gold. Now I really want to come back to Durban, I'll talk to Nsika about this.

Jozi maboneng, we just landed and I guess Khosi had forgotten about so Nsika and his girlfriend offered me a lift and if I might add she doesn't like, and i don't care. I get home and think about this weekend, ngaze ngadakwa, maybe it's true what Nsika says that I use alcohol as a way of dealing with my problems, oh well!

It's the last week of October and our birthday month is about to start, the first two weeks

Nsika and I shut the whole world out, it's that time where Mtho happened. For two weeks we take time off and his drifts off to a dark place where he doesn't talk he just cries and eats, well I force him, I cuddle him for two weeks and after that we go back to work and life goes back to Normal, the family has accepted this and we move on to our birthday which is on the 26th. Nsika walks in carrying lunch at my office Me: " Mntungwa what a pleasant surprise, to what do I owe this visit?"

Nsika: " hawu I don't need a reason to being my sister" we laugh " we need to talk Yomuzi" I look at him and I know his serious " I don't want to go to that dark place anymore half, I'm thinking of speaking to someone, a professional"

Me: " anything you want half, I'll support you, at least I won't be dealing with your bad body odour this year" we laugh " on a serious note though, I'm proud of you Nsika and I will be with

you through it all" we hug and he leaves now  
let's start planning our 25th birthday party :-D.

It's the second week of November and I am  
sleeping peaceful when I'm woken up by a  
phone call from Nsika, it's 2 am, bloody hell!

Me: " yini kodwa Nsika"

Nsika: " Its Bayanda" oh! And she's crying

Me: " where's Nsika, why are you crying, I'm  
coming " I quickly wake up and drive to Nsikas  
flat and quickly run to his room and I find him  
just lying there and Baya crying.

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Me:"Bayanda for how long has my brother been  
like this?" his laying like his lifeless on his dead,  
his breathing at least

Baya: "He back really from work, I don't even

think he stayed even an hour there, he came in like he saw a ghost, and he hasn't said a word Yomuzi" now she's crying

Me: " why, didn't you call me? My brother has been like this from yesterday and only call me know cause his not moving" no his not dead, he just went to that Dark place, I don't know why or what happened he was doing fine when we spoke in the morning, he was speaking to someone, I truly don't know what triggered this. I crawl into bed with him and I cuddle him. And then he cries, he lets it all out.

Me: " What happened Nsika? Talk to me Mashobane."

Nsika: " I thought I was fine Yomuzi, but today I when I went to work, my boss called me up and when I walked in, I saw him. He looks just like him, it's like I just saw a ghost half" who is he talking about?

Me:" Who did you see manje? And why did they look like a ghost?" he turns to look at me, his eyes are red and swollen, he wants to cry again  
Nsika: "Sandile" I give him a questioning look with my left eyebrow up "Sandile Ngcobo half, he was doing grade 10 when we were in matric"

Me: " Oh shit so you think he knows" oh my fuvk, we are in shit. "we will deal with it, we will sort it out, don't allow him to take you back to this dark place Nsika, you were doing so well, let's get out of bed" we both get out of bed and head to the lounge and Bayanda was sitting there drinking coffee and she looked pissed, what's her problem

Bayanda: " I begged you for hours to tell me what's going on Nsika and you just shut me out and your sister comes here for an hour and you're up and looking good! What the Fuvk?"

I won't say anything cause what's happening here is none of my business, let me go make

coffee, I walk away heading to the kitchen and  
Nsika sighs

Nsika: " I can't stress enough the importance of  
you stopping to comparing yourself to Yomuzi"  
she stands up and looks at him

Bayanda: " is that all you're going to say, it's  
always Yomuzi this and Yomuzi that, you don't  
tell me anything, how am I supposed to stay I'm  
a rrelationship where I know nothing, you  
consult your sister about everything, I'm sure  
she even knows about our sex life" he Chuckles  
cause its true we speak about their sex life too  
hahaha lol okay I shouldn't be laughing.

Nsika: " Baby you're overreacting, Yomuzi and I  
are twins and unfortunately there are things  
that we share that we can't share with anyone  
else chill okay" she storms off to their bedroom

Me: "Inedrama intomb yakho, let me go some of  
us have to go to work, we will sort out the

Sandile issue yezwa!" I give him an assuring look, I need to call Nhlanhla about this I know he will tell us what to do and I know he told Fika because I saw the weird pity look he was giving us that day. I head home take a shower, I'm so tired yesses. I head to work and before I know it its time to go to home. The week flies and I speak to Nsika atleast 4 Times a day I'm sure Baya hates me for real now, angnandaba suka.

Its the weekend of our birthday and of cause my siblings are coming up they getting here on Saturday though which is the date our birthday, apparently Themba was responsible for the bookings and she booked Saturday and they only found out on Thursday so it was too late to book cause its all flights were fully booked.

So it's Friday and Nsika and I are heading to Taboo for our preparty, I dress up and put on my make up. I'm wearing Shorts and a Gold top

and dangling earrings. Vixen lipstick, I'm fire right now lol.

Nsika: "Lets go play with other kids sis" I call an uber cause I'm definitely not driving tonight.

Me: " We will meet Khosi at the club, is Baya coming?"

Nsika: " I don't know she hasn't spoken to me since that day, she doesn't even come to my place anymore" oh I didn't know this, I know my brother is over you when he doesn't even beg, in a few days he will drop the bomb and Baya will regret acting like this. We get to Taboo and Khosi is already settled at our table with bottles of Champaign and Vodka lol she knows us yaz, I walk over to her and give her a hug, she looks hot. The drinking games begin. Khosi and I hit the dance floor ziyabuya la. after a lot of drinking and dancing I find Nsika wwith some girl with his tongue down her throught sies man.

"Mpande hello" that voice sounds familiar, I turn and I see Zwe, his with a girl and he quickly lets go of her hand as we hug.

Me: " Hey you, what are you doing here?"

Zwe: "I'm here for some business, so I thought I'd hit the club, what are guys celebrating?" he points at Nsika with his eyes

Me: " it's our birthday weekend, well our birthday is tomorrow" I check my watch on my wrist and it's already Saturday " well now it's our birthday" I turn and look at Nsika who just saw the time too and is approaching me.

Nsika: " happy birthday twin" he says giving me a hug

Me: "Happy birthday twin" I say looking up at him

Zwe: " Aw happy birthday twins, drinks on me let the party begin" lol the girl his with is so annoyed or rather pissed

Girl: " Hawu Zwe"

Zwe: " you can leave if you don't want to join us"  
she storms off and Zwe laughed and the drinking continued, we drank like fish at around 4 we decided to call it a Night or day. We walked out the door leaving Zwe and Khosi still having fun. We were approaching our uber when four guys came out of nowhere and surrounded us

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Oh shit, we're in shit, think Yomuzi think, I try to look for my bag but it's not with me, I hope Zwe or Khosi sees it and brings it to us, we could use a hand her. I look up and Nsika is panicking but he has managed to hide it. It's the Ngcobo brothers, shit Nsika wasn't lying this one really looks like the the dead one. Nsika is still panicking, looks like I'll be taking the first round

here, I go down on one knee and undo my heals and go up taking off my shoes and I put up my fists, I give Nsika a reassuring look and step forward, I remember my mom's words 'No Mntungwa walks away from a fight', I mean my father is the Legendary Mtholephi Khumalo.

Me: "Whose first azishe" they all laugh and push Sandile forward and he holds up his fists. I close my eyes for a second and Baaam, I feel his right fist on my face, I stumble a bit and I see him smile nxa lenja le... I throw mine too and the fight officially starts, his really throwing in these punches nami angizibekile phansi, we go on for like 20 minutes and I'm getting tired worse I was drunk so I'm dehydrated. This guy is not about to let me win, I need to find a spot where I've hit him the most so I can blow him up there, oh his left eye seems to be my spot and just when his about to hit me I duck and throw in my right fist on the left eye and he stumbles

back and I throw in another punch before he recovers and he falls 'ngiyabonga bomntungwa'. I see his brothers are shocked and his not getting up, my fists are up I didn't put them down, I need water... Nsika comes to stand next to me, I think his ready now I can relax, just as I think of sitting down the remaining cowards move towards us, looks like this won't be a fair fight yeses izinja. There's three of them and 2 of us, we are going to loose but we're not backing down, it's not I'm our blood. I see Zwe walking towards his car and he sees us, his holding my bag, I wonder what happened to Khosi. Zwe doesn't ask any questions he just puts up his fists and the fight begins, yeeeer he throws mean punches, in no time his finished with his guy and comes to deal with the guys whose killing me, the minute Zwe pulls him off me I throw in a few punches and instead on sitting down and catching my breathe I jump to the Guy whose fighting with Nsika, I'm tired and

now there's a crowd around us watching and cheering. Nsikas Guy finally falls and looks like Zwes guy has been down for a while. I pick up my shoes and take my bag next to this idiot on the floor and Zwe offers to take us home, when we get to his car, I put the destination on his GPS and he drives off no one is saying anything we are just quiet. I can't believe that how my birthday started.

We get to my flat and Nsika walks straight to my bed, and I walk to the bathroom I have to see my face. Oh bloody hell, why me? It's my birthday and I have a blue eye, my lips are swollen and the bottom one is burst. I slid down to the floor and start crying, it was soft sobs first and then I got louder and louder. Can't a girl catch a break, I look ugly and I'm in pain all because of something that happened over 7 years ago. I keep crying, until I hear someone

walk in and I don't look up, I know it's not Nsika cause I would have smelt him, its Zwe. He comes down to me and holds me and I cry even louder and he keeps rocking me back and forth.

Zwe: "Hush Makhumalo, it's going to be alright"

I stop crying cause I've got a banging headache and I wipe my tears and stand up

Me: " Thank you Zwe, you saved our lives today those dogs were going to kill us" he looks up at me and shakes his head

Zwe:" doesn't look like I did much, you guys can really put up a fight, I've never seen a girl throw punches like you Yomuzi, haaibo umbulele loyamuntu" he looks and sounds fascinated

Me:" if you hadn't come we were going to gethical our asses whooped"

Zwe:" What was that all about and don't even think about about lying to me cause that fight was so personal ans why the Fuck were you the

one fighting instead of Nsika" I pull him up cause I'm already standing and I tell him to follow me, we go to the lounge and I go to the kitchen to get some water and pain killers and I walk back to him giving him a bottle of water.

Me:" those guys are our past ans their are our childhood enemies from back at home, you see back at home whomever puts up their fists first gets to the first round, I couldn't allow Nsika to take the first round he was still panicking so I had to rise to the challenge" he looks at me and stands up to go to the kitchen and comes back with steak and he puts puts it on my blue eye

Zwe:" Who taught how to fight like that? Hayi Sisi uyawfaka uright, was the guy lying on the floor when I came the one you took out?" I nodded and he laughed, we ended up sleeping and I was woken up by my ringing phone, I went to answer it at the kitchen it was my mom, she sang for me and we had a chat. The siblings

should be on their way now. As I was about to go to my bedroom the door bell rang I went to open and it was the siblings all four of them

Lihle: "Happy birthdayyyy, woaw what the Fuck? What happened to you Yomuzi?" I sighed and moved aside for them to get on "and what is Zwe doing on your couch?"

Nhlanhla: "Yomuzi were you fighting? Arent you a bit too old for that shit" Nsika walked in and Zwe woke up.

Zwe: "Hi guys and bye guys I have a flight to catch, Yomuzi walk me out" I walk him to the lift "give me you digits so i can give you a call when Im around again" we exchanged numbers and he left I walked back to my flat only to find my siblings sitting like Someone is dead

Fika: " We need to deal with the Ngcobos once and for all, look at you guys" he sounds angry and devastated I guess Nsika told them

everything, saw rage in Thembas eyes and pity from Lihles

Me: " You should see the other guys"

Nsika: "yeah Yomuzi did a number on the little one, umlimazile nja yami" Nhlanhla came to give me a high five

Themba: " are guys fine though?" we looked at her and nodded. It was clear that we were not going out anymore because I was not leaving the house with a blue eye. So we cancelled our reservations for dinner and ordered take aways and bought alcohol sabuhlaba.

Just as I was resting in bed, my phone rang, I guess it's the last one tonight I checked the screen and it was Zwe

Zwe: "I just wanted to be the last one to wish you happy birthday, I know it's been a rough day but you're still alive so that's enough" I giggled

"goodnight Makhumalo" I dropped and drifted to sleep

\*Zwe\*

She giggled on my hear and dropped my call, this girl will drive me crazy. What I saw today was unbelievable, she throws a mean punch, truth is I saw that fight when it started, when I saw her putting up her fists I though she was just playing kant she meant business. Yomuzi left her Bag inside and quickly rushed to her when I saw that she was being attacked benoNsika, I heard Andile say they never back down from a fight but I wanted to witness this and it's true Yomuzi throws a mean punch, her twin can fight too but Yomuzi is like a pitbull she sticks it out till the end she fights like a guy. She dealt with that guy faster then I thought but I couldn't watch anymore when those fools were ganging up on them. I helped them fight

off those guys and took them to her flat. I was so hurt to hear her cry, at first I ignored her but she just cried louder and I couldn't stand it so I went to her and comforted her. Lol this girl is only worried and said because it's her birthday weirdo. I asked why she fought only while Nsika was there and she told some tale. This girl lives in a world of her own nje, I'm really in love. We fell asleep on her couch and I woke up to a room filled with her siblings, this was so weird it was like I'm seeing one person I'm different ages yesses. But I like their bond, Fika gave me the look so I had to lie so I could leave, I called her aside and for her digits, funny enough she didn't protest. Since I had spoken to Yomuzi I could sleep now and just as I those off my girlfriend calls

Bongeka: " You didn't call me today" she sounds angry, I completely forgot to call her

Me: " uze ungfonele nawe, sawubona" I'm trying

to make her feel guilty I hope it works cause I want to sleep

Bongeka: "Don't act smart Zwe, are you cheating on me again? Zwe don't do that" hawu lo Mfaz the fuck

Me: "goodnight Bongeka, ngoba you don't know what you want to say to me" I won't allow to spoil my mom, 'phuma sathana'

Bongeka: " I'm sorry baby it's that these days you've been acting funny and distant" mnxm uyangijwayela lo yazi, ngizomuphoxaaaa!

Me: " listen I have to go before I say anything I'll regret in the morning" I dropped the call before she could say any futher and spoil my mood. I dosed off.

I need to make a plan, I need Yomuzi I haven't stopped thinking about her, ever since I saw her at Tashas, she's down to earth and warm. I was

thinking that maybe after a while this feeling will go away because I have what they call a serious girlfriend kodwa till today Im still thinking about her. I'm on my way to the office and I need to go to the harbour and see what's holding those ships, I'm in the transport business just trucks and ships only, the taxi industry is too dirty and needs a lot of attention. Just as I get to the office I receive a call from Andile

Me: "Msindazwe mfwethu" he laughs

Andile: " hehheh I wonder what you're up to, Lihle said I'm call and thank you for helping out the twins on Saturday, I wonder what you were doing there in the first nje"

Me: "I honestly bumped into them, istru! And what you said that girl fights like a pitbull bafo, I saw her sexier" he laughs out loud

Andile: "hayi wena uyasangana, we should meet

up for drinks so tell me what actually went down and wena leave my sister in-law alone with your fuck boy tendencies" we both laugh

Me: " I love her bafo, she's so sexy and her smile ay bafo ngiyamshada loya"

"aaaaaah baby really" that's my Bongeka walking in again without knocking

Me: " oh shit Andile I've got to go Bongeka is here" this idiot laughs, what am I going to say now cause I ain't marrying her for shit.

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Ke Dezemba boss! And I'm gaining the weight back yey. Listen I'm happy and beyond I even forgot that I just had thee most horrible 5 months, the break up and the fight that left my face looking like Shrek arg! Zwe calls me everyday I don't know why, I'm starting to enjoy it now, we even have a routine now, when I wake up, lunch time and just before I got to

sleep. We chat too like a lot in between the Times his not calling, his such a cool guy. It's the 15th today and it's the last day at work yippy, my brother and I driving down to natal on the 21 or something I'm not ready to go sit at home and watch mom teach me how to because a wife. Nsika broke up with Bayanda, nganitshela. Khosi has been awfully distant lately in fact from the time she told me about Thato she's just been distant and I've been to caught up in my shit to even see that we don't chat that much anymore. I need to call her so we can catch up.

I call Khosi and she agrees to have dinner with me but she stays in Midrand so I have to drive all the way but I think we should go to mall of Africa, she will meet me there vele I need to get a few things. I drive up to the mall and call her and she asks me to give her an hour cause she caught up with something and I actually don't

mind cause that will give me time to buy a few things and those shoes u wanted to get for mom. As I walk into Woolworths Thato bumps into me and his holding hands with Bayanda, what the Fuck :-o

Thato: "it's not what you think?" I just look at him, who said I cared mnxm I always knew that this girl was shady

Me:" Ya Bayanda" I swear if there was a way she would have ran but it was too late, but I also notice something, this bitch is pregnant

Me:" Are you pregnant? Does Nsika know? " I'm actually pissed this girl

Bayanda: "Its not his" TF, I want to slap her but then we are in a public space and I won't be able to get away with it.

Me: " how sure are you? Wait were you sleeping with Thato while I was dating and you were with my brother? Ye wena uwinondindwa kant?"

these two have some nerve, is this girl stupid or something, I will tell Nsika and I'll do that today I want him to make their lives a living hell, uzobe trabha and I will watch him do it.

Bayanda: "I'm sorry Yomuzi, I just love him"

Me: "Ungazongijwayela wena, you make me sick, all this time you were making brother feel bad about being close to me kant you know that its not about him its about you being scared that I'll find out about your little secret. You disgust me. Wena Thato one day is one day futhi I will tell your wife nxa." I walk away leaving them standing like statues. I think they thought I would beat them up but I wont stoop that low.

I get home tired and disappointed in Bayanda, why would she do that to my brother, for how long have they been doing this dating shit, ukuthakatha lokhu! I should get tested yaz oThato were busy sticking their things

everywhere nxa. Let me call my brother and update him about my findings. I call Nsika and he is pissed and wants to confront them but I tell him to leave it, its just not worth it now. I understand how he feels but I know Nsika his hot headed and things can get out of hand real fast. I settle on my couch with a cocktail in my hand, I'm really looking forward to these holidays where I will sit and do nothing. Today I must cook today. I stand up go to the kitchen, take out chicken breast, beacon and mushrooms. I prepare my meal here and fix green salad, kusazoba mnandi I will eat by myself. I go take a very hot shower put on my comfy PJs and head to the chicken to fix myself and head straight to the couch to catch up on my series. Just as I settle my phone rings, its Zwe.

Zwe: " Makhumalo, ukuphi? Wenzan?"

Me: "Gwabini, I'm at my place about to divulge

on a plate that I made myself"

Zwe: " Great cause I'm downstairs, I'm coming up"

Me: " hawu uyaphi? what if I was with someone hayi black people"

Zwe: "Anginendaba, I am at your door vula."  
hahahha this guy kodwa, I go and open for him and his got a goodie bag which he gives to me, wow. I let him in and and check out my gift. Its Perfume, Kim Kardesians fragrant, I love it.

Me: "Aw thank you, whats this for?"

Zwe: "Belated birthday gift, I thought I'd give it to you when you come down to natal but since I was coming up so I brought it along" Ncaaaaa

Me: "Ngiyabonga Manzini man, how did you know I'd love it? would you like anything to drink? I cooked should I cooked would like a plate?"

Zwe:" Water please and yes I would like a plate,

I didn't know that you could cook" I laugh go to the kitchen to fix his plate and come back with it and he gives me a weird look

Zwe: " manje uban ozodla lamahlamvu?" lol we laugh

Me:" Well this is what I have cooked take it or leave, yeka ukphapha"

Zwe: "Aksikho ukudla kwamadoda lokh" he takes a bite "hmmm this is nice

Me: "Thank you"

We enjoy our dinner while watching series on catch, this guy talks too much kodwa.

Zwe: " I have something to tell you Yomuzi and I've been meaning to tell you its just that I've been afraid to tell but know I can't keep this to myself" what is he on about and why is he giving me this weird look his just staring at me

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What's he babbling about? He looks so serious all of the sudden. You Zwe is a handsome human being, his tall and dark, chocolate dark man. His got nice thick lips, his not your typical thin tall guy but his not fat too. Muhle ke kodwa and it's like he doesn't even know. He dresses well and smells good too. His a good listener too, I think from the time we met I've told him so much about my life, since that day he helped us with the Ngcobos.

Zwe: " the thing is" he looks at me and smiles, uhlekani lo? "I think I really really like you Yomuzi, you are smart, beautiful and humble. I can't stop thinking about you from the day I met you, no wait from the first time I saw you at Tashas" I'm just looking at him, uthini lo?

Me: " ye wena uthini" he laughs like really laughed

Zwe: " you see, I'm dead serious la and now you're making me laugh" he Chuckles

"Mpandeyomuzi from the day you gave me your numbers I couldn't stop myself from calling you and hearing your husky voice, the way you laugh and that smart mouth of yours. I really like you and I was hoping you give me a chance" his back to being serious and force once in my life I don't know what to say, I'm shocked and I really wasn't expecting this. I'm not looking for a relationship and it's not about Thato ngisashaywa umoya nje.

Me: " Zwe I like you nje as my friend, I don't know why you want to spoil that for me" I say looking at him and his unshaken

Zwe: "we can still be friends while we are dating Mpande, I really like you. When I wake up I want to talk to you, ekseni emini nantambama. It kills me that you stay here cause I want to see you like all the time" weeeee ay

Me: " I'm not looking for a relationship Zwe. The only thing I can offer you is my friendship" his phone rings and he takes it out and asks to be excused, he walks to the kitchen, I can hear him though

Zwe: "hayi kodwa Bongeka unescefe manje, I told you that I will be back on Monday" "Nope I'm coming back on Monday and thats that" while his arguing on the phone, I stand up go to my room and take my phone and call Lihle I need to tell her about Zwe

Lihle: "Mpandeyomuzi kababa, unjan"

Me: "Lihle he says he likes me, like really likes me and I know what to do" I let out a sigh

Lihle: "Who Zwe? I know his been pestering me for months now, asking me what you like and what not, I'm glad he finally told you, he was starting to annoy me" heee this girl, and she didn't think of sharing this information with me

Me: "hawu Lihle why wouldn't you tell me this?"  
he Knocks on my door "let me go, we will talk later" I tell him to come in and he walks in

Zwe: "I cleared the dishes and washed them, I'm going to my hotel will call when I get there" with that he turns to walk away, he looks offish now.

Me: "alright, let me walk you out" I walk him out, and we stand by the lift waiting for it to come up

Zwe: "please walk me to my car" I so just that, he drive a red X6 BMW, this little shit has money yezwa. We stand by his car and we hug, for a long time. We lean on his door and I just stare at him, kuhle lokh. "Mpande please give me a chance, I'm not that guy Thato, I will treat you good ngiyakuthanda skhokho futhi ngizokshada" I laugh hard lol

Me: "ibambe lapho ke, you're moving too fast skhokho hayi" I let go of him and attempt to

walk away and he holds my waist fast and I hit his body because of the way he pulled me, and he just smashes his lips on mine, at first I don't respond to the kiss and then eventually I do. It's not bad yaz, what the hell am I doing! I move back and remove his hands from my waist

"I've got to go" I say and turn and walk away this time

Zwe: "Mpande I love you" he says and gets inside his car and drives off. His such a good kisser though.

\*Zwe\*

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\*Zwe\*

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Me: "Mashobane, ngihambe kahle ntombi"

Yomuzi: " thats good to hear..." there was long silence, I hope what I said doesn't cause to stop talking to me, phela this girl is smart "Aer you still there?" she asks and I smile

Me: " Yes I'm hear, listen I hope what I said to you earlier doesn't cause any problems between us, I was serious Mpande, ngiyakuthanda and I am willing to wait for until you are ready. I don't want to loose our friendship over this please"

Yomuzi: "mus'ukphapha who said I will stop being friends with you?" i chuckle ha this girl kodwa "I wish you hadn't declared your love for or kissed me even, but I am glad that you will wait for, cause honestly I am not ready for a relationship, I like things as they are and the bond we have created, so why ruin things?"

Me: "I love you and so I will wait for you" she

sighed

Yomuzi: " when are leaving?"

Me: " hawu you want me gone already?" we both laugh

Yomuzi: " haha no man, I was just asking hawu, its not that deep"

Me: "okay if you say so, I'm leaving Monday morning, wanna hit the club tomorrow?"

Yomuzi: " Sure why not, Nsika and I driving down on Monday too pity you're flying down" I just laughed cause I knew what she was suggesting and i was happy about it

Me: " I will cancel it and we could all drive down together, how about that?" I grinned as if she could see me

Yomuzi: " that awesome, so tomorrow what are doing? where are going?" this is so nice, I thought that she would be angry and want

nothing to do with me but hey here we are making plans.

Me: "Let's have brunch, then dinner before we hit the club. actually there papers that I need you to help me with in company and since you're in the business and marketing sector I was hoping you could help me" I just said that so she won't refuse to go out with for brunch

Yomuzi: "yhoo hayi, it's a Saturday and holidays on top of that can't a girl catch a break. I will be sleeping tomorrow, since it late now and I'm still chatting to you kant I could be sleeping so we will just do dinner before we hit the Club" I laughed, here I was thinking that I've got her.

Me: " now what am I going to do the whole day tomorrow if you refuse to chill with me? Come on Yomuzi, at least lunch and dinner, I promise it will be worth your time and I won't bring those papers"

Yomuzi:" hayi hayi okay, Lunch at 1 ke. I better enjoy it or else I will drop you and go get drunk with my twin brother" Yessss

\*Yomuzi\*

I woke up tired, I slept late last night or rather say today morning. I was chatting to Zwe the whole night over the phone after he had convinced me to have lunch and dinner with him, we spoke for a while after. We spoke about a lot of things especially how he wants to expand his company so he can leave an empire for his children. I got out of bed and went to the bathroom, and there was a knock at the door, who could it be at this hour, its only 9am and it's a Saturday man. I put on my gown and go to attend the door, it was Nsika, we actually last spoke during the day yesterday, he looked angry and he was reeking of alcohol

Me; "Uyanuka, hambo geza mani"

Nsika: " that bitch played me for a fool" oh this is about Pumla, I thought he didn't like her that much, his case is not like mine.

Me: " Oh that, I bumped into them yesterday, she is pregnant and she says its not yours" i said walking to the kitchen to make some coffee for this drunkard.

Nsika:" So you knew and you didn't think about telling me, wow wele wow" lol his being dramatic

Me: " now you know how it feels.." he gave me a shocked look lol drama yaz "I'm just pulling your leg man, I completely forgot to tell you, I thought I would call you but Zwe came over and I got distracted" I was making him coffee and greasy breakfast

Nsika: "hawu Zwe is in town, you guys are awfully close, too close for my liking nje" haaibo

what's his problem

Me: "Nsika stop being extra, by the way his driving down with us Monday" he looked at me like he was reading me or something

Nsika:" Why? Are you sleeping with him, heeee I thought you were recovering from the whole Thato incident kant noooooor you've gone and found yourself a rich man" he says with a smirk on his face and enjoying the coffee in his hands

Me: " Didn't I tell you to stop being extra, I am way over Thato and no I am not banging him, we are just friends..." he give me the 'I don't believe you' look and I don't care vele "we are goimg out clubbing tonight, do you wnat to come?"

Nsika: " ha.ah why would I want to be an extra, three is a crowd babe, let me shower and sleep, I hope he hasn't slept at you bed yet" he laughs and runs away as I throw a dish cloth at him

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\*Yomuzi\*

its almost 1pm and I'm not even close to being ready for this Lunch that I am having with Zwe, instead of showering after Nsika, I cuddled with him and ended up sleeping again now I'm late, I don't even know what I will wear but seeing that its hot I need to dress casually and since we are still going to go to dinner and clubbing later I will just come back to change. I take out a pair of jeans, a white tank top and white all stars, I aint trying to impress anyone vele. He sends me a message saying that he is downstairs and I'm not even dressed, so I tell him to come up. a few minutes later I hear a knock from the door and I run down to open, I open up for him but his not alone his with Thato's wife, listen I don't even know her name, did she not hear the first time or does she want me to beat her up.

T's Wife: "What ever love potion you gave my husband ikhiphe sisi" I look at a for a second, I'm not angry yet I'm just confused, WTF is she talking about. "everyday its Yomuzi this Yomuzi that, ngeke sisi, whatever you gave my man ikhiphe, or I will show you people, I'm from Ladysmith no one messes with me. Where is Thato maybe you are hiding him inside" Now she is starting to piss me off, we are all standing by the door just looking at her, this girl is really tempting me, she walks in leaving Zwe and I standing by the door " Thato! Thato!" she shouts while walking towards my bedroom, heee this girl.

Me: "Please come in" I say looking at Zwe, as soon as walks in I close the door and lock it, this bitch is still opening every room in my house looking for Thato. I stand by the door and wait for her to come back, Zwe keeps on looking at me, I think he can't read me and so

his worried, and I am sure he didn't see me lock the door. She walks in as I was about to go look for her

Me: "What did I say to you the last time you were here?" she looks at me like I'm crazy, I guess its because my voice just got huskier , she doesn't respond. "Ngithi What did I say to you the last time you were here, you better answer me ntombi yaseLadysmith."

T's wife: "You said you would wipe the floor with my ass" she says in a soft voice, I think she just realized that I wasn't joking nor am I joking now, Zwe Sits back and just looks at me and I start moving towards her, this girl will know me today.

Me: "Then what are you doing here? why did you to drive from where ever you come from to insult me at my flat?" I say giving her one hot slap, I am beyond pissed "Who gave you permission to waltz into my flat and go opening my space?" I gave her another slap " who gave

you the right to talk to me as if I am your friend?" I slap her again, this time she screams looking at Zwe who just looks away, "I want you to answer me, did they not teach you manners kini? do I look like I am a play ground to you, a thing that you can walkover as you please? first your dirty husband uses me, cause that's not enough for his selfish ass, he sleeps with my brothers girlfriend and impregnates her, Now you come here walking in like you own this place and throw insults, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE huh?" I roar and I throw in another slap and she lands on the floor and she's bleeding. Nsika rushes in the lounge and Zwe is now standing in front of me trying to calm me down. Who the fuck does she think she is huh? She is laying on the floor and crying, I really want to know what her strategy was when she came to my place.

T's wife: "I just want my husband" this girl wants

me to kill her, I try to kick her but Zwe restrains me nxa

Me: "did you find him? your husband is somewhere fucking Bayanda, leave my flat before you end up in hospital, ngizoklimaza mina, leave now" she picks herself up and rushes out the door. I run to my room to take my phone, leaving Zwe and Nsika just standing there, I was not about to cry because of that stupid woman, why would she just assume that Thato was here? I took my phone and called Thato, I still knew his numbers, as soon as he picked up I started talking

Me:" did I not tell you to tell your skinny yellow bone wife to stay away from me? the next time she comes to my place accusing me of shit, I swear Thato I will chock her to death nxa" I end the call before he answers and then he calls back, I block him. I go back to Zwe and Nsika and they are having beer.

Nsika: " You shouldn't have done that Mpandeyomuzi, what if she reports you huh? that was stupid" nxa

Me: "where were you when she was insulting me and going in every room as if she was this was in her house and I owe her rent? was it not enough that her husband broke me and left me with cold heart unable to love, now she comes here and accuses me of having an affair with that fool, hayi Nsika leave me"

Nsika: "So this is about Thato more then it is about what she did, why haven't you hit Thato pho?" my brother was pushing me now

Me: "No its not, but you know that I don't like being disrespecting it took me months to be this person again and I will be damned if I allow her to take me back to that dark scary place again" I walk away because I might say things that I will regret tomorrow, I won't feel bad for standing up for myself and defending myself

from an insecure wife. And if the police come I wil tell them that she was attacking me and so I had to defend myself. I walk to my room and take off the clothes I was wearing and put on pyjamas and got inside my blankets, I think I am going to that dark place again, this girl has just brought back the painful memories that I though that I dealt with a long time ago in less then an hour.

\*Zwe\*

Nsika: " If you really love her this is what you will deal with, all that anger with arrogance and her being a bully. Yomuzi doesn't let go and doesn't forgive, I know that she didn't hit because of what she did but she hit her for Thato." we hadn't said anything to each other since Yomuzi walked back to her bedroom, she looked really pissed

Me: "Don't you think that you were too harsh her, that girl was rude to her, and yes she took out her frustrations on her but she had to don't you think?" yeah I understand that she might have gone overboard a bit but hell that girl just kept on pushing her buttons, Nsika laughed and putting down his bottle and took a set of car keys and came to sit next to me

Nsika:" You see I know my twin sister Zwe, and that was not putting her in her place but it was anger that she has kept deep down, if you were not here she was going to finish the girl with just slaps, thats how she gains her strength back she hits, and she was not finished when you stopped her, she is still going to strike so be ready, be it that girl or someone else" I look at him I'm really not understanding

Zwe: "I really do love your sister yaz, but she told me wait she is taking a break and now I think I understand what she was saying but still

I can't stop, I love her and I want to make her mine, i think we were meant to be together Soulmates maybe" I sigh

Nsika: " This is your first test then I guess, now I know my sister and before I do what we normally do when she is going through things, I will give you the chance to show her that you Love her, I've seen the way you look at her, its like no one else is in the room and the way you light up when she is around you, so I know you love her, so I will give you a chance to show her. Go to her room and go cuddle with her, hold her and tell her that everything will be alright, tell her that you will be with her through it all. Now those are my lines but go on and comfort her" he stoop up and left

I stood up too after a while after thinking about what Nsika said, I went to Yomuzis room and found her staring at her ceiling. she looked

distant, her dreads were tied up and she was just staring at nothing, I took off my shoes and my jeans and got into bed with her, she turned around with her back at me, I then held her and told her that I am here for her and I was not going anywhere, I told her everything that I felt and told her that she was my forever and I would never let her go, I then held her tighter. She then let out a sob, it first it was just a little as time went her sobs come out louder and and louder, I my heart broke a thousand time. What did guy do to my girl that mad her so angry and sad. I held all night.

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\*Yomuzi\*

I woke up with a throbbing head, everything from yesterday came rushing back and the pain came back. I felt a warm hug coming from

behind, he held me tighter, it felt warm and filled meaning and a lot of love, I turned to face him and he looked at me, his eyes were filled with so much love, I thought I'd see pity but I saw love and concern, it was like I was I could see the dept of his soul. He pulled me to his chest and I felt our heartbeat they were sync. We laid in bed without saying a word, I don't know when he came in and why all I knew is that I woke up feeling better with him next to me. My phone rang disturbing my train of thought, it was Thato, I just ignored it, its too early for trash. He kept on calling until, Zwe took my phone and answered, and he hung up after a while.

Zwe: "He says his by the door wake up" he looked at me as if he was trying to read me, I got out of bed and went to the bathroom, looked for an extra tooth brush for Zwe and went out to give it to him, we both went back to the bathroom and brushed our teeth, Zwe put

up his phone and took out a selfie lol

Zwe: "Our first selfie" I laughed, we looked at each for a while on the mirror, it was like was like he was assuring me that everything will work out.

Me: "Lets go" we walked out together to the sitting room, Zwe went to the kitchen and I went to attend the door, That was with his wife, I moved aside allowing to get in.

Thato: "Sawubona Yomuzi, sorry for waking you up so early, I know how much you love your sleep" he laughs and I just look at him. "my wife and I came here to apologize for her behavior, it was rude and uncalled for" this girl wasn't even looking at me, it looks like she was crying.

Me: "Is she deaf? why can't she talk for herself, were you here yesterday when she was insulting me?"

T's Wife: "Is it not enough that I have to come

here and embarrass myself once again, you keep taking and taking, yesterday you hit me like I'm a dog and your lover here refused to let me open a case against cause apparently he owes and he is still in love with you" hebana this girl

Thato: "That is enough, Hlengiwe" he said with a stern voice, oh that's her name.

Hlengiwe: "No Thato tell her the real reason you dragged me here, tell her how I begged you all night to not do this to our marriage that is barely a year old, mtshele Thato, isthandwa sakho angithi, you call her name everytime when we make love, hell you even dream about her" they look at each other and she's crying.

Me: "My house is not a therapy session, if you want to dish out your dirty laundry, I can kindly refer you to someone kodwa this is my house and once again you are disrespecting me, now leave cause clearly you're here to waste my

time" I wonder what Zwe is doing in the kitchen.

Thato: " That was not our intention Makhumalo, well my wife and I came here to apologize and" he looked at her then at me "and ask your hand in marriage" ubaba yini????? "I love you Yomuzi and I want to take you as my second wife" haaibo ngiyalingwa, Zwe walks in from the Kitchen and is clearly pissed.

Me: "Listen and Listen carefully both of you, I don't know which world do you live in where you can walk in someones home and talk such nonsense, do I look that desperate to you, yaz wena uyangijwayela Thato and maybe thats because I let you get away with a lot of shit, please leave my house go back to where you come from. You go out and marry someone else ngikhona and sleep with my brothers girlfriend and come back here after months demanding me shit, usubhema iwunga Thato? Zwe is standing by the entrance of the kitchen

Hlengiwe: " and you want to rude bring this bitch to our ....." I jump her before she even finishes, Thato tries to stop me and I use this opportunity to donoor him, I punch him so hard on his face and I see shock written all over his face, in all the years we'd been together Thato had never seen my violent side, he tried to come at me and that's when Zwe came to stand next to me.

Zwe: "I think it's time you leave now"

Thato: "So you've moved on, I always knew that you were a whore and that I tamed you" Zwe walked to him so fast and gave punched him on the face, his eye was turning red and the outer part was now green

Zwe: "I think its best you all leave before I do something regretful" Thato stood up from the floor and grabbed his hands and his wife's hand

Thato: "You two won't last, too much violence

for one house hold" mnxm hamba nja. They left banging the door

Me: let's go get breakfast, are you fine?" he Nodded, I went to shower and let him shower too, he said he will buy new clothes at the mall and change because he doesn't want to leave my sight. mnxm this guy, we leave and go to the mall where he goes to buy clothes first and changes. We settle down at Wimpy

Me: "You see why I don't want to be in a relationship" I said just as we settled and ordered

Zwe: "That's not fair Yomuzi, I am not that guy and you know that, his trash and I don't like being compared to him please" we sat in silence until our food came " I can't believe you dated that jerk" he laughed, mnxm leslima lesi, Nsika called asking where I was since I'm not at my place and I told him where I was and he said he will be here soon, I saw him walking in and I

waved at him.

Nsika: "Niyajola or?"

Me: "Or"

Zwe: "Sawubona nawe" lol

Nsika: "Niyaphapha, how are you guys?" he said sitting next to me and he looked at me and gave me a long hug "are you fine now?"

Me: "Yes I am fine, why did you leave last night?"

Nsika: "I was giving Zwe a chance to prove himself" this idiot

Me: " so you are the one filling his head with all this nonsense"

Zwe: "It's not Nonsense Mpande, I really do love you" he pulled a cute face

Nsika & I: "stop it"

Zwe: "Are you guys always together?" lol what is

he on about

Me: "Nope, Sunday is our day kuphela, I can't start my week without seeing him, so Sunday is our bonding day" he laughs

Nsika: "Don't laugh, it's our thing you wouldn't get it"

Zwe: "What happens when I marry her and we move to KZN?"

Me: "That won't happen, don't worry yourself"

Nsika: "I will go with you" Zwe and Nsika laugh and I don't, I can't believe Nsika actually like Zwe

Me: "Nsika are you selling me"

Nsika: "Nooooo but I can see he really loves you, how he is always coincidentally where you are, I see his eyes when he talks to you or about you, they way he looks at you, its like no one else exists and the long meaningless phone calls

you guys have, like don't you get tired of speaking to each other? So if I'm loosing you to a guy twin, he should be the guy" Nsiiiiiika a maaan

Zwe: "You see even your brother sees I'm not a jerk, now please give me a chance"

Nsika: "Ah mjita, I thought niyajola already leave my sister alone kanti" we all laughed, we finished our breakfast and went to watch a movie and yes Nsika was there, later we went back to his place, the hotel, is this guy rich or something he stays in a penthouse at this place and he is on first name basses with the staff, must be nice.

Even though my weekend started on a very bad note but I must say, it ended quiet well. On Wednesday we had to hit the road and I was happy that I wouldn't be driving because I

usually drive down home with Nsika and he drives up, this time Zwe was driving for me yippy! We got home in the early hours of the morning we had to drop off Zwe first at his place then drive home to Glenwood but on friday we are all driving up to my dads first house emakhaya kwaNongoma, its so far gosh. We had literally a day left and I was tired so I was going to stay indoors and I knew Nsika would leave me her to party, everyone had left and gone home, only Fika was around and that too was because he had to take care of business and we would drive up together. As I was about to have some ice cream Zwe called Zwe: "Mambulazi"

Me: "Ncwane" he chuckled and I giggled "I think we have exhausted our clan names now"

Zwe: "not yet, there's still a lot left on my side that you will learn, all that you know is from Isibaya" that was true I laughed

Me: "Not true, I know a few things hawu kant unghatha kanjan?"

Zwe: "weeeeeee! I miss you, what are you doing there?"

Me:" I don't miss you"

Zwe: "Ouch"

Me:" Ngiyadlala, I'm having ice cream, I'm thinking of just chilling here the whole day and reflect on the year before I get home and we reflect together"

Zwe: "That is nice, do you guys do that all the time together?"

Me: "Yeah, it's a family thing I guess, we draw up goals and put time lines and then reflect on them and whether they were achieved and if not, why not? then we look at ways that such goals can be achieved the following year" his silent "Zwe"

Zwe: "oh man your family has it all sorted yaz, you guys are close you even share goals and dreams, mina I don't mind not going home for 4 to 5 months in fact I go home only when I have to" that's not good

Me: "Nathi we have our problems and disputes but we try by all means to work them out because really we are nothing without each other"

Zwe: "where is your half?" is he changing the Subject?

Me: "Somewhere around Durban, he said he is catching up with friends that can only mean on thing, uyodakwa!" he laughs "that means I will be the one driving ksasa because I know that Fika will be joining him later mnxm"

Zwe: "and wena? why aren't you joining them?"

Me: "I think I've had enough drinking for the now, I think I will start again on New years eve"

Zwe: "That's good to hear, so do you want to join me for Lunch today"

Me: "Nope"

Zwe: "Please please please"

Me: "Let's make it supper because I'm trying to reflect here"

Zwe: "But I wanted to spend more time with you since you will be going to emaqwaqwasini ksasa"

Me: "Ngakunika isandla, ngakinika ingalo, usufuna amabele awayaz intoyfunayo" I sing and he laughs hard

Zwe: "ave uphapha yezwa, okay dinner at Davenport then"

Me: "Great, 19:30, you should consider going home too"

Zwe: "Not any time soon, sho I will see you later" he drops the call hawu that was cold

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\*Yomuzi\*

The dinner with Zwe was rather cold, I don't know why he came or why he invited me at the first place if he was going to act all shady like really now, we were done eating and I was ready to go home cause we were not really talking, I talked until I got tired.

Me: "Thank you for the dinner, can you take me home."

Zwe: "I'm sorry Yomuzi, can we chill for a while? I really enjoy spending time with" I chuckle, this guy though

Me: "It sure doesn't look like it, maybe you're having a bad day so rather take you home" he looks at me with pleading eyes "Come on Zwe be fair, you've been cold the whole night and I've been trying to hold our conversation for hours now, you were giving me short answers so I

really don't know why I'd put myself in that  
position for the rest of the night"

Zwe: "okay my mood has changed, now can you  
stay a bit longer" he wants to cry, really

Me: "Nope, I will stay under one condition"

Zwe: "Yes, whatever it is I will do it"

Me:" Tell me what is bothering you and don't  
say nothing cause I know that there is  
something bothering you" He looks at me then  
looks down.

Zwe: "Can I tell you some other time, once I've  
sorted it out?"

Me: "no problem, please take me home then" he  
looks at with shock "that was my condition and  
you said you'll do anything but now you're not  
keeping that promise so please take me home"  
he calls the waiter and settles the bill then he  
takes his keys and wallet from the table then  
offers me his hand to take, I take it and we walk

out hand in hand, what's with this guy with BMW's today its a X1

Me: " Whats with you and BMW's?" he faintly smiles

Zwe: " You noticed, wow, here I was thinking that you don't notice anything about me" lol who said that

Me: "Who said that? I notice things about you, a lot of things futhi"

Zwe: " okay if you say so" he drives off but I notice that he is not taking me to my place but I don't say anything, ngizoke ngizwe. We get to his place and I just sit, I'm actually annoyed.

Me: "What are we doing here Nqobizizwe?" he looks at me and laughs, he laughs really hard, mnxm

Zwe: "So when you are angry with me or annoyed you're going to call me with my full name, I like it, its a turn on" this idiot though.

"Well, I want us to talk, I will tell you what's bothering me, come lets go"

Me: "You could've just told me nje before you drove with me all the way here" he came around to open my door

Zwe: " Nawe ukhuluma kakhulu hayi" he picked me up bridal style, and carried me to his room. We set on the bed and he took off our shoes and told me to comfortable, just as I was getting comfy Nsika called asking where I was and I told him and then he said he knew I was safe then lol

Zwe: " Mpandeyomuzi I am really sorry for being like this today, its just that I got jealous and angry over the relationship that you have with your family, your siblings, you guys share everything, meanwhile my mom only calls when she needs money, my brother hates me for being successful. My sisters ask and ask, the only thing they do ukzala nje and mom allows

them, dare I say anything, they gang up on me and say I think I am better than all of them which is not true. I don't know when was the last time I went home and I don't even miss it. When my dad left it's like he left with the love that we shared as a family, but he was no good man, the way he treated my mom was unjust and I couldn't allow it but it seems like my mother blames me from stopping my father from abusing her and telling him to go away" aaah man, he looks sad and wants to cry

Me: "I am so sorry Zwe, I seriously didn't think that you were not in good terms with your family, sorry for rubbing my family in your face" I rubbed his face with my hand and he faintly smiled

Zwe: "It's not your fault baby, I've been around Lihle so I've been observing your relationship for awhile now and I can't stop wanting my family to be maybe just a little like yours"

Me: "maybe you should try reaching out, go home this Christmas" he looks at me like I've said something crazy

Zwe: "hayi maybe next of next year baby" we laugh cause I know he is imitating that boy from Khumbulekhaya, lol such madness "on a serious not though babe, maybe next year Easters, if I go home now I won't enjoy new years eve and the new year so sorry I'll pass" I look at him for a second trying to see if he is serious, best believe his dead serious

Me:" So what are you going to be doing for Christmas? since you're not going home"

Zwe: "What I always do, sit and drink alcohol and later amajita come around and we Braai" now its my turn to look at him like his gone crazy "What?"

Me: "How about you come with us, spend Christmas with us?" He looks at me like I've lost

it and there's no helping me.

Zwe: "uyahlanya ke manje, what will you say to mom and your big brother, yoooh baby that guy scares the shit out of me, the way he looked at me when he found me at your flat ha it was like he was ready to jump me, cha ngeke angilibeki kwaNongoma love" all these pet name though, I laugh cause I know that Fika was ready to jump him, its just that that day was not a good day for him to play big brother.

Me: "But you are my brother in-laws friend, close friend and you and I are close now, you've helped me a lot these past months" He looks at me and smiles, like he grins.

Zwe: "I love you Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo and the only time I will set foot at your house is the day I will be paying amalobolo ntombi" mnxm "I really love you and right now I want to kiss you and Hold you tight, the things I want to do to you right now Mpande, you won't believe.

Ngizokphathe kahle, I want to make you my wife ngifunga oGwabini, you make want to be a better man hell the best man I can be" I look at him and again it feels like I can see the depth of his soul, I think I love him, he moves closer to my face and we are having a deep conversation with our eyes if not our deepest yet.

"Ngiyakuthanda" with that he smashes his lips on mine and kisses me, this feels good I kiss him back, this is really good, its been a while.

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\*Yomuzi\*

it's been a blissful 6 months with Zwe, from the day he kissed me off guard at his place and I returned the kiss, he claims that that is the day I sealed the deal. The honeymoon phase has been a total bliss with this guy, the meaning of love has been redefined. The travelling is tiring

though and Nsika is complaining that I don't as much time with him as I use to and it's true, if I am not in KZN Zwe is here. He usually comes on Friday and leaves on Monday mornings, which means that I hardly spend time with Nsika, if I do its always limited. If I am visiting him I leave on Friday evenings and come back Sunday evenings, phela mina I am not my own boss. It turns out that he has shares a some hotels here in Joberg hence the first name bases with the staff, he also owns a few properties in Durban and including his logistic company, owning a few trucks and ships, so basically he is a wealthy man. Well this weekend he is coming over and I know that we have to talk about a few things and that includes the Sex talk. Zwe and I haven't done the deed and its frustrating him, 3 months ago we went testing and we tested negative and we are going back again. I don't know whether I am ready or not, I've never had sex with anyone else

besides Thato and I am a bit scared to find out what is expected from me, everything I know which is not much, I was taught by Thato.

At work I have this big project that I am heading, I am so excited it's the first time that my boss is trusting me with such a big account and I am working with Nsika. Having Nsika in my time meant that we that we got to spend a lot of time together, we got an opportunity to spend time together too. We finally finished the project and presented it, my boss was very impressed with me and said he would like to speak to my brother and I about heading a new branch but he will give new information the following when he has sorted out all the logistics. I am excited about these news and Zwe is coming over, we will go celebrate for when he lands. Zwe was suppose to be her yesterday as per norm but he said he had to

sort out some business and so he had to postpone his flight to today which is Friday, I didn't mind really because I had that project proposal to present. I leave the office and head home, I won't be fetching Zwe because of the traffic, if I go I'll delay him so his getting an uber from the airport. Last night I had cooked brown beans because I wanted to cook isgwaqane when I came back from work so as soon as I finished showering I started preparing isgwaqane and spinach, I hardly cooked, Zwe and I were always out trying some new restaurant and the last time he was here Nsika offered to cook for us on that Saturday because he missed me lol. So here I was cooking my traditional meal there, I didn't want any meat today so I called Zwe telling him to buy some for himself.

Zwe: " Mpande yothando lwam" he called me that now and I loved it.

Me: "Ncwane, I just wanted to ask you to buy some meat for yourself"

Zwe: "I am down stairs babe, aren't we eating out today"

Me: " I kinda missed a home cooked meal don't worry I will boil a few pieces for you, hurry up I've missed you"

Zwe: "I am by the door open up" whoopy bae is here, I run to the door and jump on him putting my legs around his waist.

Me:" muntu wam I've missed you"

Zwe: "I've missed you too babe, what are you burning?" I get off and rush to the kitchen, I almost burnt my onions. "what are you making?"

Me: "Come see" he walks in the kitchen, damn this man is sexy, his eyes are just perfect.

Zwe: "Ha babe, I didn't know you could cook

isgwaqane and spinach, don't worry yourself with the meat I will have it kanje, oh babe this is mouth watering"

Me:"If I knew that you've loved this I would have cooked it a long time ago yaz, I am almost done, grab a beer at the fridge" he just stares at me, angaz ungibukani, he then walks away to the fridge, mnxm weirdo.

After a few minutes the food is ready, I dish up and we head to the lounge and we start eating, he heads back to the kitchen and washes his hands, and then comes back and starts eating with his hands lol this guy though, I grab my phone and start taking pictures, its like he hasn't eaten for a very long time.

Zwe: "Babe your food was amazing yezwa, you should cook more often and you must cook this for me for when I leave so I can take to Durban, kumnandi uyezwa" exaggeration right there.

Me: "Alright remind me" I take his plate and walk to the kitchen and he helps me with cleaning up, Once we are done, I send Nsika an sms telling him to come over tomorrow to get some food. He picks me up and puts me over his shoulder and we head to my bedroom with me hitting his back, we get to the bedroom and he outs me on top of the bed and we start with our make out session.

He takes off my shirt slowly unbuttoning it while kissing my neck, as soon as its out off the way he take off my shorts and I am only left with my bra and panty. He kisses again and takes my bra off and plays with my breast, they become hard and I get this feeling all over my body, this always happens when he touches my breasts and thats where we usually stop but today I want him to continue and so he does, He kissed my neck and goes down with his lips to

my breast and starts kissing them, his never doen this before and it feels amazing, I moan and he looks at me with his now blood red eyes that are half opened, this was amazing. His hands went to don't my nuna and he rubbed his hand up and down my panty, I was wet, no one has ever done this before to me, this feeling was new to my body. he moved his face down to my cake, oh sweet Mary mother of Jizas, I wanted to stop him but this felt s great. He took off my underwear with his teeth slowly once it was off he come back in and inserted his tongue inside my nuna, I moaned out loud and closed my thigh with his head in between, his hit my thighs forcing me to open them again, his tongue went in and out then went up to my clit, my body was vibrating uncontrollably, what is this guy doing to me. He waited for me until I calmed down. He looked up at me and had a grin on his face, he then inserted a finger in my nuna, I tried jumping up, this was the first time someone

done all this to me, he held me still and pushed his finger further in, it was a bit painful so I moved up a bit

Zwe: "Keep still babe" his voice was soft, husky and sexy.

Me: "Zwe" his name came out as a soft moan, his finger playing with me down there, this guy was still dressed and I was naked. I pulled him up and started taking off his clothes, we were in no rush we still had the whole night. How can one person be so sexy, he was now breathing heavily on top of me, humping me, I touched his crotch over his underwear and it sure felt big. He stood up and went to his bag and came back with condoms, then he took off his briefs, Holy shit, where is that thing going to enter, he saw my facial expression and he smiled

Zwe: "I won't hurt you, I will be gentle" and he walked towards me while putting on the condom, He got between my thighs and started

kissing me again and then he does that magical thing again of playing with my clit, it Victoria falls down there I tell you. He tries to insert himself in but his too big and it painful and I look away, why is it so uncomfortable and painful, it was not painful with Thato even the first time was as painful as now, I move up and he held my waist pulling me to him

Zwe: "Mpande look at me please" I look at him and he gives me an assuring look " I won't hurt you, please relax" what does he mean by saying I must relax

Me: "Zwe its painful, please be gentle" He pushes himself in again and the pain is excruciating, I think his penis is in my stomach and has pushed my intestines, he starts moving slowly and pain fades way slowly and I hear him moan and I start moving to his rhythm too, this feels so good his pace starts increasing and I increase my pace too, he kisses me while and

plays with my tits too, I feel like something is building up in me and wanting to come out, I tremble and he pace is now fast and I'm not moving at all my toes curly and I scream and it feels like something is leaving my body and its good. He turns me over and puts a pillow underneath me and inserts himself in my nuna from behind. What the fuck has Thato been doing to me cause our sex has never been this great and I've never done this shit that Im doing right now with him. He keeping pushing in and out and his pace increases again and the feeling comes aging and washes over my body and I tremble again this time he doesn't stop, his moans are becoming louder and louder now and his pace is fast until he trembles too and screams too and lays on top of me, we both wet from sweat, I never thought that sex can be this great, he pulls out and lays on the side and it looks like he sees something I don't see

Zwe: "Baby the condom broke" I panic, oh shit " relax, we will get the morning after pill in the morning then go to do our test again" he sees that I am relieved and he kisses my forehead and pulls me to him and we cuddle, after taking off his condom "Thank you Makhumalo, it was worth the wait" he kisses my head again but I drifting to sleep

Me: "I love you, goodnight"

Zwe: "I love you way more baby, goodnight" and Im out

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\*Zwe\*

Things between Yomuzi and I are going well actually we are what people call goes, I can't stop thinking about her everything I do now is

centered around her, I love her, like really love her. The distance though is killing me, yes we see each other almost every weekend but that's clearly not enough because I want to wake up next to her everyday. I can't get over the first time we had sex, I gave her orgasm after orgasm and I have come to learn that her idiot ex didn't know shit about sex, I gave first orgasm and have thought her different positions since then. I want her to move down to Durban, I'd like it if she would move but I know she won't agree just yet. I need to wife her nje soon, Listen I'm hooked. But there is one problem that seems to not want to go away, Bongeka. At first I kept her around because of Yomuzi was not giving me any so she was convenient and I didn't have to beg for it but as soon as my relationship with Yomuzi started getting serious, I lost interest in her and I knew she could see because she kept asking me why I don't give her attention anymore, and I'd ignore

her, she just shows up at house unannounced. I didn't want to be the one who breaks up with her so I was hoping that she would see that I'm not into her anymore and leave but she is determined to fix things. Yomuzi has taken leave from work for the coming week and she is spending it with me cause its my birthday and she wants to spoil me for a whole week, see we have been dating for almost a year now and I want reach our 1st anniversary with no loose ends so I need to talk to Bongeka now and tell her to face reality and see that we are over. I've asked her to come to my house today its Friday she won't be going to work. I get home take a shower make a mental note to do groceries since the madam is coming over and is complaining that I hardly have food. Bongeka calls to say she will be running late, she had to rush home but she is on her way back so I decide to go do those groceries.

I could go to Woolworth's but Yomuzi hates the shop, she tried to explain it to me but its political and its a long story so I pretended to be listening and the only thing I came out with was 'don't buy food or anything from woolies' that's it so I stopped. I got all her favorites which includes Nuttella, I hate it I don't understand why one would put chocolate as a spread but hey! As I walk back to my car I see a nice pair of Pink All Stars, they look so gorgeous and I know they would look perfect on her, they are baby pink and leather even the sole is pink, I go in and get them, I know she will like them, I have been buying her stuff, she doesn't like it but what kid of a man would I be if I don't spoil my woman.

As I drive in my place, I see Bongeka coming out of her car and she walks to me, I come out

and give her a hug, she tries to kiss me and I avoid the kiss, that was awkward, I go to the boot and take out the plastic bags and the shoe box, I didn't do this on purpose. and she grabs the box from my hands, oh shitty shit.

Bongeka: "Are these mine?" she doesn't give a chance to respond "these are so pink and I'm not a size 4" I sigh and start walking with my groceries and she follow me.

Me: "Bongeka we need to talk" she gives me a confused look, this won't be easy.

Bongeka: "Since when do you buy groceries? what are we going to be talking that has made you all serious" she laughs and I don't

Me: "Bongeka I think its time we called it quits" she looks at me in disbelief and chuckles

Her: "Why?" what does she why? what am I suppose to say now, let me honest for once with her.

Zwe: "Well, I have found someone else and I'm in love with her, I thought you would see that I was no longer interested in you and you would leave but you didn't, I can't do this to her" I've been looking down all along and so I look up because it's quiet and I want her to say something.

Her: "What do you mean there is someone else Nqobizizwe? what do you mean you mean you can't do this to her, does she not know about me" I shake my head, she's crying, this is what I've been avoiding, what am I suppose to do now?

Me: "I am really sorry Bongeka, we grew apart and I fell for her, it was never my intention to break your heart" I stand up and go to her and try to hug her but she pushes me away.

"ngiyaxolisa"

Her: "After everything we've been through, you just leave me like that for a girl that you've

known for less than a year, does she know that you're a serial cheater? I stayed with you after I found out that you slept with my best friend, I lost my friends because of you and now you are telling me that's its over? Uyahlanya" She's super angry and is pacing up and down

Me: "come on now Bongeka, our relationship hasn't been great for a while now, and I didn't say stop hanging out with your friends and please be fair your friend is the one who knew me when I didn't and she seduced me" now she is starting to piss me off but I can't afford to show her that because I am breaking her heart now

Her: " wow wow wow wow, are you serious now. I had a miscarriage because of you and your cheating ways and now you are discarding me for fresh meat for some whore who is probably after your money, I have my own money I work baby and I support myself, I wouldn't allow you

to buy me pink all stars, how old is this bitch kwakhona if she still wears pink all stars?"

haaibo whatwith all the insult?

Me: "I am sorry for stressing you unto you had a miscarriage, I will never forgive myself for that, but please don't insult my girlfriend, she is not a whore nor a bitch and she is not a child and she makes her own money" she breaks down and cries loud

and I walk over to her and give her a tight hug

Her: "Please don't leave me Zwe, I love you, please give up on us we've been together for a long time please don't let her come between us we can make it work" oh my

Me: "I am really sorry, I really didn't mean for this to happen but I love her and I want to be with her" she cries for the longest time in my arms. After an hour she stand up and fixes herself goes to the kitchen to drink water.

Her: "She must be really important to you because you're even buying groceries, I will wait for you"

Me: "I love her" I look up at her she looks hurt "please move on"

she takes her bag and car keys from the coffee table and leaves. At least that's over

\*Yomuzi\*

Tomorrow which is Sunday, I am flying down to Durban and I will be there for the whole week because it's my bae's birthday week, well his birthday is on Thursday but I wanted to be with him the whole week just for fun and spoil him, I couldn't leave on Friday because I had to spend time with Nsika today and tomorrow since I won't be seeing him the whole week and he isn't taking it well. Well a few months ago my boss

told me that the company has decided and to open a marketing department in Durban and he asked that I head it, which means I will get a raise and also my own office plus I will get to see mom whenever, however I haven't told Zwe about this, I still need to tell Nsika he did say he wanted to discuss something with me, his coming over today and we're planning to stay up all night and binge drink. My phone rings and its Nsika

Nsika: "Half come downstairs I'm waiting" I take my hand bag and shades and leave, I find him downstairs waiting for me with the biggest smile on his face, why is he in a jolly mood.

Me: "Why are we in a jolly mood today?"

Nsika:" hawu I am happy to see my other half hawu" lol he thinks his smart this one.

Me: "lies, so where are we going?" I say once I'm buckled up

Nsika: "Lunch, Movies and Dinner then we paint the town red, we are celebrating today"

Me: "What are we celebrating?"

Nsika:" Well I thought I'd tell you when we get to Mugg and Bean but let me just tell you, the big gave a promotion" wow that nice, I scream cause I know that this means a lot to him he can finally buy that motorbike "but I will be working in Richardsbay" say whaaaaat? my happiness is short lived wow

Me: "wow okay, so far from me, my promotion put me in Durban" I say calmly and I don't think he heard me

Nsika:" I know that's its far but.... wait what you got a promotion too? Yomuzi why didn't you tell me congratulations Mntungwa man, Richardsbay is not that far at least we will be on the same province wow" I smile and as soon as we get to the mall I come out of the car fast go

to his side and give him a big hug

Me: "I am so proud of you Mashobane, I know dad would be proud too, usebenzile Mntungwa"  
He looks at me with teary eyes

Nsika: "I am proud of you too, I am so happy that things are working out for you, few months ago I thought I would loose you but here you are with and promotion and a boyfriend even" lol why does Zwe have to be featured in everything that I do I don't know, Speaking of Zwe last night he sounded down and today too when I called him he was down, I wonder whats bothering him, I haven't told him about the promotion but for now let me enjoy my day with Nsika.

Its Sunday evening and I've just landed at King Shaka International Airport and I see Zwe waiting for me his carrying a party bag and has

the biggest smile ever, I love this man though. I run to him leaving my suitcase behind and he gives me a tight hug

Zwe: "Mpande yothando lwam, I've missed you"

Me: "how are you baby?" he gives me a very long wet kiss then takes my suitcase and we go to his car holding hands. My boo is cute though, he keeps looking at me like I'm some precious stone, its like he doesn't believe that we are here. We drive to his place, I am too tired to have dinner out so we will order in. Just as we drive in a lady comes out of her car, with a brick on her hand and she throws the brick on my side of the windscreen, and Zwe is shocked so am I, his shock turns into anger so fast he parks and goes out of the car before I stop him, I run after him and before I reach him I hear the loudest clap sound ever, did he just do that????

Zwe: "Yini ndaba ungijwayela kabi Bongeka, what if you hurt her" he says and holds her up

by her neck, I run again shock had stopped me from running.

Me: "Zwe put her down, what are you doing? you will hurt her" he doesn't listen, this poor lady is crying and he wont put her down, I've never seen this side of him. "Nqobizizwe Zungu put her down now!" I say now in a much firmer voice, he puts her down and she falls down coughing

Zwe: "Don't ever do that again, Bongeka uyangizwa? Ngizokbulala nya" I try to help her up but he takes my hand and pulls me and go up to his place, what the hell was that all about and why the fuck did he just hit a woman?

Me: "Nqobizizwe, I didn't know you that you are a women beater" he looks at me with shame written all over his eyes, I don't care.

Zwe: "I'm no woman beater baby, she could have hurt you, she should have taken her anger

out on me not you" heee this guy

Me: "I don't give a fuck what that woman did but nothing justifies your actions, I will not stay with a man who hits women, there was a better way of handling that but you chose otherwise, what will happen if I anger you? will you hit me too?" he looks at me with teary eyes

Zwe: "No, Mpande I would never do that, I know I shouldn't have done that baby and I am sorry, I let my anger get the best of me, I would never hurt you Mpande never" he wants to cry but I'm not folding.

Me: " The person you are suppose to apologise to is that lady that you forced me to leave laying on the ground after you had strangled her, go out and make sure that she is fine, and take me home to my mothers house, I can't stand you sight right now, how can you do that?" I at the brink of crying too, is my man abusive? he kneels in front of me and starts crying

Zwe: "I will do anything you want me to do, just please don't leave Mpande, I am really sorry, I am not a violent person, its just I get defensive when people I love are threatened, please do go baby"

Me: "Go out and help that lady and apologise we will talk when you get back" He left the house looking down, I can't believe that my Zwe hit a woman like that, what if he hits me in the future, I need to ask Lihle what to do she would know. After a few minutes Zwe walked in with my things and that paper bag, I never got to see what was inside yaz. The lady came in following Zwe and went to sit on the lounge, I don't remember telling him to bring her her kodwa.

Zwe: "Bongeka, this is Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, Mpande is the lady I told you about, I love her" Bongeka looked at me with so much disgust, I wonder what have I done this time

Bongeka: "I can't believe you left me for her,

look at her, who still does dreads in this day and age? She is classless, you left me for this" she says pointing at me, did this girl just insult me, and wait she was dating Zwe \*claps once\*, Zwe looks at her with anger once again

Zwe: "Please don't disrespect Mpande, in fact please leave I didn't bring you her so you can insult her" She looked at him like she couldn't believe what coming out of his mouth. She was beautiful, slim no not slim but thin, with a long weave she looks like she has money. I won't say anything to her right now but she is pushing her luck right now.

Bongeka: "She is nothing like me Zwe, what could have attracted you to her, look at her Zwe I am way more beautiful than her" the insults keep coming let go to the bedroom before I say or do shit " she is even fat" I turned around facing her and gave her the meanest look, Zwe came to stand by my side, I know he just stood

there to make sure I don't hit her. I need to calm down let me just go sleep.

Zwe: "Bongeka please leave, you don't want to see an angry Mpande she will break you and I won't stop her, I am sorry for hitting you I shouldn't have but please stop insulting my girlfriend and accept that we are over". I heard the door bang I guess she just left, he came in the bedroom and I was lying on the bed attempting to read just so I can calm down.

Zwe: "I am so sorry Mpande, I didn't know that that was going to happen otherwise I wouldn't have brought her up here, I am really sorry sthandwa sam, I broke up with her I guess she hasn't accepted things". I continue pretending that I am reading, I would actually leave this place now but all my siblings are busy, Fika is away in business in Kenya, Lihle left with her little family to her husbands family and Nhlanhla is on call so I am stuck with him here,

maybe I will go home to Themba and mom tomorrow, I will see in the morning.

Zwe:" Please say something Mpande, I can't take this silence" what does he want me to say

Me: "When did you break up with her?" he opens his eyes wide and then looks " you wanted me to respond, now please answer me"

Zwe: "A few months ago, Mpande I love you and no one else, please believe me, I really didn't mean for that to happen" his lying, he fiddles with his fingers when he lies, he doesn't know that I can tell when he lies so let me see where his going with this lie

Me: "You're lying and I don't know why but I'll let it go if you tell me whether you were sleeping with her while we were together?" he fiddles with his fingers, Bloody hell!

Zwe: "No, Mpande listen..." I stop him before he continues, I stand up and look at him

Me: " Nqobizizwe we have been together for months now, surely you should know now that I can tell when you're lying, but that's not the point here, the point is that you've been sleeping with someone else while you were with me, on top of that you hit her when she tries to expose you, I'm leaving I'm going to Nhlanhlas place, I don't think I can be with someone who lies so comfortably and cheats" I walk out to the sitting room and he follows me, I request an uber because I know he won't take me home. I take my stuff and walk downstairs the uber should be here any minute. He wants to cry I really don't care.

Zwe: "I am sorry for lying Mpande, please don't leave, please give a chance to explain at least allow me to take you to your brothers place" he takes my stuff and he puts it in the boot of his car and I cancel the uber, I get in and so does he. As soon as we drive out of his place a car

comes out of no where and hits my side, the window from my side breaks and I look at Zwe who is stuck his seat belt won't come out, I see that his panicking, I can't see properly my eyesight is vivid and my head is painful.

Zwe: " please baby don't look at me, don't close your eyes" trying to open my door but it won't open, someone has called the ambulance I can hear it. there's a sharp pain in my thigh, its really painful its like something is cutting me, I close my eye cause I can't take the pain anymore. I can hear Zwe sobbing and telling me to hold and that I must open my eyes, I want to tell him that I'm just resting but my mouth won't move nor my eye.

\*Zwe\*

I know I am not the greatest person on this earth but Mpande does not deserve this, what

will I do without her. The people who saw the accident have already called an ambulance. Mpande is breathing but she is losing her consciousness and we can't afford that. The ambulance comes and for the first time I see that the car that drove into us is still here. I swear I wasn't wrong, the car came out of nowhere. This car looks awfully familiar no wait this is Bongekas car, WTF! Why would she do this? I know I messed up but for her to go to such extremes is just too much. The ambulance take Mpande to Mhlanga hospital, I get in leaving my car behind and take out my phone to call Andile so I can speak to Lihle.

Andile: "My man how's it?" I feel so defeated right now

Me:" Andile May I please speak to Lihle it's about Mpande" I say holding my tears, I need to call Nsika, she might need him

Andile: "Is everything okay? Lihle, Zwe wants to

speaking with her" she came to the phone and I started talking

Me: "Lihle, there has been an accident and Mpande is badly hurt, we are at Mhlanga Hospital" she let out a sob

Lihle: "oh my gosh uMpande kababa" she cries "she is allergic to aspirin and please call Nsika he might be feeling some pain now and he will be worried about Mpande then he will also start getting sick, I'll book him a flight to Durban now" she was still crying while saying this "Nhlanhla works there, so please ask for him, I will send you his number so you can call him too, I hope nothing serious happened"

Sorry for the short insert I will write two tomorrow

Insert 18

\*Zwe\*

I've been in hospital for close to four hours now and no one has said anything, Andile called to say that his on his way with Lihle and Nhlanhla is sitting next to me looking pissed and sad, Nsika is on his way apparently his been crying ever since Mpande got hurt and has been feeling pain too, but he finally got on his flight, Andile and Lihle will take him at the airport. Nhlanhla tells me that they haven't told their mother because of her health so they will tell her when they are sure of Mpandes state.

Nhlanhla is wearing his scrubs but his not working. I am so scared right now but I can't break down now, I can't break down these Khumalo men will see me as a weakling then they will think I am not good enough for their sister, oh how I wish I had a good relationship with my siblings or at least my mother right

now. As soon as I see Nsika, I see that his not himself its like his in pain, Lihle runs to us and Nhlanhla hugs him, while Andile walks to him and gives me a hug too, I needed that.

Lihle: "Any updates? what's happening? for how long has she been in that operating room?  
Nhlanhla why are you just standing there?"

Nhlanhla: "Langelihle she is family I can't be inside, She has been there for 3 hours now but they might be finishing now, her leg is broken and something from the door got stuck on her tigh, that's why they had to operate to remove it otherwise nothing else is broken, she also didn't experience any external bleeding" How come he didn't tell me all of this? Why am I only hearing about this now? I see the doctor who was operating on Mpande walk towards us, he looks at us and smiles, I guess he has good news.

Dr: "Hi guys, Dr khumalo, you sister did well, she should heal soon, she has a scar now on her thigh but she should be fine. She is sleeping right, you guys can go see her for just five minutes" we all sigh from relief I guess

Lihle: "Thank you doctor for helping my sister but I have one request, this here is my brother" she says pointing at Nsika "Nsika here is Mpandeyomuzis twin and we will not sleep at all if they don't sleep on the same bed, they need each other to heal, emotionally and mentally, so can you kindly allow Nsika to sleep over"

Dr: "No problem miss Khumalo"

Andile: "Mrs Mdletshe" Lihle chuckles, the doctor attempts to walk away but I stop im

Me: "Dr can I see her, even if its just for 5 minutes please"

Dr: "Absolutely you guys ca stay for 10 minutes"

he said with a smile and walked away, Lihle holds my arm as I try to walk to the ward

Lihle: "lets us go in for the first 5 minutes then you go in after us please". I look at her and see what she is trying to say, Nhlanhla will skin me alive with the looks his giving me and he won't be able to hold himself when he sees Mpande. Andile stays with me when they go inside

Andile: "What happened Zwe? Are you fine? don't you need any medical attention" I took a deep sigh and leaned against the wall and he walked closer to me and stood by my side

Me: "Its all a mess Andile and I don't even know how to fix it" he gives me a confused look. "It was Bongeka, I saw her she drove into us purpose, she wanted to kill her?" I start to cry as I realised that I almost lost Mpande and it was all because of me.

Andile: "Shit! I didn't think that she could go that

far, have you seen her? the Khumalos should never find out Fika will kill her my man and you will be next" I looked and him now confused "They love each other and would never let anyone mess with them like that, its better that they remain at knowing that this was an accident Zwe, don't even mention to Yomuzi cause she will tell Nsika and he will tell everyone" what doe he mean I must not tell Mpande, I'm in this position because of all the secrets now I have to keep this one too. I nod my head looking down because I know that he is serious by the tone that he is using. The Khumalos walk out with Nsika who looks better and I walk in, I see her laying on that bed peacefully, the tears start to fall again

Me: "Mpandeyothando lwethu, I am really sorry about today, this wouldn't have happened if I were an honest human being, I was selfish and wanted my bread buttered on both sides, now

you are here, this should have been me" I let out a sob, her leg was was elevated but her face just had a few bruises. I feel like someone is standing behind me and I turn only to find that its Nsika

Nsika: "I hope my sister is not in that bed because of you because shit will hit the fan" he says looking at and walking in

Insert 19

\*Zwe\*

I got home tired, the insistence company had come to give me a car, when I saw the scene of the accident my heart broke into a thousand pieces. I took cabling warm shower then headed straight to Bongeka's place, I just had to make sure that her head is fine, I'm convinced that she is mad. I got to her gate and I punched in her code, it hadn't changed, I got in and I saw

that her bitchy friends were around.

I knocked and Zama, the Queen of the bitch crew, came to to open the door.

Zama: " well well well, look what the cat dragged in?" She said looking at me from head to toe, I pushed her out of the way and walked in

Me: " Where's Bongeka?" I looked around and couldn't see her so I assumed that she was in the bedroom so I walked to her bedroom ignoring her friends who were about to jump me. I walked in and found her sitting in front of the mirror crying, mnxm!

Bongeka: "What do you want? Are you here to embarrass me again, this time in front of my friends? I don't deserve this Zwe! Please leave" this girl is unbelievable so she sees nothing wrong with her behaviour?

Me: "Are you listening yourself right now?" I

truly couldn't believe what she said "Mpande could be dead and wena you don't see anything wrong with what you did?"

Bongeka: "what's her name kahle kahle, Mpande or Yomuzi? What kind of a name is that? But at least she's still alive" haaibo!

Me: "Usuyasangana vele?" I say not looking at her because I'm really getting angry and I'm afraid of what I will do to this girl

Bongeka: "Zwe you're really leaving me for that fat girl, with dreads? Like Zwe like really?" I slowly walk to her and she moves to the wall, I walk till I get to her and I pin her on the wall with my arm, She can't breath and because she is yellow her face is starting to turn red.

Me: "I really didn't want to do this, but you keep pushing me Bongeka, I will kill you Bongeka and pay for your funeral arrangements, uyangizwa? Should anything happened to Mpande I will kill

your mother, your brother two days apart and will watch you suffer. Ngizokbulala Bongeka" she is no longer breathing, I let her go and she starts coughing, and she tries to crawl to the door but I stop her by picking her up and putting her on top then I sit next to her.

Me: "Bongeka I am sorry for the way things turned out between us, I fell for her, I love her Bongeka, I've never loved like this before. Please move on and if you have problems please come me not her, if you so much as try to kill her, I will do as I promised, Siyezwana?" she nodded while crying, I stood and walked out as I walked futhure down her passage her Sobs were becoming louder

Zama: "iyinja Zwe"

Me: " Your friend should be in jail for attempted murder or dead but she's in the comfort of her bed, you should all be grateful that I didn't Kill her." I heard them all gasp as I walked out. I

should go to hospital

\*Yomuzi\*

I woke up with a very dry throat and a wet back, I turned facing whomever was behind and it's Nsika and he is sleeping, manje why is he so close to me? I notice that there's another person in this room so I lift up my head and I see Zwe, his eyes are red and his eyes are swollen as if he's been crying for days

Me: "Water please" he quickly runs to me and pours a glass of water and helps me sit up so I can drink properly. I look at him and this one next to me is snoring, I look at Zwe again but he looks away.

Zwe: "I am sorry Mpande, I never thought this would happen, please don't leave me  
Makhumalo I love you, more than anything in

this world and I don't think I can survive without you Mpandeyomuzi, please forgive me" he wants me to say I forgive him, I see it in his eyes they are glossy.

Me:" come to me baby, don't cry, come give me a hug" He came walking slowly as soon as he was on my arms he broke down and cried

Insert 20

\*Zwe\*

Today Mpande is going home, I will fetch her from the hospital and drop her off at her house, she has been in that hospital bed for two months now, the stitches on her thigh were starting to heal and her broken bone on her leg was healing to. Just as I was about to leave my phone rang, the number was not saved. It was also an international call

Me: "Nqobizizwe Zungu speaking"

Person: "I trusted you with my sister because she was in love with you and you were making her happy and then your crazy ex girlfriend tries to kill her, and you don't even tell me? Why do you keep on disrespecting me? You knew very well that you couldn't date my sister but you still you persuaded her, now she is lying in a hospital bed with a freaken scar on her thigh and a broken leg, meanwhile wena you have no Scars Flash" Oh shit Fika, I'm dead today.

Me: " Fika, I didn't know that that was going to happen otherwise I would have prevented it, I love your sister and I would protect her with my life" he laughs but his laugh is cold

Fika: " But you are not in hospital, she is. I don't gamble with my family Flash and you know." I sighed because he warned me to stay away but I couldn't " I don't trust you with my sister so stay away from her" Fuck noooo!

Me: "Fika I'm afraid I won't be able to do that I

love her and I want..." the line went dead before I could even finish, Fika will kill me himself if this happens again, I know he has a soft spot for me hence he didn't do anything to me the first time he saw me with Mpande and when he heard we were an item, but if I push it he will kill me while reciting my clan names. Fika and I are in business he uses my trucks and ships to transport his goods, we've also done a few heists together but that was a long ttime ago.

I take my car keys and head to the hospital to fetch my boo.

When I got there she was ready and all packed. She was waiting for me.

Yomuzi: "look who decided to show up" she beamed, I love this girl yeeeses, even when she is insulting me she does it with a smile.

Me: "Baby boo, you look beautiful, I've missed

you are you ready?" she smiles again, <3

Yomuzi: "Lover you saw me yesterday hawu, I'm ready boo come pick me up Ncwane" yeeees, I put her on the wheelchair and we sign her forms and I wheel her down to the car.

Yomuzi: " please take me to your place, I want to spend time with just you" I looked at her with owe, I told her that Bongeka did that on purpose and I explained to her how things went down between us, she was angry and disappointed in me but she forgave me because it was my birthday.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi I know that I've known you for less than year but my heart finds peace when Im with you, my heart and your heart dance with the same tune. I love you so much that even the thought of not being with you kills me, Ngishade ntombi yaseMantungwini"

Insert 21

\*Yomuzi\*

Zwe told me about the whole Bongeka story and I was pissed but I understood that he had no control over what she did, Fika called most everyday trying to convince me to breakup with Zwe but I love Zwe and I don't see myself living without him. I haven't told him that I'm moving because of the job promotion it was suppose to be part of his birthday gift. Nsika went back to Joberg to pack our things and arrange my lease issues and so forth. Zwe came to fetch me from at the hospital, he was suppose to take me home but I want to go with him, I'm going to his place, his lost a lot of weight and hasn't shaved he looks stressed and I need to show him that we are well and nothing will break us. While we are driving to his place he drops a bomb, he asks to marry me and I'm more than happy but I don't want to us to get

married because we felt threatened and I had to tell him this

Me: " let's get home first then we can talk babe"  
he looks at me as if he wants to cry "Zwe I'm not refusing, I'm just saying let's discuss it when we get to your place, don't sulk" he gives me a faint smile, ayike angsazi!

We get to his place and he asks to leave me in his car and to open The door and put my things first, he then he me back to fetch me, he picked me up bridal style, he kept on Kissing me as we walked in. He had moved his main bedroom to a bedroom downstairs, how sweet.

Zwe: "Should I order breakfast or make it" I don't want him to go anywhere I want to cuddle, but I'm hungry

Me: "Please order in babe" he took out his

phone and made a call he sat on the bed and I held his hand I wanted to talk about us, he finished climbed on the bed and looked at me

Zwe: "I love you for real and I don't want to wait, I want to marry you, I want you next to me all the time, I want to start my future with you babe I want us to start a family, I want to to surrendered by your warmth Mpande"

Me: "well for your birthday I was suppose to tell you that I got a job promotion" I sighed and he gave me a confused look, "I was asked to me to lead the marketing department here in Durban" he beamed and gave me a deep kiss

Zwe: " that's great news love"

Me: "I know but I think I will have to get my own place" his mood dropped, uyahlanya ke lo manje asishadile I won't vat n set "Zwe be reasonable now"

Zwe: "I'm not sulking babe, I'm happy and I

understand"

Me: "I also need to you about your relationship with Fika and why all of the sudden is he interested in our relationship" he scratches his head

Zwe: "We are in business together, he uses my company to transport his goods" I know his lying but I will let it go

Me: "I know that the information you're giving me is not entirely true but it's fine, we will revisit that topic again, any crazy girlfriends I need to know about? Baby mama? I don't want this Bongeka situation to repeat itself"

Insert 22

\*Yomuzi\*

its our one year anniversary this week and yes I relocated to Durban and I have my own place in

Glenmore, but most of the time I am Morningside with Zwe the love of my life, our offices are at Umhlanga and Nsika and I share a flat. I healed faster but i had to move back to my mothers house and I had to explain to her why I was here and never mentioned it to her. I told her about Zwe and she adores him, I love their relationship but she is against the idea of us staying together. We don't want to stay at home, we have been away for too long for us to move back to the house, Themba must stay by herself, mom also moved back to Eshowe she said she wanted to be close to her husband, which was weird but also understandable. Nhlanhla wants to stay with me and Nsika claiming that we are fun and adventurous, but I don't think that's a great idea because he won't understand us we are crazy, too crazy for him. My mission this month is to reconnect Zwe with his family not matter what the cost, he doesn't love his siblings he just shoves his family with

money and never go home, and I go home all the time to see mom, when I try to talk about it he says he is not ready but if we are building a relationship he needs to fix it, I don't like their relationship at all. I want to try and fail, I won't sit and watch him envy my families relationship.

Me: "Baby what are we doing for our anniversary this week" I say as I walk to the bathroom to take a shower after a steamy session, his also walking behind me, he wraps his hands around me and I kisses the back of my neck

Zwe: "Angaz Makhumalo, what do you want to do?" WTF, I remove his hands around me and get inside the bathroom and lock the door "hawu Mpande I'm sorry, I was only joking, its a surprise babe, come on open up" I open the water in the shower and adjust it, I stay there for a long time ignoring him until I hear that he

has left, I shower while singing. I come out when the water starts getting cold and wrap the towel around me and walk back to the bedroom, I find him getting putting on his briefs and putting on lotion. I guess he used the main bathroom mnxm I don't care.

Zwe: "You need to learn how to take a joke and stop sulking yesses" did he just YESSSES me? wait is he sulking now?

Me: "Don't tell me what to do please and stop sulking because I know you haven't planned anything for our anniversary"

yes I can tell when he lies "and don't YESSSES me"

Zwe: "I see you want to spoil my day but I won't allow your mood to rub on me, I am determined to have a good day" lol this idiot forgot and his trying to act cool, I won't allow him to get away with this, let me continue getting dressed

Me: " Stop acting smart honey, I know you nje please stop and there's no mood here, you are the one trying to be smart" We finish getting dressed and we head down stairs for breakfast.

Me: "And what would you like to eat today lover" I lean over the counter and kissed his lips, when I wanted to pull away away he held my head and deepened the kiss until I stopped him, haaibo phela sobaLate emsebenzini.

Zwe: "And why are you making me breakfast, you never do that and always say we are equal, why today?" its true I do things because I want to not because I have to so most of the time he makes breakfast and I sometime make supper" I laugh though

Me: "I guess its because I want to spoil you for our anniversary week" He laughs

Zwe: "I will have Coco Pops, you know I will have coco pops" Like is an understatement he

is obsessed with coco pops, I sometimes find him in the middle of the night eating them even when his working in his study he snacks on them, I turn and take out a bowl and make him his coco pops and we eat while chatting when we are done we walk out and drive our separate ways.

the week flew and today is Saturday and our anniversary, and as I told you that he had nothing planned and I didn't know what I wanted too and so we decided we would do what we do best, that is drinking lol yes. I am getting ready to go out with my boo, siyokwenza njalo. I tied my dreads up and laugh at the incident where his ex told me I'm old school because of my dreads, I love my dreads though.

Zwe: "Mpande please finish, I want to get drunk already and I am sure that your siblings are

already waiting for us" well the reason I am taking so long is because I initially wanted to wear short pants and but my scar is still big and I am so uncomfortable with it, I need to talk to Lihle about this she will know what to do, Zwe gets in as I am putting on my boyfriend jeans, I will wear those pink all stars he bought me and a white vest just like him, his wearing black all stars though and I have to mention that they are very dirty and he refuses to wash them.

I finish and we leave for Florida, Cubana it is.

We find my siblings already seated and drinking, I see they have ordered my favourite, Vodka, let the party begin. Zwe looks at me and we laugh because he told me that my siblings will be here when we arrive. We walk in looking at them and smiling

Lihle: "Its about time" lol we don't care yaz

Zwe: "Mr and Miss party have arrived, sesngadakwa!" hahahahah I wasn't expecting that at all but we laugh and join the others. Lets do this. We are having fun and Zwe can't seem let go of my me, his so clingy but I'm not complaining. I stand up cause I need to get to the loo, I tell bae and he offers to take but I tell him to chill, I get to the bathroom and there's this group of girls who keep on giving me looks, or maybe I am imagining things, I do my business and go out to wash my hands and these girls are still here, its just me and them and I see that the door is now locked, oh heee!

Girl1: " I didn't think it was true when I heard it and I just had to see it myself and its true, she looks like a farm girl" she's looking at me but is definitely not talking to me, I finish washing my hand and wife them then head for the door and I feel someone holding my arm

Girl2: "Bitch where do you think you're going?"

you think you can steal my friend man and get away with it, ngabe kuyadlalwa"

Oh this is about Bongeka, alright let me entertain this. Actually I should ask them why that bitch tried to kill me, I look at the girl who is holding my arm and smile

Me: "Please let go of my arm lady, right now you're in my space and I don't like it when people are in my space" she looks at me from head to toe and they all laugh

Girl3: "Uzokwenzani? there's 5 of us and only half of you and from what I hear, these past months haven't been easy on you" there is a knock on the door actually someone is banging that door but let me deal with these ass's before I open.

Me: "I said let go of my arm?" I say now I am not polite, I am angry and they laugh

Zwe: "Mpande I know you're in there please

don't do anything stupid babe"

Me: "Just a minute babe, I need to teach these girls some respect" I looked at all these girls and laugh and I moved my arm roughly and slap the one who grabbed and I pushed her against the wall and she fell mnxm weakling, as I was about to attack the rest of the crew the door broke down and Zwe got in and ran to me, he held me from behind

Zwe: "They are not worth it babe, uzoylimaza" I wanted to cry but I wasn't because these girls were still here and shocked their friend was bleeding

Me: "Never ever insult me ever again, niyangizwa? I am not your friend" I was angry and screaming

Girl1: "You are both violent, wow why am I not surprised? Wena Zwe Bongeka is pregnant, check up on her" they went to their friend and

picked her up and left. I removed his hands from me and walked out

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Zwe

We walk back to the others and Mpande is not talking to me, she is angry, rightfully so. So much for having fun, Bongeka's friends have just ruined my night. Lihle knows that something is not right when we settle down and I guess she just decided to not say anything, Andile looks at me and I shrug my shoulders I guess he also wants to know what happened but I aint about to tell him in front of Lihle.

Mpande orders a bottle of Ciroc and dash and I just know that its going to be a very long night. One of the things that I love about Mpande is that she doesn't let people in our relationship she believes in us sorting things out. She starts

drinking and I watch because I'm no longer in the mood anymore and I need to keep an eye on her. Tomorrow I was planning on proposing once again but after that rude announcement made by Zama, I'm not sure anymore.

She stands up and goes to the dance floor and starts dancing, her favourite song is playing, damn my girl can move guys, I wanna join but I know uzongphoxa so I will sit and watch her. Our favourite song comes on and she immediately walks back to where we are seated lol she's being petty but its allowed. Another song comes on and she stands up again and takes the dance floor, some stupid guy moves towards and starts dancing with her, I stand up and take her sling bag and head to her and tell her its time to go and she ignores me, this guy tries holding her waist and I throw in a punch and he falls, I grab

her arm and we walk out all this time she is not saying anything and I am pissed.

Yomuzi: "You didn't have to cause a scene" ha this girl can't be serious right now, I ignore and open her door she goes in and bangs my door, she knows very well how I don't like that mnxm brat.

Me: "I don't appreciate you banging my door Mpandeyomuzi" she looks at me and chuckles

Yomuzi: "Well I don't appreciate you going around planting your seeds and leaving people pregnant" I was waiting for that, she actually took longer to burst than what I had estimated

Me: can we talk about that when we get home please, I am not even sure whether she is pregnant or not"

Yomuzi: "and what if she is pregnant Zwe? what fucken happens Zwe?"

Me: "Watch the way you speak to me, don't use that language with me siyezwana" I put my hand on her thigh and press it hard

Yomuzi: "Ay fokof Nqobizizwe" I press her thigh a bit harder and she flinches

Me: "I said don't talk to me in that way, mind your language and your tone Mpandeyomuzi" my voice is now firm

Yomuzi: "please take me to my flat, I would like to have my own space now" esheee

Me: "Not happening" she turns and faces her window "Mpande I know I messed up but you dancing with that guy like that was unnecessary"

Yomuzi: "oh wow, so you can sleep with whomever you want and mina I can't even dance with a fly" hawu this girl "I asked you to take me to my flat Zwe" I sigh cause it doesn't look like I am winning

Me: " I will take you to your flat in the morning babe, please lets talk about this" there is long silence in this and we get to my place and she goes straight to the shower, I take off my clothes and stand behind her, I know she is horny cause she is drunk, I pinch her nipple and she ignores me, I pinch it once again and she moans, I put my hand on her clit and vigorously rub it she tries to stop me but I hold her hand and I shove myself into her when she least expects, I do two strokes then pull out and I walk out of the shower I put on my trunk and go to bed.

I've been in bed for thirty minutes now but she has not come out of the bathroom, I'm starting to get worried, so I stand up and go check on her and I found her sitting on the floor curled up her face on her knees and she was crying, i quickly rush to her. You must now understand

how worried I am because Mpande never cries unless she's really hurt, I went to sit next to her cause I know she doesn't like me picking her up.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi I am sorry, I know I messed up all am I asking is that we talk about it"

Yomuzi: "What are you sorry about? that your ex is pregnant or the fact that you just violated me just so you could put a point across" violate????

Me: "Mpande I didn't violate you, and I am not going to apologise for disciplining you?"

Yomuzi: "Excuse me are we in primary school? Discipline yamasimba, why didn't you discipline your dick to not have sex with Bongeka? unganginyanyisi mina please"

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo mind how you speak to me"

Yomuzi: "Or what? you will sexually torture me again? hayi fokof" she quickly stands up and tries to run but I am as fast as her I grab her arm roughly and pull her to my chest and look at her straight in the eye, and she breaks down and starts crying and I give a tight hug

Me:" I am really sorry baby, I didn't mean to hurt you in both ways, I am sorry about Bongeka I messed up please forgive me Mamtungwa, forgive me Mashobane" she continues crying, I then pick her up and put her on the bed and Lotion her body, I dress her up in her Pajamas.

Yomuzi: "Please call Nsika, I want Nsika"

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Yomuzi

Zwe takes out his phone and calls Nsika and

knowing Nsika he is not available because its Saturday and he is getting it on with his floozies. I see that Zwe is now panicking because Nsiak is picking up his calls and I won't say anything to him because I am hurt and I feel betrayed by the man I love. What Zwe did to me when we were taking a shower was not acceptable, I don't know why he is punishing me because his the one who went and decided to impregnate his crazy ex, I don't know why he expected me to be calm and collected about this.

He walks back to bed and cuddles me, I can feel his mouth on my neck, he leaves wet kisses all over the back of my neck. You see the thing about Zwe he thinks that everything can be fixed with sex, when disagree he uses sex as a tool of punishment, when he is wrong he uses sex to apologize but I am afraid that this time that won't happen. The sex is good but we can't

be using it as a way to sort out our problems.

Zwe: " I am deeply sorry baby, Nsika is not answering my calls" he is hold me too closely and is still kissing and blowing on my neck, I can feel his hard penis on my bum.

Me: " ...." He sighs after a few seconds when I don't answer him

Zwe: "I will do anything you say, I didn't mean to do that to you baby, please say something muntu wam" I still remain quiet. He strokes my back with his finger, my spinal cord, he slowly puts his hand inside my pajama pants and plays with the lips of my vagina, my body is so stupid though cause now it wants to react to this fucker. His finger is still playing with my vagina slipping in and out while kissing me and now I am wet, he moves me and gets on top of me and takes off my top and my pants and removes his trunk too, his man hood is so big and ready. He plays with my breasts while his

other hand is down there playing with my clit, I reach my orgasm while he his just using his finger to pleasure. He stops and looks at me straight in the eye and it feels like our souls are one, when I look into his eyes, I see love a lot of love, he positions himself in between me and enters me then he stop at his first trust

Zwe: "Please don't leave me Mpandeyothando lwam" he pushes himself deeper and I let out a loud moan "I love you Makhumalo, please marry me" ohho not that again, he trusts again gently we make love and I haven't said anything to him, he keeps on trusting and I'm loosing my mind her, he turns me to lay on my side and the love making continues, its like we are making love for the very last to, its mesmerizing "Marry me munt wami" he going hard now and the noise that I am making is not assisting its like I am putting on foul.

Me: "Yes Yes Yes" with that he come inside me,

this ass didn't use a condom mnxm, he pulls out and turns me to look at him

he looks so happy.

Zwe: " Really, you will marry me?"

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Yomuzi

I agreed to marry Zwe, not so long ago I was sure that I was going to leave him but our love making sessions always change mind about whatever, its like we become one, as if I see the depth of his soul, he makes me weak. I think in him I found my soul mate.

Zwe: "Are you serious muntu wami?" this muntu wami this just pops up, its like someone is fighting him for my heart and he has to remind

me that I belong to him, I love it.

Me: "Yes muntu wami, I will marry you but we need to sort out a few things" I push him off me, I need to clean myself. "Zwe, I need to go to the pharmacy and get the morning after pill"

Zwe: "Why? we are getting married mos" he says walking in naked in the bathroom, my man is sexy though ay ngeke "Stop drooling, why don't you want to have my kids" hawu this guy, I turn and give him the meanest look ever, he must try me. I leave the bathroom and go back to the bedroom then go to the kitchen to make myself some food, I'm famished. I warm up food left in the fridge, its like 3 am and I am ready to talk to Zwe about his baby mama. Just as I am thinking of calling him he walks in half naked again and he comes to sit next to me

Me: "Manzini, there are a few things that I need

you to sort out if I am to marry you" he looks at me and gestures that I should continue " Firstly I need you to sort out shit with that girl that is pregnant so we can move on" he looks at me as if his scared.

Zwe: "What if she is pregnant? are you going to leave me? I don't think I could survive without you Mpande, please don't leave" I sit up and face him because I could hear from his voice that he was going to break out any minute, I then held his hands and out them in between mine.

Me: "i will not leave you Zwe, I will stay I with you, I wouldn't have agreed to marry you if I were going to leave you now would I" He calms down and I see it in his body posture that he was relieved. "but there is one more thing that I need you to do for me" he takes me and puts me on his lap

Zwe:" anything you want Mamntungwa"

Me: "I want to you to go back home and fix things with your family"

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Yomuzi

Last night or rather this morning didn't end well, Zwe doesn't want me to meet his family he doesn't want to talk about them. Sometimes she does mention his sisters, his mother always calls and he promises to go home, he has a brother too but its like they are a distant family. I told him that we will only get married when he decides to introduce me to his family and he tries to mend their relation, how on earth does he think they will pay his lobola if he doesn't fix things. Nsika came to me first thing in the morning, he told me that he was drunk somewhere emlazi and his phone was in his car

so when he saw that Zwe called him a numerous time he drove straight to see me. I didn't want to tell him that we were fighting with Zwe especially on our anniversary and I don't want my family being involved with my love life. Nsika ended up using the guest bedroom because he said he had not slept from Friday night and today was Sunday lol trust my brother.

Zwe came out of the bathroom and told me to get ready we are going to house to meet his family, i didn't think that we were going to do that today but I am not going to refuse. I took my phone and called Lihle because I've never been in a situation like that before and she would definitely know what to do.

Lihle: "Muntu ka Zwe" lol this idiot though

Me: "Aw now I have lost my rights of being called mpandeyomuzi kaMthungwa just

because I am dating your husbands friend,  
tshisa Mrs Mdletshe" she laughs out loud lol my  
sister though

Lihle: "Well that's what Zwe calls you 'umunt  
wam' as if we are after your guys relationship,  
whats' up?"

Me: "Zwe is so territorial, did you see him last  
night at the club when i was dancing and that  
guy came to me, he got pissed"

Lihle: "Yes I saw that yaz, what was that all  
about?"

Me: "Well I had a little fight with his ex  
girlfriends friends and they ended up telling me  
that she is pregnant"

Lihle: "whuuuu that slimy bitch, she did that on  
purpose, yaz Bongeka is unbelievable" hawu  
she knows this Bongeka character

Me: "You know her? hayi ke she pregnant and  
brother man here claims to have not know

about this detail"

Lihle: "Well you know how Andile and Zwe ave been friends for years now, so I've known him for a while and I am sure that he loves and would never lie to you about something that he had no control over, I am sure he didn't know" I sigh

Me: "aren't you a fan of Zwe all of the sudden" I say sarcastically "anyway that is not why I called you, Zwe is taking me to meet his family and I don't know how to behave or what to do at all" she is quiet for a second

Lihle: "Mpandeyomuzi kaMntungwa, what have you done that has finally convinced Zwe to go home, he hasn't been to see his family in 3 full years and you come in like a year and you make him go home woow" why is she exaggerating now?

Me: "Well he asked me to marry him and I told

him that I won't marry him unless I meet his family" she starts screaming on the phone and I have move it away from my phone "Langelihle mani"

Lihle: " He what???? how big is your ring, phela your man is loaded heee hamba Yomuzi" actaully where is my ring I look at my finger, there is no ring.

Me: "There is no ring yaz, anyway help me out"

Lihle: "Firstly wear a dress, try to put on less make up, make sure you buy groceries cause you don't know where you going and how the situation is, you might sleep over so pack a small sleepover bag, pack his things too, remember speak when you're spoken too" lol its work tomorrow so I am not sleeping over

Me: "thank you big sis, I love you bye"

I hang up and go shower.

Everything is packed and ready we have had our breakfast now we are going to do groceries and we are heading to Port Shepstone. its going to be a long drive, Zwe hasn't spoken much today. We go to pick n pay and I force that we do groceries, after we are done we start with our journey.

Zwe: "My father once told me that I will know that a woman loves when she tries to make sure that she loves everything about me even the things I don't love" I look at him and smile, this is the first time he is referencing his father, in fact this is the first time he talking about his father.

Me: "I love you Gwabini"

Zwe: "My father was a rich business man, we have shops at home, he had a lot of land and we use it to make a profit. I run the family businesses because those were fathers last wishes, my siblings and I don't get a long

because i was apparently my fathers favourite hence he left everything for me, which is not true. Yes my father left most of his wealth for me but I have never spent ab cent of it, I sent them all to school but none of them completed their degrees, my mom sold some of the land claiming that she was hungry and need could not afford being poor because my father had spoiled her life. My little brother Siyathokoza, well his not so little anymore, he is a drunk whose cleans up the stores month end to go pay the debt that he accumulates all month long he didn't want to go work. Our fights started when I started setting the rules because I saw the danger that they putting us in and saved some of the money and I make sure that month I send one of my men to go take the money and bank it for me, even so that money is not mine but it theirs, thats how they put food on the table but to them it could never be enough, I am selfish and I built my businesses with our fathers

money, which is bullshit, so I avoid going home because we always fight about the same thing." he takes a deep sigh

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Zwe

I had to tell Mpandeyomuzi why I haven't been home, I know she noticed. The fact that she was always with her siblings all time didn't help at all. Whenever she asked about my family I'd plainly ignore, change the subject or ask her to let it go. When she agreed to marry me I was happy in fact I was beyond happy and I simply couldn't risk letting her just because she wanted to meet my family. The reasons she put forward were actually true our families needed to meet for amalobolo and that meant that she would have to meet my family prior. There's like 6 of us and I am the first child, my little sister is doing her first year in varsity at ukzn but we are not close, my brother an alcoholic and also a

drug addict who is a drop out, my two sisters stay at home and keep popping kids left, right and center amaChoice assorted mchana. The reason why we are not close or don't get along is because of my mother, yes she is the reason. My father was a well know business men around our town, plus he owned a farm, he cows, chickens, pigs everything you name and I was fortunate enough that he taught me how to run the business before he was brutally murdered when he went to close one of his shops. Rumour has that my dad caught my mother with another man and was planning to divorce her and later that week he was murdered, hee angisho lutho. My dad left everything in my name, my siblings were suppose to get their share once they graduated which hasn't happened, so it's not me who refuses with their money as my mother claims but it's the terms of my father's will. So my

siblings hate me because my mother told them that I refuse to give them their money and I used it for my business. I've tried to tell them and they know the will but mother convinced them that I changed it, so after a few years of insults whenever I get home I stopped going all together. I tried taking Siya to rehab he came out and stayed with me for a while and then one day I came back to an empty house, he had sold everything inside and went home to hide behind my mother's skirts. When I went home to discuss the issue my mother said I deserved it because of the money that I had refused to give them. I honestly didnt understand why mother hated me so much, it's not my fault that her husband didn't leave her with any money but every month I send R6000 with no fail and that is from my pocket not even the businesses profits. I have saved every little cent that we make as profit from the businesses, I even bought back the land my mother sold and built

cottages for the teachers who teach at the local schools but ate not from the area. Today is the day I go back to my family because the love of my life thinks it's best and I want to make her happy I am sure it comes from a good place. It's me, Siyathokoza, Mbali who is on her third kid now, Sinothile who has two kids and claims it was a mistake, Londiwe who has an attitude for days, I think she hates everyone, she hardly talks after matric she just sat at home and said she didn't want to go anywhere, so she eats and sleeps nje sometimes she helps at the shops but that's when she needs money to buy some stuff, she said she will tell me when she is ready to go to varsity so I let her be. Her matric results were amazing if I might add. Then the last lady of the house is Aphiwe, she was like 3 when dad past away, she is smart too but again mom caused us to loose touch, we were once close now the only time we talk is when she needs money month end or books. Siyathokoza,

Mbali, Sno, Londi and Aphiwe. those are my Siblings. My mother is Dorothy Shandu Zungu.

Yomuzi forced me to go do groceries even though it was not necessary but I let her be, she is wearing a nice long summer dress and a straw hat, muhle kodwa umuntu wami. We drive to Port Shepstone, the drive wasn't that long for her because her home is quiet far, we entered the small gravel road and I before I could turn to the entrance of our farm I see Aphiwe standing with a boy and I stop and pull down my window

Me: "Aphiwe gibela emotweni" she is shocked and quickly gets in the car and greets.

Aphiwe: "Sanibona"

Me: "So now Aphiwe you stand by the gate with boys, no respect at all for your fathers house" she looks down and doesn't say anything and I am actually pissed she has a lot ahead of her

kodwa uzodlala abafana naye, I look at her through the mirror "awusakhulumi yini manje weAphiwe"

Aphiwe: " it's not as it looks bhut Zwe, ngiyaxolisa" she finally speaks. Our gate is at the end of the farm so the drive is quiet long and I want to make it torturous for her so I drive slowly and Mpande gives me a mean look anginandaba. As I am about say something. Mpande starts speaking and I know it's because she wants me to stop talking

Yomuzi: "Hi my name is Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, how are you?" she turns to look at Aphiwe

Aphiwe: "Hi I'm Aphiwe, I'm good thanks wena sisi unjan?" she says smiling

Yomuzi: "I good too you can call me Yomuzi"

Me: " You can call her sisi Yomuzi" I interject and Mpande rolls her eyes "How's school and

what are you even doing here? "

Aphiwe: "it's vac, school is great but staying at a commune is not nice it's far from school bhuti and there are no buses" she says and we are now in the middle of the yard she gets out of the car and asks whether we need any help and I tell her there are groceries at the boot and she calls the creche to come help. And the drama begins

Mother: " look who decided to bless us with his presence, Lifalomazini madoda" thats what my grandfather named me and my mother uses the name as an insult, I ignore her and go around to open the door for Mpande who now looks scared, my two sisters are sitting under a mango tree and Siya is not here and so is Londi. I help with off loading the groceries.

Mother: "did we say we are starving? heee hamba Zwe who is this young lady does she know how evil you are?" Londi comes out of

nowhere

Londi: "ma leave bhut Zwe alone, are you not happy that he came home after 3 years, he came with a guest but wena you are busy embarrassing him, hayi ma mani give him a break" of all the people in this house I didn't think that Londi would come to my defense, she hardly spoke so I was shocked "How are you bhut, good to have you home" she gives me a hug, what does she want? why is she being nice?

mother: "The money you give me is not enough, you see we need to paint the house and you know that no one works in this house and wena you insist that we don't touch the money we make at my husbands businesses, I need more money" useyaphuza yini lomama? everything is finally in the house and Mpande is outside with Aphiwe and Londi and the many kids. We go sit in the living room, with Mbali Sno and Mother.

Mother: "so what brings you home

Lifalomanzini, it's clear that you don't care about us, you care to make sure that your fathers things are still intact?"

Mbali: "He came to flaunt his wealth on our faces, iphi imali yethu Zwe, I too want to stay in Durban like you or does it make you happy that we have to ask you for money every month" heee imihlola ke le

Sno: "Khona whose that gold digger you're with, is that who you spend our money with?" haaibo ngiyalingwa, mother doesn't say anything as usual Me: "please don't call her that, yaz the only reason I am here is because she insisted" before I could continue mother interjected mother: "ooh so now are we suppose to clap our hands and thank her for doing the right thing kwahle wena Zwe" Londi walks in

Londi: "for how long are we going to live like this mom, bhut hasn't been here for even 30 minutes but you're already chasing him away,

he hasn't seen us in 3 years, kodwa you're being unnecessary, bhuti mom is way in over her head, bhut Siyathokozaa is back at his old habits and he came in and took the TV and sold it, right after that he went to gamble and he lost even the money he had borrowed around R20 000, those people came to the house and said they will kill him if we don't pay up and mother here sold the stove and sends the money you send to her to those goons" I was shocked and mother was embarrassed

Me: "Where is Siyathokoza? did I not tell you mother that this will happen?" Londi: "We haven't seen bhut Siya for 2 months now, he is hiding he calls sometimes, bhut we take food from the shops it's embarrassing" I see Londi is telling me files here, I can't see Mpande outside, I feel so bad about what's happening at home "Bhut I relay on Aphiwe to buy me Cosmetics" these people why didn't they tell me? I pissed

now

Me: " Why didn't anyone tell me this? who are these people that Siyathokoza owes and how much does he owe? Mother why didn't you say, you call all the time but you fail to tell me this all you do is swear at me what if they kill Siya?"  
mother looked at her feet "Sno and Mbali you two, why didn't you tell me?"

Mbali: "Apparently he owes them R50k  
iskweletu sinyukile" yesses man "wena Londi yeka ukuphapha" she says pointing at Londi who I know doesn't care. There's a lot of silence until Mpande comes in and sits next to me with a bag full of berries lol this girl

Me: " mother meet my girlfriend Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, I want to marry her"

Sno: "ukdlisile iyebo" that's rude and uncalled for and I see that that statement hurt Mpande

Londi: "that's rude and uncalled for Sis Snothile"

Londi and I are going to become friends I tell you

Me: "Yeah Sno stop being extra, munt wam this is my mother uMaShandu, Mbali there, Snothile is the rude one here and Londi and you've met Aphiwe" I say pointing at everyone. I wasn't planning to sleep but I had to now because of the Siya situation. Mpande went with to sort out dinner with Londi and Aphiwe, I know she hates cooking but she compromised for me. Sno, Mbali, mother and I had to find Siya and his loan shark and try to clear the debt. The house was empty the only thing left in the sitting room were the sofas, the fridge and the stove in the kitchen. I know they would have sold the animals if there was a way I wouldnt find out. I warned mother about Siya and I guess that is why she didn't tell me.

Just as we were sitting down having dinner,

mother received a phone call from a private number and she answered and handed me the phone. A man spoke

Man: " I hear rich big brother is at home" now there are a few things that you don't know about me and you will discover now

Me: "In the flash, I hear my little brother owes you money, I know you have him too, how much does he owe you?" silence, I know that's because I said 'in the flash' so he know me or has heard about me

Man: "Flash my man, I didn't know his your family" I stood and went to continue with the call outside "I really need this money otherwise pitbull will kill me, this is his money, I swear I didn't harm your brother" oh Shit this fool owes Fika money jizas how am I suppose to help him

Me: "I said how much?" I am trying to act calm

Man: "R 30 000" I guess everyone trying their

luck with me

Me: "okay I will give you 20 send me your details and drop my brother off here at home and next time don't give him shit? are we clear?"

Man: " Yes flash he will be home soon, sorry again" I walked in the house and gave mother her phone.

Me: " Mother did I not warn you about Siya's addiction, look now he is in trouble with gangsters, Wena Mbali why did you lie and say it's R 50 k nxaa" Mbali looked down, we sat down in Silence now Im glad Mpande packed a bag cause it looks like we're sleeping over, Mpande seems to be getting along with Londi and Aphiwe.

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Yomuzi

There is no turning back, we are here and I must say it's not nice, ekabe what was I doing, Zwe has been fighting with his family since we met his little sister ejola by the gate. I was shocked that she was at Ukzn, Zwe never mentioned it, I like her, Aphiwe, she was the first one I met. The minute we arrived at a very beautiful farm house a very beautiful old lady came out and stood by the door and Zwe had an annoyed look on, Aphiwe got out and helped with the groceries. I listen to her throwing insults at him and now I understand for the very first time why he hates this place, two ladies were sitting under a tree and a lot of kids came to the car, a girl who looks a lot like Aphiwe came out of no where and stopped her mother from throwing all those insults she came and gave Zwe a hug and I could tell that he was surprised. Zwe went inside with his sisters and their mother leaving me outside with Aphiwe the girl who has just been introduced as Londi. I

stayed outside for a while with Aphiwe, Londi and the kids, they showed me around the farm, there are so many trees here, I got myself bananas and berries, I looked like a child. I saw the cows, there are so many animals here they even have a few horses. I went back around to check on Zwe, Londi had left us a while ago, I went to the house and sat next Zwe with that plastic of berries and he smiled at me. His sisters were being rude and Yomuzi inside me wanted to respond but I remembered Lihle's words 'Speak when you're spoken to' so I kept my mouth shut. I went to the kitchen with Aphiwe and Londi and started cooking because that living room was uncomfortable Zwe was losing it. The fridge was empty and there were kids in this house, what were they eating, what were these people going to eat tonight had we not arrived. I washed the fruit we came with and pureed juice and gave it to Aphiwe to take it to the living room. I took out the chips and sweets

and gave them to the kids. Then I started cooking with Aphiwe helping.

Aphiwe : "Thank you for making Bhuti come" I looked at her with a confused look putting my eyebrows together "I know it was not his idea sisi, the last time he was here things were not good Siya had stolen and sold his stuff and he swore he would never set foot here. Even when we saw his car, we knew that it was going to the shops, even when someone is buying stock he would rather send someone else" I looked at her and smiled at her, this is just sad.

Me: "What do you study at varsity, you know my sister is a lecturer at ther." I had to change the subject

Aphiwe: "I do Politics and Economics, I wanted to do Economics only but I didn't qualify so I'll be joining the main stream next year" she said beaming you could hear her voice beaming that she really loved economics

Me: " All the best, you should come visit on your weekends and we will get to know each other"

She widened her smile

Aphiwe: "that would be great, are you sure bhut Zwe won't mind?"

Me: " I know he won't, help me dish this food" she helped me with the dishing and Londi helped with the serving, everyone had dinner while Zwe was on the phone he looked very angry but was calm over the phone. It was late and I knew that we were not going back to Durban plus there was a possibility of Siya being returned.

Zwe: "come let me show you where we will sleep, I'm sure you're tired" I was tired and I needed a warm bath we went to the car and I took my bag and I'm glad I listened to Lihle, I need to call Nsika I'm sure his worried. We went to Zwe two room flat which was outside the main house, he changed the bed covers then

there was a knock, it was Londi with a small bathing tub, Zwe took and thanked her. I was tired yesses!

Zwe: "woza ngikugeze" lol this idiot, he came to me and undressed me and took my towels and put them in the hot water and put some salts in, lol snob. He washed my body and wiped it clean and helped me put on my pajamas.

Me: "aren't you going to wash yourself?" turned and looked at me

Zwe: "haaibo ngigezile ekseni, futhi I didn't fall anywhere so I'm not dirty" hahhah this idiot.

"Thank you Mpande for bringing me home, these people are so messed up though, my mom just keeps messing up with my siblings, she spoils them too much look at Siya, his in trouble with the wrong type of people, my family isn't picture perfect like yours, there is this obsession with money" I hugged him cause he sounds really sad "I love you Makhumalo thank

you for today, the fridge was empty but I send money"

Me: "hey we all have our problems no family is perfect and we can never choose who gets to be in our family but what makes a family grow strong is sticking together, you are the glue of this family when you're not around things fall apart, running away is not an option, your sister's lost their father and now you're leaving them, they need a male figure around, especially Londi and Aphiwe. Babe, they need you and uyabona Siya is not here" he kissed my nose then my lips

Zwe: "You're wise kodwa munt wami" my phone rang disturbing our moment it was my twin, I showed Zwe and he took my phone and answered it "leave my girlfriend Alone" he put it on loud speaker

Nsika: " fokof wena where is my sister? you know Sunday's are reserved for us" Nsika is

sulking lol

Zwe: "Nsika tell me what will happen once I marry her, you're so needy and clingy" hayi he must leave my twin alone

Me: "Zwe leave Nsika alone man, hey half how are you? Sorry I didn't come back today"

Nsika: "I hate your boyfriend, worse you left me in his house, why does he have so many coco pops?" I laugh and Zwe is annoyed lol

Zwe: "hey I leave my coco pops alone" we all laughed

Nsika: "Yomuzi please don't marry Zwe yet I'm not ready" hahhahah trust

Zwe: "You're too late siyashada next month" there's silence and I know Nsika is probably waiting for me to say we're pulling his leg but I won't say a thing

Nsika: "Mpandeyomuzi Khumalo, you wouldn't

do that to me" his being dramatic right now.

Me: "You're being dramatic Nsika, I will see you tomorrow it got late so we couldn't come back so I won't be seeing you at work tomorrow alright?"

Nsika: "okay good night, I miss you and I love you, Zwe stop answering my sisters phone, uma ngifuna wena ngizokfonela"

Zwe: "Fuseg"

Nsika: "Nawe" they both laugh.

The following morning we woke up Zwe went to fetch water for me to bath, I clean up then go to the main house to make breakfast, the kids are up so I make porridge for them and feed them while I make breakfast for everyone, English breakfast. I went to wake Zwe up for breakfast so we could leave, I found everyone already eating so we joined.

Londi: "Bhuti I am leaving with you" she said

with tears threatening her eyes and her voice shaking.

MamZungu: "You're not going anywhere young lady, who will clean this house?" Zwe was quiet

Londi: "mom those men almost raped me and all you care about is whose going to clean this house" MamZungu's eyes fell on the floor and Zwe's eyes were blood shot red but his voice was calm

Zwe: "who tried to rape you Londi" there was silence

MamZungu: "If she dressed like all other girls and stopped wearing those skimpy things maybe those boys wouldn't have tried to rape you Londiwe, you're not going anywhere"

Londiwe wailed this table is now too small, this is too much

Zwe: "Mother are you listening to yourself?  
Londiwe go pack your things we're leaving,

Aphiwe you too" I'm still quiet I'm actually shocked

MamZungu: "uyaz you bring back lesifebe oyosfuya" what is wrong with this woman

Mbali: "ma that's enough" she says in a very low voice "Bhuti Siyathokoza's friends once came here with him while they were drunk and he fell asleep while they were still drinking, Londiwe went to feed the chickens when they all tried to gang rape her luckily I saw them and went to fight them off, I think she could use a break"

Zwe: "When was this?" he asked "why doesn't anyone tell me anything in this house" he bangs the table scaring everyone, Aphiwe breaks down too. He stands up and leaves the table, I follow him out and he goes to his room. I sit next him and he just cries, I let him be.

Zwe: "why did my father die? he left me to deal with all of this, how am I suppose to deal with

all of this" he sobs on my chest and we lay on the bed.

Me: "we can get through this, I will look for a therapist that will help Londi while she stays with us, small steps baby small steps, what's important now is that now you know" I give him a tight hug.

We pack our things in the car and Londi and Aphiwe's. It's a bitter sweet moment when we were leaving as we were driving out a young man who looks like Zwe was walking up, I guess it was the famous Siyathokoza, Zwe slides down his window

Zwe: " Ndoda fix yourself, aksiyo impilo le oyphilayo" he said coldly and Siya stood next to the window looking down

Siya: "Yebo Gwabini" Zwe drove off. The drive was awfully quiet, we got to Durban fast and I

was famished, I ordered some take aways then called my twin brother to drop off some files from the office for me. Londi hasn't said a word since that incident during breakfast. I took them upstairs to the room they will be sharing cause I know Nsika will be sleeping her tonight so I need to put them in one room. I need to have a chat with Londi though, I go to our bedroom and find Zwe half naked. My man is sexy though. I go and hug him from behind and he turns to kiss me and my panties become wet almost immediately, he puts his hands inside my skirt and all the way down my panties and smiles when he finds me wet. I feel his member on tummy and it's hard as a rock, I start playing with it while it's still inside then I put my hand in, it's so warm. I hear him groan which triggers my moans too. he quickly takes off my skirt and shirt and I'm left with my panties and bra, he kneels between my thighs and removes my panties and starts eating me up and plays with

my clit, his tongue keeps going in and out of my nuna until I come. He stands up and kisses me while taking off his pants and pushes me to lean on the wall, he tucks my one leg and puts it around his hip and inserts himself in me gently, he went in and out of me very slowly, I put my other leg around his waist too and he pumped into me, our moans were getting louder and louder until we came together with me wrapped around me, he move to the bed and made me kneel on the bed, he came from behind and he started pushing in and out, hard it felt so good, he was playing with my breasts pinching them and rubbing them

Zwe: "I love you Makhumalo" I kept on moaning "thank you for this weekend" I moaned louder as he pushed in harder and faster I was reaching orgasm again, he went in harder and faster we came together again and fell on the bed into each other's arms.

Me: "I love you too Lifalomanzini" he laughed out loud and I drifted to sleep.

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Yomuzi

It has been confirmed Bongeka is pregnant. She's giving birth soon, I won't stand in the way Zwe must have a relationship with his child, it's a boy from what I hear. Lihle says it will work out if I truly love Zwe. I've been helping Londi with her applications for varsity she wants to do Law, her results are great even so that's what's she is applying for. She will be staying with us until Schools are opened and she is accepted, I'm hoping she gets res, Aphiwe went back to her place, exams are approaching but she does come when she is not busy. I've been spending a lot of time at my place, Nsika has been

complaining and I guess I am giving Zwe space to make up with his sister even though his not happy about me not being around.

Today it's a Saturday and I am uShaka Marine with Lihle and the kids, Fikas kids are here too. I wanted to spoil the kids it's been a while. I'm finally wearing Shorts and my scar is peeping through at first I was not comfortable but now Im forced Durban is hot. Londi went to the mall with Aphiwe and will be spending the weekend with her, I miss my boo too so tonight I'm going to his place. Aw speak of the devil his calling.

Me: "My love"

Zwe: "Muntu wami, I miss you when are you coming over kanti" ukuphapha lol

Me: " I miss you too, I'll be there in an hour" he sounds like his dancing I

wonder what's he up to, I drop the call and go to

the kids and Lihle and tell them that I'm leaving but next week siOn for movies everyone screams, I take my things and make way to my car. I drive to morningside and find Zwe half naked sitting at the sitting room watching soccer, I stand by the door and watch him, he can't even see

me, his having a beer.

Me: "You look yummy" I say after I've noticed that he really hasn't seen me

Zwe: "Mbulazi, come to here munt wam" he says hitting his thigh, I go to him and put my arms around his neck and kiss him, I've missed this shwele. The kissing gets deeper but we are disturbed by a knock, I ignore it and we continue with what we're doing but I hear something, it's like a baby is crying, ay ignore girl, I play with my man's juicy thing. The noise gets louder, I stop and listen attentively and it goes again.

Me: "baby can you hear that" he nods, shuuu at least I'm not going crazy, he stands up while carrying me and we go to do only then does he put me down, I open the door and look around, but see nothing, the noise again so I look down. Oh shit there is a baby wrapped in a light blanket with a note stuck on the blanket. Zwe is just standing there shocked and he looks scared, TF is going on here? I look at him and he looks away, the baby cries, I have no choice but to pick it up. I take the note and read it out loud to this idiot next to me. it reads 'Zwe I thought I could take care of him but I can't, his 3 months. I'm sorry for dropping him like this but I know you might not remember me, it was that one night. please take care of him, I'm sorry again.' TF I know for sure that it's not Bongeka, unempakamo lowo!

I look at Zwe and he turns to look away, this

piece of shit knew all a long and didn't say anything, he could've told me when that Bongeka saga took place. This baby is crying too... Amadoda izinja ngampela. Ngiyalingwa.

Zwe: "Makhumalo I can explain" the baby cries louder, I'm just holding him looking at Zwe, I'm waiting for that explanation what can he possibly say that will make me understand. This child won't shut up, I look around there's nothing he has no Bag no food, Jizas some some are crazy kodwa. What do babies eat? he must be hungry, let me call Lihle, maybe his sick we

need to take him to a Dr. This idiot is just standing there looking at Me like he will pee his pants mnxm.

Me: " Can't you see the baby is crying? what does he eat father of the nation?" he looks down and shrugs his shoulders " Zwe give me my phone" this baby won't stop crying Lihle will

know what to do, he hands me my phone  
reluctantly and I sail

Lihle's number, it rings twice and she picks up  
Lihle: "Baby boo.... Jizas Yomuzi whose kid is  
crying there?" she heard

Me: "What do babies eat?" I ignore her question

Lihle:"How old? what's happening there should I  
come over?" why?

Me: "3 months" that's what that dirty  
note said

Lihle: "Purity, Milk not your milk though baby  
powder milk, the tins usually are written the age  
on the outside, Yomuzi whose child is that?"

Me:" Thanks, don't come over I will come to  
you" I hang up give this baby to Zwe take my car  
keys and my purse "Ngiyabuya" I say and leave  
to the mall, I look for this damn purity, there's a  
variety of powder milk I take one of each,

kuyobonakala, the purity too it's a lot. as I leave the passage I see pampers, that's right that's what babies wear right? I need to go to Woolies and get this baby something to wear, let me get the necessities. I go pay and head to Woolies, I get those rompers, there's a small bath tub, take, soap, powder a towel let me go that baby is dying there, I pay and go back. I find Zwe sitting on the floor and crying in fact wailing with the baby, what's wrong him, I take out the purity from these plastics look for the spoon I bought then take the baby from him, I sit and start feeding him, indeed he was hungry.

Me: "make the bottle, the instructions are on the tin" he stands up from the floor and heads to the kitchen and plugs the water

Zwe: "Mapande you forgot to buy the bottles"  
mnxm

Me:"hamba phela uyawathenga"

Zwe: "Kephi?" TF this Guy is really pushing it

Me: "Fuck you fuck you fuck you fuck you, how should I fucken know?" he must not piss me off, he takes his keys and leaves, at least this baby didnt cry when I was

busy shouting, he's still eating. After a few minutes he's asleep with food in his mouth, I put him down go to the kitchen and take that baby tub put warm water over the tap, I put the tub on the table and take out the things I bought for zokugeza, I stripped him and he wasn't wearing anything underneath just a disposable nappy, I take it out at least it's just wet. I

put him in the tub and he wakes up and smiles, I wash him. Where is Zwe, what if this baby cries and he's not here with those bottles, he walks in as I'm about to take the baby out of the water, he goes to the kettle again plugs it and I see him

reading instructions from the tin, I don't even care yaz, I take the baby out and dry him, I dress him up and wrap him up with a new blanket, and I put him down. I go dispose the water and the napkin, I come

back and find Zwe holding and feeding him

the bottle. I take my bag and my car keys, he looks up and sees me leaving and he stands up and comes to me

Zwe: "Mpande yo thando lwethu, pleaseee don't leave like this" I move him out of

the way and leave, he cries and I can hear him, I'm not going back. Im beyond hurt,

I feel betrayed. I get In the car and I let it all out....

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Zwe

its been exactly a month, Mpande has not returned my calls, I went to her place her big brother chased me out, I went to her work place she called security on me, it's a good thing that Londi is around. She takes care of Siyakha, that's what I named him. Bongeka gave birth too, it's a boy too and I named him Yakhile. I love my boys. Yes o knew about Siyakha and I sent his mom every month from the time she told me she was pregnant, it was a stupid one night stand and I guess the condom broke, I'm quiet sure that I wore one and I know his mine, I don't know how it happened like for real. I went to see Lihle and Andile and they suggested I give Mpande space, I wronged her I know but it was a mistake, I was going to tell but I got hung up in my proposal and got too excited. I've been looking for Siyakhas mom but she is no where to be found, Londi and Aphiwe have helped me get his clinic done. My boy is growing though. Bongeka has attitude for days we always fight

when I go see Yakhile I really don't know what her problem is.

I speak to Nsika just to check on Mpande, he is the only that still speaks to me in that family and so today he told me that they are going out to Mojors at Chesterville with some colleagues so I'm tempted to go, listen I really need to see Mpande, I haven't shaved I look like a cave man, I even lost weight, I can't even play with my boys knowing that I'm not complete without her next to me. I need to look for a nanny futhi.

I go to Mojors with ny friends so it doesn't look like I'm stalking Mpande, Andile said he will join us later angmazi uyaphi ngoba he stays with the rich oaks. I see her next to her brother she looks pale and also looks like he lost some weight. I won't go to her just yet. She is sipping

on her Vodka I guess because there's a bottle of Ciroc in front of her. I miss her, her smile her laughter everything guy's like I miss her legit. I see her walking out I guess she is going to the toilet, this is my chance, I stand up and follow her.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi" she turns around in shock but as soon as she sees it me she goes on with her business. She is standing in a queue waiting to use the toilet, I stand next to her and start talking " I am sorry for the pain I've caused you, it was never my intention to hurt you, I wish I could go back in time and change all those silly mistakes, ngiyaxolisa Mpande, Im sorry muntu wam. I thought things would sort themselves out but here I am paying with losing you, I can't do anything without you, look at me, ngimubi." she ignores me and now it's her turn to use the loo and she goes in, I

follow her in and she doesn't care it's like I'm not there. "give me this one final chance" she gets up and flushes and goes out I follow her and I start to cry, ey don't judge me what's a man got to do to get attention "Mpande please" I say holding her arm

Yomuzi:" What do you want from me?"

Me: "My son doesn't have a mother Mpande, I don't have a wife, please come back to us we need you "

Yomuzi: "cause that's all I am to you a problem fixer, I am to mother your kids while you leave and go become father of the nation, you hurt me and betrayed my love, I am not coming back to mother your children, please leave me and let me heal"

Me: "Mpande don't speak like that, that girl was a mistake angeke ngimkhombe even if she comes here" it looks like I just made her more

angry

Yomuzi: "So uhamba ulala nje wena? do you know I've had sleepless nights trying to count whether we were together or not but we had just dated, what were your intentions with me? to hurt me, sleep with then ungilaxaze huh? "

She is crying, Nsika came to check on her and saw us then left

Me: "No MpandeyoThando lwethu, those were not my intentions at all, I asked you to marry me because I wanted to make me mine forever, I've loved you from the first time I laid eyes on you at Tashas, I am deeply sorry for putting you through this, I can't cope without you, knowing that I am the one who has caused you grief keeps me awake at night, forgive me Mpande please Mashobane" I am holding her tightly in my arms and she is crying. She shoves me off then wipes her tears

Yomuzi: "fine I forgive you but we're not back

together" she says then walks away, oh  
Gosssssh.

I finally walk back to the table and the guys are eating and drinking, I wanna leave but I won't leave until I know that she is safe Nsika comes to me

Nsika: "Sbali, take your girl ngeke she is crowding my space, I can't even tap anymore because she is always on my case" IOI

Me: "kanjani nje she won't even look at me" I sigh

Nsika: "She still loves you, just don't give up yet, listen I'm taking that lady with the white top home, please take your girl plus she us drunk now seyadelela"

Me: "God bless you Sbali" I love Nsika yaz

Nsika: "What would you be without me" he winks and walks away.

I see Mpande looking around and see her taking out her phone, she immediately drops and walks over to my table I ain't about to pretend as if I ain't happy.

Yomuzi: "Zwe please take me home"

Litha: "Makhumalo unjan? uwucosheinja yami phela bheka izace kanjan"

Yomuzi: "hi Litha, ninjan guys" the guys greet back, I get my keys and tell the gents that the madam has spoken and they don't mind even though in the one who dragged them hear. Litha follows us out

Litha: "Guys a word please" we stop and listen to what he has to say, besides to Andile Litha is one of my closest friends and tells it like it is, so I'm wondering what he has to say

"Listen Yomuzi I know this idiot messed up big time and I told him but I can't let a good thing

like what you guys have fall apart, you see in the past year you've been with him, I have seen him change. I mean I know Zwe sisuka kude, and I saw the impact that you played in his life, you even managed to take him home, Yomuzi please give this idiot one last chance, look at him his so skinny and look at that sjava on his face. I'm not saying move on and look past his mistake but please allow him to rectify his mistake, if he does something like this again I personally will shoot him, he dragged us here and now his leaving us alone but that to us shows that he loves and cares for you deeply, please give him one last chance Yomuzi" Im looking down and I know she is holding her tears.

Yomuzi: "Thanks but I will think about it"

Litha: "That's all I'm asking for, nihambe kahle" he turns and walks away and we continue walking to my car.

Me: " I didn't ask him to do that" she turns and looks away, I drive home our home. she is quiet not saying a word, we get home it's not that late I try to hold her hand but she refuses. We walk inside and Siyakha is crying, and Londi is walking up and down with him in the passage trying to calm him down, Yomuzi puts down her bag and walks over and takes him, she goes to the extra bedroom and I follow her she changes his napkin but he won't stop. Yomuzi: "Londi is temperature his high, for how long has he been like this?"

Londi:" From emini sisi but I thought it would go away, I tried calling bhuti but his phone is off"

Me: "Shit my battery died"

Yomuzi:" niyazikhohlwa ukuth nizele Zwe when you have a child your battery can't just die and you let it be nxaa, take your keys and let's go to the hospital, Londi, please fix his bag put all the things he will need do you guys have his card?

did you even put him on medical aid nje?" she says while barking orders, fortunately I did two weeks ago, we all leave and go St Augustine. I wonder what's wrong with my son

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Yomuzi

It's been 2 weeks and Siyakha is still in Hospital, his not getting better. Zwe is also not coping nakhu noBongeka ubanga iscefe, too much is going on, all this drama seems to be following me and me alone. I need to get Zwe clean his beard is getting out of hand his weight is worse.

Me: " Zwe you need to go home and clean up, umubi uyasabisa, Siyakha needs to come back to a clean dad" he looks up at me and smiles while standing up. Wow that was easy, I've been with him through it all from the day Siyakha was admitted, my siblings came to see us, Fika and

Nhlanhla are not happy about me being here but they support me but Lihle said something that caught my attention "hambisani ingane ekhaya niyishisele impepho" those words keep ringing and I will have to talk to Zwe about it, oh gosh I sound like an old lady. We drove to his place in silence, I'll tell him after his shower, let me make him some food. I do that, take out his clothes while he showers, he comes out all clean and shaved. his eyes still shallow though let me say this

Me: "Nqobizizwe Lihle suggested you take Siyakha home and introduce him to the ancestors" he looks at me and looks down Zwe: " Will you come with me" hayi hayi No

Me: "This one is on you, ukhona uLondi"

Zwe: "Everything falls apart when you're not around, when Im with you everything makes sense, I wouldn't have even thought that

Siyakha needs the hospital but you knew in an instant, his mom was a mistake and it was before us, bala Mpande, count please. Mpande I need you in my life, yes I'm asking for too much but I'm nothing without you ngibheke nje"

Me: "Zwe I know I recounted and yes it was before me and it was the time you were asking me out, but the reason I'm not with you is because you withheld information from me, you knew but you didn't tell me, what did you think will happen? were you going to hide him forever? uyislima! What's worse is that you go sticking your penis everywhere without a condom, uyaphila kahle ekhanda, there are so many diseases la ngaphandle, I'm just 25 Zwe, but you forcing me to be a grown up" he has been looking down all this time. I love him though and seeing him like this just breaks my heart, I will think about going with him.

Me: "Asambeni, I need to go back to work"

Zwe: "You're the boss" he says getting up

Me: "Yeah I am but I've been away for a while now and I have a meeting to prepare for, I made you Lunch and packed it you'll eat endleni" I took his hand and we left, got to the hospital and left for work just as I drive out I receive a call from my mom. Me: "Mazulu unjan my love" She laughs Mom: "Mpandeyomuzi kaMntungwa, ngiyaphila ngan yami, kade ngikhuluma noLihle and she is worried about you" straight to the point I see. "She told me imikhuba kaZwe, hayi shame I'm disappointed, how are you holding up"

Me: "Ay I'm also disappointed and hurt, but I love him so so much, how will I mother his children without thinking that they ruined us, will I ever trust him."

Mom: "Listen Makhumalo if you love him as you say you will have to forgive him, don't go back to him if you are going remind him all the

his mistakes, I hear he is a walking spooku so I'm sure his beating himself up already. We all make mistakes and yena his mistakes caught up to him early, but if you're not ready to let go don't go back. I've seen you with Thato and he doesn't even come close to Zwe, with Zwe you are yourself you light up at the mention of his name, you love him. Your big brothers hate him though but Nsika likes him too much they get along, of cause this is not about him, it's about you baby" Im listening to her, she hated Thato  
Me: "ngiyakuzwa ma. I will think about it"  
Mom: "okay Makhumalo, ngiyakuthanda uyezwa, bye baby" she hangs up, mom too is siding with Zwe.

I  
get to work when the meeting is about to start and I head there. it was a great meeting, let me get Zwe so we can go to Port Shepstone. I get home and I finish packing then I head to Zwe's.

We are at Port Shepstone with both babies, Siyakha and Yakhile. Bongeka is here too and Zwe didn't want her to come but who was going to take care of two kids. Kuthiwa kuzokwenziwa imbeleko, I'm here just to help, Bongeka is trying too hard but who am I to judge. it's the day of the ceremony today and I'm burning at the pots ngisuka imbuzi. Zwe's mom is well behaved today and Siyathokoza looks well recovered, I guess everyone is doing well. Zwe has been busy he had to fetch his grandmother and his uncle's so they can conduct the ceremony. I see one of his uncle's heading my direction, Siyakha is busy playing with my hair on my back, yes his on my back and he has isiphandla on it smells so bad. I continue with the task at hand, until the uncle is standing next to me

Uncle:" Sawubona makoti, I'm at Bheki ubomncane kamfana, it's nice seeing that he has finally chosen a bride, listen the elders

would like to speak to you at that Rondevel  
please come" huh

Me:

"Yebo babomncane, let me finish off here then I will come" he nods then walks away, I check my pots and they seem to be done so I switch them off, might as well dish now too, I call Aphiwe and Londi to help me out, I dish for the kids and head to the meeting I've been summoned to  
Gogo: "Sawubona maka Siyakha" I look up at her with confusion but it doesn't look like she cares "Makhumalo I would like to thank you for mothering my great grandchild, I know that this idiot Lifalomanzini did you wrong but thank you for staying, thank you for forcing him to come home and for helping build his relationship with his family especially his sisters, you see that child on your back knows no other mother but you and I trust that you will be a good mother to him and the one you're carrying" I look up at her shocked again, I'm not pregnant, she laughs  
"yes you're pregnant, please allow us

siyokwakha ubuhlobo obuhle kini kwaKhumalo, in two weeks we want to send abakhongi, we simply can't loose a lovely wife because of this jerk I call a grandchildren" Zwe is grinning, I don't know why mnxm, this idiot made me pregnant.

I managed to type one more for the night.

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Yomuzi

It's been 2 months since I found out that I'm pregnant, that Gogo was right and I was a month into it, I was so angry with Zwe but he was excited. I called Lihle crying on our way home and she said "that's what you get when you have unprotected sex" Zwe laughed so hard

and I was pissed. Last week Zwes family went to Pay amalobolo, his gran keeps calling me to make sure that I'm fine, she says I'm carrying a girl, I don't know how she knows because we don't know the gender yet. Siyakha is now 6 months and our bond is so amazing, Zwe found his mom and made her sign full custody of him over to us, he then bought a house at La Lucia, it's quiet big, ihaba nje but he said he wants a big house since he clear he will have a big family. Nsika is too excited about the baby saying he will be the best uncle ever, I miss him though, he has a room in this new house which is great. Nhlanhla took over my room at Nsikas saying vele I won't need it. Zwe comes in as I prepare to go meet with my sister for lunch.

Zwe: "muntu wam umuhle kodwa yeeses" I roll my eyes, Siyakha is crawling behind him as always and wants me to take him

Me: "You see now he will cry when I have to

leave Zwe" I smiles because he doesn't want me leaving the house, he said I should resign at work and I stopped speaking to him for a week he apologized.

Zwe: "You're his mother nje, ufuna ekhalele bani, Bongeka has asked to see us namuhla she said she was on her way" hee who said she will find us, this girl

Me: "and you agreed? hlala ke wena mina I have a date with Lihle and I am already running late" he scratches his head

Zwe: "She said she was already on her way, that's why I agreed munt wam" aaah this girl is so frustrating, she will come here and insult me wait and see, I will beat her up. The door bell rang, I guess that's her, Zwe picked Siyakha up and left and I sent Lihle a message telling her that I am running late and went to join them downstairs.

Bongeka: "haaaa umdlisile wena uZwe, I begged him for years to move from that place of his and wena you're not even here for two seconds and his already bought a family house, ngizwile that your roots lie kwaNongoma cha uyawgaya" I will slap this girl yaz

Zwe: "yaz uzolimala strong and I will deny everything, keep pushing your luck" he says handing me Siyakha and going over to the witch to take Yakhile, he wants to come to me too, this one is chubby and heavy at least Siyakha has lost some of the weight because his crawling. Bongeka looks at me while I am playing with the boys

Bongeka: " As you know I am a lecture at ukzn, I have a seminar to attend in China, for two months and another one at Australia for 3 months so I will be away foe 5 months in total and you know my mother is not well so I can't leave Yaya with her so ngizomashiya la"

hahahahaha ngiyalingwa I look at Zwe and he looks away

Zwe: "You say you have no other option"

Bongeka: "Haaibo Zwe you're also his parent I can't just throw my son to anyone, ukhona nje umsizi wakho uMakhumalo" is this girl preferring to me as umsizi, if I don't hit her today she will never know me, I stand up with the kids and go put them with Londi and walk back to the TV room

Zwe: "I don't know why you feel the need to insult Mpande everytime you are hear, today I will watch her beat you up and I won't help you ngoba awuzwa" great he know I'm going to beat her up

Bongeka: "Ngeke ngishaywe ilengane mina" she is looking at me I know Zwe hasn't seen so he turns around and stands up to stand by the TV. I go straight to her and slap her so hard she

falls on the sofa she is sitting on she tries to stand up but I pin her down with my knee I slap her again.

Me: "I really don't like it when people call me names, you've been doing it for months now and I really don't know why, I take good care of your child and not once so I receive a thank you, you walk in with insults and walk out with insults, who do you think you are, The first lady?" I slap her and her face is turning red little yellow bone " I will finish you ngempama mina uyezwa?" I slap her again and Zwe is typing on his phone paying no attention at all

Bongeka: "Zwe help me" he looks at her once and continues with whatever his busy with on his phone

Zwe: "I warned you, in fact I warn you everyday you walk in that door and throw insults but you never listen" I let her go and she stands up taking her bag while crying

Me: "and where do you think you're going?  
hlalaphansi let's finish this discussion" she sits  
down like a good little girl "Now what were you  
requesting us to do for you, please use your  
words wisely this time" she wipes her tears and  
blows her nose. Bongeka: "I was wondering if it  
would be possible for you guys to look after  
Yaya for the next 5 months as I will be away due  
to work" shes a fast learner

Me: "And when will you be bringing him over?"  
Zwe is looking at me smiling

Bongeka: "I am leaving on Monday evening but I  
will be taking my connect flight in  
Johannesburg so I will bring him here tomorrow  
with all of his stuff"

Me: "See you tomorrow I guess, since our nanny  
will be doing extra work please assist us with  
her payment for the next 5 months"

Bongeka: "Zwe is the one who pays for the

nanny so I guess he won't be paying her for the next five months" we are on the same page.

Me: "Great if that's all, I'd like to be excused I have a date with my sister" with that sais I take my bag and grab my keys and leave.

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Yomuzi

I'm 7 months pregnant now and I look like Shrek, I want sex all the damn time eveywhere, Londi moved to res she got accepted at ukzn and stays at some girls res, so I've been mothering the boys all by myself with the help my king Zwe <3 he does everything I want, I cry if he doesn't. He Granny demands to see us every month end and she gives me herbs for the baby and swollen feet. Nsika has moved in with me because I want him next to me all the time and he keeps having nightmares about me and my

baby. I know Nhlanhla will be next, it's like the boys always follow me around.

Things back at home are not looking great Themba is going through a divorce and she is not taking it well, her daughter, Fanele, has always stayed with mom so I'm sure she doesn't know what's going on. I've always hated Themba's husband, I always caught him doing dodgy things with different women, I'd tell Themba but she always went back because she said she wants to leave when she no longer feels anything for him so she will never go back, I guess now all the feelings are gone. Themba also has a gift, she dreams of things that will take place good and bad at first we didn't believe her until she dreamt about someone killing my brother Fika and he came back shot and was in a coma for months, her dreams also warn us when there is danger and it can be

stopped. Nsika has just woken me up from a nice long dream saying he can't sleep, so went to sleep with him leaving Zwe unhappy in bed. I get to Nsika and we cuddle. I fall asleep just when my dream is coming back my phone rings aaaaah why me, I answer without looking at whose calling

Me: "Yaaaaaaa"

Caller: "Ay Yomuzi mani, umfaz onjan osalele at this time?" it's Thembaaa            Me: "Is that why you called me Themba? to teach me widely duties, my husband allows me to sleep until late" she laughs

Themba: "You and Nsika need to come home, I've been having weird dreams and I don't know whose in danger between you and Nsika, you know with guys it's never clear" eish Zwe won't agree to this

Me: "What kind of danger Themba? you know Zwe won't agree coming to Nongoma it's far it's just far from everything" she sounds like she is thinking Themba: " but you are nit safe where you are, tell him to at least take you to his grandmothers house at I know there you will be safe, today njalo go with Nsika he will watch out for you" now I have to drag my brother everywhere I go hayi this is crazy. I want to wake up and go to see my babies but I'm so big and I'm lazy. Nsika walks in with a place with french toast with syrip hmmm it's my favourite, I sit up and smile, where is my husband though.

Nsika: "Themba sent me a message saying I shouldn't let you out of my sight, I don't know how we will do this cause this week I need to be at Richardsbay that branch needs my attention."

Me: "Go Zwe will come with me vele siyakubo" I say while eating my good it's so nice "I'm happy

that Themba finally left that pig nxa" she was so antisocial and distant like we were not her siblings nje but I know it was because of her husband Nsika: "Yeah I'm glad too, I'm happy she got out before she lost herself" Zwe walk in while we were talking and gave me a hot wet kiss and I wanted more

Nsika: " eeeew you guys are so disgusting, at least ask me to leave yeeeses man" we laugh "I'm sure Themba has called you about the dream sbali I can't go with your wife because I'm working far this week" Zwe nods, where are my kids vele

Me: "Zwe where are my kids?"

Zwe: "Downstairs eating, and how do you expect me to carry those fatties up here" hahhah this idiot, Bongeka asked us to look after Yakhile a while longer because she will be going to Singapore after Australia, I feel sorry for this boy now. it's not we have a choice vele.

The lady who helps us knocks with the boys behind her and tell us we have a visitor, Siyakha cries immediately when he sees me, Yakhile will also cry now. Siyakha is such a cry baby kodwa his a mamas boy, Zwe picks him up and puts him on my lap then he takes Yakhile with him.

Nsika: "Your kids are so fat kodwa yeeses" he says playing with Siyakha, Zwe walks in looking rather down.

Me: "hey what's up?"

Zwe: "Its Siyathokoza, he says his here to visit us" that's weird, he never comes here like ever, listen even Sino and Mbali like me now but Siyathokoza never came around, it's like he envies Zwe. but I guess he has come around let me go shower and play the makoti role. I get up from bed and try to leave but Siyakha wails. This child is heavy kodwa why is he acting like so.

Me: "Zwe iyakhala ingane yakho" I scream,  
Nsika laughs "Uhlekani wena?" I have tears in  
my eyes, why is Nsika laughing at me, Zwe  
walks in and my tears fall and he rushes to me

Nsika: "I'm not laughing at you, I promise" he  
says looking scared

Zwe: "Nsika why ukhalisa umuntu wami" he  
hugs me, with siyakha between us.

Siyakha: "Mutu Mutu" ooooh my child boy just  
spoke, his first words, everyone is excited and  
Nsika is taking a video

Me: "You see now Zwe now my babies first  
word is Muntu, I'm not muntu" they laugh, I give  
Siyakha to his dad and I go shower with a big  
smile on my face. My boy spoke

I'm all ready and I go see Zwe's brother and I  
find them talking, I go make juice and biscuits I  
don't know what he likes so this safe. I go and

serve them, then sit next to my boo, the kids crawl to me.

Me:" Bab'omncane niyaphila" he smiles

Siya: "Ngiyaphila makoti, how are you" he stands up and gives me a hug then gives me a box I quickly open it and it's a chocolate cake. Yuuum, I excuse myself and go to the kitchen and I grab a spoon, I wonder when Nsika left cause we would be sharing this cake now, I will indulge ngedwa.

Zwe: "Mpande Themba says answer your phone" he shouts from the TV room, I left my phone in Nsikas room, this cake is doing the most yeeeses! limnandi, Zwe walks in and takes my cake, The fucccck!

aaaaah what's happening to my, I'm getting hot flashes, oh gosh what's happening to me, it's like something is cutting through my belly.

Me: "Zwe I'm not feeling okay, aaaaah my tummie is painful aaaah" I scream and is panicking his brother is just standing there with a smile on his face, "Zwe my baby, please save my baby" I faint

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My name is Fika Khumalo, well I won't go through my family tree as you might know I am the eldest out of the six siblings I have. My dad and I were quiet close but God decided to take him and left me with a huge responsibility of taking care of my siblings and my mother, I was fortunate that he taught me all the ropes of his businesses even the illegal ones that only I and Nhlanhla know about. My father was a notorious businessman in Zululand, he had shops everywhere and was also I'm the taxi business but later negated it for the drug business that I concurrently run with Nhlanhla

who happens to a qualified medical doctor. Everyone in Kzn, Johannesburg, Mozambique and Swaziland buys from the Khumalos we are the suppliers, I get my merchandise from Kenya from a good business ally that my dad met while he was there during Apartheid. The businesses are doing well everyone sticks to their territory.

Flash who happens to be Zwe, and I met when he was starting his business. The guy is smart, fast and brave. His too smart actually for his own good. He needed some cash to start and didn't want touch his family funds so he came to me with a business proposal where he showed me his computer skills. After my father died a few of our allies did not trust me and took their business else where leaving me close to bankruptcy, I had a plan and Flash was my solution. Dad and I had done a few Heists

before but that was so he could teach certain things, now I needed the money and I had to be smart. I told Flash I would help him under one condition, and that was for to help us with his computer skills and boy, the little man did MAGIC! at first he was our tech Guy until our last heist where Nhlanhla could come because he was on call and him leaving would raise a few flags. Again the man outdid himself. Now how use his company for our shipment from Russia and Brazil. That how I know him, his our go to guy.

Now you know the shock I got when I met him at Lihles place when he arrived with Yomuzi. I don't want criminals near my family and his brother is an annoying addict who gambles at all my spots. His saved him so many times but he just keeps coming back. I called Flash when I saw that he was interested in my sister, told

him to back off and as I said he was brave I was not lying cause the little shit told he was in llove and I couldn't believe it. I called him again when I heard that his pathetic ex girlfriend had tried to kill my sister and he refused to back off. I went to see my sister in hospital and saw how happy she was at the mention of his name, I decided to decided to let it go because Yomuzi was clearly happy and she deserved happiness after her dick head ex broke her. I still have to sort that one out, I've been so busy, in and out of the country that I haven't had time to pay him a visit but we all now the Zulu say 'Icala aliboli'.

I just arrived from Colombia when I got a phone call from Lihle who was crying. Now I don't care who you are I will kill you for my family. I ask her to Calm down so I could hear her and she tells me Yomuzi is in Hospital fighting for her life and her baby, I wonder what has this boy

done to my sister now. I tell her I will be there in a few cause I still had to catch a flight from Johannesburg. I try to call Zwe when he doesn't answer I decide not try again because I know he can hardly function without my sister so I'm sure his breaking down instead of being a man nxaa. I decide to call Themba because I know she knows and is the calm one out of all my siblings and she dreams of bad things so I'm sure she knew about this and probably did warn Yomuzi but as usual she never listens. I call her and indeed she is informed she tells me the whole story. I am pissed up to the highest level of pistivity. if Zwe can not protect my sister from even his family, then I'm afraid I don't even trust him with our regular enemies.

Yomuzi has been in hospital for almost 2 weeks now she is not waking up. The baby is Fine she delivered, they had a C-section done on her to

save the baby. We were blessed with a baby girl who is also fighting for her life, the Doctors don't know what is wrong with them so we all stay in that hospital. As I told you that man my sister is going to marry is not functioning. He has lost weight his even a yellow bone now he practically lives in this hoapital. I heard his brother did this to Yomuzi, I'm waiting for Yomuzi to wake up so I can kill this addict and move on with life. Ngizomtshengisa abantu.

I am Fikanokuthula Pitbull Khumalo and no one messes with my family and lives to tell the tale.

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Fika

Me: "The problem is that you don't respect women, you say you love them while you are dealing with father issues thinking women Will

close the gap of your absent parents. Another major problem we have at hand is that men are entitled, you think the world owes you, you go around hurting people and think you can move on with Life, well I've got News for you, no one hurts my family and lives to tell the tale" We are at the warehouse with my boys, with me there is Thato and Siyathokoza, I have important lessons for them pity they won't be sharing those lessons with anyone after I'm done with you. " I respect people that's why I expect the same from them too. The problem with you little boys is that you have no respect whatsoever, my sister's are queens and I treat them like that and then you think you can come hear and ruin their hearts" I want them to know why they are hear especially Thato, Siyabonga is not scared at all but soon he will be scare.

Thato: "It was never my intention to hurt your sister I really loved her but I already had a bride

at home and..." I stop him before he continues cause his going to piss me off real quick

Me: "I'm not a kid so don't you dare try me you peace of shit, I can never kill everyone who breaks my sister's hearts but I will can always all those I manage to catch like you" He opens his eyes wide showing shock I guess it's the 'Kill' part that he heard lol this sissy. "You see wenadoda, Im really protective of my family that's what my father told me to do so you broke my sister's heart and I break your body till death, you see after you broke her she was in the Looney house for months she almost lost it and you were in your honey moon. I'm not doing this cause I'm petty" I chuckle because I know I'm petty I'm just using them as a distraction to avoid the situation at home with Yomuzi "I am sending a message out there to people who don't know me, and those who have forgotten me and think they can get away with messing

with my family" I take out garden scissors, yes those big ones " now what we will do is: I cut any part of your body, be it a finger or an arm, anything that I feel like actually, all those body parts will represent the number of months my sister stayed in the hospital, all the night's she cried and let me not forget to mention the fact that you slept with Nsikas girlfriend, you are a disgusting human being " with that said I take out a knife from my pocket and I cut off his ear "that's for not listening to me when I warned you about dating and hurting my sister" he cried so loud that Siyathokoza peed o himself lol this coward. Someone walks in as I am wiping my knife "Oh it's you" I say continuing with what I am doing

Nhlanhla: "You're such a bore, you started without me, let me see the damage" he goes to Thato and lifts his head up and he he laughs "You see what happens if you dont listen,

siyaysika indlebe because you people don't know how to use your ear" This nigga is crying like a bitch. Nhlanhla walks away and goes to take a chair.

Me: "Now let continue, I wanted to take out your eyes but then you will die immediately the pain is too much so I won't take them out just yet" I walked to the table and took out my hammer and Nhlanhla chuckles

Nhlanhla: "You're gonna get, you will wish you never met Yomuzi" I walk back to Thato and take his hand and put it on top of the table and I tell him not move because he will ruin my oak table, I hit his hand so hard with the hammer and I hear his fingers pop.

Me: " your hand have traumatized my sister that ring you're wearing crushed her soul, I will crush your hands just like you crushed her heart, I will crush that hand that put a ring on another woman leaving my sister crying alone at night, I

want you to know that ezinye iyntombi ayzalwa zodwa" this man is wailing and I can't give two shits, they will know me. "I want to crush those feet that walked out leaving her in bed while going to marry your little sweetheart, then I will take out your heart while you're still alive because you really don't know how to use" I say this while I hit his other hand.

ITS SHORT BUT I'M STILL CAUGHT UP FROM  
TOMORROW I WILL BE BACK ON TRACK

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Zwe

It's been a month now, my little girl is in an incubator and her mother is not waking up, Siyakha and Yakhile are also doing the most,

Mpande knew how to take care of them they are just restless, worse they are teething, I know Siyakha is restless because the only mother she knows has just left him. Gogo come in almost running towards me, I am relieved to see her I have only manage to call Babo'mncane Bheki I guess he called Gogo and told her. As soon as she reaches me, I can't hold my tears I let them all out.

Me: "Gogo why do they hate me so much, what have I done to Siyathokoza that he hates me so much?" kuthiwa indoda aykhali but this is too much, I need peace.

Gogo: "Shhhh don't cry my child, I know what to do, I will save them, your ancestors will always show me a solution I have it here with me don't cry Lifa they will be just fine, I wish you guys had told me earlier" she says hugging me

Me: "Gogo I didn't know what to do, why does Siyathokoza hate me, have I not bailed him out of all his troubles, even after he had stolen from me I gave him a chance..." I say with tears running down my cheeks

Gogo: "Siyathokoza is nothing but an ungrateful spoiled lazy brat, he will get what is due to him, I went to his room and found what he gave her and went to Ntuli the traditional healer, he gave me some strong herbs and mixed them all I need to do is give it to Makoti to drink and bath the baby with it and they will be just fine" I am really happy that my grandmother is here, she has always had solutions in times of need, I need to call Themba to confirm with Gogo whether these herbs will be good or not, I take my phone and make that phone call, themba says that she is already inside the hospital heading towards Mpande's ward we must wait for her. She walks in and goes to gogo they talk

and I see kneel and pray next to mpande's bed then gogo makes her drink the mixed herbs and they take the baby and Themba prepares the bath for her and gogo washes her with the supervision of a nurse, all we have to do now is wait.

Themba: "Nqobizizwe have you eaten kodwa?" I shake my head "you need to go eat, Yomuzi will be fine now, you know she won't be happy to wake up next to a ghost of Zwe, go shave, go out for air, do whatever in fact" I shake my head

Me: "No, what if she wakes up and I am not hear, I will go right after she wakes up" she smiles and lets me be. Nsika has lost a lot of weight, they gave him leave at work because he was not functioning, he is always here with me, he leaves to go shower and get food, I shower here I don't want to risk Mpande waking up and not finding me. I haven't seen the big brothers for

two days know, they just vanished but maybe they are working, Lihle is always here too, we are in first name bases with the staff, Mrs Khumalo only comes in the evenings. I need to find Siyathokoza though, let me call sting again

Sting: "Boss I can't find him. I've looked everywhere and I can't find him, on other news though, Pitbull is making waves in the underworld uyasinyisa with this video of some boy, Boss he cuts every part of his body boss..." this guy talks too much though, but I think Fika has Siya so I am fine, I wish he does worse to him then what he is doing to the guy, whoever that is.

Me: "Thanks Sting, stop the search I know where he is" I say then dropping the phone, I go to Mpande's ward and I sit next to her.

Me: "Muntu wam, you should really wake up, the

doctors say I must let you go bayahlanya its like they are saying I must stop breathing yaz. Our daughter looks like you she is so beautiful, I hope she is not as stubborn as you though yaz. Mpande don't leave me I am shit scared, how am I going to raise the kids ngedwa, how am I going to breathe even" I let out a sob "We have so many years to celebrate, we still need to travel the world, I promise I will wait for a while before I impregnate you again please don't leave me Mpande yothandoLwethu"

No man has cried like me this month, I just let it out wherever I am if tears come I let them out. I never thought that I would one day love someone so much that I wish that I were the one feeling their pain. I sleep by her side while and Nsika walks in, I continue with my sleep

Nsika: "Mpande you have to wake up now man, indoda yakho iyatetema" mnxm this idiot "You

should see our princess, she is very beautiful but she needs you hey, I need you more than anything in this world, this past month has just taught me how much I am dependent on you half, Life is not moving I need you" he sits down on the other side of the bed and hold her hands, he suddenly jumps up and I look up at him "Yomuzi, she just touched my hand" he runs out and shouts for the doctor, I am still standing there shocked, I can't even move.

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Yomuzi

My throat is painful, I need water... I hear someone sobing and I know its Zwe, I know the person holding my hand is Nsika, let me just respond because all these sobs going on here are scaring me. I hold tight Nsika's hand and he

jumps and I open my eyes. Zwe is crying indeed uyatetema lo. I need water though.

Me: "Water please" the doctor walks in with Zwe following him, a nurse walks in after with a glass of water and a straw, she helps me drink. The silence in this room is so loud, I touch my tummy but there's no bump, where is my baby?

Me: "Where is baby" I ask looking at Zwe who can't seem to look at me. The doctor keeps touching me its like he can't hear my question, I will cry these people don't know me, the tears fall and I see Zwe crumble "Zwe where is my baby, I want my baby" I say while crying.

Dr: "Please calm down Miss Khumalo, you have been in a comma for a month now, its important that I check that everything is well with you" TF where is my baby "Your daughter is doing well, from yesterday she has been doing

well, we took her out of the incubator yesterday she is doing great her lungs can function well now, its truly a miracle, I will ask the nurse to bring her hear after I am done with you now stop crying" I am relieved to hear that, my baby girl is doing just okay. As soon as the doctor leaves, Nsika come to me and gives me a tight hug his still crying

Me: "Sengvukile nje, stop this you guys look horrible" they both laugh

Nsika: "you scared me sosha" he says and lets go, he says the family is on their way and goes out to get some food. Zwe kneels down and starts to cry again, this is breaking my heart.

Me: "Muntu wam, come here Gwabini" he stands up and walks to me, I shift and make space for him and he gets in bed and hold me for dear life.

Zwe: "Please promise me that you will let me

die first, I don't think I will ever survive" he says then kisses my cheeks, we stay in silence.

The nurse walks in pushing my baby, I sit up and she hands her to me, Oh gosh she is so beautiful. She looks like the boys and I see her dad wants to cry. She has a tag on her little wrist and it's written "NaZungu" I laugh

Me: "Who did this? " I ask Zwe and he chuckle

Zwe: "Me, I couldn't name her without you so I just put MaZungu" I look at her and she smiles.

My family walks in with all kinds of gifts and they are noisy, Zwe's sisters are also here with the boys and uGogo. Siyakha immediately cries for me and Aphiwe brings him to me, he's so big and heavy. He lays on my chest and starts sucking on his thumb.

Nhlanhla: " Mamas boy lo" everyone erupts in laughter

Me: "Leave my boy alone Malume"

Nhlanhla: "did he not see that there is MaZungu now" they all laugh again, I see gogo and Themba standing in the corner and Gogo is holding MaZungu, they are whispering to each other, once they see me looking at they walk towards me and Gogo has a big smile on her face.

Themba: "I dreamt of your grandad Zwe and he said we should name her Lifalandile" Gogo is still smiling

Gogo: "That was your great aunts name, she is the reason why oGwabini are wealthy and powerful today, She is the reason why MaZungu did not die when Siyathokoza gave you that Muthi, your little girl is a gift from the Ancestors,

she is the shield of this family" I love the name  
Zwe takes her from gogo and looks at her

Me: "Please don't cry" everyone laughs.

Zwe: "Ah baby, I wasn't going to cry hawu" he  
says playing with Landile

Fika: " May I hold her please" this is the first  
time he speaks ever since they all got here, Zwe  
hands her to him. They all look dirty and over  
worked, Nhlanhla and Zwe and Fika too.

Me: "You guys should go shower and shave  
man, sies y'all look dirty yeeeses" they laugh

Fika: "fuseg Yomuzi" we are still laughing

Nhlanhla: "Even a near death experience  
couldn't stop you from having a smart mouth"  
hahahah. I have noticed that Lihle and mom are  
awefully quiet but I won't say anything Fika: "I  
will name her Kuthula, I've never felt so peaceful  
and pure just from looking at her, her eyes  
show so much peace" aaaaaah I've never seen

Fika this emotional.

Zwe: "So its Falandile Kuthula Zungu, I guess we will name our next baby" laughter again.

Aphiwe takes Siyakha who is now sleeping on my chest. Fika gives Landile to me

Fika: "Sbari a word please" he says and they walk out with Nhlanhla and Zwe

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Zwe

Fika has asked to speak to me outside, I know he knows that I know that he has Siyathokoza and honestly I don't care about that piece of shit.

Nhlanhla: "Bafo we are going to kill your brother uyaz angithi?"

Me: "Do whatever yaz, I don't care mina. Siyathokoza is selfish and spoiled he almost ruined my life and for what? angaz?"

Fika: "He claims you have everything and no problems at all, apparently you are spoilt one that daddy liked and it was good for him to see you in that moment of weakness, the only problem is that he messed with my family and no one messes with my family" Siya is ungrateful yaz, after everything I have done for him mnxm. I am the one who did the house chores, had to make sure that the cattle were out early and grazing before I went to school, I was the one who had to make sure the shops were opened and closed, that the books balanced, I never had a childhood or friends because I needed to make sure that everything was settled and set before dad came back, he never spoiled me at all.

Me: "uyangihlanyela lo, do whatever with him kill

him, sell him as a slave, I don't care".

Fika: "One more thing bafo" I sigh cause I know he is about to turn my life upside down "I need you back in the business, before you refuse I suggest you think about it, you have three kids and a wife to take off, your lifestyle is expensive and I am sure that you want your family to be set for life" woow this guy

Me: "I can't believe you are using your sister to get to me and my kids kant unjan wena?" I chuckle in disbelief

Fika: "Haaibo it's true you want my dad's princess to be mediocre, I will never allow that" this guy who said I was poor "I know your balance futhi" weee

Me: "What's the job this time?"

Fika: "My man, I knew I could count on you" hawu it's like you gave me a choice my guy

Nhlanhla: "Heists"

Me: "you guys are gambling with my life, I have a wife and kids now guys" they laugh " Why doesn't Nsika do this, vele him and Nhlanhla have nobody but themselves"

Nhlanhla: " Nxay fuseg, Nsika is our tech guy now" let me leave these idiots

Fika: "It won't be a lot I promise, I just need the money you know how the business is and I need to clean the streets, people seem to have forgotten who I am" he says he a cold tone

We all walk back to the ward and Nsika is carrying my baby while Siyakha is on the floor and Yakhile on Mpandes lap. Bongeka was suppose to be back by now but she is a no show, she sent me an email saying her stay has been extended. So Londi had to come stay with me and the kids plus the nanny while Mpande was here and now I just don't know how she will

handle three kids. I wonder if Yakhile will recognise his mom when she finally comes back because all he knows now is Mpande, obongeka bazokmangaza! The doctor walks in as I look at this room filled with some much happiness

Doc: "I am so sorry guys but you need to leave now, Miss Khumalo needs to rest now, I have given you more than enough time with her for the day, you too Mr Zungu, go home and clean up" the room erupts with laughter and I sulk. Fika and Nhlanhla leave first then the ladies follow, I am left with Aphiwe, Londi, Nsika and the kids. Nsika offers to take my sisters and the kids to my place and I am left with umuntu wam.

Yomuzi: "How are you though? come here" she makes space for me on her bed and I walk towards her and climb on. I lye on my side and hug her from behind

Me: "I've missed you so much muntu wami, kodwa mamntungwa what would I be without you, today is going to be the first day I will sleep peacefully, my world was falling apart. Marry me Mpande" she laughs

Yomuzi: " Of cause I will marry you muntu wam, I love you, I am not going any where, no go home and clean up, the kids don't even recognise you Zwe" I sigh

Me: "Did the doctors say when you're coming home? phela I haven't had sex in a whole month" She laughs so hard and turns to hit me playfully

Yomuzi: "Oh wow Zwe, that's all you were thinking about sex nje" I laugh and kiss her deeply, Its so good to have her back. I want her at home though, I get out of bed and take my car keys

"Please call Nsika for me and bring my phone

with" hahhaha this girl

Me: "wow you're chasing me so you can bond with your brother" I say touching my chest playfully and we laugh "I love you okay, ngikuthanda ngampela skhokho"

Yomuzi: "Nami ngiyakuthanda skhokho sami"

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Yomuzi

Its been a month and I am at home, like home home with my mother and Themba and the kids. I sensed that something was wrong with my mother and so I decided I will recover at home with her. She lost weight even, I have been watching and she is just not my mom, she is not uMaZulu wami you know?? Anyway I will shut my mouth. MaZungu on the other hand was an amazing little girl, she is growing day by day, Zwe and I face time a lot he was not thrilled with the idea of me going home with his

kids cause I took my boys too and they were a handful. Lately he is always always with Fika and Nhlanhla which is weird because Nsika was the one fond of him. I miss him though like a lot. Themba and I have grown fond of each other, we are quite close, I wonder what was the cause of us drifting apart, but my money is on that fat cow ex husband.

It's Friday and my brothers are coming over and with Lihle, I am excited I've been waiting for these group gatherings apparently mom summoned them here.

Just as I put down Landile after feeding her I receive a call from an unknown number and I answer quickly before leSpoki sengane wakes up, I leave the room.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi speaking"

I hear loud cries, the person is crying "hello, whose this?"

Person: "Did you have to kill him" Kill who?

Me: "Sorry wrong number" I say attempt to end the call

Person: "I know it was you, Zwe would not kill his own blood" Siyathokoza is dead? Awu before I could confront him.

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Let me call Zwe and ask what the hell is going on.

Zwe: "Mpande yothando lwethu"

Me: "What did you do with fucking Siyathokoza?"

Zwe: "Firstly please don't use that tone with me, Secondly don't fucking swear at me, thirdly I don't know where that piece of shit is and I

don't care, nxaana" haboo

Me: "Ye wena..." he stops me from responding.

Zwe: "I will drop this call and you will fucken call me when you've learnt some manners, yezwa!"

Pupupupu thats the end of our phone call, I will not call him, I will send him a sms about that phone call I received, yaz uyangijwayela. Just as I type the message my mom clears her throat.

Mom: "Makhumalo" I turn to look at her, "Is that how you speak to your husband?" I roll my eyes

Me: "We are not married yet mother"

Mom: "First and foremost, loose the attitude, I am not your friend mina maybe your HUSBAND allows you to disrespect him but mina I am not him. Loyamfana kaZungu wakhipha iynkomo for you so I've got news for you, his your husband."

Me: "I am sorry mother"

Mom:" I said loose the attitude njalo it will land you a huge slap" did I just not apologize? "  
Listen here my girl, you should never talk to your husband like that, if you're angry at him calm down first then talk to him not at him, did you ever hear me shout at your dad or swear at him, what gives you the right to disrespect him like that? Uthi 'Ye wena' to your husband? Who taught you that? Call him and apologize now before I loose it yeeses! Namadoda enu ayabekezela.

Still continuing

I take out my phone and call him, it rings and he does not answer, I call him again and this time he answers.

Me: "Manzini" I sigh

Zwe: "Khuluma" Weeee his really pissed.

Me: "I am sorry for the way I spoke to you earlier Gwabini, that phone call I received shook

me and I took it out on you, ngiyaxolisa baba wabantwana" he sighs

Zwe: "I am sorry too Mamntungwa I shouldn't have spoken you like that, nam ngiyaxolisa muntu wami" okay we are good now "I don't know what happened to Siya and I don't care his jealousy almost took you and Lifalandile from me, mom said his dead body was dropped at our gate with his hands cut off, I will go home ksasa mina and help start with funeral arrangements" this is shocking

Me: "I am so sorry babe for your loss but why is your mom assuming that I had something to do with his death" I ask cause I am seriously lost

Me: "Love my mother wants to shift blame, she knows the kind of trouble that Siya got himself into, maybe this time he owed the wrong people" he is so calm

Me: "I guess I have to go to Port Shepstone

tomorrow"

Zwe: "You don't have to come my love, you're still recovering" hawu this guy what will his family think

Me: "Haaibo you want to give your mom more reasons to hate me ngiyabona" he laughs

"I will come, end of discussion and wena please go home now, I am sure they need you" he giggles

Zwe: "I love it when you're bossy, I love you yezwa, I miss my kids though after the funeral you're coming back home ngeke skhokho" I giggle

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Me: "Hayi, I still have like 2 months left, I will come back next month at least"

Zwe: "Haaaa Mpande no, bring back my kids

then you stay kini wena" he sounds serious.

Me: "Lets talk about this when we see each other skhokho" he sighs

Zwe: "Ok think about though, I really miss you guys the house is just quiet" I miss him too.

"Bongeka is still not back yaz, she hasn't spoken to Yakhile for months now, I am starting to get worried now, she just sends me emails requesting pictures pf him kuphela" how am I supposed to respond to this now

Me: "Aw maybe she is really busy, how is Londi and Aphiwe" I spoke to Londi yesterday and she asked when am I coming back

Zwe: "I am fetching them today, they were suppose to sleep over but I guess now we are going home. One of the boys is crying, it's Siyakha his the one with a husky voice.

Me: "Siyakha is crying, let me go attend him"

Zwe: "How do you know it's him? Is he there

with you? "

Me: "Its the husky voice babe"

Zwe: "I hadn't noticed yaz, I love you and the kids too much munt wam, I love you Mpande yothando lwami"

Me: "I love you muntu wami"

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Yomuzi

I go take Siyakha who looks so much like his father, he must be hungry all this running around the house gets them tired, they play with Thembas children Kwazi and Lwandle. Siyakha is a total mama's boy his always around me and starts to cry when he does not see me. Yakhile on the other hand is a quiet child, my boy just eats, plays and sleeps that's it. I need to share the sad news of Siyathokoza's passing, as much

as he wanted me dead, I don't think he deserved death, on Sunday I have to go to Port Sheptone.

Me: "MaZulu, Siyathokoza Zwes brother is no more" she looks at me and goes back to her steam bread cooking, she does that when she is angry, she cooks us our favorite meal steam bread and brown beans. I am guessing the visit from my sibling's is not a good one. "ma did you hear me?" I ask cause she didn't respond.

Mom: "I heard you baby, I am supposed to rejoice but he was someone's son even though he almost robbed us of you and Kuthula but he was also someone's child" I get her reaction I feel the same.

Me: "Mom Zwes mother has accused me of killing him, apparently his body was found by their gate with his hands copped" She looks at me widening her eyes and coughs quickly and

excuses herself, she comes back and continues to cook.

Mom: "Don't be too hard on her she just lost her son and her son just tried killing you so you are going to be her first suspect my baby. Listen ksasa you will go to that house and play your role as uMakoti, you will wake up first then everyone and make tea for everyone and clean that house, prepare lunch and dinner, see what's missing and buy it. Don't give them an excuse to hate you. I know it won't be easy but kill them with kindness mntanami. Someone needs to be sane, and that will be you uyangizwa?"

Me: "Eish I will try mama" I have put Siyakha down his heavy, I need to go check on Yakhile, I haven't been seeing him and I know that his busy being naughty some where. My kids call me Muntu because of Zwe so the name seems to be sticking because that's what Aphiwe and

Londi call me now. I here the gate opening, I guess the siblings are here now, I've missed Nsika let me run out. They all pass me and run into the house "wow" I find them in my room all staring at Landile

Fika: "She has to be the most adorable kid ever" mnxm he taking pictures of her while she's snoring

Lihle: "I am waking her up" Noooo Jizas no.

Me: " If you wake her up you carry her the whole night and ask mom, she's not as nice as she looks" Themba walks in while everyone is in my room staring at the baby "manje are you guys not even going to greet me wooowza" Nsika is caring Yakhile and Nhlanhla has Siyakha my boys are too adorable though.

Nsika comes to me and gives me a hug

Nsika: "Hello half, I've missed you" He kisses my forehead, eventually they all acknowledge

me.

Later in the evening we having dinner over a light conversation, my mom clears her throat and we all turn our attention to her

Mom: "Fika has Mntungwa your father risen from the dead" we all look at her shocked but no one dares to answer because he voice alone is sending bad vibes "Ngiyakhuluma Fikanokuthula" She bags her fist on the table

Fika: "Cha ma" he replies with his head down, I'm so confused right now but let me be quiet.

Mom: "Then why are there dead bodies all over the country with chopped body parts" she shouts throwing different kids of newspapers on the table towards Fika

Fika: "I was reminding people that the

Mntungwas still rule" TF is going here, my mom gets off her chair and gives Fika a hot clap across his fave

Mom: "Uyahlanya? heh? Reminding people huh? at whose expense? Do you know how many enemies you've created" What are these people talking about "And you Nhlanhla, you participate in this and don't warn your brother, I can't believe your father spent millions on your education but you are idiots, nizidomu" She says walking back to her chair and sits down "Wena Langelihle fix this, check on the clients in Cape Town and make sure they won't pull out, wena Themba Check Namibia and Mozambique, wena Nsika go tell your sister

what's going on before she faints. Fika and Nhlanhla please meet me in the office after dinner" She stands up and walks away, I guess dinner is finished.

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Yomuzi

I thought I knew my family but it seems like I know nothing, Nsika was given the responsibility of updating me and letting me in the family business. Firstly I am upset that my very own twin has been keeping all this from me, I thought we shared everything, Secondly I have been doing the books of this family "business" along and no one thought it was a good idea to let me in nje, I feel so used. And the killings OMG it all makes sense now when we were kids and the "businesses" were not doing well my dad would disappear and then come back and things would go back to being normal but dead bodies would be found all over Natal, the difference between my father and Fika is that the business has expanded so the killings are all over the country. I don't know

how to look at my siblings, its like I am an outsider,I really don't understand why was I not told, Nsika tells me that he too just found out because they needed a tech guy because their tech guy they had has another job now. I know he is not entirely honest with me but I will let him be. I will pretend I don't know shit and move back to my place after the funeral. In fact I wonder why are they all of the sudden sharing this info with me.

I wake up early to prepare for my journey to Port Shepton, I will be leaving soon, I haven't said anything to anyone, all I am doing is packing my things to the car taking me to Shepton. I want to get out of this place, God knows the place I am going to is worse. My family is coming with me to drop me off and mourn with the Zungu family. I don't know how are we going to make it all the way in this awkward silence. I walk

past my mother's office/study and I hear my siblings whispering to each other.

Lihle: "I told you guys it was a bad idea not letting Yomuzi in this, now she is pissed and will probably stop doing the books, anizwa inkinga yenu" I hear sighs "Nsika talk to her bhutiza"

Nsika: "Nope let all mighty Fika do it, you guys never listen to anyone but you always mess shit up, I told you guys to not go on a killing spree, now we are in shit and cashless"

Fika: "Don't worry about the money, Zwe will help us soon" WTF

Themba: "You are being selfish Fika, you know very well that Zwe has a lot on his plate yet you are forcing his hand, give him a break hw just lost a brother who you killed by the way Pitbull" I can't stop my self, what did I just hear, I barge in

Me: "Bhut Fika you did what? "

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Fika: "You are so naive at time Yomuzi, what were you expecting us to? clap our hands and thank that idiot for attempting to kill you and Kuthula, listen here Balungile Mntungwa, no one messes with us and gets away with it, you know that." Why the fuck am I Balungile now. I leave the room because this is clearly a hopeless task my family is a group of thieves and drug lords and Zwe will tell me his link to this, I will wait until the end of the funeral then I will unleash my wrath.

We all prepare for the road to Zwes house and no one is talking to anyone in this Veco, I am busy with Siyakha here and Yakhile is sleeping while Landile is on my mothers lap, its a bit too

early, but my mother said I must get there early so I can play my role as a wife, all my siblings came with, the kids were left with our helper. When we are close I call Aphiwe just check whether they are at home and indeed everyone is home. We walk in and Londi comes to take my bags and puts them at Zwes backroom, I follow her with Themba to put down the kids, Siyakha still wide awake. I put him on my back while I lay down his siblings. Themba stares at the flat and looks around and she is a bit uncomfortable and she tells Londi to quickly go call Zwe and gogo and she ran out to do so. I look at her confused, Zwe walks in looking handsome as ever, I haven't seen him in a while, I missed him. He comes to me and kisses me and gogo hits his head we chuckle

Themba: "Gogo and Zwe, your family is going to kill my sister and the kids" we all look at her puzzled Londi was also here, Themba turned

and looked at Londi "Londile did we touch anything when we got here?"

Londi: "No sis Themba" she also looked puzzled

Themba: "There is something in this room and it is put to harm Yomuzi, Zwe please warn your family, you don't want to deal with angry

Mntungwa" she walked to Zwes washing basket and took out a small yellow plastic, she then moved to his chest of drawers and dug out another one and lastly went to the corner of the bed by my pillow and took out another one, I was so shocked, Londi was crying and gogo was just shaking her head, Zwe was beyond angry he was trembling

"Gogo I am sure you will know what exactly is in those packets once you open them. With that she left, we stayed in the room looking at each other, I then asked Londi to please help me move the kids to her bedroom. I came back and Zwe and gogo were still standing there,

gogo told us to wait in the room? she came back with a bucket with water and started spraying it all over the flat with a small broom saying things I could not make out. She told Zwe to calm down and that this will be discussed as soon as my family left.

We were left alone in the room we just looked at each other and sighed Zwe: "It's going to be a long week" I looked at him and hugged him, gosh I've missed him.

Me: "I've missed you Zwe"

Zwe: "I have missed you too muntu wam and the kids, you're not going to your family ngeke skhokho, Its been a rough two months yeesses" I laugh ihaba.

Me: "You know Siyakha calls me Muntu? you should stop this muntu wam thing" he laughs hard, Its been a while

Zwe: "You lie" I take a video that Nsika took of him crying while I was showering, when he asked him Why he was crying he said "Fun uMuntu" everyone was confused cause he kept on saying it and when I came he put up his hands and shouted "Muntuuuu" everyone laughed. Zwe was in stitches. He took his son and I went to the main house to help out with the cooking, I made tea for my family and Londi took it out to them, I sat down and made a grocery list, I will have to do that tomorrow morning. The fridge was empty if I had not arrived with cakes my mom baked, I really don't know what people would have eaten. Atter sometime my family was leaving and I wanted to cry, but I remembered that we were kinda not in speaking terms, Lihle came up to me and said she will give me call, there's a lot to talk about and that she loves me, Fika went to the car no even looking at me Nhlanhla and Nsika came to stand next to me as mom was

speaking to gogo

Me: "What's his problem?" I say pointing at him with my eyes. They chuckle

Nhlanhla: "Pay him no attention, his sulking nje, anyway see you month end we have a lot to talk about, please be open minded Yomuzi, and calm down" he says mnxm. mom comes to stand next to us, while my sister's walk to the car.

Mom: "Makhumalo, I can't stress enough the importance of being respectful at this time to both your husband and his family, I know that woman doesn't like you but don't stoop to her level, Siyazwana?" I nod "wake up early, fix water for your mother in law, then Zwe early in the morning before people wake up, then make breakfast, make sure everyone comes in gets cakes, I will send Nsika with another bucket this week, I will stay at the old house until the funeral. Please don't lose your cool I know you

uyahlanya ekhanda" my brothers laugh and mom gives me a hug then goes to the car Nhlanhla does the same and Im left with Nsika Nsika: "I told you not to get married, bheka manje" hahahaha this idiot. "I will call you, I love you" we hugs and he leaves and I walk back to the house, Siyakha and Yakhile are playing outside with other kids.

Late in the evening after dinner we called to the dinning room, I had just finished the dishes. The whole family was there except the kids. Gogo take out the three packets and puts them on the floor for everyone to see

Gogo: "Yini le?" there's silence "You want to kill this poor child, was it not enough to see dead Siyathokoza by now she should know that you can't mess with her ancestors" Zwes mother starts crying hysterically, Zwe and I look at each

Zwes Mom: "I knew you killed my son even gogo knows it" oh ngaze ngavelelwa

Zwe: "Mom stop being dramatic, you know very well what Killed Siyathokoza, continue like this and you will never see me laykhaya" he looks at his sisters " I don't know who did this and why but please leave my wife alone, or kuzofa uMuntu" everyone is silent and shocked. He stands up comes to me and takes my hand, "Asembe solala Makhumalo" I stand up and follow him

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Zwe

This has been the most challenging year for me, the minute I found happiness is the same time troubles came flooding in. Today is Friday and tomorrow is my brother's funeral, I should be

sad that I lost my only brother but I am relieved, Siyathokoza and I grew apart while we were growing up I can say it was my parents fault, my mother treated him as a gem whilst my father treated him like trash. He grew up hating me at first I thought it was just resentment but when he came to my house and tried to kill Mpande and my child I saw that his hatred for me was deeply entrenched, nonetheless he is dead. I need to thank Mpande's brothers for sorting him out cause I knew that I wouldn't have it in me to kill him. A lot has been happening in this yard, my family is dramatic at some point I wanted to pack my bags and leave but my grandmother talked me out of it. Ninini they were trying to kill Mpande for what? Angaz.

Listen everyday my love for Mpande grows, ithambo lami, she is my soul mate for real she lives for. The way she loves my children is

remarkable. Yesterday she went shopping, she took my sisters kids with and bought them clothes, I mean she didn't have to but she did. I didn't hear those brats thanking her though. She did groceries and took it upon herself to make sure that everything is well organized calling her sister's to help with a catering company and stuff, Today she has been cleaning the whole house, I don't know how she does it, she came back with a group of boys and they started to paint the house. My wife is superwoman O tell you

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Zwe

When Siyathokoza's body arrived I thought I would feel sad or bad or some tupa way but I feel relieved, maybe the only only thing that I wish I had done before he died was ask him

why he hated me so much that he didn't want to see me happy. Saturday the funeral was a funeral what can I say, it was a funeral. I need to get out of this place before Mpande loses her cool, this has been a very long week for her I am shocked that she hasn't lost it yet but I see that she will explode soon so its time we leave.

Yakhile also did the unthinkable, Bongeka came with her family to the funeral and I heard she tried to take Yakhile and he was hysterical crying for his 'mother' and that would be Yomuzi.

Bongeka was embarrassed and she wanted to talk to me and Yomuzi and I told her to wait for us and we can talk after the funeral today. What kind of a mother leaves their child for almost two years and calls once a week heh?

The funeral is over and people are leaving, only the Khumalos are left. I wish my family would see the bond that Khumalos have and learn

from them, I am sensing a little tension between Fika and Mpande but I know she will tell me when she's ready. Nhlanhla and Nsika are forever following their little sister it worries me, they are forever at our house they Nsika even has a room now. Anyway I am not bothered I actually like it like that. Nsika is so needy though, he said he is not leaving today because he hasn't spent time with Mpande.

Bongeka: "Zwe niyaphila?"

Me: "Siyaphila unjan Bongeka, it's been what two years?"

Bongeka: "hawu it's not that bad, I want to talk you about Yakhile, I don't like what happened today" I chuckle

Me: "And whose fault is that?"

Bongeka: "This is not the time to be pointing fingers, I don't like that Yakhile calls Yomuzi here his mother, I am his mother Zwe not her"

she says crying and pointing at Mpande who rather looks calm this can't be good, I look at her and she looks at me and smile.

Mpande: "May I speak?" Bongeka nods "what do you suggest we do about this situation Bongeka?" Bongeka starts tearing up. "No this is not the time to cry tell us what you want us to do about your child who doesn't recognize you sitshele sis singabakho simamfuze" oh there she is I was getting worried for a minute

Me: "No need to be insensitive Yomuzi, all I am saying is that my son doesn't recognize me and I don't like it that she calls you mom instead of me"

Mpande: " So on top of me taking care of your son while I was pregnant and with another son I was suppose to show him pictures of you and remind him that you are his mother? Yaz uyangihlanyela wena? Awungiboni nhlobo" she is getting pissed and Bongeka will be unlucky

today I need to stop this conversation.

Me: "What do you want us to do Bongeka you chose your career over Yakhile now you have a problem, what do you want?" Mpande gives me a mean look I don't know what I said now.

Bongeka: "I want my son Zwe, I am taking him today"

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Yomuzi

Zwe: " uDakiwe" with that said Zwe walks away leaving me with Bongeka and I honestly don't know what to say

Bongeka: "Speak to him please, you should understand as a mother how it hurt me that my own son does not recognise me" she says while crying "Please Yomuzi, I know I have been away

for a long time but what happened today was an eye opener, I was hurt and I will try to be an outstanding mother, please talk to him"

Me: "It is your approach that was not necessary, you should know how Zwe is but umzela ngobuso, I don't know what you want me to say you clearly stated that Yakhile was not mine so I have no say in what happens to him"

Bongeka: "Please Yomuzi, I am grateful for what you and Zwe have done for the past months I know it must have been hard for you especially with three children but I would like my child back now or I am going to court"

Haaaaibo loGirl

Me: "Wow for a minute you had me there yaz, listen talk Zwe I have no say at all"

Bongeka: "Mnxm, you want to play happy family with my child niyahlanya nje" ngiyalingwa

with that she walks away leaving me alone and I

walk ti Zwes room.

I find Zwe with all the kids in his room and packing clothes Me: "Hawu baba uyaphi?"

Zwe: "I am tired of this place it brings so much drama and problems in my life yeses" I sit on the bed and start unpacking the bags "what are you doing?"

Me: "You want your family to say I said we must leave, asiyi ndawo. You just burried your brother and we haven't even had a cleansing ceremony and wena usuyahamba ay mani Zwe"

Zwe:"Who is the man in this relationship Mpandeyomuzi, you always do this, I say this you say that njalo ngiphikisana nawe" okay this won't be easy, how did this become about me

Me: "I am sorry if you feel like that, it has never been my intention to disrespect you in anyway" I continue unpacking and putting things in the

wardrobe

"but we are not leaving today lets not avoid the topic of Bongeka wanting to take away my child" and I think for the very first time I am letting go and crying about everything that has taken place ever since I came to this family last Sunday. I just cry

Me: "Zwe she wants to take away my baby, where was she when I was not sleeping because Yakhile was sick? where was she when he was teething and not stomaching anything? Will Siyakhas mother also walk in here and demand her child? am I not a good mother and a good wife to you that your family hates me so much bashaya my kids why?" I really cry and he comes and sits next me and hold me while I cry " I want vodka futhi". He cracks up and laughs so hard and I realise why I fell for this guy.

Continuation

Zwe

I love this girl yezwa! She drives me crazy all the time but I don't think that my life would be this perfect, like this girl is flippen perfect. Anyway its been another year with my perfect little family and this girl still didn't want to officially marry me, like to go to home affairs and stuff, she just said there was no rush but I think there was more to it that.

I have been working with her brothers and we did a few jobs nothing hectic and dramatic and I wanted us to move and get a bigger house because her family is always at my house like all the time, Nsika was now living with us even though he had his own place, this meant that Nhlanhla would be around too all the time and

then Fika would pop in, I guess its a good thing that Themba stayed back at home and Lihle was married even though she too spent time at our house.

Mpande had convinced me to let Bongeka take Yakhile, the first few months were hard I won't lie, Bongeka used to wake us up in the middle of the night with a crying Yakhile who wanted his mother Muntu or Siyakha or Landile, it was never me though which hurt sometimes. On weekends he would come over from Friday till Sunday even today Sundays are emotional they all cry even 'Muntu', yep thats what they call her not mom but muntu.

Muntu wam has gone back to work and is annoyingly busy like all the time, Nsika transferred to Durban claiming that Richards

Bay was too far from his sister, mnxm these two are a package deal. I walk in the door and the boys run to me, well they walk now and their sister tries walking but she prefers crawling lol my lazy girl, I pick them up and go to Mpande whose cooking today and I know she is not happy because she is not looking up at me so I give her a kiss on her cheek.

Me: "Hi baby, where's Landile?" just noticed that my naughty girl is not around, but she continues cooking pays no attention to me "Hawu muntu wami, whats wrong now? did I do something wrong"?

Mpande: "Landile left with Fika ubuya ksasa"

Me: "Haaa baby and why didn't wait for me to kiss her goodbye. ay mina I need to get my own child, the boys belong to you and Landile is literally always with your family ngeke baby" she laughs out loud

Mpande: "Shuthi you will have to find some else to give you a baby because mina I am only having a baby in the next 10 years"

Me: "Haaaa baby 10 years ngeke" I laugh but she doesn't " Muntu what's wrong, please tell me"

Mpande: "I need you to stop this shady business with Fika or my family whoever is in charge" I look up at her shocked I really thought she didn't know " I've know for almost a year now and I thought that you would tell me but it's clear that you were not willing to be opened about your relations with my family but clearly we are not there yet as a couple "

Me: "That's not true Mpande and you know, I just didn't know how to tell you, and I am really sorry I just thought that this would be your limit and you would leave me especially since you didn't even know anything about your family business, I am sorry Mpande" she turns to look

at me and I see she is pissed

Mpande: "I hear how sorry you are but I don't hear you saying anything about leaving that business or whatever you call it, I want you to stop being part of that thing Zwe" she's not giving me ultimates so we're good

Me: " I can't" I say looking down "babe we still need the money, I haven't saved enough for my kids, I need to make sure that you will all be good should anything happen to me"

Mpande: "Zwe I've been doing your business books for a while now I know you don't need that money, the things you do are so dangerous, you want to die and leave me with your kids huh? You're being selfish and greedy and you know it" she turns off the stove and walks away "its a good thing we're not married I can leave whenever I want" she shouts going to our bedroom.

Me: "What the fuck Mpande" I shout walking to her and Siyakha starts crying, Yakhile will join in soon I know, 123 there we go. Mpande opens the door and calls the boys to her, once they are inside she tries to close the door on my face and I stop it and walk in behind her.

"We need to talk and don't walk away from me while were talking its rude and annoying not to mention the disrespectful part"

Mpande : "I was done talking, if you wanted to have a conversation about your shady business you would have told me a long time ago, you have had all the time on earth to tell me but you chose not to tell me so don't come here and tell me about rude, annoying and disrespect yezwa" she says shouting and pointing at me with her finger. I walk out and call the nanny to come and take the boys as soon as the boys are out I lock the door behind me.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi I don't know how many

times do I need to tell you to respect me, I don't care how mad you are but never raise your voice at me and don't you ever poke me like that ever! Never ever disrespect me like that in front of my kids siyezwana?"

Mpande: " Or what? Huh what will you do huh you will hit me like you use to do to Bongeka, yeah she told me that you hit her not once Zwe all the damn time, I dare you to hit me" didn't I say she drives me crazy look now, she is still shouting I walk towards her and she doesn't move she looks at me straight in the eye, she is ready to fight who said I was going to hit her angaz, I reach and pull her to me, she taken back because she wasn't expecting this, I kiss her and at first she doesn't respond, I unzip her dress while kissing her and she responds this time. I lay her down gently on the bed after I have taken off her dress, I start playing with her nipples while kissing her. My fingers move

down to her temple and I start massaging her clit gently, she moans and I continue with what I am doing when she is about to come I stop

Mpande: "Zweee" she says in a whisper, I go up to her face and look at her straight in the eye

Me: " You will respect me" I say as I shove one finger in her precious hole and she nods, I roughly pull it out and shove it in again and she lets out a moan

Mpande: "Yes" she says wanting to cry I pull out my finger and open my zip, I slam into her when she least expected it and she yelps arching her back, I slam into her again and she cries out moaning, I keep slamming hard into her and I see that she is about to climax, I immediately pull out of her and stand up go to the bathroom and leave the bathroom door opened she can see me jerking off, I jerk off and when I am finished I wash my hand and flush the toilet and walk back to bed while she sits up

and looks at me with disbelief

Me: " I am really disappointed at you that you would believe that I would hit you or ever believe that I use to abuse your now best friend Bongeka, for your information the only time I hit her was when she put you in hospital, now go to your new best friend and ask her to give you your orgasm" with that said I took my keys and left as soon as I closed the door I heard her crying and I wanted to turn and comfort her but I quickly thought she will never learn so I left

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Yomuzi

Mxm lemfene le he just left me like that its not even 8pm yet and my Friday is already ruined mnxm. Zwe doesn't understand kodwa I really don't like that shady business they are doing with my brothers, I've spoken to Nsika I don't

know how many times but he says he doing what he has to do in order to survive, I don't even know what that means because Nsika is a hippy just like me, his all about affording not being rich. I take out my phone and call. It rings and he answers immediately

Nsika: "Mpande yoMntungwa" I smile, he reminds me of dad, my dad used to call me like that njalo when we spoke.

Me: "hey lover"

Nsika: " hayi you picked Zwe to be your lover over me so stop right there half " he says while laughing

Me: " Mnxm awugiyeyeke ngalowo" he laughs out loud

Nsika: " What did he do, his here all mad too what did you do to each other" he laughs hard

Me: " tell him to go to his friends and leave my brothers alone mnxm"

Nsika: "I am not getting involved shame, he said you were rude, disrespectful and annoying today" .... " why do I ever tell you shit cause you always tell your sister yesses nondaba" that's speaking on the background

Nsika: " I always tell you to keep things to yourself or tell Nhlanhla ngoba Mina I will tell on you, but you don't listen" I guess his responding to Zwe's comment, and it true Zwe doesn't learn Nsika can't keep anything away from me he always does this but still Zwe confides in him , saying its because Sika is the only person who understands me

Me: " Nsika, Zwe deprived me of an orgasm I am so hurt Nsika"

Nsika: " That's just wrong Zwe wow that's low" yep Itell Nsika everrry thing even my sex life "Throw away his coco pops" we both laugh now that's an idea, Zwe would hate me though but I am really considering it.

Me: " Thanks broe for the idea, listen come over tomorrow I want to go out drinking, I haven't gone out in a while now I need to get back in the game..." He cuts me off

Nsika: "nope! You can't play no more, you are a mother of three now remember" he chuckles " Mtshele Sbali" that's Zwe again.

Me: "tell Zwe that if I wanted to speak to him I would have called him myself"

Zwe: " Awungiyeka! Futhi awuyi lapho" mnxm childish ass

Me:"Angikhulumi nawe, stay out of my conversation with my brother baba weyngane azintathu you're on baby sitting duty while I paint the town red futhi"

Nsika: " do you guys want to call each other instead?"

"NO" we say st the same time

Me: " Bye Nsika yakoMntungwa, see you tomorrow. I will invite Lihle I know she's always game, tell Nhlanhla Love you and tell Zwe to come home it's getting late" Nsika laughs

Nsika: " Haa Yomuzi it's not even 10 yet hayi no Mani we're still chilling hawu"

Me: " haaibo get your own bae" we laugh we say our goodbyes and hang up.

I go to check on my boys and I find them sleeping, they are so cute and big now, looking like Zwe every passing minute. Siyakha even walks like him, he walks like he own the world, I can't imagine my life without them. I am tempted to wet his coco pops but I won't do it, I can't handle it when we're fighting, I just get bored. Zwe has become my best friend so you can imagine how its like not speaking to your bestie for hours. I go shower and come out of

the shower and wear his Jamie top and go dish up for myself, I dish up and pour some juice when I feel his eyes on me and I turn to look at him, he is leaning on the door frame just like he was the first time I slept over his place.

Zwe: " I am sorry about earlier, I shouldn't have done that to you muntu" he walks to me and hugs me

Me: " I am sorry too, for being rude, disrespectful and annoying, I shouldn't have spoken to you like that baby, I am sorry Manzini" we hug for the longest time he let's go and goes to open the cardboard

Zwe:" Shweeee for a minute I thought you would really pour water on my Coco's " We laugh out loud. "Ngiyakuthanda muntu wami" he kisses my forehead and we move to our bedroom " now tell what Bongeka said about me?"

Me: "She said you use to hit her all the time and you didnt allow her to have friends"

Zwe: " funny how she's always with her friends though, and wena you believed her?"

Me: " Nope, she ws trying to scare me off, she said all those things in a sms where she was telling me she will get you back and mina I am using muthi on you thats why you love me so much" he looks at me and chuckles

Zwe: "And wena what did you say?"

Me: "I responded with just an okay" he chuckles" what?"

Zwe: " Wena wonke? I am proud of you babe" I laugh "So about tomorrow, we're you serious babe?"

Me: "Yep, ngiyobuhlehlisa" he laughs

Zwe: " you are so ghetto though, I am tagging along then" we kiss and we finish off our food.

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### Yomuzi

The week just started and I am not looking forward to go to work at all we have this new account to work on and it looks like there is alot of work that needs to be done, I slept late last night because I had to go through their papers see what they are about and try to come up with an idea on how we can expose them, they are a transport company working with trucks and shipment too but maybe I should ask Zwe cause that's what he deals with. When I woke up I had already left he said he had an early business meeting and I was running late. I quickly shower came out put on lotion and got dressed and drove to work, I got stuck in traffic just as I was about to call Zwe he called me.

Zwe: " Muntu Muntu Muntu wami"

Me: " You're excited! Good morning babe what has you so excited?"

Zwe: " Morning to you too lover, you were asleep this morning when I left, so I was just checking whether you are good, I've missed you terribly this week you seem so busy"

Me: " I know, its this new account it has me on my feet and they are bringing in big money for the company, but this weekend I am all yours, listen let me call you back Bongeka is on the line"

Zwe: "Your best friend" he laughs " I love you"

Me: "tsek I love you too" I drop the call and answer Bongeka's call "Maka Mfana"

Bongeka: "Yomuzi you have got to help me, Zwe is going to kill" She is hysterical crying

Me:" What's going calm down and tell me why are you crying" she wails "come on now tell"

Bongeka: " It's Yakhile, he drank Jik and he won't stop vomiting its bad I don't know what to do" TF Zwe will kill her for real

Me: " What the hell man, take him to hospital I'm on my way, I will meet you there, I am a bit stuck in traffic, you're closer to St. Augustine, go there now, I will call Zwe" She won't stop crying "Listen stop panicking, you need to take that boy to hospital now, calm down"

Bongeka: " Please don't tell Zwe, he will kill me Yomuzi you know. " uyahlanya ke lo, I drop the call and call Zwe

Zwe: "Lover, uthini uBestie wakho"

Me: " Meet me at St. Augustine, Bongeka says Yakhile drank Jik and she's rushing in there now, I will find you there" I drop the call because I know what's next and he cal me back "Manzini"

Zwe: "Don't do that Mpandeyomuzi, don't drop a bomb like that and then drop the call, if anything

bad happens to my son, nizongthola ninoBestie wakho nxaana" He drops the call

So now I am in shit mnxm.

As I drive to the Hospital I call my p.a to tell her that I am running late she must reschedule my meetings and cancel my appointments for the day. I get to the hospital and find Bongeka sitting by paed's crying, I go to her and give her a hug and cpmfort her. As soon as I stand up Zwe walks in looking hot as ever, wearing his shades, why though? Angaz? he takes them off and walks straight to Bongeka, I stand in front of him before he does something he will regret.

Me: "Gwabini calm down babe"

Zwe: "Move Mpandeyomuzi or you're still protecting your best friend" I don't move even though he is annoying me with this whole best friend shit but I will let it pass, Bongeka is now

standing at the far end of the room in a corner that I didn't know was there.

Me: "Please calm down, it was a mistake Bongeka already feels bad please don't make things worse ngikucela Manzini"

Zwe: "I told you Mpande that I don't want my son going to this woman and you convinced me that otherwise, now look my son is in hospital" ngake ngavelelwa I will never hear the end of this. As I am about to respond the doctor walks out " Yakhile Zungu" Bongeka moves away from her corner and Zwe and I move towards the doctor. She looks at us and smiles, I see relief in Bongekas eye's

Dr: "Little Yakhile is going to be fine, we managed to drain out the Jik it looks like he had a lot" Zwe gives Bongeka the most scariest look ever and I can see that she is actually scared should Zwe move closer to her she will pee on herself " Because its early I will keep on

checking on him, if I am satisfied with his condition later on the day I will discharge him today, if he doesn't improve I will discharge him tomorrow" we all nod

Me: "Thank you Doc, can we see him" she nods and we follow her and she leaves us next to his bed, his sleeping.

Zwe: "I am taking my son cause clearly you're not cut out for this Bongeka, where were you when this happened in fact where was the fillin nanny that I pay huh? you were busy painting your face, I see you still remembered to do your eyebrows while my son was dying" Zwe is being extra but I will let Bongeka answer for herself now kudala zingnetha

Bongeka: " Zwe I was getting ready for work, I don't where Phindile was, please don't take him please"

Zwe: "You can take him on weekends and that's

when I am convinced that you can take care of him and this is not up for discussion" I look up and see Bongekas tears falling and I know from Zwes tone that he is dead serious

Bongeka: "Zwe please, it was a mistake" she looks at me " Yomuzi please talk to him" I look down cause I know this will be hard

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Bongeka cried alone next to Yakhiles bed and there was absolutely nothing I could do about it, yes I understand that it was a mistake a reckless one futhi but honestly speaking that could have happened to anyone.

Me: "walk me to the car babe" I need to distract him from all this and I need to get to work its already late. He walks out with me and I know I am in shit as much as Bongeka, Zwe has his hands in his pockets and is not even looking at me. "I am really sorry about today, I wish there

was something I could do to make Mfana better right now" he keeps quiet still not looking at me, its going to be a tough week. "Let's go get breakfast, we will come back later to see him" still no response, we get to the car and I open it, Zwe hates my car, I just bought myself a golf 7.

Zwe:" lets rather use my car" lol I knew that this will get him talking, he drives a BMW x 4

Me:" Why do you hate my car so much babe?" I say chuckling and locking it.

Zwe:" I don't hate it Muntu, it's just that it's not my typa ride" we're back to using my pet name maybe his less angry now. I laugh as we get in his car, and he drives to Davenport to Olive and Oil. We get there and get ourselves a nice table outside. I need to cancel my whole day today, my man needs me, I take out my phone he places our order, I tell my p.a that I won't be coming in at all today.

Zwe: "You don't have to miss work today, I'll manage, you have a major account"

Me: "No you need me"

Zwe: "thank you love, you know if Yakhile was with us this wouldn't have happened you always make sure that all cleaning things and other things that are not child friendly are out of sight and the kids can't reach them, I shouldn't have listened to you" I look up at him in shock, how on earth did I end up being tge one who was wrong here?

Me: " That's not fair, you're really hurting me with these silly comments of about Yakhile staying with Bongeka, it was a mistake Nqobizizwe even at home with you and I around it would have happened, I am sorry that I convinced you to let Yakhile go stay with mother, I guess my mistake was thinking about Bongekas relationship with her son, I too would not like to be separated with my kids but I am

sorry for getting involved in things that have to do with YOUR SON"

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Yomuzi

After our little argument at breakfast things went from bad to worse, and the fact that I am busy at work is not assisting us. Yakhile indeed moved in with us and Bongeka got him on weekends, it was sad indeed but I just didn't have the energy to fight about this with Zwe. I hardly saw the kids this account was keeping me on my toes, in the 3 and a half years I've been with Zwe this is by far our biggest fight. He doesn't see anything wrong with the conversation we had and said I was sulking for no reason and that futhure annoyed me. Zwe wants me to mother his children but not make decisions when it comes to them, I don't

understand how he expects me to do that and when I told him about it he said he never said that and I am just looking for an excuse for us to fight. For the first time since we moved in together I am actually thinking about moving out, I need to breath nje. These past weeks I've been at the office early and I leave late, its been hectic but I think the arguments with Zwe are a contributing factor but I miss my kids and I need to spend time with them or at least tuck them in tonight. As I am preparing for a meeting when Zwe walked in the office he stood by the door and leaned on the door frame, my Zwe was coming back slowly and he was handsome as ever wearing Navy chinos, a white shirt with a navy tie and brown shoes and his bag over his shoulder. I just looked at him, as handsome as he was I was still angry at him, he frowned when he saw that I wasn't Thrilled to see him. Zwe : " have lunch with me muntu wam" mnxm

now that his over himself I must jump

Me: "I am busy preparing for a meeting that going to take place in the next 30 minutes, sorry"

Zwe:" Your P.A says they just cancelled, so you have no excuse in fact you are free for the whole day" looks like I have no other option now, let me call my nosey P.A

Me: "Namhla please come to my office" she walks in drooling at Zwe who was now leaning on the window frame typing on his phone.

"Namhla" she stops drooling and looks at me Zwe chuckles. "I am leaving now please give Nsika that Sibeko holdings file, make sure you do the bookings for all the meetings I have next week, ask Noma to please see whether the Cape town client received their files"

Namhla: "alright mam" she turns to leave but stops when she reaches the door and turns

"mam about that trip to Cape town next week, the hotel confirmed" weeee this girl talks too much yeheni! Zwe stops typing and looks at me, I had not mentioned anything about the trip to him, my siblings and I are going to Cape town for fun, I had included him even though I was not sure whether he would want to come or not. I ignore the look his giving and continue packing

Me: "Thank you Namhla, see you on Monday"

Zwe takes my bag, his mood has changed from that bubbly Zwe that walked in to a pissed Zwe. We drive to California Dreaming, I left my car at the office, I will find it there on Monday. We get a table outside and we order our drinks I order a mojito and he changes it to a virgin mojito.

Awuthi ngithule.

Zwe: "what's happening to us Mpande?" All along I've been typing away on my phone but now I am looking directly at him "I miss us, there was a time where we couldn't keep our

hands off each other, where we couldn't stay angry at each other for more than 5 hours but we've been at it for almost a month now, what's happening to us?" He has his concerned look on and I see that he is worried about us but it's not my fault

Me: "You hurt me Zwe, I can't make a decision without you questioning it. You make decisions for us about us and you expect me to be okay with it" he looks at me with his eyebrow up and all confused

Zwe: "When? I don't understand you now"

Me: "All the time, you do it so much that you don't know you're doing it, like now, you offered to take me to lunch you didn't ask me whether I like coming here or not you just assumed that I am fine, you changed my drink order, I wanted a glass of alcohol the least you can do is let me have wine than changing my order altogether"

Zwe: " Oh so this is about your drink? You do this all the time when things dont go your way you turn to alcohol" The fuck!!!

Me: "excuse me! Are you saying I use alcohol to deal with my problems, one glass of a mojito and you've concluded that I'm an alcoholic wow" I clap my hands once.

Zwe: "I did not say that Mpande, don't put words in my mouth please, I actually brought you here so we can sort out whatever it is that is bothering you" I really need a shot of something strong right now.

Me: "these are all the things that are bothering me Zwe, you, you make decisions for us all the time now you're calling me an alcoholic and you're not even apologetic about because you didn't say the exact words, is it not important how I feel right now, you're moving right along just like you didn't hear me say that I am offended" he waves at our waiter who comes

along

Zwe:" may I please have a double shot of Ciroc with dry lemon and a double Chivas 18 years on the rocks" the waiter leaves and I just continue with my drink " I am sorry if I offended you it was not my intention but you do tend to drink a lot if things aren't going your way" this guy is an idiot yesess

Me: "what is our agreement when it comes to apologizing Zwe" he looks down

Zwe:" we don't apologies unless we mean it" I try to speak but he stops me "listen babe, I am frustrated here, I'm clearly doing something wrong but I don't know what it is that I am doing wrong, you're not communicating with me love. I don't know what I am doing wrong and you're not telling me" he sighs and our drinks arrive and he takes his a drinks it in one go, I guess his really frustrated but I aint letting him go

Me:"The reason why you don't know what you're doing wrong is because you don't listen, you're quick to act but you don't listen and you're defensive, you know where I stand with you and the things you do with my brothers but you continue to do them Totally ignoring my feelings but okay fine I let it go, but you know what got me it was your reaction towards me when Yakhile drank jik" I take a sip of my drink " Firstly I told you that Bongeka told me that you use to abuse her just to scare me off and I wrongfully used that information in our fight and I apologized for it but wena you decide to twist that and call me Bongekas best friend, I told you the reason why I felt Yakhile should move in with his mother, and again you use my decisions against me when things go wrong. As we speak I am afraid to leave your kids with anyone else because I am scared of your reaction should anything happen to them" all this time his been playing with my drink but not

looking at me "Zwe this is my first time parenting and I unfortunately for me I had to start with three kids, I love my angels but there is no rule book for parenting and I am going with my instincts here and you're not making it easy"

Zwe:" Gosh babe, I am so sorry I haven't looked at things from your point of view and I am sorry its just that I want things to go well, I am so sorry muntu I really didn't think that things were this hectic baby please forgive I have been a jerk" mnxm I look at this guy and instead of forgiving him I get annoyed, we've been at this for almost a month and his only getting it now. I start eating my food, which tastes really good by the way. My phone rings and it's Nsika.

Me: "Half did you get the file" Nsika: "Hello to you too" we laugh " Yes I got the file, your P.A is so annoying though hayi mani, where are you by the way, I've got something I need you to look

at" he sounds serious

Me:" I am having lunch with Landiles dad"

Nsika: "His Landiles dad, I guess things are still not cool if you're not calling him my Zwe" I chuckle "are you guys going to be fine though, I need you guys to be fine yaz, Zwe is so annoying when you guys are fighting he looks lost, have you told him about Cape Town?"

Me: "Please leave Zwe alone wena, no I haven't told but my annoying P.A kinda mentioned it so I will tell him now" he chuckles

Nsika: "okay, see you on Sunday ke bye love you"

Me: "Love you too bye"

Zwe looks at me with a questioning look

Zwe: "What's happening in Cape Town? "  
uthandiyndaba yessses

Me: "Lihle is going there a guest lecture at UCT

and Nsika and I wanted a few items and so we thought we might as well go to for the long weekend and it just happens that it's Nhlanhla's birthday on that Saturday now everyone is going including you."

Zwe: "oh I see, when were you going to tell me this?"

Me: "as soon as I saw you, now I am telling you" he looks annoyed

Zwe: "You've been busy almost the whole month and the minute you get an opening in your 'busy' schedule you jump to another province, Mpande what about your kids and your husband?" Now I regret telling but let me be nice

Me:" but I am taking my husband with nje babe, and from tomorrow it me and the kids, the account is almost finished, Nsika and his team Are dealing with it from next week, my team is

done" his still annoyed "Look here babe, I will make time for us alone you'll see please don't get angry at me"

Zwe: "Why won't you marry me, I've proposed three times and I always get a yes but unlike other girls you haven't even demanded a ring, or set a date or even look on the direction of a dress muntu" why is Zwe trying ruin my mood now

Me: "hawu babe how did we move from talking about cape Town to you talking about our wedding"

Zwe:" Don't avoid the question Mpandeyomuzi" weeee

Me: "why is it important, I mean we already do what married people do, we have kids, we stay together, we know each others pins like what will a little paper do to us, how will change our relationship" all along his eyes are popped out, I

see that his hurt but honestly I'm just not ready for marriage I think its just one of those things that dont excite me

Zwe: "In my entire life I have never met a women who thinks so littl of marriage" I laugh cause his still shocked

Me: "come on now you're exaggerating, finish up so we can go get me an engagement ring" his face lightens up.

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Zwe

Mpande has finally taken a step towards preparing for our wedding and unlike most girls she just wants a traditional wedding like can you believe it a woman wants just a traditional wedding, as much as I was unhappy about her decision I was happy that we were moving forward. It took a lot of convincing for her to

agree to having a wedding at all so I am not about to sulk about the type of wedding she wants. Now I have a very big problem on my hands and that's Bongeka, girl doesn't want to let go at all, one friday I was dropping off Yakhile because apparently her car had gone in for servicing, listen I found her wearing lingerie nkosi yami it took so much discipline to not rip her apart. She calls me all the time now like all the time especially if Yakhile is with her, I don't know what to do anymore. She still comes to my office and brings me lunch and claims we are friends of lately, I need to tell Mpande about all of this cause if she finds out by herself, I might as well forget about the traditional wedding that she has agreed too.

This weekend we are going to Cape Town, it's the Khumalos and us the extras lol Andile and myself, what I don't understand is why Fika never brings his wife to such things, whether we

are drinking or having our regular Sunday lunches, his wife is never around I only see her at family gatherings kphela, I must ask Mpande ukuth what's the deal with them. Mpande has been shopping with Lihle this whole week it's like they discover something new to buy everyday. She is around home a lot and is spending alot of time with the kids too. I get home and find her with Landile and my girl runs to me leaving her mom like that ha the boys do this to me all the time I can never hide my excitement when Landile does it to her. I catch my baby girl and I put my things next to Mpande then give her a very deep kiss, I've missed her and she moans.

Me: "I've missed you my muntu, where are the boys"

Mpande: "I've missed you too babe, I'm so horny these days I hope I'm not pregnant" she says sounding concerned "the boys are with the

nanny bathing" nothing would make more happy than a pregnant Mpande but I know she would be very angry if she'd fall pregnant now

Me: "Being pregnant wouldn't be such a bad thing love" she gives me the meanest look ever, I shouldn't have said that I know but I just couldn't help myself, she stands up and walks to the kitchen and I follow her she takes out a bottle of Vodka Ciroc and pours it in a glass and and takes it in one go.

"Nothing about what I said could have driven to take a shot of vodka Mpandeyomuzi" I say sounding annoyed, I don't understand why she just did that.

Mpande: "I vowed to myself that I would take a shot everytime you say something stupid" she says with a straight face.

Me: "Come on now you're being extra, it's not like being pregnant would mean it's the end of

the world for you" she quickly pours herself another shot and downs it before I get to her "Hey, cut it out " I take the vodka and put it away and she walks away going to our bedroom. I follow her again, this time I go to the nanny and give her Landile, I see my boys and kiss them goodnight as I walk out of their room she walks and kisses them good night too staying a bit longer, I wait for her at our bedroom. She comes in and sits on the bed and looks at me, let me just change the topic cause I see we are going to fight. My phone rings, its Bongeka oh shit

Me: "Bongeka" I see Mpande looking at her watch

Bongeka: "Hi Zwe boo" I open my eyes wide I feel like Mpande can hear her so I put her on loud speaker so I stay out of trouble "I heard nyahamba with your rasta this long weekend" I want to laugh at the rasta part but I can't cause

I will be putting parafine on the fire "so I was wondering if you could bring Yaya over on Wednesday after school"

Me: "stop calling my wife names" Mpande shoots me a mean look "I will be working till late on Wednesday, I will ask Mpande to drop him off" I'm walking on eggshells hear

Bongeka: "Oh hell No, is it not enough that she mothers my child without my permission now I have to see every time I want to see my son, come on Zwe please bring him over even if its at midnight, I don't mind I will wait up" I hear Mpande laugh and it's not her good laugh its her angry tone, she leaves the room.

Me: "listen I am not going to do that to my son, its either Mpande brings him over or you fetch him on Thursday, and stop calling me at the time or anytime, this my time with my wife please respect that" Mpande walks in with that bottle of Ciroc and my eyes pop again, this girl

is trying to kill me before I marry her.

Bongeka: "Oh please you guys aren't even married"

Me: "Fuck off" I drop the call "I didn't say anything stupid this time, why are you drinking?" She gives me that oh really look.

Mpande: "I see Bongeka my best friend is your girlfriend now huh 'Zwe boo' hahaha hamba Nqobizizwe" I look down cause I really don't know what I'm going to say "Mpande will drop him off" she says imitating my voice and drinks from the bottle "I am your chauffeur now, Bongeka can't come and pick up her son now" she laughs out loud I know she is pissed and there's not telling what she will do next " What's next nomithisana futhi and Mpande will be there to take care of the kids again heh? Zwe tell Bongeka must not dare my rastafarian ass, I think she has forgotten who I am Zwe" she drinks from the bottle again, I walk over to her

and grab it, I go to the bathroom and throw it down the toilet before she gets to me. When I turn she slaps me so hard, I feel my head spinning and I slap her back so hard she falls on the floor. I go and stand over her, who the Fuck does she think she is slapping me like that? I am beyond angry

Zwe: "What the Fuck is wrong with you, uyahlanya? Ungagijwayeli kabi mina Mpandeyomuzi, I am not one of those weak boys that grew up ngakini, I will fucken beat the shit out of you mina uyezwa" she sits up holding her check, I know she won't cry, to her that's a sign of weakness she looks at me like she is ready to rip me apart but she knows better, today is not the day she pushed me too far, she stands up and walks to the door, I know she wants to run off to her brothers now "Uyaphi, close that fucken door and go shower and fucken sleep, ngiyakubona uyahlanya

ekhanda" she walks back to takes off her clothes and went to shower, I took off my clothes too and went to shower with her, it was too quiet you could only hear the water running down our bodies I finished first went out, I know she is going to stay in that shower till the water turns cold so I turn it off and hand her a towel and she walks out without taking out the towel and goes to the closet I walk behind her and we get the she takes out another towel and wiped herself she then put on her PJs, I did the same too. We slept each one keeping to their side.

Continuation

Yomuzi

I've never seen Zwe like this ever since we met, this the first time I've seen him this angry for a second I wanted to retaliate but when I saw the

anger in his eyes I backed down, my dad use to say 'know when you're going to loose, back down', anyway no one is talking to anyone. I've bought everything I need and packed now I am just waiting for Zwe to get back from work early, we are leaving with Nsika and Nhlanhla, Fika is already in Cape Town and we will find Andile, Lihle and Themba at the airport. Bongeka will be fetching Yakhile.

We arrive at the airport and board our flight I am too quiet but no one has asked me what's wrong but I know someone will ask eventually. We get to Cape town and head to Sea point where we booked for the night, tomorrow we will move to Rondebosch where we booked at a BnB for the rest of the weekend. We get to the hotel, and we go to our rooms, we agree to meet at the lobby at 19:30 so we can head to the Waterfront for dinner. It's still early so I freshen up and tell Zwe that I am going to

Themba because I know Lihle and Andile are most probably getting naughty, I get to Thembas room and to my surprise Lihle is there and they are getting dressed. I walk in and they both look at me

Me: "What?"

Lihle:" Why are you and Zwe so shady and cold" and I want to cry and let it all out and be vulnerable. So I just cry and let it all out.

Me: "He hit me" Lihle quickly turns to look at me shocked and storms to the door shouting, 'oh hell No' Themba holds her arm and pulls her back

Themba:"Hold your horses Mrs Mdletshe, we don't know why he hit her, she must tell us the whole story so don't go jumping in other people's businesses, Yomuzi here and Zwe make up and you will be left alone so calm your tits"

Lihle: "I don't care what she did, he had no right to hit her fuck no" she says with so much anger.

Themba: "sit your ass down madam" she looks at me "Khuluma wena, what did you do?" I tell them everything, from the talk about pregnancy to Bongekas call up until the Vodka part.

Lihle: "and why the Fuck would you slap him Yomuzi?" She is annoyed now

Themba: "I told you"

Me: "guys ungshaye ngazula ikhanda, I felt like my dreads were falling off my head" and they start laughing

Lihle: "So you guys haven't spoken since Tuesday?"

Themba: "See the problem with you Yomuzi is that you don't listen at all, you want to react fast and Zwe too is like that you guys are stubborn as fuck, you need to understand that Zwe is a man and you need to give him his place in your

relationship, allow him to wear the pants"

Lihle: "But I also blame Zwe his too easy on you always following you around nje" hawu Zwe is not too easy on me "Listen babe we all know how much Zwe loves, he always puts you first yes he has baggage but you chose to stay now stick it out, you guys have a good thing going on don't allow your past experiences and pride to stand in your way of happiness, respect Zwe, learn to disagree with him without putting up a fight, use your body to get him to agree with you instead of sulking honey" she checks her watch "its time to go" we stand up to leave "we need to find a way to deal with this Bongeka character fast" we laugh and leave we get inside the lift "manje you haven't had sex for almost 3 days now wow" she claps her hands and they laugh at me

Me:" fokof" I join in laughing. We get to the lobby and find them waiting for us, Nhlanhla

says they have already called an uber, my people look good all dressed up for our dinner but I can never get over how Zwe has class and style we are almost matching, I am wearing khaki chinos and a white shirt with navy block heel with a very small heel might I add and a sling bag. Zwe is wearing navy chinos and a blue shirt with short sleeves not tucked in and brown shoes, I can see his happy socks.

Andile : "Yomuzi and Zwe like stealing the spot light, why are you guys matching nje, new love things" everyone laughs

Zwe: "Fuseg" our uber arrives and we get in and as usual my seat is next to Zwe, we sit at the back with Nsika next to me, Zwe holds my hand, I lean on his chest and he kisses my forehead. This is the first time his kissed or touched me in 3 days and I've missed his hugs so much. I've missed this place, my place I can feel his heart beat and it's like there's a song playing in his

heart and his heart is dancing to the beat, he takes out his phone I don't look up, few seconds later I receive a message from him 'I love you more than life itself' I look up at him and he gives me a peck on my lips. We arrive at The waterfront, we get lost a bit looking for the restaurant because no one wanted to listen to me, they listened to Nsika and we got lost. When we arrived at the restaurant we find Fika already there, we (girls) all run to him as soon as we get in, the place starts being noisy lol it's us. We place our orders and start eating.

Fika: "the cars that carry cash here are always on busy roads, and usually in the mornings" I try standing up but Zwe pulls me by my hand and I sit down, that time I thought we were on a family vacation kant we are here on illegal business. Nx

Andile: "Rondebosch is quiet on Monday mornings, school kids are at school and

university students are attending so Monday will be fine" I need a glass of something strong Andile too hay ngeke.

Nsika:" the problem is there are two close police stations around Rondebosch, they are too close, we would have to be fast and Mr Nhlanhla here is slow as fuck" everyone laughs besides me. I call the waitress serving us and I orders a Pina Colada, Zwe gives me the most horrible look ever. My drink arrives and Themba takes it and gives me a warning look, I need that drink like really bad, here I was thinking we are here to have kanti no. What I don't understand is why I was dragged here when they all know how I feel about this.

Me: "why am I here?"

Nhlanhla: "We need a driver and between all of you were the best and fast driver, Zwe could drive us but we need all the man power" I look at these people in disbelief like really???

Me: "So you guys planned all this around me wow, you guys know very well how I feel about this, I kept doing the books for mom but this, this is pushing it, when will it end huh? Don't you guys have enough money? I ain't doing shit drive yourselves" I stand up and walk out pissed as fuck Nsika follows me.

Nsika: "I am sorry I didn't tell you" I keep quiet " Yomuzi we need you"

Me: "So you are their spokes person? you keep things away from me wena? You make decisions on my behalf now? Are my feelings towards this whole thing not important now."

Nsika: "it's not like that Yomuzi, I know how you feel about this so I just didn't know how to tell you, this is our last hiest half this is it"

Me : " what if something happens to you guys? Do you think we would ever survive without each other? Nsika, Zwe and I have kids how will

I ever tell his kids that he is not ever coming back should anything happen to him" he looks down kicking rocks as we walk towards the Harbour "Nsika we barely made it when dad passed away, when I was in hospital you guys were Zombies, do you guys never think of that when you're planning these things, I am not driving that get away car, me doing that would mean I agree with this hobby of yours" we walk back to the restaurant and Nsika shakes his head, I guess his telling them that I am not budging.

Fika: "Mpandeyomuzi where do you think dad took all this money to send you to these expensive schools? This is how he provided for us"

Me: "dad also made sure we get the best education so that we all have good and stable jobs, I guess that was so we cannot do the same things he did so to provide for our

families too" they all look down to their plates and continued eating

Fika: "This is our last job Mtungwa"

Me: "I don't care whether it's your third job I aint doing it, and you know what's worse is that should anything go wrong in that stupid hiest my kids will loose both their parent be it to death or to jail meanwhile wena your wife is cruising the world mntakwethu, nope I choose to be alive and jail free if Nqobizizwe here wants to gamble with his life then it's fine, he will die or get himself arrested mina I will gladly move on with my life, I will find myself a rich man who will take me to Zanzibar for my honey moon" Nhlanhla and Andile giggle

Zwe: "Don't speak like that muntu, don't ever say that, I will take you to Zanzibar love" everyone laughs, idiots.

Nhlanhla: "I hear and understand your reasons

Yomuzi and I respect them I personally respect your decision and will never hold it against you" I nod at him. We wait for Lihle to finish her desert then we head back to the hotel, I feel like Zwe and I have just moved 10 steps back cause now his sulking at least we're still holding hands.

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Zwe

Things haven't been great at all between Mpande and I, when she told me that we are going to Cape Town I already knew and was waiting for her siblings to tell her but to my surprise they didn't tell her the full details of our trip, now I know my life line and as much as they might not be scared of her, I am so I am not going to hang myself because of Fikas arrogance if he wants to feel Mpandes wrath let him do it by himself I aint saying shit! Ever since

I hit her things have just been cold in this house, I know I was wrong but at the same time I had to show her that I'm no push over, in the years we've been together I have learnt that Mpande likes pushing people to their limit and feeds on your anger, I know she was not expecting me to hit her cause she knows I'd never hit her, I wasn't pissed at the fact that she hit me I was expecting her to hit me vele but for the way I responded to Bongekas issue. Not over a bottle of vodka that I have warned her about more than twice today already. Nonetheless I was wrong and I will apologies. With regards to Bongeka, I just know how to deal with that girl, she is persistent and annoying as fuck if there was a way of permanently eliminating her without feeling guilty I would but there isnt I just need to threaten her again.

We are in Cape Town already and we were

getting ready for dinner, Mpande left to see her sisters we will meet downstairs when everyone is ready, I am sure everyone has seen that theres trouble in paradise but no one has the balls to ask just yet, when Mpande was leaving I was going to freshen up as soon as I finished getting dressed up someone knocked and I went to open it was Andile, well he was the last person I expected to see here I thought he would be with his wife making out somewhere

Me: "aren't you suppose to be somewhere making out with your wife" we laugh and I move aside to let him in

Andile: "akere your madam took her, what's up with you two vele, you guys are cold nje its unlike you?" There it is the big question, I look down and answer softly

Me: "I hit her" he widens his eyes " hey don't judge me she hit me first, dude she slapped me so hard I think I actually saw stars" and he

laughs and sends a text on his phone, soon there is a knock on the door I go open it Nsika and Nhlanhla, I make way and they walk in. I look at Andile and he shrugs his shoulders

Nsika: "Dude what did you do to my sister she's so distant, I haven't had our mooshy conversation with her this week"

Andile: "He hit her" I turn to look at this bitch snitch

Me: "wow you're a bitch Mdletshe" he laughs and the brothers just look at me I am not sure though what's going through their heads "listen guys I am sorry, it won't happen again" I aint telling them the ins and outs of our relationship though

Nhlanhla : "dude not cool at all, I know we like you and stuff but that's not cool" I look down cause I do feel bad and I know if I were in their position I'd be mad as fuck

Andile:" she hit him first" oh wow! Yaze yapereza indoda, and these fools crack up and laugh

Nsika: "Nhlanhla please give me my money, I told you she will get a whopping soon" hawu and then? I don't know what's happening, Nhlanhla takes out his phone and does something I see Nsika smile, I guess he really transferred money. "Listen Zwe don't hit my sister man, it's not cool its just not on but I am amazed that it took you such a long time to snap in fact she had to literally push you over so you can hit her. I've seen how easily you get pissed and I know how pushy she is plus she drinks a lot and I know you've told to cut down, I told her though but she doesn't listen"

Nhlanhla: "Nsika and I were speaking about you guys just a month ago and I was telling him that you're too soft on Yomuzi and she has seen your limits and she's just tiptoeing around them

without you even noticing, I even said if I had a girlfriend who has a smart mouth like her I would have hit her just once because I would've lost my temper, so he said he knows you will loose it soon with her drinking so much, I gave you a year and he gave you a month" woow" on a serious note though, I know she probably pushed too far but that's not an excuse to lay your hands on her, if Fika would find out there will be trouble, just don't hit her, I know she throws a mean one but always walk away" I nod and apologies once again. In all honesty I miss her now, we haven't spoken properly since that day and it's been a nightmare, let's not mention the sex part. I miss her so much after a long conversation with the brothers and the snitch we head to the lobby to wait for them and Mpande and I look like we planned our outfits which didnt happen, Andile makes fun of us, our uber arrives and per norm couples sit together and our plus one is Nsika, I hold her had and

she leans in and I kiss her forehead I take out my phone and send her an sms 'I love you more than life itself' she reads it and looks relieved. I honestly don't know what I would do without her. I feel like we've just made progress.

The conversation at the table about the heist leaves me rattled, Mpande is not budging and words are exchanged and I happened to be a victim while things are being said but something she said caught my attention, first Fikas wife and the fact that if things would go wrong my little family would be left with noone so I am glad that unlike her other siblings she is not afraid to stand up to her brother. I told them that she would refuse though but they didn't listen now I feel like we moved one step forward in the cab but now we are 10 steps back. We had to wait for Lihle to finish her desert before we could leave. I am so grateful

to Themba for taking that drink from Mpande cause I am sure we would have moved 20 steps back if she drank. We walk out of the restaurant everyone says they are going to Greenpoint for some fun but we call it a night and agree to meet up for breakfast early in the morning. Our ubers are already waiting for us, we get and go to our separate ways. We get to the hotel and go straight to our room she takes off her clothes and puts on her nightdress and get under the blankets I take off my clothes and I am left with just my boyleg undies, I get in behind her and hug her for a minute I thought she would move but she held on

Yomuzi: "Why didn't tell me about the real reason we are hear?" I sigh

Me: "I thought your siblings would tell since it was their idea, I am sorry baby, I know how you about communication and secrets, I am sorry about hitting you like that, there is no excuse for

my behavior I am really sorry Mbulazi" she holds me tighter and rubs her bum against my growing erection, I move my one head to her panties while my other hand moves in to her breasts, I kiss her neck and blow it ass I rub her nuna over her underwear "I love you so much babe" she groans, we haven't had sex for almost a week now and I was truly dying, I quickly turn her to face me and take off her panties and nighty and she takes off my undies too and holds my bulk moving her had up and down and I do the same to her nuna, she is soaking wet, I insert a finger and she moan loudly making me yern for her, I can't hold any longer, we kiss deeply, there's a lot of lust and hunger in our kiss I life up her leg and insert myself slowly, heaven I tell you, we move together slowly, I lay her back without pulling out and we continue to makd slow love it's like our souls are speaking to each other and begging each other to be one again. We make

love the whole night

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Zwe

I woke up and it sounded like Mpande was in the shower, we had plans for breakfast with the family so I thought I should go join her in the shower, we were also moving to the bed and breakfast today, later though. As I was opening the bathroom door she walked out looking all kinds of sexy with a towel wrapped around, Gwabini shot straight up as I was naked, she laughed when she saw my erection and I moved close to her but she moved out of the way.

Me: "aah baby, I need a little loving nje"

Yomuzi: "hayi Zwe my lady parts hurt from last night and this morning, don't you get tired kanti"

Me: "tired of what? Phela you are mine wena"

and I could never get tired of you" she walks away laughing "where are going vele so early?"

Yomuzi: "hiking with Nsika and Nhlanhla"  
whuuuu never

Me: "miss me, I choose to stay black"

Yomuzi: "what's that supposed to mean" she says throwing her towel at me

Me: "that's a whites only thing and you know" she laughs until she had tears

Yomuzi: "it's a good thing that's just the two of here with you saying all that nonsense babe, black people hike too, its like ukzingela intact. That's when I first got in touch with nature dad used to take me and Nsika to go hunting all the time so I grew up to loving nature nje"

Me: "Your dad treated you like a boy" she laughs again

Yomuzi: "He kinder didn't have much of a choice

Nsika and I never separated and followed him everywhere, like everywhere Zwe, if he took one of us somewhere and left the other we would cry until he went to fetch the other or left us"

Me: "weirdos" I was now looking at her leaning on the door frame, she loved seeing me like this, she bit her lip and continued getting dressed, after she tied her trainers she stood and came to give me a kiss

Yomuzi: "See you at Kirstenbosch for brunch, love you"

Me: "love you too, be safe"

Yomuzi

I am so glad that things are smooth between Zwe and I, the silence was killing me and I just missed him, after the talk I had with Themba and Lihle I realised that I was wrong and some point I need to put my pride aside and apologise,

I love Zwe and I know he spoils me too much and I am scared that I will chase him away with my attitude and rudeness. I get to the lobby of the hotel and my brothers are already there and Bhut Fika too is there which I didn't expect I look at Nsika and he shrugs we take a cab that drops us off at Rhodes Mem

Fika: " let's go kids" we follow him with our backpacks up Rhodes men.

Me: "So how's life in general guys, we haven't done this in a while"

Nhlanhla: "So and so, nothing exciting yaz"

Me: " you should get a girlfriend or actually get serious with one of your flings" they all laugh but I'm serious Nhlanhla is 33 is a qualified doctor but doesn't even have a kid nothing

"We need our blood line to continue and you not having kids is putting our family at risk of not growing"

Fika: " you should have been a boy yaz" they laugh again " seriously though Nhlanhla when are you settling down, no use building an empire if there won't be anyone to take care of it"

Nhlanhla: "I didn't know that this hike was about me, an intervention, I would have stayed with Themba and Lihle and done shopping with them" now its my turn to laugh

Nsika: " we are just worried about you bro" we all look at him all shocked "hey don't look at me like that his older then me hawu" we laugh again

Me: "Fika wena? Anything exciting?"

Fika: " Nope! Unathi and I are getting a divorce " the boys looked shocked but I'm not, I never really liked her "she cheated" okay now that was a shocker

Nsika: "and she's still alive? Are you alright

Bhut?"

Fika: "I'll be fine, she wants to take the kids saying I'm always away bhla bhla bhla" hayi she can't "one of these days I will loose it and kill her" yep there he is bazalwane Fikanokuthula Pitbull Khumalo

"That girl thinks she can cheat on me and then want to take my kids and then ask for maintaince, kant where are we?" Shuuu

Nhlanhla: " why didn't you tell us, its a good thing she doesn't know anything about the family business or we would be doomed"

Fika: "yeah me too, I should have listened to Themba" Yep bakhonzi Themba did warn him. We continue to chat about little things and joking around

Fika: "Mpandeyomuzi" eish I'm in trouble "what is this I hear, you hitting Zwe and him hitting you back?" I give Nsika a mean look and he

shrugs his shoulders again " no don't look at them Themba told me, what were you thinking, if that boy didn't love you he would have beat the shit out of you Missy, you can't go around hitting men, awukho kini? If you don't respect your husband you will loose him ngiyakutshela. I know that Zwe loves because no matter how many times I scared him off he told me he wasn't going to let you go. You're mistaking his lo he for you and his kindness as a weakness, you will push him away miss Feminist and you will have no one to blame but yourself, listen kid learn to use your words not your fists, this thing of hanging around with us made you think you were also a boy which you are not lady, allow Zwe to be a man or else"

Me: " This turnt to be about me so fast lets go back to Nsika when are you having kids half?"  
They all laugh at me

Fika: " I was just giving you free advice girl,

there are many respectful girls out there and you know how attractive that shit is to us black men" these other fools nod their heads

Nsika: " I miss dad"

Fika: "what do you miss the most about him? I miss how he used to each and everyone of us special, no one was more special then the other"

Us: "Yeah"

Nhlanhla: "he would die then see us fall apart or be heart broken, I remember my first year at varsity when Zinzi broke my heart, I called Fika crying about it and instead of walking down to res he called dad and he drove all the way from Nongoma to Durban he got to res in the early hours of the morning called me and told me to get dressed we are going out, we went to pick up Fika and we went to drink and he paid a prostitute to sleep with me" the guys all laughed

and I was disgusted

Me: " sies " they laughed again "well I miss this about dad, hiking/ hunting, he taught me how to fight and how to defend myself, I'm so glad he died after he taught me so much, I'd kill for just a minute with now" they all came to me and we group hugged and continued to hike until we got to Kirstenbosch and we found Themba, Lihle, Zwe and Andile sitting and having drinks, we joined them.

Lihle: "it has always been like this" we laugh "they use to leave Themba and I behind and go with dad including her" Zwe laughs and gives me a kiss

Me: " but you guys never wanted to join us, in fact wena Lihle you were too much of a girl, you would change your outfits three times a day"

Nhlanhla: " worse when she was on her period"

Andile: " she still does that" we all laugh

Themba: " there was a time we thought Yomuzi was a lesbian" hahhaha true my mom was so worried. As we were laughing my phone rang, it was my nanny

Nompilo: " sorry to bitter you sisi but the kids are restless, they have been crying the whole day today even sis Bongeka brought back Yaya saying he has been crying non stop and doesn't know what to do " I tell her to I will call her back now now, I will video call her back she must gather them.

Zwe: "what's wrong you look worried" I tell them what Nompilo just said and see Themba face change

I call the kids back

Them: "muntuuuu" even Landile is calling my naming clapping her hands, I miss them now and I want to go home.

Me: "hi babies, what's wrong?"

Siyakha: "Miss you Umuntu WAM come home"

Me: "miss you too boy, I'm coming home tomorrow boy, you want to speak to papa?" They all nod

Zwe takes the phone and immediately there's noise they are Themba peaking at once but Landile as usual get to be heard

Landi: "papa Landi miss you"

Zwe: "papa misses Landi, Yaya and Siya too" she starts crying

Landi: "Papa come home, Landi wants you and muntu now"

Me: "oh baby muntu and papa are coming tomorrow, don't cry you will make muntu sad" she wipes her tears "do you want to say hi to Malume and Mamkhulu they all and their heads, my siblings take turns speaking to the kids until they say good bye.

Me: " I wanna go home now" I say to Zwe leaning on his shoulder and he kisses my forehead.

Themba: "Zwe don't go to that heist on Monday, I've been ignoring this feeling and the dreams but Landi just reminded me of the person I saw in the dreams she was crying, the kids being restless is a dream, I am not sure what will happen but stay away from Danger. God hears my prayers, these idiots had better listen to Themba

Continuation

Zwe

Mpande and had to leave early, she was so worried about the kids and wanted to make sure that I don't go anywhere. I looked for available tickets we took the last flight out to

Durban. When we got home the kids were sleeping. Mpande put away her things and went to shower. I went to the kitchen and got myself coco pops and went to my study and had to figure out how to get that money that I just lost, I was planning on buying a new house now I am set back because the kids were restless mncim. I took my laptop and looked at the numbers and things were just not adding up, we are not poor or close to being poor but I'm also not as wealthy as I want to be, I haven't touched the money my dad left me and the profits we make at our family business and I'm not planning to, I want to leave that for my kids. I eventually go to bed and I find my baby boo sleeping wearing a very sexy number her bum is all out my man is slowly growing here, I don't think I will ever get enough of her. I take off my clothes and get in bed with my head going straight to her nuna, I open her thighs and lick her up down there, I put my finger in her clit and started to play with it

and she moans, my tongue is inside her doing it's magic and my fingers and doing the most too on her clit. I want to try something I've never done with her and this is the great time to try while she's about to release, I take my other finger and place it on her butt whole, and she jumps I hold her down "Relax babe, relax" I press my finger on her whole making sure I don't put it in, while my tongue is still inside her and she releases in less than a minute I go up to her and kissing each and every part of her body until I get to her face, I play with her little boobs while I insert myself inside her whuuuuu heaven.

Mpande: "wake up baby, the kids want to come in and you're not dressed and this room smells of sex I need to change these shits, last night was amazing baby boo" she says climbing on top of me

Me: " Hayi I don't want to wake up though, tell your kids to go play in their room Mpande" I turn her and get on top of her "Last night was amazing huh?" I say playing with my eyebrows moving them up and down, she giggles. She moves as my erection grows

Mpande: "Hayi Zwe I told you that the kids are outside wena you want to sex me,hayi" I laugh as she rushes to the bathroom, I get up put on some pants and go to open the door for the kids and they rush in hugging me but Siyakha let's go fast looking around the room and wants to cry lol this boy is such a mama boy.

Siya: "muphi muntu wam papa?" his ready to cry and I laugh

Me: "ha ah Siyakha that's mommy not muntu to you" and he cries weeee mncim. Mpande rushes out of the bathroom and goes to pick him up

Mpande: "what's wrong my boy"

Siyakha: "it's papa muntu wami" I know by the way she looks at me and smiles why he was crying

Mpande: "Stop making my kids cry Papa" I laugh and walk out with the other two who are not cry babies to the kitchen to make coco pops. I find our nanny in the kitchen wearing the shortest PJs ever. I ask her to go get dressed. This one hasn't seen Mpande angry I see.

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Yomuzi

Zwe and I have been together for almost four years now and the drama inbetween has been draining, the kinds, his family, his ex and my family but we were still together. Only a week is left until its his 35th birthday, my bae was becoming a mkhulu, but I loved him more over

the years, he hasn't celebrated his birthday ever since that incident with Bongeka and I have been trying to tell him that i am over it but he won't hear nothing but this year nami I ain't hearing shit, he knows how I love celebrating stuff so I don't know what's his problem.

The business proposal that I was working on went well and the company that we were presenting to hired us ant today I was to have a business lunch with the own the company Sibalkhulu Holdings. I did my research on them and the company is owned by two brothers and they want to branch out and expand their business. I head out of the office and I see that my PA is not at her desk again so I stand and dial her number and she answers

Me: "Where are you?"

Namhla: "I am downstairs at reception boss

lady, ngiyenza" i waited and she came

Me: "What is your job here Namhla?" she looks at me confused "did I hire you to gallivant here or to be my personal assistance?" she looked at me scared and all but not responding "I pay you to sit here and answer my calls and take my messages but you are never here, if you are not flirting with half of the staff you are downstairs gossiping with receptionist, this is the first and the warning I am giving to you, the only time you will leave this desk is when you are on lunch, going to the toilet, printing, running an errand for me or you are coming to my office. Since you want to be treated like a child I will do so" I left her there crying and I didn't care, this girl had forgotten why she was here and I had to remind her. I walk down to the parking and go to my car, today i am driving Zwe's X5 because I had to drop the kids at creche, Zwe had an early meeting that he had to go to. I drove out to

Ballito and went to the meeting place, I was early so I ordered a cup of coffee as my order arrived, I saw Zwe walking out with a guy I didn't know him, so I called him and him picked up almost immediately.

Zwe: "Muntu wami"

Me: "Papa bear, turn around" I waved at him and he came to me walking with the guy he was with.

Zwe: "hey babe, what are you doing here so far" he looked at me a raised eyebrow and I laughed because I know that I didn't tell him that I will be coming this side or leaving the office today.

Me: "I am meeting with the client that we just got from Sibalkhulu Holdings" I looked at him indicating that he was making his friend uncomfortable and he should introduce us

Zwe: "Oh shit where are my manners, babe this Muzi Dlamini an old friend from varsity, I was

actually meeting with him because he wanted to use my company for some deliveries, Muzi this my women Mpande Khumalo soon to be Zungu" I laughed at him this Muzi character moved forward to shake my hand but he was giving me a weird vibe.

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi khumalo, but you can call me Yomuzi, only this one calls me Mpande, nice to meet you Muzi, oh wait you are the client that i am meeting now aren't you?" i asked when I realized that he was the person I was meeting.

Muzi: "Oh yes, I am Muzimuhle Dlamini from Dlamini Holdings, this world is too small who could have known that my buddy would be engaged to such a beautiful lady and I was about to work with his fiance" he sat down next to me making Zwe uncomfortable, I saw the way that he was now shifting that he was uncomfortable.

Me: "I guess we should proceed with the

meeting now that my client has arrived, see at home Manzini" Zwe hesitated a bit and leaned down kissed my forehead and left

Muzi: "thank you for agreeing to meet me at such notice, it is just that my brother and I wanted to open the other branches as soon as possible, I must say your work is quiet impressive" Straight to business, great"

Me: " I am glad you loved our proposal I will be sure to thank my team on your behalf, I read through you work to and I just wanted to know if there specific places where you wanted to open your branches and how much are you expecting from us?"

Muzi: "Please elaborate" the waiter came to our table and we ordered, we continued talking about his business and the logistics. he kept giving me weird looks in between our conversation, at some point I looked at myself just to check if there was anything wrong. We

wrapped up the meeting as I was packing my  
dairy my phone rang it was Zwe, I answered.

Zwe: "Mpandeyomuzi where are you?" hawuuu

Me: " Why am I Mpandeyomuzi now"

Zwe: " Just please come home now" that was  
weird

Me: "I have a thing with Lihle nje, did you pick up  
the kids?"

Zwe: " yes I did, can't you ask Lihle to meet with  
you ksasa Mpande" whats up with him

Me: "Ay kahle Zwe you know that I can't Lihle  
will come fetch me if she has to, ngiyabuya  
relax" he sighed

Zwe: "Okay please be safe" this is becoming  
weird manje

Me: "Bye babe" I put away my phone and Muzi  
is still looking at me

Muzi: "you guys have kids already?" he looked

at me in a funny way

Me: "Yes, three beautiful and naughty kids, 2 boys and a girl"

he chuckles

Muzi: "wow 3 wonke, Zwe akadlali yezwa.... you are beautiful as he said yaz, I thought that he was exaggerating yaz when he said so, I know why he wanted to settle down" I laughed and said goodbye and I went to meet with Lihle and Themba was here too and she didn't even tell me hawu. I wanted to buy Zwe that Jumpsuit that I saw Shaka from The Queen. I know it would look good on him, we picked out a few things for our kids and went to to get dinner.

Continuation

Yomuzi

The minute I got home with my plastic bags

Zwe was standing by the door looking all angry but he was sexy maani!

Zwe: "You're late!"

Me: "Hawu I didn't know I had to be home early these days" I said rolling my eyes. I went to check on the kids, they were sleeping already. I went to take a shower and Zwe was not in bed, I really don't know why he was sulking kodwa. So after I put on my sexy lingerie I put on my silk gown and went to look for him. I went to kitchen warmed milk and made him coco pops, and then went to his study and he looked so busy he didn't hear me coming in. I went to his desk and moved his laptop and set on the desk facing him with my feet on top of him and the bowl in my hand.

Me: "Tell me why you are angry love" his face was slowly heating up and he was looking straight at my nuna. I closed my lap feed him his cereal

Zwe: "I was not angry at you, it's just that I know Muzi, I saw his face when he saw you and the way he was looking at you"

Me: " have I ever given you a reason not to trust me?" I kept feeding him, he was really worried

Zwe: "Cha! but it's not you I don't trust it's him, his persistence and he doesn't give up until he gets what he wants can't you hand over his account to someone else?"

Me:"The boss said he wanted me to personally handle their account because they are also bringing in the big bucks" He stood up and went to stand by the window and looked out like he was in deep thought "Muzi was Bongekas boyfriend and I messed it up for them, the thing is that he is convinced that I knew I just stole his girl but I honestly didn't know now I think he might want to pay back ngawe" I took off my gown and I walked to where he was standing and turned him to look at me.

Me: "Do you think he can handle all this" I said touching his penis over his pants he took a deep sigh and picked me up and started kissing me. We moved to the table with my legs wrapped around him. We made love for the longest time. In the morning I was so tired and I didn't go to the office since I had no meetings.

Me: " Manzini" He turned and looked at me, he was getting ready for work

Zwe:" I know that look and I know you want something when you call me like that" I giggled because he knew me too well now

Me:" Don't go to work..."

Zwe:" Hayi Mpande, uzongenzani?" I stood up and went to him and unbuckled his belt while looking at him and he had this big grin on his face "I love this Mpande" after I took off his pants I went down on my knees and took Gwabini all the way, I licked his balls and went

up to the the tip of his penis while stroking it, I blew him till he came in my mouth and I swallowed. We went to bed again and we fucked like teenagers until we were both tired. I cuddled

Zwe: "Are you sure that you're not pregnant, you're so horny these days"

Me: "Hayi wena you love starting shit njalo, I'm not pregnant"

Zwe: "Why don't you want to give me kids muntu?" he said sounding sad and kissing the back of my neck

Me: " Zwe we have three kids nje, why do you want more?"

Zwe: "Hawu babe, you know I want a big family, and you and I have one kid" I just got irritated and got off the bed and went to the bathroom, I'm not sure why he felt that he had to remind me that the boys were not mine.

"I didn't mean it in that way babe,sorry" I put on my gown and went to the kitchen only to find Nompilo wearing the shortest night dress, she had her add all out when I walked in and she was shocked when she saw it was me lol it was like she was expecting someone else lol.

Me: "Mpilo please cover up Fee will be coming out soon" I knew Zwe was coming soon because he didn't like me being angry at him so if I was pissed he would follow me around the whole day.

Nompilo: "Okay sisi, sorry" she rushed to her room and went to make breakfast with Zwe looking at me, I went to wake the kids up and I found them up and playing

Them: "Muntuuuu" the all screamed when i came home last night they were asleep.

Me: "Hey babies let's go have breakfast"

Siyakha: "No school today"

Me: "Yeeees" they all jumped up and we went to the kitchen, Landi jumps to her dad and Yakhile while Siyakha stuck to me

Yakhile: "Papa!" Yaya was so weird he didn't have a favourite between Zwe and I unlike Landi and Siyakha who were not afraid to show us who they I preferred.

Siyakha: "Nsiz enye" I laughed so much, I never expected that from him Zwe frowned

Zwe: "uyambona ingane yakho muntu, why can't he call me papa like the other kids" I was still laughing, Zwe is the one who uses the term "Nsiz enye" with other guys, our garden not too so I guess Siyakha thought that's how he should refer to him. At this minute I regret not having my phone with me. I call Nsika and check on him since I won't be seeing him today. We clean up and head to uShaka with the kids.

The day is filled with fun as we head to Lunch  
Yakhile: "Bongeka!" he shouts and points and  
we all look it's Bongeka sitting with Muzi. Zwe  
laughs and Yakhile runs up to them, she is  
shocked to see us but quickly covers it up and  
picks up Yakhile. Muzi: "Hawu what a pleasant  
surprise, ninjani boZungu" he stands up to greet  
us, shaking Zwes hand and giving me a hug.  
Zwe looks at him with his eyes blazing with  
anger and he smiles

Bongeka: "Why is my son not at school?" she  
says annoyed

Zwe:" How are you, asisakwazi bo, your son  
hasn't seen in three weeks" I will be quiet cause  
this bitch is testing me  
she looks away.

Muzi: "Are these your kids?" he says looking at  
me and I nod "you must be a good woman,  
playing stepmom to two kids who are almost

the same age, at cha Zwe she is for keeps" I look at Bongeka who is rolling her eyes, this girl just knows how to get under my skin, " join us" hawuuu this guy is still talking

Me: "No it's fine we are going to get our own table, Yakhile wanted to see his mom, the kids are a noisy bunch we wouldn't want to disturb you guys, come Yaya" he jumps off Bongeka and comes to me and we go to our table

Zwe: "Whatever they are up to won't end well ngoba ngizobulala umuntu"

Me: "Hayi don't talk like that in front of the kids Zwe" he looks at me and I see that he is serious, I see Bongeka walking towards us and she stand on top of me, heee this girl.

Bongeka: "I have been busy this month with my research not that I should explain myself to you but this weekend I will fetch him"

Zwe: "We are going home this weekend"

Bongeka: "How the fuck am I suppose to spend time with him then Zwe

Zwe: "please watch you speak to me, you will see him the following weekend that's it..."

Bongeka looks at him with so much this belief

"And whatever you are planing with Muzi I will find out futhi kuzofa umuntu, I promise you

Bongeka. just because I let you get away with shit doesn't mean I don't see shit" I see her eyes blow up, angiyingeni yaz

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Zwe

The drive back home is silent, I know that Mpande is mad but I was not going to let Bongeka and Muzi go just like that, I aint playing with no one when it comes to my family, I will kill someone. Bongeka thinks that she has it all figured out she doesn't even see that she is

being played by this guy, at sometimes I just don't understand women at all nje. Mpande is sitting at the back with the kids with Landi on her lap the boys are on their car seats, she made me buy a Q7 saying that its a family car and it would be ood for the kids but she doesn't drive it.

Me: "Baby why are you angry?" silence...

"Mpandeyomuzi please talk me please" still nothing "Muntu wami" nope nothing, worse she is on her phone. The silence remains until we get home. The minute the car stops, she opens her door and goes to the house and I go to take the boys. I walk in the house and she is shouting at Nompilo

Yomuzi: "Please take your belongings and leave, you don't respect me wena! what gave you the idea that you can have sex on my furniture?"

Oooh I never expected this, say what now?

Nompilo: "I am so sorry Sis, it was just this once,

I can't loose this job, ngiyaxolisa sisi." she says crying with a towel wrapped around her and a guy standing helpless next to her.

Yomuzi: "Is this the shit that you do when we are at work, is this what you expose my kids to? cha uyajwayela, please pack your bags and leave ntombi" Nompilo turns o look at me with pleading eyes and I just can't afford to be on Mpande's bad books, I am already in shit so I am staying out of this, I take the kids and let the MRS deal with this one.

Nompilo: "Bhut Zwe please speak to sisi, I am really sorry I won't ever happen again, this was the first time and the last time" I want to say something but Mpande shoots me a very mean look. Aw shame yaz I won't say any thing because all hell will break lose.

Yomuzi: "You have a stranger in my house, how do I know that this boy has never been here before? what if he harasses my children in any

way, inking is that you don't think nje period, please leave, I will not compromise the safety of my kids just because you decided to be all kinky in my house, by tomorrow morning I need you to be out" Mpande walks out of the sitting room and goes to bath the children and I go to her.

Me: "That was a bit harsh don't you think?" she gives me that look again and goes back to what she was doing.

Yomuzi: "Zwe I am not sure what is your deal, was I suppose to clap my hand and watch live porn? kahle nje. There was a stranger in our house having sex with our helper, you might not find that worrying but I do, I have three kids and I don't trust people I don't know so kill for being a parent who actually care about safety of her kids"

Me: "It's not that I don't care about the safety of the kids all I am saying is that you could have handled that better, without the kids around"

Yomuzi: "Ohhhh so you can go around promising people to kill them in front of the kids but I can't fire our helper whom I just found doing the nasty in a space share with our kids woow Zwe" There it is, its out!

Me: "You know very well that these two situations are not the same and you can't compared them at all" I am actually annoyed now "I had to tell those two that I will do anything to protect my family, I know that they know now that I will not play games with them" she was bathing Yaya now and he was the last one, and he was sleepy so I take a towel and try to help out.

Yomuzi: "Leave me alone, don't you have people to kill" weeeeeee! I hand her the towel and walk away, I can't argue today, its been a long day

and this is actually have things I had to sort out since I didn't set foot at the office and it looks like one of us won't be going to work tomorrow because some has just fired the nanny.

Its around 7pm now but there is someone at the gate, I go check the cameras and she looks familiar I just can't remember where I know her from, I ask who she is here for and she say's she is Yomuzi's friend and she would like to see her. I open the gate and go to the door to open up for her.

Her: Hi Zwe, I am not sure whether you still remember me but I am Nomkhosi or Khosi, Yomuzi's friend" Oh now I remember her from the club.

Me: "Ooooh Hi, excuse my manners please come in" she walks in "its been a minute, how are you" she gives me a weak smile and I show

her the sitting room. "Muntu you have a visitor"  
Mpande comes to us wearing her PJs and I see  
that she is shocked

Yomuzi: "Oh Jesus, Khosi how are you, oh my  
God where did you know where you'll find me,  
Khosi come give me a hug" she walks up to her  
and gives her a big hug, Khosi's response is not  
so warm I wonder whats wrong

Me: "Ladies let me give you some space, muntu  
you will find me in my study if you need  
anything" I give her a kiss on her chick and she  
rolls her eyes, I want to laugh but that would  
make our guest feel more uncomfortable then  
she is now.

Khosi: "Sorry Zwe, please stay I am actually  
here to see you two, what I am here to discuss  
needs you more actually" hawu okay

Yomuzi: "Hawu I didn't think you knew Zwe that  
much, but let me get you something to drink, I

hope you still love your coffee with warm milk babe" she says walking away, I sit awkwardly with Khosi and watch play with her fingers, I really don't know her well enough to converse with her.

Me: "So how is Jozi"

Khosi: "I actually recently moved to Richardsbay, I found a well paying job" oh now I am stuck I don't know how to continue this conversation and I know Mpande is taking her time in the kitchen nje

Me: "Oh that is great news, I guess we will be seeing you more often now" Mpande walks in with the beverages, she has my beer I smile, here I was thinking she was angry at me.

Yomuzi: "There you go, Khosi it's been a minute hey, whats up boo"

Khosi: "I have been around, I was actually telling Zwe here that I recently moved to Richardsbay, I

just got a well paying job so I am this side too"

Yomuzi: " That is amazing babe, now we can really catch up and it will be like the old days babe, woow I didn't realise how much I missed you until I saw you Khosi" I really don't want to be here but this girl said she wants to see the both of us. They talk and talk and I am on my phone, actually chatting to Nsika, he hasn't been around my house so I am updating him about our nanny being fired and the reason why, he wants to call me and laugh but I tell him that we have a visitor I will call him when she has left.

Khosi: "The real reason I asked to see the both of you is that I have just discovered that Zwe is Bukhosi's father" Who the fuck is Bukhosi? and why am I his father

Me: "Excuse me!"

Khosi: "We last saw him when he was three

months old" I am really confused here, what is she on about, I have a child that I don't know about?

Me: "I really don't know what you are talking about Khosi, please give out more information, there are so many missing pieces" I look at Mpande and she just relaxed, I am so doomed, now she will leave me!

Khosi: "I actually don't know all the details but Bukhosi's mother is my late sister, Thandazile"

Yomuzi: "Oh God Khosi, what happened to Thanda? when? I am so sorry friend" she goes to her and hugs her

Khosi: "Actually this just happened, her funeral is this coming weekend eMnambithi she overdosed" she has tears in her eyes. I still don't know who she is talking about.

Me: "I am so sorry to hear that Khosi, condolences to you and your family" she nods

looking down

Khosi: "Thank you guys. We didn't know what happened to Bukhosi she didn't tell us anything she just said she left him with his father because she didn't have time to look after the little boy" she is crying now but I still want to know who is this Bukhosi maybe I dumb or slow but Mpande seems to be figuring out and she is giving me the side eye "When I was cleaning her room I found some documents and his birth certificate and it had your name, his name is Siyakha Makhosini Zungu" WTF "at first I just thought it was just a person who shares a name with you, in fact I wasn't even sure that it was you because I could not remember your surname but when I saw Yomuzi's WhatsApp story today with the boy, I knew it was him and that's when I decided to drive here and see you guys because the family been looking for him we just didn't know where to start"

Yomuzi: "Oh my Gosh, Siyakha is Thanda's, Khosi!" she is shocked all I am thinking about now is how fucking small this world is, I want to roll my eyes actually

Khosi: "Yes" she says crying "I am so sorry Yomuzi, I really didn't know I would have come for him if I knew, yes I saw the pictures but I didn't pay attention" they cried together, I am not sure though what they were crying about now, is it because they just found out that Siyakhas mom is Khosi's sister or is it because Khosi's sister is dead.

Yomuzi: "I am so sorry too Khosi, I should have seen the resemblance, it has been almost four years now and not once did I see anything"

Khosi: "Can I see him, I just want to hold him" I don't like where this conversation is headed but let me listen

Me: "I'll go see if his not asleep, he hardly sleeps

if his mom hasn't come to kiss him goodnight" I go the kids and indeed Siyakha is wide awake. I take him and go to the sitting he jumps to Mpande "this one is a mamas boy"

Khosi: "Oh my gosh he looks so much like you Zwe" she says crying and laughing

Yomuzi: " you should see him walking and talking he is a little Zwe" we all laugh but the mood changes soon

Khosi: "Can he come to his Mothers funeral" the way she is saying that 'Mother' is like she is trying to put a point across before I answer Mpande responds

Yomuzi: "Of cause, I will bring him with on Friday" I see she is testing me this one, what if they want to take away my boy. I look at Mpande and excuse myself and take my kid and go have my coco pops cause I know that Drama has invited itself into our lives again.

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Yomuzi

A lot just happened in one day, that nanny nje was the least f my problems, I seriously don't know how to deal with Khosi. Firstly she was a very lose friend of mine, yes we lost contact when we moved back to Durban but I knew her sister Thanda in fact I know her family pretty well, I don't know why Zwe is being rude now ngoba I am still mad at him for talking like that in front of the kids. Khosi just left now, there is a lot to discuss with regards to Siyakha but I am sensing that there are more problems to come. Let me call the twin before I sleep. I go to the bedroom and I find Zwe in bed with Siyakha, its so late and he is not sleeping.

Me: "Zwe it's way past his bed time now, why is he not sleeping" Zwe looks at me, I know he

doesn't want to talk to me but I ain't got time for that. I raise up one eyebrow when he ignores me and keeps playing with Siyakha, I go up to them and take Siyakha, its bedtime now. "come baby time for bed, Papa is being childish" he shoots me a look, I don't care because his really being childish. I take my boy to his bed and read him his story until he falls asleep then head back to our bedroom with the intention of calling my twin brother. As I walk in I find Zwe standing by the window with his hands in the pockets of his pyjamas.

Zwe: "Since do we make decisions without consulting each other?" I stand by the door afraid to come in because he sounds really angry and is scaring me right now.

Me: "I had to promise her something, she wanted to take him today, I could hear the way she kept saying His Mother, that she wanted to remind me that I was not his mom. I know

Khosi and I know Khosi and I wasn't about to give her a fight while she was looking for one so I had to give her something she was not expecting."

Zwe: "No son of mine is going to a funeral of a woman who left him at my door step at three months and never looked back, you can go to that funeral but my son and I are not setting foot there." woow now I am annoyed.

Me: "wow I didn't know that Siyakha was you child only and you were the only one who could make decision about him, I will make sure to consult you next I make a decision that involves your son" I say while getting inside the sheets. Zwe turns around and rolls his eyes at me.

Zwe: "You are being dramatic, you know very well that's not what I mean, what you should have done is to tell your friend that we are still going to discuss the issue not promise her things that were not going to happen."

Me: " I was thinking on my feet, she was hurting she just lost her sister and she wanted to leave with him today, I know what I did was not okay but I was trying to do good in a bad situation, as much as we would not like to admit it but Thanda is Siyakhas mother and as much as she left him at your door step he deserves to go bury her even if he won't remember, one day we won't have to put out fires trying to explain why we refused for him to meet his mothers side of the family" he sighs and walks to bed, gets in and we cuddle.

Zwe: "What if they want to take him away?"

Me: "I know Khosi, I saw it in her eyes she was here looking for a fight and I know that she knows that I will put up one too, we just need to come up with a solution that is best for Siyakha now not what is best for us"

Zwe: "You're not going there on Friday though we will all go on Saturday, I don't know who will

look after your kids ngoba you decided to fire the nanny" he says that while laughing, I had forgotten about that one I should make sure she has left ekseni. Just as I am about to sleep my phone rings and its Nsika, I had really forgotten about him today its been a long day.

Me: "mmmmm"

Nsika: "So you were going to sleep without calling me vele?"

Me: "Yaz its been a very long day I had completely forgotten, how are you?"

Nsika: "I am great, why didn't you come to work on a Monday even shame? Zwe tells me that you guys had an unexpected visitor."

Me: "At shame I think you Zwe's twin, you are so updated with my drama" we laugh "well turns out that Khosi's sister is Siyakha's mom"

Nsika: "Which one? Thandaza, the drug addict?"

Me: "Yebo!"

Nsika; "Yhooo! where has she been hiding all these years and why did she throw the child away?" this one is a mamgobhozi

Me: "She OD'd this past weekend shame and Khosi claims she just found out that Zwe was Siyakhas dad so she came to ask if we could bring him to the funeral."

Nsika; "Just like that nje, where did that they think the child was all these years?"

Me: "Yaz I don't know but we will talk once the funeral is over"

Nsika: "But where was Khosi all these years, she just disappeared nje, I remember we would call her and she would not pick up"

Me: "I am not sure what happened to her but I was shocked to discover that she was still using her old digits and that she still had my numbers, I stopped trying to call her a long time

ago"

Nsika: "eish I am worried twin, goodnight, I have a lady to service here"

Me: "At sies man, good night, I love you" we laugh

Nsika: "I love you too, sho"

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Yomuzi

Zwe: "You can go wena but leave my son"

Me: "but I had promised to bring him along on Friday, I think we owe them that much Manzini"

Zwe: "who did you consult when you made that decision Mpandeyomuzi? I don't owe anyone anything, where did they think Siyakha was all

these years?" This guy is stubborn yezwa.

Me: "I know what Thanda did to Siyakha was cruel but let's not punish the rest of the family for her sins, baby this is hard for me, Khosi is one of my closest friends, in fact the only friend I've had in years, so you need to understand my position here"

Zwe: "hey! Did I not tell you that you can go support your friend? The only person you're not taking is my son"

Me: "What's the worst that can happen? You are just stubborn and unnecessary at time nxa" I shout and walk out leaving him stand next to the window at his study.

Zwe: "Why do you always have to disrespect me when we're arguing Mpandeyomuzi?" He says before I close the door "come back here we're not finished" I continue walking out and head to the kitchen and start with the pots. It's Friday

today and tomorrow we are heading to Khosis home to pay out last respects to Thandaza, who is Khosi's sister and just happens to be Siyakhas mother. Well I had promised Khosi that I will come around with Siyakha on Friday but Zwe won't hear non of it. I don't understand why because I will be there with him its not like he will be there all by himself. Zwe and I have been arguing about this the whole week and he doesn't want to change his mind. I really don't want to be the reason why Siyakha doesn't have a relationship with his mothers side of the family, they reached out, surely that should mean something. Anyway I don't make the decisions around this house, its clear isn't it? Cooking helps me calm down so let me just do that, I will have to send Khosi a message telling her that I won't be making today.

In morning we prepare for the road, my siblings

are coming with us except for Nhlanhla who is on call at work. The tension between Zwe and I is too thick which is just not normal it makes people around us uncomfortable. Londi and Aphiwe arrived last night to assist with the kids while we are away since we have no helper anymore. I'm ready to leave, Zwe is around the house sulking, Siyakha is all packed and for some odd reason today he is following Zwe around. I honestly don't want to be in the same car as Zwe but nothing can be done, today we are using my car the golf 7 I don't know why and I won't ask cause we will fight again. We are meeting everyone else at the garage then we will follow each other. We get to the garage and everyone is there except for Themba and Fika they are riding together, Lihle is with Nsika and her husband. I want to swap cars and go to Lihle and let Nsika and Andile ride with Zwe. As soon as Fika and Themba arrive I try to take the car seat out I see Themba walking towards me.

Themba: "why are you removing that car seat?" I roll my eyes cause I know what's next "Yomuzi uyaythanda lento, every time you and Zwe are arguing the rest of us have to know, hayi man grow up. Put that chair back sihambe" I do as she says cause I don't have the energy to fight right now.

We got to Khosis home, and the funeral had not started which I thought was great. We had bought a few things so my siblings help with putting them inside the house, we were escorted to where Khosis mom was sitting on a mattress at their living room where the coffin was. I was carrying Siyakha.

Fika: " Sanibonani, Thina singabakwa Khumalo nakwaZungu sipeleze nanguMfana omncane ozwala kwaZungu. We have come to pay out last respect to Thandaza. My God comfort you ma nomndeni during this time, alehlanga

lungehlanga" Khosi walked in while Fika was talking and went to sit next to her mom.

Khosi: "Ma uybona kodwa uYomuzi noNsika"

K's mom: "Ay haaibo lutho, I didn't see them at all, they have grown so much. Siyabonga bantabami. Ibhlungu lento that Thandaza put us through "She just killed herself, who does that?" We are all shocked because that's not what Khosi told us but hey asizingeni.

There is silence.

Khosi: "mom there in Yomuzi's arm is Thanda's son Bukhosi, they call him Siyakha kubo" Khosi's mom looks hella confused but reaches out to Siyakha but he refuses and cries

Me: "Go to gogo baby" I passed him to Khosi's mom who just cried which made Siyakha cry too now Zwe stood up and went to take him.

K's mom: " I'm so sorry, he just looked so much like Thandaza, xolweni bantabami "

When a group of people started to walk in we stood up and went to the tent, and the singing begun. The funeral started. It was a sad funeral, Thandaza was one hell of a person, the people who were talking as her friends looked like they were hookers like for real and like drug addicts which just made me look at Zwe oddly where the fuck did he meet Thandaza?

Friend 1: " I'm so sad about this, Thandaza and I have been through a lot living on the streets has never been easy I begged her to go home to be with her family but she refused, she eventually left the streets when she was pregnant with little Bukhosi, she said she wanted the beat for her son so he wanted him to stay with his father that's why he dropped him at his door when he was three months old angiqondile ukukhuluma iyndaba but Thandaza always felt that she was not loved and that the family always saw her as a disappointment but I am happy that she

finally resting" everyone was mumbling and I could see that Khosi was angry but what's done was done. We went to the grave sight and went back to see Khosis mom. All along Zwe was quiet and I don't like quiet Zwe.

The family sent a kid to come ask for us to join them in the living room. Zwe, Fika and myself went the others decided to stay behind. We walked and were welcomed by a room full of men, I could see Khosis father and one of her uncles, Khosi sat on the mattress with her mom and her aunt.

K's dad: Sanibonani bantami, thank you for the support you gave us today and thank you for bringing mzikulu along, the last time I saw he he was just a little baby but now I see he is a grown man" he laughs

K's uncle: " Thank you again as my big brother

has said we really appreciate you coming allowing the boy to bury his mother that he hardly knew but the real reason we called you here now is to let you know that you can't leave with the boy" We all look up at this man with shock, Zwe tries to stand but Fika stops him and tells him to sit which he does "we don't mean to disrespect you bafana but you have not paid damages to this family kmele nihlawule uphinde umlobole lomntwana so he can be yours, I am sure the ancestors are confused about his whereabouts because no one told them he was leaving this family" the uncle speaks but none of us say anything, I see Themba walking in I guess Fika texted her because I don't like the look on his eyes.

Fika: " Bantu badala, the boy only knows Nqobizizwe here and Mpandeyomuzi as his parents, you can't ambush us like this, allow us to take him with us then we will send our elders

to come sort this issue with you but I am afraid we can't leave him here today" there is mumbling in the room they are speaking with each like we are not here.

K's dad: " I am a sorry but we can't allow you to leave with that boy here because he belongs to us and you know it, why didn't you come to us when you found him huh, if you wanted us to let you have him you would have found us, musani ukusixhaphaza la" he shouts

Themba: " we apologise we didn't mean to disrespect you in anyway, but we honestly didn't know about Siyakha being your grandchild. Our families have know each other for years because your daughter was my sisters friend but there was no way of knowing that Thandaza was the boys mother because he left him at the Zungus doorstep, when Manzoni here went to look for her he left alone and she signed over his custody to Zwe and Yomuzi"

K's uncle: "heyi we don't care how things happened we were not there and we were not informed"

Fika: "ngicela nisizwe kahle baba we are not saying the damages won't be paid in fact pick a date we will be here but we will not leave the boy behind, besides the fact that we didn't prepare anything for him to stay behind, the only family he knows is the one he stays with, he has been with them from when he was just 3 months"

Khosi: "Bukhosi is my sisters son, not yours Yomuzi, you keep taking nje, first it was Hlengiwe's husband, Thato, he disappeared we don't know where he is, yes I didn't tell you this I knew that Thato was getting married to Hlengiwe and she is my cousin. I knew all those years that he played with your feelings. Now you want to take my sister's son like you took Thato and he never came back" the fuck this

bitch, I'm at the verge of losing it

K's mom: "Nomkhosi!" She shouts

Khosi: "No mama Yomuzi always manages to ruin things for us I won't allow her to take Bukhosi no Never" I'm too shocked to saying anything and I feel my tears on my cheeks, I look up at Fika and his visibly angry and Themba too but Zwe looks like he will lose it

Zwe: "I will not allow you to disrespect my wife like that, never ever talk to her like that, do you the things that she has done for your sister's son? Your junky sister left this boy on our door step he was wearing nothing but a napkin which was wet too, he had no food nothing! You knew all these years that your sister had a son where did you think he was, I had a good mind of not even coming here today but this Mpande that you're disrespect so much told me its the right thing to do, you have no idea what we went through with Siyakha since he was left to die at

our door step because your sister didn't even care enough to knock before she ran off, so don't come at us demanding shit" he stood up and put his hand forward and I took it, he had Siyakha on his other arm we left the room with Fika and Themba following us. Zwe was putting Siyakha on his car seat when Khosi came out running towards me holding a rod, this bitch doesn't know me my brothers stood in front of her and Fika took it from her, everyone was shocked but I was angry and wanted to deal with her right there and then she was cursing and shouting

Khosi: "you think you can just disrespect my home and get away with it wena Yomuzi, yey I've got news for you, ngizoknyisa yezwa" Nsika looked at me with so much pity and he was pissed

Zwe: "come baby let's go" he opened my door for me and I went in and he went to his side and

we drove off with the others following us.

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Zwe

I just hate how Mpande never listens, akezwa and she is too trusting people take advantage of her good heart. Khosi's family was testing me but what hurt the most is seeing Mpande cry because of someone whom she had trusted for years, I can't say I told you so because its just wrong. The drive back home is quiet, Mpande is crying leaning on the window, it breaks my heart to see her like this and I know that this has just set her back emotionally and I don't like emotional Mpande.

Me: "Muntu I am sorry, sorry for dragging you in my drama all this is happening because you chose to love me and be a mother to my children, ngiyaxolisa my love" she cries harder

and we are so far from home I am forced to pullover and go to her side, the other cars stop too and Nsika runs to us and gives her a big hug.

Nsika: "It will be fine half, don't let her get to you she is just bitter" Mpande wails "come on now don't cry so much you're scaring your baby here" indeed Siyakha was becoming restless. She wipes her tears and tries to calm down. Themba hands her a water bottle and she drinks up and wipes her face, Fika bends and gives her a kiss on her forehead.

Fika: "Don't let her take you back to that place Mpandeyomuzi, don't give her so much power over you, I understand that you have trusted her with all but don't let that feel bad baby don't let her take control" She nods and sits properly and I close her door, run around to my side and we continue to drive. Lord knows how grateful I am for Mpandes siblings they know how to help

her, I panick all the damn time because I've never had to deal with a weak Mpande. We finally get home to a loud house the kids are surely having fun with Aphiwe and Londi. They run to us and Landi sees that her mom is not her usual self so she runs up to her

Landi: "Muntu ukhalelani? Uyakshaya upapa? Baba kaSiyakha umshayelani umuntu?"

Whenever I do something she doesn't like I get to be called 'Baba kaSiyakha' but when I do as she pleases I'm 'Papa kaLandi'

Mpande: "ha ah baby papa didn't hit me, I'm just tired and sick I want to sleep so I can feel better" Nsika and the rest of her siblings walk in and the kids run to them including Landi who goes to Uncle Fika who picks her up and she talks immediately

Landi: "Muntu is tired and sick and she wants to sleep I think ubaba kaSiyakha umshayile" Fika and Nsika look at me and want to laugh

because their niece looks so worried and serious right now.

Fika: "And why would papa hit Muntu?" She shrugs her shoulders

Landi: "maybe she was bad so baba kaSiyakha used his belt on her, when we are bad Muntu says she will tell baba kaSiyakha to hit us with the belt" for the record let it be known that I've never hit these kids, Mpande usually scares them like that, all I do is change the look on my face take out my belt and put it in the table. Mpandes siblings are dead with laughter, these kids are embarrassing me. We all sit down, I know Londi is the one that has cooked cause Aphiwe would never do such, she can't even fry an egg that one. Siyakha is on Mpande's lap they are both sulking, I'm just worried about them now. This actually happens most of the time when Mpande is in a bad mood Siyakha sulks too, I guess we are sharing the bed with

Siyakha today. We all eat sitting and watching TV and of course Landi uyapereza and Yakhile is playing while Siyakha sits on his moms lap. After dinner, the others decide to go out but Mpande and I are staying in with the kids, Aphiwe and Londi are also going so its just us and the kids. Mpande goes to take a bath, the kids are already set, we really need new help these kids will be the death of me, they don't want to leave the room in fact I'm watching cartoons with them on our bed

Landi: "Papa let's watch minions" hayiiii

Me: "Why? Go to your room"

Landi: " Haaaaa baba kaSiyakha I want to sleep with Muntu today because she is sick" she says rolling over and takes the remote, hayi my girl is a diva I'm sure she takes

After Nsika that one is dramatic"

Mpande walks in and is already wearing pajamas. She still looking sad but at least now she is smiling

Yomuzi: "looks like we have company tonight" she says pointing at the kids with her eyes

Landi: "Muntu we are watching minions, they will make you feel better" hahaha wow

Yomuzi: "me or you baby"

Landi: "All of us Muntu" we laugh

Yomuzi: "Your daughter is too smart for her own good" she says while getting in between her sheets, and as usual Siyakha crawls over to her and they cuddle.

Me: "You're making that boy a baby, and his sleeping with at my place"

Yomuzi: "but he is a baby nje, I'm sure you don't mind sharing your place with him just for today, enjoy your yellow cartoons with your kids, I'm

sleeping"

Me: "Good night baby, love you Muntu wam"

Yomuzi: "Love you too Lifalomanzini, love you kids"

Kids: "love you too mom" they continue with their cartoons. Mpande drifts off to lala land I think she took some medication.

Landi: "Papa can we have cocos"

Me: "come baby let's go to the kitchen" I say picking her and Yakhile up.

Tomorrow needs to be good day for Mpande.

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Yomuzi

The weekend was draining but I learnt a few lesson and I'm ready to admit that Zwe was right about not trusting Khosi, but you simply

can't blame for trusting her, this girl has been my friend from first year. I really don't understand what I did to her to deserve such hate and anger from her, I'm seriously lost and that Thato bit was just the last straw like really girl all those years you watched nje wathula woow! Anyway its back to work, haven't been there the past week because I decided to fire but I had good reasons, its a good thing that Londi and Aphiwe are on vac because I really need some help with the kids and can't afford to stay away from work for another week phela mina I'm not my own boss. This week too on Tuesday to be precise is Zwe's birthday whoop whoop! Pity we can't go on a drinking spree because we are parents and I'm kinda taking a break from alcohol before I'm rewarded with a crown for drinking too much, the only thing I've managed to get Zwe is that sexy jumpsuit, he also wants a bike but I don't have enough money yet and even if I did I wouldn't buy it for

him because I will be basically signing his death certificate so I will be buying him that Tom Ford perfume the limited edition that his been eyeing for a while now. We're not doing anything fancy, we're just going to ho out have nice dinner with the kids and decide on Friday how we celebrate during the weekend.

I get to the office and my PA is not at her desk as usual, I need to fire this girl. I get to her desk and take my messages and head to my office, today will be a busy day. As I sit my phone rings, it the mother, I haven't spoken to her in while yaz.

Me: "Sthuliskandaba, cherry kaDad unjan boo?"

MaZulu: "Mpandeyomuzi wamntungwa, ngiyaphila my girl how are you?"

Me: "I've been through worse so I'll make it" I know Themba has told her so no use acting

strong la

MaZulu: "good! Sulking won't assist in anyway vuka uybambe girl" that's my mom for you

Me: "Got no other choice ma"

MaZulu: "Yomuzi when are you and Zwe going to stop this vat n set? I know that ulobolile and all but when are going to marry each other, even if its at home affairs baby and then do the traditional one its fine, I know you've never been a fan of white dresses" I laugh because this is the same conversation we have every time she calls I think I'm tempted to do the home affairs thing though

Me: "let me speak to Zwe and set a date for the Home Affairs thingy"

MaZulu: "Oh my gosh I was just joking baby, don't do that every little girl dreams of a white wedding"

Me: "firstly I'm not every girl and secondly you

know how I feel about wedding from when I was a little girl haven't changed"

MaZulu: "Your dad ruined you, he took away every girly part of you hayi man Yomuzi, but let's get that date first the rest will be sorted" lol trust my mom to ignore me about the white wedding

Me: "okay boo, let me call you later umlungu unglindile"

MaZulu: "bye baby I love you"

Me: "bye love you too" as I put down my phone I see my PA walking in I check the time and she is exactly 40 minutes late so I call her and tell her to come to my office

Namhla: "Yes Miss Khumalo"

Me: "Morning to you too, please put out a post for a personal assistant and the interviews will take place on Thursday, choose a time slot when I have no meetings, and book the

boardroom too on that time, thank you"

Namhla: "Is that all miss? Please call my brother tell him that we are meeting the Dlamini today so can he kindly drop off their art work so I can submit it to them plus the figures" she nods and walks out, I'm getting rid of that girl, she is incompetent and is lazy, why didn't she see that she needed to apologize for being late? Let me call her back.

Me: "Namhla, please come here" she comes back in chewing gum. This girl is testing me yaz. "Are going to Maybe explain why you are late today?"

Namhla: " yhoo Yomuzi, I woke up late today sorry man, the weekend has been long hey" is this girl talking to me?

Me: "Namhla have I ever given you the impression that we are friends?" I remember that I swapped PAs with Nsika when he started

sleeping with her and she thought that they were a couple, now its time Nsika takes back what's his, I really can't.

Namhla: "Noooo, sis but you know that I'm your in law right?" Lord help me

Me: " it's fine you can back to your desk" she walks away and I call Nsika

Me: " I can't do this anymore, please come take your girlfriend la angeke bafo yhoo" he laughs mnxm this idiot

Nsika: "Namhla? She's a handful right? I can't take her back your PA is good and professional and welcomes me with a cup of coffee ekseni, I'm not letting him go, let's see who you can swap with" iyahlanya

Me: "Noooo, take your PA back angeke then swap her, I want my PA back, I almost fired her. I have interviews lined up you can take over, I want my PA back" he laughs and I'm so

annoyed.

Nsika: "Okay whatever, I will find someone to take her I'll do the interviews"

Me: "great, mom called me today"

Nsika: "she called me too, told me I must get her a Mzukulu lol cabanga"

Me: "yeah, she told me to get married too, vele wena when are giving us nieces and nephews ngeke asande isbongo sakithi"

Nsika: "Ay fusek Muntu, we're not in a competition" lol his getting annoyed, Nsika and Nhlanhla are the only ones without kids, time is against them. "Vele wena ishada nini"

Me: "Nxay Voetsek! Yaz everytime I think I'm ready for to get married something comes up, I had that Bongeka mess now its Khosi weee!"  
He laughs, this one is always playing

Nsika: "I think you're always making excuses to

not get married, I mean you're always going to face problems married or not, so stop making excuses nje, you're running away from something but only you know what it is because it can't be Zwe, that guy loves you and wena you're just waisting his time nje, I don't mean this on a bad way" hayi I don't know what his on about.

As I'm talking to Nsika, Muzi comes in and he doesn't look pleased but I'm not worried at all because our business with him is sorted and I asked someone else to work with him because Zwe is convinced that his up to something, so just to put him at ease.

Muzi: "So you pushed my account to someone else wow" I tell Nsika I have to go cause I have a client and I drop the call

Me: "Good morning to you too Mr Dlamini,

please take a seat" he doesn't sit he looks rather annoyed

Muzi: "Don't annoy me, I know Zwe put you up to this and I'm going to let the big bosses know"

Me: "Aw Mr Dlamini I never let my personal life influence my decisions, I did my part on your account but because of my position there are so many things to deal with so I thought I would be good idea for me to hand it over to someone who will give your account enough attention. But if you're unhappy please feel free to talk to the big bosses" I dont appreciate being threatened yesses

Muzi: " I want my account to be handled by you and only you, I'm bringing in so much money here and I want to work with the best" I seriously want to roll my eyes

Me: "Aw Mr Dlamini everyone in this company is the best, we hire only the best laykhaya, are you

sure you don't want to take a seat, we can talk about your concerns and I'm sure I can help you there, but that's as far as I will go sir"

Muzi: "this is not over yaz nxaa" he walks out banging my door, why is this guy dramatic though.

It's short kodwa its the flu

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Zwe

It's been a hectic day today at work I'm meant to meet up with Mpande at Gateway and I'm running late she hasn't called yet so I know she is late too. Let me call her now and check on her. Another thing is that today is my birthday and she hasn't called at all or said anything about it, like nothing. I know that I don't like

celebrating my birthday but a little effort wouldn't kill anyone. Just as I call fail her number Litha calls, I haven't heard from him in a while.

Me: "Litha, woow uright?"

Litha: "yhooo where are you let's go out"

Me:"wow how about a 'how are you' ' its been a while' or maybe a nice 'happy birthday nyana' chief hayi Mani" I hear him laughing

Litha: "Don't be such a girl about things, I was going to say that when I see you yeeeses Yomuzi has ruined you" mnxm what's he talking about

Me: "hayi suka, I'm meeting up with the madam at gateway to get the kids some stuff so I can't really hang out today maybe on Friday mfwethu"

Litha: "weeee bakdlisile yaz wena" he chuckles

Me: "I don't care, I love her still" I say laughing

Litha: "Sho bhoza, I will see you over the weekend then mfana"

Me: "sho Sosha..."

Litha: "before I forget happy birthday Nsiz'enye"  
I chuckle thinking about Siyakha when he calls me that

Me: " Thank you mate" I drop the call and call the love of my life

Me: "Lover, where are you?"

Yomuzi: "I'm at Gateway, you're late ukuphi?"  
Still no happy birthday nix Ay okay.

Me: "looking for parking la, where will I find you"

Yomuzi: "let me think, wait there is this suit shop and I see this suit that would look stunning on you baby, you should see it, its breath taking" ookay, what's that got to do with our meeting place vele?

Me: "I don't like suits uyaz, anyway where will I find you Muntu"

Yomuzi: "aw kodwa Zwe you're such a mood spoiler, this suit is amazing bae, three piece and all that sheeeebang boo, whuuuu I'm so excited about this, listen you will find me at this suit shop by Polo yezwa" finally

Me: "okay my love, I will see it when I get there yezwa" I walk up to her cause I had already parked my car. I look for this place and I find her there carrying a suit bag and had a very big smile, actually a grin, I kiss her. "And why are we so excited" she laughs throwing her head back

Yomuzi: "I bought you a suit nje" she smiles

Me: "let's see this suit that you're taken by" a guy comes out holding a suit, a 3 piece suit, I'm not sure whether its black or navy but its really nice, just like she said.

Yomuzi: "I told you its nice, go try it on, Senzo

will give you a shirt to wear" she is really excited, she can't even hide it. Just as I am about to go to the change room she hands me a box, I guess its a shoe box with a pair of socks, I look at her with my one eyebrow up and she laughs again

"Just go, trust me" I go with this Senzo guy following me. I change this suit is really nice and fits well, the shoes are to die for too, this could be my very first 3piece suit that I will not just own but will wear too. I come out of the change room and she is not there, I look around the shop but I can't spot her, the shop is too small for me not to spot her, I ask this Senzo guy and he tells me that she is trying on something too and will be out soon so I should wait. I keep looking at myself on their mirror.

Senzo: "Your wife has a good eye, you should model our suits for us, you really look good" I chuckle

Me: "You think? Thank you I'll be sure to mention it to my wife dude, but this thing is a bit tight" I've been waiting for this lady here yaz

Senzo: " You will get used to it, its not that tight its just new in a few minutes you will feel normal again" Just as I am about to respond, Mpande comes out of the change room wearing a nice dusty pink bandage dress, I think that's what they call it, its short she's wearing a pair of gold stilettos and has a nice small bag and is even wearing make up. Like Mpande never has make up, the only make she ever has is lipstick and mascara or something but now she has stuff on her face, it really looks good on her she did something to her eyebrows, she looks breath taking absolutely beautiful.

Yomuzi: "Oh baby you look stunning, oh my gosh you should wear suits more often, whuuuu Waze wababa! You're flames"

Me: " you look breath taking and as sexy as ever

muntu, why are we dressed up" she giggles, she does that a lot when she is hiding something "come out with it"

Yomuzi : "Okay okay, I bought this for you and you're going to wear it the whole night" she moves towards me and takes out something from a paper bag that has been next to her very big bag, its Tom Ford Cologne, my baby got me Tom Ford the latest edition, its so expensive man. She sprays it on me "Happy birthday Muntu wami" ooh man she didn't forget

Me: "You didn't forget" I say smiling and kissing her, I really thought she forgot

Yomuzi: "I could never, come we have dinner reservations" she leaves her stuff and my stuff at this shop

Me: "hey what about our stuff" she pulls my hand

Senzo: " Don't worry about it, we have it sorted

sir just take your car keys nje, happy birthday, hope you enjoy the rest of your day"

Me: "Thank you Nsizw'enye" Mpande laughs and pulls me and I follow her

We really look hot, she is so sexy right now I want to undress her nje.

Me: "Where are we going Kant?" She ignores me until we get to a door of a restaurant and its Beluga, its dark though it looks like its closed "ngath its closed nje Muntu" she ignores me again and pushes the door and as I walk in with her as skeptical as I am I hear people shout " Surpriseeeee" when the lights turn on, I am shocked, I never expected this. All my friends are here, Litha is here too and of cause Mpandes siblings everyone is wearing a suit its just not black but its formal, I see my sisters too Sno and Mbali and they are in nice pink dresses, Aphiwe and Londi too, I look at Mpande and she smile I give her a kiss and

whisper 'thank you' in her ear, there's a cake too that is made out to be a truck written 'Gwabini' and I laugh and look around, the room is filled with friends and family its beautiful there gifts too it looks like I'm the only one who didn't know about this. The waiter came and told us that starters were ready to be served. I'm like a little boy right now smiling non stop, we are shown to our table, its very long and we take our seats, most people here are with their partners with an exception of the brothers, the two are never in stable relationships and Fika is going through a divorce, but nonetheless it looks like almost everyone is paired up with Londi sitting next to Fika and looking too comfortable around each other for my liking nje. The starters are served and we eat while having small conversations amongst each other, as soon as our table is cleared, Litha and Andile stand up, stand up and ask for our attention.

Andile: "Sanibonani, firstly let me take this opportunity to thank the popular Muntu for organising this date for us to celebrate Zwes birthday which we haven't done in such a long time, Siyabonga Mamntungwa" Mpande nods her head, I'm lucky kodwa "Zwe you're 36 today and I'm proud of the man you've become, with little help of cause you got from Yomuzi here" we all laugh " almost 4 years ago I wouldn't have thought that you would be a man with kids, a fiancé and a successful business, in fact the you from 4 years ago would be some where drunk but here you are wearing a suit even" we laugh again " happy birthday my friend, I was so shocked when Yomuzi called to tell us that we should be formal, in fact she emphasized that we should wear suits but I was sure that 1 you don't own a suit, you sold the one you wore at my wedding and secondly, I thought that this was a prank because I had never seen Yomuzi wearing anything formal either except when she

was going to work, so imagine how shocked I was when I saw you walking through that door, stay blessed my friend wishing you many more birthdays " I nodded back. and he sat down, Litha was still standing

Litha: "I was going to speak first but leNzure le decided to steal my spot" lol idiot "when I called earlier, I was sent to check whether you were on your way na, and I was shocked tat you were a bit late because the Zwe I know is never late but ke now you're family man things change who would have known" I chuckle " happy birthday my friend, I am so glad that we are celebrating your birthday differently, I too was shocked when I was told to wear a suit but I am grateful to the introduction of celebrating differently, it has been an honour being your friend, you know where we come from andizoybalisa but thank you for sticking with me in the tough time, you're a true friend indeed, wishing you many

more years and may God give you all that you desire" lol haaibo why are my friends so serious today lol, our main course is served, it looks like my lady had this planned to the T. When we are having our desert the waiter comes out with my cake and people start singing, I stand up pulling Mpande up with me and she helps me blow out the two candles with the number 36, we cut the cake and its taken back to the kitchen to be cut, Mpande stood up and the room went quiet.

Yomuzi: "hey everyone, firstly I would like to thank you for pulling through today with gifts even, I told you about this last week so I am happy that everyone made it and for following the dress code too" laughter "I would like to wish my personal person" Nsika raised his glass " hayi wena" everyone laughed "uManzini, all these years you've never celebrated your birthday because of an incident that happened before your birthday, every year when I try to

raise the subject you would be upset or ignore me until your birthday passes and that hurt me because I was way past that incident but I also learnt that you love me too much that you avoided anything that could potential remind me of that time, thank you babe for such love, thank you for the 3 bundles that you brought in my life, I am the happiest woman in the entire earth, the family you gave me completes me papa, thank you for loving me so much that you loved even my weaknesses, you've taught me how to be calm and how to be lady, people who know me very well are shocked to know that I haven't beaten anyone in the past 2 years and that's all because of you and how you've protected me that I've never felt the need to defend myself around you, Thank you for teaching me how to love again, happy birthday nyamakayishe, I love to infinity and beyond" she gives me a kiss and hands me a small box

"Don't open this yet" I'm so emotional right now my boo has just made me the happiest man on this earth, we eat the cake and people keep giving me gifts, the day is finally almost over, I am so full and I miss my kids but they are not here, I heard that they were taken to Lihles house, I stand up now and ask for everyones attention

Me: "Sanibonani good people, hayi shame you guys can keep a secret, you hid such a big thing from for over a week. At first I was a little disappointed that Muntu forgot my birthday, in fact I was annoyed and on top of that she said we were coming here to buy stuff for the kids and with her you could never know, we literally buy stuff for the kids almost everyday so I wasn't really shocked when she said that, I can't remember the last time I wore a proper well fitted suit, thank you guys for taking time out of your busy schedules to come celebrate my birthday with me, this means so much guys,

thank you for the gifts, four years ago I'd be dancing on tables which leads to thanking thee most amazing woman in the world, thank you so much Mpande for this, I wouldn't have thought that unghanda kangaka, ngiyakuthanda skhokho uyezwa! I sat and give a enje deep kiss.

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Londi

This Law degree is showing me flames, it's my third year and I won't lie and say it has been easy. I do my best, the 2 years at home after I matriculated were no joke and the things that my family has been through has motivated me so I don't become bitter like my mom, I want to have my own things and not depend on anyone. Bhut Zwe and Sis Yomuzi have been nothing but the best, I understood why bhut never

wanted to come home, my mother was a monster nje, she cared about no one but herself, at first I believed the things that she said about Bhut stealing our money but as time went I saw right through her lies and just kept to myself. Things are slowly changing with my siblings, Sis Yomuzi is really trying to force us to get along by throwing parties that will force us to be in one room and communicate, I like that though, my sisters and I are trying now.

Aphiwe and I have only been close and we've always looked out for each other. A few weeks back Sis Yomuzi threw a surprise party for Bhuti and it was the most romantic thing ever, I wish that they would just get married already yaz, they have been dating for 4 years in fact they have been engaged for 3 years, I wish to know what is taking them so long to tie the knot because they are in love. Aphiwe and I spend a

lot of time with them and the kids, weekends and when we're not busy and when we are on short vac , I hardly want to go home so I stay with them most of the time and they don't mind.

Any way as you might know Aphiwe is a year ahead of me in varsity even though I'm two years older then her. So little sis is graduating and has started her doing honours in Economics and we are celebrating, just us for now, with a few friends (we shared the same circle of friends lol). We decided we will start with Dinner at House of Curries then hit the clubs here on Florida. We get ready and head to our dinner, there's just six of us, we get to dinner and while we are there we decided that we are going to Cubana. Now one thing I love about my sister in law is that she is an amazing human being, I told her that a few friends and I were going to celebrate Aphiwe's graduation

and she transferred us money, so we were going to pop bottles with our own money. We had our dinner then took a cab to Cubana and thank God it was not full yet, we got ourselves a table and started with our partyyyyyy! We were having the time of our lives when one guy came to our table and asked us to join them at the VIP section but I didn't trust them so I said its cool we're fine here alone. A few minutes later he sent a bottle of Ciroc over to our table, and we jumped for it, haaibo utshwala lokhu, he sent his guy again to come and get us and we refused again. We continued drinking, One of our friends, Amahle was now drunk, I've never seen her like this yaz, it was only 9pm and we didn't want to go, so we called an uber for her at least it will be able to drop her at res cause its before 10, but I will go with her make sure that she gets in her room then come back, our uber gets here and I leave going to res with Amahle, quickly tuck her in and rush downstairs

and get back to the club, this big sister thing is just annoying now I'm sobber. I finally I get back to Cubana and the place is packed now, and I can't find Aphiwe and the girls, I look around and I can't see them, Ay you see now, this is the thing about Aphiwe she is can be a child sometimes, why couldn't she just text me hayi nxaa and I know they ganged up on her cause they know she can't stand her ground, I stand here looking like an idiot, someone taps on my shoulder and I turn around and its the guy who was asking to come sit with them, Im annoyed yaz, he tells me that my friends are at their table. Now I look like I'm the one who was refusing all this time. I march to them, following this guy, I find them popping bottles, its Moet left right and center. Aphiwe can sees that I'm pissed and mimes Sorry, I'm not in the mood to drink now so I order a glass of water and have it. I don't want to spoil Aphiwes night by being moody so I will join the fun, the night goes on

and I start drinking again, ziyasha! Aphiwe and I love dancing and in fact we can dance, Bhut Zwe used to teach us when we were young so I guess its a family thing, we get to the dance floor and senze one, like right now kubukwa thina, wearing heels was a bad idea but ke here we are stuck with heels, we eventually go to our back to the table, as we sit down I see a familiar face heading towards, I'm drunk by the way, its Nhlanhla, my sister in laws brother. Ooooh now let me tell you about my sister in laws brothers whuuuu! Ye wena, these men are dreams, you just want to drool and drool nje, without anyone stopping you nje. They look like one person in different ages, the same goes with the sisters they look like one person just in different ages. The Khumalo brothers are just beauty!

Nhlanhla: "Hawu Londi, what are you guys doing here?" He says looking around at our table and a little unhappy

Me: "We are celebrating Aphiwes graduation, and these guys offered to pay for our drink" I say a little embarrassed "wena what are you doing here, who are you with?"

Nhlanhla: "oh ya, Yomuzi told that Phiwe is graduating, I'm with Fika and Nsika, the usual nje, are these your friends? Come join us" he says taking my hand and calling Aphiwe and the girls, I gladly go but the guys aren't happy

Guy: "Aw Doc, why wenza so? These are our girls" I turn to look at this guy, haaibo who is he talking about?

Nhlanhla: "aw sosha sorry, better luck next time, don't worry I'll cover your bill if that's why you're ghosting" the looks down clearly pissed but it looks like he afraid of something "wozani"

Aphiwe is out yaz but refuses to go, immediately when we get to their table we find them sitting with a group of girls and they are told to leave, eish . Aphiwe jumps to Nsika, well

Nsika is our guy cause his always around the house at my brothers house, as you know his twin sister is Yomuzi, he even has a room at the house which is funny, but his the one we are close too.

Aphiwe: "Nsika I haven't seen you in forever, you don't love us anymore wena"

Nsika: "Don't lie Aphiwe I saw you at Zwes birthday hawu a few weeks back"

Aphiwe: " aaah a few weeks back, uyasho nawe" we all laugh, and we introduce the girls to the brothers.

Guys now there is something weird about big brother Bhut Fika, he has been looking at all night, I'm starting to feel uncomfortable nje, he is being weird, at Zwes party he rushed to come sit next to me and was weird the whole night, now while Nhlanhla and Nsika are out there and

in your face, but Fika is quiet and reserved nje so him sitting next me and making conversation was weird. He waves at me to come sit next to him. And I go. The drinking continues and the club is about to close but we don't want to go, well some of my friends want to go and so an uber is called for them and they leave, while I stay behind with Aphiwe, Nonhle and the brothers and the party is set to continue and Fikas place at Ballito .

My name is Londile Zungu, Zwe is my big brother and I think I've just landed myself in a situation I can't get myself out of.

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Londi

My head is heavy, where am I even and why is everything here white, where's Aphiwe and

Nontle jizas, I lost the kids. I feel like throwing up and I don't think I will make it to the bathroom, I attempt to stand up its too late, my body couldn't hold it any longer. I'm so embarrassed I just messed up someone's bed and white covers and the floor, I don't even know where I am and how I got here. All I remember is leaving the club with Khumalos and my sister and Nontle, the rest I don't remember. I look for my bag so I can find my phone and call Aphiwe to come rescue me. I call and it rings no one is answering, yaz I'm not leaving this room never. Let me try to clean this mess with the little things I find her. I open the wardrobe and this is clearly a mans closet it has nice suits, take off this tight dress I was wearing and put on a navy T-shirt that I find in one of the compartments her, I see a box of tissues and I take it, what else can I girl do, just as I'm about to close this closet I see an empty box of condoms, whuuuuu! I quickly touch

myself down there, it feels normal whatever normal is, they say the first time is usually painful but I'm fine, but I go check the bed, there surely should be blood or something, isn't that's what's suppose to happen on your first time. In my panic mode my phone rings, I jump up and answer the number is not saved I answer.

Me: "Hi"

Person: "Aphiwe says I must tell you that we are coming back, now we just went to get breakfast" hawu whose this

Me: "Ngikhuluma nobani?"

Him: "Oh sorry is Fika, siyabuya manje" I wonder why I couldn't recognise his voice yaz

Me: " oh cool, can I talk to her"

I here shuffling

Aphiwe: "Londile Zungu ya motherfucker" she says giggling, that's how we talk when one of us

has done something hilarious, I guess its me this time

Me: "Aw jesuuuu what did I do? Never mind don't tell me, I just messed up this room like really messed up, I need to clean it liyanuka" I say embarrassed and this girl laughs

Aphiwe: "woow hahah listen there's no one there, just go to the bathroom, open the door and walk down the passage you'll the bathroom and change those covers boo, uwabonile amhlope" she giggles again

Me: "how do you know all of this you shit? Whose room is this? Did we sleep here zonke where's Nontle?"

Aphiwe: "Ay woo motherfucker, we all slept in that room, but we slept after you and its Fikas room, he said we must use it cause its has the biggest bed" aaaaaw Jesu now I will look the biggest idiot "we are on our way back so

sheshisa" she says before dropping. I quickly open the door and run to where I was instructed luckily I do find a bucket and a mop and a small very white cloth on the floor, why the fuck would one wipe the floor with a white cloth, OCD. I fill the bucket with water, I quickly go back to the room and clean, I take out the bedding yonke and just put on new sheets ngoba that's the only thing I could find, I finished cleaning the room and went to take a bath, I smell, I'll just wash with whatever I find there, there was a basket of towels around this so I get there and actually find a new face cloth and a big towel, I go bath. Just as I am wiping myself someone barges in the room, I turn around in shock covering myself and I see its Fika, he stand by the door looking down

Fika: "I'm so sorry, I'm not used to knocking" he says then closes the door on his way out. That was so awkward.

Yomuzi

Okay I've decided I'm going to court, I don't want all that fuss of a wedding, maybe there's something wrong with me. I'm sitting here at my office thinking about this whole marriage thing, Zwe is really upset with me about this I've been pushing for the longest time and now I've just run out of excuses so I've decided I will go to home affairs and just do this, let me call Lihle so she can be my witness. It rings and she answers.

Me: "Langelihle ka Andile"

Lihle: " Mpandeyomuzi kababa, zikhiphani"

Me: " Eish yaz, Im thinking of going to home Affairs with Zwe sivele sishade nje khona noZwe" she laughs out loud

Lihle: " you have to be the weirdest girl ever, but this is a step forward, I know Zwe will be happy

to just make you legally his, ewu its long overdue shame, I'm going to be your witness" now it my turn to laugh

Me: "Thank you big sisi what would I be without you mntungwa"

Lihle: "we have to check for a dress, nje maybe have a small dinner nyana nje with both families phela this will be a great event, let me get on it, later" and with that she gone, let me go see Zwe at his office and share my good news with him. I take my keys and leave. I get to Zwes office and I pass his secretary whose busy gossiping there. I knock and open before I get an answer, and his busy on the phone, he smiles and waves for me to come in. I get in and lock the door behind me, I walk to his widows and close the blinds, I'm thinking of getting naughty. All along he is not seeing all that I'm doing cause his on the phone. I stand behind him and start massaging him. He relaxes a bit but is still on

the phone. I let go of his shoulders and he turns and gives me a confused look and I shrug my shoulders, he stays looking at me but his still on the phone, I pull up my skirt up slowly as he stares at me, I don't take it off completely. He give me a naughty smile, I slowly approach his chair and sit on him, then I start grinding on him, slowly. I know he can't focus now cause he his giving whomever is talking to on the phone short answers. I can feel his manhood on my bum it has grown really hard. I stand up and bend a little to undo his belt. I do just that and he moves a bit so I can remove his pants, I go down on my knees and kiss the tip of his manhood, he puts the phone down without even telling the person on the other side. I play with Gwabini with my hands while licking him down to his balls, I play with him a bit and go up to his tip again and take him full on, while he groans and moans, I do him so good that I even gag on him and after a good 5 minutes he shoots his

load inside my mouth and I swallow stand up and fix my self while his still recovering. His pants are still on the floor he pulls me to him and I sit on top of his naked self, and gives me the hottest wet kiss ever.

Zwe: "that was amazing what was it for?"

Me: "Well, I was thinking that we get married at Home Affairs this coming weekend or next week, whenever though" he kisses me again deeper this time

Zwe: "Really? Thank you Makhumalo, this weekend will be fine the sooner the better" I laugh " I don't want you changing your mind" he opens one of drawers and takes out a box, it has a very nice ring. He puts it on my finger "you hardly wear this so I took it and went to engrave it 'my soul mate' I want you to wear it until we get married, thank you soul mate" he kisses me again

Me: " I love you to soul mate, nothing and no one will ever separate us" we kiss for the longest time "let's go have lunch" I say when I feel him grow underneath me again and he laughs and I stand and fix myself and he wear his pants and fixes himself. I take my bag and he goes to open the door. As he opens Bongeka walks in wearing the shortest dress ever. She is shocked to see me but recovers and strides in

Bongeka: "I was hoping to find Zwe alone" I look at her from top to bottom

Me: "Sawubona nawe maka mfana"

Bongeka: "Zwe I want to take Yakhile with to my China..." Before she could even finish I knew the answer

Zwe: "No" Manzini has spoken, he takes my hand "please excuse us" and she moves as shocked as she is he closes the door and we leave. We get to reception and he tells his

receptionists that his not coming back we go to our lunch.

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Yomuzi

I walk in the house and there's shouting going on and children are crying, this is first Zwe never hits the kids I mean never. I'm the evil one in this house I do the punishing. I close the door behind me and walk in further maybe I'm just exaggerating things but I don't want to disturb anyone, I hear Zwe is shouting

Zwe: " You guys don't listen, who painted my papers?" Silence "oh so I must hit you guys again to get the truth? What were you doing in my office?" Silence, all I hear is sniffing " what else did you paint here?" They show him his laptop and its written or rather scribbled in pink and blue, I want to laugh, Zwe looks up throwing

his hands up in the air "phumani la" I want to laugh but I can't, they run out scared and crying they bump into me and cry louder.

Me: " what's wrong babies, tell Muntu why you are crying, who hit muntus babies" it looks like I asked to cry more, I kneeled next to them and looked up at Zwe and we was no longer angry he was sad now, his princess was crying the most I bet she was leading the crew.

Landi: "Baba kaSiyakha" she said pointing at him he wants to come take and I give him the 'don't fuxk with look' if he wants to discipline his kids he must go all out, I pick up Landi and pull Yakhile with to the dinning room we need to talk, I know Siyakha is right behind me. Once we are seated I put them in front of me

Me: "we don't play with papas papers neh?"  
They nod wiping their tears "we don't play in papas office ne?" They nod again, "now let's go say sorry to papa"

Landi: " ha ah Muntu, papa will hit us" now I know foresure that Zwe didn't hit them, I pull them up and go to kitchen, I give Siyakha a Bowl, Yakhile the Coco pops and I take the milk and I pull Landi

Siyakha: "Nsizw'enye sorry" Zwe turns around and sees that we come bearing gifts and smiles, he takes the things from us and starts making his cocos, I wonder what has him worked up because its not the kids, I comes back to where we are standing and takes Landi from me and put her down and she stands in between her brothers

Zwe: " papa is sorry for shouting at you, but you must promise me that you won't mess papas office again" they took out their pinky fingers and made a promise with their dad and he hugged them. I called our new helper to come take them for their bath, I wonder where she was when they were getting busy here.

Me: " I thought you finally hit them " I said laughing still standing by the door

Zwe: " I thought I would when I walked in on them painting my files Muntu, they looked so comfortable as if what they were doing was right but the minute I started to shout princess was the first one to cry, did I show you my laptop, baby I left for minute to make some coffee but when I came back this office was upside down " I laughed

Me: " but baby you don't listen have I told you to not leave you kids not supervised? Did I not tell you to not leave Landi with crayons, have not seen how I wash the walls in their room all the time, I'm sure she is the on responsible, the boys always protect her because she cries first" he laughed shaking his head "now tell me what really bothering you" he takes out a piece of paper and hands it to me, I read it and look IP at him shocked "Is she serious?" Bongeka is suing

for Yakhiles full custody

Zwe: "Yaz this girl is stepping on my last never"  
he does look annoyed.

Its two days before we get hitched and now this

Me: "when is the hearing?" I look at the paper  
since its written, its the same day as our  
wedding at home affairs, I don't know whether I  
should laugh or cry. "Kodwa nani Zwe" I walk  
away to my room I need to think.

Fika

Me: "This girl will be the death of me ntwana,  
yesterday I was outside her school by Nandos, I  
knew she was there and I pretended that I  
bumped into her, that time she is so carefree,  
have you seen how pretty she is? Her smile,  
let's not even start with her body"

Nhlanhla: "You know right that you're a century

older than her she probably doesn't even see you in that way"

Me: "Tsek, I'm not a century old its just 15 years, I think I'm obsessed with her" I say while going through her Instagram pictures.

Nhlanhla: "She's a kid, let her be man, she wants to go out and have fun with her friends, remember how you were bored at Cubana the same day you forced us to go there, cause she checked in there and Zwe is going to have a fit"

Me: "Mnxm awungyeke ngaloyo, I told him to stay away from my sister and he didn't why must I care what he thinks" Nhlanhla is annoying me now, I'm regretting telling him and Nsika about my feelings for Londi

Nhlanhla: "oh is that so? You're on a payback mission here, you will play with that girl and hurt her you won't have just Zwe hating Yomuzi will hate you too and I know you don't want that" he

say while eating my peanuts in my office

Me: "aren't you suppose to be at work or something? Ubanga iscefe"

Here is the thing about my family, they are in your face in fact we have to be the most annoying family ever. You see Yomuzi is the queen of sulking, she goes on and on for months and her twin joins her and Nhlanhla and Lihle join because they are always together and they seem to rub off each other. So if she finds out about this everyone will think I'm really playing with Londi, Kant no I actually like her, yes I just divorced by my marriage has been long dead, I haven't felt like this is a while and I want to take my chances, her innocence drives me to the edge, I want to protect her, I want to look at her for hours and not blink, she's a rare gem nje. I hear she is feisty but I'm yet to experience that. Nhlanhla brings me back to

reality

Nhlanhla: "all I'm saying is that you must skate carefully, should you make an enemy out of Zwe let it not be because you're taking his sister for a ride"

Me: "yaz Zwe is the least of my problems right now, like anginendaba naye, let's go to pop up society" I say standing up and taking my key and Nhlanhla laughs hard

Nhlanhla: "No ways dude, do you even know where that is? We will leave Mhlanga and go have lunch at Davenport just because Londi checked in there? Hahaha you're wiped, are you paying?"

Me: " Are you coming or not?" I walk out and he follows me, we drive to Davenport and park opposite Roco mamas and we proceed to pop up society, I'm behaving like a teenager right now and I'm starting to annoy myself. We get to

pop up and Londi is with Aphiwe as per usual but mama bear is here too, now its time to act.

Me: " oh what a pleasant surprise, hi ladies, Mpandeyomuzi wamantungwa unjani wele " she stands up all excited and gives ua hugs, Nhlanhla wants to laugh but I give him the side eye

Yomuzi: "Hey guys, Bhutiza I haven't seen you in a while are you good?"

Me: " I've been busy yaz, need to come see the little ones, it's been a minute, I miss Landi" I grab a chair and we join their table, I'm already regretting this, Yomuzi will call Nsika and he will know what I've been up too and they will tease me, save me Lord. " Londi, Aphiwe ninjan boManzini"

Aphiwe: "we're cool, last time we saw" Nhlanhla disrupts before she continues

Nhlanhla: "have you guys ordered, I'm starving"

whoa that was close we order lunch and eat while having small chats in between, Yomuzi asks if I could drop the girls at their res as she has to go fit a dress for what she calls a wedding, my dads daughter is one of a kind though, I'm definitely happy though about her request, she leaves us at the table.

Nhlanhla: "I too will have to love and leave you, I have to be at work please drop me off first" I see what his doing and I'm only happy to oblige.

Aphiwe: "Then you can drop me off at westville, then Londi you're the last one" Londi is not even paying attention I wonder what has her thinking so much, I ask for the bill then settle it, we get to uMhlanga net care and Nhlanhla jumps off winking at me.

Me: "Aphiwe where am I dropping you off ntokazi" I ask as I drive back

Aphiwe: "DH, you know where that is right?" I think I remember, I get to Aphiwes place and we drop he off, there is total silence in this car

Me: "So Londi, would you like something to eat before I drop you off"

Londi: "we just had lunch, so I'm good"

Me: "Every time mom and dad came to see us at varsity, I'd have lunch and still order take away, I hated the idea of cooking for myself so every chance I got to get junk, I jumped for it" she looks up and smiles and my heart melts

Londi: "In that case, I'll have chicken lichen hot wings, a milkshake, two cans of Monster and bioplus"

Me: "I get the food but the energy boosters what's that for, isn't it a bit too much?" I turn going to botenic, I know where those hot wings are

Londi: "I want to catch up on my books, the next

few weeks look like they will be hectic so I want to be updated school wise and I'm also doing vac work with a Firm that bhut Zwe found for me to practice a bit so I want to be ready and prepared" I look at her while she is speaking, she is breath taking.

Me: "You're beautiful" we are now outside her res and she is gathering her stuff

Londi: "Aaag bhut Fika, thank you though"

Me: "This bhut Fika thing needs to stop yaz" she laughs tilting her head "I'm serious, we're not related nje"

Londi: "what's that suppose to mean, I respect you so me calling you that is sign of respect"

Me: "Would you like going to the movies with me, there is this movie that I want to watch, well everyone as watched it accept me and now I feel left out when they talk" I hope this works, she laughs

Her: " when now? Let me guess its Black panther?" Great she has a movie to watch I didn't know what movie it was, hahhahaha

Me: "yeah sure why not?"

Londi: " I've watched it but I don't mind watching it again , let me go put these away, and get a Jersey then we will be good to go" she takes her stuff out and leaves

I receive a call from Nhlanhla while I'm waiting for her to come back

Me: "Yini?"

Nhlanhla: "where are you, come fetch me at work"

Me: "nope I've got plans" he laughs

Nhlanhla: " what plans?"

Me: "I'm going to the movies with Londi" he laughs again

Nhlanhla: "you slick shit, you don't even know

where the cinema is, hayi mntungwa you're in love let me tell Nsika"

Me: " hayi fusek" I hang up and Londi gets in "so where too?" I really don't know where the movies are

Londi: "Musgrave is closer, but gateway is better"

Me: "Gateway it is" we drive to gateway and watch the movie after the movies we go to dinner, she keeps complaining about time and that her phone is off so we go to a jewelry shop and I ask her to pick a watch and she laughs and says she doesn't need one, we still buy it and she loves it and I take her back to school.

Londi: "thanks for today, I really didn't expect all this in one day, I had fun, and thank you for the watch now I won't have to worry about time" she says opening her door and I lock it

Me: "I need to tell you something please don't

freak out" she's already freaking out "Londile I think I like you" she looks at me with a shocked expression "no erase that I'm in love with you, I've really tried to suppress my emotions but every time I see you they become stronger, I know that you will think that I'm old, of which is true, I too thought we'd never work because of our age difference but age is not a problem, I love you and I want you to be mine" I unlocked the door and she got out like someone was chasing her out

Extra chapter nje cause I feel like you guys deserve the most nje today.

Fika

I really was not waiting for that reaction from Londi but at least I said something. My divorce left me beyond pissed my ex and were varsity

love birds and I guess we fell out of love, the kids stay at boarding school but I won custody over them. She cheated on me, as much as I was hardly around I think we could have gone our different paths without being enemies. listen unlike Nsika and Nhlanhla I was never a wild child, I had to be responsible from a very young age, so Ive hardly taken interest in more than one person at a time. I even don't like this clubing thing but it seems like my lady friend here loves so im afraid I'll be joining her. I need to tell Yomuzi soon, I wouldn't like her finding out last, I'm not either asking for her permission. let me call her now. It rings a few times and she answers.

Yomuzi: "Mntungwa"

Me: "Mpandeyomuzi waseMantungweni, how are gcina?"

Yomuzi: "Ngiright ankela, thank you for helping with the girls"

Me: "Not a problem gcina, I'd like to talk to you about something, can we meet up for Dinner tonight"

Yomuzi: "Sounds serious, does it have to be tonight, can we do it after tge wedding?"

Me:" No problem sis, konje uyashada ksasa? hehe kodwa why are you like so? who gets married on a Friday at court even?" she laughs

Yomuzi:"You know me I've got taste for weird things

Fika

I've been calling Londi from that day,sometimes she answers and sometimes she doesn't and reaponsds with an sms because the Mkhulu that is me doesn't have Whatsapp. She says I must stop calling her. Nsika walks in my house while I'm trying to download this Whatsapp

Me: "shayisa la ntwana" he comes already eating, I swear Nsika and Nhlanhla come here to raid my fridge "don't you have food at your place"

Nsika: "Your food is way better and expensive it has OCD just like you" he says laughing, my brother's are idiots yaz. "Wenzani la, wait are you downloading Whatsapp? Wow I've been trying to get you to get it for the longest time manje you see a girl you like and bam you're downloading it. Wow" he says laughing takes my phone from and continues doing this whole Whatsapp admin an he hands me my phone "there you go Mkhulu"

Me: "Sho ntwana, are you ready? Your half is waiting for you" I take my car keys and we leave to Yomuzi, it's her wedding day today, my baby sister is getting hitched. Im so proud of her, for the longest time Yomuzi has been afraid of getting married and I think that's because of

how dad was killed right after they renewed their vows at their 25th anniversary. She thought that left our dad vulnerable and carefree that he was not vigilant enough and the enemy struck. I know that she is afraid to let her guard down so for her this is a big step. We get to court and you won't believe this but my sister is wearing a very nice cream mermaid dress all stars, With white leather all stars. She is so beautiful. I look around for Londi and I don't see her, last time I saw her Nhlanhla had given me this cheesy idea of getting her a bunch of flowers, a box of chocolate and a basket of goodies, let me tell you that shit was hard, I had to get my secretary to put it together for me. I had to force Londi to come see me. Now I know that she doesn't like flower's because of her sinuses. I go to Yomuzi with Nsika all irritated.

Me: "Stop sulking, this was bound to happen

hawu, pretend to be happy at least, and I will let you walk her down this small aisle" we laugh, Nsika and Yomuzi connection is just annoying at times, its not like he doesn't spend enough time with her already as is, he even has a room in their house, and I know when his there they sleep in one bed, it has always been like that nje.

Yomuzi: "You guys look handsome, half stop sulking I can see right through you. Come here"  
Nsika walks over to her while I hang out with the rest of the gang, we will be leaving soon, Zwe has organized a different small intimate venue that Yomuzi doesn't know about, I hope she doesn't spoil things with her picky attitude. Right know I'm worried about the fact that I can't see Londi

Nhlanhla: "Just ask her where she is instead of looking all crazy here, call her"

Lihle: "Ubani?"

Fika: "hayi mind your own business"

Lihle: "y'all have secrets now? Wow okay"

Nhlanhla: "ha ah Lihle don't be that person hawu, now you're emotionally blackmailing us ha ah Madam" she rolls her eyes and walks to Nsika and Yomuzi Themba: "You're going to tell me,unlike Lihle I won't let this go I'll follow you around the whole day until you tell me, futhi Fika I'm crashing at your place today" it's my turn to roll my eye, Themba is annoying and she will literally follow us around today until we tell her and she will tell Lihle and they will laugh at me. When I was going through the divorce Themba helped me out a lot emotionally because she had been through it and she knew how straining it was, she would check up on me,even when we were growing she has always been the one who made sure that we were all emotionally balanced.

Nhlanhla: "Hayi I think we have nosey siblings in

the entire universe" Themba laughs and I chuckle

Me: "You think??" I ask sarcastically

We drive to a the venue. It's a garden in Zimbali, small intimate place, its so beautiful my mom looks bored because she wanted a big wedding where she could invite the whole of Nongoma but Yomuzi ain't about that. I see Zwe was getting anxious. I know Zwe and I know his brutal side, I'm very proud of the man his become, from the party freak, crazy player to being a responsible husband, this guy has done a 360 turn

I just hope that he doesn't change. Zwe

Well we were supposed to be getting married at court but I was there this morning to attend Yakhiles case and the hearing was moved. So I decided to change the venue and not tell Mpande because she wouldn't have liked the

idea of changing but we are creating memories and I know how much she loves the outdoors so I'm hoping that she likes this too, small intimate space, with white roses, tiffany chairs, touch of baby pink and pearls here and there, hope you get the idea, Lihle did all this so I'm sure it's beautiful. The Khumalos are taking their time, I hope she hasn't changed her mind. Just as I am about to call Nsika they send me a message saying they're on their way. So I start moving with my best men Andile and Litha. I went to that suit shop that Mpande took me to on my birthday, my suit is Navy not the shiny type though, I'm wearing it with a crystal white shirt no tie buttoned up till the last button. The kids are sitting next to Aphiwe and Londi, they are so well behaved. My other sister's are here and my mother too, Mpande felt it would be wrong for us to wed without my family there and hers there, she said people would think ungidlisile, I actually don't care. Her family

starts walking in, lol these people think they are the best thing that ever happened to us, her mom walks in and sits I thought she would be walking Mpande down the aisle. Her bridesmaid's walk in it Themba and Lihle obvious and then I see her walking in with Nsika. My baby looks Amazing she is the most beautiful women I've ever seen, she is wearing a crystal white mermaid dress with white all stars,her dreads are tide into a bun and they have pearls around and she's carrying a very nice bunch of redish roses uyababa umunt wami, I look up and say a little prayer, I thought she would not make it because we changed the agreed on venue. I see her smile at me and she winks,I've never been married but she has to be the most beautiful bride in the entire universe.

Nsika: "I'm literally trusting you with my life Zwe" he says then gives me her hand, she is blushing this one.

Pastor: "We are gathered here today to witness the matrimony of Nqobizizwe Ziphezintle Zungu and Mpandeyomuzi Nosabelo Khumalo, before we continue, who is giving away this beautiful bride?"

MaZulu: "I do, the mother of this beautiful bride"

Pastor: "Thank you, I won't ask that silly question that people ask at weddings, you know which one. Nqobizizwe I guess now you know that from today your better half is the person next to you and the same applies to you

Mpandeyomuzi, I hear you were born with your other half but you see there" he pointed to where Nsika stood when he walked Mpande down the aisle, I chuckle cause I know that that won't happen "That's where it ends for him and you" Mpande laughs and Nsika shouts

Nsika: "Not happening, we're a package deal" the people people laugh. And the pastor shakes his head and laughs

Pastor: "I've had a great opportunity of meeting both of you before today and in my entire history of marrying people not one has come to me telling me that they are divorcing so you two won't be the first either. The third person in your union will be God not Nsika there but God" we laugh "today you have come to ask God to put a stamp on your union, only you can break this union, you will continue to love, trust and care deeply for each other, I know that Nqobizwe has prepared his oqn vows so I will give him a chance to speak before I bless your wedding bands.

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Zwe

Zwe: "Mbulazi only you know ukujula kwentliziyo yam, I have been longing for this day for almost three years now. From the first

time I saw you I knew that you had my missing rib and that one day I would make you all mine. Words can't describe how much I love you and how I've never loved like this before, only you have loved me even when I couldn't love myself, you've loved me with all my weaknesses and my imperfections. Babe you have taught me the importance of family, oh God Ngiyakuthanda yezwa! You've managed loved me with with all my up and downs" I shed a tear "muntu wami I will love you I promise, I will protect you with my all my being, Thank you for giving me children and taking care of them, will stay worshipping the ground you walk on, ngiyabonga for trusting me with your heart again and again baby." I kiss her forehead.

Pastor: "Nqobizizwe we heard you yaz, and once you fail to do as you have vowed I will be helping Makhumalo pack her belongings" laughter erupts "Makhumalo its your turn"

Mpande: "well Zwe you do have a tendency of stealing my things first my heart now my vows" laughter again "Wamuhle Manzini" I blush  
"Thank you for today, thank you for waiting for me, you're the most impatient person ever but you've waited for me for 3 years, thank you loving me and for showing the true meaning of love. I'm the most difficult person ever but you make it look so easy and effortless, thank you for our small family. I too promise to love you till

The end of time, I will care for you, I promise to cook for you often, and I promise to stop throwing away your coco pops when we disagree" I laugh out loud "but most of all I promise to respect you, to be obedient and to never leave you" she kisses my cheek and puts on my ring, its a band with engraved YomuziKaZwe hers was engraved ZweKaYomuzi

Pastor: "Nawe we heard you if I come to your house and I find you disrespecting uZungu I will remind you of this day then uhlawule" we laugh again "You guys have said your vows and covered my part too, our scripture reading will be in 1 corinthians 14 . Its all about love, love is kind, love is patient and keeps no wrongs no grudges zihlobo zami, love doesn't hurt, I should never find Makhumalo crying in the love weZungu syezwana. I now pronounce you husband and wife, Zungu you may give uMakhumalo Zungu uswidi wakhe, I pull her to me and give her a long wet kiss.

Me: "till the end of time"

Mpande: "Till the end of time"

That was the happiest day in our life, I'm thinking of starting to go to church and start praying that God protects ua from enemies like

Bongeka people qho constantly want to break our union hawu ikhizane uyalazi iscefe nje. All that is left is for me to give my person the best gifts in love. I think we need one more baby. We are now leaving the venue for the small family lunch. I love this small thing we have, its intimate and warm, my love is too happy and I am happy that she is happy and loved the whole idea of a garden wedding. I kiss her head

Me: "I love you muntu angdlali yaz"

Mpande: "I love you too Nyama kayishi ishangaba bhebhezeli " I blush. "When are we having our traditional wedding?"

Me:"When do you want it?" Her head is leaning on my shoulder

Mpande: "how about next month?" I want her to be the one setting dates so we can go on her own pace

Me: "okay baby we will do so" people are having

so much fun and are happy, Siyakha comes to his mom and wants to sit on her lap, soon Yakhile will come sit too, there he comes Landi is with Fika and Londi. Landi and Fika are inseparable. "You spoil these kids"

Mpande: "ay awusyeke" they are both sitting on her lap now, I won't even attempt to take them because they will cry.

Me: "Look at Fika and Londi, playing happy family ngengan yam"

Mpandi: "but its always like this with those two, do you think there's something going on between them?" She looks up at me

Me: "Noooo, he wouldn't! She's just a kid" she laughs

Mpande: "leave my brother alone, maybe we are over thinking things"

Happy birthday Pfumie

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Londile

My favorite couple has just tied the knot, My brother and my sister in law are goals right now, I may not know the ins and outs of their relationship but the love that they share is so amazing, my mother wasn't as happy about the wedding but she's never happy about anything so we all don't care. I've been avoiding Fika the whole day, when Zwe said his vows I caught him staring at me, after a while he sent me an sms saying I look beautiful. Not that it was the first sms he sent me today, I've been get abo 'where are you?' 'Please at least respond to my texts' and so forth, I just ignored him. We leave to the reception venue it looks amazing sis Lihle has outdone herself. This tent looks

amazing, theres just family and friends here, this has to be the most intimate event I've ever attended, I'd also like to have something like this. Im sitting and eating with the kids, Siyakha stands and walks to his mother, he doesn't shock me though he actually tried to stay away but he couldn't I know that soon Yaya will follow. Yep there he goes, I Zwe getting irritated but Yomuzi laughs at him, the boys hold on to Yomuzi for dear life and I laugh, I take out my phone and take a picture. I put Landi on my lap and start taking selfies and as the flash goes on I noticed someone photo bombed us and it's Fika, Landi starts jumping up and down on my lap and Fika takes, the bond that they have ia amazing. Fika takes her and she starts giggling its a cute sight so I take a picture of them together, little diva wants to take more pictures and Fika can't say no to her so they take pictures with my phone and they feature me in a few, I where Aphiwe is cause eventually I have

to talk to this guy and it would be less awkward if Aphiwe was here.

Fika: "Why have you been ignoring me?" I don't say anything "so now you won't talk to me even when im sitting next to you?"

Me: "I've been busy today the kids kept me on my toes" he chuckles

Fika: "You should have asked for help yaz, I know they are a handful, especially miss Diva here" he kisses her cheeks and she giggles

Landi: "Whose Diva Lume?"

Fika: "Uwena" he says and kisses her cheeks she loves this she laughs

Landi: "No Lume I'm Lifalandile Kuthula Zungu"  
Fika laughs throwing his head back, I laugh too

Fika: "is that so? Kant whose princess?"

Landi: "Me me me, papa says I'm princess" she giggles hitting her chest "Lume you say I'm

princess too but muntu says I'm Landi" we all laugh,he looks at me as we laugh

Fika:"you look beautiful, I love your dress, in fact I love everything on you right now" I'm not sure how to respond

Me: "uhhm thank you, you look good too" he looks at me straight in the eye and I don't back down

Fika: "can I take you out on a date" whuuu let think of an excuse real fast

Me: "uhm I'm writing Family law thia coming week, so I can't this week and next week its Contract and..."

Fika: "Hayi Hayi kahle ke" he looks annoyed, wait did he just roll his eyes at me "I didn't ask for your hand in marriage" mnxm engazongingibhora lo

Me: "maybe if you did I would have agreed" I shoot back annoyed too and he laughs at me

Fika: "okay marry me ke"

Me: "You're too late, I'm already taken" he changes from being goofy to being angry in less than a minute

Fika: "Don't say that" haaibo what Zisha ngalo?

Me: "it is what it is" he looks sad now and I laugh "why are you sulking now mdala"

Fika: "Londile please give me chance"

Me: "aren't you married kant wena mdala"

Fika: "recently divorced, stop calling me mdala" hawu this guy haaibo so what does she want from me?

Me: "so I'm your rebound ke mina, whu yaz awungiboni"

Fika: "No no no, you're not my rebound, I really do love you"

???: "you what? Haaibo, she's a kid, kant unjan wena, hayi mani"

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Fika

Nhlanhla: "you what? Haaibo, she's a kid, kant unjan wena, hayi mani" this idiot, Londi almost got a heart attack and he laughs "ngiyadlala I'm here to take little missy here, I miss her" he takes Landi from my arms and winks at me walking away.

Londi: "So all your siblings know about this silly crush you have on me" dealing with kids is such a problem kodwa why am I falling for a kid.

Me: "Firstly what I feel for you is not a crush Secondly not all my siblings just the guys but eventually they will have to know because I'm planning on making you mine" she rolls her eyes "don't do that" she shrugs her shoulders "don't roll your eyes at me, it's disrespectful"

Londi: "Hayi uyabona ke mdala" heee what

happened to that shy girl I knew? I chuckle in disbelief and put on a straight face

Me: "So about that date, when can you make time?" She sighs

Londi: "Ha ah I told you nje that I have tests on Friday, I need to study"

Me: "I won't waist your time ke, let's go on Saturday, I know you'll be relaxing and you'd be exhausted from the previous paper, come on now"

Londi: "What will this date be about? What is it that you want to say that needs you to take me out?"

Me: "uyabona mina, ngiyashela mina and this date thing is for me ukuth ngikshele. Angithi wena you don't respond to my texts or my calls so a date might do the trick"

Londi: "Listen let me not waist your time and money, I don't see you like that Bhut Fika and..."

I stop her before she continues because I know very well what she is going to say

Fika: "woooooa, personally I don't believe at love at first sight, that for me is a fairytale, I believe that we fall in love with people by getting to know them, we fall in love with people guided by their actions and personalities, yes one may like someone at first when they see them and be physically attracted to them but later find out that they are not the person you're looking for in life, Londile I love you and I want you to give me a chance to love you, I promise I will love you like you've never been loved before" she laughs

Londi: "usuyangishela njalo, I thought you'd be doing that at the date that you're supposed to take me to?" I laugh too

Me: "well you didn't want to go out with me so, I took this time and used it" she laughs shaking her head

Londi: "Lets say I do like you, how will this work? I mean..." I stop her again

Me: "Let's leave all the questions for the date uyabo?" She lightly laughs, she stands up leaving me seated at her table and she goes to her sisters, I stand up too going to my siblings, I am sure now that Nhlanhla has told Themba and she told Lihle who ia going to tell Yomuzi and its going to rain.

Themba: "Me and you need to talk, you're out of your mind if you think I will let you play with that girls heart" she is softly scolding at me

Me: "Nhlanhla ave ugobhoza yeseees!"

Nhlanhla: "Ay bafo you know Themba, it's like she can see right through me ngeke sbali, I had to tell her" Themba drags me out. We are now standing outside with Themba and she is leaning on my shoulder. One day one will have to tell you fortunate as a family to have Themba

as one of us.

Me: "Ngiyamthanda Themba" I say before she asks anything.

Themba: "How do you know its not a rebound typa thing? When did this start vele?" I sigh

Me: "because I don't see sex when I see her, you know that there was no love left between me no makaSthelo. I love her Themba, I have tried multiple times to forget about her but she keeps finding her way back to my heart. She brings so much peace in my life, with her it's like I've finally found the person that my heart has been for my personal person my Soul mate"

Themba:" but she is a kid Mntungwa, you've kissed a few frogs and yena dololo, you've been married and wwn divorced and I think she is hardly on boyfriend number 2 Mbulazi. You have kids and yena she looks after your niece, that's the only experience she has with kids, I

won't even start with the fact that she is Zwes sister, she is a no go area nje" I chuckle in disbelief

Me: "that's not fair and you know, all of the sudden her being Zwes sister is important and I must apply the Rules whereas this Zwe is marrying my sister, don't be hypocrites" She is pissing me off now.

Themba:" Hayi Fika, don't tell me that this about Zwe, you are the one that hid Zwe from us, you know that if we knew would have tried to fight their relationship. Fact is Londi is a kid and I understand that you might think that you love Her but there are so many things that you must consider. You are old allow this kid to play with other kids and stop thinking about yourself kuphela. You know very well that if Zwe finds out he will leave the business. You and Zwe niyafana mani, you never use your brains to think, you think your head is a storage facility,

there are so many girls in Durban, in KwaZulu Natal in fact the whole of SA wena you pick Zwes sister, hayi mani niyanyanyisa nje" she walks away leaving me feeling hurt a bit. I really didn't expect that.

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Londi

Family law had me calling my ancestors while I was writing, that paper had me yesterday, I came back from it and had a bottle of wine and slept. Right now I'm getting ready for the date with Mdala. I don't know whether it's because I am not used to all this attention but I think I'm starting to like mdala but there are so many hurdles that I'm just not willing to jump with relationship. So I don't really see it happening. I don't have much experience in this dating thing so I really don't know what to do and what not

to do. He said I must be comfortable and Sporty let me call Aphiwe she will know what to do. I call and she answers in a sleepy voice.

Aphiwe: "Hayi ekseni kanje, what's up?"

Me: "Morning to you too Phiwe, Listen I'm going on a date and I'm supposed to wear something sporty but comfortable, I don't know what to wear."

Aphiwe: "ay hold up! You're going where? With who and why are you telling me now?"

Me: "Hayi Aphiwe, I will tell you if it goes somewhere, now come on his picking me up at 8"

Aphiwe: "weeee why so early dates are usually at night, since you're not telling me anything let me just help and go back to my sleep. Your pink trainers are clean right, faka wona, with socks ngiyakwaz phela wena" I giggle "put on those leggings the one's with pink lines, I know you

haven't worn them because gym is still a dream to you and then put on a nice vest, not hugging though. Don't forget to take your hoodie it might get cold wherever you're going With your mysterious bae" she giggles and hangs up before I can say anything. I'm grateful that I have short hair cause I'd be worrying about hairstyles now. I get dressed while listening to my music, Thandiswa Mazwais Jikijela keepa me going these days. I go to the bathroom to brush my teeth and I bump into Nontle.

Nonhle: "uyaphi ekseni kanje?"

Me: "On a date boo, how was your test, I haven't seen you from Wednesday"

Nontle: "langishaya mfana that's why I've been drinking and getting some from Wednesday, ngibuye izolo oe hayi bekumnandi la bengikhona. Uthi you're going on a date? I really didn't think that Sbu was serious uyakuphipha oe ekseni kanje?"

Me: "haaibo uSbu wani oe? I don't like that guy uyaz he thinks just because he is smart we should all bow down at his feet and you know very well I don't dig those people. Let me go oe, I will tell you sengibuya" I walk away leaving her confused. And she shouts after me

Nontle: "Haaibo soycela ivuthiwe" I find my phone ringing and I pick it up

Fika: "I'm downstairs, I've been calling you thought you were dropping me" I roll my eyes

Me: "Morning to you too Fika"

Fika: "Sarcasm doesn't suit you" I roll my eyes again. I have a good mind of getting back to bed

Me: "I'm coming now" I take my bag and my cellphone and I get downstairs and I don't see him, he calls as I'm about to go back to res

Fika: "It's the white jeep"

Me: "Hawu why didn't you say" he drops and I go there he comes out to open my door, his wearing grey Joggers and a white body hugging tshirt and a golf cap. Muhlana shame.

Fika: "Morning, do you want to get breakfast now or on the road? "

Me: "Siyaphi kant? Is it far?"

Fika: "not too far, but you could eat early because we're going on a adventure" I raise my eyebrows

Me: "alright breakfast now it is"

We've had breakfast and now we are heading to the south but he is still not telling me where we are going. We finally arrive at our destination. This place looks lively and free its so green. He comes to my side opens my door and takes my hand. We are about to choose what we want want to do.

Fika: "so what will it be?"

Me: "bungee jumping, lets start with that then you will pick the next one"

Fika: "Weeee I'm scared of heights, I'm not doing that" I laugh throwing my head backwards "uhlekani?"

Me: "why on earth would you bring me here if you're not going to do all these things mdala" he laughs too.

Fika: "I'm not mdala njalo and heights mess me up" Ah this guy though, I give him my puppy eyes look "Okay but if I die just know my kids are going to be fatherless

Me: "relax, it's fun you'll see" we did our thing and did other adventurous things I actually had fun even forgot that I was on a date. We were now having a late Lunch and would be hitting the road. I'm famished and tired. We were now eating.

Fika: "So how was our first date" I laugh a little

"You've got a nice smile, umuhle" I blush

Me: "Thank you, it was not what I had expected but I had fun shame" I say sipping on On my lemonade and passion fruit.

Fika:" what were you expecting kant"

Me: "Formal nyana or something but this was great and out of the box I really had fun" he smiles, muhle lo bhut yaz.

Fika:" Well this is me, out of the box thinker" I laugh "but I just wanted to share with you something that was part of me, I'm an outdoors person, My father used to take us hunting the guys plus Yomuzi of cause, I learnt to love nature there, the stars and the green mountains. Our dad taught us life through nature, the circle of life and so forth"

Me: "I wish my dad was like that"

Fika: "I here he wasn't a nice person"

Me: "that's an understatement, that man was mean and greedy, I'm shocked that he left us money to further our studies" he frowns "money doesn't solve anything, I never knew my fathers love, he woke up early before us and came back just before bedtime, sure we had shelter and food but we were not a functioning family"

Fika: "Aw what makes you say that?"

Me: "that's a story for another day, all I know is that I don't want anything like my fathers and mothers relationship, that shit was messy, that's why I don't do relationships kubi out there"

Fika: "that's not fair not everything comes out like that, my mother and father were happily married for the longest time and that made me long for a relationship like theirs and then I found myself married at 24 with a kid on the way, 13 years later two kids I'm divorced and in love with you" I'm taken aback if this guy was

24 13 years ago How old is he now? "Listen Londi I married for all the wrong reasons, yes my ex was beautiful and tried her best to be a good wife but we were not meant to be, with her I learnt what I really wanted in life and it was not her, I'm looking for a challenge and I see it with you, yes I'm old but I won't break your heart, I don't want you kissing a few frogs before finding your prince charming, I'm your prince charming. I want to be your mistake, I love you Londi like love love" this guy though

Me: "Ay kodwa mdala we were talking about our fathers and wena you take this opportunity to pour out your heart hayi mani" I say laughing and he laughs with me "I hear you mdala and I don't dispute what your feelings towards me but you know we won't happen, first the age gap I'm still looking for a nice time wena you're done, Secondly you've just gotten through a divorce how do I know that this is not a passing

phase? Thirdly bhut Zwe will kill me nje kuphele ngam. I see that you have this all figured out but it won't work, I want to kiss a few frogs" he comes to sit next to me

Fika: "then let me be your frog Londile" He comes closer, lifts up my chin with his finger, he looks at me straight on the eye, I'm breathing heavily I've never been touched like this before "do you feel that?" I shake my head. Listen carefully, I do and I hear our hearts beating as one and he touches my lips with his blowing my lips every now and then, he kisses me, his lips are soft and cold, I don't know whether to respond or not.

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Yomuzi

My wedding day was so amazing, nothing that I had in mind but I am very grateful to Zwe for

putting together something that made me happy and that I would remember. we are on our third week as a married couple and I am not complaining about anything. Bongeka didn't continue with the custody law suite but she did move to China, I had to beg Zwe to at least let her Yakhile for the weeks that she has left in the country and after lots and lots of sex he agreed. Today we are having our traditional wedding and I am tired and emotional, I really regret asking for it to be this soon. We did the whole shabang, I didn't do much but I am still tired and emotional, I cried so much when my family had to leave that Zwe was worried that he called Nsika to come speak to me.

I am lying on the bed with Nsika and we are cuddling.

Nsika: "What's wrong half, you've been so emotional these past days? you know that you could leave Zwe anytime right? but you chose

him, tell me what is wrong?" I sniff wanting to laugh but I can't

Me: "Promise you will never leave me, I don't know these days I am emotional, I feel I am loosing all of you guys and I don't want that, I think I rushed this whole marriage thing?" I cry

Nsika: "Hey stop it! you know I ain't going nowhere, you didn't rush anything you and Zwe have been at it for almost five years and I trust him with you otherwise I wouldn't have allowed you to marry him, he loves you and you guys have been staying together for a while now so I am not sure what is new this time around, you can handle his family and his baby mama drama, you have absolutely nothing to worry about." I hold him tighter "I need to go now my love, I will call you when we get home" he kisses the back of my head and leaves, and I feel Zwe wrapping his arms around my waist.

Me: "Zwe why am I so emotional? I never cry

but this whole month I have been crying like all the damn time" I sniff " even now I don't know why I am crying"

Zwe: "What if you're pregnant" I turn so fast and look at him and he has this big grin of his face and I just cry and he frowns "muntu you don't want my babies" and I shake my head, I am really not ready to take care of another human being right now "but I want us to have more babies, we spoke about this baby and you said you'll be open minded" I start crying again

Me: "But we have three kids already, you want to make me a baby making machine, what if the same thing that happened to Landi and I happens again? and my baby does not survive, ha ah, I am not taking that chance" I say sobbing.

Zwe: "Oh baby, that won't happen, Siyathokoza is not around anymore, don't cry baby, you're making me sad, thula Mbulazi. What will your

siblings says nje sewuyakhala on your first day wendile" he wipes my tears and kisses my nose "bheka umubi kanjani makaSiyakha" I laugh because I actually miss my babies, Yakhile is not even around.

Me: "What if I am pregnant Zungu?"

Zwe: "kanjan were you not taking prevention pills?" I sigh

Me: "there was that one day I forgot" he laughs out loud which annoys me and I quickly move his arms away from me and jump out of bed

Zwe: "yini manje? you know what happens when you forget right? you might have another princess in there" he says while laughing mnxm this idiot, I leave him and go to the kitchen to see whats there to do. Kodwa what if I am pregnant, I am just not emotionally read for this.

Fika

Well Londi respond to my kiss. That date was the best thing ever, I got to know the person that she really is and she got to know me, there were distractions it was just the two of us. I love how down to earth she is. From that day not a day goes by without us having to facetime, she says I don't have to come to see her because sometimes she gets really busy she has a lot of commitments. This girl is driving me crazy. I couldn't spend enough time with her his weekend because she was at home for Yomuzi and Zwes wedding but she looked absolutely beautiful in her traditional attire. I also learnt that they call her Lolo at her house. I pick up my phone cause I am missing her too much, I call here and she doesn't respond, I try several times then I just stop. I don't think I will sleep if I don't speak to her. Just as I am trying to contact her again but she calls me first.

Londi: "Mdala, missing me already" I laugh

Me: "Ya Lolo" silent I know I got her

Londi: " Hayi mdala who told you that name?"

Me:" Stop calling me mdala and I won't tell anyone that name" she giggles

Londi:" Umdala nje?" I laugh too

Me: "Okay Lolo" she laughs " I missed from thursday, I hate that I couldn't just call you at anytime or see you for that matter" she is silent "actually you've been avoiding me ever since that kiss, do you regret it" she giggles but does not answer me "come on Lolo"

Londi: "I miss you too Mdala but I would have to see you so I can explain why I am acting like this"

Me: "I'm in durban I can come there now, it won't take long"

Londi: "Haaibo mdala don't be extra" I laugh " I will see you on Monday"

Me: " Why can't I see you tomorrow because I know you are returning ksasa"

Londi: "Cause I said so hawu"

Me: "Hayi I will see you ksasa" she laughs

Londi: " That is called bullying yaz, I will see you Monday take it or leave it"

Me: "Hawu I miss you nje and I haven't seen you in such a long time"

Londi: "I have a lot of work to do so I have to use my Sunday wisely" I chuckle

Me: "Are you saying I am going to waste your time?" she giggles "I love you Londi" I hear a voice shouting at her

Voice: "Ubhizi namadoda Londile sisebenza thina, aw bheke leyofoni"

Londi: "Got to go MaShandu wants to embarrass me now I see" she drops the call before I can say anything.

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### Fika

Indeed its Monday, the day is going too slow yezwa. I tried to go see Londi but she was busy, I just don't know whether she is playing games or she was busy. I called her and she didn't respond the only response I got from was an sms saying 'call you later, as I said I am very busy today' lets just say no call was recieved from my side. I just received a sms saying 'Sorry got really busy but will make time for you today' which I was happy about. My day is finally over, so I am heading to see this lady at her res, I really don't like that I have to see her there it makes me feel really old, I go past Roco mamas and get her something to eat she loves their wing and I get her cranberry juice.

Me: "Lolo I'm outside your res" she sighs

Londi: "Eish konje I said I will see you today" she sighs again "Can you give me like 10 minutes and I will come please" I wonder what this girl is really also busy with

Me: "Okay, do you need me to get you anything" she laughs

Londi:" Mdala you love feeding me, ngizoba yisdudla, I am fine for now thanks" she laughs and drops the call. Indeed after 10 minute I see walking down with a group of girls, she is wearing glasses, she looks too cute with those on her, a very big jersey with tight ripped jeans and a pair of flops, she looks like a kid now and I am starting to feel bad for falling too hard for her. She walks to my car and gets in and frowns.

Me: "Whats wrong Lolo?"

Londi: "This car makes you look like a blesser, I thought we spoke about this mdala" I laugh

Me: "you love sulking kodwa, what is that you

were busy with that has made you be on campus this later" she raises her one eyebrow and gives me that WTF look, I don't care I want to know.

Londi: "Hayi Mdala uthanda iyndaba"

Me: "I like knowing your whereabouts, its nothing deep"

Londi: "I see you came bearing gifts, I am famished yezwa, Ohhh all my favourites" she says opening the packet on her side

Me: "hawu you are famished now but you said you don't want anything"

Londi: "I was testing you, I wanted to see if you can think outside the box, uphsile mfokaZungu" she says digging in her food, I really don't think I will ever understand women.

Me: "You're an interesting person, how are you though? how was your day?" she looks up at me and sighs

Londi: " Its been hectic, remember I told that I had a lot to do? well I had to organize a march against gender based violence and rape here on campus, so I was sorting out the logistics and booking venues and I had to compile the memorandum and so forth" she heavily sighs

Me: "yho that sounds hectic, why are you doing all this by yourself" she pouts

Londi:" I wasn't doing it all by myself, there were a lot pf us and we all had different tasks to do, I could have finished a long time but there has been a lot going on in the pat month and this month, how was your day"

Me: "very hectic Lolo, I've been thinking about you the whole day" she laughs throwing her head back.

Londi: "Im hectic lol wow, bengingazi, stop thinking about me then"

Me: "I can't I think I won't survive if I think about

something else besides you. all of the sudden things are not the same if I don't speak to you or see you, ungidlisile Gwabini, I feel like a teenager I feel like I won't be able to breath if I can't have you as mine, be mine Londile" I'm saying all this while looking at her and she's blushing. I will treat well, I will love you like you've never been loved Manzini, I want to show you the goddess you are. You know my sister Themba said I must let you be and for a moment I thought about it but the minute I turned and saw you smile across the room I knew right there that we belong together" she blushed again and suddenly takes my hand she brushes it first, she moves her hands to my face and pulls me closer to her face then she gently kisses me, my heart pumps faster but I do respond and let's go but continues to hold my face

Londi: "Promise me that you won't break my

heart" I smile and move my lips towards hers

Me: "nothing that belongs to you will break while your heart is in my hands"

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Zwe

Mpande is so emotional right now it's annoying. She has stupid cravings and eats my coco pops like it's no one business. I really think she is pregnant and I can't wait to have another princess running around this house. We've been back for just a week. Today I need to fetch Yakhile from Bongeka, I miss my boy so much and I was so sad that he was not with at my wedding. I just came back from some fancy cake place because madam wanted cake, I also to it upon myself to buy her a pregnancy test ngeke phela. I find her in our bedroom lotioning her body, she's gained weight but I won't say a

word, I put her box with cake and the brown bag from the pharmacy on the dressing table and go stand behind her, Gwabini is already dancing, I brush her back and hold her hair and she ignores me. I miss her shoulder and go up to her ear. My hands are on her breasts and I am playing with them right now, she moans and I just lose it, she is so sexy right now, I am looking at her on the mirror opposite us and I can actually see her small bump I don't know how I missed this, how far is she Kant? After making love I look at her and she blushes

Yomuzi: "you still make me blush after all these years lover" I laugh throwing my head back and continue looking at her while we cuddle

Me: "Muntu I love you and thank you for making me the happiest man in this world" she kisses my forehead "I think you're pregnant baby"

Yomuzi: "I think I'm pregnant too" she sighs

Me: "We're pregnant baby" I can't hide my excitement "I will be with you every step of the way, I will make sure you're safe from anything or anyone baby, I will protect you love even if it means we don't go to the south sohlala la sthandwa sibukane" she smiles, there's progress. I turn and take the test and hand it to her and she raises her eyebrow I actually grin. We get out of bed and walk to the bathroom together. She sits down and pees on the stick and we wait, while she is biting her nails which I keep on hitting

Yomuzi: "I miss Yaya so much ubuya nini?"

Me: "I have to fetch him today" I think we've waited for a while now I attempt to to the test from the sink but she hits my hand

Yomuzi:"wait maaan, I'm not ready yet" I laugh cause I know she's scared. We wait for a while and I just grab that blue thingy and move from her as fast as I can and she jumps from the

toilet seat and stands next me and picks through.

Me: "This thing says 12 weeks baby" and she's not even looking at me it looks like she is counting.

Yomuzi: "Oh God I'm three months pregnant, how did I even miss it? Oh sweet jizas" we are that far, she starts crying kwenzenjan manje?

Me: "What's wrong now muntu walk? Tell to me"

Yomuzi: "What kind of a non am I, I'm pregnant for three months and not once did I suspect it"

Me: "I'm sure it's normal, you were still having your period and you were busy with work, you're a great mom and you're still going to be a great mom to our little princess" I say hugging her and she looks up at me and I wipe her tears with my hand.

Yomuzi:" Who said it's another girl" I laugh

Me: "I can just feel it babe, it's going to be a girl"

Yomuzi: "You're so sure yaz, I need to book an appointment with a doctor, come let's shower so we can fetch Yaya I miss him" I let go of her and open the shower and we take our bath, come out and get ready. I we leave with the kids so we can get Dinner out, Landi doesn't look too fine she is stuck to her mom.

Landi: "muntu we are getting Yaya?"

Yomuzi: "Yes baby we are fetching Yaya now"

Landi: "Ha ah papa is baby, my name is Lifalandile Kuthula Landi Princess" Mpande rolls her eyes

Yomuzi: "Your child talks too much" I laugh we arrive at Bongekas place and I buzz at the gate and the last whose renting her grannies pad opens for me which is weird but I drive in nevertheless. I stop the car, go out and go to knock but no one is answering, I bang the door

and even go the other side but no one is opening. I know she is here because her cars are here and she is only going to China month and. I go to her tenant ask whether she has seen her and she says she last saw them in the morning and that she knows that they are inside because she never saw them leave. I knock again but still there is no response. Yomuzi is now knocking too.

Yomuzi: "ssssh do you hear that?" I can't hear anything, I shrug my shoulders "I think Yaya is crying inside Zwe" I listen and I still don't hear a thing. I try turning the handle but it's close, now I can my boy crying inside. I will break this door. I kick it once and it breaks I follow my boys voice with Mpande behind me. I walk into Bongekas bedroom I find her sleeping in a pool of blood in her on her white sheets, I stand in shock and Mpande let's put a quick scream but it's like she remember something and she

quickly picks up Yakhile and takes him out of the room. I stay still confused but I quickly gain my strength and I take out my phone and call the police.

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Londi

I've been dating for almost 2 weeks now and I haven't even told Aphiwe and even if I do tell her I just don't feel like I am ready to tell her that my first real boyfriend is 15 years older than me and who he is, I mean we are in laws.

Somedays I feel I feel absolutely bad but some days I feel good so far his doing good as boyfriend but our age difference does show his too dominant if that even makes sense. The morning calls have to be the best we would speak for hours, I calls like really early and I enjoy it. Listen to me blabbing like I've been

with this guy for a while Kant it has only been 2 weeks. For now I would like to keep our relationship a secret because I'm not quite sure where we are headed and I wouldn't want to put myself up for failure. Should our families find out and we don't even make it far a couple. It's one of those mornings again where I just don't want to get out of bed, I'm tired but I have an early class, I think I'm up early because around this time he should be calling and my phone rings. There he is.

Fika: "Morning babe" he sounds like he's been running, I know I jog so I guess he just came back from his jog.

Me: "Morning babe" I greet with my lazy day and he chuckles.

Fika: "How original, do you want to go out for breakfast, I miss you" hayi

Me: "I don't want to get out of bed" I say, yeah

I'm not even feeling well but let's see what the way has for me.

Fika: "Let me being breakfast then" I'd still have to get out of bed too

Me: "No, I'm fine I have an early class futhi" I hear him sigh

Fika: "Don't you miss me?"

Me: "It's Friday today, I'll see you tomorrow nje" I honestly don't want to see Fika during the week even though he sometimes forces things but I dont want it to be a habit

Fika: "You don't miss me?" Is he sulking "I haven't seen for an entire week, I miss babe"

Me: "aah don't be a baby, it hasn't been a week unehaba and you know I've been busy" he sighs again and we continue talking about stupid things. I hang up and get ready for class. I get to campus and it's not as busy but I have a group meeting, I don't like this group day there

is this guy whose been asking me out and he annoys me. We do our work whom Sbu nags me, I go out to print out our assignment and I run Sbu busy with my phone. I go to him and grab it.

Me: "Why the fuck are you touching my phone" I'm actually annoyed

Sbu: "Your boyfriend called, you should've told me that you're not interested instead of letting me follow you like I'm some kind of lap dog" he this guy.

Me: "Firstly I dont to tell you shit, secondly I told you that I dont like you and never will, for crying out loud you're fucking half of this group" they all look at me and back at him, I take my bag and start moving vele I have to submit, I leave the group with the girls ready to chop off Sbus head. I ignore Fikas calls, I just don't have the energy for mdala right now. I drop our assignment and to class, Fika calls untill I

decided to switch off my phone. The day continues. I hate Grids because they drag and I have classes through out the day. Luckily I don't have a test this week. I miss Aphiwe I need to give her a call or go see her. My classes at 4 and I run to catch a bus to westville to see my littles. I can't call her because I'd have to switch on my phone. I get to westville, and I head to Aphiwes room and I knock, I hear that there are people inside but no one is opens.

Me: "Aphiwe man vula" I hear round of people mumbling something but I cant make out a they are saying

Aphiwe: "Ngiyeza! Why didn't you say you were coming" haaibo this girl shows up at my res without even sending a call back but she expects me to call imihlola, someone opens and a guy walks out putting on his t-shirt.

Guy: "Hi, bye... bye babe" he says looking at Aphiwe.

Me: "tshisa Phiwe" I say walking and she blushes "Your room smells of sex yeeeses!" I say opening her Windows "emini kanje " she laughs

Aphiwe: "How do you know what sex smells like? Aw kahle" I laugh too and take a seat. We chat with Aphiwe and tells me about her new boyfriend Mandisi she looks happy so I wont say anything negative. I don't tell her about Fika until I'm sure sure about. It's 6 o'clock and I need to head to res, I get my stuff and head to the bus. I get to campus and meet Nontle and we chat like for a long time and then I walk down to res. Just as walk down I see Fika standing by the main door, I have good mind of turning around and going back cause he hasn't seen me just as yet but he lifts up his head and I awkwardly smile and walk down to him. I can't read his face, as soon I reach him he looks at me and stares deeply in my eyes shakes his

head and he takes my hand and pulls me towards the parking. I can't seem to find my words, when we get to his car he opens the door and I get in, I get in and don't even protest. He drives out of res and head towards Mhlanga.

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Fika: "What do you want to eat?" he says after long silence. I respond with the first thing that comes to my mind

Me: "I am fine with whatever" he drives to Gateway, he comes to my side and takes my hand, with all this silences I would have minded staying behind yaz. He pulls towards the foodcourt, his shoes are so cute, I want to take a picture but ngiyesaba, mnxm WTF let me just do it, I take out my phone and try to take the cutest picture of our feet on the escalators. We get to the food court and he heads to steers, I

am fine with those burgers shame. "Can we get something else, I don't like their burgers", he turns to look at me and I swear he just rolled his eyes at me wow. "Pizza and hot wings from chicken lichen will be fine thanks" I say before I am chocked to death with his eyes. We order the pizza and wait for our order while each on is on their phone. When our order is ready he takes it and we move to get the wings, he order and it doesn't take long. We leave and he drives to where he stays, I have only been there like once and that was when I was completely drunk. We get to his place and he come to open my door and I follow him, he first places table mats then the pizza then he goes to fetch a plate and give it to me, I dish up for us. This place is too big for one person. Let me brake this silent.

Me: "How was your day?" his mouth is full so I doubt he will answer me now. Indeed he does take his time chewing and swallowing.

Fika: "It was good until you decided to piss me off, wena how was yours" that was cold

Me: "It was busy as usual, it was not my intention to piss you off " I say looking down while he is looking at me straight in the eye

Fika: "Uban ophendule ifone yakho Londile?" whuuu why do I feel like Zwe is shouting at me now.

Me: "It was Sbu, listen, I just went to print the group assignment and when I came back I found him busy on my phone"

Fika: "So why not answer your phone after that? why not get back to me? why did you switch off your phone the whole day?" why is he shouting at me?

Me: "I'm sorry, I just angry and took it out on you, I told you nawe that I would be busy so I don't understand why you kept calling me" As soon as I finish that sentence his finger is on your my

chin, he lifts my chin with his finger and I get to see his face, he is pissed to the highest level of pistivity.

Fika: "Lalela sisi, cela ungangijwayeli kabi yezwa! Don't ever talk to me like that, I am not your friend mina, ungakhulumi nami ngath wehla emthini, do you know why I was calling you?" I don't know what to say, this is our first fight and I was wrong but for him to shout at me.

Me: "Don't shout at me, I am not a kid"

Fika: "then don't fucking act like a kid, why was your phone off? I'm sure nawe you don't know, stop being childish man" i just told this guy to stop shouting at me, I am close to crying and he sees that " Lolo" he says in a soft voice, gone is the beast "hey, don't cry" oh gosh I am crying "I am sorry for shouting at you but nawe you need to take responsibility for your actions" he says this while taking me and putting me on his lap,

and wiping my tears.

Me: " I am sorry, I wasn't thinking straight, I was pissed at Sbu" he kisses my forehead while hugging me.

Fika: "If we want our relationship to work you need to meet me half way babe, communication should be the last thing we have to worry about, you could have just sms'd me to call you back later or something, yaz we are still going to face challenges but we can't be challenging each other siyezwana" I nod my head quickly like a child "now eat" his phone rings and he puts me down and answers "No don't come, I am busy" ..... "I'm with my woman" ..... "what do you mean you don't have a place to stay, I left the house for you nje" ..... "how is it my problem that you sold the house, ay makaSthelo" He keeps on giving me short looks, "come get the keys to the penthouse" he drops the call and leaves me and disappears to somewhere in the house. He

comes back with a set of keys, he keeps fidgeting. Immediately someone opens the door and boom this beautiful lady walks in, I mean she looks like she just walked out of a magazine shoot, light in complexion, and skinny like really skinny, she is wearing jeans tight jeans might I add, a red top with a denim jacket. All this time we haven't said a word to each other.

Lady: "Aw Sanibonani laykhaya, whose this Sthelo's friend?" excuse me whaaat? I chuckle

Fika: "Don't be mean it doesn't go well with your look, Londi this Lindi my ex wife, Lindi this is my girlfriend Londi" he says relaxed as ever now.

Lindi laughs so hard and leaves Fika and I confused as Fuck

Lindi: "Haaibo Fikanokutula Khumalo, ingane le wow I didn't know you'd be this desperate" Fika throws her the keys and she catches them.

Fika: "Please leave before I loose it, and please give me my gate remote and the house keys" she laughs again

Lindi: "Haaibo stop acting crazy here, you want to score points with your teenager here ngam kahle nje" she walks out shaking her little booty still laughing, Fika stands up and follows her. I go to the kitchen to get myself something to drink, I find wine in the fridge and i get some, Fika walks in after a while and hugs me from behind. Gosh this guy smells amazing. "I am sorry about Lindi, she's a drama queen"

Me: "Please take me to res"

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Fika

Today is just not my day, first Londi then Lindi can my day get any worse, I walk after Lindi, I need to get my keys and set her straight.

Me: "Please give me back my keys, after a week I want you out of my penthouse, and stop insulting my girlfriend, she is mine not our" I hiss

Lindi: "That girl is almost Sthelo's age, what is wrong with you? I didn't know that you're a pedophile sies"

Me: "ungangijwayeli wena Lindi, Sthelo is 13 give me my keys"

Lindi: "How will I see the kids?"

Me: "You will call, like another person" she throws the keys on the floor mnxm

Me: "Don't be petty man" I take my keys and watch her drive off, ngeke ngidlale yena la. I walk inside and I don't find Londi where I left and I see light at the kitchen, I stand by the entrance and watch her as she moves freely around, pouring herself wine, I go to her and hug her from behind, she smells so fresh I want

to hold her like that for a while but she breaks the silence.

Londi: "Please take me to res" weeeeeee like things just got worse

Me: "come on now Lolo don't do that, Lindi won't be bothering us I promise, listen babe no one will bother you ever again" I really haven't figured out Londi all I have so far is that she speaks before thinking and that she reacts to her emotions without thinking too. I turn her, I want to see her, my girl is so cute though shes too adorable, I look in her eyes and she smiles, she so much shorter but not thin as Lindi. I kiss her nose then go down to her lips, they are so big and juicy and soft, I kiss her and she lets out a soft moan. I pick her up and we go to where we were sitting and make out on couch for the longest time, her legs are wrapped around my waist and she is directly sitting on my croch, I can feel that she is a bit nervous "relax, nothing

will happen babe" she relaxes a bit, and we continue kissing. I have my hands on her bum and helping me grind me, my erection is doing the most. I pick her up and we head to the bedroom and I place her on the bed again I feel her get tense, can I just get a brake, I haven't smashed in months.

Londi: "take it easy there, wait " she says pushing me away from her.

Me: "Babe, what is it? " I try to sit up with her underneath me

Londi: "I am not ready" she says looking at me straight in my eyes

Me: "I haven't even taken off your clothes and you're not ready, wazi ngani?" I try not to sound annoyed but she still gives me a straight look

Londi: "I think I would know if I am ready" she says sounding pissed and I try not to laugh cause I don't know why shes angry now.

Me: " How would you know" I say staring back at her and she looks away, OMG I laugh out loud

Londi: "what's so funny mdala"

Me: "You're a virgin Lolo, I can't believe this, you talk to much yaz I would have never thought" I say whilst laughing she hits my head, I move from her and cuddle her "relax my love I will wait for you" and I kiss the back of her head  
crop top

Fika

She is sleeping peacefully, I really need to thank the gods and ancestors for trusting her with me. She is so innocent and I can't help but think of all the drama that surrounding me. She moves a bit and accidently rubs herself on my morning erection, I have never seen someone jump up so fast, she moved so fast distancing herself from me. I couldn't help but laugh.

Londi: "Uhlekani?" she asks clearly annoyed

Me: "Lutho, good morning miss virgin" she rolls her eyes

Londi: "You're already making me regret telling you" she goes to the bathroom "everything here is so white mdala, do you have an extra toothbrush?" I stand up and go take a toothbrush for her and go join her while also brushing my teeth.

Me: "You're so beautiful babe" I say looking at her on the mirror and she blushes lol this girl everything about her is so innocent.

Londi: "Stop making me blush, I need to go to res"

Me: "Why?"

Londi: "Haaibo what do you mean why? I need to change these clothes and shower hawu"

Me: "hawu babe, why didn't you say you need

clothes we could have gotten them izolo?" she walks out leaving behind

Londi: "Uyangixaka manje mdala, you didn't even tell me that I would be sleeping over at your place you just shoved me in your car and drove off, how was I suppose to know that I am going to end up here if you didn't want to even tell me?" okay I remember that now.

Me: "Sorry about that, listen there are towels in my closet, take a shower and I will try to get you something here at the mall please spend the day with me"

Londi: "I need to study though, my first exam is around the corner, ngeke ngiphike with a person who has their degree and has a proper career and has a lot of money"

Me: "It can be your money too?" she laughs while going to the closet I guess its to get the towel, let me go get her something to change

into. I quickly rush to gateway and get her something to wear, its a dress, I hope she doesn't have a problem with it. I see a pink cap here too so I take it too, I know she will like it. I find her roaming in the kitchen with her towel on, I rush to stand behind her and she jumps up I guess I scared her.

Londi: "Hayi mdala don't snick up on me like that" I laugh

Me: "Sorry babe, was I gone for that long you've prepared breakfast?" She's prepared such a beautiful breakfast, I didn't even know that she can cook

Londi: "I am so hungry, I couldn't wait up for you sorry"

Me: "It's okay, I got you those clothes, I forgot to buy you underwear though" she giggles, my baby boo is so cute she takes the plastic and goes to change and comes back wearing all

those clothes they fit her perfectly the cap looks cool on her too

Londi: "Thanks for the cap, i love it" I had already prepared the table and put the food "Why do you like being so neat?" I don't want to answer that

Me: "Can you leave tomorrow"

Londi: "Why? maybe after exams I will have time not now babe"

Me: "For how long are your exams?"

Londi: "Two weeks"

Me: "Okay can you not leave after exams, stay with me for a week or so?" I am not even looking at her because I know I am pushing it, "I want you to meet that kids" she looks at me long enough for me to feel her eyes on me

Londi: "Don't you think we are moving too fast? and I can't be seen around all the time, what if

Zwe finds out?"

Me: "Fuck Zwe! I told you that I was serious about you and I am committed to you, unless wena you are not committed to me vele phela boys answer your phone so I would totally understand if you're not committed" she rolls her eyes

Londi: "I thought we were past the phone call, but clearly we're not, I am not saying I am not committed to this relationship all I am saying is that I am afraid of how our families will react futhi rightfully so futhi, don't be an ass about this really now we are having a conversation here, don't be petty and don't sulk" What did I say about her, she says the first think that comes to her mind

Me: "Watch how you speak to me" she looks at me then stands up with her plate "sit down Londile we are not done talking, up, I said don't speak to me like that, you're being rude

unnecessarily" she doesn't sit

Londi: "Fika don't be a bully, you basically told me you don't care how my family reacts, I don't know whether its the lack of respect you have for me or my brother but mina I care about how this relationship will affect the relationship that I have with my only brother, so shoot me for caring and wanted to protect myself from rejection from my own family when they find out that I am dating my sister in laws brother who is has two kids and an ex who just shows up. May I be excused" she says the last part with an attitude

Me: "No, please sit" she pulls out a chair and sits "Lolo don't you love me?" she looks down and plays with her fingers "Well I love you and I promise that we will get through whatever challenge we face together yezwa, I won't allow anyone to come between us, I am sorry if I came across as disrespectful towards your

family even your feelings but I try my best to control myself but you need to meet me half way babe, I went through all the scenarios before I could approach you, I've already thought about our families and I understand that you are scared but I love you and I am willing to fight for us but you have to be will fight with me for us not against me babe" she nods, I think she is crying "come here my virgin" she giggles and walks to me and sits on my lap " I love you Lolo, believe me when I say that"

Londi: "I love you too, but please be patient with me I am new in this thing" I kiss her on her forehead and she puts her head on my shoulder

Me: "I will be away for 3 weeks, I am going to Kenya for business, that is why I want to be with you for the weekend, just us" she sits up and looks at me

Londi: "When are you leaving" she wants to cry

Me: "Monday evening" she stands up and takes our plates to the kitchen, this is not as easy as I thought it would be yaz.

Continuation

Zwe

Why would Bongeka put my child through that? I really need her to make me understand why she would do that, worse I had told her that I was coming to fetch him. I'm at the hospital waiting for the doctor to give an update, on her condition Mpande took the kids home and I went with Bongeka to the hospital. When I see the doctor approaching I stand up and walk towards her.

Doc: " Are you Miss Mthembus family?"

Me: " Something like that" she looks at me like she is trying to read me " us she going to be fine?"

Doc: " She is going to be okay but I going to put her under suicide watch and I will arrange for her to se a professional, she will need al the support she can get from those around her, no negativity"

Me: " Hayi mina I'm out, I don't think that we can share a room with her I will kill iyebo" she looks at me with shock written all over her face "she tried to kill herself in front of my son, I will never forgive her for putting my son through that"

Doc: "then please stay away from her for now, can you please assist us by calling her family for us"

Me: "okay doc I will contact her mother right away" she nods and walks away and I turn to go home I need to see Yakhile.

When I get home I find the kids already in bed, and Mpande cleaning the kitchen

Yomuzi: "Manzini" I know what's she is trying to do and it won't work

Me: "How is Yakhile?" She walks to me and pulls my hand and leads me to the couch where she makes me sit and then sits on my lap

Yomuzi: "I think we should take him to see a doctor tomorrow, I had to give him Panado so he could cal down and sleep"

Me: " Bongeka has really done the most this time, how many times must she hurt my son, do you understand the emotional scars that he has now, if we hadn't arrived at the time my child would have seen his mother die. Uyahlanya yini uBongeka?"

Yomuzi: " have you contacted her family?" I take out my phone and dial her mom's and she answers

Mrs Mthembu: "Baba kaFano, uyaphila uFano?"  
That's what she calls Yakhile

Me: " Yebo ma uyaphila, uBongeka nje"

Mrs M: "ooh nkosi please don't tell me that she is bothering you and Makhumalo"

Me: " No ma, she tried to kill herself today, but we got to her on time she was admitted to St Augustine" she starts cursing over the phone

Mrs M: "I don't know why Bongeka doesn't want go grow up, I will ask her brother to drive me up leads ekseni"

Me: " Okay, nisale kahle ma"

Mrs M: " Okay ngiyabonga Zungu" with that said she drops the call

Yomuzi: "I love you Gwabini, please be patient with Bongeka, listen to her don't be too harsh on her" I nod, I understand what she is trying to do here.

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Londi

There are things that Fika is doing to me that are foreign, its like I don't know my own body. He made me do things that I have never done before. I know that I was wrong for not answering my calls but him shouting at me was uncalled for. His ex came to the house and insulted me, I was never ready for her but she looks nothing like me which makes me wonder what attracted Fika to me. Last night I wanted to leave but he promised me that things will change and since I had no clothes he went to buy me something to wear but he forgot to buy me underwear. He told thag he is leaving to Kenya and I felt hurt because I was so used to having him around. I think I am more hirt by the fact that he will bw gone for 3 weeks. We had a fight earlier, I didn't think that our first fight was going to involve our family, I admit I don't think our relationship will last bhut Zwe will flip but

that doesn't mean I should give up. I think what I feel for Fika is love, there is this feeling that I get when I think about him. There is a feeling that i feel when I am with him its like my heart tickles. I really don't know how to explain all this. He asked me to stay the weekend and honestly I don't mind, now that he is leaving I feel some typa way.

Fika: "Baby don't be sad, I will be back sooner than you think" I have been quiet all the way to res, I don't want to talk about this Kenya thing it upsets me.

Me: "Okay I understand, you have to work, I will have enough time to study" he looks at me like he ia trying to read me

Fika: "I will still call you 3 times a day, video call you even and I will bring you something nice futhi"

Me: "Its really fine babe, just make sure you

come back" we kiss for a while as he is now parked at res. This is not easy, I come out of the car and he starts his car. This is really sad, as he drives away I bump into Sbu and his friends, and he spanks my bum and I slap him so hard on his chest he seems taken aback but laughs as he sees his friends laugh too. I hear a car reverse and I turn and Fika is out of the car before I know it he has Sbu pinned on the wall.

Fika: "Ye wena shlama if I ever see you doing that to my lady, I won't hesitate to kill you" I am trying to make him stop

Sbu: " sorry brazo bengimdlalisa"

I know that it's too short but I will make it up to you soon

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Yomuzi

I feel something on my nuna, it feels so good, his playing with my honeypot with his tongue and fingers. He keeps on going, it feels so good and I don't want him to stop, we haven't done this in a long time, we've just been busy, he moves up kissing every part of my body when reaches my lips he plants soft wet kisses, I want him badly right now He enters me slowly as we find our pace, the door opens TF, Zwe jumps up and goes to the bathroom, its the kids, I check the time is 3am. Landi is in front leading the squad. They walk towards the bed, mind you its dark, the only light is coming from the bathroom and it looks like Zwe is showering, I still have to laugh at him. I pick them up one by one and put them on the bed

Me: "What's wrong with my babies, why aren't you sleeping?"

Siyakha: " uYaya is crying Muntu, he is crying a

lot and he is making Landi cry and making me sad" oh man my boy is having nightmares, I sit up and and take Yakhile and put him on my lap and hush him

Me: "I am sorry my boy, we will go to see a doctor and you will be fine my boy, you will be fine" I hush him, I see Siyakha and Landi are very worried they have cuddled next to me, Zwe comes out of the bathroom half naked with a towel wrapped around his waist, he looks so damn sexy, he gives me a questioning look and I point at Yakhile with my eyes and he shakes his head with sadness. We really need to take Yakhile to the doctor, we are not sure how much he saw. I Bongeka but I am in no position of hating or judging her, I don't know all her worries and her mental state for that matter. Nsika used to cut himself too after the rape, firstly it took us a while to even see that until I found him lying on a pool of blood after he had

left early at school claiming to be sick. Zwe get in bed and we watch the kids fall asleep

Zwe: "I don't think that I can ever forgive Bongeka for what she put my son through, what if he never has peaceful nights"

Me: "I think we should take him to the hospital I am sure we will find a doctor that can help" I am staying out of the Bongeka detail, because we will fight if I mention the forgiveness. I woke up in the morning with the kids sleeping next me, Zwe is not around, Siyakha and Yakile are cuddling Landile so I search my for my phone, I send it to Zwe, Londi, Aphiwe and to my family group on WhatsApp. I put on my gown and I go look for Zwe, but I don't find him in the kitchen, the lounge, I go his study and I see him standing by the window, my baby is really hurt by this Bongeka saga. I go to him and hug him from behind, he turns and kisses me, a very deep kiss, he picks me up and goes to the couch with me

and he makes me sit on him, I guess we are continuing where we left off, I lift up my gown and sit directly on top of his manhood and I start humping, he is still wearing his trunk, I hump until I his manhood is all out, he inserts himself on him slowly and we make love on the couch until we can't make love anymore. We cuddle on the sofa

Zwe: "I love you Makhumalo, nothing keeps me going like knowing that I have you in my corner" he kisses my forehead "I hate that I can't do anything right now to Yakhile, I feel so helpless" I think we are going to be having one of those days where Zwe sulks all day and loses his temper every now and then, one has think carefully before they talk and.

Me; "come lets go get you some coco pops lover"

Zwe: "Okay muntu wami" we stand up and go to the kitchen where we find the kids eating

breakfast I make Zwe his coco pops, I ask our nanny to please clean up the kids. I go shower and get dressed, then head downstairs

Zwe: "please eat ngisayogeza" he gives me a plate of food, that doesn't appetising at all but I try to down it.

We head to Mhlanga where I find Nhlanhla waiting for me, we walk to him and he picks up Landi

Nhlanha: "Kant how many kids do you want have nina?" Zwe laughs

Me: "Who said that I'm pregnant?" he laughs

Nhlanhla; "haaibo sdudla I know you" he says side eyeing me I look at myself cause I didn't know that I had gained weight

"How far are you"

Me; "3 months" he gives me a confused look

Nhlanhla;" Are you sure? you don't look 3 months I thought you were 5 months" Zwe tries to make him shut up but its too late, a lot has been said

Me: "Fuck off"

Zwe: "Don't speak like that in front of kids muntu" Nhlanhla chuckles

We get to the doctors, it's me first then it's Yakhile

Receptionist: "The Zungus" we stand up and Nhlanhla is left with the kids at receptions, we go in and find the doctor waiting for us

Doc: "Hi I'm Dr Msimang, I hear you are here for a check up?"

I nod, now I am excited "please go change into this" she says giving me a gown and I step into the change room and when I come out I find Nhlanhla and the kids inside with us with Yakhile on his dads lap, he looks like he was

crying, I want to take him but Zwe shakes his head and I get on the bed, Nhlanhla keeps looking at Dr Msimang, she puts gel on he my tummy after asking me a few question.

Dr M; "Dr Khumalo you do know that staring is rude" Zwe and I chuckle

Nhlanhla: "I will stop staring when you agree going on a date with me" she ignore him and I laugh, she puts the ultrasound on my tummy and I hear a blipping sound, she moves the ultrasound around there is another blipping sound

"haaibo Yomuzi"

Me; "What? hayi mani Nhlanhla stop it hawu, haaibo ini?"

Nhlanhla: "You are carrying twins" he says with excitement but my doctor is not please judging with the look she give him "What Doc, she's my sister"

Dr M: "there is a reason why she didn't come to you for consultation" he chuckles, I don't think I am excited anymore now, I am scared, Zwe is more than happy he keeps kissing me and saying thank you, he is showing the kids the ultrasound, telling them that their sisters are on the way and they are confused to say the least.

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Zwe

We just left Dr Msimang's office and now we are headed to see Yakhile's doctor, he seems like he is having fun today he is even playing with his siblings. I haven't gone to see Bongeka yet I'm just not ready to see her, I think I will lose it and I really wonder what will happen to that China thing of hers now.

Nhlanhla: "No more names about building now, sekwanele manje angazi nakha ini le engapheli"

hahaha lol did this guy just dis my kids names?

wow

Yomuzi: "At least we are building something wena dololo and you ain't getting any younger" I know I can always count on Mpande on come backs, we are all laughing cause Nhlanhla had no come back "So manje what's the deal with you and Dr M?"

Nhlanhla: "Mfwethu, I've been asking her out for months but dololo akangifuni, I don' know what to do anymore and the more she reject me is the more I want to be with her, I think I'm in love" Mpande and I laugh but it looks like his dead serious cause he is not laughing at all

Yomuzi: "Maybe if you were not sleeping with the entire hospital, you would not be having that problem"

Nhlanhla: "I think it's time I go back to work ngoba khona ophaphayo manje" Mpande and I

laugh again

Yomuzi: "I'm just pulling your leg bro hawu, I actually miss you guys, you no longer come to the house, I don't even want to mention Fika, I last saw him at my traditional wedding" she actually sounds sad

Nhlanhla: "Useyajola loyo" he pops his eyes like he has just said something that he wasn't suppose to say hhee I wonder yaz "But today he was meant to go to Kenya on Business" we are now at the Psychiatric ward sitting and waiting for our turn, I see that Nhlanhla is a bit uncomfortable about something he is just ignoring us and playing with the kids, after a few minutes we are called in and we go consult. The psychologist suggested that Yakhile be hypnotised so he can be able to erase that memory all together because he is still young there are things that he can't articulate but h also gave us a few tasks to do at home to help

him heal and forget, if that doesn't assist only then will the other option take place and I have to say I'm a bit relieved. We leave the hospital and head to gateway to get lunch, we head to Ninos just as we order I see Fika and his with someone, a girl might I add, I try to wave at him and he does look to our direction but as soon as our eyes meet he quickly looks away and I swear he just ignored me and disappeared on me. I don't know what is wrong but I know that there is definitely something wrong with these brother and they are definitely hiding something. I try o call him but he doesn't pick up, now I am really curious as to what is going on

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Zwe

I am going to hospital to see Bongeka cause she asked and I really didn't want to go but

Mpande I must go and ask her all that wanted to know so I can stop being so angry, it turns out I am attending her session with a psychologist.

Dr Cebekhulu: "thank you Mr Zungu for agreeing to join us today, Miss Mthembu has a few things to share with you today, I would like you to listen to what she has to say, please bare with her and please try to contain your anger" I nod and he gives Bongeka a look and she looks like she just breathed out.

Bongeka: "Zwe firstly I would like to apologise for putting our son through that but it was not my intention, I will never forgive myself for doing that to Yaya. See the thing is that I never accepted that you left me for her, we had it all sorted and then you just left me kanjalo nje, after everything you put me through, you just move on just like that. You don't cheat on her, you've never hit her. I have watched you play

happy family with her and not once in our relationship did you ever do the things that you do for her for me, you left me without a warning Zwe and you became happy you didn't even care about me. I really tried to accept that you were no longer mine but I couldn't I just couldn't because I had this picture of us together and we were happy but you just left me. She is not even like me, she looks happy all the time it doesn't even look like you fight. You bought her a house in FUCKING La Lucia, I tried to get you move from that place for year but yena bhaam she has you moving in a few second, Zwe I love you and I want to be with you but I know I can't have you but please allow me to take my child with, its the only reminder I have of you and the one thing that you can't possibly take away from me" she crying but she just pissed me off

Me: "I am so sorry for all that I put you through and for not being the person you wanted, I am

sorry that I fell in love with someone else while I was still with you. I am sorry for hitting you and for even cheating on you, nothing justifies my actions towards you but I am sorry. Our relationship was toxic we were fighting all the time, we did nothing to improve each others lives, in the years we were together there is nothing that we can put to show, we were all about fun, look now you have an opportunity to go shine in China and I know that you wouldn't have gotten that opportunity ngoba you wouldn't have finished your desitation with me on your back. I am truly sorry that you can't accept that I moved on with the most amazing woman who has loved me regardless of my flaws, I know you would have left me the minute Siyakha was dropped my door in fact, we would have found him dead of hunger because we would have been out the whole weekend, doing only God knows what. Please allow yourself to accept and move on." she nods while crying, I

really feel bad. I was a douche all throughout our relationship

Bongeka: "If I can't have you then I want Yakhile, you can't have it all." she says screaming while crying. I think she doesn't know that she really knows how to piss me off

Me: " You're really not being fair, you have put Yakhiles life in danger twice already, now you want to take him to China where I won't be able to get to him when his in danger, I'm really sorry but you know I don't trust you with our son" the doctor hasn't said anything so far

Bongeka: "Why do you always have to take everything away from me njalo nje you take, you keep on taking Zwe all you do is take" Oh this girl knows how to get under my skin

Me: "Bongeka you're not moving to Johannesburg you're moving to fucking China, that's a new continent and a new country and I

don't feel comfortable allowing to leave and go that far with him no, maybe visits or something but you're not leaving with Yakhile" with that stand up and leave the plan was to go to work but now I'm just going home and sleep in silence no kids no Mpande.

I drive home and immediately I go the kitchen make myself some coco pops and head to our bedroom, take off my shoes and get inside the sheets but I notice that Mpande forgot her phone. I hear sounds coming from the bathroom and I find Mpande hanging over the toilet

Me: "Are you okay Makhumalo"

Yomuzi: "No, I want these kids out, morning sickness is going to be the death of me and all these emotions" I want to laugh but I can't "It wasn't like this with Landi Zwe"

Me: "its going to be fine babe, uzobona"

Yomuzi: "I want something strong, I think you should get rid of all the alcohol in this house cause its going to drive me crazy" she says while standing up and going to the sink to rinse her mouth "I don't think I will be going to work this week"

I take her hand and walk back to bed, I take my coco pops and start eating. "I guess your heart to heart didn't go well" she says pointing at my bowl with her eyes, I put it down and sleep and cuddle her

Me: "She wants to take Yaya away just because I hurt her, because I left her for you, how can one person be so spiteful?"

Short Insert

Londi

It's been two weeks since Mdala left to Kenya, I thought I would be fine but I actually miss him a lot. No the drama though, firstly we almost bumped into Yomuzi and Bhut Zwe and we literally had to run away from them, it doesn't help that I missed the kids and I deeply wanted to see them. We argued about why we can't come out and announce our relationship to everyone again, when I thought things were fine boom Sbu does shit and Fika loses it. He man handled the guy and almost killed him and didn't even feel bad about that shit. When he left we were not in a good place but I miss him already and he's left with a whole two weeks in Kenya. Exams have me busy but I know things would be different if he were around, it doesn't help that he calls me a thousand times a day and not forgetting to video call me kunjalo. He sends me money all the time, money I don't even need. I have two exams left and Aphiwe is coming today to study at our library because

apparently Westville gets noisy so we will chill and go up to study later. Aphiwe arrives and we decide to go to Davenport for a bite with Nonhle we really need to catch up vele, exams have had me busy I haven't even told my friends about my relationship

Nonhle: "Haaibo siyabonga Aphiwe, I haven't seen Londi in such a long time, the last time I saw her was when she was going to her mysterious date with that guy we don't know, ngoba ngimbona today" there she is with her lies this one

Me: "Why unamanga skhokho, you know that I've been busy with school and my group projects" they laugh "wena Aphiwe hows your man"

Aphiwe: "whoooo sisi, ingawe lento lets not shift the attention, we all know that ngiyajola and on the other hand wena usuyajola ulala ama out futhi" mnxm not her too

Me: "Mnxm lets leave it, my man and I have decided that we are not going to tell anyone until we sure about this thing" Aphiwe laughs

Aphiwe: "Kahle bo wena Muntu kaFika" my eyes pop

Nonhle: "I knew that he was eyeing you that day I just didn't think he would actually ask you out since you know you guys are sort of related or something"

Aphiwe: "No we are not related, our brother married his sister, I am sure that that does not warrant us being blood relatives" our order arrives and we dig in.

Me: "I like him shame, but I am just not sure and Zwe will kill me. And you guys how did you know?"

Aphiwe laughs again

Aphiwe: "Besides what Nontle said, He made you his whatsapp story this weekend, saying

'missing the bae'" I am shocked why the fuck would he do that "oh relax, its nothing that deep, he just put a picture of you guys walking just your guys feet, I know those takkies you had on and he put a picture of you guys holding hands, just your hands" Still man, if she could see imagine if Bhut Zwe actually pays attention

Me: "I've been so busy I didn't even see those pics, I would have told him to put it down mnxm"

Nonhle: "Ay Londi let the guy be, I think he actually likes you kakhulu, bheka nje you're even paying for our dinner namuhla, usually you're broke so ke nje siyambonga and you guys look really good together" we laugh these bitches, It actually feels great to tell someone about this. "So how is he in bed" Aphiwe laughs again, uzongidina lo

Aphiwe: "This one is still a virgin and I am sure of that" I give her the look, uyaphapha

Nonhle: "All that sugar and you're still a virgin  
whuuuu, uyadlala wena mina ngabe sengimithi"

Me: "Ay leave me alone, do you guys want to  
order more food for studying later" I had to  
change the topic and they are more then  
excited we order and finish up and I pay  
because I now have money to just use. We get  
our food and leave. Aphiwe heads up to  
campus with Nontle, I will be going up later  
when its empty. Fika calls via video. I was  
chatting to him while we were out with the girls  
and he gave me more money, I really don't like  
what he is doing

Me: "You need to stop giving me money, I don't  
like it."

Fika: "Is that how we greet now?"

Me: "I seriously want you to stop with all the  
money and the food you keep sending with your  
PA, the poor girl should be relaxing since you're

away but she is reduced to bringing a student food at

Her res hayi" he just looks at me

Fika:"but I want to send you money and I don't want you to worry about cooking while you have exams and I pay her mos" this is so frustrating

Me: "Why aren't you dressed?" his half naked on his bed, there's is something I see behind him, on the chair behind him. Its black and silky

Fika: "I just showered babe" I can't take my eyes off that silky item on his chair, I screengrab while we are talking and now he sees that I am a bit distracted.

Me: "Fika, are you fine with me not being ready for sex?" he looks at me rather shocked, I'm sure he wants to know where that is coming from "I mean I've heard that men can't go on for long without having sex and we have been together for like a month and I am not ready at

all and I really feel that if you want to shag someone else I am afraid mina..." he stops me while I talk

Fika: "Woaw wait babe, where is all this coming from? Listen I did say I would wait for you and I meant it" this guy thinks I'm a kid.

Me: "All I am saying Fika is that if you feel you can't wait for me its fine we can stop all this" he sits up

Fika: "Lolo what's going on, what did I do now?"  
mnm I drop the call, go to the picture and circle the lingerie on the chair, he is disturbing me with his calls, eventually I finish and I send him that picture. With a small note that says 'You said you will never break my heart'.

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Fika

Me: "Vee, what the fuck did I say about you leaving your belongings lying around, this is the last I do this with you" See whenever I'm in Kenya Veronica is my go to girl, it's a habit I picked out a long time ago and it didn't stop, I really didn't think I would be caught this soon. Sthelos mother never noticed shit and I guess I thought Lolo wouldn't notice either. I've been trying to call her since she dropped our call and she sent that message. "Vee I said leave, I don't know why you're still here" this girl is annoying me nakhona. I just remembered that she was going to go to campus later and join her sister, I do have her number so let me call Aphiwe cause I am sure she went to study and left her phone. I dial and she answers

Aphiwe: "Sbali" oh she told her, we are making progress. She sounds excited though for what angaz

Me: "Aphiwe, uyaphila?" I didn't even noticed

that I just sighed

Aphiwe: "I'm good thanks wena?"

Me: "Not so great, are you by any chance with Lolo there?" she giggles I guess she is laughing at the Lolo part

Aphiwe: "Yeah she is pissed at something, umenzi? She is giving me bad looks yaz" she seems to be enjoying this

Me: "we had a little miss understanding, may I please talk to her"

Aphiwe: "Lolo, Fika wants to talk to you.... Uyangiziba, Londile mani take this phone right now" I'm listening them or rather Aphiwe scolding at Londile

londi: "Why on earth would you call my sister, hayi mani"

Me: "What was supposed to do, you're not answering my calls, you're not even a minute to

explain, you always think the worst nje" I feel like she just rolled her eyes

Londi: "I know what I saw and you're not going to convince me otherwise, now stop calling me. I need to study ngiyabhala" she drops the call, I call Aphiwe again

Aphiwe: "You answered so you must talk to him now leave me out of, ngiyafunda mina" that was Londile speaking on the background when Aphiwe answers "sorry Fika, give her some time to cool down a bit" I say and say my goodbye. I am far from finishing with this business deal so I can't go just yet, we had plans after her exams and when I am back but now I know that she will leave after her last paper now. What is this girl still doing here.

Vee: "So you're going to dump just like that"

Me: "I have so many things to worry about so please don't try to add yourself to the list" I

stand up and show her the door. Let me get some sleep.

I can't focus for real. I had a meeting in the morning with our suppliers and little things are just pissing me off. At first her phone would ring then it would ring then she would drop my calls now it's just off! I am beyond frustrated, this is the longest time I haven't spoken to Lolo since we started dating. It's killing me actually and what's frustrating me is that I can't tell anyone about this just my brothers. Nhlanhla is on call he will go check on her after his shift and Nsika is working from Richards Bay and he has a date with Yomuzi which is not good because he can't hide things from especially if he is worried about something and I know that Yomuzi will be pissed and call Londi and this will just add to our fight, oooh nkosi Jesu ngifile. Just as I try calling Londi again but nothing, I

know she is writing the following day so let me try finish all this and go home. MaZulu is calling I wonder what have I done now

Me: "Cherry kaDad" I greet as I answer

Mom: "Fikanokuthula Khumalo, what's going on there? John called says you're on a short fuse and loosing it, I don't want to loose that deal, so get your head right" hawu

Me: "so John told on me, wow now I can't have a bad day without being reported, hayi shame oJohn bazokumangaza" I hear her laugh

Mom: "Its just unlike you being in a mood so I guess he was worried, what is it? Why are you in a mood? Do you want to talk about it" Whaaaat Noooo not with you

Me: "No mom, is Themba there, I think she will understand me, she always does" she laughs

Mom: "I really don't understand you, why Themba not Nhlanhla or Nsika?" mom should

understand this

Me: "hawu ma, it was Themba and I for a very long nje before the others and Themba never laughs at me, she just angaz yaz but yeah" she laughs

Mom: "okay talk to Themba ke and get back to the game."

Me:"Bye maZulu khumalo, love you"

Mom: "love you too Khumalo" I need to call Themba and that bitch of mamgobhozi that is John. Can this girl at least answer my sms's hayi mani. This actually starting to annoy me.

Me: "Tee she doesn't want to talk to me"

Themba: "Hello to you too Fika"

Me: "Hi Themba, she wont talk to me, I messed up big time"

Themba: "Ngakukhuza ngokujola neygane, what did you do futhi?"

Me:" Don't shout ne, but I banged Vee and she 'accidently' left her lingerie on my chair, I video called Lolo while she was showering, I seriously didn't see that thing behind me and she screengrabbed while we were talking and asked me why I promised I would wait for her if I was going to tap on the side"

Themba: "Haaibo they still make virgins la ngaphandle? Whuuuu nawe you see now, I told you about that Vee long time ago, so what do you need from me?"

Me: "Come on Tee, you what I need from you tell me what to do"

Themba: "Does Yomuzi know about this konje"

Me: "Aw kwahle Themba you know very well that you'd know if she knew" she chuckles

"Telling her the truth is not an options"

Themba: "So vele your relationship is going to based on lies first not being honest with the

families then now this, sometimes I think you're becoming Londi, she is a kid now you act like a kid too" this girl, this is not the time for her righteousness acts "all you can do is try to come back asap and be honest with, maybe leave out the part where Vee is your girl when you're in Kenya"

Me: "I can't come back yet, the deal has not pulled through and John told mom that Im a bit distracted so now she ia on my case"

Themba: "Angaz yaz just keep calling her tell her that you will explain to her when you're back she must just wait for you or something"

Me:"She won't even answer my calls Tee"

Themba: "Kant what happened to your charm man, you're a mntungwa think of something hawu" she has a point. "And if you're really serious about this girl, you better convince her that the right thing to do is to come out so Zwe

can kill you kanye"

Me: "Mnxm angimsabi loyo, please tell my kids I love them bye" I drop the call and call Londi this time using the land line at tgmhe hotel Im using and she answers siyabonga boKhumalo

Londi: "Londile Zungu hello"

Me: "Londi please don't drop" silence "okay hear me out, can I video call you, I miss you"

Londi: "Just talk Fika, I've got things to do"

Me: "You can't stay mad at me forever babe, just wait for me till I come back and let me clarify things, not over the phone please love"

Londi: "Yeah whatever dude" I think I am winning let me push on

Me: "Can I video call you, I miss you Lolo, you don't have to talk back please love"

She drops the call and I video call her, she looks so cute with her glasses, she is in her room

sitting on the bed and wearing my tshirt which I don't remember giving to her. "You look cute with my tshirt mam" she giggles baby steps

Londi: "Just because I miss you doesn't mean I forgive you" she sounds sad and hurt

Me: "I promised I wouldn't hurt you, please try to trust me on that, I would never intentionally hurt you sthandwa" she nods not even looking at me she looks like she is reading something "what are you busy with?"

Londi: "please call me later, I can't find my notes and things aren't making sense now" I laugh

Me: "I love you" She looks at me for a while

Londi: "I really miss you" and she drops lol

Apology Insert

Zwe

I'm still upset with Bongeka but her therapist

asked to see me again and told me that they are thinking of keeping her at the hospital a bit longer because there are deeper issues that she still needs to confront. Mama bear is four months far now and her tummy is big, her cravings are too much, I sometimes find her eating in the dark in the early hours of the morning. Yakhile is doing good, he still goes to session but he sleeps okay now. We always find it hard to celebrate the kids birthdays its just odd, its Siyakha in April, Yakhile in August and Landi in July its just confusing nje so we stick to going out and family only parties. Soon we are going to be celebrating Siyakhas birthday and I don't know what to get him my boy is turning 5, he looks 6 and has lost a tooth and also hates school. He reminds me so much of Siyathokoza when we were kids though, such a mamas boy.

We are at Galleria, to get a few things but the

primary goal was to go ice skating because Landi wanted to go ice skating. Mpande was against the idea but she ended up coming with the boys following her as usual. I have to mention that Siyakha and Yakhile look twins, its actually scary, Yakhile is just a bit shorter. When we applied for them to go to preschool it was so hard explaining that they were not twins without me looking like an ass who cheated. We are now at Woolworths, Mpande wanted their shake but we ended up getting stuff for her and the kids, I end up sitting with Landi and Mpande is with the boys somewhere in the shop, when I hear a familiar voice I turn and I can't believe my eyes its an old friend from Varsity she looks so grown.

Me: "Ayanda Ndlovuuuuu" I say still shocked, I haven't seen her in years almost a decade. She turns and is also shocked

Aya: "Well if it isn't the mighty Nqobizizwe

Lifalomanzini Zungu" she claps her hands and give me a hug "OMG I can't believe my eyes" she looks at me and Landi

Me: "Aya? Where on earth have you been, look at you all grown, Jesus Aya"

Aya: "I haven't seen you in 8 years, look at you, I guess this is your daughter, she sure looks like you,so much even" she looks at me again and hits my shoulder "Zwe you have a kid now? Who would have thought"

Me: "Not just a kid, I am a father of 3 and a Wife and 2 on the way" she laughs

Aya: "Don't tell me you married that Bongeka girl,aw Jesu kodwa ngingaba yini? I leave for a few years and you marry that witch" I laugh she still talks too much

Me: "You still have a smart mouth, no Bongeka and I broke up like 5 years back." I look around for Mpande and I see her coming towards me

pushing a trolley with the boys. Now I look like a useless husband. "There she is with the boy's following her" they are pushing the trolley with her its funny

Aya: "Im with my husband too" I widen my eyes "don't give me that look"

Me: "I thought you were lesbian" she laughs

Aya:"thats because you're an idiot I am bi"  
Mpande comes stands next to us and smiles, I love how she is not insecure, I put my hand around her shoulder and kiss her forehead

Me:"Aya this is my wife Mpandeyomuzi, my sons Siyakha and Yakhile and this her on my arm is my naughty princess Lifalandile, muntu this is Ayanda Ndlovu"she giggle and pulls Mpande for a hug lol she was always down to earth

Aya: "Nice meeting you Mpandeyomuzi, thank you for ukucosha umngan wami" she laughs

again "I never thought I would actually see the day when this one is married, you've got a beautiful family Mpandeyomuzi"

Yomuzi: "Its also nice meeting you Ayanda, you can call me Yomuzi."

Aya: "by the way Zwe I am Mrs Mzimela now, there is my husband and my son coming" they come stand next to us "Zwe this is my husband Zenande Mzimela, our son Dalincebo, baby this is Zwe an old friend and his wife Yomuzi and their kids, Siyakha, Yakhile and Landile, thats right right Zwe" I nod. I can't help but to notice that Ayanda actually looks like Mpande but I guess ukfana kwabantu.

Me: "Nice meeting you Zenande, Aya I need to tell the guys you're back, phela the last time we saw you, we were dropping you off at the airport

and you were going to China" she laughs but I

see her staring Mpande a lot.

Aya: "Let me get exchange digits so I give you a call and we meet up, I've actually just moved this side la at Toti, do you also stay around?" I take out my business card and give it to her she looks pleased, she gives me a hug

Aya: "I am so proud of you man" I chuckle, she knows it was always my dream to have my own company

Me: "Thank you, We actually stay in La Lucia" she gives me an enquiring look "Landi here wanted to go ice skating which ended up not doing cause she was afriad" we laugh "listen please do give me a call so we can catch, we need to get going, it was nice meeting you Zenande, I hope you're treating her well" he laughs they look good together, we say our goodbyes and leave. Mpande looks lost in her thoughts so I won't disturb her. The kids look like they are sleeping. Its too quiet in this car

now

Yomuzi: "Babe" I turn to glance at her a bit  
"Where is Aya from?"

Me: "Embali Pmb?" she keeps quiet again and takes out her phone and dials. Shes making a call and her phone is connected to the Bluetooth of this car so it goes on speaker

Yomuzi: "You won't believe this yaz" she is calling Nsika

Nsika: "Well hello to you too Mrs Zungu" I laugh I can't hold it.

Yomuzi: "ay kahle, listen I juat saw a female version of Nhlanhla its insane ntanga" he laughs

Nsika: "ha where, you know we all have people who look like us somewhere in the world right? Ukfana kwabantu" now that she is mentioning it Aya does look a lot like Nhlanhla, she does look like the rest of them but more like Nhlanhla.

Yomuzi: "Yaz I will let you see this yourself you will be shocked, but she is Zwes friend I will invite her over for dinner so you guys can see for yourselves, lets hope ukfana kwabantu" they talk for a while and she drops the call and turns to look at me "that girl looks like us so much Zwe, why haven't you mentioned that you have a friend who looks like us?"

Me: "I just noticed today yaz in fact when you were standing next to me, I haven't seen her in 8 years we lost contact when she moved to China"

Yomuzi: "How do you know her?"

Me: "Well we met in varsity in our first year, we stayed at the same res and we did the same thing, she was the only girl in the group, it was me, Andile, Litha, Ntobeko and her. We actually stayed on the same floor" Now thinking about it We really thought Aya was lesbian she was always with us and always had the most

beautiful girlfriends.

Yomuzi: "She looks like Nhlanhla and it scary, we should invite her over for dinner with the family sometime" she really looks worried about this.

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Yomuzi

This pregnancy is difficult, I cry and eat a lot. I have become Landis doll, she makes me cry all the time and she enjoys it, I see it in her face. This other day she said why am so Fat, I asked her what is Fat and she literally illustrated it to me with her hands. I cried and Siyakha went to call his dad cause I was crying, we were busy at the bathroom and Zwe came in running, I was now sitting on the floor crying.

Zwe: "Muntu wami, why are you crying? Did you hurt yourself? Are you in pain?" that time his evil daughter is laughing at me

Me: "Landi says I'm fat Zwe, and look she's laughing" she giggles again.

Zwe: "Landi stop being mean to muntu wam please" his not even shouting at her, his not even looking at her, I cry louder and he is scared and doesn't know what to do now. "Lifalandile apologise to your mother" his voice a bit firm, that's my man.

Landi: "Aaaah muntu bengikudlalisa" she says walking to me and wiping my tears "I'm sorry ma wethu" aaah what just happened she called me mom!

I smile and they both looked confused.

Me: "She called me ma, Zwe it's the first time"  
Landi laughs again

Landi: "Uncle Fika always says you're not muntu wethu umuntu kaZwe" I laugh at the Zwe part "he says you're ma wethu, like whenever he calls us he say uphi uma wenu" with that she's

gone, my girl talks too much for a four year old. Today is the day, my siblings are coming over for Sunday Lunch, Fika came back early from Kenya he said there were things that needed his attention back here and he didn't want to miss Sthelos birthday. which is great because everyone is here to meet Ayanda, who actually doesn't know that she is meeting my siblings so they can see how she looks like us and very much like Nhlanhla. I asked mom if I had any other siblings abashona or something and she froze and then changed the subject. Zwe managed to get Ayanda to come over, she was excited to come over. Fika is coming to take the kids for breakfast and Lunch and some game stuff at gateway. I asked Londi to help him out with the kids since he is going with all of them, Lihle and Themba are coming over to cook, yes Themba is in town, Nhlanhla had a night shift so his sleeping and joining us later and Nsika will join Fika later he said he had a thing in the

morning. Someones at the door it's Fika

Fika: "Sanibonani kwaZungu bo" he says walking in like he owns the world.

Zwe: "Fika why would you tell my kid to call me by name" hahaha his actually annoyed but Fika is not even worried

Fika: "Niyaphila ekhaya, baphi abashana?" he ignores him while laughing, Londi come walking behind the kids who are running to Fika who just happens to be staring at Londi, its like his breathless and is looking at her like no one else is the room. she's busy on her phone paying no attention, I'm actually glad Zwe left the room cause this here won't end well. They leave apparently, Lihle will drop Ndalo, Sihle, Unazo and Sthelo at gateway before she comes here.

I'm at the kitchen with my sisters and we are talking about this Aya thing and Themba is

saying she was able to talk to mom and ask more but all she got was that Nhlanhla was also a twin but he passed away right after giving birth. She didn't probe further cause mom seemed upset. My sisters are doing the cooking and mina I'm just eating and talking lol.

Themba: "So vele you're pregnant vele futhi?"  
what does she mean futhi I have one child

Me: "Haaibo what do you mean futhi"

Lihle: "I think they are trying to open a creche benoZwe" we laugh

Me: "Haaibo guys its just 5 kids" they all turn to look at me

Lihle: "Bitch you're having twins congrats babe"  
They both come to hug me.

Me: "Landi called me ma and called Zwe by name" they laugh

Themba: "You should stop addressing Zwe like

that, the kids will think its okay for them to do so, they copy how you guys call each other, bheka nje wena they call you muntu" I get her point but this one is not on me

Me: "I get you but its Bhut Fika not me Landi said and I quote 'Uncle Fika said I am not umuntu wabo kodwa ngiwumuntu kaZwe and ngiwu mawabo" they laugh

Me: "Since we are on the Bhut Fika subject, I think he has a crush on Londi, the way he was looking at her today morning, it's exactly the way dad used to look at mom like no one else is in the room, it was scary cause his old" Themba coughs, it's a fake cough futhi and we give her the 'talk' look.

Themba: "Hayi its not my place to share iyndaba zabantu" we give her the 'really' look. "Serious guys, all I know is that Fika has deep feelings for Londi, it's actually scary yaz" TF

Me: "Haaibo since when? I don't like this at all, Fika just got divorced WTF, ufuna ukwenza ntwana iRebound Fuck no"

Themba: "I told him yaz, but he wouldn't hear none of it"

Me: "Zwe will flip, whuuu why niyithanda idrama laykhaya vele?" we laugh

Themba: "From what I hear from the boys his whooped"

Me:" Nsika knew and never told me woow!"

Themba: "why do you think he stayed away? It's because he can't keep shit from you, so he just stayed away" I am annoyed. I really hate this new habit kaNsika. We continue cooking, Zwes friends will be joining us later so this dinner had better start soon.

There is noise, I guess the kids are back,

Aphiwe is here too. Fika is walking behind Londi, again he is staring at her, not paying attention to whatever Aphiwe is going on about. Again Londi seems to be lost in whatever she is doing on her phone. This is just confusing, I will confront them. And Fika how could he?

I find Aphiwe and Londi chatting with my sisters, I call Londi to the study and text Fika to come up too. He walks in just as we sit down, he thinks of turning but the look I give him makes him change his mind.

Me: "Is anyone going to tell me what's going on between you two" Londi opens her eyes in shock looks down again "khulumani phela"

Fika: "Cela ungangijwayeli kabi mina Mpandeyomuzi, I am not your friend, child or little brother that you have to reprimand, what I do is none of your business yezwa and don't ever raise your voice at me, ngimdala kabi ukuth ngingathethiswa uwena" Well I did push it there

Me: "Then act your age, why ujola nabantwana? Bhuti why would you do that kumndeni wami, you know this will affect my relationship with Zwe, you know how he feels about his sisters" he looks at me, it's like Im insulting him right now.

Londi: "Sizoyeka sisi, I didn't mean to cause any problems"

Fika: "The Fuck Lolo, uzoyeka ini? I don't give a Fuck how Zwe feels, why should I care when he didn't care about my feelings, akuyekwa lutho, ngeke ngizwe ngawe mina Yomuzi. You call the shots in your marriage hayi la kimi"

Me: "Do you even love Londi or you on some pay back shit with Zwe, uqale nini ukumthanda, did you even see her before you got divorced, does she now about the random girls you fuck and pay with expensive bags?" he moves towards me so fast, I am sure that he will hit me but Londi manages to stand between us and

looks at Fika with pleading us but he doesn't back down. I might now be scared of anyone but my brothers, bayangithusa straight especially this one. Londi still standing between us and Fika is fuming

Fika: "Listen and listen carefully, you have no right to say all the shit you just said, do you know all the things that I kept from you that Zwe did because I loved you and cared for your feelings, today you have showed me how much you value our relationship. I never thought I would have to defend my relationship kuwena. For the record I do love Londi with all that is in my body, with every breathe I take and I want to make a honest woman out of her one day. The only reason I didn't tell is because she was not ready for all this, you have hurt me deeply and if Londi and I don't make it just now that me and you are far from being siblings" with that he turns and leaves the room. Again I've messed

up things, Zwe always warns me about acting before I think. Londi is sitting down crying and I walk to her.

Me: "Do you love him? Are you willing to fight for him? Because Fika has demons very deep demons, he needs someone who will stand firm with him"

Londi: "Is it all true, the girls and bags"

Me: "If you want to go far in life, Learn to never listen to me when I speak with anger, I speak a lot of shit" she laughs

Londi: "Bhuti Zwe always says that when he is pissed at something you have done"

Me: "well its true, so?"

Londi: "I am not sure its Love or what, I've never been in love but he makes me happy like, I get happy and butterflies when I think about him, I know he is old but he completes me and make me feel whole, like he is the one I've been

waiting for. I asked him not to tell you guys because I wanted to see how far our relationship goes before we go out in the open with it" nami ngiyaphapha

Me: "Okay, I will support you guys just promise to tell me if he miss treats you. Don't stay there just because you have declared to us if you feel its too hot for you phuma, no one will judge you, you have your whole life ahead of you there is no rush" she hugs me and wipes my tears. I need to apologise to bhuti, we leave the study and go back to the kitchen the girls are still there

Themba: "akvumi uthule Yomuzi" I feel bad ready "You've really hurt Fika, and you need to apologise. He was ready to kill someone when he came out of that room, all because wena awkwaz ukuthula" she shakes her head.

Me: "I know hey, I let my brain do the talking before i actually think, where is he I need to

apologise to him"

Lihle: "He drove out, he said if he stays he will break someones hand, I'm sure that is your hand ke" we laugh

Londi: "I will call him" she takes her phone and leave

Me: "I wish he forgives me"

Lihle: "Nawe uyathanda ukukhuluma yessses!"

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Fika

The most frustrating human being on this earth has be my little sister, Londi and I just got back to our normal selves after that Vee incident now this. I left Kenya a week earlier because I wanted to sort out that issue and I couldn't stand Londi being angry at me, yes she was speaking to me but it was not as it was before I

messed up now it's back to square one. I just need to hurt someone. So I left and drove to my house and went straight to my gym. My phone has been ringing and I've been ignoring it. Today I got to see another side of Londi, care free and good with kids. When we were out with the kids she paid no attention to me, she just played with the kids. Sthelo and Unazo warmed up to her, they love her. I just wanted to hug her and kiss her but she wouldn't allow it. At least she was talking to me. Now Yomuzi has ruined things for me. I finally decide to answer my phone, Londi is the one calling.

Londi: "Please come back everyone is worried about you"

Me: "Aren't you worried about me?"

Londi: "nope, just come back mdala" there is silence

Me: "Londi I am sorry"

Londi: "Just come back" she drops the call. I go take a quick shower, get dressed then head back. I walk in and it seems everyone is outside at the back where we usually have our dinners. I get there and look for Londi with my eyes and I can't find her.

Yomuzi: "Shes with the kids, they were talking about some concert with Sthelo" mnxm I don't want to talk to this one "Bhut I am sorry I was out of line, I do have a few issues about you dating but that was not the best way to address it I was way out of line, I will support you even though I know that my husband won't like it but I will stand by you. I know you love her" I turn to look at her. "Well you see the way you look at her is the same way dad used to look at mom, the first thing he did when he came back from work was look for her, in fact where ever we were dad wanted to make sure that mom was at sight. Today I noticed that with you, that's

how you look at Londi, please don't hurt her she has been through a lot." with that she walks away and I walk to guys. There noise I guess Nhlanhla and Nsika have arrived, Andile is here too. I go sit and grab a beer. There's someone at the gate, Zwe goes to attend it, after a few minutes he comes back pulling a cooler box, there is a lady following him and she is carrying three bottles of Vodka lol. I was not ready what happened next. She looks up and I see a replica of Nhlanhla. She's tall, not too dark, her posture is exactly like Nhlanhla's but I think what's even freakier is the fact that they are wearing the same thing, blue jeans, denim shirt and black all stars. This is so weird

Lady & Nhlanhla: "What The Fuck" we all look at each one.

Zwe: "This is so freaky, anyway, guys this is Ayanda Ndlovu Mzimela, Aya this is my wife's family. I will start with the big brother Fika, on

the left is Themba, next to her is Lihle, you remember my wife next to her is her twin brother Nsika, you remember Andile and the one that looks like you is Nhlanhla"

Nhlanhla: "how is this shit even possible"

Yomuzi: "Nginitshelile"

Aya: "I need alcohol" if it quacks like a duck then it's a duck.

Themba: "Hi Aya, pleased to meet you, come sit next to me, I want to just stare at you" and we laugh trust Themba to say such. Aya comes and sits next to Nhlanhla.

Yomuzi: "All that Alcohol and I can't have any" they laugh and I don't

Me: "Why"

Zwe: "Ave uSlow" they laugh again I see Zwe putting his hand on her stomach

Me: "Wow why am I always the last one to find

out shit kant" they laugh again "kant how many kids are you guys planning to have yeeses!"

Zwe: "10 000" he says rolling his eyes.

Aya: "I never thought I'd really see a day when Zwe was a husband and a father, aneva!" she says clapping her hands onces and we laugh

Me: "wamzama usis wami" we laugh "Ayanda" I say in serious tone now, I get everyones attention "today was no coincidence, Yomuzi told us about you and we wanted to see for ourselves. You look so much like the one you're sitting next to as you can see but itDoesn't make sense. I'm sure you're as confused as we are. Tell us about yourself"she sighs

Aya: "well I'd be lying if I said I didn't see the resemblance last week when I bumped into Zwe and Yomuzi but I really thought ukfana kwaBantu. I was born and bred in Pmb eMbali, My dad was a business man ushone in 2007

and my mom usaphila she still lives embali. I'm an only child. And you guys?"

Me: "Well our dad too was a business man and ushone 2011, I'm the eldest, then its Themba, Nhlanhla, Lihle then the twins, mom is back at home kwaNongoma. You look so much like Nhlanhla it's scary"

Aya: "Nami it freaked me out nje, I will ask my mother about this" We continued to have chat and we got to know her and her family. Even though we were still convinced that we were family we still needed to confirm with my mom. Later Zwes friend joined, it looked like a reunion. The kids had left with Lihle, Nsika was occupied with his town, I don't know what they were giggling about. Nhlanhla looked stressed with our new sister and I was missing Lolo, I need to be her tonight I don't know how though.

Yomuzi: "I will say you took them back to res, hope Zwe doesn't find out that she is done with

exams" Okay I'm not angry at now. I walk to the bedroom they use, I find still awake with Aphiwe.

Me: "Phiwe uright"

Aphiwe: "Sho mdala wena" we both chuckle.

Londi rolls her eyes.

Me: "Yomuzi asked me to take you res, come. I'm leaving" She stands up takes her bag, I look at Lolo who is not looking at me, I look at her until she feels it and looks at me

Londi: "Yini"

Me: "Asphelezele uAphiwe ngizokbuyisa" she stands up and follows me out. We find Aphiwe by my car. Lolo insists on sitting at the back. We drive to westville with Aphiwe talking all by herself, we drop her off and I ask Lolo to move to the front and she does.

Me: "For how long will you be mad at me"

Londi: "Until you buy me an expensive hand bag"

she says with a smirk and not even looking at me.

Me: "I guess that won't be happening anytime soon because you're not giving me some" she taken aback, she look at and sees that I'm not taking her back.

Londi: "Please take me to my brothers place"

Me: "Londile I am sorry, but you can't keep using my past against me"

Londi: "How the fuck do I know that Its your past if you've never come clean to me, I had to pretend as if I'm okay and I know your dirty laundry today, whereas I've asked you a million times whether you were going to wait for me and you looked me straight in the eye and said yes, gwiqiqi you're in kenya and some woman throws herself at you, uma ubona mina ubona isdomu? did you pay her with a hand bag too?" to be honest I was never ready, I thought we

were past the kenya issue.

Me: "I thought we were past the kenya issue?"

Londi: "Really? What gave you that idea, just because you came back doesn't mean shit? you came back to handle me"

Me: "I don't appreciate the tone and language you're using with me right now"

Londi: "Ay awungiyeke Fika". I've never seen Londi speak like this to me. I'm too shocked to respond

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Londi

I thought I could do this dating thing with this guy. I can't help but think that even this age thing is the reason why we can't seem to find ourselves at the same page, it's only been like almost 3 months and I already feel like I won't make it past the year. One thing I know now

about Fika is that he lies, he clearly loves sex because everywhere I turn it's his sex history. Now it's not even that I am not ready for sex but it's him that I am not sure about. With us being together there are so many challenges waiting for us but he seems to be at the top of the list in the challenges. What Yomuzi said got me really thinking about his dishonest ways and how I just want to be put in the picture, I can't keep hearing things and looking an idiot he must tell me so I know what I'm getting myself into and indeed if it's too hot I will leave.

Fika: "I really don't appreciate your tone and the language that you use with me"

Me: "that's the last thing you should be worried about" he looks at me and chuckles

Fika: "You stay too much with Yomuzi, uvele ukhulume nje"

Me: "At least she is honest with, she tells me

what to look out for, with you I'm Stevie Wonder,  
all blind ngiyobona ngendlela"

Fika: "Come on now that's not fair, I am sorry  
that you are hearing and discovering things  
about me from other people, unfortunately  
those are the things I want to leave behind..."

Me: "Is that what you were doing in Kenya" he  
turns to look at me looking like he can slap me  
anytime but he doesn't scare me, My dad had a  
scarier face and Zwe is more intimidating so he  
must just stop "At some point you need to know  
that you don't scare me" he chuckles

Fika: "Just let me finish.. Yes I'm an ass Lolo but  
I am really trying here and you just giving up on  
us is not helping at all. Yes I used to pick up girls  
and pay them with expensive bags, but that was  
then not now and you can't use in our  
arguments ngoba it's in the past. With Kenya,  
since we are not past that topic, Vee is an old  
fuck buddy, and we occasionally hook up when

I'm in Kenya, I told her we couldn't hook up anymore and she left her stuff in my room"

Me: "I need a drink, a drink drink" he sighs

Fika: "Londi I am not perfect like you, I have a history a bad one futhi, I have demons, demons that I need to fight everyday and ever since I met you it has become easier to fight these demons, I want to be the best boyfriend ever, I don't want to repeat the mistakes I did with uMaka Sthelo with you." I roll my eyes "I am really trying here please me half way here"

Me: " What is it that you want from me. I have always been honest with you, I have no experience at all in this dating thing and I told you. I know nothing, all I know is that I need to be happy and when you cause me to be unhappy then I will leave and right now you're making me unhappy, because you're still not telling me anything, all that you've 'Confessed' to is things that I already know."

Fika: "I really don't know what you want me to say?" he sighs and takes my hand into his, I didn't notice that we were at his house "let's get inside and I will tell you everything, Promise you won't leave me" I ain't promising that shit. I sigh as he kisses my hand and we go inside the house, as we get in the floor has rose Patels and candles he looks confused, they go all the way to his bedroom, hehehe I need pop corn.

Fika: "Stay here" he sounds nervous, I'm also not doing that shit, I follow him and he opens his room and baaam a nice yellow bone lady is sitting on top of his bed half naked wearing red lingerie drinking Champaign with strawberries "Shit Vee, what the fuck?" he sounds nervous, he turns around and see me, his shocked and literally frozen.

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Yomuzi

My mother refused to talk to us about Aya, I'm not sure what is going on but she just shut us out. Nhlanhla had their DNA taken and it turns out that they are identical twins hahah well that was obvious. Aya says her mother too doesn't want to talk. At some point these ladies will have to talk. Nhlanhla is hurt and lost, I haven't seen my brother that bad, but on the upside they spend a lot of with Aya, all of us in fact. She reminds me of my mom but she deserves closure sooner or later our mothers will have to come clean for now Themba says we should give mom some space.

The relationship that Zwe's mom has with the kids is rather strange, she loveeeees them even though she doesn't necessary like, she never fails to mention that I'm not favourite person. I don't mind our relationship though, siRight. I eat a lot and the things I eat aren't actually good,

this other time it was raining and the ground smelt really good, I went out and had some soil and Zwe was not impressed at all but anginandaba. My tummy is embarrassing me, its just big. At work they treat me like treating me like I'm sick which annoys me, Zwe says I must stay at home, Im only 4 months pregnant. Landi said she misses MaShandu so today we are all trekking to Port Shepstone. I'm packing and Zwe is helping me and I laugh. Zwe gives me an enquiring look.

Me: "No, I'm just remembering how I used to force you to go home, mara your daughter speaks once and we all trek there" he laughs

Zwe: "It's not even like that, you helped me a lot, I am sure that if it weren't for you ngabe namanje ikhaya angilifuni" he says hugging me from behind "I don't think I tell you enough how much I love you, you keep me sane. I don't think I'd be here if you were not here"he says kissing

my neck

Me: "I love you too handsome" Landi barges in as we are kissing and closes her eyes with her hands

Landi: "Eeeuw"

Zwe: "Phuma!! go knock!" he shouts, she dramatically walks away shuts the door and knocks" I look at Zwe and I know his ignoring her cause he continues kissing me

Landi: "Baba" she shouts, Zwe always says she has a short fuse just like me but I think her fuse is short like his "may I please come in"

Zwe: "Ngena" she walks in a folds her arms on her chest, I want to laugh but I don't want to mess this serious moment

Landi: "Kant when are we leaving?" oh this is about the trip

Zwe: "When I say so" he says not even looking at

her. I wonder what's going on between them

Landi: "Aw baba, Mashandu will be sleeping when we get there, asambe" my daughter has this ritual with Zwes mom when she arrives, they drink tea and watch a show called Ugubhu lami, Landi says Ugubhu laMaShandu, so I'm sure that's what she is rushing us for

Zwe: "Hayi leave me alone, I want to spend some time with umuntu wami" she wants to cry now cause her dad usually jumps when she talks and today his not is paying attention to her demands.

Landi: "Ma wethu, can we please go, baba will drive his other car" I am not getting involved

Zwe:"Yeka umuntu wami Lifalandile" her tears are on the verge of dropping now, "Go tell your brothers to get ready" he finally says after a while. And she runs off jumping in fact.

Me: "What was that all about?" he looks

annoyed.

Zwe: "uLandi is naughty too naughty for a girl, she drew my car seat with a pen, my leather seats Mpande" I laugh "Don't laugh ayhlelisi lento" He looks at me for a while "Its the X6" The Fuck!

Me: "What? That's my car, those seats are cream white, why didn't you tell me? Angithi you don't want me hitting them bheka manje" This child is frustrating "Lifalandile Kuthula Zungu, woza la!" there's silence "LIFALANDILE"

Zwe: "You see why I don't tell you things, now you will shout at the child kant it was just a mistake" what is this guy saying to me, I here a knock, oh now she can knock?

Zwe: "Ngena" he says chuckling and she walks in looking down

Landi: "I'm so sorry ma wethu"

Me: "For what?" I say with a stern voice, she

starts tearing and Zwe wants to go comfort her but he knows not to test me.

Landi: "It was a mistake ma wethu I'm sorry" she says in a shakey voice.

Me: "Nami I will leave you here by mistake yezwa" she looks up with her tears running down her face, unlike her dad mina her tears don't scare me "ukhalelani? I will give you a real reason to cry mina, phuma la" I shout and she quickly runs out and lets out a loud cry "Don't test me Lifalandile" I shout after her "I will hit you for real and no one will save you from me"

Zwe: "Yeka ingane" this guy! He looks angry "Don't you think that was too harsh"

Me: "Manzini you spoil Landile too much, I didn't even hit her, she uses her tears to get away with anything, that time you are strict with the boys"

Zwe: "Akufani, the boys need to learn to be disciplined at an early age and to be responsible

at this age while they are still young" This hypocrite

Me: "Landi too, she needs to learn to take responsibility for her actions, wena your mood changes when Landis crying because she wanted Yakhiles toy by force and you shout at them and tell them to learn how to share, meanwhile yena she doesn't want to share and you find nothing wrong with that behaviour" I say rolling my eyes, he seems taken a back a bit

Zwe:"hawu now you're monitoring my parenting skills"

Me: "Asambe, your daughter wants to leave now, I don't want her to cry now and get shouted at" I say banging the door.

We start at Pick n Pay and I do groceries with the boys Zwe and Landi are sulking,I don't care. Just as we are about to go pay, I bump into Muzi, I haven't seen him in a while actually. I go

pay and he walks to me.

Muzi: "BoZungu" he says coming towards me, this guy is actually handsome "Umithi futhi?" he says looking at me from top to bottom,

Me: "Nxayi Fuseg" he laughs

Muzi: "Yini? You guys want an army? iphi lendoda yakho enomona, he doesn't want me with his ex and he doesn't want me looking your direction" he says looking around for Zwe.

What's funny now is how the boys are looking at him

Me: "Kant wena why do want to look my direction" I ask rolling my eyes, I see Zwe walking in, I'm sure he was wondering what was taking me so long but when his eye landed on Muzi, his face changed

Muzi: "let me leave before Batista here hits me for looking your direction" I want to laugh but he quickly moves

Zwe: "Uthini lo" he says pushing the trolley towards the car, I ignore him, he must continue sulking, Landi is still playing far from me. We get to the car and he packs the things inside the car and we head to Port Shepstone.

"I'm sorry, I shouldn't have lost it, I hear what you're saying and I will try being more strict with Landi, but you need to understand that she is my little girl, she needs to know that I would move mountains for her"

Me: "You need move mountains for all your kids, protect all of them, she needs to know that when she is doing wrong there are consequences to her actions, that way she learns to respect her siblings and the word No."

He nods and holds my hand.

We get to Zwes, she is wide awake, she pushes out the door and runs to the house, Aphiwe and

Londi are at home, I didn't know that. The boys go to their cousins, and the girls help us with the groceries. We walk in the house and we find Zwes granny and uncle with Manshandu, there's also 3 men and 3 women who just happen to be sitting on the floor, while the men are sitting on the sofas, the ladies are sitting with a baby boy who looks older than the boys. Landi is sitting on her grandmothers lap, this child.

Zwe: "Hawu Sanibonani" I am glad Im actually wearing a dook. We walk in and I try to walk to the kitchen but gogo stops me.

Gogo: "Sanibona Manzini, Makoti sit" I whatsapp Londi to come take Landi. She walks in a minute later and takes Landi, who wants to protest but I give her the look, vele we're still not good so she rushes off with Londi.

Bab'bheki: "It's good you came yaz I was going to call you and ask you to come tomorrow but since you are here lets me fill you in, these

people come all the way from grey town, they have accompanied the boy there and they are claiming that he is Siyathokoza's son"

I look at this boy again and he does look like my kids

Man: "We are not claiming anything this boy is Siyathokoza's son, we are here to leave him, he is causing us problems at home, he still wets his bed at this age" he looks at the boy with disgust, one of the ladies starts sniffing "He is trouble at school, no school wants to take him, even at home he doesn't listen" I see gogo shaking her head, this man is rude. "all we want is for you to pay the damages and to keep him, we don't want him" Zwe is quiet.

Zwe: "Konje who did you say you were?"

Man: "Magwaza" I text Londi to bring in Juice and biscuits and she does.

Zwe: "BoNjinji I am not sure whether you know

that Siyathokoza has be dead for almost 5 years now"

Man: "Sihlanganaphi" Zwe is getting pissed.

Zwe: "Please don't disturb me when I speak" he says in a stern voice "Now, he is not here to account for himself but I am sure we won't have a problem seeing one of our own" I look at the ladies again and the one in the middle is still crying. "What My family and I will have to discuss is taking the boy to come stay with us, I am not comfortable seperating the child from its mother"

Man:"Lalela that's not an option the boy is staying, we don't want him, just pay us and the mother was a virgin when she slept with that criminal you called a brother" everyone is just too shocked to respond, Zwe asks for a few minutes with his family and I take the boy and showing other kids to play with. I go join the others by the tree where they are talking.

Gogo: "That boy sure looks like Siyathokoza, it's obvious udinga usiko"

Zwe: "Even when his dead Siyathokoza still manages to be a pest" Zwes mom is unusually quiet

Gogo: "Hayi Lifa, we need to do what's right"

Zwe: "And whats that gogo?"

Gogo: "Pay the damages you stupid and give them everything they want, we will have to imbeleko soon and since we didn't do it for Landile, we will combine it" I don't know why I am here, after a while we go back inside.

Zwe: "We apologise for making you wait, we have decided to come pay for the boy"

Man: "You must pay now" haaibo and then?

Bab'bheki: "Hayi Njinji, that's not how things are done, kant where do you think you are? Please don't disrespect us, you know very well that we

can't do such"

Njinji: "Okay okay, but next week we want our money, we are also leaving the mother here, we can't even marry her off" haaibo kant siphi la?

Bab'Bheki: "What will we do with her thina"

Zwe: "Ngoba you don't know what to say to us, seningahamba" He said in the scariest voice ever, the men hurried out with the ladies following them, Njinji threw a plastic, Londi picked it up, was his clothes. As the car was driving out the boy noticed he was being left behind, and he started running behind the car, letting out at Loud cry. The car eventually got out of the gate, the boy cried so hard rolling over on the floor, this was painful. Everyone just stood and watched, I couldn't so I walked to him and picked him up, he wrapped his legs around me and we walked to the house with him crying.

Boy: "Why do they hate me so much?"

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Fika

I really didn't know that things can go so wrong for one individual in single a day, in fact, in less than 12 hours kanti what have I done? I really don't know how Vee got in cause I know I never gave her my keys. The only way I will settle this is to call the police and report a break in.

Woman are crazy, I tell you... The minute Vee sees that theres someone behind me, she puts on a sexy smile and walks towards me not paying attention to Londi.

Vee: "Baby I don't like the way you ended things in Kenya, so I thought I would come over and remind you what you're going to be missing out on" that time Londi is chilled as fuck behind me, Im mad as hell but she is so calm.

Me: "How the fuck did you get in my house

Veronica?" she attempts to wrap her arms around me but I push her away "I'm talking to you" I say in a stern voice that causes her body to shiver, Londi is still not moved. It's like she is watching a movie.

Vee: "Pitbull! I'm sorry baby I didn't mean to upset you baby, I just thought that..."

Me: "You thought what? That you should break in my house?" I take out my phone and call the police, Vee walks towards me and stands too close for my comfort

Vee: "You see I also showed you that your security around this house is not good, look babe..." after a few minutes someone answers the call.

Me: "Officer I would like to report a break in, at mount edgecomb..." Vee grabs my phone and runs to the end of the room, switching it off

Vee: "The F Pitbull, you are reporting me? After

all that I have done for you now you want to throw me in jail like I'm some criminal just because of this Bitch" I see Londi stare back at her "I can't believe this, this kid is the reason you want to stop our arrangement? She doesn't even look like she can fuck" Londi picks up a Vase and throws it at Vee she misses her face but hits her arm, pretty bad. I quickly go to Londi and hold her as she was going to Vee

Londi: "Listen deal with your man here and leave me out of your petty argument prostitute, don't fuck with me" Vee wails

Vee: "You are letting her violate me like this Pit? I'll tell my father about this and be sure no business will be done between our families"

Me: "Vee let yourself out my house before I do something to you and you know what I am capable of" Vee stands up puts on her shoes and her gown, just as I think she is leaving she grabs Londi by the neck, I quickly push her to

the wall with my arm pressed on her neck, now I'm angry and she sees it, her legs are dangling in the air.

Londi: "Fika you are hurting her" It's like she is speaking from the distance, I can't hear her at all, she keeps hitting my back "You'll kill her"

Me: "You know I don't like people who don't listen, but you know what ticks me off more it's people who mess with Londi" I feel my flops getting wet, this bitch just peed on herself.

Londi: "Fikanokuthula Please Khumalo" she is crying and hitting my back, her eyes are all out and the white part is showing "Khumalo ngiyakucela, uzombulala" I let her go and she falls on the floor and Londi rushes to her, I pick up my phone on the floor and switch it on and I pull her out of the room

Me: "she's not dead relax" she's still crying, I take out my phone and call Nhlanhla and tell

him to come over and check Vee out. After 30 minutes he runs in "Bedroom" Londi and I have been sitting for that 30 minute, she has stopped crying. I walk to the sofa where she is sitting but she attempts to stand up but I pull her to my chest.

Me: "You almost killed her"

Fika: "I should have killed her" she chocks and looks at me with all her eyes out, Pitbull is out and he is ready to kill but I need to calm down Im scarring the poor girl. "I would go to war for you Londi, I love you and this who I am, I protect those I love and I won't apologise for that" I'm still holding her close to my chest, she is scared I can feel her body shake. Nhlanhla walks out carrying Vee on his shoulder

Nhlanhla: "Dude you should control her temper, you could have killed Johns daughter hayi man" he says walking towards the door

Me: "She is lucky I didn't cut her ears, you know I don't like people who don't listen"

Nhlanhla: "Fika man, you're scarring Londile" I need to calm down. Nhlanhla walks out shaking his head.

I stand up and pick Londi up, I walk to the other bedroom with her and place her on the bed, I go to my bedroom and take my pyjamas, I walk back to her, I find her sitting in the same position I left her in, I take off my clothes, and put on my pyjama bottom and undress her and make her wear my pyjama top. She looks far away. I move her to the middle of the bed, and put her inside the sheets and get in behind her, I cuddle her, I like her short lilac hair. I brush it with my hand, while my other hand is on her breast its so firm, I caress her breast and pull her nipple while breathing hard next to ear, she she's breaths heavily. I let go of her hair and

move my hand to her other breast and play with them and also softly pinch her nipples, she lets out a soft moan which makes my spine shiver. I move my hand down slowly, while kissing the back of her neck, I get to her panty and I slip my hand in, I caress her and move my finger up and down her cookie, she's getting wet. She lets out another moan. I play with her clit being too careful not to overdo anything. I turn her to face me, Im so hard right now. Her eyes are now small and red.

Me: "Baby I need you to trust me with your heart" she doesn't say anything, I look straight into her eyes, I see a little doubt then i kiss her, the kiss is so passionate yet so hungry. Still stroking her clit, and she's letting out a loud moan now. " Londile I need you to trust me with your body, mind and soul" she moans while breathing heavily, it's making it worse. I lay on top of her and take off the top she is wearing, I

start by kissing her forehead, I move to the nose, the lips, her neck, I nibble on her breasts a little longer, down to her belly, I get to the bottom, I take off her panties, she has a bush, I smile a bit but she's out, she's somewhere in cloud nine. I make her open her legs, I can see she is shy. "I want you to allow me to worship your body, allow me to love you the only way I know how to love" I say all this while breathing on top of her vagina. She moans and relaxes, I put my tongue on her clit and she screams, in a good way, she holds my head while my tongue is exploring her vagina, I slide my finger in gently, she winces but my tongue helps her relax as it assists with pleasuring her

Londi: "Aaaaah Fika feels so good" my finger keeps on going in and out of her cookie, I don't stop till I feel that she's cuming "Fika I will pee" she says while shaking, I still nibble on her cookie. She finally lets go and I go up to her and

kiss her with my mouth and beared full of her cum. I feel her nipples getting hard again.

Me:"Allow me to make you a woman, my woman" I say with my penis knocking on her wet cookie, I keep moving it up and down between the lips of vagina, she nods while moaning. I try to push in but she moves away.

Londi:"Its painful Fika" she says with her arms around my neck and closing her legs with me in between them

Me:"Open wide baby, it will pass, relax" I whisper in her ear while I nibble on it which seems to be exciting her body even more, the tip of my penis is in, I push slowly and she screams, while pushing me, I push in again slowly and I see tears running down her face, my penis is half way in "There's no turning back now love" I kiss her passionately, then push in harder this time. She lets out the loudest scream, I don't move for a while, allowing her to

calm down a bit, I kiss her, and bit her lips a little and I start moving slowly, she's starting to enjoy this shes letting out loud moans and is scratching my back, as I move she starts moving with me and I groan. I've never made love to anyone like this, I feel like I'm coming, so I start moving faster.

Londi: "Fiiika" she says moaning out loud "aaaah baby"

Me: "I love you baby" I say moving in and out fast "you're mine forever, I will never let you go" I can feel my body building up, I think she has cum 2 times already "I love you Londile, with my body, mind and soul" I feel it coming and let go inside her, I cum, God must bless me with a little boy now. I'm sweating on top of her, Im still trying to catch my breath, she is tightly holding me, I'm still inside her. I don't want to let go "I promise to be the best you ever had" I say looking into her eyes "One day when you're

ready I will wife you" she chuckles , I pull out and shift and lay next to her and we cuddle.

Londi: "Is that what the fuss is all about" she says laughing and trying catch her breath, I laugh too

Me: "Yep!" I say kissing the back of her neck "I really love you"

Londi: "I love you too Khumalo"

Fika: "I promise to take care of your heart" I think she didn't hear me because she is softly snoring now.

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Yomuzi

I swear everytime I come to this place theres some sort of drama. My heart is broken to pieces when I see the boy crying and rolling on the ground and I'm in tears when he asks why

these people hate him so much. I take him to our house, the plastic they Tomoz out the door has just a pair of pants and a red top that has holes. The clothes that he is wearing right now even warm and they are torn too. I need bath him because he is dirty and it's already late. Over the years Zwe and I extended his backroom, its now a three bedroom with a sitting room and a kitchen along side with a bathroom, we also have one in our bedroom too. I fill up the bath and put some detol, he has a sores all over his legs and arms. I help him take off his clothes. And I can't believe what I am seeing right now.

Me: "Zwe!" I scream, with tears rolling down my face, Zwe runs in its like he was just outside. He is as shocked as I am. He has bruises all over his stomach and his back. He is not even looking at us. I can't stop crying, Zwe takes him and baths him and I go take Siyakhas pyjamas,

Im glad I packed an extra pair. Zwe comes out the bathroom with the boy and they are laughing, its good to see him laugh, I take him from Zwe and wipe him and help him get dress.

Me: "Mina nguYomuzi uMamkhulu wakho and lo uZwe ubabo mdala wakho, your fathers brother wena uban igama boy?"

Boy: "Sbanesihle Ndlovu, kodwa you can call me Sbani"

Me: "Okay boy, nice meeting you Sbani, you are going to be staying with me and Bab'Zwe, we will take you to see a doctor ksasa then buy you a few clothes" he nods

Sbani: "Can I sleep with you mamkhulu" he says in a tiny voice

Me: "Yes baby, but first you need to eat" I take him and we walk to the main house, where we find everyone eating, Londi hands him his food, I go take Zwes food and hand it to him. We

settle down and eat

Mashandu: "Thank you Makhumalo" I nod, This is the first time she has ever been nice to me.

Londi

I wake up with Fikas face inbetween my thighs, I turn my face to look at the watch on the wall and its 03:00am. Whatever his doing down there is amazing, I feel my body heating up, my legs are all shaky, my toes curl, its like theres a wave washing down on my body. He comes up to my face and starts kissing me while inserting myself in. He doesn't move he just looks at me straight in the eye.

Fika: "I love you baby, with my soul" he starts moving, it's still painful but Im enjoying it, there is so much pleasure in what his doing, it's like his stirring something. I can't help but let out a moan, his breathe is driving me crazy, this really

feels good. I don't know why nobody bothered to tell me that this shit was good. He pulls out and turns me around, puts a pillow underneath my tummy, and I feel him enter from behind, aaaaah gosh this feels so good. He humps on me so much I'm now breathless, I'm sure the neighbours can hear me, the way I am screaming right now. I'm hold on these sheets for my dear life right now. His now humping fast and is shaking uncontrably

Fika: "Shit Lolo baby, I'm coming" he lets out a loud groan then falls on top of me. Also as breathless as I am. We stay in that position for a while.

Me: "Hayi mdala, move you're heavy" he chuckles and moves, we cuddle.

Fika: "Babe"

Me: "Yes love"

Fika: "When do you think is the right time for us

to get married?" he is brushing my back

Me: "Why would you divorce just to get married again?"

Fika: "Because you're my soul mate" I laugh

Me: "How do you know?"

Fika: "Well, I love you and today I just saw how much you really mean to me, I pray for you more than I pray for myself" I laugh really hard

Me: "Shut up, that line is from a movie suka" he laughs too

Fika: "I really do love you though and I want you to be with me forever, I want to spend the rest of my life with you. I don't think I could have fallen for anyone else. What's funny is that I never thought I'd want to marry after umaka Sthelo but here I am willing to do it with you"

Me: "Hayi mina mdala I am not sure, I still have a lot to do, I need to finish my degree and get

a good job, I want travel, I want to go to Zanzibar and Cuba" I smile when I feel him grow on my bum " so marriage is the last thing on my mind" he puts his hand on top of my cookie, and lifts my thigh up with his knee, I feel him entering,he doesn't move but I can feel him very well and I really need him to move, I start to move slowly and I hear him groan right inside my ear.

Fika: "You don't want to marry me Lolo" I didn't say that.

Me: "Aaah, what?" He walks out of bed, Fikas body is the bomb like his bum is so firm like he used to play rugby, you know. That thing he calls a penis is so big, Jizas, I move my hand down to my cookie and touch it, like I can't believe that that thing was inside me. He goes out of this room naked, I took this an opportunity to get out of here, I look around for a towel. I open the closet this must be a spare

room, I see a towel then wrap it around me, I need to change these sheets, I strip the covers, the sheets have blood kuthiwa vele this must happen. I take them out, I just hope that there are no blood stains on the bed. I don't see anything so I walk out to go put the things in the washing machine. Fika is in the kitchen still naked drinking coffee, I really don't understand why he is sulking.

Fika: "You don't have to do that, aunty was going to change that"

Me: "Hayi these things have blood" he looks up as if he has just remembered something, he walks towards me, kisses my forehead and takes the things from me and walks away. I walk back to the bedroom, I look for the condoms, nothing! I run to him "Why do you think it's okay to have sex with me without protection" I shout and he is relaxed as ever! He is wearing shorts

Fika: "You don't want to marry me and you don't want to have my kids" this guy!!!!

Me: "Ukhuluma ngan? Why on earth would I want to marry you now and have your kids now? There is something seriously wrong with you, have you forgotten that you almost killed a girl la in front of me, you confessed that you wouldbhave killed and you didn't even care. Is that even normal, are you fine in the head, everything that you've done and said has given me more reasons why I don't see myself marrying you anytime soon" he looks up at me with shock " hayi don't look at me like that, you sleep with random girls and pay them, you had a crazy girl here in your house, no apology nothing lutho! Hayi now just because you think you want to marry me I must jump uyadela bo. I won't even give you reasons why it's stupid of you to expect me to want children now" I make myself coffee and look for something to eat.

Fika: " I will go get you morning after pills"  
islima lesi! He gets his keys

Me:"Please get me underwear, something to wear and food" he nods and leaves, I go to take a shower. I need to do something to my hair. After I shower, I put on Fikas white t-shirt, his room is so clean like nothing happened la. I find Nhlanhla eating, where did he get food.

Nhlanhla: "Where is your man?"

Me: "Hello to you too" he laughs

Nhlanhla: "He did say you're feisty" I roll my eyes.

Nhlanhla: "He says you were mean to him this morning" its my turn to laugh

Me: "Your brother is dramatic yaz, how was I mean to him?" we both laugh

Nhlanhla:"I know but he thinks you are angry with him"

Me: "Vele I am angry, he got that right but I don't know why he didn't tell me" he looks up at me he looking rather serious

Me:"My siblings are weird, especially us guys, we can handle everything and mean everything except our feelings and expressions. You know mos that he was once married and he did that a very early age futhi, but I've never seen him this protective over someone, he would leave everything for you. I don't think his ever loved anyone like he loves you, and I am not saying this to score points for him but I want you to understand that he would do anything to make sure that you don't leave him"

Me: "He is doing a very good job in chasing me away, yaz this is the second time I witness him almost kill someone and it's not sexy at all" I say taking his other sandwich "I'm a third year law student and I am

Im doing very well, wena deans list, Golden Key, I already have a firm to do my articles at, why on earth would I add a child to that? Next year is my last year and the following I am moving to Johannesburg, now if I marry and have a child will have all that?" he looks at me with sad eyes " I love your brother and believe me thats the only reason why I haven't left him besides the fact that his my first of everything" I huff "I need alcohol" he laughs

Nhlanhla: "I think the one thing he loves you is your ability to say no and not even flinch, you scare him and no nothing scares Fika. Just make him understand you don't expect him to understand tell him all these things you're telling me, Londi I don't know how to make you believe that he loves you but he does"

Me: "You're talking like his dying" he laughs

Nhlanhla: "No his not but his going crazy, his loosing it! And yesterday I noticed that you're

the reason for his very bad mood and his violent self. When you guys are fighting everyone suffers, when you're angry with him the whole world deals with a spitting fire Fika and last night I saw that he would kill for you and believe killer Fika is a Pitbull and Pitbull is no fun. I need you to learn how handle your man cause all our business really depends on him" I am not sure his talking about.

Me: "All this that you're talking about is confusing and scary and now I want to leave him forever" he laughs

Nhlanhla: "You my dear are not leaving him ever, you've tasted the magic Khumalo stick" we laugh and Fika walks in while we're still laughing he has a plastic bag and a box of Pizza. I stand up take side plates he goes to the bedroom, while I dish up for Nhlanhla and I. Fika comes back and gives me a kiss on my forehead.

Me: "your brother was just telling me that you

can't live without me and I must never think of leaving you" he hugs me from behind, very tight if I might add.

Fika: "Are you planning on leaving me?" he say while kissing me behind my ear

Nhlanhla: "Let me leave before I am subjected to live porn" we laugh "Bye Londi, see you around. Fika what time are we leaving ksasa?"

Fika: "I will drop Londi and Aphiwe off at Port Shepstone first but I think we can leave after the traffic dies down, is Aya coming with?"

Nhlanhla: "Nope, she will only be coming up with Yomuzi on Sunday" Fika nods and Nhlanhla takes his slice of Pizza and leaves, he picks me up and puts me on the table and we start kissing. Is it possible to addicted to sex zisuka nje. I've been having a lot of it.

The next day Fika drives me and Londi home, it

was hard when we had to go our separate ways but we had to. Aphiwe keeps giving me the 'I know you've tasted the magic stick'. I remember that I forgot about the morning after pill and I call him.

Me: "How far are you"

Fika: "almost at town, why"

Me: "I forgot to buy the morning after pill" he lets out a sigh "hayi Fika don't do that"

Fika: "I bought one it's in your cosmetic bag at the top pocket" he drop. Whatever. I go to look for it, I find it just as I take it to drink it Aphiwe walks in with Sno and I put it away. I need to set up a reminder on my phone so I can drink later.

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Fika

We have been sitting at this dinning room table

for over an hour now and no one has said anything, mom stands up and attempts to leave.

Nhlanhla: "Uyaphi Ma?" she looks at him rather taken aback.

Mom: "I'm going to lay down, is there a problem?" she stares in attempt to scare us but not today.

Nhlanhla: "Ma you know why we are here lets stop playing games"

Mom: "Yey I don't owe anyone anything ngiyolala mina" and she turns to walk away.

Nhlanhla: "I can't believe you right now yaz, we have found your daughter, the one you threw away not once have you shown that you care for here or me, you're busy acting like everything is okay"

Mom: "Yey ungayikhulumi into ongayaz wena, I will not feel guilty about making decisions that helped my family shame"

Themba: "Please sit MaZulu, please understand where we are coming from, over a month ago we learnt that we have a sibling who just happens to be Nhlanhla's twin, all we want to know is why we did you hide her from us, you being hostile and defensive right now is not assisting anyone right now" she sits and scoffs

Mom: "You will never understand why your father and I gave away Ayanda but I will narrate the story"

Nhlanhla: "Must be nice, a give away spree" he says sarcastically

Mom: "Nhlanhla ungsi and keep your comments to yourself unganginyanyisi"

Nhlanhla: "keeping things away from people is your trait mother ayi mina"

Mom: "Nhlanhla Sandiso Khumalo! I will not have you disrespect me in my own house, never" she says in a stern voice

Nhlanhla: "Or what? You'll give me away"

Lihle & Themba: "Sandiso" I really don't have the energy for snappy Nhlanhla, I've had to deal with him the whole month so I'm staying out of this one, Nsika is as tired as me and Yomuzi is not here for entertainment, she said I must video call her when we have this conversations she even said she will buy pop corn but that doesn't look like a great idea right now.

Mom: "Heh Nhlanhla, don't piss me off" as Nhlanhla is about to shoot a comment Nsika speaks

Nsika: "Can we just know what happened, this back and forth that is happening between you two is not fun for some of us, I could be somewhere drinking but Im here so please mom"

Mom: "Nawe Nsika, you are talking to me like this"

Nsika: "Hayi ma please be fair, someone needs to account, we have a sister that we didn't know about all we want to know is why was she excluded from our family kuphela, its nothing personal really"

Mom: "Your father and I needed the money"we all looked at shocked

Nhlanhla: "You sold her ma?"

Mom: "I am not going to apologise for the decisions we made so we could survive"

Me: "Mother!"

Mom: "We had lost everything and she was the only one that could help"

Nhlanhla: "How old were we?"

Mom: "3 months" Nhlanhla stands up and picks up the chair that he was sitting on and throws at on the wall and it breaks mom is not shaken so is Nsika and I but Lihle and Themba don't

know this Nhlanhla

Mom: "Ungiqedeli ifenisha yami"

Nhlanhla: "I'm sure you can take from the money you got from selling Ayanda and buy new furniture" mom rolls her eyes

Mom: "You're being childish" Nhlanhla wants to respond but stops himself " Your father had a friend called Mfanafuthi Ndlovu,he came from a rich family, and had businesses. When I fell pregnant with Fika my father demanded that your father pays the bride price, he had just started working at Toyota but he didn't have enough to pay and Ndlovu offered to help him out and in return your father would steal car parts for him and he agreed. This continued for years even after Themba was born, I fell pregnant with you guys and your was father was still stealing for Ndlovu, it's just that now he was paying him. After you guys were born your father was caught and he got fired so with

the skills he got he started fixing cars but wena Nhlanhla you were always sick, I spent weeks in hospital with you while Ayanda was just doing fine. We needed the money for you and the business was not picking up. One day we had to rush you to the hospital your asthma was really bad, we left Fika and Themba

At our neighbours house. When we came back we came back to a burning house, everything was inside. The only thing that was left were the clothes we were wearing. Again Ndlovu came to our rescue only this time he wanted one of you guys, his wife had been struggling for years to conceive. We had always been able to pay him but he said he would help us start afresh and we wouldn't have to give him back his money this time. With you being sick Nhlanhla all the time we couldn't risk of losing you, we begged him but he didn't budge and we literally had nothing, I couldn't go back home my father

hated your father and your father was the eldest and was responsible for his siblings too since they didn't have parents, that's how Ayanda ended up kwaNdlovu" she was now crying

Nhlanhla: "crocodile tears"

Me: "Hayi ndoda kahle manje"

Nhlanhla: "Hayi let me be, with all the money we have and the skills that each of us have right now, why on earth did you not tell us? Did you even try to find her?"

Mom : "Ndlovu just disappeared, we looked for everywhere, but its like he relocated we really tried but nothing"

Nhlanhla: "Not hard enough, but it is what it is, I hope Ayanda forgives you for selling because mina I am far from doing that, I can't believe you watched me for years growing up but not once did you desire to see your own daughter. All those times I told you and dad that I felt like

there was a part of missing and you assured me that it was all in the mind, the dreams ma, I told you and you said they meant nothing. Chani khona bo MaZulu, you sell a child and never look back"

Mom: "If you will disrespect me then leave my house Nhlanhla, I will not tolerate such"

Nhlanhla: "I'm not going anywhere mina, this is my home, at least we must all enjoy the money that made you sell a little girl" with that he leaves the room leaving everyone speechless. I don't know whether he will ever let go of this.

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Yomuzi

Its Sunday Morning and I have to go home to my siblings, I am leaving the kids behind, Themba said the environment is hostile for kids, apparently mama, Lihle and Themba

experienced snappy and rude Nhlanhla. I've been dealing with him for a whole month so I am glad that others are also sharing my pain. Zwe doesn't want me to drive alone so he is driving me home he will also fetch me, we also need pass with Ayanda. From the voice notes that I heard I don't think she should here what really happened and that's if her mother didn't tell her already. As usual Landi wants to come with, I'm really not in the mood for her tantrums today, I am more worried about Sibani. Zwe will take him to our Doctor on Monday. We leave, I don't even know where Landi is all I know is that she will throw a tantrum when she doesn't find me or her father. I know that Londi and Aphiwe can handle her. We find Ayanda waiting for us with her husband and son. I don't think they're coming with. We share hugs and journey on. I keep showing her sights as we drive to the north. She is genuinely excited but she looks anxious too. When we arrive at there are no kids

running around the yard, no one has come to greet us outside, I guess things are really bad. Themba and Lihle come out after a while, to greet Zwe who has to rush back home ngoba Landi is crying. Fika comes and helps with the luggage. Nsika and Nhlanhla are not around I guess. Fika greets and hugs Ayanda, the others too, I wonder where mom is

Fika: "Aw mother of the nation! Unjan?" he says laughing and playing with my tummy

Me: "awungiyeke wena mabuyemendweni" the others laugh but he doesn't, I don't care.

Fika: "Voeseke, ngimdala kunawe" he walks off. I wonder where's mom.

We get inside the house and we show Aya around, still no sign of mom. Ayanda asks to lay down as she is tired and I show her her room.

Me: "Manje where's mom?" I ask the three

siblings as I walk in the kitchen

Lihle: "She's been in her room the whole day, hasn't left, she hasn't eaten even. We've knocked dololo uma wakho"

Fika: "And worse her favourite child is the one not talking to her" we've always said that Nhlanhla is our moms favourite, because she is so protective over and they were close but we later learnt that Nhlanhla was a sickly child so mom and him bonded while spending all his time in hospital. So I went to knock. Nothing she won't open

Me: "Mama come meet Ayanda" nothing. I turn the knob and it opens so I walk in, I find her sitting on floor with a photo album.

Mom: "You know your dad would have killed you all if he heard how little you respect me right now" she says without looking at me

Me: "I know mom"

Mom: "I miss him so much right now, I wish he were here to make you understand at least but mostly I wish he were here to see our girl with me. I'm so scared Mpandeyomzi"

Me: "It will be fine mama, Nhlanhla will come around, allow him to vent"

Mom: "It's not like Ndlovu gave us an option, we had nothing, and it's like he gave us wealth, no he didn't, all this your dad did all by himself because he didn't want to find himself in the same situation and loose one of you guys" she sighs "Your dad died looking for her, I never forgot her, it's just that I couldn't live with myself after that, I don't know how many times Nhlanhla almost died because we couldn't find her and we were neglecting the rest of you guys. There was a point where I told myself that maybe she died. Angaz Yomuzi, I need Mntungwa right now just to make you guys understand that I had no choice, we had no

choice" all this time she is crying, the last time I saw my mother cry was the day she heard my father was shot dead. That's it after that she never shed a tear but here we are today she is letting it all out. She actually need Nhlanhla but he is no where to be found. I can't this, I'm not good with people who cry, I run out to where Ayanda is sleeping and wake her up, I pull her to moms room and this time I find her sleeping facing the other side, she can't see us but her sobs are getting louder. Ayanda lets go of my hand And walk to her, she gets in bwd behind her and wrapps her hands around her waist. The sobs are loud now, and sad, I take out my phone take a picture and send it to Nhlanhla with a message 'Come back home'

Continuation

Fika

Things are hectic at home, I've never seen my mom like this ever. The only time I saw my mom cry was when we heard that my father had been shot dead, after that she never shed a tear until today. I really don't know what to do, this, all this emotional chaos, this is Nhlanhla's field. He is the one connected to his feelings in this house. Nhlanhla and Nsika left in the early hours of the morning saying bayozingela. I remember Mntungwa used to take us, the boys, hunting with Yomuzi whenever he wanted some air and to think. So I guess that's how we fell in love with nature, that's where we learnt how to analyse, critic and strategise. So I guess Nhlanhla needed some air. It's allowed.

Short I know

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Londi

I've been missing my boo too much and we haven't been talking a lot since he got home, he did say that they had a lot of things to do so I really don't mind. I did take my pill after my sisters left the room. I've been helping out at the shops with Aphiwe, it's better than staying at home the whole day. I recieved a call from a law firm, I had applied at for vac work and they said I could come do it over the September holidays, I'm going to Jozi Maboneng baby! Bhut Zwe has been around the whole time, I'm guessing he doesn't want to be alone with the kids since sis Yomuzi is also still at home, his just hanging around and checking up on the businesses. Sbani is warming up a bit to the environment, I hope he gets space at school since its late in the year right now. Mom asked us to have a little family meeting after our dinner tonight, the kids left and went to watch

t.v so we were left at the dinning room table, this is weird, we only started eating together at this table when Sis Yomuzi first came into our lives now its like a family ritual anyway here we are all here and waiting to hear what mom has to say.

MaShandu: "Yaz bantabam I am very happy to see you all like this sitting together and getting along, I never thought I would see something like this" she smiles, that was random and wakward but hey.

Sno: "Ma khuluma I want to go sleep some of work kmele sivuke" I want to laugh.

MaShandu: "Abakhongi are coming this weekend" we all look at her confused.

Aphiwe: "Oh wow whose the lucky lady?" trust Aphiwe, mom clears her throat.

Zwe: "ya uban, I think those are good news" Sno and Mbali chuckle, this ain't good.

MaShandu: "Ay kant uLondile, phela loyamfana waseMangadini kade wamthanda uLondi" Aphiwr and I burst into laught we even high five each other but the other three ladies are dead serious.

Zwe: "uLondile waphi ma? Usujolela ukshada wena Londile?" why are they looking at me.

Me: "I don't know what mom talking about, can I not be mocked please, why on earth would I get married right now? My things are finally looking up, whuuu shame kuyadlalwa" I say with no care at all

Aphiwe: "Mom what's going on because I know that Londi ain't going out with no Ngema guy" mom looks down like she is hiding something

Zwe: "Khuluma ma?"

Mbali: "I always warn you about your plans but you never listen I told this wouldn't work, maybe with Aphiwe yes but Londi never but hey no one

ever listens to me" she says not even looking at us, she's just typing away on her phone

Zwe: "MaShandu!" his scarey bhut Zwe now

MaShandu: "Hayi Nqobizizwe don't do that hawu I'm still your mother" he gives her a cold look " okay okay, I borrowed some money years ago from uNgema lo umashonisa, and then your father died and I forgot and later the will thing happened and you were controlling the money Zwe so I couldn't pay me, last month he came to me and said I could keep his money but in return he wanted Aphiwe or Londi to marry his Son Senzo"

Haaibo!

Zwe: "Haaibo why didn't you say anything, I could have paid off that debt a long time ago, even now we can pay it off"

MaShandu: "He refused the money Zwe and said it's either that or he kills both of them"

Me: "So you decided I must be the sacrificial lamb, wow mom wow!"

Aphiwe: "Aaibo Londi, at least you're older than me"

Zwe:"So instead of discussing all this with us or me you decided that you will give up and for the kid marry someone she doesn't know, kant sikuphi la? Mom haven't you learnt anything about family" he is frustrated but not more than me and Im leaving first thing tomorrow morning. I can't believe this woman yaz.

MaShandu: "His wealthy man hawu, Londi you will love Senzo his a lawyer just like you my child, ngeke uhlupheke nje, you're marrying him and that's final" Aphiwe, Bhut Zwe and I look at her in shock. I think there's more to this than just the money she owes uNgema.

Zwe: "Mother are you listening to yourself?" he asks in disbelief "you seriously think you can

force Londi marry this guy" he chuckles, I am beyond hurt, I can no longer hold my tears, I can't

believe mom. She has a smir on her face, why does she hate me so much huh?

Aphiwe: "Mom you can't be serious?" she is angry.

Zwe: "No such thing will happen la, I can't believe you're even doing this. Who even still believes in all this arranged marriage bullshit? Londi is marrying that man, tell me how much you owe him and I pay him. I really don't take kind to threats against my family. Aphiwe and Londi tomorrow morning siyahamba" with that he stands up goes to the sitting room and takes Landi who sleeping now, Siyakha sleeps with me, Sbani and Yakhile follow Bhut Zwe out. I am still seated at the table Sno stands up

Sno: "Well I guess there won't any negotiations

this coming weekend" she touches my shoulder then leaves, Mbali follows her. I don't know why I'm still sitting here, maybe I am waiting for mom to say she is joking or something. After a while she stands and gives me a disgusting look, looking at me from head to toe. I wipe my tears, I can't cry in front of her. She leaves me and Aphiwe seated. We stand up and go to our bedroom. I get in bed and let it all out, it starts with soft sobs and they get louder. I cry, Aphiwe comes and takes Siyakha and places him at her bed she gets in behind me and cuddles me. I can't stop the tears, I let them out. Right now I think I am remembering all the not so nice things that mom has ever done to me and it's coming back, when everyone would get a thing and but Zwe and I would be left out. The times I had to give up my saved up money for Sno or Londi because dad refused to give them any money because they had failed or something. The punishment I'd get for miss behaving with

Aphiwe, I know hate is a strong word but I am actually realizing that mom has always hated me. Why though? Am I not her daughter? Tears are flowing down my face. I now understand why bhut never came back home, it's all this. My phone rings I know its Fika but I don't want to talk to him I feel like I will cry even more nje. Aphiwe picks it up because it won't stop ringing.

Aphiwe: "Hey Mdala" she chuckle "I don't know, today was not a good day laykhaya"... "she's been crying for an hour now" "Lolo, Fika wants to talk to you" she puts the phone on top of my ears and moves away fast

Fika: "Lolo baby" I sniff, my voice is gone, nothing is coming out "talk to me love, what happened" I just cry "Listen I'm coming there now, I will call you when I'm closer and when I'm outside your gate. Heee is this one crazy, we are so far apart its not funny his in the far north and I'm at the far south hayi

Me: "No, I'm going back to Durban tomorrow, so I will see then" he heaves a sigh

Fika: "Okay, I guess that could work too" his quiet for a while " I love you okay, whatever is going on there just know I love you and I will be there for you" I nod as if he can see me.

Me: "I love you too" He sighs

Fika: "Stop crying, get some sleep" he drops the call a minute later I receive a sms from him saying 'Your heart, mind and soul belong to me, I love you' and I dose off

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Londi

I wake up to noise in house, Aphiwe is sleeping, but there's a lot of noise. Siyakha is not in bed so I wake up and follow the noise.

MaShandu: "Ye wena Zwe, this my house I will

do as I please ngeke ngizwe ngawe" Zwe is rather quiet and my mom is the one throwing a fit, he is holding a bowl with porridge. "Who are telling me that shit, first I had to deal with your father abusing me now that he is dead I have deal with his ghost manifesting itself in you" she shouts

Zwe: "How excatly am I abusing you? Me telling you that you won't sell Lolo is abusing you wow yaz uneDrama MaShandu" he seems to be calm.

MaShandu: "Ye wena! If that child leaves this house namuhla, she must not come back, akahambe ayoshona, niyangizwa, ngeke ngiphathwe uwe mina" tears form in my eyes again.

Zwe:"You seriously need" he says feeding Landi and Sibani.

My mom keeps throwing tantrums and Zwe is calm. "Just let your Ngema know that if he

dares set foot here, I will personally kill him" he stands and goes to the kitchen and walks out leaving the kids watching t.v, mom turns and sees me crying, and she storms to me and I quickly run to my room.

MaShandu: "Ye wena, woza la" she walks in, our room doesn't have lock or anything so she pushes the door and it bangs open, Aphiwe wakes up and is shocked. "Phuma la kwami wena" the Fuck? What? What did she just say to me?

Me: "Moom" what have I done to this woman? I cry.

MaShandu: "she quickly goes to my wardrobe and grabs my suitcase and walks out with it. I follow her and she throws it out. I'm shocked, there's noise again she keeps on swearing and saying things I don't understand.

Aphiwe: "Mama what are you doing?" she says

standing by the door, mom ignores her and walks back to our room she takes what's left in our room and throws it out, I stop crying now and start picking up my stuff and place it in my suitcase, she keeps coming back with things, my school bag, laptop and phone and she throws it on the floor and goes back this time she come back with a basket full of my shoes and throws and starts taking them out and hitting me with them

MaShandu: "Don't ever set foot here wena sathana" right now I don't care, where is Bhut Zwe I want to leave. I see him driving in from the gate, the car stops in front of me he quickly comes out I see he went to fetch gogo and babomncane Bheki. He comes to me and takes my bags and puts them in the car. He does all this in silence.

Zwe: "Aphiwe go pack" Aphiwe rushes back to the house while bhut Zwe goes to his house

and comes out with bags and puts them in the car.

MaShandu: "Uyaphi uAphiwe? Hambo wena noSis wakho okhohlakele"

Gogo: "MaShandu yini le oyenzayo?" she ignores ugogo

MaShandu: "wena Zwe ungabuyi la" Bhut doesn't even look like he is listening. Aphiwe come out and puts the bags in the car, mind you we are still wearing pyjamas. Drama so early in the morning. "Aphiwe uyaphi?" she says pulling her.

Gogo: "Yaz you will upset the ancestors with all the unnecessary noise you are causing, uyixoshelani iyngane Makoti"

MaShandu: "Amadlozi ani?"

Gogo shake her head and Babomncane is clearly hurt by all this. "Angimfuni lo la, I have kept her for years and now it was time to repay

me and she asks like I am punishing her" what is this woman talking about.

Gogo: "Yaz uZungu I told him about you but he never listened bheka manje your chasing the child away from the only home she knows"

MaShandu: "I took in this child, her bitch of a mother left down the at the gates and I took her and mothered her, today she doesn't want to repay me" What! I see Bhutis eyes widening his eyes like I shouldn't have heard that, he is hurt everyone is hurt including ugogo

Zwe: "Mama!" he whispers

MaShandu: "She must leave and never come back, wena Londile you are a curse, yezwa!" she hisses. I fell down and bhuti rushes to me and kneels down to gets in behind me and hugs me while we sit on the floor. I cry, everything just keeps adding up.

Zwe: "Calm down Lolo, stop giving her the

satisfaction" he whispers in my ear as he craddles me.

Gogo: "Kodwa yini le oyishoyo" she shouts "Why are you treating this child like this, did you not agree to mother her, I was going to take Londi but you refused and said you would take care of her and today you do this to her why"

MaShandu: "I lost everything to this child, everyday I was reminded everyday I was reminded that Londi needs to eat, dress well, helped with home work, he even left half of his things with for you" hee this woman, so I am suffering because my dead father loved me hayi suka and why don't I know anything about the will, Zwe is shocked as I am.

Zwe: "So this is all about the will? Ngema was dads lawyer, oh gosh mother you did all this to get Lolos inheritance, now all this adding up" I stand up and dust myself, all my things are in the car, I get in the car. I am never crying ever

again.

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Fika

Its been exactly two months since Londi broke up with me, she said she needs space from everything and everyone, at first I thought that she was joking but later I discovered that she meant it. I have been stalking her for weeks now, all she does is wake up, eat and go to campus and spends her day and night at the library. On weekends she is locked up in her room, I know that usually on weekends she never studies so I wonder what she does with her time, I have asked Yomuzi to ask her what is happening and she too says she hasn't spoke to her in 2 months. This started during the holidays, she called me crying and I couldn't go see her, Yomuzi left immediately after that

saying that Zwe needs her something went down. Later that week Zwe asked me to help him with his dad's lawyer and that is when I knew what had happened. I have never seen Zwe that angry, yes we have done a few jobs with him but none of them involved killing but what he did to that man was plain evil and horrific, he asked just asked him "what is it that you want from my family? was is not enough that you had my father killed" what he said after really made me admire him "I told you that I will grow old enough to kill because my anger would have matured" and then he killed him, just slit his throat and left to go shower. I too was angry, how can he do that with my Lolo in fact I wanted to be the one that kills but Zwe was determined. All in all my girl ain't my girl anymore I check up on her through Aphiwe who also says she responds to what she asks only and nothing. I hear her say that she is going to Joberg for a internship for a week and they

going out before she leaves, and I am going to gatecrash that thing. I get ready at 8pm I know that have been there for a while but I can't go there on my own so I am waiting for my shitty brothers before I leave, and they said if I leave them behind they won't come, mnxm kids. After 2 hours they eventually come, I ask Aphiwe where they are and she responds saying cubana and thats where we go. I see that they are at the VIP area and there are guys sitting with them and one has his arms around Londi and she is wearing white Lacey bum shorts, a white see through tshirt with knee high denim boots, what is disturbing with this party is the way she is dancing with this guy. I am beyond pissed and Nhlanhla sees that and stands in front of me

Nhlanhla: "Fika bro chill, you will cause a scene just go speak to her kahle" I roll my eyes, I can't stand these guys with mini dreads, stupid

varsity kids. Nsika is also getting pissed.

Nsika: "Ey bafo look those boys are taking advantage of Fikas girl"

Nhlanhla: "Haaibo have you forgotten that she dumped him" just as I am calming down I see this guy kissing her neck FUCK NO! not while I'm still alive never. I swiftly push Nhlanhla aside and walk towards them, Aphiwe sees us and tries to move the guy but he continues, Londi hasn't seen me but I can see that she is now uncomfortable with what this guy is doing to her, she is trying to move his arms away. I get there and these boys aren't phased

fuckBoy1: "Yho fam this is our table find your own"

Nsika: "chill boy were aren't here for you sifuna laba" Londi has seen and looks annoyed

FuckBoy2: "Ay no sbali these are our hoes" what did this boy just say about my girl? ngiyalingwa!

Nsika chuckles and Nhlanhla looks rather shocked.

Londi: "Ay ningasjwayeli kabi, we are not your iyfebe zenu thina" she says pissed.

LondisGuy: "Haaibo thula wena Sfebe" that's it! I get slowly move to him but there is a table standing in between us, I pull him over the table, the bottles on the table are all on the floor now, My foot is on his neck before he can even register what is happening to him. My brothers are just standing there watching

Me: "Uyabona mina boy ungangjwayeli kabi yezwa, ngizobulala boy yezwa" I see londi walking out with her bag, Aphiwe is here trying to calm, these other fuckboys look shit scared mnxm. I remove my foot and run to the one leaving.

Its Short but I will continue

## Continuation

Londi

Fika: "Waze wamubi" he found me waiting for our uber after I left him and his brothers embarrassing me in the club. I'm angry at Aphiwe cause I know she was responsible for being here, I just wanted some air, yes I broke up with Fika but it seriously had nothing to do with him, I was going through a lot. A woman I thought was my mother was actually not my mother, it turns out that my mom threw me at the gate at home and left. Bhuti Zwe has tried calling to explain what really happened but I asked for space instead to adjust to all of this and just breath, everyone was just crowding my space. This is the first time I've drank in two months or gone out, all I did was study. In two days I'm leaving for Jobery to do my articles, I will be staying with an old friend, I had saved

up some money for traveling and to help her out with food, I was only staying there for two weeks. Bhuti Zwe was not one to beg so he let be meanwhile Fika was suffocating me which has led him to attacking those boys for no reason, they just joined us and I was not in the mood to cause a scene so I let be and they voluntarily bought drinks. I had to deal with Aphiwe soon. Fika grabbed my arm and pulled me to his car, yaz I don't have the energy plus he just said I'm ugly. He drove to his place, I was tired of being bullied, first it was that which and then her bitchy daughter Mbali and Sno now him.

Fika: "What you were doing was shitty" he sounded angry so I kept quiet, angry Fika is annoying and talks too much no one ever wins the argument. "Uyabona Londi if there is one thing I hate is people who self pity themselves,

so what if she was not your mother doesn't that make you happy, you've always complained about her ill treatment vele, what I don't understand is why you would shut everyone out. You know how much I love you and I would do anything for you even kill for you, but you decided its okay to shut me out and dump then go hoe around" what the F, when did I hoe around, going to the club one nje now I'm a how.

Me: "I really don't expect you to underatand, no one has ever abandoned you and you've never felt unwanted and odd, and I really don't appreciate being bullied by you, and why the fuck do you feel comfortable calling me a hoe?" He was pissing me off, he just looked at me.

Fika: "Mnxm"

We were now parked at his place and sitting inside his car.

Me: "I really need to go back to res, I need to

pack, I have an early flight ksasa" my bags were packed but I just didnt want to be with Fika, I just didn't trust myself around him. He ignored me and walked out, came to my door and opened it for me. This was not up for discussion. I followed him inside, as soon as I was inside, he pinned me against the wall and looked me straight in the eye.

Fika: "You drive crazy me crazy, but I love you for that, I miss you Lolo" his eyes were pleading, I missed h too and I tried by all means to avoid him, he was making me horny and that fact that I was having wine didn't help at all. He leaned in and he kissed him back. We ended up in his bedroom with him on top of me, we had a lots of sex that night, I really missed him. We fall asleep with me on top of me and I woke up to his erection underneath me, I spread my tighs and started grinding him, he smiled and inserted himself in, I smiled, I was really getting

a hang of this sex thing he was holding my waist and pumping hard underneath me.

Fika: "Fuck baby, I will cum now" I was busy meeting his thrusts and I went faster we came at the same time " I've missed you baby, please don't ever leave me" I chuckled "I'm serious Lolo, you can tell me whatever you're going through am I here for you lento yokbaleka is not helping anyone including you, you need to face things head on, I know I don't know how you feel but remember we just dealt with the Ayanda issue ekhaya and I kinder feel I feel your pain" I just nodded

I still needed to deal with Aphiwe, I removed myself from him and went to brush my teeth and put on one of his t-shirts, I grabbed my phone, he was no longer in the bed so I did the bed while I had Aphiwe on loud speaker, she answered after a century.

Aphiwe: "Lolo I'm sorry" well she knows I'm

pissed at her and I will give her a piece of my mind

Me: "How many should I tell you to not tell Fika shit? I told you that he gets very angry, what if those boys lay charges?" She kept kept quiet. "Manje awsakwaz ukukhuluma, you are my sister Aphiwe"

Aphiwe: " I'm really sorry Londile, I was just trying to help you out, I know you missed him, the guy was your profile picture futhi, but I totally get what you mean and it won't ever happen again big sis"

Me: "Ait cool, let's have lunch before I go? I miss the kids but I don't want to see their parents" I said rolling my eyes

Aphiwe: " ask Mdala there "

Me: "Ay he said I should face my fears, I just want to ignore this until after my job at least" she sighs

Aphiwe: " Okay let me go, my bae is here and he is also angry that I went out last night" I laugh

Me: "Uyalayeka" I laugh "Just give him sex mntase" we laugh hahahah

Aphiwe: "Uyahlanya wena" we laugh

"are you fine though Londile" I sigh, it was also I saw her after that whole saga. Fika walks in and is topless, he looks Yummy he had muesli, it has plain yogurt I know its my favourite and he knows

Me: "Aphiwe sokhuluma later about our lunch, bye" I hang up before she says something stupid and she calls back I answer.

Aphiwe: "Just because you called doesn't mean you should drop me like that" I laugh "I know Fika is there now, give him sex" she laughs

Me: "Fuseg, ngimdala njalo" she drops the call, I know Fika heard our conversation because his here giving me a a naughty look and he is

playing with his eyebrows. I seriously missed him. I puts the muesli on the side and picks me up to straddle him.

Fika: "Aphiwe says give me sex" he says kissing my neck. This is like the second time we are having sex nje. The deed is done now. I need to leave and he doesn't want me to go.

Fika: "So uzohlalaphi?" He is annoyed cause I dont give two shits Me: "With a friend"

Fika:"No, Zwe has shares in may hotels why can't you stay there, I'm sure he has one in Sandton"

Me: "Who told you I'd be working at Sandton!" I know I haven't said shit to him

Fika: "At you ask to many questions, Im coming with angfuni ubone abafana lapha" I laugh and look at him but his serious "Come let's go fetch your clothes you still have that thing with Aphiwe" I look at him and roll my eyes "don't do

that its disrespectful" mnxm whatever. I'm getting ready for lunch with Aphiwe, I still have things here, I put on a floral wrap around dress, its short, I look for my shoes, and find them in in his closet with the rest of his shoes, I take my push ins, when I walk out I find him dressed in great sweat pants and a white T-shirt and his wearing black sneakers, he puts on a his blush faded cap and throws me mine. I did my hair just yesterday but put it on anyway.

Me: "Uyaphi?" I didn't ask him to come with so I dont know where his going. He smiles and takes my hand

Fika: "Asambe" I let him be, we drive to Florida at he leads to Butcher's Block as I walk I see Aphiwe and I smile but that doesn't last long cause she is with Bhut Zwe and Yomuzi

Me: " What The Fuck Mdala" I tried to turn back but Fika tightened his hand and just then Bhut Zwe saw me and his eyes immediately went to

our hands. I might as well die yaz.

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Fika

I had asked Yomuzi to get Zwe to meet up with us, she told me it was a bad idea because he was in a bad space but I was tired of hiding my relationship with Londi even though we had broken up for two months but this time I was not going to give an excuse to leave so we needed to confront the big elephant in the room which was her brother. The minute we walked in I saw Zwes eyes looking at our hands that were together Londi quickly let go of me. Zwes face changed. I know Zwe and he doesn't scare me but right now I feel some tupa way. His face shows me three different emotions, anger, betrayal and hurt but he says nothing at all, Aphiwe and Yomuzi are looking shit scared. I've

never seen Yomuzi scared. We take a seat,  
Londi: "Sanibona" Zwe chuckles and focuses on the menu in front of him.

Yomuzi: "Hey there, Londi its been a minute are you fine?" She was now 8 months and I know she can pop any day. Aphiwe just shyly waved.

Londi: " I'm getting there thanks, how are the little ones treating you? I can't wait to play with them" they go on with their chat meanwhile Zwe and I have been dead quiet our food arrives and we dig in with no one saying anything. Zwe and I are having beers. After what feels like forever Zwe talks

Zwe: "So suyajola Londile" she plays with her food and says nothing so I answer.

Me: "Yes, Londi and I are dating "

Zwe: "Was I talking to you Fikanokuthula?" He sounds calm, I see Londi side eyeing me.

"Londile suyajola yini?" Londi wants to cry so I

held her tighter.

Londi: "Yes Fika and I have been seeing each other for almost a year now" finally I want to roll my eyes

Zwe: "Ujola namakhehla manje wena?" What the f! Yomuzi chuckles I want to say something but she shakes her head disapproving. "Wena Fika you are a hypocrite, you almost killed me going out with your sister and I didn't even know she was your sister, wena you know my sister but you didn't care cause everything is about you, you are fucken a 100 years older than her, you have control issues and you are shady kodwa here you are with my little sister. I came to you when I saw I serious with your sister, wena you call a family meeting just to take control of the situation. You're an ass and I want you to play far away from my family" uyaphapha lo yaz

Yomuzi: "Calm down Manzini, just because Fika didn't do things like does not mean he is not

serious about Londi, we react differently as people and yena he thought was the best way" he looked at her and it look like he was cooling down

Zwe: "If fine Muntu, what Fika wants Fika gets akunjalo Khumalo?" He stands up and takes his wife's hand " asambe Muntu, I have a loyal family waiting for me at home" Londi wants to cry now and I can't allow that to happen it will set us 5 steps back.

Me: "Zwe can I have a word with you in private please" Yomuzi pleads with him with her eyes and he nods and we walk out and sit outside for a long time before I say anything " I am sorry Zungu mfwethu, I allowed my feelings and arrogance to control me, but I do love your sister and I plan on spending the resting of my life with her"

Zwe: "I know you with your wife Fika, you're dirty Fika and you're too much for my sister she's

just a kid, you are controlling and you won't let her be" he huffs "besides you're too old for her come on man"

Me: " I am not that person anymore, your sister has brought out the beat side in me, she doesn't even listen to me she does the opposite, I told her I dont want her to hang out with boys and she added two more in the list of guy friends she has, I know that my divorce was also my fault but I wasn't happy there and you know. I love Lolo and I know that after today if it doesn't go well she will dump me and that can't happen, the last two months have been torturous for I cant imagine my life with her. I love your sister please give us your blessing " he chuckles

Zwe: "I want to you to mess up with those escort girls and get yourself dumped khona ezoyeka ukujola namkhehla naye " we laugh I'm not even that old "sizoxabana if you hurt her, she is going through a lot the last thing she

needs is an old man with temper issues and control issues" I hear him but I'm not that person anymore I'm not going to loose her over that shit.

We walk back in and they look at us with relief, I see Yomuzis face change and and her eyes all out.

Yomuzi: "My water just broke" she says but she is too calm "they were not supposed to come until next month" we rush out and Londi and rush to her house to get her bags and they rush to the hospital, we find the bags in the sitting room on top of the couch. We rush to the hospital and find them in the waiting area with Nsika and Nhlanhla, I guess Nhlanhla is on call because he is wearing his scrubs, Nsika is wearing the clothes he was in last night.

Me: "How is she? And when did this one get here, I say pointing at Nsika" he smells bad "Hambo geza wena" he doesn't protest he

stands up and asks for my keys. Something is up with him but I can't deal with him right now. We sit for hours, Zwe is with Yomuzi and I'm sitting with Londi and Aphiwe, Nhlanhla is indeed on call, I called my sisters and mom. Lihle walks in with Andile. And we sit for another hour. This is taking long we got her midday and now it was 6pm.

Lihle: "its been hours ingane ka ma" she wants to sulk now Nsika is in his corner not talking. I'm not doing this today yaz. Ayanda is the last to arrive with her husband.

Aya: "How are things going?" We sigh just then Zwe walks out all smiles, it looks like he was crying too.

Zwe: "We have two very healthy boys, it was touch and go for a few hours with one of them but its all good now, they are healthy" he says with a grin on his face. We all clap and cheer. Nsika looks better now his the first to leave and

we follow him. We find Yomuzi sweeping  
"she is tired, the boys drained her." He is happy,  
I wrap my arm around Lolos shoulder and he  
frowns

Me: "Hayi fusek" everyone laughs

Zwe: "So everyone knew accept me, woooow"  
we all laughed again.

Yomuzi woke after two hours of us being there  
Nhlanhla had to pull some strings. We wanted  
to see the kids with her and hear their names.  
Their doctor who was assisting came in  
pushing the twins in, she the doctor Nhlanhla  
has been asking out for close to a year now and  
she was not budging. We all rushed to the boys,  
they wore grey rompers, with different hats one  
had a white hat and the other wore a grey hat.  
We took turns holding them and they went  
around until they were with Yomuzi and Zwe.

Nsika: "Name them before your gogo gets here

and gives them those rural names" we laugh.

They look at each other and smile

Zwe: "That one you are holding is looking at you like the first time I saw you, his looking at you with so much love he reminds me of the first time I saw you and I'm sure his going to do that a lot as he grows, he reminds of our love story" the are a lot of aaaahs and ncoos

Nhlanhla: "You're dramatic just name them already" we laugh, the doctor hits him lightly

Zwe: "Whatever, the one is

Mlandowothandolethu, Mlando, the one I'm holding has stolen our hearts we nearly lost him, uMniniwothandoloManzini he is really protected by our ancestors, its quiet and he a tear drops.

We almost lost you champ you truly own the love of our elders, he was the first one born with that fatty following him 2 minutes later" we all laugh I look at Londi who is in tears, why is she

crying. I kiss her forehead and whisper

Me: "I can't wait for us to have kids" she frowns and looks up at me

Londi: "You will wait for a long time" I chuckle.

Welcome to the twins Mnini and Mlando

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Zwe

Being an adult is very tough, there was a lot going on and I needed a break but I can't get one, I have kids and a wife that need me. I still have the Sbani situation that needed to be fixed. He was stuck at home with me because we didn't have his birth certificate and reports nothing, we have tried reaching out to his family but they are not useful at all. They hate us. Kunzima. There's also that issue with Londi, and our mother. Yes Londi and I shared a

mother. She was my dad's first wife but she couldn't deal with polygamy so she left leaving Londi behind and she was just a month old. I don't want to find her but I feel like Londi needs. To make matters worse Londi is dating Fika, I don't understand Fika, and I am not questioning his love for her but I felt disrespected by him, I went to him and told him about Mpande and I asked that he give me a chance to make her sister happy yena he does me like that. I hate that he has this sense of entitlement about him but I have better things to worry about. My sons came earlier than expected but I'm happy even though it was touch and go for Mnini but his good now, I didn't want the same thing that happened to Londi to happen Mpande wouldn't survive, that was one thing she was afraid of, that was losing anyone of the kids. Her siblings and my sisters left and I had to call Gogo and Babomncane and tell them about the babies, I sure as hell won't call MaShandu after

that stunt she pulled. I went home to change and and get the kids to come see their mother and the boys, I found Mpandes bag already packed with her cosmetics, I showered and when I came out of the shower I found all the rascles waiting for me at my bedroom. Siyakha seems to be the leader in this gang with his arms crossed on his chest. I chuckle and go to the closet and get dressed. I went back to them and picked up Landi and Sibani, and left the mamas boys behind, I dont even think they cared they followed me.

Siyakha: "Baba kaSiyakha uphi uMuntu wami" this one always amazes me. He hardly says anything but when he does it always surprises me.

Me: "Ma wethu went to fetch your little brothers at the hospital, we will go see them now" Landi beamed in excitement she even clapped her hands.

Landi: "We have brothers Zwe?" I chuckle, this one always thinks she is smart

Me: "Yes baby you have little brothers. Mnini and Mlando" she clapped her hands again.

Landi: "Let's go baba kaSiyakha" Mpande calls like that and I guess it stuck like Muntu stuck. I went to kitchen and made myself coco pops the kids had already eaten. We left for the hospital as soon as we entered Mpandes room, they all ran to their mom.

Yakhile: "Ma wethu, where are the babies, baba kaSiyakha said we have brothers we want to see them" we laughed. My baby looked so pretty

Yomuzi: "Come give Muntu a kiss first" they all ran up to her, I helped them climb the bed. And they all kissed her, I was happy to see Sibani fit in. Just then the nurse walked in pushing the twins. Listen my kids were life, they were so

happy and excited they kept on shouting "me" "me" cause they wanted to hold the twins. They sat and we showed them the babies. We seriously couldn't tell them apart, the clothes were helping here. In the hour we spent there the kids knew which one was Mlando and which one was Mnini. For the first time in months I felt complete with my family. The love in this room was phenomenon. I took pictures of my happy people.

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Ma: "Kodwa will you ever finish school my child you have been in University for a long time now, I get it that you love education kodwa think about me here, your sister is out there angmazi wenzani you on the other hand are too occupied with your books, you don't even come home, your brother is busy drinking his life away. Kant when will I ever find happiness mina" This is

why I never answer my moms calls in public space, now I need to answer for Phindani and Sindile.

Me: "But mom there are no jobs, I told you nje and I do send money to and you give it to your son who drinks it, and I do work its just that you don't understand what I do so you don't like what I do, which doesn't take away the fact that I am working" I sigh she doesn't understand why I decided to work as a lecturer, I am doing my Phd and lecturing at UCT, what my mother doesn't know is that I am moving back to Durban next month, I got I job offer from UKZN, it pays better and is closer to home, I have been away for 10 years now, I moved to Cape Town to futhure my education but I ended up staying for a bit longer. My sister on the other hand has been oversees for almost 3 years now, she moved with her husband John Adams after my mother remarried our abusive father, and

she hasn't looked back since. There are 3 eKhaya Sindile, Phindani and Me Mahl'amanguni Khuzwayo. I am stuck at a place I don't understand, I feel like my life is a standstill nje, which is one of the reasons I am moving back home I want to restart nje everything from the beginning nje. I have no kids, no boyfriend or girlfriend just an apartment and a car, that I want to sell because I want to buy myself a BMW X5 after my move.

Ma: "Kulungile ke Mahle, ubuya nini? or you hate me like your sister who calls once a month" that is not fair, she knows why Sindi feels like that about her husband, she was the one who was left to take care of my brother and I while my mother was busy nursing her wounds, she became a mother before her age, she even hates kids because of that.

Me: "I will see you next month Ma, bye" I hang up before she says something else that will

upset me.

A month later.

I am standing in the middle of 2 bedroom flat with a kitchen and a dinning room, my furniture was delivered a few hours ago and I managed to sort it out, I just need to buy a few items and I am done but right now I am tired and I need to get myself a bottle of wine and some food, I do't have a car yet so I need to request a cab. I haven't stayed in Durban before even though I am from KZN but I am not from Durban. So I still need to figure this place out, my cousins will have to show me around and I will have to call the friends that I left behind. I take my hand bag, request an uber. I stay in Musgrave and I know that there is a mall around here somewhere, I tell the driver and he drops me right in front of the door. I walk to pick n pay and buy a few items for my fridge and wine of

cause, I stand there for a while decided what else to buy besides wine. I need alcohol nje, it makes makes my lonely flat feel homely, lol, I know that that is just stupid, I always need an excuse to drink. I stand and stare at my options.

"Whats your poison" someone says, I turn to look at who said that and its a tall guy, dark, looks good nje nothing serious though, I sigh when he smiles

Guy: "You look like you're having a hard time deciding what to drink"

Me: "Yes, I don't know what to buy Vodka or Whiskey"

Guy: "Oh are you going somewhere?"

Me: "No actually I just moved here and I always like to keep stash in my house" He chuckles "Uhlekani" I ask with a serious face

Guy: "Nothing, its just that you remind me of my sister and when we were still students" I smile,

that is sweet, he take two bottles of Ciroc Vodka and adds it to his trolley that is full of alcohol

Me: "Whats the occasion" I ask pointing at his trolley with my eyes

Guy: "My sister just gave birth to two beautiful healthy boys" he says with a grin on his face, he takes out his phone and shows me a picture of two cute babies, its sweet but I don't know this guy and he just told me almost everything (I know I'm exaggerating) about himself.

Me: "Congratulations to her" I say with a genuine smile "they look so cute" she smile widens

Guy: "You should see them in person, I can't even even tell them apart" we start moving to the till and he is chatting away like he knows me, he is so relaxed futhi. "I can't wait until I have kids of my own, like all my siblings have

kids except Nhlanhla and I" he sounds like he sad now, he starts taking out the thing from his trolley and placing them on the counter

Me: "I don't have kids either, why don't you have kids vele, you and your brother" he finishes when I think he is about to pay he moves is trolley and starts taking out my stuff "OH no that's mine"

Guy: "I know" he continues taking my things out, I have pads, panty liners and gynaguard but he doesn't seem shaken "anyway the last time I loved someone and wanted to have kids with them they betrayed me and I have never loved since and my brother, I guess he is always busy, he is doctor and he just opened his own practice and has never had time to himself" he pays for our things and puts them in one trolley and pushes it and I follow him "wena?"

Me: "I guess I've never met the right person to have kids with and I have always been busy with

school and work" I take out my phone to request and uber

Guy: "You're a student?" he asks as he pushes the trolley

Me: "No, I am doing my Phd and lecturing, I am going to the first floor my uber is there.

Guy: "Oh no I can't allow you to take a cab this late" eshe this guy "I have heard a lot of things about these cab drivers

Me: "I don't know you either, so hey" I chuckles

Guy: "I am Nsikayomuzi Khumalo and wena young lady" I smile shaking my head in disbelief

Me:"Mahle Khuzwayo" he pushes the trolley and I follow him to his car, I kinda trust him. We drive and I give directions to my place, we are having a chat meaningless conversation

Nsika: "So what are you up to tonight?"

Me:"Nothing hey, I will continue to unpack and

drink my wine and sleep"

Nsika: "come with me, it will be fun, free booze and free food" he says giving me a smile a tiny tight smile like he is begging, I am not sure I want to refuse then I remember that I promised myself to live a little

Me: "Okay let me freshen up first" he stops at my gate I we both come out his phone rings, he answers

Nsika: "Ngiyeza bafo hawu" he laughs "ay kahleni madoda senizofa yini, tell Londi to cook pap lapho" he laughs again "you're and idiot Fiks yaz, ngiyeza now now" helps me with my stuff and makes himself comfortable on my brand new sofa, after a few minutes I walk out of my room and we head to Mount Edgecomb, that's what he said.

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Yomuzi

Me: "Zwe, I want to sleep, your kids don't want to behave" I have been back from hospital for two weeks now, and I sleep for only 5 hours max and that is during the day, when the lady who is helping us is done with her chores otherwise at night Mnini is crying and wants attention, Mlando on the other hand assists. It is like he waits for Mnini to cry then he follows. Tonight they are doing the most and Zwe is just sleeping, he says he is tired he had a lot to do today, I told him to take some time off work so he can spend some time with the twins but he said things are a bit hectic at his company and he is working on something bla bla bla, honestly I don't know what he said chances are I fell asleep. Right now he can't fall asleep while I am up, Mnini has been restless the whole day today I hardly slept during the day and now its almost 2 am and he just won't

sleep which means that his brother is up too, I have changed his nappy, fed him and even checked his temperature but nothing seems to be the problem. I am sitting on the floor at the nursery cause I am tired and sleepy, Zwe is wrapped up in the couch we put in the nursery, he is asleep. I can't anymore, I start crying too. I mean I don't know what to do now. Zwe stirs a little

Zwe: "Muntu why are you crying?" he seems alarmed and shaken as sees me, he says walking towards.

Me: "Zwe he has been like this the whole day today, I haven't slept at all, I have done everything but nothing seems to be calming him down" I am actually worried now, with Landi I didn't have such problems, all I know is that Siyakha had the same problem after he was born but he was 5 months when this happened to him and he was heating up.

Zwe: "Bring him here" Zwe takes him and starts reciting his clan names and he calms down. I leave them there and go take a shower. One thing that is worrying me though is the fact that we need to go to Port Sheptone to do the ritual for the kids and Sibani but there is so much going there that I actually don't feel comfortable with all my children going there, at least maybe when they are 3 months old. I go out of the shower and find Zwe working on his laptop, I go to the closet to get dressed, as soon as I drop the towel I feel him behind me, I can feel his dingy ling, how does one become horny at a critical time like this and my vagina is basically still on recovery mode.

Me: "You know mos that we are suppose to have sex after three months" he gasps and turns me around to look at him and I grab my night dress

Zwe: "3 months Mpandeyomuzi ngeke, no baby

that won't happen"

Me: "did you see those big heads that came out of this vagina? and the last thing I am thinking about is sex when Mnini is acting like this" he looks at me like he knows what I will say but doesn't want to say it

Zwe: "Mpande I don't want to go home yet, I am just not ready as yet, maybe I should call gogo to come over and pray and burn some incense for them, I feel like everything that is going on at home it will just make matters worse" he says all this while helping me get dressed. He take my hand and we go to bed and I lean on his chest "Yaz Siyakha also started like this, he was restless and kept on crying until his temperature started going high, I don't want us to get there with the twins but I still don't want to go home" he heaves a sigh

Me: "ksasa I will call gogo and ask if there is anything that we can do without us having to go

home" he kisses my forehead and smells my hair "There is also that issue with Sibani, he can't stay at home for the duration of the year, he is older than the boys but it looks like he will go to grade one with them next year, that family is just being difficult" I feel like Zwe and I have all the problems that black people could ever imagine.

Zwe: "Uyabona I don't even want us to talk about that family, I will say and do things that I will later regret. Babe will we ever catch a break" He sound really sad. I lift up my head and kiss his lip "ngapha oLondi bajola namakhehla" I chuckle, I won't even say anything because I know he wants a reaction "and Sibanis family is being difficult wanting a thousand cows " ihaba shu " MaShandu wanting to sell this Londi because of the will" I want to laugh because he is just being extra.

Me: "Manzini, I am sure that solutions will come,

every family has its own problems we just need to sit and regroup and face all these problems, ksasa we call gogo and try to calm down the twins, each day we will deal with each problem"

Zwe: "I am so happy that you agreed to be with me, I love you Makhumalo, lets sleep now" He kissed my forehead again

Me:" I love you too Manzini, thank you for loving me enough to want me to be the person you want to spend the rest of our life with" and we drift away to sleep.

I wake up in the morning to a full house, my brothers are in the house with Aphiwe and Londi, Dr Msimang is here too and a lady I don't know. They are all sitting around the table with each one of my brothers with a kid on their lap, Sibani is on Aphiwes lab while the two ladies are holding the twins. It looks like there have

been here for a while because they are have a proper english breakfast. Nsika stands up when he sees me, he seems happy, I don't know whether it because he is seeing me or its because of the mysterious lady in the room. He comes to me and we hug a bit longer, I haven't seen him in a while. The last time I saw him properly was while I was in hospital and they left saying they were going to celebrate on my behalf, from the pictures I saw they we really having fun without me. I can't even drink because I am breast feeding. We move towards the others and Siyakha jumps down from Nhlanhla's lap and comes to me, this child is too tall to be picked up.

Me: "Hey my boy" I say brushing his head "Hello everyone, when did you get here? Nonkosi niyaphila?" I ask Dr Msimang she looks at me and gives me a big grin

Doc:" waze wangibiza kamnandi, I am fine thank

you wena, how are you? how are the babies treating you?"

Me: "I am not enjoying it babe, I want to loose the weight but I can't I am always up because Mnini" I walk up to the other dark beauty in this room because no one seems to be interested in introducing us "I am Mpandeyomuzi Zungu, there owner of this house and the people who live in it, I am the little sister of those two dark men and a twin to this one following me around and a sister in law to those ladies" I say pointing to the people round the table and they all laugh in disbelief

Dark Beauty: "Mahle Khuzwayo, friends with all the people around this table but met them through the one who is following you around " I laugh I like her Nsika might have a smart one like him

Me: "Nice meeting you Phakathwayo" she chuckle

Mahle: "Likewise Mrs Zungu" and I blush

Me: "What is the time kant and where is my husband"

Zwe: "Over here he says walking from behind carrying a few plastic bag and why is there a couple retreat in my house without anyone telling me" the idiots laugh, I know he is still annoyed by Fika and Londi because he keeps throwing shade at them "oLondi bajolela kwam namakhehla wabo manje" he says with a straight face Nhlanhla and Nsika are in stitches and Londi stands up and leaves the room with Aphiwe following her.

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Zwe

Yomuzi: "You are so extra sometimes, why did you have to embarrass Londi like that?" she sounds annoyed, I don't care. I know that I am acting like a hypocrite right now but I was not a 100 years older then Mpande and hadn't been married before and to add on things when I realized that Fika and Mpande I went to him and spoke to him about it because I didn't want it compromising our relationship he even threatened to kill me, in fact he is the hypocrite, I know for a fact that his feelings didn't grow over for my little sister but he wanted to do as he pleases first. Actually I think that is my main problem with Fika he always takes what he wants, the consequences are things that he deals with after.

"Babe I really get that you are unhappy about their relationship but I think that should keep an open mind, Fika did let us be after all and its not fair that you don't do the same too and plus you

need to let Londi make her own mistakes you're not going to be around her forever, if they claim to love one another then let them be, I feel you are punishing Londi more than Fika and that is just not fair on her" I sigh

Me: "I'm just trying to protect her, there are things that I know about your brother that I don't want her exposed to and I feel that she should be out there with her peers" she frown and folds her arms against her chest, which is full by the way cause she is breast feeding, I just wan to take her now but its just been two weeks.

Yomuzi: "Don't be crazy, do you know the things that I was told about you? instead of being scared of you I got drawn so deep to you, I know things about that still give me nightmare, things that you yourself are afraid to confront let alone tell me about, yet I am here, so please don't be a mood killer, there are people here

start behaving like an adult or go to the naughty corner, cause you want to act like a child" What the fuck, she just put me in my place "come out when you're ready to be nice to others." with that she goes to take a shower, I want to join her but she is pissed but I want to go confront the idiots she calls her brothers, why would they want to tell her about Flash when I have never thought of telling about their beasts too. I go out and I find them chilling by the pool side, I can't see Londi but there is a new lady and Nhlanhla's crush or whatever, these idiots are drinking so early. I go take a seat next to the doctor she looks happy and the other lady looks chilled too

Me: "Hi ladies, why are you with these idiots" they laugh

Nhlanhla: "Hayi leave my woman alone Zungu" he looks too happy

Me: "So she finally gave you a chance, cha sisi

unesbindi ngiykuvuma" the idiots laugh but she laughs "chill ngiyadlala, I'm Zwe by the way and this is my house and I am thinking of moving because I never have peace here" they all laugh

Lady: "Hi I'm Mahle Khuzwayo" Nsika grins

Me: "Uhlekani ke wena?" they all laugh when they see that Nsika is blushing, I know for sure that hasn't started asking her out because if she was the girlfriend she would be just like the doctor here " So Noma, Mnini has be giving us a headache these past few days, is that normal he is so restless" I ask cause I am really concerned.

Noma: "Yeah it is but if it continues bring him through I will check him out" I smile and nod

Nhlanhla: "why don't you ask me mos I'm also a doctor" we all laugh his jealous

Me: "I have known you for almost 10 years I don't trust you with myself, why on earth would I

trust you with my kids" they all laugh, but its not that we don't trust him but we don't want to put him in a bad position. He Sulks, Noma seems to be doing things to him, since when does he sulk?

I am still expecting my still expecting my grandmother and uncle they are coming tomorrow. It looks like we are having a braai with the Khumalos, I know the rest of the brood is still coming. Indeed Lihle is here with Themba and Andile, along side with their kids who quickly rush to the playroom and later Ayanda came with her husband. I haven't spoken to her, she is so joined to Nhlanhla, I feel like her husband is jealous cause he looks uneasy, I want to laugh because they remind me of my wife and his twin. I go stand next to him his smoking.

Me: "Sho Mfwethu"

Zenande: "Eita"

Me: "How has she been?"

Zenande: "She acts all strong, this is just too much, her mother still hasn't told her the truth they have even stopped talking" eish its that bad "I have even moved Dali to my mothers cause things are just gloomy"

Me: "I will talk to her too, I know this family is overwhelming trust me I know, my wife is also a twin and he even has a room here" he laugh "but they are harmless and they love each other, my wife told me that their mom was quiet closed off too but I guess, we will deal with things as they come, just take them in as they are, they are a very protective bunch but they good people and deeply care for another. Uzojwayela"

Zenande: "I have noticed sometimes I get jealous, they are hinting that we move closer to them, will Nhlanhla also have to have a room in

my house" I laugh because he is really worried

Me: "Kuyokusiza lokho, I did that because my wife and Nsika depend on each other kakhulu emotionally so rather than having her having her drive all the way to Nsika when he needs her" he nods

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Zwe

Me:"Baby we are running late, shesha" Mpande has been sitting on the floor for almost an hour now, she wants to cry. "Kant yini?" she gives me the 'don't fuxks with me look'. We are going to Aya's house warming party, I did say that she was going to move to this side soon. This one here is being difficult. I walk out the room just so I can be safe, I know the issue of her not being dressed has everything to do with her body and her weight, we run together in the

morning and in the afternoon, her diet has also change but its taking her time to loose the baby weight but it has only been 2 months. I go check out the twins, they are peacefully playing with the nanny who is feeding them, gogo did come to see them washisa impepho but she said I must come home soon, she says Mnini needs more attention but she said she will only tell me about the full details when I come home and that was 2 months ago. Landi is playing with the boys, its funny how she doesn't even care that she is the only girl in this house. Sbani is slowly fitting in, he is too hyper though and that's the side of that took time to come out. I went to home affairs and did a new birth certificate for her, I wasn't about to waste my time with that family. Mpande walks out eventually and finds me in the kitchen drinking orange juice, we all had to lay low on the alcohol because the madam can't have some either. She looks so hot right now, I just wish

she knew that. She is wearing black denim pants with a white shirt and a blue denim jacket and red heels, it's like we are matching I am wearing the same just with a black denim jacket but changing to the blue one. "You look sexy baby" she rolls her eyes, I laugh at her and rush back to the change my jacket, when I get back she sees my jacket and rolls her eyes again. We drive to Aya's new place. Nhlanhla convinced her to move to Mhlanga, I know Zenande didn't like the idea but what choice does he have vele. We get there and there are cars everywhere, everyone has arrived and of cause we were the last ones to arrive and I know we are going to be the first ones to leave.

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Londi

School has been a bit hectic after Vac but Mdala doesn't really understand, I hardly have time to check my messages, today all I want to do is sleep I had a test yesterday and today during the day I had a date with Mdala cause he was sulking but I am genuinely tired and I just need to sleep. Fika wants me to go with him to his sister's house warming party but I don't want to, not only because I know Bhut Zwe will be there but I am also tired I really need to rest. After our date he dropped me off here at res, we spent the day at Ballito then we argued all the way until he dropped me and drove off, you'd swear I'm the elder in this relationship. When I came back I found Nontle camped by my door looking all sad, so we have been in bed the whole evening, she is just crying and doesn't want to tell me what is bothering her. Fika calls. Me: "Baby boo" I hear him chuckle, one thing

that I am sure he has learnt about me is that I hold no grudges, especially if he is sulking I just have no time.

Fika: "How are you my love?" I think he has calmed down too.

Me: "I'm good wena unjan?"

Fika: "I could be better" I chuckle cause I know he is still hung on that silly argument "Come out I am at the parking" I look at Nontle and she is fast asleep

Me: "Okay give me a minute" I jump out of bed and put on his musk hoody, he bought me one too but I just love his, I hardly wash it cause it smells like him but every time his scent washes I give it back to him to give back to him to wear it. I go to him, I find him sleeping with his chair pulled back so I decided to go to his side and sit on top of him, he doesn't look okay. "You seriously can't still be sulking because I didn't

want to go to the party with you baby" he looks up at me and he doesn't look like he is okay.

Fika: "Can we please go to my place, I just really need to hold you right now" I want to refuse but I can see that he is really not in a good space.

Me: "Okay, let me make a call first" I take out my phone and call Aphiwe "hey sis, sorry for waking you up so late, can you please take a cab to res, I need to be somewhere and Nontle is not in a good space, please" she agrees and I move to take my seat. We drive in silent to his place, he is playing Tupac. I have never heard him play hip hop yaz this is new. In fact I don't think I know any genre of music that he prefers.

Fika: "Yaz babe, Tupac takes me back to my high scholl years, wgere everything was just perfect" he smiles, I don't whats he on about but hey "I used to be the most popular boy in school, smart and handsome" well well are we having a big head today. "I miss those days when I was

worry free and had no problems at all, now its like I invite problems and sorrow in my life. Ever since dad passed on I have never had carefree life, i have always had to make sure that all my siblings were okay and I am not complaining but sometimes it just too much, its like whenever I am happy, the gods see it and they send pain towards me" now we are parked in front of his house and there is car there, I don't know who it belongs to but his mood immediately changes from sad to angry, he jumps out of the car and rushes in the house, I jump out right after him cause I know that Fika too well someone is going to get hurt.

"What The fuck are you still doing in my house Linda" oh it the ex wife, I quickly stand far from him, there is also two man I don't know here

"Who gave you permission to be inside my house with these people"

Man: "Ey baba watch yourself, do you know who

you're talking to" I see fear in Lindas eyes and I know why, this Fika will break shit and this man won't be ready for it

Fika: "Excuse me, was I talking to you?" he says walking towards him "Who gave you the idea that you can walk into another mans house and disrespect him huh" Pitbull is out as Nhlanhla would say. I take out my phone and dial 911 Fikas place, I send it to Nhlanhla

Linda: "Khumalo, I am not here to cause any trouble, I just want to do what is right by my daughters, we really didn't mean to disrespect you" she says now standing in front of the man, she is pleading with Pitbull

Man: "Ey Linda angeke ngincenge leSlima, I am here for my daughters" this man wants to die, the man is also now standing, its 2 against one

Linda: "Bheki awuthule, you're making things worse" Fika is indeed fuming and this Bheki

character is not making matters better.

Me: "Linda, I think you should go and come back tomorrow" she is shocked cause she hadn't seen me all this time.

she grabs her bag but Bheki whom I assume is her man holds her still and she flinches

Bheki: "We are not leaving this house until I get my daughters" am I hearing things correctly haaibo while I am still recovering from all that Fika is out of my sight and is on top of Bheki, both Linda and I rush to him, but he is too strong when we try to pull him away, the other guy attacks Fika from behind indeed its two against one, there is a lot of screaming and things are breaking, of cause the screaming is coming from us the ladies. I knew Fika was strong but not like this, everything is just red, I see Bheki taking out a knife from his pocket, he was out a bit and the other guy was being dealt with

Me: "Fika uMese" I am not sure whether he heard me but I rush back to them and try to take that knife, the knife fall but the fight continues, I notice that there is too much blood now, Linda is on the phone crying now, Fika turns to me and sees something I don't see, but the guy is not letting him go. they are still at it. Yomuzi is the first one to run in, she sees what is going on and I see the exact look that Fika had on, Fika immediately jumps away from this guy and comes to me and Yomuzi starts fighting with him, I have never seen anything like this. Bheki is on the floor when My brother and Nhlanhla also come running in, Yomuzi is fighting like a man, this guy is also fighting, Bhut Zwe wastes no time and goes to fight off this man and Yomuzi rushes to me, bhut is finished with this guy. the two men are laying lifeless on the floor and the attention all turns to me, I didn't even notice that Nhlanhla had left the room, he comes back from one of the bedrooms with a

first aid kit, I look at my arm, the jacket is red and turn. I don't what Fika has been doing all along next to me cause right now he looks panicked and shocked. Bhut Zwe looks angry, I am as shocked as Fika though but I think its because I have never seen a woman fight like that in my entire life.

Nhlanhla: "Londi, can you hear me" I turn to look at him, I am now sitting on Fikas lap, everyone seems to be angry " I need you to take this jacket off" Yomuzi walks to me and helps me take it off but my arm is a bit painful. I can't believe the scar on my arm it starts from the shoulder and goes all the way down to my elbow. I see Fika flinch and his face changes and a lot gasps in the room, Bhut Zwe is pacing around the room. "Shit, she needs stitches Fika"

Zwe: "I knew shit like this was going to pop, look what you've done to my sister Fika, bheka nxaa" Yomuzi gives him the eye and its like she

is putting fuel into a fire "Don't start with me Mpandeyomuzi, I didn't I say stop fighting, what was going to happen to the kids and I if anything happened to me huh?" she looks down as if she has just remembered something

Linda: "Fika you guys have killed them"

Zwe: "Ey Fuseg wena, what did you think will happen when you brought those goons here huh? well you got what you wanted, they're dead" I thought Fika was scary when he is angry but this Zwe is sending chills down my spine.

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Fika

I am really not in a good space, I am hurt emotionally and I think I am actually losing my mind. After so many years with the girls Lindi thinks she can just waltz in and change my whole world. Our relationship was not the best I

know, but for her to do me like this, its too much. I don't care whether the men in my house are dead or not. One thing I know for sure is that nobody is taking my girls away from me. I have never seen Londi that scared in my life, I didn't think that she was that brave either, that knife was going to kill me if she didn't see it first and protect me. She saw another side to our family, a side that I didn't want her to be exposed to. We had to take her to the hospital, she needed to be stitched. Nhlanhla assisted us. Zwe is here being dramatic, I don't think anyone has told him what really went down, all he knows is that his sister is hurt and his wife just threw herself in a fight without thinking. If there is one thing that I know about my family is that we ask questions later, well that is, my brothers and Yomuzi, Themba and Lihle are the ladies, we are not sure with Aya yet. We are now standing at waiting area at the hospital waiting for Londi to be stitched. I really feel bad about

her being hurt. I had left Zwe and Nsika to take care of those men at my house, I assume they will take them to the warehouse. I am waiting with Yomuzi and Nhlanhla is inside with Londi. My sisters walk in with their husbands, well not Themba, they are with Nsikas Friend or whatever, Mahle. Themba comes to me gives me a big hug, I want to cry, she lets squeezes me and I fail to hold my tears, I let it all out and she lets me. We sit on the floor with my head on her thighs and I just cry.

Themba: "It will be okay Fika, it will work out Mntungwa" I don't think she understands, things will never be the same.

Me: "She wants to take my girls, she says they are not mine, all these years, why does she hate me so much, its like someone is stabbing my heart kubuhlungu Themba" I weep. Zwe walks in with Nsika and they both go to their partners, this is not normal. Nhlanhla comes out and

scans the room, I guess he is looking his twin cause he smiles when his eyes land on her. He can't seem to look at me in the eye though,

Nhlanhla: "You can come through, she is not ready to go home, are you fine?" I stand and he gives me a tight hug too. I go in and I find Londi starrng at the walls, she looks like she is in deep thought, I really didn't want her to see Pitbull. I stand by the door until I can't anymore, so I walk to her. She doesn't look great, she looks worried.

Me: "Hey babe, are you good? I am sorry about today, my love, I am sorry I couldn't protect you, I am sorry for exposing you to what you saw today, When I came to fetch you I didn't expect to find Lindi still there, I told her to leave, when she told me about the girls but instead she brought those men to my house, I really lost it babe and I am sorry that you got hurt in the process" she is crying, my baby is crying, I think

it all registering now to her. "Don't cry baby, you're hurting me" I am now cuddling her.

"Nhlanhla says I can't take you home, do you want to come home with me?" she shakes her head no, "okay, I will call Yomuzi" she shakes her head no again.

Londi: "No, please call bhut Zwe for me" I'm hurt a little but its fine, I take out my phone and I text Zwe to come through, after a few minutes he comes in, and I jump out of the bed.

Zwe: "Mntungwa, sorry about earlier I overreacted, you know your sister drives me crazy" I nod and I think I will give them space

Londi: "Please don't leave Fika" okay now I'm confused. "I miscarried, Nhlanhla says I was pregnant and I miscarried today" Zwe staggers and sits down on the floor, I stand frozen, I literally don't know what to do or what to say, what have I done to the ancestors to deserve such punishment. I slowly go to her and cuddle

her again, Zwe walks out I guess he is giving us space. We cry together "I didn't even know that I was pregnant, I am so sorry Mbulazi" Its not her fault, this is all me.

Me: "No baby this all on me love, I am so sorry, its the trauma from today" I wish I knew what I was being punished for, first the girls now this. After a short while the whole family walks in. Yomuzi looks like she was crying, she quickly comes to us and gives Londi a hug. I need to go home, I need to go speak to my father, this is all too much. I think I am going to spend the night here then tomorrow I go home, Londi needs to meet my mother, I need my mother but I can't leave her behind.

Me: "Tomorrow morning we are going home, I need to see my mother" everyone is dead quiet

Aya: " I will come with Bhut" I nod

Me: "Nqobizizwe, can I take Londi with, I don't

want to leave her behind and I want her to meet my mother" he nods, I know Londi is annoyed. After an hour my family leave, I can't believe my night ended like this.

Londi: "I have to prepare for a test so I can't go with you" this girl uyahlanya yaz

Me: "Please come with me, we will take your books with" I just need to calm down and beg.

Continuation

Fika

Me: "have nothing to my name, no one to leave all my things to, all my hard work, I thought I was doing everything for them, and I loose a chance at having a child because of violence kant when am I meant to be happy? I have always made sure that everyone is happy and safe. All the years I spent with the girls and it turns out ngikhulisa abantwana benye indoda" I am talking to my mother, we indeed went home

I needed to breathe and Durban was not helping at all. Londi has been cooped up in my bedroom from the time we got here, Zwe said I shouldn't take her along but I couldn't leave her behind, I wanted to be with her.

Mom: "That's not true baby" I chuckle at the baby part "You will also find happiness, just give it time. I am so sorry about the girls but they also belong to you, and we will fight for them until the end lets just not get carried away, they need to know the truth, now come on get up and show this girl that's driving you crazy" I chortle, we walk out of the bedroom and find everyone sitting at the dining area everyone is here, Ayanda, Yomuzi, Lihle and Themba plus my brothers their husbands are not here though. Themba looks at me for a while, I guess she is trying to see whether I'm or not. I nod at her and she looks relieved. I go out to my flat outside the main house. I knock then get in to check

whether Londi is decent, then tell my mom to come in. Londi was busy on her phone she also has her exam pad on next to her, I guess she was getting her work done.

Mom: "MaZungu unjan sisi" I guess she can see its Zwes sister. "I am sorry baby for what you had to go through, just know that when you need someone to talk to I'm a phone call away" mom says hugging Londi who looks shit scared by the way.

Londi: "Thank you ma"

Mom: "Come now get dressed and join us in the house" she nods and my mother stands to leave "Woza Fika, yeka ingane igqoke in peace" Londi chuckles at least she is laughing, this is the first time since we left the hospital. "Fika ingane le" she says as soon as we leave and get inside the main house "I can't believe this, what did Zwe say, yaz uyadelela wena Fikanokuthula" I want to roll my eyes but this woman will

remind me with a hot clap that shes still my mother. “kodwa what can we say, whats done is done now. I think the next step ukugeza ingane yabantu and id you claim that you're serious, hambo hlawula uLobole bhut” I scratch my head Londi said we should wait a bit on marriage but knowing my mom all that will have to change because she has spoken but I have to tell Londi manje.

I hear cars parking outside. Nhlanhla stands up to go look and frowns.

Nhlanhla: “Ngathi that’s Lindas parents and uncles” can't I like get a break, I need a minute to think cant she even give me such, nxaa man yesses. Finally they knock and Nsika opens up, my sisters go to the kitchen now its me, my brother, my mother and Linda with her family”

Lindas Uncle: “Siyabingelela kaKhumalo” we

nod “we are here on behalf our daughter who has put us to shame with her ungodly ways, we can't apologise enough for embarrassment and shame that our daughter has put you through. Mkhwenyana siyaxolisa Mbulazi” I say nothing “ Linda came to us last month and told us about her infidelity and how it led to her conceiving two children lezi ezikhuliswa uwe Mntungwa” my anger keeps rising the uncle seems to be catching on because he stays quiet for a while then speaks again “ BoKhumalo sizoshweleza, sigeze ikhaya ngalelishwa” he says taking out an envelope and putting it on the table. Themba walks in with a tray with cool drink and biscuits. I am sure she is here to calm me down.

Nhlanhla: “We don't want your money, please take it” he says with snappy tone, oh petty Nhlanhla is out to play now “ Did your daughter what she did during the weekend?” they all look at each other, I guess she didn't “asifuni lutho

kini, uLinda must play away from our family far away”

Uncle: “Siphinde sixolise, sicela abantwana” I flip the table, everything turn upside down, Linda runs to the door. Her family is shocked and scared, my eyes are red and my breathing is doing the most. Mean while my family is relaxed.

Me: “NO ONE IS TAKING MY CHILDREN, LEAVE!” They all hurry out besides Linda who is still by the door.

Linda: “Fika this the only thing I will ever ask from you, please give me my children” she sobs and I march to her, this woman is truly testing me, I get to her before she jumps out the door. I strangle her, everyone comes running towards me, they try to pull me away but I'm too strong. She is shaking under my arm, hardly breathing. Londi comes in running.

Londi: "Mntungwa please!" I'm not letting this bitch go.

She walks to me and with tears running down her face "Stop it, the girls still need their mother Fika" I can here her parents pleading and her mom crying. I eventually let her go and quickly rush off to my flat and lock myself inside. I don't like the person I am becoming.

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Special

Londi

I don't know how to feel right now, i feel ao helpless and useless at the same time. I feel like Fika has lost much more than me. As much as I was not ready for a baby but I know that I wouldn't have minded once the baby was here. I know Fika would have been more then excited. I lost him before I even knew about him. I think I

need to be strong for Fika, he doesn't say much but he is hurting. He has been distant since that incident, he doesn't want me to leave his sight, I've been with him ever since we came back from his home. I haven't been to res, he drops me off and picks me up later, and I just let him be because he's not in a good space. The family decided that it was best that Fika lets go of the girls, but he would get visitation rights and holidays with them. He didn't like the idea but nothing could be done. Today is the last weekend he has them over during school term so we are going out to get them a few things and Fika wants to spend some time with them and explain to them what is going to happen now. We went to Ballito, to spend the weekend there, I didn't know that he had a house this side but he said he rents it out for weekends and holidays to families.

Fika: "Lolo, how do I tell them that they are not

mine" he sighs, we are in bed cuddling, the weather is not too good outside.

Me: "I wish I knew my love, you're the older one you should know all these things" he chuckles and kisses the back of my head

Fika: "I just want to run away from all of this, turn back things nje, how can Linda be this selfish?"

Me: "Kuzodlula Mntungwa, you will see, you will have your happy ending" I can hear him breathing "I love you"

Fika: "I love you too"

There's a knock on the door "Baba asambe" oh that's the teenager Sithelo, we chuckle. She told us last night that she hates going with us because we are always late lol. "Okay baby let me shower"

Sthelo: "Anikagezi, wow dad wow" dramatic much aren't we "the movie starts in the next

hour please be fast" we chuckle, I can hear that she is annoyed

Me: "Sizoshesha I promise"

Sthelo: "Nisahleli Weeeeeee" I can't help but laugh. We get up and Fika heads to the shower, while I made the bed. I went to join him. We finished and we went out to the kids.

Unazo: "Finally!" She says rolling her eyes, I will really miss these two. We head out to Ballito junction. The day is filled with fun we are finally sitting and having dinner and one of those fancy restaurants.

Sthelo: "Mom says now we will live with her, why?" Her eye are a bit wet.

Fika: "Mom and I have agreed that, that is what is best for you too"

Sthelo: "Hawu baba please, mom is absent uyaz nawe, she is there but she's not there, ngeke baba mina I am not going" Fika sighs

Fika: "Baby it's so much complicated than that, I also wish it was the other way around but its like that"

Unazo: "Mom also said we have another dad, our real dad, I really didn't understand that" I see Fikas facial expression change, he clenches his jaws, I hold his hand under the table.

Me: "Yes, you are the luckiest girl in this planet, cabanga you habe two mothers and two dads" she giggles

Sthelo: "I don't want two dads mina, I am fine with just dad" she says with an attitude "what if he doesn't treat us good baba, you know mom does not care at all" Fika is really struggling

Me: "Lets give your other father a chance before you make up your mind princess" she is now crying but she shakes her head

Fika: "Just know that I Love you and would do anything for you, I'm just a phone call away" he

says while hugging Sthelo, we finish eating and go to shop.

I am bushed yezwa all that shopping and the games we had to play we later went to the beach.

Fika: "My love thank you for today, the kids and I fun and thank you for taking over when I had no answers for them, angazi bengizoba yini nje if ubungekho"

Me: "Anything for you Khumalo" he chuckles and gets on top of me "get off me uyasinda" he doesn't move, we haven't been intimate ever since I lost the baby, my scar has healed too but you can see clearly that I have it.

Fika: "I miss you, it's been months now" he is exaggerating its been a month and a half

Me: "Hayi you know what your mother said, we can't be intimate until I get cleansed" he gets

off me and I know his pissed because he has been trying to do all the right thing but I keep postponing. I once heard him speaking to his brothers and telling them he will it all at once, uzolobola same day, I was so pissed because I feel like he is just being extra, why can't he talk to me about all of this before deciding for me.

Fika: "You sure know how to annoy me, I'm setting a date soon and I will go to your family and you better be there" he says and get out of bed and heads to the bathroom.

My phone rings and its Zwe I roll my eyes then answer.

Me: "Bhut"

Zwe: " Londile ukuphi" he sounds angry

Me: "eBallito" I say in a low voice

Zwe: "What are you doing there? Who is at the

res I pay for?" I keep quiet, Fika is looking at me and I don't know why.

"Ufuna ukumitha vele, ufunda nini uma uhleli koBallito, is Fika going to write exams for and sign your degree complete certificate?" I am still quiet "cela ungangidini, get back to res and go study, ksasa I want to find you there" he drops. I want to scream. As much as Zwe knows about Fika and I, I really get where he is coming from, I have a year left but I am busy playing the role of a good wife with a man whose got it all. I stand up and go shower, Fika and I haven't spoken since last nights 'Fight'. When I come out of the bathroom the is done and his not around. I get dressed and go out to the kitchen but no one is the house. I go bacj to the besroom and try to call Fika and his phone rings on the dressing table mnxm. I call an uber and start packing my clothes. I call Sthelo and she picks up right away.

Sthelo: "Sugar!" I love it when she calls me that

Me: "Hey sugar, nikuphi?"

Sthelo: "At spur, dad said you're not feeling well, do you need anything" I'm getting pissed

Me: "No love its fine, I will see later" I hang up and the uber driver calls to say his outside. I leave to res. Fika is so childish, if he wants to be a child I will allow him to do so.

Special 2

Yomuzi

There is something special about Fika and Londi, we all saw it at home when Fika attacked Linda. We all know how difficult it is to get Fika to calm but Londi calms him down. If there is one thing I hate about Londi and Fikas relationship it has to be Zwe's new found pettiness. Zwe has become petty and it

annoying. But that's the least of my problems. I have just realised that I might not go back to work, I have so many kids and I enjoy my time with them, the twins keep me up all night and during the day I sleep for a few hours then the big 4 comes back, chaos starts. Sibani is fitting and getting better. A few years back I wouldn't have thought I'd be a mother of 5 kids but here I am.

Nsika has found love in Mahle but dude hasn't told her yet and is afraid of rejection I want to laugh at him but he is in need so I will let it go. He is coming over in a few, I need to check the books of a few clients including Sibalikhulu holdings, remember them right?, he says some things are not adding up but he doesn't want to jump the gun.

Nsika: "Mpandeyomuzi" he shouts as he gets in, I am happy that the kids are at school cause the

house would be upside down.

Me: "At the twins nursery" I am bathing the twins, I've just finished feeding them. He comes in and stands by the door.

Nsika: "I have never imagined you as a mother, but you're doing such a great job with them all by yourself" I smile and he comes up to me and kissed my cheek. "I can't wait to have my own" I chuckle

Me: "I doubt Mahle wants to have kids she is so career driven" he chuckles

Nsika: "You didn't want kids either look at you, 6 years later ushaya nga6" we laugh, we talk about a few things while I dress the kids. He hands the files and I call the lady who looks after the kids to come take the twins, while I make Lunch for Nsika.

Me: "So what seems to be the problem?" I say handing him Lunch and go through the files.

Nsika: "The numbers aren't adding up but I can't find where the money is disappearing to" I read through the file and indeed the books aren't balancing.

Me: "I don't know this trust, when did they open it" I say when I see a trust fund that has more than it should "Nsika, who opened this trust fund, the money that I see here and the money that should be here is not adding up, there is too much money here, but your calculations say a different amount" he takes the file and reads it again.

Nsika: "Bloody basterd, making me look like an incompetent man while he is busy stealing from his family nxa" he bangs on the table and takes the file leaving me shocked, what just happened. I hear a car pullig up. Zwe walks in followed by Londi, she looks bored while he looks pissed.

Me: "Back so early? Hi Lolo" I want to laugh cause I know what this is all about but I won't

say a word.

Zwe: "Ngilethe uLondi, since she doesn't want to stay at res, I thought she must just move in with us and I stop paying nje just once" I want to laugh but I won't because I see someone is not having it today. I look at Londi and wink at her she smiles taking her suitcase to the bedroom she uses when she is around.

Me: "Would you like some food? I had made lunch for Nsika"

Zwe: "Nsika was here? Doesn't he work" I did say he was being dramatic

Me: "He wanted me to check out oe of his accounts" he nods

Zwe: "Food would nice thanks" he says not even looking at me, I dish up for him and Londi and head to the twins, they need to nap, I take their bottles with. I find Mlando crying, he keeps rubbing his eyes, their nanny is crying to I don't

know why though. I take him and hush him. A take a towel to wipe his wet and snorty face and I notice something odd about his eyes. I looks at him and look at the nanny and she looks away like she did something.

Me: "Please go call Zwe at the sitting room" I say trying to calm down, my feel my face is now wet I'm crying, Zwe comes in alarmed

Zwe: "Yini inkinga ma wethu?" He sees that I'm crying so he comes to me and brushes my back, I can't stop crying.

Me: "Zwe look at Mlandos eyes" how on earth did I miss this

"What's wrong with my baby?" I crying louder causing Mlando to cry too, I can't stop crying.

Zwe: "Calm down love, lets take him to the hospital and hear what they say, Hlengiwe please fix a bag for the boys" he says looking her way "Londile!" He shouts and she comes in

running "call Nhlanhla tell him to meet us at the hospital". My sons eyes are blue and brown.

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Zwe

"Your son has a rare disease called Heterochromia" the doctor says

Yomuzi: "Yini leyo? Will he be fine? What is the cause?"

Me: "Muntu yima, let him explain" she tightens the grip on my hand, our palms are sweating, she stop crying a while ago

Doctor: " Well Heterochromia is classified primarily by its time of onset as either genetic (congenital, present at or shortly after birth) or acquired. Most cases of heterochromia are hereditary, and these may be associated with a congenital syndrome. Other cases are acquired

and caused by a disease or due to an injury, can you remember whether anyone in your family has ever had such or maybe he fell hard, I am not sure of the cause yet" we look at each other

Yomuzi: "I have never heard of such in my family but I will call to find out, how will this hetero thing affect him, can he see now?"

Doctor: " Congenital syndromes which may be characterized by heterochromia iridis include: Waardenburg syndrome, an autosomal dominant genetic condition that can cause hearing loss and changes in coloring of the hair, skin, and eyes. "Piebaldism" is similar to Waardenburg syndrome but is unassociated with deafness" oh no "but if he had suffered from trauma you would have seen him, signs are usually seizures, I have taken his blood so I can do some more tests, if its genetic you don't have to worry his hearing and sight won't be affect" now thats a relief.

Yomuzi: " Thank you doctor"

Doctor: "Dr Khumalo is very good friend of mine and has help me way too many time so I am always ready and privileged to help his family" Nhlanhla called in one of his friends who also work with him to come help us.

Yomuzi: "Can we take him home?" It hurts me seeing my wife like this

Doctor: "after a few minutes, please bring me the other twin so I check him out too" I stand to go fetch Mnini from Londi and of cause the whole brood is here, I swear people think we are weird, Fika has Mnini.and I ask to take him, then go back to the doctor

Dr:" this little fella looks.fine to me but please bring them regularly for their eye check, I will let you know when I have the results" we went to ther others, I guess Nhalnhla told them what what was going on because no one asked us

any questions, I was caring Mnini and Mpande has Mlando. Fika came and took Mlando and Lihle took Mnini from me, we drove home with everyone following us, Nsika was busy so he didn't come, in fact Mpande insisted that we don't tell him because he had a big account to handle. When we got home the kids were back from school. We still haven't sorted our Sibanis things, we just got him a birth certificate then got him to school, the rest we would sort it out as time went, but he was too quiet so worried a lot about him.

Mpande left and went to our bedroom with Siyakha and Yakhile following her, its like they always sense when she is not okay. I followed her while Landi was chatting up a storm with Fika. The boys were playing on the bed while Mpande used the bathroom. I went inside cause she was taking too long, when I got in she was crying.

Zwe: "Baby please don't cry, I can't stand it when you cry" I want to take her pain away from here so bad

Yomuzi: "Why do these things keep happening to us, What if he loses his hearing ability?"

Me: "I think its time we went home, I need to look for my mother, I will.sort all these things baby I promise, just stop crying" I say comforting her.

I will continue later, sorry its short.

Continuation

Yomuzi

This thing with Mlando has ne so bad i haven't eaten or slept properly from the day we got back from the hospital. My mother and Themba

arrived yesterday, Tuesday, Themba does as she pleases that school she works at, why is she here during the week? The nanny is offish ever since we went to the hospital, I need to find out what happened, she is an old lady so I don't want Zwe shouting at her. I call to my room.

Me: "Ma ever since we found out about Mlando you have been jumpy, is there something you're not telling me" she starts sniffing, this old lady better not try me. I look at her, I need her to finish because I am really running out of patience.

MaDlamini: "Ngiyakucela sisi cela ungangxoshi kwakwiphutha sisi, ngixolele nami ngabona esehambile ukuth ingane ngathi ilimazekile" what the F is she talking about?

Me: "Khuluma ma, awfuni kuze kufike ubaba walaykhaya" she jumps up, I know Zwe scares her, I just don't kniw how cause I am the one

who talks a lot in this house.

MaDlamini: "Kufika uSisi la wathi she is your friend and she is here to see you, I told her you were out but would be back soon as you were running errands and she asked to wait for inside cause she also wanted to play with the kids, I assumed sisi that she is close because she knew about the children, so I let her in, she then asked to see the kids, the were outside playing so I showed her where they were, she came back with all of and looked confused, she then asked which one is Bukhosi" I pop my eyes, What on earth was Khosi doing her "I told her I don't know who is Bukhosi and told the names of the kids not forgetting Mlando and Mnini, she looked shocked too to find out about thr twins but thrn covered it by saying that she hasn't spoked to you in a long and that she had lost your number and when she was here in Durban she decided to come see you hoping you still

stay at the same place, she then asked me to show her the eldest child and I showed her Siyakha whom she hugged for a while then she dropped the bag she had and said she bought things for him. Mnini started crying so I went to him and she followed me, she played with the twins a minute later Mlando cried so hard and she dropped him on the floor" What " by the time I got to him he was on the floor and crying hysterically, she apologised and ran out, I was afraid to tell you mam cause you had warned about letting strangers in the house, after a week I noticed that Mlandos eyes were changing I was really afraid to say sisi, please don't fire me sisi I need this job, I made a mistake, ngiyaxolisa" I really don't know now, I am really disappointed at Madlamini and angry but I need to tell Zwe about Khosi coming here.

Me: "Madlamini you should have told me about all this, where is that plastic bag" she runs out

to go fetch the bag, Themba walks in carrying Mlando

Themba: "He will be fine Yomuzi, his grandfather wants them home though" useqalile ke losisi "everything will be fine, what I don't understand is why you and Zwe always want to take chances with kids when you know very well that the Zungu ancestors are cray cray, bahlala benilandela nje and tell Zwe that he needs to look for his mother, his father wants her home as she is the first wife that is why him and Londi will never find peace because his dad is not resting" What do my kids have to do with that old man "I am really sorry I know that this might be too much for you but he needs to do it" I am starting to understand why Zwe doesn't want to go home, all this drama. i go on to tell Themba about the Khosi incident and she laughs saying Inshould try reaching out to her, I am not doing that, the last time I tried doing

that she threw it in my face with her family.

Zwe is a ticking time bomb, I tell him everything that Themba said, we know better then to ignore Themba. He takes his keys and the kids with the twins and says he is taking them out for ice cream, I want to tell him its a school night but he is not himself so I let him be.

Zwe

I feel like I will never get a break, if its not my dead father its my dead brother or the people who are alive, I really don't know what my family wants from, can't I be happy for at least a year. I know everything that Mpande told me including finding my mother it was my fathers last wishes.

Me: "We argued for days before he died, I was

so angry, he was making his problems mine, he was the one that wanted a second wife and by then MaShandu was already pregnant with Siyathokoza and he was sending a delegation to go negotiate without my mothers consent. She was so angry she started packing our things, my father found us at the rank and he told her to leave alone because she came alone and took me. That was the last time I saw her until years later I was in high school futhi, before I went to school I had to go to open for the cows and I went but I heard a baby cry and I followed the voice, Londi was wrapped in a blanket and there was a letter there addressed to my dad, I took Londi and went to give her to dad, he was first angry but later, there was no one that he loved more than her. Of cause Mashandu was jealous, when father was away I had to take care of Londi, feed her and bathe her or she would be left alone. Father would never believe me when I told him because od

the way she cared for her when he was around. My dad would watch her play when he was around and when would take her everywhere he went. He once told me that Londi was a replica of my mother and was free spirited and he reminded him of her everytime. So days before he died he kept telling me that I need ti bring back his love. I wouldn't even know where to start" I sigh and Mpande kisses my forehead, I take my keys and go to the nursery to get the twins, I just want to get some air with the kids. I need to breath.

Me: "I am taking the kids for ice scream" I shout as the whole trooo follows me out, I chuckle at how the boys always wait for Siyakha to take tje lead then they follow even Sibani follows even though he is older, then you have the rebel Landi does her own thing. I put the twins and Landi in their car seats, I had to get an Audi Q7 for this big family its annoying I don't even love

this car. I call Aphiwe to tell her I will be fetching, she needs to help me with the twins. I fetch her and we head to gateway. The kids are excited, we haven't been out as a family in a while, the uncles usually come to take them out, now that I know about Fika and Landi it makes sense why he would take them out all the time when she was at my place, I chuckle at the thought. We are now seated at MacDonalds when a lady walks up to us

Lady: "OMG Zwe is that you?" she strides to me at first I can't recognise her then as she approaches I see her its Zama one of Bongekas friends. Gosh it's been a while. I see shock when she sees the kids, I want to laugh

Me: "Zama how are you?" I say while sharing my fries with Landi who has her own by the way. Yaya is on the table facing Aphiwe, they are feeding each other.

Zama: "Wow such a huge family, its been like

over 8 years now, do you still stay here even" I want to laugh cause she can't hide the shock plastered on her face.

Me: "I know hey, I've been too busy, ngikhona" I see she wants to ask where Yaya is but is afraid to ask, and I won't tell her, she should know her friends kid. There's awkward silence until princess starts talking

Landi: "Oh hello, my name is Lifalandile Kuthula Zungu, I am 5 years old but you can call me Landi like everyone else, My uncle Fika calls me Kuthula and my dad calls me Princess" she says with a wide smile "Oh these are my brothers" she starts pointing "Siyakha, Sibanisethu, Yakhile, and these are my twin brothers Mlando and Mnini, you know they look so much alike but now Mlando has a blue and brown eye" Zama is standing there smiling.

Me: "Enough princess" apparently her mom was

like this when she was growing up

Zama: "You have a smart one there don't you, is she the only girl" I nod she looks at Aphiwe

Me: "That's my little sister Aphiwe, my wife is at home" she smiles

Zwe: "It's good to see how far you've come ukhulile" she bids goodbye while taking out her phone. We stay there laughing with Londi at miss talkative here. We finish, and we leave I need to buy my wife something nice and get takeaways because we have guests.

The last spot is Chicken Lichen as I walk we bump into a drunk Bongeka, she looks like she has been hit by a train.

Bongeka: "Ye wena where is my kid" I chuckle because she is looking at the boys but she can't recognise her own child "Iphi ingan yami Zwe" she starts wailing which startles the kids, Yaya comes to me after staring at her for a while

Yaya: "Asambe baba" we leave Bongeka crying and drive home.

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Yomuzi

I so tired, I know that Zwe is not in a good space but we need to go home, like these kids are driving me crazy. They are so restless and I am not setting foot in a hospital because I know very well what they need. Zwe might be in denial but we need to go home plus naye he has been having bad dreams and doesn't want to tell me what they are really about. I find him in the kitchen eating his coco pops, yep the habit hasn't died down. The only thing that is giving me stress so much that I am even loosing weight, its bad, not what I wanted really.

Me: "Nqobizizwe we need to go home"

Zwe: "Kobe seksile ke nescefe sakho" whaaat?  
Did he just say I'm annoying?

Me: " ngizosibanga iscefe because my kids are the ones that are not doing okay, I've been begging you for months to go confront your mother and sort your issues but no wena you want to do it mesekuvume inhliziyo yakho, if anything happens to my kids, I swear Zwe I will never forgive you" nxaaa! I leave him with his coco pops, I'm so pissed right now, he is angry with his mother and my kids are suffering because they can't put their differences aside. I look for my phone, if Zwe won't man up I will fix things myself. I call ubabomncane Bheki

Bab'B: " Makoti, what a pleasant surprise "

Me: " baba niyaphila?"

Bab'B: " We are doing okay, wena ninjan?" I sigh

Me: " Siyaphila baba, sihluhlwa amawele nje, which actually why I am calling you right now,

noSibani futhi"

Bab'B: " Eish makoti, inkani kumnyeni wakho iyaxaka, he knows very well that his ancestors love attention so I don't know why he is still ignoring this issue" he sighs "noMama here has been having dreams, wozani makoti"

Me:" nami I was thinking the same thing, please fetch gogo, ngizokfakela upetrol manje baba, by today evening I will be there baba"

Bab'B: "Don't worry about petrol makoti, just by izinto zesiZulu uzogaya, at least its Monday today so we have the whole week sobona ngawe" we say our goodbyes, I start packing, I pack my things and Zwes things too, I know he will throw a fit but right now I would do anything for the kids. I go to the boys nursery and pack for them, I pack for the other kids too, at least they are in pre school so I know they won't be missing much. I need someone to fetch them from school and someone to drive with, I don't

know who to call between Aphiwe and Londi but I need both of them. Let me just call Londi. I know she is not busy this week because she was mooting her schedule seems to free. She stays here for now because her brother is petty but she said she is going to Aphiwe, we all know that's not true. I call her

Me: " Lolo babe, I need a favour please babe, I know you're with Fika there" she laughs " please come with me siyekhaya kwaManzini, your brother is still sulking but my kids are not okay, uyaz nawe bahlupha kanjan bra" she is quiet for a while

Londi: " sooner or later I need to face my fears, pack for me and Fika and I will fetch the kids and we will leave together " whuuuu at least one person is on my side "I will call Aphiwe, we need one person othandwayo lapha" we both laugh and she drops I send her an SMS ukuth we must meet up by Micro, I need to buy groceries.

Zwe is long gone mnxm. I put the twins in the car and we head to Micro, I do the shopping and as I wait for Londi and Aphiwe, as I am shopping I see the kids running towards me with Fika following them, obvious the boys run to me while the Missy stays with her uncle. I can't even pick them up because the twins. Londi is pushing a trolley full of junk, my brother spoils this one too much, but they look cute together.

Londi: " sisi does bhuti know?" I shake my head  
"lol you guys are hilarious" I chuckle

Fika: "manje nibuya nini?"

Me: "probably Sunday"

Fika: "that's a whole week Yomuzi, intombi yami ngiyibone nini?" I laugh "I will come on Saturday, nizidla nini iymbuzi" I laugh hard this time cause his serious but Londi rolls her eyes

Londi: "Uyaphi because I'm sure this is a small

intimate thing for the family" I laugh again

Fika: "I'm family Yomuzi is my family, so I will be there" these two are funny, I've never spent time with them as a couple, they are too cute. We finish our shopping, I drive with the twins, Aphiwe, Sbani and Siyakha obviously. What I didn't expect is for Fika to drive with us, he says he wants to spend some more time with Landi, now we all know that that is not true, he drives with Londi, Yakhile and Landing. The drive is long and boring, I wish Zwe were here with us but me it is what it is. My phone rings and I answer and its connected to the car so it goes on loud speaker.

Zwe: "Muntu nikuphi?" Its around 4pm now and we are close to his home

Me: "Siyangena kwaManzini manje baba" he sighs

Zwe: "what are you doing there Mpandeyomuzi"

I keep quiet "ubabi indoda Muntu, uwena or its me?"

Me: "It's you" I chuckles

Zwe: "So why do make decisions for lelikhaya without telling me, ikhaya lami lelo noma ikhaya lakho" Aphiwe is so embarrassed right now but I'm not letting Zwe get to me

Me: "Ikhaya labantwana bami"

Zwe: "Iyngane zakho wedwa lezo yini? I don't know why you won't let me just think, I told I will come up with a solution but wena ngoba uyphethe uyahamba"

Me:" You've been thinking for a whole 4 months now, ay ungadlali ngami Manzini"

Siyakha: "Nsizwenye"

Zwe: "Why the fuvk am I on loud speaker" I drop the call, if there is one thing I won't do is let my kids be subjected to swearing.

Aphiwe: " my mother really messed up, it's just that she won't apologize but since Bhut cut her off even financially she has been calling non stop asking me to talk to him ngoba he doesn't take her calls but I know bhuti and I stayed out of it". After a few minutes MWe are driving up to the yard, it looks like I haven't been here for years. Zwe has been calling but I have been ignoring his calls. I see Gogo and MaShandu sitting outside and bab Bheki. I stop and Fika stops next to me, and as Usual Landi runs to MaShandu, I still think their relationship is weird.

Me: "Sanibonani ekhaya" I say joining them, Londi greets and goes to the main house I guess she is going to fetch a chair for her man, she comes back with one and Fika joins us.

Gogo: "Makoti, asisananzi, niyaphila? Jesu are these the twins, such big boys" she takes Mlando from Londi and inspect him "where is Lifa?"

Me: "He had to go to work" I don't care futhi, I leave them under the tree with the kids, I know nothing is going to happen cause gogo is there. We unpack the things from the cars, this house has no food again, just maize meal. I sigh, I really don't like that when things aren't going well between Zwe and MaShandu everyone else suffers, there are kids in this house for crying out loud. I start with the pots and Londi joins me

Me: "what do you think Fika is saying to that old man" Fika went to talk to bab Bheki

Londi: "I hope its nothing stupid, your brother is really pushy yhu" we laugh and continue cooking, later Mbali joins us, she doesn't look too good.

Mbali: "Sisi you came, and we have food, uyabona wena sakulethelwa inkosi" she says while making bread for herself, I tell Londi to fix drinks for the elders outside and instead she

calls Aphiwe, she too can't stand MaShandu, angizingeni. After a hour Fika leave and Londi disappears lol. I go to my little house and start cleaning it. When I'm done it's starting to get dark, I go dish up while Londi and Aphiwe help with the kids. We sit and eat as a family then we hear a car drive in. Zwe walks INA and all the kids jump to him while he side eyes me. Well his here, that's all that matters now.

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Zwe

My wife drives me crazy, I don't know what gave her the idea that doing things behind my back is a good idea. I know I am to blame for this but I have my reasons, I'm just not ready for what is waiting for me lapha kwaManzini, the dreams I've been having of my dad telling me he is not resting because his wife is not at home, are one

of the many reasons why I don't want to go home. I'm just angry people do things then annoy us when they are dead. My father married MaShandu without my mothers blessing as the first wife and she left and he didn't bother looking for her, now I'm supposed to do that, ngingenphi? On the other hand my trucks are being attacked left, right and center, if its the police raiding them they are being hijacked and stripped. Now I was going to go home but after I had sorted this out but does my wife listen to me? No! When I called her, I went off on her and she was just calm, I later realised that I was on loud speaker which pissed me off even more like why? Now I have to go home and I am just not ready. I drive up to the south, I need to fix my problems, someone is messing with my money and that can't be happening now, the only reason the police don't find anything in those truck is because I have someone who works on the inside. Flash has

been quiet for too long now, its time avuke.

I get home and of cause its a full house, gogo is here and Bab' Bheki too. I'm starving and for a minute I am glad I'm home and there are elders here because if we were back in Durban, I was going to pay for all that shit I said earlier on. I think I miss my kids every time Im not with them, they just make me happy, complete and content. They run to me, except Siyakha, I think its because I didn't pay attention to him while I was talking to his mom over the phone.

Me: "Nsizwenye, uright?" He nods and continues eating, Muntu is feeding him, they are all wearing pyjamas now so I'm guessing they are ready for bed. I need to call Litha and find my shit. I ask to be excused "Makhumalo I'm hungry" I say and walk out I don't want to wait and see her reaction cause I'm pissed too. I get to the room and make my call

Litha: "Sho Ta'Flash zikhiphani?"

Me: "Who ntwana ugrand?"

Litha: " Sho skhokho ndigrand wena?"

Me: "Ngimoshekile mnganam, I'm sure you know what's been happening to my trucks, I need to find the person who is giving the order, I don't care about the hijackers I won't the person making the payment" he fiddles

Litha: " Okay outi yami, I will start looking, but speak to Dlamini"

Me: "Muzi?" I ask

Litha: "Sho bra, kuthwa he is joining the game and he is looking to score big, the only way anyone scores big here in Natal is by hitting you and the Khumalos" oh shit now it all makes sense, Nsika did say there was money he couldn't account for in their account

Me: "Hayi bra uFast yezwa, find him and take

him to the warehouse, I'll deal with him ksasa, thanks awthi yami" I drop the call and Muntu walks in followed by Londi, she has a bowl with warm water and Londi has my food. She looks pissed but Im not phased. Londi put my food on the table and leaves, while I'm still washing my hands, after wiping them Muntu hands me my food and attempts to leave "uyaphi?"

Yomuzi: "Going back to the main house, I still need to clean the kitchen and wash the dishes" she says with attitude

Me: "abasekho abantu laykhaya?" She doesn't respond "Hlala phansi" she wants to respond but something stops her. I take out my phone and call Londi, I tell her to clean up the kitchen and that they must sleep with the kids, I know the twins are going to sleep with gogo and therefore they must prepare their bottles for them. "Why don't you listen Mpamdeyomuzi?" I ask her while I eat, she keeps quiet, all of the

sudden she can't speak "Ngiyakhuluma Makhumalo" I continue eating "In this marriage sizwa ngawe manje? Don't we discuss things before we involve family?"

Yomuzi: "I have been trying to talk to you Zwe, and you ignore me, my kids need to be here and this silly fight between MaShandu and you realkynhas nothing to do with me or the kids" I chuckle

Me: " Did I not say I need some time to think?" She rolls her eyes "roll your eyes again, yaz uzobona" she wants to but she can't read my face right now, I know her too well she want to see where I am so she can react "wena uyphethe nje you do as you please, you have no regard for my word at all Mpandeyomuzi, this is my home, I am the man kaykhaya and I make the rules, if you're unhappy you discuss it with me you don't go running to baba, uyangizwa" I am shouting and standing now, she looks

freaked out, good.

Yomuzi: "when was I supposed to discuss it with you when you always dismiss me, I am the one who stays at home with the boys all day, I am the one who doesn't sleep at night cause they can't sleep, wena ulele ubheke phezulu, you come back home and you bury yourself in that office yakhona, manje when will I discuss this with you, sebefile abantwana bami ilamadlozi akhini anescefe, ay Zwe be fair" she is shouting back

Me: "Mpande ngiyingane yakho yini Mina?"

Yomuzi: "Cha"

Me: "So why are you talking to me like ngiwuSiyakha?" She looks down fiddling with her fingers

Yomuzi: "Ngiyaxolisa Manzini, its just nawe you are not being fair on me, I feel like you're relaxed and you don't care"

Me: "Do you know how many problems are we going to leave with when we leave this place, I just wanted a minute to think but wena Mfazi wami you doubt me, how is that supposed to make me feel Makhumalo, I get that you are anxious but doing things behind my back is not assisting anyone, now I have to look for a mother I don't when remember, I don't have the time tondo that my company is being attacked and I don't have time for this drama yalaykhaya, I really don't have time but wena Mfazi wami awuboniseki, Fuck mani Mpandeyomuzi, I really don't need this, I have too much on my plate, I just need a minute" she is now sitting like she didn't disobey me at all. I'm actually tired I need to sleep cause tomorrow is going to be a long day.

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Londi

I love my boyfriend kakhulu futhi, I've never thought that Fika and I will get to a point where I am not afraid to be vocal about my feelings for. It's my Final year, whoopi! Third year was not a good year for me and my marks dropped but I made it and this year I will make it count. There has been so much drama surrounding my life even I don't know how I made it through the year but it turns out that Bhut Zwes problems were caused by my dead father. Let me just tell you the story.

My father and my mother were high school sweethearts. None of them made it to varsity because of the circumstances of that time but they both came from well off families and were both business minded and so they started their business, they opened a small tuckshop, apparently it used to be where the tarven is now. Gogo says dad always wanted his own things,

he didn't like begging and he wanted to do things at his own pace with his own terms, hence he started a tuckshop even though it was clear that he didn't need the money. They were so in love that they couldn't wait to get married, gogo says they were inseparable hence they wanted to get married fast but again my father wanted to be able to provide for my mother and not have depend on the family. Gogo says by the end of that year, my dad already owned a few live stock in the kraal and was ready to go lobola my mother. They were young, very wild apparently and free. That December my mother became a Zungu and Zwe was conceived, August baby. Over the years tge business grew. My mother was a hands on typer girl, she and my dad did everything together, Zwe would stay at home with Gogo and like all couples trouble came knocking. My father wanted more kids but my mother wanted to work on the legacy and build an empire gor her family. Things got

so bad that my father cheated and Siyathokoza was the result, apparently my mother ended up accepting him but Mashandus family was hearing non of it and they wanted My father to marry her since he was the one who took away her innocence. Mashandu was one of the girls that worked for my mom and dad so you can imagine how betrayed she felt. When this was proposed my mother was not willing to compromise and said she would leave if my father were to take a second wife. This got bad between the couple because my mother now didn't even want to take this child anymore and that's when my dad put his foot down.

Apparently she tried staying after Mashandu moved in which meant that now we were living without my mother's permission. The two could not stand each other. My father could not please both his wives and Siyathokoza became a sickly child which meant that now Zungu would spend more time with

his new wife. On the day of their wedding, which just happened to be my mother's birthday my mother decided she could no longer take it and so she left. Apparently she didn't even tell anyone that she was leaving and left Zwe because she knew that my father will look for them more. It is said that my father didn't eat for weeks, he lost weight and hardly slept at home, he looked everywhere but could not find her. Eventually life had to go on and so it went on. In those years the only thing he did was to care of his business and that meant that everyone who was part of his family had to learn the ropes. Zwe became his right man from an early age and he knew the ins and outs of the businesses and the farms. Indeed his empire grew, he was respected and feared in the community. Gogo says he tried teaching Siyathokoza but he was spoiled and mothered. Later Mbali and Sno were born, they too were spoiled which annoyed my father. One day he

went to Durban on a business trip and he bumped into my mother, he tried convincing her to come back home but she refused. They ended up in bed I think I was a product of that life. They never saw each other again, 12 months later she left me at the my grannies front door, with a note with my name, my birth certificate and a bag with that belonged to me. Gogo says that there was a letter to me too and that when I am ready she will give it to me.

Gogo says that broke my father even he pushed Zwe harder, I was the apple of his eye and was spoiled by him apparently, I don't remember. a year later Aphiwe was born. When it was time for me to start school Mashandu took me and from there I kinda knew that things would never be the same.

So here we are. My brother Zwe, his wife, myself and Fika. We are at the gate of a

Mansion at Izinkwazi, apparently this where we will find my long lost mother.

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Yomuzi

Well I am happy to say that things went well and my kids have some peace but they are not out of the woods entirely. The issue of Zwe's mother, she has to be found and brought home apparently amadlozi akoManzini awathokozile ngokunyamalala kwakhe which then manifests itself through our kids restlessness. Its been almost 2 months after the whole thingy. First thing is that Zwe had never shared with me that MaShandu was not his and Londi's biological mother until after the incident even after that he still didn't want to talk about it. I thought I should let it go he will talk about it when his

ready. He hasn't been ready for a long time. When Gogo told what he should do, he got angry, I had to calm him down and remind him that this wasn't about him but about the kids and so his has been drinking like a fish from then. The only time Zwe is not drunk is only in the morning and that's if he came home early. My brothers helped with the where about of his mother. Secondly his mother is Thandiwe Dlamini, listen this lady is one of the most successful black women in KZN, she is smart and goal driven and drafts the best business proposals ever, I'm a fan y'all , my mother in law is BOSS! But my husband doesn't want to reach out, its like his dealing with some pain that he refuses to acknowledge and deal with and I'm getting tired. I don't want him to get to a point of no return but his shutting me out. If there are a few things I have learnt about Zwe in the years we have been together is that he has never had a go to guy. Well unlike myself, I

always had someone to talk to besides my twin brother, my siblings and I believed in sharing so we had our go to person between each other whereas yena he didn't have that. So I became his go to person, or so I thought but these past weeks I feel like I am loosing him. Zwe grew up fighting to be the best, to prove that he could and also show that his responsinle. He had to grow at an early age, when his mates came back from school and chill by the tuckshop and check out girls yena he had to come back do home work, go fetch the cattle from grazing, go by all his fathers shops and do the stock checking and balance the books before his father came to check whether everything was okay. On weekends when he could be with his friends, he was either working at one of his fathers shops or tarven or he was stocking for all the shops. He says by the age of 14 he could drive so he could do all these things. He became a very responsible man at a very young

age, but he always says there are a lot of things that he missed out of just because of those tasks. Whenever he spoke about his father, which he hardly did, I would only hear how he resented him. He says that on weekends where his dad was out of town he knew that his stepmother would have a field day bullying him and later on Londi became the victim.

It's a Saturday evening and I am home alone with the twins, the rest of the kids are with Lihle, it's the weekend and I just need to breathe. I need a drink, just one strong drink, but I can't because my babies are still enjoying my boobs. He comes in reeking of alcohol and staggering. This has gone on for far too long

Zwe: "Muntu wami" he says, you know how bad alcohol smells when you're not drinking it. I move away as he tries to kiss me. "Aw yini manje, you want me to beg you mnxm" he turns

away leaving at the dinning room table, as he turns I see a very big love bite of his chest his wearing a vest, so I can see it clearly. This hurts but I hold my tears as they try to escape.

Me: "uvelaphi Manzini?" he turns to look at me again "when will you stop this childish business, your problems are not going to disappear just because you got drunk.

Zwe: " You're not my mother, you don't get to tell me when to not drunk, ngimdala kabi Mina" mxm

Me: " act like an adult phela and stop all this nonsense."

Zwe: "Ave usibanga iscefe mewthola ithuba yeeeses!" He sounds angry, he just said I'm nagging him. He pours himself a drink at the dinning room "I don't want to find that woman, if she ever loved us she was suppose to back for us, she knows where she left us, why am I the

one who has to fix all these things, where was I when they were busy having a jol with her husband, now I need to clean up their mess, hayi fuvk" at least his talking today

Me: "So you're going to drink and sleep with the whole of Durban because you have daddy and mommy issues Nqobizizwe" he was shocked when I mentioned the cheating "I am here for you what I won't do is comfort a man who left his house to comfort else where, you're not different from your father, you've become and a cheat" He throws the glass his holding in his hand at me and luckily he misses, the glass hits the wall and his drink is all over the Wall. I just cleaned these walls.

Zwe: "Don't you dare compare me to that man" I really want to cry but I won't because he will wont because he will want to comfort and I will key him

Me: " But you are becoming that man" he

quickly come to me, pulling me to his chest and there's that hickey. I push him away " stay away from me, I can't believe you're really going to that fuckboy Zwe. After everything we've through?" He looks down not knowing what to say. I goi to the twins nursery and take them to my room, I get it and lock my door. Then I start crying, why is my Zwe turning on me.

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Zwe

If there is one person who is never entirely happy, it has to be me. Uyabona mina, happiness is not for me, ngivika lokhu kuvele lokh. But if there is one thing I am grateful for it has to be My wife, I never thought I'd have anyone in my corner like that, and one of the things I like about is her honesty, I love Mpande, I think that's where God didn't go wrong. I'm

going through the most and I'm tired of off loading to my wife, I feel like each year, if not month, there are more issues that my family and I bring to the table. I have done everything for my family but nothing is enough, that old man Zungu still doesn't want to see me happy. My life while my dad was alive was not easy all. I sometimes felt like I was adopted. Things got worse when my mother just disappeared after my dad took a second wife. What I don't get is why she never came back for me, at least when she was around I was treated like a child that I was. Worse she dropped Londile just like she did to me. Now I had to play her role just to make sure my little sister was fine, when my dad was not around Londi and I would starve but luckily I had access to the shops so I'd take care of that bit but fact still remained we were to be starved. I couldn't even make friends. My mother left and never looked back but Mina I have to go look for her. She is top business

mogul not once did she think maybe we need her. I remember this one time, her company approached me to do a few deliveries for them but I just couldn't, I still don't understand why she never reached out to us with all the money she has.

I've been drinking from the day Gogo told what needs to be done. I feel like loosing myself nje and not think of anything and the only way that I can achieve that is through the bottle but I think today I messed up. There was this girl who kept checking me out, skinny yellow bone, that used to be my typed until I met Mpande. She came over to our table where I was with Litha. She was fucken sexy bafwethu, she joined us and we continued drinking until it was time for me to leave, I missed my wife and kids do I had go even though I knew I'd find my wife pissed at home. She followed me out and we started

making out by my car and she told me we should take this to her place, and boy was I ready but when I took out my key from my pocket my eyes immediately fell on my ring, my heart dropped when I thought of my wife at home, I promised her after Siyakha and Yaya that I'd stop being an ass. So I told the lady that I was married and I just can't play like that and I love my wife kids, if she were to hear or see this, she would die and I would die with her, so I left her there and went home. What I didn't see was that she left a fuvken love bite on my chest, closer to my shoulder, I only saw it when Mpande mentioned. She really hit a never with my mommy and daddy issues and I lost it which shouldn't have happened at all.

Last I ended up sleeping in our guest room because she locked me out of our bedroom. I knocked for the longest time, I apologised but

nothing eventually, I gave up and went to the guest room. I am grateful that the toddlers were not around. I wake up and go to our bedroom, on Sundays she usually sleeps in, but I don't find her there, I panic and run around the house but I find her in the kitchen feeding the twins and I'm relieved . The boys are happy to see me, I'm getting used to Mlandos eyes, I think its cute. I stand next to Mpande, and she does not make the mistake of looking at me.

Me: "Muntu wami" she continues with what she is doing and says nothing to me "Maka Siyakha" still nothing, I guess I need to talk " I am so sorry for my behaviour these past weeks nothing justifies my actions, I'm really sorry for pushing you away and turning to alcohol and making our home an unhealthy environment for you and the kids. I bottled up things which I shouldn't have done and it got out of hand. Last night I know I pushed you to the limit, I didn't

sleep with that girl baby, I promise" for the first time since I walk to her she looks up, my baby is crying, I try to hold her but she moves away , " Please don't cry my love, it hurts me seeing you cry, cela ungakhali Mashobane" its like I've asked to wail now cause she let's it all out, it like someone died " Ngiyaxolisa sthandwa sami, please forgive me ngiyacela bandla" the aunty he helps us comes running in, she sees us and quickly takes the twins away and I am left with my wife. I've messed up, Mpande hardly cries, and its never like this. She is still crying and I'm loosing

Yomuzi: "I want my brother" ooh oh. No ways

Me: "Ah baby you can't do that, every time we have problems you will call Nsika" that's not even the issue yaz but I know when we involve her brothers things will get worse, she pushes me away and wipes her face with her hands, geez there's snort everywhere.

Yomuzi: "So you can go out and drink and whore around and mina I can't go to my brother, you're being an ass"

Me: "Baby how will your brothers respect me if I can't handle my own house"

Yomuzi: "And whose fault is that Zwe?" She huffs, oh she's back, ngizotshelwa iyndaba zami manje.

Me: "Look Maka Landile, I messed up big time. I swear I didn't sleep with that girl, I admit I was tempted but I walked away baby because I couldn't imagine my life without you. I know that cheating is a tie breaker and I'm sorry for even thinking of exposing our marriage to that. I admit for the past few weeks I've been an ass, I didn't want to face my problems, I just wanted a distraction something that would put me at ease and that was the bottle love. I see now that it made things worse. If there is one thing that can't afford to lose its you and my kids,

especially over people who seem like they never cared. I'm sorry babe, I am going to fix this, I will go talk to my mother, I'll do anything to make this house a home again. Anything to make you happy, I promise I never ever act out of angry and put your life at risk, I will never ever hurt you, physically or emotionally. Ngiyacela MaKhumalo please forgive and walk this journey with me" she stands up and starts walking away and I stay seated on the floor.

Yomuzi:" Ay awungiyeye, do what you must and leave me out of it, I tried put you pushed me away, drink off even father the whole country I don't care anymore, leave go stay with your girlfriend. I don't need this Zwe, I really don't " she walks away. I really messed up, you see alcohol.

Sorry it short but we will work like this till after exams

## Continuation

Zwe

Its been three weeks now and the silent treatment is killing me, Mpande is not talking to me at all. If you're on the outside you would never see, oh she's good the kids don't even see. I can't take it, I beg everyday, literally everyday but no response. I don't want to ask her brother what to do cause that would be involving them in our marriage, which I asked her not to do. I go to work and come back, still no changes. I still call her as I used to but she drops my calls. I buy gifts and if she doesn't throw them away she gives them to the gogo who looks after the kids. Today is the last Thursday of the month and usually we usually go out to eat as a family at a new restaurant somewhere around Durban

but today I don't know, like angaz. I'm even loosing weight, I know I was a jerk and I regret everything that I did and said, I just want my wife back. Listen I've tried everything in the book lutho. Her family stopped coming over accept Nsika, I wonder why? I get home after work and I find her talking to the boys it sounds serious

Yomuzi: "You must understand that family is important, it comes first" they nod, "Siyakha no one must hit any of your brothers while you're around and no one should ever touch your sister" he nods "your job as a big brother, you and Sbani is to protect your siblings, siyezwana" they nod "you too Yaya"

Yaya: "But ma wethu, that boy was big and tall" Mpande looks at him for a very long time

Yomuzi: "Wipe those tears Yakhile, you remember the story of David and Goliath that I told you boys about?" They boys nod "tell me

what does it say"

Yaya: "That David was small and Goliath was big but David hit the big guy" I want to be part of this but I don't want to disturb this moment

Yomuzi: "Yes that's true now what's the lesson from that Sbani?"

Sbani: "Ma wethu you said that David was a smart boy and he came up with a smart way of hitting Goliath, so we have to be smart too" my wife does a lot without me knowing yaz, she looks up at me and smiles, she smiled at me. I walk up to her and kiss her forehead and she let's me.

Yomuzi: "Your kids decided to hit some boy today at school and I was asked to come fetch them" that time I thought they were the ones who got a beating

Me: "I thought it was them who got a beating, why are you guys talking about David and

Goliath" I'm so confused right now

Yomuzi: " The boys need to learn to be smart, they are not smart at all, they should have waited until the teacher was gone or took that boy to the toilet that's being smart"

I pull her to the side cause I'm shocked at what she just said "What? Don't touch me like that " oh we're back at miss attitude. "No one should bully my kids and get away with it, they will defend themselves when necessary, they just have to be smart about it" I sigh cause there's no way I'm changing her mind on this one we will have to talk about it once we're cool. We move back to the three boys and I tell them to go to the TV room.

Me: "listen babe I'm sorry, but this not talking to me thing is killing me, I can't anymore" she looks at me like she is thinking

Yomuzi: " okay but things will go back to normal

only if you agree to go meet up with your mom and talk " oh wow that's smart of her "those are my conditions" I nod and pull her in for a kiss, a long passionate kiss, I've missed my wife and it seems like she had missed me too. I pick her up and we head to the guest room, is too far. As soon as we get there I lock the door behind me, and gently put her on the bed

Yomuzi: "No foreplay Zwe, I haven't had sex for more then a month" I grin and rip off the dress she is wearing, I put my thumb on her clit and she goes crazy, she's so wet right now, I take of my pants and vele Gwabini is ready, I insert myself, it feel like home. We are pounding at each other like rabbits, all sorts of position's. We go one for a while, I've missed my wife and I ain't letting anyone kiss me ever again. It just wasn't worth it.

Me: "Babe"

Yomuzi: "hmmm" we are cuddling

Me: "Ngiyaxolisa like for real, this month of silence had taught me a lot and I don't want to find myself where we were ever again, I know the only reason you actually spoke to me is because you were horny and not that you have forgiven me" she chuckles cause she knows its true "please forgive me babe"

Yomuzi: "I'm really disappointed that after everything we had been through you still couldn't talk to me and worse you went outside our marriage to seek comfort from another woman, that hurt me and it broke me" she sighs "Litha told me what happened and you loosing weight was just not worth it, all that muscle babe, I want it back" we laugh

Me: "We should both go back to the gym you've lost all the weight even the one you're not supposed to loose, I'm really sorry muntu wami I promise that I will come to you with everything that bothers me and she nods. There's a knock

on the door

Voice: "baba" its Siyakha his the only one that calls us the waits for a response

Me: "Mmmmh"

Siyakha: "Malum Fika uthi angikubize wena noMuntu"

Me: "Okay boy siyeza"

Siyakha: "Shesha" Mpande laughs

Me: "your boy uyangijwayela" we get out of bed and look for a towel cause madam doesn't have anything to wear ingubo is torn. She goes up to take a quick shower and I attend to Fika. I find him talking to Landi

Fika: "Your parents are annoying" he says with her on her lap

Landi: "Whats annoying?"

Fika: "Your parents" I laugh

Me: "leave my kid alone, come here princess"  
she comes up to me and gives me a big kiss  
and hug

Landi: "I've missed you daddy, uncle Fika came  
to fetch us at school because Siyakha, Yaya  
and Sbani hit Nhlalo but I told the teacher that  
Nhlalo hit Yaya first but miss didn't listen so  
Malum came to fetch us and mommy said she  
wants to have a word with the boys"

Fika: "Your daughter is a radio gogo" we laugh  
"Lihle was like this too, we never did or said  
anything in front of her because she would spill  
the beans" we laugh again

Me: "So uLihle lo ofuzise ingan yami kabi kanje"  
we laugh "Landile go call your mother" I stand  
up and pour a glass of whiskey for Fika and give  
it to him, he smells it and runs to the toilet,  
Mpande walks in

Yomuzi: "What's wrong with him" I shrug, Fika

comes back

Fika: "That whiskey iyabheda throw it away"  
uyahlanya lo "do you have coke, ngathi  
ngingadla igwinya be coke namuhla" Mpande  
and I look at him "Yini?" "In fact I want braaid  
meet and pap, yaseYadini" haaibo what's up  
with him

Yomuzi: "I want champaign" I look at her, she's  
breast feeding "what? I haven't been out of the  
house in months, I need to breath, and I  
stopped breast feeding like a month ago, Mnini  
doesn't want it so I had to make Mlando stop  
too and he just stopped with no hassle"

Me: "What? You stopped when? How come you  
didn't tell?" She rolls her eyes

Fika: "Let me call the guys, I'll fetch Londi"

Me: "She has classes" he shakes his head in  
disagreement

Fika: "She doesn't have classes on friday, for

someone who pays her fees you don't know shit about her" he laughs, idiot

Me: "Fuseg" my wife is long gone

Fika: "nami ngisayolanda umfaz wami, see you there in the next hour okay"

Me: "Ungazodakwa wena, umfaz wakho umkhiphele malini, ungangdini" the idiot laughs and takes his keys and leaves. My beautiful wife comes back wearing a camouflage jumpsuit with white all stars her dreads are tied up in neat bun. She looks amazing, she is wearing one of the perfume I bought a few days ago, I guess she didn't throw away all my gifts. I just remembered that a few years ago she bought me a jumpsuit too, so I go up to kisses and go change into that jumpsuit and all stars too.

When I walk down and muntu is talking to the boys again she looks up and smiles, I've missed all of this.

Yomuzi: "So mommy and dad are going out and I won't be here to put you to bed but I want you to behave yourself yezwa, ningamhlumphu uGogozi yezwa" they nod we should get going, she kisses their foreheads "I love you guys remember that" and the church sings "we love you too" I seriously need to spend more time with my kids the relationship with Mpande is amazing. Kmele ngishitsh ukwenza. I kiss the kids too. Landi is busy sulking in her bedroom and Mpande went to speak to her, I can't handle a sulking Landi, I could stay and not go anywhere if I see her. I sneak out to work everyday because she cries and end up being late. Sometime she doesn't go to school when I'm at home, apparently she cries every morning when she has to go to school and when I'm around shes worse. So she just doesn't go when I'm around. Mpande finally comes down and we leave, I open her door and she gets in, I go around and get in too. We head to eYadini

Yomuzi: "Your child is spoilt and the day I hit her uzobona"

Me: "Hawu muntu she's allowed she's the only girl, my only girl babe, just let her" she gives me a nasty look

Yomuzi: "Hayi Zwe, stop! Spare the rod spoil the child"

Me: "Ahhhh now we must hit, cha ngeke, listen Mina I grew up ngishaywa and look how I turned out, angry and resentful, I don't want that with my kids now can we drop it" this is actually irritating me cause I know she spanks the kids and I don't like it at all but I just let it go because I'll never hear the end of it.

Yomuzi: "Whatever nami I have a say, I'm their mother and I stay with them more then you" what did I say, let me just be quiet and there's silence until we get to eYadini. Its packed but its a Thursday Kant don't people work. Nsika

waves at us and the lover leaves me behind, I guess we are back at fighting. I follow behind them until we get there and they are seated two by two, Mpande goes to sit next to Nsika and I he go to them, I don't know where this one is going because Nsika is sitting with Mahle. I go to them too, ngizothini ke, I pull her up and make her sit on my lap.

Nhlahla: "Are guys ever at peace" aaibo they must leave us alone

Yomuzi: "let us be please" and she kisses my forehead and we're back bahlali.

Fika

I am so hungry its not funny. I eat all the time and I am needy which is not a good thing. I also get tired ekseni ngivuka, I really don't know what's happening to me. A lot has been going on but I am happy that I will be crossing over to

the following year with my boo. I need to thank oKhumalo for giving me a second chance at love. Who knew that I'd find love lapha eduze. I love Londi more than anything in this world. I'm at peace when I am with her. It's like I'm a new creation all together when I am with her, she becomes my calm. My demons lay low when I am with her. The sex is amazing futhi. I swear, Lolo was created for me. They way she laughs carelessly everytime. When she is angry she goes silent, not a word. I think that has to be her worst traits, she doesn't talk when she is angry, I've tried reasoning with her when it comes to this but she says she'd rather be quiet than later regretting what she has said. Right now though we're at a good place. Zwe has come around, I think, he doesn't pass silly remarks around us anymore. Yomuzi says that's because he has a lot to deal with. We are headed to Christmas, and my baby has to go home, 2 days left till Christmas, I've begged her to come home with

me but she refuses saying she can't let Aphiwe be stuck by herself. Yes I did sulk.

She walks down looking upset, Londi has gained weight. In fact from September she has been weird, her eating habits are so weird. Mine too but luckily I still hit the gym. What's weird is how needy she is, Londi is not needy but these past few months she has been at my place almost all the time. I sometimes I had to fetch her in the middle of the night because she would call saying that she misses me. Yes all that is nice until this time she made me shower because the perfume I was wearing smelt bad. I won't mention how much she hates Fish.... Oh my fuck! She's pregnant, why didn't I see this.

Londi: "Why are you looking at me like that?"  
She is now standing by the fridge with its door wide open, I can't hide my happiness, I have a huge grin on my face right now.

Me: " Ngikbuka kanjan baby" she roles her eyes. Takes out strawberries and bananas and plain yogurt, she walks to the cardboard and takes out the blender. I guess she is making a smoothy.

"Aren't you going to have proper breakfast?" I ask, she needs to eat proper food isn't she?

Londi: "I can't down anything these days, cabanga izolo I was having a hot dog on campus, yavele yabuya yonke" she says clapping her hands. I need to take her to see a doctor as in now.

Me:" I'm sorry to hear that babe, let me take you to a doctor"

Londi: "Hayi! it's not that deep. I'll be fine" this is harder than I had expected.

Me: "Come on, vele we need use that Medical aid, unyaka uyaphela manje and we haven't used it all" which is true, I put her on my medical

aid just in case of an emergency. After she miscarried I saw how difficult it was for us to get immediate attention, so I took her documents without her knowledge cause she would have refused.

Londi: "What medical aid?"

Me: "Discovery"

Londi: "Don't be smart Mdala" she snaps, there's that too. She snaps all the damn time.

Me: "Don't snap at me, I put you on medical aid..." she doesn't let me finish

Londi: "Why? I told you I don't like it when you do things for me without my permission, I don't even need that medical aid mncm" This is the life I live bakwethu.

Me: "first of all don't shout at me, secondly you do need medical aid, your sinuses are getting worse, so stop annoying me and go put on some shoes so we can go to the doctor" she

starts tearing "don't even think about crying we are going to that doctor, now sheshisa" I quickly leave the room before she cries, cause that can actually make me change my mind, I put on a T-shirt and take her shoes, I send Nhlanhla a message telling him I am coming over to Noma though and he sends me her number, saying his not Nomas PA, dramatic much aren't we. So I give her call while Im taking Londis things. She says I must pull through she will squeeze us in. I find Londi drinking her smoothy.

Me: "Asambe" angingeneki, I take her hand and head out. Our drive to the hospital is quiet, anginandaba I won't be bullied by Londi today. When we arrive I go out and she follows me, no door opening whatsoever today.

Londi: " why are we going to a pediatricians?"

Me: "Noma is the only doctor would get ngoLast minute, she agreed squeeze us in" we reach Nomas door and Nhlanhla opens

Nhlanhla: "MaZungu, awsaziwa" he looks at me and laughs, I guess he knows, we bro hug " took you long enough to notice"

I laugh

Me: "She doesn't know" I try to whisper we continue to laugh.

Noma: "Nhlanhla leave so I can start consulting" she says with an attitude. Is she also preggies?

Me: "Is she also knocked up, that would be so awesome" we giggle like kids

Nhlanhla: "I think so, she refuses to take the test" we laugh again. Nhlanhla walks away and we proceed

Noma:" How may I help you big brother" I chuckle but she's so serious not the Noma we have to know.

Me: "I think we're pregnant" Lolo looks shocked while Noma laughs

Noma: "Your brother thinks so about me too, I guess its a Khumalo thing" Londi is now too quiet for my liking "Londi what do you think? When was your last period" I answer

Me: "15 weeks ago" they both look at me displeased might I add

Londi: "might as well pee on the stick for me whilst we're at it mnxm" she looks pissed so I won't laugh. "This doesn't make sense, we always use protection and I'm on the pill" she looks like she's really thinking, I actually might have an idea of when it happened.

Noma: "Let's we me do the test and check you out before we get ahead of ourselves now" she call Londi and they head to the back, they are gone for a while then they walk back with Noma holding a white cup with a stick sticking out.

"Let's wait a few minutes then we will know"

Londi side eyes me. I pray she is pregnant. "Well it looks like you're preggies babe, lets go to the

ultra sound, can I be excited?" She says clapping her hands

Londi: "NO" I'm excited! I want to roll my eyes, she goes and lays on the bed close by and lifts up her dress, Noma does her magic.

Noma: "Khumalo come see" I don't need a second invitation, sengkhona. She shows me a dot, its a big one. "Congratulations babe, You're 4 months pregnant" Londi starts crying

Londi: "But I don't want to be pregnant Noma" Oh babe, you'll be fine, I'll be with you every step of the way and Fika here will be there"

Londi: "I don't want a baby, I want to be a lawyer, I want to graduate and travel the world"

Me: "You can still be a lawyer babe, graduate and travel the world. I'll be there every step of the way" she is still sobbing

Londi: "You did this on purpose Fika, I am so young" she is really not happy. Noma whips off

the gel and she pulls down her dress and leaves, I follow behind with her bag. When I get to the car she is standing by the car, I open it and she jumps in we need to go to clicks for her pills Noma gave me her prescription. We get to gateway and it doesn't look like she is coming.

Me: "Manje kwenziwe njan ke Londile ngoba usukhulelwe, ngenze njan?"

Londi: .....

Me: "Angikwazi nokujabula u5 minute, please come out so we can go buy your medication" I go out and go to her side, I pull her out and we head to clicks. I do everything by myself, she is not talking at all, even the shopping. I think she is hungry cause she just walks past me and heads to Tasha's and I follow, we order and eat while no one says anything. I need to talk to Themba.

Well Londi is leaving today and she still hasn't said a word to me, I haven't seen her packing though. Last night, I did all the talking and I sincerely apologised about getting her pregnant. She left me there and went to the spare bedroom and cried herself to sleep, I carried her to our bedroom. She's been in the bedroom all morning on her phone.

Me: "babe, what time am I dropping off at home"

Londi: "So vele uzofika ungmithise bese uyangixosha" when did I chase her away, wasn't she the one that said she won't be coming with me because she doesn't want to leave Aphiwe by herself. You know what Im not doing this today.

Me: "I am driving up ngo4 with Nhlanhla and Noma, please start packing, if you need anything from the shops tell me now, I don't want to be stuck there ntambama" she just

glares at me. "Mina angسازی ke, kwenziwe njan!"  
The silent treatment is going to be the death of.

Londi: " do you know ukuth uMaShandu  
uzosizakala ngami, all my life I have been  
compared to Aphiwe, now I am pregnant  
without a degree and jobless and to an old  
man"

Me: "Is that what I am to you Londi, an old man  
nje, how will everyone else respect our  
relationship if you don't, you remind me every  
second you get that I am old. Did I not want to  
pay lobola for you and you refused, I begged for  
months to marry me but you said you want to  
focus on yourself first and I let you. I told you  
go buy the stupid morning after pill and you  
didn't, I was late for work. You still didn't remind  
me after work. From where I am standing you're  
the one who keeps comparing yourself to  
Aphiwe not the other way around!" I'm pissed

Londi: "Angizwanga".... maybe I pushed it "So

now it's my fault that I am pregnant? Wow, just wow! You we're late for work? Didn't I tell you that we must use protection because I was tired and I would forget, you knew very well what you were doing now I am pregnant, let me sulk"

Me: "Uyathanda ukuzenza iVictim nje wena"

Londi: "Ay fuseg" I moved From the door to her in less then a second, I want to strangle her but I can't

Me: "Londile ungangijwayeli kabi yezwa???"

Rather shut up than insulting me, I have had it with your nasty attitude yezwa" sge cries " wena uyeyisa uthembe ukuth uzokhala"

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KwaZungu

Yomuzi

Its Christmas, we got here ekseni, I cooked at home so there was nothing much to do. I also went shopping yesterday with Mahle and I got everyone gifts which is the main reason why we are driving in different cars, Zwe hates it when I do that, even when I but groceries we are forced to drive in different cars.

Ever since we arrived we have been feeling Zwes wrath. I seriously don't know whats bothering him. I set up for breakfast with Aphiwes and Mbalis help, I haven't seen Londi but I'm sure she is somewhere around. Gogo and bab Bheki are here. I ask Aphiwe to call everyone to come join us at the table and she goes. Siyakha is the first to walk in with Yaya following right behind him, the Sbani lol I really don't know how these kids do it all the time, their presence commands attention, I hear Mbali chuckle.

Mbali: "I wonder what bhuti teaches these boys,

bayazizwa shame" we laugh. Zwe walks in with Mnini around his neck, Mlando walks so he doesn't want to be picked unless it's me, he runs to me falling here and there. Landi walks in with gogo and MaShandu, bab Bheki is the last to enter with the rest of the family. I can't help but smile. Everyone dishes for themselves, I dish up for my husband who looks like something is irritating him. We all eat but he doesn't touch his food, now I'm hurt

Zwe: "Aphiwe" he call out, she looks up

Aphiwe: "Bhuti"

Zwe:"Uphi uLondile?" I'm taken aback, Londi is not her. She shrugs her shoulders

Aphiwe: "Angmaz, I thought she would be coming with you guys cause she had vac work" I know she lying "mhlampe she didn't get someone to take her Christmas shift" its all quiet everyone is listening to them

Zwe: "Wena Aphiwe aningazi kahle nino Londile, you do as you please nje. The is our home and you will respect that meningafuni nihambe laykhaya niyohlala namadodenu" haaibo "Nigibeza amadodenu ekhanda"

Mbali: "Hawu bhuti..."

Zwe: "Yini wena???" He shouts "Nonke act like there is no man in this house, niyazala abanye bakiphile emaRes, yes Aphiwe I know the things you get up to" she looks gobsmacked and scared "I want you and you sister to be pregnant nizohamba laykhaya cause that is what you want vele" this has to be first time MaShandu is quiet but I have a very big feeling that this has a lot to do with fact that its Londi in trouble. "Mfoneleni cause no one is eating until that spoilt brat gets here" its a good thing that I had finished my breakfast lol. "I want someone to dare me niyezwa? Nizongizwa kahle" there's silence, Aphiwe is crying, he

leaves with the twins and I follow him out.

Zwe: "Uyabona Mpandeyomuzi uFika is very disrespectful, uthatha ingane yasekhaya uyoyikotizisa lapha kini, engakhiphe ngisho isihlanu, yena wayenganqamuka uThree kati if I did that to you in fact he would fetch you" I really don't know how to solve this one, its a useless task actually and right now I wish Fika would actually start acting like an adult.

Me: " I'm sure she has a perfect explanation, yehlisa umoya" He gives me the eye "I don't think what you did at breakfast okay, khona uGogo nobaba the least you could have done is call Aphiwe after breakfast"

Zwe: "Laykhaya bangigibela ekhanda ngakho lokho, nawe ngilibeka nawe uyalibeka" sweet jizas saze salufela ubala.

Me: "Uyalwa ke manje let me leave before I say things I can't take back" he quickly stands up

and pulls me to him, lol he kisses

Zwe: "Aw mamZungu ngingaba yini mangase ngidikilwe uwe, please don't leave me" we kiss and Mnini won't give us peace

Mnini: "Mama" he shouts putting up his arms and I take him, Zwe is annoyed

Zwe: "You spoil this child wena" "But on a serious note, Londi should get her ass here and tell you brother that his getting comfortable with disrespecting me, I know ukuth uyindoda kini kodwa la kwaZungu uNqobizizwe Lifalomanzini indoda" ngisahamba, I take my phone and I call Nsika, it rings for a while then he answers, I think he was sleeping

Nsika: "Yini Yomuzi"

Me:" Why are sleeping at this time?" It's almost eleven

Nsika: "Cause I drove up really... wait ungvusela lokho? Ay mani Mpandeyomuzi " he drops

mnxm, let me call Themba. I dial her number and she answers immediately

Themba: "Merry Christmas Mrs Zungu" wow lol

Me: "Wow, you should have called me yaz" she laughs "Well you Khumalos have spoilt ukhisimuzi wami nomnyeni wami"

Themba: "Haaibo what have we done now?"

Me: "Ningixabanisa noMnyeni wami, who gave Fika the idea that he can take Londi and spend Christmas with her" she lets out a sigh, actually let me vent to this one cause I know she will take "Themba uFika knows very well how Zwe feels about their relationship then he does this, sikhuluma nje we haven't even started with lunch preps cause bab Zungu said no one is eating until Londi is here, Kuphi kwaNongoma ngila mina. I am really tired of defending their relationship to Zwe, things were really looking up but nangu emosha. Even after Zwe had paid

amalobola Fika refused that I spend more than one day la kwaZungu but now his being a hypocrite. My husband feel disrespecting and therefore his sulking. Everyone is feeling it. Tell me ngenze njan?"

Themba: "I hear you little Sis, and I honestly agree with uZwe. Fika taking advantage of the fact that Zwe is younger than him and is married to you. I will talk to him now, go give that man sex" we laugh

Me: "Was about to but then Mnini happened" she laughs hard

Themba: "You and your kids. Bye baby see you on News eve, uyakhuphuka angithi?" I let out a huge sigh

Me: "Angaz Bab Zungu is angry at you guys.

Continuation

Fika

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We just had our family lunch and Londi left to go lie down a bit. Themba walks in and asks that we join her in the sitting room. I follow her and I find her with my brothers and my mother and I sit next to her. She looks serious, I wonder where Noma is.

Themba: "Sorry for summoning you guys here but I just received a call from Yomuzi and she is upset" we look at her so she can continue "Fika did Londi tell her family that she wouldn't be coming home?" I scratch my head " Well I take that as a No, Yomuzi says Zwe is pissed saying that you don't respect him and I agree with him"

Me:" Hayi aningiyeke ngoZwe"

Nhlanhla: "and that is exactly why we are here manje because of your arrogance, why would you say that, roles have changed whether you like it or not when it comes to Londi you have to

give Zwe his place" Fuck that shit

Themba: "Fika doesn't listen to anyone I don't know how he got where he is today ngoba is RUDE!" She sounds pissed "Wena you threw a tantrum when Yomuzi got pregnant and you demanded that he does right with the family but here we are today and you're being a hypocrite" mom is quiet "Can you imagine what Yomuzi going through lapha kwaZungu, she says Zwe forbid everyone to eat until Londi is back" I chuckle, thats a but too much though

Nsika: "Ave eneDrama kodwa uZwe hayi" exactly!

Mom: "Yaz umuntu engakubuka akuthembe Fika kodwa hayi you don't think"

Me: "Ngenzeni mina, Londi didn't want to go because she is afraid of how they would react to her being pregnant ma and she said I am chasing her away when I offered to take her

home"

Mom: "You are the adult and the man in this relationship, you are supposed to put yourself in Zwes shoes. Akuqali ngaye uLondi to be pregnant and she's certainly not the last one, uzothethiswa kudlule, now my daughter has to deal with her grumpy husband on top of everything she has been going through this year" she bangs her fist on the table, I didn't know she was this pissed.

Me: "So now we have to jump cause Zwe says so? Hayi!"

Nhlanhla: "And that bafo has always ben your problem, everyone must respect you but wena you respect no one, respect is a two way street, this is not about you being the feared Pitbull and Zwe being the Flash but this is about you respecting Zwes space, nika uZwe indawo yakhe. Londi is not from eSbayeni but she has a family that she has to account to and you

Fikanokuthula need to respect that, what we should discussing is how we are going to fix this so Yomuzi can also enjoy Christmas with her family" I stand up to leave

Mom: "Uyaphi Fikanokuthula? Uyaphi ngoba we are trying to fix your mess, ungangidini wena" I sit down

Themba: "Uyaphapha uFika ukuth nina animazi, uyafa impakamo. All this could lead to Londi being alone what if uZwe emdikila, you know how that girl would die should anything affect their relationship, Lolo is the pregnant one wena you're expected to be rational one"

Fika: "aw so everyone is taking a jab at me now, do you know how many time I've begged Londi ukuth ngithumele abakhongi ngoba ngibalekela yonke lento? And she says no all the time"

Mom: "So now its our fault that you can't convince your lady that you guys should spend

the rest of your lives together? Aksiyo inkinga yethu leyo"

Nsika: "I just think we should send ma and Themba beyosho ukuth sekonakele and she was afriad to go home and we are willing to pay the damages, its up to you ke whether you pay namaLobola khona lapho go speak with your sweetheart, ingane ka ma ayidlile and we have seen Zwe and how he gets when he feels undermined and disrespected" I nod cause vele it doesn't look like I have a choice, I stand up and make my way to Londi. I find her crying and I quickly run to her, she is on her phone. She puts it on loud speaker. The screen is written Aphiwe.

Aphiwe: "Cha Londi you don't get to cry, you know how bhuti embarrassed me at the table today morning saying mina ngikipitile at res. We still haven't eaten kuyoshaya o1 manje and he is sitting at the dinning room watching every

move we make. I had to lie and say you had vac work and you said you would come home if you get someone to take your Christmas shift"

Londi: "I'm so sorry Aphiwe, I didn't mean for such to happen ngiyesaba ukubuya"

Aphiwe: "Haaaa Londile shuthi you don't love us" she cries "You're know you're not being fair" she sobs harder.

Londi: "Aphiwe I'm pregnant, uzongibulala uBhuti, ngiyesaba"

Aphiwe: "Haaaa Londi thats so reckless, wow saze safa Jesu, Londile he will be more mad if you don't come back, ukuphi hawe ma" I want to laugh but I can't

Me: "Aphiwe"

Aphiwe: "Hey mdala" I laugh, the name stuck with her.

Me: "I'm so sorry about today, I will try to fix

things, let me talk to Londi okay"

Aphiwe: "Okay, bye" she hangs up.

Me:" You would swear that somebody is dead indlela osukhala ngayo" she wipes her tears and snot "I will try fix this my love, I am so sorry for getting you into trouble"

Londi: "Its okay, I am the one who insisted to come with you"

Me: "But I should have been the adult in this situation" I kiss her forehead "Come lets pack, uma and Themba will go speak to your family, and apologise on my behalf kodwa all this could have been avoided if you had just agreed that I go pay the bride price" she sobs again, have ma I miss emotionless Londi weeee

Londi: "I don't want to get married, you guys are making me feel like property"

Me: "Londile I wish things were as you put them, ukuklobola has nothing to do about buying you

or something, I was taught that ukwakha ubuhlobo obuhle between the two families, so your family knows what kind of family they are entrusting with your ukuphila kwakho" she sighs "I need to do this for my own sanity and before your brother kills my kids with hunger lapha kini kuthiwa its a war lapha he has become Stalin people are afraid to even walk past him" she laughs "please baby do me the honours of being my wife" she looks at me, she looks upset

Londi: "Kahleke Fika, is that how you are going to ask me to be your wife wow, la endlini yakho nje whuu shame awungiboni" she stands up and starts packing, I'm really clueless ngizokwenza njan. I walk back to the house after the silence treatment and I find all my siblings ready including the kids

Nhlanhla: "The plan is to stay at kwaAyanda when we come back because driving back here

will be exhausting"

Me: "Okay"

It's almost 6pm when we get to kwaZungu with all the stops we had I thought sofika ngo8 la. We stay in the cars while Nsika and the ladies go inside, we all know that Nsika is going to see his twin and to fetch the kids. He comes back with all of them except Mnini, that one is mamas boy and of cause Princess Landi is leading us and doing all the talking

Landi: "Yhooo Malume, baba kaSiyakha was shouting in the morning, ha Ma wethu was also angry saying to ubaba kaSiyakha is unreasonable" I want to laugh this radio gogo "where is aunt Londi because ubaba kaSiyakha said no one one will eat until she ia back, is she back?"

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Yomuzi

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I am outside sitting with my brother, well we did eat, Landi is just exaggerating as usual but I had to beg, I even used sex and only then did we get our Lunch. This has to my worst Christmas ever. I've got a very good mind of not talking to that man.

Fika can't look me straight in the eye so I know something is definitely up because even Nsika is ignoring me. They came with a H1, ihaba I know. Themba and Ma are inside, Londi went straight to her bedroom, I don't want speak to her today she must know that we are angry. I fixed up some food my family then went to join my brothers with their food.

Me: "So out with it, what are you'll hiding?" I say looking at each one of them. Nhlanhla tries to

stand up but I give him the eye hits sits while chuckling.

Fika: "You the things is... well... ah" since when does Fika starter?

Nhlanhla: "Fika is trying to say is that Londi is pregnant" I get the shock of my life, eyes wide, I can't believe it.

Me: "Wow!" I don't have words, I mean I've spoken to Fika and Londi about this mxm, I stand up to leave, I have nothing to say vele. Fika tries to hold my hand but i quickly move it out of the way and get out of the car. Just as I am on my way to our backroom, I hear noise and shuffling. It's MaShandu throwing out Londis stuff, I'm so tired of this drama yaz. She is shouting

MaShandu: "You said you want to go study, Kant uyabuka abhuti bakaKhumalo, does mani, hamba la kwami" I see heading to our room, I

don't know whether to fix this or go to him. This is what I was avoiding. Fika quickly jumps out of the car but I shake my head warning him to step back and He listens climbs back on. "Wena Zwe, uphi uZwe?" Oh gosh waze walithwala umngani wami. "Udayisa ngodadewenu koSbali bakho" I'm sure if this was not a farm, all the neighbours would be out watching. Gogo is watching shaking her head. Londi is a mess she is crying, Nsika and Nhlanhla look at me and I shrug my shoulders, I really don't know what to do. I go and pick up Londis clothes and go put them in our room, I can't necessarily drag her there too and she can't be seen with Fika too so I call Yakhile to go fetch my car keys.

MaShandu: "This is why she doesn't respect us because you always baby her, angmfuni la kwami" he banna this woman, her kids have an entire creche but she has never chased them away, imihlola. Yakhili comes back with my

keys and I give them to Aphiwe telling her to go with Londi to the car. Wow Yazi wow. Magogo here is still causing drama.

My family eventually leaves, I didn't even get to say goodbye. My kids are always around drama nje. My husband hasn't left our mini house.

Gogo asks thst we meet as a family and discuss a way forward, and I am asked to go call Zwe. I find him staring at the ceiling.

Me: "Sengwayo" ngizincengela, he doesn't look at me or respond, so climb on the bed and lay on top of him.

Zwe: "Am I failing to be a good big brother to my sisters?" He sighs, I don't respond cause I feel like there's more coming " You know the other time, I think 2 months ago, I went surprise Aphiwe, bought her take away and stuff, I know res life so yeah. I get to her res, ask around and

it looks like she quiet popular so I'm directed to her room and I knock and guy half naked opens the door with no care at all, I ask for Aphiwe cause I think I'm definitely at the wrong door and he gladly told thst she was at library, I turned my back behind and walked to my car." Aaah man "Today another doesn't come kanti she is pregnant, Londi has such big dreams why would she throw all that down the drain? Couldn't she wait until she finished school at least. Don't you guys talk about these things" he sighs, I'm letting him vent "Do you understand that I still have to go face my mother and bring her back home, I resent that woman, but no cares about Zwe" I want to say sorry but i think I'd just annoy him even more nje.

Me: " Come Gogo is calling you" he stands and we walk out hand in hand just as we enter MaShandu starts

MaShandu: "You know Zwe we know

uyiNkosana but it's rude to make us wait"

Zwe: "Yobe Shandu kaNdaba" sarcastic Zwe is out to play

MaShandu: "Angimdingi uLondi la kwami"

Gogo: "Haaibo Makoti, uthi ayekuphi?"

Bab'Bheki: "iSno bashaya nga3 kahle no awuyeke ingane, besides abakwaKhumalo want to come play for the damages "

MaShandu: "I will not be disrespected la kwami, she can go to stay lapha kwaRawundi kwaMamkhulu hayi kwami" Zwe is still quiet

Gogo: "Hawu that house is falling apart, leave the child"

MaShandu: "I don't care, akayivuse nje vele it's her mothers house" All this time my husband is quiet. Sometimes I wonder what goes on in that head of his. He stands up and takes my hand.

Zwe: " Asambe siyolala MaKhumalo,

Siyobonana ksasa ekseni boZungu." Okaaay

Bab'Bheki: "Kulungile Ndodana it's been a long day nomuntu has to go open the shops ksasa ekseni, nathi siyindlela" him and Gogo follow us out.

Gogo:"WeLifa" he turns to look at Gogo "have you found your mother?"

Zwe: "Yebo Gogo, but i haven't had the courage to go see her" she nods

Gogo: "Be fast, vusa indlu yakweni, this here is not life, being reminded that you have no mother while she is alive, no angivumi, bring her back" he nods and Gogo and Bab'Bheki drive off.

Zwe: "Tell Londi to come use the spare room here, she will have to sleep with the Landi" I nod and go fetch Londi and tell her what was said. Shame girl looks like she has been crying all day long. I help her settle and head to our ensuite shower.

I don't find Zwe in the room when I come out but I hear him talking, I think his having a conversation with his sister. I put on my silky night dress and throw myself on the bed without even checking my phone. I think I fell asleep because I woke up with a heavy Zwe kissing my neck, believe me this is not a romantic one. His still dressed, his hands move down to my clit. He plays with me until I am dripping wet, I feel his pants go down. Next thing is a very big trust, I let him. He keeps trusting and I let him, meeting him half way, he turns me over, puts a pillow underneath, plays with my nipples and that trust again, its painful but there's also pleasure. That's the thing with Zwe when he is not okay he can go on forever. We've been at it for a while now and I'm sore like really sore.

Me: "Baby kubuhlungu" I'm tired too, he trusts

harder and I moan and he let's out a chuckle, I'm now laying on my side and his giving it to me from behind. He finally comes and I drift off with him still in me. I wake up with him holding me tight, I can't breathe and I need to pee. I try to get out of his hold but he hold me tighter.

Zwe: "Uyaphi?" He asks with his eyes closed

Me:" I need to pee and go prepare breakfast"

Zwe: "For who? Awuyi lapho, they can make their own breakfast, uzwile nje my mothers hut is by the gate" oh wow it's so early for such drama

Me: "Let me go pee ke"

Zwe: "Woza ngikuchamise" he says with a grin on his face, his eyes still closed. I quickly jump off and he laughs. I pee, its so painful, this guy woke me up in the am's and then gave it to me good but my nuna is on fire she. I shower with the door locked I don't trust Zwe, I come out

and his long gone the bed is done. I dress up putting on my doek then head to the kitchen and I find him there with all the kids having coco pops, Mlando is sitting on top of Siyakha, ah bandla umntanami! I take take him and kiss all of them on their foreheads.

Landi: "Ma Wethu, can Lwa, Banzi and Nosipho come visit us at our home in Durban when we leave, pleeeeeease"

Me: "But you said you want to go to Nongoma when we leave" bathong this child, she looks like she is thinking and Zwe is pretending like he can't hear us

Landi: "Hayi I don't want to go anymore Gogo and Luyanda must come to me" I hear Zwe laugh, this child has a tendency of demanding, my mom might just come with Luyanda cause Landi always gets what she wants

Me: "Angazi ask Baba and if he says yes ask

aunty Mbali and aunty Sno too" Zwe gives me a look, angnandaba I just make breakfast. Mara who will take care of these kids. I don't want it to look like I don't want any kids visiting or anyone thinking I isolate my kids but I need a break if these kids are coming Sno or Mbali are coming too ngeke ngishukwe ingane ngedwa ngeke!

Apology insert

Yomuzi

We are here, finally! I had finally convinced Zwe that we had start the year with sorting out our issues so we don't do this running up and down later in the year, lucky for me he actually agreed that we go see his mother.

We were now standing in front of this big beautiful house at Zinkwazi, Fika and Londi were driving behind her tummy was too big now and Fika had become too clingy. I was driving, Zwe was miles away and so I wanted to give him that time to himself. I buzzed at the gate and after a few seconds it opened. This house is exquisite!!!! We make our way, the door get opened before we reach it. A lady welcomes us in and leads us to this amazing sitting room with nice white sofa's, oh how I yearn for such, but kuphi khona with those kids in my house.

Lady:" Sanbonani, I'm Smangele ngisiza laykhaya uyeza manje umama walaykhaya usakhuluma nogcingo"

Me: "Thank you sisi, we will wait" she excuses herself and comes back minutes later with a tray that has different kinds of fruits, biscuits and Juices and with glasses, she puts them in front us then leaves

Londi: "Strawberries yummy" she starts indulging lol

Me: " do you want anything to drink" I ask Zwe and he shakes his head saying no, it was a long shot I know. It's too silent here now it's just Londi eating and Fika randomly taking picture of her. A lady walks the stairs and she is wearing a white summer dress with a straw hat, I haven't seen her face but I'm pretty sure she is beautiful, my thought wonder to MaShandu and I chuckle. "I'm sorry for keeping you waiting, that call lasted longer then I had anticipated" she says imidiately as she stops and takes a seat. She still hasn't looked at us cause she seems to be occupied with the notes in her hand, Zwe clears his trout and she looks up and the shock on her face is priceless.

MaDlamini: "Lifa!" She looks around the room and her eyes fall on Londi, "Oh my gosh" and she starts crying. This moment is so awkward

right, she doesn't stop it's like some has died. She gasps, I think she is having a panic attack. I quickly run to her and remove her hat.

Me: " Mam breath" she is still struggling "Zwe get us water" he sits there and doesn't move, petty Zwe is out to play and as usual he has no timing "please breath for me ngiyakucela " she calms down, "count for me, from 10 to 1"

MaDlamini: "10; 9; 8....." she goes on until she reaches one Fika hands me a glass of water and I give it to her. "Thank you" she says breathlessly. She looks like she wants to cry again but I rub her back and ask to please calm down. After she has calmed down, I move back to my seat next to Zwe who looks like he has glossy eyes and keeps blinking I guess this is deeper than I thought it would be. There is silence, so I decide to nudge Zwe but his not budging haaibo

Me: " Sawubona Ma" she smiles at me " mina

ngiwu Mpandeyomuzi Zungu, that is my brother there Fikanokuthula Khumalo and I am guessing you can see your children" Fika is busy brushing a sobbing Londi

MaDlamini: "Ngiyajabula ukunazi" she smiles again

Zwe: "My father is haunting me through my kids ngoba efuna wena ubuye emagcekeni akaZungu " her eyes widen "What you thought this was a social call? " his sounds angry, I see hurt all over eyes.

MaDlamini: " Lifa" she says with a faint voice

Zwe: "Please don't call me that" she looks down "construction has already started, if I knew you were this rich I wouldn't have bothered" mncim unamanga he knew he would find her wealthy, Nsika had checked her out and it turned out that she was actually one of the partners in the company I worked for.

MaDlamini: "what do you mean Lifa" he chuckles "I don't understand" he stands up and goes to stand by the window, he does this a lot when he is upset

Zwe: "Your husband wants you back home and he is torturing my kids" she lights up

MaDlamini: " you have kids, bangaki" he doesn't answer

Me: "6" she looks at me with shock and I laugh

Zwe: "uLondi here kmele azohlawulwa and that woman you left us with wants nothing to do with us, you know singabantu besiZulu , Kmele sakhe indlu yangasenhla"

MaDlamini: "Your father chose that woman over me up to a point of marrying her on my birthday, akapokeli ngani yena, engan wayemthanda kakhulu" I see Londi getting angry

Londi: "Singenaphi thina lapho, is that why you left by the gate"

MaDlamini: "Who told you that? You father drove all the way to where I was staying at that time and took you wathi ingane yakhe ngeke ihlale nabaqwayizi, that time I still stayed at South Beach, bengangasukeli, I begged him not to take you but he said I have a place back at home, I wasn't going to go back there. I wish I could just die so I can personally strangle your father" she is pissed too. I thought Zwe looked like his father I know him from the pictures of cause, but seeing his mother he looks like a dark male version of her Londi looks exactly like her, ngeke amuphike "I am deeply sorry bantabam for not showing up, your father refused to let me see you, Lifa you know this he once caught you sneaking Lwandle to me and he beat us both, I promised I'd never put you through that, I wanted to be there for you and when I was coming back your father died on me, ngangizobe ngiyaphi engasekho yena

Zwe: "What about us, were we not worth fighting for?" She wipes her tears and walks up to him " ubaba kade wasishiya uthi sihleli nobani?" He sounds like he breaking

MaDlamini:" the last time I saw you you were so grown,k didn't think you guys needed me, Ngyaxolisa Lifalomanzini, ngiyaxolisa Lwandle" I'm guessing that Lwandle is Londi. Zwe shakes his head and moves away leaving us inside she sighs and goes to sit next to Londi. "If I could turn back time, I would Lwandle, I now I did things the wrong way, ngiyaxolisa that you were the one who had to come look for me. The truth is I was afraid that you would reject me especially you ngoba you had never met me" she cries and Londi holds her hand. There is progress.

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Zwe

I don't think I had it in me to stay angry at my mother or anyone for that matter, it was taking too much of my peace. I just wanted to deal with all these things so my kids can be at peace too. I don't know the truth about my father and mother and what really went down and he can't defend himself. I know why she didn't fight though, my father was a beast and he didn't back down at all. Everyone was afraid of him even at home, no one watched TV while he was eating. We would address him in third person, "Ubaba ubengibiza yini?" Hee! My dad taught me be the hard working businessman I am today, he also taught me unknowingly to become a better father to my children. Of cause there were times I yearned for my mother's love, even though we were well off at home, my school shoes were usually worn out, gogo is the

one who took care of my clothing, MaShandu didn't care Siyathokoza was her prince and I was standing in the way. Of course she couldn't mistreat Londi, my father lived for her smile and until I saw my mother again, I understood, their smile is so die for.

As I said I won't dwell on the past, it won't assist me in any way. I am grateful for my wife, angazi ukuthi what I would be without Mpande, lo ya sisi uyayibusisa inhliziyo yami. She has stuck by me through the good and the bad times, I can't imagine my life without her. The house is done, mother insisted that we extended it so my kids would have rooms inside lol. We also found out that we have a little brother, yes and he looks so much like my father, unlike Londi and I, we look like our mother yena he even walks like my dad. We hit it off since that day and he has been spending a

lot time with me, he was going to do his second year in business science at Wits but he transferred and came to finish off at UKZN so to be close to his sibling, his exact words were "I can't loose anymore time of bonding with my big brother and big sister", Mpande spoils him a lot which is great. He has Mlando's eyes which was a great relief. We still have to go home and introduce him to the ancestors simenzele imbeleko naye, he also has to change his surname because he was using our mothers. All that needs to be sorted will be done once the house is done, and that's not far. My mother has been spending so much time with us, im thinking she is trying catch up but really there is nothing she can do about lost time.

These days at the office are busy and Mpande has gone back to work, I tried convincing her otherwise but that left me with no sex for a

month so I let it go. Back to me being busy at the office. My PA comes in without knocking, I had to fire my old PA Mpande didn't like her

Mbuso: "Sorry sir but I think we have a problem" he blurts out as soon as he steps in.

Me: " so we don't knock vele?"

Mbuso: "I apologise sir but this is urgent"

Me: "Khuluma phela Maphumulo"

Mbuso: "The ship coming from Mozambique has been raided, and the police are on their way here now" he says breathlessly, shit shit, that ship had Fika's illegal things hawe ma!

Me: "Please call my lawyer like right now" I took out my phone and called Fika, it rang for a while and then he answered "Khumalo we have a problem, the ship has been raided and police are on their way" I always knew that this was coming and I was ready for it

Fika: "Okay, have called your lawyer? I think I'll be next" just as I am about to answer him the police barge in

Police officer: "Ya Zungu, sesize sakthola, here is a such warrant" I take it and as I read it, they turn my office upside down taking all my files, this one officer take the picture frame with my wife and kids and breaks it and searches the frame

Me: "That picture frame was a souvenir from my wife when she went to France, ngiyayifuna weNdoda, I don't want us to be enemies just because of a picture frame, what you did was unnecessary and you could have just turned it and opened it" she looked at me as if I'm shit, what France am I even talking about. That picture frames was from some shop at Pavallion, Mpande put it in here after I saw it at her office and Said I loved it. He went on to pull down all the drawings that I had on my walls

down by the kids

Me: "Fuck you're so childish yeases!" After an hour of my office being raided even my workers computers were also taken I asked worker to leave and we would meet again on Monday since today was Thursday. And I was taken to the police station, where I found my lawyer waiting

We are sitting in the interrogation room. The Police officer who I now know is Mokoena walks in oozing so much confidence

Mokoena: " wena you think you're untouchable you and your brother in laws ne, that other big one is in the other room" chuckle a bit "that sgaqagaqa is so arrogant it's like you're cut from the same cloth" yep it's Fika. I was hoping that my lawyer would have spoken by now hayi oKhanyile banike ukucofa amafoni

Khanyile: "Are going to charge my client or your going to chit chat about his in laws" it's about time he shows up " ave ninomkhuba omubi wokuzenza amaphoyisa aphereseya you will pay for all those things your broke at Mr Zungus office" Yaaaas batshele Mkhulu

Mokoena: "Mncim Mr Zungu today on a ship that is owned by you we found cocain, cake to explain?" My lawyer looks at me and nods

Me: "unfortunately I can't take responsibility of anything that gets on my ships, I only provide my services to various companies, and unfortunately I can not personally check whether what is packed on the ship is what I was initially hired for, I have people that are paid to do that, and I believe at both harbours there are people who check."

Mokoena: "Yey wena Zungu don't act smart with me, we know very well that you were aware and those drugs belong to Khumalo"

Me: "I really don't know what you're talking about, the only business that sbali and I have together is the transporting ornaments for his Company that's it, hell the only thing I know about Fika is that he draws buildings for a living and he busy decorations at our neighbouring countries" I look at my watch and glance at my lawyer

Khanyile: "Are you going to charge my client or what?"

Me: "I really need to go, my first born just started grade 1 and it's parents evening today and my wife won't be happy if I'm late" he chuckles bitterly

Mokoena: "don't worry your wife is not going anywhere, your house is also being raided" I stand and charge at him as he laughs and my lawyer grabs me tight

Khanyile: "don't do it, he wants you to react,

uzolala la don't" I back off giving him a look I know he'll never forget

Me: "What the Fuck is wrong with you people my youngest kids are 10 months, are you trying to traumatise my children, Khanyile is any of this legal" he nods, I immediately think of Yakhe and how he gets when something he doesn't threatening happens, from that incident, it takes a few days for his nightmares to go away and for things to go back to Normal, the others become zombies because they can't help him in anyway "Khanyile I really need to go, my family needs me" I'm panicked but I don't want this stupid fatty to see"

Khanyile: "I think it's clear that you're not bring charged" he takes his suitcase

Mokoena: "Angikaqedi ngawe wena Zungu, I will get you"

Me: "Ayi hambo jima mani" I know I'm being

petty, I bump into Fika on the passage and his on the phone, he drops and I give him the 'talk' look"

Fika: "Londi is in Labour" Oh shit

Me: "Let me go home first then we will drive to the hospital"

Fika: "Everyone is at the hospital asambe mfwethu"

We run off

Mokoana: "Nihlanyiswa abafazi ninjalo" this guy talks too much

We continue rushing until we get to his car I came here with the police so my car is work. No one is saying anything for all we know the car is bugged. Fika brakes the silence

Fika: "What if she gives birth ngingekho" he sounds sad and I seriously don't know what to say so I keep my mouth shut. We get to the

hospital and he leaves me behind and runs in. I switch off the engine, lock the doors and head inside. Indeed everyone is here, my kids run to me and Mpande ignores me, I sit next to her and kiss her forehead with Yaya on my lap. I have a lot of explaining to do.

Fika is no where near us I guess his in the labour ward. There's awkward silence. Amahle is also here with Nsika and Aphiwe too. The only people talking are the kids, Nhlanhla walks in wearing his scrubs all the kids run to him

Nhlanhla: "Are they still inside?" He asks looking worried. Mpande nods.

Lihle: "Let me ask Andile to bring us food"

Ayanda: "No relax, I've already asked Zenande to bring it for us"

It's so weird seeing her with the rest of the khumalos yet she fits in with her personality.

My mom comes running with Akhile, yep that's my brother's name ya'll.

Mom: "Zwe lphi ingane yami?" I want to roll my eyes, I know I said I was over it but right now she is doing the most nje. Mpande answers

Mpande: "she is still inside ma" good to see that she is talking to someone, Akhile sits next to Mpande and takes Mlando, these two get along quiet well I think it's the weird eyes

Mom: "Is everything fine, is she alright" haaibo and then? Now she cares it's 20 years too late.

Nhlanhla: "I'm sure they're fine mem, this is the best hospital in the city" we laugh

Mpande: "Oh Ma, these are my siblings and their kids and better halves, not all of us here though, Themba is at home with my mother, guys this is Zwes mother and little brother Akhile" Everyone nods and they introduce themselves. Zenande arrives with the food with

Andile behind him, everyone eats but I'm not hungry, looks like my wife ain't hungry too.

Fika comes out wearing scrubs with a big smile on his face, we all sigh in relief we stand and slowly walk to him.

Fika: "It's a boy, a very big boy who didn't want to come out in peace" we laugh, I nod at him and he wipes off a tear and his siblings hug him "I can't believe, I had my first born at 47" we laugh

Mom: "Can we see them please"

Fika: "sure" he turns and we follow him. As soon as we get in the ward Landi jumps up and down

Landi: "Baba a baby, we have a new baby" we all laugh

Mpande: "No baby, that is malumes bundle of joy" we all laugh again, Londi looks tired. Fika

takes the baby from her and moves around the room showing him to us, there are aaahs and ncoooohs around, Lihle is crying.

Landi: "What's the Babies name malume wam"  
his smiles widely might I add

Fika: "Sizesanda Lunzulu Khumalo" he kisses him on his forehead.

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Yomuzi

I am still pissed at Zwe, I told him about his shady business with my brothers but noooo yena he always does what he wants. I know I'm petty but I've learnt from him. On that day we were saved by Londi by being labour otherwise my kids would have been scarred for life especially Yaya. I only speak to Zwe if I have to

otherwise I say nothing because he still doesn't want to tell me anything to me. I forgot to mention that Siyakha and Sibani are doing grade one and are doing great, Yaya is stuck with Landi because if born after June and he also had that incident that kept him away from school. The teachers always make sure they tell me how smart Siyakha is and I should take him to a private school like Crawford but I ain't doing that anytime soon. The house is done and next week we are going to Port Shepstone, I need to be there the whole week, I don't know how I will do that because I have been away from work for such a long time and my accounts have been sitting here waiting for me, I've been back for two months exactly but the work load is not going down, I leave the office late and that makes Zwe hate my job more. Zwes mom said I can take the week off she will speak to the other partners. So I pack up, I hardly work on Fridays so I'm not going to pack

and get ready for the journey, we have to leave on Friday so we can do all these things. Re-Introduction of MaDlamini, Akhiles Mbheleko and Londiles hlawulo and lobola, right noe I wish there was another makoti to help me out. I need to order cakes for this week and go do groceries nje. I pack my bag at the office and drive home. The way I'm petty I've driving my own car, the golf R lol. I don't love the car anymore but anything that has to do with Zwe annoys the shit out of me. I pass by gate way and pick out underwear for everyone including the man of the house. Then I head home. There is so much noise when I walk in and laughter. I saw Akhiles car in the driveway so guess that's why there's so much noise.

"Sengwayo, Nyama kayashi isha ngaba bhebhezeli, Manzini" laughter that was Siyakha reciting his clan names for his dad and Akhile. As soon as his eyes land on me he quickly

rushes to me.

Siyakha: "Muntu wami, Ncane doesn't know our clan names" he let's out a giggle looking at Akhile who just laughs along "So baba said I must teach him" everyone laughs even their stupid baba, I laugh too. The kids are all next to me now so I greet each one with kiss on the forehead, I don't see the twins so I look around

Zwe: "They are sleeping its been a long day with them driving me crazy"

Me: "Aw baba, they won't sleep ke ebsuku" as much as we don't speak no one should know our problems, he shrugs his shoulders.

Zwe: "There is food in the Microwave, umaka Akhile cooked before she left" Akhile chuckles.

Me: "Aw I didn't know she would come by today, how are you Ncane are ready for the rurals" he laughs

Akhile: "For a minute I thought you had

forgotten about me, I can't wait to see the rurals, Yaya says you have cows, sheep, goats and chickens, I really can't wait yazi phela I've never been to a proper farm" Zwe and I laugh, such a snob we must make him fetch water just for fun lol.

Me: "You will love it, the mornings are clean and peaceful kukhala iynkukhu zodwa" we all laugh " let me go put these away Ncane ngiyabuya" I take my back and plastic and head to my bedroom " come babies, come tell me about school" they all start speaking at once as we walk down the passage. After a few minutes of being with the kids and listening to their stories about school Zwe walks in, I'm sitting with just my bra and skirt, we haven't been intimate for over a month so I see his manhood through his shorts becoming hard, I'll ignore him.

Zwe: "You guys are so rude you left Ncane alone yet he came to visit you guys hmmmm" I

see what his doing "Go tell him about gogo's house and the chickens that you will chase with him" I see the kids get excited and the hurry off. I get up and take off the rest of clothes and walk to the shower and he follows me taking off his clothes too. As I open the water he walks in and closes the shower door behind him, I know the water is too hot for him but he doesn't say thing. He just stands behind me and I feel his erection poking me, he moves closer to me and plays with my breasts, his one hand moves down to my shaved punani, I let out a soft moan as he leaves soft kisses down my neck. No one is saying anything to anyone we're just heavily breathing. His finger presses my clit and he softly rubs it with his other hand playing with my bum squeezing it, he turns me around and quickly kisses me while his finger moves down to my glory hole, I am dripping wet. We kiss for the longest time with his two fingers going in and out of me. I too play with his manhood, its

ready to pop, I need him inside me now. He pushes me to lean on the wall and lifts one of my legs and wraps it around his waist and then he inserts himself in slowly, he wants me to say something but I won't, I keep letting out soft moans. His thrusts are slow and conveying a message and message that I am not listening to right now. He turn me around making me touch my toes and he enters from behind, his going faster, I know he will release any moment from, I and literally screaming now, Ive cum twice and his still at it. Banging the life out of me. I feel him insert his finger in the forbidden whole and I try to jump but it feels so good right now, he has never done anything like this to me and at that moment I come apart again. He pulls me up, and picks me up opening the door with his foot. My legs are wrapped around him and and my arms around his neck, our kissing is driving me crazy, he drops me on top of the bed and looks at me for a while shaking his head he

lays in between my legs and positions himself I thought he was going to cum back there but it looks like he will be like this the whole night. He kisses me as he moves in and out.

Zwe: "Why won't you forgive me Mam Zungu" he says with his deep thrusts, I don't answer, I just moan "Ngiyaxolisa MaKhumalo wam, xolela ibabazi lakho phela baby" I want to laugh but I don't because this nigger is having his way with me right now "Fuck baby talk to me, talk to me sthandwa sami" we sleeping on our sides now and my leg is up high on his waist and we are facing each other " Ngixolele my love, I will tell you everything, just talk to me love, we can't live like this Mpandeyothando lwami" he hasn't called me that in a while. I can't help but smile. He picks me up and puts me on top of him, he smirks as I insert myself on him with my hands on his broad chest and I run my hands down his six pack, this ass is so handsome.

Me: "You'll tell me everything?" I ask as I ride him increasing my pace. He nods while groaning " Use your words Manzini "

Zwe: "Everything baby" he says almost breathless

Me: "okay cum for with me babakhe" I am riding him like my life depends on him until we erupt together. I slide off and slip off him and I try to catch my breath while he kisses my forehead

Zwe: "I don't want you to ever do that to me ever again Ma wethu, you almost gave me a heart attack with your silence treatment"

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Londi

Nzulu has to be the best gift ever. My boy is

cute, adorable and a good child too. My boy cries when he needs his nappy to be changed or when his hungry. I'm so blessed with him, I know Sis Yomuzi get so jealous cause all her kids were monsters as she always says. Then there is the new dad, the lover of my soul, my air, my everything. Fika has to be the best father in the world. His so hands on, I'm sure if we stayed together he would be extra. Well both his mother and my mom, yes I said mom, said we shouldn't stay together until his done right by me. But Zwe wanted to stay with me but mom refused so I stay with her which makes Fikas visits so much easier. This coming weekend we are heading home, I'm not even excited. So much needs to happen but nothing makes me sleep peacefully more then knowing that Fika is going to be paying for the damages so I can't have wait to see him with his son with no restrictions, whuuuu I love my boys. So we always fight about which name we should call

him, I call him Nzulu cause I named him Lunzulu and his dad calls him Sanda which is short for Sizesanda. Fika is obsessed with Nzulu he comes to see him everyday no matter how busy he is he makes time which I appreciate. I think he still feels guilty about not being there when my labour pains started and I was rushed to hospital, I've told him a million times that its fine and he still feels guilty. I haven't gone back to school officially but I have been asking for notes and handing in my assignments, Nontle records classes for and sends them to me so I'm still good. Mom comes in just as I put Nzulu down after feeding him.

Mom: "How are my favourite people doing?"  
She says walking in the nursery, guys this nursery is out of the world. Its cream white and it has grey drapping and the toys inside are just amazing. I know mom is trying even though it's

too much but she is trying.

Me: "Siyaphila gogo, how are you"

Mom: "Abantwana baZwe bazongibulala" I want to laugh at her because Akhile came here with the whole brood saying Bhuti and Sisi were busy. I love how Akhile fits right in. "Lwandle I want us to talk, I'm so nervous I don't know where to start but let me just get into it." I sit down next to her and she sighs. "Londi, people are talking and they are not saying good things about that Khumalo boy you're seeing in fact his whole family and I think your sister in law has dragged your brother into this business of theirs" to say shocked is an understatement "I don't mean to bad mouth them but..." I raise my hand before she continues

Me: "MaDlamini let me stop you there cause I have a feeling that whatever you're going to say is going to change my feelings towards you rather" she looks at me not sure cause I am not

showing any emotion right now "I want you to remove any negative thoughts you have about Sisi, firstly you don't want to end your relationship with bhut before it even takes off because he will cut you off and life will go on like you've never existed. Secondly, if you want to know anything about Bhut ask him don't hire someone to look into him cause chances are that he will find out and nizoxabana. Thirdly you don't know the struggles that bhuti had to get through so he could get where he is today so you judging him won't assist anyone including yourself. Lastly Fika worships the ground that I walk on, I don't care whether he robs space ships for a living, I love him as he is and he makes sure that I feel loved and protected all the time." She wipes her tears " Do you know that Bhuti spent close to 5 years not coming home, the day he set foot home was with Sisi and she dragged him there. Siyabonga tried killing her when she was pregnant with Landi,

Bhuti was ready to disown us who do you think spoke sense to him? Huh? Did you know that Siyakha and Yakhile are not her kids but she has been Siyakhas mother from the day his mother left him on their door. They were not even married then. Yakhiles mom came with drama but sisi stayed and today you want question her character" she sighs with tears rolling down her face.

Mom: "It's that I am bad mouthing her but"

Me: "Angikaqedi, Sibani is Siyathokoza's son but Sisi took him in. You and us is Sisi and now you want to label her bad? Uzozihipha kuthina strong, whatever Bhuti is doing that is illegal I bet he is doing on his his own and it has nothing to do with Sisi Yomuzi. I know for a fact that Fika and him worked together before any of us got involved. It really hurts me that you would have bad thoughts about the one person who has been by your side all along" she wipes

her tears "I'm not angry at you but I'm hurt and disappointed, the minute you walk in our lives you think its okay to judge the decisions we have made mama, Fika has loved me when I couldnt even love myself, that woman you left me with has never taught me how to love myself but he loved me nonetheless with all my issues and from what I've heard about your husband he was no saint either. Remove all those thoughts about Sisi and her family for your own good" she nods and stands up

Mom: "I am so proud of the way you stand up for those you love even though I was not there to teach you loyalty but I see that you've found love and you're not afraid to die for it, never let go of that boy, I see the way he looks at you it reminds me so much of your father. Don't let your stubborn ass get in the way of your growth with him, I need to spend time with your Sisi and see what has my kids going crazy about her.

Even Akhile can't stop talking about her" we share a chuckle "I'm sorry again and thank you for putting me in my place Lolo kaFika"

Me: "Wow mom" she laughs "Stop calling Fika a boy his such a grown man"

Mom: "Heeee phela his your man not mine habe" she claps her hands "let me go feed the crèche your brother brought home" we walk walk out, Nzulu has been fast asleep all along. The brood is so happy to see me, I've missed them I haven't seen them in a while, everyone is talking at the same time trying to tell me about school and that and that.

Akhile: "Ya thats what you get for locking yourself up in that room, tell her about your new friend Cloe Landi" I look at him with disbelief this kid can go on for hours and she is more then excited to tell me about her new friend but it seems like something is bothering her

Landi: "Lolo where is Uncle Fikas baby" whaaat "Well malum wam said wena you took his baby away" she folds her arms across her chest lol I forgot she can be so dramatic

Me: "But its my baby too nje Landile" she looks so confused "Nzulu is my baby and uncle Fika is his Father" she still looks more confused

Landi: "But malum wam said the babies name is Sanda" oh my gosh, I take her hand and we walk to the kitchen cause I'm hungry

Me: "Well Nzulu has two names just like you, you are Lifalandile Kuthula and we call you Landi while malume calls you Kuthula or princess right" she nods looking like she now gets it lol this kid. Smangele offers to make us food so we go back the everyone at the TV room. Fika arrives and the house is noisy again, he has a baby monitor and new bottles with a breast pump and says its a gift from Lihle, its like she knew I needed it. We walk up to the

nursary, but he asks me that we talk in my room. As soon as I close the door behind me he smashes his lips on me with so much hunger.

Fika: "I miss you much" I blush I miss him too "Lolo I want us to get married I want Sanda and you to be with me all the time. I want you by my side all the time. I can't even kiss you kahle la, its like I have to tip toe around your family" I sigh "Mina ngizoklobola next weekend Londile"

Me: "Aw mdala let me finish my degree first" he let's go of my waist and sits on the bed "what's the rush vele"

Fika: "Wow wena you don't see a problem with this setting? Londile your mom will come knocking any minute from now to make sure that we are not doing anything, ngimdala kabi for such and I need to ask for permission if I want yo fetch you and you guys can't sleepover" he sounds irritated

Me: "Ah Fika you know ukuth that's done so we don't get intimate and we're left with just two more months now" he stands up and walks to the door

Fika: "Inkinga yakho is that awungithathi serious" he walks off to the nursery, I sigh and follow him and I find him playing with Nzulu and pick up my phone and take a few pic's they look so cute. A message from Zwe pops up "Tell your boyfriend to come back with my kids"

Me: "Zwe is asking that you come back with the kids"

Fika: "Hayi who said I'll go to La Lucia" mnxm he will leave with the kids vele cause Landi is going to cry for him but ngizothula. We sit and play with Nzulu, we bath him and dress him up, taking pictures here and there "you should send me those pictures" I nod, his not eve looking at me his playing with his son " His growing so fast, kmele sense imbeleko after we come

back from your house" haaaa another weekend of goats and chickens hayi ngeke

Me: "Okay, ngoba uzonglobola does that mean I will have to go do utshwala besiZulu" I see him smile, he kisses Nzulu

Fika: "Did you hear that boy, mommy will marry me Mntungwa mommy will be my wife" he puts him and pulls me him and kisses the shit out of me "I'll make you the happiest woman on this earth baby"

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Zwe

I am not proud of all the secrets that I have kept and didn't tell my wife but I just wanted to keep her safe. In our business the less people know about what you do the more safe they are but

my secrets today have left me with an unhappy wife. Mpande is laying on my chest. I haven't made love like that in forever and I am grateful that its with my soul mate.

Me: " I need to tell you everything from the beginning and not leave out anything but we need time which we don't have a luxury of this weekend and the next, I need all your attention love. I after next week I will tell you everything even the tiniest of details I just need you you to give me time, I know going home will give a hard time, kuneDrama kwaZungu so I don't want you going there sewukhathele emotionally cause I need you to show up for me please" she sighs

Yomuzi: "Okay love, where are my kids I need to see my kids" she goes to our closet and puts on my boxers and a big grey T-shirt "

Me: "I don't know whether the boys and Landi are back from my moms, I had asked Akhile to take them with because we needed time to sort ourselves out but the twins are with ugogo"

Yomuzi: "Hayi its a school night nje, Zinkwazi is so far why would you do that?"

Me: "Chill I texted Londi to ask Fika to drop them off, but I thought they were not going to school since we are leaving early tomorrow" she looks pissed

Yomuzi: "Do you know how hard it is to get those kids to do anything, I have to send them to school so I can pack and do groceries before they come back because they make it hard to do anything and wena you don't even help" she folds her arms

Me: "Aw baby I will get the car ready nje you know how hopeless I am with packing" she is so annoyed right now. She gets out, I'm

guessing she is going to the twins. I stay behind and get dressed and I walk out and find her with the twins in the kitchen, my boys have grown so much and they are so cute, I take a few snaps with her feeding them, Mlando is of course on his moms lap whereas Mnini is playing and then he jumps up to me as soon as he sees me. I pick him up and go sit next to his mom.

Me: "are we driving in the same car ksasa?"

Yomuzi: "Won't you need the Ranger to move the goats from kwaGogo to your house, I was thinking I take the H1 and you take the Ranger"

Me: "Haaa, who are you going to drive with? With all the kids ngeke Muntu"

Yomuzi: "I'll ask Ncane to drive down with us, I'm sure he won't have a problem at all that" hayi

Me: "Hayi Mina ngihambe nobani"

Yomuzi: "haaibo kant uhlale uhamba nobani,

awungiyeka hawu" I quickly kiss her and she abruptly pushes me off "what's wrong with you hawu, there are kids here"

Me: "So I can't kiss my wife now here because there are kids ngeke ke, I am driving with you and Akhile will drive the Ranger" she nods not paying to me. Later the brood comes in running, only Landi is sleeping in her uncles arm, I take her and thank Fika while walking away to lay her down.

I walk to the sitting room where I find my wife and Fika chatting, just as I sit the boys stand up bid goodbye and leave, Mnini follows them and the baby nama who can't walk. I sit to my wife. They are giving each other awkward looks, Fika speaks first

Fika: " Sbali kukhona incwadi engiybhalele abakwaZungu. Ngiyishiye noSis wam la" and

with that he stands and bids goodbye. Firstly Fika never calls me Sballi so I know whatever is in that letter won't make me happy.

Me: "What's in the letter sisi kaFika" she gives me the scariest side eye but not moved

Me: "He wants to pay damages and lobola on the she day next week" I don't say anything I just ftkio through the TV channels and we sit in awkward silence.

I go drop the kids off at school, then head home. Something is annoying about work I feel like I have a snitch but I know it can't be anything from work because everything there is legit there so someone has to be snitching at warehouse I just need to find out who but I'm still fixing my family I need to focus on that. I find my wife dressed up and ready to go, ugogo is feeding the twins who I know will cry when

Mpande leaves.

Me: "Siyaphi love?" I ask and kiss her forehead.

Mpande: "Macro in springfield, I also need a few items for the kids we will start at gateway" I want to roll my eyes but I can't, akawazi uFew uMpande. We drive out, we had to use the Ford Ranger because she has thing for buying in bulk.

When we get to gateway we go to different clothing shops, she buys things for Sanda and all the kids at home, we go to Markhams and get a shorts, underwear and vests for me, I love my wife, we head to Zara where she gets herself a few dresses and shoes. We pass the pharmacy cause she says we always need to have medication on standby for the kids. She also buys a few laundry baskets and says it for our room back in La Lucia then the one back at home and for the kids room at home not forgetting the one for Londi.

Me: "Ngikhathele manje Mina asambe futhi I need to fetch the kids" just as I say that I receive a call from the kids school saying we should make our way there its an emergency.

Upon arriving there we head to the principals office and all the kids standing rather uncomfortable far from whoever is facing the principal. Siyakha looks angry whereas Yaya and Sibani look like they were crying. Landi is too quiet too.

Principal: " Mr and Mrs Zungu, we are so sorry!" What is she sorry about, Mpande is next to Siyakha and she turns also angry looking at the principal

Mpande: "Who hit my son?" This office too big man, and who the fuck hit Siyakha, as I walk closer to him I see that his also been crying and you can clearly see the hand mark on his left

cheek. There is silent "Mrs Hazelhurst I am asking you a question" this lady better start talking now.

Principal: "Mrs Zungu please understand that we didnt know what was happening until it was too late" she tries to calm down Mpande but she is making it worse, who is this person shaking on the chair. "After lunch today, Siyakha flew out of class after he saw Yakhile being dragged to the gate by this lady who claims to be his mother" shock is an understatement, what the fuck! "He ran to come call me and ran back to his brother and when I got to the gate she was hitting Siyakha who was holding Yakhile for dear life, in fact they were holding each other crying but she kept on hitting him" Mpande quickly goes to this lady on the chair, I stop her before she becomes violent in front of the kids " The police are on their way, the security at the gate help me get her here"

Me: "Love the kids shouldn't see you like this, calm down" she moves away just then I see this person its Bongeka. I should kill this bitch.

Mpande goes back to the boys and kisses their foreheads telling them they did good. I'm so hurt and angry right now.

Mpande: "I want to file a restraining order against that bitch"

Bongeka: "I just wanted to see my boy" we seriously can't have this conversation in front of the kids.

Mpande: "You thought it was better you voilet my son in the process, you thought its better you traumatize Yaya even more"

Bongeka: "But you wouldn't let me see him" she cries, I want to be as far away as possible from her because I don't trust myself

Mrs Hazelhurst: "Please calm down Mrs Zungu you are scaring the kids" its true now Landi is

crying and Mpande has Yakhile and Siyakha next to her, I'm sure if they were not this tall and big now she would be carrying them.

Mpande: "Calm down! Calm down! How did she even get inside the school, what if she took my boy? Have you seen my sons face? Do you see anything normal about this woman" she shouts, I take out my phone and call Nsika only he can handle his sister when she is like this and I am really not in any position to calm her down.

Bongeka stands up "and where do you think you're going, hlala phansi wena today you will sleep in a cell, usile wena" I'm grateful that the kids are in the room otherwise it would be late for Bongeka. The police arrive and principal explains everything to them, one of the officers is Mokoana, why do my ancestors hate me so much?

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Yomuzi

I am angry, beyond hurt. Why would she do that to my children, I did say whenever she was ready to reconnect with Yaya she come to him, but she chose to beat up my child. Who in their right mind beats up a kid. This guy is taking a statement from Mrs Hazelhurst.

Mokoana: "Mrs Zungu we meet again, uManzini akasho ukuth uneDrama engaka"

Zwe: "Ye baba, phuma kuNkosikazi wami"

Mokoana: "Does she know about your shady dealings, ooh look whose here the whole gang" I look up and see my brothers, Nsika immediately comes to me and side hugs me kissing my forehead. "You guys are so extra what are you all doing here"

Nhlanhla: "Ungasijwayela wena Sdudla, usho ngeDiabetes la" his face changes.

Mokoana: "I'll take the lady into custody, I don't know what's happening between you and this lady all I know is that there are kids involved and should anything happen to her you have a lot of explaining to do"

Nsika: "So you're also a Psychologist sdudla" he pulls me away and the kids follow, I want to cry so bad but I can't cause my kids are counting on me.

Me: "Come boys, come to Muntu" they all walk to me, I look at Siyakha his cheek is slightly swollen if he were light his cheek would be red. "You did good Manzini, you protected your brother, you did great big boy" I hug him and call the others and they join the hug, their dad joins us too, his eyes are watery. Indeed it has been an emotional few hours "I love you guys" Zwe kisses me and we head to the car. We still have to drive to the South, the groceries aren't even done yet. I just want to sleep and cuddle with

my kids but I know that's not even an option right now.

I'd be nothing without my sister Lihle, she always pulls through, when we were called at school I asked her to help me out with grocery shopping and she did the most. My siblings are at my house well except for Themba. They all look worried. They help me put all the things in the car, Fika leaves saying he has to see Londi and Sanda before they leave, I know he will drive up with them, I also know he will be driving to the South almost everyday. It's safe to say I am avoiding this Bongeka issue, I don't want to talk about it nor think about, I know I will lose it and it's taking every strength in me not to go crazy right now. I see Nsika is here to monitor me and Zwe is afraid to even look at me in the eye, I know he still hasn't dealt with what happened today just like me but I am scared for

those who will be at the receiving end.

Akhile is running late and we have to leave, his going to be driving the Ranger and Zwe and I are driving the H1 with the kids, Aphiwe was suppose to come to with us but she will be driving with Akhile now to keep him company, I also think that they want to get to know each other. My brothers and Lihle leave after they are sure that I will be fine, I appreciate that. Akhile comes in with a big bag, I guess he got in while my siblings were leaving. We hand him the keys and he says he will fetch Aphiwe the join us on the road with that his gone. Zwes mother will come with the Dlamini tomorrow with a goat to apologise to the ancestors for being home for so many years. I know we will find Babomncane and Gogo there not forgetting Zwes aunts who drian me. The drive is not as quiet as I thought it would be. The kids are so

chatty even Siyakha and Yaya. We get to the homestead before the sun goes down, its busy. I want to just retire in my room but I don't have that luxury, its a curse being the only Makoti, Babomncane is not married but he does have children who visit occasionally, his first born is Londis age.

As they take out the groceries I rush to our bedroom and put on my pinafore and doek across my shoulders and comfortable shoes. My bedroom is dirty, in fact this whole flat is dirty nje, but I'll have to deal with that once I'm done. I quickly go to the main house where I find everyone busy, I greet and go to the dinning room where I find Gogo and Bab'Bheki with Zwe and Akhile, MaShandu looks angry, I want to laugh but Gogo on the other hand looks thrilled and fascinated.

Me: "Sanibonani" I say with a huge grin on my

face

Gogo: "Makhumalo, ngaze ngajabula. This one looks like a replica of my son without the eyes of cause" we all laugh "Thank you, I know your husband wouldn't have done it without it" Zwe rolls his eyes, I really want to laugh. I walk back to the kitchen and make these people tea and give all the kids food.

Akhile: "This family is so big" shit this one scared me I didn't see him come in " It has always been me and mom, I hardly connected with moms side of the family" he continues to talk.

Me: "Well this family has nothing on my family, I'm sure you've noticed. Have you met your other sisters, Mbali and Sno" he shakes his head so I point him to them. Let me go find my husband. I go to the sitting room and his not there, so I leave to our flat and I find him laying on the bed facing the ceiling. I walk up to him

take off my shoes and lay next to him and we lay their in silence.

Zwe: "Do you think I pushed Bongeka to that point?" Huh? What does he mean now. "I heard that heart break can make people go crazy, I mean I never treated her good. I always cheated on her, like all the time. I just didn't care about her, she was convenient she cooked, washed my clothes and made sure I had a clean place. Angaz how to put it, but we never had this, what me and you have, I have never had it with her and today I think I saw that she was actually angry with me and she would do anything to make me feel pain too. She doesn't care about Yaya she never did, I'm sure when she got pregnant she thought she would trap me" he sighs "the way she was looking at me made me so uncomfortable it was like she was confirming that I was indeed hurt"

Me: "I think you owe her an apology then, cause

it looks like she will always be coming back to torture you and she knows that your weakness is the kids" he turns to face me

Zwe: "She must dare me, I'll kill her, I'll kill her for real"

Me: "Zwe she is hurting, just apologise, I promise she will be defeated. An apology won't kill you nawe, just call once we are done here"

Zwe: "Let's call her with your phone" huh?

Me: "Isn't she arrested?"

Zwe: "I'm so sure that stupid detective let her go just to spit me" he looks annoyed now.

Me: "Kanti what's his deal? "

Zwe: "Put it on loud speaker " hawu his ignoring, I take out my phone and call her on loud speaker of cause. It rings for a while and just as I am about to drop she answers

Bongeka: "Yini?" Zwe is about to be rude which

will make things worse so I speaks first

Me: "Hey Bongeka how are you?"

Bongeka: "Ay ay musa ukungimaketha wena what do want?" Okay let me shut it now, because I'll loose it fast. I kick Zwe so he could speak

Zwe: "Bongeka um uhm.. I wanted us to talk do you have time" I roll my eyes

Bongeka: "Angithi ngiphendulile why don't you say what you want to say" I try to sit up so I can leave but Zwe pulls me back down mnxm.

Zwe: "I... I would like to apologise, bongeka" he sighs "I am sorry for every wrong that I did while we were together. I was an ass and I have no excuse for the way I treated you. You didn't deserve all that I put you through and for that I am deeply sorry" I hear sniffing on her side of the line "please forgive me and don't allow your anger towards me change you. You're beautiful

and smart and driven" okay now his pushing it " there is a lot that is waiting for you out there kodwa it looks like your resentment towards me has delayed your progress. Ngiyaxolisa"

Bongeka: "Why? I did everything for you, I tried to make you happy but you never appreciated my efforts. Nothing I ever did was enough. We were together for years but I never even had the key to apartment, you didn't want me near where you stayed but she came and in less than a year she knew your ins and outs. What is it that made her better than me" she is crying all these Years she is still angry

Zwe: "With her I just knew that we were made for each other. There is nothing wrong with you " except that she is cray cray but okay "but Mpande is my soul mate, she is my life line. I am sorry that you were not the one but I'm sure that your soul mate is out there waiting for you" she cries louder.

Bongeka: "But I want you Zwe" Mayee Zimu!

Zwe: " No you don't, you like the idea of me being with you. You need to let go and move on. You know even this phone call was her idea.

Bongeka I was not good for you then and I'm still not good for you now. The only person you need to focus on right now is your son who you hardly know. That's where your heart should be" she sniffs

Bongeka: "Okay, I forgive you. Thank Mpande for me, I'm really sorry about today, I don't know what got into me, ngiyaxolisa I will never happen again, I'll do better I'll be a better mother, I promise, bye" she drops the call

Me: "But ngifuna wena Zwe" I say mimicing her and we burst into laughter. I'm glad that we have dealt with that and hopefully we are moving on.

Londi

I am so not looking forward to going to the South, like angifuni. I feel like I'm not ready, the last time I was there was that awful Christmas lol yaz we have drama kodwa. I'm done packing thought and waiting for Fika to come take us home, he called saying he had to rush to see sis Yomuzi something came up I hope nothing happened. Akhile is still walking around this house. If there's one thing he has to learn about Bhut is that he is punctual and he will leave him behind, he must ask Aphiwe.

Me: "Yaz uzosala wena usakhamise la!" I say to him as he walks past my to to his room once again

Akhile: "I don't know what to pack Londi, I'm just nervous like banjan lapha, are they going to like me. I mean I still have to meet my other siblings

and the rest of the family" lol this is cute, his so stressed hahaha.

Me: "Relax man, you'll be driving up Aphiwe right?" He nods " she talks to much so you won't miss much, Sno is the bitchy one but she's cool once you get to know her and Mbali, well let's just say she doesn't like anyone. MaShandu well uzombona nawe and then Gogo is a breath of fresh air you'll see and Bab'Bheki is funny and cool, you'll meet the aunts and cousins they are not bad. But watch what you eat. Dont eat anything that's not made by Aphiwe, Sisi or myself uyangizwa?" He looks shaken "I'm dead serious Akhile"

Akhile: "Okay Lwandle" I really don't like that name. Him and mom love throwing in my face. "Are you leaving with me or is your bae fetching you?" Lol this idiot

Me: "I think Fika is fetching me, he should be on his way"

Akhile: "Okay let me love and leave you" he walks to Nzulu and kisses him on his forehead then bids good bye.

Fika arrives and we hit the road and narrates the Bongeka story, I'm so pissed, who does she think she is messing with the kids like that? Worse she doesn't even make an effort to see Yaya, hayi! I won't say I am glad that Fika doesn't have baby mama drama even though the kids are not his but Lindi respects him, well I'm not sure whether its respect or fear.

Me: "Where are we going Kant?" I ask when I see him take a turn to Mount Edgecomb

Fika: "I just have to take a few things endlini then sihambe" why didn't he take them before he came to me hayi suka, and why is he being weird about it, he keeps stealing looks at me.

Me: "I've been meaning to ask, when did you buy

the car seat" I turn and see that Nzulu is peacefully sleeping there, this baby sleeps a lot.

Fika: "I took it from Yomuzi angithi they have a crèche so it was there so I took it" I laugh

Me: "You see now them having a creche has assisted us" he laughs too. We get to the house and he pulls up and goes to take Nzulu out of the car "didn't you say you were taking a few things then we leave?"

Fika: "I am, I also want to send 2 emails then we go, come let's go" he doesn't even wait for me to respond he leaves. I follow him and find him patting Nzulus blanket. He quickly pulls me to him and starts kissing me. Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus. I've missed this. He is kissing me like his life depends on it, I can feel his manhood growing on my tummy. I let out a soft moan and massage him slowly. I've missed him so much. I pull away just as I remember that we are not suppose to be doing this and look up at him.

His eyes are tiny and red.

Me: "We're not suppose to, I don't think I've healed down there" I know I've healed, its just that I am not as confident as I use to be with my body, the stretch marks on my tummy and the fact that its taking its sweet time to go back to its normal size.

Fika: "Ngizoyfaka kancane baby" I laugh his so horny right now its not even funny. He pulls me to him and puts his hand underneath the dress I am wearing, right through my panties. I am so wet I dont know why I am even denying him. He plays with me down there, with his middle finger going in and out of my Nuna. I can't stop myself from moaning loud, he shuts me up with a kiss and picks me up, he walks with me to the bedroom and he lays me down. He wants take off my dress but I totally refuse. I'm not ready for him to see me like this. He kisses me while undoing his belt and he let's go of me pulling

down his pants, now his left with just his vest I dont know when we took off his shirt. He strokes his manhood while smirking.

Me: "Baby do you have a condom"

Fika: "Hayi hayi Londile, since when do we use condoms manje" he gets back on top of me paying no attention to my plea. I'm hurt.

He eases himself inside me and we moan together, its a bit painful but nothing I can't handle. He bits my neck and blows it, he knows that drives me crazy. I meet him half way with his thrusts. I've missed this. He starts moving faster, with his finger playing with my clit "fuck babe, I've missed this so much" he says thrusting as hard as he can.

Me: "Aaaah love uyangilimaza" my joints can't take it, he stops and turns me around and puts a pillow underneath me and inserts himself again. Now I wish he I had taken this dress off

cause we are sweating on each other. His strokes are now slow and long with the tip of his finger on my but hole, applying a little pressure. This shit feels good, I moan louder as he thrusts

Fika: "Do you like that baby, do you like how I'm making you feel" yesss damn it. I can't stop moaning at this pleasure. He starts picking up his pace and groans. "Fuck baby I'm coming" he soon releases his juices inside me and falls on top of me. That was great. We catch our breath and I stand up go to his closet and take out a big towel and walk to the ensuite.

"Since when do you not undress in front of me?" I ignore him carry on. As soon as I get in I lock the door, I know his following me. "Hawu why is the door locked." I shower in peace. Once I'm done I come out and his not there but my bags are here great. I quickly change before he walks in. I'm done so I walk out and I find him feeding

Nzulu his bottle.

Me: "Mlethe so you can go shower its getting late" there's just awkward silence between us, I think his angry at me or something. I don't care, I just gave him sex Kant ufunani. He puts Nzulu back into that car seat, petty much, and he walks back to the bathroom. After a while he comes back wearing his musk hoody, he knows I love it but I won't say anything angithi asikhulumi, his wearing white sweatpants and white Superegos. His handsome, Mina I am eating but I'm ready to leave. He takes his keys from the table and picks Nzulu up

Me: "Have you sent that email that you wanted to send?" I ask honestly cause that's why we were here right? He chuckles and walks out leaving me confused. I follow him out, and find him standing next to my door, as soon as I get there he opens it and I get in and he runs around to his door, gets in then we are gone. I

check my phone and find an SMS from Sisi Yomuzi "Ungamithi! Your brother is throwing a tantrum, please hurry" I reply with a laughing face emoji and I'm on my way.

Me: "Can we go past a pharmacy so I can get the morning after pill" he nods and drives to Gateway, we get there and he says I just stay inside because ngizomoshisa iskhathi and with that his gone. Minutes later his back with food, the pill and water. I drink it there and then.

The drive is very slow for my liking but I won't say anything.

Fika: "After the lobola you guys are moving in with me"

Me: "Are we discussing this or this final?"

Fika: "What's that suppose to mean? Londile do you think this up and down is nice for me? Everything is monitored, we can't been in a

room without your mom check on us every fucking five minutes" I keep quiet "listen I want you and my son next to me, I want to see you like all the time. We will get a nanny so you can focus on school. Your car is ready you'll drive yourself to school or I can get you a driver. I will get you all you want"

Me: "So you'd anything except speak to about moving in" I look at him and his shocked, I turn and look at the road.

Fika: "Londile I thought you'd be happy about this, you don't want to move in with me" he sounds hurt but I won't let him manipulate me into doing this. "Londi I love you, I want us to be a family, I want my son to grow up like me, with both parents" I keep quiet "Lolo ngiyakhuluma nje"

Me: "I dont know what to say, you have this planned out but not once did you think we should talk about it. I am not ready for that step

and you know, my degree is incomplete and I won't have time to study while being a mother and a wife"

Fika: "So you'll be traveling from Zinkwazi and back everyday, that's ridiculous"

Me: "No I'm moving back to res"

Fika: "And my son?" His getting angry I can hear it in his voice, I'm still not looking at him.

Me: "I'll see him on weekends " he chuckles

Fika: "You can stay at your res or wherever but Mina I'll be taking my son cause clearly wena awumfuni" I want to roll my eyes.

Me: "You're being childish" his pissing me off.

Fika: "No you're the one whose being childish and selfish"

Me: "Mnxm fuseg"

Fika: "Angizwanga???" I shouldnt have said that, in fact he shouldn't have heard that, I don't

respond "uthi fuseg kumina Londile? Ukhuluma nami kanjalo?" He is scaring me so I won't respond at all. He put his hand on my thigh and presses his nails against my skin, its painful but I won't say anything

"Ngithi ukhuluma nami yini Londile Zungu, uma wakho okufundise ukukhuluma nami kanjalo, kwathiwa kini ubuyithuka indoda yakho" my tears slide down my cheeks, he is really hurting me. I won't say anything, he removes his hands and I'm sure I'm bleeding somewhere I won't look. I wipe my tears and continue looking out the window. "I don't care whether we having an argument, don't ever talk to me like that, don't you ever swear at me ever again" he shouts

Me: "Awungiyeke" he clicks his tongue.

The drive has been quiet ever since we the incident, we are close now, I take out my phone

and ask Aphiwe to come fetch me at the gate. But she responds telling me that gogo said Fika must drive in and come to her.

Me: "Aphiwe says Gogo said she wants to speak to you" I say and he looks at me with uncertainty, mnxm.

Fika: "What does she want" I won't answer that idiot! "Londile ngikhuluma nawe"

Me: "How am I suppose to know, angithi I'm here with you" I shout, he wants to respond but shakes his head rather, he takes out his phone and dials a number, his call is connected to his car radio so it immediately rings out loud and I see Aphiwes name appear there

Aphiwe: "Baba kaNzulu sup?" She answers

Fika: "Ngiyaphila how are you mamncane kaSande" she laughs

Me: "Haaibo our boy is Nzulu hawu"

Fika: "Yazi sizobona, Londile says you say gogo wants to see me" I am just listening "ufunani"  
Aphiwe laughs

Aphiwe: "I'm not sure but gogo is harmless so I'm sure its nothing serious, futhi I'm sure she just wants to see ubaba kaMfana" they both laugh "Where's Londi, why is she quiet"

Fika: "Nangu la sulking Kade ngimninza"

Aphiwe: "Hawu why would you do that Mdala that's not cool"

Fika: "Tell her its not cool ukungithuka and I won't ever pinch again" stupid ass.

Aphiwe: "I'm sure she had her reasons please understand and she's not one to pass words like that I'm sure uwena nje" he laughs

Fika: "Vele she's your sister so you say such but ume wangithuka futhi I will pinch her again"

Aphiwe: "Hayi mdala" she hangs up. We get to

the gate and its still opened so we drive up. He stops by the new house, he looks a bit nervous. I come out and go to the boot to take my bags, I see Aphiwe walking to us. She hugs me and goes to take Nzulu while Fika helps me with the bags. No one is talking to anyone. We walk with Fika following me, we get to the sitting room where I find bhut Zwe, Yomuzi, Gogo, MaShandu and Bab'Bheki sitting and talking. Gogo has Nzulu and is playing with him.

Me: "Sanibonani" I greet and take a seat next to gogo who is sitting on the floor, she looks up and smiles at me.

Fika: "Sanibonani ekhaya" everyone greets back

MaShandu: "Yiso iskhathi sokufika ekhaya neNgane Londile?" I want to roll my eyes

Fika: "Ngixolise ma imina obambekile Kant bengifuna ukubona uSanda ngoba bezobe la iwiki lonke leli elizoqala" Mashandu chuckles,

Aphiwe walks in with tray that has cakes and juice, she puts it in front of Fika. I try to stand so I can leave them in peace to talk or do whatever but gogo forces me to sit back down.

Gogo: "WeKhumalo!" She calls out

Fika: "Yebo Gogo"

Gogo: "When you visit your sister at her house you saw it fit to distract my granddaughter in her studies? How will we ever trust our children around you uma nibona izintombi ezinganeni zasemzini?" He looks dumbstruck, I want to laugh. Gogo is not even paying attention to him but playing with Nzulu

Mashandu: "Maybe one of them is looking at Aphiwe now" everyone is now silent.

Gogo: "I saw you letter but I think its too early, is it possible that you pay just for the little boy, Londi is still young and still has dreams to persue. You on the other hand you have done a

lot, I hear that you're even divorced while I am guessing you are Londiles First" I see Fika wiping his forehead. "I know you claim to love each other but I strongly feel that you wait let your love grow, I don't want Londile to regret this later on in life" Fika is hurt, oh my poor baby

Me: "I won't gogo..."

Bab'Bheki: "Thula wena" he shouts

Gogo: "There's the age gap too, Khumalo you might be manipulating ingane yami" I want to talk but gogo side eyes me

Fika: "Gogo I want to make an honest woman out of umaZungu. That is why I wanted to pay for the damages and also the bride price.

Angeke ngidlale ngaye boManzini, ngiyamthanda. She has given me the best gift any man could ever ask for, I know she is young but what is age when there is love. I am sorry for getting her pregnant before marriage but

uyena ufakazi wami, I've wanted to do this since the first day we started to see each other, angeke ngimzise ubuhlungu ngamabomu. Ngicela ninginike ithuba njengoba nathi sanika uZwe ithuba"

Zwe: "Hayi ngengenaphi manje Mina" sis  
Yomuzi gives him the nasty eye and he shrugs his shoulder.

Gogo: "Ngiyakuzwa but I still don't trust you with her, just know that if you hurt her you will have me to deal with, ngiyokuqalekisa mfan wami ngeke ukholwe" I slightly lift up the dress I'm wearing so he can see where he pinched me, he sees this and his eyes pop and I quickly cover it.

Fika: "I promise you Gogo I will never harm her"

Gogo: "Okay, see you next week. Uphathe imali ngoba uzokhokha ayinto yokdlala" Bhut Zwe is laughing non stop much to sisi's annoyance.

After a few minutes Fika stands and binds goodbye and I take the baby from Gogo and walk him out, he takes Nzulu as soon as we are outside. No one says anything we are walking in silence until we reach his car.

Fika: "I'm sorry I lost control there, I shouldn't have done that" he says leaning on the door. I see Aphiwe walking towards us in fact she is running.

Aphiwe: "Gogo says I should take Nzulu back inside cause its late and bhut Zwe says nihambe niyojola phandle kweGate" I laugh and Aphiwe takes the baby and walks back in after Fika has kissed him goodnight, we get in the car and he drives out and stops outside the gate.

Me: "Nami I am sorry I shouldn't have swore at you" he sighs

Fika: "Can you please move in with me?" He looks at me defeated

Me: "Can I think about it" he shakes his head and sighs

Fika: "okay that's fair I guess" he put my hand on top of mine " I'll not as you guys, I'll try to come up when I have time, kwsasa I have to drive up to kwaNongoma to speak to my uncles and I'll probably be back Monday so I'll make time to come on Tuesday " I nod, now I'm sad. He lifts up my head by putting his hand on my chin and he kisses me, the kiss is long and needy, I want to climb over and sit on him and its like he read my mind. "Come sit on me" he says with a husky voice. I climb over and put my legs around him and sit directly on his hard manhood he let's out a moan as I dry hump him. He lifts himself up and lowers his pants and his member springs out. I sit on him again and he shifts my pant to the side while playing with my clit and I insert myself on him. He groans loudly as I move up and down on him while he spansks

me. He we gone on while and he quickens his pace and releases inside me. I can still feel his manhood throbbing inside me. His phone rings and its connects to his Bluetooth

Aphiwe: "Ingane iyakhala" we both laugh and I jump up while he opens the door, I feel his sperms going down on my thighs. He takes wet wipes on Nzulus seater and I wipe myself. We kiss

Fika: "I love you so much"

Me: "I love you too" I run back to the house.

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Fika

Me: "What are you guys doing now?" I ask.

Londi: "I just finished cleaning my room in the new house, phela I have to sleep here now, this room is big mom put a cot for Nzulu even" I

laugh, shes so excited about moving out of that other house

Me: "Where is Sanda?"

Londi: "He is with Gogo I'll go fetch him now he needs to sleep and laba bamjayeza izandla, if its not Aphiwe it sis Yomuzi or Gogo even Bhut Zwe, worse Sisi carries him on her back, ngeke who will do that mese engekho?" I laugh

Me: "Uwena uma wengane. I have to go he, I love you, kiss Sanda for me" I am driving home with Nsika and Nhlanhla to go talk about the negotiations and imbeleko kaSanda. I can't help about feel guilty about what am doing to Londi but right now that's the only way I'll put pressure on here to marry me so we could officially be a family.

Me: "Guys I think I did something bad, please don't judge me" I say not even looking at them, I know they will judge me.

Nhlanhla: "I'll keep an open mind" I know he will

Nsika: "I'll be judging today thanks!" I expected that too. "Well? What have you done now?"

Me: "I tricked Londi into thinking that she was drinking a morning after pill, I changed that pill when I opened it for her". There's silence and a minute later there loud laughter.

Nhlanhla: " Why would you want her pregnant, Sanda is just 2 months old ndoda?"

Me: "Its the only way she will marry me, if shes pregnant again uzoshaywa amahloni, sikhuluma nje she doesn't want to move in with me" I sigh

Nsika: "Did you ask her or you told her" I sigh "You see when it comes to Londi you are your worst enemy, really. Worse uyazaza that you can't keep shit from her, she will ask and you will tell her, what do you think will happen" he laughs in a mocking tone.

Nhlanhla: "Hayi Nsika, he is doing what he

thinks is best for his family" at least my boy here got my back

Nsika: "Oh is that so? Wena nje would you do that with Nomz"

Nhlanhla: "Fuck No, she'd murder me" Noma is due soon she is with her family in Mpumalanga, she said she wanted to close to her mom, much to Nhlanhla's irritation

Nsika: "Yet you think its fine that He does it with Londi" his got a point there " Communicate with your girl, cause you actually dont know how she will react to these news, you see she will see right through you and you will be doomed" okay I think I got a head of myself.

Me: "Ayke the demage has already been done" I shrug.

Nsika: "you really need to learn how to communicate Fiks or you will loose out, these kids are not afraid of walking away."

Me: "Don't say that, I'd die without Londi" they laugh. "Mjita I haven't spoken to Ayanda in a while, sup? She's been distant" I say looking at Nhlanhla

Nhlanhla: "Yeah"

Nsika: "Hawu that's it? You're just going to say yeah??"

Nhlanhla: "I hit Zenande" saaaay what? Out of all of us Nhlanhla is the most calm so him hitting someone is a bit of a stretch

Nsika: "Hawu why? And why didn't you tell us? "

Me: "Yeah, that's so unlike you"

Nhlanhla: "I'm still going to beat the shit out of him" hawu now I'm interested to know what went down

"That fool is taking Aya for a ride, he has an entire new family, I mean a wife and kids the works" Ini?

"I walked in on him with his family at the hospital. The lady had been my patient and I told her that my sister was also married into that surname too, last week I am doing my rounds and I find that nigga sitting there with the kids, at first I think maybe his the brother in law and then my patient calls to introduce me to her husband" this is really pissing me off.

"I knocked his ass out there and then"

Nsika: "Is that why you're suspended?" He nods

Fika: "You're on suspension? No one tells me anything yaz and that pisses me off"

Nsika: "Chill this ain't about you mate" uthini lo

Nhlanhla: "Its nothing I couldn't handle, so I go to Ayas to check her out, and I find the nigga there and painting me bad"

Me: "I hope you hit the shit out of him"

Nhlanhla: "I did, kwasho ke ukuth Aya is a

khumalo we hit him together" laughter erupts in the car

Nsika: "How's she though?"

Me: "I hope she files for divorce"

Nhlanhla: "They are married in COP" eiiiish

Nsika: "She must move her assets to me, I'll play with the books and see what can be done, singadlala izinja zakwe minyimizi" like who the F does he think he is nxa Nja!

We get home and Lihle is with her kids, Sihle and Ndalo. I should spend more time with my people like, I'm always in Durban but I hardly have time for Lihle. I'm sure she cooked up a storm. We head to the house after I kiss my nieces and nephews, its always good to be home.

Me: "Sesfikile boKhumalo"

Lihle: "Baba kaSizesanda Lunzulu Khumalo, baba kaBoy, ya baba kaBundle of Joy" listen to this one making fun of me, I go to her and give her a hug

Me: "Hello Aunty" I hug all of them, why are women of this house always baking.

Mom: "When is Sanda getting here, phele kmele akhothwe idlozi" everyone laughs

Me: "I was thinking after the lobola negotiations but Londi says she has to catch up with her school work cause she is missing out on school as is" they nod

Mom: "Sandiso, how's Noma, uvela nini kubo?" We all look at Nhlanhla who can't seem to look at us

Nhlanhla: "Noms is fine, I should be flying out next week to be close to her before she gives birth, and Noma and I don't believe in the whole marriage institution"

Mom: "Ungazodakwa wena Nhlanhla" Nhlanhla is Nhlanhla to mom when she is pissed and annoyed which hardly happens so this is nice to watch

Nhlanhla: "Come on mom, not all of us are into this married life thing, we can be committed without the paper" mom is losing it

Mom: "I don't care what you believe but leyngane uma uzimisile ngayo ngiyidinga ithelwe ngenyongo ngisaphila"

Nhlanhla: "Come on mom its not like you're dying anytime soon" she keeps quiet "Ma!!!"

Mom: "Yini people die everyday"

Us: "Haaibo"

Nhlanhla: "Don't talk like that mom, please don't upset me"

Mom: "Hayi suka Sandiso uyatefa" Nhlanhla legit wants to cry, its funny but what mom just

said is a bit scary. Nhlanhla thinks he's a last born or something. Nsika walks in and we are all down, no one is talking

Nsika: "Yini kufe ba" okay that's not funny.

Me: "Let's video call Sands" I say trying to lighten up the mood

Nsika: "Weeee ave uExtra, you know that Londi is busy usufuna iAttention" everyone laughs at me but I don't care, I take out my phone and call my people, Londi answers

Londi: "Khumalo" Sanda is sitting on her lap, she is wearing a pinafore with a doek and has a white towel over her shoulder, she's sitting on a grass mat.

Me: "Hey babe, wamuhle neduku lakho" she giggles, my boy is sucking his two fingers " what are you doing there?"

Londi: "Just having inyama, you child doesn't want to behave his been restless the whole day,

nihambe kahle ninoBab omncane?"

Me: "Yes we did thanks, how's Sanda now, do you want me to come and take him to the doctor"

Londi: " Nooo, gogo said his fine its just the heat and the change of the environment " I nod not convinced, she giggles "I'll call you if he doesn't get better"

Me: "Okay, where is my sister ?"

Londi: "She just left yaz, Yakhile was crying" Yomuzi and her kids "Lume" That's Landi, she pops in

Me: "Hey princess"

Landi: "Ingan yakho iyatetema" lol I wonder who said that "Aunty Aphiwe said Nzulu uyatetema and he should go cry kwaNongoma" I laugh

Me: "But Sanda is still a baby, his suppose to cry"

Landi: "Like the twins, Mlando has been crying for Baba all day Lume, Muntu even hit him and Baba was very angry" she talks too much

Me: "Yes, just like the twins" she blows me a kiss and runs off "Your niece talks too much" we laugh

"Seems like Sanda has been restless the whole day Londile, why didn't you tell me"

Londi: "I told you nje that Gogo said he'd fine, she said if he continues uzomshisela impepho" WTF

Me: "Hayi don't do that Londile, ningashiseli ingan yami impepho yakwaZungu, Sizesande has his own surname. Ningangicasuli" she hangs up "I dont know how many time do I have to tell this girl to not hang up on me"

Nsika: "Nawe why umthethisa"

Me: "Nxay fuck off"

Nsika: "That's rude" her phone keeps taking me to voicemail, I call Aphiwe and it rings

Aphiwe: "Baba kaNzulu"

Me: "Hey Phiwe, are you by any chance close to Londi" I hear Londi speaking in the background, I can't make up what she's saying

Londi: "Yini" I guess Aphiwe gave her the phone, I stand up and leave my sibling

Me: "Ave ungahloniphi wena!" I say in a stern voice, she sighs, I know she's rolling her eyes "how many times do I have to tell to never drop the phone when we're still talking huh, ujika uyaluvala." She keeps quiet "akukhulumeki Londile?" She's still quiet "I'll drive there ngifike ngiksakaze ngithathe ingan yami, ungsi ke ningayshiseli ingan yami keyompepho" I drop the phone. Londi likes pushing my buttons, I call Yomuzi

Yomuzi: "Baba kaSanda" I love this new way

they address me.

Me: "Hey baby sis, unjan?"

Yomuzi: "I'm good thanks what's up?"

Me: "I just wanted to check on Sanda, how's he?" She giggles

Yomuzi: "Has been a bit restless, but he'll be fine, I think its the people egcekeni"

Me: "Please make sure they dont do anything that I wouldn't like to my child" she laughs

Yomuzi: "Haaibo! That thing about about impepho was a joke, yesses I'm sure you've messed things up with your short tempered girlfriend" she laughs, oh God! "Wow you did, didn't you" she keeps laughing. Londi needs to learn things that she can play with.

Londi

Fika has to be the most frustrating human being on this planet, he can't even take a joke. I've been ignoring his calls all day, I know that his family is coming tomorrow but I won't entertain him, uyadina shame. There's just too much going on between us, I think we are moving too fast we've dated for like almost two years now there's a baby, then we need to get married, ngathi ngisagwinya lokho I need to move in with him, that's what married people do right? I feel so overwhelmed. I haven't finished my degree, I haven't gotten my dream job, I feel like angika phili and the one person who is suppose to get me doesn't instead they are pushing me nje. We just finished washing the dishes and the pots for today and we are now sitting with my family, my cousins and brothers and sisters under the tree. The kids are playing, the twins are so dirty I know sis Yomuzi will be pissed, they've been chasing chickens all day with Mlando crying for his father. Sis gave him a

hiding on his bum and bhuti was so pissed he took the kids with to esbayeni and they have been following him the whole day. My family hasn't been this happy in a while, in fact I'm not sure whether we've ever been happy nje. Akhile fits right in, his the opposite of us, his loud and energetic, meanwhile Bhuti and I are a bit reserved. Gogo said he takes a lot after our father, apparently he even speaks like him, I feel bad for him that he never got a chance to meet him, but ke such is life. My phone rings for the 100th time, I don't know why I switched it on. I know Fika is calling, I take it out and its Nhlanhla.

Me: "Babombcane" I say

Nhlanhla: "Ave ungbiza kamnandi maZungu, ngiyaphila" I stand and walk off to a quiet place

Me: "Siyaphila nina ninjani?"

Nhlanhla: "Siyaphila nathi maka Sanda, nakhu

usugulisela ingane kaMama kwenze njan  
MaZungu" Fika always does this, he messes up  
then Nhlanhla has to fix things for him

Me: "Angaz Mina kubaba kaSanda, angaz  
ngampela"

Nhlanhla: "Awu uthi nje wena awuziphenduli  
izincingo zakhe"

Me: "That's true kodwa yena uyaz why"

Nhlanhla: "Why don't you tell me" I sigh

Me: "Ubaba kaSanda likes treating me like a  
child, uvele angithethise nje, uze angincinze  
futhi but then he expects me to just forgive him  
and move on. Like now he was shouting at me  
athi uzingishaya ngempama. Why can't he talk  
like a normal person without threats" I hear him  
sigh

Nhlanhla: "Why does he shout at you?"

Me: "Angazi, he wants me to be an adult but

treats me like a child. The thing about ukushisela uSanda impepho was a joke but he was so ready to chop my head off nje, hayi ngeke, and he didn't even wait for me to laugh or say I'm joking because he was already shouting that I didn't say that Sanda had been restless and I didn't tell him, I mean his not a doctor but he acts like things will go well if his around"

Nhlanhla: "Is that why you're angry?" He is so calm, that time Mina I want to cry.

Me: "Yes"

Nhlanhla: "Okay, uthi uyaxolisa, he won't try to overreact next time and will try to stop shouting at you but his asking that you stop dropping the phone whenever you guys are having an argument and that you respect him when you guys are conversing" I sigh "so do you want to talk to him now"

Me: "No, I'll call him before I sleep" he chuckles

Nhlanhla: "okay maka Sande, see you ksasa, nisbekele inyama lapho" we both laugh "Bye then, kiss my boy goodnight" he drops the call and I go back to the others. I need yo go feed my baby. So I go to my mothers house, that's where everyone is. But Zwe is carrying him, with Mlando next to them, hovering over them. Sis Yomuzi is sitting on the floor with Mnini on her lap. Now I've never been so confused when it comes to twins its like they change their favourite person over night or week or month. Last month I could have sworn Mlando was following his mother. I go sit next to sisi and Mnini comes to me. These kids are so cute.

Gogo: "Manje weLondile, tell us about this Khumalo boy" sis Yomuzi stands "Hlala phansi Maka Siyakha" she chuckles and sits. My mom and MaShandu are sitting by the far end of the room. "Khuluma Londile" I laugh, my gran guys

Me: "Ngithini Gogo"

Gogo: "uLifa lo uthi abakwaKhumalo bazocela ishlobo esihle ngesonto elizayo"

Mom: "Lomfana ngith akamlinde uLwandle, usayingane, kmele aqede iskole kqala"

MaShandu: "Uyingane kuphi, wakwazi ukumvulela amathanga, akahambe ayogana" haaibo

Mom: "Ngcono ngoba akahamb evulela amadoda aganiwe amathanga" wow, this escalated fast!

Gogo: "Anikahle, sikhuluma ngoLondi la ayi ngani bakwethu. Manje anisiyeke ngomuntu ofile" bhuti laughs out loud

Zwe: "Batshele gogo"

Gogo: "Khuluma ke Londi, uyamthanda yini loyamfana, ngoba umeke wathumela abakhongi nje akusekho ukujika" everyone looks at me

Me: "Yebo gogo, ngiyamthanda ubaba kaSanda"  
gogo laughs

MaShandu: "Hamba Lolo" she claps once.

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Zwe

I am beyond tired. This weekend has been a long one and next week I'm here too for Londi's lobola negotiations, well its not like we are going anywhere. I am standing outside with Akhile, bab Bheki and a few of my cousins, bab Bhekis kids. We are eating meat and braaing at the same time. Its been a long weekend, I miss my wife, yes she is here with me but everyone is having a piece of her beside me. She must be so tired. The boys are also sitting with us by the fire, I see Aphiwe approaching us.

Aphiwe: "Asabeni bafana iskhathi sokugeza" they protest saying they will bath later, they still want to stay with me here.

Me: "Bayeke Aphiwe, basadla inyama" she leaves, a few minutes after she leaves I see my wife coming, I know that look, she is annoyed "Go bath guys before your mom bits my head off, hambani" they quickly stand up, of course Siyakha runs to her while the others follow suit, she glares at me, I want to laugh but that would annoy her more, she turns back with the boys following her.

Sbu: "Zwe ave unenhlanhla bafo" his Bab Bhekis eldest, his a few years younger than me "Uyabona mengase ngizitholele ofana noMaKhumalo ngingamane ngishade nami" we all laugh "like she is amazing, and she puts up with your shady ass" I softly hit his arm while we laugh

Me: "I am a lucky mother fucker ain't I" we

continue to laugh

Akhile: "Nami I want to get myself a girl like her, I've known her for a few months but it feels like forever, first thing she asks when I get to the house ukuth uzodlani Ncane! Like what more could I ever want then a wife who knows that a man has got to eat" we laugh, I love how Akhile fits right in

Bab Bheki: "Kmele ngivakashe lapha ethekweni ngifuna ukuvuswa nge Breakfast, uyabona wena Zwe when I know Makhumalo is coming I make sure that I don't eat before I come here ngoba I know I'll find a feast waiting for me" these people are stupid. "I hope you don't ruin things with her Mfan wami, she has to be the best thing that has ever happened to us in, wealth means nothing if you have no one to share it with, not so long ago abantu bebengasangeni laykhaya but from the day she joined the family things are just looking great"

its great to know that my family appreciates my wife

Me: "Ngeke ngisamosha baba, oyabona ngingavele ngife if she'd leave me, akulaka kodwa! " I say clapping my hands and they laugh

Bab B: "Kufanele she has such a great heart, I am really proud of the man you've become and I know that she has played a huge role in shaping you. The way you guys have taken Sbani as your own is so amazing and mature of you guys, no one would have expected you guys to do that especially after what Siyathokoza did to you guys" I nod, everything his saying right now is true, Mpande has been the best through it all.

Me: "I know baba, but that lady there has an amazing heart, the fact that she has never reminded me that those kids are not hers is just amazing, my kids deserve a mother like her someone who loves unconditionally like her.

You should hear them when they get back from school and they are telling stories. Its cute to watch" the meat taken to the kitchen and the food is brought to us and we feast, while drinking, well not me, not today at least.

Mpande is walking towards is with Mlando on her back and Mnini following behind. The twins have to be the most confusing kids ever. One minute Mlando is the baby and the next Mnini is, this weekend the kid with the weird eyes took the crown of being a pest, at first I was annoyed with Mpande for hitting him but as the day went on, I had had it with him so he went back to his mom. I'm guessing they are heading bed now.

Yomuzi: "Babana sesyolala" she says as soon as she reaches me, I kiss her forehead and pick Mnini up

Me: "Ngiyeza manje" she leaves "Haaike

madoda we will see each other ksasa ekseni, wena Akhile be ready kuhlinza wena ksasa" they all laugh except Akhile who looks creeper out

Sbu: "where are you going, let MaKhumalo rest now you want to go sleep on her breasts hayi Zwe" we laugh

Me: "Hayi fuseg wena, get a wife nawe" I leave, by the time I get to my flat Mnini is sleeping in my arms, I go lay him down next to his twin in their room, I guess Landi is sleeping with the new Gogo and Siyakha and Akhile are with Aphiwe. I hear the shower, I guess she is in there. Let me go join her. I undress and get in behind, the water is so hot Kant oMpande bageza kanjan, I get close to her and massage her shoulders, young Manzini wants to play, his touching her big booty.

Yomuzi: "Ha ah ngikhathele Zwe" she shakes her booty, like why would she do that if she is tired.

Me: "Kancane baby"

Yomuzi: "No" she walks out of the shower leaving me to service myself, I ain't doing that when I have a wife, never. I finish up and I find her applying lotion

Me: "Ngeke ngiyalingwa, ngeke baby no ngiyanqaba" she shakes her head and laughs "give daddy some sugar" I am now standing behind her, I brush her boobs and kiss her neck, my hand goes down to her nuna, I play with her clit

"I've missed you so much baby" I bend her over and enter from behind, she is so wet and ready. After making love she is sleeping on my chest.

Yomuzi: "Sleep"

Me: "how do you know that I am not sleeping"

Yomuzi: "I can hear your thoughts, lala" I kiss her forehead once again

When I wake up, she is not next to me, nkosi yami iyahlupheka ingane yabantu. I wake up, it's like 6 am but she's up kanti when did you wake up. I go take a quick shower then head out, I find her in the kitchen by herself. Cha bayangijwayela laykhaya. I go to the girls room and I find them asleep.

Me: "Aphiwe, musani ukungidina, nilaleleni? Anvuke" its busy and people are sleeping "WeMbali, aningizwa yini, uMpande kmele efukuze yedwa, whose going to make porridge for the children, my wife?" Aphiwe is up but and busy doing nothing, these people annoy me, my wife has been up and down from Friday. As I go out I bump into Gogo

Gogo: "WeLifa owani lomsindo?"

Me: "Amantombazane alaykhaya ayadina, uNkosikazi wami lokhe wafika laykhaya she is

working no one is helping her they are sleeping  
Gogo" she looks at me amused

Gogo: "Hayi manje you're waking everyone up  
because you want your wife to sit" she laughs  
"ave unedrama, MaKhumalo has no problem  
uwena uphaphayo, I'm sure she is offended by  
all this noise you're making" she laughs again  
"yini abakunikanga yini izolo" oh gosh No, what  
is going on? I quickly leave, I can't stand for this  
uthini uGogo

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Fika

The Lobola negotiations went well even though  
the Zungus tried us but all went well, Londi said  
she would like to complete her degree first  
before we move in together buy most of the  
time she is here with me so I don't complain. Its  
been 2 months already Sanda is 4 months now

and is so big and brown. He looks like my dad. Londi just finished her exams so we are heading to Nongoma this weekend for imbeleko for this little man. I'm excited, I just feel that things are going as planned for me, they are going well. Noma is giving birth sometime this month so Nhlanhla is leaving right after imbeleko to be with her, I'm happy for my guys. I genuinely don't know what is happening between Mahle and Nsika and I'm tired of asking because he has been moody for a while now and sleeping at Yomuzis. Ayanda filed for divorce, the only reason I have not killed that fucker is because the police are snooping and just waiting for us to make a mistake otherwise his day is coming.

Its a Thursday and we're leaving today, Londi and Yomuzi went grocery shopping for the weekend, I like how she has picked up some

habits from Yomuzi, not the attitude though. She packed last night cause she said today would be a busy day for her. I've been watching her closely just to see if there are any changes with her body but she is loosing weight drastically, I guess she isn't pregnant, uGal has not even been giving some to me cabanga, I am starved, she says she is not ready, what about my needs huh? I am at work right now and its almost time to go when my PA knocks and tells me someone's here to see me. I don't who it is but I tell him to let whomever in. A yellow, tall curvy girl models in my office. Muhle yena but not my type, I don't do yellow at all but she is sexy shame. Once she is done with her modelling I offer her a seat.

Her: "Mr Khumalo, how are you?"

Me: "I'm great thanks, and how are you Miss..."

Her: "Oh sorry, Buhle Martins" she pulls out her hand for me to shake and I meet it half way

Me: "Miss Martin what can I do for you?"

Buhle: "Straight to business, I see" she chuckles, Kant why is she here.

Me: "That's why you're here right? I really have to be somewhere so if you don't mind"

Buhle: "Professional too, I like" I am confused " let me get straight to it then, I would like to work with your family" I look at her "Come on Khumalo, we both know what I'm talking about here" she says licking her lips, ngiyalingwa.

Me: "Look Miss Martin, I'm not sure what you're talking about here, this company belongs to me and I draw for a living, my family on the other hand has multiple funeral homes, if you want to join please feel free to call their offices, now if you'd excuse me, I really have to go" she smiles at me

Buhle: "Its Martins" yeah whatever " I have merchandise from Morocco, delivery is free,

here's my card, call me once you've made up your mind and you've decided that you know what I'm talking about" she places her card on the table and stands up shaking her big booty, I really need to get laid ngeke! I pack my stuff and make my way home, where I find Londi, with Aphiwe who is playing with Sanda

Me: "Sanibonani laykhaya" I walk up to Londi and give her a kiss

Londi: "Hey babe"

Aphiwe: "Bab Khumalo, uright? " she is busy making my boy laugh, I want to hold him but I also know that won't be nice since Aphiwe is still busy with him

Me: "I'm good thanks, I didn't know I'd find you here"

Aphiwe: "I was helping your person there with a few things before she goes to be a Makoti" we laugh " let me leave you guys, kukude

kwaNongoma, nihambe kahle"

Londi: "Let me call you an uber sis, see you when I get back" I leave them talking and I go take a shower. When I come out Londi is undressing, I can't hold myself, my boy is on the bed playing "why are you looking at me like that" she says walking towards me, I drop my towel and meet her half way, she can't take her eyes off me, I guess I'm getting some right now. I kiss her immediately, no time for foreplay la. "Condom babe" whuuuu I hate that shit but I gotta get laid

Me: "You know I don't have nje" I say playing with her nuna, she is wet

Londi: "I have some in my bag" say what??? We will talk about that later, she points me to her bag and I go there butt naked, I can feel her staring at me. Indeed she has a whole box of Durex, heh! I walk back to her and I find her sitting on our couch and she's playing with

herself, its nice to watch but I need to feel her right now, I pull her up and lick her fingers and she helps me put on the damn plastic, she goes to the couch and bends over, I guess sonke silambile, I smash into her and she let's out a loud moan. It drives me to the edge, oh gosh, I can't cum just yet haaibo, but she is is so hot and tight. I pound her while playing with her full tits, I thought she stopped breast feeding. I can't hold on anymore so I let it out, we let go at the same time, we fall on the couch together, with me on top of her, she hits me to get up and she goes to shower and I follow her to shower. After we are done we head to gateway for dinner before hit the road. Once we are done we head home. The condom thing is actually bothering me

Me: "So why the condoms" she looks at me "why do you have condoms in your bag Londi?"

Londi: "What do you mean now love" haaibo

Me: "I won't be using that thing again, ngeke Londile"

Londi: "Shuthi we won't be having sex ke"

Me: "Ungangidini Londile!" She doesn't even look interested right now she is busy on her phone

"Londi what's happening, one minute you don't want me to touch you manje you carry condoms"

Londi: "I wasn't ready and now I don't want to be pregnant, I haven't had time to get contraceptives, what seems to be the problem"

Me: "Why do you have to be on contraceptives?"  
She give me the are you dumb look

Londi: "what is weird about this conversation is that you actually think what you're complaining about is rational and normal" Wiybooo! "Why would I want to be pregnant right now? Sanda is just 4 months, I'm almost done with my degree

and my marks dropped and now I'm not doing well ngoba ebsuku ngivuswa ingan yakho that time wena are sleeping hayi Fika" that was a mouthful

Me: "So you don't want my kids now" I'm upset.

Londi: "I won't justify that with an answer, you're being petty and inconsiderate" whatever! Futhi I'm hungry now. I pull over at the garage, we are at Empangeni now. "Why are we stopping?" I ignore and run inside KFC, while I'm standing in the line she I receive an SMS from her that says I should bring her pops and a krusher, I seriously have a good mind of ignoring this but I don't have the energy to fight her, I'm just tired. While I'm waiting for my order I receive a call from home telling me I must bring something nice since they are waiting up for me. I g back and order more food, Londi walks in with Sanda who looks wide awake

Londi: "What's taking so long?" She asks

walking to where I am standing, once she gets to me, I take my boy who is giggling at nothing.

Me: "uMa uthe I must bring something nice since I am keeping them up" she smiles and nods, my first order comes and she takes her pops and krusher and starts eating as we wait for our next order. A group of girls enter, drunk and noisy, one looks at us and walks towards us, the attitude you can't miss.

Girl: "Khumalo umdala!" I raise my eyebrow cause I don't know her "Aw awungibon? Kfanele phela your brother dumped me just because your crazy sister said so!" She is pissed and drunk, mostly drunk and I don't know what she is talking about. My phone rings it's Yomuzi

Me: "MakaLandi"

Yomuzi: "Hey, ukuphi manje?"

Me: "KFC Empangeni, mawungena nje, not in town"

Yomuzi: "Before eStation? Wait for me so Zwe can turn back, we're close"

Me: "Hayi how far are you and who are you with, wena you have a school of kids" she laughs, the lady is still standing in front of me tapping her foot as if she is waiting for me to finish

Yomuzi: "Sidlula ekrosini eDlangezwa, don't be mean, I'm just with Landi and the twins, the boys have a game ksasa" now she doesn't sound all excited

Me: "Okay be fast Yomuzi" she laughs and drops

Girl: "Ya uye lowo owamosha izinto between me and Nhlanhla, yey ngiyanizonda nina yezwa" Londi is busy laughing and Mina I don't know this person. After a few minutes are very big order is done so we take it and move to the car. I leave this crazy girl with her friends waiting for hot wings. When we get to the car I take out

Sandas car seat and put it at the back, which is full, right now I am so happy that I took their Ford Ranger. I haven't eaten and this lady I'm with is stuffing herself with my food.

Me: "You said you wanted pops and a krusher but here you are eating my food"

Londi: "Aw ukhulumela ukudla, we are literally at KFC you can get the food" she rolls her eyes and continues eating my box master, now I need to go back and get my own. Zwe drives in just as I am about to walk back in, so I wait for them and the crew comes out running to me, I pick up the twin with the weird eyes and he giggles as he looks at the others and Landi wants to throw a tantrum as the others laugh

Landile: "Ha ah, malume pick me up, its not fair" what did I just get myself into, Zwe comes out laughing

Zwe: "Don't let them mess with you" he hugs

me "How are you man" there's Akhile here too, he is moving Yomuzi things to the van

Me: "Im great man, umfaz wakho has packed for a whole month hey"

We laugh, "I was going to going to get more food your sister just ate my food after she said she was not hungry" he laughs

Zwe: "Ngikwazi kwazi kahle lokho, bheka lapho" he turns to face Yomuzi " Babe" he shouts and she turns to look at us " do you want food, I'm getting food la"

Yomuzi: "No, I'm fine I don't like KFC" she turns back and continues with what she was busy with.

Zwe: "Uzobona ke mesengiphuma, boys wozani" he picks up Landi and Mnini stays behind with Yomuzi and Londi. We get inside and we order again, those girls are still here, I tell Zwe what this girl said and we laugh it off

the next thing she stands in front of

Girl: "Uphi losisi wakho ohlanyayo?" I look at  
Zwe and we laugh

Zwe: "Sisi whatever you're thinking unthink it  
real quick ngoba uzolimala" we laugh, Akhile is  
here all confused

Girl: "Angimsabi yezwa! Bhuti angimsabi  
nhlobo!"

Me: "Oh you should baby girl you should" our  
order number is called we take our food and  
walk out with the drunk girl following us.

Yomuzi: "Baby let me see what you got"

Zwe: " She wants my food, she thinks she is  
smart this one" I laugh

Girl: "Ye wena Yomuzi! Wena ushadile ujabulile,  
buka mina!" She shouts while crying, Yomuzi  
looks rather bored "You could have forgiven me,  
I was young and foolish, we all make mistakes"

Yomuzi walks to Zwe and takes his food not looking at this mad girl

Yomuzi: " You should have made those mistakes le kude not with my family, mus'ukungbhora busy scaring my children, go back to the whole you came from" miss Petty is out to play " its been almost 8 years now, move on hoe" that time she is so calm, Zwe laughs hard

Girl: " Awunazwelo yezwa, I hate you and your family" she says while crying

Yomuzi: "Hate yakho akusizi ngalutho ngoba we still sleep perfectly fine at night, try something else, vuka ksasa ekseni and go play in traffic maybe do something, khona who gets drunk on a Thursday, hayi sies Phumla zithande girl" oh she's the girl from the corner house, her family used to own buses

Phumla: " Tell your brother that we have a

daughter " we are all shocked now what did this girl just say " and ngeke amnuke" this girl must try us

Me: "Yey ntombazanyana don't try us" she laughs a wicked laugh

Phumla: "I told your brother that I was pregnant but he blocked me rather, I hate you and your family, I hate you Yomuzi and I hate Nhlanhla because he just let go of what we had just like that, he should have fought for us" I am really getting annoyed, Akhile gets the kids inside the car as Yomuzi, Zwe, Londi and I go stand next to Phumla, I'm sure they are here to help keep us calm, I know I'm getting annoyed but I can't figure out Yomuzi only Zwe can figure her out these days.

Yomuzi: "Listen and Listen carefully, you know very well what you did to Nsika, you dated Nhlanhla knowing very well that he was our sibling what did you expect? You were not dealt

the wrong hand you, were trying to play my brother and I don't want to know why because I'm sure things won't end well for you. Know do us all a favour and bring my brothers child home if you know what is good for you " she says in the coldest voice ever while moving to her slowly. I'm not going to say anything because I think Yomuzi has said enough and also the fact that she looks like she will pee herself if I say anything because of the eye I'm giving right now. "Ksasa ekseni nje I want that child kwaKhumalo, if you think am I scary wait until I tell Nhlanhla"

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Londi

We finally left KFC and drove our separate ways, today I saw a Fika that I last saw with the Linda

incident and the kids. His eyes were so dark and his aura was not kind at all, I am grateful that Yomuzi was there even though she was spitting fire I glad that that girl received that from her rather from this man whose next to me right now. There is silence just the kids playing nje.

Yomuzi: "This will brake Nhlanhla so much yaz, if that girl is speaking the truth it will brake him" she sighs

Fika: "The weekend seems too long and I don't think I can keep anything away from Nhlanhla he will see right through me, worse in Monday he flying out to Mpumalanga"

Yomuzi: "How can someone be so selfish, Almost 8 years yonke, that child is probably in grade 1 or something now" I keep listening to them until we reach Nongoma, they are not as excited as they were in the beginning. My family will be coming tomorrow, but Bhuti said

something about having to take the boys to a game in the morning first. Then he will drive up, Aphiwe is coming in the morning though with my mother, it was so hard convincing her because she says she is scared of my mother.

When we arrive it looks like we are the last one's to arrive because all the cars I know are in the yard as we drive in. I'm tired, I could do with a long bath and a bed, but we all know that that won't happen right? We jump out, Sanda was asleep but his wide awake right now, I'm far from sleeping. Queen Landi is leading today, the twins are following her around and she is enjoying it. We leave the guys to off load and enter the main house and join the rest of the ladies

MaZulu: "MaZungu niyaphila ntombi?" My mother in law says taking the heavy child out off my hands

Me: "Siyaphila ma, ninjan nina?"

MaZulu: "Siyaphila nathi, nihambe kahle?" She asks as she plays with Sanda, I respond while going to the kitchen to fix the food we came with, its a late night snack. Yomuzi walks in as I am busy and laughs.

Yomuzi: "hello makoti" she says mocking me " this is how I feel when I'm with your family" she laughs while helping me, everyone else is in the TV room chatting away and catching up. I laugh at what sisi is saying indeed roles have changed. This is the first time I am here as an "official" makoti. I don't know what's expected from me, unlike my family this family is quiet big and they traditional so I really don't know what is expected from me.

Me: "Sisi can you help me with things that I am expected to do?" She chuckles and shakes her head while helping me make the the tea, someone calls her at the TV room and she

leaves in this kitchen all by myself, I don't know whether to put this meat in one plate then have side plated on the side or to dish individually, but I don't know who eats what. I take a deep breath then go with my gut. I put all the meat in one plate after warming it, take out cool drink from the fridge and juice and a few glasses and place it on a tray. The water is boiling and so I take out a few mugs and put all the essentials on another tray and I take it to where they are seated, all the things I was fixing are now on the table in front of them and they are not even paying attention to them, they are just chatting away like I'm not even in the room, I sigh again. I want to cry but I don't want to seem weak, these people are always around me but I don't know what they like, how can I be so ignorant.

Me: "Ma, should I fix you a cup of tea or something cooler" she pays no attention to me cause now she is busy with Landi

MaZulu: "Black coffee with no Sugar makoti, in that green cup, that's my cup, no one uses it" she is still not looking at me, I make her a hot cup, I serve all the ladies and they all want tea so I make for them. I know Fika won't have tea or coffee, he doesn't really like it and he doesn't like cool drink so I pure him juice and ask Nhlanhla what he will have and he says tea, its weird I've never seen him drinking tea, Nsika says he will have a beer so stands up and goes to take it at the kitchen. I am tired, I want to sleep and I still have to bath but I can't just up and leave now. I've been sitting next to sisi Themba and Fika has been winking at me for the past 30 minutes now, I'm not sure what reaction is he expecting from me. As soon as they finish, I take the things back to the kitchen and clean it, I found it spotless therefore I should leave it spotless. I check the time and it's past midnight, I should be up by 5 am. I go back to them and ask Fika to help me with

Sanda who is now sleeping, when I get to our house which is an outside building I first change the bedding and he looks at me confused, yes I brought new bedding in fact I have more than one, Sanda has his own bed here, I wonder when did it get her, I take Sanda and check his nappy before placing him on his bed, I need to take a bath kuyabanda. I quickly take a bath and when I come out I find Fika on my phone, I really hate that shit because I don't do that with his phone

Fika: "Relax I wasn't going through your phone" he says still holding it and going through it "its just pictures, I wanted to see if you have any nudes here" idiot

Me: "Why are you eating on top of the bed" the past two months Fika has been eating nonstop, like all the time, his so sloppy which is so out of character for him.

Fika: "Since when am I not allowed to eat on top

of the bed" I just changed that bedding, I don't respond instead I just get dressed while he looks at me chewing whatever. I get in bed with him sitting on the side, if there is one thing Fika does not do is sleep without taking a bath kungafiwa, he stands up takes off his clothes and goes to take a bath. I take my phone and go through my messages and I see that he went through them cause they are all read, Aphiwe texted saying that she was going to here with Bhut Zwe after the game that the boys are playing, I'm hurt cause I asked her to come and she said she would come with my mom now her story is changing kodwa ke there's nothing I can do. I have a text from Nontle asking me how does it feel to be a makoti and I laugh. Sis Yomuzi always wakes up first and by the time we wake up the house is clean and the food is ready, I mean porridge and English breakfast, I remember the day Bhut was shouting at us saying we are abusing his wife. This means I

have to be up early, at least I've learnt how to make porridge, sisi taught me and said that Fika loved it with lemon, in fact all of them loved porridge except her and Nsika. I think I'm panicing because I really don't know how I will do all these things that are expected from me, I don't know what's expected from me. Fika comes out of the bathroom with a towel wrapped around his lower part, my man is sexy kodwa. He rushes to me, why though?

Fika: "Why are you crying Londile?" I'm crying I didn't even notice

Me: "I just don't know what's expected from me tomorrow, I always do these things but I don't know how she doe them" now I am wailing, to tell you the truth I don't even know why I'm crying this much I'm sure its not that deep. Fika lies behind me and wraps his arms around my waist, and kisses the back of my neck and sighs.

Fika: "What do you mean? Laykhaya we have a lot of women don't worry about it" haaibo what is this fool saying is she hearing himself "Linda didn't do anything and they never minded" did he just mention Linda to me? Am I Linda? More of the reason why I should do everything gosh, I shift his arms away from me fast and he flinches I think he notices what he just did "don't take this in the wrong manner I didn't mean to compare you with Linda" mncm he must fuck off, I turns me up and gets inbetween my legs, why on earth is he naked now hayi. "Ngiyaxolisa baby" I try to push him off but obviously I fail, Fika is so big and tall compared to me, ngiyiqashana nje, "Look at me" he commands and I do, he is still in between me and I'm getting wet as I feel his member knock on my nuna, I feel so betrayed by my body right now "I didn't mean to compare you to Linda, I was just saying" he kisses the top of my head and not moving

Me: "Okay move" I try pushing him and he laughs throwing his head back "yini uhlekani?"

Fika: "Your cookie doesn't want me to move" he says inserting himself and I let out a moan out loud, his not moving I am just feeling his member throbbing inside me, what I don't know is why he is not moving and just looking me at me.

Me: " If you're not going to move suka kimi" he laughs throwing his head back, angmazi uhlekani. He starts moving, his strokes are long and breath taking, everything I know about sex I was taught by him if there is more to this then I will die. Fika's sex is out of this world, these past months his so needy. We have done all positions and now we are cuddling, when I look at the time its 3am lendoda ayingicabangeli, why on earth am I crying futhi.

Fika: "Hayi baby why are you crying now" how did he know that I am crying

Me: "have you seen the time Fika?" Its past 3, I know that Sis Yomuzi is always done with everything by 7 am meaning by 5 am I have to be up.

Fika: "haaibo uvuka uyaphi?" This man doesnt get it so there is no use arguing with let me try to sleep. Let me set the alarm.

Its 5 am already, my alarm keeps ringing, I'm tired and sore, so sore. Fika needs to stop doing this to me and we didn't use protection. I get up and go shower, I can't bath because I will get to comfy and stay whereas I don't have time. Its cold nala, I get out and get dressed not forgetting the headwrap. Umnumzane ulele, umise ngisho amadolo.

I enter the main house everyone is still sleeping, I go to the kitchen everything is just clean, I

remember where Sis Yomuzi showed me where things stay. I first make the soft porridge, after I make eggs and bacon, there is no toast so its just bread for today. Bhut Nsika walks in wearing blue overalls, he looks like he just woke up

Nsika: "Lolo, why are you up so early?" Is this a trick question?

Me: "Just wanted to fix breakfast before everyone woke up you know" he walks to fridge and takes out a small sack of oranges and goes to the cupboard and takes out a juice maker

Nsika: "If you want to impress us make fresh orange juice, uzobona ke, otherwise next time just wake up at 6 cause laykhaya kuvukwa sekphume ilanga and only mom, your husband, Yomuzi and I wake up early, abanye ungafa" he laughs and I join him, I take the oranges and and he helps me cut them into halves and we make the juice

Me: "So where are you going so early?" He is now sitting down and eating porridge, he said those are starters yena usazodla

Nsika: "eSbayeni, I'll take the cows to ediphini then the herdboys will take it from there" I've never imagined them as hands on people, they are always wearing suits nje unless its a weekend "your husband is the herdboys" he laughs throwing his head back, I think they all do that when they are being silly, I join him "Where is he by the way, he should be up by now its so unlike him to be asleep at this time?" He says looking at his watch.

Me: "These days he sleeps a lot, he says there is a project that is stressing at work that's why his always tired" he raises his eyebrow

Nsika: "That's so unlike him, usually when he is stressed he sleeps 3 hours max" I shrug. I have a cup of coffee in my hand and its amazing Nsika just made it for me, its coffee, with coffee

creamer and warm milk. Mrs Khumali walks in as Nsika and I are chatting.

MaZulu: "If there is one thing that I will enjoy its having you spoil me like this" I blush "morning makoti"

Me: "Morning ma, porridge or eggs and bacon" she walks up and takes a bowl

MaZulu: "Hayi I will make my own food, thanjs for the fresh juice, you are spoiling us I see" my mother in law guys. "Go wake your husband up sisi, its late now bazofika swkugcwele ediphini if he doesn't wake up, kwakhona why is he still sleeping?" Nsika jumps up

Nsika: "let me do the honours " he laughs

MaZulu: "Uzoxabana noFika wena" he still laughing, Yomuzi walks in and smiles at me with the twins following her, and Mnini runs into my arms.

Yomuzi: "You didn't have to" she says dishing

porridge for the twins I guess, a few minutes later a grumpy Fika and Nhlanhla walk in, Nsika has Sanda. I don't think Sanda and I will be an item this weekend everyone just wants him and its not helping that he doesn't mind at all. Fika walks up to me and kisses my forehead making me blush.

Fika: "Awungvusanga ngani baby" did he have to call me baby in front of phambi kwabantu? I blush though, "You made breakfast, thanks" he looks at the food but doesn't look to pleased "I want musli with plain yogurt, honey and banana" everyone just looks at him in a rather confused manner "Yini? That thing is nice, I have it all the time at work, I just order it from wimpy" he says all this while opening all the cupboards, uyanginyanyisa, all this effort and this is the thanks I get wow. "I'll just have the orange juice then" he says taking out a big glass and an apple plus a greater, this I want to

see. He grates the apple and puts it inside his glass then pures the orange juice on top. Everyone is just staring at him while he drink from his very large cup.

Nhlanhla: "If no one will say it I will, Congratulations on your pregnancy, I didn't think you were serious Fika, you scored bhuddah" they all laugh and clap, I'm so confused right now, whose pregnant?

Continuation

Fika

Am I happy? Fuck yeah, am I in shit? Yep. As my family is cheering me Yomuzi is looking at me and she shakes her head. I think it just dawned to Londi that Nhlanhla is talking about her. I see hurt in her eyes, she won't react just yet that I know for sure but here she will act happy nje thulani nibuke, she smiles and I place a kiss on

her forehead with my hand around her neck.  
Kusazonyiwa!

Nsika: "Asambeni madoda so we can come back early, we still have a long day ahead" I'm having a glass of milk

Nhlanhla: "Yaz before we go, izolo midnight I think Pumla called me crying, I was sleeping and she said something about me not believing whatever you guys have to say what happened?" well yesterday we might have forgotten to share our encounter with Pumla but I'm sure that Yomuzi told the girls

Yomuzi: "uyabona that bitch" she says pointing at Nsika and Nhlanhla, "ngiyamnyanya!"

Nhlanhla: "manje why uthuka with kids in the kitchen?"

Yomuzi: "Cha ukuth ngiyenyanya nje"

Nhlanhla: "Is anyone going to tell me why I got a call from Pumla or?"

Me: "Pumhla says you guys have a kid together"  
I go on and tell him what went down

Nhlanhla: "Nxayi, she is lying that one she wants attention"

Me: "I don't think its wise to just dismiss such, let's go and check it out, its around the corner bra, at least you'll know foresure that you're not being played, we don't want uTatakho or khumbule'khayas Avanza driving in here 15 years down the line"

Nhlanhla: "Ay you guys go since she told you not me, mina I'm going to be with Noms tomorrow"

Lihle: "Hawu Sandiso that's not nice, just go check it out you'll go with Mdala here, your flight is at like 2pm, uzovuka nje ekseni"

Nhlanhla: "Hayi ofuna leyongane makaye yena

lapho, if she says the child is mine she must bring it here" well Sandiso has spoken, he won't be changing his mind anytime soon futhi "Asambeni siyediphini nina its getting late" we all stand up and leave. I enjoy the silence of the rurals, just walking and breathing Fresh air, its amazing.

Out of all of us Nsika sure know how to make us rethink our decisions, his the one you go to she you want a clear opinion, nigger tells it like it is nje. We are done with the cows we are now heading home, I'm sure we will find our uncle there now shouting, my dads little brother, that nigger is annoying nje.

Nsika: "Manje Nhlanhla vele you don't care ngale ncosi"

Nhlanhla: "I don't want to talk about this, cela ningyeke" Nsika chuckles

Nsika: "Well I want to talk about it, if you don't want to talk then listen" Nazooo! "You owe that kid your time bra, chances are they are 8 or 9 now. Not having a father at our age is not fun now imagine not having a father from the day you are born? If that kid is yours ntwana you will regret having a big head right now, we don't want a repeat of the Aya saga. Umdala manje, you need to think about every decision you make, being emotional is not assisting anyone. All you have to do is go check out whether the kid is yours or not then we do right by them. Have you seen where Pumla stays lapha emabhasini, that's not a place I want my nephew or niece to stay, its just not healthy."

Nhlanhla: "Ngiyakuzwa, I'm just so angry man at Pumla and I don't think I can just look past that, why would she keep this child away from me, I mean lapha kubo is a waling distance yena ukhamisile waiting to for a show koKFC"

Me: "Unfortunately this is not about you or about Pumla, its about that child, put your hatred aside and go find you kid" he nods while sighing

Nsika: "And wena Fika " Hayi he must leave me alone this child "Why are you selfish?"

Me: "I won't feel bad nor apologise for wanting to grow my family" he chuckles, swinging his stick and hitting the rocks

Nsika: "No one said don't grow your family yaz, but its very selfish of you to do it at the expense of another person. Wena you have your degree in fact even your Masters but here you are standing in the way of Londis dream!" Its hot manje and I'm hungry "The child wants to just complete her degree and be a lawyer, but here you are wena busy pumping up kids in her, when will she live?"

Me: "Hayi when are you and Mahle having your

own kids vele so you can stay out of my business" he laughs

Nsika: "Amahle is pursuing her PHD in Chemistry right now, no time for kids, she has just been promoted to being the dean in her department, do you know what that means? She the first young black female to ever be promoted for such so because I am person who cares about their spouse I am letting her have her moment" I actually feel bad now he has a valid point, I don't even know whether Londi wants to do her honours or to do her articles

Nhlanhla: "I have to agree with the kid on this one, you are on about yourself right now man and as far as we all know relationships are about sacrificing right now Lolo is feeding your wants and wena you're not reciprocating anything" its gang up on Fika day today

Nsika: "Sanda is just four months, she just went back to school and now she is pregnant again

how do you think that will affect her mentally, her social circle, her school work? You know very well how she has been pushing to get back to her old self and catch up with her academics?"

Me: "Hayi I hear you guys unfortunately there's nothing we can do right now, uyeza ingane "

Nsika: "I just pray that she doesnt leave you"  
hayi hayi fire, Nsika likes saying that shit hawu!

We get home and the yard is filled with people, its just 9am bayaphi abantu. There is my uncle with green overalls shouting

Eddie: "Uma niya ediphini kuyavukwa madoda manje sesilinde nina ay suka" I did say that this one was dramatic why ememeza, we are still by the gate. These two idiots laugh, I need something to nibble on , let me go tell Londi, on other thoughts let me just do it myself. I get to

the kitchen and Yomuzi is making noodles for the kids, it's a full house, they look so yummy she always adds milk, cheese and asparagus to her noodles and I've never tasted them I've always thought that it was rather disgusting but today they look amazing and appetizing.

Me: "Cela ungbala lapho MamZungu" I pick up Mnini, Mlando is his own man he doesn't like being carried at all ever since they started walking her runs everywhere. She just nods and continues with what she is busy with ignoring my presence. "I know you have something to say so come out with, and before you judge me and call me selfish plus bare in my that I'm getting old and time is really on my side, ngimdala"

Yomuzi: "What about her and her dreams Mdala" not this Mdala name again "If there is something I know about love its that it is not selfish, what makes a relationship grow

stronger is mutual respect and right now I don't think you have respect for Londile" with that she is out of my way, leaving me to my thoughts.

Indeed the day has been a good one, siyenzile imbeleko kaSanda and Londi has been avoiding me the whole day, it is busy but I just want to hold her nje. I see her marching up and down she is not as happy as she was earlier before Nhlanhla decided to tell her. She now has Sanda on her back and washing dishes outside with Lihle. Today after the burning impepho and putting isphandla on Sanda's left hand he was crying and wanted just his mother hence she is carrying him right now. They look like they are in deep conversation with Lihle so I don't want to disturb. Eventually she will have to face me we sleep in the same room mos. We later have a braai its just us now, we are sitting outside, Londi went to bath Sanda and put him to bed, I

don't think she will come out anytime soon. I stand up and someone talks

Themba: "Hlala phansi uyeke uLondi" nanso ke imihlola

Me: "I just want to check whether she is fine"

Aya: "Hayi hlala bafo" I sit cause they will start shouting and shit, we are drinking and having meet Zwe is here too next to him is his wife sitting on his lap.

Zwe: "Yaz on Friday I had this weird visitor at work" we all look at him because we never talk about work stuff around Yomuzi but I guess they are cool now. "She said she was Buhle Martins and she wants to do business with us, of cause I dismissed her but something was offish about her"

Fika: "Ya she came to me on Thursday yaz" they all look at me with the 'Why didn't you say anything look' "what? I forgot"

Zwe: "well I looked into her and I think we are in trouble"

Aya: "How so?" Yep she is part of the business

Zwe: "She has taken over the west, and from what I hear she has them by their balls, what I don't know is how we missed the change but I suspect Mokoena, that dude has been keeping us on our toes that we forgot about checking on enemies something is just not adding up"

Lihle: "Let's find dirt on Mokoena we've let him go far too long now its not okay"

Nhlanhla: "Kanjani oPitbull be gcwele amaHormones " they all laugh

Me: "I didn't find that funny at all, angazi nihlekani" they continue to laugh mnxm

Zwe: "If we kill him everyone will know its us I think we need to expose their relationship and get that girl off our territory, and it looks like she into human trafficking too so if we don't watch

out we are going to be in deep shit cause everyone whose money hungry ends up joining forces with her " shit just got real manje "This whole thing just makes sense now, how Mokoena is cornering us, it makes sense, its to give this girl time and space to work our territory"

Fika: "That won't fucken happen" this is just pissing me off

Them a: "What's going to stop them, you guys are so preoccupied down there in Durban, like ngathi nithelwe ngentelezi" she says rolling her eyes "How come you didn't even see that the police were on to you? This is just not adding up they just know to much man" Actually!

Zwe: "Fuck! Litha"

"Litha" We all respond at the same time

Nhlanhla: "Nooo, he wouldn't"

Zwe: "Remember he wanted us to expand and

take over the others, and we were against it and he said he was going to make his money if thina we don't want to move up!" That shit yeMpondo!!! "I'll kill him" he hisses

Yomuzi: "Kwaze kwamnandi, you will just kill nje, hear him out, be sure"

Aya: "I'm with Zwe on this one, we know Litha, his greedy, he did this and I'm sure he thinks his smarter leyanja"

Yomuzi: "Why don't you kill him photo" Aya and Zwe laugh

Aya: "With pleasure" she fist bumps Nhlanhla.

Me: "That's sorted Aya has it in the bag, now Sandiso wena ksasa zithini?"

Nhlanhla: "Ngizohamba nani noEddie ksasa" we laugh at how he calls our uncle " I don't want to have any regrets"

Me: "Alright, ningvuse ave ngiselwa these days"

they laugh "Zwe you sleeping over?"

Zwe: "Hayi ufuna ukungenzani" we all laugh "  
My wife said we are not staying" he says a grin,  
mnoxm leslima

Me: "Let me go get some rest, I'll see you guys  
ksasa, boZungu nihambe kahle"

I get to our flat and I find Lolo sleeping peacefully. I'm actually glad that she is sleeping cause I know ngisazonya yezwa! I quickly go shower, I'm tempted to sleep naked but that might not be a good idea, I put on my pyjama bottom and get in bed. I turn to hold her so we can cuddle she pushes my hands away

Londi: "Ungangithinti!" Is she crying?

Me: "Londile are you crying?"

Londi: "Why do you care"

Me: "Aw baby" I sigh "don't stress yourself its

not good for the baby" she quickly turns and shoots me a look I will never forget

Londi: "Ungangidini Fikanokuthula, unganginyanyisi please" she is pissed actually that's an understatement she is angry

Me: "I'm sorry baby, I didn't put your first I was selfish. My siblings made me see and understand where you come from and your perspective, I've been a very bad husband" she scoffs " but there's nothing we can do now the baby is here, we will have to work around it, I'll see what we can do maybe get a stay in nanny"

Londi: "I still have my room at res, I'm moving back there, Sanda is going to stay with my mom, you can get him over the weekends. I need to finish this degree before I become someone I don't recognise" hawu!

Me: "Londi that not necessary, what kind of wife stays at red, ngiyaxolisa nje Lolo, I was wrong

to trick you about that morning after pill..." Did I just? Oh no

Londi: "Oh my Gosh, I knew it, I've been so careful, you are so selfish Jesus, why would you do this to me, and you claim to love me, wow"

Me: "Londile ngiyaxolisa, I wasn't thinking, I admit I've been selfish but all I did was out of love, I guess I thought that you having my kids would make you never think of leaving me, and I looked at my biological clock and I didn't think for a minute that this would affect you badly" she is crying her eyes out, uneslokozane  
"Please stop crying"

Londi: "No! I am never doing anything for you yezwa, ungenza islima, what are my peers going to think of me? Ngibuya manje nje sengphindile futhi? Fika you're making me a baby making machine" I really didn't think this through

We are almost done

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Narrated

Yakhile: " Sho bhuddah" he says to Sibani as he enters their house as they have been summoned by their father. "Iphi ingane kaMuntu" that would be Siyakha, thats how they refer to him since he is closest to their mother.

Sibani: "With dad in his study, wena where have you been?"

Yakhile: "I've been around? I'm a busy man?" He says laughing "Where's Landi? In fact where is everyone, where's Muntu?"

Sibani: "They went to town, gateway or something, the twins are with Mamkhulu Themba she's in town" just then their father emerges with Siyakha behind him, these two have become inseparable even though he is close to his mother he has become his fathers

second in command much to Yakhiles disapproval, that has made them cat and mouse over the years he never fails to tell Siyakha that he is a suck up for their parents approval. Sibani has become their mediator every time they fight. They have never showed that they don't get along in front of an audience though. They genuinely care about each other its just that from time to time they don't agree which always leads to them fist fighting.

Zwe: "Yakhile usufikile, woza we need to talk, wozani nonke in fact" both Sibani and Yakhile stand and follow their father, the 3 of them exchange a questioning look and all shrug at the same time and chuckle whilst following their dad. As soon as they enter the office their father sits he tells them to close the door, he then stands to lock the door and places the keys in his pocket.

Zwe: "Hlalani phansi madoda" they all sit, and

their dad shows them whiskey glasses, this is a first their dad has never offered them such, he has never been afraid to tell them that one could never drink what they could not afford, so this was a shock.

As they get comfortable talking about their family and sharing jokes their father suddenly becomes serious

Zwe: "What is the first rule in this family Sibani?" Their mood suddenly changes because of the sudden change of their conversation and their dad's mood, he looks calm but everything about his aura says he's angry there's suddenly a heavy energy in the study so they know that it's about to get real. While they were kids, their mother was the discipline enforcer, from being grounded to getting a hiding but when they became teens their father took over much to their mother's disapproval. His was a bit tough

and they knew not to cross him. There were so many rules in this house but at this moment they knew what he wanted to hear and they had an idea now why they were now summoned to the house. The boys were grown now and they didn't stay with their parents, Siyakha was doing his 4th year in Medicine at UKZN, even though he wanted to go to WITS his father refused and asked him who was going to look after his siblings if he left. Siyakha always felt that too much responsibility was placed on his hands by his father of course but he also knew about his father's side business and he knew that waking up to see the next day was not guaranteed. Sibani on the other hand was doing his 2nd year in Accounting at Wits, yes he could go, their father always had a soft spot for him, it always felt like he was trying to fill up some gap that he knew nothing about, he could get away with almost anything much to his other siblings' annoyance. This though always came in handy

when they wanted something from their dad, that's how they got their cars when they turned 21 this year. They 3 of them knew that their dad would ask him what he wanted and so they told him to want a car and they also knew that their mother thrives on treating them fairly so they would also get cars, smart right? Sibani also took a gap year hence his behind. Yakhile is suppose to be doing his third year in Film and Media at DUT but he recently dropped out, what he doesn't know is that his father now knows.

Sibani: "To never get into unnecessary trouble" he says looking at his father with uncertainty

Zwe: "And what is the second rule Yakhile?"

Yakhile: "To be my brothers keeper" this is not the rule his dad wants and he knows that very well but he knows whatever this is its about him, Zwe give him the scariest look that he almost pees on himself "Baba ngiyaxolisa" he says looking down.

Zwe: "What is the Second rule Yakhile?" He asks again, this time he sounds scarier than the first time he asked.

Yakhile: " To never get our hands dirty unnecessarily " his father glances at him and chuckles

Zwe: "What's the last rule Siyakha?"

Siyakha: "Never associate ourselves with criminals"

Zwe: " Uxoliselani Yakhile?" Yakhile is ready to pee on himself because he is not sure how much his dad knows, he swallows hard before answering

Yakhile: "I dropped out of school and I used the money you gave me for registration to get myself an apartment and use my allowance to pay my rent" he says in a shakey voice

Zwe: "Is that all?" He seems shocked that his father might know about his side hustle "did I

not tell you that I have a way of finding out things?" He keeps quiet " ngikhuluma nawe Manzini, is that all you're apologising for?"

Yakhile: "Cha baba" he pauses and looks at his father who just stood up and went to stand by the window "I am sorry for getting myself into unnecessary trouble"

Zwe: "Tell your siblings what you do for a living, mina ngikhipha imali yami every month, I even sent you book allowance, yimina islima layndlini" he says getting angry "tell them what you do in that flat of yours at South beach, tell them"

Yakhile: "But baba you've always taught us to be our own men and make our own money and run our own shit" he says rudely, Zwe turns around quickly and throws the whiskey glass in his hand his aiming at Yakhile but they all duck and the glass smashes in the door

Zwe: "Don't patronise me Yakhile yezwa!" He roars " uthatha imali yami uyohlala lapha egomora uqeda lapho udayisa iwunga, uyaphila kahle laphe ekhanda?" The other two brothers are shocked to hear all this.

Yakhile: "Baba I was trying to be my own man..." Before he even finishes his sentence Zwe has him on the wall and has his hands in his neck, his brothers try to hold their father but his too strong. Yakhile can't seem to stop the tears from rolling down on his face, the beating begins, the other brothers try to hold of their dad but its like he has been possessed, his just too strong "Ngiyaxolisa Manzini" Yakhile cries but it falls to deaf ears cause Zwe is hearing non of it, Siyakha has quickly sent a text to him mother.

Zwe: "Wena uzenza ohlakaniphile" he says kicking Yakhile who is now on the floor and covering his face "I always have to clean after

you, today you will get it" he is still hitting him, when his brothers try to intervene they also land themselves a few fists, suddenly there's someone on the other side of the door, banging on it, he ignores it. He made sure to lock it when they came in. Someone shouts from outside and it sounds like their mother

Yomuzi: "Manzini, uzoybulala ingane" that's when Yakhile starts crying louder

Yakhile: "Ma help me"

Yomuzi: "Landile phuthuma nokhiye" soon enough Yomuzi is inside and crouching next to badly beaten Yakhile, Zwe almosts lands his foot on his wife's back as she is shielding Yakhile

Zwe: "Suka Mpandeyomuzi" she doesn't dare move, she shields Yakhile with her body "Nxa!" Zwe quickly takes his car keys on top of the table leaving everyone behind, Landile is

traumatised, she has never witnessed her fathers wrath.

Yomuzi: "Siyakha, what do they teach you at that Medical School? Come help your brother" she shouts with a shakey voice, she knows her husband and knows very well that this is far from over, he just doesn't know who is going to be his next victim. Siyakha picks up Yakhile and carries him to his room, while Sibani stays behind to clean the study. Landi goes to fetch a basin and fills it with warm water and takes a clean hand towel at her mothers visitors cupboard and dashes to Yakhiles room. She finds him sobbing hard, she looks at her mom and she also has watery eyes but she is trying to be strong, Siyakha has tears running down his face. She has never seen her brothers this vulnerable. She puts the basin down and goes to fetch her mother's medical kit.

Yakhile: "Ma he almost killed me" he sobs as his mother is cleaning him up, Siyakha is just standing there helplessly watching, his brother is badly bruised he can also tell that that is not the only thing that he was beaten for but he won't probe for now. When their mother is done he takes the medical kit and patches his brother and he has a feeling that this won't be his last time though it was his first time.

Zwe has been gone for hours now and his phone keeps taking Yomuzi straight to voicemail. She is worried now, she hasn't asked the boys what that was about but it seems to be related to a phone call that led to Zwe smashing his business phone yesterday and swore to killing someone by the end of the day today.

Landi: "Mom, I'm scared" she says sitting next to her mother where she is having a hot cup of

coffee. If there is anything that Yomuzi regrets it's allowing Zwe to baby Landi, yes she is the only girl but damn she's such a cry baby. She can't do anything for herself, lutho, she is driven to school, the mall, church, everywhere haaibo she can't even cook, the child can't even defend herself, Yomuzi just started teaching her how to cook again much to Zwes disapproval.

Yomuzi: "Everything will be alright baby uzobona"

Landi: "Ma, did you see dad? The look he had on his face, I don't want to talk about Yakhile, I don't recognise dad mom, who was that man"  
Yomuzi sighs heavily and hugs her daughter.

Siyakha hasn't left his brothers side they are just sitting in silence when Sibani barges in and closes the door behind him

Sibani: "What the hell Bru!!!" He hisses at him

Yakhile: "Nxayi awungyeka wena, what was I suppose to do? You know very well that I didn't like that diploma". Siyakha looks at his brother with some much anger

Siyakha: " If there is one thing I hate about you it has to be how you think you're the smartest person on this earth! You are never straight with us and on top of that you were the one who insisted on doing media nton nton because you wanted to annoy dad but that's not what Sibani is asking about, iwunga ntwana at South Beach? Come on!" He says in so much disbelief

Sibani: "what I want to know is why? You knew very well that the old man would find out"

Yakhile: "Aning'yeka boJudge Judy, you'd never understand"

Siyakha: "Who is judging you here? We want to know why would you put yourself through such knowing that your dad is crazy" they all sigh and

Yakhile doesn't respond and he knows that this conversation is over.

Finale

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Narrated

Zwe came back in the early hours of the morning and the main bedroom was locked, he kind of thought that this would happen but he has no energy at all so he goes to one of the guest room. Over the years they had relocated to Zimbali where he managed to build a very a big house for his wife, the business had grown over the years, it was a double story and it was a gift for her birthday. He went to sleep but sleep deserted him. Yes he was disappointed at the fact that Yakhile had dropped out but when he found out that he was selling drugs that almost gave him a heart attack, if there was one

thing he fought for it was for his children to never live the life he once lived. He can't help it so he just sobbed hard on his pillow, trying to think what he did wrong. Over the years he had learnt to master his children's characters. All of them, he knew that Siyakha was all shades of him just that he was a mommas boy too much, the boy was always at home even though he had res, with all that the boy was so good with hiding shit, over he learnt that Siyakha was an angry child and was dangerous too at that. Then there's Yakhile, that one has always been trouble, it's like he was always in competition with Siyakha. He once told Yomuzi to stay out of his business because she was not his mother, Zwe had never seen his wife so hurt. From then Zwe has always felt that Yomuzi tried to much to make Yakhile happy which he thinks is what has led to this because he knew that she would calm Zwe down and make him "understand". Then there is Sibani very shy and

private as dangerous as Siyakha. When they had turned 16 Yomuzi and Zwe told them the truth about their real parents, Bongeka only started to reach out when Yakhile was in grade 11. That's when things started to go south with him.

They are all sitting at the dinning room table having breakfast, accept Yakhile. One of the families traditions was to have breakfast together when everyone is at home. The twins came back the previous night and we're happy to see their brother's, well accept Siyakha who was almost always at home but they were always happy to see him at home. What they didn't know was that Yakhile was at home too. They all sat down and as usual Zwe had to lead with grace.

Zwe: " Sibani go call your brother "

Mnini: "Aw bhut Yaya is home too, let me go call him"

Zwe: "Hlala phansi wena phaphiyosi" Mlando chuckled between the twins Mnini is the talkative one, outgoing, down to earth and bubbly in fact the only thing they shared with his brother is their looks cause he was the opposite. With that he sat down, hurt a bit, he was also the emotional twin. Yomuzi just glared at Zwe. Sibani stood up to call Yakhile, who now had a purple swallon face, the twins were shocked to see their brother limping down the stairs with a face like that.

Mlando: "Yho bhuti what happened to your face? Are you fine, he stood up to go to assist him"

Zwe: "Hlala phansi!" He sad in a stern voice, the twins are so confused with whats happening. Out of all of them, Landi and Mlando were the ones who always disobeyed Zwe, so Mlando continued to help his brother much to his

fathers disapproval. Zwe says grace and they start eating. Plates are clicking no one saying anything.

Mlando: "So is anyone going to tell us what happened to bhuti" he says boldly looking at his father in the eye, Zwe chuckles, nothing annoys and angers him more than a disrespectful person. No one answers, they continue to eat.

"Ma? Baba?" He looks at them, Yomuzi is not even eating. "So nizothula vele?" He half shouts

Yomuzi: "Don't ever, I mean ever raise your voice at us uyezwa?" Yomuzi shouts pointing her fork at him "ungasijwayeli kabi" he is taken aback a bit because Yomuzi hardly shouts at them

Mlando: "I'm sorry ma, but someone needs to answer, we can't sit here with bhuti looking like this" Landi hits him under the table. "Wow yazi just wow" he claps his hands "Ninjan laykhaya,

if no one wants to fix this and find out who did this, I will get to the bottom it" he stands up to leave the table

Zwe: " Hlala phansi wena Rambo" on a normal day they would be dead with laughter but today no one is in the mood. Mlando just stood looking at his father in disbelief, Mlando continued to leave, leaving Zwe more pissed.

Yakhile: "Mlando bra hlala phansi bra" he knew by the look on his fathers face that things will not end well, he looked at his brother with pleading eyes and he sits back down clicking his tongue, and with that was like he pushed his fathers to the curve cause shit hit the fan, tables weren't turned upside down, before they all even comprehend what going on Zwe's foot is on Mlandos chest, Sibani and Siyakha quickly jump up to pull him away, and this time they manage to do so. Zwe shakes them off

Zwe: "Nina nibona umuntu ehleka then you

think that you siyanisaba, never disrespect me like that ever" he says and walks away. Mlando is still shocked because he has never seen his father this angry, Yomuzi stands up and goes to her husband, and the kids are left by themselves

Mnini: "What just happened? Kwenzakalani laykhaya"

Sibani: "Mlando that wasn't out of order, that was uncalled for, rude and disrespectful and you need to apologise" he looks at him with disbelief "uyaphika yini"

Landi: "bakshaya Rambo" they all crack and laugh at their dads prettiness "dad is petty guys yhu!"

Siyakha: "Hlala phansi wena phaphiyosi" he imitates his father and they all laugh again

Mnini: "iTyma hlale lingiphoxa bra, like all the time I'm not touched anymore" they laugh again

Siyakha: "asiqoqeni here and go out for breakfast, I'm paying " they all jump up in excitement

Yakhile: "I'll pass obviously niyabona mos"

Mnini: "So vele ityma likutrabhile, for ini Nkunzi"

Siyakha: "He dropped out of school" he says looking at Yakhile

Sibani: "And sells drugs for fun" he says looking at Yakhile too with so much disappointment

Yakhile: "Nisizakhele ke Nina"

Sibani: "Hayi, they must know what happens when people decide to be stupid" Yakhile chuckles and tries to stand up and walk away but his body aches so Mlando helps him up and accompanies him to his room

Mlando: "is it true Bhudda" he badly wants him to say they are lying but the look on his face confirms everything. He leaves the room with

out saying a word, leaving Yakhile feeling bad for not just disappointing his parents but his siblings too.

Yomuzi: "You've got to stop thinking that violence solves everything, the kids will fear you not respect you" she hisses

Zwe: "inkinga is that you spoil these kids too much, that boy thinks his a man now, he thinks he can turn my world upside down and I will sit down and watch just because he is going to cry neglect. Have I not done all I can for them Makhumalo?" His voice is laced with sadness "Yakhile wanted to do that art thing and I let him because I knew he was testing me, the boy is master mind, he thoroughly thinks. He would have been an amazing lawyer but I let him be. Today he takes my money and starts a business of drugs?"

Yomuzi: "Yehlisa umoya Manzini" he shakes his head in frustration

Zwe: "They wanted to kill him Mpandeyomuzi, they wanted to kill my son, if Ali hadn't called me to tip me off, he would be dead" they are now sitting on the floor of their bedroom, leaning on the bed.

Yomuzi: "That's why you have connections angithi, so that your family could be safe, go talk to him make him see reason, Yakhile is now old enough to understand why certain things are not acceptable. For all we know the boy was just trying to get your attention, you're too strict on them and this is him rebelling" Zwe heaves a sigh. All this time Yakhile has been standing by the door, listening to their conversation, it hurts him hearing his father so hurt and sad because of him but what hurts the most is the fact that he has told Bongeka that his father hit him and she's on her way, guns blazing.

The rest of the sibling have managed to drive to Gateway, where they will be having their breakfast at Rocco Mammias, it was the twins idea, since they were bring treated by their big brother. The atmosphere at home is sour so they might spend just the whole day here and around, they might go see their uncle Nhlanhla who now stays at Mount Edgecomb at Malum Fikas old place.

Mlando: "We should call Ncane Akhile to take us shopping, I'm sure he will bring a new honey" they all laugh besides Landi

Landi: "there is nothing funny about the fact that Ncane changes women like hot panties, its rather disturbing nje" they laugh again

Mlando: "please leave us with your consciousness things Lifalandile, ngeke phela ngeke sjole uwena" Mlando and fists bumbs

Mnini leaving Landi more annoyed

Siyakha: "Niyajola Nina manje?" They both chuckles and ignore their big brother.

Meanwhile at the house Bongeka has arrived with her brother Mhlengi, ungena neycabha. Zwe and Yomuzi are sitting at their privates sitting area, enjoying the peace while the kids are away. Bongeka us shouting like a mad woman

Bongeka: "Ye wena Zwe! Phuma lawkhona, you want to kill my child huh?" Yomuzi quickly goes to the front to hear what this noise is about. Zwe follows behind but his not in a rush, he knows that Bongeka rubs Yomuzi in a wrong way and he hasn't seen his wife in action in a while, so today might be the day. There's also unresolved issues between the two, when Bongeka came back into Yayas life she made

sure to taint Yomuzis name, claiming Yomuzi was the reason she never reached out.

Bongeka is still shouting downstairs, for minute Zwe is glad Landi won't be seeing this side of her moms.

Yomuzi: "Bese uqede ukupirigana, ungphumele la kwam and knock again like a fucken guest" she firmly says swiftly going outside the to the gate "Yey nina, what do we pay you for? You let people in and out of this place kanjalp nje"

Security: " Siyaxolisa madam, she had a code, I thought mhlampe umam Zungu ubanikile"

Yomuzi is getting angrier. Bongeka is still inside the house, Zwe thinks she has forgotten what Mpande is capable of, Mhlengi is a bit unsettled and pleading with her sister to calm down. As soon as Yomuzi enters the house she sees that Bongeka hasn't move and she gets angrier.

Yomuzi: "Ngicela uphume la kwam and knock

like every guest!" Her voice is a bit stern its gets Bongekas attention. Her and Mhlengi stand up and go back outside to go ring the door bell. After a few minutes they are let in and shown where to sit. Zwe give is too calm and thats alarming to Bongeka.

Zwe: " How may we help you?" Zwe asks looking at Mhlengi

Bongeka: "ungasibuzi lawomasimba Zwe yezwa! Ingan yam umangafuni let me take him"

Zwe: "uYakhile is no longer a kid if he wants to stay with you he can choose to go but what I am interested in is why would your brother want to mess with me?" Zwe is cool as a cucumber, which is never a good thing. Bongeka and Yomuzi are equally confused. " I want to know why you would go out of your way to piss me off Mhlengi" immediately things become tense, Mhlengi is not even looking at Zwe, he is fidgeting avoiding eye contact.

Bongeka: " Mhlengi what's going on? What are you not telling me"

Zwe: " I've spent so many years trying to make sure that my children never have to do the things I did and wena to try by all means to push them there. Didn't Yakhile tell you I'd kill you, I told him to tell you one day you will push me until I am in a corner and I'll be forced to kill you" Mhlengi suddenly looks up and Bongeka is now scared and wants to leave.

Bongeka: " Kant kwenzalani? Khulumani" she shouts

Zwe: " ay Voetsek wena, akukho mngan wakho la" his voice even scares his wife " you and your sister have disrespected me for a very time and you why because I wanted Yakhile to have a place she calls ekhaya konina, wena you drill the idea that it will be fine that Yakhile drops out of school and stays in a flat with my money and sell iwoonga ngemali yami Mhlengi"

everyone is alert anything can happen from now on, Yomuzi has learnt over the years that her husband's very unpredictable when he is angry.

Mhlengi: "Angikaze ngisho mina that Yakhile must sell drugs it was all his idea, I just helped him get a supplier"

Zwe: "Bongeka ngizoybulala ingane yakini, stru"

Bongeka: "Kodwa Mhlengi ungenzani? What will I say to mum? Hawu kodwa Nkosi yami why would you give umshana wakho amaDrugs" she is wailing now, Yomuzi rolls her eyes.

Zwe: "I want my money all of it, the money he steals from my company yonke, by the end of the week, I'm not sure what you were using all that money for but I will find out and if it has anything to do with my name and my children, I will kill you and your mother will still have to pay my money ngoba nicabanga ukuth kusinekwa amahleza lapha" the atmosphere just changed,

Yomuzi hasn't seen her husband this angry in a very long time and she knows not to say a word right now. "Please leave my house"

Bongeka: "But I still want to see my son Zwe"

Zwe: "What Son Bongeka? What Son, you call yourself a mother when you couldn't even see that your child was being manipulated by your brother all because he wanted to belong and be loved by you, you came here wanting to be a mother to him and I let you in after so many years of not mothering him, you failed because of the resentment you have against my wife, who has been nothing but a good mother to your son, you planted a seed of doubt in my sons heart the minute you finally showed up to be a mother! I won't allow you to future brake that boy, he had been through a lot since you show up when you want and leave when you want. It's been over 15 years now that we've bee over, get over it, you are the one who left

that boy and you were the one who decided not to show up no matter how many times Mpande tried to reach out you were a no show, so I will not allow you play with my sons emotions any longer uyangizwa, leave cause that's what you do best leave!" All this time Yakhile is sitting on the steps listening to this conversation, everything just makes sense now, he now sees that his uncle has been using him because he knew that he was longing for his mother's love and affection, he knows now that his mother has never really cared for him all her attempts of them bonding were to get his father's attention, he cries as he listens to this meeting go on.

Bongeka: "You can't do that, Yomuzi tell him, he can't keep my child away from me. Yaya is freaking 21he can make his own decisions now" she shouts while crying

Zwe: "No! Leave my house before I throw you

out, hambani hambani nje" Yomuzi is so quiet, that even Zwe is shocked but she doesn't want this coming back to her since Yakhile blames her everything that his father does to him.

Mhlengi has also been quiet, but what's stressing him that he knows very well that he won't get this money by the end of the week, R75000 is a lot of money, hence he had to convince Yakhile to sell that woonga, it was to pay the money that he had again convince him to steal. He wanted to join in the a gang that traffics little girls, he did use Zwes name to get in and he knows that latest by today Zwe will know all this, the only reason he hasn't found out yet is because he hasn't asked yet otherwise it's late for Mhlengi now. He really needs to fix this. Mhlengi stands up to leave and takes Bongekas hand so they can leave.

Back at gateway, the gang is shopping this time

Sibani said he will pay, his very good with saving his money so he always has a lot. Things are indeed not the same since Yaya is not here, his also the clown between all of them so no one is cracking jokes.

Mnini: "So grand grand bhuti Yaya was selling drugs?" The two older brothers nod "unesbindi yessses, phela ityma alidlali, that guy has eyes at the back of his head, he has eyes everywhere" they all laugh "nihleka guys, I don't know how Mlando always speaks back to dad ngoba mina ngiyamsaba nje, remember when he found out that uLandi had a boyfriend" the older ones are shocked cause they've never heard this "Heeeee uGirl got an ass whooping with a belt" he laughs but Landi is pissed at him cause this was suppose to stay between them, manje uyaphapha.

Siyakha: "Landi got an ass whooping from dad?"

Sibani: "I'm still stuck on the boyfriend part"

Mlando and Mnini laugh while the older brothers look at Landi expecting her to explain. Landi rolls her eyes

Landi: "That guy was asking me out, baba just blew things out, I know I'm not allowed to date until I get married, I don't even know if that makes sense" she is clearly annoyed

Siyakha: "Good!" They continue shopping "I need to go see Sanda and Sabo, what should we get them, I haven't seen them in such a long time I miss Sabo" Sabo was Fika and Londi's daughter, Londi had named her Siphosabo, when Londi was asked why she named her Siphosabo, she said it's because she knew when Fika laid eyes on her for very first time that she was purely a gift to the Khumalos.

They continued shopping, it was also clear that they were all avoiding going home.

Mlando: "So when are we going to back home?"

Bhuti is by himself"

Landi: "Mina I do not want to be near dad when his in a mood, at breakfast his was so snappy, so no, I'd rather go to Ballitto right now"

Mnini: "Ya Rambo" they all laughed

Sibani: "Dad is so petty though, where does he think of all the things he says?" They all laugh "and he always says these things at the most awkward time, where you know that if you laugh kuzonyiwa" the laugh and continue discussing their father.

Mlando: "I still want to go home though, I don't care about dad and his moods, what he did was wrong, he shouldn't have hit Bhuti like that, we can hardly recognise him" there's silence as they walk towards Macdonald's for their late lunch, they find an empty table and sit. "You guys treat dad like some demi God nje, it's his way or the highway, I'm sure he didn't even ask

Bhuti why he was doing all those things and why he dropped out of school" Sibani shakes his head and chuckles while Siyakha looks rather hurt about what his Sibling is saying

Siyakha: "Mnini is that how you feel too?"

Mnini: "I'm not sure, I think both parties are to blame, I mean mom always warns us about pushing dad and I think it's safe to say that bhuti Yaya has really pushed dad but still I think his punishment was too severe, there is or was another way that this could have been resolved" Siyakha nods and looks at Landi.

Landi: "Ay mina I am traumatised I won't lie, phela I saw half of what went down, and all I know is that I'm never pissing off dad like that ever. I think Mlando right now you're not being fair on dad, and you're taking your personal issues with him and they are clouding your judgement, if Bhuti wanted to take a gab years he should have told dad instead of

deregistering and moving to town with dad's money, I am not going to go to the woonga thing cause that makes me very sad and confused but then again dad needs to control his angry, Yaya could have died or had very bad injuries" they all nod. Siyakha looks at Sibani giving him a go ahead

Sibani: "If I were dad I would have thrown Yaya out of the house" they all look at him shocked. Sibani always has the scariest solutions "what? The drug business is very dangerous, he put all our lives at risk, dad was being a parent, there is no justification for what Yaya did, if he was going through a hard time I feel like he could have told mom, me, you siyakha literally anyone, but as usual he was just thinking of himself and wena Mlando, you're not being fair to dad, you think it's easy out there, of course dad was not going to clap his hands when he found out that you guys smoke" they look at him shocked " I'm

sure there's so much more that he knows that he has watched you get away with but smoking is a very bad habit to pick up and his playing his role. Now back to Yakhile, do I feel sorry for him? Yes, does he deserve punishment? Definitely. What we all know in this room is that dad solves issues with his fists and that's why we have to respect him and the fact that he tries. You must be grateful that it was not mama who hit him, you must ask Sihle, that lady uyalimazana. " Siyakha is glad that he is not the one that has to defend his dad for his actions.

Mlando: " Siyakuzwa Sibanisababa" they all laugh.

Bongeka and Mhlengi have just left the house. The Zungus are left by themselves and no one is saying anything. Yomuzi stands up to go start with dinner after a short while Yakhile joins her in the kitchen, he sits on the kitchen counter

and watches as she moves up and down. When they were growing up he knew that Yomuzi didn't like cooking but as they grew and she retired they noticed that she began loving the kitchen.

Yomuzi: "How are you feeling now Fana?" She asks not even looking at him, she is standing by the sink washing her veggies

Yaya: "I feel better than I look" there is silence  
"mom I'm sorry" Yomuzi doesn't turn from the sink but listens to him " I'm sorry for hurting you, all the years that I rebelled against your love, I'm sorry for seeking what you have always offered me somewhere else, I guess i thought that there was something better that could be offered, its only now that I realise that its doesn't get better than this. Bongeka has always used me to get close to dad and I was stupid for not seeing this cause I thought that she was offering me a mother's love, and well

you now know that Mhlengi was using me so he could get our money. I really never meant for things to get out of hand so fast, ngiyaxolisa Ma, I'm really sorry" Yomuzi turns to a crying Yakhile and embraces him.

Yomuzi: "Its okay boy, don't cry now" he weeps in his mother's arms, it's all coming back now how Bongeka has never ever once embraced him, how she hasn't so much as hug him. He was crying because he went to look for affection somewhere else whereas he had left it here in his home where grew up, he was crying because he had allowed Bongeka to whisper bad things to him about the only mother he had ever known and allowed Mhlengi talk bad about the only man who has ever showed him love.

The end