

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of vibrant blue roses, slightly out of focus, nestled in a rustic wooden basket. The background is a warm, blurred brown, suggesting the interior of the basket or a wooden surface.

BLUE ROSES

"KISS ME WHILE I SLEEP"

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Introduction:

Its been 5 years since iv been working as an analysts and system developer here at SAPS. My mom and dad really don't get why am in this line of work cause am a really shy person and goofy and very weird and literally one of the smartest people that they have ever seen. To my parents I could be a doctor but here I was then there is my older sister who is the Beyoncé of the and get all the attention from our parents and literally has nothing going in her life apart man with fancy cars. I was at work and as usual i was going through the huge pile of work when the station commander walked in the room and it got silent cause he hardly ever comes to our side of the building. I closed my eyes and prayed that he doesn't call my name.

“Nkosazana”

Has God Forsaken me today?

His voice vibrated throughout the office space and I slowly got up with my heart beating so fast. What

did I do wrong? I've never in my life been called into his office ever? I always double check my work and I make sure it in a format that they understand.

Me: Yes

My voice came out as a whisper and I cleared my throat. He raised his hand signalling that I follow him and I was literally running behind him as he took steps 3 at a time.

My name is Nkosazana Hlophe and this is my journey of how I was sucked in to the world of crime. Things that I only saw on Tv and never thought that it could be me.

[10/05, 07:11] Mukoko: Insert 1:

We walked into the boardroom and it was full of people. I stood there confused, the day I decide to come to work wearing my black tracksuits and sneakers is the day that I am invited to the boardroom. Everyone was in a uniform here or suits or looked smart casual.

Commander: This is the analyst that added the 10 crimes that we are investigating. She the one that

connected that all crimes are connected as one.

I saw the commissioner look at me up and down and smiled.

Commissioner: Can she get cleared?

Commander: Yes ill do that after the meeting.

Commissioner: Good and I want her moved to the special crimes unit private headquarters.

Commander: Got it

Commissioner: Now young lady I need you to explain to us why you think these crimes are all linked?

I looked at everyone and cleared my throat.

Me: All crimes are done by five members. They all done under 10 minutes. No hostages, no guns but somehow they manage to calmly get everyone to operate.

I looked at the picture where all 5 guys were in an elevator and I pointed at it and zoomed it.

Me: Here is the picture of the guys after they robbed

the jewels that were worth 5 million. All 5 of them, that a rare picture of seeing them all together. I zoomed another picture and look at them here. 4 of them right? But look at this picture.

It was a picture of a guy wearing a hat, big glasses and his hand was covering the lower part of his mouth as he had a computer and an ear piece in his ear.

Me: That guy number 5. The tech guy. Everyone is running away from the building after a few gunshots but his sitting there looking at his laptop as if unaware of what happening inside or around him. This means one thing. His with them.

I looked at the room and everyone was quiet.

I looked at the huge screen and smiled.

Me: I can go through all the crime scene pictures and one by one I can pick them out. The tech guy hardly get involved in the action but his always there. Than there is the muscles: i call him that cause his the more aggressive one who shoves around people making sure that his orders.

I pointed to the tall guy who you can tell worked out and even though his fully covered head to toe and you cant see a thing, but you can tell that his handsome.

Me: this guy is the brains and the boss.

Commissioner: why you say so?

Me: Apart that he has cleaned manicured hands. In all the clips iv watched and the pictures iv seen. He always talks and stands in the corner while Muscle man shuffled people to safety... than there is the panickier.

I pointed to the guy who is a little chubby.

Me: They just let him keep track of the time and stays by the door looking to see if anything pops out and his a talker. In all the videos his lips are moving. Than there is him.

I pointed to the tall skinny guy.

Me: I call him sleek cause he the one that does most of the work as fast and as efficiently as possible. All these 5 have never killed in a job and

instead all reports from people they have assaulted says that they use kind words such as “please, thank you , sorry” which shows that they are no regular thieves but you looking for gentlemen with professions or random people like you and I.

I kept quiet as everyone in the room looked at me.

One guy from the back got up. He looked like he hasn't slept in 5 days and is angry making me sweat in my pants.

Him: See you Tomorrow Nkosazana. He Left the room and I looked at commissioner.

Commissioner: That the captain of the task force you will be working with. You heard the man see you than. I nodded as the secretary walked me to the vetting office. I can't believe i just got a promotion. This is going to be fun.

Somewhere in Durban

We were all silent as the little tiny girl spoke about us. Ntokozo my tech guy tapped into the security

feeds of SAPS after the cop we pay to keep tabs on our crimes told us about the meeting that SAPS was having with special crimes units.

Mlungisi: That girl just spoke about us as if she knew us.

I was quiet cause Mlu always panics. Ntokozo now had her profile and picture on the other screen.

Ntokozo: Her name is Nkosazana Pearl Hlope. She is 25 years old. Graduate from school when she was 15 years old.

Mlu: Ngivele ngabomna ukuthi she is those nerds.

Ntokozo: Did a special system developing course for a year than went into forensic analyst in UJ topped it off with researching. Basically the chick is all of us in one apart that she is just a normal regular girl. Sweet and kind. Has no social media but has a sister that has her on her social media.

Zola: What now?

He was labeled as Mr Sleek.

Me: Nothing.

Ntokozo: The special crimes unit just recruited her.

Me: She 25

Zola: and in a few minute she was able to analyse us. What can she do in 2 days, a week or a month and we have a gig the following week. If she is as good as what we have heard or seen. She is going to catch us Phila!!

Me: She won't

Xola: what makes you say that?

Me: Ill figure it out guys. We been in this for 10 years now. We not going to let a little nerd from SAPS to bring us down. Now relax and go back to your normal day jobs. Will continue later. Let me think.

Everyone left apart Zola aka sleek who was my right hand man in all the clubs and shisanyama we own and my best friend.

Zola: Phila

Me: HmMMM

Zola: Am going to keep a tag on her. Put a few guys

where she stays to follow her around and report.

Me: Thank you.

I took a glass of whiskey and drank it as the printer was printing out her picture. I took it out and looked at her and I felt my inside turn....

[10/05, 07:11] Mukoko: Insert 2:

Nkosazana

After all the vetting and million questions i passed they test and went downstairs to pack up my things and took the all to my car. I drove home in excitement, got home to find the house empty. I checked my phone and I saw I had so many miss calls from mom. I checked my whatapp and she has sent a million texts telling me about Zoey being in a domestic violence. I really don't get why my family is always doing this with her. I got home and unpacked and than drove to the hospital where I found my mom fuming.

Me: Ma

Mom: I've never met such a selfish person in my life.

Me: Ma

Mom: Don't make me, what is wrong with you?

Me: I had a meeting at work and....

Mom: just save it. I don't want to hear your lame excuse

Me: kodwa naye uZoey....

Mom: Am sick and tired of you looking down on your sister.

Me: Am not looking down on her. It's just that she is smart too but isn't applying herself and she always moving from one bad guy to the next and you guys are always here supporting her. She never going to learn...

I felt one hot clap. I kept quiet and looked at my father who looked ashamed.

Mom: Don't you ever talk about my child like that.

I kept quiet, looked at my father one last time then turned and left heading home. I got to my room and

packed every single thing that i own and did my best stuffing it in my car. I went next door to Ma Dlamini spoke to her son oupa.

Oupa: Sho

Me: Can you please help me in driving me with your van.

Oupa: where?

Me: I don't know, but far from here.

Oupa: are you moving?

Me: Yes

Oupa: so you need a place?

Me:yes

Oupa: a friend of mine has moved out of a Condo next to Ashley bridge. I can call and find out if its still available.

I nodded as he called and it was still available. So he asked his friends if I can move in and he didn't mind. I hugged him as he helped me moved things into his car. I packed ever thing that mines. I should

have done this long ago when mom said O should share half my salary with my sister who is older than me and more than capable of taking care of herself. I locked the house and gate and drove off to that condo.

Phila

My phone was ringing and I answered.

Me: Hello

Guy: she was vetted today for the special crimes as an profiler and analyst. They creating a team that will be dealing with your cases and have the District Attorney Linda Mkhonto taking the case.

Me: Thanks.

I hung up and walked towards my car when the phone rang again.

Me: Yes

Guy: She on the move, i think she moving from here.

Me: follow them and update me.

Guy: Cool

I got in and drove to the club where I found the guys in my office waiting.

Me: Hey

Everyone: Sho.

Me: I got news that our lawyer is Linda Mkhonto.

Zola: Holy shit.

Me: Exactly.

Mlu: Who we going to get as ours when little miss Thing catches us?

Me: She not catching us

Ntokozo: Than?

Me: I need you guys to stay calm, we have got this okay.

They all nodded.

Me: Now let go over the bank heist plans.

They rolled out the chart and we went over the plans again. Cause next Tuesday we were doing

this job.

Nkosazana

Its was close to midnight. My phone has been ringing off the hook from my mother and iv been ignoring it. Am so not about to have drama with her, frankly iv tolerated her drama for too long. I finished packing my beautiful space and it was looking like more of a home. I decided to drive to the 24 hours steers at Musgrave and get something to eat. I ordered and waited than drove back. Something in me decided that I pass the route where they drove when they were hitting the jewels shop. I drove around there and stopped at the intersection due to the robots. I calculated the minutes it closed and wrote them down and calculated the minutes it opened. Than drove off to the house watched the videos on the day they were attacking the jewels store and saw that the robots were opening for longer on the roads that they were driving on. I calculated and it was 6 minutes more than my time.

“so they controlling traffic too.”

I took my phone and looked for captain Nkosi number and found it.

Nkosi

My phone was ringing and I looked at the unknown number.

Me: Yeah

Voice: Its a Nkosazana sir

Me: Yeah?

Nkosazana: They controlling traffic. Am watching videos right now and all robots are opening 6 more minutes for them to be able to cut through. So it means that they jamming the robots or hacking to the systems. Ill need to go to the robots centre so I can get the Ip name of the pers on doing this.

Me: You woke me up at midnight to tell me this?

Nkosazana: Sorry, goodnight

Me: Call me again in the morning and tell me this

again. Get some sleep....

[10/05, 07:11] Mukoko: Insert 3:

Nkosi

I was busy running the videos as the girl said. She was right all robot timing is 6 minute more than it usual time. Just as I was doing cross referencing every footage she busted in looking like hell. She had on brown pants, yellow top and green shoes with a green blazer that had bananas all over. She looked funky and goofy. She had her brown case bag and had those big nerdy glasses. I stood there looking at her.

Me: Nkosazana!!!

She looked up and walked fast towards me as I walked into the small room that we use a case room.

Me: You late!

Nkosazana: Actually am early. She dropped her case on the chair and looked at me. Than quickly dragged me with my hands and run with me to the

ladies room. Yes the ladies room and she checked all the stalls and saw it was empty. Closed the door and stood there looking at me.

Me: Mind sharing why we in the ladies room.

Nkosazana: I hacked your phone, computer and banking details.

Me: You did what?

Nkosazana

My heart was pounding. I had too after I came across a recording of one of the heist where I heard one of the guys reminding the other to check with they police intel. So i had to make sure that my new boss is clean. Now him shouting at me is making me regret doing so.

Me: I had to make sure you are not the leak

Nkosi

I looked at her now interested in everything she has

to say.

Me: Go on

Nkosazana: They have a leak here in the department so I started my own investigation.

Me: On?

Nkosazana: Your special crimes team

Me: and what did you find?

Nkosazana: all 6 of you guys are clean. No heavy sums of money in the last 10 years. No life changing things that might show any of you are dirty.

Me: Okay. Now that you have established that, why are you here?

Nkosazana

I looked at my new boss for some time and kept quiet.

Nkosi: Talk

Me: are you always this grumpy?

Nkosi: no, but you not talking is making me grumpy.

Me: Well i checked you guys but not the whole force. The information we received has passed so many departments so any one in this building may have access of it. That means we have to check every saps, special crimes, forensic and rookies to see who is getting lump sums of money and that could take months to do.

Nkosi

I looked at this young girl that am beginning to like. She only here for two days and already she doing ground shaking investigating. Iv been searching for these guys for ten years and Iv never been this close.

Me: So what do you suggest?

Nkosazana: We spread word that we off the case due to lack of information. Than we ask the commissioner and the commander to find us a site

off book that we can use to continue with our investigation. We then go through every detail of the case and evidence and see which is new information, which is facts and which is information that meant to throw us off.

I smiled at her as I was loving this child.

Me: and they have been hiding you in the basement all along!!

She grinned and someone knocked. She opened the door and we left going in the office to speak to our commander.

[10/05, 07:11] Mukoko: Insert 4:

Nkosazana

Today was Sunday and I was not going to work on things so I was just going to out through stuff in the house and maybe buy a few things with my savings. I woke up and wore my shorts and hats and closed the door going to the private beach.

I took a walk just to clear my head with all the

drama happening in my life. I walked closer to where the rocks were and got up to it and sat there just soaking in the sun as I kept on hearing bottles clinging to the rocks. I looked around and saw 3 bottles there and picked them up. They were clear and had a note and a small blue Rose that attached to the lid. I picked them all up and slowly walked back to the house. Placed them on the table and took a long shower changed into a dress made myself some hot chocolate and a muffin sat down on my couch and took a wine opener taking the screw out. Took all the 3 Blue roses and put them in a glass of water. I took the small plastic with the note out and I opened it and a small rough rock dropped out of it when I opened the note.

“Its your lucky day, I hope my sins gives you more than just a meal today

Signed: Live ”

I took out the letter from the second bottle and out

came the most stunning ring ever.

Note : “ its your lucky day, I hope my sins today turns your girlfriend into a wife or makes you a couple of thousands richer

Signed: Live ”

My heart was now pounding as I opened the last note ana two small pears rolled into my hands.

“ Its your lucky day, I hope my sins today turns your sorrows into yesterday news

Signed: Live ”

I looked at the 3 items confused and went to the kitchen placed my mug and saucer in the sink and than it clicked in my head 3 heist. One was jewellery shop were they stole billions worth of things. One was a rough diamonds expert office and one was a pearls expert shop. My mind was buzzing, this

could be from the members of the heist. I dashed out of the house running to those rocks looking for 7 more bottles. I couldn't breathe with my chest pounding so loud out of the excitement than I found 5 of them and they all had blue roses and I screamed in excitement running to the house putting them in a bag. Maybe forensic will be able to find something in these ones. I took my phone and called Nkosi.

Nkosi

I looked at my phone it was Nkosazana. Doesn't this child sleep. I ignored it and she called again.

Me: This better be good child

Nkosazana: you will not believe my luck

Me: Am hanging up.

Nkosazana: No wait. Can we meet please

Me: Just speak

Nkosazana: No, can we meet!

She raised her voice and I snapped out of it. This is huge.

Me: Okay. Come over to my house ill text you the address.

Nkosazana: Dont, i know it. She hang up as I looked around my tiny apartment and started cleaning all the alcoholic bottles and take outs.

Ntokozo

I had they phones tagged and the minute she made a call it came through my phone and I simply listen to both conversations while my phone records it. The call was weird and short but something tells me she knows about phones getting tagged. I wonder what was so important that she meeting him. I sent the recording to everyone in our group.

Text: Maybe am just being to suspicious but tell me this is a normal call that she makin i sent it and went back to sleep. Why is Phila not dealing with this threat the same way we have dealt with threats before?....

Goodnight

[10/05, 07:11] Mukoko: Insert 5:

Phila

I read the text twice and listened to the voice note twice. I called Ntokozo

Ntokozo: Boss

Me: she is a freak, she doesn't have any social media. Her number is not even listed. So obviously she has a thing with technology.

Ntokozo: Why isn't she dead?

Me: Why should she be dead?

Ntokozo: you never ask questions, you shot first and ask questions later.

Me: Why is she worrying you so much?

Ntokozo: I don't know bro, but something about her that makes me go "no"

Me: She is just a 25 year old basement analyst.
Now did you find anything about us in they data base?

Ntokozo: No

Me: Remind again why you sweat?

Ntokozo: We will come by at 9am to work out the plan for tomorrow.

Me: Cool, I got you genius

Ntokozo: I know.

Me: Ill see you.

I hung up and took a shower getting ready for work, I got dressed in my suits as Zola knocked. He drives me for important meetings as my guard.

Zola: hey

Me: Hi

Zola: well i got the text from Ntokozo.

Me: not this again guys

Zola: You doing things in a different way

Me: I know, we can't kill everyone guys. One slight interest in our directions and we gun blazing. Come on guys. I took my phone and we drove off talking about work.

Me: Stop at this coffee shop please.

He stopped and I got off

Me: want anything?

Zola: Coffee

I walked off to the store and stood there waiting for my turn when I saw her by the coffee shop at the corner looking so engrossed in her papers. I brought my coffee's and I walked to her picked up a piece of paper that had fell from her desk and put it on her table and she looked up.

Nkosazana

I looked up just as the Ocean smell of a perfume was near me and lord behold the most handsome guy iv ever seen was standing there. He had on a suit and had a dragon head showing on his neck

making him look a little gangster ish.

Him: You dropped this

I looked at the paper and smiled. Am sure I look funny.

Me: Thanks

Him: Phila

Me: Nkosazana

Zola

I turned my head and through the glasses there he was looking at her and talking. I took out my phone and called Ntokozo.

Me: Sho

Ntokozo: Yeah

Me: I think he has a plan

Ntokozo: Who?

Me: Phila

Ntokozo: About?

Me: The girl

Ntokozo: why you say that?

I took the came took a picture and sent it to him

Ntokozo: Holy fuck!!

Me: Yes Holly fuck indeed.

Phila

“well nice to meet you Nkosazana, enjoy the rest of your day”

Nkosazana: You too

I turned and left her there going to the car. And gave Zola his cup.

Zola: What took so long?

Me: I meet our detective. She still working on the case, she had our files of all the crimes and she was focused on the case of the jewellery store. The hit were we made 1.4 billion and has a few things coloured in the notes. Now its either our contact in there is lying or she smart enough to play this close

to her chest.

Zola: Shit... you got all that from standing there for two minute?

Me: She not the only smart one. I need a favour from you.

Zola: Yeah

Me: Hook up with your girl please.

Zola: Who?

Me: Linda Mkhonto.

Zola: Oh fuck no... hell no!!!

Me: its the only way we can get to see if they prosecuting or not.

Zola: No!!!

Me: Think about it....

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[10/05, 07:12] Mukoko: Insert 6:

Phila

The drive to the meeting I was thinking about her. The way her eyes were so bright with intelligence. You could see from afar that she is a geek nerd. She had her hair in a bun and was wearing those big nerd glasses. Her outfit was actually hilarious she was wearing black stockings that had cherries everywhere and she had on a black dress with a red cardigan. She looked cute though. I looked to everyone looking at me.

Me: Sorry did you guys say something?

Nkosazana

I sat there watched him get in his black BMW and drive off. The guy was sizzling hot, he had short hair. An amazing smile and perfect white teeth that were straight and he was tall and muscular and and and.... thixo wamie!!!

I got up took my files and made sure am not leaving anything and left to the office got there earlier than everyone. My phone rang.

Me: Hello

Voice: This is the first national bank

Me: Yes

Voice: we see activity with you trying to use your a that was reported lost.

Me: When?

Voice: Now at Mega city

Me: Did I not block the card?

Voice : Its still shows active on the system.

Me: Please block it.

I got on the app and moved all my money into my savings so the active account is empty.

Me: Will I be able to see the camera footage please?

Voice: Will have to come to the bank and fill in the forms that will allow us access.

Me: Is tomorrow fine?

Voice: Is 11 am okay?

Me: Yes and thank you, kindly freeze my account till

i come there tomorrow.

Voice: Will do. Enjoy your day Miss Hlophe. They hang up and I walked to captain Nkosi office he looked fresher today.

Me: Boss

Nkosi: If I wasn't going to be charged with harassment I would have kissed you

Me: Okay... why?

Nkosi: The bottles are from the crimes. You see with each crime they always left a note to the manager, a simple "Sorry but thank you" That information we never gave to anyone out of fear of leaks. Anyways we gave the letters from the bottle to the experts and they matched it. Its a fucken match girl!!! The same person who wrote those notes is the same person with these bottles.

We were both screaming and jumping up and down and slowly calmed down.

Nkosi: You a fucken genius, where were you 10 years ago?

Me: School?

We both laughed.

Nkosi: I need you to take the information to the Districts Attorney Office and lay it all out for her.

Me: That cool with me.

Nkosi: Thank you

Me: For?

Nkosi: giving me hope. Its been 10 years of hitting a brick wall and now. Now things are better. So thank you

Me: Let catch them first boss and celebrate afterwards. He smiled and he looked like a normal person. I turned and walked out.

Zoey

I looked at the card that I took from my sister bag and threw it in the bin. Where the hell am I going to get money? Ever since Nkosazana has left things are tense between mom and dad. Mom is still being

that supportive parent but dad has withdrawn bit and is hiding his valuables like crazy. I stood there thinking what to do next so I can get my next fix.

Phila

The drive home was silent as Zola dropped me off and he left. I found Mlu in my apartment pacing.

Me: What now?

Mlu: She was at the District offices

Me: Who?

Mlu: The girl!!

Me: Today?

Mlu: Right now. So I packed up things in my office and left.

I looked at my primary school friend who was pacing now.

Me: You do know you work at the district office!

Mlu: Yes

Me: And people from all departments comes there.

Mlu: Yes

Me: So her being there doesn't mean she there to see the District attorney Its the district office. They are a million departments there. Just like your department for instance. You in engineering right?

Mlu: I know you think am panicking for nothing but that girl is investigating us and she is doing it day and night!!...

[10/05, 07:13] Mukoko: Insert 7:

Nkosazana

I walked into her office and I felt so small. I stood there waiting for her and than she walked in with high heels , a pencil skirt and shirt. Her weave was ass long and she stood there studying me head to toe than she broke into the most kindest smiles ever.

Linda: Morning Nkosazana

Me: Hi

Linda: captain says i should be ready to have my mind blown away.

I blushed as she sat across of me

Phila

The guys were here now and Mlu was drinking.

Mlu: I think we should postpone the heist tomorrow

Xola: How will we get the codes again?

Zola: I think we all panicking, can we breathe.

Mlu: This girl will catch us. Mark my words

Me: are you guys done?

Everyone was quite.

Me: we do two heists a year for this reason. We spent six months working towards this for a reason. We doing the heist and if we get caught, ill deal with it okay?

Guys: Okay

Me: Now let go through the First national bank

security measures.

Nkosazana

I got home so exhausted. I made noodle soup and took a long shower to find my phone ringing. I picked up and answered.

Me: oupa

Oupa: ay ntwana, your mom came here demanding ukuthi ukuphi, its been a week ungafonanga.(you have gone a week without calling)

Me: what you told her?

Oupa: nothing ntwana

Me: Thanks, ill come see them tomorrow.

Oupa: sho, you good?

Me: Yeah am good. Thanks for the check up.

Oupa: No problem.

I hung up wore my Pj and went to sleep.

Phila

I woke up early. Today was Tuesday the day of the heist. I packed the guns and clothes that we using. Booked the hotel that we going to be taking a shower at after the crime. Then left to our meet up point where we going to be using the care to go to the bank.

Nkosazana

I left the office around 10:30 am drove to the First national bank offices and branch. I parked around the corner and slowly walked in as my phone rang.

Me: Am at the bank Nkosi

Nkosi: Cool will talk when you back

Me: cool

I hung up and walked in and walked to the front where I gave my number for the appointment and they showed me which door to get too. I did everything that I needed to do and thanked her and left. I can't believe my own sister will do me like that

, i wiped my tears walking just as Four guys walked popped out of nowhere with guns in they hands screaming for everyone to get down while guns shots went up in the air. I closed my eyes and listened to my heart beating.

Guy: If you think that being a hero will save you. No just stop whatever you think okay?

Than there were feet running everywhere as 2 of the guys disappeared.

Voice: Now everyone hands up, this will take 2 minute.

My heart was ringing in my ears as I opened my eyes and looked at the guy. His height, and just like that the perfume hit me up and I close my eyes thinking where i smelt it from but just couldn't remember. I opened them as he spoke.

Voice: 1 minute left.

I looked at him closer and her turned my way and there I saw it. A dragon tongue pointing out of his collar. The other two guys walked out with 3 bags full of money I think and I really don't know what got

in me but I saw myself stand just as the other 3 guys pointed their guns on me as the other bystanders started screaming in fear.

Me: Phila!!!

I whispered and he looked at me with shock in his eyes.....

[10/05, 07:13] Mukoko: Insert 8:

Phila

I looked at her as Mlu started panicking.

Mlu: Holy shit, ngishilo.

Zola: we need to go

I stood there looking at her and I took out my cuffs and cuffed her. Went to a lady who had a scarf around her neck.

Me: turn around.

She did and I blinded her. And moved looking at everyone who was looking at us in fear.

Me: No one moves and count to 20 before you call the cops... got it? Or I kill her. I took out a knife and placed it on her neck cutting her a bit nothing deep, i just wanted blood to show and they screamed.

Ntokozo in my ear.

Ntokozo: you need to move boss.

I grabbed her over my shoulder and she was light picked up the bag and moved with the guys. We got in the car and drove off

Nkosi

The phone rang and i picked up.

Me: what?

Voice: they hit the first national bank of they deposit boxes that carry jewellery. That are insured and are above 50k we looking at 8 billion worth of jewellery.

I hung up and started calling Nkosazana.

Phila

Her phone rang.

Mlu: holy fuck

I moved and took her phone out and threw it out of the window.

Me: Change of plans guys. Go to my beach house.

We drove in silence. She wasn't speaking like how any panicked person would but was calm. We got to my house I picked her out of the car and walked with her to the lounge I placed her by the sofa and walked with the guys to the kitchen where everyone erupted all at once.

Nkosazana

I could hear them arguing in hush tones and I just sat there counting from 1 till 20 over and over again. Anything to calm me down, what on earth was I thinking calling him. I must be the most stupid person ever. Next thing he removed my wrapper and I looked into 5 faces looking at me. The one that I knew is a panickier pacing up and down.

Phila: Nkosazana

He removed my cuffs and i looked at him confused.

Phila

She looked at us and kept quiet for some time.

Mlu: She not talking

Xola: calm down bafo.

Mlu: why isn't she talking?

Nkosazana: hi

I saw Mlu breathe.

Nkosazana

I looked at them. They were normal civil guys in suits. I really don't get it, why do they steal.

Phila

Ntokozo: hi

Nkosazana: you must be the tech guy... she looked at Xola...

“muscle guy”

She looked at Mlu

“engineers and organise”

Turned to Zola

“guns and fast thinker”

Than looked right at me.

“The brains and killer”

I looked right back at her.

Nkosazana

There were all quite as the tech guy came with a plaster and gave me to put on my neck. I took it and applied the plaster.

Phila: Want anything?

Mlu: why are we offering her anything? She is a cop

Me: technically am not

They all looked at each other and than at me.

Me: a cop is someone who went for training and can arrest people and owns a gun that can shoot criminals, am just an analyst. No gun, no training.

Mlu: But you have a badge?

Me: yes to help me get information when I need it.

Mlu: Than you a cop.

Me: that makes you a cop too.

The room went silent as he started panicking.

Mlu: she knows me guy... oh my gosh she fucken knows who I am.

Phila: J ust calm down and let me think

Xola: nah boss she needs to go

Phila: would everyone just shut the hell up!!

He raised is voice and we all kept quiet as he looked at me and I closed my eyes.

Nkosi

Its been one hell of a day. Nkosazana was taken after she whispered something. None of the witnesses know what she said that got the robbers freaked and taking her hostage. In all of the crimes they have never taken an hostage why now? And why her? I watched the video over and over...

[10/05, 07:13] Mukoko: Insert 9:

Zoey

I got home to find neighbours everywhere and dad in a stretcher.

Me: What happening?

Mom: Your sister was kidnapped

Me: Nkosazana?

Mom: Yes

Me: And dad?

Mom: had a minor heart attack after hearing the news

Me: Cameras?

Mom: new people.

I ran to the bedroom took a quick shower and did my hair and put vick vapour in my eyes. If I want to be in tv i must show them an act of a life time and now is time.

Nkosazana

My insides were shaking but I remember reading somewhere that I shouldn't show them anywhere that am scared and that what I plan on doing. Am not sure who switched on the tv but the cops were on scene and just than a footage of my dad being rolled out in stretcher showed and a full blown picture of me was on ever channel as they changed it talking about my kidnap and a reward for anyone with information.

Somewhere in Durban

I looked closely at the screen and my heart skipped a beat, my husband walked in with our son Nkosana

13 and Daughter Ntokazi who is 28 years old

Nkosana: Mama she looks like you.

Jack looked at me and the screen and a tear rolled down his eyes. 25 years ago our daughter was stolen from the hospital like she just vanished from the nursery. No one knew where she went or who took her. Whole stuff was investigated and till to date they never found her. I quickly took down the number of the captain and called him.

Nkosi

I answered.

Me: Yeah

There was breathing on the other side.

Me: You better talk right now or forever hold your piece.

Voice: I think she is a missing case child.

Me: Who?

Voice: Nkosazana , the girl on my tv? I think she is

my daughter that went missing 25 years ago.

I couldn't believe my ears, what the fuck did this child pulled me into.

Phila

Mlu: We have to kill her now, chop her up and discard her everywhere. She knows us, fuck sake she knows where you stay.

Nkosazana: I wont tell

We all turned to look at her.

Nkosazana

I had the attention now, i have to gain they trust.

Me: I promise I won't tell

Mlu: Wont tell what?

Me: I wont tell them who you are, we can just pretend that all this never happened.

Phila: really?

Me: yes, ill go home and turn up at work like this never happened and when asked ill say I don't remember

Mlu: And your case? The DA. You think you smart wena.

Me: I give you my word. Ill never turn you in.

Phila looked at me for a second than looked at his guys.

Phila: here is the plan, take the jewellery as discussed. Go on as business as usual and ill deal with this.

Ntokozo: How?

Phila walked closer to them.

Phila: Remember whatever happens none of you are going to jail.

Zola: None of us are going to jail.

Mlu: Promise?

Phila: Promise just go on as normal. Ntokozo check any notes the put on the system. Mlu go be ears on

what happening on the investigation. Xola go check if we left anything at the scence and Zola go speak to your girl friend.

Me: Who is his girlfriend?

They all turned as if they have forgotten that I was there. Trust my big mouth to say and ask stupid things. Zola looked at me and grinned the scariest smiles

Mlu: Don't tell her

Zola: she dying anyways... Its Linda Mkhonto

Am sure the shock on my face was enough.

Me: we were never going to catch you guys.

Phila: Yet here you are!!!...

[10/05, 07:14] Mukoko: Insert 10:

Nkosazana

Everyone left and I was left with Phila. He disappeared for sometime and I stood there. I wasn't cuffed, wasn't blind folded i was like a guest.

I stood there for sometime and than walked around until i stood in front of the greatest panting of all time. The Mona Lisa, i knew it wasn't fake when I moved closer to it.

Phila: Beautiful isn't it?

I turned and just there next to him "The kiss by Gustav klimt" was there and I ran and stood there.

Me: Oh my God, is this the Kiss?

Phila: you know your art

I stood in the middle of the passage and I noticed it was art collection of all the famous paintings and my bones told me that these are not fake. They real but the museums have fake and they don't even know it.

Me: growing up I was different than the other kids and so reading was my thing. I remember once wanting to be a painter but than God never gifted me with the ability to draw nor paint.

Phila: I see

Me: You literally have billions hanging on your walls

Phila: the art of stealing did pay off.

Me: and how did you manage it?

Phila: am no Da vinci but my work is being admired all over the world.

I turned and looked at him.

Me: you saying that you forged all these paintings at they respective museums ?

He nodded and I turned. Something about him was comforting, i should be scared since his admitting to being a theft and forger meaning that he going to kill me cause no criminal will just admit that and allow me to leave his home with my heart beating.

Phila

Me: how did you know it was me?

She blushed and looked at the paintings.

Nkosazana: your perfume at first.

Me: my what?

I looked at her confused.

Nkosazana: your perfume, iv never meet someone with that musky, spicy scent.

Me: Oh

Nkosazana: Than you turned and the dragon tongue showed and I knew it was you cause that time we meet your tattoo intrigued me.

Me: is that so?

Nkosazana: Yeah.

Me: so my perfume and tattoo got me caught by someone who has only been on the job for a week?

She smiled giving me the most perfect picture perfect smile. She really was remarkably beautiful. I shook my head wanting to be more clear, cause she really making me lose my mind.

Nkosazana

Phila: You something else

Me: so iv been told. Can I ask you a question?

We were now in his open plan stainless grey kitchen. I swear it looked like no one has ever cooked in here. I stood there admiring the neatness of everything as he moved about freely.

Phila: Your question

Me: Why this kind of work? Why steal when clearly you have brains and could work anywhere.

He smiled looking at me and i felt a tag in my heart and I looked at floor.

Phila: its all started as a need to live. Here i was doing my 3rd in varsity to become the best surgeon doctor in the world than I lost my mom and dad in a matter of minutes in a car accident. My world ended, my lovely mother was the best cardiologist in South Africa and my dad was the best Surgeon in the world but they both had gambling problems. Long story short they died left me in debts and I had no money for school. My friends helped where they could but it was n't enough. I had to watch my home be taken apart piece by piece by the banks. My mother friends gave me handouts whenever they

saw me feeling sorry for who I am until one day one of them invited me to they home and I stole a spoon.

Me: a spoon?

He smiled giving me those goosebumps

Phila: Do you know how much a silver spoon is worth?

I shook my head no.

Phila: 240 rands depending where you pawn it. And that covered me for two weeks worth of food. So every week ill go to they home for dinner parties and Ill steal a few spoons and pawn it. If I needed a book or something for school or my life. Ill go to any of they ridiculous parties and steal a few spoons and than pawn it. That how I survived a year of school till i got my bursary thinking that life was sorted but it wasn't. Xola mom got sick, i came up with a plan to help get him his money to help. Zola dad got deep in loan sharks, I came up with a plan to help him with that. Ntokozo bursary dropped him in his last year and his mom started panicking, i came up with a plan to help him stay in school. Mlu

has anxiety problems that comes from a life of trauma and I came up with the plan of removing him from that broken home.

Me: How?

He looked at me and chopped his tomatoes.

Phila: I shot a bullet between his rapist of a father and planted the gun on his mother hand and left with him leaving her with the ordeal of explaining how did she allow her husband to rape they child for years and her without fighting back.

We were both quiet for some time.

Me: You always taking care of others. What about you, who takes care of you?

Phila: God...

I looked at him confused and I know he saw that but he took a plate placed my sandwich and passed it to me and I knew that the conversation was over when he took a bite of his food...

[10/05, 07:14] Mukoko: Insert 11:

Nkosi

I had the missing child file and all the information as I drove to Balitto to the family home of the cele family. I got to the drive and buzzed as they allowed me in and I walked to the door and there she was, the exact replica of Nkosazana. It took me a minute to just stand there and not think its her.

Lady: Thank you for coming

Even her voice was like hers.

Me: Uhm its a pleasure. I got in and settled on a sofa that cost more than the car that am driving.

Nkosazana

We finished eating and I washed the dishes and helped him dry it off.

Me: Are you going to kill me?

That just came out of nowhere.

Phila: Do you want me too?

Me: No

Phila: why not?

Me: I don't want to die yet.

Phila: are you going to arrest me.

That took me back.

Me: Its my job

Phila: looks like we we are both just doing our jobs than

Me: So you going to kill me?

Phila: we both just doing our jobs right?

I looked at him frustrated.

Me: Why steal again? You and your friends are both well of now. Why steal again?

He kept quiet and looked at me.

Phila: Do you know that the government budget only caters for the rich not the poor?

Me: how?

Phila: have you ever been in the deep rural areas?

Me: No.

Phila: than you not going to see my point. Am merely just helping out where I can. Yes I don't donate all the money some i keep for my personal gain but still. Its goes a long way, my foundation has helped people who have stopped praying for bigger better days. It has brought hope to people, kids and grandparents that have given up.

Me:why are you not all over social media

Phila: and have every single department investigate me? Nah am good.

Me: But its stolen money.

Phila: when you have been hungry for 3 days, its doesn't matter where the money comes from. Are you ready to go?

I looked at him confused.

Me: where?

Phila: You shall see.

Nkosi

I looked at the family after they told me about how the baby disappeared.

Me: Are you okay with taking some blood samples so we can do DNA testing?

Mr cele: Yes

Me: Thank you. Ill be in touch after the results but for now we have every cop looking for her. We think she safe since the guys have never killed before.

Mrs Cele: The family that on tv?

Me: is her family

Mrs Cele: were they good to her?

I looked at her, i know she wanted some comfort.

Me: Am sorry I don't know, but she graduated at 16, did amazing work with saps too.

She smiled.

Me: let me leave.

They walked me out and I sat by my car for some time and my phone rang it was an unknown number.

Nkosazana

We were in the middle of nowhere in bushes and my heart was pounding so fast when he took out his phone and told me to call someone. The only person I could call was Nkosi so I did.

Nkosi: Hello

Me: Its me.

He took a deep breath and I was glad to get through since he hardly answers his phone.

Nkosi: You good?

Me: Yes

Nkosi: The knife wound?

Me: its fine, look can you please go take my dog out for a walk?

I wanted him to go to my house and see the small map that iv been working on in regards to who the guys were. I just needed him in my house and take the clues iv been working on.

Nkosi

Now that caught me off guard. I know she giving me a clue but am not sure what it is.

Me: Uhm okay.

Nkosazana: Her dog treats are in the drawer by the lounge.

Before I could say anything the phone disconnected and I knew whatever she wanted me to find was in her drawer in the lounge I drove to her house like a maniac while calling the team to trace the call before he figures it out...

[10/05, 07:14] Mukoko: Insert 12:

Phila

I looked at her and laughed.

Nkosazana: what funny?

Me: When did you get a dog?

Nkosazana

I felt all the blood in my brains disappear. He took out a normal phone while bashing the one that he was holding

Phila: Yeah... get in the house on the drawer on the lounge take whatever in there.... sho

He turned to look at me.

Phila: You see, you not the only smart one. Now come let go, i was open to letting you go but you just proved if I let you go. You back to hunting me out so now you stuck with me.

I looked at him confused, did I really just shot my chances of going home in one peace?

Me: what you mean, am stuck with you?

Phila: exactly that. Get in the car please. I did as I was told.

Nkosi

I got to her house and opened it to see that drawer was open and I walked closer to see everything that was there is taken. Damn it, he trapped her and she fell for it. She was right, this guy is more smarter than a common thug. I called forensic to come take some prints as I sat down on the couch defeated. What kind of a game did i let myself into.

Cele family

“ am going to the hospital”

I looked at my wife as she was getting her coat.

Me: To do what Busisiwe?

Busisiwe: am not sure what Pat but am going to see the people that robbed me 25 years of life.

Me: I think you need to come down. Wait for the detective to confirm first that she is ours.

Busisiwe looked at me and sat on the bed defeat.

Me: You stayed 25 years without knowing who or where she is. So stay calm and wait for the cops okay?

She nodded, i pray our daughter survives this because if she doesn't. My wife will be a mess.

Zoey

I looked at dad laying there.

Me: Baba?

He just looked at me and closed his eyes and a tear rolled down his face, I thought he wasn't going to talk but he did shocking mom too.

Dad: I want you gone from my house when i get out of here, i don't care if you jump off a cliff or throw yourself under the bus. But when I get up from here. I want you gone.

Mom: David

Dad: If you want to go with her, feel free to do so.

I looked at mom who looked shocked.

Mom: David!!!

Dad: Its me or that ungrateful child of yours?

I watched my mom look at dad.

Mom: I can't throw out my child David.

Dad: Yet you didn't think twice about Nkosazana.

My mom face went all red.

Mom: She not my child David!

Dad: Than why the fuck did you steal her if all you were going to do is torture her?

His machines started going crazy and I looked at the nurses going crazy and mom wiping tears from her eyes. Did mom just say Nkosazana is not her biological child and dad said she stole her? What the fuck is going on with my family?

Me: Mama

Mom: J ust go to your grandma's for a while. Please.

I nodded because iv never seen my mother this stressed out. I turned and left going home to pack a few things so I can go to my grandma's.

Ntokozo

We were done sorting out the jewels. We sent the packaging to the right buyers after the money cleared from offshore accounts than deposited some in our bank accounts just enough so cops dont ask questions and the rest into out business accounts.

Me: do you think he killed her?

Mlu: I wouldn't be surprised if he did.

Me: Why?

Mlu: Iv seen him kill before

Me: Iv never seen him angry

Mlu: Trust me it a sight you don't want to see. I peed my pants that day.

I laughed.

Mlu: am not lying. If stayed with that guy half my life. Trust me when you see him angry you wish you were not in the same room as him.

Me: I can't believe she caught us

Mlu: I told you she will

Me: That you did, are you going home?

Mlu: Not tonight. Am going to party a bit.

Me: Don't draw attention to yourself.

Mlu: I wont. See you bro.

Me: Thanks for the info

Mlu: Pleasure. He left and I sat there for a second taking a video of everything that happening in her house with the cops doing finger printing. I looked at the picture that Zola sent the day that Phila meet Nkosazana and something about it didn't sit well with me. Maybe it was the way she looked at him and the way that he acknowledged him. I hacked into security systems from the coffeeshop and erased him ever being there. Let me go check up on him, maybe he has killed her...

[10/05, 07:14] Mukoko: Insert 13:

Phila

I drove back to my house.

Nkosazana: How long do you plan on keeping me here?

Me: I don't know its depends on you

Nkosazana: What you mean?

Me: you shall see.

We got in and I switched on the lights and went to switch on the Tv. I walked back to find her standing by the door as if contemplating if to run.

Me: You can run if you want too

She looked at me.

Nkosazana: You won't run after me?

Me: Nope.

She turned looking at the door again.

Me: but know if one of the guys sees you and knows you have ran away, they won't hesitate to shoot.

Nkosazana

I turned and looked at him.

Me: You should have just killed me you know.

Phila: Really

Me: Yes really.

I banged the door and left him standing there as I walked to any other room apart the one that his in. I stood by the door and looked into the huge bedroom that was fully black and the white walls and just like that on one wall was covered with the most beautiful blue roses ever. It was so detailed that I felt like touching it. I stood there looking at how neat everything was slowly walking in the room touching the little things that brought character to the room. I walked into his closet and it was colour coordinated and I stood there just admiring how clean his place was.

Phila: snooping is rude.

Me: I wasn't snooping

Phila: What do you call being a guest and being found in the closet?

Me: admiring

Phila: really

Me: You very neat

Phila: thank you and stop changing the topic

Me: Am not.

I walked out of the closet and stood by the roses.

Me: What the story behind them?

Phila: Nothing

Me: Its rare for a guy to like flowers

Phila: You really are a curious being

Me: Yeah, so iv been told.

Phila: My dad used to buy my mom blue roses every month and whenever he would give her those flowers. I watched her face many times break into lines of smiles and gratitude and my dad would feel like he has just climbed the biggest mountain or won the biggest lotto.

Me: Your parents really loved each other

Phila: Yes they did. Despite they faults they truly gave me the best childhood.

Me: My dad was my biggest supporter. He was a man of few words but his actions showed that he cared for me.

Phila: You were a daddy girl?

Me: I guess so, when I was young i used to follow him everywhere he went while mom stayed with Zoey.

Phila: i see

Me: When I graduated my dad was in the crowd cheering, iv never seen him so happy and when I got the job at SAPS. He got me my car at a second hand car dealership.

Phila: You a daddy girl

Me: I guess so

Phila: Your mom

Me: She tolerated me.

He looked at me confused.

Me: My mom adored my sister too much. So she just tolerated me as her second child. I got over it at a young age so it never really affected me.

Phila: is that why you moved out of home in the middle of the night?

I looked at him. We were in his room sitting on the floor looking at the blue roses.

Me: You had tabs on me?

Phila: Yes

Me: Why?

Phila: I like knowing where everyone against me is.

Me: Yes that why I moved out in the middle of the night. My sister is a druggie and mom feeds onto it. She moves man to man and have never kept a job for more than a month. At first mom advice was for me to share half of my salary and when I said no there was a huge fight.

Phila: what did your dad say?

Me: Nothing. Ill give my sister half of my money and dad would pay me back secretly.

Phila: He really cared for you

Me: Yeah he does.

Phila: i guess you stopped giving your sister money?

Me: when she has a boyfriend she throws it on my face so I wont give her until that ends and its back to square one.

Phila: Am glad I was the only child.

Me: Family can be stressful

Phila: I see

We were both quiet looking at the roses they really were beautiful and calming.

Phila: am not going to kill you.

Me: why not?

Phila: I like you

Me: Oh

Phila

I saw her blush and I smiled.

Me: Sounds like you don't believe it.

Nkosazana: Not every time someone tells me they like me, i tend to have the opposite results.

Me: I see, well I do

Nkosazana: Thank you I guess.

I smiled and somehow she moved closer to me and had my hand over mine and I turned to look at her for sometime that how Ntokozo found us.

Ntokozo: You got to be kidding me!!!

Me: I can explain

Ntokozo: She suppose to be dead.

Me: I know

Ntokozo: Yet here she is

Me: I know

Ntokozo: What the fuck is wrong with you? I knew that something is wrong with you when it comes to her.

Me: would you calm down?

Ntokozo: Bafo the whole fucken city is looking for her, flyers everywhere, dogs and lots of man power everywhere looking for her. Shit people even think she the little girl that was lost 25 years ago!!!

Nkosazana

I felt my head spin.

Me: Lost girl?

Both of them looked at me.

I got up and took the nearest remote and pressed it but nothing happened to the tv that was in front of me but instead the wall of roses moved opening a vault and in all my life iv never seen a room full of so much money, jewellery and guns.

I stood there as everything was packed up neatly yet easy to find.

Ntokozo: Now there is really no letting her go!!..

[10/05, 07:15] Mukoko: Insert 14:

Nkosazana

I slowly walked in looking at all the videos of everywhere in town. Banks, malls and traffic and the police station. I turned to the side and saw guns that I've never seen before. I saw jewellery and stacks and stacks of money. I stood in the middle of the room and for the first time in my life I was out of words.

Phila: You know what this means right?

He looked at me as his were serious and I shook my head yes.

Phila: Say it!

Me: You can never let me go

He nodded and turned leaving me in that room.

Phila

Ntokozo: I'll pretend that I know what that means.

Me: She in the team

I watched him explode and talk all at once not

making sense.

Me: Calm down, now start from the beginning.

Ntokozo: they pulled up an old special case about the child that went missing at Addington hospital after a woman called the captain telling him she thinks she is the missing cop mother.

Me: holy shit

Ntokozo: yep... i dug into the calls and traced the woman

Me: and?

Ntokozo: Its the Cele family

Me: no

Ntokozo: yes, that girl there might be Busisiwe and Pat Cele daughter.

Me: call the guys over. We need to talk asap

Nkosazana

“you really are a curious being”

I turned to find him standing there looking at me. Something was wrong cause of the way he was looking at me.

Me: am sorry

Phila: for?

I raised my hands and he looked at me with his hands in his pockets as of not wanting to touch anything in here.

Me: this is all the evidence i needed to tie you to the case

Phila: too bad that you wont be able to do anything about it.

I looked at him and he sounded so sure.

Me: are my parents not my parents?

Phila

I looked at her and i saw it bothered her but she was trying to act strong.

Me: you want the lie or truth

Nkosazana: truth

Me: its a possibility that you might not be a Hlope

Nkosazana: So my dad is not my dad

Me: Its possible

Nkosazana: I see, what now?

Me: Now you come with me.

I left the piece of paper that i got there and walked out as he closed the doors. We walked to the kitchen where all four guys were there.

Phila: I know you guys are worried but I got this

Mlu: How? She is judge Cele daughter!!!

Nkosazana: My potential parents are judges?

Me: i have an answer to all our problems.

Ntokozo: And that is

I closed my eyes for a second and opened them again looking at all of them.

Me: Am going to marry her, that way she can't testify against me as her husband which means we

safe, judge Cele Can't prosecute our cases and she can go back home and the pressure is off.

Nkosazana: What?

I looked at everyone faces as they all looked at me as if am crazy. Than they all blew up talking at the same time....

Goodnight guys see you in the morning

[10/05, 07:15] Mukoko: Insert 15:

Phila

Ntokozo: let me get this straight, you going to marry her?

Me: Yes

Zola: and return her back to her world

Me: Yes

Mlu: and she can't say anything cause you will be her husband.

Me: yes

Xola: Kahle kahle you will be married to the cop?

Me: technically she not a cop but yes ill be married to her

Zola: Smart

Ntokozo: For how long?

I looked at the guys.

Me: Marriage is a life time thing.

They all looked at each other confused and I turned to find her standing there her arms folded and she was looking at the floor.

Me: Nkosazana

She looked up and her eyes were red from holding in tears.

Me: Excuse me.

I pulled her away from the guys

Me: You crying

Nkosazana: I don't want to get married mna.

Me: Its either that or a bullet.

She was quiet and looked at me with tears rolling down her face.

Nkosazana: I don't want to get married.

She whispered with tears all over.

Me: I promise I won't be that bad

Nkosazana: I don't even know how to be a simple girlfriend and now you telling me about marriage

Me: Just be you

She walked away leaving me there with the guys.

Zola: are you not going to go after her.

Me: No, Mlu you going to the beach house to find a person to do the decorations. Zola i need you to get pastor Dube to the house, pay as any much he wants and I need a videographer.

Xola i need you to get me a dress that she can wear for tonight she is a size 30 and Ntokozo i need you to check the feeds and see if its safe for her to travel and you can get a hair and make up person here that we trust to be discreet.

Xola: what are you going to be doing while we running around?

Me: Begging her to say yes and choosing a ring, let give ourselves 3 hours okay so before midnight everything must be sorted.

They all nodded and we hugged and they left apart
Zola

Zola: A part of me want to believe that you doing all this for us, to keep us away from jail but a part of me knows you and knows what type of a man you are. I also know how serious you take marriage, so I know this for you is the real deal.

I looked at my best friend who has now become a brother.

Me: Sometimes gifts comes in unexpected ways and circumstances.

Zola: I pray she feels about you the same way you feel about her.

Me: Me too

He hugged me and left as I stood there for a while

thinking how am I going to make this work.

Nkosazana

I sat stood by the sink in the bathroom for a while. I never thought ill be getting married to a person to avoid a bullet in my head. I washed my face again and looked up the mirror to find him standing there looking as if my tears hurt him.

Me: I don't want to get married

Phila: Give me another solution than.

I closed my eyes and in minutes I felt his arms around me holding me tight and my body leaned on him more like melting towards him as I smelt the musky earthy smell. I opened my eyes shocked at how my body is reacting towards him.

Phila: I promise am not going to be a bad husband, i know nothing about marriage too but I do know how to be kind towards a person.

My voice was gone since we were touching. He turned me around and cupped my face.

Phila: Nkosazana, do me the honours of becoming my wife.

I was silent as I felt his warm hands on my face and smelt him all around me giving me that warm comferty feeling. I had no words but I nodded and he bent down giving me a light kiss that was broken by the bell ringing.

Phila: That hair and make up.

Me: I don't know what to do to my hair.

Phila: Anything will look nice on you. He left me by the bathroom and went out. I looked myself in the mirror "did I just say yes to marrying a gangster?" I touch my lips feeling where his lips were and caught myself smiling. "oh my gosh an in love with my kidnapper/gangster" what am I going to do??....

GoodMorning beautiful people

[10/05, 07:16] Mukoko: Insert 16:

Nkosi

I finally got home to my bed and threw myself there looking at the ceiling.

“i hope you okay where ever you are Nkosazana “

Nkosazana

I was quiet throughout the whole make up and styling my nerves were killing me. I did a simple sleek bun and did my face as natural as I could be but I looked stunning.

“Thank you”

She smiled and left, i was in his night gown so I walked to the bedroom and found shoes there it was a white star sneaker.

Phila: iv never seen you in heels.

I smiled cause iv never worn heels in my life.

Me: I can't walk in heels

Phila: Figured. Want me to help you with the dress. I nodded. He was looking sexy in his navy blue suit.

Me: I see you like blue

He smiled

I turned around and dropped my gown to the floor and heard him take a deep breath. I was only in a panty. I took the dress and wore it as it hugged my tiny curves and making my boobs look bigger. Its was stunning and took my breath away he helped me by zipping my back and I turned to find him looking at me with so much lust that it made me blush. He cleared his throat.

Phila: Ready?

I nodded as we walked to the garage where we got in one of his BMW series black. He drove us out in silence.

Phila

She was so nervous playing with her fingers.

Me: you need to calm down before you give yourself a heart attack.

Nkosazana: This is a life thing

Me: I know

Nkosazana: what if things don't work out?

Me: You being negative right now

Nkosazana: Sorry... where we going?

Me: beach house

She grinned

Nkosazana: I always wanted a night beach wedding

Me: I know

She turned looking at me.

Nkosazana: is there anything you don't know about me?

Me: Yes a lot

Nkosazana: Like?

Me: You favourite colour

Nkosazana: I don't have one

Me: Why not?

Nkosazana: I dress up according to my mood

Me: so what your mood when you dress up in

cherry stockings and a black dress and a red cardigan?

She smiled at me, it was really a beautiful smile.

Nkosazana: Okay, i admit my sense of style is unusual

Me: That is not a sense of style

Nkosazana: It is

Me: No, it's like a child stuck in a grown up body

Nkosazana: am still a child at heart

Me: really?

We parked at the gate and I opened up to see the house was packed with the guys. I saw some regulars at the club too.

Nkosazana: We have guests?

She asked nervously

Me: I guess so

She was nervous all over again and my nerves went up when I saw Zola mom who basically became a

mom to me.

Me: Ma

Mom: I wouldn't miss if for a world, although i think you could have courted her than kidnap her.

I looked at Zola what on earth did he tell his mom.

I looked around and they guys family was here and some of the families that I help each month.

Me: Guys!!!

Zola: I wanted to make it special for you

I was lost for words and I watched as Nkosazana and Zola mom hit it off. Yes am an orphan but having the people that grounded me and shaped me into who I am today brought tears to my eyes.

Me: Thank you

Zola: You always take care of us, this is the least we could do.

And that how I got married to a stranger in the middle of the night with people that I love and adore as we danced the night away. Throughout the night

the little things that she did made me realise that she is the one for me. Kidnapped or not, I wouldn't want it any other way.

[10/05, 07:16] Mukoko: Insert 17:

Nkosazana

I woke up to a smell of coffee and my tummy growled. I opened one eye to find a mug on the side table and I grinned fully getting up and taking the cup to find Phila standing there without a top and looking handsome. The dragon tail showing on his side.

Phila: Good afternoon

Me: what time did we sleep

Phila: 6:30 am

Me: Oh my gosh.

Phila: you were having to much fun yesterday

Me: your friends and family are sweet.

I took a cup of coffee and closed my eyes enjoying

it to the fullest.

Nkosi

I woke up my phone buzzing confirming that the Cele family are Nkosazana biological family. I called one of the rookies to break the news while I go to her family to see what happened.

Phila

She looked amazing with her hair a mess and relaxed. She looked at her finger and saw her blushing. I guess she also can't believe that she married. I didn't get her anything fancy just a infinity band with a few diamonds matching mines.

Nkosazana: You staring at me

Me: a man isn't allowed to look at his wife?

She blushed and I walked to the bed.

Me: We have to come up with a plan of how to get you back to the world

Nkosazana: i have an idea that you wouldn't like

Me: why you say that?

Nkosazana: its a little extreme

Me: How so?

Nkosazana: you will have to bash me.

I kept quiet for a second thinking she would say she is joking but she looked at me serious.

Me: I think you still have alcohol in your system.

Nkosazana

She looked at me with her bright eyes.

Me: we both know I didn't drink last night

Phila: than bekuphuza bona kudakwe wena

I looked at him drink his coffee and I took a sip.

Phila: Am not hitting you

Me: its the only way. If I go back glowing like I am right now. Any story I say won't be believable.

Phila: who said you glowing?

I laughed at him cause I saw how I look.

Me: Its fine, i knew you would chicken out.

Phila: am not chickening out, which crazy wife ask her husband to beat them up?

Me: am not crazy, our situation requires that action.

The bell rang and I got out of bed to find out am only wearing a top. So i took his gown and walked out of the room.

Phila: Its my door.

Me: we married its our house and am allowed to have visitors. I walked passed him buzzing in the guys as they got in and greeted.

Mlu: why you so sour?

Me: I just told him our only way out of this kidnapping charge.

Zola: oh

Phila

I watched as she lowered a heavy bag on my lounge.

Me: what the bag for?

Nkosazana: the torturing

I looked at her.

Me: You fucken crazy

Nkosazana: Look am not going to jail for you or the guys. Am in this now and the only way to be out of this kidnapping charge is this. Now you can sit and watch or you go and let us take care of the matter. She pulled a chair sitting on it and looked at Xola

Nkosazana: Tie me

This girl is fucken crazy.

Me: move one step and Ill kill you Xola

Nkosazana: his been signing that tune with me whole day yesterday. He wont do it. Now come tie me up tight so the rope digs on my flesh.

Did I just marry a psycho? Is this what people wake up to after hours ago of celebrating the wedding?

Me: No body moves.

Ntokozo

“i agree with Phila this is extreme “

Phila: Thank you someone sees you crazy too.

I watched as she got up went to the bag digging a few times and took out something fast and rushed to Phila and I taser him full on his chest letting the coffee spill to the floor as he went down.

Nkosazana: Who else disagrees with my plan?

We all kept quiet

Nkosana: Now do your worst. She sat down and one by one we beat her with anything making this look as surreal as possible with her cries.

Mlu: Phila is going to kill us

Zola: We all stand together on this. She the one that said to do our worse

Xola: We dead man walking guys

Me: Who driving her to the hospital

We were all quiet

Me: okay ke who ditching her closer to the hospital

Mlu: I think we should all go

We picked her unconscious body up and placed her in the van and drove ditching her in a bin nearby the hospital and getting a para to go throw something for us there and we watched as he ran flagging a police car and we watched as she was taken out.

Mlu: what if we went overboard and killed her?

Zola: she tasered her husband who happens to be a qualified doctor.

Xola: If anything happens to her, we are dead

Me: she was breathing so we good

I took out the phone calling a cleaner to clean up all the blood.

Zola: what you doing

Me: am not going back to his house until we hear she is well.

Zola: I see, good idea!....

[10/05, 07:16] Mukoko: Insert 18:

Nkosazana

I woke up with a banging headache and i open my eyes and saw Phila standing there looking so angry with a doctors coat. I closed my eyes again and slowly turned with each bone in my body complaining and I opened my eyes slowly and saw captain Nkosi standing pacing. Shame power guy looked so worried.

Me: Nkosi

I whispered and he jumped to the bed

Nkosi: Nkosazana, you safe now

Phila

I was pissed. It took me 3 hours to find which hospital she is in and to find her looking the way that she was made my heart ache and the anger in

me brew. Now seeing this captain head over heels in love with her just put me in a sour mood, and she was clueless.

Nkosi: you safe now, no one going to hurt you again. I just turned and left them going to my office where I found the guys

Me: so this is how we meet?

Ntokozo: and have you kill us

Me: what makes you think I can't kill you here?

Mlu: people know us as your brothers here, how on earth are you going to explain killing your brothers?

Me: why did you do it?

Zola: The girl made a valid point. We kept her for 24 hours. Its makes sense if she is beaten to a pulpl

Me: You bruised her ribs

Mlu: we sorry

Me: and cut her

Zola: in our defence she said make it real

Me: she is my wife!!

They kept quiet and looked away

Ntokozo: we sorry.

Me: That not going to cut it. Go check the cameras and see if anyone saw you guys dropping her off. And stay low the next few days while the cops investigate her

Zola: Do you know what story she will feed them?

Me: If I was you guys, ill pray she doesn't change her mind and snitch on us.

Nkosazana

I was sitting now thanks to Nkosi help.

Me: Everything pains.

Nkosi: You fractured a few things

Me: I can feel it

Nkosi: Doctor says you were not raped

Me: I know

Nkosi: That a relief

Me: Yeah

He seemed really worried about my wellbeing.

Me: thanks I know you guys were looking for me.

He blushed moving away a bit.

Nkosi: Ill have to get your statement on record

Me: do you want to do it now?

He nodded taking the tape recorder and I closed my eyes and opened them. Let the acting begin.

“ where should i start”

Nkosi: The beginning

I knew that making a lie more plausible one has to mix it with the truth.

“ the bank called the day before and told me an using a bank card that had been reported stolen. So i made an appointment to go the next day, off i went spoke to them requested the footage to find it was my sister who was using my card. When I was done and about to leave am not going to lie and say

where they came but they were there and everything happened so fast and I was thinking and in my own world and you know me and my smart mouth. I just blubbered out something and I can't even remember if I said "phuma or Police" next that they all froze and looked at me. Fear left me rooted as they picked me up and took me with, i tried counting the minutes as to how long we were driving but nothing came to mind. I ended up giving up. Next thing you calling and they swearing looking for the phone and threw it out of the window and the next hours it just them wanting to know who I am and why did I get up. Them finding the badge didnt make things any good"

Nkosi: Am sorry

Me: I told the half the info I know and When he said I can call anyone for being a good girl. I really thought that his letting me go. That why I wanted you to find the work I was working on to identify them.

Nkosi: I got there after they took it

Me: I didn't know it was a trap

Nkosi: We never got finger prints he wiped the place cause even your finger prints were not there.

Me: I told you that we dealing wit smarter people here.

Nkosi: I was clinging to hope that they wont kill you cause I know they never kill.

Me: Me too but when the torture started it was too much.

I watched him eat up my lies and sit by the bed to comfort me.

Nkosi: I have something to share with you.

I looked at him confused as he was having a hard time talking about whatever he wanted to share...

[10/05, 07:17] Mukoko: Insert 19:

Nkosi

I looked at her eager eyes

“its okay we will speak about it later”

Nkosazana: Come on

Me: Its can wait.

Nkosazana: You sure?

Me: Yes am sure.

Nkosazana: okay if you say so. How far are you in catching them?

Me:am hitting a brick wall

Nkosazana: Bring everything you have so far, a fresh eye might help.

Me: A fresh blue eye?

She smiled giving my heart mini flip flops.

Nkosazana: now i have motivation to catch them, they tortured me

Me: I know. But you need to heal first

She nodded and her doctor walked in.

Me: Ill see you a little later okay?

She nodded. I took my coat and left them two.

Phila

She looked much better. I checked her vitals in silence and when done turned to leave

Nkosazana: Am sorry

I turned and looked at her than left her sitting there without a word.

Nkosi

I had to get some fresh air before i made a mess of things. What if she doesn't feel the same way as I feel?

Zoey

I got the news that Nkosazana was found and i went to the hospital that she was at and found her sitting there looking horrific and as if a lot is on her mind.

Me: hi

I stood by the door and she looked at me closed her eyes as if she getting courage to talk to me.

Nkosazana: hi

Me: you okay?

Nkosazana: iv seen better days.

I moved closer to her and sat by the chair that was there.

Me: Am sorry!

Nkosazana: about?

Me: Mom and dad kidnapping you all those years ago and keeping you as they own. Robbing you of your parents love.

Nkosazana

I looked at her.

Me: Excuse me?

I saw she was enjoying this.

Zoey: You haven't heard?

Me: Can you please leave!

She sat there.

Zoey: I knew you were not a Hlophe

Me: Phuma!

Zoey: and how you did everything you could to turn daddy against me.

Me: LEAVE

I roared and I think because iv never shouted at her my whole life she jumped and left grinning like a psycho bitch.

Zoey

I bumped into the hottest doctor iv ever seen in my life on my way out. He didn't even look at me as he went to my sisters room. I stood there for a second than turned and left smiling.

Phila

I walked in to find her in tears crying. I sat next to her and held her hand.

Nkosazana: tell me what the news about my disappearance?

That took me back a bit.

Me: I don't know much but they say the Cele family might be your biological parents.

Nkosazana: so she was right?

Me: Who

Nkosazana: Zoey... the Hlope family stole me?

Me: No one knows yet as to what truly happened as the police are investigating.

Nkosazana: I see

Me: Hey you stronger than this.

Nkosazana: I knew that she hated me but why steal a child than hate them all their life? It just doesn't make sense.

Me: Stop stressing yourself with this. For now you need to rest cause am taking you home tomorrow.

Nkosazana: home?

Me: Yes our home

She looked at me a little worried.

Nkosazana: I can't just move in with you

Me: Why not?

Nkosazana: i know you my husband but only you and I know that. Hack I never dated before and boom now I move in with a guy who happens to be my doctor? We got to play this out slow. Let the world get use to us as a couple first before we spring out the fact that we married.

I looked at her, she made lots of sense but am not sleeping alone, not when I have a wife.

Me: You figure it out but tomorrow night you coming home with me.

I got up kissed her cheek and left her there going to work...

[10/05, 07:17] Mukoko: Insert 20:

Busisiwe

We sat in the office as they read the results that she is our daughter. I had tears in my eyes and looked at my husband who was also nervous about this whole thing.

Me: can we see her?

Doctor: will have to speak to her doctor about it just go down the hall to doctor Mazibuko.

I nodded and walked down to the doctors office.

Phila

There was a light knock by my door so I went to open it and found the Cele family standing there.

They walked in and I sat by my desk while they looked around the office.

Mr Cele: Is that the great Mr Mazibuko on the wall?

He pointed at a picture of my father and I smiled nodding.

Me: That my father

Mrs Cele: oh my gosh, you Veronica child?

I smile as tears rolled down her tears, i tend to get that a lot.

Me: Yes am her son

Mrs cele: Good bless her soul, amazing woman

Me: Thank you. How can I be of help today?

The looked at each other as of finding comfort in each other presence.

Mrs Cele: We just found out that our daughter is your patient.Its amazing how they look exactly like her.

Me: And that might be?

Mrs Cele: Nkosazana Hlope

Me: Oh. Yes she is

I had to be casual.

Mrs Cele: we were wondering if its okay if we see her.

Me: Mind waiting her while I check in? They nodded.

I got my assistant to get them something to drink when I went to her room and found Ntokozo there with some flowers a teddy and chocolate.

Me: What did I say?

Ntokozo: the guys are worried about her ...

Me: So they asked you to check on her?

Ntokozo: we actually played rock paper scissors and I lost

Nkosazana laughed.

Nkosazana: how does one lose such a game.

Ntokozo: Don't rub it in

Nkosazana: You can report back that am good.

Ntokozo: well let me leave before he kills me. He tapped my shoulder and left. I stood there looking at her smile

Me: since when you two friends?

Nkosazana: a lot happened on my wedding day.

Me: Really

Nkosazana: Yes, i made friends who value loyalty and would do anything for my husband. Even if its means giving his new bride a chance, they would blindly do so.

Me: oh

Nkosazana: Yes oh. You should be angry with me. I asked them to do this to me. I asked them to make sure that you don't do something stupid.

Me: and here I am thinking am the most logical person on earth.

I was now standing next to her.

Nkosazana: you were.

That got me laughing.

Me: I have the Cele family in my office. Do you want to meet them?

She was quiet for sometime than shock her head no.

Me: Mind if I ask why not?

She has tears in her eyes now.

Nkosazana: Ill need to see my dad first

I looked at her.

Me: Mr Hlophe?

She nodded.

Nkosazana: Only he can tell me the truth and I can find closure. I can't see them without that closure.

Me: You sure that what you want?

She nodded.

Me: Okay. Be right back.

I slowly walked out to them. Now how does one tell they in-laws that they child refuses to see them? I took a deep breath and walked in found them sitting there having tea that my assistant got them.

Mrs Cele: She said no?

I looked at her shocked then nodded.

Mr Cele: What her reasons?

Me: She wants to speak to the family that abducted her first.

Mrs Cele: Oh

Me: Look in cases like this, its sometimes traumatic for the victim. I get you have been apart for 25 years and you just want to hold her and promise her the world and that you going to protect her moving forward. But you got to understand that she is a grown person, has feelings of her own and at the moment they not the same as yours. My suggestion is just stay calm and let her come around on her own.

They both looked at me nodding, how i wish I could take the same advice that am giving!!...

Nkosazana

I took my drip and slowly walked to the wheel chair. I sat there just as the nurse was walking in with meds. I took them.

Me: Do you know where the Mr Hlope is? He came in yesterday with a heart issue.

Nurse: Sure, let me push you to his room.

She helped me to his room and I rolled in as dad

smiled the biggest smile ever. I know his not my dad but that man loved me like his own. He got up slowly and bent on my chair crying as he hugged me. I let out all the pain and frustration that iv had over the years.

Dad: am so sorry

Me: i don't hate you.

I hugged him feeling lighter and much better. He let go and sits looking at me.

Dad: She came back with you one day after a fight which made her disappear for 3 full days. Told me she was pregnant all along hence that why we were fighting so much with me and that you her miracle baby. At first I believed her, you know how convincing she was but as time went by and I watched you grow i knew you were not mines. I love your sister but you two were total opposite and I know I shouldn't compare you guys but something about you stuck out and I kinda just knew that you were just not mine yet I loved you so much that I kept quiet. DNA started being famous so I took you

with to go testing and a week later it came back negative. I confronted her and she told me about how she stole you and boast about how easy it was. I wanted to call the cops but I loved you so much that I kept on postponing and 25 years later here we are...

He wiped a tear and looked at me.

Dad: Am sorry

Me: I love you dad, you will always be my dad. You made me who I am today with your love and selfless actions of being both a mother and father to me. And for that ill be forever grateful. I hugged him again as we both cried remembering all the days that we spent together just being us and care free.

Dad: You made loving you very easy and ill forever cherish my days with you

Me: Me too dad!!

We hugged and laughed and just sat there enjoying each other company...

Goodnight guys... see you tomorrow

[10/05, 07:17] Mukoko: Insert 21:

Nkosi

The arrest of Mrs Hlope was public and there was an outrage everywhere from people and police catching the bad end of it on how they let things go for so long. Nkosazana was out hospital and was home resting, she been requesting files on the case and the Commander granted that we give her. I sent one of the rookies to send them yesterday and so far she hasn't bothered me. I sat there thinking about how am going to approach her. I really do like her as a person and she has that thing about her that makes you feel whole when you around her. I looked at the files and figured she might not have had lunch maybe i should drop of with one if her favourite meals.

Nkosazana

Its been 3 days since iv been out of hospital. Phila has been sleeping over at my house every night and complaining about how small it is. Today I was going to go through some files and I had Ntokozo over going through some system checks trying to find a way to the data base and connecting thinghs

Me: Are we winning?

Ntokozo: Its been two days of us doing this and we coming up short.

Me: I know

Ntokozo: what exactly are we doing again?

Me: we finding people that are in the same business as you guys who are also dealing on this part of the world so we can catch them. So what Am doing is connecting they crimes to your crimes so it's similar, so that when i ask detective Nkosi to run checks in his system he finds the same similarities making my information solid and you guys are clear! While we investigate them.

He looked at me for some time.

Ntokozo: why didn't we think of that own our own?

Me: cause am smarter than you guys

He laughed.

Ntokozo: and you didn't tell Phila this because?

Me: I can't really say "hey look what am thinking"

Ntokozo: why not?

Me: He will say no

Ntokozo: to you helping?

Me: To me even suggesting help.

Ntokozo: so why you helping?

Me: I don't know

He looked at me folding his arms and smiling.

Me: What?

Ntokozo: its funny how you two are

Me: funny how?

Ntokozo: his over protective of you and you over

protective of him yet you lazy to tell each other what exactly you guys are feeling for each other.

Me: Which us?

Ntokozo: Oh no, am not about to ruin my bet

Me: bet?

Ntokozo: Yep. The guys and a I have a bet on you so you figure it out yourself

There was a knock on my door and i watched him stand by the frame not visible with his gun out. I walked to the door and opened it to find Nkosi standing there with fish aways in his hand.

Me: boss

Nkosi: Sbonelo

I looked at him confused

Nkosi: that my name Nkosazana

Me: I didn't paint you as a Sbo kind of a guy

We both laughed

Me: let me get the keys for the bulgar gates.

I walked back to the lounge cleaned up the extra cup and stuff and helped Ntokozo sneak out from the sliding doors and went back opened up for him.

Me: what brings you this side

Nkosi: i figured you might be bored out of you mind

Me: i was actually going through some work

Nkosi: i was wondering why my phone not ringing

I laughed

Me: a still wrapping my head around it. I help dish out for him opened the fridge took out one of Phila drinks and gave him

Nkosi: you drink?

Me: nope, its for guests

Nkosi: you make your guest drink exported beer?

I took a bottle and looked at it.

Me: this is exported beer?

Nkosi: yep is 110 dollar for six pack in japan.

Me: you must be kidding me.

I opened the fridge and there was more than 6

Nkosi: yep, Space Barley is they name.

Me: hmmm

Nkosi: You didn't know

Me: nope

He opened it up and drank it with his eyes closed and grinned.

Nkosi: it worth it

Me: Let me taste

I took his bottle took a sip and looked at him after coughing it out.

Me: Its sour

Nkosi: its beer

I drank water and wiped the floor. I sat on the high chair and dished out for both of us

Nkosi: going to tell me where the beer comes from?

Me: Nope

Nkosi

I looked at her, i knew you have to be a real beer drinker like I to love this.

Me: i can guess?

Nkosazana: Am not answering that Sbonelo

She said my name funny and I laughed eating.

Me: Going to tell me who he is?

She turned looking at me.

Nkosazana:how did you know

Me: A girl as beautiful and smart as you cant be single

She laughed as if in disbelief.

Me: Plus iv been here before remember, i swapped your whole house and you never had a coffee machine, and a skillet and toaster

Nkosazana

I looked at all the things that he was pointing at.

Nkosi: and those are not regular coffee appliances.

Me: am I under investigation?

He grinned.

Nkosi: Am sorry if am being to curious.

Me: No its fine, i am seeing someone. I thought its something new and we moving slowly and frankly I didn't notice these small changes until you pointed them out.

He laughed

Nkosi: really?

Me: yep

Nkosi: well rest assured the guy is marking his territory

Me: looks that way.

Nkosi

I looked at her smiling and I knew she will never see me as a boyfriend but more of a friend or brother.

Me: Are you happy?

She kept quiet a bit than smiled.

Nkosazana: There not much to be happy about in my life, but he makes things worth it.

Me: That good

Nkosazana: yeah but am not sure he likes me as much I like him.

Me: He brought his coffee machine here, he loves you as much as his coffee.

We both laughed.

Nkosazana: Thanks

Me: For?

Nkosazana: Coming by, I didn't think i needed this until you got here.

Me: Its a pleasure.

We ate talking about work and mostly me updating her on things. I took my feelings and shoved them deep, maybe for now all I need to be is be her friend..

Finally am able to post

[10/05, 07:17] Mukoko: Insert 22:

Nkosazana

After Nkosi left I cleaned a bit around the house and noticed that I have so many things that belong to Phila. I had another couch, bigger TV and a whole sound system. His games and joysticks were there and in the bedroom there were half his clothes in my closet, heck the bedding was black and I don't remember buying a black bedding. I touched it and it was silk, I walked towards the bathroom and found his shampoo and stuff.

Phila: Hi

I turned to find him standing there holding blue roses in his hand and a small box.

Me: Hi

He walked closer kissed my cheek and handed me the flowers. I smiled remembering the gesture his father used to do and smell them.

Me: Keeping tradition?

Phila: Yeah.

I walked out took a vase and placed them in there.
He placed the small box next to the flowers.

Me: this is mine too?

Phila: yep

I opened it and saw the cutest chain ever with a
small heart and a stone in it.

Me: This is beautiful

Phila: Want me to help you?

I nodded and he helped me with it and He walked
me to a full length mirror on my wall that I never
knew was there.

Me: thank you

Phila

She didn't sound herself. I turned her around and
looked at her.

Me: Wass up?

Nkosazana: Its nothing

Me: Not when you sulking and I can see it

Nkosazana: Its been 3 days since iv been out of hospital and all your things are here.

Me: Okay and?

She looked at me frustrated.

Nkosazana: Its nothing.

Me: I won't know if you don't talk. I walked to the tiny fridge and took out a beer to see 3 beers missing. I stood there for sometime thinking cause I know she doesn't drink. I went to the bin and found them there. I looked at her and she was standing there silently.

Me: You were telling me about my things being in your apartment. I took the beer opened it and drank.

Nkosazana: Its feels like you moving in.

Me: Well Nkosazana that what happens when you are married, people move in together.

Nkosazana: I know but

Me: Did you have visitors today?

Nkosazana: Yes

Me: Who

Nkosazana: Nkosi

Me: Hmm, i see he brought you food and you offered him beer

Nkosazana: Yep

Me: And you'll spoke about?

Nkosazana: stuff

Me: So the conversation you and I are having has nothing to do with him being here?

Nkosazana

I kept quiet and looked at him.

Me: That besides the point

I saw him change from being calm to being angry in a flash.

Phila: you a very smart pers on Nkosazana but you can be very stupid.

Me: What does that mean.

Phila: Its means fine ill leave.

I watched him take his beer and wear sneakers grab his keys and leave. I stood there confused. What did I do or say that was wrong? And what am I being stupid about?

I opened the fridge and took one of the beers as my phone rang. I answered.

Me: Hi

Oupa: You good?

Me: Yeah am good.

Oupa: I know you healing but i literally have no one to call and everyone that am with are kind of drunk. So please come fetch us? You can uber her and drive my car back. Like you literally the only person I trust to drive my van.

Me: Sure

Oupa: Ngiyabonga sisiwami. We at egagasini

Me: Ill come through.

I left his bear went to change to his hoodie and my black jeans and white sneakers. Downloaded the uber app and went there. Saw Oupa truck but there were not there so I went in the club and found him with his friends and girlfriend drunk beyond words.

Oupa: our ride is here. He screamed giving me the keys as his friends called the bartender for more shots.

Oupa: 10 more minutes. I nodded.

Phila

I just woke up from a nap when my phone was ringing none stop. I got up and checked it to see it Mlu and I ignored it cause where ever he is, his panicking over nothing. I got in the shower took a shower while thinking. I really dont get Nkosazana. Am being as patience as I could with her but she just pushing me away not even leaving a small

whole for me to bounce in. I got out of the shower took my phone and saw Mlu and Xola million texts than a video of Nkosazana dancing on top of the table.

Phila: What the fuck?....

[10/05, 07:18] Mukoko: Insert 23:

Phila

I was driving like a maniac to the club.

Nkosazana

I have no idea how i got drunk but after a few sips tasting some wine some girl was having after they asked me to drink and now here I was dancing to Dj Thukzin a guy I only heard about a few minute ago and here I was dancing my life out. When Mlu and Xola walked in I knew it was a matter of time before Phila walked in those door so I moved to the stage and danced. Oupa was panicking cause he knows I have never drank anything in my life. I found myself

with a mic and there Phila stood by the door.

“ladies is and gentlemen

Tonight is your lucky night”

Everyone was screaming.

“the lovely man there at the back wearing Puma track pants was kind enough to but each and every one of you some shots...”

The crowd went crazy.

“bartender bring those shot!!”

I started chanting shots shots shots and the whole club went crazy screaming it and I saw him signal for bartenders to distribute.

“To life with Phila!!!”

People chanted the same words not understanding what I meant and Oupa helped me down.

Oupa: Who that angry man?

Me: My husband

I showed him my hand

Oupa: Since when?

Me: Here comes my lovely husband. Phila this is Oupa my childhood friend and confidant and Oupa the Phila my husband.

Oupa: Am sorry, she doesn't drink but today...

Phila: Its okay, ill take her home.

Me:hmmm Mlu

He looked at me. I took the keys out and gave it to him.

Me: Oupa trust only me with his truck, and I trust you. Now can you drop him off at home with his friends

Mlu: Sho boss lady

Me: Thanks.

I turned to Oupa

Me: You safe and text me in the morning when you up

Oupa: Will do.

I hugged him and tried to walk which was a struggle so phila picked me up and he walked out to the car, placed me in the back seat got in the car and drove off speeding. I kept quiet.

Phila

I drove to my place with her. Than got in there picked her up walked into the house and placed her on the floor. She was quiet as I walked to the bathroom and adjusted the shower.

Me: Undress and go bath please.

Nkosazana: Am...

Me: J ust take a shower

I left her there went to the kitchen found Ntokozo there.

Ntokozo: I cleared the club camera's and sent out links to everyone at the club when they click on it all videos taken around the time she is there will clear out.

Me: Thanks

Ntokozo: Where is she

Me: shower

Ntokozo: hmm

I looked at him.

Me: what

Ntokozo: Don't be too hard on her, this is all new to her and she coping with it the way she sees fit.

Me: And drinking is one of her coping mechanisms?

Ntokozo: yes

I kept quiet for some time and looked at him.

Me: what are you not telling me?

He raised his hands surrendering and slowly backed away leaving me in the kitchen with my thoughts and I made her lemon tea and walked to the bedroom found her standing by the closet that I had arranged for her to have here. She was looking at a dress that has tiny mushrooms on it.

Me: do you like it?

She turned looking at me

Nkosazana: its mines?

Me: They yours, i know you into crazy clothing so I showed a stylist of mine your style and she arranged your wardrobe like this.

She wiped a tear which confused me.

Nkosazana: you did this all for me?

That made me shy.

Me: Yeah

She turned to all the different colour cardigans i got her and stocking that had funny character.

Nkosazana: you got me Mickey mouse stockings?

I had no idea who the hell is Micky but i nodde.

Nkosazana: and Mickey mouse sneakey

Phila: yeah i got you some sneakers and had a friend that personalised your favourite cartoons on them

She was quiet for sometime than smiled at me.

Nkosazana: why

Me: why what?

Nkosazana: why do all this for me when iv been an
ass to you

I kept quiet for some time and went to sit down with
her on the floor.

Me: am not the best person to be hitched too but
am not the worse too. I love you Nkosazana

She looked at me now crying.

Me: i know we have known each other for a week
but as crazy as it may sound. I really do love you.

Nkosazana: i love you too

I looked at her shocked and she smiled nodding. I
slowly moved closer to her kissing her.

Me: i should have told you sooner if this was going
to be your reaction.

She giggled shyly than looked at her clothes.

Nkosazana: Did you make an extra key for me?

I looked at her.

Me: you moving in?

Nkosazana: these clothes wont fit in my closet.

I laughed

Me: so you moving in because of your clothes?

She shrugged making me laugh as i rolled on top of her as she giggled.

Ntokozo

I got to my apartment and worked on the rhythm for Nkosazana idea and finally found a match that we can pin all this on. So i did all the back load of work that Nkosazana gave me to upload than wrote a text using Nkosazana phone number making it look like its from her to Nkosi

“ please run these keywords on the system this is just another angle”

Than pressed sent.

I hope her plan work or Phila going to kill us...

[10/05, 07:18] Mukoko: Insert 24:

Nkosi

I saw her text and knew she was working all afternoon to get these guys. So I ran the check the names and a whole bunch of people with similar crimes was popping up. Girl might be onto something.

Nkosazana

I woke up with a banging headache. I opened my eyes and closed them again. The son and voices sounded like screams. I wore my night gown and slowly walked to the kitchen were they voices were louder.

Phila

When she came into the kitchen she looked like a mess.

Mlu: Nkosazana

She raised her hand to her head and closed her eyes while the guys laughed. She sat on the empty chair and I made for her some cheese grillers and bacon and cut her some spicy chicken placed it on the table in front of her and cold beer.

Nkosazana

I looked at the mountain of food and the guys were having the same thing as I. Am accepted as one of the guys now?

I took a bite and ate like iv never eaten for 10 days, washed it down with the beer.

Phila: how you feeling

Me: Better

Mlu: I didn't think you were a drinker

Me: am not

Xola: What happened yesterday

Me: Nothing. Let me leave you guys to do business

Phila: There have been an arrest this moment.

I looked at the guys and everyone was here.

Ntokozo looked down.

Me: what arrest

Phila: Scorpion was arrested

Me: Please treat me like a kid, who the hell is scorpion?

Phila: His one of J ozi kings. His the worse kind of man to ever cross. He helped is in 2 heist in J ohannesburg and now they all being pinged on him.

Now its making sense why Ntokozo was looking down. I gut up and ran to the bedroom took my phone and saw the texts and messages from Nkosi through out the night. I jumped into the shower quickly wore the White Mickey mouse hoodie and black pants and sneakers and got out to find Phila standing there.

Phila: where you going?

Me: work

Phila: but you on leave

Me: my phone been blowing up

Phila: But...

Me: No buts... they found one of the guys that once worked with you. What do you think will happen next?

I kissed his cheek before running out.

Ntokozo: ill drive you

He got up before anyone said anything and followed me with the guys looking at him confused.

Me: you did it?

Ntokozo: yes but I didn't know that the algorithm will pick someone that we know and worked with before

Me: Ill find a way

Ntokozo: this is a mess Nkosazana. If scorpion talks...

Me: this can't be happening just last night Phila told me his feelings about him and today am getting him

arrested!! Am really a bad wife.

Ntokozo looked at me.

Ntokozo: more like a dead wife!.....

[10/05, 07:18] Mukoko: Insert 25:

Nkosazana

I walked into the building and found everyone busy and the place a buzz. I walked onto captain Nkosi office and he hugged me. He was so happy, just than the commander walked in smiling.

Commander: Nkosazana, Nkosi tells me this is a little hunch from you that got the ball rolling.'

Me: Oh

Nkosi: Yep your sms pointed me in the right direction and 5 arrests later here we are and you won't believe where we found him?

Me: Where?

Nkosi: His from J ohannesburg but he was here on"business"

Me: Where are they now?

Nkosi: Holding investigating rooms.

Commander: If you want to see them you can so you can identify who hit you.

Me: thank you i will

My phone was ringing and I looked at the number that I didn't know.

Me: Hello

Busisiwe

I know i should have waited for her to be the one calling me but its been a week now.

Me: Hi please don't hung up.

Nkosazana: Okay...

Me: Its Busisiwe Cele

Than there was silence

Nkosazana

I slowly moved out of the office and got in the next one sitting down.

Busisiwe: Helo

Me: am here

Busisiwe: sorry to just call

Me: Its okay

Busisiwe: Will it be to much to ask you over for lunch or dinner. Whichever easier for you.

Me: uhmmm

Busisiwe: Please

I took a long breath, I wasn't ready for this yet but I can only imagine what they might be going through right now.

Me: Okay, i can do dinner.

She squealed making me laugh.

Busisiwe: Thank you, ill send you the address

Me: Thanks

Busisiwe: You can bring a friend if you want,

whatever that going to make you comfortable.

Me: Thank you, ill see you later

Busisiwe: Okay. Bye

She hung up and I sat there for a second as Nkosi walked in with a file.

Nkosi: You good?

Me: Yeah, that was my biological mom

Nkosi: Oh

Me: she wants us to meet and I kinda don't know what to say to her.

Nkosi: J ust be you

Me: Yeah?

Nkosi: You rub off on people.

Me: Thanks.

Nkosi: ready?

Me: For?

Nkosi: Taking a crack at the guys, they have been here since 3am and they haven't spoken.

Me: oh

Nkosi: yeah let go

Phila

I waited in Ntokozo lounge for him to be back and the minute he walked in he froze.

Ntokozo: what are you doing here bafo.

Phila: so that how greet me these days?

Ntokozo: aw bafo

Me: Last time i check you hated being in the public

Ntokozo:i still do

Me:yet today you have done so much of traveling!

Ntokozo: she made me do it

Me:do what

Ntokozo: manipulate the system to generate results, what we didn't count on it for it to spew up suspects.

Me:Start from the beginning.

He wont telling me about a system that the created in 3 days to generate more suspects to widen the investigation but not taking into account that it will narrow down the list.

Me: what wrong with you bafo? Since when did you become so stupid

Ntokozo: she made it sound so simple.

Me: I don't get it, a few weeks ago yourl hated the idea that she poking around now you helping her?

Ntokozo: she cares for us

Me: Us?

Ntokozo: yes you and us

I looked at my long time friend and the conviction he said his statement.

Me: so now what? You guys are hanging Scorpion and his guys for this?

Ntokozo: she fixing that

Me: how Ntokozo!!!! She is jut a kid, she doesn't know our world and how we operate.

Ntokozo: that where you come in angithi

Ntokozo

I watched him as he slowly lost his cool. He really cared about her.

Phila: i do not want her in this

Me: too late. I switched on my system and activated her cellphone speaker for us to hear the conversation she having with people around her.

Phila: remind me to switch off my phone when I go in important meetings

I laughed.

“technology will be the end of us”...

[10/05, 07:19] Mukoko: Insert 26:

Nkosazana

I watched from the window as they tried they best to interrogate the suspects but no one spoke a word

and that seemed to be getting on the investigators nerves.

Commander: You give it a try

Me: me

Commander: Yes you

Me: Iv never interrogated anyone in my life.

Commander: J ust give it a try.

I nodded as I was nervous. I walked to the room where Scorpion the master mind was.

Scorpion

The minute she walked in looking weird in character clothes and her big glasses I smiled, are they for real bring a child in here. She slowly walked in and than walked out again and walked in again with bottled water. She placed it on the table and removed my cuffs which took me off guard.

Nkosi

“what the hell is she doing?”

Commander: Let her be

Scorpion

I took the bottle water and drank up.

Me:thank you

Ntokozo

I felt the hair at the back of my neck stand up.

Me: Is that Scorpion?

Phila: tap into the camera in the room.

I did as he asked and tapped into the camera that was recording and we watched as she was standing next to the door with her arms folded.

Scorpion

Her: pleasure

She kept quiet and that seemed to get to me.

Me: I thought you here to investigate me

Her: My name is Nkosazana

Me: Nice to meet you Nkosazana

She kept quiet

Me: As much as I appreciate the company but are you going to stand there the whole time?

Nkosazana: are you inviting me to sit?

Nkosi

“fuck she so good and doesn't even know it”

Ntokozo

“remind me never to be in a hot sit with her”

Phila

I stood there watched her playing mind games with

him, he doesn't even know what hitting him. All the anger I felt towards her disappeared, she was handling herself like a boss lady that she is.

Nkosazana

My heart was pounding against my chest but I was not going to show him. I walked to the table and sat down.

Scorpion

The minute she sat down I felt my heart freeze. I saw the ring of infinity on finger and I know it from only one man who wanted that set of rings so bad and that is Phila Mazibuko. I remember asking him why these rings and he explain they history and how he will only give this ring to a woman that will be his forever. I remember laughing at him but I saw the seriousness in his eyes and I knew he meant it. Does this mean that his setting me up for how I demanded the 30% cut in all the jobs he did in Johannesburg? Is this some revenge or is it a

coincidence?

Me: Lovely ring

She looked at it as forgotten that she wearing a 4.5 billion ring.

Nkosazana: Thank you

Me: you must be wearing it with pride since it has so much history.

Nkosazana

I was shaken that he was talking about my ring. Yes I googled it after Phila gave me to be shocked how much its worth and that its an heirloom of the duchess back in 1842.

Me: all rings have history

Scorpion: Not as much as yours

Me: Well its unfair that iv shared my name with you yet I don't know yours

I tried changing the subject and he laughed.

Scorpion: Only one man in this world owns that ring with it matching pair

Oh God Please don't say his name.

Scorpion: Phila Mazibuko!

Nkosi

I took the name down in my laptop and did a quick search of him and found out his the doctor that treated her. Yes I knew that Nkosazana is seeing a rich guy but I didn't know that she seeing the local brilliant doctor who happens to be doing so much good in the world and is also a self made Billionaire according to Peoples magazine.

“holy shit, no wonder he exports his beer”

I closed the laptop and was now looking at the interview with new eyes....

[10/05, 07:19] Mukoko: Insert 27:

Scorpion

She looked at me as calm as a cucumber and I saw why he picked her, a damn cop that will cover his back. I laughed.

Me: This is funny shit

Nkosazana: Share the joke.

Me: You pinning your husbands crimes on me.

Ntokozo

“holy shit, we need to get her from out of there”

Phila: wait...

Nkosazana

I took a deep breath and looked at him calmly while my heart was hammering.

Me: Now let go over facts and some time line here so I can see where all this coming from. Me framing you and all.

I opened up the file on the table.

Me: 1 am 25 years old and the crimes you are being tagged with are 10 years old. I was still in school back than.

2 my relationship with Phila here is out of a question, yes his a business man and has enemies, some his aware of and some he isn't. I guess you fall in the list of those his not aware off.

Than there is lastly. Even if I wanted to frame you, I couldn't and am not that stupid. We feed the system information and they fees us leads that we can track which am pretty sure my boss did. Now since we have gotten to know each other and you know who my Husband is...

Nkosi

Commander: Did s he just say husband?

Ntokozo

I ran to my laptop and hacked the database changed her working profile to married everywhere

in the system and generated a marriage certificate that say she been married for 3 years and pressed update!!

Nkosazana

Fuck I said husband.

Scorpion: Husband?

Me: Now this is what going to happen. I took out a piece pf paper and pen, placed it right in front of him.

Me: you going to write a confession

Scorpion: confession?

Me: Yep a confession. I moved closer to him hiding the came with my body and looked at hum mouthed “Lawyer” and shifted again so I don’t block anything. I pray he got my message

Scorpion

I looked at her confus ed. Did she just mouthed

lawyer?

Me: Lawyer?

She smiled and looked at me.

Nkosazana: am sorry did you say lawyer?

I nodded.

Nkosazana: Please be vocal sir, we dont want you saying the cops mistreated you

Me:I want my lawyer.

Which I have no idea who to call.

She patted my hand and smiled.

Nkosazana: Oh want someone to come hold your hand?

She than got up and moved from the door.

Nkosazana: Round 1 won by Nkosazana... see you in trail bitch.

Nkosazana

I slammed the door quickly sent a text to Ntokozo

telling him to get Scorpion a lawyer now. I calmed my nerves and walked in the office about to do the best acting this world has ever seen. I can't believe staying with Zoey all those years it finally paying off...

Goodnight zithandwa

[10/05, 07:19] Mukoko: Insert 28:

Ntokozo

Phila: did you fucken see that!!!

He was shocked and smiling at the same time.

Me: you two are made for each other.

I received a text from her asking for a lawyer

Me: She wants a lawyer for him

Phila: Call Mncwango

Nkosazana

I got in the office and I was shaking. The commander and Nkosi were so happy with how I handled things and hugged me with big smiles.

Commander: You going far my child

Me: Thank you

Commander: look for the lawyer listed for him and call him or her. Good work!

Nkosi: You married

Me: Given who he is, i kind of didn't share because i want to make a name for myself by myself not because of who he is.

Nkosi: Makes sense. Congratulations

Me: Thank you

Commander: Let me leave you two to build the strongest case ever.

Nkosi

I could see she was still shaken, and I was still hung up on the fact that she was married all along.

Me: So you married a billionaire

Nkosazana: That I didn't know until it popped up on the net yesterday

Me: i see

She looked at me for some time.

Me: what?

Nkosazana: does me being married change our friendship?

Me: now

Nkosazana: good cause i like having you as a friend

Me: me too

Yeah right!!..

Scorpion

After thinking this over and over the doors opened and Mncwango the most expensive lawyer i know walked in. This lady knows her shit and she sat from across from me. Just as the door opened and

the two detective Nkosazana and Nkosi stood there

Mncwango: I hope the interrogation was good? No bodily harm or whats oever?

Me; she treated me well.

Nkosazana

She turned to look at me and she sized me up from head to bottom than smiled looking at me making my blood chill.

Her: Enhle Mncwango

Me: Nkosazana

Enhle: Nice to meet you, this is going to be so much fun. She grinned.

Enhle: Kindly close the door on your way out!

I looked at Nkosi and we walked out.

Me: who is she?

Nkosi: the meanest bitch in law. We on the right track if his hiring her. She helps the craziest

s cumbags in the world.

Me: I see

Nkosi: Yep, now we need to work harder than this cause she is about to shred all our evidence.

“let get to it”

I took out my phone texted Busisiwe.

“sorry I have to cancel dinner today, big case that am working on is taking all my time. Can we do breakfast please?”

I sent and she replied in seconds

“sure, all the best dear. Text me in the morning”

“Thank you... Goodnight mom ”

Busisiwe

I read the text over and over.

Me: she said mom.

I looked at my husband and he smiled with me.

Phila

I had the chef over to prepare dinner since Nkosazana told me she coming home late. So i had prep everything when the door bell rang and I walked to open it to find Enhle Mncwango with a black coat and judging from the past we have had, i know that she has nothing underneath that coat.

Enhle: Came for my cheque

She pushed me in and removed her coat showing me a banging body wrapped up in the most sexiest lingerie, as if God suddenly hate me. Nkosazana walked in and her smile disappeared from her face....

GoodMorning

[10/05, 07:20] Mukoko: Insert 29:

Nkosazana

I stood there for a second while Phila jumped up and Enhle stood there with her banging body.

Phila: Its not what you think.

I closed the door left my files at the side table and looked at them with Enhle looking smug.

Enhle: So you screwing the investigator and the opposing lawyer? Is this how ill be getting the information?

Phila

I looked at Enhle and than at Nkosazana.

Me: Babe

Nkosazana: hmmm

Me: Am not sleeping with her and haven't been for the past two years.

Nkosazana

Enhle: wow

Phila: Can you please shut the hell up and let me explain myself to my wife.

I watched as Enhle nearly choked on her Saliva

Enhle: Wife???

Phila turned looking at her.

Phila: Yes wife.

I don't know how it escalated but they ended up going back and forth with Enhle telling him how he used her all those years so I just left them there went to the bedroom undressed and took a long hot shower with tears streaming down my face.

“how on earth am I going to compete with that “

Phila

“Look I know we have been on and off for years now but we both knew that we just fuck buddies”

Enhle: Fuck buddies?

Me: Yes... its been two years since we have fucked and I thought you have moved on from that like how

I have”

Enhle: Oh and why did you get you guys to call me?

Me: You are a lawyer are you not?

She kept quiet for some time.

Enhle: Does she know?

Me: We not going down that road. Please leave.

Enhle: So this is it?

Me: Yes

Enhle: I guess ill be sending you a cheque for my services with Scorpion.

Me: Cool.

She tied up her coat took her bag and left. I stood there for a second took a deep breath and turned walking to the bedroom to find the bedroom empty and i walked to the bathroom and the water was on. I sat there for some time but nothing so I got naked and got in the shower to find her sitting there and crying. I moved her a bit and sat down with the shower splashing us.

Me: I didn't sleep with her

Nkosazana: I know

That took me back.

Me: Than why you crying?

Nkosazana: I don't know, its just hurts to think about it.

Me: Than don't think

She looked at me wiping her face.

Nkosazana: You naked!

Me: You are in a shower

Nkosazana: I know but you naked with me in a shower

Me: I got worried about you.

Nkosazana: So you came after me?

Me: You my wife!

Nkosazana: i know but...

I really don't know what pushed me but I kissed her and she welcomed me back as I slowly picked her

up. I really needed her so much right now that I wasn't thinking about foreplay and making her need me as much as I needed her that I flipped her over on top of me and slid her down with her moaning so loud as all her inside hugged me making me take a minute to enjoy the pleasure of being in her warm cosy honey pot....

Sanibonani

[10/05, 07:20] Mukoko: Insert 30:

Nkosazana

The minute he entered me I felt like screaming. Yes iv had sex before but it wasn't like this. He held me tight as he guided me as I slowly got the pace of how he was going and when I got the rhythm i started riding him faster and faster as the urge to explode grew near and he digs his nails into me. I felt him go rigid and the steam was making it hard to breath as we both collapsed and climaxed as I went numb. He slowly opened the door letting air in as He held me, pushing me a bit into the shower

allowing the water to splash on us. I caught him slowly grinning as he kissed my neck leaving little bite marks.

Phila: You have an amazing body

I blushed as he started moving again slowly making me yearn for him again.

Enhle

I drove to my house and parked feeling like shit. What does she have that I don't? I gave him everything that I was. I parked in the garage and walked into my house to find a guy sitting on my counter. He looked breath taking and i slowly walked in.

Me: Trespassing is a crime.

Him: Am not stealing anything though

Me: I don't remember giving you a key

He eyed me from head to toe and grinned. I walked in closer to him and stood a few minute away from him on the side counter by the corner.

Him: Scelo Makhathini

Me: Enhle Mncwango

Him: You representing my uncle in a crime he didn't commit

Me: Okay

Him: Okay you representing him or okay you know.

Me: Okay am listening.

Him: His known as scorpion

Me: I see

Him: I know you going to get him out, all I want to know is who hired you?

Me: that information is confidential

Him: Really?

He jumped off the counter and I stood there with my heart pounding so loud in my chest. He tugged on my coat and it opened up exposing the lingerie that I had on.

Him: Big joe never came to party?

I grinned on how he refers to the “D”

Me: The wife came home early.

He picked me up and placed me on the counter.

Him: I have no wife... and I didn't see any husband here either.

Before I could answer him he smashed his lips on my lips and kissed me, making me breathless.

Within minutes my panty was ripped off me and he was half naked as he went in hard ripping my insides. The rush and adrenaline was too much making me climax over and over until he had his fill.

Scelo: His name?

He slowly dragged himself out as I was about to explode again.

Me: I can't.....

He moved in circular motion making me scream.

“Philaaaaaa.... Phila Mazibuko “

He slammed into me as I shattered into a million pieces as he rode me till he came. He finished up

and grabbed a paper towel than wiped himself as I sat there helpless and exhausted. Yes I wanted some love making today but instead I got fucked until my brains couldn't anymore.

Scelo: My number is on your side book on your table. Call me if you don't get your periods. He walked off leaving me breathless on the counter. Who the fuck is Scelo Makhathini?...

Lol i know its short lol am multi tasking lol cooking and writing

[10/05, 07:20] Mukoko: Insert 31:

Phila

I stood by the door watching her comb her hair.

Nkosazana: I look okay right?

Me: you been asking me this all morning

Nkosazana: She is my mom

Me: and she will love you just the way that you are.

She finished up and applied vaseline on her lips stood up and smiled. I laughed lightly at her cuteness with a black skinny jean and a vintage white top with slices of pizza. Yes pizza and she wore her black sneakers with her sleek bun.

Me: My pizza, i grabbed her kissing her lightly as she blushed.

Nkosazana: you sure the pizza top is not too much?

Me: Babe you look perfect, can we go am starving already.

Busisiwe

I was a ball of nerves when she agreed to have breakfast with us today so iv been in the kitchen making food that we will eat with my oldest daughter

Ntokazi: Mom you so nervous

Me: I know babe but I just want everything to be okay

Ntokazi: You stressing to much

Me: let me go take a shower quickly

Ntokazi: cool

I went to quickly bath and meet Nkosana wearing a white T shirt like Ntokazi with a huge pizza and black jeans.

Me: what with you and your sister and your funny clothes?

Nkosana: its Pizza day today!

Ntokazi walked to the passage with her black jeans and sneakers with the same T-shirt as Nkosana.

Me: what did you promise him to wear this?

Ntokazi: Pizza, oh and mom I got you a top too. Dad wearing his. This is vintage mom.

Me: I swear you guys are too much.

Scorpion

The guards came to open up the holding cell and processed me out and I walked out to the front where I found my nephew standing there.

Me: Thank you

Scelo: Hi to you too malume

Me: How did you know?

Scelo: The guys called me.

Me: oh

Scelo: why didn't you call me

Me: And say what?

Scelo: And say that Phila Mazibuko has turned you in

Me: He hasn't

Scelo: Why else would he get you a lawyer

Me: To help me cause if I burn, he burns

Scelo: Malume they going to lock you guys in.

Me: They not he married the prime investigator so am sorted

Scelo: Am doing my research on him. I have guys following him around

Me: Why?

Scelo: i just don't trust all of this

Me: His not a man to mess with

Scelo: so am I

Me: Please just take me home so I can shower and eat.

Scelo: Cool

We drove in silence as I was thinking about the young cute detective that just married Phila.

Me: You know what funny?

Scelo: What?

Me: Argh nothing i closed my eyes as I rest...

[10/05, 07:20] Mukoko: Insert 32:

Nkosazana

I was so nervous but Phila had his hand on my thigh and kept it there as comforts.

Me: what if ...

Phila: let talk about something else today babylike

look at that car.

I looked at the car in front of me

Me: its just a car

Phila: it's beautiful

Me: you have so many cars

Phila: i do not

Me: you have a whole garage of cars

Phila: true but...

Me: no buts

We were quiet for sometime And I saw him smiling

Me: Thank you

Phila: They will love you and if they don't than its cool. Its they loss.

Me: thank you babe.

Scelo

My phone rang as I was packing for J ohannesburg

as my uncle was insisting.

Me: Sho

Spy: Ill send you pictures of his wife

Me: Okay

I hung up and a few minutes later the pictures came in and I sat there keeping quiet. Nkosazana Hlophe?

This can't be her, i zoomed the pictures and I saw it was her I felt my heart ache and a small headache.

The Saliva in my mouth disappeared and I sat on the bed looking through my pictures. I have to see her. I have to talk to her, explain myself to her yes its been years but I have to make things right.

Phila

I saw that a car was following us from the time we left Durban till now. I saw a garage.

Me: Can we pee and buy water?

She nodded and I didn't indicate and just offramp to throw them off and they quickly did the same so i

parked at the side of the store and smiled at Nkosazana who was busy on her phone with candy crush.

Me: Ill be right back babe.

She nodded and I went to the store brought water and went back to the car.

Me: Babe don't you want to pee.

She looked at me for a second and I laughed

Me: are you pushing to see if pee comes out?

She laughed

Nkosazana : yeah

Me: what if a small drop came out

Nkosazana: its ill feel it before its comes out and yeah I need to pee.

Me: Ill wait here

She nodded and got out and I moved to the boot opened the lower part took out a gun and a silencer and assembled it than took of a bag hiding it and walked right to the car that was following me as it

speed away and I aimed at its tires as it made screeching noise and it flipped rolling off the road. I ran towards it and got there first to see the two guys in there and I opened the door took out their phones and tore the top put it on the tank and lit it as I slowly ran towards the crowd that was watching from afar.

Me: Move back!!!!!!.... They stuck and the car going to explode.... move back!!!

Everyone was moving back and I quickly ran to my car put the gun there closed the boot as it exploded into pieces. I texted Ntokozo my location and typed "clear surveillance cameras for anything suspicious please" I switched off the guys' phones and answered questions from onlookers telling them I'm a doctor trying to help but I couldn't.

Nkosazana

I walked out to a car on fire from just afar and Phila surrounded by people. I walked closer to him with my heart in my throat but he was fine. He held me

tight.

Me: You okay

Phila: Come

He moved me to the side.

Phila: Am never going to lie to you okay?

I nodded.

Phila: but I need to know that whatever i tell you, you can handle this cause you married to me and my world is different than yours.

Me: You scaring me

Phila: I know come here.

He hugged me tight and kissed my forehead and I looked at him confused. He pulled me into the car and took his business card walked out and I saw him in the mirror give it to one of the walkers than got in and drove off in silence off ramping at the side where trucks stops. He looked at me.

Phila: Am not telling you anything right now cause I want you to go home to your parents on a clear

mind. Am also not telling you anything right now cause I want you to enjoy this life time experience okay?

Me: You confusing me, what happening.

Phila: Do you trust me?

Me: Yes

Phila: Trust me that not knowing right now is for the best.

Me: I nodded. He opened up the dashboard took out a small box and placed it on my lap.

Phila: Please wear that.

Me: What is it?

Phila: A normal watch baby with a tracking device and panic button.

Now I was panicking but he started the car and drove off as I wore the watch and looked at him with my side eye to see that he wasn't himself, like a whole new him popped out. Protective and alert not the calm relaxed person that I know. I took my hand and placed it on his thigh and watched him

relax a bit.

Me: Am here babe.... am here!!!

I don't know why I said it cause vele he can see am here but that calmed him a bit cause he was calming down!!...

Sengikhona

[10/05, 07:21] Mukoko: Insert 33:

Busisiwe

The bell rang and I opened it and there she was wearing same top as me and we both laughed hugging each other.

Phila

I stood there confused as the whole family was basically looking like pizzas. They were hugging each other with tears on they faces. It was really refreshing seeing how she is so much like her

family and how they adored each other. Mr Cele came to stand with me looking into his family.

Mr Cele: Beautiful

Me: Yes

Mr Cele: She wouldn't have brought you here if she didn't take you as family.

I turned looking at him as that was unexpected.

Me: I know

Mr Cele: When are you sending your people?

Me: I can send them tomorrow morning.

He laughed and patted my shoulder.

Me: I know she won't say anything but we already married sir

Mr Cele: I know

I looked at him shocked

Mr Cele: Am a guy too you know. I saw how you look at her and how she was holding on to you like her life depended on it.

Me: Oh

Mr Cele: And how every few seconds she turns to see if you okay.

We both were quiet and she did turn after a while looking my way smiling.

Mr Cele: You see

I nodded.

Mr Cele: I know you were not asking for my blessings but you have got them and when we are settled you can bring your lobola.

Me: Thank you

Busisiwe

“what are you guys whispering about”

The guys laughed as we walked to sit down and eat. Ntokazi has always been a shy reserved girl but today she was smiling and talking Nd laughing. She hit it off with Nkosazana and I loved seeing that. I loved how they were laughing and sharing

Me: Thanks for swinging by

Nkosazana: Thank you for having me over ma

My heart swells at how mannered she was.

Me: You welcomed anytime nor call me whenever you need me.

Nkosazana: i will. Thank you so much for giving me an opportunity of knowing you guys and my lovely sister you everything that iv ever imagined a bigger sister to be. Thank you.

They smiled hugging.

Ntokozo

After the text and the video I knew that Phila needs us and the crew so I had the guys around his place and had called the team over.

Mlu: Repeat?

Me: Phila was targeted. I showed them the footage when he took those guys out and there was silence.

Mlu: Holy crap

Me: Were you guys followed?

Mlu: I wasn't

Me: Did you check? Or you assuming?

Mlu: I checked, i always check

Zola: You guys need to be calm

Mlu: Did you see Phila calm in that video?

Zola: He was with Nkosazana, he couldn't risk her being hurt.

Mlu: which means we are not safe too.

Xola has been standing by the window whole time his gotten here.

Me: Xola?

Xola: I think am being followed. The whole room went silent.

Me: Why you think that?

Xola: I saw that car outside my apartment window and now am seeing it here.

We all rushed to the window to look at the car.

Me: That my neighbour new car bro.

Zola: You see we panicking

And before we knew it there were bullets flying everywhere as we all went down doing our best not to get shoot.

Me: Move towards the back door guys !!!!!!!!!!!!!....

Lol see you guys after 3... lol all your questions should be answered than

[10/05, 07:21] Mukoko: Insert 34:

Phila

My phone buzzed and i looked at it and the sos showed on it and I looked at Nkosazana and with her family. I know the guys were in trouble. I tracked Ntokozo to see that his at his house.

Nkosazana

I saw him change I excused myself and walked to him.

Me: you good?

Phila: i have to go babe

Me: am coming with

Phila: its best you stay here

I turned.

Me: ma, we have to go something at his job came up

Dad: aah

Me: i promise to see you tomorrow

Ntokazi: promise to do lunch with me tomorrow

Me: i promise. I hugged them and kissed them than got in the car.

“talk to me”

Phila: Someone after us. In the morning that accident wasn't an accident.

Me: Oh

Phila: I shot the car and it flipped and I took their phones and now Ntokozo sent me “ “ and that means something has happened.

Me:oh

My heart was pounding so hard as we were overtaking like psychos.

Ntokozo

We were all good as we got to the secret room that had all the guns and ammunition. Zola was already packing up shit that we will need as I was arming the house to explode in 3 minutes. Mlu was panicking while Xola was helping him with his bullet proof vest.

Me: Ready guys?

They all nodded and I pressed the count down button and we started moving to the car firing back with Zola leading us to the heavy armed and bullet proof car and we got in driving to the safe house where Phila will meet us. What the hell just

happened?

Nkosi

The police force was on alert as the gunshots were reported and when we saw the cars that started the attack only to find out they registered under Scorpion and his gang. I took out my phone trying to call Nkosazana and her phone kept going to voice mail. So I ran to the car going to her place to check on her with a whole team and when I got there it was burnt to ashes.

“get everyone here now”

Another report came through of a house blowing up making it 5 house. Ntokozo Mbuli, Zola khoza, Mlungisi Zwide and Xola shange all they houses blew up. I got in the car racing to the hospital where I know that Phila Mazibuko works and found out that he hasn't been to work and 10 minute ago he reported a family emergency. I called the station and asked for all these names to be traced find a link and 20 minutes later there was no

links of these people knowing each other or any camera in the city seeing them together.

“what the hell is going on la???” I was now standing at Phila Mazibuko house gate looking at the high walls praying that Nkosazana drives her or someone drives here so I can get my answers....

[10/05, 07:21] Mukoko: Insert 35:

Scorpion

“who the fuck gave you orders to attack his team”

I looked at my nephew and team.

Scelo: we all know they set us up

Me: And you decided to go to an unnecessary war?

Scelo: The guys....

Scelo

I felt a sharp slap on my cheek and in all my life my uncle has never laid a hand on me. I looked at him

and he was angry.

Malume: Look at all the man he killed in just a few hours? You drove them to they deaths and now he won't rest until he finds out who did this and why!!!!

Me: Why you so scared of him

Malume: Son,am not scared of him but I lived this long in my line of work cause i knew which fights to fight and which fights I can't fight. And this is a fight that get people killed!!!

Me:well you....

My uncle phone rang and he looked at it turned it around and Phila name popped up.

Phila

“Scorpion “

He was on lounge speaker and I knew I was on loud speaker too. I Ntokozo had his drown flying so that when we get the location we blow them up.

Nkosazana

I was terrified with my heart pounding in my chest.

Phila: I thought we have a deal?

Scorpion: We do

Phila: Not when your men are shooting at my men!!

Scorpion: it my nephew.

I moved away from them and walked to the bathroom washed my face and when done walked to one of the bedrooms and sat on the bed. I switched on the tv and my heart caught in my chest as a video of my condo burnt into ashes and all our photos were on tv as they spoke about us missing and our homes exploding to ashes using the same device meaning we were all connected but they not sure how. I sat there looking at the scenes and people I know and worked with working tirelessly to get answers. I smelt him the minute he got in and I looked at him.

Me: you blew up the condo? Its not even mines!

Phila: we had too

Me: all our homes are blown apart yours?

Phila: We have valuables there. We have people working moving things from the house to the next house and moving it to the safe as we speak as soon as that is done than we blowing it too.

Me: Why? Why blow up the place?

Phila: cause we all agreed when shit hits the fan, we vanish.

I looked at him confused as he stood there looking at me.

Phila

She looked scared and terrified at the same time with big eyes looking at me.

Nkosazana: what you mean we vanish?

Phila: This is a dangerous world love. Scorpion nephew just blew up our cover by shooting everything that we have...

She turned and looked at the news just as bodies

were identified. 4 males and one female. I watched her as horror replaced by fear as she watched the news identify all of them and the girl body as Nkosazana.

Busisiwe

I heard screams and I ran to the lounge to find my daughter screaming and I looked at the TV screen as the news showed Nkosazana home blew into ashes and a body there that might be Nkosazana body.

Ntokazi: call her mom... call her now.

My hands were shaking as I called her number and it went straight to voicemail and I felt a little panic.

Ntokazi: its cant be her mom, we just meet her, we cant lose her again!!

[10/05, 07:21] Mukoko: Insert 36:

Scelo

When my uncle hang up something didn't feel right, Phila was so calm and he sounded like he has won

Ntokozo

Mlu: how many minutes till impact?

Me: 2 minute

Zola: all cars are still parked?

Me: yep.

Mlu: let barbecue them!!!

Scelo

I moved to the fridge to get some water when i heard the sound come closer and louder i opened the fridge emptied it all out and got in, just in time for the impact to happen blowing me and the fridge off the wall. I rolled a few times and i opened used all my power to open up the fridge and when I did all around me was rubbles. My uncle and all the man I knew and trusted were gone. J ust like that.

Ntokozo

“its a wrap”

We clapped hands cheering and heard shouting from the other room and kept quiet.

Phila

I watched her pacing up and down and blowing off steam.

Nkosazana: This isn't what I signed up for Phila. Who are do those bodies belong too?

Me: a Jane doe

Nkosazana: And how did you get it there?

Me:we have our ways when “ ” is sent out and everyone do they part.

Nkosazana: I just meet my family and now am dead

Me: I know its hard but its to save us. To save our reputations. Its to also give us another chapter in a

new place. A new country.

I watched her look at me in horror

Nkosazana: You telling me am giving up everything that I know and I am? Am giving up my whole life to just be with you? Oh my gosh what did I get myself into Phila?

I saw tears roll down her face just as the news showed another bomb attack confirming that almost twenty bodies were found. She looked at me than walked out of the room into the bathroom banging the door. I walked off to the lounge to see the guys to find them sitting there silently.

Mlu:I guess she not taking it well?

Me: yeah

Zola: she loves you

Me: She right, am asking her to give up too much

Ntokozo: We moving out of the country, start afresh as normal people without having to look over our shoulders. Everything is set all the organisations have offshore accounts that will fund them and the

crimes we have done here wont follow us so.

Me: We all signed up for this but she didn't

Xola: she married you knowing who you are. That girl is smart she figured you put in less than a week. Ley it sink in okay.

Me: I don't know anymore

Mlu: If kungazi wena thina siyini?

Zola: We have got each other back remember? Till death do us apart

We all cheered to that but I couldn't shake the feeling that she might hate me for this!

Scelo

I managed to get to the hotel and shower and pack everything that I need and get the first flight out of here.

3months later.

Nkosi

Life has been hard. After the bombing and the bodies being identified with the guys and two weeks later it was Dr Mazibuko house on flames and his body found surrounded by bottles and that eats me cause I could have tried harder to help him with Nkosazana death. We later found out that the other bombing was Scorpion and his people and we have still not found the drone that did the damage. Mr Hlope died of a heart attack after hearing of Nkosazana death and Zoey went into drugs hard and ended up over dozing. I folded the file of the cases and closed them in a box and left the office. I got home to an envelope and a box on my door step and opened it and found a ticket to Zanzibar for and some papers about a whole week pay in the Bahamas and a note:

“ hi friend

I know life is dull without me and my funky outfits but I also know that you deserve a whooping birthday. I hope this helps to take your mind off things

I love you Sbonelo Nkosi. And thank you for being a friend and a brother

Love Nkosazana “

I had tears in my eyes as I opened the doors and got in with the box and opened it and found a shit load of that beer and I laughed at the gesture and a small note. “happy memories”

[10/05, 07:22] Mukoko: Insert37:

Busisiwe

I got to the kitchen made the family breakfast and we sat down as the door bell rang. Ntokazi got up and came back with beautiful blue roses and a box. She handed me the blue roses and I smiled and a small note was there “For the most loving mother any child could ever ask for”

I looked at Ntokazi.

Ntokazi: aybo i didn't send you anything

Nkosana tore the envelope and took out tickets to North Dakota.

Cele: we literally know no one there.

Me: I know

Ntokazi: There is a note

“Sometimes we can't explain our actions but can only hope to amend them.

From your loving daughter “

Ntokazi looked at me shrugged.

Me: Who could do this?

Ntokazi: its not me but am definitely going to that North Dakota.

She opened the box and screamed with joy.

Me: Yini?

She took out a dress that had little bees on them and I laughed

Ntokazi: This is a custom made bee line of the best fashion designer in the world.

Me: Its has little bees though

Cele: aw yekele intombi yami... uzoba muhle wena.

Nkosana: anything for me?

She took out a box inside and gave it to him and he opened it screaming and took out the shoes his been nagging me to buy.

Nkosana:am the first SA kid to own these J ordans.

Ntokazi: Same here.

Me: Your fashion sense kills me.

Phila

I woke up to Nkosazana vomiting in the bathroom. I woke up and got there to help her with her hair than when she was done she brushed her teeth and sat on the toilet seat.

Me:you been doing this for a week now, the flu is gone yet you still vomiting.

Nkosazana: Ill be okay

I walked to my office and got her a vitamin shot to help with the light headedness and helped her to bed and tucked her in.

Nkosazana: Thanks

Me: Maybe you should see a doctor

She looked at me and I laughed.

Me: Not me. Like a normal GP

Nkosazana: You been helping me and am much better.

Me: Remember we have a trip in a few weeks to The Bahamas.

Nkosazana: I know and iv been working out but instead am gaining weight.

Me: Iv noticed. But I like it.

Nkosazana: That am gaining?

Me: Yep.its all in the right places.

Nkosazana: Whatever she went deeper in the

blankets. I knew she was pregnant but I was scared in telling her and wanted her to find out herself. The past few months have been rocky with us. Starting over her in North Dakota opening some clubs and investing in properties. Its hasn't been easy but the guys and Us have pulled it off. Iv been planning a surprise for her to have her family here in the next coming days and for all of us to take a trip to The Bahamas after a week to see Nkosi and maybe all that will help her get the closure she need in order to be her. Yes we have new names and got new jobs but we missed being home and experiencing like in Africa.

Me:am making a doctors appointment

Nkosazana: Do as you wish am sleeping

Scelo

Its been months since iv been searching for Nkosazana and there have been nothing. He never came for Hlophe funeral. Her parents were moaning her death like literally everyone believed that she

was gone. I started believing it but a part of me kept in telling me that she isn't. All that was staged. I walked to the lounge and found Linda Mkhonto laying there naked. She was now my regular fuck buddy.

Linda: You good?

Me: Yeah

Linda: You look kinda down

Me: am fine. I drowned my drink and walked back to her ready for more action.....

Ill see you guys in the morning. goodnight!!

[10/05, 07:22] Mukoko: Insert 38:

Phila

I got to the ranch and found the guys there already having Milo and crackers

Mlu: I told you he will come empty handed. They all started giving him money.

Me: What the bet about now?

Mlu: Have you noticed that it been a week since Nkosazana baked for us her delicious scones

Me: You know where my kitchen is why dont you guys start at the main house first?

Mlu: And have her bite my head off

Me: Than use your kitchen. All the properties here have they own kitchens.

Zola: wenake wa moody

I took a deep breath and sat down.

Me: We pregnant

They all cheered and looked at me.

Me: She doesn't know and she refuses to go see a doctor cause am there taking care of her.

Zola: than stop taking care of her.

Everyone looked at him.

Me: and you wonder why you mot married.

Nkosazana

I finally woke up and dragged myself to the kitchen made something to eat and sat by the couch opened the TV and watched some show while I stuffed my face. I have been googling my symptoms and everything says I might be pregnant and that's stressing me because Phila and I haven't spoken about kids yet and now I might be carrying one. I took my phone and called my only friend here apart the guys Lucy who is head over heels inlove with Zola and his just not paying attention.

Me: Chommie

She laughed cause she says its funny when I say that. ah Americans!!!

Lucy: Hey

Me: Are you free today? I want us to go shopping

Lucy: Ill come pick you up in an hours time.

Me: Awesome and thanks. I hang up and walked to the kitchen counter looking at the back and looked at the guys standing by the tree drinking Milo and

laughing. Its like we created our own family here in the farm with all they houses on different wings of the farm.m

2 weeks later

Busisiwe

We were on our way to the states and the kids were excited beyond words. A little pack with instructions came a week after that and we followed everything as we flew on a private jet. Yes a private het. We were sitting on the bed after waking up with my husband.

Cele: Iv been a judge for years now and I know conspiracy when I see it. This is all Phila doing

Me: Kahle babakhe

Cele: I still say he is the one that kidnapped Nkosazana and when shit it the fan the only way to save her was to kill her. I would do the same

Me: She is gone!!!

Cele: The minutes from our house to the time of the

bombing is suspicious.

Me: Can we stop talking about this please and just enjoy the trip.

Cele: I still say this has that Mazibuko boy. How else do you explain the 100k i got in my account a week after they vanished referenced lobola?

Me: He might have has it on future dated.

Cele: Am telling you... Our daughter is alive.

Phila

The drive to the doctor she was quiet and all nervous. I placed my hand on her thigh as we drove there and got to the doctors.

Nkosazana: What if the doctor tells us something you might not like.

Me: Like

Nkosazana: I don't know but...

They called us and and she smiled welcoming us as she spoke and i listened.

Nkosazana: I haven't been well for some time. And my husband being a doctor been helping me get well but the nausea and laziness is something else and I feel like my body is out of place.

Doctor: when last you have had your period. She looked at me and I shrugged.

Nkosazana: Oh my God.

She looked at me again.

Nkosazana: You knew? You knew all along?

Me: Knew what?

She took her tiny pineapple bag and threw it on me.

Nkosazana: I've been stressing all along and you knew I might be pregnant and said nothing to me?

Me: In my defence love, were you going to take my word?

Nkosazana: I always take your word you little creep.

I saw the doctor smiling trying to hold her laughter. It's funny being shouted at by a little girl wearing a pineapple dress. Yes her whole dress was a big

pineapple. And she topped it off with a bag shaped like a pineapple.

Doctor: How about we run the test to see if you are before we get angry at the husband. She sat down and we did the test that came out positive.

Nkosazana

We did the scan and for the first time in my life I saw Phila cry at the sound of our child heartbeat.

Phila: Ngiyabonga sthandwa same.

I grinned like a love sick puppy. This is our little joy. Our little Angel....

Ill see you guys again at 9:30

[10/05, 07:22] Mukoko: Insert 39:

Nkosazana

We were having dinner with all the guys celebrating

the news and Iv noticed that Phila was so nervous and kept on checking his phone.

Me: You okay?

He kissed my cheek.

Phila: am good babe. J ust waiting on something.

Me: Oh okay.

Ntokazi

I knew Nkosazana was alive. And this confirmed it, I knew she loved us and she was genuine and I knew her husband is the one doing all this to surprise her. The gifts too were from him on his behalf. Dad and I have been searching for things that confirms her existence and we haven't had any luck. We landed at the airport were chauffeurs were there waiting for us. They helped us into the car and drove us just as the sun was about to set as we went to the country side. This place was beautiful and lush and screamed of rich. My heart was pounding as we passed each house each bigger than the next.

Mom: This is so beautiful

Dad: Now I want to retire here like this

Me: Seriously, I wouldn't mind moving here too.

We drove to a drive through and a beautiful house was at the end of the road and we drove to that majestic beautiful plain house. My heart was racing as the guy stopped at the entrance and texted on his phone than turned.

Him: This it. Leave your bags here someone will bring them in.

Mom: Thank you.

We got out and he drove in the garage that opened and we walked to the front door.

Me: so we knock our we just go in?

Mama: we knock!

Phila

The minute there was a knock my heart jumped out of my chest cause this was a special moment for

my wife.

Ntokozo: I got it.

Ntokozo

I walked to the door and there was the whole Cele family. I choked on the beer on my hand and saw Ntokazi and my heart did tiny flip flops.

Me: Come in.

I moved to the side.

Me: Uhm Guys... we have visitors

Nkosazana: Let them in bafo

I watched as tears rolled down her mother and sisters eyes and I walked them to the lounge with Nkosazana back on us as she was placing some salads on the table than she turned and froze.

Nkosazana: Mama?

I felt tears in my eyes as they all cried smiling and hugging each other.

Phila

This is what I wanted for my wife. Love and be surrounded by love. Mr Cele walked closer to me and hugged me.

Cele: I knew it. I don't agree with it but I know you will never harm her.

Me: Am sorry

Cele: She is safe.

Nkosazana

The past week with my family has been the best week ever and words couldn't describe how happy I am with everything that happening in my life. Am pregnant and My family is here and life is just amazing. Today we just landed in the Bahamas to party before my family goes back to SA and I must say my older sister and Ntokozo are hitting it off. I rolled on top of my sleeping husband.

Me: Thank you for giving me everything that my

heart desires even though I never tell you but you nail them.

Phila: anything for my love.

I smiled as I slowly moved my panty to the side and slid down him.

Phila: I like how you wake me up.

Nkosi

Today was my 3rd day here and surprises are coming left right and centre. Nkosazana outdid herself am like a baller la. I walked out to the dinner at the hotel am on and sat down after taking everything that I want from the buffet. I was midway to finishing my food when I heard her laughter and my heart froze. I got up as the laughter got louder than I looked at the corner and there she was Nkosazana Mazibuko laughing at something that her husband was saying to her and I wiped away my tears. Maybe an dreaming but my feet were taking me to her and I stood there frozen in place as she looked at me with shock all over her face.

Me: Nkosazana?

Nkosazana: Nkosi?

She jumped on me hugging me tight and I cried my eye balls out and looked at Phila and it all made sense this was his plans all along. He winked and did a salute with his hand and the image that has been stuck in my mind for 10 years now popped up. He was the heist king and her kidnapper all along. Just than laughter was coming from outside and all the guys that were buried months ago were walking in laughing. Holy shit!!.....

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[10/05, 07:23] Mukoko: Nkosi

I listened to Phila confess everything and I just sat there looked at him all shocked at everything that has happened under my nose.

Me: so you'll faked your deaths

Phila: yes.

I was quiet for some time this is to surreal if I bring them in I might be promoted but is it worth it to lose a friendship on a promotion? Nkosazana looked beautiful, happy and exotic at the same time.

Nkosazana: stop staring, am pregnant.

I laughed.

Me: Its suits you

Nkosazana: thank you.

Me: what now?

Nkosazana: you do what you have too, ill understand.

Me: am not ratting you out.

Everyone took a deep breath

Me: But I wanna know what now? Your family knows you alive and am pretty sure they will like to see you often.

Phila: Ill navigate around that.

Me: Scelo is still on the wind

Nkosazana: Scelo who?

I looked at Phila and he shook his head no.

Nkosazana doesn't know about scorpion Nephew.

Me: its just a lead I followed, never mind. Am happy to see you. She grinned smiling hugging me one last time.

Me: best birthday gift ever.

She laughed looking at her husband and I knew that even though I wished for her to be my wife but I knew that am okay with having her as a friend than losing her completely. So my feelings for her in that way has to dis because this is enough for me.

6 months later

Nkosazana

today was my day and I was feeling the pain. Phila been nagging to go to the hospital and I did. My sister was here for the past 2 months since she and Ntokozo are a thing now so we spent most days together. Mom and dad was coming 3 weeks later

since they both have big cases they dealing with.

Me: We got everything?

Ntokazi: Yep

Me: Please help me up. She helped me get up and we walked out of the bedroom to find Phila pacing by the lounge with the guys and Lucy handing them tea.

Me:we packed the bag just incase its tonight. He took the bag and walked to the garage as the baby kicked

Ntokozo: Have you thought of a name yet.

Phila: Yes

He walked in.

Phila: Angela

Me: That so mundane

Phila: she my angel

Me: Imolathile

Phila: what does it mean?

Me: Its means God has chosen her to bring joy in our life.

Phila: What if its a boy?

Me: same name.

Phila: Aybo

Me: You can call her “imo” or “lathi”

Phila: usuqhalile

Everyone laughed

Phila: If it's a girl than its fine with me but its a boy am naming him.

Me: what you naming him?

Phila: Olumiyo

Me: Imolathile Olumiyo Mazibuko.

Ntokazi: they so unique.

Mlu: Youll making me cry. And just like that my water broke and it was the race to the hospital.

Scelo

I finally found her to see her in North Dakota under the name of Jane. I found out she was heavily pregnant and that made me hate him even more but that not an issue. I organised a friend of mine that deals in trafficking kids about the new kid being born today so I told him everything apart the sex of the baby. So the plan is he kidnaps the baby. I wait a few months for that to take it toll on they marriage than they divorce and she becomes all mine. Simple right?

Phila

After 4 hours of sleep Imo was born. A bouncing healthy baby girl that was too adorable for words. With dimples and was so fair that it took me back a bit since we not that light but I loved her. I was holding her and she had her eyes closed. I touched her as she slowly wrapped my hand on hers.

“I love you so much Imo” I sat there rocking her while Nkosazana slept.

Nkosazana

Its been 3 adorable months with out daughter. She was a daddy girl and she knew it. I woke up as usual at 5 went to the kitchen made her bottle and breakfast for us and than went back to her room to wake her up so she feeds and the bed was empty. I figured Phila took her so I went to our room found him sleeping. I was panicking now as I looked for her.

Phila

I heard screams as I got my gun out of my side table and walked to the baby room to find my wife in fits crying.

Me: What is it?

Nkosazana: Imo!!!!!!.... she screamed i placed the gun on the table looked at her confused than the bed and my daughter was n't there and my heart was pounding.

Me: What happened?

She pointed to the open window.

Nkosazana: she is gone Phila.... someone took our daughter!!!!!!

The pain in her voice ripped in me as I went down on my knees clenching my chest. All I could hear was her screams as darkness consumed me...

The end!!!.....

Lol ngiyadla bo there is book two... here is the link:
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The Basement girl

By safiah Kantwela

THE BASEMENT GIRL

Intro

Its been 6 months since he has came here to drop off food and any books that I might read. I learnt a long time ago that he wasn't my father. Every now and than he would move me around and keep me away from people and the world and Iv made peace with him not letting me go. I have had to grow up fast and understand the world as it is. He has tried to sell me a million times but to no avail. Iv learnt the most powerful words at the age of 13 when he sold me for sex. All I had to say was "I am Phila Mazibuko stolen daughter" and Ill see grown man shiver and never to come back again. Yes ill get a beating of a life time but it was worth it knowing that this man who is my father have saved me from being turned into a sex slave. He has saved me from being a toy that man use and place to the side. In this journey iv meet many woman that he brought and I have helped nurse back to health but that stop when he learnt that the ladies help me and every

time someone sees me than cops bust at that place but he always manages to hid me and now here I am in another basement. 19 years of my life spent in basements after basements without human contact but with that shimmering hope that my father will find me.

Hi I have no idea what my name is but the crazy man calls me Imo. All I know is that I have a very powerful father by Phila Mazibuko. I have no idea who my mother is but am pretty sure she loves me endlessly. This is my story!!!....

Lol Christmas came early see your ngo one ngempela

[10/05, 07:26] Mukoko: Insert1:

The basement in SA

Iv given up in trying to escape but lately there have been a lot of people moving around this place. I don't know if it was out of fear or not but I haven't screamed my lungs out like before but for a month

now people are moving around during the day and at night its as quiet as it can get. Its been a day since iv eaten because all my food is now finished. The fridge was empty and so was the little boxes that he always brought. He always brought me cooking books and everything thing that in them so iv never starved. There were good days and bad days where he will come here screaming at me ruining his life. I once suggested for him to let me go and I promise I won't tell on him but he will get very angry and beat me to a pulp so iv stopped. I slowly walked to the little bed that I have by the far end of the room and lay there looking at the little drawing i did of my father. I kissed my hand and touched where it was and closed my eyes sleeping like a log from starvation and exhaustion.

Phila

Its been 6 months of torturing Scelo and that little bitch hasn't said a word of my daughter whereabouts. I haven't told Nkosazana that iv found him cause over the years she always get that little

hope that we will find her but than our little girl is not there anymore so the past 6 months the guys and I have been torturing him but he still wasn't telling us anything. Iv killed every one of his connections, anyone that has seen my girl and might have caused her any harm or played a role in hiding her. Iv turned into a beast over the years but I still had hope that she was alive and well.

Ntokozo: Go home bafo. His dead!!

The frustration of him giving up like a coward frustrated me so much. I washed my hands from the blood and drove home in silence. I got in to find Nkosazana and the twins about to have breakfast. I kissed the boys forehead as they grinned and walked to Nkosazana and hugged her as I cried. I cried of all the years iv lost with my girl and of all the disappointing leads we have had but mostly I cried because I just couldn't take it anymore and the only lead that had her died in y hands.

Nkosazana

I mouthed to the boys to take them found to the lounge and they did. God bless their kind souls, they were everything to us and the reason we were still alive. My husband was dying inside and I couldn't do anything about it, I tried but he was slowly losing himself and today was the worst cause he just broke down in front of the kids. I held him tight without saying anything as he let it all out and when he was done he kissed my cheek and left to the bedroom. The boys walked in and gave me hugs.

Zanovuyo: His going to be fine mama

Zanothando: We love you

Me: I love you too guys. I wiped the tear that I had as my 16 year olds hugged me. These moments are what keeps me going. Phila replicas with a heart of gold.

Somewhere in SA

I woke up early and got myself some coffee then got in the truck drove to the other end of the farm at the small barn that was falling apart. I got there to

find two of my workers standing there waiting for me.

Me: Guys

Them: Boss

Me: so today we just going to go in see if there anything we will need here and go to the basement bring everything out than bring it down so we can build a new one.

Them: sure. They went in as I walked around looking at the new wiring that that its has and new pipes going underground. The windows were painted black to stop light going in. I took out my knife and scrapped the window while drinking my coffee and I saw a body in a pink setting. I got up and ran to the door and kicked the heavy locked door and walked in a room filled beautiful paintings on the walls and books all over and the most beautiful girl iv ever seen in my life laying there slowly breathing by the rise and fall of her chest. I stood there struck by her long lashes, bushy eyebrows and long curly hair and small lush pink

lips. My two helpers stood there behind me looking at her shocked.

Me: did you know about her?

Them: no

Me: we been here for a year and you all say you don't know about her?

Them: No sir we never been inside the cabin.

Me: okay. I pulled the tiny pink chair she had there and sat on it drinking me coffee as the two left and I waited for her to wake up...

[10/05, 07:26] Mukoko: Insert 2:

Imolathile

I could smell something funny and strong so I turned and there sat a tall guy with a bald head and beard. He was brown and had strong features. (like Thapelo mokeona vibes) his cowboy hat was on his knee. I quickly moved into a sitting position and looked at him while he looked at me too. My brain kept screaming my father name but somehow I

couldn't utter it cause he wasn't looking at me as if an his next victim.

Him: Hi

I just looked at him afraid to say anything. He looked at me and around the room.

Him: My name is Nqubekho

Nqubekho

She just looked at me I knew she could read cause of the good books around here. Could she speak though? I looked at her and raised my warmer with coffee.

Me: Do you want to eat?

She nodded. Okay that good means she can understand me so i gave her the cup of coffee I have and she grabbed it took a sip.

Me: careful its hot.

She nodded and blew in it and drank. I texted my helper to bring some leftovers from breakfast and

after some time one of the guys brought the muffins and half moons. She silently ate until she was full.

Her: Thank you.

She mumbled and I smiled. So she does speak. I smiled at her.

Me: its a pleasure. Wanna tell me your name?

She looked at me

Imolathile

I looked at him, he looked decent but all the man that he has brought here were decent. But something about him says he is safe.

Me: I dont know

Nqubekho: okay. But what will you like me to call you by.

Me: I dont know, the guy that left me here called me Imo

Nqubekho: okay. Can I call you Imo?

I nodded and shifted a bit looking for anything I might use if push comes to shove.

Nqubekho

I looked at her all scared but trying her best not to show it. She was so fair like the Pearl Thusi, Amanda du point skin type. She had dimples and when she spoke they deepen, have big eyes that showed intelligence and long curly hair. She really was breathtakingly beautiful.

Me: do you know where you are?

Imo: home

I looked at her confused this place has been an abandon place for 30 years and she didn't look 30 at all.

Me: this is my home Imo. I brought it a year ago.

Imo: I know, people make noise here.

I laughed so she has been here for sometime to hear that there were people here but why didn't she scream? Or make a noise? Why did she stay here

for so long and not say anything?

Me: Now that i know you here, i cant leave you here. Is it okay if I move you to a room in the house until we figure out who you are?

She looked at me for sometime and i saw she was vetting me to see if she can trust me or not.

Imo: An Phila Mazibuko stolen daughter!!

She said it with such conviction and emotion that i believed her.

Me: okay, how about you move from here cause i need to clean it out before the destruction guys come through,an we can google your dad.

She looked at me and looked at the room.

Imo: My books?

I smiled.

Me: Will be safe.

She looked at me and the room than walked to the box and took a small pink baby blanket taking it with her and a paint bag.

Me: Is that all you want to take for now?

She nodded. Than wore the big man boots. Frankly she was wearing man clothes. A red baggy top and jeans and man boots.

I got up and walked her to the door where she stood hesitant.

Me: I promise you safe, no one going to hurt you. She held my hand with a strong grip as we walked out of the barn....

[10/05, 07:27] Mukoko: Insert 3:

Nqubekho:

I helped her outside and the light was too much for her eyes so I took my hat and gave her than picked her up into my truck and drove as she looked out of the window grinning. I guess this is her first time out. She had her hand out of the window feeling the air as we neared the main house.

Imolathile

This place was beautiful like one of the places that

iv read in a book. So i knew this is a ranch. The big yet cosy house came to view and it was picture perfect, something that I can draw.

Me: Beautiful

He smiled a cute smile making me blush. Call it silly but other than my kidnapper , iv never been this close to a man.

Nqubekho

We drove to the house and I helped her down. We slowly walked to the house as she was looking around the house. She stood at the middle of the house turning and looking around.

Me: Let me get my phone to call a friend okay?

She nodded and I walked off to the kitchen with my phone and called a friend of mine.

I knew that she never trusted anyone but I had to call someone to come check her and see if all is well with her physically and mentally.

Me: Its me

J o-ann: Hi

Me: Am sorry, you the only person I could think off

J o-ann: Its cool, was up?

Me: cant really speak about it over the phone.

J o-ann: you an hour away.

Me: I know

J o-ann: Que

Me: Please, i wouldn't have called if it wasn't serious.

J o-ann: cool ill be there.

Me: bring your doctors kit please.

J o-ann: am not a vet Que.

Me: I know. And thank you.

She hung up and i turned to find her holding her blanket.

Imo: you calling someone here?

The fear in her eyes was too much.

Me:a doctor

Imo: am not hurt.

Me: Yes but I don't know that.

Imo: I know that am not hurt.

Now how can I tell her that I fear she was rapped?
And this is me securing my back before am
implicated in whatever happening with her?

Me: am going to be honest with you okay?

She nodded.

Me: Am not sure how long you been in there but
some man are cruel.

Imo: Like my kidnapper?

Oh good she knows about kidnapping.

Me: exactly,so am getting a doctor to check you out
so we can get help.

Imo: Find my father.

Me: That too, we need to take little blood to give to
the cops so they can match your DNA

She looked at me for a second and i saw her calming down.

Me: Plus you have scratches.

Imo: He always beat me when I ask to go home.

Me: His not going to touch you anymore, i promise.

She nodded and looked at the house than me.

Imo: Yours?

Me: Yes.

She pointed to the gun rack by the passage with the gun.

Imo: Yours?

I nodded, am not about to tell a girl that am a government military assassin. She kept quiet holding her blanket tight.

Me: how about I google your dad in a meantime?

She nodded. I walked to my laptop and fired it up.

Imo: Laptop

I nodded.

Imo: Internet?

Me: yeah laptop uses internet.

She nodded and smiled. I saw she was excited. If she excited to see a laptop how many years has she been there? Has she been there all her life?

Me: Do you mind me asking how old are you?

She looked at me.

Imo: He said am 19.

Me: All your life you have lived there?

Imo: we moved around when cops came.

What sick bastard does this? And why would anyone torture a person for 19 years!!

Nkosazana

Its been a week since my husband came home defeated as if the world has ended. His been in bed for the most part of the week but still drive the boys to school everyday. One things noticed is his love for his kids and they knew it too. They were his life

thread right now.

Me: You got to talk to me.

Phila: I know but I feel like iv failed you.

Me: Did I say that?

Phila: No but

Me: No buts babe... i went missing for 25 years and found my parents and they showered me with so much love and look at us today?

Phila: I miss her

Me: I miss her too but the only thing that keeping me sane is the thought that one day ill find her. We have everything in the justice system to help us find her so we will okay.

Phila: I love you Nkosazana

Me: I love you too Manzini.

[10/05, 07:27] Mukoko: Insert 4:

Nqubekho

“this here we call it google” i showed her as her

eyes go bright. I typed out Phila Mazibuko and everything about him popped up. His pictures and his wife pictures. She grabbed my screen looking at they picture. I saw tears roll down her eyes and she gave me the laptop back. I looked at her parents and they looked like happy people especially her mom. She was a splitting image of her just lighter and of cause her dimples. I searched more and read that they both died in a bombing after being targeted by a ruthless man. Her father died few months later but that was 24 years ago and she said she is 19. This is not making sense.

I looked around to see her reading the screen with tears.

Me: Hey... i know what internet is saying but you 19 right?

She nodded

Me: So this might not be true, they might be alive.

She nodded but I can see that she not okay so I closed the computer.

Me: Ill find you answers okay?

She nodded and wiped her tear just as a car pulled in and she jumped in fear. I looked out the window and saw its J o-ann.

Me: Its my friend okay.

She nodded and I opened the door for her as she walked in with her belly reminding me of the past year torment.

Me: Thank you for coming

J o-ann: What is it?

I moved and she looked at Imo

Me: I need you to check her.

J o-ann: for?

Me: everything even trauma

J o-ann: Why?

Me: I cant say

J o-ann: This is why we not together anymore.

Me: Not today please.

J o-ann: You too secretive

Me: Are you going to help or not?

She took a deep breath than nodded so I walked them to the white room that was basically a hospital room.

J o-ann: am not even going to say anything.

I turned to Imo.

Me: Am just going to stand outside okay. So she can check you. She gripped my hand so hard.

Me: I promise she wont hurt you.

J o-ann smiled at her and making her calm down.

Imolathile

I looked at the pregnant woman and she helped me onto the bed.

Me: You pregnant.

She nodded while opening her bag.

Her: 6 months now.

Me: Iv read about it fascinating.

Her: You read alot?

Me: Yes

Her: Your pronunciation is excellent, are you from here?

Me: I don't know.

She looked at me for some time as she hooked me up on a machine. She worked on me as we spoke about pregnancy and she was fascinated by how much I know.

Her: You sure you don't have a degree in medicine.

Me: What a degree?

Her: J ust a piece of paper that enables you to work on people like how am doing now.

Me: Oh

Her: yes, ill need you to undress now.

I looked at her as if she crazy. Am not about to show her my body that been damaged beyond words.

Me: I cant.

Her: Its okay.

J o-ann

I saw the fear on her.

Me: look I know you been through a lot, your body language tells me so and the brace metal at the back of your jaw tells me you broke your jaw once but got treated. So trust me okay.

She nodded and took out her top and my whole 15 years of medicine never prepared me for the brutal marks on her body that showed her struggles. The person doing this was very smart targeting her body leaving her arms and legs. I had tears in my eyes as i Saw the most horrific sight in my life. She wiped my tears and smiled.

Her: its doesn't hurt anymore.

Me: who did this to you?

She kept quiet as I walked on her to find out she still a virgin which took me back.

Me:They never raped you?

Her: it was either this or rape and I chose this. She pointed to her scars.

Me: Am so sorry

She smiled and got dressed as I walked out of the room and found Que standing there.

Me: iv never cared about your job when we were together and But one thing I know is that you are an honest man and I know what Iv seen today is not your doing but promise me one thing.

Nqubekho: What?

Me: You save that girl from any evil and kill whoever did that.

Nqubekho

Iv never seen her like this.

Me: Was she raped

J o-ann: Worse tormented, its amazing how she still alive.

Me: Am sorry I called

J o-ann: its okay, i have to go before Steven calls

Me: Thanks for helping me.

J o-ann: stay safe okay.

Me: I will. She side hugged me and drove off as I stood there for a second and imo walked out.

Me: Come let me show you were you going to be staying. She nodded and I walked her to the guest room. She looked at it smiling as she touched everything than stood by the white wall. I saw her eyes glow.

Me: You can paint on it.

She grinned and removed the wall papers as she took out her paints and started drawing and I kept quiet standing by the door as she drew. How on earth am I going to go about this? Internet says they dead but she says she 19. The best I could do is to find out more about her parents. Maybe she has alive relatives maybe they would know who she is....

Goodnight zithandwa

[10/05, 07:27] Mukoko: Insert5:

Nqubekho

She has been in her room for hours,so I haven't bothered her as I went through her father name. By lunch i had the special crimes department number of the guy who was in charge of the investigation and the judge number that was speculated as her grandfather and her alleged aunty online boutique number. I scribbled everything down on a paper and walked to the bedroom and there she drew the most beautiful blue roses iv ever seen. The whole wall was covered in them.

Me: this is so breathtaking

She grinned.

Me: where you saw it?

Imo:One of the pictures i saw were of my dad in full white and this was his background.

Me: come have something to eat. I have something to share with you.

She stopped everything and closed her painting lids than I walked her to the sink and she washed her hands and We sat by the kitchen counter as i made something light for us.

Me: i found some information

Imo: okay

Me: and i was thinking of calling them you know just to find out more information before we call the guy who might be your grandfather.

Imo: i have a grandfather?

Me: possible. But if you say you 19. Iv only found 2 girls that are of your skin tone that are missing. One in North Dakota she was barely 3 months mothers Jane and John Smith and the other one is here in SA but that child belongs to khumalo.

Imolathile

I looked at him assemble the food on my plate.

Me: am a Mazibuko

Nqubekho: that why i wanna know the case details of your parents death so ill have to call the captain that was in charge.

Me: okay call him.

He took out his phone and called the number and I was do nervous.

Nkosi

I looked at the number and its unknown so I moved away from everyone and closed my office door.

Me: hello

Voice:Can I please speak to captain Nkosi?

Me:Speaking

Voice: you speaking to special ops commander Nqubekho Johnson.

I held my breath,if you were in the justices system and you had no idea who the young champ than you should just resign.

Me: what can I do for you commander?

Nqubekho: i know its been years but I stumbled upon Phila Mazibuko case.

I felt my insides shrink its been years since anyone spoke to me about that case. Was the CIA investigating this?

Me: Yes?

Nqubekho: If possible can I have his file.I have a time sensitive issue that requires i do a thorough search in this.

Me: oh no problem,ill clear the files for you and send them. Ill have to run through the system first.

Nqubekho: no problem, take your time.

We hung up and my hands were shaking as I called Phila

Phila

Me: yeah

Nkosi frantic voice came through my phone

Nkosi: the CIA want your file!!

That got me up

Me: For?

I signalled for Ntokozo to listen in the call and he did.

Nkosi: no formal request were done but commander johnson called me

Me: Earl passed away

Nkosi: his son!!!

Holy shit, everyone knows of the brave soldier that was recruited as a special ops guy.. The government hitman.

Me: didn't he retire?

Nkosi: He has just asked for your file.

Me: okay stay calm and send him the file in 3 days ill be investigating what he wants with it and Ntokozo will check the system for updates.

Nkosi: Okay... if the CIA checks this than am a dead man, ill go to prison for ever.

Me: Hey, i got you okay.

Nkosi: Thanks and bye. I hang up and looked at the guys we were at the workshop.

Ntokozo: we all dead if this man after us.

Xola: i thought our running days are over.

Me: Only the underground world knows of my existence guys and no his not after us. They send him after killers and we are not killers.

Ntokozo: But we did wipe off Scorpion and his crew

Me: And we did him a favour by that so can we please stop panicking.

Ntokozo: so what now?

Me: Now we investigate the guy

Ntokozo: well according to this the guy is as clean as they come. He has had 457 confirmed kills in war. 245 assassin shots. Its says it he retired but doesn't say where?

Me: Is he here or SA

Ntokozo: Last purchases he has are in SA. He has properties all over and very wealthy I must say plus

he inherited his father billions so he can do anything he wants. The news say he broke up with his long time girlfriend of 5 years after catching her in bed with her current husband. That took a toll on him that he stepped down as CEO of his father company appointing a long time friend and giving him space from the media.

Mlu: Ay this guy is a younger vision if you bafo

Me: Me?

Mlu: Wena awboni? Yes we haven't counted how many head shots you have done but am pretty sure its a lot.

Xola: you have started

Mlu: oho Dont take me seriously, let me go guys i have meetings today with the dairy shops

Xola: Oh yeah I have a meeting with the ladies they want me to build something for them.

They left and I was Zola and Ntokozo.

Me: ill have to go to SA

Zola: Am coming with

Me: no I need you to stay here. Ill go with Mr tech here. We just going to find this J ohns on guy and see what up than come back.

Zola: Ill get a team set up that side than.

Me: Thanks. Let me go speak to my wife.

Ntokozo: oh yeah I have a wife now. Let me go speak to my wife....

Sanibonani

[10/05, 07:28] Mukoko: Insert6:

Nkosazana

The boys were at school and i was busy with paperwork with my big sister Ntokazi when Ntokozo came in smiling with Phila.

Ntokazi: And than?

Ntokozo: Nkosikazi wamie!!!

The way he said it killed me so I laughed and moved

to check on the chicken in the oven.

Phila

I watched her navigate in her kitchen.

Me: Babe

She turned and I signalled for her to meet me in the other room she nodded setting a timer on the stove. I walked out and stayed there waiting for her.

Nkosazana: i dont like that look

Me: what look?

I held her in my arms as she stood there playing with my shirt. How did I get this lucky?

Nkosazana: that look

Me: really now?

Nkosazana: yep,so how can I help

Me: am leaving for SA today

She kept quiet and I saw her braving herself.

Nkosazana: is it about our daughter?

Me: Nah its something else

I saw the disappointment in her eyes.

Me: We will find her

Nkosazana: I know. I just can't take it anymore

Me: I know,we will see her soon i promise.

I know I shouldn't be making promises that I can't keep but it breaks my heart seeing her like that.

Nqubekho

That was a weird call ,I sent the name to my office for them to do a through search sent them a text explaining for them to search than i looked at Imo she was silently eating. The best i could do was to ask her more information that could shed light.

Me: Uhm

Imo: Whenever you want to ask an uncomfortable matter, you starter why?

I smiled at her cause I know that trait about myself.

Me: I don't know

Imo: Well what is it you want to know?

Me: i was thinking if you can describe your offender? I have a system that can help create a profile and we can see if the person is a well known offender and start from there.

Imo: oh okay that can help. I poured us some juice than we moved to the little corner in my house that has books on one side mostly about guns and she looked at them fascinated.

Me: you love books?

Imo: yeah they the only friends that I have.

Me: i see. We sat down as she sat on the love seat and took off her shoes placing her feet's underneath her. She was comfortable and cosy clinging to her juice.

Imo: am ready.

I fired up the laptop and the system that will help me get a profile of him and she started talking and I added the features.

Imo

“he was darker but not too dark or light. Had a shape of a soft square, a pencil like nose, his hair was always in a sleek fashionable cut.”

He shoed me cuts and I picked similar ones. As time went the person that has had me in my basement was coming to live. When we were done it was like looking into him.

Nqubekho: let me run a search and see what happens. He pressed a few things and placed the computer aside.

Me: Iv never seen my parents till today. Iv always imagined them in my head on how they suppose to look.

Nqubekho: did he ever say why he took you?

Me: whenever I asked he will bash me up so i stopped asking

Nqubekho: how did you hear that your father is Phila Mazibuko

Me: He came home once angry and started hitting me I swear that day I thought ill die but he stopped and he looked right in my eyes and said “ your father Phila Mazibuko will be the end of you, one day ill kill him with my bare hands” than he dropped me on the floor. I really dont know what my father did but whatever it was, its nearly killed me.

I wiped a tear thinking about all the physical abuse sometimes gets to me.

Me: sometimes i make peace with it you know thinking that maybe this is my path, maybe that why i was born to go through this or my parents to go through this. Maybe this is good teaching me a lesson or my parents one. Or maybe am just an unlucky person.

Nqubekho: I wish i knew what to say. I smiled at him.

Me: J o-ann beautiful.

Nqubekho

I looked at how effortlessly she changed the subject.

Me: i guess so

Imo: She sweet too

Me: Yes she is

Imo: are you married?

I looked at her shook my head no.

Me: I was close to it but things happened.

Imo: oh, what happened?

Me: One day ill tell you about it.

Imo: But am asking now

I looked at her.

Me:sometimes Imo people dont want to talk about things and that okay.

Imo: i see.

Me:yes. For someone who has been in the basement, your conversation skills are remarkable.

Imo: He used to call me a smart ass like my mom. I think he adored her cause when he spoke about her

nothing bad about her ever left his lips.

Me: what did he say?

Imo: she was funny in school, helped him ace his maths test. Said she was the only girl that became her friend as poor as he was when everyone hated him.

I took it all down, maybe this can help me track down everything. I took my computer and the system was done.

“Scelo Ngubane!” I read his whole profile and the bolo he had and I looked at the person who placed the bolo on him. Captain Sbonelo Nkosi. This guy is popping a lot on this. Maybe I should pay him a visit!

[10/05, 07:28] Mukoko: Insert7:

Nqubekho

The rest of the day I was doing my farm chores and she was tagging along behind me like a child. She had on my big cowboy hat and was loving the air and the sun and being outside. Around 5 everyone

was knocking off and leaving and as usual i was setting the traps for intruders.

Imo: what that?

Me: An arrow

She looked at it as I set it up.

Imo: Why the traps?

I turned looked at her.

Me: what you know about traps

Imo: I read a book that had this hunter who hated people set up traps for unwanted guest.

Me: well am doing the same

Imo: oh.

I finished up and we drove home to the house.all her boxes where by the porch. She looked at it than got in taking off her boots.

Me: why do you take off your shoes?

Imo: I love how cold your floor is.

Me: you might get flu

Imo: I never get flu

Me: What you doing now might give you flu.

She took my sleepers and wore them going in the kitchen where she found my helper Ma Gumbi who help prepare food for me.

Imo

I found an old lady there chopping and I greeted her as she smiled back.

Me: Imo

Her: Ma Gumbi

Me: nice to meet you. She smiled.

Me: can I help

Ma Gumbi:s ure

I helped her chop

Nqubekho

Watching her interact with another person was

calming. For all she been through she really is a calm remarkable person. I watched as she showed my cook some tricks on things than I left going to shower but checking my phone first for texts and there was a full brief on Nkosi and his career and all about his partner Nkosazana who married Phila. There is more to this and visiting him will help. I closed my phone and got in the shower finished up and wore my dull black hoodie to sneakers. I pressed the code going to my secret room. I loaded all the security footage of the whole farm and press record for tonight and set all alarms. I walked out of it went to the kitchen.

Me: Ma Gumbi, ill be back. Please stat with my guest till am back. Ill drive you home.

Imo: Promise

Me: I promise.

I went to the barn that has the cars and drove off.

Nkosi

It was a long day so i drove home got to my apartment and took a long shower got in my PJ than walked to the kitchen and there he was in full black standing next to my counter.

Me: Commander Johnson

Nqubekho

Me: Hi

Nkosi: How did you get in?

Me: The door.

Nkosi

I slowly moved to the counter and i pressed the panic button that Phila stored the other year. I might look like am not panicking but I was and I kind of knew that this day is coming and now here it was....

See you guys after 6pm...work is killing me

[10/05, 07:28] Mukoko: Insert 8:

Nqubekho

“is this what you looking for?”

I raised the connector of the panic button. I watched him panic for real now.

Me: Have a seat

He sat down and I looked at him.

Me: am not here to cause any troubles but I have a young girl with me, who has spent 19 years of her life in a basement and you my friend are a connector to all of this.

Nkosi

I dont know if I heard him properly but did he say a young girl.

Me: Imolathile?

I heard myself whisper.

Me: You have imolathile?

Nqubekho

In disbelief he had tears in his eyes as he said her real unusual name.

Me: is that her name?

Nkosi

I was shaking with relief if he has her that means she safe and the search for her will be over. He handed me a glass of water and I drank it.

Nqubekho: Explain from the beginning!

Me: 20 years ago i was investigating the crimes and am sure you know them. Anyways a young woman by the name Nkosazana, she was remarkable in the investigation field and she found the culprit and things went sour which resulted in her, her friends and husband to fake they deaths and move out of the country for they good. But the nephew of the guy we were chasing wanted revenge that when her

daughter was born he took her. And we have been looking for him the past 19 years.

He kept quiet for a while and my heart pounding.

Nqubekho: Okay, now tell me the unedited version of what really happened.

I looked at him and saw there was no winning in this so I told him the whole truth. From the guys being gangsters in suits to the cover up and to the child missing. I told him everything so that he can give us Imo and end the pain and our suffering.

When done I looked at him.

Nqubekho: Call her family tell them, they daughter is with me and call me when they here.

He was about to leave when I stopped him.

Me: are you running an investigation?

Nqubekho: No

Me: Than why did you want the file?

He kept quiet for some time than looked at me.

Nqubekho: Goodnight Sbonelo Nkosi.

He placed the connector on the counter and opened the door leaving as I stood there shaking. After sometime I took my phone.

Phila

I was packing getting ready to leave when Nkosi called.

Me: Sho

Nkosi: Are you with Nkosazana?

Me: Yes

Nkosi: Put me on speaker.

I did as he said with my wife looking at me confused.

Nkosi: I found her!!!

His voice was shaking and i watched my wife get tears in her eyes as she looked at me. I slowly sat down and we held each other and we cried. This time around it was tears of joy. Tears of knowing that she is alive and well. Tears of knowing that in a

few hours we might see our daughter and hold her, kiss her and feel her around us. Tears of knowing that all the sleepless nights are about to end. We cried and let out all the pain from the past years hoping she welcomes us

Nkosazana: what if this is a trap? What if Scelo is working with him.

This is the time I tell her.

Me: I killed him.

Nkosazana: who?

Me: Scelo. I lost it and killed him.

Nkosazana: When?

Me: few weeks ago

Nkosazana: the day you came home defeated?

Me: Yes

Nkosazana: Did he suffer?

Me: yes

Nkosazana: Than thank you

She held me tight for sometime.

Me: we have to tell the boys

Nkosazana: we have to take them with.

Me: Okay

Nkosazana: Ill call mom

Me: No its okay, ill arrange a home for us to get into.
Let me tell the guys. I got up and looked at her.

“Thank you”

Nkosazana: For

Me: Never giving up on us even on days that I was allowing my grief to consume me but you stood there with me through all the ups and the downs. So thank you. Thank you for loving all of me and for the beautiful children you have gifted me with.

She wiped a tear.

Nkosazana: Thank you for putting our kids first all the time.

I walked out of our room feeling light and stood Imo baby room for the first time in 19 years.

“you waited for me”

I wiped my tears and kneeled on my knees for the first time since my parents death and prayed. I prayed for my family. I prayed for his mercy and for his deliverance of 19 years of torture.

Nkosazana

I heard his voice and walked closer to see him in her room for the first as he prayed and I kneeled with him as he prayed with tears streaming down my face....

Sometimes ngiba early to an appointment

[10/05, 07:28] Mukoko: Insert 9:

Nqubekho

The minute i walked in the house she jumped up from the couch wearing my top that looked like a nightie and my joggers and socks. She had her hair

washed and tied in a big bun and looked amazingly beautiful. Her beauty took me back as I stood there. She wasn't wearing a bra and the top was light so I could see her nipples through the top.

Me: where is Ma Gumbi?

Imo: Her son came to pick her up and I told her its fine she doesn't have to wait for you ill be okay.

Me: I see and are you okay?

Imo:yes

Me: Cool and have you eaten?

Imo: I waited for you so we cooked and placed the food in the warmer while I took the longest bath in my life. I got my hair washed by the help of mum Gumbi.

Me: I can see, you look lovely

Imo: Thank you.

We walked to the counter and she helped placed the food. She was in her element. i s at down and ate abit.

Imo: did you find what you were looking for?

Me: yes

Imo: good or bad?

Me: It will depend on how you take it.

She looked at me confused.

Me: i went to speak to the person in charge of your parents death case to find out what was happening

Imolathile

My heart was pounding so hard. I didnt think this will affect me the way that it have.

Me: and?

Nqubekho: they alive. They both alive.

I kept quiet as I looked at the stranger who giving me a home than also finding my family that iv longed to see in years.

Me: when can I see them?

Nqubekho: as soon as they get here than you can

see them.

Me: I see.

I kept quiet, what if am not what they expected.

Nqubekho: You thinking.

Me: Yeah.

Nqubekho: what is it?

Me: What if am not what they have envisioned all these years?

Nqubekho: What you mean?

Me: I mean what if they expected something else and now they get me.

Nqubekho: Mind me asking what wrong with you?

Nqubekho

She lifted her top showing me her torso and in all my life if never seen such scars in my life. Yes i get she was abused physically but to this point. This is something that i never expected. I found myself

walking towards her and lifting her whole top off her as she stood there bare with all her scars showing and tears in her eyes.

Me: I really dont care what you think of yourself but you are the most beautiful woman iv ever seen in my life inside out and the scars are just a journey that you had to go through and you survived it. You dont have to be ashamed of it but to own it. I moved from her and took out my top and showed her my scars and turned to show her my back where I was whopped by my capture in Afghanistan for a whole week and the small iron rings that he burnt into me trying they best to get any information that they could. She walked closer to me touched all my whip marks and tracing them.

Imo

He had the same raw flesh as I did and my touch on him didn't cause him to flinch but he just stood there eyes closed as both of were half naked and didn't find anything weird about it. I really dont

know what made me do it but I found myself giving his back a light kiss and he turned looking at me with hunger. Even though I knew what that mean, i knew that I wouldn't give myself to anyone but him. He is my knight, i tip toe on my toes and kissed him lightly as he picked me up and placed me on the counter kissing me back.

Phila

I sat the boys down.

Zanothando: Are you guys okay

Me: Yes we are

Zanovuyo: okay, than why do you guys look like you have been bawling your eyes out?

Me:well your mother and I have something to tell you?

Zanothando: okay

Nkosazana: you know i love you guys

Zanovuyo: mom are we having a sex talk cause

malume Ntokozo already filled us in.

Nkosazana: When?

Zanothando; last year.

Me: No its not that guys its about Imolathile.

They both went silent.

Me: We found her.

I watched them smile and look at us.

Both: but?

Me: she in SA

Zanothando: so we going there right?

Me: If you guys dont mind.

Zanovuyo: Ofcause we dont mind. When we leaving?

Me: Tonight.

Zanothando: i feel like there something you not telling us.

Zanothando

I looked at my parents and i knew they hiding something.

Nkosazana

I looked at my kids, this is now the time for us to tell them everything just incase we walking into a trap. And so we told them about how we really meet and how we got to USA and why was they sister kidnapped and why they have bodyguards at school and dad drives them everywhere. When we were done they looked at us....

[10/05, 07:29] Mukoko: Insert 10:

Nqubekho

I had her wrapped around me as i picked her up taking her to my room. I kissed her all over as she allowed me too and i found myself with her naked underneath me.

Imolathile

My whole body was on fire everywhere he has kissed was burning. He had me on the bed as he removed his pants and lowered himself on me kissing me all over. I closed my eyes as I felt him just on my entrance. He looked at me as he slowly pushed as pain ripped through me but i looked deep in his eyes and i found comfort. He didn't move for a while and in the meantime my body adjusted to him. He started moving causing me to arch my back as he went deeper and deeper causing our boies to be in sync as i felt myself vibrate and explode into a million pieces. He held me tight as he fetched his own fantasy dragging me along with him as we both climax. He rolled to the side taking me with him and placing me on top of him. We were both quiet in our own thought. This was everything that iv wanted my first time to be like.

Nqubekho: You okay?

Me:just a little sore but am okay

He kept quiet and I moved my hand in circles on his chest.

Nqubekho: Uhm

Me: Talk to me

Nqubekho: Your father

Me: Yes

Nqubekho: His a hard man to please and we both on two different worlds.

Me: I don't understand.

Nqubekho: I don't know where you and I are heading and am awful in relationships but i feel like you and I connected in a different level apart from the sex

Me: Okay

Nqubekho: Your family is from USA, his coming here to fetch you and I know you have been longing to be with them but you might be pregnant with my child after this and...

I placed my finger on his mouth since he was rumbling and I moved onto him saddling him like how I read in one of the books iv read.

Me: What can I do to calm down our fears?

Nqubekho: Our?

Me: You have saved me, maybe am feeling this way because you the only human that have showed me kindness after years of torment but I fear my dad the same way those man fear him but I also adore him cause he have saved me from everything.

Nqubekho

I looked at her closed my eyes for a minute I hope I don't regret this and I really don't know what has gotten to me but....

“ come with me to the walk in court and marry me”

She looked at me shocked and I looked back at her. I hope I know what am doing?

She nodded

Me: you understand what am asking you?

Imo: Yeah i do

Me: So you saying yes? Even though it might make

things tense with your family?

Imo: if you wanted to hurt me or if you wanted me all to your self, you wouldn't have helped me find them and you wouldn't have cared if I lived or not. Am not going to lie and say I love you with all my heart but all I can say is am grateful to have meet you and am willing to explore this and if us getting married gives us the chance to see this through than yes Nqubekho ill marry you tomorrow.

I brought her closer to me kissing her as I slowly lifted her up and slid into her burying myself in her as I helped her ride me to her fullest. When she collapsed onto my chest all I kept asking myself was "is this the right thing to do? Am I saving her or am I hurting both of us?"

Nkosazana

We have been on the plane for a day now and my nerves were killing me. Everyone was sleeping apart Phila as I wrapped my leg on his cuddling.

Me: You okay?

Phila: I just don't want to mess it up you know.

Me: You wont.

Phila: I hope she likes me?

I smiled.

Me: what not to like babe?

Phila: You right what not to like.

Me: stop stressing babe. She will love us as much as we love her

Phila: You think?

Me: sh our child babe of cause she will.

Nqubekho

I woke up to having her half laying on me so I didn't move until she woke up.

Me: Good morning

Imo: Hi

Me: You okay?

Imo: Yeah my body pains

Me: sorry

Imo: Am not complaining about the exercises.

Imo

I hardly slept with him waking me up every now and then teaching me a few things that iv only seen in movies. Ive never felt so alive in my life both in body, mind and heart. I felt his every touch, kiss and care. I could still feel him in me even though he wasn't there anymore. I rolled off him as he got up going to the bathroom as i laid there thinking about every naughty thing he has done on me. I felt him push my legs to the edge of the bed as I giggled. He was knelling on the floor with my legs around his neck and he slowly kissed my private part making me flinch and tighten my thighs. He nibbled on the sides of them making me feel his presence and slowly made his way to my honey pot sucking at me as I screamed as my whole body vibrated being aware of him down there. I felt the need of him in

me grow bigger and bigger and before I could explode he pulled me towards him quickly entered me as all my inside wrapped around him as I went into a frenzy my juices spilling on him as he started going in on me rough making me groan and scream my head off as explosion after explosion consumes me. by the time he gave in to this frenzy I was as mush as a mash mellow so he picked me up with him still in me walking to the bathroom and took me into the shower as he sat down and the water splashed on us. He sucked on my boobs as he went harder in me and I slowly started moving making him groan. I really don't know where the energy came from but when his grip on my hips got harder I rode him just as he taught me making him shoot his juice in me as I went faster until I was panting like a dog fully spent with us holding each other with him in me yet soft and too lazy to disconnect not that I was complaining. We let the water hit on us as we tried to catch our breath.

Nqubekho: You going to be the end of me.

I felt him grow in me again and my body getting

energised again and my need to have him rip my insides grow. I made a slow circular motion making him grin his teeth together in a deep groan that made me all honey again as I felt myself twitch. This time around we were not fast but we looked deep into each other eyes and I rode him, connecting in body, mind and soul as all you could hear was the water, my moans and his deep groans as we reached for the ceiling as our bodies vibrated ending this dance we had. He held me so tight as if not wanting to let go.

Nqubekho

Call me pussy whipped or a snob or any word that come to mind but after what we have shared I had no doubts about who am spending the rest of my life with. Even if its means I fight the government in her father but am not losing her. Even if it means I lose everything but keep her. Am keeping her. I held her tight while the water washed us as she slowly went limp and I knew she was exhausted from all the love making. I never made love with my soul

before and today I did and I knew she belong to me.
Finding her in my basement was fats!!!.....

Goodnight guys

[10/05, 07:29] Mukoko: Insert 11:

Imolathile

I woke up from bed and touched my lips remembering all the naughty deeds i did. And smiled, i put on his top and got out of bed to find him in the kitchen warming up food only wearing his pants without a top. His muscles showing looking handsome.

Me: Hi

I blushed as he walked closer to me kissing my forehead making me feel all mushy inside.

Nqubekho: Hi

He helped me on the chair and we sat eating in silence both of us in our own thoughts and him

taking a glance at me every now and than.

Me: you staring

Nqubekho: I know. I found your identification from the North dakota system and printed out a copy so we can use it to get married. I also filled in all the paperwork since technically you not an South African and filed it.

Me:I see

He looked at me.

Me: I still want us to get married.

Nqubekho: But?

Me:I don't have anything to wear.

He smiled.

Nqubekho: A friend is coming over to fix your hair and nails and a few clothes so you can pick what you want.

Me: Thank you

Nqubekho: a pleasure.

Me: Do you know by any chance when my parents will be here?

Nqubekho: its an 19 hours flight.

Me:oh than I guess ill see them tomorrow.

Nqubekho: Yeah

Me: And ill be Mrs?

Nqubekho:J ohns on

I mumbled his name a bit Imo J ohns on.

Me: How old are you?

Nqubekho:30

Me: you look younger.

Nqubekho: So iv been told.

Me: any kids?

Nqubekho: no

Me: crazy exes?

He laughed.

Nqubekho: J o-ann was my ex and she wasn't crazy

Me: Okay

Nqubekho: And you?

We looked at each other and laughed.

Nqubekho: Glad to see you laughing about it.

Me: i never knew I would ever do so.

Nqubekho: I have family though

Me:Oh

Nqubekho

I never really talk about my family but somehow I was comfortable with her to share.

Imo: where

Me: They from around in the suburbs

Imo: you visit often?

Me: No.

Imo: mind me asking why?

Me: we just two different people, i send money for

them to go buy since dad passing he left every single thing with me in the house they live in.

Imo: I guess it was his way of apologising for his faults.

Me: I guess so.

Imo: Anything else that we should know about each other before marriage?

I looked at her drinking tea and cuddled on the chair.

Me: Am a military assassin. My job is to track down the world's terrifying people and shoot to kill if they have no credible intel that can help us. Am a commander of special ops in CIA but work on my terms. I shouldn't be telling a soul this but I believe marriage is built on honesty and trust. And I trust you.

She kept quiet for a bit.

Imo: I once watched a movie. Mission impossible I think, are you that guy?

I laughed at how light she made the matter.

Me: Yeah basically.

Imo: pretty cool

Me: you can't share my real job. To the world am just a farmer.

Imo: Okay Mr farmer.

The bell rang and it was Nadia here to fix her up.

Nkosazana

We were exhausted by the time we got home that we slept and woke up late. I called mom to let her know am here and if she can come over for breakfast tomorrow.

Mom: Nkosazana

Me: mama

Mom: How are you? I miss you guys so much and no Nkosana akhekho

Me: uyephi

Mom: his in India on business.

Me: So its you and dad?

Mom: Yep

Me: Well how about we do breakfast tomorrow we here

She screamed and i guess waking dad up since he was complaining.

Mom: is it safe though?

Me: we taking precautions mom but we okay

Mom: The boys are here?

Me: Yes

She was quiet for sometime and I know what she was thinking but afraid to ask so I took her out of her mystery.

Me: We think we have found our little girl!!!

All I heard was mom crying and praying. This whole ordeal has been hard on everyone one of us.

Mom: I know its hard love but Im proud of how you have handled it. The faith you have had and being the backbone of the family. Thank you.

Me: I took me going through this to appreciate the

last 20 years of having a mom like you. Ngiyabonga Ntombi ka baba.

We both laughed as we spoke about stuff with her telling me about our little brother stories. It was nice laughing for a change without feeling guilty. I cannot wait for tomorrow....

[10/05, 07:29] Mukoko: Insert 12:

Nqubekho

I watched her sign her life in my hand and when we were done we walked to the car and I helped her in the truck and got in. She was grinning like a small girl.

Me: Your grinning is making me blush.

Imo: Sorry.

Me: So wife, what will you like to do?

Imo: I dont know yet husband.

We both laughed at our silliness.

Me: Well there is a carnival close by maybe we can

go there.

Imo: what a carnival

Me: Oh my gosh. I started the car, this is going to be fun.

Imo: I hope I like it.

Me: You going to love it.

Phila

After i told everyone what happening all the guys wanted to come by. So here we are back in SA going through the plan.

Ntokozo: Nkosazana going to kill us for this

Me: we just tracking the guy nothing fancy.

Ntokozo: but what if you treating him like a thug will make him change his mind and arrest us

Mlu: on what grounds?

Ntokozo: incase you have forgotten bafo thina we are criminals.

Xola: but we don't kill, he go for killers and rapist

Ntokozo: he goes for white collar crimes and we are white collars

Me: can we stop arguing about this. Nkosi says no complaints were logged against him so we safe.

Ntokozo: than why are we surveilling him?

Zola: we always do recon before meeting a person on that why!

Ntokozo: but the dude is helping us not attacking and thina sibusy with planning an attack!!

I understood Ntokozo point but I couldn't risk it this being a trap.

Me: You can sit this one out bafo

Ntokozo: and when shit hits the fan have

Nkosazana kill me? No thanks, i just hope we don't regret this that all am saying.

Zola: Noted now let get busy before we call a meet up for tonight. I nodded as we got the ball rolling

Imo

Iv never been to a carnival and the games and food were amazing. He brought me everything I wanted and allowed me to play every game that I wanted. We were now standing by the gun-shoot pit. If you make certain amounts of shots you win bears.

Me: Ill like to try this.

Nqubekho: Do you know how to shoot?

Me: No but iv watched movies it not that bad.

He paid and they gave me a gun and I stood

Nqubekho: Firstly wife you standing wrong.

The guy who was there was laughing.

Me: Can I do this without an invigilator.

He nodded and I shot the shoots not aiming anything.

Phila

Xola and zola were at the ranch. Mlu was a fill in at

the secret headquarters of CIA in Durban trying to find anything related to us and Ntokozo and I finally found him at the carnival. He truly was a hard person to track since we tried with a cell only to find that he left it at home so we used traffic cameras only not to see him at all until he couldn't escape the one at the carnival gate so here we are watching a splitting image of my wife laughing and smiling with him indulging her.

Ntokozo: his giving her the childhood she missed. You see his not going to arrest you.

Me: i should be there.

Ntokozo: I know.

We watched and laughed when she was taking shoots and missed. Ntokozo was taking pictures.

Me: She shoots like her mom.

Ntokozo: I was thinking the same thing

Imo

He paid again.

Nqubekho: Now can I instruct you?

I nodded, he placed our junk and stuff on the floor.

Nqubekho: Firstly your footing is wrong. He helped me place them apart than he fixed my back a little straighter than he helped me hold the gun properly with my left hand supporting the right hand.

Nqubekho: Now when you pull the trigger breathe okay. Let your breath out slowly so the bullet is controlled. Now aim!

I aimed

Nqubekho: now in hale and slowly let go of your breath while squeezing the trigger. I did as he said and I shot aiming on of the bottles the way I screamed jumping up and down. The owner and him laughed.

Phila

I could hear her screams from here as she jumped up and down like a kid looking as beautiful as they come.

Ntokozo: wow

He was wiping a tear from her eyes.

Imo

I ended up getting a tiny doll. Cause i missed a few things.

Nqubekho: Let me show you how it done. He paid again and took a loaded gun.

Owner: You have experience so ill moved the targets a bit so you get the huge teddy bear.

Nqubekho: Cool

There were people slowly gathering so he aimed at the moving targets and one by one he shot them all within seconds and people were clapping as he got our teddy bear that huge than I. He gave the guy more cash and left.

Me: Yeah you are what you say you are. He laughed making me smile as he wrapped an arm around me kissing my forehead.

Ntokozo

I quickly pressed the lock button before he jumped out of the car.

Phila: he kissed her... he kissed my daughter.

Me: Now getting out of the car in public will get us arrested and we don't want that.

Phila: You saw him kissing her

Me: on her head. It could be fatherly

Phila: Am her father.

He roared.

Me: Am driving you home, i told you this is not on and look now.

As if him kissing her forehead wasn't enough he picked her up on to the truck and before leaving her on the seat he kissed her full on the lips. Am not sure when Phila got out but he was running towards the car with me trying my best to catch him before things get out of hand....

See you guys after one... its zoom meetings after meetings today

[10/05, 07:29] Mukoko: Insert 13:

Nqubekho

Watching her laugh and enjoy every second out was a joy. I got in the car and drove off as I saw two guys tumbling each other on the floor. I drove off

Imo: Thank you

Me: For?

Imo: the best wedding ever.

Me: one more stop. I drove us to Tiffanies house. She owns a jewellery store and keeps the best pieces in her house in a safe. We parked and got to the door greeted by her.

Imo: what are we doing?

Me: You need a wedding ring.

She looked at me shocked as we were surrounded by jewellery all over. From rings to chains to watches it was diamonds all over.

Phila

I watched them drive pass and Ntokozo got off me.

Ntokozo: What wrong with you.

Me: He kissed her

Ntokozo: So?

Me: did you just say so?

Ntokozo: J ust get in the car am driving you home.

Me: No

Ntokozo: if you want your daughter to hate you than fine let drive up to her house and watch you beat up the only human that has been kind to her after all the shit she been through.

That got me silent as we drove home.

Imo

I didn't know what I wanted and I didn't know that picking a ring could make me so emotional.

Nqubekho: You can pick more than one if you like.

Me: They look so expensive

Nqubekho: they reasonable.

Me: You sure.

Nqubekho: Pick something you like for yourself and something you will like for me too.

I stood there confused until I saw a soft pink set. It had a clear soft pink rock not too huge bore too small that would settle perfectly on my fingers. There was a bracelet that had charms on it keys and hearts and there was a chain too that had a heart that you can engrave a name. And there was a male watch and a white gold band with a clear diamond and I could engrave something in it

Me: I like this set.

Nqubekho: than let get it

Me: you sure?

He turned looked at the lady and she took it.

Me: what did you say?

Nqubekho: I told her what to engrave on the rings.

Me: And the heart?

Nqubekho: she going to fetch a paper for us to write it out.

Nkosi

I drove to Nkosazana and found her glowing. She really gets more hot with each year.

Me: You look amazing.

Nkosazana: Thank you. You not too bad yourself.

I sat by the counter as she was preparing food just as a fuming Phila walked in and Ntokozo walking behind him.

Nkosazana: Babe

He raised his hand and vanished as Ntokozo threw

himself on the chair.

Nkosazana: What you did to him?

Ntokozo: ay sisi uyahlanya lo.

Phila: Call that guy tell him to bring my daughter tonight!!!

He roared from the other room. We both looked at Ntokozo but he just shrugged.

Nqubekho

On our way home we passed a truck that was out of place with two guys with caps. I know a recall guy when I see one and these two are spying on me. I looked at the number plates and silently drove home. We got it and I picked Imo up just the phone rang. I answered.

Voice: Its Nkosi

Nkosi

He was on loud speaker with everyone listening.

Nqubekho: yes

Me: They here

Nqubekho: Okay

Me: Uhm, are you free tonight.

Nqubekho: Hold on....

We could hear him speak on the other end as we were quiet.

Imo

He held me with two hands and I could hear that he wasn't himself.

Nqubekho: Remember I promised to help you find your parents?

Me: Yeah?

Nqubekho: Well they here and eager to see you.

Me: Oh

Nqubekho: Is tonight okay or you want to sleep on it.

Me: You coming with?

Nqubekho: Yeah

Me: Promise?

Nqubekho: I promise.

Me: What if they hate me?

Nqubekho: We talked about this. They don't hate you, there nothing to hate.

Me: Am scared

Nqubekho: Me too but we got this okay?

Me: Okay

Nqubekho: So tonight?

I nodded and he kissed my head and moved to the phone.

Nkosi

We were so silent. The emotions he had in his voice when speaking to her brought tears and the fear in her voice. Everyone was quiet wiping tears.

Nqubekho: Sure ill bring her

Just like that he went from that caring man I heard a few minutes ago to the cold distant man on the call.

Me: Thank you

Nqubekho: Cool

I was about to hang up when he called my name.

Me: yes

Nqubekho: kindly call off these two men on my street please. He hung up as everyone looked at Phila.

Phila: he has my daughter, I had to know what kind of a man he was and if this was not a trap!...

[10/05, 07:30] Mukoko: Insert 14:

Nqubekho

She had on the chain with my name on it and I had on my ring and she wore her ring which fitted perfectly on her fingers. She had on black track pants and sneakers, really looked perfect.

I had on my grey track suits and wore a bennie

covering my bold head. I walked to the garage barn to a smaller car and drove it back

Me: We will start at the mall. Get your mom some flowers and get two bottles of wine.

Imo: Okay

We drove in silence, got to the mall and got two bunch of flowers and two cakes and two bottle of wine.

Imo

My heart was pounding fast as we parked at ths most beautiful huge house ever.

Nqubekho: You okay?

Me: Am shaking

Nqubekho: I got you

Me: But

Nqubekho: no buts. We have got this.

Nkosazana

Phila was pacing.

Phila: what are they doing outside?

Me: can you please calm down!

Phila: They have been there for two minutes

Zanothando: Dad!!

That got him to calm down as he drank a shot and there was a knock on the door and Zanovuyo walked towards it.

Imo

A young tall guy that looked exactly like me opened the door. He stood there shocked as another guy looking exactly like him stood there

Nqubekho

If I didn't know better I would say they triplets. The way they looked similar with dimples and all.

Zanothando

I grabbed her and hugged her. I knew that not seeing her all those years and always being told about her affected us but it was today that I got to see the magnitude of how much it has affected me. My brother hugged both of us as we cried and the flowers she was holding being crushed.

Nkosazana

Seeing my kids cry brought tears to my eyes. I never knew that the twins were affected by all of this till today

Zanothando: You look like him.

He pointed at Zanovuyo and she laughed that earthy laugh that her dad has. The boys moved and I slowly walked towards her touching her face and feeling that she is alive and real.

Me: My baby

I held her tight as I let go of all the tears iv held onto.

When done she gave me flowers and her dad was standing there with red eyes. I know they say man are not suppose to cry but the only time iv seen Phila cry was when it related to our daughter. He stood right in front of her and raised his finger and I watched in amazement as she took his finger holding it like a small child and that made him lose all his senses and cry as he held her kissing her all over. “i love you angel”

Imo: I am Phila Mazibuko daughter, am no more stolen am now in his loving arms. She whispered but we all heard as my husband crushed her some more...

Goodnight guys.... we have load-shedding

[10/05, 07:30] Mukoko: Insert 15:

Nqubekho

I stood there watching them hug it out and talk.

Voice: Hi am Ntokozo.

I looked at him and he was one of the guys the guys that faked his death.

Me: Nqubekho

Ntokozo: Nice to meet you.

Her mom walked over to me and I gave her the gifts and she smiled taking them.

Nkosazana: Than you.

She hugged me and i hugged her back.

Ntokozo: now can we please eat.

We walked to the huge table her grandparents were there and her uncles. She sat next to me and held my hand giving it a tiny squeeze and I knew the comfort was more for her than for me.

Phila

I watched how he looked at her and how he was literally dressing us down with his sharp alert eyes.

Me: So Mr Johnsons.

Everything kept quiet and looked at him taking a piece of chicken

Imo

My dad has this authority aura around him and its now makes sense why people are scared of him.

Phila

“ill like to personally thank you for bring my daughter home”

We all raised our glasses and clicked.

Nqubekho: Its a pleasure.

Nkosazana: really thank you so much.

She smiled and he smiled at her his face softening up.

Mlu:This is beautiful, having the whole family here under one roof.

Me: yeah, now that we have our baby girl and all is

well with her. We can all go home.

There was silence and I saw them look at each other than at they food.

Me: Did I say something wrong?

Imo:

I looked at my new found family, i know its too much going on and emotions are all over and yes i want a relationship with them but I also want to explore what we have with Nqubekho.

Me: No dad you didn't.

I squeezed His hand and he squeezed it back.

Mom: I fixed a room for you. I hope you like pink.

I cleared my throat and they all looked at me

Me: there something you should know dad.

Dad: What is it

I felt more nervous and looked at dad cause I knew he was the one that is more luckily to flip.

Mom: you can talk to us about anything love

“Am married!”

Dad: To who?

I looked at Nqubekho and I don't when the table flew but my dad was on top of him wanting to hit him as everyone was screaming for him to back off. I know Nqubekho could have hit him but he didn't and I helped him up as they took dad out of the house ranting. Grandpa laughed.

Grandpa: Look at history repeating its elf. Welcome to our family son! He shook Nqubekho hand and grandma hugged me harder

Grandma: not only did we get our granddaughter back but a grandson too. She kissed his cheek.

Me: Are you okay?

Nqubekho: Yes

Me: You sure?

Nqubekho: Yes am sure.

My dad walked in the house still fuming.

Dad: Get the fuck out of my house!!! You did this on purpose.

Me: Dad!!!!

Dad: I love you so much princess, lord knows that I do with all my heart but him.... he needs to go.

Mom: Phila!!!

Dad: I will not have my daughter married to him.

Nqubekho: ill go.

He was about to leave and I held his hand.

Me: I love you dad, lord knows I love you with all my heart. Days turned into months and months into years dreaming about the day that I finally meet you and this... this right now is not the father that I wanted to come back too. I know you mean well and I Know...

Dad: You just a kid!!!

Me: dad!!!

Dad: Am not going to argue with u Olumiyo!!! You are not staying married to that man and that my

final word!!!

I looked at everyone silent and I laughed, while they all looked at me shocked even Nqubekho himself.

Me: You know what so funny dad?

He looked at me confused.

Me: Am your replica right to your core. Am a die hard just like you and am as stubborn as they come. This is my husband, a part of me as much as you a part of me and without disrespecting you but if you want him gone than you don't want me too.

The room went deadly silent as if they holding their breaths as I looked at my fuming father. He looked at Nqubekho than me and turned leaving.

Ntokozo: Finally he has found his match!!!

Kusazoba namnandi laykhaya.

Mom: Help us clean up boys and let go to the lounge ill bring desert.

I looked at Nqubekho confused, did they just act like my dad and I were not fighting.

Nqubekho: Maybe i should go.

Me: If you go, i go.

Nqubekho: That was n't the plan

Me: You not leaving.

Nqubekho

I kept quiet as I looked at her. The woman who just stood up to her father and considers me a part of her.

Me: Go talk to him

She nodded and I stood there as her mother walked closer.

Nkosazana: Welcome to the family

Me: Am sorry

Nkosazana:for?

Me: All of this, its suppose to be ...

Nkosazana: Let me stop you. As much as you think you the one driving all this. But a woman never makes a decision without playing it all in her head.

You asked her to marry you right?

Me: Yes

Nkosazana: In those few minutes she figured everything out and said yes because she meant it. Now never mind what her dad thinks or say . You love her right?

I blushed and she smiled.

Nkosazana: That good enough for me. So you have our blessing.

I looked at her shocked.

Me: Just like that?

Nkosazana: yes just like that. Now come have pudding....

Sanibonani

[10/05, 07:30] Mukoko: Insert 16:

Imo

I walked out to my dad and sat next to him by the bench.

Me: Dad

Dad: I failed you

I snuggled closer to his shoulder.

Me: You never failed me, you the only person that has kept me alive for so long.

Dad: How?

Me: There were days when he will want to sell me off for sex and the minute I say your name any man with a hard on, it disappears. Than there were days were ill meet people who were willing to help because of your name.

Dad: Am sorry about all that you have been through

Me: I know you are.

We were quiet for sometime.

Dad: Am angry because I feel like his taking my place

I kept quiet cause he needed to say whatever in his

heart.

Dad: He makes you so happy and I wish I was the one making you that happy. The way he looks at you makes my blood boil cause I feel like he will take my place in your life. Am the one that suppose to make you happy,protect you and teach you the world.

He wiped a tear and I snuggled closer to him.

Me: I need you to tell yourself one thing. No one will ever replace you in my life. Yes 19 years of our lives were stolen from us but we have a future to work with and am not going anywhere.

Dad: Promise? Even if you hear crazy things about me?

Me: Crazy things or not. You my father and I love you so much with the crazy or not.

He smiled kissing my forehead. We kept quiet looking at the empty sky.

Dad: I should probably apologise

Me: That will be a good start.

Dad: I did bad things in my day love, being in SA is risky.

Me: I know dad and thank you for coming just to see me.

Dad: Does this mean you not going back with us?

Me: This means you don't think about it for the next couple of days and let us enjoy knowing each other ,loving each other and we will talk about the other stuff when the time comes.

He held me closer and kept quiet as I sat there enjoying my father love and company.

CIA headquarters

“get Johnsons on the line immediately!!!”

After a few minutes an assistant walked back

Them: General commander his phone is ringing.

“I don't care how you find him but you find him and get him here”

Everyone went out running as I looked at the the file

that he requested on Phila Mazibuko and the information that I have of him from the underground world that I have been tracking.

“What going on?”

Nkosazana

I walked to bed and found him laying there looking at the ceiling so I got in bed and slept next to him.

Me: Hi

Phila: Hi

We kept quiet with me cuddled up next to him and him circling my back

Phila: she so much like me

Me: I know

Phila: Been through so much yet she loves wholeheartedly

Me: She like you to the core

Phila: I don't wanna leave this country without her

Nkosazana, i just cant bare the thought of not seeing her everyday or her being a car ride away or her needing me than waiting hours for me to be there. I can't!!

I looked at my husband and laid my head on his chest.

Me: I know baby.... i know.

Nqubekho

The ride home was silent, she was looking outside the window all the way. I kept quiet and when I turned to my road I saw an unmarked van. I drove slowly and got to my house to find black chevy outside. Imo looked at me and I looked at her.

Me: Stay in the car and don't say a word!!!

She nodded, i parked and walked to my porch and found the Military General on my door step.

Me:You at my house unannounced

General: I called a couple of times

Me: For?

General: We need to talk

Me: Am listening.

He raised the marriage certificate with my name and Imo.

Me: here to congratulate me?

He raised her identification page with her mother inform and dads. Than he raised they death certificate with the date circulated.

General: Still want to be hostile or you want to tell me how you married a girl that didn't exist until a day ago and how you married the same girl who belongs to a man that was dead long before she was born .

he gave me a page with a photo of Scelo.

General: And how everyone who has ever worked with him or even say hello is dead and why was he found in a river in another country a 1000 miles away from here, brutally killed?

I looked at him for a minute.

Me: Why are you here?

General: 3 million rands!!!

Me: of?

General: That the amount that on your father in law that is suppose to be dead. 3 million rands for him and his friends in the underground world.

Me: Why?

General: you cannot go on a killing spree for years and don't get anything in return. He than took a piece of paper with my name.

Me: What that?

General: Your contract to kill him.

Me: Kill who?

General: Your father in law!!!

I looked at him shocked.

Me: What are you saying to me?

He placed everything on the table and placed his hands in his pockets.

General: Iv never told you how to do your job and am not going to tell you now. So call me in 24 hours and tell me what your decision.

He turned and left and i stood there for sometime. What have I opened myself too?? Who wants Phila and his friends dead?...

[10/05, 07:30] Mukoko: Insert 17:

Imo

He walked to the car opened the door and we walked in the house. He was angry, i could see it . We got in and he threw the file on the table and Walked to his room. I took my shoes off and walked to the closet took my clothes off about to change when I felt his strong arms grab me and push me against the wall as he kissed me all over my back than he removed his pants fast and took me from behind fast and hard and rough. I took it all as he went on and on driving me mad and making me come a couple of times. When he was done he took off all his clothes and picked me up taking me to

the shower as we sat there letting the water run on us for what felt like hours.

Nqubekho: Remember no lies between us?

I nodded.

Nqubekho: That was my general.

Me: What did he want?

He closed his eyes and I could feel the frustration again.

Nqubekho: There is a hit on your father for 3.4 million and I need to find out who ordered it!!

I felt all the blood in my head rush

Van

We were all quiet as they made love and we could hear everything than the showering and figured they bathing. No one questioned the general for wanting to bug the house and we were all praying that whatever happening Nqubekho doesn't find out or we all going to be dead.

General

My heart was pounding so hard after my visit to him. He is the world record shooter. What was I thinking letting him do my dirty work all of a sudden. Yes iv been tracking Phila ever since he was responsible for killing my brother Scorpion. And when i found out he was killing my people little by little leading up to Scelo broke my heart and I didn't think I just reacted and now here i was now. I took out my phone and called my wife.

Nqubekho

She was sleeping so I got up without waling her up and went to my secret room and took out my burner phone called my old contact Killer T.

Me: I need you

Killer T: ill be there in the morning

Me: am sorry to do this to you

Killer T: Ill be there in the morning bafo.

Me: Use the back.

Killer T: As if i was going to use the front door and have who ever keeping you awake at this hour know am in town.

Me: Thank you

Killer T: I owe you remember.

I hung up and sat there going through everything that he gave me around 3am i had it all figured and the only person that could get us out of this mess is Phila Mazibuko himself. But i need back up or he will think this was my plan from the beginning with the CIA. I hope that i making a right decision here. I took the signal jammers and turned it on in every room stopping anyone from listening in anything am about to say. And woke up Imo

Me: babe

Imo: Hmmm

Me: you need to get up

Imo: Why?

Me: Trust me okay?

She nodded and I took a small bag packed everything and gave her something to put on her.

Imo: They after me?

Me: Am not risking it okay.

Imo: where you taking me?

Me: Your father.

She stopped everything and looked at me?

Imo: Why?

Me: I need him to listen to me and what I have to say and you the only person that could stop him from killing me.

She kept quiet for some time than looked at me and looked at her ring and that scared me cause I dont know what she was thinking or if she was regretting being married to me or even giving herself to me.

My heart pounded so hard against my chest. I cant lose her, call me selfish but I cannot lose her ...

[10/05, 07:31] Mukoko: Insert 18:

Nqubekho

I stopped doing what i was doing and looked at her.

Imo: No lies?

Me: No lies

Imo: Than talk to me what got you so scared?

I took a deep breath and tried to hold her but she moved away.

Me: I think the General has a thing against your father and I think that he trying to settle that score and I fear that you being married to me might have caused him to catch up to your dad. I fear that all of this is happening because I was using my heart when I meet you not my head.

Imo: Are you saying...

I walked closer to her and touched her.

Me: am saying my actions put you and your family at risk. I don't regret walking to my sleeping beauty, i dont regret falling in love with you and mostly i don't regret marrying you.

Imo: you love me?

Me: since the first day i gave you my cup of coffee .

She smiled.

Me: your dad might not see it that way though. That why i need to do this the right way. Send you back home, let you be with your family while we work this out with a friend of mine. And if your dad wishes to help than he can.

Imo: I love you too

Me: Really?

Imo: I know part of me was thinking maybe i feel like this because technically you the only man that has showered me kindness. But I love you, i love you with everything that i am and beyond words could explain.

She threw herself on me and i held her tight.

Me: Am not going to lose you.

Imo: You wont lose me too okay.

I helped her get dressed as I filled her in everything

that the general been up too.

Phila

I woke up to a sound and i slowly got up with my gun and walked out of the the room checking each room and bumped to Zola.

Me: You heard it too?

Zola: Yes

We walked slowly and got to the kitchen found Nqubekho and Imo

Imo: Dad?

Imo

He lowered his gun and walked closer holding me in his arms.

Dad: you okay

Me: Am okay but we have something to share with you.

Phila

I looked at her husband as he started talking filling me in from the time they left here.

I looked at her and looked at him.

Me: how did you get out?

Nqubekho; I have a getaway car

Me: i see.

Zola: ill wake Ntokozo up.

Me: Cool, baby girl go sleep.

Imo: Am not...

Nqubekho: we spoke about this right?

She nodded and he hugged her and she left. I had him pinned to the wall within minutes and what frustrated me that he just let me push him.

Me:If I find out that this is a trap... am going to kill you

Nqubekho: sure

He swiftly moved me and left disappearing into the darkness.

Nqubekho

I woke up early and made coffee and went to my office to go through alternatives when I heard the back door crack open and I took out my gun and slowly walked out and saw my father in law standing there.

Phila: Hi

I lowered my gun and looked at him confused.

Phila: I owe you an apology.

That took me back a bit.

Phila: Am sorry

Me: Apology accepted

He sat down.

Me: Coffee?

Phila: sure

I poured a cup for him and he took it.

Phila: i have my guy Xola at his house. Mlu is under cover at the headquarters and Ntokozo is looking for any paper traces that are out of place for the general.

Me: Oh

Phila: Zola is outside dealing with the guys in the van.

Me: Oh

He was quiet.

Phila: She is my baby girl.

Me: I know

Phila: You hurt her...

Me: Look, i love your daughter. I know i went the wrong way in proving this but when things are calmer ill like to do traditional things.

He looked at me for sometime.

Phila: Hopefully we survive this

Me: I've never been shot and I plan on getting shot now.

General

My phone rang and it was my wife who never calls when I'm at work.

Me: babe

Luyanda: someone is outside

She whispered terrified

Me: what do you mean someone is outside?

Luyanda: I mean someone is spying into the house

Me: I'm on my way.

My heart was pounding so hard as I called a team to follow me to the house as I drove in a frenzy.

Nqubekho knows I'm playing him!!!

[10/05, 07:31] Mukoko: Insert 19:

Xola

I saw that she saw me and that was the plan so we

can see how long its takes the squad to get to the house. I moved from where i was to hide somewhere that I can see the commotion and saw that it took them 8 minute to get here so i waited to see if they taking her away but they didn't after sometime I left texting Phila everything.

Imo

Waking up to finding my mom in my room smiling was a blessing.

Me: morning

Mom: morning

Me: how long you have been there?

Mom: just a few minutes

I got out of bed and fixed it than walked out with her helping her in the kitchen make breakfast as the boys came down.

Zanothando: Morning

Me: Morning. I sat down between them as we all

took brown bread at the same time and I laughed.

Zanovuyo: It was weird when one person was coping me now I have two. I laughed and looked at my mom smiling and wiping a tear. Nqubekho was right, my family needed me.

Nqubekho

The last few hours we were going through the plans just as Ntokozo walked in from the front door.

Me: You should have used the back

Ntokozo: Hello to you too

Phila: His right... you should....

He raised his hands.

Ntokozo: Zola took care of them.

Me: Oh

Phila: You say that a lot.

Ntokozo: So the general is Scelo uncle and am sure you all know that but some of the kills that you have

made were not ordered from the intelligence it was you doing his dirty work.

I grabbed the papers and read it through.

Me: That son of a bitch, he played me. That son of a bitch.

I placed the papers on the table.

General

I watched as the tact team i sent to his house walk in.

Me: what are you guys doing here?

Them: We were busted by the neighbourhood watch and they said residents dont feel safe with a truck sitting there for a day now, so we had to move.

Me: any recording done?

Them: nothing of value. I nodded and they left. I could somehow feel it in my bones that something was wrong but I couldn't pin point it.

Nkosazana

I washed some dishes and turned to look at my family. My mom and dad soaking every word Imo was saying. The boys laughing at something. This is what iv been praying for all along.

Phila

“ i think we should attack tonight”

Ntokozo: should we tell Nkosi?

Me: we have dragged him into this for some time now let not do this.

Nqubekho: Ill send a text to the head of national security and get the ball rolling.

Me:everyone know what suppose to be doing?

They all nodded.

Nqubekho: let me walk to a room that has everything

We walked to the end of the passage and he punched the code.

Ntokozo: sweet lord!!....

Ill see you guys tomorrow

[10/05, 07:32] Mukoko: Insert 20:

General

I took out my phone and called the guys that i have positioned outside the house.

Me: you are good?

Them: yeah

Me: no movement?

Them: none

Me: okay.

I hung up and called my wife but the phone was ringing none stop and that was making me more nervous. I called again than he picked up

Phila

“heard you looking for me?”

General

My heart stopped beating for a second as i pressed the button to call in someone here. I wrote down for someone to go check on my wife inside the house

Me: Phila Mazibuko

Phila: so what is it?

Phila

I had his wife as i found her sleeping and just injected her to sleep some more while we deal with this

General: you have my wife?

Me: and your nephew had my daughter for 19 years

General: you killed my brother

Me: after your nephew messed things up.

General: i want my wife

Me: that easy come fetch her.

General: where?

I gave him an address that i know the guys can cover.

General: can I please talk to her?

Me: see you in two hours time ill send you a picture of her. I hung up.

Ntokozo: now let the games begin.

General

I had a team asap preparing and scouting the abandon building and nothing was broken in the house which can mean that they drugged her or she let with them

Nqubekho

I walked to the house to go check on Imo and stopped as I saw her and her brothers playing soccer at the back yard with her laughing and

enjoying time with them.

Nkosazana: hey

She had a tray of ice tea

Me: hi

Nkosazana: come join us

Me: its okay,i was just checking in

Nkosazana: she has been restless waiting for you

Me: nah its okay. Ill come later

I was about to turn when she lightly touched my shoulder.

Nkosazana: I know she will love to see you. Come. I nodded and walked towards her and when she saw me she was screaming and jumped on me laughing and kissing me all over, she really was excited to see me.

Me: I see you missed me

She giggled nuzzling my neck making me laugh. This is exactly what I needed after the long morning that iv had.

Nkosi

I saw there was a commotions in the station commander office so I walked to where he is and stood there waiting for the commotion to be done than walked in.

Commander: good you here,The general has called special crimes unit.

Me:why?

Commander: No specifics yet but his wife has been kidnapped and they gave him drop off time.

Me: Holly shit

Commander: I trust you will do your best.

Me: You giving me the case?

Commander: Yep am giving you the case

Me: okay

I got out of the office and I couldn't help but think that this has something to do with Nqubekho and Phila girl. So I took out my phone and called him.

Phila: sure

Me: i got a case here bafo about the commander wife being kidnapped

Phila: Aha

Me: And it got me thinking...

Phila: don't take the case

Me: Why?

Phila: J ust don't take the case.

He hung up before i could say anything and I stood there for some time than walked back to the commander.

Station commander: What up?

Me: I think you have been giving me to many high profile cases, ill like to sit this one out sir and let the other kids shine.

Commander: you sure?

Me: Yeah plus i have a case

Commander: okay if you say so let me call in

detective Sithole

I nodded and I walked away calling Phila again

Me: Want to tell me what happening?

Phila: Go to my wife and kids and guard them okay.

If anything happens to them ill kill you.

He hang up... what the heck is going on??...

Am back for real now...No more visitors

[10/05, 07:35] Mukoko: Zola

I was in the high position as I watched everyone position themselves. I had the tranquillising guns and when they took they positions I sat there waiting for it to be two o'clock so they can clock in and when they were settled one by one I took them out. Than scanned the park for more people.

Mlu

I was in the building and had the traps in the elevator so that back up could be stuck there when

done I gave Ntokozo the signal.

Ntokozo

I had the shooting drone up and was scanning the building to see if there were any hidden snipers or teams

Killer T

I was one of the few people that were with the general as his right hand team from special units. The general never knew of my friendship with Nqubekho and it was better that way.

Xola

I was in charge of the explosive just in case things don't go as planned.

Phila

I was standing with Nqubekho a few feet away as my back up. Everyone was on the intercoms.

Ntokozo: They here

Me: Let the games begin

Nqubekho opened the door and the general wife was sleeping there. The elevator doors opened and there he jumped off walking as if he owns the world as if his untouchable

“i have a marker on him boss” Zola whispered in our ears.

He saw his wife and stopped looking at us.

General: What you did to her?

Me: Nothing she having a nap.

General

I tapped my watch letting the team to be on alert.

Ntokozo

I blocked any signals that he might want to send out so his signal was pinging on my system.

Detective Sithole

“has he sent a signal yet”

Policeman: No

Me: Why? He should be up now.... something not right. Check in with the snipers and see if they hear anything

Ntokozo

“they checking in guys, am sending the recording to the walkies”

Xola: Damn we good

Phila

“we brought you here cause I need a favour from you”

General: What that maybe?

Nqubekho: Authorisation on some papers.

General: which say what?

Nqubekho: That as a general of special crimes and unit 47. You the one that authorised for me to put Mr Mazibuko and his friends under the protection order and that all my hits were of the information that we received from that and they faked they deaths for building a strong cover. And that Nkosazana was taken as she was the only analyst that could help us crack cases that we couldn't crack before. He looked at me as if am crazy.

General: I don't have the power to do that

Me: We both know that you do. All we need is your signature on these papers. You get your wife, we get our life back.

General: and if I say no?

Phila: You do not want to know what will happen if you say no.

General: But I can't...

I took out a pen and paper than walked over to him.

Me: All you have to do is sign here!!!

General: You doing all this just for a lousy fuck?

I dont know what got yo me but I punched him until i felt my father in law pick me up. And I moved to calm myself. He gave the general a pen for him to sign and he did on every single paper and Gave it to me scanning it to Ntokozo.

Ntokozo

I got the papers and I drafted the email that was going to the live news set.

New station

My email went through just as I was going to go on set for the 1 pm news. I read the email speaking of the CIA conspiracy and how innocent people had to fake they deaths so they not targeted and how Nkosazana daughter was kidnapped at a few months and only brought home a few days ago

once they have captured the person. All the supporting documents were there. I sat there verifying everything and the email gave me Judge Cele number to confirm since he is the judge that set this court motion. I called him and he answered all my questions even agreed to go on air now. So I took the story to the people.

Ntokozo

I sent the live link to Phila so he can see that the lie has passed with the world and that we free.

Phila

I got the link and looked at him.

“you know what the best punishment that you can a person?”

General: What?

Me: giving him the gun to shoot himself.

General: Am lost!!!

I turned the phone and showed him what on the news now.

Me: You see you came here looking for a fight. I was ready to give you one but than my son in law reminded me that killing you aint going to do me any good but keeping you alive as this news break will kill you. I took your wife because I need here to draw you here so you can sign those papers. And now am going to go. I have my life back now here in SA and in America. But you on the other.... you on the other hand have to explain to your superiors everything.

General

“ did you just announced that CIA is working on South African soil”

Nqubekho

I saw the panic in his eyes and I knew he has to answer to the president of the country and the

security of defence and this might get him stripped of all his medals.

Me: ill be sending my resignation soon

Phila walked closer to me and we sneaked out of the building leaving him defeated.

Me: you really going to make him leave just like that without a fight?

Phila: yep

Me: i dont get it, he knew about your child and made you suffer for almost 20 years.

Phila: if it was up to me i would have killed him. We would be going to war right now and they would be bullets flying everywhere

Me: so why are we not doing that?

He stopped looked at me.

Phila: I can't

Me: am lost

Phila: its because of Imolathile

Me: what about her?

Phila: of i came here for war that would mean that i would have killed the general and anyone who posed a threat.

Me: so?

Phila: Than ill have to spend the rest of our lives running. My wife gave up her world and trusted me. She flew a thousand miles just to be with me, had her parents thinking that she was dead for months, put her work on jeopardy because of me and not once have she ever complained or questioned my judgement. So am doing this for her and my daughter. I know that I might not have liked you in the beginning but i know you are a part of her like she is a part of me and ill like to be here for every milestone till death do us apart.

Me: You kept your cool because of her?

Phila: No I kept my cool because of my family. Am giving them they life back and this was the only way I could.

I looked at Phila and I found new respect for him,

always thinking for her family.

Me: I promise I won't let her down

Phila: I know that

I looked at him shocked

Phila: am a driving distance away, ill whoop your ass if you do...

We both laughed as we walked to the car that Ntokozo was in.

Phila: We going home guys

Kille T

After sometime Sithole gave up on waiting and we walked in the building and found the general holding his wife crying. I walked closer to her and saw that she was a lifeless and I was confused. I sent a text to Nqubekho

Nqubekho

I read it and looked at Phila and he smiled.

Phila: I said they would be no war but I didn't say that he wont feel the same pain I felt when they took away my loved one.

Thank God am not on his bad side

The end... yebo I said the end!!!!