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A MONTH LATER

Hard as it was I took Sis Phindi up on her offer and moved in with her and her Son Thato. Adjusting to this life again was

difficult. Please don't get me wrong I am not saying I was suddenly too good for it but with my newly found short lived life where I had a good job I had really hoped that things would get better. I saw a light at the end of the tunnel thinking that things would be better than how they were but here I am today..

Sis Phindi said I should help her around at the salon to keep my mind busy and make some little money for myself. Especially now since I found out that I was pregnant!

Neo and I we not in communication so I haven't told him about this. I was very confused when I first found out not knowing how to go about this. Sis Phindi discouraged me about abortion I also don't believe in it. At the same time I don't know what I'm going to do with a baby in my situation. Sis Phindi said things will work themselves out we don't have to make rush decisions...

I put my hand on my tummy as I was sweeping the floor
Me: I know Baby I'm hungry too
Phindi: Why don't you take a break Sisi go and eat?
Me: I'm almost done
Phindi: You have been sweeping all the time every hair that falls you sweeping. You need a break Nana and you didn't eat breakfast
Thato walked in
Thato: Ninjani? (how are you)
Phindi: Sikhona (we are well)
Thato: Siba

Me: Hi

Phindi: Please mthathe (take her) go buy her something to eat she hasn't eaten anything

Me: Kodwa Sis Phindi

Phindi: I don't want you fainting

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she hasn't eaten anything

Me: Kodwa Sis Phindi

Phindi: I don't want you fainting you have to eat for the sake of the baby I put the broom down..

Thato: As'vaye plus I'm on lunch

Me: I'll be back

Thato: Take your time

NEO

Life has been hard without Siba. I never thought I would miss her that much. I have noticed that she has blocked me from Instagram and Twitter. Since I didn't have Facebook I decided to download it just to check up on her. She was living her simple life no update about me or our breakup. Her pictures are confusing she seems happy. Always smiling still has that glow of hers.

Mahlodi is boring I don't love her. No matter how much I try with her but I just can't. Every moment with her it's like torture the sex is also not exciting. She's very uptight and what not..

Khethi gave me the file..

Khethi: Just remember I don't work for you

Me: My assistant is very boring

Khethi: This is the 3rd one you have gotten this month

Me: The current one is worse

Khethi: You miss her don't you?

Me: It shows? Khethi: You look miserable I don't know why you don't just call her and talk to her Me: It's not that easy (Silence) Khethi: We talk every now and then on whatsapp Me: Ohh she has blocked me Khethi: I am surprised (sarcasm) Me: Does she ever talk about me? Khethi: No

Me: Not at all? Khethi: No Me: Okay Khethi: You didn't hear this from me Me: Didn't hear what? Khethi: She's pregnant Me: Huh? Khethi: She posted on her whatsapp status update Me: How far along is she?

Khethi: A month or so

I dated back... Khethi: Is it yours? Me: Yes Khethi: You sound so sure Me: I am Khethi: Don't tell her I snitched Me: Your secret is safe with me.. Thank you for the files Khethi: You welcome **SIBA**

Thato took me to the pub & grill. It's been a minute since I was last here. I don't like coming to this part of the hood because it's closer to my Aunt's place..

Thato: Get yourself anything that you want

Me: Thank you Skeem

Thato: For real though unjani?

Me: It was difficult at first but it's not fatal. I can live with it

Thato: That's the spirit Ntwana

Me: True thank you again

My worst fear walked in Kat walked in. She looked beautiful with her baby bump she has gained some weight but it didn't make her unattractive. She was even very light in complexion..

Thato: Aii nayi Indaba (here comes trouble)

Me: She will come here and annoy

Thato: Come where? I'm not her friend phela mina ang'jwayeli

I laughed...

She looked around and spotted us I could see that it took everything in her not to come to our table. She swayed her wig around.. I took my phone and kept myself busy with it.

NEO

Why isn't Siba calling and telling me about the baby? Now I was sitting here thinking about unsettling things. Like she must just pin the pregnancy on someone else since a lot happened between us. I picked up the phone but put it down again I didn't have the strength to call her..

Siba has attitude she might just switch me off. After everything that I have done to her she will definitely switch me off..

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To be continued

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SIBA

Kat left right after getting her order didn't say anything to me which I'm very grateful. Can't handle any negativity from her right now.

Thato decided to take it upon himself to speak to the owner of the Pub&grill Sika and see if he can't give me a job. They spoke for a couple of minutes until Thato came to me

Me: And?

Thato: Uthi you can come tomorrow morning you can help around the kitchen and also serving sometimes. You'll work from 9:00-18:00 you don't work on weekends. For R1700

The cash wasn't too impressive but I need a job I need money so I have no choice..

Me: Thank you very much I truly appreciate it

Thato: Don't mention it

KAT

seeing Siba in that state was very funny. She did look like she was struggling struggling a lot. Back to her ordinary braids and at least the clothes weren't so bad looking..

I had quit my job now that my pregnancy is starting to pick up I didn't need all the stress from that workplace. Dante has agreed to give me R4500 a month then he will increase it when I give birth. He had left again but he will be back I told my Mother about him and she's impressed. Very impressed. I still

use the herbs from that woman they seem to be working very well..

My friend Pinky walked in you know when you start to have a bit of cents in your pocket everyone comes back to you groveling and wanting to be friends again. We have been friends for a while now but we were no longer that close anymore. She works at the mall we started drifting apart when she passed matric and I didn't. She started going around with people who passed matric too and had their eyes set out to varsity. They went but Pinky didn't go financial problems.

We shared my ribs&chips..

Pinky: Eish I was out hustling money for taxi fare tomorrow

Me: I can give you R50

Pinky: I'd greatly appreciate it

Me: Where are your friends? The ones you were rolling with

who are now in varsity

Pinky: You know how life is

Me: Life is unpredictable who would've thought that wena you would come back groveling to me? Phela you thought that you were now better than me

Pinky: Things of the past can't we leave them in the past?

Me: I was just saying nje

Pinky: I know

NEO

I held the small teddy bear and looked at it

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NEO

I held the small teddy bear and looked at it I smiled. The teddy bear was left by Lethabo this other time. I can't believe I am going to be a father soon I've always wanted a baby. A boy to be more exact. My Brother and I we were close once upon a time but things changed when he started to be involved in gangs. He was no longer around anymore so I basically considered myself the only child.

I heard a knock at the door Mahlodi walked in. My mood changed..

Mahlodi: Hey Love

Me: Hey

Mahlodi: Whoa! What's with the teddy bear?

Me: It's Lethabo's

Mahlodi is very career driven. Not that I mind having a woman that's independent but Mahlodi is not the It. There's no way she can succumb to being a wife and a mother. She wouldn't have time for that I'd come home to dinner prepared by a chef and our child in the hands of the nanny. That's not what I really want I want a woman who can handle her career being a wife and a mother. Siba has all 3 being with her has proven so..

Mahlodi: So dinner reservations tonight?

Me: I wanna be indoors and have a home cooked meal

I sat down..

Mahlodi: We can do that

She came all around and sat ontop of me..

Mahlodi: We can have dinner and home

She kissed me on my neck I didn't respond to that gesture.. She looked at me..

Mahlodi: Are you okay?

Me: I'm fine just have a lot going on I have this tough case

Mahlodi: I can help you with it

Me: No it's cool.. I'll manage

Mahlodi: Ohw

I put my hands on her thighs..

Me: Go home and prepare the dinner

Mahlodi: Okay I'll do that

Me: See you later

She kissed me and got off me..

SIBA

I left Thato at the Pub&grill and went back to the Salon. Sis Phindi had 2 customers. Her Salon is doing well she at least gets a customer everyday and a lot on weekends.

She is working with another woman who helps her I think getting this job at the Pub&grill is a good idea. I won't be a financial burden to Sis Phindi anymore..

Phindi: We going to church later on right? For our midweek service
My Aunt goes to the same church I don't know how I feel bumping into her
Me: My Aunt goes there
Phindi: So?
Me: I just don't want drama
Phindi: You can't avoid her forever
Me: I know but I don't want her embarrassing me at church in front of everyone
Phindi: She would be a real demon if she does that

Me: You don't know that woman
Phindi: We going whatever she will have coming our way we will deal with it
NEO
I went to Khethi at the reception
Me: I'm firing my assistant plus she was a temp
Khethi: What did she do?
Me: Nothing I wanna re-hire Siba

She looked at me..

Khethi: There you go wanting to stress the poor girl

Me: She's carrying my baby knowing Siba she's too stubborn and won't tell me. I don't want her financially struggling I doubt she will even take my money from me

Khethi: Ohw well then do whatever you wanna do just don't play with her again

Me: I won't.. I promise

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I love going to church. Church is the only place where I run too when everything seems to not make any sense church is the only place where I find peace. I love my church I feel comfortable there. The only person who stands in between me and my peace is my Aunt. I don't want her making church a drag for me...

Later that day Sis Phindi and I prepared ourselves for church. I was looking forward to praise and worship it helps uplift my spirit in a way that I cannot explain. Right now in my situation I need to be at church more than anywhere else..

NEO

My Mother decided to join us for dinner that night. It was Me my Mom and Mahlodi at the dinner table. Pat was eating in her room ever since that scandal with my Mother she hasn't been herself...

Ma: I was thinking of a winter wedding Spring wedding are overrated now

Mahlodi: We can have artificial snow

Ma: Good idea make it a blue&white wedding with Artificial Snow

Mahlodi: I love that idea

Ma: Neo what do you think?

I looked at her..

Mahlodi: You awfully quiet is everything okay?

Me: I am not going to marry Mahlodi

Ma: Huh?

Me: Mahlodi you a wonderful woman and all that I feel there's a guy who is going to love you the way that you deserve to be loved. Unfortunately that guy is not me I don't wanna keep on wasting your time and giving you false hope. I don't love you and I'm sorry that I led you to believe that there could be something between us. Something that can never be

Ma: You probably still under a lot of stress because of your father's passing. You not thinking straight

Me: I am thinking straight trust me

Mahlodi: Not this again

Me: This is the last time I'm doing this to you

Ma: Who are you going to marry other than Mahlodi? Mahlodi understands us she understands our lifestyle more than anyone else. Plus she's smart beautiful and educated. She's a top lawyer in her firm

Me: All those qualities don't make one a good wife

Ma: How would you know if you don't try?

Me: Trust me.. I know

I got up..

Me: Excuse Me

Mahlodi: Did I just get dumped?

Ma: I'll talk to him don't worry

KAT

I was on a call with Dante..

Me: He kicks a lot

Dante: I wish I was there to feel that

Me: Don't worry.. Maybe next time

Dante: I can't wait for him to be born

Me: There's still a lot of months left but don't worry we'll get there

Dante: If you guys need anything don't be scared to tell me

Me: I know and thank you

Dante: There's no need to thank me we made the baby together Me: I never thought I would enjoy my pregnancy this much Dante: I'm glad that you enjoying it there's nothing sad like a depressed pregnant woman I laughed.. Dante: I have to go I'll call you again Me: Good night Dante: Good night Dante and I we not together but I can see that he is warming up to me slowly but surely..

SIBA

My worst fear came true when my Aunt asked to talk to me outside. I could refuse but I don't want her embarrassing me in front of the whole congregation..

My heart was literally beating fast..

Aunt: I was waiting for this day the day where your Sins catch up with you. I took you in I made you. If it wasn't for me you would be rubbish!. Then the thanks I get is you disrespecting me like that? Do you know why things didn't workout for you? It's because you didn't get my blessings!. You thought you were now better than us

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but God doesn't sleep. He answered my prayers. Look at my child now things are working out for her. I don't know why you thought that you were going to make it you were cursed since from birth. Your mother's womb was rotten yiko unesdina. Even your boyfriend dumped you because that curse not even God can save you from it.. Uyisichitho! Uyisiphoxo! And you will always be that no matter what. What made you think that you could top my Daughter? I am a praying woman and I pray for my Daughter! Wena your Mother failed to do that for you. All that she used to do was drink her life away you are useless just like that. I wish you suffer until you see noway out but to commit suicide. I'll never forgive you for what you did you couldn't even give us R1. After everything I did for you after putting you through school. No man is even going to love you forget! You will only get boys who will play you like a tennis game you will only wish to be loved and get married. You will only witness my Daughter getting married plus she's involved with a very rich Men. How can that rich boy love someone like you someone who is below his standards. You even swore at his Mom his own Mother! To show that you are a piece of rubbish! You deserve everything that's happening to you. I swear nothing is going to go well with you forget!

She spat on the ground...

Aunt: Sies!

She walked back inside..

MAHLODI

Lorraine: Don't worry I'll talk to her

Me: He loves her Lorraine

Lorraine: No he doesn't

Me: Please don't insult my intelligence

Lorraine: Neo can't be with that girl he knows very well that I'll disown him. I own the will remember? If he dares goes back to her it'll be the end of him. I'll take everything from him Neo won't be able to survive without money and this life. He doesn't know any other life other than this one he would never choose her over all of this! That I promise you. That girl will die first before she steps her foot in my house or be with my Son I'll make sure of that

She put her hand on my shoulder...

Lorraine: I will fix this I promise!

There was no point in me staying for the whole service. I thought that I had grown immune to my Aunt treating me like this but I haven't. Her words broke me words cut deep. Words changes everything. They dim your light they destroy your world your peace and sanity. I didn't even tell Sis Phindi that I was leaving I took my Bible and left.

I kept my eyes down as I walked back home tears clouding my sight. The noises being made on the streets confused me more my heart was beating very slow. My heartbeat was faint. She killed the emotional part of me the most sensitive part of a human being. The You that resides deep within you.

As I was walking I tripped and fell my Bible was tossed far from where I fell. I didn't have enough strength to get up with tears still streaming down I crawled to get my Bible.

NEO

I laid back on the bed staring at her picture. I thought of inboxing her but what do I say? I dated back to all the words I said to her and how I treated her that day.. When I dragged her out all the way to the gate. I have never embarrassed a woman like that at least not a woman that I claim to Love..

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Last night was the lowest point of my life I hardly even slept. I cried so much that I felt cramps in my womb and Sis Phindi was telling me not to allow my Aunt to do this. She told me that only I can choose to bring her words to life by accepting them and meditating on them. She told me her words don't have power because I did nothing to her and God knows I did nothing to her..

The following morning I woke up with the cramps gone in my dispear we prayed last night to reverse back her curses I also woke up with no signs of bleeding whatsoever.

By 8am I was at the Pub&Grill I'm relieved that I'll be working with Sis Glo. She's a bit older and older people don't have drama whilst Thato handled the grill..I was blessed to get to work and Sis Glo said we should pray first before starting being surrounded by prayer warriors was good. Sika took a picture of Me Thato and Sis Glo. We had on our Aprons and our chef shirts. I was given one it belonged to a former employee..

I uploaded the picture on Facebook with the caption "My team and I don't forget to visit Sika's Pub&Grill for a delicious meal".

NEO

I arrived at the office my coffee wasn't on the table and my assistant was not at her desk. This was Fustrating but I don't have time to be going back and forth with her I am not in the mood. I took my phone and went to the Canteen to get myself a cup of coffee. Since I downloaded Facebook I made it a tradition to check first what Siba has posted before going to Instagram. She had posted a picture of herself and two people. She has found a job at the Pub&Grill. I searched the Pub&Grill.

KAT

I went shopping for new clothes this morning I was with my Mother. She seemed to be in a good mood I was getting a few clothes since my old clothes weren't fitting good anymore. I

also wanted to buy her some groceries at least spend R1000 on the groceries.. Ma: God bless you my child Me: Thank uMa Ma: Guess who was at church last night? Me: Who? Ma: Siba Me: Hau Ma: Yes now that things aren't going well with her she has turned to God Me: It was expected

Ma: I want that child to suffer so bad it's not even funny

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Me: It was expected

Ma: I want that child to suffer so bad it's not even funny life hasn't shown her flames it will still show her flames

Me: She's not going to recover from this this is her downfall. Plus Siba is very weak. Remember all those times you tried disciplining her and she would threaten you that she will commit suicide?

Ma: I remember this time she will commit suicide for real

Me: Do you still have her on the funeral cover?

Ma: I do... I will be paid 20k cash I just need to find out if they will cover suicide. If they do I'm throwing in 5k only as a donation for her funeral ukuvala uhlazo nje kphela the rest of the family will contribute too

Me: That's only fair

SIBA

I noticed that Sis Glo had a problem with her leg she would stop to take a breather so I decided to do most of the work so she can do a little work and Nurse her leg.. Glo: Yazi Siba I have worked with a lot of young girls before. They would mostly be on their phones go to the lounge and talk to men and I'll be left to do all the work on my own. Never have I ever came across such a young woman who cares so much about elders. You are kind and respectful. Your Parents must be very proud

Me: Thank you but my Parents passed on when I was very young

Glo: Sorry to hear that I pray God blesses you because of your beautiful heart. This is not a place for you Wena I can see that you belong in high places. Don't lose hope things will turn around. This is what we refer to small beginnings you will find yourself very far in life. I see you coming to visit me soon with your big and beautiful car

I smiled...



Me: I am not here to ask you for that

Khethi: Then why are you here? Are you bored?

Me: Let me take you out for lunch

Khethi: Why?

Me: Just

Khethi: Are you trying to get with me?

Me: Come on

Khethi: Then what are you doing?

Me: I wanna visit some Pub&Grill. It's in the hood and I'm not familiar with that kind of life

Khethi: So Mina I'm familiar with it?

Me: I didn't say that

Khethi: Why are you even going there? That's not your scene cheese boy

Me: I just want to try something new

Khethi: I'm not going with you until you tell me why you going there give me a good enough reason

Me: Siba has started working there

Khethi: Waphuma amaqiniso (The truth is out)

Me: So?

Khethi: Fine we will go I'm only going because I miss my Sibalicious

Me: Thank you

Khethi: I'm only going for Siba and not you don't get it twisted

Me: I understand thank you anyway

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SIBA

I was enjoying work Sis Glo was very sweet she made the environment so welcoming for me. Though the work that I do requires a lot of standing and cooking but I was enjoying myself no lie..

Sika came to the back...

Sika: Siba

I looked at him..

Sika: There's a customer that wants to see you

Me: Huh?

Sika: Someone is here for you

Me: Who is that?

Sika: I think you better come and see

I had no doubt in my mind that it was probably my Aunt or Kat I

was really not in the mood for this. I wiped my hands and

walked out following Sika. My expectations were short lived

when I saw Neo and Khethi sitting at the table. What are they

doing here? How did they get here? No how did they find me

here?

I fixed myself and walked up to them Khethi was the first one to

notice me..

Khethi: Hey! Look at you!

Neo looked at me. I felt slightly embarrassed that he saw me in

this state. I wasn't poverty stricken but I didn't look the same as

I did when I was working at the firm..

Me: Hi

Everything that he did to me came back that day when he

dragged me out. When his Mom spat on me those were

memories I didn't wanna remember. Khethi stood up and hugged me..

Khethi: How are you it's been a while?

This was not their scene I don't know about Khethi but definitely not Neo..

Me: I'm good and you?

Khethi: I'm good too.. You look nice

Me: Don't play with me you look nice

Khethi: No you do look nice trust me

Me: Thank you

Khethi: The glow

I gave her a weird look..

Me: What are you doing here?

Khethi: I felt like getting the kasi vibe you know

Me: Ohw

Khethi: What? Am not welcomed here?

Me: Don't be silly.. You welcomed here

Khethi: Thank you

She sat down...

Me: I will get one of the servers

Khethi: Uhm I thought you were going to serve us

Me: I work at the kitchen

Khethi: Ohw I see
Me: I have to get back to work it was nice seeing you
Khethi: It was nice seeing you too
I walked away
KAT
Pinky stopped by

Pinky: Word is out that Neo is at the Pub&Grill

Me: What?

Pinky: He even posted on his Instagram

Me: What is he doing here? This place is not for Neo

Me: Exactly my point

I thought about it for a while..

Me: He must be here for her

Pinky: For who?

Me: Siba

Pinky: I don't understand

Me: Siba works at the Pub&grill Siba and Neo were dating

Pinky: Wait your cousin was dating Thee Neo?

Me: Yes and they broke up

Pinky: Wow! USiba? Isthotho?

Me: I think USiba there's a traditional healer that she's consulting too there's no way someone like Neo would keep on following her around. Phela Siba is nothing now she has nothing! Something is not right

Pinky clapped hands..

Pinky: Mina I'm passing by there I wanna see what you talking about

Me: Okay let's go

SIBA

Neo doesn't seize to amaze me driving all the way. This is no damn coincidence nor do they really wanna experience the Kasi vibe.

I was very uncomfortable with him being around I'm glad I'm at the kitchen where I won't be seeing much of him..

Thato: Eyy sekuyagcwala (It's getting full)

Glo: On a weekday?

Thato: It's girls they definitely here for Neo

I rolled my eyes. Sika walked in...

Sika: How is everything going this side?

Glo: Everything is going well

Sika: Those green peppers you asked for just arrived

Thato: I'll go and offload

Sika: There's also other things

Me: I'll help

We walked out and made our way outside. I kept my head down

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Glo: Everything is going well

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We walked out and made our way outside. I kept my head down I didn't look at Khethi and Neo. We got outside and started offloading everything that was brought.

Thato: Are you going to be fine?

Me: Yes

I took the big bottle of mayonnaise and walked in with it since I was holding it in a very uncomfortable manner. I put it down on the table and looked at my fingers they were a bit painful.. Just when I was about to pick up the bottle of mayonnaise again his cologne was the first thing that passed my nostrils

Neo: Hey

Me: Hey

Neo: Do you need help?

Me: No it's okay I'm fine

Neo: I saw you struggling a bit

Me: I'm fine it's okay

Neo: I'm just helping you nothing more

Me: But I don't need your help

Neo: I think you do

I sighed and looked at him..

Me: If I let you help me will you leave me alone?

He folded his arms and looked at me..

Neo: Not entirely I wanna talk to you

Me: About what?

Neo: I think you know
Me: I don't wanna talk to you about anything
Neo: Siba please
Me: No just leave me alone please
Neo: When were you going to tell me that you pregnant?
How did he find out?
Me: I was going to tell you if it was yours
I walked away and he grabbed my arm
Neo: What?
I looked at him

Neo: What did you say?

Me: I was just asking how sure are you that the baby is yours? I could've been with someone else after we broke up

Neo: If you trying to hurt me you very bad at it

Me: Look I don't bother you. I left you alone and I would appreciate it if you did the same. I don't wanna be going around with you I have to think of my baby now. I'm doing this for my baby and I want nothing more but peace from your side

Kat walked in she was with Pinky...

Me: I have to get back to work

I attempted to walk away but he still had a tight grip on my arm..

Neo: We need to talk and I'm not going to stop coming here until you ready to talk. There's no way you raising my baby alone

Me: Like I said how do you know that the baby is yours
Neo: We both know it's my baby so stop with this nonsense We need to talk!
Me: Can I have my arm back?
Kat and Pinky walked closer
Kat: Cuz
She looked at Neo
Kat: Neo

Neo didn't say anything to her...

Kat: I didn't know you come here often do you remember me?

Neo: I don't even think I know you

Kat: You Do Kat.. Siba's cousin. Remember we went to the club? I am Dante's baby mama

Neo: Good for you

Kat: It's really good to see you again I think we'll be seeing more of each other now that Dante and I are having a baby together and you happen to be his fr-

Neo: Do I look like I have time for this?

Kat was tongue tied..

Neo: Even if you and Dante were getting married tomorrow I seriously don't give a damn how is it any of my business? Dante is my friend and you nothing to me. I don't remember you

because he doesn't even talk about you currently you not even the only girl pregnant by him! I don't know you and I don't even wanna know you.. Get it?

That was a low blow for Kat.. Neo looked at me..

Neo: We still going to talk and I mean it

He let go of my arm and walked back to his table..

Thato came and picked up the mayo bottle and I followed him to the kitchen..

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I was beyond the word upset who the hell does Neo think he is talking to me like that? As if like I was nothing. Embarrassing me in the presence of people and that good for nothing girlfriend of hers Siba. What the hell did he mean also by I'm not the only lady pregnant for Dante Neo is full of himself. He thinks the world revolves around him he thinks he owns the world just because he is rich..

Ma: I wonder uboneni ku Siba (What did he see in Siba)

Me: She must've consulted with something there's no way Neo can keep on running after Siba like that. Siba? Umbhashe!

Ma: I underestimated her it seems like she knows her story.. Probably uPhindi is the one taking her to Sangomas

Me: Very true! Plus you can see that uPhindi is very familiar with Sangomas she makes herself look like she's a Christian. Christian my left foot! That woman is a witch and hiding behind the church

Ma: Kanti what's wrong with Siba? Does she know that umuthi won't last? Hai sies maan!

Me: Yazi I want Siba to suffer suffer so much that she thinks nothing but suicide

Ma: Don't worry.. As long as I'm alive that girl is still going to suffer

She spat on the ground..

Ma: I swear on my God!

SIBA

A whatsapp video call came through I had just finished bathing. I was about to eat and retire to bed. I was very tired no lie.. I accepted the video call and it was Neo had I known. He was definitely calling with a different number since I've blocked him..

Neo: Don't hang up

Me: I don't wanna do this with you I'm very tired

Neo: I don't wanna fight too I'm tired of fighting

Me: Then what is it?

Neo: I shouldn't have treated you that way I'm very sorry. I embarrassed you humiliated you and failed you. There's no excuse to what I did and I'm not saying this only to try and get you back.. I want to be a part of our baby I don't want you to go through everything alone when I'm here

I thought for a while..

Neo: Please

Me: We will only be connected by the baby and nothing more?

Neo: I promise

Me: Okay.. We can try it

Neo: Thank you very much.. So what's been happening? Dr appointment?

Me: I can't afford a Dr

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I go to the clinic

Neo: Oh we can't have that I'll come collect your ID copy and

add you to my medical aid

Me: Ohw okay

Neo: Food allowance?

Me: Don't push it

Neo: I don't want you struggling with anything

Me: I have a job

Neo: I understand.. I still want to help out

Me: We will see Neo

Neo: Okay Nana we will do it your way but know that I'm not happy

He curved his lower lip and I laughed..

Me: Thank you for respecting my wishes

Neo: You know that you can have your old job back

Me: I don't think I wanna deal with Lorraine I don't want stress

Neo: I can choose any assistant I want

Me: I know but..

Neo: As soon as the Will comes into play Lorraine won't have any say I know my Dad left the company in my name

Me: The Will hasn't been read?

Neo: It's going to be read next week

Me: Okay

Neo: Let me not keep you.. I love you Good night

Me: Good night

Neo: I said I love you

Me: And I said Good night

I hung up..

MAHLODI

I was out having dinner with Lorraine..

Lorraine: As soon as the Will is read next week Neo will be forced to marry you

Me: Neo is stubborn you can't force him to do anything

Lorraine: Neo knows this life he doesn't know any other life other than this one. He won't choose her over what he knows and what he has he won't stand to lose everything for her

Me: I hope so.. I hope it will work

Lorraine: Trust me it will work

KAT

I was on a phone call with Dante I told him exactly what Neo did to me..

Dante: Neo is full of himself he has always been like that. You should not take him to heart nor everything that he says to heart

Me: I was just trying to be nice that's all

Dante: I understand but he is not your friend just remember that

Me: I will.. He also mentioned something else

Dante: What is that?

Me: That you impregnated other girls

Dante: That's insane Neo is being unnecessarily shallow. I expected that from him as I've said.. Don't listen to him it's just you and I in this matter don't invite other people in

Me: I understand

Dante: Just take care of yourself and my baby I'll see you guys soon

Me: Can't wait

Dante: Good night

Me: Good night

SIBA

Days passed and life was finally colorful again. I was at peace and things seemed to be taking a different toll at everything.

Work was going fine Sis Glo was amazing. We were becoming more and more closer. The communication between Neo and I was peaceful no more fighting and scratching each other. Life was just amazing..

Today I had a Dr's appointment. Neo fetched me an hour late.. Me: You late Neo: I know Me: I was supposed to see the Dr an hour ago Neo: I know that very well Me: You should've called me I would've taken a taxi Neo: I am here now aren't I?

Me: Whats gotten into you?

Neo: I'm sorry.. I looked at him... Me: Whats wrong? Neo: Just that the reading of the will didn't go well yesterday Me: What happened? Neo: My Dad left everything to my Mom Me: What?

Me: I'm so sorry.. I really don't know what to say I don't wanna say much on that topic because I don't wanna talk ill about her. The last time I did you lashed out

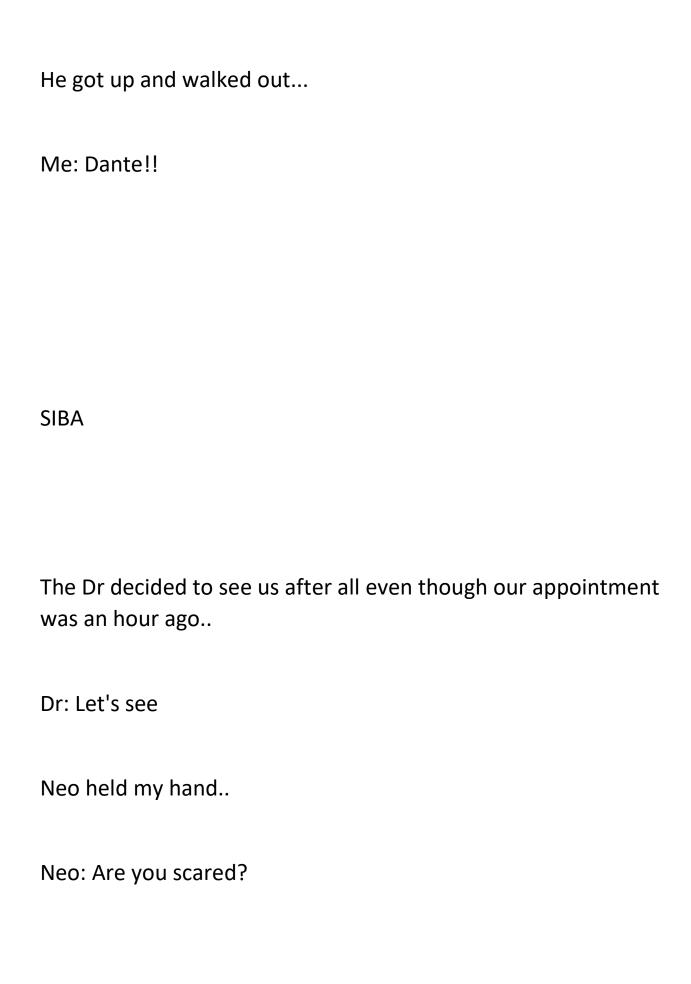
Neo: I still can't wrap my head around it

Neo: Yeah I understand
Me: I'm sorry again
Neo: It's okay
KAT
Dante held my hand as the Dr checked the baby
Dr: Something is not right
I looked at him

Me: What is it?
Dr: There's no heartbeat
Me: What do you mean there's no heartbeat?
He checked again
Dr: Wait I'm coming
He got up and walked out of the room
Me: Whats happening?
Dante held my hand
Dante: Let's wait for the Dr
We waited

The Dr came back with a Nurse... The Dr checked again... He shook his head... Dr: There's no heartbeat no movement I started to get scared... Me: What does that mean? Dr: When was the last time you felt the baby moving? Me: The baby hasn't moved in a week that's why we here Dr: I'm so sorry.. Seems like the baby is no more. I will have to write you a letter you will have to go to the hospital I shook my head..

Me: No You making a mistake the baby can't be no more My baby is still alive
Dr: I'm truly sorry
I looked at Dante
Me: Tell him! Our baby is still alive right?
Dr: I'm truly sorry
Me: Dante say something! Do something!
Dante let go of my hand
Me: Dante!!
Dante: Excuse me



Me: A bit Neo: Me too (Silence) Dr: And there it is Sponsored a strong heartbeat Me: Wow

Dr: I've never heard such a strong heartbeat before

Neo: This is amazing

Me: Can we see the gender?

Dr: Let's give it time

Neo: Wow

Dr: This is beautiful

Neo: You heard that? We going to have one healthy baby

Me: It seems like that

Neo kissed me on the cheek..

Neo: Thank you



I called my Mother since Dante just up and left with no explanation..

My Mother showed up after a while..

Ma: Whats wrong?

I was in tears by now..

Me: I have to go to the hospital for an emergency C-section the baby is no more

Ma: No!

Me: My baby is dead Ma

Ma: There has to be a mistake the baby is still alive.. Do the tests again

Dr: I'm so sorry

Ma: This is not right this doesn't feel right. Ohh Nkosi usathane wani (What devil is this)

Me: My baby is no more Ma (crying)

SIBA

After the Dr's appointment we went out for lunch. Neo seemed very excited. He was down when we went to the Dr but now. He was excited. This whole Dr's visit changed his mood for the better....

Neo: It's very refreshing what we saw and heard. Hearing my baby's heartbeat like that it was amazingly beautiful

Me: It was beautiful indeed

Neo: Thank you.. You have just made me the happiest man ever

Me: It's exciting.. It truly is

He held my hand and kissed it..

Neo: I love you so much. I know you hate me but...

Me: I don't hate you

Neo: You don't?

Me: No I don't

Neo: Then that's good to hear.. Can I get a kiss?

Me: Yes

He leaned over and kissed me..

KAT

I've felt pain before but no pain can compare to this one. My heart was broken into a million pieces. There's no way that my baby can just die like that? This is not right.. This cannot be

right..

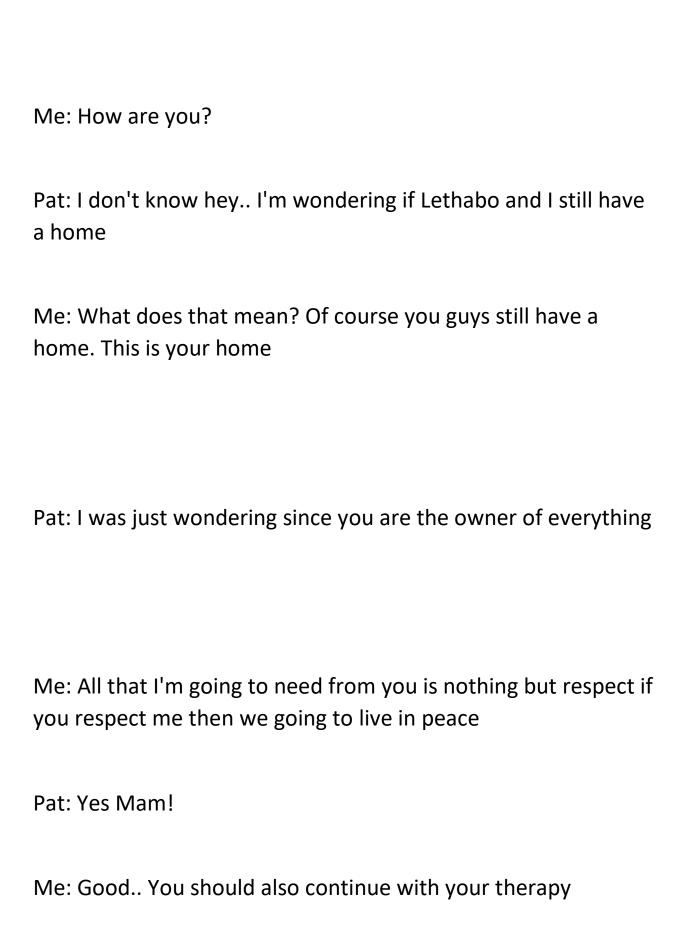
On our way to the hospital I called Dante but still he didn't pick up when I called him again his phone was on voicemail. My Mother kept on praying all the way to the hospital..

LORRAINE

I saw Pat eating lunch I went to her..

Me: Patricia

Pat: Good afternoon Lorraine



Pat: I'll certainly do so if you keep on paying for me

Me: I have already paid for the year

Pat: How lovely

Me: Have you seen Neo anywhere?

Pat: Not at all

Me: It's fine... I'll call him

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NEO

On that same day when I got home I decided to sit my Mother down and have the talk with her..

Ma: Where have you been?

Me: I've been around

Ma: Okay now that you back I wanna relieve you a bit from work so you can concentrate on your wedding with Mahlodi

Me: About that

Ma: Yes?

Me: I'm not going to marry Mahlodi actually I don't even wanna

be with her

Ma: Okay slow down. I know marriage is scary that's why I want

you to settle down with a good woman. A woman who won't

stress you a woman you can build a life with. Neo you not

young anymore you need to get your priorities straight. You

need a stable woman

Me: Siba is pregnant

She paused for a moment..

Ma: What?

Me: Siba is pregnant I'm stepping up to my responsibility and I

want a future with her

Ma: Is the baby even yours?

Me: Excuse me?

Ma: I'm asking because Siba is a.. She's a hood rat for all I know she could've gotten pregnant somewhere else and pinned the pregnancy on you

Me: Are you hearing yourself Ma?

Ma: I'm just asking Neo I don't want you fathering a baby that's not yours

Me: It's mine

Ma: Fine.. A baby is not a train smash we can take care of it. You don't have to be with her

Me: You must've not understood me I love Siba. If I'm ever going to getting married I'm going to marry her

Ma: Siba is the same girl who talked ill about your own Mother the same girl who disrespected your father's memorial service. She turned us into a laughing stock how can you be with a girl who doesn't respect your own Mother? Mahlodi is very respectful. Mahlodi has never disrespected me. Why can't you just for once Neo act accordingly? You are no longer a child! Stop acting like this

Me: As my Mother you should be supporting me and giving me your blessings. I love this girl and I wanna be with her

Ma: There's no way I'm going to sit back and allow you to have anything with this girl. You are leaving me with no choice. Either her or me

Me: You actually making me choose between the mother of my baby and you?

Ma: That's exactly what I'm doing. I hope for your sake you will choose wisely because if you choose her then you will lose everything and I mean it!

I was given an option of a C-section or a natural birth. I wouldn't even consider it a natural birth since I'll be giving birth to a dead baby. Confused as I was I decided to choose the natural way of delivering. I won't be able to live with a permanent scar that will always remind me of my dead baby..

The Doctors induced labour and as much as I was downplaying the pain but I felt it. I was going through this process for a baby that I will never even hold my heart was shattered. I was beyond the word "Hurt". It all felt like a terrible nightmare that I was going to wake up from. It can't be real I refuse..

SIBA

We heard a knock at the door... Me: I'll get it I got up from the couch and went to open the door it was my Aunt.. Me: Aunty Rose? She invited herself in by slapping me across the face.. Aunt: You are so wicked I looked at her shocked.. Aunt: What did we ever do to you?

I was very confused. Sis Phindi walked in..

Phindi: And then?

Aunt: Ke hore this sangoma that you two are consulting is really

working for you neh?

Phindi: Sorry?

Aunt: My Daughter lost her baby and I know very well that you two are behind it. Vele wena Siba you have always been jealous

of Kat!

Phindi: Okay I've tolerated you long enough but now you going

way too far! Siba doesn't have time to go around ruining Kat's

life. Siba is very much concentrated on her life kona why would

Siba bewitch Kat? What does Kat have?

Aunt: Kat is way better than Siba

Phindi: Ngani Rose? (With what)

Aunt: Wena I'm not done with you

Phindi: You are very embarrassing. An old woman like you busy abusing an innocent girl don't you ever get tired? Why do you treat Siba like this as if like she's an enemy? She's your Niece for earth's sake! Why are you so bitter? For a church going woman you really must fix your heart sies maan! You are the reason why most people despise Christians you are giving us a bad name! Perfect on the outside but rotten to the core on the inside. Do you even read your Bible? Going to church every Sunday doesn't put you right with God. Your heart puts you right with God. Please do me a favour if you can't treat Siba right then leave her alone! She doesn't bother you or does she ever come knocking at your house asking for bread? No she doesn't! Leave this poor child alone. If Kat lost her baby then you are to be blamed she's suffering because of your evil heart. I'm no witch but things will never go well with your Daughter until you start treating this one with respect. What you doing to Siba falls on your Daughter you indirectly making your own child suffer! Hai maan have peace

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you indirectly making your own child suffer! Hai maan have peace give us peace! The next time you come into my house with such nonsense I'm seriously going to catch a case I'm tired of you now. Senganele!

That was a mouthful it actually made my Aunt speechless. She was boiling inside but she didn't have a comeback I mean what could you say after all that?

Phindi: We don't come to your house but here you are you should be supporting your daughter in this difficult time. Not what you doing have peace woman! Yeka ukuba yisenqa mgwaqo Yhoo safa!

NEO

I looked at her she was in the study.. Me: I'm choosing Siba She looked at me.. Ma: That was quick are you sure about your decision? Me: Very sure Ma: Well then who am I to say anything. You can still keep your car and the current money that you have I will be expecting your resignation tomorrow morning and I expect you to be out of my house by tonight if not tomorrow morning the latest. I am so disappointed in you Neo and hurt at the same time. I love you you are my Son

I chuckled..

Me: Yeah right

Ma: I do love you if I didn't. I wouldn't have carried you for 9 months. My loving you doesn't mean I shouldn't be tough on you. When the world has shown you it's cruel side it's okay you'll still have a home here. You can come back anytime.

Me: Bye Lorraine

Ma: What are you going to do? Life is very cruel out there and you don't know a thing

Me: I'll figure it out on my own

Ma: Neo don't do this

Me: Bye

Ma: Neo!

The Dr held my baby. He wasn't crying he wasn't moving. They wrapped him in a sheet didn't even try to check if he's still alive..

Dr: Would you like to hold him?

I nodded with tears streaming down. The Dr brought him to me with my hands shaking I took him. I looked at him his eyes were closed. So signs of life not even a shallow breathing..

Dr: I'm truly sorry for your loss

I held him close to my chest as tears continued streaming down..



Pat walked in on me packing..

Pat: What are you doing?

Me: Your Mother in law wants me out

Pat: What?

Me: I chose Siba so..

Pat: This is so wrong this is your house. I know very well that John left everything to you!

Me: I'm trying so hard to downplay that I am trying not to see my own Mother as evil but what she just did.. I don't know anymore

Pat: Well then wait for me and Lethabo

Me: No.. You guys can't come with me

Pat: I'm not going to live in this house with that witch so that she can kill me and my baby

Me: Pat I don't even know what my next move is I have a baby on the way and I don't even have a plan

Pat: We'll figure it out together I am not staying here with that witch and that's final!

SIBA

Me: I'm sorry for my Aunt's behavior

Phindi: Don't don't even start. Don't apologize for the behavior of a grown ass woman

Me: I really don't know what I did to her

Phindi: You did nothing some other people are just evil and there's nothing we can do about it. Don't even think of her just live your life. She's not worth the stress

Me: Thank you so much

Phindi: You know I got your back

Me: I thought you were going to beat her (Laughing)

Phindi: One of these days I will.. If she ever shows up at my house like that again I'll teach her a lesson!

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NEO

We had to stay over at a hotel for tonight then tomorrow we have to go and see if we can't rent an affordable place. I can't believe Pat tagged along I don't want my Niece Lethabo to be moving from one place to another. With Pat not entirely stable she can't afford to get away from Lorraine's care. Lorraine pays

for her therapy sessions and medications. I don't have a plan as
yet I don't think I'll be able to afford her medical expenses
Pat: Hey
Me: Hey
I was standing over at the balcony
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Me: Where is Lethabo?
Pat: She's sleeping
Tat. She s sheeping
Mo: Okay
Me: Okay
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Pat: We going to make it work we going to think of something. Or try to get back what's rightfully yours
or all to bet back triated lightnamy yours

Me: If we going to go against Lorraine we have to be smart
about it. She has all the money now the power and everything.
We don't stand a chance

Pat: We will think of something she's not smart

Me: She was smart enough to get her hands on my inheritance

Pat: She can't be evil forever.. We won't let her get away with this Lorraine won't win

KAT

My Mother walked in..

Ma: Katlego.. Unjani? (How are you)

She pulled the chair and sat down..

Ma: How are you holding up?

Me: I saw him Ma he wasn't breathing he wasn't moving.. His eyes were shut

Ma: I'm so sorry my child

Me: I don't understand why this had to happen he was innocent Ma.. He was innocent

Ma: Ubuthakathi (it's witchcraft)

(Silence)

Ma: Yazi I went to talk to Siba.. I told her about this and she was happy you can just tell that from deep within beka jabulile (she was happy)

I wiped my tears
Ma: It's okay Whatever they did it will be reversed back to them It's okay
SIBA
My phone vibrated it was a whatsapp video call from Neo. I answered
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it was a whatsapp video call from Neo. I answered he was laying back on the bed..

Neo: I thought you would be sleeping already

Me: Not yet I was reading my Bible

Neo: Hope I'm not disturbing your time with the Lord

Me: It's okay I was done.. That doesn't look like your bed

Neo: No it's not... It's a hotel room

Me: Ohw

Neo: Lorraine kicked us out

Me: What?

He got up from the bed and walked to the other room he opened the door and switched on the light. He moved closer to the bed and I saw them sleeping. He switched off the light and closed the door on his way out..

Me: What happened?

Neo: Long story

Me: Are you guys okay though?

Neo: Yeah we okay

Me: How can she put you guys out?

Neo: It's Lorraine we talking about here she can do anything

Me: I'm truly sorry Babe

Neo: Tomorrow morning I must hand in my resignation

Me: Babe this sounds bad

Neo: I'll make a plan don't worry. I don't wanna talk about this because I don't want you stressing about it I will make it work don't stress yourself

Me: I trust you

I smiled...

Neo: Just promise me that you will always be here

Me: I promise

Neo: Because I'm not ready to lose my family too

Me: You not going to lose us

Neo: You and the Baby are the only things that make sense to me right now Me: We going to be okay Neo: Thank you Me: You don't have too Neo: No thank you for not turning your back on me and hating me Me: You are the father of my baby how can I hate you? Neo: True that.. Let me not tire you more. You need your rest Me: Good night then

Neo: I love you so much

Me: I love you too
Neo: Goodnight Nana
Me: Good night Babe
LORRAINE
It was hard getting through the night without Neo and Pat. I was all alone in a big house and loneliness creeped in. It was too silent.
I took my phone and called Mahlodi she took long before she picked up

Mahlodi: Lorraine (Sleepy voice)

Me: Hi I didn't mean to wake you up

Mahlodi: Is everything okay?

Me: No.. Neo moved out they all moved out

Mahlodi: What do you mean they all moved out what happened?

Me: I made him choose and he chose her

I heard her exhaling..

Mahlodi: What is wrong with Neo? He's giving up everything the only life he's known for her? What's so special about her? What does she have that we don't? That I don't? I mean I have everything Lorraine. I'm beautiful educated I have class I'm 100 times better than her

Me: She's pregnant

Mahlodi: Is it even his? They had broken up

Me: He is very sure that the baby is his

Mahlodi: I cannot believe this! She trapped him with a baby? And he gave in? Maybe she's using something there's no way Neo would give up everything for her

Me: I'll look into it

Mahlodi: Please do

Me: Let me try and sleep.. Good night

Mahlodi: Night

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KAT

I sat at the corner with my hands on my ears I could hear my baby crying. It was a cry that I couldn't ignore. A painful cry and I couldn't get to him let alone see where he was. His cries were heard all around the room it was intense. I didn't know what to do but scream

The Nurse walked in..

Nurse: Katlego

Me: Please make him stop

Nurse: Make what stop?

Me: My baby.. He's crying I can't get to him

Nurse: We need to book you into the psych ward tomorrow for now we will sedate you

I shook my head..

Me: No.. I want my baby I just want to hold him. He's crying for me please..

Nurse: Sisi you not the first person to lose a baby and you won't be the last. There's women in the other room who are about to give birth and are screaming for our help. You are wasting time that I don't have get it together! You will make more babies in the future it's not the end of the world. It's not like you lost a husband or a mother It's a baby that you didn't even physically bond with. Sis stop being dramatic get up from that bed before I make you

I kept on rocking myself back and forth hugging my knees..

Me: My baby (crying)

She didn't say anything. I felt her grabbing me and standing me up on my two feet she pulled me by my gown and pulled me to the bed..

Nurse: Get in bed and keep quiet! We won't even sedate you we don't have time for games! Stop with the drama tuu!

I got in bed she pulled the bed covers up..

Nurse: Sleep!

I put my hand over my mouth..

Nurse: Stop irritating us! Sleep!

SIBA

The following morning I prepared myself for work. I prayed then ate breakfast and left. Thato was to leave later the breakfast menu doesn't require any meat to be grilled. Just sausages and grilled bacon. Sis Glo and I can grill the bacon it's not a train smash..

It was 8am and already we had 10 orders this Pub&Grill is always busy..

Glo: Grill the bacon I'll grate the cheese and toast the bread

Me: I'll fry the sausages too

Glo: I'll slice the avocados too

Me: Don't do a lot of work I will help

Glo: I should be helping you you are pregnant. The first

trimester is very tricky

Me: I'll mange Mam'Glo

Glo: Tell me something have you ever thought of doing something else other than what you doing here?

Me: Never really thought of it

Glo: You should.. What do you love doing?

Me: Working in a law firm made me to enjoy Law

Glo: You can do Law

Me: I don't know Mam Glo.. It seems like it needs a lot of work good marks

Glo: You can upgrade then apply

Me: I have a baby coming my way I don't think varsity is an option

Glo: UNISA has distant learning you study at home

Me: You seem to know a lot about such things

Glo: 2 of my children are graduates the last born started varsity this year

Me: Wow

Glo: A baby doesn't mean that your life is over you can register at ABET to rewrite your matric. You will work during the day and attend at night it's only for a year then you write your finals in November. My Son teaches there

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he wasn't able to get a job. He did engineering and was lucky to get the teaching post.. I'll talk to him for you and see if they still open for registrations. The last time I checked 1 subject was R150

Me: I want to upgrade my Math Physics life sciences my other subjects aren't bad

Glo: Yes you can I'll talk to him

Me: Thank you very much.. You have just given me hope and made me excited

Glo: I'm happy that I could help

NEO

Khethi: What do you mean that you resigning?

Me: I am

Khethi: No Neo! This firm won't survive without you! Clients that we have would only want to work with you because they believe in you because of your father. If you resign the firm is going downhill

Me: A lot is happening Khethi. Trust me this is for the best

Khethi: If I didn't need this job I would quit

Me: Please don't! This firm needs you you know how to keep everything together

Lorraine walked in she wasn't alone. She was with Razor. Razor was dressed up in a suit and holding a briefcase..

Lorraine: Good morning everyone

I looked at Razor he looked at me too..

Lorraine: Ohw Neo I believe that you here to drop off your resignation letter

Khethi handed it to her...

Lorraine: Perfect. Khethi please gather everyone and tell them to go to the seminar room for an urgent meeting I want to introduce our new Senior Partner. He will be taking over from Neo..

Khethi will and I looked at each other. Razor is the same guy
who shot and almost killed me he has a pending case. I
clenched my Jaws and formed a fist with my hand

Lorraine: Khethi please inform security to escorts Neo out of the premises.. He is no longer allowed here

KAT

Rose: Kat get dressed they have discharged you. We have to go

Nurse: These are the things that she has to get at the pharmacy. Things that she has bath with and use she needs lots

of rest for her body to heal. Luckily she got away with no stitches
Rose: I understand Thank you Nurse
Nurse: She will be fine after a few days it happens a lot when one loses a baby. They get depressed but she will be fine
Rose: Thank you so much for everything
Nurse: You welcome
SIBA

I recieved a call from Pat..

Me: How are you guys?

Pat: We just waiting for Neo he went to drop off his resignation letter. We have to go flat hunting we can't keep on staying here in this hotel. We will run out of money soon it's expensive

Me: So Lorraine really put you guys out?

Pat: Yes.. Now she's taking Neo's inheritance. That will is fake! Trust me it's fake. She faked it killed John to get his everything

Me: Please don't let Neo hear you say that.. The last time such was said about Lorraine he lost it. You have everything to lose now please mind what you say

Pat: I know.. When we done flat hunting maybe we will come there I wanna see you

Me: It's okay.. I wanna see you guys too

Pat: Okay I'll call you later.. Bye Me: Bye I hung up.. This is not good.. KAT Ma: Will you be able to walk or should we get you a wheelchair? Me: I'm not handicapped Ma



LORRAINE

Everyone was gathered at the seminar room for the emergency meeting..

Me: Thank you all for coming in such notice there's a huge announcement that I have to make

They all looked at me..

Me: My Son Neo has resigned this morning

They looked at each other...

Me: To replace Neo please welcome our new Senior Partner.

Razor Van de Merwe

Razor stood up..

Razor: Thank you very much Lorraine

I sat down..

Razor: Change is never good actually change is very uncomfortable. I am not here to make anyone uncomfortable or to create enemies. I am looking to be a part of the team. I want to work with everyone and adapt to the work environment. Before I had other business interests I actually studied Law first. I worked for 2 or 3 years so I'm thrilled to be

back in the field again. Thank you very much for welcoming me hope we will work well together
He sat down
Me: With that being said Razor will take Neo's office. We can all get back to work thank you very much
NEO
Pat: This flat isn't bad
I looked at it

Pat: Rent is a bit steep R5600 a month but I like the neighborhood. It looks safe and there's a park for kids

Me: It's a good neighborhood

Pat: Lorraine is wrong for bringing Razor into the firm but why are you surprised? This was expected from her

Me: Neo tried to kill me and my own Mother is overlooking that

Pat: You jumped in front of the bullet for Siba Lorraine wasn't going to take kindly into that. You protected the woman that you loved and a woman that she hates

I leaned against the cupboard..

Me: This is messed up how did things get messed up so quickly?

Pat: I'm truly sorry

Me: It's okay

My phone rang it was an unknown number..

Me: Hello?

Voice: It's been a while

Me: Ges!

Ges: Ek is terug Boet! (I'm back Brother)

Me: When did you get released?

Ges: Verlede maand (Last month)

Me: And you only contacting me now?

Ges: I had other commitments to attend too

Me: It's good to hear from you

Ges: We should link up later and catch up

Me: Noem die plek (name the place)

Ges: I'll text you

Me: It was good hearing from you Boet

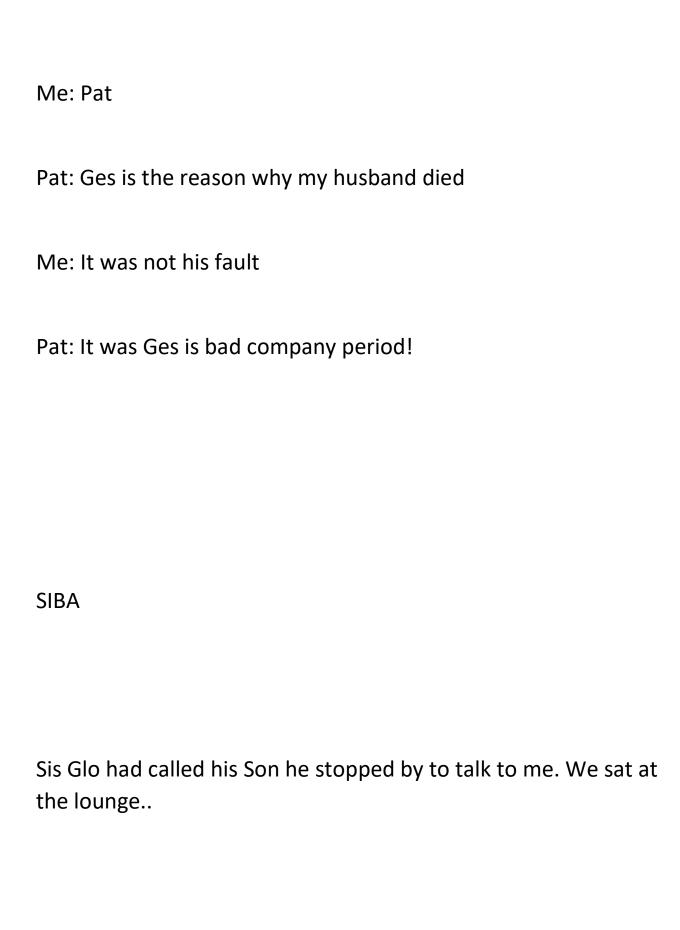
Ges: Talk to you later

Me: Cool

Pat: Ges is back?

Me: Yes he was released last month

Pat: I don't want you hanging around with him



Me: Thank you for meeting up with me
Duma: No problem
Me: So I wanna register to rewrite my matric 3 subjects
He nodded
Me: Are registrations still open?
Duma: Yes
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3 subjects

He nodded...

Me: Are registrations still open?

Duma: Yes they closing next week. You are very lucky. Do copies of your ID and matric certificate. Come tomorrow morning to register since you still working

Me: Thank you very much

Duma: Matric classes start at 17:00. Each class is 1hour you attend Mon-fri

Me: That's good I will be able to attend

Duma: Last year we had a pass rate of 70% most students were able to go to varsity. Abet is overlooked but we know our business

Me: Which subject do you teach?

Duma: Mathematics and Physical sciences

Me: Okay

Duma: I should go I have somewhere to be

Me: Thank you for coming I'll definitely come tomorrow morning

Duma: You welcome

He stood up and left..

This was very exciting.

KAT

I tried to rest at home but I couldn't. When I close my eyes I could clearly see my dead Son laying in my hands. I could hear his cries

The pain was unbearable it hurt so bad. I tried to call Dante but his number didn't go through how can he leave me like that? When I need him the most?

I got out of bed and opened my drawer. I took the packets of my Iboprufen pills. I went to the kitchen to get a glass of water..

RAZOR

Lorraine: We will remove Neo's name from the door and put yours

Me: No problem

Lorraine: Are you ready for your first day?

Me: Yes I am

We heard a knock at the door..

Lorraine: Come in

This beautiful woman walked in..

Her: Ohw I'm sorry.. I didn't mean to disturb

Lorraine: No it's okay please

She walked in
Lorraine: Mahlodi this is Razor our new Senoir Partner. Razor this is Mahlodi a good family friend
I whistled and stood up
Me: Good day
Mahlodi: Good day
I took her hand and kissed it
Razor: You very beautiful
She blushed
Razor: Ohw my Thank you
Lorraine: Mahlodi is your biggest competition she works for the enemy

Razor: Then I better watch out

Mahlodi: Uhm.. Are you ready to go Lorraine?

Lorraine: Mahlodi and I we going out for lunch I'll see you later

Me: Later it is

Lorraine took her bag they walked out. I checked out Mahlodi's butt and bit my lower lip..

SIBA

Me: Mam' Glo thank you so much

Glo: You welcome

Me: I'm actually very excited about this

Glo: I'm glad you are this is very good opportunity Siba. Use it

Me: I'll do that

Glo: It's going to be difficult though working and studying but I

believe you will manage

Me: I'll try my hardest

Glo: Go for your lunch

Me: Okay.. Thank you

Glo: See you later

Me: Thank you again

Glo: You welcome

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SIBA

Later on when I knocked off Thato accompanied me to the police station to certify the copies that I was going to need for tomorrow. We went home to get them went to the internet café to make copies then went to certify. I was excited about this whole thing no lie I had something positive to look forward too. A future that I can create for myself something that no one can take away from me and that is education..

When we got back home Neo was there. He was drinking cool drink with Sis Phindi and they were chatting..

Phindi: Ohw hey guys

I looked at them..

Me: Hey

Phindi: Neo was just telling me funny stories what a character

I looked at Neo..

Me: A character indeed

Phindi: Did it go well?

Me: Yes it did

Neo: What went well?

Phindi: Siba is going to register to rewrite her Matric

Neo: Ohw that's nice

Thato: Hey Man

Neo: What's up

Phindi: This is my Son Thato

Neo: You must've gotten him when you were what? 16?

Phindi: How charming Thato: I'm going to rest a little Me: Thank you Skeem Thato: Anytime He looked at Neo.. Thato: It was good to finally meet you man Neo: You too Thato walked away.. I went and sat down...

Phindi: I'll go and start preparing dinner

Me: Okay

Neo: Thank you for welcoming me into your house

Phindi: You welcome

Sis Phindi went to the kitchen..

Me: How did you find out where I live?

Neo: I asked at the Pub&Grill

Me: Okay

Neo: You don't look happy to see me

Me: No I am.. I'm just tired that's all

Neo: Where were you?

Me: I went to make copies of my documents

Neo: Why didn't you call me? I would've driven you there

Me: It's okay Thato accompanied me

Neo: How sweet

I sensed a bit of Jealousy from him..

Me: How is Pat?

Neo: They good... They preparing the flat she couldn't come

Me: At least you guys have found a place

He looked at his watch..

Neo: I have to go I have to meet up with someone



Ma: What are you doing?

Me: Just preparing for a case

Ma: I haven't heard anything about you and Neo

Me: Neo is gone Ma I've tried

Ma: Obviously you didn't try hard enough how you going to let a Man slip away from you? He is a Man Mahlodi they not so different from each other

I sighed..

Ma: How are we supposed to take over the Marè firm now?

Me: Lorraine hired someone else today I checked out his credentials and he only practiced law for a short while a long time ago. The firm has no leg to stand on

Ma: That was supposed to be my firm John was the love of my life until Lorraine took him from me. She's living my life and I'm not happy

Me: I know Ma you tell me all the time

Ma: Then don't disappoint me

Me: I won't

SIBA

Me: Thank you for stopping by to check up on us

Neo: Anytime.. So tell me more about you rewriting

Me: It's a night school I'll attend my classes at night

Neo: Is it safe around here?

Me: Thato will fetch me from school

Neo: Thato again..

Me: He's a good friend of mine Babe almost like a brother to me

Neo: I don't understand why he has to be there for my family and I can't

Me: No one said you can't be there for us

Neo: He was the first option to your statement

Me: Only because I don't want to inconvenience you you live in town. You can't fetch me from school every day

Neo: What should I say when you have already certified me incompetent

Me: This is not a battle of Egos

Neo: A battle of what?

Me: I'm really tired Babe when you have already certified me incompetent

Me: This is not a battle of Egos

Neo: A battle of what?

Me: I'm really tired Babe I don't want to do this with you

Neo: Fine then let me leave I don't want to inconvenience you

I exhaled..

Neo: Good night Siba

No goodbye kiss no nothing..

LORRAINE

Me: How are you finding the firm?

Razor: It's still early to tell.. I'm still finding the ropes

Me: We are one of the best firms and we always have to make a statement. Our clients will give you a tough time first Neo had established a loyal relationship with them. You'll have to prove yourself Razor: Don't worry about it I got this Me: I believe in you Razor: You don't have a choice I chuckled.. Razor: Where has Neo been hiding you? Me: What do you mean? Razor: The last time I saw you it was a very long time ago and you still look beautiful I blushed.. Me: Are you trying to flirt with me? Razor: Who's flirting when it's true?

Me: Thank you for the compliment and for taking me out Razor: You welcome SIBA I explained to Sis Phindi about the night school... Phindi: I am so proud of you Siba Me: I have a good feeling about this I'm actually looking forward to it

Phindi: That's very good sweetheart it's good to have something to look forward too. Now I can beat your Aunt in peace knowing that you will defend me

We both laughed...

NEO

I drove up to meet up with Ges at the warehouse..

Ges: Boet

Me: Ges

We exchanged a handshake and bumped shoulders..

Me: How are you Man?

Ges: I'm good and how are you?

Me: I'm good

I looked at all the cocaine..

Me: That's a lot

Ges: Keeping clients happy it's good to handle your business

yourself

Me: That's true

Ges: I heard about the whole fuckery with that teef (bitch) Lorraine taking everything from you

Me: She has me by balls

Ges: Say the word I'll have her taken out

Me: Yeah man at the end of the day she's still my Mother

Ges: So what you going to do?

Me: I don't know.. I mean law is the only thing I know

Ges: I can use law here

I chuckled..

Ges: The world out there is difficult for a man we have to hustle and survive. If you need anything to survive from I'm your man

Me: I know Ges... Thank you

LORRAINE

After dinner Razor drove me back to my place. He parked at the gate..

Me: Thank you for taking me out it's gets lonely around the house

Razor: It's all good

Me: I should get in... I really enjoyed dinner

Razor: Or we can just sit and talk for a while

Me: What do you want to talk about

He ran his hand on my thigh..

Razor: Anything... Tell me more about the firm His hand went up my thigh under my dress.. Me: There's nothing much to tell Razor: And the clients? He got his hand inside my knickers.. I held his hand... Razor: Stop! Just don't I let go.. Razor: Which client is hard and which client gives in easily?

He started rubbing my clit..

Me: I don't.. I don't know much about the clients

He moves his fingers down he forced in 2 deep inside of me..

Me: Ahhh..

I held his hand then let go of it when he started to finger fuck me slowly..

Razor: Do you think I have what it takes to run the firm?

I closed my eyes and nodded..

Razor: I didn't get that

Me: Yes... Yes! You do

He stopped and got his hand out..

Razor: Good.. Good night see you tomorrow

I fixed my dress..

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LORRAINE

I took longer tonight with bathing than I do with most days. The moment I shared in the car with Razor kept on playing in my mind like a song that I enjoyed listening too.. Each time when I closed my eyes I would imagine his hand going up my thighs and forcing it's way in my knickers. I don't know why I was feeling like this I shouldn't be feeling like this towards him. Razor is young same age as Neo. Not forgetting that he was one of Neo's closest friends this would be a big scandal. I should be continuing mourning my husband It hasn't even been 3 months since he passed on...

SIBA

The following morning I wasted no time. I went to the school to register for the 3 subjects that I wanted to rewrite. It was actually a much easier process they didn't require much but a copy of my ID a copy of my matric certificate and the registration fee

Since it wasn't month as yet Thato was the one who gave me the registration money. I told him I would pay it back month end but he insisted that I shouldn't pay it back..

Admin: Here is your receipt

Me: Thank you

Admin: This is your timetable and a list of the textbooks that you should get at CNA they will help you a lot

Me: Thank you very much

Admin: The classes have already started but you not that much far behind

Me: I'll start attending tonight

Admin: Okay Sisi... Have a lovely day

Me: You too

I took my things and walked out. When I got to the gate I received a call from Neo..

Me: Hun

Neo: Nana

Me: Hey.. How are you?

Neo: I'm good and how are you?

Me: I'm good too

Neo: Did you got and register?

Me: Yes I did now I'm walking back home

Neo: Did they require any registration fee?

Me: Yes they did

Neo: And where did you get the money from?

Me: Thato gave it to me

Neo: Thato gave it to you?

Me: I borrowed it and I was going to pay him month end but he said it's okay I don't have to pay back

Neo: What's next? He's going to supporting my child?

Me: What do you mean?

Neo: I'm just wondering because this Thato seems like he's doing everything for you

Me: Please don't be like that

Neo: Remember Mahlodi and the shit you gave me when it came to her?
Me: With Thato it's different
Neo: How?
Me: I really don't wanna do this with you right now
Neo: Then when should we do it? Because lately when I raise

Me: That's because I don't wanna fight with you! If we fight it's going to take me back to that day when the fight got out of control and you dragged me to the gate

Neo: You never going to forgive me for that right?

Me: I'm just saying

issues up you always run away

Neo: How are we meant to start over if you hold my mistakes against me? I got shot on your behalf but you don't see me bitching about it to you

Me: Neo bye

Neo: Siba!

I hung up....

MAHLODI

I knocked in his office.. He moved his eyes from the file and looked at me..

Razor: Good morning Me: Good morning I made my way in.. Razor: Seeing such a beautiful face is definitely going to be a good day for me I smiled at him... Me: I hope I'm not disturbing you Razor: Not at all... I'm actually waiting for my first patient Me: I'm hers because of that Razor: Shoot but don't kill me

I chuckled
Me: the Client you are defending is related to my Client
Razor: And?
Me: I think we should all settle out of court
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Razor: I think we should take it to court

I sighed..

Me: I know you new and you wanna prove yourself but don't do this.. Don't embarass yourself like this. This is your first case you don't want your colleagues second guessing you

Razor: Maybe we should discuss it more

Me: Okay

Razor: Over dinner tonight

Me: I don't know

Razor: A business dinner

I nodded..

Me: Okay then we will discuss it tonight over dinner

Razor: I'll pick you up at 18:30

He took out his phone and handed it to me.

Razor: Bless me with your contacts

NEO

Pat: What's wrong?

Me: It's nothing

Pat: Talk to me.. What's wrong?

(Silence)

Me: I don't wanna lose Siba. Her and the baby the only thing that makes sense in my life right now. A lot of things are happening that can drive me mad they the only sane part that I have in my life and I don't wanna lose them

Pat: What makes you think that you going to lose them?

Me: She seems to be fin	ding comfort i	n someone else
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Pat: What you did to Siba that day it was brutal and painful Neo.. You lucky she's back with you because if it was Me I wouldn't even consider taking you back

Me: I know Pat I'm trying to make up for that I love her and I don't wanna lose her

Pat: Don't push her away again this time she might not come back again

KAT

I expected the pills to do away with me take my life and rid me of this pain. Unfortunately that didn't happen I think my Mother found me in time and called the Ambulance. I felt very dizzy and weak. I didn't care about that the emotional pain was the one that cut more deeper than anything. I wish that I could die I want to die..

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KAT

The Dr wrote me a referral to the psych ward for at least 2 weeks. I'll be on meds he put me on Nuzak antidepressants and I will be visited by a psychologist everyday. It's a public hospital so I won't be required to pay for the sessions and the medication. I'm meant to take the medication for the first 6 months then they will do a psych evaluation to check how I'm holding up. Then the Dr will start weaning me off the medication when he sees that I'm getting better.. They had brought me my lunch but I couldn't eat. I had no appetite and I still felt mad dizzy....

My Mom walked in and sat down. She looked at me..

Ma: The Dr explained to me what's going to happen next I'm hoping that the medication will help you. When you get discharged from the psych ward I will help have to take you to that woman again

I wiped my tears..

Ma: I'm very sure that someone is behind this my money is on Siba

Me: Ma stop! Just stop it please!

I looked at her...

Me: How do I know that my baby wasn't killed by what that woman was giving me? My baby was fine. Growing in my stomach until you took me there! Can't you see that this happened because of how we treated Siba? All the things that were meant to fell on her are falling on me!. She did nothing Ma all that she ever wanted was love and support from us. She didn't deserve you treating her like that. You were busy cursing her but indirectly you were cursing me. Look at me now you wanted Siba to end up here. Try to kill herself and end up here!!! It's me Mom! I'm here... I'm the one who is here!

Tears filled her eyes...

Me: We still going to suffer God is punishing us.. This is all on us!

She got up and wiped her tears..

Ma: I have to go I'll come and see you tomorrow before I go to work. I'm doing a nightshift... Bye Kat

She walked out....

LORRAINE

I made sure that I looked my best when I went to the office. A very tight skinny Jean that was very much attached to my thick thighs and legs. A navy blue blouse showing a bit of cleavage and my navy blue heels with a matching clutch bag. I touched up on make up here and there and my wig looked my best.. I walked in and greeted Khethi at the reception..

Khethi: You look Beautiful

Me: Thank you

Khethi: Yummy Mama

Me: ohh please don't make me blush (Smiling)

I walked to the elevator and went straight up to Razor's office. His PA was in her desk..

Me: Good afternoon

Her: Mrs Marè

Me: Is Van de Merwe around?

Her: Yes please go in

I knocked once and made my way in he was on the phone. His eyes moved up to me and he got interrupted a bit..

Razor: Yes I'm still here.. I th-

He cleared his throat..

Razor: I think that's a good idea.. Yes.. Thank you.. You too.. Bye He put the phone down.. Me: Good afternoon He loosened his tie.. Razor: Good afternoon to you too Me: How are you? I put my bag on the table. Razor: I'm good and you?

Me: I'm good too

He dialed his PA..

Razor: Jennifer you can go on your lunch break

Jen: Thank you Mr Merwe should I bring you some refreshments before I go?

Razor: No thank you we are fine

Jen: Yes Sir

He got up from his chair and walked all the way around to me..

Razor: You look good

Me: Thank you

Razor: Too good for me to let you walk out of here without me giving you some Dick

Me: I'm not here for that I'm your boss remember?

Razor: And in my office I'm my own boss

He walked to the door and locked it then he walked back to me..he unbuttoned my shirt..

Razor: Don't worry I have some condoms

He dropped my shirt on the floor and cleared my wig from my shoulders. He put his hand around my neck and pulled me closer then he placed his lips on my neck. I felt some wetness and the slippery of his tongue. His hands went from my tummy to my breasts he squeezed them for dear life. He came back from my neck and kissed me the kiss progressed to him pushing in his tongue.

I don't remember the last time I went down this road at my age having such a healthy young man doing such to me was something I couldn't put in words. I felt amazing attractive and wanted. He took my hand and placed it at his front we continued kissing until I helped him take off my bra. My breasts weren't too much of a disappointment. His tongue ran down from my lower lip my neck my chest and finally my nipple. I let out a slight moan. He switched from both nipples and I

continued with my soft moan He played around my nipples and then he came back up and kissed me
Razor: Don't worry I have condoms
Thank Goodness he was prepared
SIBA
Neo fetched me since I was off today so I could go see their flat
Neo: How did it go with the registration?
Me: It went well

Neo: Are you sure you will survive the pressure of school and working?

Me: Yes it will be difficult at first but I will adapt

Neo: I don't know Siba you pregnant. You shouldn't put yourself in this kind of pressure. School is going to stress you then work and the baby

Me: What do you expect me to do Neo? I really want this

Neo: Maybe you should quit your job and concentrate on school then I'll take care of you

Me: I'm not quiting my job

Neo: Why?

Me: I don't wanna be dependent on you after what happened the last time. You showed me that it's not good to depend on a

man you change like a weather. I don't wanna find myself stranded

Neo: So you going to hold that on my head until when?

Me: I'm just saying Neo

Neo: I can't change what happened but I'm making up for it aren't I?

Me: Baby I don't wanna do this I don't wanna fight

Neo: We not fighting we talking

Me: I see where this "Talking" is leading too

Neo: I'm expressing how I feel give me a chance to be a man. Take care of you

Me: Neo please

Neo: Okay
(Silence)
Neo: I love you
Me: I love you too

LORRAINE

He rolled the condom on his hard dick. By now I was sitting on the table with my legs up on the table. My hands were balancing on the table. This has to be a very quick session we at the office. It's a busy place anyone can just come. He walked closer and slapped his dick on my clit. He bent and sucked me he went on and I couldn't sit still. My legs started trembling a bit he spat on

the opening of my hole and got back up. He then slowly inserted himself in. We both moaned at the same time...

Razor: Ohhh fuuuuuck

He continued pushing until he was deep inside I closed my eyes and bit my lower lip. He placed his hands ontop of my knees and started pumping in and out. He started slow and increased his pace I put my one hand on his shoulder.. His hands moved from my knees to my thighs as he continued..

Me: Hmmm ohh my word..

KAT

The Nurse walked in..

Nurse: You haven't touched your food

Me: I'm not hungry

She looked around the other patients were halfway through. Some were done..

Nurse: Ukumosha nje ukudla (wasting food)

I kept quiet..

Nurse: Then tomorrow you'll be posting us on Facebook saying hospitals are bad Nurses neglect us! But here you are refusing to eat. 19:00 is still far for dinner and I don't see you having any other food to eat

I still remained quiet..

Nurse: You are here nje wasting hospital resources and food! There's sick people out there who can't even get to the hospital! Next time if you wanna kill yourself use something more effective. Drink a drain cleaner hang yourself! Try something useful

The other patients laughed.. She took the food and walked away..

I laid down and turned to the other side...

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Chapter 55

SIBA

I liked their flat it was very beautiful. They didn't degrade to a slumb at least. They got a good place at least. Would've been a mess if they had to start again from humble beginnings I don't see them surviving that..

Pat: It's so good to see you

Me: It's been a while

Pat: It's been a while indeed

Me: How is everything with you?

Pat: I'm good can't complain

Me: I can't believe Lorraine did that.. It's insane why would she do that for?

Pat: Lorraine has always been insane it doesn't amaze me. She's very greedy

Me: To kill your husband though?

Pat: She never loved John she just loved his money and that's that

Me: It's insane I'm telling you

Pat: Would you like something to drink?

Me: Yes please

Pat: Make yourself comfortable

I made myself comfortable on the couch..

LORRAINE

After that intense session I had to leave so that Razor can work. I stopped by at Mahlodi's workplace..

Mahlodi: Lorraine

Me: Hey you

Mahlodi is a very nice girl I consider her my Daughter. We have always been close

Me: Too busy to go out and get a cup of coffee?

Mahlodi: I'm swamped. I'm sorry I can't do coffee

Me: That's bad.. Dinner?

Mahlodi: I'm actually going out tonight

I sat down..

Me: You don't say

Mahlodi: Yeap!

Me: Who you going out with?

Mahlodi: Can't say because I don't wanna jinx it

Me: Well uhm.. Wow.. I'm happy for you you deserve this

Mahlodi: All along I thought I was cursed I thought that maybe God has forgotten about me

Me: Dont say such things you just independently successful that Men are intimidated by you. Not all Men can handle an independent woman

Mahlodi: That's true.. It's still early to tell with this guy I don't wanna jinx it and then he pulls a Neo on me

Me: I understand

(Silence)

Mahlodi: You look happy

Me: I do?

Mahlodi: Yes.. You've been smiling ever since you got here... Do you wanna tell me something?

Me: Not at all.. Why would I wanna tell you something? I'm just happy.. Isn't a woman allowed to be happy?

Mahlodi: Well I was just saying that's all

Me: Don't be like that

She smiled and went back to what she was doing..

KAT

Nurse: Change into these ones

She gave me the white gown..

I looked around. This was unsettling I'm going to be sharing a ward with people who are mentally unstable whilst I'm not. This was not what I signed up for. I'm not insane I don't deserve to be here. I made my way to the bathroom to change with

tears streaming down. I was a very happy person always jolly. I don't deserve this I don't deserve to be here! This is insane!
NEO
Khethi: It's good to see you again
She hugged me
Khethi: How did security let you in?
Me: They very fond of me always have been
Khethi: Lorraine is crazy she can't just forbid you from coming here
Me: She did

She exhaled... Me: It's okay though I'm here to see Razor is he around? Khethi: You not going to start any trouble right? Me: No I just wanna talk to him Khethi: Neo Me: I won't start any trouble I promise Khethi: Okay then go up to his office it was good seeing you again Me: Same here

I went to the elevator...

After changing I was shown where my bed was. The psych ward was separate from the main hospital. I don't even know why they call it that because it looks like a mini hospital of it's own. It was in the same yard as the hospital but a bit far from it..

I got in bed. In my ward ward 5A there was 6 of us. The ward was amazingly clean I don't wanna lie

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the floor was spotless. I looked at the other patients. The one on my right was sleeping the one on my left was eating. I checked the other ones the one at the corner by the sliding door was sitting up straight and staring at the wall whilst salivating. This was going to be one hell of a shity road..

NEO

I knocked..

Razor: Come in

I made my way in he looked at me..

Razor: Didn't expect you to come here

Me: It's my father's firm why wouldn't I be here

Razor: Was Daddy's firm but not anymore

I looked around and sat down...

Razor: I'm going to guess you not here as a Client

Me: If I wanted a lawyer to represent me trust me. You'd be the last one

He chuckled and fixed his tie..

Razor: May I help you with something?

Me: What are you doing?

Razor: I was trying to work

Me: No what are you doing? We both know that law is not something you enjoy. Though you've graduated but you only

practiced for a short while because you flunked as a lawyer so what are you doing here?

Razor: I needed a job and this firm was hiring

Me: The Marè firm is one of the top law firms it has damn good lawyers. You don't fit in here as a senior partner we both know it

Razor: You took something from me something that was valuable. Now I'm here to take something from you too

Me: I took something for you?

Razor: You knew how important Siba was to me. You never wanted her Neo you saw her as dull and uninteresting.. Why now?

Me: You cheated and then she dumped you

Razor: You were my friend! You knew the Bro code since when do we go for each other's Exes?

Me: She was barely your Ex. You never treated her right!

Razor: You still didn't have to go for her!

Me: You fucken doing this because of Siba?

Razor: I'm doing this because I want to teach you a lesson. I'm going to bring down this firm so bad that you won't even believe it or know what hit you. I'm going to shit on your father's legacy and it's going to kill you knowing that you can't do anything about it. You know what's the cherry ontop? I fucked your Mother right here on my table!

I got up from the chair..

Me: You what?

He got up too...

Razor: You burn me I burn you

I walked right around to him.. Me: You motherfucker! I couldn't hold myself back I started punching him for dear life.. He didn't take kindly to that he fought me back.. **ROSE (KAT'S MOTHER)** Me: Siba being better than my own child I can't stomach that My sister Jojo shook her head.. Jojo: This is bad.. This is very bad I don't wanna lie Me: Imagine that low life Siba being better than my Daughter?

Jojo exhaled..

Jojo: Maybe we are suffering because of what we did to her Mother.. Remember when we were young? What we did? Our Sister lived a painful life because of us because of what she did

Me: Don't tell me you regret what we did. When Mom married that Man he was cruel to us. He abused us because we were not his biological daughters. Jojo he sexually abused me and Mom never said anything. Mom said we should let it be because that man was giving us a home and taking care of us financially if Mom refused to let him sexually abuse me he was going to put us out

Jojo: Siba's Mother lived a best life because she was his own biological Daughter. Good school nice clothes whilst we were treated like dogs Me: And just because her father loved her so much she also treated us like trash constantly reminding us that we are not her father's biological children

Jojo: I never thought that one day we would be here

Me: If you ask me Siba and her Mother deserve this! They deserve so much because of what was done to us when we were kids

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SIBA

I was mad no I was livid. It was 16:00 and Neo wasn't picking up my calls. He has to come back and drive me home I have work tomorrow morning and school later on. I have to go home and rest in preparation of my hectic day tomorrow. I was actually very excited about starting school tomorrow but Neo's childish behavior shifted my mood. From a zero to a hundred real quick. Clearly this is not as important as how it is for me Neo is selfish everything is about him!

I called him again and this time around he picked up..

Neo: Nana

Me: Where the hell are you?

Pat: Calm down

Neo: Okay let's understand each other on something. I'm not one of your friends never talk to me like that ever again! Are you crazy?

Me: If you were going to stay out till this late you could've told me I would've taken a taxi

Neo: Siba I'm going to fetch you and drive you home even at 23:00 I'm still going to drive you back home!

Me: Should I take a taxi?

Neo: I said I'm going to come and fetch you! Geez give me a breather woman!

Me: Neo!

He hung up..

Me: Dammit!

ROSE (KAT'S MOTHER)

After Jojo left I laid down in bed lost in my deep thoughts. Years back when we were young it was Me and Jojo. Living with our Parents we weren't a rich family but we were a happy family. My father was unfortunately not that well financial stable with my Mother envying her friends so much she ended up being obsessed with having a rich men. She started cheating with another man when Dad found out he was broken. The pain was too much for him because he loved his family so much. He started getting sick then along the way he died from a heart attack. Making the situation easier for my mother and her affair to make things serious.

We had to move away from the informal settlement that we were living in my Mother sold the shack and we moved in with our new "Daddy". Then Siba's mom came along.

He was better financial stable for the first time we lived in a house that had a bathroom. We had TV my sister and I had a bedroom of our own. We had a twin bed and life was amazing. Well it was amazing until our new Daddy started seeing me more than "His daughter". When I started to become a teenager and my body was changing he took an interest in me. That's when the sexual abuse started to learn later on that it was happening to Jojo too. We got the courage to tell my Mother about it but she said "It's not like he's your biological father". She actually turned a blind eye on the abuse and allowed this man to abuse us because he was providing for us. My own Mother selling us to the devil.. With whatever grace Jojo made it out first

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and allowed this man to abuse us because he was providing for us. My own Mother selling us to the devil.. With whatever grace Jojo made it out first then I did too. With all the damage that was caused to us. I swore that we will get our revenge even through a fog..

Jojo and I went to consult with a witch doctor that's after our Mom passed on. An enchantment was done for our "Daddy" and her Precious Daughter. Siba's Mother..

The joy we got seeing our little sister suffering after her father's death it was truly fulfilling. When Siba was born the curse affected her because the Curse was done to affect generations and generations that are going to be born from my Sister hence after my Sister's death I was the one who took Siba in. Not because I wanted to raise her but because I wanted to see her suffer and see the Curse manifesting. The Curse is not manifesting as how I had hoped it will on Siba. Siba was not meant to be different from her mother. I'm suspecting that Phindi has something to do with it that woman looks like she uses enchantments. Now it's time to go and visit the witchcraft that we did Siba cannot have a good life!



Ges: For the last time where is the merchandise?

The poor guy was tied to a chair he was already bleeding through his mouth and nose. He was only in his boxers and vest looking at him. He looked like he was going to die anytime..

Guy: I don't know.. Please Ges I would never double cross you

Ges turned and looked at me..

Ges: You wanna take this one?

I sighed. He handed me the gun..

Ges: Don't miss!

With my hand shaking I aimed the gun at the guy. The guy looked at me...

Guy: Please don't do this

I have never killed a person before my conscience was not going to let me start today. I lowered the gun...

Me: I can't do this

Ges: I understand.. When I was 16 and had to kill someone it was hard for me too you need to have courage and understand that the Person has to die the Person needs to die. They not all innocent they scums and they deserve to die

With that being said he shot him repeatedly. My heart actually jumped..

Ges: See young blood this is the life I chose. You wanna climb on this train you have to do your part

KAT

I was sleeping peacefully when I suddenly felt someone dragging me out of the bed with my leg. I fell on the floor..

The person let go of my leg I sat up straight and checked who it was. It was a lady she was giving me a death stare..

Her: This is my bed!

I didn't know what to say I was scared..

Her: This my bed!!

I sat there not saying anything until the Nurse showed up..

Nurse: Pretty what did I say about you coming here?

Pretty: But this is my bed!

Nurse: You were moved to a different ward remember? This is no longer your bed

Pretty looked at me..

Nurse: Should I call security?

Pretty: No

Nurse: Then let's go

Pretty looked at me and sent her finger across her neck indicating that she's going to slit my throat..

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SIBA

I had no plans of sleeping over but because I didn't have no money on me for a taxi fare I was forced to sleep over. I couldn't even sleep I was tossing and turning. It was exactly 21:00 and Neo was still not here. I received a call from Sis Phindi..

Phindi: I just got your message

Me: I tried calling you but you didn't pick up thought you might still be busy at the salon

Phindi: I closed late today thank you for letting me know that you won't be coming back home tonight

Me: It was not my intention Neo is not around. I wish I had brought some money with me

Phindi: Don't be too hard on him he's trying

Me: And I'm trying to fix my life too. Neo is the least of my worries right now

Phindi: Spending a night at his place doesn't mean you moving in

Me: If I want to sleepover at his place it will be out of my freewill not what he's doing

Phindi: I understand.. Just try to calm down you'll be back tomorrow

Me: I'll try to calm down

Phindi: And don't forget to say your Prayers

Me: I won't

Phindi: Okay good night

Me: Good night

MAHLODI
The date was going good so far we moved from talking about work things to talking about random personal things
Razor: I'm surprised that a beautiful woman like you is single Me: What can I say they always say that independent women
are intimidating

Razor: Well you just haven't being seeing the right guys Me: So tell me about you and your past relationships? Razor: My last relationship.. She was stolen from me Me: How so? Razor: The girl that Neo is currently dating she was mine before Me: Siba? Razor: Yes I rolled my eyes.. Me: What's with that girl?

Razor: What's with not that girl?

Me: You had actually fallen hard for her?

Razor: I think I was starting to fall hard for her

Me: Ohw I see

Razor: Jealous?

Me: Not at all

Razor: Yes you shouldn't be.. She's my past now I'm looking at my future

I blushed..

Me: I don't know about that.. From Siba to this? I mean it's pretty clear about the women you fall for

Razor: Don't undermine the girl

Me: I am not undermining her just that. I don't understand what makes guys like you and Neo fall for her I mean what does she have?

Razor: Enough about Siba... Let's talk about us

Me: What about this?

Razor: This will lead to more dates and eventually a relationship

Me: You very confident

Razor: Shouldn't I be?

Me: Let's see how this date ends first

Razor: I'm game

LORRAINE

I called Razor again his phone was on voicemail..

Me: Hey it's me again.. Just checking if you are okay and wanted to ask you how work was call me when you get this

It gets very lonely around the house. I thought since Razor and I had sex earlier on he would be here by now and begging me for more. I was a little bit disappointed

ROSE (KAT'S MOTHER)

Jojo: Are you sure about this?

Me: Do you want to be begging from Siba as time goes on?

Jojo: Hell no!

Me: Then we have to do this

We knocked at the door a certain lady opened..

Me: Sawubona? (Greetings)

Lady: Yebo

Me: Unjani? (how are you)

Lady: Ngiyaphila (I'm well)

Me: Singamthola uMam'Skhawini? (Does Ma'Skhawini live here)

Lady: Yebo kodwa akekho okwamanje (Yes but she's not here right now)

Me: Uyephi? (Where is she)

Lady: Visiting her sister kwaNdbele

Me: Uzobuya nini? (When will she be back)

Lady: Next week

Me: Okay siyabonga (Thank you)

She closed the door...

Me: How do you run a business and not be around?

Jojo: We'll come back next week

Me: We losing time!

KAT

I don't know what was making me more crazy

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my depression or being in a psych ward. These patients came alive at night it was like the whole ward just came into life.. They were making noise knocking on things. Flipping their mattresses sleeping under the beds. It was chaotic and the Nurses seemed unbothered. There was a glass protecting them at their station from us they were drinking tea and watching sopies..

After urinating I flushed. I fixed myself and opened the door Pretty was standing at the door. I took a few steps back..

Pretty: I told you it was my bed!

She stretched her hand and grabbed my hair she got me down on my knees and flushed myself in the toilet. I tried fighting back but her grip was too tight. She got my head out and I started screaming she then hit my head repeatedly against the toilet seat..

SIBA

Neo walked in after an hour of me saying my prayers. I actually did include this bastard in my prayers and he's okay. I was sick and worried about him he couldn't even call or text that he's okay. Neo is very selfish and self centered he only thinks about himself and no one else..

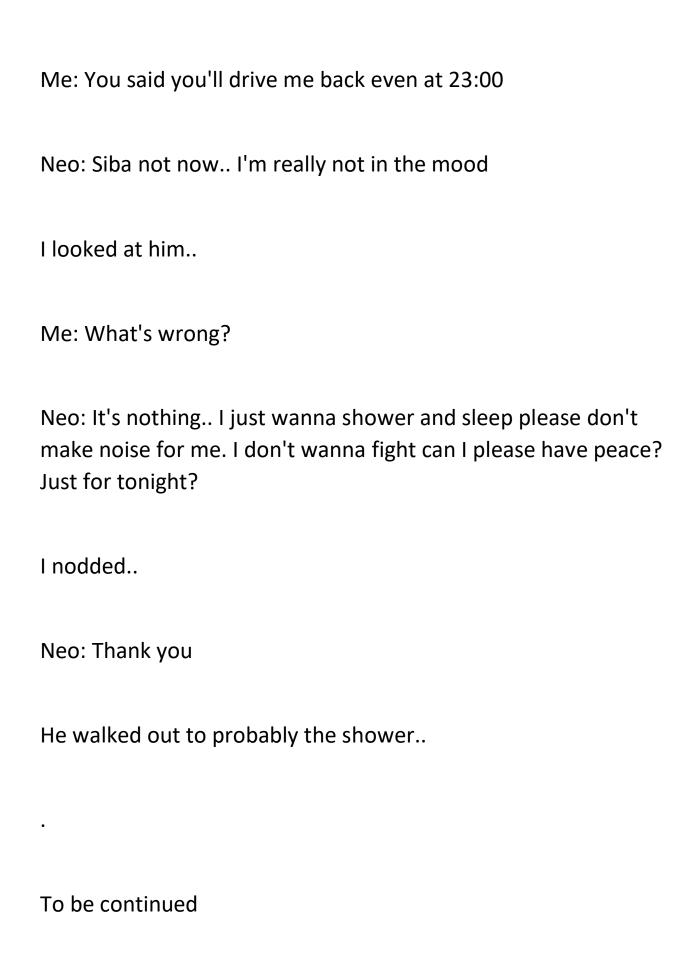
Neo: Why are you not sleeping?

Me: Where have you been?

Neo: I was out Siba handing a few things

Me: You were supposed to drive me back home

Neo: I know I'll drive you in the morning



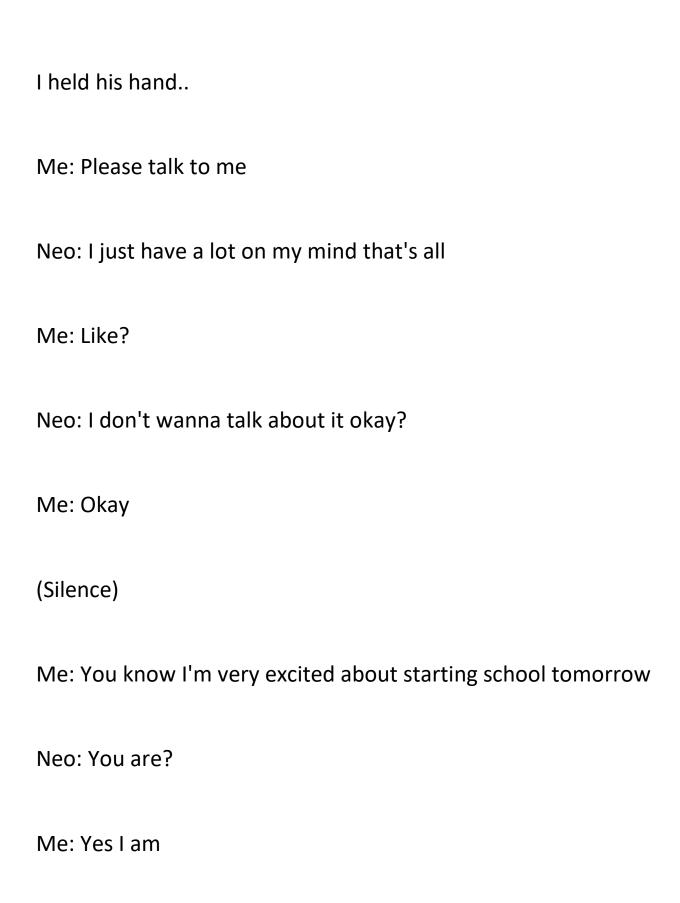
SIBA

Fights in a relationship are very stressful. I thought that now since he was back we were going to have a peaceful night but the bed felt cold even when he was sleeping right next to me. I laid on my back and stared at the ceiling it was very dark. I turned my head and looked at him contamplating if I should

wake him up and talk to him. At the same time I don't w sleeping on the couch.	ant him
Me: Babe	
He didn't respond	
Me: Babe	
I turned on his side and shook him a little	
Neo: Siba I told you that I don't wanna fight	
Me: We not fighting I'm not fighting	
Neo: What is it then?	

Me: I noticed that you were a bit down when you came back is everything okay?

Neo: Everything is okay don't worry



Neo: That's good

Me: Babe please I'm trying here

Neo: I just wanna sleep Siba

Me: Ohw.. Okay

Neo: Good night

Me: Good night

ROSE (KAT'S MOTHER)

The following morning I decided to go and see my Daughter at the psych ward. I was surprised to hear that she got a concussion last night..

Me: What happened?

Nurse: She was found banging her head against the toilet seat

Me: What? That doesn't sound like my daughter.. My daughter is not crazy!

Nurse: Your Daughter is suffering from clinical depression a severe case of clinical depression. It said on her file when she was brought in

Me: Kat wouldn't do that to herself

Nurse: I'm sorry but have you came across a depressed person? Do you know how they behave Me: No but I'm just saying my Daughter would never hurt herself like that

Nurse: She already tried to kill herself and here you are talking about she would never harm herself she's here because she tried to kill herself

This was Fustrating...

Me: Can I at least see her?

Nurse: Unfortunately No... She's in a very bad space right now

Me: When can I see her?

Nurse: I don't know but we will call you she'll be isolated for a while

Me: This is not Prison!

Nurse: We are doing it for her own protection the next time she won't be banging herself against the toilet seat. She will succeed in killing herself

Me: Can you at least tell her that I stopped by?

Nurse: I'll try

Me: Thank you

SIBA

The next morning Neo drove me back home. I was even late for my shift but I won't be breaking his neck for that he seems like he's going through the most for me to put him down more... Me: Thank you for bringing me back home

Neo: You welcome

Me: You'll call me later on?

Neo: Yes I will.. Have a nice day

Me: Okay you too

Neo: We love you too

He leaned over and hugged me..

Me: Please don't disappoint me again this time around I won't think twice about leaving you for good

Neo: I know Siba you will leave.. Please stop threatening me

Me: I'm not threatening you I'm just saying

Neo: You always threatening that you going to leave

I broke the hug..

Me: That's a lie

Neo: You don't say it but you always thinking it

Me: If you act right then I won't leave but if you give me a reason too then I will

Neo: I know you've made your point

Me: Drive safely

Neo: I will.. I love you

Me: I love you too

LORRAINE

I showed up at his office the following day...

Me: Good morning

Razor: Good morning beautiful lady

Me: How are you?

Razor: I'm good and you?

Me: I'm well

I put my bag on the table..

Me: I called you last night

He looked at me...

Razor: I know

Me: Would've been nice if you called back

Razor: I was in a dinner meeting with an important client it would've been a suicidal mood to actually leave the client and call you

Me: I was just saying Razor

Razor: Are we going to have a problem here? Because I'm already sensing a problem and I don't like problems

Me: We not going to have a problem

Razor: Good.. Now if you don't mind I have a lot to do.. I'm swamped today

Me: Okay... Guess I'll hear from you

Razor: Goodbye

MAHLODI

I was all smiles in the morning I actually enjoyed my dinner with Razor last night..

Mom: You seem happy

Me: I am happy I woke up feeling happy

Mom: What happened?

Me: Nothing.. Work is going well everything is going well

Mom: Are you sure it has nothing to do with a Man?

My smile disappeared..

Me: No mom.. I'm just at peace with how my life is that's all

Mom: What's happening with Lorraine's company? What results have you gotten?

Me: It's not easy Ma.. As much as Lorraine is going to drive the company down through the drain but.. She has senior partners.

Good senior Pastors who will make sure that the firm doesn't go down that easy they also have a lot to lose if the firm goes down remember?

Mom: Mahlodi I don't wanna hear that.. You are the best lawyer out there you cannot possibly tell me that a bunch of other lawyers from the Marè firm are a serious competition?

Me: I'm trying Ma

Mom: Try harder!!! I want that company and I'm serious about it we didn't spend money for you to go to school all these years to come back and tell me the nonsense that you telling me right now! Get me that firm!

Phindi: How did it go between you and Neo last night?

Me: I even regret going there?

Phindi: Why?

Me: He was very cold towards me seemed like something was bothering him. I know he's going through a lot but he doesn't have to be an ass

Phindi: Since you saw that he wasn't okay why didn't you try to talk to him?

Me: I did try

Phindi: With that attitude?

Me: I was a lot calmer

Phindi: Men don't like a woman who is always shouting at them and giving them stress

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Phindi: Since you saw that he wasn't okay why didn't you try to talk to him?

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Phindi: With that attitude?

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Phindi: Men don't like a woman who is always shouting at them and giving them stress he will go out there and look for someone else who won't give him any stress. I'm not saying you should let him walk over you but he also has feelings Siba he's a human being after all.. If you can't be his peace then who is going to be? If your relationship is not good with him then let it end because it's not good. Don't be a reason why it ends because like it or not. You have a part of him growing inside of you he's always going to be here. I just don't want you seeing him happy with another woman. It's going to kill you trust me it will!

ROSE (KAT'S MOTHER)

I didn't know what to do I didn't know who to turn too so I decided to stop by and see my Pastor. To talk to him about Kat's situation.

Pastor: I hear you

Me: I just don't know what to do my child is destined for greater things

Pastor: Every child is destined for greater things sometimes it's us Parents who ruin their future

Me: I pray I fast and I come to church

Pastor: That is not enough. See Rose when you wish bad on other kids that bad falls onto your kid. You can fool everyone but you can't fool God. Until you fix your heart until you ask for sincere forgiveness from Siba nothing is going to go well for you. What you doing to Siba is not working because you don't know but that child prays. That child prays and her prayers are dangerous. Prayers arising from tears and a broken heart. They don't bring good that child was seeking nothing but love and a Mother figure. You were trusted with that child but instead of doing good by her you did evil. There's blessings you need to

get from that soul but instead her tears are raining upon your life that's why everything is happening to your child. You cannot chant blesses and curses with the same tongue it doesn't work like that. Stop what you doing to Siba your witchcraft is not going to work on her. That generational curse never affected her because God already had plans for her. God knew her destiny before she was even born way back when she was still in her mother's womb. God already planned her future who are you to revoke God's word? Fighting Siba because of her destiny you are indirectly fighting God. You are poking his eye and I tell you nothing is going to go well for you. If you continue you will witness your child running up and down these streets naked because a prayer from a broken soul is very dangerous. After everything you have done Siba's heart is still open for you. After all the evil you have done to her that child's heart still remains loving and pure towards you and your child. That's why she's put right with God and that's why you can't get to her because the God we serve doesn't look at your physical being. He looks at your heart yours needs some work. Change your ways Rose Repent before it's too late!

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SIBA

[A WEEK LATER]

The week was taking a toll on me juggling school and work at the same time was not as easy as I thought it would be but I was trying my best. I was trying my hardest. This is the only thing that's going to see me through this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and if I let it slip by. Then my future might be messed up right in front of my eyes.. Neo fetched me from school tonight yes we have been having problems but we really trying to make it work. I'm trying to make it work with him. I'm trying to understand what he's going through and I want to be there for him but only if he allows me to be there for him.. We had an intense argument as he was driving me back home forcing him to pull over and that argument led to us having an intense sexual moment at the back seats. Tension sex felt better than the sex we've had previously just hitting it off at the back seats whilst discussing and carrying out the argument made me more and more horny. He was banging it and he made sure that I felt every part of him. Yes we were a bit restricted but we found a way the more he hit it hard the more I got wet..

Forcing me to sink in my nails deeper on his back his moans made mines louder. The feeling of having your boyfriend enjoy being inside of you was the greatest feeling ever.

Neo: I told you never to speak to me like that

He whispered that in my ear and I squeezed him tighter to my body as more pleasure kicked in..

Me: Ohhh Neo... Yes right there!

He lowered his hand to rub my clit. My legs moved from where they were and tried to locate another place but I couldn't find any..

My eyes were rolling at the back of my head.

RAZOR

I read the report again whilst pacing around in the office.. I loosened my tie and ended up taking it off I threw it on the couch and sighed..

Disher: My Son can't go to jail he has his whole life ahead of him. He got a scholarship to play rugby overseas this is going to ruin his future. A future that hasn't even started

Me: He did it all the evidence is here

Disher: That's why I wrote a few cheques to my friends in the department to give me this report

Me: But the girl and her roommate are going to bury him alive. Their evidence is enough to bury your son. I heard they have voice notes?

Disher: Yes.. When my Son R-.. When he did it she unlocked her phone and sent her roommate the voice note on whatsapp

Me: They on witness protection now right?

Disher: Yes unfortunately my cheques can't get to that

Me: We need to find a way to get through to that girl and her roommate or else it's game over

Disher: I came here because this firm was said to have the best lawyers. I'm willing to pay any amount to make this go away please don't disappoint

I nodded..

Me: I'll get to the bottom of it

(Silence)

Me: Who is the defense attorney?

Disher: A uhm.. A Malodi

Me: Mahlodi?

Disher: Yes I think that's her name

Me: She probably knows where they are being hidden

Disher: You do?

Me: Yes.. I'll handle it

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don't worry

Disher: I hope so

MAHLODI

I listened to the voice note again and again noting down a few things. This is going to be a very easy case to win I'm looking to have this kid put away for a long period of time. This kid has been said to have sexually violated more than 5 girls at his school. All girls were black not only is this a sexual violation case but it's also about race..

I can't let him get away with this I already have statements from the other victims which will help boys like these sicken me to the core.. **SIBA**

He finally came deep inside of me he squeezed my thighs for dear life and moaned louder next to my ear. As he was getting his composure back in order a loud breath escaped his lips then he loosened his grip on my thighs. I had a bit of pain arising from there.. I also exhaled and he kissed me on my neck.. He moved from my neck and kissed me on my lips..

Neo: I love you soo much

Me: I love you too

Neo: Even when I irritate you at times?

I laughed..

Me: Even when you irritate me at times

His hand cupped my breast..

Me: The idea of us going at it again makes me wet already but I gotta get home. Plus I don't want people showing up and peeping through the window

Neo: It's dark

Me: Either way I should get home

He kissed me again and slid out his cum followed right through..

Me: I'm going to need tissues

He switched on the light and searched around with his eyes he got a small packet of tissues and took some out..

Me: Hmmm looks like tissues that a girl would have

Neo: I have other two girls climbing my car remember? Pat and Lethabo
Me: Easy get away
He wiped me
Me: Thank you
Neo: Let me get you guys home
LORRAINE
I was dozing off but when John's picture of when he took his last breath flashed through my mind I quickly opened my eyes. I

looked around the room and there was no one the lights were still on. I stretched my hand and open the drawer I took out my sleeping pills.

I took out 3 from the bottle then I took the glass of water and drank from it..

KAT

I sat up straight my head was killing me. I was back at the psych ward after that incident with Pretty that time. It was said that I was lucky to be alive to have made it. When I returned I asked if the Nurse could change me to another ward she refused. Said all wards are full.. When I saw Pretty walking in I got out of the bed. I took the pillow and the blanket... She stood right in front of me and I swallowed..

Me: I'm sorry

She didn't say anything she walked to the bed and sat on it. I put the blanket down on the floor with the pillow and laid on it. This was going to be a long night..

SIBA

Me: Thank you for coming to get me

He was leaning against the car with his hands on my butt squeezing it..

Neo: Thank you for allowing me to pick you up

Me: I should go

Neo: Can you please come visit me this weekend?

Me: I'd like that very much

He smiled.. I smiled at him too..

Neo: I'll walk you in so they can see that I brought you home safely

Me: Okay

He held my hand and we approached the gate. When he opened the gate I pushed him out of the way..

Neo: Ohw it's like that now?

He slightly pushed me back too..

Me: Stop being childish! (Laughing)

Neo: You started it

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KAT

My Mom stopped by the following day to come and see me. I didn't have a good night sleep. Sleeping on the floor with the whole psych ward coming into life at night interrupted my sleep. The blanket didn't do anything the floor had no mercy on me. I woke up with my body aching I was exhausted and sleepy..

Ma: The last time I came I wasn't allowed to see you they said you had an accident

Me: Yes I did.. One of the patients banged my head against the toilet seat

Ma: That cannot be true I was told that you did that to yourself

Me: I didn't do that to myself you know me Ma.. I don't even know why I'm here I'm not crazy! I don't belong here I'm not like these people

Ma: You tried to kill yourself Kat that was unlike you but you did it! You almost killed yourself you put yourself in here

Me: I was in a bad state.. I lost my baby I wasn't thinking straight. I was hurt I was broken. I needed a way to deal with my pain and that was the only way I thought of but I am not crazy! If I continue to stay here I'm going to get killed

Ma: You have to tell the Nurses what's going on here

Me: I can't they don't care

Ma: Then we will report them

Me: They won't take us seriously. They get away with illtreating patients because it's a government hospital nobody cares!

Ma: I want to talk to the Nurses have them release you but I'm scared. Scared that you will get home and try to hurt yourself again

Me: I won't hurt myself again Ma!.. I need to be out of here this is no place for people like me.. I don't belong here!



I received an unusual call this morning it was a call from my mother..

Me: Lorraine

Ma: Neo how are you?

Me: I'm well and you?

Ma: I'm good

(Silence)

Me: Can I help you with something?

Ma: I just called to find out how you were doing how are the girls holding up?

Me: Lorraine what is it? What do you want exactly?

Ma: I miss you Neo I miss you so much

Me: Really? Thought I was replaceable thought I was replaced with Razor

Ma: Don't be crazy.. Razor is a senior partner at the firm it's just work

Me: Do you fuck all the senior partners?

Ma: What?

Me: Razor is walking around with his head held up high and proud that he fucked you at the office

Ma: It's not like that

Me: So you didn't get fucked in the office?

Ma: Mind how you talk to me I'm still your Mother!

Me: Then act like it! You don't kill my father steal my inheritance and then hire and fuck the same guy who almost killed me

Ma: Neo!

Me: Don't call me ever again Lorraine!

I hung up...

SIBA

Glo: Please pass me the knife

I passed her the knife..

Glo: Thank you

Me: You welcome

Glo: You seem happy

Me: Actually I am happy

Glo: What happened? What made you happy?

Me: It feels like my life is finally headed in a good direction steal my inheritance and then hire and fuck the same guy who almost killed me
Ma: Neo!

Me: Don't call me ever again Lorraine!

I hung up...

SIBA

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Glo: What happened? What made you happy?

Me: It feels like my life is finally headed in a good direction a direction that I'm more comfortable with. I am not relying on Neo for anything which causes us to fight less than we used too before. I am in a relationship because I wanna be in a relationship and not because I need to get something out of it. I am working and studying at the same time. I am getting my own for the first time without being helped and treated like a charity case. I am more focused on the positivity that's currently circling around my life than the past

Glo: I am very happy for you Siba. You an amazing person and you deserve all the best in life I'm glad God has finally lowered

his hand of mercy upon your life. When you told me about your life you have been through a lot. I'm glad you managed to hold on even when it seemed like you were drowning. Holding on to a better future and having faith it can do one better

Me: That's very true and I'm grateful for everything I don't take this for granted

Glo: I'm glad you are because you truly are blessed

Me: Thank you... Also thank you for everything

Glo: It's okay Dear I'm glad that you are determined. It's Fustrating supporting someone who has a negative mindset thank you for taking my advice with the school situation

Me: I should be thanking you you came through for me at my lowest

Glo: You welcome my Dear



When my mother left I went and sat outside to avoid conflicts and stepping on people's toes. One girl came to me..

Her: Hi

Me: Hi

Her: Unjani? (how are you)

Me: I'm well and you?

Her: ngiyaphila (I'm good)

She sat next to me.. Her: Mantwa Me: Kat Her: What are you in here for? Me: Depression Her: Ohw Me: You? Her: A mental breakdown after my mother's death Me: I'm sorry about your mother I lost my child too Her: I'm sorry about your child

Me: Thank you... It's good to communicate with a sane person for once

She laughed..

Mantwa: Once you accept your reality it becomes easier

Me: I'm not crazy

Mantwa: Being depressed doesn't mean you crazy it just means that you in denial to accept your current reality. Everyone gets depressed once in their lifetime but others struggle through with it. That's why they come here to get help they need before they driven to insanity

Me: This is not a good place the other patients are really insane

Me: We all dealing with our demons. To live peacefully in this place you have to step into their shoes and understand them. Most are here because witchcraft got a better of them and western medication is just making the situation worse It would've been nice if they bring in a Pastor once in a while

Me: I don't think I'll ever get used to this place

Mantwa: Then train your mind to find a happy place.

Medication can only take you so far the most depressing thing more than depression is having to rely on pills to stay right.

There's people who beat depression without medication training your mind from negativity to positivity is difficult. The same way it was easier for you to train it into negative thoughts that led you into depression is the same way you have to train it into thinking positive thoughts. It won't cost you anything

Me: That's very true thank you

Mantwa: Anytime

LORRAINE

I was upset that Razor informed my Son about our sexual encounter that day so I went to the office to talk to him..

Me: How could you?

Razor: Good morning to you too

Me: How could you tell my Son that you and I had sex in the office?

Razor: I didn't know it was a secret

Me: You didn't have to tell him

Razor: You don't care about your Son why do you care now that I told him about this?

Lorraine: Excuse me? I care about my son

Razor: You have a funny way of showing it

Lorraine: Are you trying to say I'm a bad Mother?

Razor: I don't know but I know my mother wouldn't hire the same guy who shot and almost killed me I know she wouldn't have sex with the same guy who almost killed me

Me: You have no right

Razor: I have all the right and if you don't mind I am working on a serious case you disturbing me. If you that bored go do some shopping isn't that what Trophy wives do? Go spend money they never worked for?

Me: I can still vote you out

Razor: I don't care Lorraine you can call a meeting and vote me out I don't care! In the mean time please leave I'm very busy!

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NEO

I had to meet up with Ges later on during the day he was having his merchandise delivered. He was doing an exchange.

We were in a warehouse the guy that he was doing an exchange with brought along 3 bodyguards. On our side it was just me and Ges...

Ges: Did you have to bring about your goons?

God father: I am a business man I always bring my men when a business deal is going down. You'll never know what can happen

Ges laughed...

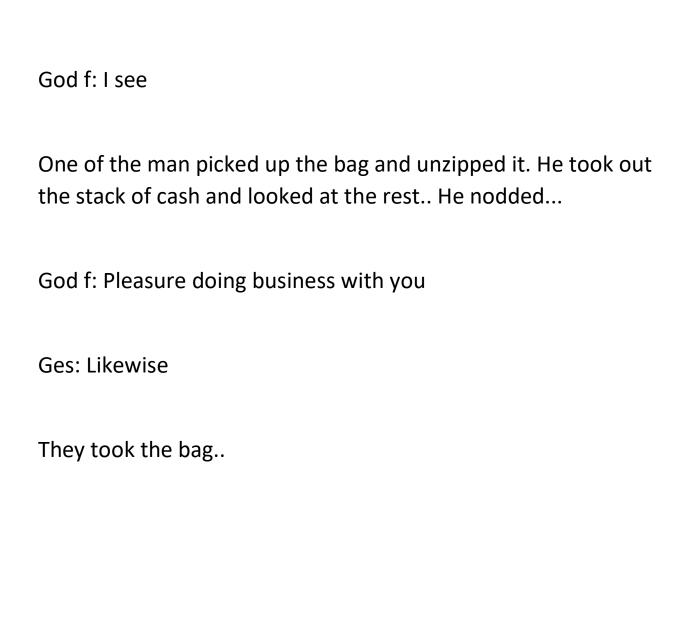
Ges: I am insulted. We have been doing business for years now this is unnecessary

God f: This is very necessary to make sure that I walk out of here safe with my money

Ges: Then let's do business

The God father looked at one of his guys he went to the car and got a bag. He came back with it. Ges looked at me I tossed them the back..

Ges: This is Neo.. He's my new I brought him in not so long ago. He'll be present in all our meetings from hereon



MAHLODI

I was in my office when Razor stood at the doorway and looked at me..

Razor: You work a lot

I smiled at him..

Razor: I'm hijacking you.. Come on we going out to eat lunch

Me: Can't do right now

Razor: I am not taking No for an answer come on

Me: Razor

Razor: Take your work with you you have to eat

Me: Fine I'll take the file with me

I got up and took the file from the table

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together with my bag. I walked to the door.

He spanked my butt..

Razor: You have to eat!

SIBA

I wasn't feeling so well when I knocked off. Sika had reduced my hours since I'm now attending classes. Actually Sis Glo talked to him on my behalf so I knock off at 14:00

Sis Glo insisted that she will manage on her own.. Sis Glo is the most amazing woman that I have met she's very caring and loving. She's a Mother that I never had and I'm grateful to have her in my life..

After eating my sandwich I ran straight to the toilet to vomit. I can't seem to keep anything down. I flushed the toilet to go and wash my hands and rinse my mouth. Then I walked back into the house and threw myself on the couch. I took my phone and called Neo he didn't pick up. I sent him a text:

"I'm not feeling well"

KAT

I walked up to the Nurse..

Me: Good day

She moved her eyes from the TV and looked at me..

Me: Sorry to disturb you

Nurse: What do you want?

Me: I was wondering if I could find a library around

She laughed..

Nurse: You not at school you in a psych ward!

Me: Any books around?

Nurse: Look around you this is a psych ward

Me: I just need something to keep busy with.. Please

She exhaled..

Nurse: Your antidepressants are not working?

Me: They working.. But I need something else to keep busy with

Nurse: Why don't you go work in the garden there's a groundsman that you can help there

Me: A garden.. That could help

Nurse: I think he has knocked off now He will be in tomorrow morning at 9am
Me: Okay thank you
Nurse: Now stop bothering me and leave
RAZOR
Waiter: Table for 2
Me: Thank you very much
I pulled the chair for her She sat down

Mahlodi: Thank you

Me: You welcome

I sat opposite her as the waiter gave us the Menus..

Mahlodi: Thank you

We looked at the Menus..

Waiter: Anything to drink in the meantime?

Mahlodi: Lemonade please

Me: Windhoek beer

Waiter: Coming right up

Mahlodi: Thank you for taking me out honestly speaking I needed this
Me: Anytime
Her phone rang
Mahlodi: I have to take this I'm sorry

She got up and left the table. I took the file then took out my phone I started taking pictures..

NEO

We were driving back to our warehouse when I read Siba's text. I called her right away..

Siba: Hey (Low voice)

Me: I just got your text... How are you feeling now?

Siba: Still feeling a bit dizzy

Me: Wanna see a Dr?

Siba: I have classes in a few hours

Me: Still wanna go to school even though you feeling sick?

Siba: I don't have a choice

Me: I'll come and drive you to school

Siba: You don't have too Babe plus the school is not so far

Me: I want too Siba: Okay I'll see you later Me: Okay be well for me Siba: Okay baby Me: I love you Nana Siba: I love you more I hung up.. Ges: How is she? Me: She's feeling a bit sick Ges: This is no life for you why don't you find another job? Me: Lorraine made sure that I don't find another job

Ges: That bitch!

Me: So rather than sitting and being stressed I have to do something I have a family to look after now

Ges: I understand.. A man has to do what a man has to do

Me: Exactly! Keep your head up at all times

RAZOR

Mahlodi came back..

Mahlodi: I'm sorry about that

Me: Don't sweat it

Mahlodi: We can order

Razor: I think I have to leave you

Mahlodi: Huh? What?

Razor: I just got a text that my client for this afternoon came early

Mahlodi: Ohw that's sad

Razor: I'll pay for your lunch then I'll make it up to you tonight..
How about dinner?

Mahlodi: I hope no late Client will be showing up then and you have to cancel on me
Razor: Nothing is going to interrupt our dinner
Mahlodi: I'll hold you to your word
I got up and walked over to kiss her on the cheek
Me: I'll call you later
Mahlodi: Later on it is
I took out money from my wallet and placed it on the table

Thato walked in..

Thato: And nou?

Me: I'm not feeling well

Thato: What's wrong?

Me: I just feel sick nje

Thato: Askies shame Skeem

Me: I'm drinking cold water hoping that it will help with the cold water

Thato: I hope it will help too... So I'm walking you to school?

Me: Neo will come

Thato: Sure skeem

Me: Thank you skeem

Thato: Yizo

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SIBA

Instead of going to school Neo took me to the Dr I couldn't handle this unusual sickness anymore. I couldn't keep anything down.. After the visit to the Dr Neo went and bought me a yourghut. It was better I managed to eat a few spoons..

Neo: How are you feeling now?

Me: A bit better thank you for taking me to the Dr

We were sitting on the couch with my legs on him. Sis Phindi went to bed early and Thato was out..

Me: Don't stay too late don't drive back to the flat late

Neo: I'm good.. Don't worry about me

(Silence)

Neo: Nana are you sure you going to survive work and school?

Me: I'm trying baby

Neo: I'm just worried about you guys

He put his hand on my tummy..

Neo: Dr said the first trimester is very critical you need rest and less stress

Me: I'm fine baby please let's not fight about this

Neo: I'm not fighting I'm just worried

Me: Well we are fine I promise

Neo: I'll take your word for it

Me: How is everything going?

Neo: I'm good

Me: Haven't spoken to your Mother?

Neo: Yeah we talked

Me: And?

Neo: Nothing much Nana

Me: I'm really sorry baby wish I could help

Neo: It's okay.. Don't worry about it

Me: If you say so

He looked at the time..

Neo: I have to get going

Me: Okay I'll walk you out

He helped me to get up..

MAHLODI

The dinner went well. No uninterrupted calls from clients. We had a peaceful dinner and I really enjoyed spending time with him so much that I ended up going to his place with him for "coffee". We actually did have coffee then the coffee led to something else..

Razor was good with his tongue damn good that I tried to lock him deep inside of me with my legs around his neck. The feel of his tongue all slippery on my clit and down to my hole it was amazing. I haven't had this much action in a while he was really good. His hands moved up to my breasts I still had my bra on. He squeezed as and that made me to roll my eyes at the back of my head I lowered my hand and ran it through his soft hair. I was enjoying how he was eating my pussy for dear life. He knew his business in that department. He ended up pulling my bra that's when I held get it off quicker than I usually do to let him have more feel on my breasts. I was sitting on the couch that's when I held get it off quicker than I usually do to let him have more feel on my breasts. I was sitting on the couch and he was kneeling down on the floor handling his business with me..

I kept on tossing and turning sleeping on the floor is not my cup of tea. I had no blanket covering my body I was freezing and the floor didn't have mercy on me. Dear Lord for how long do I have to endure this? Why can't they let me go? They holding me against my will. I got up and took the blanket with my pillow then I went to sleep on the bench at the waiting area. The Nurses just looked at me and laughed..

MAHLODI

He slid the condom in and then grabbed my legs. He dragged me to the edge of the couch and knelt right in my legs. He let go of my leg and directed his hard shaft inside of my already wet hole. I moaned as he made his way in and so did he..

Razor: Ohhh yeah!

He pulled out and slid himself in again teasing me a bit. I put my hand on my clit and started massaging it as he slid himself in again this time around he didn't slid out.

He went in deeper and I gasped. I felt him deep inside and it was a bit uncomfortable.

He held both my thighs and started pumping me I held on to both his hands and let him do this thing...

NEO

I got home to a very gruesome scene. Pat was on the floor with her wrists slit and Lethabo was sitting next to her crying. It looks like she has been crying for a while now trying to wake her Mother up. An empty bottle of wine and glass was next to her..

Me: Ohhh no!!!!!

LORRAINE

I looked at the couch again and blinked a few times. I swear that I could see John laying there exactly as how he laid when he was complaining about his stomach bug. I blinked a few times again and the couch was empty..

I walked over to the small table and poured myself a glass of whiskey. I downed it and ended up taking the whole bottle and drinking it..

ROSE (KAT'S MOM)

The original woman that we had to see was delaying so I went to see another one without Jojo..

I can't have Siba making it in life not after everything that her Grandfather did to us.

My anger overpowered any sense that I had I needed to do this. The next generation and all generations had to suffer. I tied her picture with a black ribbon I tied it around the thorny rose

sterm. I put the sterm in the 2 liter bottle that had the mixture. The mixture was black liquid I don't know what that man mixed it with. I then put everything in the wardrobe this is meant to block and bind her future. Anything that screams success in her life will be blocked..

SIBA

I was woken up by my heart beating fast. So fast that I thought it was going to beat out of my chest I rose up from the pillow breathing heavy. I felt this coldness and darkness lingering around. I had this unexplainable fear deep inside of me I woke Sis Phindi up

Phindi: Yini? What's wrong?

I shook my head..

Me: I don't know.. Something is not right I can feel it

She got out of bed and got the white candle. She took the box of match sticks..

Phindi: Come on let's pray

She came and helped me to get out of the bed then we went and knelt down as she lit the candle..

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NEO

Lethabo and I actually slept at the hospital on the chairs. That's how difficult the situation was. I can't believe Pat decided to do that do that in the presence of Lethabo. This is going to haunt her for a long time.

The Dr approached us..

Dr: Good morning

Me: Morning

Dr: I believe you are with Mrs Patricia Marè?

Me: Yes we are.. How is she?

Dr: Stable.. You did good by bringing in her early

That was a bit of a relief...

Me: Can we see her?

Dr: Not now maybe tomorrow

Me: As long as she's stable.. Thank you

He nodded and walked back. I picked Lethabo up and walked to the exit..

Lethabo: Is Mommy going to be okay?

Me: She's going to be fine

As we were walking out we bumped into Lorraine..

Lorraine: How is she?

Me: What are you doing here?

Lorraine: I saw you checked in at a hospital on your social media and you had uploaded Pat's picture

Me: You have no business here

Lorraine: Pat is family she was married to my Son

Me: You kicked us out

Lorraine: I didn't you moved out.. Both of you!

Me: We not going to do this in front of Lethabo Lorraine: Neo can you stop this nonsense and come back home? Me: No and don't come here again I'll alert the Nurses to not let you anywhere near her ward Lorraine: Neo!! SIBA When I got to work the following day I told Sis Glo about what happened last night..

Glo: You need to pray Siba don't sieze especially since you told me about how much your Aunt hates you

Me: I don't understand why family would do this to you I mean I did nothing to my Aunt. Why would she do this to me?

Glo: The thing is people who wanna bring you down are people who are always close to you. Family friends relatives and neighbours even colleagues. It's highly unlikely for a stranger to wish you harm

I nodded..

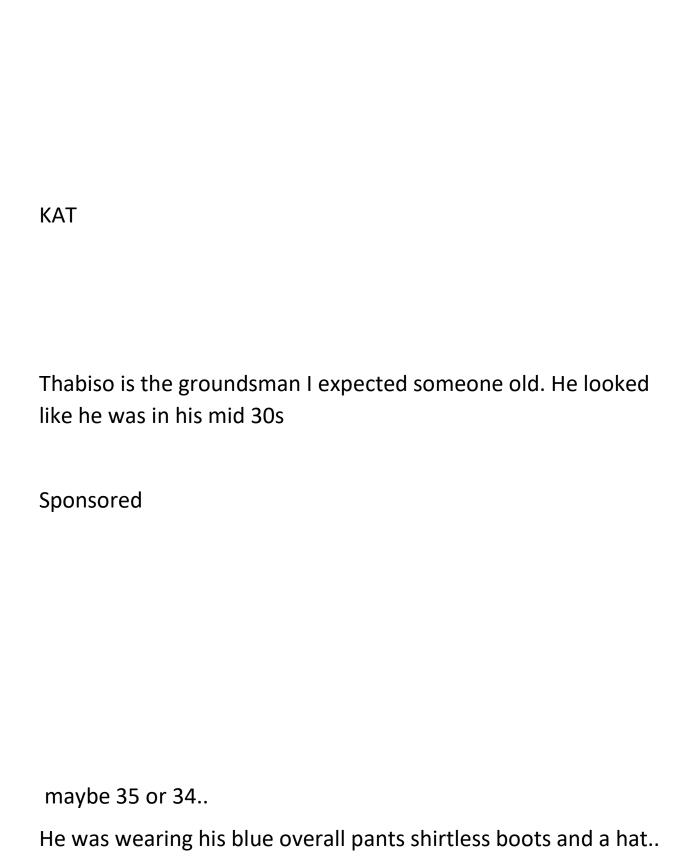
Me: It hurts they the only family I have left now. I wish that we could all just get along well

Glo: You did nothing to them just continue praying and God is going to fight for you
Me: Thank you
Glo: At 12 in the afternoon go to a quiet place even in the rest room to pray.
Me: I'll do that Thank you
RAZOR
I waited until he picked up
PI: Mr Van de Merwe

Me: Did you locate the witness protection house? PI: Yes Sir Me: Are they there? PI: Yes Sir.. There's two officers at the front door and a surveillance cop car parked outside the gate Me: Okay thank you.. Thank you for your help PI: Anytime I hung up and called Ace.. Ace: Razor

Me: Two officers at the front door and a cop car at the gate

Ace: Text the address Me: Right on it Ace: By tomorrow the job will be done Me: You better not mess up Ace: I'm a pro! Me: Good!! I'll wire your money after the job is done Ace: Half now and half tomorrow when the job is done Me: No problem Ace: Bye Me: Bye



He really kept the garden clean..

Me: Wow.. The garden is clean

Thabiso: There's no job that's useless every job is important no matter how useless it looks

Me: What do you enjoy most about the garden?

Thabiso: Everything.. You take care of nature and nature will take care of you too

Me: True

Thabiso: I believe you are interested?

Me: Very much

Thabiso: Why?

Me: Just to keep busy
Thabiso: I understand In this place you have to keep busy
Me: True
Thabiso: Let me show you how to trim the flowers
Me: I'd like that very much
SIBA
I received a text from Neo letting me know that Pat was admitted

Me: What? How did that happen?

Neo: She cut her wrists worse in the presence of Lethabo

Me: That's insane how serious is it?

Neo: She's going to be fine

I exhaled in relief..

Me: That's good that's better Babe.. How is Lethabo holding up?

Neo: She's sleeping in the car we slept on the chairs

Me: That's a relief Baby.. I'm truly sorry you don't need this right now

Neo: It's going to be okay.. How are you holding up?

Me: I'm holding up well

Neo: Still feeling sick?

Me: I'm a bit better today

Neo: That's good Nana

Me: Have to go back to work

Neo: Okay Nana I'll call you later

Me: Hey..

Neo: Yeah?

Me: Everything is going to be okay and I love you
Neo: I love you too
He hung up
MAHLODI
I took my phone and called Razor
Razor: Miss me already?
Me: Just a little

He chuckled...

Me: Just in a bit of pain

Razor: I'm sad to hear that

Me: I'll be fine.. How are you?

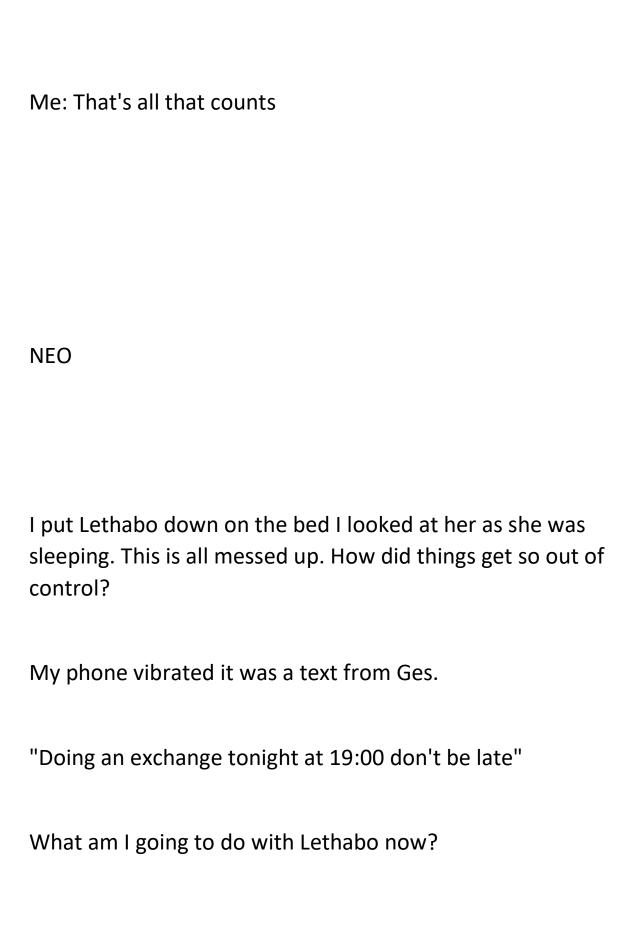
Razor: I'm good just going through that case hoping I'll beat you in court

Me: Well I doubt you will if it wasn't your job I'd say you evil

Razor: What can I say? He's paying us a lot of money to make this go away

Me: An amount of money to lose he's just donating it to you guys.. There's no way his Son is going to win this case.. There's too much evidence against him

Razor: Well at least I would've tried



KAT

Me: Here I got the water

Thabiso: Thank you

He took the bucket..

Me: Why can't they buy another hose pipe?

Thabiso: It's a government hospital they don't care

Me: I can see that

Thabiso: We'll jus	t have to	make it	: work someh	ow

Me: That's true

At least I'll be sending most of my time outside getting fresh air..

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SIBA

Later on I had to prepare for school as always after knocking off. But Neo called me and told me that he had to be somewhere and can't take Lethabo with. If I didn't love Pat it would've been a huge inconvenience for me but I told him to bring her over She might be uncomfortable with Sis Phindi so I will be forced to attend with her. It's a night school there's no strict rules so they wouldn't see it as a problem having Lethabo around..

Neo did bring her over he was in a hurry that he couldn't drive us to school so Thato stepped in and walked us..

Thato: It's sad.. Why would she commit suicide knowing very well that she has a daughter?

Me: From what I hear she struggles a lot with depression so she probably shut down and she was alone

Thato: I might sound ignorant but.. I thought rich people had rich problems

Me: Well they not as happy as you think they are quite frankly I think they have more problems than us they just try to mask them with money booze and drugs

Thato: She was on drugs?

Me: Alcohol abuse.. Maybe she had a few to drink and that led

her into doing this

Thato: Ya it's sad I just feel for the Kid

Me: Same here.. When she gets discharged she must really seek

help. For the sake of her child

Thato: That's very true.. Let me buy a cigarette and I'll get you

guys some sweets

Me: Okay... Thank you

MAHLODI

I drove straight to the witness protection house after receiving a call that the girls and the cops on guard were killed. Shot dead all of them except for one who managed to flee the scene. He was in the squad car..

The scene was very unsettling gruesome and uneasy to look at. The bodies were covered and there was a lot of blood.. Officer: You can't come in here

Me: I am their lawyer

He let me through so I can see everything clearly.. The detective in charge came to me..

Detective: Good evening

Me: Evening.. I'm their lawyer

Detective: Did you have any communication with them?

Me: Yes I did

Detective: Whilst they were on witness protection?

Me: Yes

Detective: How so? No one else was meant to know about the

witness protection.. Did you know that they were here?

Me: Yes I did

Detective: Did you tell anyone?

Me: What? No! Why would I snitch on my clients who had a key

to us winning this case

Detective: Are you up for a lie detector test?

Me: Yes I will do it if it will prove that I'm innocent

(Silence)

Me: Any leads?

Detective: We are looking into the opposing lawyer trying to find motive and the boy's family

I nodded..

Me: Who was the opposing lawyer?

Detective: Razor Van de Merwe

Me: No.. Razor wouldn't do this

Detective: You know him?

Me: Yes I do! He works at the Marè firm he would never play

dirty

Detective: You haven't seen what we have seen Mam' not everyone is as innocent as they seem to be

Me: I understand that... Razor wouldn't do this the Marè firm is built on morals. They would never play dirty they have good Senior partners who know what they doing

Detective: The Marè firm they haven't lost a case in a while how do they keep winning cases?

Me: As I've said

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they haven't lost a case in a while how do they keep winning cases?

Me: As I've said they have good lawyers

Detective: We will be looking into this Razor guy

Me: You'll be wasting your time

RAZOR

I gave Ace his money.. He took the envelope from me...

Me: Nothing is traceable back to me right?

Ace: How many people have I taken out for you? Have you ever

heard any complaints or loose ends?

Me: No

Ace: That should count for something this was a clean and

thorough job trust me

Me: It's fine.. I trust you!

NEO

Ges: We have added another substance to our drugs

Client: What are you talking about? What do you mean?

Ges looked at me and I cleared my throat..

Me: The chemical substance is said to create more euphoria which will create a high tolerance then people will be more dependent on the drug. The more the drug gives you a state of tranquility and happiness the more you would want more of it

Client: Overdosing will definitely kill I don't want to lose customers to death

Me: I understand.. With every drug whether it's legal or illegal it comes with it's own side effects. Even your typical pain killers but does that mean they don't relieve pain? Does that mean a person with a headache shouldn't take the drug because one of the side effects is possibly nausea or fatigue? When you get desperate to get rid of the pain you will take the pain killers. Now yes an OD will occur but that would've sky rocketed the sales people are going through a lot and they need emotional relief from drugs

The Client nodded..

Client: I like him where did you get him?

Ges: Somewhere far

Client: It's good to have someone with brains next to you for a change.. I will sign the contract then you deliver and I'll wire the money

Ges put his hand on my shoulder...

Ges: Good job

KAT

I bid Thabiso goodbye as he was done with his shift. For a change it was good conversing with someone who was sane. He should've long knocked off but he decided to stay with me for a while I truly appreciate that.. When he was gone I went back inside to take a shower. The Nurses didn't give me a hard time with that at least now I'll have someone to talk too everyday. Someone who will make my day less dull Mantwa was talking about this positivity. Helping Thabiso with his work is definitely going to help keep me sane around here..

SIBA

Duma: I am not so impressed with the results of the class test. You might not take them serious but they help you practice and get you ready for the final exams. You have been given a chance another chance to rewrite your mistakes. If you play with this chance you might never get it back. Now I have 5 scripts of people who actually performed well..

He started calling them out from the highest. I was surprised to have my name called too...

Duma: Siba Langa.. 15/20

I stood up and went to get my script..

Duma: For someone who just joined us you did good well done.

Keep it up

I smiled and took my paper..

Me: Thank you

ROSE (KAT'S MOM)

I decided to go and check the water in the wardrobe they changed from being black. To being white the rose had died and the thorns had fallen.. I threw it on the floor with so much frustration..

Me: Dammit!

Probably the person I consulted too is not so powerful this is suppose to work. Siba can't fight witchcraft with only prayer there has to be something else that she's doing on the side to protect herself. Probably Phindi is making her consult too she does look like someone who is familiar witchcraft..

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SIBA

I called Sis Phindi when I changed classes to tell her the good news I was shocked to come back home later to a cake cool drink and snacks. To celebrate my achievement of passing the class test.. It might seem like a small gesture but it was very sweet. No one has done such for me not even my Aunt of whom I lived with for years. I got emotional..

Phindi: We are very proud of you you just started school and already you passing

Me: It was really nothing

Phindi: Every achievement in this house is celebrated whether big or small

Me: Thank you very much I truly appreciate it

Thato: Well done skeem we are proud of you

Me: Thank you

Lethabo: Yey cake!

Me: Yes sweetie we going to eat cake!

NEO

Siba had texted me that Lethabo wanted to sleep over. I didn't mind because I think it's better she's in a company of people than being here with me all depressed. I want the picture of her Mother to be out of her head.

I was at the hospital sitting close to Pat's bed. She hasn't woken up and I was going through some documents that Ges gave me now that I'm working very closely with him..

RAZOR

I opened the door it was the Police..

Officer: Mr Van de Merwe?

Me: Yes?

Officer: I am detective Mabuza I'm the detective in charge of

the homicide of two girls and 3 cops

Me: Ohw yes heard about that

Detective: Do you mind if we ask you a few questions?

Me: Not at all.. Please come in

They made their way in..

Me: Anything to drink?

Detective: No.. Thank you we won't be long

Me: Okay

Detective: We going to need your Alibi where were you during

the night of the murder?

Me: I was with my girlfriend

Detective: Will she be able to confirm your Alibi?

Me: Yes... I can give you her number.. Mahlodi

Detective: The Lawyer?

Me: Yes please

Detective: So you two are dating?

Me: Yes we are

Detective: I see.. Has she ever discussed the case with you?

Me: Yes of course we talked briefly about it

Detective: Did she tell you the location of the girls?

Me: No.. Not at all

Detective: Okay.. Thank you for your time

Me: You welcome

I walked them to the door...

KAT

I took my blanket and pillow when the Nurse came to me it was a different Nurse..

Her: Why aren't you sleeping on your bed?

Me: Pretty sleeps here

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I don't want any altercation

Her: She's restrained she attacked one of the night Nurses last night so tomorrow morning she will be moved to another facility

Me: Are you serious?

Nurse: Yes

I exhaled..

Me: Thank God

I got in bed...

Me: For once I'll have a peaceful night or I hope

She chuckled..

Nurse: Well then good night.. It's time for my prayer session

Me: You pray

Nurse: I never work with patients without praying

Me: Okay

Nurse: You can join me if you want

Me: No thank you.. I don't wanna impose

Nurse: Please.. I insist

Me: Okay

I got out of bed..

MAHLODI

I drank the wine..

Lorraine: Slow down

Me: They made me take a lie detector test! I have never been

so humiliated in my life before!

Lorraine: I can't believe that they made you take one

Me: Exactly! I've never been corrupt with my cases this is insane!

Lorraine: Now they suspecting Razor too this is not a good image for my firm!

Me: This is insane I tell you

Lorraine: We have to get to the bottom of this I tell you!

Me: Definitely we need to find who did this I lost a case. A simple case! I'm sure that I'll be a laughing stock at the firm

Lorraine: I'll make a few calls!

SIBA

Phindi: You don't want anymore cake?

Me: No thank you I've had enough cake for tonight

Phindi: Tomorrow it's still another day

We heard a knock at the door...

Me: I'll get it.. It's probably Neo

Phindi: Okay

I went to open with Lethabo following me..

I opened the door and it was my Aunt Rose..

I let her in and closed the door...

Rose: Good evening

Me: Evening

She looked around Sis Phindi walked in...

Phindi: You not welcomed here.. What are you doing here?

Aunt Rose looked at me..

Rose: I underestimated you

We didn't say anything..

Rose: The witch doctor that you consult too is powerful awuthakatheki Siba (you can't be bewitched)

Me: What?

Phindi: What does that mean?

Rose: But rest assured I will find a good one one that is going to

help me bring you down

Phindi: Wait.. Are you confessing right now that you are

bewitching your Niece?

Rose: She is not my Niece!

This was unbelievable..

Rose: I will get you you can bet on that

She walked to the door..

Me: What did I ever do to you? Why are you doing this to me? I did nothing to you!

Rose: Your Grandfather did everything to me! You are the product of a generation that ruined me destroyed my life! Your Grandfather was a sick old bastard who took advantage of me and Jojo just because we were kids! I will not rest until his last generation has been taken care of including that baby you carrying! That is a promise!

She opened the door and walked out..

Phindi: Wow!

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I laid awake that night with a lot of questions in my mind and zero answers. My Aunt said a mouthful she told a history that I had no clue about. She called my Grandfather a rapist said he sexually abused them. Now I think I'm starting to understand why she has been treating me so bad abusing me.. It's all because of my Grandfather. I wish I knew everything I wish I knew the whole story. What really happened all the family secrets so I can understand her pain more. Though what happened to her was very sad but that's not an excuse for her to resort to something so drastic! Is this the reason why she has been treating me so bad all these years? The reason why my things took longer to work out? She blocked my success? Blocked me from realizing my dreams earlier? I felt a sharp pain crossing through my chest I struggled to breath. I sat up straight and put my hand on my chest and tried to breath normally..

The next morning I was at the office running through my cases for this week. I took my cellphone and called Ace..

Ace: Boss

Me: I need you to take care of something for me

Ace: I'm listening

Me: I have someone who is going to testify against my client in court tomorrow I need for you to visit him. Don't kill him just shake him up a bit so that he can change his testimony in court

Ace: Okay I get you

Me: I'll text you the address and name

Ace: Yes Boss

I hung up and texted him the address..

After a few seconds I heard a knock Jen walked in..

Jen: Good morning Sir

Me: Good morning

Jen: Someone is here to see you

Me: Client?

Jen: Uhm not ent-

Mahlodi walked in...I stood up...

Me: Babe

Mahlodi: Good morning

Jen: Should I bring you something to drink?

Me: Err no thank you.. We are fine

She walked out...

Me: How are you? Are you okay?

I walked up to her and kissed her on her cheek..

Me: What's wrong? You look disturbed

Mahlodi: I lost a case

Me: I'm so sorry what happened?

Mahlodi: Witnesses were killed

Me: You can still go through with the case can't you?

Mahlodi: The state lawyer will take over I know he's going to

lose

Me: Give the fella a benefit of the doubt

Mahlodi: You going to grill him in court

Me: If he has all the evidence then it's going to be a tight case

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Me: If he has all the evidence then it's going to be a tight case

plus the homicides will make it more difficult for me

She sat down...

Mahlodi: This is a mess!

I put my hand on her shoulder...

Me: It's going to be okay

SIBA

Neo showed up early to come and fetch Lethabo before I headed to work..

We walked to his car.. Neo was holding Lethabo he kissed her on her forehead..

Neo: Did you have fun Princess?

Lethabo: Yes we ate cake!

Neo: Ate cake? That sounds yummy did you leave some for me?

Lethabo: Errrrr.. Maybe

Neo chuckled...

He unlocked the door and put her in the back seats he crouched and strapped the seat belt around her..

Neo: Here we go.. Are you safe?

Lethabo: I'm safe

Neo: Okay

He closed the door and looked at me..

Neo: Thank you for looking after her

Me: It's okay

He put his hand under my chin..

Neo: Look at me

Hooked down...

Neo: Hey look at me.. What's wrong?

I walked closer to her and put my arms around his waist.. He wrapped his arms around me as I cried..

Neo: It's okay

I had a peaceful sleep and a peaceful night as a whole. Sleeping on the bed and not having to worry about that psycho... I went and bathe then had breakfast. I took my antidepressants and then went to the garden

Thabiso: You look happy this morning Nkosazana

Me: I feel good today

Thabiso: I can see that

Me: So how can I help?

I heard my mom's voice I turned around. She was standing there with one of the rude Nurses..

Me: I'll be back

I walked up to her..

Me: Ma

The Nurse left us..

My mom looked at Thabiso..

Ma: What are you doing?

Me: What am I doing?

She pointed at Thabiso..

Ma: That? What are you doing with that?

Me: He's just a fri-

She slapped me across the face..

Ma: This nonsensical behavior is what got you here in the first place! You fell pregnant and the father of your baby left you! Now you wanna fall pregnant again? You wanna keep on having babies with no sort of plan?

Me: Ma it's not like that

Ma: You disappoint me a lot Kat! Do you know where Siba is now? Working! After that she's going to school.. She's getting her matric in order she has a plan.. Wena you have nothing! Nothing at all!

That was a mouthful...

Ma: Sies!

She spat on the ground and walked away...

Ma: Into oyaziyo ubufebe nje! (all you know is whoring)

SIBA

We were sitting in the car..

He wiped my tears..

Neo: You okay now?

I nodded...

Neo: What happened?

Me: Just my family

Neo: They still at it?

I nodded...

Neo: This is insane you no longer live there moss

Me: I feel like getting away from here just move far

He held my hand..

Neo: How about you come and live with me?

Me: Neo

Neo: Listen to me.. You can move in and quit your job. I'll be able to take care of you and then you can concentrate on school how about that?

Me: I don't know

Neo: Let's try it out just this one time. If you don't like it then I won't bother you again with this

He kissed my hand...

Neo: Please.. For us..

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[3 MONTHS LATER]

I did take up Neo on his offer I moved in the next following day prior to the day he asked me to move in. I must admit that it was a whole lot better than I actually thought. I got more time to focus on my school work especially since we going to write preliminary exams in June. I was excited and nervous at the same time. I've been studying really hard and I hope that I will make it..

It was a Saturday morning Neo Lethabo and I were out shopping for baby clothes. We had a scan and it's a boy. We have already named him "Itumeleng". Neo is very supportive and things are better now between us..

He stood behind me and rubbed my tummy as I was holding some cute blue&white outfit

Me: I like this

He kissed me on my neck and bent my knees a little...

Neo: I like it too

Me: We can take it

Neo: Let's take it then

Me: And this bag

Neo: And the bag too

I gave them to Lethabo..

Me: Let's go and pay

KAT

I was discharged about 2 months ago. Unfortunately I had to move out of home because my Mother was impossible. What she put Siba through the abuse she put her through. She was putting me through the same thing. With the help of Thabiso I was able to get a job at Pick n pay. So we renting a room it's quite affordable. R900 a month.

With everything that's happened I'm trying to contact Siba so that I could apologize to her.

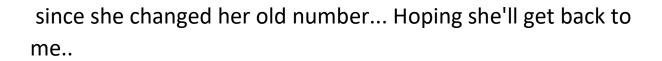
How I treated her was not fair at all she didn't deserve it..

I realized that life is too short my Mother can die anytime. Siba
and I we going to be the only family left the only kids to our
Parents. We should continue holding each other and be family.
I sent her an inbox on Facebook asking for her whatsapp
contacts since she changed her old number Hoping she'll get
back to me

LORRAINE

The firm was going under. With our cases

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LORRAINE

The firm was going under. With our cases witnesses and suspects were getting murdered or threatened. We were getting a very bad reputation and we were under investigation. Razor was under investigation

It was a nightmare clients were pulling out.

Big and reputable clients were pulling out.

We were going broke and partners wanted to pull out too. It's
like I was living in a nightmare that I probably was going to
wake up from soon

The brench manager made his way into the office..

Him: Good morning

Me: Good morning

He sat down..

Him: I believe you want to make a withdrawal on Mr Marè's account?

Me: Yes please

Him: The account has 5mill in it

Me: Yes that's true

Him: Unfortunately we can't give you the money

Me: Why not? I am his wife.. He left everything to me it said so in his will

Him: Yes but Mr Marè clearly signed that this money should go to his Son.. Neo Marè

Me: I understand but..

Him: His Son is still alive so the money is his. The money belongs to him and we can't give it you. We apologize

Me: I understand.. Thank you thank you very much

Him: You welcome

This was a disaster...

MAHLODI

My Mom and I went to a beauty Spa today just spend the day together..

Ma: This is better than my initial plan

Me: The Marè firm is really taking a downfall Ma

Ma: Exactly what should be happening!

Me: It's not Lorraine's.. It's Neo's legacy

Ma: I don't care! All I care about is Lorraine losing everything and you better not tell Neo about this!
KAT
Me: Here you go
Lady: Thank you
She took her receipt and left
I checked Facebook again and Siba had replied. She gave me her whatsapp number I smiled Today I was working at the liquor store so it wasn't that busy



I received a text from Ges he wanted to meet

I looked at Siba and Lethabo eating ice cream..

Me: Babies

They looked at me..

Me: Let's go I have to go somewhere

Siba: Okay we'll finish off our ice creams at home.. Come baby

Lethabo: Okay Aunty

We took our things and made our way to the car..

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Pat: These clothes are adorable

Me: They are.. Aren't they?

Pat: Too much.. They remind me of the time when I was pregnant with Lethabo but they were pink

Me: Can't believe that in a few months time I'll be having a baby.. Like I'm going to be a Mother

Pat: You never get used to it

Me: It's an amazing experience feeling moving and kicking

Pat: I remember that like it was yesterday.. Ain't you going to school?

Me: They gave us 2 weeks off to prepare for the preliminary exams

Pat: I'm really proud of you you are an inspiration

Me: I never thought that my life would turn out this way I've always thought that I'm destined for tragedy

Pat: Things get better as time goes on

Me: I'm glad you in a better place

Pat: speaking of better places I have to go and attend therapy

Me: I'll see you later don't worry about Lethabo I'll watch her

Pat: Thank you for helping out with her

Me: You welcome.. You would do the same for me

Me: True.. Enjoy therapy Pat: It's always a thrill.. See you later Me: Later it is KAT Thabiso called me it was my lunch break.. Me: Hey

Thabiso: Hi

Me: How are you?

Thabiso: I'm good and how are you?

Me: I'm good too

Thabiso: I just transfered you money for lunch

Me: I saw.. Thank you Baby

Thabiso: Maybe buy something we can eat later on too.. I don't know if you feel like cooking later on?

Me: Certainly not.. Thank you so much love

Thabiso: I'll see you later then enjoy your day

Me: You too

Thabiso: I love you
Me: I love you too
I hung up and went to clock out for lunch
SIBA
Heard the door bell ringing
I left the bedroom and went to open it was Lorraine
Me: Lorraine

Lorraine: Siba Me: Uhm.. Lorraine: May I please come in? Me: I don't know Lorraine: Please Me: Neo is not here Lorraine: I am not here to see him I'm here to see you Me: To see me? Lorraine: Yes.. Please

Me: Lorraine I don't think it's a good idea

Lorraine: Please.. Don't make me beg Me: Okay come in She made her way in.. She looked around.. Lorraine: Such a beautiful flat Me: Thank you She turned around and looked at me..

Me: Yes I am

Lorraine: You getting big

Lorraine: That's good.. I can't wait to meet the baby

Me: Uhm you wanted to see me?
Lorraine: Yes
(Silence)
Lorraine: I just want to apologize for everything that I have done to you I am truly sorry
Me: Thank you very much
Lorraine: I should have never treated you that way it was wrong of me
Me: I understand and thank you
Lorraine: I would like for us to start over
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it was wrong of me Me: I understand and thank you Lorraine: I would like for us to start over get to know each other Me: Ohw I see Lorraine: So what do you say? Me: I will have to think about it Lorraine: I understand I nodded..

Lorraine: I have to go let me not keep you from whatever it is that you were doing
Me: Thank you for stopping by
Lorraine: Anytime
RAZOR
I was having lunch with Ace in a private location
Ace: You are getting way out of hand I think we should slow down
Me: Slow down for what?

Ace: All these deaths.. The firm is under investigation

Me: I don't care about that firm

Ace: I care about my freedom I don't want anything leading back to me

Me: You are blowing everything out of proportion. We have been doing this for a long time we going to be fine

Ace: I just don't feel good about this

Me: I'm enjoying every part of it

Ace: I see it looks that way.. Just don't get burnt

SIBA

Ever since what my Aunt confessed I find it hard to trust people. Lorraine coming here and wanting to fix things that's strange. I don't trust her at all. So I called Neo..

Neo: Nana

Me: Hun

Neo: Are you okay? Is everything okay?

Me: Everything is fine just that.. Lorraine was here

Neo: What?

Me: Yes

Neo: What did she want?

Me: I don't know.. Wanted us to fix things

Neo: How the hell did she get our address?

Me: I don't know

Neo: This is ridiculous! I don't want her anywhere near you or the flat next time she shows up you call me right away

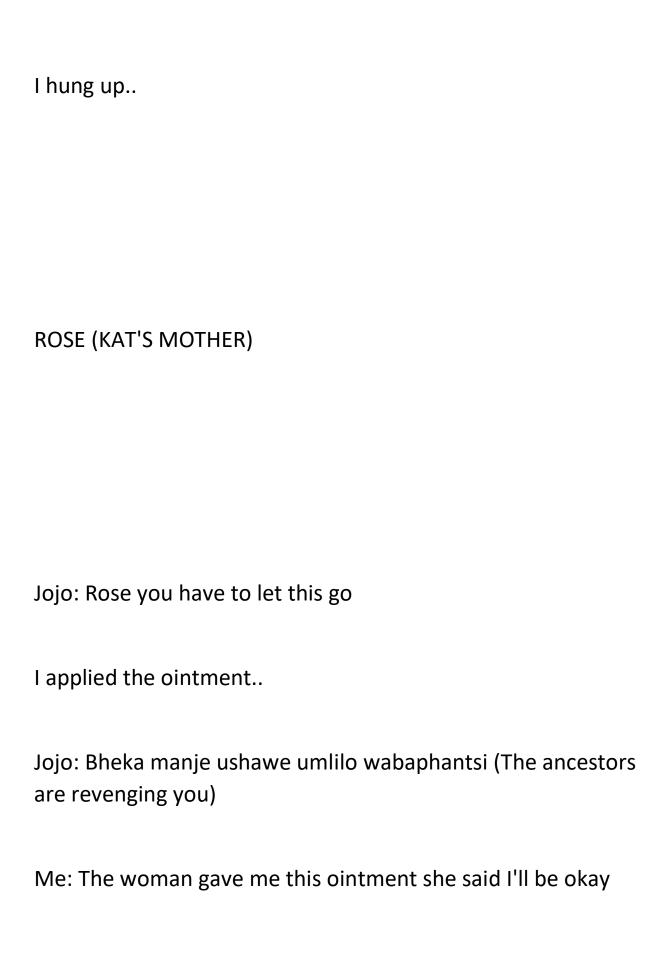
Me: I'll do so.. When will you be home for dinner?

Neo: I'm not sure but I won't be late

Me: Oh okay

Neo: I love you

Me: I love you too



Jojo: You've been using it since from last month and it's not making a difference

Me: Jojo I'll be fine

I got up from the chair..

Jojo: Oh my word!

Me: What?

She looked at the chair I looked at the chair too. My skin had peeled off parts of it was on the chair with drops of blood..

Me: Get me a bandage Jojo hurry!

I was experiencing something that I have never experienced before. For the past month my skin has been burning and peeling off. I have seen Doctors and they gave me ointments that never worked. I saw this other woman she's a healer she mixed something for me but it provides temporary relief. Then after we back to square one..

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[SEASON FINALE]

KAT

I was tired when I got home from work. I knocked off at 19:00 and arrived home at 19:50. Taxis get full fast late at night because almost everyone is knocking off

Or has knocked off later.. Thabiso was long prepared for today's mid week church service. He is a very spiritual person and I have joined his church I like his church. I enjoy being there It has brought me so much peace. Unexplainable peace.. I put my bag on the bed..

Thabiso: You look tired

Me: I am

Thabiso: Guess you won't be joining me tonight

Me: I can't miss tonight's service it's a prayer session

Thabiso: I don't want you passing out

Me: I won't.. I promise

He kissed me on the cheek...

Thabiso: I'll boil water for you

Me: Thank you very much

SIBA

Neo walked in.. I was preparing dinner..

Neo: Good evening

Me: Hey Hun

Neo: You preparing dinner?

Me: Yes Neo: Where is Pat? Me: Pat is resting Neo: You should've called I would've brought dinner Me: Why? You don't like my cooking? Neo: I love your cooking and it seems like you only satisfy one person Me: Huh? Neo: Babe your cooking is led by your cravings Me: I am offended!

Neo: I know and I'm sorry but it's the truth you make everything spicy.. Go easy on the hot sauce

Me: I can't believe you just said that that's very offensive Neo: I'm sorry Me: Do you know for how long I have been standing? Neo: Well I love you so when you love someone you take them with their everything Me: Yeah whatever He laughed.. Me: How was work? Neo: Work was good Me: Won the case?

Neo: Well you can say that

Me: Tomorrow I'll bring you lunch at work

Neo: As much as that seems like a good idea but I just started at this job and I have to prove myself. Can't have you around it'll be a distraction

Me: I understand

Neo: Let's give it a few more weeks before we can do work visits

Me: Okay hun

Neo: So Lorraine was here?

Me: Yes she was

Neo: She doesn't give up!

Me: I don't trust her
Neo: I don't trust her too I'll tell her to stop coming
Me: Thank you
Neo: Let me go and shower so we can eat dinner
Me: Okay
LORRAINE
I was attending a late meeting at the firm and our senior Partners were threatening to leave the firm unless I bring back Neo

Thobeka: Lorraine everyone can see that Razor is up to no good. All his cases the witnesses turn up dead or evidence mysteriously disappears. It's not rocket science that he's playing dirty now I know we do play dirty at times but this is insane. The firm is being investigated he has tarnished the Marè name and we unfortunately cannot be associated with such.. I'm sorry but our reputations are at stake here we haven't signed new clients in a long time and all our existing clients want Neo. No one but Neo

Me: Razor is a good Lawyer

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he went to the best school

Lukhele: Going to the best school doesn't make you a good lawyer. When you in the field that's what makes you a good

lawyer. If you don't bring back Neo then we are leaving you will

all of us and you will be forced to shut down

Bloom: We have already voted him out so tomorrow first thing

in the morning you will have to force him to resign

Thobeka: It's for the best

MAHLODI

Mom: I was thinking

Me: Yes?

Mom: The Marè firm is going down. Now rumor has it that senior partners are going to pull out the firm will go bankrupt.. Lorraine will be forced to sell and we can buy it turn it around

Me: Ma.. This is beyond spiting Lorraine. This is Neo's legacy

Mom: I don't care! All I care about is that I want that firm! And you will make sure that I get that firm! Don't tell me about Neo!

KAT

My phone rang as Thabiso and I were walking to church it was Aunty Jojo. I sighed and answered..

Me: Aunty Jojo

Jojo: You have to come back home

Me: That's not going to happen

Jojo: Your mother needs you

Me: My mother treated me shit! My Mother is not a good person she's a manipulative and vindictive woman. I don't want anything to do with her worse she's not even apologetic about everything. She doesn't want to change

Jojo: It doesn't matter! At the end of the day she is still your mother! She needs you and you better come back

Me: I'm not coming back I'm happy where I am

Jojo: Cohabitation is not an achievement

Me: It's not an achievement but it's peaceful and I'm happy! More happier than I was when I was still back at home.. Whatever Mom is going through she brought it to herself!

I hung up..

LORRAINE

I got to my car and called Razor. I explained to him that he has to resign if he doesn't resign I was going to lose my firm..

Razor: I am not resigning

Me: You have too

Razor: If they want to leave let them leave! I am winning cases on my own

Me: You not winning cases you playing dirty and that's not good for the image of this firm

Razor: Tomorrow morning you are going to vote for me to stay you have the biggest vote. You are the major shareholder and you are going to vote for me! Let them leave!

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[SEASON FINALE]

LORRAINE

The following morning we were gathered in the seminar room with regards to Razor. We voted for him to resign I had to vote against him for the benefit of the firm. I can't sacrifice my firm for him it's the only thing I have..

Thobeka: That concludes it then Mr Van de Merwe is no longer a part of this firm. Please leave your resignation at the reception on your way out

He stood up with his eyes fixed on me then he buttoned his jacket and walked out..

Thobeka: You made a right decision

I nodded..

SIBA

That morning I went to meet up with Kat. We talked last night on whatsapp and decided to meet today for breakfast..

Kat: Look at you pregnancy is treating you good

Me: Thank you

We both sat down. I thought that this was going to be awkward considering everything that has happened between us but we were happy to see each other...

Me: You look good Kat you look more happy and very much at peace

Kat: I am.. I'm very happy certain life experiences make you change I've been through a lot lately and it took my hard experience to make me change. Make me see life in a different perspective

Me: Seems like you had an awaken

Kat: True.. First and foremost I would like to apologize for everything that I have done to you. You didn't deserve it you didn't deserve none of it and I'm truly sorry

Me: It's okay Kat.. Honestly speaking that's all I wanted to hear from you

Kat: I know it's difficult trusting someone who has done you bad and I understand if you don't want anything to do with me but I would really appreciate it if you could give me a second chance because honestly speaking we the only family we have

now.. I am no longer in communication with my Mother because of the person that she is. I wanna be different I don't wanna hurt people especially family because family is what you going to have when everything closes in on you. I want to have a healthy relationship with others you can't live peacefully by hurting others.. My mother is suffering because of her sins and I don't wanna be a part of it. I can choose to be different I choose not to be my Mother. I wanna be a different generation

I looked at her..

Me: The funny thing is that I believe you. I can see that your apology is genuine and sincere. Honestly speaking Kat all I ever wanted was for us to get along well. I don't have any siblings you the only sister I have and you don't have siblings too. Our Mothers had hate for each other hate that I don't understand too.. We shouldn't carry that hate with us it's not healthy we need to be different

Kat: That's true.. Going to church praying and fasting her lightened my soul. I feel more lighter like a heavy burden has been lifted off my shoulders

Me: I understand I'm happy that we talked

Kat: I have so much to tell you Me: Me too hey.. Me too NEO Mahlodi called me and asked me to come to her office. She told me a lot of shocking things. Things that my Mother have done Sponsored

praying and fasting her lightened my soul. I feel more lighter like a heavy burden has been lifted off my shoulders

Me: I understand I'm happy that we talked

Kat: I have so much to tell you

Me: Me too hey.. Me too

NEO

Mahlodi called me and asked me to come to her office. She told me a lot of shocking things. Things that my Mother have done evil and disgusting things. From poisoning my father to seducing the lawyer into changing the will..

(Silence)

Me: Neo I'm sorry

Me: Why now? Why are you telling me now?

Mahlodi: I liked the firm when you were still there it was healthy competition. That firm is your legacy something that your Father gave in his life blood and sweat too.. I'm truly sorry I should've told you about this a long time ago

Me: I understand.. At least you said something I respect you for that

Mahlodi: Razor is turning that company into something else working closely with Lorraine Neo you have to do something
Me: I'll go and see the lawyer right away Thank you
Mahlodi: Just get your firm back that's how you can thank me I still want to beat you fairly
I chuckled
Me: We'll see about that!
LORRAINE

I walked in on Razor packing his things..

Me: When I brought you here I thought that you were going to turn this firm around
He chuckled
Razor: This is long from over Lorraine this is long from over
SIBA
Me: Hmmmm Thabiso

Kat: He's a very good guy you know now I understand why my baby passed on. Dante was not the one for me he was not a part of my journey

Me: That's very true

Kat: I can take you to his grave if you like I wanna erect a tombstone for him next month

Me: I'd like that a lot.. I'm just saddened that Itu won't be able to meet his cousin

Kat: It's okay.. I'll have other kids in the future

Me: I'm glad you decided to change Kat honestly speaking I missed how close we used to be

Kat: Me too

Me: You should also register at Abet next year rewrite you
matric and take it from there

Kat: I'll think about it (Smiling)

Me: We have to be a generation of success people

Kat: That's very true.. I'll consider it

NEO

I drove straight to the Lawyer and he did confess everything. He gave me the correct will and tapes that my father left for me and other documents..

Lawyer: Please Neo.. I know what I did was wrong but please.. I can't go to jail I have a family to feed

I looked at him..

Lawyer: Please I'll do anything to fix this

Me: Anything?

Lawyer: Yes anything please

Me: Okay I will contact you about that "Anything" as soon as I get to the bottom of this I want you to testify against Lorraine

He nodded...

Me: If you breath a word to her about this I'll make sure you also get locked up and they throw away the key

Lawyer: I won't say anything.. I promise

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(SEASON FINALE)

SIBA

I was happy when I went back to the flat I had a great time with Kat.. I found Neo in a very disturbing mood he explained to me what had happened. About him attaining all the evidence that incriminates his Mother to the death of his father and also how she had the will changed. I was surprised but also not surprised I was just surprised that there was proof now. Lorraine is very evil how do you do such to your own child? Your own flesh and blood. A child that you gave birth too and carried for 9 months? I was disgusted and upset..

Neo: Are you ready?

Me: Are you ready?

He nodded.. We watched the tape. Apparently John had a few hidden cameras in the house cameras that no one seemed to know about. One camera that caught everything was the one that showed Lorraine putting something in John's whiskey

bottle. So she's been poisoning him it didn't start that day. I believe it was making him sick slowly as he drank a glass from the bottle each time. Neo paused the tape..

It was quiet.. I didn't know what to say..

Me: Ba-

Neo: I need a few minutes.. I'll be back

He got up and walked out..

MAHLODI

Ma: What are you talking about? What do you mean that you moving out?

Me: I can't do this anymore I'll go crazy. This environment is not good for me and I'm old to have you dictate my life like this! You have too much evil in you Mother and I no longer wanna be a part of it

Ma: What do you mean by that? When your father passed on we took all the money he left to put you through law school so that you can be a better person! You went to the best school with that money even the one that was left for me I sacrificed it for you. Now you standing there telling me that you moving out?

Me: Like you said my Father left me that money. I was entitled to it it was my inheritance! And I put it to good use

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I went and got a law degree today I'm one of the best lawyers

in South Africa!

She slapped me across the face..

Ma: Don't you dare stand there and tell me all that nonsense!

Just because you one of the best lawyers in SA that doesn't

mean you should disrespect your own mother like this! I am so

disappointed in you Mahlodi

Me: Me too.. I'm disappointed that I was raised by such an evil

person

Ma: Get out and don't ever come back

Me: With pleasure!



Pat found me pacing up and down..

Pat: What's wrong?

Me: Uhm...

Pat: What is it?

Me: Neo attained all the evidence that he needed to know what happened to his Father Lorraine killed him and she forged the will

Her eyes widened...

Pat: I knew it! I damn well knew it!

Me: Neo is taking it pretty hard

Pat: Neo should turn her in.. He shouldn't attack her or do anything to her she's not worth him going to jail

Me: Very true

Neo walked in...

Neo: I'll be right back

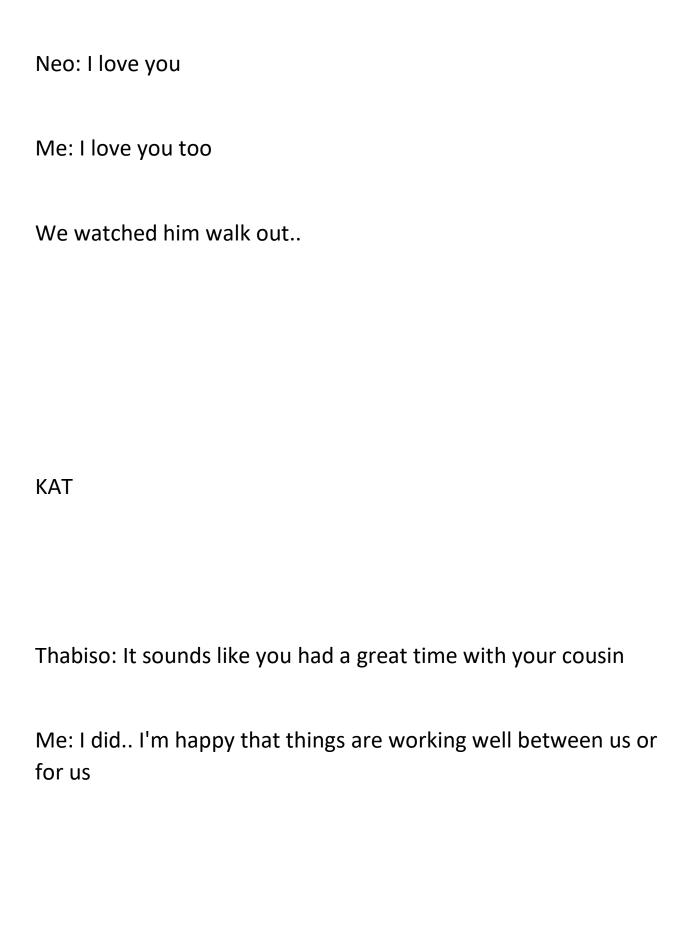
Me: Where are you going?

Neo: Taking these to the police

Me: Please don't do anything stupid I don't want you going to jail..

Neo: I know.. I won't do anything stupid.. I promise

He kissed me on my forehead..



Thabiso: I'm glad that you guys are getting along which is why I wanted to run something by you

Me: It sounds serious

Thabiso: Not really.. I just want us to go and visit my family this coming weekend

Me: Are you serious?

Thabiso: Yes I'm serious

Me: Wow uhm.. Elders don't take kindly into cohabitation

Thabiso: My family is not like that but.. I also wanna save up for that by next year I wanna pay lobola for you. I think I'll have enough

Me: The sound of that would've made me happy if my Mother wasn't the way that she is

Thabiso: Everything will work itself out If God was able to change you how much more with your Mother
I nodded
Me: I hope so
He pulled me closer to him
Thabiso: Everything is going to be okay
LORRAINE
I went to see the lawyer and he was packing up
i well to see the lawyer and he was packing up

Me: Going somewhere? Him: Yes Me: Where are you going? Him: I am closing down my office Me: Why? He looked at me.. Him: He knows.. He knows everything Me: What do you mean? Him: Neo came here

Me: You told him?

Him: I didn't tell him anything he already knew! He came here and threatened me! Me: Ohh my word!! Tell me you joking Him: It's over Lorraine it's all over! NEO I was hurt and angry. If if it was up to me I would kill Lorraine myself but I have a baby on the way. I don't want my son having to visit me in prison so I had to do it the right thing..

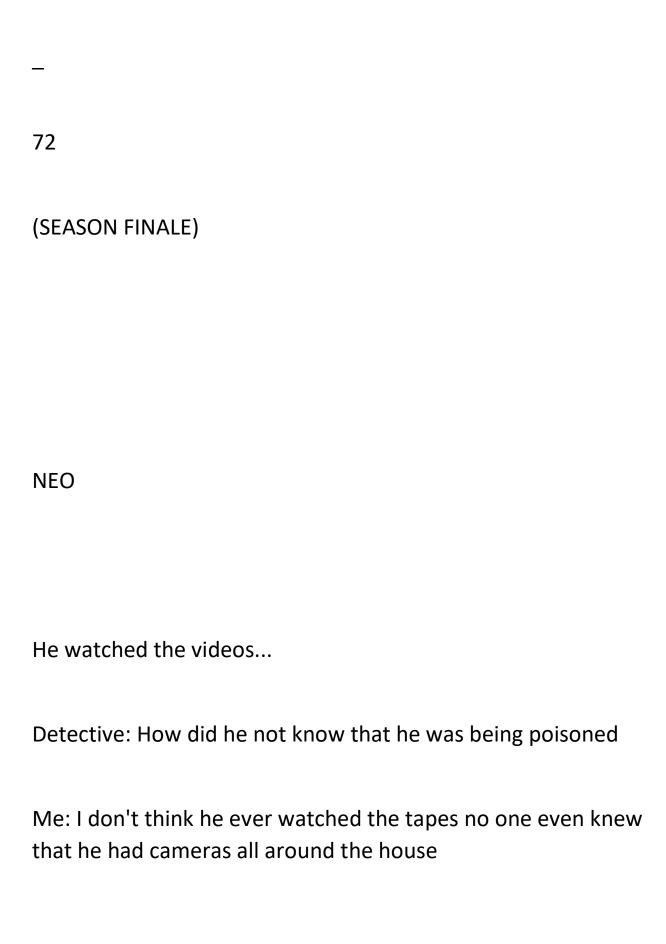
I drove straight to the police station Detective Gabe. He's an old time friend my Father's friend. I know he will do the right thing because he was that close with my father. He is a good cop and has years of experience. He is not involved in corruption and I trust him.. I know that the will do the right thing and do right by my father..

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Detective: Probably he put them for different reasons

Me: Maybe.. We will never know

Detective: Or he just knew the type of woman that he had married and he knew about his fate. Whatever the reason was John did good by putting cameras all around now we can avenge his death the proper way get him the justice he needs

Me: I am counting on you

Detective: With all this evidence Lorraine will be going away for a very long time

Me: That's what I wanna hear

Detective: I'm truly sorry about your father he was a good man.. A very good man

Me: Thank you I trust you to get him justice.. The justice that he deserves

Detective: I'll get to it right away make sure that we don't give her any time to make a run for it

Me: I don't think she knows

Detective: Either way.. Better early than sorry

Me: Yes that's true

Detective: I'll keep you posted about everything

Me: Thank you

KAT

I took that leap of faith and called my Mother hoping that I'll have a decent conversation with her..

Ma: What do you want?

I chuckled..

Me: I guess some things don't change

Ma: What do you want me to say? You moved out of home.. A good home to go and live with a man! You work at Pick n Pay I had high hopes for you and you disappointed me

Me: If home was so warm if home was so welcoming I would be at home right now! Can't you see? Can't you see what you have done? I left home because of you! Because of your evil heart

Ma: Why did you even call me then? What do you want? Stay there with your boyfriend. Living with a man that hasn't even married you. Busy doing wifey duties for him no wonder why that guy left you after the baby died: That's what you are? That's who you are now.. A thing that will be used by Men and they going to leave you! This one will leave you for a better woman! You watch and see mark my words

I hung up all upset.. I can't believe she just said all those hurtful things to me...

MAHLODI

Here is your room key..

Me: Thank you

I took the key and walked to the elevator. I looked at the key "Room 33"..

This is going to be my new temporary homs until I can find a nice apartment for myself one that I'll be comfortable in.. Razor and I we haven't spoken for a while now I don't know what happened but he went quiet on me. I'm suspecting it has everything to do with what's happening at the firm Razor was starting to give me weird vibes. I couldn't trust him anymore

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Razor was starting to give me weird vibes. I couldn't trust him anymore hence why I decided to tell Neo everything so that he could reclaim back his father's firm and get it back to what it used to be...



I was worried about Neo worried that he might go after Lorraine and do something stupid. I can't afford to lose him not now..

He picked my call this time around..

Neo: Nana

I closed my eyes and let out a sigh of relief..

Me: Where are you? Are you still at the station?

Neo: I'm on my way back

Me: Okay that's good so what's going to happen now?

Neo: Hoping Lorraine will be wearing a prison uniform soon

Me: With the evidence that you had against her it's enough to put her away for a long time

Neo: I hope so

Me: I'm proud of you proud that you were able to contain your anger

Neo: She was not worth it and still is not worth it... Let her own demons deal with her

Neo: That's true.. I'll see you when I get home

Me: Okay I love you

Neo: I love you too

Officer: Are you going to open or should we get a warrant?

I pressed the button and the gate opened.

I started pacing up and down nervously.

After a while I heard the door bell ringing.

I dragged my legs to the door I opened the door they made their way in..

Detective: Good evening

Me: Evening

He looked very familiar...

Detective: Mrs Lorraine Marè you are under arrest for the murder of your late husband John Marè. You have a right to remain silent anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law.. You have a right to an attorney if you don't have one. One will be provided to you



Thabiso: I know I'm sorry just leave her and let her be
Me: I am so hurt
Thabiso: I understand and I'm truly sorry my love I'm truly sorry
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Nurse: Good day

Me: Good day

Nurse: How are you holding up?

Me: I'm a bit better

Nurse: How is the pain threshold?

Me: 8/10

Nurse: Ohw that's not feeling better at all

Me: It comes and goes

Nurse: For your first time giving birth you really are taking this better than our other patients

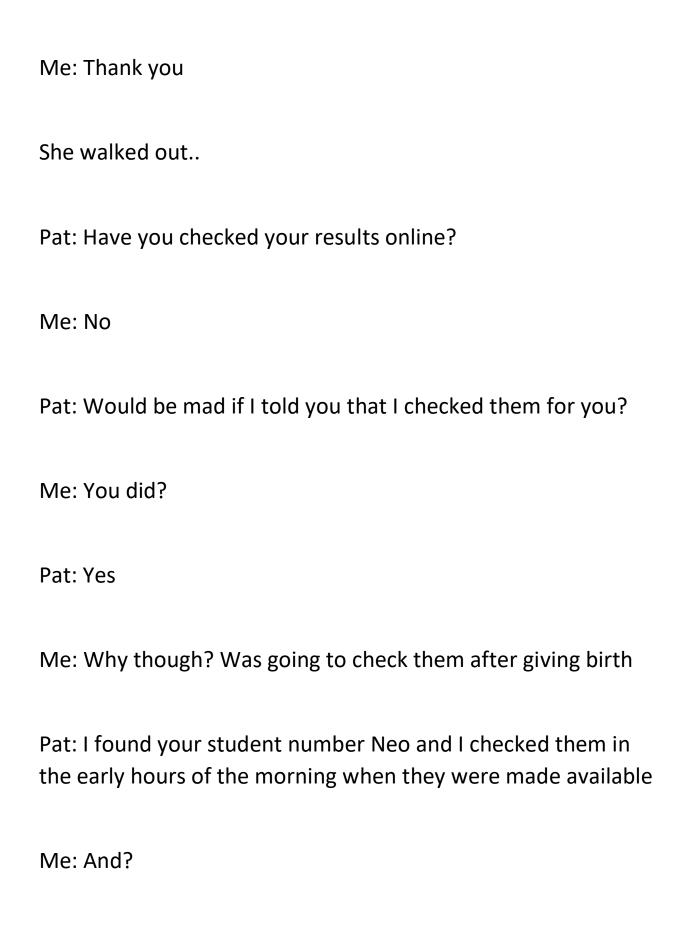
Me: Well I'm just looking forward to holding him

Nurse: Amazing experience.. In other news you have been trending

Me: Still?

Nurse: People are looking forward to meeting the newest addition to the Marè family

Me: I haven't even checked social media today Nurse: I don't blame you Pat walked in.. Pat: Look at her taking this experience better than some of us Nurse: She truly is Me: I'm not a cry baby Pat: Ohh we will see about that Nurse: I'll leave you two ladies alone She looked at me.. Nurse: If you need anything just press the button



She looked at me..

Pat: You passed you passed very well

Me: Are you sure?

Pat: Mathematics 75%

Physical sciences 60%

Life sciences 89%

Me: Don't play with me..

Pat: I'm not playing with you Neo is so proud of you

I closed my eyes and exhaled..

Pat: You not going to cry are you?

I shook my head..

Me: I'm trying not too

Pat: We are very proud of you you've done well and we also can't wait to meet our next gift tomorrow

I wiped my tears..

Pat: Are you crying because you've passed or are you crying because of the pain?

Me: I'm not crying Pat.. I'm just..

Pat: You are allowed to cry don't act strong

Me: But I'm not crying! I don't feel like crying

My tears streamed down
Pat: Of course You just having an allergic reaction it happens a lot when you are close to giving birth Don't worry I understand very well
RAZOR
Me: Tell me that you have good news at least
My lawyer looked at me

Lawyer: Honestly speaking the judge is going to nail you tomorrow.. Neo made sure that you go down and you go down

completely. Mahlodi buried you too

I exhaled...

Lawyer: I see you being charged for the attempted murder of Neo Marè you had that pending case on you and also for the murders of the girls and other clients. This doesn't look good on

you Razor

Me: You come off as the best lawyer

Lawyer: I can't perform miracles unfortunately the only thing I

can do is to help you get a lesser sentence

Me: And that is?

Lawyer: From life to at least 50 years

Me: 50 what?

Lawyer: This Ace guy your hitman. He also testified against you remember?

Me: This is bad

When Neo went back to the Firm he cleaned up the whole trash to save the firm buy spending months gathering all the evidence he needed to put me away with the help of Mahlodi. Tomorrow I'm going to get sentenced and this doesn't look good on me.

LORRAINE

Judge: This case has gone on for far too long. I had time to look at the evidence thoroughly to help me bring about a well deserved sentencing

He looked at me..

Judge: Lorraine Marè I find you guilty of forgery therefore you are sentenced to 7 years

Journalists started making noise pictures of me were taken..

Judge: I also find you guilty of premaditated murder of your late husband John Marè I therefore sentence you to life in prison without the possibility of Parole

My heart sank. I never got bail from when I was first arrested and Prison has been very difficult for me. Going back there is just going to kill me the inmates aren't very sweet and welcoming

I turned around and looked at the crowd..





I walked up to my mother she was laying on her back starring at the ceiling..

Me: Ma

She slowly turned her head and looked at me..

Me: It's me.. It's Kat

She tried to raise her hand and I knelt down next to her with everything I had in me. I tried to hold back my vomit.. I held her hand and she looked at me she has lost so much weight too. She tried talking to me but she couldn't..

Jojo: She hasn't spoken for 2 days now

I nodded..

Jojo started crying..

Jojo: Everyday I pray for God to take her soul she can't keep up anymore. My Sister is suffering so bad there's no human being who deserves to live like this

My mom forced through until she uttered a word..

Ma: Si.. Siba

Jojo: She's been wanting to talk to Siba for months I called her to come and she refused

Ma: Si.. Siba

Me: I know.. I'll tell her that you sorry

I know my Mom hasn't been the best but seeing her in this state. It was truly heartbreaking..

Jojo: How is Siba?

Me: She's good.. She's at the hospital she's due to give birth tomorrow

Jojo: I have to talk to her I have to ask for forgiveness. I don't wanna end up like this

Me: What do you mean?

She rolled up her sleeve and on her arm it also looked like she was starting to get what my Mother has. Even with my Mother it started with the portion of her arm..

Jojo: They.. They coming for me too

I never knew how hectic karma was until today..

NEO

I walked out of court to my car Journalists followed me..

Journo 1: Mr Marè how do you feel about today?

Me: I feel good justice was served. I wanna thank the law for making sure that my Father got justice

Journo 2: What's going to happen now? Between you and your Mother?

Me: I have forgiven her but there's never going to be a relationship between us anymore. I'm about to have a Son and I don't want any toxic people to be in his life. My Mom is dead and buried to me

I opened the door..

Journo: Mr Marè Sir
Me: I'm sorry guys I have to go I have to be at the hospital
I got in and closed the door
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I was meant to give birth tomorrow You said I'm due tomorrow! How is this possible?

Dr: Okay we have to get her in theatre right away for a C-section

Me: What is going on?

Dr: Your water broke and the baby being in an abnormal position will make vaginal birth difficult almost impossible

Me: But I thought I was due tomorrow

Dr: A date of when a woman should deliver is not always precise he is coming and we have to do an emergency C section to save him

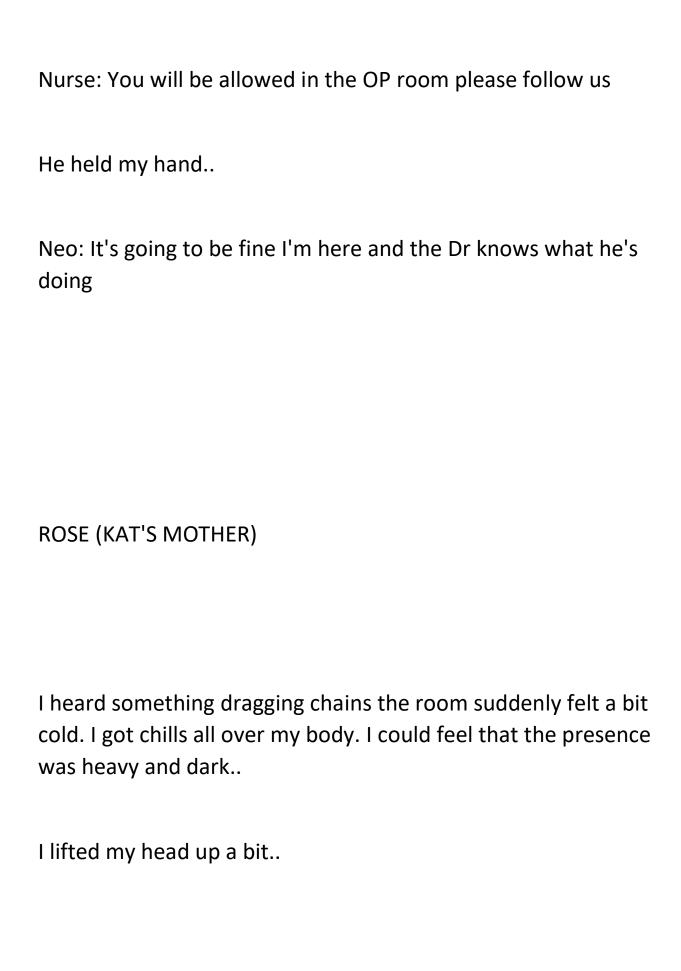
Neo walked in..

Neo: What's going on?

Nurse: She's going for an Emergency C section

Neo: I thought she was due tomorrow

Dr: We have to move now!



Me: Who is here?

I heard groaning sounds..

The person didn't answer not only was I hearing the sound of chains being dragged but I also heard footsteps. Definitely not human footsteps..

Me: Wh.. Who is there?

The wall opened up a tunnel a dark tunnel..

Me: What's happening?

Voice: It is time?

Me: Time for what? What's going on?

Voice: Your time in the world of the living is done

Me: Where am I going?

Voice: Purgatory

Me: Purga.. What?

Voice: Your soul will wonder there for centuries to come until your judgement of going to hell comes

Me: Going to hell?

Voice: how you've lived your life on earth determines where you go in the afterlife. You have had many times to repent but you never did

Me: I wanna repent now! Please I'm sorry

Voice: Unfortunately it's too late as soon as your soul goes through the tunnel to purgatory a precious life will be born today. A life for a life to keep balance

Me: I thought when you die you get reincarnated

Voice: Your soul is not meant to reincarnate you are meant to suffer twice what you have put others through. No bad deed goes unpunished that's why it's important to repent. Deep in your heart you've always intended bad things for others you have to be repayed exactly how you've lived your life on earth

Me: I'm sorry.. I greatly apologize if I can be given another chance I'll repent (crying)

Voice: It's time to go

Me: No.. Please no.. (crying)

MAHLODI

Me: I feel like I should have taken the Razor case I really want him put away

Colleague: Crowley handled the case well

Me: What if he messed up? We only have one short at this

Colleague: I know but Crowley is the best state lawyer to ever exist you didn't follow through the case right?

Me: I was too anxious

Colleague: Don't be Razor is going away for a very long time there's to much evidence against him. He's not getting out of this one trust me the judge already has it bad for him

Me: At least Lorraine is down one more to go

Colleague: He'll be lucky if he doesn't get 3 life sentences

Me: He must get them.. I'm vouching he gets them

Colleague: We should celebrate

Me: I'll celebrate tomorrow after his sentencing

Colleague: Everything is going to go well trust me

Me: I hope so

NEO

Siba was stressing very bad and anxious. Her BP was unstable so the Dr opted for a general anesthesia than a regional one to carry out a less stressful delivery of the baby

I was relieved to be here to witness everything that was happening. It was a bit uncomfortable and looked scary but it was the best moment..

The final best moment was seeing my Son and cutting that Umbilical cord. His cry made me a bit emotional not in a bad way but in a good way. I have a Son I created a human being. I have an heir someone to have continue the Marè legacy. I can't put this moment into words it was beautiful and emotional. I was very grateful...

KAT

I walked into her bedroom holding a tray of food and a glass of water for her..

Me: Ma

I put the tray on the dressing table..

Me: Ma?

Her head was turned to the side mouth and eyes slightly opened. I made my way to her. I knelt before her and put my hand on her to check if she was still breathing. She wasn't..

Me: Ma!!!

I shook her a little..

Me: Aunt Jojo!! Aunt Jojo!!

She rushed in..

Jojo: What? What's wrong?

Me: It's Mama.. She's gone

Jojo: What?

She knelt next to me..

Jojo: Rose.. Don't do this to us! Rose wake up

Me: Ohh my word! (crying)

Jojo: Rose wake up! Wake up (crying)

LORRAINE

Guard: You know the drill

I took off my clothes totally stripped naked.

I faced the wall and also placed my hands against the wall. She moved closer to me and put on the latex glove. She stretched my legs apart with her boot..

Guard: Hold on

She got closer and shoved her two fingers deep inside my coochie then she moved them and shoved her finger in my anus..

Guard: Squat and cough

I did just that.. Guard: Cough again I coughed again.. Guard: Put on your uniform I'm sure the ladies have been waiting for you Me: Can't I be protected? They want me dead Guard: Don't exaggerate they just wanna have fun until they can completely trust you I took the uniform from the table..

Guard: Make it quick!

Life around here is very different and difficult too. It's the survival of the fittest and it's more difficult when you don't have money..

This is my life now

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Guard: Make it quick!

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This is my life now and it's going to be my life for a very long time....

KAT

We pulled the sheet and put it over her then we sat in the lounge totally silent. We were confused we didn't know how to go about this..

Me: If this was the wrath of the ancestors that brought about my Mother's suffering Aunt Jojo you have to make peace with Siba Jojo: I have been thinking a lot about it this is not the time anymore to be scratching each other and treating each other badly as family because of things that happened in the past. I really have to talk to Siba so we can fix everything

Me: That's good

Jojo: I'll call our relatives and let them know so we can proceed

Me: I'll call Siba tomorrow or so she's at the hospital I don't wanna scare her

Jojo: I understand let her have a safe delivery first

Me: Yes

Jojo: I'll call our other relatives

As much as this is a painful experience but it has taught me one thing. You can't go through life hurting other people and expect not to pay at the end. My mother's passing could've been prevented if she worked on fixing her heart and acknowledging

her mistakes whilst she was still alive. Now it's too late she won't be able to right her wrongs...

LORRAINE

I walked into the cell with the ladies chatting. The bars closed and locked I slowly walked to my bed and laid down. They kept quiet as I laid down. Silence is not good Silence means trouble.. I tried my level best to ignore them until I heard the whispering. Skwata whistled...

I turned and looked at them..

Skwata: I want to piss

I looked at the toilet at the corner of our cell.

Skwata: The toilet needs a break I want to piss inside your mouth

Me: Skwata don't do this

She gave the other ladies a nod they walked up to me. They pulled me by my leg and I fell to the floor. Two of them pinned each hand to the ground whilst another one closed my nose. Skwata pulled down her pants and got her leg over me. She didn't sit on my face she squarted and then started pissing on me. Both on my face and her urine got inside my mouth too.. It was a terrible experience because I couldn't breath I had to try and spit out even though some of the urine got swallowed in the process.. This is going to be a nightmare that I will have to endure for the rest of my remaining life.. It's funny how I was once ontop of the world had everything figured out. Now I have been degraded to this it was horrible...

SIBA

I don't know for how long I have been out but when I woke up I was still feeling very drowsy. I ran my eyes across the room to find Neo standing by the window holding Itu

Whatever worry I had disappeared. At least my baby is safe.. I tried to get up but I was in pain excruciating pain..

Me: Neo

He looked at me..

Neo: Look who is awake

He walked closer to me...

Neo: Someone has been dying to meet you although now he's sleeping

He brought the chair closer and sat down.

Neo: You wanna hold him?

Me: I can try

Neo: Okay take it easy

I couldn't find a comfortable position so he laid him next to me..

Me: Ohh my he is very adorable

Neo: He is indeed

It still hasn't sank in that I was a Mother now to this little adorable human being. Tears streamed down this is the best gift that life has brought me. Now I have a reason to live a reason to continue pushing hard..

Neo held my hand..

Neo: Don't cry

Me: It feels so unreal

Neo: I know.. It actually took me a while to process everything

He kissed me on my forehead..

Neo: Thank you.. Thank you so much

I am grateful that my baby is going to have Parents Parents that love him more than anything. He's going to have a better childhood different from the one I had. All that I'm praying for is for God to prolong my life. Prolong it so that my Mom will have me in his life for many years..

RAZOR

I got to the parking in the basement. I have found a way to make this go away. I have found some information about the judge that's going to sentence me tomorrow what I need to do now is drive to his home and hold his family hostage so he can rethink his decision.. By the time that he realizes what's going on his family will be held hostage in a secret place and will be returned back to him after he has done right by me..

I just need to call my contacts when I get in my car and tell them where to meet me. I was about to open the door when I heard someone calling my name..

Voice: Razor

I turned around and it was Ges. Ges is an old enemy of mine I am the reason why he went to jail the last time..

Me: Ges

He took out his gun and shot me. He shot me repeatedly as I went down a bullet after another bullet..

Ges: I told you that I was going to come for you.. Rest in pieces!

He stood over me and put the last bullet in my head.. Just like that that's how my fate was decided. You live to hunt and kill people not knowing that one day the gun might turn on you and you will the one hunted. You live by the gun you die by the gun..

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