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LOVE,HATE,ABUSE AND REVIVAL

CHAPTER ONE

Vanessa felt a hand moving on her body,
She jerked up from her sleep and saw her husband Yuvraj.

He'd this evil glint in his eyes that told her she was in for another torture.

But today isn't Wednesday,

Why today?

She asked herself.

"Get off your clothes now." He ordered her,

Like a frightened kitten,

Vanessa began to unclad herself while her husband stood and watched her in disgust.

After going stark naked,

She lay back on the bed and shut her eyes,allowing him to do whatever he wants to do.

For closely on hour,Yuvraj thrust deep into her while she winced in pain,

He didn't mind that.

When he was done,

He got down from the bed and did his clothes,

The last thing she heard him say was,

"Get ready,

Padma is coming over for breakfast."

That was it,

The door closed and she finally opened her eyes..

Her legs and thighs were numb and it took her a great deal to get them off the bed.

She got up holding the bed and managed to get herself into the bathroom with her legs wide apart,

The pain was too excruciating.

After showering,

She came out of the bathtub with her bathrobe,

She went to her cabinet and took some painkillers,

And downed it with a glass of water.

She couldn't refuse not coming for breakfast,
Cause Yuvraj would kill her afterwards.

So she lay back on the bed and allowed the painkillers work it's magic on her.

Vanessa was a young black lady from a poor background and that was among the reason her husband hates her.

She graduated high school from few years ago but couldn't further to college for lack of money,

So she dropped and worked for her tow younger sisters,Bianca and Carmen to see through high school.

Born to an illiterate father (her mother left a few week Carmen was born),

Simon's priority was to see his daughters educated bit with his wife leaving and him losing his job at the contract site,

Simon never had a stable job since then.

Vanessa who was now the mother to her two younger sisters,

Took part-time jobs during high school to be able to support the family financially.

The family lives outside the Outer Banks,

In the small neighborhood called Westwood.

Their house was a rundown beaten two room apartment with a public toilet.

Seeing her family's condition,

Vanessa fought hard to get herself and her family out of the slum.

She was able to secure a job at the renowned Kerry's Pizza at the Outer Banks and it was during one of her pizza delivery ventures,

She met Padma Singh.

The woman who changed her life forever with a marriage proposal for her.

Yuvraj is the youngest son of the multimillionaire Prasad and Padma/Victoria Singh and was obviously the black sheep of the family.

Mr Prasad Singh were originally from India and they'd migrated to the States when Prasad was merely a toddler.

His father originally had started Singh's Tea when he came to the States.

Seeing Americans were more into coffee with caffeine which was health wise dangerous,

He decided to start a tea business.

With natural tea recipes flown from India and also Eastern China,

Soon,Mr Singh was running a multi tea company and not just a tea shop he started with.

After his death,

His son Prasad took over and the business was in bloom since,

From selling up to hundred million teabags in a year,

With the help of his wife,

He was also shipping teabags to other countries.

Together they built a tea empire with their three sons,

Ranveer and Rajveer (the twins) and Yuvraj was the youngest.

Padma was a great philanthropist,

She ran so many Charity Organisation that provides food and shelter for the poor.

She also does this Summer Charity for kids,

Seeing how hot it always is in Outer Banks during summer,

VASI Summer provides free lunch and ice cream for kids whose parents can't afford all this.

Ranveer and Rajveer helps Padma in this organizations but Yuvraj is never a part of it,

He calls it wasting resources on lazy people.

Yuvraj was the self-centered and selfish egoist,

He wanted nothing to do with the family business or even his mom charity organization.

He's into modelling and was really famous,

He got a good amount of cash from it and bought his own house.

His house was right beside Sea,

Giving him the perfect view of it every sunrise and sunset.

Yuvraj was very vain and cared a lot about himself and his body than any other thing.

He flaunt himself and his properties and his logo was always,

"If you gat it,

You flaunt it."

Seeing her son this way really hurt Padma,

And she fought to change him.

When she first met Vanessa,

She was enticed by her good and loving nature and mostly her looks.

Even not dressed like those party rich girl,

Vanessa was a beauty, she was black but her skin weren't dark.

Her afro was stunning and there Padma decided to get her for her son,

Hoping that Vanessa would rub her good nature to her son,

But that was where she got it all wrong.

Paying Vanessa enough money to get her family out of the slum and give them a good life,

Vanessa accepted the proposal.

Yuvraj wasn't in support of the idea,

Marriage?

That was the last thing in his mind.

He blatantly refused but when his parents threatened to cut him out of the family's wealth,

Being the greedy son he's.

He accepted the marriage and soon after Vanessa was shipped in to his as his wife.

He hated her that instant,

Torturing her every chance he got.

He hated her for being lack,

He hated her for her afro and for her not being beautiful like the other female models he'd seen and worked with.

He find opportunities to demean her and every now and then,

He comes to her room to pleasure himself.

Padma made it clear to him that he can't cheat on her,
So he decided to derive his pleasure from her.

But unfortunately for Vanessa,
His pleasure was her pain.
He set some rules for her and her breaking the rules,
He punishes her.

He never punish her physically,
He knows if the does that Padma would notice any mark in her body,
So he does it emotionally or sexually.

The rules he gave her were horrendous but shed to follow them.

*She wasn't to ever call his name,
She calls him My Lord.

*She should forbid any eye contact with him.
Her head should always be bowed whenever he's talking to her.

*No cellphone,
She can't call any one of her family members.

*The only visitors she would be having is Padma and member of his family.

*Whenever he's having sex with her,
Her eyes should be closed till he's done.

*Most importantly,
No one should find out about this,
Not even Padma who comes every Tuesday and Friday for breakfast and dinner.

Twice he'd made her sit on the floor to have dinner for looking at him and once under the rain for telling him no.

When her family and friends called her lucky for getting married to a rich guy,

None of them knew the pain she passes through except Nana Mollie, their chef.

Mollie is an older woman,
Older than Padma with a few years and was Yuvraj's chef since he got his house.

She was more Luke family to him cause he treated her well,
Gave her raise and most times he gave her leave which she always refused.

Took care of her and bought her present whenever he goes travelling.

Mollie everyone knew was a great chef and started off helping Padma at the Organization till Yuvraj hired her to be his chef.

She'd no family of her own was from somewhere in Singapore.

She loves Yuvraj as her son and so did she also love Vanessa but hated him for how he treated her.

Vanessa is a very nice girl but the reason why Yuvraj hate her she can't place a finger to.

Several times, she'd tried to talk Vanessa into telling Padma what was really happening but each time she chickened out.

Yuvraj would kill her if he ever finds out and secondly,

The money Padma had paid ,

Her family had put into use,

There was no way they could pay back the money even if they sold all they'd.

Plus,

Yuvraj had planned to divorce her after six months when he must have gotten what he wanted.

This was her third month and three more to go,

Soon she'll be free from him,

That day she awaits.

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When Vanessa came down for breakfast,
Yuvraj was already at the table and Mollie was working her magic,
Making sure everything was set.

She came and pulled out a seat while Mollie served her.

"Anyone in?" Padma's voice called from outside,

"Yes mom." Yuvraj replied her as she opened the door to the dining room.

"Woah,

I smell something nice here." Padma said and she brought out a seat.

"Good morning mom." Yuvraj greeted,

"Good morning." Vanessa mumbled from where she was,

"Hey sweetie,

How're you doing?" Padma asked referring to Vanessa.

Taking time to answer,

Yuvraj kicked her from behind the table and she jerked,

"I'm fine mom,

How's dad?" She asked her and immediately her head went down again as she focused into her breakfast.

Padma found her behavior unusual but didn't want to talk much about it now.

Soon Mollie served them and went back to the kitchen,

"So how're you preparing for your trip this week?" Padma asked Yuvraj,

Vanessa didn't still look up for the fear of making eye contact with Yuvraj who was right in front of her.

"I've called the manager and everything's settled,

I'll be leaving on Thursday and will be back before weekend." He replied her,

"I thought you were leaving tomorrow?" She asked him,

"Change of plan,

Plus I wanted to spend more time with Vanessa before leaving." He said smiling.

Padma turned to Vanessa,

She didn't raise her head and didn't even look at Yuvraj who was talking.

"Won't Vanessa be lonely at home?

She doesn't come out much these days,

She'll be lonely...."

"Mom she wouldn't be,

Mollie is always here and she can talk to her if she's lonely." He said trying to play nice.

Padma wasn't convinced,

"Vanessa would you stay here or come over to my place?" She asked her,

Vanessa didn't raise up her head,

"What's my husband chooses for me is fine." She muttered careful enough not to annoy Yuvraj.

"Okay." Padma relents and continued her meal.

After eating, she was with Yuvraj when she got a call from the organisation,

"Yuvraj,

I'll have to go handle something in the organization,

Vanessa, we'll see later." She kissed Vanessa, picked her bag and left.

Immediately, Yuvraj turned to Vanessa,

"What was that all about?" He asked her angrily,

She shut her eyes and took a deep breath,

She was in for it again.

"Why didn't you just tell Padma yes?"

You made it sound as if something's was wrong." He yelled at her,

"I'm sorry my Lord." She said quietly,

"You want Padma to know what's going on right?" He asked her,

"You want her to know what you're going through uh?" He asked angrily,

"Yuv....

My Lord,I'm....."

A tight slap landed on her face for the mistake she unintentionally made,

"What did you just call me?" Yuvraj asked her,

Anger and hate was written all over him.

"I'm sorry my Lord." She mumbled still getting a shocking signal from the slap she'd just received.

This was the first time Yuvraj was hurting her physically,

"I'm so sorry My Lord...."

He grabbed her hair and dragged her upstairs,

"Please don't this this,

I'm so sorry." She cried loudly,

He pulled her over and made her look in his eyes,

"My Lord,

I'm...."

"Don't aggregate my anger." He scold,

Vanessa stopped crying but still was pleading,

"I'm sorry..."

Another slap,

Smack!

Mollie who was in the kitchen heard the ruckus in living room.

She ran outside to see what was going on and saw Yuvraj dragging a crying Vanessa upstairs.

Having enough of it,

She ran to the stairs and that was when Yuvraj gave Vanessa the second slap.

"Stop!" She shouted,

Yuvraj turned to her and so did Vanessa.

"Mollie what's it?" He asked her,

She didn't reply him,

Rather,

She walked towards him and took Vanessa from his grasp.

"Mollie stay out of this." Yuvraj warned,

"I won't!

If you don't let go now,

I'm going to ring Padma and tell er wat's going on ere." She threatened.

Immediately Yuvraj let go of Vanessa's hair and tossed her to Mollie.

Mollie caught her right on time before she could fall on the stairs,
Yuvraj sighed and stormed to his room.

"Wat appened " Mollie asked the still crying Vanessa,
"I don't know what I did Mollie,
I told Padma that whatever he says he right for me...."

She broke down into tears again,
Mollie couldn't stand it,
So she held Vanessa and led her to her own room.

"Lay down ere,
I'll get some ointment to ease te sting of te slaps." She told Vanessa and went to her bathroom.

Molli had a way of speaking that amuse Vanessa most times,
She omits her 'h' in every word,

Like heart,
She pronounce it as 'eart'
Vanessa looked around the well furbished room.

Since she came to Yuvraj's house,

This was the first time she was seeing another room,

Order than hers, the living room, the kitchen and the dining room,

Yuvraj forbade her going into any other room inside the house.

She has never even seen what his room looked like.

Mollie came back quickly,

"Turn." She said to her,

Vanessa obeyed immediately and turned while Mollie applied the cool ointment on her stinging cheek.

"Vanessa what's wrong with you,

You allow him bit you every time,

Told you to talk to Padma but you don't." She sighed as she applied more of the ointment,

Vanessa winced in pain as Mollie increase the force at which she massaged her swollen cheek.

"Im Yuvraj, does this cause you haven't

told Padma yet,

When you tell her, im Yuvraj would leave you be and won't hurt you again." Mollie told Vanessa.

"I saw it in his study,

Im Yuvraj will divorce you after six months to get what Padma and his papa willed to him and then im Yuvraj would leave you be.

You're the one olding is sare of wat Padma and im papa would given im." Mollie explained to her.

"Lay down,

I'll be aiit back." She left the room while Vanessa lay on the bed,

In no time she slept off.

In her dream,

She saw Yuvraj holding a knife pointing to her.

"I would kill you and toss your worthless body into the sea where no one would find your corpse." He threatened her,

She knelt that and was begging him not to but he wasn't listening to her.

Soon he was right in front of her and had almost stabbed her when she woke up.

"Nooooooo!" She cried,

Soon Mollie rushed inside the room.

"Wat's it?" She asked Vanessa seeing the scared look on her face.

"He would kill me,

He wants to kill me." She cried,

Mollie came over and pulled her into a hug.

"E won't kill you,

You're safe..."

The door opened and it was Yuvraj,

He was probably going out cause he was well dressed.

"Mollie,

I'll be back before lunch and I think you should go prepare lunch than waste your time on frivolous things." He said to Mollie,

Then turned to Vanessa with anger all over him.

"I won't want to meet you here when I get back." He said to her,

Immediately he left the room and shut the door behind her making Vanessa jerk.

"Let's talk to Padma about this.

We'll.

I ave ad enof of this." She said to Vanessa.

Since Yuvraj was leaving on Thursday morning and Padma was to come fore breakfast on Friday,

She decided to visit them again on Wednesday and probably spend the whole day with them.

That morning like other Wednesdays,

Yuvraj had pleased himself on Vanessa's body and had gone to shower when he heard Padma's voice from downstairs.

"Jeez,

If she goes to Vanessa's room,

I know that bitch would still be lying on the bed." He said to himself,

Immediately he ran out of the bathroom with half naked body and went to Vanessa's room.

Like he predicted she was still lying on the bed crying,

"Hey!" He called her,

He pulled her up forcefully and dragged her to the bathroom not minding this pain she was passing through.

"Don't dare act smart,

Padma's here." He threatened her,

She just nodded and allowed herself to be tossed by him in whatever way seem best to him.

"Vanessa darling!" They heard Padma's voice called,

"Mom,we're in the bathroom." Yuvraj replied from inside,

"Oops sorry guys." She said and went out of the room,

Loving the fact that her son loves his wife.

Seeing her half naked body,

Yuvraj felt aroused again,

So he decided it won't be bad if he touches her again.

"Go in the tub." He ordered her,
She didn't refuse for the fear of him hurting her,

She went in the tub and shut her eyes while he did what he did best,
Taking advantage of her.

When he finished,
He washed himself there and left leaving her to decide what to do with herself.

"Be real quick,
You won't want to keep Padma waiting." He warned her and left the bathroom closing the door
behind him.

Vanessa just sat back,
Now with double pain,
She could do nothing but cry.

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CHAPTER THREE

After crying for some few minutes,
Vanessa had a quick shower and came out of the bathroom.

She took some painkillers,gulped it down with a glass of water then went to get dressed.

She'd on a simple blue gown and her flip-flops slippers,

Then applied some lotion to her skin.

Vanessa wasn't the vain type unlike Yuvraj,

So she bothered not about suntanning or adding,

She goes with whatever changes she sees.

When she came downstairs,

The dining was set,

Scrambled Egg,Bacon and toast.

Molli had also prepared Scampi Sauce and Chicken Fillets too.

Padma was having some discission with Yuvraj.

"Good morning mom." Vanessa greeted her,

Padma looked up,

"Hey sweetie,

How're you doing?" She asked having one of those her heartwarming smile.

Most times Vanessa wishes Padma was her biological mother.

Padma's very nice to everyone especially when she's with kids,
For once Padma has never treated her wrong.

She's a strong woman who believe that women should be independent on their spouse.

Seeing how she treats her other daughters in-law,
Especially her.

Vanessa would never wish for another mother in-law if not Padma.

Padma dresses well and she's very sociable,
She was originally from a rich family and was the only daughter,
She has two older brothers Vanessa has never met.

She was treated like a princess while growing up and her family were very overprotective of her
but she cautioned herself never to go astray.

With an independent mind of her own,
She secretly worked during her college years and earned a lot.

With that money she began her very first Charity Home,

As time went by,

She began other charities and that was actually what drew Prasad attention to her.

They'd met when Prasad had donated to one of her Charity Organization and had become friends,

Which later blossomed to marriage and for more than thirty years together,

He never regret marrying her.

As breakfast went on,

Padma who wasn't the quiet type talk and talk.

Making a mountain out of Yuvraj and Vanessa being in the same bathroom (in a joking and amusing way),

Even Vanessa was tempted to laugh when Padma made mention of them having little hellions soon.

"Yuvy,don't forget to keep in touch with your wife,

Shell miss you a lot." She joked around.

Yuvraj wasn't thinking with her,

His mind was set on the next few days he's going to be spending in New Orleans,

What tinkled him more was the fact that Tia Esperanza was attending the shoot too.

Tia was the girl he'd his eyes on before his mom packaged Vanessa to him as a wife.

She's slender and tall,

A five foot,ten inch and had very nice curves.

Tia's originally from Spain but had spent almost all her life in America,

She's a very ambitious and successful model plus she's a jewel designer but wasn't much into the latter.

Tia had those killer dimples that drove Yuvraj crazy,

Her relationship life was quite private,so everyone assumed she's single.

"Yuvy!" Padma called him seeing her sons mind was somewhere else,

"Yes ma." He replied drowsily,

"Where you listening to me since?" She asked him frowning,

"Sorry ma,

I was just thinking about how I'll cope the next few days without Vanessa." He lied,taking her hands and rubbing it affectionately.

Vanessa didn't look up,

So he kicked her from under the table and she looked up immediately,

"Won't you miss me?" He asked her,

Hating himself that instance and hating her more.

"I'll." Vanessa mumbled,

"She's shy.

Don't worry dear,

I'll leave the both of you together to enjoy your day." Padma said,

Vanessa would have told her no but with Yuvraj right in front of her,

She could do nothing than fake a smile.

"Vanessa you should come join us in the organization tomorrow,

Lily and Nandi will be there too,

They might help keep you busy so you won't miss your husband much." Padma suggested.

Yuvraj gave Vanessa a fierce look in Padma's blind spot for her to say no,

"Ma,I'll be fine." She said immediately,

"No,I insist.

You need to get out okay." Padma said,

Vanessa loved her for insisting,

She needs to get out of this her torture zone and see the world.

"You're coming tomorrow,

I'll come pick you up." She said to her with an air of finality,

Vanessa just nodded.

When Padma left,

Yuvraj could find any reason to hurt her,
He left the house after parking his stuffs.

Vanessa didn't come out of her room and even when Mollie suggested she goes with her to the market,

She declined and lay on her bed,
Thinking about what she has been passing through since she got married to Yuvraj.

At some point,
She resolved to kill herself.
Just go to the kitchen and get a knife,
I'll end everything once and for all.

But she couldn't do it,
Her dad?
Her sisters?
How'll they cope with losing her?
What will they do without her?

Instead of killing herself,
She decided to kill her weakness,
To kill her pain.

She was going to stand up to Yuvraj,
He just wait.

That night,

He came back home late,

She didn't mind and was even hoping he gets lost wherever he is or better still never come back home.

But no,

After dinner time he came back home.

Fortunately, Mollie didn't prepare much meal for dinner,

So when he said he wasn't hungry,

She packed into and kept in in the freezer.

Vanessa was in the shower,

She was bathing and also humming a song her dad at taught her as a kid.

She didn't notice the door open and Yuvraj standing at the door,

"Hmh hmh." He cleared his throat,

Immediately she turned and covered herself with the towel.

He walked closer to her,

"Get the towel off." He ordered her,

"No." She said back.

Immediately she regretted it,

But one side of her loved it,

You did it girl,
You told him no.

"I won't say it again,
Get the towel off." He ordered her again,
She clutched it tighter,

"No,I won't." She said trying to be defiant but to him,
It sounded like a scared cat saying no.

He looked at her and gave an evil smile,
"No uh?"
Before she could swallow again,
He pulled the towel and pushed her back to the tub,

He pinned her body down to the water filled tub and trusted into her,
"Argh!" She cried.

Hearing her cry made him more vicious,
He went in with more anger and hate he'd ever felt for her.

"How dare you?"

How dare you tell me no?" He asked her as he went into her in the most hurting manner ever while she cried and struggled to free herself.

When he was sure he'd given her enough torture to last for the few days he's gonna be out of

town,

He stood up and did his wet clothes,

Watching her lay there and emit faint and croaky cries,

He was satisfied with himself,

"Never say no to Yuvraj Prasad Singh." He said to her and left her in the bathtub not minding whether she's hurting or not.

Vanessa couldn't get out of the tub,

Her strength..

What Strength?

She's weak both emotionally and physically,

She's worst than a vegetable.

When she tried to turn,

She couldn't,

Her whole body was in pain and it ached badly,

She suspected she'd hit her head son where when Yuvraj had pushed her.

Slowly unconsciousness was taking over her,

She fought to abate it but couldn't.

It came first like the sound of high current wave hitting against rocks,

She smelt an ocean and soon she saw darkness,

Like black magic,

The darkness over took everything and was the only thing she saw before she passed out.

Vanessa woke up to someone's crying voice,

The person was shouting hysterically and was worried,

She opened her eyes slowly,

It was Mollie,

"I don't know,

I came to check on her but saw her on the tub laying unconsciously.

"I'm Yuvraj is not here." She explained to the person,

"Mol...lie..." Vanessa managed to call,

Mollie who was still explaining to the caller didn't hear,

"Mol..." Immediately the door of the bathroom burst open,

It was Padma.

Hysterical Padma and a more hysterical Mollie carried Vanessa to the car after they managed to put some clothes on her to cover her nakedness and drove to somewhere Vanessa couldn't see,

Because she fell into unconsciousness again after their car passed a road bump and she hit on

her on the seatbelt holder hard..

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CHAPTER FOUR

Vanessa woke up in the hospital,
First she was relieved she didn't die in that bathtub,
All thanks to Mollie.

Second she was contemplating on whether to tell Padma what happened.

The honest but silly fact was that she loves Yuvraj,
She loves him and was really hoping he would one find,change and love her back.

She really wished that day would come when he wouldn't remind her how she's black and no fit for him,

Or how her afro disgust him or how ugly she's and probably stop comparing her to those female models he works with.

She just wish someday,

The both of them would be like other couples,

Like Padma and her husband or like Rajveer and his wife Nandi or like Ranveer and Lily,

She really look forward to that day.

The door opened and Padma walked in,

She'd a big visible frown on her face,

This was almost the first time Vanessa saw her frown.

She sat beside Vanessa and touched her forehead,

"How're you feeling?" She asked lovingly but still had that frown there.

"I feel almost better." She replied,

Trying to look away before Padma figure another thing out herself.

"What happened?" Padma asked her,

The tone of voice and the air at which the question came out changed.

"I slipped the tub....."

"Vanessa don't give me that,

Be honest to me what happened last night between you and Yuvraj?" She asked her.

The mention of that name scared her alot,
Padma saw the reaction even though it was real quick,

Then it occurred to her,
There are things she didn't know about her son's marriage.

What'd Yuvraj done to her to make her nervous at the sound of his name?
Padma was really lost.

All those lovey dovey moments....
Where they all lies and facade?
She asked herself taking Vanessa's hand into hers.

She looked into Vanessa's eyes,
There were this blank hollow stares and she really couldn't relate,
Something was really up.

"Vanessa, can you talk to me,
What happened?
What has been happening?" She asked again but this time,

It was like a plea,

Tell me what's happening,so I can save you.

She looked at Padma and in no time she released the tears she'd caged since,

"No,no baby,

No.

Don't cry Nessa,

Don't cry." She comforted her.

It hurt Padma a lot to see her cry,

Vanessa was more of a daughter to her,

Very selfless and kind.

Seeing her cry gave her the notion that Yuvraj must have gone to the extreme with her.

"Let's talk about this whenever you're better,okay." Padma said to her,

"But promise me you're going to tell me everything,

Leave no nothing behind." She told Vanessa,

She just nodded and lay back on the bed,

"Nessa,you're going to be alright.

You're stronger than this." She comforted her.

How ironic?

Strong?

She's nothing next to it,

She's very far from the word strong,

Yuvraj made sure of that.

Mollie came afterwards,

She came with lunch for both Padma and Vanessa,

"Thanks Mollie." Vanessa mouthed as she ate the Shrimp soup Mollie had prepared,

If there's one thing,

Mollie's food always makes her feel wonderful.

"Talk to Padma about im Yuvraj?" She asked Vanessa when Padma excused them to take a call,

She shook her head,

"Wah are you waitin' for?" She asked disappointedly

"Tell er or I tell her maself." She said

to Vanessa as an air of threat,

"If you don't tell Padma,I tell er maself wat im Yuvraj ave been doing to you all this wile." Mollie said to her,

"I'll tell her Mollie,

I just don't know how to put it all." Vanessa said to her,

"Put it wat way,

I tink I will do it maself." She turned to leave but Vanessa pulled her back,

"Please don't,

I'll tell Padma when she comes back inside." Vanessa said to her,

Satisfied,

Mollie came back and sat down watch Vanessa eat her food.

Padma came back inside,

"It's from the Organization,

They were asking if we're still coming today,

I told them no." She said to them and sat down,

"We'll go." Vanessa said,

"Nessa we aren't going of you don't tell me what really happened." Padma said.

Padma loves making opportunity of everything,

She looked at Mollie and with the look on her face,

Mollie knew.

"Mollie you knew about this?" Padma asked her,

"You knew about what was going on and didn't bother to tell me." She asked,

Mollie kept quiet.

She should have to Padma a long time ago.

"Mollie!" Padma called,

"Padma,I wanted to talk to you about tis but Vanessa did not allow me,

She wouldn't talk and wouldn't let me." Mollie confessed,

Padma turned to Vanessa,

"Young lady will you mind spilling the bean now?"

Vanessa knew she wouldn't relent,

So she decided to open up to her.

It took her a lot not to cry but she finally gave in to tears.

Told Padma how Yuvraj treated her,

From the rape to his rules and so her punishment.

Padma was shocked her son could do something like this,

She was terrified,angry and also sober.

"How did you end up in the tub unconscious?" She asked Vanessa,

"I told him no.

He told me to get off my towel and I felt it has to stop and o told him no.....

He pushed me down and...."

Vanessa couldn't finish her words and she started crying again,

Padma came around quickly to comfort her.

"Vanessa, I'm so sorry.

It's all my fault thinking that Yuvraj would ever change,

I'm so sorry Vanessa." She apologized to the crying lady,

"But why didn't you tell me?" She asked her,

Since she and Yuvraj got married,

She has made it a point of duty to come visit them often and also have breakfast with them
Tuesdays and Fridays,

But she never knew.

"He warned me not to talk about it to anyone especially not you and secondly the money you
gave me before I got married to him,

My father had spent a great deal of things,

There was no way we could pay back if I ever leave..."

"No Vanessa no,

You're more important to me than some dollar bills,

You definitely are." She corrected,

Yesterday morning you both were together in your bathroom..."

Vanessa broke down more,

How will she explain all this to her.

"He abused you there?" Padma asked,

Hating her guts for asking,

"Yes he did.....

He did it the first time before you came....knowing I will be crying if you come to my room,

He came back in and dragged me into the bathroom.

After you left,

He did it again."

Padma was devastated,

Her son is a beast,

An abuser.

God,

I never bargained for this.

For the past three months, Vanessa had been suffering in her son's hand and she knew nothing about it.

Oh God,

Help my soul.

"You aren't done Nessa,

Tell'em about the miscarriage too." Mollie blurted,

Padma frowned and so did Vanessa.

If she would be talking,

She can't even talk about that...

"What miscarriage, Vanessa?" Padma asked shocked,

Vanessa didn't say any word.

"Vanessa talk to me,

What miscarriage?" She asked again,
This time she raised Vanessa chin up and looked into her eyes,
Her eyes were filled with pain.

"You'd a miscarriage?" Padma asked,
Vanessa nodded but God knows of took her a lot of courage and strength to do that.

"Twice Padma,
Twice.
I had two miscarriages in three months Padma." She said.
Padma couldn't believe her ear,
Two miscarriages in three months.

Something inside her had fallen,
She rushed her cellphone to call her son,
No not her son anymore.

The monster who calls himself Yuvraj.

"Mom don't." Vanessa pleaded,
"Why?
Allow me." Padma said,
She was angry and neither Vanessa nor Mollie had ever seen her angry.

"He's going to kill me if he finds out what I did." Vanessa panicked,

She told her most constant dream to Padma,
The dream where he threatens her with a knife.

"He won't do that,
He'll never."

She turned to Mollie,

"Mollie,go home and get all of her stuffs,"

"You're not stepping foot in that house ever again." Padma said,

Mollie stood up immediately and left the room.

"Mom please,let me just...."

"Vanessa,you've got to listen to me now,

You're not stepping foot on his house again." She repeated.

Seeing her cry,

She wrapped her arms around her and gave all forms of apologies and word of comfort she ever knew.

Later on the doctor discharged Vanessa,

It was Padma who drove her away from the hospital,

"Are we going to your house mom?" She asked from the backseat,

"No,

You're leaving Outer Banks today,

Where would you like to go Vanessa's?" She asked her,

"But mom,

Yuvraj....."

"Forget about him baby,

I've made the mistake of not watching over well like I promised your dad but I'm not going to be foolish and allowing you stay behind any longer.

I want you to go live your life dear." Padma said.

"I just want to go back to college and get a degree." She said,

"I'll handle that but not here in Outer Banks,

You going somewhere else." She said to her,

"So where do you want to go?" Padma asked her,

"Padma can we go home to talk about this first?" She asked he'd,

"I don't want anyone to find out about this." Padma said,

Vanessa nodded,

"They won't but let's go." Vanessa said and Padma drove to her house.

Finally it was agreed that Vanessa would go visit her family one last time and would say nothing to them except she's travelling and won't be back soon,

Padma went all in and secured her an apartment in Georgia.

"Vanessa, I'm freeing you today,

I've deposited enough cash to tide you through and if you need anything,

Just call me and I'll be right there.

Here are your flight papers and other documents for your leaving.

"I'll come visiting too okay so know you're not alone." She said to Vanessa the day she was to leave,

"Mom this is too much...."

"It's not dear,

You deserve more than this but sorry by whomp of a son couldn't give it to you,

Don't worry about your dad and siblings,

They'll be totally fine and to my best ability,

I'll take care of them for you okay." Padma said to her,

Vanessa hugged her.

It was hard for Padma to let her go,

Not after what Vanessa did for her a few months ago,

She's more special than a daughter to her but now,

She has to let her go.

"Okay sweetie,

You gotta go now before you miss your flight." Padma said to her and disengaged the hug.

With a tear filled eyes, Vanessa got into the car and the driver drove away immediately.

She's now out to start a new life,

A life without Yuvraj,

Without Padma,

Without her father and her two sisters Bianca and Carmen,

Just herself.

Am I ever going to survive this?

She asked herself.

After what happened,

Can I still survive anything?

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CHAPTER FIVE

Standing in front of her new apartment,

Vanessa smiled,

This was the first time in months she was actually smiling apart from Mollie's jokes that she crack most times.

It's been almost one week she moved into the apartment and she loves it,

It's a two bed room apartment and true to Padma's words,

It was wonderfully furnished.

She'd just gone to get some groceries in the grocery shop down the street when her phone rang,

It was Padma.

"Hey mom." She said as she accepted the call,

"Hey sweetie how're doing?" She asked her,

"I'm fine,

Just went out to get groceries." She told Padma,

"So how do you like the place?" Padma asked,

"Well it's wonderful and serene,

I love it,

Thanks Padma." Vanessa thanked her.

"Yuvraj's back." Padma announced,

Vanessa stiffened,

"You don't have to worry,

He doesn't know where you're and no one knows too." She assured.

"Vanessa,

I've given you permission to go live your life,

Yuvraj should be the least of your worries now okay." She told her,

Vanessa nodded,

"Yes mom." Vanessa replied her,

"Okay,

So when are you starting at GSU?" Padma asked her,

"I got the letter from the Professor you referred me to,

He said I can start in fall." Vanessa said,

She was opening her door.

"Okay,

Make sure you do your best innit okay,

You're going to go there and make a star outta yourself." Padma encouraged,

Vanessa smiled,

"I'll mom,

I'll." She said,

"Okay,

Do take care of yourself for me." She said and hung up.

"And you too mom." Vanessa said to herself as she entered her house and shut the door.

When Fall came, it was very easy for her,

She went to the school as early as seven am for her eight am English comp class and also stayed till five thirty taking Home Ec, Sociology and one comparative science course.

During those times,

Vanessa who knew no one and literarily talked to no one delve herself much in her studies,

She didn't notice she was sick.

It was a few days after Thanksgiving,

It was morning and she'd just got off the phone with Padma when all of a sudden, she felt woozy.

Feeling it was because of lack of sleep and energy food,

She decided to take protein bars and some pretzels before going to class that morning and great work,

It did.

But unfortunately at the English comp class, she almost passed out,

Feeling very tired, she'd to excuse herself.

"And where to Miss Ryan?" Mr Hoffman their lecturer asked her,

She was surprised he even knew her name even when she tried hard to keep a low profile in school.

Why wouldn't he?

When she's amongst the brightest but shy students in his class.

"Sir,

I'm feeling a bit sick,
I think I should go check myself in the ER." She said affluently enough,
Not raising her head up.

Seeing she was indeed looking pale,
"Okay you can go." He said to her,
She thanked him still not raising her head up and left the class.

She didn't have a car to drive to the nearest hospital,
Although Padma had sent her enough money to get herself a good car,

Shed refused saying she could take the walk.

But now she's regretting it cause she doesn't think she can even manage a few steps,
She'd to wait till one of the university's cab comes by.

After waiting for a few minutes,
A cab came and stopped right in front of the hall,

"To the main gate." She told the cab driver,
She got inside and the man reversed back and drove to the main gate where she came out and paid him.

From there, she got a cab that drove to her the nearest hospital.
Getting to St. Raphael Hospital,

She paid the cab driver and went inside the hospital building.

Luckily she met a nurse and told her how she was feeling,

The nurse referred her to their doctor and soon she was in the office of the doctor.

"How do you feel Miss?" He asked her,

She couldn't still maintain eye contact with him,

"I feel tired and weak very often and even when I rest enough,

It's still there." She complained weakly,

"Do you have cravings?" He asked her,

She shook her head,

"No I don't." She replied him.

"Have you ever threw up early in the morning or have morning sickness?" The doctor asked her,

"No Sir." She replied him,

She has never experienced anything of this sort before.

"When did you get your period last?" He asked her,

"Last month,

I'm most times irregular, so I think I'll getting it anytime soon." She said to him,

"Why don't I be the judge of that.

We'll have to send your urine sample to out lab for test." He said,

She frowned,

"Is that necessary?" She asked him,

"Yes Miss Ryan,

It's.

To be sure before assuming things." He said to her.

She agreed and sent the urine samples and after waiting for over an hour,

The result came out.

"Miss Ryan,

Your test result is out." The nurse who'd directed her to the doctor said to her and soon she was sitting at the doctor's office with her head down.

"Miss Ryan,

Here's your test result." He handed the customized brown envelope to her and she patiently and slowly on purpose.

"You scared?" The doctor asked her seeing how she was taking time to open the envelope,

She shook her head.

Finally she opened it and brought out the white paper that gave her the worst shock of her life.

That night, she didn't prepare dinner,

She wasn't hungry at all.

After crying for at least a few moments alone,
She decided to call Padma and talk to her.

"Hey baby,
How're you doing?" Padma asked,
She's always looking forward to Vanessa's calls.

"Mom.."
Vanessa's crying voice shocked Padma,
"Honey what's the problem?
What happened?
Why are you crying?" Padma asked altogether,

"Mom....
Mom I'm pregnant." She let out with a cry,
"What?" Padma was shocked,

"Yes mom,
I'm ten weeks gone mom,
Ten weeks gone." She cried to Padma.

It hurt her a lot,
She was trying to lead a normal life with no Yuvraj.

She needed nothing to remind her of the torture she'd pass through with him,
now this.

This baby just had to come and spoil everything,
To spoil her life, her education and to create a career for herself,
It'd come to ruin everything.

The perfect life she'd envisioned after leaving Outer Banks. Kindly hi ish on +233544142683 to
be added to story headquarters room for more exciting stories.

A reminder of Yuvraj.....

God,

She never needed that.

She didn't want anything that'll remind her of him,
Nothing at all.

"It's his right?" Padma asked even when she already knew the answer,

"Mom, I don't know what to do,

I don't know mom.

I'm confused here please." Vanessa cried,

"Baby, calm down okay,

Calm down ." Padma said to her.

Here Yuvraj was having the time of his life,

He pretends to the whole family that he's missing Vanessa and doesn't know why she would just leave him not knowing Padma knew all his tricks and could definitely see right through him.

While he was having the fun of his life,

She will be saddled taking care of his child,

The child that came as a result of his abuse.

"Vanessa what do you want to do?" Padma asked her,

"I don't know mom.

I can't abort it...."

"No!" Padma yelled in whisper,

"Think of something else." She said.

"But mom what would you want me to do?" Vanessa asked Padma,

"What should I do?

I'm confused, please tell me what to do." She told her,

Padma took a deep breathe.

She didn't want to be selfish here but this was the only right way,

"Keep the baby,

Keep it and you won't regret it.

You never will." She assured her,

"Mom...."

"Nessa wait,

Keep this child,

It's your flesh and blood okay.

Whatever happens has a reason,

God wouldn't give it to you for you to give it up like this,

Think about this." Padma told her.

Vanessa was quiet,

Only her sobs were heard from the other line,

"Nessa." Padma called her,

"Yes mom." She replied amidst the very quiet sobs,

"Think about it baby and I'll support whatever decision you take." She said to her,

Vanessa just said okay and Padma hung up.

She knew the kind of pain Vanessa was going through and deep down,

It hurts her a lot to see her in this type of pain.

As a mother,

She knew it is her job to give good and creditable advise to her children and also know that she can't make choice for them,

Rather she gives advise and leave them make their choice.

She just sincerely hope that Vanessa won't make the wrong choice in this.

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CHAPTER SIX

For the next few days,
Vanessa missed class,
She still didn't know what's right to do.

First, she'd no friend and loves it that way but now she need someone she could talk to but had none except Padma.

She thought of aborting the pregnancy but couldn't bring herself to do it,

Whichever way,

This child was yet a reminder for her to know what she passed through in Yuvraj's hand but was still her child.

Like Padma's words,

It was her flesh and blood and even God won't forgive her if she kills the innocent baby,

So she called Padma.

No reply,

She called a few more times but no reply,

So she sent her a message on her E-mail,

"I'm keeping the baby,mom."

She hit the send icon and the mail was sent.

Like always,Padma continued to pamper her with lots of cash,

She also promised she would be coming to Georgia soon,

To come spend time with her and honestly that was the best news she's heard since.

Meanwhile Yuvraj on the other hand was living up to his dream,

No Vanessa and now his mom is off his neck.

Wonderful.

No one could really blame him cause everyone knew she left on her own,

Joy giver.

"Molli isn't dinner ready?" He asked Mollie,

"Almost done!" She yelled from the kitchen,

He went to his bedroom and decided to catch some fun with himself.

Nowadays he eats alone,
Most times he doesn't eat at home,
Sometimes he invites some friend over,

Several times he'd brought in some ladies too.

While he does all this,
Padma never bothers herself with him anymore.

Once he asked her,

She sighed,

"Yuvraj, its your life okay,

You're not a kid anymore and I don't think I should be bagging you on what's right and what isn't." She said to him.

"Is it because of Vanessa?

Mom,

She left cause she wanted to and I miss her mom,

I really do.

I loved her,

I told her to wait, I was just going to be gone for a few days but no.

She'd her own plans and just right after I left,

She ran away,
Left without telling me goodbye,

She hurt me." He feigned being hurt after non Vanessa home,

Or you hurt her.

Yuvraj,I never expected my own son to turn out like this,
Never did I expect that.

She said within herself.

"There's nothing I can do about this mom,
I can't continue wallowing in sorrow and dejection cause she left,
So I'm moving on." He continued,

"Moving on.

Is it what you call sleeping around with women?
Or bringing in some whores to grace hour bed?" Padma asked in disgust,

"Mollie told you that right?" He asked

"Who told me doesn't matter,

What matters now is,

What are you doing to yourself?" She asked him,

"Mom chill okay,chill.

I'm not sleeping around and those ladies aren't whores,
They're my friend and came to visit me....."

"All ladies?" Padma said,
Yuvraj gave a wry smile and touched Padma's shoulder,

"Mom,
There's nothing to it okay." He lied,
Padma couldn't say more.

"Okay." Yuvraj said to her and left to get something in his room.

After that day,
Padma didn't visit him again but they talked on phone and he prefers it that way..
While for Mollie,
There was absolutely nothing he could do,
So he just waved it out and continued used like nothing happened.

In the next few months,
Vanessa's bump was clearly visible and her stomach was as hard as a baseball,
She was twenty three weeks gone.

"Nessa come have your breakfast." Padma called her,
Luckily for her,

Padma was having one of her routine pretence travel,
So she'd come over to spend time with her.

With Padma around,
She was like the pregnant princess,
Padma makes sure she well taken care of and even wanted to hire her a nanny.

"A nanny?"

No mom, it's not needed." Vanessa protested but regret that decision a few weeks after Padma had left.

She was due the next week and Padma was coming beginning of that week,
Everything was perfectly laid out.

But something happened,
Vanessa had just stepped out to get some fresh air when she felt like she wants to pee,

She was walking back into the house when she felt the liquid coming out itself.

She tried to contract her pelvic muscle but it followed with a sharp pain that threw her off balance.

"Aargh!" She cried,

God, what happening to me?

She asked herself.

She looked around if anyone was passing by but no one passed,
The next contraction came like a heavy blow to her cervix,
She bit her lips to stop herself from yelling.

Soon she managed to get up from the floor,
She walked inside the house and got herself, her jacket.

She took her phone and called Padma,
It took just a few rings before she answered,
"Mom!" She cried,

"Honey what's it?" Padma asked hearing the way she found,
"I'm feeling pains mom,
My water already broke." She told Padma,
"What!" Padma yelled,

"Yes mom,
I'm in pains." She cried.

"Are you in the hospital yet?" Padma asked,
"Mom,I don't think I can walk there myself," she cried,

"Okay baby,
Call 911,
Tell them its an emergency and you're having a baby." Padma said.

She was terrified,

No one was with her and she doesn't have a car....

I should have hired that nanny and even get her the car myself....

"Mom,I've called them." Vanessa's faint voice came through.

"Okay Nessa,

You just gat to be strong,

You've to be.

I'm taking the next flight to Georgia now and I guess you'll be seeing me tomorrow." She said to Vanessa and hung up,

Immediately she started packing her stuffs,

The door opened.

"Are you going somewhere?" Prasad,her husband asked,

He was in his room when he heard her talking to someone,

"Yeah....."

It occurred to her,

He doesn't know that she knows where Vanessa is.

"The daughter of my friend Corey,

Remember her?" He couldn't remember who but nodded,

"She's having a baby and her mom isn't around,

She went to London and I've to be there." She lied,
Prasad noticed she lied,
He knows her lying face but didn't want to say anything,

He came over and hugged her,
"Just be safe." He said and kissed her forehead,
"Should I drop you off?" He asked her,
She declined.

"No you go rest,
I'll be fine." She said standing on her toes to return his kiss,

"I might take a few days probably more than a week there,
You should get enough rest and remember to take your medication and don't miss me too
much." She said sweetly to him,

"I'm already dear Padma." He joked,
She took her bag and kissed him again,
Then left the room.

Meanwhile,
It was taking the Paramedics ages to come,
Vanessa just couldn't wait as she noticed that her baby was actually forcing his way out.

She got her towels and also some shawl,
Her blanket was on the floor too and she washed her hands properly.

She lay on the blanket and decide to do the work herself,
In every single minute she'd the contraction,

She took a deep breath and pushed harder.

This went on for a while before she felt the baby's head coming out,
She took another breathe and pushed harder again.

This was literarily the worst pain she'd been through,
Even Yuvraj's constant abuse couldn't match up to this one.

When she felt the head was finally out,

She pushed again but this time reached down and carefully pulled her baby out of her body and that was when the medical teams rushed in.

The man who came in first and saw her,rushed inside and called the rest,

"The cord." She weakly said to him pointing at the umbilical cord that lingered from her son to her body.

The man took the scissors there to cut it bit she stopped him,

His hands weren't sterilized,

She took the scissors to do it but another woman rushed in,

Vanessa didn't see what she looked like but knew she was wearing white.

How they all got out of there,

She didn't know but what she knows what that the last thing she saw was her son's face as he was smiling at her,

Her Sekani's (Joy) face.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Vanessa woke up to Padma by her side,

"Ouch." She cried,

Padma looked at her immediately,

"Sweetheart, you're awake already." She said to her.

"Yes,I'm in pain mom,

My head."

She cried putting her hands on her forehead,

"You'll be fine dear,

They gave you some anaesthetic." Padma said to her,

"Have you seen the baby?" Vanessa asked Padma,

"Yes,I've seen him dear,

He's so cute just like Yuvraj as a baby.

He's wonderful,

Thanks sweetie." Padma said hugging her,

"I gave birth to him myself,

It was very painful.

Never knew childbirth was this painful." Vanessa cried,

Padma stroke her hair,

"The doctors said you're very strong,

You'd no complications at all." Padma said to her,

"What did you name him?" Padma asked her,

"Sekani.

I named him Sekani,

He's my joy giver." She said to Padma,

Padma smiled.

"Sekani Arkash Ryan." Padma said,

Vanessa shook her head,

"Sekani Arkash Singh,

He's still his father and also my husband,mom." She corrected,

"Vanessa,

He should better still go with yours for now.

He's still my grandson and you're still my daughter and my daughter in-law but his right over that boy,needs to be contended for." Padma said,

"He should fight for his right to be that boy's father but till then,

He's Sekani Arkash Ryan okay." Padma said,

Vanessa couldn't argue with her,

"Yes mom." She concurred.

They stayed on the hospital for a few more days where Vanessa was strap between feeding her son and watching him sleep.

Padma insisted they get a private room,

So Vanessa can stay with the baby.

She also hired a nanny too for Vanessa even with her protest,

"Mom,I can take care of Sekani and myself fine." She argued,

"Nope,

I'm not taking that okay.

The last time I did, I regretted it.

Now,I'm not taking chances,

You can take care of yourself and the baby,

I agree.

But most times you need rest and there she comes in." Padma said pointing to the woman who was sitting on the sofa of Vanessa's living room.

"Plus I'm getting you your car,
You need it best now." Padma insisted,

"Are you trying to spoil me silly?" Vanessa asked smiling,
"Yes,
You and my newest grandson,
I'm spoiling the both of you silly." Padma said,

"Nessa,you've school,you gat to study and make out a life for yourself,
Allow me do all this for you please.

Let it be my own way of saying thanks and make up for those times my son hurt you." Padma said on a more serious note,

Vanessa went close to her and wrapped her hands around Padma,

"Mom,you've done a lot for me and whatever happened between me and him
It wasn't your fault okay.

You tried and you did it great,
I love and really appreciate you for that." Nessa said to her,

"I love you too daughter." Padma said but Sekani's cries pulled them apart from each other,

"Your grandson's awake." Vanessa said and ran to her room to get the boy.

She came out awhile later with the boy nicely swaddled in light blue swaddling cloth,

She sat down and brought out her breast to feed the boy.

Immediately his tiny pink mouth touched her breast,

The only sound heard in the living room was his suckling sound.

Padma left the next week,

She made sure everything was going to be easier for Vanessa while she'll be away.

Her car,

She even called an interior designer to come and redesign the house and repaint the house.

The other room was converted to the boys nursery and Padma had it furnished to the fullest,

The nanny wouldn't be living with them,

So it was irrelevant to get her a room.

While Vanessa watch over the baby at night,

The nanny comes in during the day to watch him so Vanessa can rest or do whatever she wants to do,

It was really a great plan.

Vanessa was all in tears when Padma was about to leave,

"Just stay a few more days please." She cried as she drove Padma to the airport,

"I can't,

I told Prasad I was just taking a few days off but now I've just extended it to two weeks,

He's gonna be worried, you know." She explained,

Vanessa understood well but still couldn't stop whining and frowning when Padma was to board the plane.

"I'll call you as soon as I get home and we'll be in touch," She bent to kiss the sleeping baby,

"Sekani,

Grandma would be coming to visit soon okay." She kissed him, then stood up and looked at Vanessa,

"Take care of Sekani and also yourself okay." She kissed her both cheeks and hugged her,

Careful enough not to squish the baby.

Taking her bag,

She walked through the border gate and couldn't stop waving at Vanessa till she got into the plane.

Vanessa stood by till all passengers were inside the plane,

She turned and went to her car,

A big wave of lonelinesses grasp her but when she looked at her baby who was asleep, neatly strapped in the baby seat,

She smiled.

She not alone,

She has her son,

Her Sekani Arkash Ryan,

Her little joy giver.

She drove back home.

A few months after Sekani's birth,

Vanessa went back to college.

Her son was well over seven months now and Padma who'd visited several times during the space of seven months had given her the idea of getting a live in nurse that brings the baby to school with her

This way she gets to be close to her son and also gets to study.

Vanessa took an advance class in Sociology and her major was Human Development and also Psychology.

The lecturers were very proud of her cause despite being saddled with a baby,

She's still among the brightest students in her Department.

"How do you do it?" One of her professor,

A younger man but quite older than her one day,

She'd just went to feed her son and was walking back to the College Library with a few books in her hand,

"Do what?" She asked him when it became obvious he was talking to her,

"Take care of your son and still keep the good pace in your academics,

How do you do it?" He asked again,

"Nothing much,

A few sleepless night and great determination would do." She said to him,

"If you would excuse me Sir,

I have an English Comp assignment to complete." She said politely and went into the Library leaving the man confused and entice.

Vanessa needed somewhere to intern during the course of her study,

When she was given a few option,

She talked to Padma about it and they both agreed she goes to Good Shepherd Therapeutic Home.

"You're good at those type of stuffs Vanessa,

You survived abuse and what's best is to go out and help other people who need that help." Padma told her,

She smiled at the thought of it.

Survived.

She didn't survive anything,

How could she tell Padma that over time she left Yuvraj and home,

She still has nightmares.

Nightmares of Yuvraj trying to hurt her,

Threatening her.

After the birth of her son,

The nightmare reduced but didn't stop,

Once or twice a week, she sees her self at home with Yuvraj,

Either he pointing a knife at her or worst trying to rape her.

"Okay mom." She readily agreed,

Maybe by helping others, she might find help herself too.

She agreed.

The next morning,

She left Sekani with the nanny and took a drive to the Organisation, there she submitted her files.

The founder of the Organization liked her immediately and told the manager to accept her in.

Vanessa explained to the manager that she was just going to intern,

She has a son and is still studying.

The manager agreed based on the order given to accept her as his intern. hi gift on zero nine zero twenty three four eighty ninety nine to be added for more interesting stories.

Mr Cunningham was in his office when he saw the lady who walked into the vicinity,
She was neatly dressed in a black female suit and an appropriate work skirt,

He watched how she talked to the manager and how polite she was,
He called the manager,

"Mr Lawrence,

What's the name of that lady?" He asked the man,

The manager signalled Vanessa to go wait for him and she went.

"Her name's Vanessa Ryan and she's a student of GSU,
She's taking Sociology and Human Development...."

"Accept her." He said not waiting for any more explanation.

"But Sir the....."

"Just do as I say." The man said to him.

"Okay sir,

Yes sir." Mr Lawrence hung up and turned to Vanessa,

He signalled her to come and she did.

"Congratulation Miss,

You've been accepted." He told her,
She just smiled a heartwarming smile,

Even the man could attest that her smile was a beautiful and pure like she's.

"One thing Sir,
I have a son,a few months old and I still study,
I read it was a five to six hours internship four five months,
Is it true?"Sh asked the man,

"Yes it's.
Once again congrats." He said to her and soon she left the place.

"Shoot,
That's a good one." She said as she got into her car and drove back home to meet her son.

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LOVE,HATE,ABUSE AND REVIVAL

CHAPTER EIGHT

"Sekani!" Vanessa called her now eighteen months old son,
"Mama!" The boy answered from his toilet,

"Are you done?" She asked him.

She'd just wanted to leave for school when Sekani, her little troublemaker cried that he wanted to use the potty,

She'd to allow him even though she was thirty minutes late for her seven thirty class.

"No mama!" The boy said to her,
She went to the toilet to see for herself,

But was surprised and annoyed when she saw her son playing with his butt wipes,

"Not again Sekani." She pulled the wipes from the boy's hand.

"Mama..." He kept a sad face,
"I wanna play." He said to her,
Vanessa sighed,
Help him put back his clothes and cleaned the mess he made.

She took his hand and led him outta the room.

She doesn't have a nanny anymore since Sekani turned one,
She felt she can take care of him herself and still do what she does.

Padma advised against it,
But what she did was to enroll him in the Georgia University Day Care close by,

With that she can still watch over him from school.

She took the boy outside the house and closed the door,

"Mama!

Mama!" He cried,

She turned to him to see why he was shouting,

The boy pointed at the plane that was moving in the sky.

"Gan-gan ish coming aiit?" He asked her,

She nodded,

"She's coming soon but if you act naughty,

She won't come again." She said,

The best way to calm Sekani or have him behave good was to tell him his Gan-gan isn't coming.

Immediately his face fell,

She scooped up the boy and went to the car,

Strapped him in and closed the door.

Then she remembered,

She left Sekani's lunch inside the house,

She rushed back to the door and opened it,

There it was..

She left the lunch bag on center table,

She rushed in and grabbed it then shut the door again.

Like always,

Her son was creating a mess in the car with a paper he got hold of.

"Can't this kid be normal?" She asked herself,

"Sekani stop!" She scolded him,

The boy stopped but didn't stop smiling impishly.

"You're being naughty now Sekani and I don't like it." She said picking up the piece of papers that flew everywhere,.

"Mama,play!" Sekani said playfully,

Vanessa picked the papers and threw it outside the window,

Checking around if anyone had seen her do that,

She started the car engine and drove away.

Getting to the day care,

She unstrapped the boy,

Took his lunch bag and took his hand,

Leading him inside the building.

"Good morning Miss Ryan,

Sekani's teacher who was standing at the door of his playroom greeted Vanessa,

" Hey Sekani,

How're you doing?" The teacher asked the boy,

"Here's your package,

You can have him for the whole day." Vanessa said playfully as she handed Sekani to the teacher,

She smiled and took the boy's bag.

"Mama,bye." The boy waved to her as she left,

She waved back and hurried to her car.

The best thing about being a mother,

Vanessa loves the trouble her son gave her.

Sekani's mischievously cute and loves to play pranks on her,

Like when he called Gan-gan and she came running outside her room thinking Padma came.

Sekani was her whole life,

Her existence centred on him and he was literally the best thing that had ever happened to her.

"Miss Ryan,you're late again." Professor Macy,

Obviously the youngest professor in the university asked her,

"Sorry Sir,

I'd to finish a few stuff before coming." She said as she walked to her seat,

"How's your son?" He asked,

Vanessa looked at him weirdly.

Not that she was against him asking after the boy cause Sekani her son is quite popular in the school,

But now,he's fond of asking about the boy whenever he sees her.

Not everyone in the school know that the most talkative and definitely the cutest kid around the day care Sekani is her son.

When Sekani became famous around the school was when the teacher of his day care took them to the University Park to play,

Sekani kept teaching the other pupils that were older than him the names of the things in the park.

"That seesaw,

Cawusel!

Swide,"

A passerby who was just watching the kids noticed the toddler pointing to the stuffs and telling his friends about it.

The guy was so enchanted at the child cuteness and smartness,

He record the whole scene in his cellphone and uploaded it to the School Social System,

Tagged,

"Cutest and Smartest,

Don't play with the kiddos."

Within a few minutes,

Everyone was liking and chipping in their comments.

"So cute."

"His parents must be really good looking to sire such cute boy."

"Wish he was my son."

The comments were so much, people started sharing the video and in no time, it went viral.

Sekani became Georgia University's famous toddler,

But very few know that the quite and elusive Vanessa Ryan is the mother of the boy.

Vanessa didn't reply him and obviously just listen through his class,

In the next two hours,

She was out not minding the man who kept throwing glances at her.

After his class,

She went to the library to get some analogs on a particular topic she'd for presentation on her Human Development class.

She had read all through the night and had also talked to Mr Cunningham on the topic,

He gave her a few grounds on the topic and also how to go about the presentation.

She was going for the class when she bumped into Professor Macy,

"Oops sorry." He said as he helped her pick the books that fell on the floor,

"I'm sorry." He said to her,
She just nodded and turned to leave.

"Can you give me a minute?" He asked her,
She turned but didn't look at him,
"I have a presentation in the next few minutes and....."

"It shouldn't be now,
Maybe later, we can have coffee at Student Union." He suggested,
"Sorry Sir but I'm busy." She said to him,

"Cut that Sir shit,
I told you already my name's Jeremy Macy,
Call me Jeremy." He said,
She said nothing.

"Sir, if you don't mind,
I have a class to attend and I would like to go now." She said politely,

"Vanessa why are you avoiding like I'm a plague,
I've known you for months now but still don't give me the chance to express myself to you." He
said sadly,

"Sir, I'm sorry...."

"Don't call me sir,
Call me Jeremy." He said to her again,

"Sir Jeremy," she said to him,

He was still frowning but she didn't give a shit,

She'd a whole panel of judges to give her presentation to bother if he's angry or not.

"Excuse me Sir." She walked past him and left to the hall where she'd her next class which was the presentation.

The presentation came out a success,

Nearly everything My Cunningham had told her was what they judges wanted to hear.

They asked for reviews which she gave them and apparently,

She aced the presentation.

The first person she met when she came out about a few hours later was Professor Macy,

"Congrats,

You did a great job in there." He commented,

She smiled a thank you to him and was walking away,

"Vanessa, did I do anything wrong to you?" He asked her,

She turned to him but still not looking at him,

"Sir Jeremy,

I don't get what you mean,

I should be the one asking that.

You're stalking me and I don't like it." She said to him.

He was taken aback by her words,

Most of the girls in the school flaunt and throw their selves at him which a good number of them he'd made out with,

But she's different.

Not him,

Not any other guy and twice he'd tailed her to her house,

It was just she and her son.

"I stalk you because I'm in love with you." He said to her,

That word love,

It's alien to her.

Love is typically from another space but definitely not hers.

"I love you and I'm willing to take care of you and Sekani,

Just say yes.

Just accept my love for you and I'll do anything for you." He said.

She just stared at him like he was one mad man spilling nonsense and to her,

That's what he is,

A mad man spilling trash.

"Anything,

Then leave my life alone." She said to him and turned to leave.

He rushed to her front and blocked her way,

"Tell me you don't love me Vanessa,

Say it to my face." He yelled and that attracted other peoples attention.

That made Vanessa sick in the stomach,

She hated being the center of attention for anything.

"I don't love you,

I don't." She said to him loudly enough for Jim to here but still wasn't looking at him.

Her ordeal with Yuvraj had caused this,

She couldn't look at anyone in the eyes expect her son's and Padma's.

Even her college mates and colleagues at the Therapeutic Home,

She could basically not look at anyone in the eyes.

"Why don't you look into my face and tell me that." He said to her,

She felt challenge and wanted to raise her head up but like old habit,

Her head seemed to be glued downward.

"You see,you like me." He said,

"No I don't,

I hate you." She spat hating him for still doing this with the people around.

She wanted to leave but he forced her back,

"Look at me in the eyes and tell me you hate me and I'll be out of your life forever." He said to her,

Knowing she couldn't do it,

Everyone started laughing while others were telling the professor to let Virgin Mary and Mother Theresa go.

Just look at me in the eyes and tell me that you hate me."He repeated,

She didn't look at him and turned to leaves again,

This time he pulled her back and crashed his lips to hers.

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She pulled away from him and gave him a tight slap.

That was the first time she saw his eyes,

There were blue like the oceans. Hi ome on+233544142683 to read more exciting stories from storyline, storybaze, unlimited story platform, house of stories room,fresh stories kingdom.

"I hate you." She said to him and ran away.

Nowhere to go,

She went into her car and drove to somewhere she would be alone.

She drove to the old Catholic church in the area,

At the side of it,
She parked her car but didn't come out,
She stayed back inside the car and cried her eyes out.

She hates him,
Before she respected him as her lecturer and for the fact he was quite older than her,

But with what he just did,
She hates him.

Why are all men like this?
She asked herself,
Not all men,
Her father isn't like this and so is Prasad and Rajveer and Ranveer.

Every other men apart from her dad,her father in-law and the twins,
The others are all wicked and perverts.

Imagine him kissing her,
Kissing her forcefully in front of the whole school,
What type of humiliation is this?

She asked herself as she soaked herself with tears.

Vanessa stayed in the car crying that she lost track of home and even fell asleep there,

When she woke up,
She checked her watch.

"What!

I'm twenty minutes late to get my son home from day care." She cried as she ignited the car and drove back.

Sekani was standing with his teacher outside obviously waiting for her to come and get him.

She didn't even park her car well when she rushed into the building to get her son,

"Mama!" He called excitedly as he saw her rushing to him,

The boy wriggled free from his teacher and ran to her.

Vanessa took him in a big hug,

"Sorry mama came late." She told the boy,

"Miss Ryan,

Here's his lunch bag." The teacher handed the bag to Vanessa,

"Thanks a lot for watching over him for me." She thanked the teacher,

"Not to worry much,

Sekani is like a son to me too." The teacher said to her,

She nodded and with the boy.

She strapped him into the baby seat, making sure he was safety strapped,

She closed the door and went to the driver's seat and drove home.

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CHAPTER NINE

Vanessa didn't attend Professor Macy's class for the next few days that followed,

Fortunately for her,his course was more like a substitute to her main course.

But still he couldn't leave her alone,

Her continued showing up anywhere she went and a few times she met him at the Day Care Centre,

"Vanessa I want to talk to you." He said when he saw her coming inside the building,

Obviously coming to take her son home.

She didn't look at him neither did she stop,

"Vanessa please hear me out." He pleaded,

But she acted like no one spoke.

"Good day Miss." She greeted the unfamiliar lady she met at the door,

"Where's Miss Amber?"

"I'm here to take my son." She told the lady,

"You're Sekani's mom?" The woman asked her,

She nodded.

"Sorry Miss,

Miss Amber is with Sekani at the school's clinic." The woman informed her,

Vanessa was shocked,

"What happened to him?"

"What happened to my son?" She asked,

Professor Macy rushed over when he saw the worried look on Vanessa's face,

"What's happening here?" He asked,

The other woman just looked at him,

Then to Vanessa.

"The school clinic is just in the next block,

I guess you should go there." She said to her not minding the handsome blue eyed stranger that was standing in front of her.

Shock ridden,

Vanessa rushed out heading to the next block,

After searching the first four room,

She finally found where her son was.

He was lying on the bed, crying while the teacher was beside him trying to console him,
Two nurses were with them too.

"Sekani!" She called,
Both the teacher, the nurses and her son turned to the door,
"Mama!" He cried more,
Vanessa rushed to her son and carried him.

"Mama...." He was still crying,
"It's okay baby,
Mama's here okay, mama's here." She kissed him all over his face and also his teary eyes,

Soon, the boy wasn't crying anymore, rather he'd his thumb in his mouth.

"Miss Amber,
What happened to him?" She asked the teacher,
"Awhile after you left,
He became cranky.

I tried to calm him down but that was when I noticed he was running a temperature,
I'd to bring him here." She explained,

Vanessa looked at her son,

Still had his thumb in his mouth but he was asleep.

"Ma'am,

You don't have to worry,

He was just running a fever,

Although we've given him some medications to calm it down.."

"What caused the fever?" She asked the nurse,

"Ma'am, it's a teething problem.

Mostly when kids start having teeth,

It comes with a lot of discomfort....."

She knows about all that,

She took care of her two younger sister, especially Carmen,

So she knows mostly all the teething discomfort.

"I gave him some pain relief syrup,

I would recommend you use a teething powder more often for him,

It ease the pains they feel." The nurse recommended.

Vanessa nodded,

Then looked at her son,

Her eighteen months old son who was lying asleep in her arms.

"Thanks nurse,

Thanks Miss Amber." She thanked the women,

"No big deal,

Just take him home and allow him have a good rest." The teacher said,

Vanessa stood up and adjusted the

boy in her arms.

She picked up her bag and also Sekani's lunch bag,

"Thanks a lot Miss." She said to the nurses and Sekani's teacher before she left,

Opening the door,

The first person she met outside was Professor Macy,

"What happened to him?" He asked her,

She didn't reply him,

Rather she walked down the corridor and left the place while he stood back and watch her open her car.

Strap her sleeping son in,closed the door and went to the driver seat,

In no time,she drove away.

For the next three days,she didn't go to class,

She stayed home and watched over her son,

Making sure he was getting better.

After that,she went back to her normal cycle,

Sekani,school and work.

Unknown to her,photos of the kissing scene was taken by some few students and uploaded to the School Social System.

Some girls who were into the Professor saw it and felt she was trying to steal their man not knowing the actual fact.

Twice some group of girl stopped her but the third one was the most annoying.

She was heading to the hall for a test,

The test she'd missed while she skipped school to take care of her son.

She was close to the hall already,

When these two girls stopped her,

"Hey Vanessa." One with the blond hair called her,

She looked at both of them,

There were completely unfamiliar to her,

So she walked past them but the other girl dragged her back,

"We're talking to you and you're walking away,

How dare you?" The girl raised her voice,

"So you're the Vanessa that's flirting around with my boyfriend right?" The girl asked,

The girl with the blond mane just stood beside and watch what was going to happen.

"Your boyfriend.

Which boyfriend?" Vanessa asked the girl and that infuriated her more,

"You asking me that, you slut.

You guy you went kissing around and probably fucking around with him too." The girl with blond mane said looking at Vanessa demeaning.

"Girls,

I don't know what you're talking about,

I'm not flirting with anyone's boyfriend and so not sleeping with anyone's boyfriend." She said quite impatiently cause she was already late for her class.

"Then what's this?" The other girl said showing Vanessa a photo,

Not just a photo,

But a photo of her and the professor kissing.

Wtf!

"Can you deny it again?" The girls asked,

"Can you?

It's so obviously Vanessa." The girls jeered.

Vanessa felt that the ground should open up and swallow her,

Why her?

Why must she be the one to suffer in everything?

She didn't kiss him rather he forcefully kissed her but now everyone is facing her calling her names,

This is the worst form of humiliation ever.

She didn't say any word,

Rather she forcefully walked out on the girls and went to the hall.

Already lost concentration,

She failed the test.

Vanessa was gloomy throughout that day and the next,

She even called Padma and told her she wasn't going to go back to school again.

Padma who was shocked by the news, promised to come over to Georgia the next week but pleaded with Vanessa to continue going till she comes.

Sekani was watching Mickey Mouse from his high seat where Vanessa had carefully strapped him when he saw his Gan-gan from the window.

"Mama!" Sekani cried in excitement,

"Mama!

Gan-gan!" He cried,

Vanessa who was lying on the bed lost in her thought,

When she heard her son crying from the living room,

She felt something bad was happening when he was crying,

So she rushed outside to see what's wrong.

"Missy come open the door for me before I....."

"Mom!" She cried,

She unbolted the door immediately and there was Padma,

She was carrying her mini suitcase and a handbag too.

"Mom." Vanessa embraced the woman immediately,

"Hey sweetheart,

How're you doing?" She asked her,

"We're good." She said,

She helped with the suitcase while Padma went in to meet her grandson who was over excited to see her.

"Gan-gan missu." The boy said as Padma unstrapped him from the seat,

"Miss you too Sekani,

How're you doing?

Mama said you weren't feeling good before." She asked the boy,

He pointed to his teeth,

"Was it your teeth?" Padma asked him,

He nodded and lay on her body while Vanessa went to get Padma water,

She kissed him and smiled,

"It won't ache again cause your fairy Gan-gan is here okay."

The boy smiled and reach out to take another kiss.

When she came back, Sekani was squirming on Padma's body,

"Gan-gan, aiiis cocowate." Sekani asked her, getting down from her laps heading to her bag,

"Gan-gan cocowate." He said to her again,

"Please get me a bowl to give him some." Vanessa stood up and got Sekani's cereal bowl and handed it to Padma,

She brought out the big box of chocolate and pour a few into the bowl and handed it to the boy,

"Here you go boy."

The boy took it immediately and sat down in front of Padma.

Vanessa put her head on Padma's shoulder,

"So how're you doing?" Padma asked her,

She sighed in frustration,

"If I'm being honest, I would say I'm not fine mom,

I'm not." She said sadly,

"Because the nincompoop kissed you or because the girls are all thinking the opposite or because you want end your career because of the rumor,

Which one doesn't make you fine?" Padma asked her,

She chuckled.

"All of them mom,

All of them are making me sick." Vanessa said,

"Sick cause you like him?" Padma asked playfully,

"Mom...noooooo." She whined,

"Let's go talk inside." Padma suggested looking at the boy whose whole attention was on the show.

Vanessa went to put him back on his seat but Padma said no,

"Mom, this place would be a mess before we get back,

Sekani's always messy." Vanessa said but Padma refused,

"Hey sugarplum." Padma bent down and kissed the boy,

"Uuuu Gan-gan." He called,

"Be a good boy and don't act messy,

I'll give you more chocolate okay." She told him,

He nodded with a smile,

The innocent smile that reminded her a lot of her last son,

The boy's father.

"Owkay." The boy said and turned his attention back to the TV while Vanessa led Padma to her room.

"So Missy, what did you say your problem was?" Padma asked Vanessa,
She told her everything,

From the confrontation to the kiss to him following her then to the girls.

"Wow,

That's something deep." Padma said when Vanessa finished explaining everything to her,

"You hate him and want to quit school cause he kissed you and now those girls have their most deadliest glare on you?" She asked,

"Vanessa, you're going back to school and getting your degrees,

If you let things like this disturb you, I don't think you'll be able to go anywhere or face any challenge in life." Padma admonished.

"I didn't send you away because you're a fearful coward,

No.

I sent you away cause you're a survivor and I knew deep down you needed some adjustment to survive.

You're not going to throw all that hard work away cause of these flimsy stuffs okay.

As a woman, you're supposed to get advances from the opposite sex,

It's normal but what's not normal is when you shy away from everything,

That's not normal." Padma said to her,

"Now, you're going back to school and that's it." She aired with authority.

"Am I clear?" Padma asked,

Vanessa nodded,

"Yes mom."

"How's work?" She asked,

"Work's going fine..."

"And your boss?" She asked in a mischievous way

"Mom stop please,

Mr Cunningham just like the way I work and not me,

Mostly all the patients love the way I work but not me." Vanessa explained,

"Why don't they like you but like your work?" Padma asked her,

"See dear,

They're all head in their toes in love with you but you're just ignoring that fact even if it's clear."
She told her,

Vanessa smiled,

"Enough of them and me,

How's everyone at home?" She asked Padma,

"Well Prasad and the twins are fine and so are their wives and kids,

Your dad's doing good,

Bianca's going off to Northwestern soon and Carmen is in her junior year." Padma said,

"Wow,Northwestern...."

"Yeah,she deserve it Nessa,

Her SAT's score is wonderful." Padma said to her.

Vanessa noticed something,

Padma told her of everyone but not one person,

Her last son.

"You don't want to talk about him?" She asked her,

She saw the pain in Padma's eyes even when she tried to facade it,

"Not it,he slipped my mind." She lied,

She didn't really want to talk about him.

"How's he doing?" She asked,

She never calls his name,

Never.

To her it was just like he was close by and will punish her like he did then if she calls his name,so she never does.

"He's doing fine,

He think he's.

Always out of town,bringing in girls whenever he's back and indulge in vain stiffs like he always does." Padma told her,

"Mom,are you still angry at him?" Vanessa asked her,

"Are you?"

"I'm not angry at him,

I'm mad at myself for trusting him.

It was in his nature to do those things...

No it wasn't.

He has never been that way,

As a growing up boy,he was very intelligent,

A straight 'A' student unlike the twins but immediately he went off to college and graduated.

He became a different being altogether,

I never got to understand him again.

He talks to his papa sometimes and calls me every once in awhile but there's nothing I can do anymore,

I tried my best." She said,

Vanessa pitied her,

It's very hard as a mother,having a child that's wild and behaves abnormally.

"Don't me mad at him or yourself mom,

Please don't be." Vanessa said to her,

"It wasn't you fault,

You did your very best." She consoled Padma,

"You still love him?" Padma asked her,

Vanessa nodded.

"It's been over two years now Vanessa but you still love him.

Why?" Padma asked her,

She wasn't disappointed at all.

"Mom,I can't help it with him,

He was the first guy,

My first love and my first husband,

He's the father of my son too.

I can't go back to him but my heart still has a place for him." She confessed.

She still sees him,

She sees him in her dreams,

Her nightmare,

But it doesn't still help her hate him,

It doesn't all.

He's either trying to force himself on her or trying to kill her,

That's why most nights,she either sleep in her son's room or have the boy sleep in her room with her.

Either way,she feels safer with her son beside her.

"I'm sorry mom." She said to Padma,

"Nessa, do you know the one thing that endeared me to you when I first saw you?" She asked her,

Vanessa shook her head.

"Let me tell you,

The one thing that attracted me to you that day that made me give my my card was your good nature.

Staying humble even when that other lady was demeaning you and trying to make you look worthless,you were humble through.

Plus what you did for Prasad at the hospital,

I knew that instant that you're the daughter I never had and I loved you and wanted you to be part of my family and thank God today that you're,

You gave me Sekani and I'm so grateful for that my dear,

I am." Padma said to her,

She pulled Vanessa closer and enveloped her in a warm hug.

To her,

Vanessa was the daughter God didn't give her and she was going to see through that no one ever hurts her.

No one and not even her son.

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CHAPTER TEN

That night,

Padma volunteered to cook dinner, bathe Sekani and even tucked him to bed,

"Gan-gan, swip wit me." The boy cried as she lay him on his crib,

"I can't Arkash,

The bed is too small." She said to him,

"Who ish Karkash?" He asked her,

No one ever calls him that,

"You're Arkash,

You're Sekani Arkash Singh Ryan,

That's who you are." She said to him.

"Gan-gan swip with me." He told her again,

Oblivious to what she was explaining to him,

"Okay, I'll but first you'll have to sleep." She bargained,

"And wu swip with me." He completed,

Soon the boy closed his eyes and she waited to for him to sleep deeper before she left,

No need for the storypod.

The next morning,

Padma woke up early and prepared breakfast for Vanessa and Sekani,
Then she shower and got ready,took Vanessa's car and drove to the University.

When she hot there,she was directed to the Chancellor's office but he hadn't arrived,
So she waited for him to come.

A few minutes late,
The potbellied man in his latest sixties arrive,
Two students were carrying a box behind him as he walked majestically to his office.

"Padma!" The man called immediately he saw the woman standing in front of his office,
Padma didn't smile,

"Good morning ma'am." The student greeted her,
She nodded to them,
The man gave the students his key as they went ahead to keep the box.

"To what do I owe this visit Padma?" The man asked her,
"A professor here molested my daughter." She said to the man,
He frowned.

"Your daughter.
Is your daughter here?" The man asked her,
She turned to him,
"Vanessa Ryan,

Second year student of Human Development and Psychology." She aired.

He have heard of her before,

The intelligent student who was caught kissing a professor.

"He forcefully kissed her,

Now she's shaken she doesn't want to school anymore cause literarily all this other girls are calling her names."

"Padma what do you want to do?

Tell me,

Anything." The man pleaded.

He knows her too well,

Behind those generous,caring and loving nature is a wicked part he'd once had tasted and wouldn't want to see again.

Padma's from a wealthy family and got married into the same,

It will be as easy as hurting a fly for her to sue the school,

So she needs to be pleased.

"Nothing much Mr White,

I just want him to publicly confessed he kissed my daughter forcefully and apologize to her in front of the whole school." She said,

"That's all." She added.

"Okay Padma,

That'll be taken care of." He said to her,

She nodded and left immediately.

Professor Macy was called to the Chancellor's office,

He didn't know why but he'd a bad feeling about it,

"Is he in?" He asked the secretary,

She nodded and gestured for him go in and he went,

"Mr Macy,

Welcome."

"Good day Mr Whites,

The head of out department said you sent for me." He said,

The man nodded.

Mr White didn't think he'd to beat around the bush,

He went straight to the point,

"Do you know Miss Vanessa Ryan?" He asked him,

Macy's demeanor changed.

"Yes I know her." He said,

"How close are the both of you?" The Chancellor asked him,

"Not really close,

She takes my advance English Comp class." He said,

"Okay and you forcefully kissed her last week right?" He asked,

The man didn't reply,

"Well I want you to publicly confess it was your fault then go apologize to her." The Chancellor said,

Jeremy frowned.

"Why?" He asked the man,

"Because if you don't, you're stepping on the toe of the person that can terminate your teaching career and also sue this school for moral decadence.

Jeremy was shocked,

Who's that?

He asked himself.

Vanessa's mother came here this morning and bet me,

She is ready to let hell loose if you don't apologize to her daughter publicly.

For the sake of your job and this school, please go apologize to her." The Chancellor told him.

Jeremy couldn't believe his ears,

Vanessa's mother?

He thought she was just an orphan that had no family just her son.

"Are you doing it or not?

Cause if you're not I'll have no option but to quit you from this job." The man said,

Jeremy just nodded,

"I'll." And he left the office.

There's a whole lot to know about this Vanessa Ryan.

When Vanessa woke up,
She didn't find Padma on the bed,
She got up from the camp bed and went to wash her face.

There was actually no noise around the house,
She went to her son's room.
Sekani wasn't in his bed,
So she went to the kitchen.

Something yummy.
Her own share of breakfast was in the microwave and there was a note too.

"Decided to allow you sleep more,
You couldn't last night,
We've a lot to talk about when I come back.
Off to drop my grandson at the daycare,
Make sure you've your breakfast."
Love,
Mom."

She smiled,
Yes she couldn't sleep last night,
She'd terrible dreams,

Yuvraj was in it all and like always he was trying to hurt her.

Could she tell Padma that?

No she can't,

She'll have to cook up something else to tell her.

She went to the microwave and open it,

Egg omelette and toast,

Tostadas and salad.

Yum,

Mom,you're the best.

She took out the food,

Not bothering to reheat it,

She went to the dining table to eat.

She finished every single meal on the dining table,

Then did the dishes.

She went ahead and showered before coming out again,

From the front door,

She saw Padma drive in,

She ran to her room and lay on the bed,pretending to be asleep.

From the bed,she heard the front door open and heard Padma calling out to her,

She shut her eyes tighter.

"Vanessa." Padma continued to call,

The voice were getting closer and closer till the door of her room opened.

"Here you're,

Get down from there,

I know you're pretending to be asleep." Padma said to her,

"Get down from the,

We've a lot to talk about." She said again,

Vanessa didn't move.

"Okay,I'll be in the living room,

Seems like you're really asleep.

You deserve it though,

You slept badly last night." Padma said,

The door opened and closed again.

Whosh,

She'd gone out.

Vanessa slowly raised her head up and peek around to know if she truly left,

Immediately her head was well up,

"I thought you were sleeping."

Gosh,

It was Padma,

She didn't leave, she played a prank on her.

"Mom..." Vanessa dragged,

"You don't want to talk about it?" She asked Vanessa,

She nodded, giving Padma a pity face.

"You have to,

You won't fully heal if you don't talk to anyone,

So you must have to talk." Padma said to her,

Vanessa slumped back on the bed.

"Let me tell you something about myself no one knows except my husband." Padma said,

She cleared a space for herself on the bed and sat beside Vanessa.

"Did you know how I ended up being a philanthropist?" She asked Vanessa,

She shook her head,

"Okay, I'll tell you." Padma said,

Vanessa adjusted herself and lay her head on Padma's thigh while Padma spoke.

"During my first year in Senior High School,

I met this guy Chris,

Chris was handsome and was two years older than me.

Chris was every girl's dream,
He'd this looks that could make one go jelly and his eyes,
His eyes were very beautiful,
There were the oceans,

Blue and sparkling and even I as a very independent person,
I fell head over heels with Chris.

He asked me out and I accepted,
Two to three dinner,
We started dating.
I was on top of the world then,
Other girls envied me as Chris's girlfriend.

My parents were wealthy and very popular and so was his,
He was the only child and they spoilt him silly,
They'd a club in his name and it was very popular then,
My father was among it member then.

Chris bought me flowers and Valentine's day for me is special.

First valentine together,
He rented a yacht big enough to carry this apartment for just the both of us.

Our second Valentine,we went on a flying trip with his father's jet,

Everything was awesomely romantic,

But I had to do one thing for Chris and that was being his sex machine.

Chris was a sex maniac,

He loved sex and for the fact I love him,

I couldn't say no.

I knew if I said no, some other girl would take my place,

Don't get me wrong,

I wasn't after the material things but I was just following a path called in-lying love/list detection.

That's just like loving someone to a detrimental fault,

I love Chris so much that I lost focus in my studies because of him.

The only thing I could think of while at school was Chris and nothing else,

At home, Chris,

Everywhere I went,

I imagined being with him.

Until my Senior year,

Just three weeks after resuming school,

I found out I was two weeks pregnant,

It was Chris's.

We always use protection Chris made sure of that and I always take my pills after every intercourse,

How did it happen?

I don't know but I knew I wasn't ready to be a mother yet,

My dad had secured my admission to Harvard University already and he'd also promised me the latest Mercedes car if I graduate,

I can't let a baby come ruin the plan.

So I told Chris about it,

He accepted he was the father but like me,

He wasn't ready to be a father.

We'd to think of something,

After thinking for a whole day,

He came up with abortion.

He said we could abort the baby and I was like,

Isn't that illegal?

He told me no.

That everyone does it when they don't want more babies,

So I believed him.

The next week without telling anyone except his father's secretary who was paid to act as my mom,

Me,Chris and the lady set out to Palo Alto,

I lied to my parents that I was going out with some few friend and they allowed me.

In the next three hours in the hospital I could hardly tell it's name,

We finished the abortion process and everything was meticulously and carefully carried out successfully.

I came back the next day and bought a lot of stuffs to convince my parents I went out with the girls.

After some few days,

I started having very bad discomfort, bad nightmares and I got sick.

My dad took me to the hospital but the doctors found nothing wrong with me,

It was so shocking they didn't even notice I had an abortion.

I became well a few days later but was the shadow of my old self.

One Sunday in the church,

The Pastor was preaching about confession and forgiveness,

I felt he was talking to me and for the first time in years,

I went for confession.

I couldn't do it in front of the church,

So I went to the Pastor after the church service and I pouted my heart to him,

Told him about my nightmares and what I did.

He prayer for me and told me that as long as I'm remorseful and promise not to do something heinous like that,

God was ready to forgive me and accept me back as his child.

I accepted and since then I didn't have my nightmares again,

The pastor told me that I wasn't going to have a female child cause I just killed the only one I have,

I wasn't happy but accepted my fate and that was when I started off being a philanthropist especially to kids.

When I met Prasad,

I told him about my past and he accepted me saying he wasn't getting married to my past but my present and my future,

So apart from the Pastor who I don't think is still alive now,

The next person that knew about that was my husband. "

Vanessa was surprised and shocked to what Padma just told her,

"What happened to Chris afterwards?" She asked her,

"Never knew again,

We lost contact after High School,

Last I heard he was in Australia taking over his father's business." Padma said to her.

"So Vanessa,

What did you think helped me in my own situation?" Padma asked her,

"The pastor." Vanessa said,

"How?" Padma asked,

"Because you talked to him about everything and he interceded for you." Vanessa said,

"So don't you think you need to talk to someone about those nightmares before they drive you crazy?" Padma asked her,

"Mom, I'll definitely talk to someone about it but I need time.

I just don't want to start talking about it immediately,

I just need some time." Vanessa said,

"Okay, if you say so." Padma said to her.

Soon Vanessa got a call from school,

Her attention was needed there.

"I don't want to go." She cried,

You're and that's final." Padma said,

She knew why she was being called.

"Mom can you one with me?

I don't want those girls looking at me like they did and I'll feel safer with you around." She insisted,

"Vanessa, you need to grow up.

I think I've spoonfed you a lot,

You're going alone." Padma said,

"Mom, I'll grow up later but now just accompany me please." She pleaded,

Padma reluctantly agreed and they went.

When they got to the school,

Mostly all the student were at the school field while Jeremy was on the podium.

When he saw Vanessa coming and saw the woman beside her,

He knew for once this must be the woman Mr White was warning him about,

He came down from the podium and went to where Vanessa was,

"Miss Vanessa Ryan,

I'm so sorry for forcefully kissing you the other day.

It was so wrong of me and I'm very sorry,

Such behavior won't be departed again,

Please accept my apology." He said kneeling down in front Vanessa with the whole student around,

Some were just watching the show while others were recording it on their phone.

Vanessa couldn't say anything,so Padma nudge her,

"Just agree let's have this thing done with." She said,

"Yes,I agree." She nervously said,

Jeremy smiled,

"But can I be your friend please." He asked her still kneeling down,

"Prof....."

"Jeremy." He corrected her,

"Just say yes." He pleaded,

Vanessa was very nervous,

So nervous she felt she could just faint there.

"Vanessa say yes." He repeated again,

Padma understood her,

She was scared.

"Mister,

Get up from the floor,

She'll give you her answer later." Padma took Vanessa's hands and took her to the car.

Immediately she was inside the car,

She burst in tears,

Laying her head on Padma's thigh,

Padma felt pity for her,

She felt pity for Vanessa cause, it's her son that's responsible for all this.

Yuvraj, look what you've done to Vanessa.

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Padma drove her home after she was pretty sure she'd calm down a bit.

The drive home was in silence as Vanessa didn't want to talk about what had happened there,
Padma wanted to talk about it,

She didn't want her to continue to wallowing in her fear and self pity,
She wanted her to be strong and be able to face her fears like she did.

"Go inside,
I'll join you in a few moment." Padma said to Vanessa when they got home,

Vanessa opened the door of the car and went in while Padma stayed behind in the car.

Vanessa needs help,
She needs big help but she not aware of it.

This whole shit was making Padma sick,
If this is how things are turning out,
She doesn't think it's very advisable to leave Vanessa alone.

She gives help to people but she needs that help more than they do.

Padma took out her cell phone and tried to make an appointment with the Good Shepherd
Therapeutic home,

She needed a female therapist she can send Vanessa to,

She needed someone who would understand her situation and not make it worst,

There in the car,

She booked the appointment by ten am the next morning.

She'll stay longer than expected if it means her daughter would get better.

When she finally left the car and went inside,

Vanessa was in her room.

She wasn't sleeping but she lay on the bed,facing the ceiling with her unblinking eyes,

"Vanessa." Padma called her,

She removed the stare from the ceiling,then to Padma.

"You're going with me to see a therapist tomorrow." Padma informed her,

"Mom,I don't think I can." Vanessa said,

"No,you can.

You can do anything you set your mind to,

You're going to see her and you'll talk about all this to her and she'll help you.

Vanessa you need help and I'm going to make sure you get one." Padma told her,

She nodded and lay back on the bed while Padma went to the kitchen to prepare lunch for them.

Vanessa went back to school the next week,

Thanks to Padma.

Padma drove her to school,

Then she stayed back at the school.

"Try catch some youngster's vibe.

It's feels good to be a youth." She told Vanessa when she came out for lunch with her.

Plus,after all the persuasion from Padma,

Vanessa went to meet the therapist.

It was no other than her colleague Marian at work,

She felt very disappointed.

"Mom,she's a colleague.

I can't be telling my problems to a colleague at work,

I can go anywhere else but not a colleague mom." Vanessa argued,

"She's older and wiser and has been in this job for years,

Don't you think you should just give it a shot?" Padma asked her,

"Mom,you don't understand,

If I'm to ever say anything about this to her,

It'll be the latest news around the office immediately I'll leave." She complained,

"So what do you want to do?" Padma asked her,

" I don't know,

I just want to live this through.

I just want to find peace and live all this through. "She sighed in frustration.

Padma saw it all,

She was tired,

She really is.

" How long will it take?"Padma asked her,

"I'll sleep more with Sekani,

I'll laugh more and maybe try make new friends,

I'll counsel myself.

I think it a few more months or years or...

I don't really know but I'll be better off that way mom."

"And what about the Professor?

You'll talk to him and agree to be his friend?" Padma asked,

"I don't think it worth it mom."

"It worth it dear,

It really do.

You should go out for coffee sometimes,

See the movies and you can also invite him over for lunch too." Padma advised her smiling,

"And what happens to my son when I'm frolicking having coffee or tea with him?" She asked Padma,

Padma smiled,

"He would be at the daycare,cause all this you're doing during the day." Padma replied,

"What about my marriage?" She asked her,

Padma frowned.

"I'm not asking you to leave your marriage,

You're still legally married to Yuvraj until you both get a divorce,

I'm just asking you to go out and explore,

Go and make friends." She explained,

"Okay,

Explore and make friends,

I think that should be my new logo now." She said mockingly,

Padma slapped her butt playfully,

"Yes,that should be it."Padma said to her.

The next week,

Padma initiated her to bringing the Professor home for lunch.

Vanessa kicked against it but Padma was adamant,

"You don't have class today and you aren't going to work today,

I'm around and Sekani's in day care.

Don't you think it's time you start helping yourself?" Padma asked as she prepared lunch,
She volunteered to prepare lunch for her while she goes ready,

"But mom.."

"But no but," she left the Garlic Shrimp she was preparing and came to where Vanessa was standing,

"Sweetheart,

You're still young and beautiful.

I want you to enjoy it,

Don't run away from things like that.

Yuvraj's out there,

Having the fun of his life after all what he did to you and you're here trying to be married and not have fun..

No.

I'm not asking you to date him or sleep with him because I know you can't,

Your body and your health can't take any advances but it doesn't still refuse you having friends,

So loosen up and have fun before it's late for you." Padma advised her,

She sighed and went to the counter to get herself an apple.

"Just do this for me please." Padma said,

"Okay mom, I'll." She resigned,

"Yippy!" Padma was excited,

She rushed back to what she was cooking,

"Now you go and get yourself all nice up,
He'll be arriving soon." She said to Vanessa.

Vanessa took the apple and left the kitchen to go get dressed.

Jeremy arrived a few minutes later,
He was wearing a simple but expensive looking shirt and a blue jean neatly tucked in,
He was carrying a bouquet and also a bag,

Adjusting himself well,
He knocked on the door.

"Vanessa,he's here already!" He overheard Vanessa's mom called and soon the door was opened for him by the elegant older woman.

"Good day ma'am." He greeted,
One can get really nervous with the woman staring,

"How're you doing son?
Come inside,
Shell be out a few minute from now." Padma said to him as he walked inside the apartment.

He never expected it to be this wonderfully furbished,
Vanessa's family must be very wealthy for them to turn an apartment as small as this to be wonderful.

The living room was spacious and had a corner which he suspected to be her son's corner,
Everywhere was neatly arranged.

He looked around the house and was wowed,

"Mind if you sit down,

She'll be out soon." Padma said to him,

He sat down while she left.

Soon Vanessa came out of the room,

Jeremy was stunned when he saw her,

She was wearing a peach floral gown and it was a free one.

With lips a gap,

He stood up from the sofa,

"You look stunning Vanessa." He complimented,

She smiled,

"Thank you."

She was nervous one could say not after having Padma lecture her again in her room.

"I think it's time for lunch,

You guys should come over." Padma said from the dining room,

She was wearing a waitress uniform and had an apron on too with a cap.

"Here,

I brought this for you." He said handing over the bouquet and the bag to her,

"Thanks a lot Prof...."

"Jeremy." He corrected,

"Yeah,

Thanks a lot Jeremy." She said to him and they went to the dining which Padma had fully arranged for them.

"Wow,this smells delicious,

I can't wait to have a taste of it." He exclaimed,

Padma smiled at him.

"It's already here,

Close your eyes you both and when I count to three,

You open them." Padma said,

Vanessa was smiling as she watched Jeremy closed his eyes in excitement,

She closed hers too.

"One,

Two,

Three,

Open."

They both opened their eyes and even Vanessa was amazed by what she saw on the table,

Maryland Crab Cake,Garlic Shrimps,Fruit Platter and Clam Chowder.

"Mom,"

"Shush,

Allow me serve you both." Padma said,

She took some plates and served them both,

She opened a bottle of Dasani and poured for them each,

"I would have given you both Cognac D' Sailed but my daughter here isn't an alcohol drinker,

No matter how little it's percentage." Padma said to them,

"Its okay ma,

I prefer Dasani too." Jeremy said to her,

She smiled.

"Now,I'll be in my post,

If you need anything,

Ring this bell." She gave them a smaller cup size bell,

"And I'll be right out.

Enjoy your meal." She said to the both of them and left.

"Your mom's so nice." He commented and so are this dishes."Jeremy said to her,

Vanessa didn't look at his eyes,

"Yeah she's." She said,

"So you're her only child?" He asked her,

"No,I'm not." She replied him cutting her crab cake to have a bite.

Shed rehearsed with Padma and Padma had told her the likely questions Jeremy would ask and how she was going to answer them,

She even taught her how to put her emotions in check while answering any question.

"How many are you guys?" He asked her,

"Four,

Three older brothers." She said to him.

How Ironic?

Including her husband as her brother.

"Wow,they must be very protective of you?" He asked,

She smiled,

"I guess so." She said.

Padma told her not to make it a one person conversation,

She should ask questions too.

"You?" She asked him,

"Well,

I'm the only son and have an older sister and also a younger sister.

My father runs a transport company,

While my mom is a teacher just like I'm." He told her,

She smiled.

"Originally from Los Angeles California but I'd to move down here for my job." He added,

"Your parents still there?" She asked him,

"Yes,

Both my sister's are married,

So they're leaving alone.

What about your brother's and your father?" He asked her.

Padma told her to be honest about her family but now she's just gotten herself tangled up in lies put of being nervous.

"They're all in Outer Banks,

Moms comes to visit me and Sekani here." She said to him,

"And Sekani's father?" He asked in a mild way,

She froze.

"You don't want to talk about it?" He asked her seeing the wasp emotion that had flood her,

"Don't worry,I won't ask anymore,

I'm sorry for asking." He backed down.

"Yes." She managed to say.

They continued eating amongst other light discussions about school and books,

To Vanessa,

Having a conversation about book is better than talking about one's life.

After lunch,

She volunteered herself and took the dishes to the kitchen,

She cleared the table then came back to the living room where Jeremy was watching Sekani's Mickey Mouse Show.

"Looks like Sekani loves this show a lot." He said,

She smiled,

"Yes he does.

He wouldn't sleep if he hadn't seen an episode of it that day." She said amused,

"Sekani,

Is that a native name?" He asked her,

She looked t him and smiled.

"Yes,

An African name,

It means Joy." She explained to him,

Jeremy nodded.

"Your dad's African?" He asked her,

"Yes."

"And your mom's American." He asked again,

"Yeah."

"What's his full name,

I mean Sekani?" He asked,

If I tell him..

Just tell him,

It's no harm.

"Sekani Arkash Singh Ryan." She said,

"His father's Indian?" He asked her,

"I don't want to talk about it but he's." She said to him.

"Why don't you look at someone directly when you're talking to that person?" He asked her, moving closer to her,

She moved away quickly,

"Nothing." She said to him,

He nodded but knew it wasn't nothing,

There was something really going on with her and he's interested to find out what that is and help her out of that.

He's going to do that just if she gives him the chance to come into her life,

Seeing how she loves her mom and her son so much,

He's going to use the both of them to get to her.

"Would you be free next weekend,

I want to take you and Sekani to the Bahamas.

Would you?" He asked,

She looked around to see if Padma was close by,

She needs Padma to help her here.

She didn't know whether she should agree or not.

"Sorry for listening," Padma's voice said from behind them,

"I was just passing when I heard your request,

And I'm allowing you take her,

She's doing nothing for me here." Padma said,

Vanessa frowned.

"Thanks a lot ma." Jeremy said to her.

He was really happy,

He has gotten her mom to like him now it was her son left,

It's not going to be hard making the boy like him,

He's still a toddler and a couple of toys and chocolate will do the work for him.

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With Padma allowing him take them out,

Jeremy was joyous.

He went ahead and bought the tickets for the trip,

He also rescheduled all his plans, so no one falls on that day and even cancelled any appointment that'll obstruct his plan,

For real,

He was all set.

"But mom why did you accept it?" Vanessa asked Padma.

It's been a few days after Jeremy came for that lunch but Vanessa hadn't stop bickering Padma for accepting Jeremy's offer,

"Now every time he sees me,he's always trying to start a conversation." She complained,

Padma smiled.

"That's the big idea,

Starting a conversation." She said,

"But mom." She cried,

"I just accepted lunch and this trip,

Soon it'll be dinner and soon...."

"Why do you like worrying much?" Padma asked her,

She bent and took Sekani's lunch bag from the floor,

"You worry too much and I don't like it,

You're to go have fun and not go worry kill yourself." Padma said.

A knock was heard on the door,

"Someone's knocking,

Let me go get it." Vanessa said to Padma as she left the kitchen counter,

Padma went along,

But she didn't go to the door,

She just went to where her grandson was playing with his shoelace and took it from him,

She picked the boy up and Vanessa opened the door,

It was smiling Jeremy,

She inwardly sighed.

"Good day ma'am,

Vanessa,how're you doing?" He asked,

She turned to Padma and gave her a mad look.

"Jeremy,come in." Padma said and he came inside,

He was carrying two shopping bags on each hands.

"You didn't tell us you were coming over." Padma said to him,

"Yes,

I'd went to the mall to get some stuffs,

So decided to get some toys for Sekani." He said,

It was half truth though,

He hadn't gone there to get anything except for the toys.

He handed it to Vanessa,

She turned to Padma and Padma nodded her to take it which she did.

"Thanks a lot." Vanessa and Padma said simultaneously,

Jeremy smiled and turned to the little boy,

"Sekani,how're you?" He asked the boy,

The boy struggled to come down from Padma's arm,

She let him down and he went to where Vanessa was,

"Mama shee." He cried,

Vanessa opened the bag and brought out a racing toy car and teddy bear,

The other bag had a box of chocolate in it.

"Mama cocowate." The boy cried with excitement,

Padma smiled.

Sekani refused to touch the teddy bear,

He took the car and came to Padma,

"Gan-gan voom voom." He said to her tugging her legs,

"Yes,it's very nice,

Say thank you to the nice gentleman who got it for you." Padma told the boy,

He looked at Jeremy,

Stuck out his tongue at him and turned to Padma.

"Gan-gan voom voom." He said to her again,

"Sekani be a good boy and say thanks to Jeremy." Vanessa said to the boy,

He turned again and stuck out his tongue at both Vanessa and Jeremy then turned back to Padma.

"Gan-gan ant tu play.

Gan-gan play.

Gan-gan play." He cried in excitement,

"Jeremy thanks a lot for the gift,

As you can see,

Sekani loves it very much." Padma said,

She looked at her grandson who was rolling the tyre of the car on her arms,

"Sekani, let's go and play." She told the boy,

"Pippy!" He yelled as Padma took him away.

Vanessa stood there and wished Jeremy would just leave without saying any word again.

"Lovely son you got there." He commented,

She smiled,

"Thanks." She said,

"Thanks for the toys once again." She added,

"So we're still going to the Bahamas right?" He asked her,

The third time that day,

"I guess so."

"Okay,till then." Jeremy said,

He stood up,

"I'll take my leave now." He said,

Vanessa didn't move an inch from where she was.

"We'll see tomorrow then." He said to her,she just nodded.

Jeremy came closer to her,

She moved away immediately,

He understood and backed out,

"Sorry." He said to her,

Then he left.

She went behind him and shut the door immediately,

Then slumped on the bare floor,

"God help my soul." She whispered, wrapping her arms around herself.

On Saturday late morning,

Jeremy came to pick them.

Vanessa was careful not to overdress herself or Sekani who was throwing a fit,

(He wants Gan-gan to come with them.)

She had on nice jean knee length short and a peach coloured summer top while Sekani was wearing a jean short too and a blue T-shirt with his sandals,

She'd her afro packed in a bun and a stylish hair pin on it.

"You're really going to break some few necks over there." Padma commented when she came out,

"Are you wearing a swimsuit underneath?" Padma asked her,

"Nope, I'm not getting naked out there." She said,

Padma knew that already.

"Okay,

That's good for a start.

Do you have some extra clothes?" Padma asked,

Vanessa frowned,

"For what?" She asked her,

"Cause you're definitely gonna get wet." She said.

Vanessa evaluated what Padma meant,

As long as they going to the waters,

She's sure gonna get wet,

So she left Sekani with Padma,

Then went inside to get an extra clothing for the both of them.

When she came back,

Jeremy was there already,

So she shoved it into the bag and took Sekani from Padma.

"I gave them to you in one piece,

You better bring them back to me same way." Padma threatened Jeremy as they got into his car,

She waved to them as they drove away and Sekani kept crying.

"Don't worry,

He's going to love it when we get there." He said to her, when he saw how worried she was about the boy.

And true to his word,

Sekani loved it there.

Vanessa didn't let him go to the water unsupervised,

So Jeremy went with him.

Every time they get out,

He drags him back into the water.

Jeremy bought them lunch,

Actually he bought Vanessa lunch even when she insisted on paying herself.

"Nope,

I brought you out and it's my responsibility." He insisted,

"But...."

"No but,

I'm buying lunch and that's it." He said to her.

She smiled,

"Do you know you look more beautiful when you smile?" He asked her,

She said nothing.

"No honestly,

You look beautiful when you smile,

You should smile often." He said to her,

"Like your mom,

She smiles a lot and that has retained her beauty.

She looks younger than her actual age,

If anyone could tell me she's your mom,

I wouldn't have believed it cause she looks way younger than that." He said,

"Actually, she isn't my biological mother." Vanessa said.

She shouldn't be saying this but Padma told her too.

She needs to tell him the truth,so he won't have his hopes high with her.

"Wow,she adopted you?" He asked her,

She shook her head,

Then he became confused.

"She's my husband's mom." She blurted,

All of a sudden regretting the fact,she'd to indirectly bring her husband into this.

"What do you mean?

She's your mother in-law?" He asked,

She nodded still not looking at him.

"Why didn't you tell me?" He asked her,

"And she allowed you go out with me?

I don't still get it." He said frowning.

"I'm married to Padma's youngest son...

"Wait,

She's Padma Singh?" He asked her,

"Yes she's." Vanessa nodded.

He understood everything now,

This was why the Chancellor was pleading with him to go apologize to her,

Padma Singh.

Gosh,

This is really tangled.

"So where's your husband and why are you here alone with your son?" He asked her,

"I don't want to talk about that but I just want you to know,

Padma's really the one making do all this cause left to me,

I prefer staying home with my son than this."

"Vanessa, something happened right?

Something happened?" He asked her,

She didn't look at him,

Rather she was looking at her son who was playing with his bib.

"Nothing happened." She said to him,

He took her hands unexpectedly and she flinched,

"You see.

Something happened,

Something really bad happened.

I don't know you before but I know deep down you weren't this way.

You weren't all bottled up and vulnerable,

Something happened.

Did he abuse you?" He asked her,

"I don't want to talk about it and no,

He didn't." She lied.

Jeremy didn't say anything about it further,

He resolved it to find out everything himself.

They are in silence and went back to the waters where he took the Dolphins ride,

She refused to come along but when Sekani cried he wanted to go into the fish,

She agreed.

Finally, she was strapped in with her son inside the machinelike Dolphin Ride while Jeremy took another one.

By the end of the day,

Sekani fell asleep before she could strap him into his stroller,

So Jeremy carried the sleeping boy.

"She must have love you so much to allow you do this things." He said,

She nodded.

Padma's love,

She was sure of but the thing he meant,

She didn't understand and didn't want to ask.

Yes, she'd fun,

Fun she'd never had for ages,

She'd it today because of this gentleman who's promising her more if she could just accept him.

Jeremy drove them home, Padma was asleep on the sofa when they knocked,

She got up immediately and went to open the door for them.

"Good evening ma,

We're back." Jeremy said to her,

She smiled and took the sleeping toddler from him.

"Thanks for bringing them home safely." She said to him and took the boy inside,
Leaving the two adults to talk.

"Thanks a lot." Vanessa managed to tell him,
He nodded.

"I would love to have more of this Vanessa,
If you don't mind.

It was fun going out with you." He said to her,

Before she could process his words,
He wrapped his arms around her.
In shock, she struggled to release herself,
He could tell she was afraid and nervous,
Then he whispered to her,

"You don't have to,
I won't hurt you." He whispered,
She flinched.
He hugged her for awhile, then let go of her,
While he did that,
He intentionally brushed his lips on her cheeks.

She'd this sensation,
It was something she couldn't explain but in a millisecond,

This sensation was clouded with fear,
Immediately, she pulled herself from him.

He smiled,
"You should give yourself a chance Nessa,
You should really do." He said and left immediately.

He didn't drive out till he was sure she's inside the house,
He drove away.

Padma left the following week,
Vanessa wasn't happy about it and they didn't even let Sekani know.
She said she'd to go,so she can make it for Sekani's second birthday which was in three months.

"Now,I'll be going back to my loneliness." Vanessa pouted,
"You won't be.
You've Sekani,you've school and work and most importantly,
You've Jeremy." Padma said to her,

"Mom..
Stop it."
She whined,
"Yeah,I'm stopping." She said playfully,

"But we're going to miss you,mom." She whined again,

"Yeah,me too." Padma said hugging her,
"I'll be back before Sekani's birthday." She promised,
Vanessa nodded and they disengaged.

Jeremy volunteered to drive Padma to the airport,
"Thanks a lot Jeremy and make sure you take care of my daughter and my grandson for me
before I get back." She said to him,

He nodded,
"I'll definitely do that,
Have a safe trip ma." He wished her,
She hugged the both of them and soon she passed the boarder gate.

Like always,
Vanessa waited till every passenger had boarded the plane before she finally agreed to let
Jeremy drive her back to school.

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Jeremy continued watching over Vanessa and Sekani per Padma instruction,

Twice everyday she call them to know how things were going and for the first time in years she observed happiness in Vanessa life.

"You sound extremely happy tonight,
What's happening?" Padma asked her during one of their calls,
"Mom stop,
I know what you're getting at but it ain't true,
I'm just happy." She said to Padma,

"You're just happy or Jeremy's making you happy?" Padma asked her,
Vanessa shook her head.

"Whomp,
Whomp,
Whomp.
He isn't the one...."

"Whomp.
Did he teach you that too?" Padma asked.

Although she wasn't seeing Vanessa,
But she noticed this certain glow in her voice,
Something shed longed for for ages now.

Maybe,
Jeremy is the guy for her.

Maybe he's the one that's going to keep her happy and give her the joy she deserve,
The joy Yuvraj couldn't give her.

Speaking of which,
She noticed something in Yuvraj recently,
He's being kinda coming closer to the family.

The other day Rajveer called and told her that Yuvraj asked him if they could out for fishing like they use to do while they were teen.

She was surprised,
For years Yuvraj has never made such call,
He's always busy when his brothers asked him till they stopped asking him.

Yesternight,
He called her and wanted to ask her out for dinner,
She agreed,
Although she doesn't know what he wants to talk to her about.

She wanted to call Vanessa when she heard the car horn outside,
She kept back the phone.

Yuvraj shouldn't be seeing her calling Vanessa,
"Mom!" He called from outside,
"I'm coming." She yelled from inside,
She grabbed her purse and looked at herself from the mirror of her phone,

She looks good,

She dashed out of the room when he honked again.

Yuvraj took to her to a very expensive restaurant,

It's a newly Mexican restaurant and he said he wanted to try out their dishes,

Padma agreed.

He ordered some Carnitas Huevos Rancheros and some Horchata,

"Yuvraj you know I'm on a diet and I don't eat much of there right?" She asked him when the waitress brought their orders,

"Mom,just try it out,

It'll help too.

You can also add it to the menu list for the organisation too." He said to her,

Padma was kinda surprised,

Yuvraj had never had any interest in the meals prepared in the organization before,

Why now?

She asked herself.

"You're probably wondering why the interest right?" He asked her,

"Not..."

"Mom don't lie to me,

I know I've been a jerk lately but I'm sorry and I want to right all my wrong,

Starting from Vanessa.

I want to correct all the mistakes I made in the past." He said.

Padma didn't take her eyes off him,

Was he being honest and sincere?

"Mom,I'm sorry for everything.

I know you know where Vanessa is all this while and I was being a jerk that I didn't ask but now I'm sorry and I want her back in my life...."

"Yuvraj,let's eat this meal in peace please." She warned,

"Okay mom,

But please we've gat to talk." He said,

Padma didn't say anything.

After they finished their food,

Yuvraj wanted the waitress to get them some Red Velvet Ice Cake for desert but Padma insisted she wasn't interested.

"Mom are you still mad at me?" He asked her,

"I'm really sorry...."

"Sorry.

Sorry for what?

That you abused that innocent girl for months,

You raped her countless times,

You made her call you My Lord,

You made her day on the floor or under the rain,

Which one are you sorry for?" Padma asked him in anger.

Thank God they were in executive lounge,

So no one else was there.

"I trusted you to take care of her and you promised me you would,

But no.

You demeaned her and treated her worst than a slave.

Do you know the most painful part?" She asked him,

Yuvraj's head was down,

So he didn't reply her but anyways, she told him.

"As per your brutality,

Twice she lost her pregnancy.

She'd miscarriage twice in three month but couldn't tell anyone about it because her husband never cared and he treated her like tramp."

Yuvraj was shocked.

Somewhere during those nights and day he'd forced himself on her,

During those time he'd raped and abused her,

She'd lost their babies twice.

Oh no.

This is very bad.

"Mom, is it true?

She really did?" He asked Padma,

She felt more infuriated by his question but wondered,

Why the sudden change of heart?

Why all of a sudden?

After closely three years,

Why now?

"Mom, is it true?" He asked her again.

There was this sincere pain in his eyes that moved Padma,

Don't blame her,

As hard as she want to fight it,

A mother would always be a mother.

"Yes, it's true.

She didn't give the detail and really didn't want to tell me but Mollie forced it out.

Yuvraj you destroyed her,

You really did.

You killed her self esteem, you killed her dignity and her soul,

Right now wherever she's,

She's trying to get hold of her life back,

Just let her do it." Padma said,

It was more like she pleaded.

"Mom, why didn't you tell us about the real donor of the transplant on dad's bone marrow operation?" Yuvraj asked her,

She frowned.

This was it.

He found out about the good thing she did and wants to use it to get her back.....

"If you'd told me,

I would have have a whole lot nicer to Vanessa than being the...."

"That's the big deal.

I didn't want you to love her or treat her nice because of what she did,

No.

I wanted you to love her for who she was,

For the nice and good natured lady she was." Padma said,

"If I'd told you or your brothers about it,

I know you,

You'll only treat her well because she saved our father's life and I didn't want that,

So I didn't tell anyone and she never wanted me to." Padma said.

"That was why you renamed the Organization after her?" He asked his mom,

"Yuvraj enough of the questioning,

You've made a grave mistake and I don't think she'll ever want to forgive you.

I don't know whether you know where she's or don't,

But please don't go after her,
Allow her get control of her life." She said,

"But she's my wife and I want to bring her back home,
To where she belong." He said to her,

"Belong?
She never belonged to you and by grace dear,
She never will." Padma said to him,

"Mom so you hate me that much?" He asked her feeling sad that his mom,
The woman who once use to support him is now against him.

"I don't hate you but I'm not ready to sacrifice anyone's happiness for your selfish reasons.
You don't love her and you'll never love her,
Why don't allow her go?

Allow her get happiness from outside since you couldn't give it to her while she was with you."
She advised him.

He nodded,
Not because he's listening to whatever she was saying,
No.
But because he was hell set to go bring Vanessa back

He was going to bring her back to him cause after spending the last three years with different

women and even Tia Esperanza, the model he really lusted after.

He found out something,

There was no woman on earth that was going to be as loving, caring and kind like Vanessa was to him and he really prays she gives him a second chance.

When Padma got home,

She was really mad at herself,

"Why tell him all those?" She asked herself,

"He doesn't worth it.

First of all, he should help himself out before trying to get her back." She said to herself.

Soon, there was a knock on her door,

She knew it's her husband,

"Come...."

He opened the door and came in before she could finish.

"How did it go?" He asked her,

She sat back on her bed and asked him to sit,

Then she placed her head on his shoulder like she always does whenever she's worried and sad.

"You should have told them since,

You should really have." He said to her calmly,

She raised her head up and looked at him,

She didn't tell him too,

She hid it from everyone of them including him.

"Are you mad at me?" She asked him,

He shook his head,

"I know you did it for a reason,that's why I'm not mad,

You just wanted us to accept her not because of what she did but for who she's." He said,

She nodded,

"Yes,that was just what I wanted." She said.

If there's one thing she always give thanks for,

It would be her husband.

Prasad Singh is the ideal man,

He understood her perfectly well and knows what she can and cannot do,

Above all,he never treated her bad.

Prasad believes a lot in gender equality and gives his daughters in-law as much right as he gives his sons,

He believes women should be independent and not subdued to slavery in the name of marriage.

Bet Yuvraj hadn't told his father what he did,

Cause of he'd,

Prasad would have been going mad with anger now.

"Why did she really leave?" He asked Padma,

She knew he was going to ask someday cause for years,

He hadn't involved himself in anything.

He did more of observing and watching cause that's who he really is,
He loves to observe things before getting involved in them.

She didn't want to tell him what her son did,
She never wants to ruin the relationship between father and son.

"They'd some misunderstanding." Padma lied,
"Misunderstandings that made her leave for husband for more than two years now." He said,
Padma smiled,

Prasad isn't someone to lie to and not expect him to find out sooner than that.

"Vanessa is so nice a girl to pull such stunt,
Yuvraj really did something bad to her for her to take such drastic step." He said,

"Mind telling me,
I promise I won't get mad." He said to her,
She smiled.

"Prasad it isn't as easy as you think,
I would love to tell you but Vanessa is the one stopping me,
She doesn't want anyone to know about what happened between her and Yuvraj." Padma said,

"He abused her?" Prasad asked,

Padma took her gaze away from him,
"Padma,talk to me." He said making her look at him,
Her eyes held back tears.

He knew,
His youngest son had crossed the line.
"Why didn't you tell me since?" He asked her,

"How's she doing?" He asked not waiting for the first reply,
"She didn't want to talk about it to anyone even me,
It was Mollie who made her talk.

Now,she's trying to get hold of her life,
Don't tell this to Yuvraj please,
She has a son,"
Prasad gasped,

"A son.?" He asked,
She nodded.
"Yes,our grandson.
Sekani Arkash Singh Ryan,
A very sweet and cute almost two year old toddler,
Calls me Gan-gan." She said to him fighting back tears.

"For Vanessa,

It's hard for her.

She's trying to get out of her shell,

She has nightmares you know,

She still sees him in her dream trying to hurt her.

I've tried setting her out,so she can make friends and get over whatever happened but its hard for her,

She's hurt both emotionally and physically.

It's hurt to see her that way,

That's why I do go visit from time to time,

To help her keep her sanity in check." She told him,

He chuckled,

"She's a strong and I believe she'll survive this." He said to her,

Padma nodded and rested her head on his shoulder again.

"Thanks a lot Prasad,

I don't know what I could have done without you here." She said,

"You could have done better,

You're a strong woman also.

But I could help one favor,

Would you grant me that?" He asked her,

She raised her head up and looked at him,

"Anything." She said,

"I want to meet my grandson and my daughter,

I want to thank Vanessa for being the donor years ago and also want to thank her for my grandson,

I really want to see them." He said to her,

Padma smiled,

"I'll definitely grant you that wish cause you deserve it,

They're your family and you deserve to see them. Join us on telegram through+233544142683 to get more of such stories." She said,

He smiled and kissed her forehead,

"What about Simon,

Has he seen them?" Prasad asked,

"Not in physical,

But I was hoping,we all go together for Sekani's second birthday,

It's in a few months time and it will be a good idea if we go with Simon and Vanessa's sisters." Padma said,

"Yes,that's a very good idea but we've to be careful,so the boys especially Yuvraj doesn't find out about this." Prasad said,

Padma nodded in affirmation and rested her head on his shoulder.

Reminiscing what life could have been for her if she got married to another man and not Prasad,

Very bad,

She thought.

Her life would have been very bad.

Unfortunately, they couldn't make it for Sekani's birthday due to some political problem that put the Airline Services on hold,

Padma suggested they wait for the next week while Vanessa concurred saying the celebration would be postponed to the next week.

So on his actual birthday,

With Jeremy's help,

They took Sekani to Disneyland.

Jeremy made everything special and Vanessa was very grateful and also he got Sekani to like him cause the little boy nicknamed him Uncle Oz.

Spending the day at Disneyland,

They came back to Georgia the next day and for Vanessa it was fun.

She'd began to laugh and even talk to people,

Her nightmare wasn't severe cause a few nights a week,

Jeremy stayed over.

When he first slept over,

He noticed at night,

She cried a lot and it take a great deal to calm her down.

She told him she has nightmares and they comes most time thrice a week,

Most time four times,

Most times it doesn't come and other times the whole week,

It varies.

Seeing how bad it was when he first slept over,

He took it upon himself to stay back a few nights and keep her company,

He wakes her up when the nightmare comes and is already there to console her and put her back to sleep.

Most people at college think they're dating but they got it all wrong,

Jeremy Macy had a very keen relationship with Vanessa Singh Ryan and that relationship they termed 'Friendship.'

Jeremy insisted they be friends and Vanessa saw no wrong with it,

So he's her friend and she tries to prove it to all the girls that throw lethal glares at her thinking she stole their man.

He's nothing but a great friend who helps her a lot.

It was just three days left before Padma and Prasad and the Ryan's would be going to Georgia,

Padma had just finished dinner and was going upstairs when her phone rang,

It was Vanessa.

She decided to go upstairs, in her room to take the call but it ended,

When she got to her room,

She called back.

"Hello is this Padma Singh?" An unfamiliar voice male voice asked her,
She was surprised cause it wasn't Jeremy's.

"Yes and who's this?

"Why are you with my daughter's phone?" She asked the person,
Suddenly she was having a very bad gut about this.

"Ma'am, your daughter Vanessa Singh Ryan has been admitted to the hospital together with her
boyfriend Jeremy Macy.

It's the Georgia State Hospital,
Can you come there now." The person said to her.

"What!" She yelled and the person hung up,
She was completely in shock till when Prasad rushed to her room to know what the problem
was.

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

The drive to the hospital the next morning was one hell of a frantic one.

Padma kept crying and Prasad did nothing than to console her,
"She's going to be alright." He said for the umpteenth time since they left the Outer Banks,

"I pray she's Prasad,
I just pray she's." She muffled,

The cab driver dropped them at the hospital,
Padma didn't even wait for Prasad who was trying to get out their bags,
She went all in into the building.

She dialled Vanessa's number again,
The person who'd called her earlier accepted the call,

"I'm at the hospital now,
Where are you?" She asked him,
"Come to the ICU,
We're there." She said,
Padma's heart sank.

ICU,
Oh God,it shouldn't be what's she's thinking about.

She caught sight of Prasad coming inside the hospital,
She rushed to him.

"He said they're in the ICU,

I'm scared.

What if something bad had happened to her?" She cried,

He pulled her closer,

"Nothing will happen to her as long as we are here,

She's safe.

Let's go see her first." He consoled her,

She wrapped her arms around him and pulled him to her hug.

Passersby just watch how the older couple showed their love for each other and couldn't help but wow.

"Let's go." He said to her disengaging himself,

She nodded and he took her hand,

Leading her to the direction of the ICU.

When they got to the ICU,

There was an older man standing by the door,

He turned to them both and walked towards them,

"Are you Padma Singh?" He asked looking at her,

Padma nodded,

"Yes and this is my husband Prasad Singh." She told the man looking at Prasad who held her hand tighter in an assuring way.

"Your daughter,

The doctor said she's in a very deep unconscious state,

He said she'll be alright but the other guy,

His condition is very critical and he might not survive it..."

"What happened to them?" Prasad asked the man,

Padma had already broke down in tears,

"I don't know actually,

I found the car in a great mess when I got there,

He was driving and...

I don't really know but i guess it was an accident." He explained to the crying Padma,

"Where's the doctor?" Prasad asked the man,

He pointed to the office which was just a few room away,

"Get hold of yourself Padma,I'll go talk to the doctor." Prasad said to her,

He supported her to sit down and she did but couldn't stop the tears falling from her eyes.

"Good day doctor." He said as he came inside,

"Good day Sir." The doctor greeted the older,

"Have a seat." The doctor offered him,

Prasad say down.

"I'm Vanessa's Ryan's father Prasad Singh." He introduced himself,

"Yes,

Your daughter's going to be alright but the other guy who was driving the car,

His condition is worse and I don't think he can surv....."

"What really happened?" Prasad enquired,

"They met a ghastly accident,

He hit his head badly on the steering and a massive brain hemorrhage.

He'd his history in brain defect and with this,

It affected him badly.

Then as for your daughter,

She got too scared and ended up being in shock,

Though she did sustain a few injuries but it heal with time but her mental state is what's under question now." He said as a matter of fact.

"We'll suggest the guy's family be contacted before we take anymore decision on him." The doctor told Prasad,

He nodded.

That's the only right thing to do now.

After a few more discussions,

He left the doctor's office to talk to Padma.

"I guess you should go home,

Since the boy isn't here,

It means he's at home with a babysitter." He told Padma,

That was when she actually remembered that there was a grandson who wasn't there.

"Yes Sekani." She wiped her tears and stood up.

Prasad got a cab to take her to Vanessa apartment while she gave him details of the school,

So he can go get information about Jeremy.

Sekani was throwing tantrum with the babysitter,

He wouldn't stop crying and even refused breakfast.

The babysitter was quirky too,

Vanessa had told her they'll be home by nine but they didn't come back home all night and still aren't home till that morning.

Sekani wasn't helping too,

He'd been crying and throwing fits since he woke up and didn't see his mama.

She was trying to console the boy when she heard a knock on the door,

She left the boy and went to get the door,

"Who's that?" She asked,
"Open the door,
It's Padma." Padma said from outside,

"Padma?
Who's Padma?" She asked aloud,
Sekani who was still crying heard the name and rushed to her,

"Gan-gan!
Gan-gan!" He cried,
All of a sudden the young child who was throwing tantrum was crying with excitement.

The sitter opened to the door to meet the older but elegant woman standing outside,
Sekani rushed from her and went to his the older woman who took him up with amazement,

"How're you doing Sekani?" She asked the boy,
He clapped his hands in excitement,
"Gan-gan." She kissed him.

He doesn't even know what's happening,
Such innocent child.

"Ma'am, Miss Vanessa's not...."
"Don't worry,I'll take it from here,

How much is your money?" Padma asked her,

"It's ten dollar ma." She said,

Padma took out her purse and fished out two ten dollar bills and gave it to the woman,

"Here's you money." She took the money and went to get her bag.

"Thanks for watching over him." She told the woman as she was about to leave,

She touched the boy and left.

"Gan-gan aii mama?" He asked her,

"Mama went to school and will be back soon." She lied to the boy,

"Uncle Oz?" He asked,

Uncle Oz?

Yeah,Vanessa had told her earlier that he calls Jeremy Uncle Oz,

"He went to college with her too." She told the boy.

Seeing his breakfast left untouched,

She sat him down and began feeding him.

He did ate it all and soon she was getting the house tidied up,

She got the boy ready and sent him to the day care while she went back to the hospital.

Prasad was able to get information from the school via Padma's help and he was able to get to Jeremy's parents from LA,

While Padma took care of Sekani,

Prasad made sure that the doctor would be around when Cosby and Patricia Macy came to the hospital, crying their eyes out when they came to the hospital.

"Mrs Macy, you got to calm down.

Let's go talk to the doctor. You can hi Simon on +233544142683 to be added story headquarters room to get more of such stories. " Prasad managed to console her,

She was unconsolable,

Even at the doctor's office.

"Mr Macy,

Has your son had any brain defect before?" The doctor asked the man.

Looking at him,

One could see the man had aged overnight.

"Yes,

As a kid growing kid,

He'd a brain tumor surgery and later on had a slight brain concussion when he fell down from a tree but the doctor assured is he would be fine afterwards." Mr Macy explained to the doctor,

"Mr Macy due to the force at which his head came in contact with the steering,

He'd a brain hemorrhage and with a test we carried out on him.

He hadn't healed properly from the surgery and now its getting worst and I'm not sure if he would survive...."

"Ah!" Mrs Macy cried,

"Doctor do anything to save him please,

He's my only son." She cried as her husband tried to console her.

Prasad just shook his head,

It isn't easy especially when you're about to lose the one thing that had kept you going for ages,

It isn't easy to lose a child especially.

"Can we go see him?" Mr Macy asked the doctor,

He nodded

"Yes you can,

I'll ask a nurse to accompany you." He said.

Later on the Macy's went to see Jeremy,

He was comatose and had tubes and IVs going in and out of his body,

Mrs Macy broke down there again but her husband was able to console her this time.

"Patty,he's going to be alright,

He survived it then and would do the same now." He assured her,

She just nodded with her tear filled eyes.

"Mi Cara,

He's going to survive this." He said to her again pulling her in a hug.

Padma continued to take care of Sekani while Vanessa was still in her unconscious state,

It became hard when Sekani became more and more persistent to know where his mama is.

He hadn't seen her for days and his Gan-gan kept on telling him she went to school with Uncle Oz.

It became difficult for her to handle when the boy would cry cause he wanted to see his mama and won't want to be consoled by anyone or anything,

She'd to talk to Prasad about it.

"It's becoming too much for me to handle,

He cries a lot and also refuses his meals,

I'm worried." She complained to him,

"He's going to be fine." He assured her,

"He's really going to be." He repeated,

"The Macy's came back,

They said they want to fly Jeremy to Los Angeles to continue his treatment there,

For better result." He told her,

"I pity them so much,

Its very hard on them I can tell.

How's Vanessa doing?" She asked him,

Prasad took a deep breathe,

"She's still unconscious dear,

The doctor said she'll be fine but I don't see any...."

"Prasad be positive,

She's really going to be okay,

Trust me.

I'll bring Sekani to the hospital tomorrow,

Maybe that can help." She said to him,

"Do you think that's a good idea?" He asked,

"Let's just try it out,

It might,

I just pray it would." She said and also wished that.

She prays her daughter would come out of this stronger,

She doesn't want anything to happen to her,

God please.

Not now and not ever,

She doesn't want any harm to come to both Jeremy and Vanessa.

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LOVE,HATE,ABUSE AND REVIVAL

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Sekani was brought to the hospital by Padma the next morning,
She told the boy she was taking him to see his mommy and a great deal of excitement rose,

This shows Sekani can't stay without his mother.

The Macy's were at the hospital when Padma came with Sekani,
She went over to greet them,

"Good day." She greeted the couple,

"I'm Vanessa's mother and this here is Sekani." She looked at the boy who was making suckling noises with his thumb,

"Sekani say hi." Padma told the boy,

He got his thumb out his mouth and smiled,

"Hai." He said to them,

Both the couple smiled.

"My husband told me you guys are planning on moving Jeremy to Los Angeles for better treatment,

It's a good idea.

I pray he gets well." Padma said to them,

Patricia nodded still holding her husband.

"He was such a good boy,

I wish this never happened.

He was a really good friend to her." She said to them,

"He will,

They're both strong." She added.

Prasad came over,

"The doctor said we can take him but we have to watch him carefully so he won't mess anything in there." He told Padma,

She nodded and turned to the Macy's,

"Okay,

We'll see around.

I want to get Sekani to see his mom." She said to them and took her leave.

"Mama!" Sekani cried in excitement when he saw his mama,

"Don't shout son,

Mama doesn't like it." She told him,

He placed his two pudgy palms on his lips.

"Let's go touch her but make you don't make a mess or make any noise." Padma warned him,

He nodded.

She took him and placed him by her side,

"Mama,

Wake up." He said touching her cheeks,

"Gan-gan wat appened to mama?
She's swipping." He said to Padma,
She faked a smile and nodded,
"Yes,she's sleeping." She told him,
"Mama wake up." He said to her again.

While the boy continued calling her,
Padma noticed something,
Vanessa's index finger moved,
She shook her head to be sure she wasn't hallucinating but it moved again.

"Mama wake up wet's pway." Sekani continued to tell her,
This time,her head moved slightly.

Padma was surprised,
"Mama Gan-gan ish ere,
Wake up." He continued to tell her,
Her brows furrowed and soon her eyelids were fluttering.

It was just like Sekani was performing his magic on her,
Soon her lips went apart and her fist tightened,

"Mama wake up." Sekani said almost melodically like he was singing,
While he does that,

Her body parts were moving.

Padma tiptoed outside to call the doctor and Prasad risking leaving the boy inside.

When she came back a few minutes later with the doctor and Prasad,

They were surprised to see Vanessa awake,

Hugging her son while the boy had his thumb in his mouth again.

"Vanessa." Padma called her,

She turned to them,

"Mom." Her croaky voice called,

Padma went to her and hugged her,

"We thought we've lost you." She said to her crying,

"Mom, where's Jeremy?"

Tell me he's alright and nothing happened to him." Vanessa cried,

Padma tried to calm her down.

"Honey you just woke up, rest okay.

The doctor said he's going to be fine." She lied turning to the doctor so he would affirm to it,

Vanessa looked at him and he nodded,

"Mom let me just see him to be sure he's alright,

He said he wasn't going to leave me." She cried,

"No darling,
You need to rest okay,
Rest so you'll be strong for Sekani okay,
See how worried he's." Padma said to her,

She looked at the boy clinging on her with his thumb in his mouth,
He look less worried.

"Mom let me just see him this once please." She pleaded,
"Just this time and I'll rest afterwards." She pleaded,
Padma looked at the doctor,

Then to Prasad,
"Dad please." She also said to Prasad,
The doctor nodded.

"Okay,
You'll go see him."
Both Padma and Prasad looked at h in disbelief,
He just nodded to them.

"Let me get some nurse to get you into a wheelchair." He said to them and left the room.

Prasad came closer and took Sekani from Vanessa's body,
The boy refused to leave her,

He clung on her real tight making it hard to get him off without hurting Vanessa,

"Let him be Prasad,

He'll get off soon." Padma told him,

He ruffled the boy's hair and let go.

Two nurses came awhile later and with Padma and Prasad's help,

They were able to get Sekani off Vanessa and transferred her to the wheelchair.

While they went in tow,

One of the nurse pushed the wheelchair out of the room.

Jeremy was in the ICU,

He was comatose and lots of IVs were going in and out of his body.

He'd an oxygen mask on his face and a blood sachet going into his body and his head was bandaged his face was badly bruised and he was almost unrecognizable.

Vanessa broke down immediately she saw his almost lifeless body laying on the plain sheet bed,

"Vanessa calm down,

The doctors said he'll be fine,

He'll be fine." Padma consoled her,

But she couldn't stop crying.

What had really happened that night?

What had happened?

She recalled him telling her of a friend's birthday he was to attend and him pleading with her to accompany him,

She'd refused at first but he'd insisted saying she needs to make new friends.

He'd volunteered to get Sekani a babysitter till when they got home by nine and he'd promised to pay her too.

They took his car and he drove them to the party which was just in the other town,

A one hour drive from her house on an average speed level.

The party was fun and she enjoyed it,

Meeting new people who loved her afro and treated her like a queen,

Even the celebrant which was a guy she'd seen twice with Jeremy said he liked her.

They didn't wait for the party to end cause she said she was worried about Sekani and how he will be doing without her at home.

Jeremy tried to get her to stay more but she did just for a few more minutes and told him it's time to leave,

He reluctantly bid his friend goodbye and also gave the celebrant the gift he'd intended to give to him.

He followed her out and they got into the car,

He asked her twice whether she'd a good time and twice with a smiling face she said yes.

Then he came over and gave her a peck on her forehead.

She remembers him telling her that night as they drove home,

That he wasn't going to be the fastidious guy,

He was going to keep being her friend till she's ready to give him promotion and twice she gave him the reply,

"That day will come but it's near."

They were just a few miles from home when all of a sudden Jeremy lost control of the car,

He tried to get it back under control but the more he tried the more reversed it became.

The last thing she heard was Jeremy yelling her name as the car ran into a tree,

What happened after that, she didn't know cause it was a complete blackout for her.

That was what really happened.

"Vanessa you've seen him,

Now let's go put you to rest." The nurse said to her,

Before she could protest,

She wheeled her out of the ICU and brought her back to her room where Padma and Prasad

helped to put her back in bed.

The drug the nurse administered to her made her sick and in no time, she was drowsing away to sleep again.

She was in Jeremy's room,

He was lying on the bed then she tapped him,

"Jeremy wake up." She said to him,

He opened his eyes and looked at her,

"Vanessa,

You're finally awake." He asked her,

She smiled and nodded.

He doesn't look sick,

Yes he still had the bruises and also a bandage around his head but he sounded hale and hearty.

"I should be asking you that,

You refused to wake up when I came in." She said to him,

He got up from the bed and came to sit beside her.

"Because I wanted to hear you call me several times,

You know I love it when you call my name." He said,

"Yes and that's why you stopped me from calling you Prof." She said,

He nodded.

"Do you remember the first time I kissed you?" He asked her,

She blushed and nodded,

"You were so mad at me and you slapped me so hard but do you know what?" He asked her,

" I never regretted it.

I would have done it over and over again and have you slap me a million more times cause I love you."He told her,

"I love you and would always do,

You're my best friend and also my love and you'll always be okay." He said,

She nodded.

"Tell Sekani that Uncle Oz loves him very much and tell him I said he should always be a good boy." He said to her,

"Are you going anywhere?" She asked him confused on what he's saying.

"Yes,

I'm going somewhere but don't worry,

I'll always be here with you,

I'll always be with you and Sekani." He said,

She frowned.

"Vanessa,promise me one thing." He said to her,

"What's it?" She asked him,

"Promise me you'll give yourself chance to live,

You'll give yourself the chance to love and be loved,

Promise me." He said,

She smiled at him.

"Yes I'll,

As long as I have you with me,

I'll do anything.

I'll love and live and let myself be loved." She promised,

They did a pinky promise.

"I love you Vanessa." He said to her,

"I love you too bestie,now stop making me cry." She said to him.

They were quiet for awhile,

Then he broke it,

"I want to use the bathroom Vanessa." He said standing up,

"Okay,I'll wait for you here." She said to him,

He nodded and walked into the bathroom while she sat on the seat and waited for him.

A few minutes later he wasn't back,

"Jeremy." She called him,

"Jeremy." She called again,

No reply.

She stood up and went to the bathroom door and knocked,

Still no reply.

Then she pushed the door open,

He wasn't in there,

"Jeremy!" She cried louder,

"Jeremy please come back!" She cried,

"Vanessa I love you."

Those words were echoing around the room,

"Jeremy no!

Come back!" She continued to cry but his words continued to echo all over the room.

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN

Padma was playing with Sekani outside when she heard Vanessa's cries,

She left Sekani and ran inside to know what's happening,

"Jeremy please don't leave!" She was crying in her sleep,

"Vanessa..." Padma called her trying to wake her up but she wasn't waking up,

She was just crying,yelling and calling out to someone,

"Vanessa,

What's the matter?" Padma asked her still trying to get her to wake up,

"Please don't go Jeremy,

Please don't go." She cried louder,

"Vanessa Jeremy isn't....."

The door burst open,

It was Prasad.

"What's happening to her?" He asked Padma rushing to her,

"I don't know,

She's crying about Jeremy leaving,

I think she's having a bad dream." Padma said worriedly,

"Vanessa." Prasad touched her,

"Jeremy..."

"Vanessa dear." Both Padma and Prasad called her tapping her slowly,

Soon she calmed down.

"She has calm down now." Prasad said to her,
Padma slightly massaged Vanessa's forehead,

"Maybe you should know this,
Jeremy's....."

"What happened to him?" Padma asked him.

He looked at Vanessa who was lying peacefully on the bed,
Then took Padma out of the room.

"What happened to Jeremy?" Padma asked him,
"He's dead." He told her,
"What?" She was shocked,

Sekani raised his head up from his stroller and looked at them,
"Gan-gan,
Where's mama?" He asked her,

She went to her bag and brought out a bottle of milk,
Then handed it to the boy,
"Have this." She said to him,

He stretched his pudgy palms and took the bottle from her putting the nib into his mouth then she went to Prasad.

"How come?" She asked him surprised filled,

"I was with the Macy's when the nurse who'd gone to check on him rushed out saying he'd breathing difficulties,

He rushed inside and it was true,

The live machines were scratching and Jeremy was struggling for his life.

The doctor came and soon they began to do everything they could to save him but unfortunately, They couldn't.

He died after several attempt to save him." He said to her, Padma was shocked but she got to understand something.

Vanessa was having a nightmare about this, Recalling how she kept calling Jeremy's name awhile ago.

"That was what she was dreaming about." She told her husband,

"Yes,that what I figured out too, She saw it already." Prasad confirmed.

"This is very bad, Should we tell her?" Padma asked him, She was referring to Vanessa,

"I don't think that's a good idea now.

Maybe later but definitely not now." He said,

"I think we should go see the Macy's first." He concluded,

Padma nodded.

She took Sekani and kept the stroller back in Vanessa's room,

Then together,

They went to see the Macy's.

Mrs Macy was crying uncontrollably as the nurses took Jeremy's body now covered with white cloth away,

"He can't be dead Cosby,

He can't be.

He said he wasn't going to leave me,

He can't be dead." She continued to cry as her husband held her back from getting to the corpse.

Mr Macy wasn't left out too,

The man had he'd immediately,

He was in pain, deep raw pain but couldn't cry,

He'd to be strong for his family especially his wife,

He'd to be strong for her.

"Mr Macy," Prasad called,

The man turned,
"I'm so sorry for your loss,
My heartfelt condolences." He said to him.

Padma walked to Patricia and held her up,
"It's okay,
Everything going to be alright." She consoled the wailing woman.

When her cries lessened,
Padma held her up and went to sit with her on the chair,
"I'm so sorry for this." She began,

"Jeremy was like a son to me too you know,
He helped my daughter a lot.

With him to saw something I haven't seen in my daughter for years,
I saw happiness and love.
When she talked about him to me on phone,

She's very happy and excited.
It's a pity things had to go this way,
May his soul rest in peace." She said to the couple.

Prasad just stood by and shook his head,
"May his soul rest in peace." He said too.

Vanessa had a very bad feeling when she woke up and her first thought was Jeremy,

"Mom, can I go and see him?" She asked Padma for the umpteenth time,
They didn't want to tell her that he's gone but one way she will get to find out.

"The doctor said you should rest for awhile." Padma said to her,
Vanessa frowned,
She just wanted to see him,
That's all.

"Nessa, I think you should rest first,
You'll get to see him later." She told her,
It was already nightfall and she'd to take Sekani home,

Prasad volunteered to watch over Vanessa while she go take the boy home.

After making sure Vanessa was nicely tucked in bed and had had dinner together with Prasad,

She strapped the already sleeping Sekani in his stroller and left the room.

Vanessa was very uneasy that night,
So when she saw Prasad sleeping,
She got up from the bed and went to check on Jeremy,

He wasn't in the ICU anymore,

"Nurse." She called the lady in white that was inside the room.

The lady turned to her,

"Where's the patient that was in here today?" She asked the lady,

"The young guy?" She asked,

Vanessa nodded,

The lady shook her head,

"Just a pity,he died a few hours ago." She said sadly.

Vanessa staggered,

"Miss are you alright?" The nurse asked her,

"What did you just say?" Vanessa asked her,

"He died a few hours ago,

His corpses has been transferred to the mortuary." She repeated.

This time Vanessa fell down hard on the floor,

"Miss!" The nurse yelled as she tried to catch her,

But she was already on the floor.

Soon a few nurses ran outside to see what happened and were surprised to see Vanessa on the floor.

"What happened to her?" The head nurse asked making it through the crowd to see the lady on

the floor,

"She was asking me about the guy in the ICU and I told her that he died a few hours ago then this." She said still holding Vanessa's motionless body.

She looked at Vanessa,

She wasn't crying neither was she moving,

Her body was transfixed.

"Let's give her some space,

She needs air." The head nurse yelled taking Vanessa from the other nurse.

Soon the crowd dispersed and there was commotion everywhere,

Prasad who had dozed off woke up to the noise outside.

He looked at the bed to know if Vanessa was still sleeping but shockingly,

She wasn't on the bed.

He jerked up immediately and left the room to go find her,

He met some few nurses discussing outside,so he decided to ask them if they'd seen her.

"You mean the girl with the afro?" One of the girl asked him,

He nodded,

"She's with the head nurse,

She passed out awhile ago." One said,

"God!

Where are they now?" He asked them,

"She was taken to the casualty ward, it's the third room by the left." She directed.

Prasad left them and ran all the way there to look for Vanessa.

The Macy's concluded Jeremy would be buried in Atlanta,

They didn't want to take his corpse to LA.

Padma said whatever's best.

Vanessa finally recovered but she wasn't talking,

She wanted to cry but she couldn't,

There wasn't any single tears left in her eyes anymore.

Padma went to the local church which Jeremy attended,

She'd a few talk with the Reverend.

St Marks is a small Catholic church a few miles from Jeremy's apartment and all the years he'd been at Georgia,

He attended the church.

It has a small gravesite at the back and Padma suggested they lay him to rest there,

Mrs Macy was too disoriented to take any of this,

So Padma took over it.

A few days before he was to be laid,
She went with Mr Macy and Prasad to get the coffin.

They settled for a California Redwood Coffin while the coffin makers,
Tatterton's & Sons took it upon themselves to make sure everything was perfect.

With a Reverend on standby and a site to be laid,
Tatterton's & Sons proved their word,
They went with a horse carriage to the mortuary to get the body.

Padma got Sekani and Vanessa dressed in black and she drove them to the church while
Prasad came with the Macy's.

While Tatterton's & Sons came with the corpse,
Father Majette said a few prayers and under the July Summer,

They bowed down their heads for a few minutes as Jeremy Roberto Macy was slowly laid to
rest before them.

No tears were shed,
No words were spoken,
Even Sekani respected the silence cause he didn't cry or mess around.

A son, an Uncle and a good friend had just been lost.

"God please let him rest in peace and give my daughter the strength to live." Padma silently
prayed.

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

4 YEARS LATER.....

"Vanessa!" Someone called,

She was in her office sorting out some files when she heard the loud voice calling her.

She stood up from the seat and was walking to the door to see who it was when the door flung open and Claudia her colleagues came inside,

The woman was panting like she just ran a marathon.

"What..."

"Come and see the news." Before she could protest,

Claudia took her hands and dragged her outta the office.

There were at the large waiting hall when Claudia pointed to the TV screen,

"Isn't that Sekani's school?" She asked her,

Vanessa was dumbfounded.

The news said that there's an arm robber attack on the school and that the police have surrounded the area trying their best to save the kids and the teachers inside.

"Sekani...

Oh my God." She left Claudia's side immediately and ran to her car outside,

She got into the car and zoomed off with one place in mind.

The place was crowded as most parents tried to get inside to save their kids while the cops were forcefully stopping them.

"You guys should exercise a little patience,

We're trying all we can to make sure that the kids and their teachers are safe and those bad men are caught. " One man said holding a megaphone.

The reporters,parents and some passersby,

The cops and their expertise,

None went inside cause they said the head of the robbers called and threatened they were going to kill the kids if the cops were to interfere.

Vanessa parked her car by the other side of the road and crossed over blending into the crowd,

"What's happening?" She asked another woman who was crying about three of her kids in the school,

"They aren't allowing us go in,

Said the robbers threatened to shoot the kids if the police interfere." She cried,
Vanessa was worried.

Sekani.

How's going to be doing now?

She made her way through the noisy crowd and went to one of the cops,

"Sir can I ask a question?" She tapped the man,

He turned to her,

"Go back miss." He ordered,

"I'll,

I just want to ask a question." She said to him,

"What's it?" He asked impatiently.

"How far?

What did they say they want and what have you guys done so far?" She asked him politely,

"Well miss,

They said we should get them a van to drive them out of there and not attack cause if we do,

They're going to harm the kids.

We've still trying to negotiate on terms with them but they hung up." He explained to her,

Vanessa nodded and left.

She isn't going to let her emotion be in play now,
She'd to save those kids cause it obvious this cops are doing nothing.

She walked out of the crowd and went around to the school's backyard,
There's another gate there,

If she can get pass that gate there's nothing stopping her from saving those kids.

Fortunately, there's the gate and it was open but unfortunately a man holding a gun was there,so she couldn't pass through,

Looking to her right,
There's a drainage system that went into the school.

No,
I'm not taking that dirty smelly place.

She said to herself and was about turning back to get find a new alternative when she heard the kids scream.

Sekani.

Immediately she got herself into the gutter and navigated her way into the school inside it,

Thank God she was wearing a leather jacket a d a leather boot.

She came out to the school water channel,

Immediately she jumped out of the gutter and dashed into the water system so no one would see her.

"Jeez, I reek of dirt." She said to herself as she cleaned herself with a towel she found there.

When she came out of the water system,
She sneakily made her way into the school hallway,

Wait someone's coming.

She dashed into the music room and spied from the window as she saw the men with guns as they marched some teachers away.

She came out and went behind them from a far distance,
They went into the school show room and she hid herself again.

She was trying to keep up with them when she heard a soft muffle from behind the door,
It was a child crying trying to be quiet.

She opened the door,
It was a little girl,
She was crying with her palms holding her mouth tight,

Her back was against the door, so she didn't see Vanessa.

She touched the girl,
"Please don't shoot me." Her tiny voice pleaded,
Vanessa made her turn,

"I'm not going to shoot you okay,
You're safe with me." She told the child with a sincere smile.

Immediately the girl wrapped her short arms around Vanessa as she carried her up and pat her hair,

"What's your name?" She asked the girl as she went on to look for a better place to hide her,

"My name is Ariana." She told Vanessa,

"Well Ariana,

I'm Vanessa and my son is here too,

Sekani.

Do you know him?" Vanessa asked the girl,

"I don't know,

I want to go to my daddy." She said,

"You'll go to your daddy but you'll have to wait so these bad guys would leave okay."

The girl nodded and rested her small head on her shoulder.

"Ariana can you stay in the school library while I get to find your friends?" Vanessa asked her,

"They're not my friends,

They don't talk to me." She complained to Vanessa,

"Don't worry after this,

They're going to be your friends okay."

The girl nodded.

Vanessa open the door of the library and place the girl on the floor,

"Can you stay alone and I'll go find them okay."

The girl nodded and hugged her,

"You would come back for me,won't you?" She asked,

"Mommy said she'll come back but she didn't,

You won't be like mommy,will you?" She asked,

Vanessa bent down and place a kiss on her forehead,

"I'll come back and get you out okay." She told the girl in an assuring way,

The girl hugged her again and smiled,

"Okay go help my friends." She told Vanessa.

She stood up,looked at the girl very well then left,

Closing the door from outside.

She slowly went towards the school hall,

There were noises coming from inside the hall and she figured out that was where the robber were holding the kids captive.

"What am I going to do?" She asked herself as she contemplate on how to get the kids out

without those robber noticing.

She spied among the kids to see if Sekani was there,

He wasn't,

She carefully checked again to see her son,

But surprisingly,

The boy wasn't among the kids that were held captive.

Where's he?

She asked herself.

If he's not here then.....

Then she remembered how she saw Ariana..

Maybe he's hiding somewhere too like that little girl.

"Okay,she'll have to save this kids first,

Then go in search of her son.

She snuck to the back stage where the kids were gathered and she slowly pulled the curtain,so the robbers won't notice anything.

There was an a older woman a few meters away from her,

She guessed she's a teacher and tried to reach out to her when she heard someone called,

"Hey!" The loud voice called,

She froze,

I've been caught.

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CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

Vanessa turned,
It was a man,
A young man,not really young,
He might be in his early thirties,

Tall,not really huge and his skin seemed tanned and he was wearing a suit,
An elegant and really expensive suit.
Who wears a suit to rob.

"I'm sorry sir please don't kill me." She cried,
Fear and terror gripped her throughout.

"Mama." She heard a familiar voice,
She peered further and saw her six year old son Sekani,

"Mama keep shut,

Those bad men would hear you." Her son warned her,
The other man was just looking at her like she fell from space,

"Mr Stedma,she's my mama." Sekani told the man,
His cold face didn't dissolve but he did lent his strong hands so she could get up.

She took his hands and stood up,
She dusted her pants,
"Thanks a lot." She muttered,

Sekani ran to her immediately and she hugged the boy,
"I was so worried about you.."
"Mama,you don't have to be,
I'm all grown up now and those bad men can't hurt me." He said to her,

"He saved me though." He pointed to the man who still had his cold expression on his face.

Maybe that's how he always is,
She thought to herself.
Cold and stoic.

"Mama,this is Mr Stedman." The boy said to his mama,
She smiled at the boy and ruffled his dark curly hair,

"Mama!

My curls." He cried not so loud,

"What were you trying to do?" The man asked her,

"I was trying to get that lady to help me strategize a way to get the kids out and I'll get them to somewhere safe." She explained to him,

"Which woman?" He asked her,

She bent and pointed to the lady who was sitting with some kids clustered around her,

Some were crying and some were sulking.

"Come out let me talk to her." The man said to her,

Vanessa stood up and allowed the man through,

The man bent down and called the lady.

They had a few talks and soon,

She guided two kids and they came out,

Vanessa took the two guiltless kids and soon there was more of them,

"Mama where are we going to keep them?" Sekani asked his mama,

"Take them to the school library,

There's a young girl there,

Her name is Ariana...."

"Ariana?" The man asked her,

She turned to him and nodded,

"Yes,

Ariana but I don't know her first name,

I saw her crying by the door of the showroom,so I asked her her name,

She said her name is Ariana,

So I took her to the library and asked her to stay there till I get back." She explained as she led more of the kids to her.

"Mmmm." He grunted and didn't say anything again,

Sekani led the kids through the corner as they head to the library,

So he was more like a traffic warden telling them when to hide and when to continue moving,

Even the kids played along very well they made not much sound while leaving.

Soon,it was just a few kids and some teachers,

Mr Stedman stopped,

"If we take more kids,those men would notice it,

It's better I go in there and sort things out myself with them while you get the kids out with Sekani." He told Vanessa,

She nodded.

The man went through the hole and came out from the school hall.

"Hey!" He called the robbers,

Soon they all had their attention at him and with such distraction,

Vanessa got most of the kids out faster and even the teachers too.

"Who're you?" They asked him,

"I'm someone who came to pay my respect to your follies,

You dumbass." He said mockingly,

The robbers surrounded him,

Five of them against him alone.

He was unarmed and alone while they were five of them with guns and wearing mask,

"You want to play the hero right?" One of them who seemed like the leader asked,

He'd a tattoo by the side of his neck and on both his arms too.

"If you wanted to be robbers,

You should be and not involve some innocent kids in your silly games." He retorted,

With him calling the kids,

One of the robbers turned and saw that all the kids were gone,

Only some few teachers left.

"Boss,

The kids!" He yelled,

The other turned,

The teachers and Vanessa rushed to pass through the hole before the robber get to them.

Meanwhile Sekani his way to the school back gate,

There was no one there,

He opened the gate and ran out to get the cops.

Soon a few cops followed the young boy and he led them into the school building,

"Where did you say the robbers were?" One asked him,

"They're with Mr Stedman and mama in the hall,

My friends are safe in the library. Hi Simon on+233544142683 to read more of this story from Novela and story group, fresh stories kingdom." He said to the cops,

The man was astound by the young boy's bravery,

He patted him and smiled,

"Thanks you son." He said to him.

Soon,the cops were heading to the school hall fully armed,

Vanessa and the others teachers were held up by the robbers while Mr Stedman was still struggling to free himself.

A few more robbers came into the hall and that was when they realised it wasn't just five of them but actually nine,

Vanessa and the teachers were tied altogether while Two men were set to look for the kids and bring them back.

As soon as they went towards the door,
It burst open and the policemen started firing.

Vanessa was shocked,so were the teachers and also Mr Stedman,

The robbers opened fire immediately,

Mr Stedman signalled to Vanessa and asked her to run outside with the teachers to go make sure the kids are safe.

She ran outside with the teachers and soon they were heading to the library,

Sekani was at the door when they came,

He opened the door for them and they came inside,

"Are you alright?" Vanessa randomly asked the kids,

"Yes we are." They all chorused,

"Where's Ariana?" She asked,

The little girl was alone at the other side,

So some kids pointed to her.

Vanessa went to the girl and carried her up,

"I told you I was going to come back and I did,

You don't have to cry." She said to the little girl while Sekani stood beside and watched her,

"Yes you came back,
Thanks a lot." She said with her tiny choky voice.

"Don't worry,we'll be out of here soon and you'll go meet your daddy." She said to the girl,
She nodded and rested her head on Vanessa's shoulder.

Soon,the robbers were apprehended by the cops after a firefight that got some of them injured,

Mr Stedman sustained an injury on his right arm,
It wasn't a gunshot but he was hit with a baseball stick while trying to fight off some robbers.

When the kids came out,
The parents and also the people outside were happy that their kids were alright.

Vanessa was carrying Ariana on one hand whilst holding Sekani with the other,

"Miss,thanks a lot for saving the kids,
You're such God sent." One of the parents came and soon all of them were hovering around
Vanessa thanking her.

"It was the little boy who came to call us and he led us to where his mama and the other man
was." One of the policemen told the press and soon everyone was praising Sekani and showing
their gratitude to both him and Vanessa.

Vanessa looked around to see if Mr Stedman was around, she didn't see him,
So she went to one of the cops,

"Sir.." She tapped the man's shoulder,

He turned and smiled at her,

"What's it miss?" He asked her,

"Where the other man that was inside the hall with you guys?

The man wearing a suit,

Where's he?" She asked the police man,

He pointed to the ambulance and there was Mr Stedman.

He wasn't wearing his shirt anymore,

A nurse was treating his wounded arm,

So he'd only his singlet on and his trouser.

She walked towards him and soon Ariana called him,

"Daddy!" She cried in excitement,

The man raised his head up and smile drizzled all over his hard stone cold face,

"Ana." He called,

Vanessa let the girl go as she ran and wrapped her small body over the man.

"How're you doing Ana?" He asked her,

She nodded something to him while Vanessa just stood by with Sekani beside her.

"Mr Stedman, thanks a lot for saving my son." She thanked the man,
He raised his head up and smiled to her,

So he does smile,
And he has been keeping that cold face since.

"Actually he saved me and you saved my daughter,
Thanks a lot." He said to her.

Vanessa didn't want anymore conversation,
So she nodded and turned to her son,

"Sekani let's go home."
Mr Stedman looked at her,
"I can drop you home if you want." He said,
She didn't smile,

"Thanks but I've got my own ride." She said to him even when Sekani protested,

"Mama let's go with...."
She looked at the boy,
"Let's go home." She said,

"Ariana,
Have a nice day and you too Mr Stedman." She said to them and left even when the press and some parents were still thanking her and asking for her statement,

She got into her car and zoomed off.

Meanwhile Yuvraj was in a restaurant eating when he saw the news,

"Breaking news," The newscaster,

An elegant looking lady said,

"More than fifty nursery kids were just saved from the attack of some robbers today.

The playschool, Maria Monte Montessori Play School in Huston Texas was attacked by some robbers but with the help of a six year old kid Sekani and his mother Vanessa Ryan....."

The name struck him and he looked up,

It was really her,

Vanessa Ryan,

His wife and she was with a boy,

A young boy of either five or six years.

Did she remarry?

Padma told him she'd a miscarriage for him,

She married again.

He's still her husband,

So she's still rightfully his.

The woman he'd spent the last few years of his life looking for,

She's in Houston,Texas,

Being someone else's wife when they aren't even legally divorce.

"Vanessa, here I come." He said to himself and paid his bills,

Time to go get her back.

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CHAPTER NINETEEN

Before she got home,

Padma called her,

"Hello Vanessa." She said to her,

She was driving,so she put it on speaker and gave Sekani the phone to hold for her,

"Hey Granny,it's Sekani speaking." The boy said,

"Where's your mom?" Padma asked the boy,

"Mom,I'm here.

I'm driving so I asked him to accept it for me." She said loudly so Padma can hear her,

"I saw the news,
Hope you guys are alright?" She asked,
"Yes we're alright,
How're you and dad doing?" She asked her,

"We're doing great,
How's Sekani?" Padma asked,
Vanessa signalled for Sekani to say something but the boy kept mute,

"You don't want to talk to grandma?" Vanessa asked him,
He nodded.

"Why?" She asked,
"I talked to her first but she was just asking after you and I'm angry at her." He sulked,

"Sekani sweetheart,
Grandma's very sorry." Padma said to him,
"I'm so sorry I didn't talk to you first." She said apologetically,

Vanessa didn't involve herself in it,
They both had their way of settling their issues.

"My grandson was on TV today and he was the hero." She praised him,
The boy giggled,

"Yes Granny, I'm the hero." He said to her.

After some few more discussions,Padma hung up.

"Mom when is grandma coming to visit us again?" The boy asked her,

She shrugged,

"You should have asked her,

I don't know." She said to him.

Going home,it was kinda early,

So Vanessa decided to go get groceries since she left work already.

Sekani loves going shopping for groceries with his mama cause with this he can get whatever toys he set his eyes on courtesy of Padma,

"Can't drive to uptown now,let's go the Mr McAvoy's grocery shop." Vanessa said to him,

The boy frowned,

"But mama they don't have a toy section in there." He lamented,

She smiled,

"And that means you ain't getting a new toy today." She said to him.

The drive to the grocery was in silent cause Sekani wasn't happy about it,

He wanted to go to the grocery shop uptown but his mama is insisting on Mr McAvoy's grocery shop just a few miles from their house.

When they got there,

They alighted the car and walked hand in hand into shop and Vanessa got the shopping cart while Sekani went in tow keeping a stoic face,

"You don't have to be sad baby,

We'll go there next time." She said to lighten up the boy's mood as she picked up from fresh cauliflower and some eggplants from the Fresh Products table.

"Mama!" The boy ran to her,

"What's it that?" She asked the boy who seemed excited,

"Mr Stedman is here." He announced,

Immediately she turned and her gaze fell on the man,

He was holding his daughter Ariana and she was still in her school clothes and the man was still in his suit.

Sekani ran away to them,

"Mr Stedman,

You're here." He said to him,

Vanessa looked at her son trying to start up a conversation with an older man and felt amused,

Ariana came to her and wrapped her arms around the woman's leg,

She picked her up,

"I and daddy are here to get some milk and Cheerios..."

"And some groceries." The man added quickly.

"My mama and I are here to get groceries too." Sekani almost added,

Vanessa nodded in affirmation.

"Sekani let's go,

We still have a lot shopping to do today." She said to the boy,

He frowned and came over to her but Ariana refused to let go of Vanessa.

"Ariana,you've to go to your daddy." Vanessa told the girl but she refused to let go,

"Daddy can I stay with her till we finish shopping?" She asked her father,

The man looked at her,

"Daddy I don't have a nanny anymore let me stay with her and I like her too." She said,

"Ariana don't be stubborn, let's go." The man insisted but the girl refused,

She cling more to Vanessa,

"No,I want to stay with her." She insisted,

Vanessa wanted to talk but the little girl pinched her neck and whispered to her,

"Don't argue." She said to her.

Vanessa kept shut.

"Mr Stedman don't worry,I'll bring her back to you when we're done shopping." Vanessa said to the man,

He looked at her then at his daughter,

"Okay." He said turned and left.

After shopping, Vanessa and the kids went outside,

While Sekani pushed the cart, Vanessa carried Ariana and came in tow.

"I don't want to go home,

My nanny has gone away and daddy won't let me play,

I want to go home with you." The girl cried immediately she saw her dad standing beside his car.

"Ariana you need to go home with your daddy okay,

If you follow me home it's going to be hard for your daddy to come get you back." She said as they walked towards the man,

"Ari, get into the car." He said to her when he saw how clinging she was getting with Vanessa.

"But dad...."

"Get into the car!" He ordered impatiently,

Vanessa let go the girl and placed her down,

She sulked and went into the Range Rover Sports car and banged the door as she went inside,

"Thanks for watching over for me." He said and left too.

"Sekani let's go." She said but when she turned the boy had already gotten all their stuffs into the car,

"Okay mom." He said to her,

She got to the car,

Strapped him well and drove home.

Yuvraj came to Padma's that night,

He found out from his guileless father that Padma is still in touch with Vanessa,

He wanted to try use Padma's cellphone to call Vanessa then track her actual location with her cellphone number.

He was sneaking into Padma's room while she was having her shower,

Her cellphone was on her dressing table.

This is the best moment to get what he want,

He tiptoed into the room and took the phone,

"And where do you think you're going with that?"

He turned and was shocked with the angry face that was looking at him.

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CHAPTER TWENTY

Yuvraj was stunned when he met with Padma's angry face,

She gave him the stare that could kill.

Busted.

"What are you doing with my phone?" She asked as she strode towards him and snatched the phone from him like it wasn't meant to be seen by another.

She knew what he wanted to do,

He saw the news,

Mostly everyone who listens to news saw it and he's trying to get back to her.

Never,

She wasn't going to let that happen anytime soon.

"I was trying to..

I wanted to see if you....

I just....

I wanted to use your cellphone call someone,

Mine's not going through." He lied nervously,

She looked at him and frowned,

Does he think she's stupid?

Why not use Mollie's cellphone or better still use a payphone or even get on of his friends to lend him their phone but no.

After leaving home for a few days,he drove to her house and is giving her this flimsy lies,

So bad.

"Yours isn't going through,
You could have used Mollie's." She said to him,
Knowing whether he would give up but he made grunt,

"Mollies died down and it was an urgent call." He lied,
Padma nodded,
Her son would never change.

She brought out her old phone,
That one doesn't have Vanessa's cellphone number in it,
She handed it to him,

"You can use this one,
I want to make a call with this." She said to him and walked out of the room.

Yuvraj would never change,
Lying through his teeth to her face to get Vanessa's cellphone number,
How low can he stoop more?

She wasn't ever going to let him go back to her until he proves himself worthy to get her love back.

Vanessa has spent the past four years of her life trying to get back on her feet and she wasn't going to ruin the little progress she'd had.

After Jeremy's death, things went downhill for her,
Slowly Vanessa was slipping into depression even with all the help they were giving her,
It didn't help her at all.

She didn't cry or grieve but she was in emotional turmoil.

Late night she woke up calling Jeremy and most times she told them he wasn't dead,
He'd just travelled.

She didn't take his cellphone number out of her phone and several times she come complaining
to Padma that Jeremy isn't taking her calls.

Her nightmares became worst and she'd trouble eating or sleeping,
She couldn't concentrate on her studies and was slowly losing it.

What scared Padma most was when she lost control of herself in the car and almost had an
accident with Sekani strapped at the back seat sleeping.

It got to a point the doctor advised Sekani should be taken into the Foster Home Recruitment
Agency while Vanessa should be admitted to a Mental Hospital for treatment but Padma had
blatantly refused,

Saying that her daughter wasn't insane and her grandson wasn't an orphan.

When the doctor gave that suggestion again,

Padma stopped going to him and she took Vanessa to another doctor,

This time it was a female psychologist that was sent from Boston.

The lady took Vanessa's meticulously, telling Padma that whatever mistake made now can send Vanessa to asylum.

She first did a few checks on her and confirmed something Padma failed to notice,

Jeremy wasn't just a friend to Vanessa but she was in love in him.

The funny part was that Vanessa doesn't know that she's in love with him due to her weak view of the word love,

She further explained that his death took a cynical toll on her because she'd become emotionally attached to him plus the effect of the abuse she suffered pre Jeremy's involvement,

She's scared to death.

She wasn't really expecting it and it came as a blow,

So she's scared on how she could survive without him being around.

She recommended that they take her away from Georgia,

Get in around people that loves and support her then equally slowly make her understand that Jeremy is gone and not gone for good because he's still with her in spirit and won't be happy if she continues to punish herself like that.

Padma took it upon herself to secretly take both Vanessa and Sekani back to Outer Banks but this time,

She took her to her father's house.

They kept it a top secret while she was recuperating there,
She never went out and a few times they took her and Sekani out,

It was at night or during the evening time.

This went on for six months and in that six months, she was slowly recovering,
Her sisters and father helped out a lot,

They made out jokes and even did slumber parties with summer tents at their backyard.

A few times,

Padma took them out for shopping in the next city and also they ate out and slept out.

Yuvraj who was busy looking for Vanessa all over the town didn't even notice the late nights
and trips his mom took,

He didn't notice the Ryan's being more unwelcoming and conservative.

Soon Vanessa was on her feet again and insisted that she wants to go back to Atlanta,
It had been a hard decision for her father most especially,

When Padma spoke to the doctor about it,
She told them to rather send her somewhere else.

Sending her to Georgia would take her healing process back to square one.

Padma in turn,checked possible places she know Vanessa would want to go to,

So she chose California, since Bianca would be going to school there,

But Vanessa didn't want California.

After a few more discussions with the doctor and Padma,

She decided to try out Texas.

Padma was so helpful,

She secured a lavished bungalow apartment in W James Avenue in Pruette Estate Baytown.

She particular love the place cause of it's serenity and highly conscious neighborhood,

Vanessa were handed the keys to this newly furbished apartment a few days she graduated Georgia University.

Padma had been so keen in their well-being and had not disclosed their whereabouts to anyone of her family members,not even Prasad.

She suspects in her son insanity,

He might have his father tell him where Vanessa's so it was kept a secret.

The girl has been through a lot already and she's trying to get back on her feet,

She wouldn't want anything,
Not even her son to jeopardize that success.

Vanessa did attain some few success coming to Baytown,

Like securing herself a good and paying job as a Therapist in one of the Therapeutic Home
outside town and also within a year of working there,

She was promoted the position of Senior Therapist and had handle so many case which turned
out good.

Dr Vanessa like Padma always calls her.

But the only thing she hadn't been able to do for herself was to heal properly,
But this time it changed cause she had hardened herself.

Vanessa worked with people who read minds and expression,
So while at work,
She steered clear off the male counterpart and give them the blank expression.

She believes when she's thinking nothing,
They can actually read nothing,
That was among the things Jeremy taught her.

He taught her to keep her mind blank and her heart open so no one would see see past it
openness and within so few months,
She has expertise it.

No one knew what she was thinking until she says it and this simple tactic keeps her past guarded at all time.

But there was another reason why she accepted to live in that house,
That reason she thinks no one knows except her six year old son but Padma knows.

She didn't want to bring up that topic with Vanessa since she clearly avoids it.

Vanessa had her nightmares but now it isn't nightmare though,
She sees Jeremy in her dreams most times,

Watching him die in her hands,
She always wakes up crying.

She never screamed,
To scream means to tell and she wasn't ready to tell,
So she cried.

When she woke up and don't see him she cried and a several times,
She brings out pictures of him she his and cry on them.

The most cruel some dream of all was when she dreamt seeing Jeremy's bleeding head filled with blood under her bed,

For the next few days,she didn't sleep in her room and ended up in the guest room that week.

Sekani had the habit of waking up in between sleep,
Her room is next to his,so he knows when she's up or worst crying.

What he does is to come over to her room and lull her back to sleep like she did with him.

Her Sekani,

Her little joy giver.

What could she have done without him?

Nothing,

Absolutely nothing.

He's her life and has been the only thing that has kept her going,
Kept her hoping that one day she's going to get better.

Then she'll look back at all this and smile,
She'll hit her chest hard and tell the world,

"I survived death,
It was chasing me,
Trying to drive me crazy but with my son,
I turned the table on death and survived it."

She'll say that one day,
With her Sekani by her side and he'll smile at her like he always do and say,

"Mama,you made it,

We made it."

That day would come surely she believes but now,

She has to keep fighting,to keep hardening to live.

If Jeremy was able to fight brain defect and outlive it as a kid,

She can fight death and insanity and outlive them as an adult.

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CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

The next morning,

Vanessa was driving to work with Sekani at the back seat singing a nursery rhyme and playing with his iPad

Since the school was on a major break because of what happened the day before,

She couldn't leave the boy home alone all by himself,

So she decided to take him along with her.

Most of the workers knew Sekani cause she'd brought him along with her some sometimes in the past and he was a well behaved kid,

So she didn't have to bother much.

"Sekani!" She called the boy,

"Yes mama." He replied her,

"Can you remind me what's the meaning of your name?" She asked him smiling,

"Joy!" He yelled in excitement,

"So you should be as much a joy you're at home to at mama's work okay." She said to him,

"Yes!" He yelled again.

She smiled at reversed out of her garage to the main road but then,

She caught sight of a trisome crossing the road ahead of her.

It was a young man, in front of him was a younger lady holding a young girl of about five years old.

"Mama,

Are we going to visit the park after hour work today?" Her son asked her clutching his iPad ,

She was looking at the trisome as they'd crossed the road and were going into the house after Mr Kingali's,

That's Mr Stedman.

She said to herself as she peered closer and watch the young girl who seemed to have been putting a fit,

Ariana.

Maybe they came to pay a visit,

I overheard Mrs Kingalis telling the mailman that a new family moved in there,

Maybe they're friend with the new family that moved in.

She paid less attention to it cause she paid less attention to what happens in W James Avenue or even Pruette Estate at large.

Ever since she moved in here,the only people she'd actually had some conversation with were the Kingali's,

The old couple that lives right beside her,

Once or twice she'd talked to the mailman.

When she told tipped him for a job well done.

The Kingali's were old so once they invited her over for Thanksgiving dinner saying their daughter in Brooklyn couldn't make it and they wanted someone to share Thanksgiving dinner with,

She went along with Sekani who was four years and a few months old then and since she became neighbourly with them.

Mr Joel Kingalis is eighty four while his wife Eleanor Kingalis is a well seventy eight years old woman whose passion is cooking for her husband, taking care of their home and fettering their garden and also knitting.

The old couple has a daughter,

Like they said and she's somewhere in Washington with her husband and two kids and they never visits as much as Vanessa could see.

Left to the both of themselves,

The Kingalis are really nice and once babysit Sekani when Vanessa was away on a prompt meeting and couldn't make it when the school bus dropped off the boy,

She was really appreciative and had grown fond of seeing Mrs Kingalis at sunset at the backyard while the older woman gave her tales of her youthful days.

"Mama,

Why does Ariana has only her papa and me I have only my mama but some kids in my school have both mama and papa?" Her son asked her when they spotted a kid coming out of the eatery right opposite her office with boy her parents,

She sighed.

This was one question she has tried to avoid but sometimes her six year old son just pop it right out in an insensitive way,

"Because God wants it so." She said to him blatantly trying to avoid it,

"But Miss Conelly said that family consist of papa,mama and babies,

But ours has only me,you and grandma." He complained,

"And Ariana has just herself and her papa,

Why?" He asked perturbed.

"Sekani,we'll talk about this later,

Now,I've to concentrate on my work and you have to be a good boy so we can go to the park

after I'm done working." She said to him and soon,

The family matter is out of the way,

She heaved a sigh of relief.

While Vanessa worked and talked to some few patients,

Sekani played with his iPad and even learnt his two timetable and often patients commended his smartness and praised his cuteness,

When particular asked about his father by a lady who came for the therapeutic session with her daughter who just left an abusive marriage,

He shied away from her and went to sit beside his mama.

Later in the evening,

Vanessa had just finished with her last patients and was heading back to her office to get her son when Dale Carnegie popped out of his office and stood in front of her, arms in akimbo.

"Hey pretty." He called her,

Dale had the habit of going after girls and throwing his seductive charms at them,

"Get out of my way." She said sternly to him,

He smiled mischievously revealing his dimpled cheeks.

"Don't be too dully Nessa,

It's not like I'm going to eat you,

I'm just asking for just one chance to prove my love to you." He said to her,

She was just looking at him awkwardly as he spewed the trash he wanted to,

"Just one date and you won't....."

"I'm already regretting listening to all the nonsense you just spewed,

Don't think I can take chance with a dinner." She said mockingly and turned to leave.

He blocked her way,

"Are you insulting me?" He asked her,

She sized him from head to toe,then smirked,

"I'm not but if you don't mind,

I have a son to take to the park and won't want to keep him waiting." She said to him,

He came close enough to kiss her but backed down when he saw how nervous she's become and the terror that filled her eyes,.

"Don't act all that strong when you know you're not." He said to her and left her still nervous in the hallway.

Vanessa had just finished preparing dinner,

All through,she contemplated on what Dale had told her earlier at the office,

"Don't act all that strong when you know you're not."

Those words kept echoing in her ear canal all evening.

She was distorted,

Dale was a womanizer even through he has a fiancé that has given him a beautiful girls,

She doesn't hate him but hate his condescending views that all women are the same,

She hates the way he treats women like they were some old clothes that needs constant changes..

He goes after every Jane,Janet and Joyce as long as you're in a skirt,

His thinking are too acute,

But what he said really touched her.

Is that how she's?

Trying to be strong when she isn't,

She doesn't even know herself.

Since he died,

She doesn't really know herself,

She has a happy six year old son,her job,a nice house in a nice neighborhood and Twp nice old neighbors and somewhere out there there's her father,her two sisters and Padma.

But is that all?

No it isn't,

There's more to her that no one has seen,

Not Dale,not herself nor Padma,

Its far out of their league....

Her thinking was disrupted by a knock on the front door.

"Who's coming to visit us this night?" She asked her son who was setting the table.

"Let's go check." Sekani said going to the door,

She pulled him beside herself.

"Let me go see." She said him and left and spied through the people,

The face of her visitor shocked her.

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CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

Mr Stedman was standing in front of her carrying Ariana who was holding her stuffed teddy almost bigger than her and giving a toothless smile when she saw Vanessa,

"It's you." Mr Stedman said,

Not like he was even ease to see her,

His face was still as cold and stoic like it's always been.

"Yes it's me and what do you want?" She asked him,

"I wanted to drop her at Mrs Kingalis but she said she couldn't take care of her all night and proposed I bring her to her neighbor,

I never it was you." He said.

Vanessa sized him up,

He was wearing a black T-shirts and a jean shorts,

He was clean shaven and styled his hair so good she could see the line made by the comb that might have ran through it.

"When are you coming back?" She asked him while the little girl struggled down from her father's carriage,

Came to her and stretched her hands so she'll carry her.

"I guess after midnight." He said to her,

She nodded.

He handed to her the girl's iPad and her milk bottle,

"She takes this before she goes to bed." He said to Vanessa,

She collected it

"Alright,good night." She said to him and closed the door.

Phew.

She carried the girl to the dining table where Sekani was playing with a truck and made her sit beside him,

"Ariana,would you join us for dinner?" Sekani asked her,

She nodded and licked her lips salivating on the meal that was in front of her.

Maybe he doesn't cook much and she ends up eating much of junks and cereals,

Vanessa thought to herself.

While they ate, she probed herself on Mr Stedman's behavior and mannerisms.

Where's his wife?

He appears to be very sophisticated and swanky and wealthy too,

He drives a Range Rover Sports Car for Christ sake.

Why move into a neighborhood like Pruette Estate?

Not that the Estate was bad but she expected someone like him to be living in a mansion filled with servants and helpers that are paid to be on his beck and calls always.

No wife,

Just a daughter and a nanny....

She recalled Ariana telling her the first day she met that that her mommy promised to come back but she didn't,

Did she die?

Is he a widower?

Or maybe she left him,

Maybe she left.

Who'll want to stay with a man that hardly smile,

He frowns as if the whole world owes him something or took something from him.

Maybe that's why his daughter wants to leave him first opportunity she has,
If he smiles more,
The girl won't want to leave him at the slightest opportunity she has.

Ariana wasn't a big eater and so was Sekani,
Although for her son,
She does insist he eat more but when he saw she didn't scold Ariana for eating little,

He dropped his cutleries,
"Mama,I'm done." He said to her.
She couldn't do much about it,
So she came over and cleaned up their table while Sekani took the dishes to the kitchen.

Meanwhile Mr Stedman didn't leave immediately,
He stood on the porch and wondered what was up with the lady,

Maybe she hates seeing my face,
Or better still, I remind her of someone she hates.

He didn't actually go to the Kingalis though,
He just went straight to her since he noticed his daughter like her a lot.

He'd spotted her the day they moved into that apartment,
He saw her taking out from grocery bags from the trunk of her car with her son helping out.

He really wanted to go closer and see her well but he couldn't,
Ariana was throwing a fit that day and he'd to calm her down.

When he saw her again at the school going to drop her son,
He decided to enrol Ariana in the school too and coincidentally they met on the day of the
robber's incident.

But he noticed something about her,
She was all hard up and cold except with her son and the few times Ariana had been with her.

No husband or family except her son.

He doesn't know where she works but he'd seen her several times driving towards Ladenburg
and W Pembroke and twice he's spotted her in McDonald's and also at Whatapollo and more.

It's not like he was stalking her or tailing her but most times it's always coincidental.

She was someone off his league,

Or maybe she hates him.

That's what Julie told him though,

No woman would love a stuck up man or want to stay with a man who prefers working for a
common state hospital and living in poverty when he has a Private Hospital all to himself to
manage.

Leave in a rented apartment when he could own mansions and drive an old model Range Rover
when he can own the latest model of any car and even a private jet,

That's the main reason she'd left him with their daughter Ariana in the first place.

No woman would ever tolerate him or even want to spend her life with him,

None.

He didn't come home that night,

It was an emergency case and he had to be there thinking they'll be done before midnight but unfortunately it lasted past midnight and couldn't go back home,

So he stayed back at the hospital.

The next morning, he checked on the patient,

He was still asleep,

He assigned a nurse to keep watch over him while he goes home to check on his daughter.

When he got home that morning,

He rushed to Vanessa's apartment but it was locked from outside,

"Where are they?" He asked as she checked the garage but her car wasn't there,

He checked his watch,

It was 8:15 am.

She left for work already,

He sighed.

He couldn't call her cause he doesn't have her cellphone number,
So he went back to his apartment,

But met Mrs Kingalis trimming the flowers bed in front of her apartment,

"Went to see Vanessa?" The older woman asked him,

He nodded,

"I left Ariana with her last night promising to come back but I couldn't make it..."

"She went to work already,

Saw her leaving with the kids a few minutes ago." She informed him,

He nodded and solemnly walked to his house, opened the door and went in.

Taking care of both Sekani and Ariana seemed tough for her cause Ariana kept being mischievous while at the office,

First she wanted KFC chicken then she was some M n' M's and soon she wants chocolate,
She wanted to play outside and she wanted to drink milk.

While Sekani paid less attention to them as the girl continued throwing fits,

He went to the other side of the office and was playing all by himself,

Ariana went and sat beside him.

"Sekani you don't like talking to me,

Why?" She asked,

"Nothing,

I like you but I don't like it when you throw tantrums and behave like you did earlier." He said to her.

She sat up and waved back the bang that fell in front of her little face,

"But my mommy said if I don't throw tantrums I won't get what I want,

That's why I do it." She explained to him,

"My mama doesn't like it when I do that...

Where's your mama?" He asked her,

Both of them were swinging their short legs on the sofa,

"Daddy said she went to heaven but grandma said it's a lie,

That she left with another person." The girl said to him.

Sekani frowned,

"I don't understand,

How?"

"Daddy told me that mommy went to heaven and won't come back but daddy's Nana said it's a lie,

She told me that mommy left with another person and she doesn't love me and daddy,

That's why she left." The girl explained,

Vanessa who was trying to separate some patient's files couldn't help but eavesdrop,

His wife's dead....

Maybe that's why he always had that cold expression.

She wished she was that lucky to have a dead husband but no,
He isn't dead.

He still roams freely after all what he did to her,
Making her lose two babies in three months,

She wished he was dead and Padma won't have to talk about him whenever they're talking.

She despise him,
She hates him and hates his guts,
There's no force on earth that was going to push them together,

None,
And if there's any she was going to fight it with everything she has.

"What does your papa do?" Sekani asked the girl,

"Daddy's a doctor,

Grandpa had him take over the hospital in Miami but daddy insisted on working for a State hospital where he get paid less,

That's what his Nana said." The girl told him,

"Nana said daddy has a big house filled with many servants but he doesn't want that,
He wants to be subjected to poverty." The girl told him using the same lines the older woman

had used,

"I don't have a papa.

Mama said I'd an uncle and I call him Uncle Oz but he's dead,

I have my grandma and grand

pa and two aunties but they never come visit us,

It's only me and mama always." The boy said sadly.

"At least your mama make good meals and gives you toys,

My daddy doesn't cook and so does my nanny and daddy gets me toys but isn't always around to play with me or take me to the park like your mommy does to you." She compared,

"Maybe I would ask mama to take us to the park after work like she does most times.

You can ask your papa and tell him you want to be coming with us so we can all go to the park at evening or go to the grocery shop." He suggested,

"That's a good idea." She said to him.

Vanessa listened to the kids,

She didn't want to go to the park but seeing how happy Ariana is that they were going there,

She decided it's best to take them there.

They came home later than expected and she decided to drop Ariana home first before going in,

"But can't I stay more,

My daddy won't be back now." The little girl said to her trying to convince her that he wasn't home yet but like the popular saying,

When you talk of the devil,he appears.

Mr Stedman opened his door and came out to the porch,

When he spotted her car across his house,

"You see,

He's already in waiting for you." She told the girl,

She frowned and looked like she was going to cry,

"I want to stay with you please." She said with tears gathered in her eyes.

"I would have loved that but your daddy's home already and remember we didn't tell him you would come to the office with me." She tried to explain to the girl but she turned to Sekani,

"Tell your mommy I want to stay at your house please." She said to him,

The boy wasn't happy she was leaving but didn't talk but with Ariana asking him to plead,

He couldn't say no,

"Mama can she stay over for dinner?" He politely asked,

Vanessa contemplated for awhile,

"Why don't we ask your daddy yet?" She said meaning to tell them that the decision wasn't her but the stern looking man standing in the porch.

"Ariana,let's go ask your daddy first." She told the girl.

Vanessa and the kids came out of the car,

Mr Stedman was surprised seeing his daughter wearing a boy's T-shirt and a boy's pants and also a boy's sandal.

He felt amused cause if not for her hair that was packed in a nice and neat ponytail,

He would have thought the kids were boys.

Vanessa held Ariana with one hand and her son with the other and they crossed over to where Mr Stedman was standing not removing his gaze on them.

"Good evening sir." Vanessa greeted him and so did the kids,

He nodded,

"Sorry I'd to take her to work with me,

Couldn't wait for you and couldn't leave them behind." She said not looking at him,

He nodded and stretched his hand for the girl to come over but she took some few steps backwards and hid behind Vanessa's skirt,

"Ari,let's go inside." He told her,

"Thanks a lot Mrs Ryan,

I'm so grateful for the favor." He thanked her still stretching his hands to the girl who didn't come out.

"Daddy I want to stay with her tonight," The little girl looked at Vanessa,

"You sad you were going to help me ask for permission." She said to Vanessa.

I did?

Vanessa asked herself,

Did I?

I could have if not that your father's stare disorients me and I'm not focusing on anything anymore.

I can virtually begin to speak when his stare goes off me.

She said to herself as the man bore her body with his hard stares.

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CHAPTER TWENTY THREE

It was finally agreed that Ariana would have dinner with Vanessa and Sekani then her father would have to come pick her up later that night,

Ariana was so happy when he gave her permission,

She rushed to him and hugged his thighs.

He carried her up,

"Are you happy now?" He asked her,

She nodded then planted two peck on both his cheeks,

"Thank you daddy." She said to him,

He let her down and she went to where Vanessa was standing,

"Let's go now." She said in her child-like voice to Vanessa.

She nodded, took the girl's hand and her son's too,

Muttered a thank you to Mr Stedman and left with the kids before he would drill her with his stares.

Phew,

That man's stare can drive someone nuts.

She thought as she started the engine of the car,

He was still looking at the car till it drove to the front of her house,

The kids came down and she drove into the garage to park the car.

Soon she was out and they all went inside the house,

While the kids went to the living room and turned on the TV,

She went to her room to change into a more casual dress.

She came out a while later and headed to the kitchen,

Time to prepare dinner.

She came up with a simple meal,

She has five cases to study tonight for tomorrow's therapy and needs time to finish,

She decided to prepare mashed potatoes with beans sprout and chicken sauce.

In less than an hour thirty minutes, she was done.

The kids were still watching their cartoon show,

She organised everything for dinner,

Then went to them.

"Time to shower." She said to them,

Sekani knows not to argue,

So he stood up and Ariana went in tow,

She was taking them to his room so they have shower when she heard a knock on the door,

"Go wait for me in the room, I'll get the door." She told the both of them,

The kids went to the room to wait while she went back to the living room to get the door,

"Who's there?" She asked as she got closer,

"It's me, Ariana's dad." The husky voice said from outside,

She opened the door and saw Mr Stedman dressed in his pajamas and was holding a set of pink pajamas,

"I wanted to bring Ari's pajamas over so you won't have to inconvenience yourself." He said to her,

He didn't take his eyes off her and she didn't look at him in the eyes but knew those dark brown eyes were fixated on her and that made her tingle.

Looking at her stirred a particular commotion he couldn't place a finger on,

Looking at her nicely packed box braids and her soft face with those her eyes,

Although he hardly sees her eyes cause she never looks at him in the eyes but he believed her eyes were pure and deep.

She stretched and took the pajamas from him,

She was not comfortable standing with him alone.

"I would need her bottle,so I can replace the milk...."

"You don't have to,

I'll replace it myself." She said to him and wanted to close the door but he was standing right on it,

So there was no way she could close it unless she ask him to move out.

"Mama!" She heard her son's voice from inside,

They must have been waiting for her,

"Ehm...Mr Stedman,if you don't mind...."

He moved away from the door and went outside,

"I don't mind..."

Thanks for watching over Ariana for me." He said to her then turned immediately,

She closed the door,took one deep breath and headed to her son's room to give the kids a shower.

Vanessa couldn't concentrate during dinner,

Her mind couldn't stop thinking about Mr Stedman coming close to her like he did earlier,

She tried to control her thought and even tried thinking of work and the patients she's currently working on but none of it worked,

Her mind ran crazily back to what happened a few moments ago.

While the kids chatted with themselves,

(Breaking the rules of silence during mealtime.)

She couldn't even scold them cause her thoughts were somewhere else.

Later,she sent the both of them to their room (Sekani's room) so they can play video game while she concentrate on her work in the living room,

There's a little space she made out for herself and turned it to her office.

A desk,too seats,a PC and a book shelve packed with books on psychology and human

development

Recommendations on Human Therapy and therapeutic codes.

It was well enough good for her to study alone.

While going through the first case,

A seventeen year rape victim,

No....

She always told her patients,

"You're not a rape victim,

Or an abuse victim,

Or a drug victim,

But you're a survivor.

A rape survivor,

A drug survivor and an abuse survivor.

Victims are dead and hopeless but as long as you're alive, you're a survivor."

The young teen had been sexually abused by her stepfather since she turned ten and this went on under the nose of her mother who's a cancer patient.

The man is under police custody now but Sharon Muske has not healed,

The first time she was brought to Vanessa,

She broke down seeing the girl scarred body.

She later confided in Vanessa and told her that her stepfather gave her those scars with knives most times when he's high and can't control himself.

Vanessa made sure to see that the man wouldn't see the light of freedom again as she pressed charges against him for rape, human assault and also forcing Sharon to take several abortions.

The case is still under trial and Vanessa was trying to get and study all of Sharon's files for the case.

She's lucky,

I never had anyone except Padma and Jeremy.

Oh Jeremy,

Do you see me when I cry at night?

Are you awake when I think of you and all the moments we spent together?

Every now and then, I wake up hoping to see you again but every time I wake, I only see my son beside me.

He always creeps in to lull me back to sleep like you use to do when you were with us.

Do you sleep when I sleep?

Do you cry when I cry?

Or do you just watch me cry and wish you can console me,

Just talk to me,

Tell me please.

She lay her head on the desk and allowed the warm liquid flow freely from her eyes,
She doesn't usually cry but today she missed him a lot.

Seeing Sharon's case,
She missed him more and wished he was here with her.

Vanessa was walking down a lonely and dark road,
She looked by the sides,
No one, no lights, no nothing,
She was literally walking alone in the lonely path.

She walked hastily and in no time,
There was light at the end,
She was happy and began to run so she'll get to the light part of the road.

But surprisingly when she got to light part,
It was a room,
It was actually Jeremy's room.

She sat on his bed,
He wasn't in his room but it was well kept and neat.

She heard a knock on the door and she stood up to get it,
It was Sharon.

Vanessa let her in and soon they were on the bed talking,
Soon Vanessa perceived a bad odour in the room,
She asked Sharon whether she's perceiving the pungent smell but she shook her head and said
no.

It became worst and they stood up from the bed,
Vanessa saw blood dripping from under the bed,
She pointed it to Sharon and with fear they lifted the mattress up.

They were shocked beyond words when they saw Jeremy's bleeding head under the bed...
Aaaaaaaaaa!

She cried and woke up shouting and crying,
She was going hysterical,
Tears filled her eyes and were rolling down her face as she cried.

Suddenly she heard a knock on the door,
It became harder.

She dried her eyes and controlled her sob as she went to get the door,
She opened it,
And saw the worried looking face,
"What's happening here?" He asked..

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CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR

Seeing the man in front of her,

She wrapped her arms around him and buried her head on the cotton material that covered her chest,

There she laid her head and cried.

He wrapped his arms around her to in a way ensure her that she was safe and secured from whatever was scaring her.

Does Julie ever cry on me like this?

He asked himself as he watched the young lady cry on him.

No,

She doesn't cry on me,

She only nags me to go back to my parents and claim my parent's massive wealth.

After standing there so quite awhile as she cried and muttered some words he couldn't comprehend,

She slowly got off him....

He stood there and did nothing than reluctantly take his hands off her,

"I'm sorry." She muttered as she dried her eyes and saw the mess she created on his pajamas shirt,

"It's nothing.

"We're all human and has fears most times." He said to her in a friendly way,

She adjusted her dress and nodded.

"I was actually coming to get Ariana when I heard you scream from the window outside and I thought something was wrong,so I'd to rush in to see what's happening." He said explaining why he was in rush earlier,

She nodded,

Yes Ariana,

He'd come to get his daughter and I'd to mess his clothes with my tears.

"Okay..."

She turned to go to get the girl from her son's room,

"Would you mind if I ask what's the matter?" He asked her,

She turned back.

Should I talk to him or not?

She asked herself,

He's just a neighbor I know nothing much about just that his daughter likes me a lot and love to spend time with me but apart from that,

He's a stranger.

"Vanessa,you don't want to talk to someone you know and still don't want to talk to a stranger,

What do you want to do?"

Her subconscious self asked her,

"You help people get back on their feet and you help them recover and survive abuse and worst scenario but you're still living in your past,

Still wallowing in sorrow and fears,

You need to help yourself."

It said

.....

She recalled Jeremy's words,

"Love and be loved.

Learn to love and be loved."

It echoed in her head as she looked at the man who stood looking at her filled concern.

"Okay." She said and came back to where the man was standing,

"Sure I'm not invading?" He asked her,

She nodded,

Took a deep breathe.

Vanessa',you have to do this.

You need to.

She encouraged herself as she sat down and the man sat down too.

"Maybe I should formally introduce myself,

I'm Ken Stedman from Topeka, Kansas." He said,

"Vanessa Ryan from Westwood,Outer Banks." She said to him,

He brought his hands forward for a handshake,

She shyly took it.

His palms are soft and cool.

"So can you tell me what happened?"

He asked her,

"Had a bad dream." She said to him coolly but careful not to look at his face,

"What's it all about?" He asked her,

"Always seeing my friend's bleeding head under the bed." She said to him casually but he knows it far from casual,

"Always?"

For how long now?" He asked her,

"Since he died." She said to him.

Sitting there void of feeling recalling how she lost one of the most important person in her life,

Warm liquids ran down her pale face.

"What killed him?" He asked her,

"We were coming from a friend's party when we met an accident,

He'd a brain defect as a child,

That was what the doctor said and his parents confirmed it,

He died a few days later." She said to him.

She felt his arms around her and when she looked up,

He was right beside her,

"Have you lived all this years with such things you see at night?" He asked her,

She nodded and rested her head on his shoulder.

"My mom said I'm a survivor,

Even though I don't see myself as one,

She always assured me I'm one." She explained to him,

He smiled,

"Yes you're,

But don't you think it's better you talk to a professional about your nightmares?" He asked her,

"I work in a therapeutic hospital." She said smiling.

How Ironical?

A therapist with a problem.

"You're a therapist?

Why don't you go about it your way?" He asked,

She gave him a weird look,

"Which way?" She asked him,

He didn't smile,

"You guys help people get back on their feet again,
Why don't you do the same for yourself." He said,

"Because....

I don't know..

I don't just know."

How will she go?

Go there and do what,

Go there and tell them that the man who was supposed to be her husband,

The man who was supposed to take care of her and protect her from harm had been the man hurting her.

He'd been the reason she lost two of her babies and would rape her brutally whenever she said no or hit her cause she didn't call him My Lord.

Or tell them she ran away from her husband's house with help from her mother in-law and ended up having a best friend that later died and since then she'd been seeing his bleeding head under the bed.

Hell no,

She wasn't going to do that,

She wasn't going to publicized her life for others to see not especially people at work.

"You don't want them to know?" He asked her,

She nodded.

"It's not bad though,

You lost your friend in a car accident and you dream of him ever since then,
That's not bad." He said casually.

"Or where you in love with him?" He asked her,

She frowned,

"Don't mean to be crude,

Just curious." He said,

She smiled at him and shook her head.

She doesn't even know if that needs a validation though.

"So Vanessa,

Where are your parents?" He asked her,

"My dad's outside Westwood now and my younger sisters are in California,

One's working while the youngest is in her second year in UCSC." She explained,

"How about you?" She asked him,

"My parents are off in Boston and I have a younger brother who's a medical practitioners in New York." He said,

"Your mom,

What about her?" He asked.

She didn't talk about her mom in her little family tree she made mention of earlier,

"My mom is in some place or the other I guess. You can hi omeano Simon on+233544142683 to

be added to story headquarters room to read more stories. " She mouthed,

"You don't talk to her.."

It was more like a conclusion but she took it as a question,

"Not really,

She's not around to talk to." Her voice trailed off,

"Okay...

Maybe we should go check on the kids now." He said and stood up.

It was awkward for him,sitting close to her alone in the dimly lit living room,

He didn't want to be tagged the pervert.

"Yes,I think its best we go check on them." She suggested,

He nodded and stood up,

"Should I tag along?" He asked,

She nodded.

When they got there,

Both kids were asleep beside each each with the video game control still in their hands with the TV still on,

"They're asleep already." She said to him,

He nodded.

"She bed wets most times and I think to save you the stress and take her home." He said,

She smiled looking at the little girl as she slept peacefully beside her son,

"Maybe you should leave her tonight,

I can manage them both." She said taking the controllers from both the kids hands and covering them with the Spiderman's blanket.

"Then you'll have me spending the night here,

I was kinda worried sleeping alone at home,so...."

"So you're scared." She said to him in a mocking way,

He smiled.

"Not really,

I don't usually sleep without Ari with me.

It mostly like she's gone away." He said..

She gestures him that they should leave the room before they wake up the kids.

"Gone away like how?" She asked him when they were in the hallway,

"Like going away with my ex wife." He said,

"Ex wife?

I thought she's dead." Vanessa said but regretted it immediately,

"Who told you that?" He asked her,

"Not really told,I overhead Ari talking to Sekani that you told her her mother died."

She'd to bring it out.

"I'd to tell her that,

Couldn't tell her she was leaving us cause we'd less money,
Ari loves Julie so much,I don't want her to hate her,so I'd to lie." He explained to her.

Wow,
He doesn't look like he has less money,
He should be rated among the rich people of Pruette Estate.

Like who drives a Range Rover Sports Car here?
She asked herself.

So she left because money,
Why marry him and have a kid with him of you know you were going to leave soon,
So heartless,
How can a woman leave her young daughter with her husband?

Her mother did the same to them years ago because there was no money and now Mr
Stedman's wife did the same.

She can imagine leaving Sekani alone with anyone forever,
No,
Sekani is her whole life,
She can't even think living without him.

"Where are you?" He clicked his fingers in front of her face,
She smiled awkwardly.

"Sorry,I was a bit carried away." She apologized,

"Carried away by what?

Your past?" He asked in a way that terrified her,

He placed his hands on hers.

"You know what I'm talking about." He said,

His hands were smooth and soft but did one terrific thing,

It send warmth all over her body.

What's happening to her?

She asked herself.

With the way he smiled,

She knew he knew what was happening to her,

She was going red all over and it was a new feeling,

She hasn't felt this way since....

"I don't..."

She trailed off,

"Mrs Vanessa Ryan..

Who's the lucky Ryan man?"

Her expression changed,

"Can we not talk about him and also Ryan is my maiden name." She corrected him,

He nodded,

"I'm sorry." He said.

She looked at his face from his blind spot,

He's handsome and looks well built but he definitely isn't the type of person that shows his good looks to the whole world like her ex husband does,

He doesn't look vain.

Together they both spent the night in the living room,

With Vanessa on the couch and him on the other couch,

What a night.

For the next few days after their discussion,

They both seems to have a good relationship,

Twice he watched over the kids in his house while she went to work and whilst he's away for some work,

She watched over the kids.

Vanessa noticed something,

Sekani loves spending a lot of time with Mr Stedman,

He said the man teaches him a lot of manly stuffs and even promised to get him the latest PS4 video game set...

"Why,that's too costly." She complained when her son told her,

"He promised he was going to get it once I perfect the one you got me,

She took a mental note,

I'll have to talk to him about it whenever I see him again."

She said to herself while the boy jubilates round the house that he was going to get a new video game.

When she him next she couldn't speak about it cause she knew doing that would require a verbal intimacy from him and she wasn't ready to live that.

But she regretted she didn't when he called her a few day later to his house.

Shed just finished preparing dinner when she heard her phone rang,

She wiped her hands with the paper towel and discarded it into the trash can,

The kids where in the living room catching the favorite how when she went to the counter and picked her cellphone,

It wasn't a registered number but she accepted the call,

"I have something to show you can you come over to my place please."

She knew the voice instantly,

It was Mr Stedman's.

"Why?

Can't you come over?" She asked him not liking the turn of things,

"Please,it's urgent and I want you to come." His pleading voice said through the phone,

"Okay but it should be real quick,

The kids haven't showered yet." She said to him and reluctantly kept back her phone on the

counter.

I didn't sign up for all this please,

She sighed.

Walking to the living room, the kids were so engrossed in Bunny Bugs they didn't look up at her when she said she would be right back,

She opened the door and left through the door closing it as she left.

Instead of taking the street, she decided to go through Mrs Kingali's garden and soon she was at Mr Stedman's doorstep,

She had to knock just once before he opened the door,

"You're here." He said pleasantly,

"Please come in." He said to her.

She reluctantly went inside and he just pushed the door,

Right there in the living room centre table was a wrapped box,

Written neatly on the top was

"For Sekani."

She looked him,

"I didn't know how you'll feel if I'd just gone ahead and gave it to him, so I decided it's more reasonable if I ask you first.

It's the latest PS edition and I told him earlier I was going to get it for me before summer ends." He explained.

She wanted to say no,

But looking at his eager face and imagining how happy Sekani was going to be when he see this,

"Okay, I give my permission." She said,

Before she knew it,

He came close to her and crashed his lips on hers.

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LOVE,HATE,ABUSE AND REVIVAL

CHAPTER TWENTY FIVE

Vanessa was shocked beyond words as Mr Stedman kissed her,

Like a statue she stood wanting to fight him off,

Recalling how Jeremy had kissed her and how she slapped him and how he'd given her soft kisses while he was still alive.

Her body was in rampage and she couldn't control her inner self,

It was like the animals she's caged in the zoo,

They were all fighting to come out.

They were all shouting and clamping the cages trying to break it and and run rampage in her,
She lost control.

Her mind wasn't functioning and so was her brain,
Everything was going berserk inwardly but outwardly,
She was calm,
She didn't know how she did it but
She was weak and couldn't even lift a finger on him.

What's happening to me?

She managed to ask herself cause his lips were like potions or worst poison ivy
They don't intent to kill you rather they make you immobile and make you loose your mind also.

Watching her metamorphose into different character,he understood she was fighting with her
will power,

He slowly pulled away from her.

She stood and did nothing,said nothing with eyes unblinkingly,
She was looking at him directly in the eyes and her eyes were bloodshot,
What's going on with her?

When he touched her again,

His warm hands felt cold on her skin,she shivered and jerked back to life.

"Stop!" She cried loudly.

Slowly, she passed out right on him,

"Vanessa!" He called,

Her eyes were closed and her breathing was uneven.

He carried her up and rushed into his room to lay her on the bed,

Maybe she's sick or worst she has more phobias than she ever told me.

When he got to his room,

He slowly lay her lightweight body on the bed and turned on the air-conditioning.

The kids.

Now he remembered, the kids were alone at her house...

God what have I done?

I was too carried away watching her lovely face I didn't know what impulse pushed me to kiss her,

"Vanessa please be alright,

I'm so sorry." He pleaded the unconscious lady as she lay evenly on the bed.

He couldn't keep watch over her as he needed to watch the kids too,

So he shut the door, then ran over to her place to make sure the kids weren't getting to a mess.

They weren't in the living room when he came,

"Sekani!" He called the boy,

"Where are you guys?" He asked loudly,

His daughter ran out from a room,

She was wearing her night clothes already,

"Daddy,

Sekani's having his shower in his room,

Where's Miss Vanessa,tell her we're hungry already." She complained,

He looked closely at the girl,

She was wearing one loop earring which he believed was Vanessa's.

"Where did you get that from?" He asked her,

She covered it immediately with her tiny palms and grinned,

"It's Miss Vanessa's,

I found it on the floor."

She said,

"Go take them off and you guys should come out for dinner." He told her,

She sulked back into the room and came out awhile later with Sekani.

"Where's mommy?" Sekani asked him as she saw the man dishing out their dinner for them,

"She'd to handle something urgently and she said I should watch over you two." He lied.

Why wouldn't he,

How could he explain to the six year old specter of another man that he kissed his mom and she passed out on him?

What candid explanation can he give to soothe them?

"Mommy never leaves late like this,
Can we wait for her?" Sekani asked him,
He didn't like the fact he was going to be eating dinner without her around.

"She said you guys should eat first and she'll eat when she gets back." He lied while she served both the kids their food.

The boy ate less and so did Ariana,
They didn't. even wait for him to come tuck them to sleep before they trod to their room,
Not thinking about the visor game but just,
How can mommy leave us to eat dinner alone?

Feeling frustrated,
He went to check on the kids,
They were both sleeping,
He quietly closed the door and went to the kitchen to pack some food for Vanessa if she would wake up soon.

When he got back to his house,
He left the packed food on the dining and went to check on her,
She was still sleeping.

Looking at how peacefully she slept amidst having all those bad dreams that scared her ass up at night,
He smiled.

She's a real survivor,

A real one.

Vanessa woke up to the bright light that almost blinded her eyes,

It was the sun rays that invaded the room.

She opened her eyes and looked around.

Wait,

This isn't her room.

She thought as she saw the windows,

She turned and looked around the room,

It was more masculine and mannish.

How come am I here?

Slowly she did a mental check to recall what'd happened.

She recalled Mr Stedman kissed her,

Yes,

He did kiss her and she did nothing...

Oh my God,

What did I do?

She asked herself.

Soon the door propped open and there he was,

He was still on his pajamas pant but noe he's wearing a white polo on top,

"Oh,you're awake." He manage to say.

Yes,

I'm awake.

Like you thought I wouldn't wake up again.

He walked closer to the bed and as he did,

She clutched the blanket and drifted backwards,

"I'm not going to hurt you,

Actually I wanted to apologize for what happened last night.

I kissed you without your permission and I'm sorry." He apologized calmly as he sat on the edge of the big bed.

"The kids are over at the Kingali's,

Told them you weren't home and I'm going somewhere." He informed her,

She'd moved to the headboard,

Clutching the blanket tighter,

"I want to go...."

It dawned to her when she looked at the side of the bed she'd slept,

There was a red stain on the light blue bedsheets and it was red enough for anyone to see it's blood.

God,

It's my time of the month.

She was shocked,

No sign,

No nothing,

No symptoms...

This bad and very embarrassing.

She cautiously pushed the blanket to cover the red stain before Mr Stedman notices it.

But he already saw it and looking at her, seeing how nervous she was,

He felt kinda amused.

So, if I'd laid her last night,

We'll be planning on a baby a few weeks from now.

Stop having vile thoughts Ken,

You're better than this.

He cautioned himself as he stood up from the bed,

Didn't say a word about it as he left.

Immediately he left,

She got up from the bed and removed the blanket,

Both where she lay and where she drifted to in an attempt of staying away from him had blood carelessly on viewers display.

"Oh my God,

What am I going to do?" She asked herself,
Her dress had the blood stain on its behind too.
I'm doomed.

But by her calculations,
It should have been coming tomorrow or a day after,
Why now?
She cried.

The door opened again, she turned to see who it was,
It was Mr Stedman again,
He was holding a pack of tampon and a towel,
She frowned in embarrassment.

"Here you go,
You can use my bathroom." He said to her handing the tampon and the towel to her,
"Don't worry about the bed,
I'll handle it,
You go wash yourself up." He said,

She reluctantly took the items from him and dashed into the bathroom before he could change his mind.

Whilst allowing the cool water to run down her naked body,
She thought of what had happened last night.

He kissed her,

He kissed her lips and she couldn't fight him off,

Why?

Was he using a spell on her that makes her unable to think straight with him around.

Why did he kiss her?

Why?

Apart from the kisses she'd gotten from Jeremy and the ones she gave her son,

No one had ever kissed her.

Her ex husband told her her lips were not good enough for his kiss,

She wasn't good enough for his anything.

She rubbed her lips,

"What's so in you that he kissed you?"

She asked her lips,

"Vanessa are you okay?" She heard him ask from outside,

"Yes." She managed to say,

Soon her cramps would be coming up,

She needs to gather all her strength for it.

She got out of the tub and dried herself with the towel,

"Mr Stedman,

Can you leave the room please,

I'm coming out." She said to him whilst inside the bathroom,
She wouldn't want him to see her with just towel on.

"Okay." He said and soon she heard the door opened and closed,
She heaved a sigh of relief and opened the bathroom door.

The room was empty and the bedsheets had been changed.
There was no changing cloth for her,
Phew,

She looked around the room,
Right beside the wardrobe on the table he kept a note there,
She took it and read its content,

"You can choose from my wardrobe,
There are some oversized T-shirt there."
She opened the wardrobe and fished through his things.

There were some few T-shirts there,
So she pick one,
It's black with red collar,
I should go with this,
She thought.

With the black T-shirt,

She opened the door and walked to the living room,
Sekani's gift was still on the centre table.

She slowly went to the door and wanted to open it when she heard his clear his throat,
She turned like a child who was caught in the act.

"I don't think it's wise you go out now,
I told the kids you weren't around and told Mrs Kingalis the same thing,
Don't you think they'll feel were up to something if they see you walking out of here wearing
that." He informed her,

She frowned and peered through the window,
Mr Kingalis and the kids were outside too,
They shouldn't see her come out of here....

Does that means she's stuck in here with this man?
"I'll suggest, you stay here for awhile till they go inside." He said,
"I can get you a cup of hot tea,
It'll help for cramps." He said to her,then went back into the kitchen.

She sighed in frustration,
Wish there was any better way to get them inside so she'll leave here.

Padma hadn't called Vanessa so some few days and she was worried,
Yuvraj was tracing her every moved and she was suspecting he was doing that to know when
she would want to go visit Vanessa so he can tail her.

He knew already she was in Houston but Houston is a big place to search for her,
He needed more of like a close range search.

With Prasad out of town with the other boys and Yuvraj on a trip,
She felt more relaxed to call Vanessa.

When she did that afternoon,
All her calls weren't accepted,
Why?

She tried a few more times but her phone wasn't going through this time around,
Padma got scared.

What if Vanessa was in trouble?

What if Yuvraj had found her and was holding her captive?

Different thoughts ran through her head as she tried her cellphone several more times but it
wasn't going through.

He decided to call at her work,

Maybe she is in a meeting or a seminar and can't take calls.

The person who received the call told her that Vanessa wasn't at work,

"Did you try call her home?" She asked the lady,

"I personally did but it wasn't going through,

I decided to send her some messages through her intercom but I've gat no reply since.

Obviously thinking the worst has happened,
Padma got scared and packed her bags,
Maybe something bad happened.

Unbeknownst to Padma,
Her son had kept some people on standby to keep watch of her,
Immediately she drove away from the house with an unfamiliar car,
They spotted car and called Yuvraj.

"What's it?" He asked the man who was interrupting his nap,
"Your mom is driving out now and an insider information,
She'd a luggage with her and took her newest car." He informed him,
"Think she's going to meet her." The man added,
Yuvraj smiled evilly.

"Follow her,
I'll join you guys later." He hung up immediately and dashed to his closet to pack some few
clothes,
"You're doing me a huge favor mom." He smiled to himself.

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LOBE,HATE,ABUSE AND REVIVAL

CHAPTER TWENTY SIX

After having to stand by the window for almost an hour waiting for the kids to go in,
It was like tide was clearly against her cause they refused to go in.

"Standing there all day looking at them won't change the fact that they're not going in sooner."

She turned and saw Mr Stedman,

He wasn't wearing a shirt and he'd two mug of hot coffee,

"How do you know that?" She asked him moving away from the window,

"I saw it already." He sat to her,

Came closer and handed her one cup of coffee,

"It'll help with your cramps which I believe would be coming soon." He said to her.

Secretly she prayed it doesn't come cause she goes through a hell lot of pain when she has cramps,

It's likely the most painful experience apart from giving birth to her son,

Her cramps are torturous and she wouldn't want it to come not when she's stuck with this neighbor of her.

"I don't always have cramps." She lied ,

Lying through your teeth to look strong,

So amusing.

"My wife told me she always doesn't have cramps too." He said,

She didn't say another word,
Rather she moved to the end of the couch and sat down,

Not turning,not looking at the bared chest man that was sitting at the other end,
Sipping his coffee and throwing glances at her.

Finally it came...

"Ouch." She cried quietly,
Looked at the man at the other end couch,
Now he's busy with the laptop in front of him.

She took a deep breathe and slowly breath out,

The pain in her lower abdomen was getting severe and she's trying hard to make sure she
doesn't cry or end up doing something stupid.

Why was I even punished with painful menstruation?

Both her sisters had quite easy menstruation but hers was the most painful,

Padma had told her it would get better after she might given birth but it wasn't any better,

Rather it became worst.

Jeremy was the one taking care of her while she'd it then,

He would get in bed with her and spoon her till she sleeps and several times she ends of crying
while he consoles her....

Oh Jeremy,

Why must there be a lot to remind me of the good moments we'd together?

She wants to let it go,

To leave her past and continued with whatever the future hold but it was hard,

Its hard to forget those close to you.

She took another deep breathe when the pain became worse,

I just need to leave this place ASAP before this gets worse than it already is.

She stood up, looked at the man who was so engross in his laptop he didn't even look up,

"Better." She muttered as she walked towards the room she'd woke up from,

She went in,

Take off the blanket and lay peacefully allowing her cramps to do what it did best,

Torture her.

Padma tried a few more times to call Vanessa as she drove but it wasn't still going through,

She decided it's best she drove all the way there than going with a flight which she believe her obsessive and narcissistic son would want to trace.

She'd drove for an hour an a few minutes when her phone rang,

Luckily for her,

She was well past Outer Banks and was really on the highway,

There's a great chance she wouldn't be stopped by cops on the way for taking a call while

driving at the speed she was in.

It was Vanessa,

She long press the accept icon,

"Hello Vanessa, where have you been?"

"I've been calling you for ages now but you weren't....."

"Grandma, it's me Sekani." She heard her grandson's voice panting like someone who had been playing,

"Sekani where your mama?" She asked the boy,

"Mr Stedman said she went somewhere and she isn't back too and Mr Stedman isn't around too." He informed the woman after he gulped down the glass of water on the table,

"Who's that?" Ariana asked him,

He turned to her and asked her to keep quiet,

"Grandma's on the phone." He told the little girl in a whisper which unfortunately Padma heard.

"Sekani who're you talking to?" Padma asked the boy when she heard the boy whispering to someone,

"And who's Mr Stedman?" She asked in surprise,

Vanessa never told her of any Mr Stedman the last time they talk,

So who's he?

"Grandma, Mr Stedman is our neighbor and also Ariana's father." The boy replied her honestly,

"And can I have his number?" She asked the boy,

He kept the phone on the table and closed the mouthpiece with his small hands,
"What's your daddy's number?" He asked Ariana who was playing with the glass on the table.

She looked at him and focused back on the glass on the table,

"I can't remember it." She said,

Sekani frowned and picked the phone,

"Grandma can you hang up first,so I'll go get it?"

He said to her,

"Okay." She nodded and hung up.

Mr Stedman,

Who's this Mr Stedman?

She asked herself as she drove.

Maybe she's reading more to this than there's,

She'll have to go and find out herself.

Vanessa lay in the bed an waited for sleep to come,

But it was far fetched,

The pain she was feeling was grotesque,

She dug her nails and twirl to different side of the bed while her eyes were tightly shut.

Soon the door opened,

She didn't look to see who it was cause she knew who it already was,
"Vanessa are you okay?" He asked her as he walked towards the bed,
She couldn't get her words right,
So she managed to slur them out,

"I'm."

"No you're not." He said as he took the blanket from her and watched how she coiled herself up with her arms around her stomach,
She was clearly in pain.

He hadn't been fortunate to meet much women but several time during his marriage with Julie,
He'd seen her all coiled up Luke this crying.

Julie was a very strong woman with this kind of a fiery spirit but seeing her cry while she was on her menstrual flow told him how painful it must have been for her.

Plus he's a doctor too and had quite a good knowledge about cramps and when it comes,
He knows too about the female menstrual cycle and their ovulation periods,

He isn't a know it all jerk but he gat good information on most of them.

"Don't worry,
I'll be fine." She managed to say again,
He couldn't have heard it if not that he went so close to her.

It really hurt him watching her in pain when clearly he could do nothing about it,

"Can I lay beside you?" He asked her

It helps a lot." He added,

"I don't think...." Before she could finish,

He got on the bed and laid beside her,

"Mr Stedman this isn't right." She queried amidst the pain,

"Not like we're planning on having sex,

I just want to be here and help,

That's all." He said to her,

She looked at him,

He was bold while he said that,

Didn't even mince his words at all.

"Learn to love and be loved."

It came again,

She turned her back to him and closed her eyes,

Slowly he slipped his arm through her waist,

"I'm not going to hurt you okay,

I'm won't dare to,

Just give me the chance to prove that. do not forget to join us on telegram through+233544142683 get more episodes from there." He whispered to her.

While his voice spread warmth all over her,

She shut her eyes close so she won't feel anything odd,

But it was too late.

The particular feeling she has whenever he's around her,

It came again and this time it was gushing all in her,

It was like those warm milk she gives to Ariana before going to bed,

They feel foreign on your skin but very likeable and pleasant.

While she lay there motionless,he battled with his self urge,

She was damn beautiful and had it all right but is he ready to ruin everything by just asking her for it,

No.

It gat to wait,

He looked down at his member,

'Sorry man,you gat to listen to me.' He said to it telepathically.

She was goddamn beautiful and no man could ever control himself being so close to her,

Just her having a slight skin contact can send man into space,

She's more of like the perfect handiwork of the creator,

The goddess that was sent to earth to torment men with her beauty.

While he rested his other arm on her,she didn't react,

He raised his head and looked at her face,

She was asleep already.

She looks striking while she sleeps,

Her lips,

Gosh..

He ran his palms on her face,

She look so beautiful and so pure..

But what happened to her?

It doesn't look like she'd always been like this,

She looks like she'd passed through a lot.

It should be,

Her son,

She doesn't talk about his father or whatever,

She told him her mother said she's a survivor,

And told him she wasn't around to talk with...

It contrast with the first word.

She clearly has something,

More like a painful past she carries all day and it weighs down on her like a heavy burden.

No husband, a son...

Was she raped?

Maybe she was actually raped

And her best friend who she said died was the only one who stood in for her and with him passing away.

Things became harder for her,

She'd to move in here to try get her life back on track...

That explains it,

Her her being a therapist but not wanting to share her own problem.

She help people get back on their feet and helps them get justice when she's still living the pain of her past,

The pain of being raped.

He tucked back one of the box braids that fell on her face,

I'm going to find that bastard and God help him,

He would wish he was dead than being alive cause he's going to make him pay.

He's going to torment who ever the bastard is,

He's going to make him plead for death.

For ever laying his hands on the woman,

He's going to pay for this.

Meanwhile Yuvraj was driving at a slow range so not to miss Padma's car which was about three cars ahead of his.

When he'd returned,

He asked his men to stay behind while he go alone and also he exchanged car with them,
He wouldn't want Padma to see his and play a big one on him.

He'd roamed enough,
Had begged enough,
Maybe now's the time to take things into his hands and her his woman back.

For the past four years,
Where hadn't he gone to?

He'd searched everywhere searchable but it was just like his mother had his Vanessa
somewhere out of the world.

He'd even played the nice brother,
Went to his brothers if they'd any clue cause he believes Padma is more open with them than
him but none,
They swore they knew nothing.

Now,he's going to get his wife back,
Vanessa,
He's now so obsessed with her.

He'd her everywhere,
Her photos in his cellphone and also his wallpaper and all over his bedroom,

Most time he fantasizes making love to her,
Having her body under his and getting the pleasure of his life in her.

While he sleeps around with random women,

He always imagined the girl being Vanessa and won't open his eyes till he's done with her,

He has her everywhere and would make her his no matter what he has to do.

She's his and would always be,

Her body and soul are his.

While they drove into Houston,

He smiled,

Then his guess were right then,

This is where she has been hiding all this while,

What a grace?

Padma was two cars ahead of him and he kept the pace that way,

She wouldn't know what hit her when she sees me.

They got to a traffic junction and had to wait,

Padma who really wasn't watching the light drove off immediately,

Luckily there were no cops on standby to stop her or worst confiscate her car.

Yuvraj got upset,

He doesn't want to lose her,

So in the bid of impatience,

He changed lane and was driving to catch up with Padma,

He didn't notice the truck coming from the other side.

Before he could probably get on his brake or worst reverse his car,
The truck driver hit his car making it swerve till it hit the traffic pole,
He lost consciousness there...

To be continued.