



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 1

The whole school was silent and only Mr Morapedi's echoing heels could be heard in the corridor as he walked around holding a very big sellotaped stick. When he was on duty no student dared to even cough during study time. Those who had come across his beating talked about him highly, one slash on the buttocks and you spend the whole week not able to sit down.

Tsala paged through her Food and Nutrition textbook and took a deep breath. They had practicals that day and she wondered if she did well, they were only going to get their marks on Monday. She bit the back of her pen going through the receipe and sigjrd, atleast she didn't burn anything

The classroom door opened and the school Headboy came in with his register. It was normal for them to walk around study time checking if every Prefect was on duty. The whole class started coughing looking at Tsala. She shyly looked at her book pretending to be concentrating. The door opened and Mr Morapedi came in then immediately the whole class became quiet. He looked around then he left followed by the Headboy. Tsala smiled alone and continued reading.

Meanwhile in the other class Mr Morapedi walked in and walked straight to Same's desk, he banged on it and she woke up.

Morapedi: Are you here to study or sleep?

Same: Sorry sir, I.. I.. I am not feeling well.

Morapedi: Then you should have went to the clinic.

Same kept quiet. Mr Morapedi left and she paged

through her books, she couldn't concentrate, she had a lot on her mind.

Forty minutes later the siren rang and everyone screamed excited to go home, it was a Friday and next week Mr Morapedi would not be on duty.

"Lona banyana ke lona ba H E le timana dijo but they were not bought by your parents" One of the boys said. Tsala looked under her desk and the food she saved for Moemedi were still there. Everyone left the class and she remained paging through her books. A few minutes later Same walked in with her backpack.

Same: Hey, let's go!

Tsala: Can you wait for me for a few minutes I have to meet Mox.

Same: I am not feeling well, can I go home?

Tsala: What's wrong?

Same took a deep breath and thought of opening up to her best friend.

Tsala: What?

Same: You can't tell anyone, not even your Mum!

Tsala stood up.

Tsala: What is it?

Same: Promise me.

Tsala: I promise!

Same: The other day when I was bathing, I.. I..

Mox came in and Same stopped talking. Mox smiled at Same and held Tsala's hand.

Same: We will talk later.

Tsala: You are going?

Same: Yes.

Tsala: Okay!

Same left, Tsala smiled and looked at Mox.

Tsala: Kante it's always you coming to our class during study?

Sha said sitting down and Mox pulled a chair and sat in front of her desk.

Mox: I always make sure I come this side akere I always want to see you.

Tsala: Hahaha!

"Sure swaar" One of the classmates said and both

he and Tsala laughed. Tsala took out a lunchbox from under her desk and gave Mox.

Tsala: We were doing practicals today.

He opened the lunchbox and everything smelt really nice though he didn't know what he was eating.

Tsala: It's lasagna, some roasted cauliflower lentil salad, steamed broccoli, grilled chicken, this is salsa and Greek turkey wraps, for dessert I made Apple pie.

Mox: (Mouthfull) You made all of this?

Tsala: No we shared but I made the apple pie and the lasagna.

Mox: Mmmh delicious.

Tsala: You think?

Mox: Serious, how much did you get?

Tsala: We are getting the marks on Monday.

Mox: It's delicious, I give you A+

Tsala: Hahaha!

Mox closed the lunchbox and put it in his bag.

Mox: I will bring it on Monday.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox: Have to go to study group, I will see you on Monday.

Tsala: Shapo!

Mox looked around before he leaned over and planted a warm kiss on her lips.

Mr Morapedi: This is school not the bold and the beautiful, follow me.

Mox quickly stepped back.

Mox: Sir!

Mr Morapedi: Ebile its you, Headboy you should lead by example instead you are busy romancing girls after school.

Mox: Sir please I am begging you, she..

He looked at Tsala and tears were running down her cheeks. If word got out that she was found by a teacher kissing a boy she was going to get in trouble.

Mox: Sir please, punish us here. Punish me I am the one who kissed her, please sir.

Mr Morapedi: Follow me!

Mox: Sir Please!

Mr Morapedi: Young girl wa dipa, do you want me to call your parents?

Tsala put her books in her bag and they followed Mr Morapedi to the stuff room.

At Same's house

She threw her bag down and sat on the sofa. The house was quiet obviously there was no one home. Just as she went to the bedroom she heard a car park outside, she looked out through the window it was her mother and her Step father. "Same, Lebo, Mphoentle" her mother called out.

Ditshego: Same, Lebo, e le gore where is everyone?

She opened the bedroom door and Same quickly hid her breasts as she was changing into her home clothes.

Ditshago: E le gore you didn't hear me calling you?

Same: I am coming.

She closed the door on her way out, Same finished getting dressed and went outside where her mother was offloading the groceries from the car. She helped her mother take everything to the house.

Ditshago: Go rileng are you okay?

Same: Yes why?

Ditshago: You don't look okay.

Same: I am fine just a headache.

She said going to their bedroom, she laid down on the bed and closed her eyes before she took a deep breath.

Meanwhile Outside

Ditshago gave her boyfriend a glass of cold drink and sat next to him.

Ditshago: What do you feel like eating?

Sechaba: Anything, you are cooking?

Ditshago: Yes I think..

Sechaba: Why can't Same cook, Honey these girls are old enough to cook and help around the house, you can't be doing everything alone all the time, you need to rest.

Ditshago smiled.

Ditshago: I love how you care about me but Same are she has a headache, let her rest she will cook tomorrow.

Sechaba: Okay!

Ditshego: Ebile I forgot, let me take MmaSelwana's money back I borrowed twenty pula from her the other day.

She stood up and went inside the house to get the money then she left. Sechaba looked at her as she went to the next door neighbour's. He stood up and went inside the house where Same was sleeping. He locked the door behind him.

Sechaba: Gatwe you are sick?

Same quickly jumped off bed and looked around. She was scared and breathing heavily.

Same: If you touch me again I am going to scream.

Sechaba: But you didn't scream the first time, you wanted me as much as I wanted you admit it.

Same swallowed hard and tears ran down her cheeks.

Sechaba: You know I am not lying.

Same: I didn't want to, you forced yourself on me.

Sechaba: Oh, if I did then why haven't you told your mother? I will tell her you seduced me and we both know who she is going to believe. I take care of all of you, you think she will report a man who takes care of her and her children?

Same wiped her tears.

Sechaba: Now wipe those tears, if you dare say anything to anyone I will ki** all of you.

He opened the door and went outside bumping into Ditshego.

Sechaba: I just wanted to make sure she really is sick, I was a child once and I know all the tricks in the book to get out of performing household chores.

They both laughed and went to the kitchen where Ditshego started cooking.

Meanwhile Tsala walked slowly going to her house. She paused walking for a few seconds then continued, when she finally arrived home her shoes were dusty from the gravel.

Mother: I have been looking at you walking home slowly like you don't want to come here.

Tsala: Dumelang!

Mother: How are you?

She looked at her daughter's eyes and they were red.

Mother: Tsala!

Tsala: I am going to lay down.

Mother: What happened?

She followed her to the house, Tsala laid on the bed on her stomach.

Mother: Are you sick?

Tsala: (Crying) Mr Morapedi beat me.

Her Mother pulled up her skirt and pulled down her panty a little and there were red marks on her butt.

Tsala: E le gore.. Eish!

She went to get vix and started applying it on her butt.

Mother: What did you do?

Tsala: I was coughing during study.

Mother: And he beat you like this? I am taking photos and I will..

Tsala: No Mama.. No don't do anything please.

Mother: No bona hela your buttocks are almost purple, kana these teachers bring their problems to work, nna no one is going to beat my child like this just because she coughed, ke eng he wanted you to..

Tsala: Mama please.. Its fine.

Mother: No its not, I am going to get my phone and get photos, these teachers..

She stood up going outside to get her phone and Tsala quickly went to lock her outside.

Mother: Yame open this door.

She went to lay down on the bed and frowned as the vix started working on her wounds.

The same day later that night.

Ditshego made sure all the doors were locked and all windows were closed.

Ditshego: I am going to bed, don't stay up late.

Mphoentle: Okay Mama!

Same also stood up and went to their room leaving the door open for her little sisters. She looked up at the ceiling and sighed, she had never missed her father like she did that day. She remembered how happy they used to be when their father was alive, he travelled a lot and when he came back he always brought them new clothes and goodies. Tears ran down the sides of her eyes, atleast if it was her mother who had died she knew a step mother

would never sexually abuse them. About thirty minutes later she heard the master bedroom door open then she heard Sechaba talking to the kids. As she was about to close the door he pushed it and got inside the bedroom.

Same: I..

Sechaba locked the door and pushed her on the bed.

Sechaba: You know what will happen if you scream akere.

He said pulling down her pyjama pants and forcefully opened her legs.

Same: Please I..

Sechaba: You want one of your little sisters to take your place for tonight?

Same relaxed her legs and covered her mouth crying as he had his way with her.

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EPISODE 2

The Following Morning

Tsala walked into the kitchen where her mother was cooking fat cakes and her father was sitting by the dinning table having his breakfast.

Tsala: Dumelang!

"A ntse jang marago?" (How are the buttocks) " her older brother asked walking in and everyone laughed. Tsala clicked her tongue and went to sit down.

Mother: I don't know why you don't want me to go see that teacher.

Tsala: (Panicked) No Mama!

Mother: How are you feeling?

Tsala: I am fine.

Her mother made her tea and she started eating.

Tsala: Can I call Same?

Mother: Same stays five yards from here, what's so

important you have to call her?

She said giving her phone, Tsala stood up and went outside dialing Mox's number.

Mox: Hello!

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Hey, how are you?

Tsala: I am fine, wena?

Mox: I am sorry I got you into trouble yesterday, I shouldn't have kissed you.

Tsala: It's fine.

Mox: No its not, how are you?

Tsala: The pain is still there but I can sit, Monday I will be okay.

Mox: Okay, sorry!

Tsala: Haha its fine i just wanted to check how you are.

Mox: I am fine, re na le study group ka two maybe we can meet after?

Tsala: No, what if another teacher sees us.

Mox: Yeah, I guess ke Monday hela!

Tsala: Yeah, shapo I will call you tonight.

Mox: Shapo!

She hung up and went back inside the house.

At Same's house

Everyone except for Same sat outside having their breakfast.

Sechaba: Same is still not feeling well?

Ditshago: A rialo!

Sechaba: Mpho go tell her to get ready I will take her to the hospital.

Mphoentle: Ee rra!

She ran inside the house and told Same to get ready.

Ditshago: Thank you!

Sechaba: For what?

Ditshago: For everything. I..

Sechaba: Mmmh mmmh don't thank me, these are my kids too. I don't see any difference between them and bo Pretty. You don't have to thank me Everytime I do something for them.

Ditshago smiled and sipped on her tea. She found herself looking at Sechaba, how did she get so lucky? Three years ago after her baby daddy passed away she had lost all hope, she didn't know how she was going to take care of her girls and now here she was, with a lucky man who not only loved her but loved her kids too and took care of them like his own. If she had to count her blessings she would

have to count him three times.

Mpho came outside and sat down finishing her breakfast.

Ditshago: Did you tell your sister to get ready?

Mpho: Yes!

Ditshago stood up and went inside the house. She knocked on the kids bedroom door where Same was still sleeping. She sat on the edge of the bed and shook her.

Ditshago: Same! Same!

She pulled the blanket and Same was crying.

Ditshago: What's going on? Why are you crying?

Same: I miss Papa!

Ditshago: Bathong Same!

She checked her temperature with the back of her hand.

Ditshago: Your temperature is fine, wa re what's wrong?

Same: Can I go stay with Rangwane please, he said..

Ditshago: No!

Same: Mama please, Rangwane said if we..

Ditshago: (Snapped) I said no..

She stood up.

Ditshago: Why do you suddenly want to go stay with your Uncle?

Same: Because..

Sechaba came in and Same kept quiet.

Sechaba: I am about to leave.

Ditshego: She is coming.

He left the door closed and stood outside eavesdropping.

Ditshego: I know your Uncle said you can go stay with them but believe me they didn't mean it. Those people don't care about you, remember how they chased us out of your father's home? Do you remember how we had nowhere to go if it wasn't for that man outside, if it wasn't for Sechaba I don't know where we would be today. It would hurt him to hear you say you want to go stay with your Uncle while he is doing so much for us.

Same wiped her tears.

Ditshago: Le gone why do you suddenly want to go stay with your Uncle?

Same: Because..

She saw a big shadow by the door.

Same: Maybe I won't miss Papa a lot if I see Rangwane because they look alike.

Ditshago smiled and hugged her daughter.

Ditshago: Get dressed and come have breakfast, let me tell Sechaba to leave I will buy you headache pills at the tucks hop.

Same knod her head.

At Tsala's house

She looked at the red marks on her butt and sighed as she traced her fingers on them then she put on her dress and went outside.

Tsala: Mama I am going over to Same's house.

Mother: Okay you can go, come back in time before your father gets back.

Tsala: Okay!

She put on her flip flops and walked over to Same's house. Sechaba waved at her as he drove out. She greeted Ditshego and sat down.

Ditshego: Your friend is still bathing.

Tsala: Ee mma!

Ditshago: I hope you guys are studying, next year you will be doing form five, it's better to start as early as now than late.

Tsala: Ee mma!

Ditshago: Good.

Tsala changed sides and sat on her hip. Few minutes later Same came out and Ditshago excused herself going inside the house.

Tsala: Hey!

Same: Hey!

She stood up and looked around.

Tsala: Mr Morapedi caught us yesterday. I can't seat.

Same: What?

Tsala: If my parents hear that I was caught kissing a boy at school they are going to kill me.

Same: Haha is it bad like everyone says?

Tsala: Mma I can't seat for two minutes without changing sides.

Same: Heee! Let me see.

They went inside the pitlatrine together and Tsala showed her the stick marks.

Same: Heee! They are so bad, sorry!

Tsala: I hate that man.

Same: Sorry! E le gore what were you doing?

Tsala smiled shyly.

Tsala: He baby kissed me. It was just a simple kiss, bo Morapedi ke gore hela ba phapha. A re he is

going to study ko Buist next year so I..

She looked at her friend and her mind was miles away.

Tsala: Same!

Same: (Looked at her) Huh?

Tsala: You were not listening to me.

Same: Sorry! You were saying?

Tsala: Ka re Mox a re he is going to study to Buist next year and I can always visit if I want to, I don't know how I am going to do it because my father would never allow it.

Same: Yes!

Tsala: Kante what's wrong? Talk to me ebile you were about to tell me something yesterday.

They got out of the toilet. Same sat down on the

stoop and sighed.

Tsala: What Is it?

Same: Nothing!

Tsala: I know it's not nothing, tell me.

Same: But you have to promise that you won't tell anyone.

Tsala: I promise.

Same: My step father rap** me.

Tsala: What?

Same: You can't tell anyone promise me.

Tsala: Same!

Same: Promise me you won't say anything Yame, promise me.

Tsala bit her lower lip, how does she keep quiet about such a huge matter? Tears rolled down her cheeks.

Tsala: You have to tell your mother!

Same: (Crying) I can't, he takes care of all of us, if he goes to jail then we won't have anywhere to stay.

Tsala: I am sorry!

Same: Promise me you won't say anything.

Tsala knod her head.

Tsala: But what if you fall pregnant?

Same: (Raised her shoulders)..

Tsala: You have to buy pills.

Same: I don't have money.

Tsala: I can ask from my mum.

Same: You promised you won't tell anyone Tsala I swear if you tell your mum..

Tsala: I won't say anything about you, I.. I will see what to tell her but I promise I won't say anything

about you.

Same hugged her. Tsala hugged her back tightly and they wiped each other's tears.

Later that Evening

Tsala circled the fork in her plate and sighed, she sipped on her drink and pushed the plate back.

Mother: Are you okay?

Tsala: Yes!

Mother: No you are not, what's wrong?

Tsala: I am fine just that I am not hungry.

Mother: It's those things you eat, what are they called again?

Father: Dibonzi! I always tell her gore those things are not good.

Tsala: Can I go lay down?

Mother: Okay I will check up on you in a few minutes.

She stood up going to her bedroom that was next to her parents bedroom, she sneaked inside, got her father's wallet that was on the table and took out twenty pula. She didn't know how much they would cost so she put it back and took out fifty pula then she went to her bedroom.

What Same told her that day was weighting her down. The pain she saw in her friend's eyes really hurt her. She laid her head on the pillow and struggled to fall asleep until morning.

The following Morning

Same hung her school uniform on the line when Tsala came by. She pulled her aside and showed

her the fifty pula note.

Same: Thank you. What did you say to your mum?

Tsala: I stole it from my dad I knew Mama was going to ask a lot of questions.

Same: Thanks, let me finish here then we go.

Tsala: You will go in and buy akere, nna I can't everyone knows my father.

Same: Okay!

Inside the house

Ditshego wiped her hands and looked at Sechaba.

Sechaba: Tota it doesn't sit well with me that even after three years the kids still call me Sechaba, they should see me as their father.

Ditshago kept quiet.

Sechaba: Unless if you are fine with it, kana gongwe..

Ditshago: I cannot force the kids to call you Papa just like I can't force your kids to call me Mama. There was a man they called Papa and..

Sechaba: Oh I am not their father because I.

Ditshago: Let me finish talking. Give them time, when the time is right they will call you Papa.

Sechaba kept quiet. Same came in and looked at her mother.

Same: Mama can we please go to the mall, I..

Sechaba: Sundays are for reading, what are you going to do at the mall?

Same looked at him then back at her mother.

Same: J ust for thirty minutes hela, please ke
tsamaya le Tsala she is going to buy.. Cabbage!

Ditshego: J ust thirty minutes, if..

Same excitedly went to change clothes.

Sechaba: I tell her not to go wena you tell her to go,
Is it because I am not their father?

Ditshego: The mall is five minutes walk from here,
gape I want her to buy more vegetables.

Sechaba: How will the kids respect me if I tell them
no and you say yes.

Ditshego: Ao, she is going to the mall, I am not
allowing her to go to the bar.

She walked past Sechaba and went to get money

from her purse.

Ditshogo: Here, buy us cabbage and some tomatoes.

Tsala: Ee mma.

Same came changed in a dress and they left.

Tsala: You should tell your mother, if you don't he is going to keep ra...i mean harassing you, he might even do it to your little sisters.

Same: You think my mum will believe me?

Tsala: Yes, she is a nice person and..

Same: She won't, can we just drop everything, can we not talk about it anymore.

Tsala: Okay!

They walked silently to the mall and stood in front

of the Pharmacy. They looked at each other.

Tsala: Go in my Aunt works in there!

Same: What do I say?

Tsala: Just say you want dipilis i ts a prevention.

Same walked in then few minutes later she came out.

Tsala: And?

She showed them to Tsala and they left. Meanwhile Inside Tsala's Aunt shook her head. "Our kids are the bad ones, the Pastor's child that our children are always given example by is buying prevention pills" she clapped her hands.

Tsala gave Same the cabbage and walked to her

house, Same went inside the yard with the pills in her pocket and went straight to the kitchen where she put the vegetables.

Sechaba: Why did your friend look at me weird?

Same swallowed hard and stepped back.

Sechaba: I hope you haven't said anything to her.

Same: I didn't say anything to her.

Sechaba: Good! Because if you say anything to anyone I will kill all of you. You will reunite with your father that you miss so much.

He turned around and left. Same wiped her tears then she went to the bathroom to wash her face. "Same, Same" her mother called in their bedroom.

Same: Maah!

Ditshego closed the door and threw the packet of sanitary pads at her.

Ditshego: Why are they not used?

At Tsala's house

She looked at her Mother, she knew she could trust her.

Tsala: Mama I have to tell you something but you can't tell anyone

Her Mother put the Bible down and looked at her.

Mother: What is it?

Tsala: Promise you won't tell anyone first.

Mother: I am sorry I can't do that because what you are about to tell me. What if I have to tell your father?

Tsala: Never mind.

Mother: Tsala!

Tsala: It's nothing.

Mother: Okay fine I promise I won't tell anyone. I promise.

She looked around and took a deep breath.

Tsala: Same's step Father rapes her!

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EPISODE 3

Mother: Okay fine I promise I won't tell anyone. I promise.

She looked around and took a deep breath.

Tsala: Same's step Father rapes her!

Mother:What?

Tsala: Yeah and she is scared to tell her mother because if Sechaba kicks them out they won't have anywhere to go that's why you can't tell anyone, promise me.

Her mother kept quiet.

Tsala: Mama!

Mother: Tsala I can't promise to keep quiet about this, I will be failing Same.

Tsala: Mama please!

Mother: I am sorry ngwanake I can't. How long has this been going on?

Tsala: Mama you will get her in trouble.

Mother: I won't tell her mother but I will have to report this.

Tsala: (Crying) But you promised you won't say anything Mama!

Mother: I am sorry ngwanaka , how do I go to sleep knowing what your friend is going through and choosing to keep quiet, what if it was my child, I wouldn't want MmaTsame to keep quiet.

Tsala rubbed her tears, she knew it was a bad idea telling her mother, now she was going to get her

friend in trouble.

At Same's house

She took out a packet of sanitary pads they were given at school and showed her mother. Ditshego sighed relieved.

Ditshego: Ehe, I was scared, kana you can never know.

Same looked at her Mother asking herself, can she trust her enough to tell her what she goes through in the hands of her boyfriend?

Ditshego: Did you buy the vegetables?

Same: Yes.

Ditshego: Okay I..

Same: I have to ask you something.

Ditshago looked at her.

Same: Our Guidance teacher asked us what we want to be when we grow up and I said a social worker.

Ditshago sat on the bed interested in what her daughter had to say.

Same: So she asked me how if I was a parent and my child told me that he or she was being molested would I report my husband.

Ditshago: Yes! Yes!

Same: Really?

Ditshago: Yes because after that child there is going to be more kids he does that to and obviously one's he already molested.

Tears ran down Same's cheeks and she felt something painful stuck on her throat. She wanted to tell her Mother then she thought about how they had nowhere to go, she thought about the few months after their father's death, they stayed with relatives and sometimes slept on an empty stomach. She wiped her tears.

Same: Okay I will give that answer.

Ditshago: Good, come help me cook.

She left and Same sat on the bed, she touched her chest, her heart was heavy and painful.

The following morning

"I am going side ya your school you want a lift?"
Sechaba asked Same and she kept quiet like she

didn't hear him.

Ditshogo: Same your father is talking to you.

Same: Ehe, I didn't hear him.

She grabbed her handbag and left catching up with Tsala.

Same: Hey!

Tsala: Hey!

She couldn't face her friend after betraying her trust

Same: Are you okay?

Tsala: Yes why?

Same: You don't look fine.

Tsala: Did, did he.. Did he do it again last night?

Same shook her head.

Same: No!

Tsala: Oh, did you take the pills?

Same: Yes I started this morning.

Tsala: What if he doesn't stop, you have to tell someone.

Same kept quiet.

Tsala: Same!

Same: I don't want to talk about it do you hear me?

Tsala: Sorry!

They walked to school in silence. "I will catch up with you!" Tsala said slacking behind for Mox who was coming behind them.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hi!

He took her bag from her and he walked her to her class.

Tsala: Thanks!

Mox: How are you feeling?

Tsala: Ke shapo. Wena?

Mox: I am fine when you are.

Tsala smiled and opened her locker.

Mox: My brother is going le batho ba chess to Francistown this weekend, I will be home alone.

Tsala closed the locker and cleared her throat.

Mox: You can come over akere for a movie and..

Tsala: I can't.

Mox: J ust a movie, I didn't say come have s**.

Tsala let out a fade smile.

Tsala: J ust movies?

Mox: I promise. You can come over for just two hours hela.

Tsala: Okay I will see what to do.

Mox: I love you.

Tsala: I love you too.

He winked at her and went to class, Same took her first periods books and went to her class.

Later that Afternoon

Ditshago spoke alone while she cleaned the girls bedroom taking out plastics under the bed and sweets wrapps. Someone knocked at the door.

Ditshago: I am coming.

She dusted her hands and went outside. "Mmagwe Tumi" she greeted Tsala's Mother.

Ditshago: Have you been knocking for long?

Mother: No!

Ditshago: I was cleaning the girls bedroom, motho wa Modimo I stay with pigs.

They both laughed then Ditshago took plastic chairs

and they sat under the tree.

Mother: Le teng?

Ditshogo: Re teng!

There was silence for a few seconds. Mma Tumi cleared her throat.

Mother: I wish I came here under different circumstances.

Ditshogo looked at her and sat properly on the chair.

Mother: I have been sworn to secrecy but this is not something I can keep a secret. Yesterday Tsala told me something that kept me up all night.

Ditshogo: You are scaring me.

Mother: She told me that Same told her she was

being molested.

Ditshego: What?

Mother: By Sechaba!

Ditshego kept quiet.

Mother: And that Same is scared to tell you because you have nowhere to go if Sechaba kicks you out.

Ditshego covered her face with her hand crying.

Mother: MmaSame!

Ditshego: How long has this been going on?

Mother: She didn't tell me but I think it's something that is still going on.

Ditshego wiped her tears and looked up, tears were

still rolling down her cheeks.

Ditshago: Thank you for telling me I will take care of this.

Mother: Don't blame yourself, it is not your fault.

Ditshago: It's hard being a single mother to girls, you don't know if you bring a father or a monster in front of them.

MmaTumi stood up and hugged her. Ditshago wiped her tears and pulled back.

Ditshago: Thank you so much for telling me.

Mother: I am a mother and I couldn't keep the secret.

Ditshago: Thank you! I will talk to Same, I won't mention that you told me, le wena don't tell Tsala that you told me.

She walked her to the gate then she went inside the house and locked herself in the bathroom crying.

A little later that Evening just after five.

Tsala: I will tell my mum that I am going over at your house after school kante ke cheka Mox.

Same: Okay!

Tsala: It will be the first time we meet outside school. Ke ya go mo suna gore haha!

Same let out a fade smile looking at her house, she didn't know what to expect that day. They said goodbye and she slowly opened the gate, Sechaba's car was parked by the gate and she could hear him laughing inside the house. She walked in and went straight to her bedroom. Ditshego kept her cool and continued eating.

Same came out of the room and right that moment she realised just how unhappy her daughter was, she looked thin and the leggings she was wearing didn't look like leggings anymore.

Ditshago: Your food is in the microwave.

Same: Thanks!

Ditshago looked at Sechaba and swallowed hard.

Ditshago: You want drink?

Sechaba: Same will get it for me.

Ditshago stood up and went to get it.

Later that night..

Pretending to be asleep Ditshago watched as

Sechaba got out of bed then she heard him open the girls bedroom door. Her heart beat fast and loud knowing what he was going to do to her little girl. She heard the door close then she heard the bathroom door open that's when she got out of bed and switched on the lights. She slowly opened the kids bedroom door and Same was not in her bed. She swallowed hard, She tried to open the bathroom door and Sechaba pushed it from inside.

Sechaba: I am inside.

Ditshago: Ehe, I was wondering where you were when I didn't find you in bed.

Sechaba: I.. I..

He flushed the toilet and stepped out closing the door. Ditshago knew her daughter was still in the toilet, she looked at Sechaba and he was still the same man she fell in love with. She blamed herself for bringing such a monster in front of her kids. They went to the bedroom and Ditshago got into

bed, she listened attentively, about five minutes later she heard the bathroom door open and then the girls bedroom door opened and closed.

The following morning

All the kids had left for School already, Ditshego poured the whole two litres of cooking oil in the pot and put on the stove, she waited five minutes for the oil and left the heat on, she went into the bedroom where Sechaba was getting ready for work.

Sechaba: What?

Ditshego: How long?

Sechaba: How long what?

He looked at her.

Ditshego: How long have you been molesting my daughter?

Sechaba: What?

Ditshego: How long have you been molesting my daughter dammit?

Sechaba: Maybe she is the one who has been molesting me.

Ditshego wiped her tears, the man was smiling and laughing.

Sechaba: Ever thought about it that way?

Ditshego covered her face crying.

Ditshego: How could you? She is sixteen, she is a child.

Sechaba: O sure she is a child because she sure

knows her thing.

Ditshago jumped on him and scratched his face, he threw her against the bed and punched her face.

Sechaba: You are fighting me?

Ditshago: That is my daughter, you..

He put his hand on her neck choking her.

Sechaba: Go report me then. You are nothing without me, you have nothing, these clothes you are wearing are my money, those kids clothes , this house, all belongs to me, go report me and go back to being your relatives slaves.

He let go of her and faced the mirror fixing his tie, Ditshago got off bed and went to get the pot full of boiling oil.

Ditshego: If you survive you will never molest anyone's child ever again.

She poured him the oil on the stomach, Sechaba screamed like he was being electrified and fell down.

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**BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 4

She poured him the oil on the stomach, Sechaba

screamed like he was being electrified and fell down.

The same day later that afternoon

Mphoentle threw her backpack on the sofa and went to the bedroom to change.

Mpho: Mama!

She called out.

Mpho: Mama?

She tried their bedroom lock and it was locked from inside.

Mpho: Mama!

She said going to the kitchen. "Mama" She called going outside then she went back inside. Ditshego closed the door behind her and looked at her daughter.

Mpho: E le gore didn't you hear me calling you?

Ditshego: I was sleeping.

Mpho: Ehe, I am back from school.

Ditshego: Okay!

She locked the bedroom door and sat on the sofa as her daughter told her about her day at school. She later went to the kitchen to have something to eat.

Ditshego : I am going to be in the bedroom, call me if you need anything.

Mpho: Can I go play at Sethunya's House please.

Ditshago: Okay, don't play until its dark.

Mpho left and she went back in the bedroom where Sechaba was still laying down on the floor covered in oil unable to breath.

Sechaba: (Whispered) I can't breathe!

Ditshago sat on the plastic chair and looked at him.

Ditshago: O ka di dira tsohle but not my kids, not my daughters. I trusted you with them but wena what do you do? (Crying) You think just because you feed us and provided shelter then I should let you hurt my kids, I would rather sleep outside in a cold rainy day than allow anyone to mistreat my child all in the name of love or food or shelter.

Sechaba breathed out continuously like he was

loosing his breath. "Please take me to the hospital" he pleaded with her but she ignored him, she swallowed hard and folded her arms.

Later that Evening

Same took a deep breath walking past Sechaba's car and went to the house. "Mama" she called out. The bedroom door opened and she stepped back thinking it was Sechaba.

Ditshego: You are back?

Same: Yes!

Ditshego: Okay!

She went to the kitchen and there was no food.

Ditshego: Make something for you and your sisters

nna I am not hungry.

Same: Okay!

Ditshego: Same!

She looked at her Mother.

Ditshego: If something was bothering you you would tell me akere?

She knod her head, Ditshego looked at the pain in her Daughter's eyes.

Ditshego: Don't dish for Sechaba he went for a trip.

She looked as Same formed a little smile and took a deep breath, she was relieved.

Same: How long will he be gone for?

Ditshego: Whole of this week.

Same: Okay!

She went to change into her home clothes.

At Tsala's house

Tsala smiled as her Father told her Mother about the all night prayer.

Father: I was thinking we do it this Friday since it will be the first Friday of the months.

Mother: That's a very good idea I like it.

Tsala sipped on her drink, now she didn't have to lie about going to spend time with Same.

Mother: How is Same?

Tsala: She is fine.

Father: E le gore what's wrong with Same?

Tsala: Nothing.

Mother: I was just asking, I haven't seen her in a long time.

Father: You should invite her to church ebile this Friday, you girls should be leading the Praise and worship.

Tsala kept quiet. Her Mother laughed and touched her shoulder. "She will grow the confidence to sing in front of people one day, don't force her" She came to her daughter's defense.

The following day

Same caught up with Tsala and jumped on her.

Tsala: You will make me fall.

Same: I wish he gets eaten by wild animals gone to tripping and never comes back.

Tsala: Who?

Same: Sechaba, he is on a trip the whole week.

Tsala: Chance for you to tell your Mother, he is going to come back you know.

Same kept quiet.

Tsala: Sorry ee, did you take the pills?

Same knod her head.

At Same's house

Ditshego kicked Sechaba and he was not responding.

Ditshago: Wake up, you think I will..

She noticed he wasn't breathing or moving.

Ditshago: Sechaba!

She shook him, she panicked and stood up.

Ditshago: Sechaba!

The man was cold. She stepped back and covered her mouth, he was dead.

Later that Evening

Mox closed the locker for Tsala and helped her

carry her bag as they left.

Mox: I can't wait for Friday!

Tsala: Me too ebile we can spend more time together my parents will be at the all night prayer.

Mox: Maybe you can even sleep over.

Tsala: No I can't.

Mox: J ust kidding.

He walked her half way and walked back to the teacher's quarters where he stayed with his brother.

Friday Evening

Lebo frowned as she walked in the house then she went straight to the kitchen and looked around.

Lebo: Kante what's that smell?

Mpho: What smell? I don't smell anything.

She opened the fridge and it was not the fridge.
Ditshego came out of the room and quickly closed the door.

Lebo: Mama do you smell that?

Ditshego: What?

Lebo took her food and went to eat outside.

Ditshego: Where is your sister?

Mpho: She walked Tsala home.

Ditshego: Ehe!

She sat down, there really was smell and she knew where it came from.

At Mox's House

Tsala knocked once then Mox opened the door. She quickly went inside.

Tsala: I didn't want Mrs Nare to see me.

Mox: She didn't see you akere?

Tsala: No!

She looked at the beautiful candlelit picnic that was set on the white carpet and smiled. There was a box of pizza, some wings, chocolates, zimba and drinks. Mox leaned over and kissed her. She shyly stepped back and removed her shoes.

Tsala: It's beautiful.

Mox locked the door and they sat down.

Mox: What movie do you want to watch?

Tsala: Anything romantic.

Mox: You want to watch fifty shades of grey?

Tsala: Okay!

He laughed and put it on then they cuddled while feeding each other marshmallows.

Mox: Have you ever watched any of it?

Tsala: No.

Mox: Okay, we will watch just two then I will walk you home ka bo half seven.

Tsala: Okay!

She rested her head on his shoulder and they watched. Thirty minutes in the movie Tsala looked at Mox and smiled.

Tsala: Why did you put on this movie I am not going to sleep with you.

Mox: It's just a movie.

He kissed her and they continued watching, Tsala looked away as the erotic part came on.

Mox: What?

Tsala: Nothing!

They held hands and ate the entire two movies then he walked her home.

Around twelve in the night

Same woke up to a lot of noise coming from the sitting room. She put on her gown and went outside.

She switched on the lights and screamed covering her mouth. Ditshego quickly switched off the lights and closed the children's bedroom door.

Ditshego: You were not supposed to see this.

Same: He.. He..

She couldn't speak.

Ditshego: Go in the bedroom and sleep.

Same: What did you do to him?

Ditshego: I stopped him from hurting you. He will never hurt you or anyone ever again. I know what he did to you, I stopped it.

Same cried out loud, she didn't know whether to be happy or scared. Ditshego hugged her tightly.

Ditshago: I want you to never be afraid to tell me anything okay!

Same knod her head.

Ditshago: He will never hurt you ever again.

Same watched as her Mother loaded the dead body in the car and drove off. She came back in the morning and the first thing she did was bath and since that day neither of them ever spoke about Sechaba ever again.

2 Years Later.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 5

2 Years Later.

Tsala took a deep breath listening to Mox talking on the other end of the line, actually he was shouting not talking.

Mox: It's not fair on me, I waited all these years only for you to tell me you are waiting to get married before we have s**. When are we going to get married, we are not even done with school yet, when are we going to get jobs and get married, why are you punishing me?

Tsala: I am not!

Mox: Yes you are, you are not thinking about me, you are thinking only about yourself.

Tsala kept quiet.

Mox: Maybe we should break up, you will find someone who will wait because nna I don't think I can.

Tsala: Don't say that!

Mox: No ke serious, I don't want to cheat on you that's why I am setting you free. I have been patient because you wanted to wait until you are eighteen, now you want to wait until marriage?

Tsala: Mox kana..

He hung up on her.

Tsala: Moemedi!

She put her phone down crying and covered her face. "I love you!" she sent the text and Mox didn't even bother to reply.

At Palm Trees Restaurant

Same finished her shift and went to the locker room to change, she looked at her tips and smiled, today she had made a lot of money considering they were only American dollars. She changed into jeggings and a top then she hung her handbag across her shoulder.

"Hi" someone said to her just as she was about to leave, she turned around and it was one of the customers she served earlier. It was a white guy, maybe in his late twenties.

Same: Hi, do you need anything?

Him: Not really, can I walk with you?

Same looked around, her boss was very strict and she could get in lots of trouble and even lose her job if she was seen mingling with the customers.

Same: I am sorry I can't!

Him: Oh okay, can you give me your number then, we are going to Kaysane for a few days I would really like to see you before I go back.

Same: Go back where?

Him: Barcelona , I am Christian by the way.

Same shook his hand.

Same: Same!

Chris: Sayme!

Same: Haha yes.

Chris: So can I get your number?

Same looked around before she took his phone and saved her number then she gave it back.

Chris: Thank you!

Same: Bye!

She left wondering why a white guy was interested in her, maybe he was one of the people who traffic women and kids, she got chills down her spine as she walked along the road going to the old mall.

She passed by the shop where her Mother cleans and changed her dollars into pula and it was three hundred and seventy pula. She bought toiletries and meat with the seventy pula and saved the tree hundred. Just as she got in the taxi her phone rang, an international number and she knew who it was. She took a deep breath before she picked up.

Same: Hello!

Chris: Hey its Chris!

Same: Hi!

Chris: We are about to board a flight to Kaysane.

Same: Okay!

Chris: Yeah, I just wanted to thank you for agreeing to give me your number.

Same paid the taxi driver and got her change then she walked home.

Same: Why did you want my number?

Chris: Because, I really like you.

Same: You, you like me?

Chris: A lot, I was sad yesterday when you didn't come serve our table.

Same found herself smiling, it was big news to be liked by a white guy, especially a young handsome clean white guy. She was flattered.

Chris: I kept looking at you passing around and I was dying to speak to you!

Same: Really?

Chris: Really, I would like to get to know you.

Same: Know me?

Chris: Yes!

Same: Okay! But not at work my boss is really strict.

Chris: Okay, I will call you back first thing when we get back in Mawon.

Same: Haha okay!

Chris: I said the name right, right ?

Same: Haha yes you did.

Chris: Okay let me go now. Take care!

Same hung up and smiled alone walking home, really a white guy was interested in her. She dialed Tsala.

Tsala: Hello!

Same: Ke eng O nkgogela mowa, one day you will miss me when I am gone kana ke nna ko Barcelona.

Tsala: Huh?

Same: What's wrong?

Tsala: (Crying) Mox broke up with me mma!

Same: Oh, I am sorry. What happened you guys were okay last weekend.

Tsala: I told him I don't want to have se* before marriage.

Same: Oh! Sorry!

Tsala: Is that reason enough to dump someone? Maybe he already found someone kana and he has been looking for reasons to dump me.

Same: You can't force Mox into your beliefs, you are

a Pastor's daughter and he is not, I am not taking sides Tsala but how long has he been patiently waiting?

Tsala:..

Same: It's been long mma, look at things from his point of view maybe you will come to an agreement.

Tsala: All I am asking is just a few years.

Same: Ke fila gore you are not thinking of him, you are only thinking about yourself.

Tsala: I love him.

Same: I know, sorry!

Tsala: What if I fall pregnant?

Same: Says a girl who is going to study medicine?

Tsala: I am scared, I hear its painful.

Same kept quiet, it took her back to days that she wanted to block out of her mind. Tsala could tell by the silence that she said something wrong.

Tsala: Tell me about Barcelona.

Same: Heeee, okay so...

There was a knock on the door.

Tsala: Friend wait, let me call you back!

Same: Shapo!

Tsala went to open the door and it was her Mother.

Mother: We have guests get dressed and come say hello.

Tsala: Okay!

She got dressed and followed her mother. She bent her knee respectively greeting the elders then she sat down.

Prophet: We didn't see you maloba at church when I came to visit.

Tsala: Oh, I was in Gaborone for registration.

Prophet: Ehee! What course are you going to study?

Tsala: Medicine, I..

The door opened and the Prophet's son came in. He greeted Same and sat down.

Prophet: Maloba when we visited the church we were sent by the Holly spirit kana.

Father: Yes, it always guides us.

Prophet: My Son Issack is of age to mary and God sent me where his future wife was but unfortunately the future wife was in Gaborone for school related issues.

There was silence in the room. Mma Tumi looked at her Husband and he looked down.

Prophet: I am glad God saw it fit..

MmaTumi: My daughter is young, she can't get married right from school.

She looked at her husband then she stood up.

MmaTumi: RraTumelo can we please talk outside.

He followed her to the bedroom and she closed the door.

MmaTumi: Tsala is eighteen, she is a child what does she know about lenyalo?

RraTumi: I didn't plan this!

MmaTumi: Di a bonwa di arranged marriages, my

daughter is not getting married.

RraTumi: God is..

MmaTumi: Heeeey! Ka re she is not getting married, end of discussion.

She opened the door and went to the sitting room, her husband followed and sat down.

RraTumi: I hear you Man of God but, Tsala is only eighteen, she has to go to school and..

Prophet: Haha of course and this marriage won't stand in the way of that, this is not 1932 where a woman was expected to stay home and give her husband children. She can still get to go to school and live a normal life.

RraTumi looked at his Wife and she looked away.

MmaProphet: Tota if God says they are destined to

be together who are we to separate them. Kana sometimes this is why some marriages don't work because we are not with people we were destined to be with.

No one said anything. Mma Tumi wiped her tears.

MmaTumi: My daughter is very young, she.. She is just a baby what does she know about marriage?

MmaProphet: Haha weren't we all young when we got married, I understand you, le nna I feel gore my Son is still young but.. Who are we to get in between destiny, your daughter is the woman God has chosen for my son.

MmaTumi: They don't even know each other.

Mma Prophet: They will get to know each other akere MmaTumi.

MmaTumi looked at Tsala who was looking down.

MmaTumi: Tsala! Is this what you want, are you ready to get married?

She raised her head and looked at her Mother then she looked at her father.

MmaTumi: Tsala!

She knod her head.

Tsala: Yes Mama I want to get married!

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** Good morning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 6

Tsala: Yes Mama I want to get married but not now.

MmaProphet: No one will stop you from living your life just because you are married.

MmaTumi: We cannot expect her to make a decision now, mafoko a gorogile, we are in no hurry akere bagolo. I say let's let the kids get to know each other first, if indeed they are meant to be together nothing will come between them no matter how long they wait to get married.

They all agreed before the Prophet changed topic to Country Politics. Tsala stood up and went to her bedroom, she closed the door and dialed Same but her number was engaged.

At Same's House

She laid on the mattress with her legs up against wall listening to Mox.

Mox: Wa bona gore today ekare I am the bad person but your friend is not being fair on me.

Same: I hear you, I am sorry nna I don't know what to say or do because it's her decision, it is how she was raised.

Mox: Ke dire jang, I love Tsala kana and I wish we grow up together and get married one day, have kids but..

Same: You need to sit down and talk then face to face.

Mox took a deep breath.

Mox: Shapo I don't have money but I will try to come to Maun this weekend.

Same: Okay!

Mox: Shapo, Same I really love your friend, ever since I came here I haven't been involved with even a single girl because I want our love story to be different. I want her to be my first as much as le ene she wants me to be her first but I don't think I can wait any longer.

Same: Mmmh I hear you, I will try to talk to her but I don't know what I will say.

Mox: Thanks! Try to talk to her.

Same: Shapo!

She hung up and sighed. She really didn't know how she was going to convince Tsala. As she was still thinking Tsala's call came through.

Same: Hey!

Tsala: O bua le ene Barcelona?

Same: Haha no I was talking to Mox, friend the poor guy loves you.

Tsala:...

Same: When he said he wants you to be his first, aah tsala mma you have a real one there. I am not telling you to go sleep with him but.. Nna if I find a guy who loves me that much, I would make some sacrifices.

Tsala: (Smiling) What exactly did he say?

Same: A re he loves you.

Tsala: And?

Same: And he wishes that one day you have kids and live happily ever after, Mox wa go rata tsalayame. He really does and I know you love him too.

Tsala smiled.

Same: Gape it doesn't matter when you do it at the end of the day he is still going to be your first.

Tsala:..

Same: Anyway let me cook mma re ta bua.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up and found herself smiling alone. The door opened and her Mother came in, she closed the door behind her and sat on the bed.

MmaTumi: Tsala!

She looked at her Mother..

Tsala: Mama!

MmaTumi: Do you know why I names you Tsalayame? Because you are my friend, the only girl amongst five boys.

Tsala smiled.

MmaTumi: I want to tell you that it's okay to want different things in life than what you think is expected of you. Just because your father choose to be a Pastor doesn't mean you have to follow in his steps and become one.

Tsala: I know.

MmaTumi: It also doesn't mean you have to agree with everything he says.

Tsala: I know.

MmaTumi: Do you understand what I am saying?

Tsala: Yes Mama!

MmaTumi: You are eighteen, you should be dating and getting your heart broken, you should fall in love and graduate, work, travel the world before you think of getting married to a Pastor because a Pastor and an ordinary man are two different people.

Tsala: So you would feel better if I wasn't getting married to a Pastor.

MmaTumi: Yes, after you graduate and work yes.

Tsala: You are married to a Pastor and you are fine?

MmaTumi: Am I? I love my family, I love my kids and husband but I had dreams before all of you, no one warned me about marrying a Pastor.

Tsala: I am sorry!

MmaTumi: I don't want you to look back and regret anything that's why ke re ngwanaka, go to school, work before you can think of settling down especially with Pastor.

She knod her head looking at her mother wondering what she was not telling her. "Mma Tumi" Her husband called outside. She left and closed the door.

RraTumi: What are you doing?

MmaTumi: What am I doing?

RraTumi: Encouraging that child to refuse the proposal, I heard you talking to her.

MmaTumi: I was just telling her the truth, I am not going to allow what happened to me to happen to my daughter. I would be a teacher now if your church didn't refuse for me to go to school gotwe ke tshole bana and act like a married woman.

RraTumi kept quiet.

MmaTumi: A girl child is a lot more than lenyalo (Marriage) and having children.

Rra Tumi: You are misleading that child!

Later that Evening

Ditshogo opened the gate and the girls were sitting on the stoop having dinner while Same smiled with

her phone.

Ditshago: Dumelang!

Mpho: Dumelang!

She sat down and sighed.

Ditshago: I just want to bath and go to bed, O te go nkgatakgata ngwanaka.

She said standing up and went inside the two rooms they rented.

Same: I want to know what you find interesting about me akere, there are a lot of hot girls in Maun and in Spain.

Chris: You are beautiful, natural beauty and I loved how respectful you were when you served us. You

are definition of a real African woman.

Same:

Chris: Seriously African Queen actually.

Same smiled alone typing on her phone.

Chris: I can't wait to see you when I come back.

Same: Me too!

Ditshego came out holding a bottle of foam bath.

Ditshego: Ke wena?

Same: Yes!

Ditshego: Haha wa re thabolla tota ngwanaka.

She went back inside.

The same evening

Tsala locked her bedroom door and picked up Mox's call.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hey!

There was a little awkward moment.

Mox: I am coming ka Friday.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox: Will I be able to see you?

Tsala: Yes!

Mox: I can't wait.

Tsala: Me too!

Mox: I love you.

Tsala: I love you too.

Mox: Good night, dream about me.

Tsala: I will, you too.

Mox: I always do.

Tsala smiled and hugged her pillow.

Mox: Night.

Tsala: Night.

Neither of them said anything. Tsala laughed and laid on her stomach.

Tsala: Aren't you going to hang up?

Mox: I want to listen to you sleep.

Tsala: Sheee babe, haha I..

The airtime finished.

Friday Evening..

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** BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 7

Friday Evening..

Same hung her handbag on her shoulder, she caught a glimpse of herself in the mirror and ironed

her Jean with her hands then she went outside where her Mother was doing Lebo's hair. "Ga ke its e gore le otela eng meriri le sena madi to maintain" Her Mother complained while relaxing Lebo's hair.

Same: My Boss just called me to stand in for a colleague gatwe she is not well.

Ditshego: They will be bringing you home akere?

Same: Yes!

Ditshego: Okay!

Same: Let me get going.

Ditshego: Shapo!

She left while typing on her phone sending Chris a WhatsApp.

Same: I am on my way! Room 66?

Chris: Yes! I can't wait to see you.

Same: Me too!

She waved for a taxi and it took her to the hotel.

At Tsala's house

She came out of her bedroom putting on a jacket coughing into her hands.

John: And then wena?

Same: I am not feeling well!

MmaTumi: Are you okay?

Tsala: kgm kgm (She coughed into her hand) I think ke flue.

She sat down and sipped on water.

Tsala: I think I am coming down with flue, one minute I am hot then the next minute I am cold.

Her Mother placed her hand on her forehead.

MmaTumi: But your temperature is normal.

John: Bua nnete you don't want to go to church?

Tsala: I am still going wa reng tota?

MmaTumi: No you should stay home and your brother will take care of you.

Tsala: I really want to go to Church Mama!

MmaTumi: Mmmh mmh next thing the whole church will be sick. I will call every hour to check in.

Tsala: Okay! Excuse me!

She walked to her room coughing. She closed the door and got into bed smiling alone.

Tsala: (Texting) I will tell you after they leave.

Mox: Okay!

She covered her face with the blankets laughing alone.

At the Hotel

Same nervously knocked on the door then she stepped back, after a few seconds the door opened.

Chris: Hey!

Same: Hey!

Chris: Come in.

She nervously went inside.

Chris: You look beautiful.

Same: I do, thanks!

Chris: Yes you do!

He leaned in for a kiss, Same shyly pulled back her head.

Chris: I am starving, let's go downstairs for dinner.

Same: Okay!

She looked at her sandals and she wasn't dressed for "Dinner". Chris made things easier as he wore khakhi shorts and a black t-shirt then they went downstairs. The place was filled with only white people and she was the only black person except the waitress and waiters. They were shown to their table and they sat down.

Chris: What?

Same: I am the only black person here.

Chris: So?

He held her hand.

Chris: Let's order.

He picked up the menu, Same did too and the only thing she could read was chicken and basmati rice and that is what she ordered for the main course. The starter was a bowl full of sauce a little piece of bread which she didn't eat.

Chris: So what does Sayme mean?

Same: It means mine.

Chris: Oh, nice. You go to school and work part time?

Same: I am planning to go to school next year, I did well in my exams but the course I want to study

needs at least a C in English but I got a D so I will be writing it this year.

Chris: Okay that's great. Well I work, I am a photographer. I am here on a job actually. I am with a group that is here for fun, I am their photographer, I document everything.

Same: Okay I love your job.

Chris: I get to travel and do what I love at the same time.

Same: Wow, so you can make a career out of photography?

Chris: Haha yes.

Same: Wow, that's amazing.

At Tsala's House

Dressed in her gown Tsala peeked in the sitting room and her brother was watching soccer. She sneaked to open the kitchen door and left it opened.

Tsala: You are supposed to take care of me not watch TV!

She said distracting John as Mox sneaked in and she pointed at her bedroom.

John: Wait a minute it's boring here I am going to watch the game at the Bar.

He stood up and got his Jersey and put on his shoes.

John: Lock up I will be back in ten.

Tsala closed the door behind him and locked it, she waited a few minutes to make sure her Brother was really gone before she went to her bedroom.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hi.

He pulled her in for a hug, they hugged for a full five minutes then they sat down on the bed.

Tsala: Never break up with me again.

Mox: I am sorry!

She kissed him and laid her head on his chest. She breathed out heavily and stood up, she removed her gown and she was wearing only her panty and a bra.

Tsala: I..

Mox: Babe!

Tsala: What?

Mox: I don't want us to do it because I am putting

you under pressure, I want it to be because we both want to. I can wait a few weeks.

Tsala: You would?

Mox: Yes, this is not how we should have our first time. It should be special and romantic.

Tsala smiled and put on her gown then Mox removed his shoes and they laid on the bed on top of the sheets. She kissed him and he kissed her back.

Mox: Wa re what time do your parents come back?

Tsala: Ka bo eleven, relax!

At the Hotel

The waiter brought dessert for Same and a glass of wine for Chris.

Chris: You drink?

Same: No! Well I have never drank in my life, maybe if I find something I like I will.

Chris: Okay!

They continued talking then later went up to the bedroom. Chris kissed her as he closed the door and pinned her against the door.

Same: Wait!

Chris: Mmmh I don't want to wait.

Same: Wait, I need to go to the bathroom.

She went to the bathroom and closed herself in crying. Everything felt like deja vu.

Chris: Sayme!

She washed her face and breathed in and out continuously.

Chris: I will pay if you are scared I won't.

He slid five hundred US dollars under the door.

Chris: Can you come out now?

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 8

The Following Morning

Same woke up to her phone ringing, she took it under the pillow and picked up still sleepy.

Same: Hello!

Ditshego: E le gore golo ko tirong koo they give you beds and...

She quickly got up.

Ditshego: Where are you?

Same: I am coming I slept over at a friend's house.

Ditshego: And you didn't find it fit to call me?

Same: I am sorry!

Ditshago: I don't like what you are doing, not at all. When you know you won't be sleeping at home you call, you don't..

Same: Mama I said I am sorry, I am on my way!

She hung up and pulled the white sheets up to her chest covering her breasts. She looked around the room and it was just her. Chris had left a note on the table. "Last night was great, see you next time I am in the country" next to the five hundred dollars. Same took a deep breath and swallowed hard. She felt like a prosti****. She was ashamed of herself. She quickly got out of bed and went to shower, she put on her clothes, grabbed her handbag and the money and left for work.

At Tsala's house

Tsala joyously sang as she made breakfast for her parents.

MmaTumi: Aren't you the one who was sick yesterday?

Tsala: I am feeling much better now.

MmaTumi: Ehe!

She sat down and her Husband joined her a few minutes later, Tsala dished for them and sat down drinking tea.

RraTumi: You and Issack should start hanging out together.

MmaTumi looked at him and he cleared his throat.

RraTumi: How are they going to know each other if they don't make time to know each other?

MmaTumi: Why are you pushing this?

RraTumi: I am helping her, or you would rather have her have fatherless kids first before she finally finds a man who will feel sorry for her and marry her with those kids?

MmaTumi: The sooner we understand that a woman is more than just kids and a husband the better for everyone. I told you gore Tsala is still young.

RraTumi: Her age mates have kids and that is what is going to happen if you continue being this stubborn, Issack will be saving her from..

MmaTumi: (Snapped) Marriage should be about love not saving. If this marriage is about saving her from making mistakes then forget about it.

They both kept quiet. MmaTumi looked at her daughter and smiled.

MmaTumi: Thank you for breakfast.

Tsala: You are welcome.

Her phone rang and she excused herself.

RraTumi: Wa di bona those phonecalls and pretending to be sick when she is supposed to go to church, she is going to get pregnant.

MmaTumi: If Issack is really her Husband then he will still marry her with a child.

She stood up with her plate and cup of coffee and went to the sitting room.

At the Restaurant

Lost in her thoughts Same gave the chef an empty note.

Same: Table six!

Chef: Same!

She looked at her.

Chef: You didn't write anything.

Same: Oh!

That's when she realised they gave her their order but she didn't write it down.

Same: Eish!

Chef: Are you okay?

She knod her head and went back to take the order and the customers were not happy.

Boss: What's going on?

Same: I am sorry I..I made a mistake please forgive me.

Boss: Are you okay?

Same: I am fine.

Boss: No you are not, go home I don't want you messing up here.

She took the order from her and went to apologise to the customers. Same went to the locker room and sat down crying. Tsala's call came through and she hung up on her. "Ke go tswarets e DATA" an sms from Tsala came through. She put the phone down and took a deep breath. She breathed out loud and grabbed her handbag.

Later that Evening at the River

Holding hands Tsala and Mox walked along the river dipping their feet in the sand. Tsala stepped back and looked at the log that was floating on top

of the water.

Tsala: Babe kwena! (Babe a crocodile)

Mox: Haha no its not.

Tsala: Seriously!

She said stepping back. Mox laughed and grabbed her.

Mox: Bona it's just a log.

She looked carefully and it really was just a log.

Mox: Haha!

He kissed her and Tsala wrapped her arms around his neck.

Mox: I love you!

Tsala: I love you too.

They kissed then they went back to the car that Mox borrowed from his brother.

Tsala: Last night was special to me.

Mox: Ao?

Tsala: Yes, now I know our relationship is more than just physical, I realised here at the end of the day I want you to be my first, whether after marriage or before. I want it to be you.

Mox: O serious?

She nod her head.

Mox: So we don't have to wait until marriage

because I was ready to call my Uncles gore ba go nkopele sekoloto I will pay when I get a job.

Tsala: Hahaha! No we don't have to wait.

Mox: I don't want you to..

Tsala: I want to do it with you, as long as its with you.

Mox leaned over and kissed her, Tsala kissed him back and he pushed her seat back getting ontop of her.

Tsala: Wait!

Mox: We are not doing anything, I don't have condoms with me.

Tsala: Okay!

The same Evening at Same's House

Ditshago pulled the blanket and looked at her daughter.

Ditshago: Same?

Same: Maaah!

Ditshago: Are you okay?

Same: Yes just headache.

Ditshago got deja vu too, this has happened before and she was hoping it was not what she thought it was.

Ditshago: Same?

Same: I am fine Mama!

Ditshago: No you are not, talk to me.

She started crying. Ditshago went to lock the door and looked at her.

Ditshago: Who hurt you?

Same: No one!

Ditshago kept quiet. Same wiped her tears and looked at her mother.

Same: I feel cheap.

Ditshago:..

Same: I meet a guy maloba and I thought he really liked me kante.. He just wanted to use me.

Ditshago:...

Same: Then he gave me money, I feel like a prostitute. Why can't I be with someone who likes me hela for who I am. Am I just a sex toy that men just use?

Ditshago: You are not, I am sorry come here!

She hugged her.

Same: I am damaged, no man wants to be with a woman who was ra...

Ditshego: Hey, hey you are not going to blame yourself because of what that monster did to you. You are not damaged and you should never feel that way. Some men are pigs, they will sleep with you and pretend gore they don't know you the next day, it doesn't start with you and its not going to end with you, it happens to almost every woman. This is not happening to you just because of your past, it has happened to me, le nna I have done that to some men.

Same wiped her tears.

Ditshego: You are good enough and you are enough to a man who is going to love, respect and value you okay!.

She knod her head.

Ditshego: That man might have robbed you the opportunity to choose your first but he didn't steal anything from you. You still have a choice of who you want to be with, who you want to sleep with and who you don't want to sleep with, who you want to be and who you don't want to be. Never ever feel like you are not good enough because you are, you are beautiful, you are smart, you are everything.

Same wiped her tears and smiled.

Ditshego: Next time you come across him, pretend gore you are the one who doesn't know him, don't let him think he is better than you.

Same: I don't think I will ever see him again.

Ditshego: Good, you used protecting?

Same: Yes!

Ditshego: Don't cry now okay!

Same: Okay!

Ditshego stood up and left.

At Tsala's House

MmaTumi stood by the door looking outside, she looked at the time on her phone and it was a few minutes to eight.

RraTumi: Ngwana wa mosetsana (A girl child) is not home by this time! What do I say to the church youth of I can't control my own child?

MmaTumi called Tsala's number again and an unfamiliar voice answered.

MmaTumi: Hello who is this?

Voice: Hello this is...

MmaTumi screamed and her phone fell down.
"Ngwanake" she screamed.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 10

Tsala looked at Mox and a few of his friend's photos of them at the river. It was Easter holidays and almost everyone was home, people were having fun and she was home bored. They had not spoken in a very long time and she missed him.

She went outside to the tree where her parents were and washed their hands before she went back inside and got their food.

MmaTumi: Mmmh smells nice.

She went back to get glasses and drink.

RraTumi: (Mouthful) Delicious!

She sat down with her food and circled her fork around the plate before she put it down and sighed.

Tsala: Can I go sleep at Same's House tonight?

MmaTumi: What's at Same's House?

Tsala: I just miss her.

RraTumi: Can't she come sleep here ene?

Tsala: Iyooo! Go siame ee.

She stood up and went to the house. MmaTumi looked at her husband and sighed.

MmaTumi: Why are you always hard on her? Let her go spend some time with her friend, it's the holidays what's wrong with that?

RraTumi: Can't her friend come here ene?

MmaTumi: Sometimes you are unreasonable, let the child breath fresh air away from home.

RraTumi: Last time you said that she ended up in the hospital. You are her mother but you can't see through her.

MmaTumi: Aaah!

They continued eating.

At the Mall

Same walked around the shop not knowing what to buy and bumped into Mox.

Mox: Hi!

Same: Shee hi.

Mox: What are you looking for you have been in here for a long time. I saw you walk in ten minutes ago.

Same: Haha just something I can wear tonight.

Mox: What's happening tonight?

Same: Nothing much, there is a show at the Stadium and my favourite DJ will be there.

Mox: Oh, I saw the fliers, my friends ba re they are going, we can come pick you up and go together.

Same: Oh, (Hesitant) Oh, will that be okay with Tsala?

Mox: Tsala and I broke up but if you don't want to go with us then..

Same: I didn't say that, I would love to go with you guys.

Mox: You still use the same number?

Same: Yes.

Mox: Okay I will call you later.

Same: Sure.

Mox winked at her and left, Same smiled a choose some shorts and a crop top then she went to pay.

Later that Evening

Tsala looked outside the window at the car that just parked and it was her older brother Tumi and his wife. She hurried outside before they came inside the house. "Save me" she mimicked at them and they both laughed. She held her brother's hand.

Tsala: Please save me.

Tumi: Hahaha wareng?

He greeted his parents who were watching TV.

Tsala: Tumi says I can go stay at their house for a few days, akere Tumi.

She said looking up at him and he laughed.

Tumi: Yes ebile we need a baby sitter.

Tsala: Can I go?

Neither her parents said anything. She looked at her father and put her hands together.

Tsala: Please!

RraTumi: You can go.

She excitedly ran to her bedroom and started packing her clothes. Few minutes later she took the bag to the car. Tumi and his Wife came out with

RraTumi.

RraTumi: Watch her!

Tumi: Haha she is eighteen.

RraTumi: She is still a child.

MmaTumi pulled Tsala aside.

MmaTumi: Don't give your father another reason not to trust you again.

Tsala: I won't.

MmaTumi: Good.

Tsala got in the car and waved at her mother as the car left. Once it was outside the gate she breathed out heavily.

Tumi: Hahaha wareng?

Tsala: Iyooo, your father?

They all laughed.

Tsala: I can't wait to go to school waitse, I will only come home ka festive.

Wife: Hahaha, ba go dira jang?

Tsala: I am not allowed to go out, even when I go to the tuckshop hela after five minutes call ya tsena "Where are you?" agggg!

Tumi: Been there.

Tsala: I don't believe le lona he was strict like this.

Tumi: Heela you have no idea wena. That's why I decided to go study in South Africa, ke gore away from them.

Tsala: Mama is not bad.

Tumi: She is controlled by her husband.

Tsala: True, she is a nice person.

She took out her phone and dialed Same but her number didn't go through.

At Same's house

Same looked at herself in the mirror and she looked nice, she put on her sneakers and sprayed herself perfume.

Ditshago: O ya kae ne o nts'e monte jaana? (Where are you going looking so beautiful?)

Same:Ko stadium with a few friends.

Ditshago: Ehee!

Same's phone rang and she picked up going outside.

Same: Hello!

Mox: Mona you are bad with directions, we are by the tuckshop e green.

Same: Okay shapo I am walking there, just come along the gravel.

Mox: Shapo!

She hung up and went to get some cash and left. She walked along the gravel and meet with Mox and his friends.

Same: Hi.

Mox: You said second turn on the right.

Same: Haha okay fine I am bad with directions ee.

Mox opened for her and they sat at the back together. She greeted the couple that was seated at the front.

Mox: You don't drink?

Same: I don't know I have never tasted it before.

Mox gave her his beer and she took a sip then she frowned.

Same: Iyooo it's so bitter.

Mox: Haha yeah it's not for the first timers.

Same: Yeah.

Her phone rang and she put it on silent.

Mox: No you can answer.

Same: It's no one important.

They parked by the bar and bought a few drinks

then they camped there for about two hours drinking and dancing.

Same's phone rang again and she excused herself walking a few meters away.

Same: Hey Friend.

Tsala: Hey, O mo Modumong wa eng ne o theogetse?

Same: Yes, zup?

Tsala: No I thought you are home ke go cheke.

Same: No I am working tonight, it's busy gore.

Tsala: Okay let me not keep you then, shapo.

She hung up and went back to Mox and his friends.

Mox: Re a go dia?

Same: No haha!

She sat next to him and sipped on her beer, she was still on her first. It was sweet but still wouldn't go down.

Mox: Don't worry we are going to end up ko Stadium, this time no one is on stage.

Same: Okay!

She sipped on her beer again. There was silence between them for a few minutes then Mox cleared his throat.

Mox: O kae neh Tsala?

Same: Mmmh haha!

Mox: Kante she is getting married. Banyana?

He clapped his hands.

Same: She..

She decided not to explain anything, it was not her place.

Mox opened another beer and took a sip.

Mox: I was serious kana about that girl, I seriously saw myself marrying her and having a family with her.

Same: Mmmh!

Mox: So when is the wedding?

Same: Haha I don't know. Tota I know nothing le gore she is getting married she has n't told me.

Mox: I am going to gate crush their wedding.

They all laughed.

Mox: That part where they say if you don't want them to get married blah blah , yeah I am going to stand up and cause drama.

Everyone laughed.

Mox: I am telling you. Ke gore just to cause drama hela.

Friend: Mme gone wena what did you expect dating ngwana wa Moruti?

Mox: Tsala is different, she.. She is not like that man, she..she is funny and has a dirty mind, she.. You guys don't understand, I think she is one of those women you find once in a lifetime.

Same sipped on her beer.

Reggie: No you really loved her my man kana you

saved yourself gore a nne your first.

Mox: You know it wasnt even about se*.

Mox finished his beer and threw the tin away.

Reggie: You even...

Mox: Wa nyela mona shut up.

Reggie: Haha no wena o ratana skgowa laitaaka, se the bold and beautiful, you are Ridge.

Mox: Haha!

Same finished her beer and opened another one.

Mox: We are boring you?

She shook her head.

Mox: Reggie let's go to the stadium re bora ngwana.

Same: Haha no ke shapo.

Few minutes later they got in the car and left. Same watched as Mox kept dialing Tsala's number and erasing it then he finally put his phone in his pocket.

At Tumi's house

Tsala too kept dialing Mox then she erased the number and put her phone down.

Later that morning just after midnight

Mox sat on his camp chair watching Same as she danced, she turned to him and smiled.

Same: Come let's dance!

She said trying to help him stand.

Mox: Haha no I don't dance.

Same: Come on.

She helped him up, he stood up and they danced.
She turned to him smiling.

Same: What?

Mox: I didnt know you can dance.

Same: Haha, what do you know about me?

Mox: I guess nothing.

Same: Haha!

She wrapped her arms around his neck and kissed him. They looked into each other's eyes then Mox kissed her back. They kissed like that for a few

seconds then Same pulled back.

Mox: Do you want to get out of here, your favourite DJ has already played akere.

Same knod her head. Mox spoke to Reggie for a second then he gave him his house keys and car keys. They used the small gate to leave and Mox drove to Reggie's house where he parked infront of the house.

Mox: You want to come in?

Same knod her head, they went inside the room and Mox closed the door. He kissed her tracing his hands all over her body. Same mo*** softly as he laid her on the bed and helped her out of her shorts.

Mox: If you want me to stop..

Same: Don't stop.

He got on top of her and kissed her stomach up to her neck.. (18+ Se* Scene will be posted in group)

Later that Morning

Reggie parked by the gate and Mox stepped out with the beers he still had left. He walked to the house where he sat on the stoop and took a deep breath, he cupped his face and stood up going inside the house, his phone rang, it was Tsala.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hey are you home?

Mox: Yeah I..

Tsala: I am coming.

She hung up and went to shower.

At Same's House

Same smiled alone sitting in the plastic tub bathing getting ready for work. She touched her neck and she could still feel his lips on her neck, she got goosebumps all over her body and covered her face shyly.

Ditshago: You are going to be late, you have been bathing for ten minutes now.

Same snapped out of her thoughts and stood up.

At Mox's House

Tsala knocked once and Mox's brother opened the

door.

Tsala: Dumelang.

Him: Hi, he is in his room.

Tsala: Ee rra!

He closed the door on his way out and Tsala went to knock on the door. In only his boxers Mox opened the door.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hey! Come in.

She went inside and Mox locked the door.

Tsala: I panicked seeing your brother, I thought..

Mox: No he is a cool guy ska wara.

Tsala removed her shoes and got into bed. She took out a packet of condoms from her bra.

Tsala: I just bought what I could get, they are strawberry flavoured.

Mox smiled and sat on the bed.

Tsala: I am ready.

She said kissing him and removed her top.

Mox: Tsala..

Tsala: Tsala ke mang, ke nna Babe!

Mox: Haha!

She kissed him and got on top of him.

Mox: Let me go brush my teeth.

Tsala: Okay!

He went to the bathroom, he took a quick shower and brushed his teeth, when he got back Tsala was naked sitting on his bed with her legs crossed. He locked the door and... (18+ Se* scene will be posted in group)

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**Good morning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 11

The same Morning

Mox watched Tsala sleeping peacefully with some of the braids on her face, he removed them and leaned over to kiss her forehead. She slowly woke up and smiled.

Tsala: Hey!

She said with a husky voice from sleep.

Mox: Did I wake you up?

Tsala: No!

She yawned into her hand and got up. Mox smiled and kissed her.

Tsala: What?

Mox: I can't kiss you?

Tsala: You can!

He kissed her again then his phone rang. He picked up and lowered the volume.

Mox: Hello!

Same: Hi.

Mox: Let me finish up something here and I will call you back.

Same: Okay!

He hung up and turned to Tsala.

Mox: Do you want something to eat or drink?

Tsala: No, what time is it I promised my brother I will be back early.

Mox: Can you stay another hour?

Tsala: Okay let me text him.

Mox: Okay!

He watched as she bit her lower lip texting her brother then she put the phone under the pillow.

Tsala: Okay I am all yours.

Mox made her sleep ontop of him and he played with her braids. Both of them wanted to address the big elephant in the room but scared to ruin the moment.

Mox: Today was special.

Tsala smiled.

Mox: I love you!

Tsala: I love you more!

There was a long silence, Tsala breathed out loud and fell on Mox's side, she put her elbow on the bed and her head in her hand.

Tsala: Weeks ago some Prophet came to my parents 's house with a marriage proposal.

Mox looked at her.

Tsala: I said no and my Mother also said no, knowing how stubborn my father is he decided to announce it at church.

Mox:..

Tsala: My Mum a re he was doing it to get power over us because he thinks I won't disagree if the whole church knows. It will put me under pressure to agree to the marriage proposal.

Mox: Okay he is strategic.

Tsala: No, he is manipulative.

Mox: So you agreed to the marriage proposal?

Tsala: No, no. I know we are young but I love you and I wish we can be together forever. J ust promise me I won't regret the decision I am about to make.

Mox: What decision?

Tsala: J ust promise me. Promise me nothing will ever break us apart.

Mox took a deep breath.

Mox: I.. I.. When we broke up I..

Tsala: You slept with someone?

Mox: I was angry and..

Tsala: It's fine. J ust promise me gore starting from today it's just you and me. If you hear anything about me you ask me first.

Mox: I promise.

Tsala: Thanks!

Mox: E le gore what's your decision?

Tsala: Ska wara.

Mox: No I want to know I don't want you to disrespect your parents because of me.

Tsala: My Dad gave me an ultimatum, either I marry or move out of his yard.

Mox: Babe!

Tsala: Ska wara I will ask my brother if I can move to his place while I wait to go to school. That is how serious I am about us Mox.

Mox played with her hand and kissed it.

Mox: You won't regret it.

His phone reported an sms and he ignored it.

Tsala: One thing, you have to cut communication with whoever you slept with.

Mox: Ee mma!

Tsala: We are good?

Mox: We are good.

Tsala: Okay!

Later that Afternoon

Same went to change into her home clothes when her Boss called her into her office.

Same: Mam, did I do something wrong?

Boss: No, you did great today you were happy, smiling and joking with all customers.

Same smiled.

Boss: I loved you tota today.

Same: Ebile I got more tips.

Boss: Wa bona what happens when you are happy.

Same: Hahaha!

Boss: Keep up the good work.

Same: Ee mma.

She left and went to change then she walked along the road going to the Old Mall. Her phone rang, she excitedly took it out thinking it was Mox but it was just the guy from the other day.

Same: Hello.

Guy: Ao you knocked off early jang today.

Same: Yeah!

Guy: I should buy you an umbrella I don't like seeing you walking in the sun.

Same: Haha!

She turned around and saw him, he waved at her and he waved back.

Guy: Haha, ebile..

Same: Hey my Mum is calling let me call you back.

She hung up and rolled her eyes.

Later that Evening

Lebo came running with Same's phone.

Lebo: Ne e lla.

Same: Who is it?

Lebo: Yame I pic..

Same: Yoo wa lapis a gore I will call her back.

Lebo: I already picked up.

Same: Heee!

She wiped her hands and took the phone.

Same: Hello!

Tsala: Ke a lapis a?

Same: I thought a re Wame, you know Wame akere, she has been calling me non stop a re she wants money but Wame is not working kana how will she pay me.

Tsala: Don't give her.

Same: I won't.

Tsala: I was wondering gore ke lapis a ka eng.

Same: Hahaha!

Tsala: O busy?

Same: I am washing a few of my clothes why?

Tsala: I wanted to tell you something, finish up first.

Same: No tell me.

Tsala: Haha finish up first it's a long story.

Same: Buwa mma I will continue washing when you are done.

She sat on the stoop.

Tsala: We did it.

Same: Did what?

Tsala: You know what. We did it this morning mma and.. It was amazing though painful, he took his time and.. It was everything I imagined it would be.

He was gentle and.. Tsala yame it was, it was magical.

Same: Oh, you and Mox?

Tsala: Bathong Yes Mox who else?

Same: I thought you broke up?

Tsala: We fixed things, I explained to him and we are okay now.

Same: Eheee, no I am happy for you.

Tsala: He, ohhhh, I don't know how to explain it.

Same: Mmmh!

Tsala: I think I love him more now, I thought I loved him but what I am feeling right now is more than love.

Same: That's great, I am happy for you.

Tsala: Thanks I am happy for me too. A re his brother is going home for the holidays so he is going to be home alone, I am going to tell Tumi I am visiting you for a day or two a bo ke mo cheka.

Same: Okay, no let me finish washing.

Tsala: Shapo.

Same hung up and felt like someone just ripped out her heart. She breathed out loud and something heavy was wheing down her chest. She wiped her tears and went inside to change.

At MmaTumi's house the same Evening

She sang while watering her plants then she turned around to see who was coming as the gate opened.

MmaTumi: Aah aah!

Same smiled.

MmaTumi: Look at you all grown up.

Same: Haha but I still look the same.

MmaTumi: No ebile O nonne.

Same: Hahaha dumelang.

MmaTumi: Dumela ngwanaka, didn't your friend tell you she is staying at her brother's house this weekend?

Same: She did.

MmaTumi: Ehe you were just passing by?

Same: No actually I came to see you.

MmaTumi: Me?

They went to sit down and she removed her gloves.

MmaTumi: What is it ngwanaka?

Same: It's about Mox, Tsala's boyfriend.

MmaTumi: (Concerned) Yes?

Same: The only reason I am here is because I care about Tsala and she is my best friend but she doesn't listen to me, I was hoping gore gongwe lona

she would listen to you but you can't tell her I am the one who told you this.

MmaTumi: What is it you are scaring me.

Same: Mox is..

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EPISODE 12

Tsala: Mox is controlling Tsala, she told him she was not ready for.. For Se* but he told her gore if she is not then they should break up so she ended up doing it with him not because she wants to but

because its what he wants. Now a re she plans to have a baby with Mox so that you can accept their relationship.

MmaTumi: She said what?

Tsala: Yes, a re this weekend she will tell Tumi gore she is going to my house kante ene she is going to spend the weekend le Mox because his brother won't be home and it will be just the two of them. That's when she will be getting pregnant.

MmaTumi: Ke gore monyana yoo wa lona wa poka
(That girl is crazy)

Same: I wouldn't have come here if..

MmaTumi: No you did right by coming here and telling me, a true friend does that. Leave her to me I will deal with her.

Same: Please don't tell her I told you or about her getting pregnant she will know its me because I am the only one she told.

MmaTumi: Don't worry I know how to handle her I won't say your name. I will catch her in her act.

Same: Thanks!

MmaTumi: Thanks for telling me eventhough I know how uncomfotable it must have been.

Same: Ee mma, I feel like she shouldn't have a baby for the wrong reasons.

MmaTumi: You are right, no I will handle her.

She said goodbye and left. MmaTumi clicked her tongue and shook her head.

The same day later that night

Tsala: (Texting) you just want me to
come over kamoso.

Mox: No serious the more you have se* you start to
enjoy and orgasm.

Tsala: Eheee!

Mox: You can ask around.

Tsala: Hahaha I know, though it was my first time and it was painful I still enjoyed. It was special and we connected more than we have ever before.

Mox: True, I love you

Tsala: I love you more! We will talk tomorrow let me sleep.

Mox: Goodnight babe!

She put the phone down and smiled pulling the sheet above her head.

The same night..

MmaTumi got into bed next to her husband and sighed.

RraTumi: What is it?

MmaTumi: Nothing I am just tired akere jaanong i

do all the house chores alone.

RraTumi: Mmmh!

MmaTumi: Kante that boy Issack, what does he do for a living?

RraTumi: He just completed his Degree he is looking for a job now.

MmaTumi: Ehe, how old?

RraTumi: I think twenty two twenty three, why all the questions.

MmaTumi: Does he want to get married or his parents want him to get married?

RraTumi: Why all these questions?

MmaTumi: I deserve to know if he is going to marry my daughter akere.

RraTumi: You?

MmaTumi: What I am not allowed to change my mind?

RraTumi: Why now, what happened?

MmaTumi: Nothing, I want to know the young man who is going to marry my daughter that's all.

RraTumi: God works miracles.

MmaTumi switched off the side lamp and went to sleep.

The Following Morning

Same waved for a taxi and got inside, immediately Tsala's call came through. "Ijaaa" she said and hung up on her then sent a text "At Work"

Tsala: (Text) Okay nkadima hundred and fifty pula the mma.

Same: I left the money at home.

Tsala: I can go take it, I want to take out my man for lunch.

Same put her phone in her bag ignoring her.

Meanwhile Tsala waited for a reply and gave up.
She sent her other brother a text " Ntuele ebile make
it two hundred pula"

At Work

Same sat down putting on her shoes and she felt a
big lump on her throat. She took out her phone and
dialed Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Same: I have been waiting for your call since
yesterday. I even sent you di sms.

Mox: Oh, I totally forgot, can we meet when you
knock off.

Same: Okay! I will tell you when I knock off.

Mox: Sure!

Later that Afternoon

At Busy Corner Restaurant

Same and Mox looked at the menu and decided to order some chips and rips with salads and drinks.

Waiter: It's going to be two hundred and sixteen pula.

Tsala: Are we allowed to bring our own drinks because your drinks are expensive.

Mox: Haha babe!

He took out hundred pula and topped up on the two hundred.

Tsala: What I embarrassed you?

Mox: Hahaha no, thanks for taking me out.

Tsala: You are welcome but still (picked up the menu) fifteen pula drink that we buy seven pula, we could have walked to the shops and bought some.

Mox: Hahaha!

He reached for Tsala's hand and put his fingers between hers.

Mox: You are beautiful do you know that?

Tsala: Thanks!

Mox: We should take a selfie.

She smiled and pushed back her braids, Mox went to sit by her side and they took a few selfies before their food arrived.

Tsala: Mmmh looks and smells delicious.

They started eating while Mox told her about varsity life. Mox's phone rang and he ignored it putting it on silent.

Tsala: Ke mang?

Mox: Ke bo Reggie, they probably want us to go drink.

Tsala: Is that all you do when you are with them?

Mox: No but it's the holidays akere. Today I just want to spend some time with my Babe.

Tsala smiled.

Mox: My brother is leaving tomorrow ebile so it is going to be just me and you.

Tsala: I made a plan for us ebile, my brother agreed
gore I can go spend the weekend at Same's House
akere I told him that's where I will be going.

Mox: Mmmh so we will be together the whole
weekend?

Tsala: Mmmh!

Mox: Whole weekend?

Tsala: Haha yes, stop looking at me like that, yes
whole weekend.

Mox: Okay, wait won't they go look for you at
Same's House?

Tsala: Nope, my brother is not like my dad, he is
cool.

Mox: Okay!

At MmaTumi's house

She sat on the bed lost in her thoughts, she didn't
know what to do, she felt hopeless as a mother.

RraTumi: I am going to church.

MmaTumi: Okay!

RraTumi: Wa re what's wrong you are not yourself kana.

MmaTumi:It's nothing maybe I am coming down with flue because I have a headache.

RraTumi: I will pass by the Parmacy and get you something.

MmaTumi: Thank you honey.

RraTumi turned to her and smiled.

RraTumi: You haven't called me honey in a very long time.

MmaTumi: Haha you are still my honey.

RraTumi smiled and kissed her then he left.

MmaTumi dialed Same's number then she hung up.

Later that Evening

The taxi dropped Same off at the school gate where Mox was waiting for her. She paid and walked towards him.

Same: Hey!

Mox: Hi.

There was little awkward moment.

Mox: Wareng?

Same: Mmmh mmmh!

Mox: I have to tell you something, I don't know if Tsala has already told you.

Same: Told me what?

Mox: I.. So Tsala and I fixed things.

Same: Oh! Good for you.

Mox: Are you upset with me?

Same: Why would I be?

Mox: Because of what happened the other day. I wouldn't have, I mean.. You and Tsala are friends and..

Same: That's why we have to tell her what happened between us.

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EPISODE 13

Same: That's why we have to tell her what happened between us.

Mox: What no!

Same: Why, you guys were not together at the time akere.

Mox: We can't tell her that, can this be our little secret please, I am begging you. I love Tsala and I don't want to call what happened between us a mistake because it was not but if Tsala finds out about this we are both going to loose her.

Same:..

Mox: Please, can we pretend like it never happened.

Same: Okay!

Mox: Thank you! I.. I hope you don't hate me.

Same: No why would I?

Mox: Thanks! Let me walk you to the taxi stop.

Same: Sure!

They silently walked to the taxi stop with neither saying anything to each other.

Mox: Shapo akere.

Same: Shapo!

She got in the taxi and Mox turned back going home. Same looked outside and tears rang down her cheeks, yet another disappointment.

Driver: O shapo?

She knod her head wiping her tears but they wouldn't stop.

Driver: A beautiful girl like you should not be crying for boys, there is plenty of fish in the sea.

Same wiped her tears and cleared her throat.

Driver: Gape he is ugly.

Same found herself laughing.

Driver: You were doing him a favour. He will never date a beautiful girl like you ever again in his life.

Same laughed again, he was right, she was way prettier than Tsala.

The Following Day

Tsala packed just a dress and a panty, her toothbrush and washing rag in her handbag and went to the sitting room where her brother and wife

were.

Same: I am going.

Tumi: You want me to drop you or you will get a taxi?

Same: I will get a taxi.

Tumi: Okay shapo.

Same: Bye!

She left dialing Mox, she closed the gate and walked along the road waiting for him to pick up.

Mox: Hey babe!

Same: Hey, I will be there in ten to fifteen minutes.

Mox: Okay, I am cooking.

Same: Haha what are you cooking?

Mox: It's a surprise.

Same: Haha okay don't shower without me.

Mox: I won't.

Same: Shapo.

She hung up and dialed Same.

Same: Hello!

Tsala: Hey, I am on my way to Mox's house.

Same: Okay, don't make babies.

Tsala : Haha no, I am over that.

Same: Have fun.

Tsala: I plan to haha! Shapo taxi ke ye.

She hung up and got in the taxi.

At Mox 's house

He nicely dished up in two plates then he put the

food in the oven, he cleaned the kitchen and made sure everything was okay. Minutes later someone knocked on the door, he went to open and smiled at his girlfriend.

Tsala: Heeey!

Mox pressed his lips on hers and closed the door behind her.

Tsala: It smells nice..

Mox: Mmmh I cooked for you babe!

Tsala: Are you sure your brother won't come back and..

Mox: Haha no, he already arrived ebile.

Tsala: Okay, lock the door.

Mox went to lock the door and kissed her then he

carried her to the bedroom, he laid her on the bed and..****

At MmaTumi's House.

MmaTumi: I will use my car because I want to pass somewhere before church.

RraTumi: Okay!

RraTumi left and she dialed Tsala.

At Mox's house

Mox slowly pulled out and reached for a toilet paper, he removed the condom and laid on the bed next to Tsala who had her hands on her face.

Mox: What?

Tsala: Nothing.

She pulled up the sheet covering her upper body.

Mox: Babe don't be shy.

Tsala: I am not shy.

He pulled the sheet and she closed her legs.

Mox: How was it today?

Tsala: Wasn't painful like maloba.

Mox: See, I wasn't lying.

Tsala: Yeah.

She laid her head on his chest and played with the little hair on his stomach when her phone rang.

Tsala: Shit it's my mum.

Mox: Act natural.

She cleared her throat and picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaTumi: Hi, where are you?

Tsala: What do you mean?

MmaTumi: I am by Tumi's House akere and there is no one home.

Tsala: I went to Same's for the weekend.

MmaTumi: Okay!

Tsala: Did you want something?

MmaTumi: No! Bye!

She hung up and dialed Same.

Same: Hello!

MmaTumi: O koo Tsala? (Is Tsala there?)

Same: Nnyaa mma! (No Ma'am)

MmaTumi: She went to her boyfriend?

Same: Ee mma! (Yes ma'am)

MmaTumi: I am driving to your house you will take me to her.

Same: Ee mma!

She hung up and paged Tsala then she put her phone on flight mode. She removed it after five minutes and paged again then she put it back on flight mode.

In only her panties and bra Tsala picked up her phone and it was another missed call from Same, she tried to call her but her number didn't go through.

Mox: O shapo?

Tsala: Yes!

She left the phone on charger and went to the sitting room where she sat down and Mox gave her the plate with two forks then he went to get drinks.

Mox: We will eat the other plate later if we are hungry.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox sat next to her and kissed her before they started eating.

Mox: So you will be staying on campus or?

Tsala: (Mouthful) Campus.

Mox: Okay! So how are we going to do it? You visit one weekend nna the other weekend.

Tsala: Yes, the first weekend and the last weekend of every month so that we can focus on school the other two weekends.

Mox: Okay fair enough.

Tsala: Then we..

A car parked outside and they looked at each other.

Tsala: Your brother..

Mox: No it can't be him.

He stood up and went to look out the window.

Tsala: Who is it?

Mox: Shit it's your mother and Same.

Tsala: (Panicked) Mama?

She looked and it really was them, she ran to the bedroom and quickly put on her top.

MmaTumi knocked once and tried to open the door.

MmaTumi: Open this door.

Mox looked at his bedroom door.

MmaTumi: If you don't want me to break down this door open it.

She said knocking harder, Tsala came from the bedroom fully dressed. Mox opened the door and stepped back. MmaTumi went inside and looked at Tsala.

Tsala: Mama!

MmaTumi: (Furious) Is this Same's place?

Tsala looked down.

MmaTumi looked at Mox then at Tsala.

MmaTumi: You better arrive with me at the car if you know what's best for you.

She turned around and left, Tsala looked at Mox then she went to get her bag and followed her Mother to the car. She sat at the back with Same and no one said anything. Tsala put her phone between her legs and covered her face. MmaTumi dropped Same by the gate at her house and left. She parked in front of their house and turned to Tsala.

MmaTumi: I am dis sappointed in you.

Tsala:...

MmaTumi: I am very very dis s apointed in you tota ngwanaka. You are proving your father right everytime, ke go buelalela jang?

Tsala: We didn't do anything.

MmaTumi: Now I understand why your father wants to get you married because ke a bona O tsile go nna a problem (I see you are going to be a big problem)

Tsala:..

MmaTumi: I have raised four boys and neither of them gave me problem like you.

Tsala: Kana le nna I have feelings, you are the one who said I should make mistakes why are you angry now?

MmaTumi: O seka wa nkarabisa ke tenegile ke ta go gasa mpama.

Tsala: I can't wait to go to school away from everyone and do whatever I want.

She stepped out of the car and slammed the door.

MmaTumi: Tsalayame!

She opened the house door and went straight to her bedroom. "Ga wa nkgolega" MmaTumi said opening the door. "I will beat you so much you will think gore I am not your mother, you will think I hate you, you are a woman ko boifaolong not in my house" she said standing outside Tsala's bedroom door.

MmaTumi: I will beat you, hard, very hard. I will beat you like I am beating small child.

She clicked her tongue and left.

In Tsala's bedroom

Tsala's phone reported an sms from Same.

Same: I tried to call you!

Tsala: Yeah I saw the missed calls, I tried to call back but your number didn't go through.

Same: Sorry go raa it was the network, she threatened to beat me if I didn't show her where you were gape I couldn't lie in front of my mum ke re you are coming for a sleep over ke itse gore you are not.

Tsala: It's fine.

Same: Sorry!

Tsala: I am scared, I don't think I will see Mox again.

Same: Sorry babes!

Months Later..

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EPISODE 14

Months Later..

Same walked behind Tsala smiling with her phone while Tsala walked around the shop not sure what to buy. She turned to Same holding a two piece of pyjamas.

Tsala: And?

Same: They are beautiful, wa re why don't you go buy in Gaborone hela once, the clothes there are

beautiful gape there are lots of shops.

Tsala: Akere!

She put the pyjamas back and picked up a bare back crop top.

Tsala: This is beautiful.

They went to pay.

Cashier: You can buy two for seventy pula it's today's special.

Tsala: Oh okay, same colour?

Cashier: No! You can pick a different colour.

Tsala: Which colour do you want?

Same: Huh?

Tsala snatched her phone.

Tsala: O busy le mang neh?

She read the texts and smiled shaking her head then she gave Same her phone back.

Same: You remember him, he was in the same class le bo Mox, he..

Tsala: He once asked me out.

Same kept quiet.

Tsala: Which colour do you want gatwe two for seventy pula.

Same: I already have this top.

Tsala: I guess I will just take this colour then and have them di le two.

She went to pay and they left.

Tsala: So O tsena ko UB?

Same: Akere you know.

Tsala: Uhu?

They crossed the road over to the restaurant.

Tsala: Why are you being rude?

Same: Did you really have to mention gore he once asked you out.

Tsala: But he did.

Same: Mxm! Wena ke gore... Aggg wa bora.

Tsala: Okay fine he never asked me out, I was lying.

Same kept quiet.

Tsala: I didn't know it was going to be a big deal.

Same:...

Tsala: I am sorry I didn't know it was going to offend you.

Same: It's fine, you can order I have lost my appetite.

Tsala: Me too, we can go.

They left with neither saying anything to the other.

Same: Shapo!

She said getting in a taxi and Tsala got in a taxi that was going her route. "I am sorry, ne ke sa re ke a go borisa" she sent the sms to Same but she didn't reply. The taxi dropped of Tsala at her house and she paid then took the plastic bag and went to the house.

MmaTumi: Ao but you are coming back empty handed!

Tsala: Aaah, there was nothing to buy I will buy in Gaborone.

MmaTumi: Okay! I didn't cook but..

Tsala: I am not hungry.

She went to the bedroom and tried on her tops then she took some selfies and sent to Mox.

At Same's house

Ditshago opened the door and got inside the house rubbing her hands together "This year's winter is coming too strong, by July we will be freezing" she said sitting down.

Ditshego: Where are your little sisters?

Same: They went to the tuckshop.

Ditshego: Okay, what have you cooked I am starving.

She stood up and opened the oven where they normally keep her food. Same smiled with her phone and put her legs up the wall.

Same: You still remember that? That was three years ago kana.

Leeto: Yes, no you looked beautiful mona, I wanted to talk to you but you were always serious gore, every guy was scared of you kana.

Same: Sheee! Kana mme that's my face it's not like I am rude.

Leeto: You should smile more often to show off that beautiful smile.

Same smiled.

Same: So you know Tsala?

Leeto: Kante she and Mox are still together?

Same: Yes! So have you ever asked Tsala out?

Leeto: She said I did?

Same: Have you?

Leeto: Hahaha yes when you guys started form four.

Same: Ehee, I thought she was making it up.

Leeto:

They continued chatting.

At MmaTumi's house the same night.

Tsala: I am glad I sent my bags with Aunty maloba now I only get to take my handbag and a small bag.

MmaTumi: I hope you are going to come back with

a degree not a baby.

Tsala: Mistakes happen.

MmaTumi: Well you should not let those mistakes happen.

Tsala ignored her mother and continued packing.

MmaTumi: Promise me you will behave well.

Tsala: I promise I will behave well.

MmaTumi closed the door and gave her a packet of contraceptive pills.

MmaTumi: Here, children are a blessing but it's important to have a child when you can afford one, in a stable relationship if not after marriage.

Tsala smiled and hugged her Mother.

MmaTumi: Always use a condom because these pills won't stop you from getting HIV.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaTumi: I know you think I am being hard on you but it's because I love you and I want to see you kamoso as a respectable woman who holds a big position in this country. You are going to Gaborone and there won't be me or your father to tell you what to do so I want you to always remember who you are and where you come from.

Tsala nod her head.

MmaTumi: Promise me you will behave and focus on school.

Tsala: I will.

MmaTumi: Thank you, if you come back with a baby we are naming her degree.

Tsala: Hahaha.

MmaTumi crossed her fingers.

MmaTumi: You will see.

Tsala: I promise I will behave and come back with a real degree, childless and with my dignity intact.

MmaTumi: That's my girl. Did you pack everything?

They checked if she packed everything then put the bag nicely awaiting her long journey to Gabs the following day.

Tsala woke up around four and went to shower. By half past five she was in the first bus that used the Lehlakane road to Gaborone. She gave her mother one last hug before the bus left. She watched her wave at her until the bus left the bus rank, she put

on her headsets and smiled, finally, the freedom that she had always wanted. "Re shapo akere? (we are cook right?) I love you" she sent the text to Same.

The same morning

Same smiled reading the text and replied Tsala with heart emojis. She walked along the gravel and there was no taxi coming and she was going to be late, her boss hated late more than anything.

A RunX drove slow for her and the driver rolled down the window.

Him: Let's go gatwe the Police have arrested taxi drivers.

Same: What?

She opened the back door.

Him: Come sit at the front.

Same: I am fine here.

She said closing the door. The man looked at her and smiled.

Him: You are beautiful to do you know that?

Same: Thank you!

Him: You are welcome. Where are you going?

Same: New mall but you can drop me fa old mall I will walk.

Him: Oh! I am J acob.

Same: I.. I am Gorata.

Him: Great, you are beautiful Gorata, can I have your number?

Same: I don't have a phone.

They both laughed because she was holding the phone in her hand.

Jacob: Wa gana?

Same: It's not mine.

Jacob: Eheee!

Same: Why do you want my number?

Jacob: Because I want to get to know you.

Same: Ehe!

Jacob: So?

Same: Give me your number I will call you.

Jacob: No you won't.

Same: I will when I buy a phone.

Jacob: Okay can I buy you a phone then?

Same: Sheee!

Jacob: Akere you say you don't have a phone.

Same: Buy it for me ee!

Jacob: Okay!

He dropped her off at work and stepped out.

Jacob: What kind of a phone do you want?

Same: Anything!

Jacob: Okay I will bring it ka lunch time.

Same: Okay!

Jacob: Kante ne mma are you going to make me buy a phone hela just because you don't want to give me your number? Let me buy your number ee.

Same: Okay!

He opened his wallet and gave her five hundred pula. Same's eyes popped.

Same: Just for my number.

Jacob: What choice do I have?

She smiled and took his phone, she saved her number and gave him back the phone.

Same: I am Same not Gorata.

Jacob: Hahaha, okay, when do I call?

Same: After two and not after nine bosigo.

Jacob: Great, let me go before I am late.

Same: Shapo!

She went inside the restaurant.

At Palapye later that afternoon

Tsala bought fried chicken, some chips, pizza and burgers with drinks for her and Mox then she dialed his number while walking to the stop to get a Combi

to Campus. Mox's phone rang unanswered. She decided not to send a text since she wanted to surprise him.

At Campus

Mox put his bags down and laid on the bed looking up at the ceiling, he took out his phone and he had one missed call from Tsala, just as he was about to call her Kesego came in and closed the door.

Kesego: Babe, safe period ya ija!

Mox laughed and put the phone down, Kesego got on top of Mox and they started kissing, he removed her clothes and she helped him out of his. He tossed her on the bed and kissed her while he played with the di**head on her cli*.

Kesego moaned softly and kissed his neck "I want to be on top" she whispered in his ear. Mox laid on

the bed and she sat slowly on his hard ere** d***
with her eyes rolling and hands on her breasts then
she started going up and down. Mox reached for
her waists and helped her go up and down then the
door opened. The box of pizza and plastic of drinks
fell down from Tsala's hands.

Mox: Shit Babe! F***

He said trying to get Kesego off him.

Kesego: (With her eyes closed) Yes am cumming,
am cumming!

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EPISODE 15

Mox: Shit Babe! F***

He said trying to get Kesego off him.

Kesego: (With her eyes closed) Yes am cumming,
am cumming!

Mox: F***

He stood up with Kesego on top of him and put her
down.

Kesego: Babe!

Tsala looked at Mox's erect pe***, he wasn't even wearing a condom.

Mox: Babe!

Tsala just looked at him, Kesego grabbed her clothes and looked at Mox.

Kesego: I will be in my room.

She tried to pass by Tsala and she grabbed her by her puff pushing her back inside the room.

Tsala: Didn't he tell you he has a girlfriend?

Kesego: Hee mma weee!

She tried to jump on Tsala but Mox quickly got

between them and pushed her back.

Mox: We will talk!

Tsala: Didn't you tell her you have a girlfriend?

Mox: Babe I..

She picked up the drinks and threw at him.

Tsala: Didn't you tell her you have a girlfriend you dog?

Mox: Babe, babe!

He said walking to her and pinned her hands against the wall. Kes ego quickly grabbed her clothes and ran outside. "Leave me" Tsala fought with Mox and he let go of her. She reached for the stapler on the table and threw it at him.

Tsala: Why are you cheating on me?

Mox: Babe stop you will hurt me.

Tsala: (Snapped) I don't care, why?

Mox: I am sorry!

She sat down on the other bed crying. Mox reached for his boxers and put them on then he picked up the food and put on the table before he locked the door. He sat next to Tsala and tried to hug him, she pushed him back.

Mox: I am sorry!

She continued crying covering her face with both hands. Mox rubbed his face then he stood up and put on his boxers.

Mox: Babe!

Tsala:..

Mox: Babe I am sorry, I.. I made a mistake.

Tsala: Did you fall into her vagina?

Mox:..

Tsala: How long have you been cheating on me?

Mox:...

Tsala: I asked you how long Moemedi? Le gone without a condom?

Mox: I am sorry babe.

Tsala: How long?

Mox: We meet just last week and.. It was the first time ke robala le ene.

Tsala: And you didn't use a condom!

Mox:...

Tsala: What if she has di STI or HIV?

Mox:...

Tsala: Call her and tell her it's over.

Mox: We are not in a relationship, we..

Tsala: I said call her and tell her it's over or else I am leaving and you will never hear from me again.

Mox picked up his phone, he looked at Tsala and dialed wrong number then he immediately hung up.

Mox: Babe I..

Tsala stood up about to leave, Mox grabbed her hand.

Mox: Fine I will call her.

She folded her arms and looked at him, he dialed Kesego's number which was saved as "Licky" Tsala chuckled and looked at him.

Tsala: Put on loudspeaker.

He put on loudspeaker as it rang.

Kesego: Is she gone?

Mox: Hi, yes.

Kesego: Should I come back, kana I was about to cum.

Mox: It's over between us.

Kesego: Hahaha did she tell you to call me and tell me its over?

Mox: No ka re she is not here, I am saying this on my own, its over between us. I don't want to hurt her anymore.

Kesego: Call me when she leaves.

Tsala: Have some self respect you are a woman.

Mox hung up.

Mox: Are you happy now?

Tsala: You are disgusting, block her number and forward your phone calls to me.

Mox: Akere I broke up with her what do you want?

Tsala: Ka re block her number.

She snatched his phone and entered the password which used to be her birthday but it had changed.

Tsala: Unlock the phone.

Mox: Aaah heee, if you want to leave then leave.

Tsala: Ka re unlock this phone, what are you hiding in here.

Mox sat down. Tsala threw the phone against the wall screaming, Mox stood up and quickly grabbed her by the shirt.

Tsala: Moemedi you are hurting me.

Mox: I will slap you.

He picked up his phone and the screen was covered in ink.

Mox: Wa bona what you have done.

Tsala: I wouldn't have done this if you unlocked your phone akere.

Mox: Mxm!

He put on his pants and grabbed his tshirt and shoes then he left slamming the door on his way out. Tsala clicked her tongue and sat down on his bed crying.

At Work

Same smiled as she attended J acob's table.

Same: Good afternoon sir what can I get you?

J acob: I just wanted to see this beautiful face.

Same: (Smiling) Stop you will get me fired.

J acob: Can I see you this evening when you knock off?

Same: You could have called.

J acob: And miss out seeing this beautiful face.

Same: Haha, what can I get you?

J acob: I wish you were on the menu.

Same: Haha stop.

She turned around and got him a glass of coke.

J acob: So will I see you?

Same: Maybe, maybe not.

Jacob: Do I have to pay again to see you?

Same: Yes, you can send money to my number then I will give you your answer after.

Jacob: Hahaha!

Same went to attend another customer.

Later that Evening

Tsala stood up as the door opened and it was just Mox's roommate Lawrence.

Tsala: Oh hey!

Law: Hey!

Tsala: I thought it was Mox.

Law: Just me.

Tsala: Mmmmh!

She sat down.

Tsala: There is pizza!

Law: E le gore Mox doesn't know you are here?

Tsala: He does, we had an argument and he left.

Law: Sorry.

He took one slice of pizza and started eating. Tsala tried Mox's number again and it still didn't go through.

The same evening

Same rubbed her hands together and opened the car, she got inside and breathed in her hands.

Same: Wow its cold!

Jacob: Really?

Same: Yees!

Jacob gave her a a paperbag, Same looked inside and smiled. It was chocolates and some goodies.

Same: You didn't have to.

Jacob: Okay I can take it back then.

Same: Hahaha no, thanks you!

Jacob: You want to go for a ride around town?

Same: Okay!

He played some songs as he drove around. Same looked out the window and breathed on the window.

Jacob : So Same?

She turned to him.

Jacob: Who is Same?

Same: I.. What do I say tota, nothing interesting.

Jacob: There is always something interesting about someone.

Same: Hahaha, well there is nothing about me.

Wena? Who is Jacob?

Jacob: Hahaha okay, just a guy from Tonota, I am twenty six and I am here working as a PE teacher.

Same: Oh, okay! So you have a girlfriend?

Jacob: Haha what if I do?

Same: So you do?

Jacob: Yes she is a teacher too ko gabs.

Same: Okay!

Jacob: What's Okay?

Same: I mean okay!

Jacob: Wena you have someone?

Same: No! I am single.

Jacob: You are lying, a beautiful girl like you?

Same: I am the one men wish they meet first before they meet their ugly girlfriends and wives.

Jacob: Haha!

There was a little awkward moment.

Jacob: So how old are you?

Same: It depends on what you want to do with me.

Jacob: Haha, I want to kiss you.

He said moving into her.

Same: Well I am old enough.

He kissed her and put his hand under her top.

Jacob: What if I want more?

Same: (Whispered) Still old enough.

Jacob pushed back her chair and got on top of her.

A few minutes after midnight

Law woke up to Tsala sniffing and crying. He switched on his flashlight.

Law: Tsala!

Tsala:...

He got out of his bed and sat on Mox's bed then he pulled the blanket.

Law: Tsala!

Tsala: He knows I am leaving tomorrow and.. If he doesn't love me why doesn't he just say it?

Law hugged her.

Law: Maybe he is at the library.

Tsala: This time? He is probably with Licky or whatever her name is.

She pulled back her head and wiped her tears then she leaned over and kissed Law, he kissed her back and wrapped his arms around her.

Tsala: Did you lock the door?

Law: Yes.

He picked her up and laid her on his bed, he got on top of her and kissed her, he kissed her neck and*****

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BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 16

The Following Morning

Tsala looked outside the window as the bus left for Gaborone, she smiled alone then she covered her face embarrassed, what did she just do? She took

out her phone and sent Same a text "Tsala ke se dirile mma mono" (Friend I have messed up)

At Campus

Law walked in from the showers and found Mox sitting on his bed.

Law: Sure!

Mox: Sure, Tsala left?

Law: Yeah?

He said unable to maintain eye contact, he reached for his body lotion and and applied it on.

Mox: What time?

Law: Ga ke sure when I woke up she was gone.

Mox: She broke my phone man and I knew gore if I

come back here I was going to slap her a bo re lwa.

Law: Yeah!

Mox: I just didn't want drama.

Law: Akere!

He put on his pants and reached for his tshirt. Mox sat down and sighed.

At Same' s house

She closed the gate and walked a few meters before J acob caught up with her, she opened the front door and got inside.

J acob: Hi!

Same: Hi!

She pulled the seat belt.

Jacob: You should always wait for me akere we are going same direction.

Same: Mmmh!

Jacob: I can't stop thinking about last night, I have never..

Same: There is this Jean I saw, can you please buy it for me.

Jacob: Oh, how much?

Same: It's three hundred.

Jacob: Okay we will pass by after work akere.

Same: Or you can give me the money.

Jacob: Haha okay!

He took out three hundred pula from his wallet and gave her.

Same: Thanks!

She took out her phone and read Tsala's text.

Same: Heee what did you do?

Tsala: I cheated maabane.

Same: Wena? (You?)

Tsala: The funny thing is I don't feel bad about it.

Same: Heelang, details, with who?

Tsala: Mox and I got into an argument and he left, I slept with his roommate.

Same:

Tsala:

Same: Iyoo!

Tsala: And I don't even feel bad waits e, ke mono hela. It was nice gape, we did it until we ran out of condoms.

Same:

Tsala:

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Same screenshot the conversation and sent to Mox on WhatsApp. "Don't tell her I am the one who told you"

She put the phone back in her handbag and breathed in her hands.

Jacob: So will I see you again today.

Same: I have classes today.

Jacob: Okay, I can pick you up and..

Same: I will call you.

Later that Afternoon

While she and her Colleague were mopping the floor Pretty walked to them and touched Ditshego's

shoulder. She turned around and almost screamed, she touched her chest and breathed out loud.

Pretty: Dumelang!

Ditshego: Hello!

She was the last person she expected to see, she wanted nothing to do with anything that reminded her of Sechaba.

Pretty: I just came to say hi.

Ditshego: Ee!

There was little awkward moment.

Pretty: Go siame.

Ditshego: Bye!

She turned around and left.

Colleague: Ao why did you give the poor child a cold shoulder?

Ditshego: I didn't.

Colleague: Yes you did, the poor girl was excited to see you.

Ditshego continued mopping.

At Tsala's Aunt's house

Aunt: I thought you were supposed to come yesterday.

Tsala: Yes but I had to see some people first.

Aunt: Who are some people?

Tsala: Hahaha just friends.

Her phone rang and she excused herself.

Tsala: Hey!

Law: Hey! Arrived shapo?

Tsala: I did!

Law: Okay that's great.

There was silence and they laughed.

Tsala: What?

Law: I couldn't look him in the eyes phakela. I was scared gore he would see right through me gore what happened last night.

Tsala: Mxm that one.

Law: Anyway we will talk akere?

Tsala: Sure!

Law: Shapo!

He hung up and deleted the call record. Mox came in holding a small phone and Law laughed.

Law: They still make those?

Mox: I went to fix screen sa phone and ba re eight hundred so I bought this phone for the time being.

Law: How much is it?

Mox: One fifty.

Law: Hahaha!

He laid on the bed dialing Tsala. She picked up but didn't say anything.

Tsala:...

Mox: Babe!

She found herself smiling.

Mox: I am sorry about yesterday, I was angry and I was scared because we might end up fighting that's why I didn't come back.

Tsala:..

Mox: Babe!

Tsala: How would you feel if you came to visit and you found me having sex* with another man then I leave you alone in my room all night?

Mox: I am sorry.

Tsala: No you are not sorry.

Mox: I know it..

Tsala: I am done with you.

Mox: Babe!

Tsala: No serious, by the way while you were out last night I slept with someone on your bed just to prove to you because you are not the only one who knows how to cheat.

Mox: You what?

Tsala: And it was nice, he did all the things you have never done to me before.

Mox: I am sure it was not nicer than when I slept with your best friend.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 17

Tsala: By the way while you were out last night I slept with someone on your bed just to prove to you gore you are not the only one who knows how to cheat.

Mox: You what?

Tsala: And it was nice, he did all the things you have never done to me before.

Mox: I am sure it was not nicer than when I slept with your best friend.

Tsala: You what?

Mox: Mmmh akere it's nice when you say it!

Tsala: Mxm, Same would never do that to me, if you think you are hurting me then..

He hung up on her. Tsala swallowed hard and called him back but he didn't pick up. She called Same's number but it rang unanswered.

Aunt: I am going, the kids will be home ka bo four.

Tsala: Ee mma.

Aunt: There is food and.

Tsala: Aunty bathong, if I am hungry I will go into

the kitchen and figure out something.

Aunt: Haha okay no shapo.

She left, Tsala sat down and took a deep breath, she shook her head not wanting to believe what Mox said. No! He just said it to hurt her feelings.

At Campus

Mox stood up as Law came in.

Mox: Hey, did you sleep here last night?

Law: Yeah why?

Mox: Tsala ene, where did she sleep?

Law: On that bed.

Mox: Alone?

Law: Yes alone why are you asking me?

Mox: J ust asking.

He knew Tsala wa lying, the only person she knew on campus was him and there was no way she would sleep with a random guy especially on his bed.

Law: Why do you ask?

Mox: Nothing!

He grabbed his books and left.

Later that Afternoon

Same walked around the shops pushing a trolley, she put some vegetables and toiletries then she went to pay. A Gentleman quued behind her holding a 5L bottle of water. He put the bottle on the counter together with Same's things and took out his card.

Cashier: Are you together?

Same looked at the man.

Him: Yes!

He said giving the cashier his card then he entered his pin. Same smiled putting her things in the plastics then the man helped her. He took his bottle of water and one of her plastics and left, she walked behind him, he opened the boot to his car and put them inside.

Same: Sheee!

She said softly.

Him: Akere I paid for them.

Same: Sheee!

Him: What? Did you think I was paying for you? I don't even know you!

Same: Hahaha rra wee!

Him: Let's go I will give you a lift.

Same: I don't know you.

Him: Yet you let me pay for you.

Same: You offered.

Him: Yes I am offering you a lift gape.

She rolled her eyes and put the rest of the plastics inside the boot, the man opened the door for her and she got inside.

Him: I am Kaone.

Same: Emma!

Him: Nice to meet you Emma, I have been in Maun

for four days and this is the first time I am meeting a beautiful woman.

Same: Hahahaha I guess you haven't been looking.

Him: Believe me I have been looking.

Same: What are you doing in Maun?

Him: I am on a trip, ke bereka ko Royal Legal Law firm.

Same: Oh, you are a lawyer?

Him: Yes!

Same's phone rang, she looked at Kaone and picked up.

Same: Hey babes I will call you back.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up.

Kaone: I hope babes won't beat me for giving you a ride.

Same: Hahaha no she won't, that was my best friend.

Kaone: Haha, where are you going I don't know Maun well.

Same: Go this way.

He joined the main road and Same showed her where to go.

Kaone: So Emma!

Same: Mmmh!

Kaone: Wa re where have you been hiding, ke serious kana I haven't seen a beautiful woman ever since I came to Maun.

Same: Haha!

Kaone: Seriously!

Same: Been around.

Kaone: Mmmh!

Same: Ema gone ha.

Kaone: You don't want me to take you home?

Same: Hahaha no ke shapo here.

Kaone: Okay!

Same: Thanks for the ride.

Kaone: Can I please get your number.

He extended his hand and Same noticed there was a ring mark on his finger. She entered her number and gave back the phone.

Kaone: So when can I call?

Same: Anytime.

Kaone: Because I really want to see you later, I am sleeping ko All Guests Hotel.

Same: You will call me then.

Kaone: Sure!

She stepped out and got her plastics then went home. Soon as she put the plastics down Tsala's call came through.

Same: Hey I was..

Tsala: Did you sleep with Mox?

Same's heart skipped.

Tsala: I want you to be honest because he already told me everything.

Same: I.. I didn't sleep with him. Why would he say that?

Tsala: Be honest because I already know the truth.

Same: Why are you accusing me, do you have evidence? If you already know the truth then you

know I have never slept with him.

Tsala: Shapo ee!

She hung up, the way Same was defensive she didn't know what to believe, what if they did? No way, she knew her best friend and there was no way she would do that.

Meanwhile Same clicked her tongue and dialed Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Same: I thought you said it was going to be between us why did you tell Tsala?

Mox: I will tell her I was joking.

Same: Fix your mess nxa!

At the Shop

Ditshago's heart skipped as she heard someone laughing like Sechaba, she turned around and it was just some man she didn't know, she breathed out loud touching her chest. She had not been herself since she saw Sechaba's daughter the other day.

Later that Evening

Same: Hello!

Jacob: Hey, can I see you just for five minutes?

Same: No ke busy.

Jacob: Ao, I..

Same: Give me five hundred maybe I will come see you.

Jacob: Kante do I have to give you money everytime I ask something from you?

Same: Yes akere I am not your girlfriend.

Jacob: Ao mma, I don't have money right now I used it to.

Same: Save the explaining for your girlfriend, call me when you have money.

She hung up and got in Kaone's car.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 19

The following morning

Same woke up to her phone ringing, without

checking who it was she picked up and put on her ear.

Same: (Sleepy) Hello!

Kaone: Did you see the money?

Same looked at her phone.

Same: I was sleeping, I will check.

Kaone: Ee never call me ever again.

He clicked his tongue and hung up on her. Same woke up and checked her messages and the money was in, all of it. "Aahhh" she screamed, thank God everyone had already left. She got out of bed and went to fix bathing water while dialing Tsala.

Tsala: Hello!

Same: How much should I bless you with?

Tsala: E le gore where do you get money?

Same: Ka re how much, ask no questions and hear no lies.

Tsala: One thousand Pula.

Same: Okay I am sending. I will send you two thousand, one thousand buy me some beautiful clothes from shops that are not in Maun. Size medium.

Tsala: Heee you found yourself a sugar daddy?

Same: I said ask no questions and hear no lies.

Tsala: Okay okay, just tell me gore we are not going to get in trouble because of the money.

Same: Chill, I deserve this money

Tsala: Okay send then gape mma girls here have clothes ba re gatella.

Same: Haha okay I am sending.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up and went into class, just as she sat down the money reported. "Hee" she said surprised and put the phone on silent and put it back in her bag.

Back at Same's house

She dialed Leeto while she poured water in the bathtub

Leeto: Hello!

Same: Hi so I was thinking, since I can't come there because my mum won't allow me how about you come here.

Leeto: Ke semester end hela because..

Same: I can give you money for the bus.

Leeto: No I..

Same: Thee rra, I would come there but my mum won't allow me.

Leeto: Okay no problem gape I needed to get some things there anyway.

Same: Okay I will send now.

She hung up and sent Loeto five hundred pula. "if you get time today go buy the clothes and send ka evening bus" she sent Tsala the text.

Later that Afternoon

At Palm Trees Restaurant

The Manager hurried to the gate as soon as she saw Same.

Boss: Same, I told you not to come here until you

are healed.

Same: Dumelang, actually I came to ask for leave.

Boss: Leave?

Same: Yes for this weekend.

Boss: But you know what we are most busy on weekend and Ruri has been working your shifts so..

Same: Okay then I quit.

Boss: What?

Same: Yeah! I quit!

She turned around and left. The Boss looked at her in awe and turned her neck looking at her as she got in the taxi. "Ungrateful" she said and clapped her hands before she went back inside.

The same afternoon

Tired, Tsala walked into her last lecture for the day,

she dug in her handbag for a toilet paper then he spit the bubblegum on it before she put it back inside her bag. She raised her head and her eyes fell on his, looking rather elegant that day in formal and a white coat.

Marco: Welcome everyone to your first class of..

Tsala didn't hear what he said next, she looked at his lips as he spoke, they were soft and pink. She wondered what she was a mix of Tswana and what because he was mixed, his short hair was soft and he knew the right hairstyle for him. He was clean too and the voice. She smiled alone.

He looked at her, Tsame woke up from her day dreaming. She looked around and everyone in class was looking at her. Marco walked towards her and raised his eyebrows.

Marco: Am I that boring?

Tsala: Huh?

He chuckled and turned around going back to his desk.

Marco: Name and your favourite vegetable.

Tsala: Oh, Tsalayame Mopiri and my favourite vegetable is um, potatoes because I can have them however I want, fried, mashed, boiled and baked.

Impressed Marco raised his eyebrows and turned to the next student. Same smiled and put her elbow on the table looking at him.

An hour later everyone stood up and left, she remained as Marco packed his books and she walked towards him.

Tsala: Hi.

Marco: Hi, I hope you are not here to thank me again.

Tsala: Hahaha no!

Marco looked at her and she just stared at him.

Marco: Tsala!

"I really like you!" she said out loud then instantly regretted it. Marco chuckled and picked up his books.

Marco: Ga o kake wa nkgona nana nna ke a ja ga ke tshameke (You won't handle me baby girl, I f***, hard!)

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EPISODE 20

"I really like you!" she said out loud then instantly regretted it. Marco chuckled and picked up his books.

Marco: Ga o kake wa nkgona nana nna ke a ja ga ke tshameke (You won't handle me baby girl, I f***, hard!)

Tsala swallowed hard and stepped back, he winked at her and picked up his books and left. As much as

that statement kind of scared her she found it damn sexy and turned her on. She smiled and left, just as she walked out her phone rang.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: So how was your first day?

Tsala: It was fine.

She watched Marco get in his car and drove off.

Mox: Babe!

Tsala: Wareng? (She wrote down Marco's plate number)

Mox: Ka re are you coming this weekend or I should come there?

Tsala: I want to see the city this weekend, we will

make arrangements.

Mox: Akere.

Tsala: Babe hang up Same is calling.

Mox: I love you.

Tsala: I love you.

Mox hung up and Tsala picked up Same's call.

Same: Hey o tswa go reka?

Tsala: Not yet I just came from my last class.

Same: Okay when will you go buy?

Tsala: Bathong Same I have classes akere, I will check when my last class tomorrow is.

Same: Okay, I am meeting Leeto this weekend and I want to look nice.

Tsala: You know you would still look nice even if you were wearing a curtain.

Same: Haha, I know!

Tsala: You are supposed to say thanks.

Same: If you tell me something I don't know.

Tsala rolled her eyes, she opened her room and got inside.

Tsala: There is this really hot guy.

She threw herself on the bed.

Tsala: Hi is a lecturer here, oh!

She covered her face.

Tsala: He.. Iyoooo! Yeses, he is everything.

Same: What about Mox?

Tsala: What about him? I am telling you about the

guy I didn't say I am sleeping with him. Anyway, where was I.

Same: He is everything.

Tsala: I feel like you should see him, you won't understand if I try to describe him.

Same: Haha.

Tsala: Serious, he is heaven and I have a big crush on him.

Same: Then go for it!

Tsala: There are hot girls in school I don't stand a chance. Banyana ba Gaborone ke makgarebe mma.

Same: You have a vagina like them akere, at the end of the day when they have s** they take off the expensive clothes and wigs.

Tsala: Aaah, what kind of advice is that hahaha!

Same: May the best vagina win.

They both laughed. Portia came in and threw herself on her bed tired.

Tsala: Let me check my timetable and get back to you.

Same: Okay!

She hung up and looked at the taxi that just dropped her mother.

Same: You are home early!

Ditshago: Mmmh I think I am coming down with flue.

Same: You want me to go get you some pills.

Ditshago looked at all the plastics in the middle of the house and the new fridge!

Ditshago: And then?

Same: Mosimane O mongwe was selling it on Facebook and..

Ditshago: The money?

Same: I, we got cut at work and they gave us ma five thousand.

Ditshago opened the fridge that was well stocked with fruits and vegetables.

Ditshago: Oh my baby, wena what did you get yourself? you worked hard for your money gape it's winter we would have bough a fridge later.

Same:..

Ditshago: Maybe it's a good thing you got cut now you can focus on studying.

Same: Akere.

Ditshago went around the fridge.

Ditshago: It's new! How much?

Same: Two thousand.

Ditshego went through the plastics.

Ditshego: Ke gore you wasted whole five thousand on food, Ao ngwanaka!

She went to the bedroom.

Days Later

"E le gore why do you urgently want me in maun?
Tsala asked her Mother on the phone as she walked behind Portia who was looking at clothes.

MmaTumi: We miss you akere.

Tsala: Ao mama I haven't even been here a week.

MmaTumi: E le gore wena you don't miss us?

Tsala: I do, let me call you back.

She hung up and knod her head at the top Portia was holding.

Tsala: Yeah it's beautiful she is going to love it.

They bought a few things for Same and went to pay. Just as they were about to go get a combi to the bus rank Tsala saw Marco's car parked by the parking lot.

Tsala: Friend go back to campus I will take this to the bus alone.

Portia: O sure because I don't mind..

She pointed at the Marco's car.

Tsala: I want to meet with him.

Portia: Whose car is that?

Tsala: Marco!

Portia: Lecture bae?

Tsala: Yes!

She fixed her jacket.

Portia: Okay shapo, I hope he doesn't think you are stalking him.

Tsala: Go!

Portia left and Tsala waited, she waited for about thirty minutes and as she was about to go Marco came out with some lady. Dissapointed she turned around about to leave and he called out her name..
"Tsala"

Tsala turned around pretending like she had no idea who just called her. Marco hugged the lady he was with and she left. Tsala slowly walked to him.

Tsala: Hi, I didn't see you or your car.

Marco: Haha!

Tsala: Hi.

Marco: Hi again.

Tsala dropped the plastic and rubbed her hands together.

Marco: It was nice seeing you.

He picked up her plastic and gave her.

Tsala: Am I attractive, I mean do you think I am attractive, to you?

Marco: Haha you speak your mind akere?

Tsala: Yes, so?

Marco: You are very attractive and beautiful.

Tsala: Really?

Marco: I have no reason to lie.

Tsala: Eheee!

Marco: Bye!

Tsala: Maybe I want to be f**** hard!

Marco laughed and put both his hands in his pockets.

Marco: Maybe?

Tsala: What does it mean actually, how many rounds because I am a big girl.

Marco: No you are not.

He turned around and got in his car.

Tsala: Let me show you then.

Marco closed the door and called her using his two fingers. Tsala stood outside by the window. "You are too young, you can't handle me and everything I would do to that little beautiful body"

Tsala: Try me them.

Marco: The kind of se* I have will turn you into a se* addict, I can't do that to you.

Tsala: But I want you to do that to me.

Marco: Call me when you are thirty six.

He started the car.

Tsala: Mmmh maybe you are all talk and no action.

Marco laughed.

Marco: Okay! But call me when you are old enough to handle me.

Tsala: Maybe you are the one who can't handle me!

She raised her eyebrows and folded her arms.

Marco: Get inside the car.

Tsala smiled and got inside the car.

At Same's house

She went to throw away the small box of pizza and sat in front of the house going through her Facebook timeline, she liked a photo of Tsala and

Portia captioned "Roomies" then an sms came through "Ke di pegile mo bus ya six, 7668**** that's their number" from Tsala. "Thanks" she replied.

At Marco's House

Tsala walked in behind him and it was clean and sportless. He closed the door behind him and looked at Tsame, he got a little deja vu and breathed in his hands. He had promised himself he was done with anyone less than thirty, he didn't want a repeat of what happened the last time.

Tsala: Your house is beautiful.

Marco: Thanks! I just remembered that I have to go somewhere.

Tsala: I will wait.

Marco: No you have to go.

Tsala: What I..

Marco: Please!

Tsala: I am here on my own will, you didn't force me to...

"You don't know what I can do to you!" he snapped.

Marco: (Calm) Please!

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 21

Marco: I just remembered that I have to go somewhere.

Tsala: I will wait.

Marco: No you have to go.

Tsala: What I..

Marco: Please!

Tsala: I am here on my own will, you didn't force me to...

"You don't know what I can do to you!" he snapped.

Marco: (Calm) Please!

Tsala picked up her handbag and fixed her jean.
"Look" he said grabbing her hand.

Marco: I didn't mean to be rude.

Tsala: Did I do something?

Marco: It's not you, it's me.

Tsala: What about you?

Marco: I really have to go somewhere.

Tsala: I knew you were all talk and no action.

She walked towards the door, Marco rubbed his face and followed her.

Marco: Let me drop you by main mall.

Tsala: Whatever.

Marco: You don't know what I can do to you.

Tsala: How will I know if you don't do it?

Marco shook his head laughing and they drove in silence until he dropped her by the mall. Tsala opened the door, stepped out and slammed it.

The following morning

Tsala woke up to Portia knocking on the door. She went to open and got back into bed.

Portia: Hey! Did you see my sms ke re I won't be sleeping in tonight?

Tsala: Mmmh!

Portia: Don't judge me okay.. So yesterday..

Tsala: (Raised her head) Portia wee, do you know what time it is? Can I please sleep.

After hearing how rude she sounded she raised her head again and looked at her.

Tsala: You will tell me everything later.

Portia: I won't be in the mood later.

She said taking off her clothes and got into bed.

Later that Afternoon

Same fixed her top then she pulled her jeans up covering her belly button. She turned around admiring herself in the mirror.

Same: How do I look?

Lebo: Where are you going?

Same: I am meeting with a friend, if Mama comes back before me tell her I am meeting with a friend.

Lebo: You look beautiful mma!

Same: Thanks.

She picked up her ringing phone.

Same: Hello!

Leeto: Hey, ke a tswa mo motseng.

Same: Okay let's meet by the pizza hut.

Leeto: Okay!

She hung up and put her phone in her handbag. "Walk me to the road I will give you money for atchar" She said to her little sister and she quickly put on her shoes and walked her until she got a taxi.

At IHS Campus

Tsala came back from lunch and threw herself on the bed. She looked up at the ceiling wondering what Marco meant by she didn't know what he could do to her. What could he possibly do to her. She got interrupted by Mox's phonecall and she put her phone on silent. She laid on her stomach and googled.

At PizzaHut

Leeto opened his arms and Same smiled disappearing between them. He hugged her and squeezed her in before he let go.

Leeto: Hi!

Same: Hi!

She said shyly.

Leeto: You look beautiful.

Same: Thank you.

They sat down and he picked up the menu.

Leeto: You want ice cream?

Same: Okay!

He stood up and went to buy them two cup ice creams.

Leeto: Same!

Same: Eto, that's what they used to call you akere back at senior school.

Leeto: Haha they still do. Wareng?

She shook her head licking her spoon. There was a little awkward moment and they both laughed.

Same: You are telling me gore you don't have a girlfriend?

Leeto: I had a girlfriend and we broke up three weeks ago.

Same: Eheee?

Leeto: That's why I asked you to be my girlfriend.

Same:..

Leeto: I long liked you at Senior school, you were beautiful with short hair and.. You are still beautiful by the way.

Same: Hahaha!

She took a deep breath.

Same: I have never been in a relationship before so I don't know what people in relationships do.

Leeto: They hold hands.

He said holding her hand.

Leeto: And kiss!

Same: Haha!

Leeto: Then other things follow.

Same's phone rang, it was J acob.

Leeto: Pick up while I go order pizza for us.

Same: Okay!

Leeto: What flavour?

Same: Any as long as its not mushroom and vegetables.

Leeto: Okay!

She picked up the call.

Same: Hello!

J acob: How much for you to come see me tonight?

Same: I am not a prostitute.

J acob: I didn't say you were, akere you are the one who said I should call you when I have money.

She hung up on him, J acob called again and she blocked his number. Leeto came back and sat down.

Leeto: O shapo?

Same: Yes!

He extended his hand and Same put hers on top of his.

Leeto: I need my answer kana. So what is it going to be?

Same: Yes!

Leeto: Yes you will be my girlfriend?

She nod her head smiling. Leeto leaned over and planted a soft kiss on her lips.

At Sebege Flats

Tsala knocked on Marco's door hoping it was the right door. She stepped back as she heard footsteps coming then Marco slightly opened the door.

Marco: Tsala?

Tsala: If I don't like it then I will stop and I will never bother you again.

Marco looked inside and cleared his throat.

Tsala: Now I understand what you meant by you fu** hard, you are into dilo ts a fifty shades akere?

Marco laughed.

Tsala: What, maybe I want you to tie me to the bed

too and f*** me.

Someone behind Marco opened the door wider and Same stepped back, it was the lady from yesterday.

Marco: Same!

Embarrassed Same ran down the stairs, Marco put on his tshirt and tried to run after her but she was gone.

Gee: Who was that brave girl?

Marco: Haha long story.

Gee: Iyooo moghel has some liver, I could never say that.

She said sitting down and picked up her glass of wine . Marco laughed and sat down.

Marco: One thing about her, she speaks what's in her heart and what's on her mind.

Gee: Yoooooh!

She turned and looked at him.

Gee: So?

Marco: Nothing!

Gee: Come on you have been offered what what on a silver platter, come on. How many women would courageously say what she just said?

Marco: First of all she is my student, she is not a woman, she is like eighteen, you know I don't play with kids. Never going back there.

Gee sipped on her wine.

Gee: Is this about Rudo?

Marco: No, I can loose my job, she is a child and my student.

Gee took a deep breath.

Gee: Not everyone is Rudo my friend. I know she is young and..

Marco: I don't want to damage her, you know what I do, you know..

Gee: I know, I know.. Look even if its not with her you have to move on some day.

Marco picked up his drink and took a sip.

Later that Evening

Same arrived home and found no one home, she

removed her shoes and threw herself on the bed, she kicked in the air giggling and covered her face "Babe I have arrived home" an sms from Leeto came through. "Iyoo ke nna Babe" She screamed in the pillow before she got her phone and replied him.

Months Later!

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EPISODE 22

Months Later!

Same counted all the money she had left and it was enough to take her to and back from Gaborone. She went outside to where her Mother and little sisters were. She sat down and cleared her throat then she took out her phone and started laughing.

Ditshego: What?

Same: It's Tsala, a re she is not coming for the independence holidays.

Lebo: It's funny?

Same: Ne a re ke mo cheke in Gaborone.

She looked at her mother and she didn't say anything.

Ditshego: Mpho make me a cup of tea hoo.

Same: A re she will send me money for transport.

Ditshogo: Didn't you tell her her exams are around the corner and you have to study.

Same: Ao Mama its for two days hela.

Ditshogo: Tsala is at school, we also want you to go to varsity ga o kake wa itia ka motho who is already at varsity.

Same kept quiet, she knew there was no way her mother was going to allow her to visit but she really didn't want to disappoint Leeto. She stood up and went back inside the house disappointed.

At IHS Campus

The students went up and down as some of them were leaving for the independence holidays. "What do you mean you are not coming home?" MmaTumi asked Tsala on the phone.

Tsala: I have a lot of school work that I have to catch up on.

MmaTumi: Tsala!

Tsala: What I should abandon my school work to come there?

MmaTumi: I didn't say that, kana there is something important that we have to talk about, I asked you to come home leng ntse o gana?

Tsala: Mama varsity is not senior school, if I fail one module I have to pay thousands to re write it, can't you tell me on the phone?

MmaTumi: Are you pregnant, is that why you don't want to come home?

Portia came in the room from the showers.

Tsala: No I am not, ka re ke busy, okay shapo let me drop everything and fail, I...

MmaTumi: Bo rrago want to discuss kgang ya

courts hip between you and Issack.

Tsala: What about it?

MmaTumi: They agreed gore you can court and get to know each other before you get married and I think its a good idea.

Tsala:..

MmaTumi: Tsala?

Tsala: What if nna I love someone not Issack?

MmaTumi: Akere during courts hip..

Tsala: You agreed to everything?

MmaTumi: No, I am the one who suggested that..

Tsala: If I die because I don't want to marry Issack then fine I will die.

She hung up on her mother and wiped her tears.

Portia: Are you okay?

Tsala: I am fine.

Portia: You don't look fine.

Tsala: Aggg!

Portia sat on her bed and hugged her.

Portia: What happened?

Tsala: Aggg my parents can be annoying gore mma.

Portia: Sorry babes, I know what..

Tsala: No you don't understand, they want me to marry a man that I don't even know, ke gore they dont care about my feelings.

Portia: I am sorry.

Tsala wiped her tears and sniffed.

Tsala: You need help with your bags?

Portia: Please!

She helped Portia zip her bag then she sat on her bed.

Portia: We can go to my home together if you don't mind.

Tsala: Haha no ke shapo gape it's not like I will be alone akere.

Portia: Yeah, okay walk me to the gate.

She put on her flip flops and walked Portia outside the gate to the combi stop.

Tsala: Bring me something from home.

Portia: Eng tota?

Tsala: Hahaha anything.

Portia: Okay!

They waited a few minutes for the combi then they said goodbye. Her phone rang as she crossed the road back to campus.

Tsala: Hey!

Same: Hey wa pala mma Ditshego, I don't think I will come. I am going to dissapont Babe!

Tsala: J ust come it's not like she will beat you akere when you go back.

Same: Haha!

Tsala: She will just tell you how dissapointed she is in you and that if you have a child she won't take care of it.

Same: Hahaha! You are bad influence gore mma. Okay then I will be in the evening bus go raa I will be there tomorrow morning.

Tsala: Okay!

Same: No shapo I will call you if I have managed.

She hung up and packed a few clothes in her stylish backpack then she threw the bag outside through the window.

Bored Tsala went to shower and put in a shirt dress and sandals then she walked to Main mall, she went in the restaurant and sat at the back eating her meal while busy using the restaurant WiFi.

"I will have it as a takeaway please" she raised her head as she recognised the voice and it was Marco. She quickly hid her face with the menu, she had been trying to avoid the man as much as she could ever since she embarrassed herself in front of him but it was too late he had already saw her.

Marco: Are you avoiding me?

Tsala: I see you every two days at school.

Marco: May I?

He asked pointing at the chair and he sat down before she answered.

Tsala: I actually came here to sit by myself.

Marco: Okay!

He said standing up.

Tsala: I am sorry you can sit.

He sat down again. No one said anything for a few minutes then Marco cleared his throat.

Marco: I didn't turn you down because there is something wrong with you.

Tsala: Oh I know I am beautiful.

Marco: You are and the first woman I meet who speaks her mind. That's rare, women would rather

show you signs that they want you instead of saying it.

Tsala: I am not like most women, I was not made, I was created.

The aggressiveness in her tone turned him on.

Tsala: By the way you are missing out.

Marco: I am sure I am.

Tsala: Haha!

She sipped on her drink.

Tsala: I have been meaning to ask you, what are you a mix of?

Marco: My mother is Italian and my father is black.

Tsala: Oh!

Marco: Yeah!

Tsala: They made a cute baby!

Marco: Hahaha thank you!

Tsala: Do you have a brother as cute as you?

Marco: Hahaha maybe I do, I don't know.

Tsala: Why?

Marco: My Mother...

He kept quiet and let out a faint smile then he
breathed out loud.

Marco: Don't worry about it.

Tsala: Tell me!

Marco: I don't like to talk about it.

Tsala: You have abandonment issues?

Marco found himself laughing.

Marco: What? You know sometimes it's okay not to say some things out loud akere.

Tsala: I am sorry!

Marco: You don't say that to someone.

Tsala: I am sorry it was insensitive of me, please forgive me.

Marco: It's fine, look I have to go.

Tsala: I was serious ke re I am down to being chained and stuff. Let me give you my number just incase you change your mind.

She extended her hand, Marco unlocked his phone and gave her, she saved her number and paged herself.

Tsala: Bye!

Marco: Bye!

She watched him leave then she smiled alone finishing her dinner.

The same Night

Ditshago closed the windows and went to the bedroom, the gown that Same left wearing when she went to buy airtime was on the bed. "E le gore" she picked it up and went to the sitting room.

Ditshago: Is this not Same's?

Mpho: Didn't she leave wearing that?

Ditshago: She fooled us, she went to Gaborone after I told her not to.

She went to get her phone and dialed her number.

Tsala: Mama!

Ditshego: (Angry) After I told you...

Tsala: Aah mma you will shout at me when I get back.

She hung up and put her phone on flight mode.

At Campus

Tsala woke up to her phone ringing, she picked up without checking who it was.

Tsala: (Sleepy) Hello!

Marco: I am outside!

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EPISODE 23

Tsala: (Sleepy) Hello!

Marco: I am outside! parked by the stop.

Tsala: Marco?

She quickly got out of bed and put on a dress and a cardigan then she went outside. There was still movement as the other students were not sleeping. She crossed the road over to the stop and opened the front door.

Tsala: Hey!

Marco: Hey! We're you sleeping?

Tsala: Yes it's ten, everyone is sleeping.

Marco: Not me! You want to go for a drive?

Tsala: Sure!

She pulled the seat belt and took a deep breath.

Marco: I actually enjoy your company?

Tsala: I can offer you something you can enjoy more.

Marco: Hahaha! Are you always like this?

Tsala: When I am after what I want yes.

Marco: Ke motona mo go wena kana.

Tsala: Hahaha.

Marco: No serious, I am old enough to be your Pre teen father.

Tsala: You want me to call you Daddy?

Marco laughed and concentrated on the road.

Tsala: For someone who is into things you are into you are too shy.

Marco: I am only arrogant in bed.

Tsala: Hahaha!

Her laugh was soft and short.

Marco: We can get something to eat.

Tsala: Okay!

He drove to a drive in restaurant and ordered chips and chicken for them then he drove to his house. He closed the door behind him and removed his shoes. Tsala sat down and crossed her legs.

Marco: I only have coke, do you take coke?

Tsala: Yes!

She said and followed him to the kitchen where he emptied the takeaways in the plates and poured them drinks. Tsala sat on the kitchen counter and took a chip from her plate.

Tsala: Do you have a girlfriend?

Marco: No!

Tsala: Why?

Marco: Aggg, relationships are hard work, I am busy with something, I don't want to be accused of cheating when I don't give much attention.

Tsala: What are you busy with?

Marco: You want to know?

Tsala: Yes!

Marco: Well I just opened up a business, we sell..

Tsala attentively listened as he told her all about his business.

Tsala: Okay, so is business good or bad?

Marco: We just started we will see in the coming months.

Tsala: Good luck.

Marco: Thank you.

There was a little awkward moment.

Tsala: You know I am a Pastor's daughter.

Marco: (Surprised) No!

Tsala: Hahaha serious, that is my father not me. I want to experience certain things in life, things that I can not do if I carry the "Pastor's daughter" title with me everywhere.

Marco looked at her, she put her feet on the chair and sipped on her drink.

Tsala: First I want to drink alcohol, I want to go to parties, festivals, I want to be young and wild. I want to fall in love , I want to experience life.

Marco: You think that's life?

Tsala: Are you judging me?

Marco: No I am saying when I was young I wanted that freedom too but that's not life.

Tsala: Well I want to experience it. If I get burnt then I will get burnt, you only live once kana.

Marco: Hahaha!

Tsala: Serious maybe it's because I was raised a certain way told gore having fun ke dilo tsaga Satan.

She hopped down the kitchen counter and stood in front of Marco, she helped him stand up then she

kissed him.

Marco: Wait?

Tsala: I don't want to wait, come on I know you want this. Kante why are you playing hard to get?

He kissed her back and pushed her against the wall aggressively, he raised both her hands and pinned them against the wall, Tsala breathed out heavily as he kissed her neck then up to her lips and let her hands loose "No don't stop" she begged him.

Tsala: I want to do this.

Marco: I don't want you hurt you.

Tsala: But I want you to hurt me. Hurt me.

He opened the buttons of her dress, twisting each button with his thumb and third finger, he moved to the second button then the third exposing her round

breasts, he pressed his lips on hers and pulled down the dress from both shoulders, it fell down to her hips, he kissed her breastbone down to her stomach, he squatted unbuttoning the rest of the buttons and the dress fell down.

Tsala instantly regretted wearing that panty, if she had known she would have put in something nice. Every touch felt like heaven, no man had ever given her body so much attention before.

Marco studied her, kissing the top of her nunu up to her belly button, up between her breasts up to her mouth while he caressed her breasts. He picked her up like she was a piece of nothing and put her on his shoulder going to the bathroom, he opened the tap and cold water fell on their naked bodies. He lick** her nipp*** and moved his lips slowly down her stomach, Tsala let out a soft moa* and touched his head, he removed her panty and kissed her just above her nunu, he traced two fingers between her

nunu and slowly slipped them both inside, Tsala...
(18+ Se* scene will be posted in the group)

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EPISODE 24

The Following Morning

Same looked outside the window as the bus arrived at the bus rank, she took out her phone and dialed Leeto who instantly picked up.

Leeto: Hey I will be there in two minutes.

Same: Okay you will find me in the bus.

She hung up and as she was about to call Tsala her mother's call came through. She cleared her throat and picked up.

Ditshago: Same!

Same: Maa?

Ditshago: Are you there yet?

Same: Yes we just arrived.

Ditshago: Ene Tsala where is she? Akere she knows gore it's your first time there.

Same: A re she is on her way.

Ditshago: Call me when you are with her, don't go anywhere, thieves will see gore you don't know Gaborone and steal from you.

Same: Ee mma!

Ditshego: Ee shapo!

Same hung up and smiled to how her mother was worried about her. She took her bags from the shelves and put it next to her, while she put the fleece blanket she came with inside someone tapped her shoulder and she raised her head, she smiled like a retarded and stood up.

Leeto: Babe!

She opened her arms and they hugged. He let go and grabbed her bag for her and held hands walking outside.

Leeto: Did I keep you for long?

Same: No!

Leeto put the bag down and hugged her again then

he planted a soft kiss on her lips. He held her hand and they walked to the taxis.

Leeto: I missed you.

Same: I missed you too.

Leeto: Really?

They got in the taxi at the back and Same rested her head in his shoulder.

Leeto: Did you tell Tsala you have arrived?

Same: No, ebile I was about to call her when my mum called.

She dialed Tsala's number and it rang unanswered.

Same: She is sleeping I will call her later.

She looked outside.

Same: You will show me around akere later?

Leeto: Yees!

At Marco's House

Tsala woke up to her phone ringing, just as she reached for it the person hung up. She turned to Marco's side and he was peacefully sleeping, she smiled alone and touched his hair, it was natural afro yet soft soft. "Mmmh" Marco mumbled before he opened his eyes and smiled at Tsala.

Marco: Hey:

Tsala: Didn't mean to wake you up.

Marco: Mmmmh!

He pulled her into him and kissed her, he got on top of her and kissed her neck while he parted her legs and she wasn't wearing a panty.

Tsala: Wait, con..

She closed her eyes as he traced his thumb on her **it, he wet his thumb with his tongue and circled it around her bean while his middle finger was inside her nunu and his lips kissing her stomach. She raised her lower body with her eyes still closed, this was better than all the se* she had ever had. She loosened her body and allowed him to do whatever he wanted with her body, her hands gripped the sheets and she raised her head to only find him looking up at her with his chin on her stomach positioned like a lion waiting for its prey. The man was sexy, that moment right there she made a decision, that was her man!

Later that Morning

Leeto wrapped the condom in the toilet paper and pushed it between the toilet paper roll then he joined Same in bed, he made her put her head on his shoulder and he kissed her forehead.

Leeto: That was special.

Same: For me too.

She closed her eyes and when she opened them tears rolled the sides of her eyes, was it real that someone actually loved her enough not to leave after se*. She sniffed and cleared her throat.

Same: I am starving.

Leeto: You will bath ko go Tsala akere.

Same: Yes.

Leeto: Okay tell her re ta mo cheka in an hour.

He got out of bed and made her cornflakes, Same dialed Tsala and waited while it rang unanswered two times.

Tsala: Hello!

Same: Hey, I have arrived kana.

Tsala: Figured when I saw your missed call phakela, are you with Leeto?

Same: Hahaha yes wherelse would I go.

Tsala: I am calling Ditshego and telling her you are not with me.

Same: Ao mma!

Tsala: I am kidding, so how far?

Same: Babe can hear you kana?

Tsala: Ke eng you didn't come to look each other in the eyes akere.

They both laughed.

Same: I will see you in an hour.

Tsala: Make it two hours, I am a little far, I will tell you when we meet.

Same: Ehe, okay shapo.

She hung up and Mox gave her the cornflakes.

Same: Thanks!

At Marco's House.

Tsala stepped out of the shower and wrapped a towel around herself, she went back to the bedroom and changed sheets, she looked at the stain on the bed and felt embarrassed. She opened all windows for air and let the bed uncovered for the stain to dry.

She put the sheets in the washing machine then she went back to the bedroom, she opened the closet and looked inside, opened the drawers and two packets of condoms caught her attention. "Why did Marco lie, or did he not know he still had some left?" she asked herself. She reached for one of his t-shirts and put it on.

She heard the door open and she went to the sitting room.

Marco: Hey!

He kissed her and took the shopping bag to the kitchen. He turned to her and smiled.

Marco: You look beautiful in my t-shirt.

Tsala: Haha!

He picked her up and put her on the kitchen counter then he got between her legs.

Tsala: There are condoms in your drawer.

Marco: What do you feel like eating for breakfast?

Tsala: You?

Marco laughed and rinsed the pan.

Marco: I never said I am good cook by the way.

Tsala: Okay!

He made her fruit salad then egg benedict with cheese sauce.

Tsala: Okay, fine you are not a good cook ee.

Marco: Hahaha I told you.

Tsala: Are you kidding this is nice. (Mouthful)
Delicious.

Marco: This is my to go to breakfast whenever I
want to impress someone.

Tsala: Are you trying to impress me?

Marco: Are you impressed?

Tsala: Hahaha I am with your tongue game.

Marco: Hahahah!

His phone rang and he excused himself. Tsala
wondered if he didn't hear her about the condoms
or he choose to ignore her. He came back and sat
down finishing his meal.

Tsala: I said there are..

Marco: I have to go see a client, should I drop you at
campus or you will stay here?

Tsala: My friend is in town and I promised to meet
with her in two hours.

Marco: Oh okay!

Tsala: Will I see you later?

Marco: I will call you.

Tsala: You don't want to have se* with me right?

Marco: What?

Tsala: You are ignoring me ke re there are condoms in the drawers, you knew they were in there last night right?

Marco: I..

Tsala: Don't lie!

Marco: Yes I knew.

Tsala: Why don't you want to sleep with me then?
What I am not sexy enough?

Marco: Come on, I..

Tsala: (Snapped) What?

Marco: I said I don't want to hurt you okay.

Tsala: What do you mean hurt me? I am here, hurt me then, I give you permission to hurt me.

Marco: (Shouting) Stop!

He cupped his head and looked away. Scared Tsala wrapped her arms around herself. Marco calmed down and turned to her.

Marco: Are you sure you want this?

Tsala: Yes, I wouldn't be here if I didn't want to. I know I am only eighteen but believe me I know what I want and I want you. Tie me to the bed, choke me, it's fine, I want it all.

Marco smiled and bumped his forehead with hers, he breathed on her face and kissed her.

Marco: O sure?

Tsala nod her head.

Marco: You remember what I told you the first time we meet?

He breathed the words in her mouth while he helped her out of her t-shirt leaving her naked.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Marco: I wasn't joking.

He said carrying her to the bedroom, he threw her on the bed and opened his drawer, his phone rang.

Marco: Shit I have to take this.

He picked up.

Marco: Hey, oh shit completely forgot I will be there

in ten minutes.

He hung up and helped Tsala stand.

Marco: Let me drop you at campus I have to go collect something.

Tsala: Okay, will I see you later?

Marco kissed her.

Marco: Yes!

At Maun

Mox counted five hundred pula notes and gave the man who just replaced his phone screen.

Mox: Thank you!

He walked out of the shop inserting his simcard, bought data bundles and waited for the phone to load, he opened his WhatsApp and clicked on Same's messages.

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** Morning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 25

At Maun

Mox counted five hundred pula notes and gave the man who just replaced his phone screen.

Mox: Thank you!

He walked out of the shop inserting his simcard, bought data bundles and waited for the phone to load, he opened his WhatsApp and clicked on Same's messages. He leaned against the seat typing "E le gore gore what did you send me and deleted?" he sent a message and clicked on Tsala's contact to video call her but she wasn't online.

At IHS

Tsala walked outside and looked around, she spotted Same and Leeto walking towards her. She folded her arms smiling alone like a retard looking at them.

Same: Friend!

She went in for a hug.

Leeto: Hi!

Tsala: Hi, (To Same) and then your bags?

Same: I just came to bath then babe will be showing me around the city.

Tsala: (Whispered) Gatwe Babe!

The girls laughed.

Same: Babe I am coming.

Leeto: How about you catch up for an hour nyana then we go.

Tsala: Please!

Same: Okay!

Leeto kissed her and he left. Tsala looked at Same and raised her eyebrows.

Same: Whaat?

Tsala: Wa go go nyedis a Ditshego. (Ditshego is going to beat you)

Same: Hahaha whatever happens when I leave here is fine with me.

Tsala: Hahaha!

They walked to Tsala's room.

Same: So this is life on campus?

Tsala: Ee mma!

Same: Next year we will be together.

Tsala: I can't wait.

She sat on Portia's bed and Same sat on hers.

Tsala: Data mnyana!

Same: Hahaha where do i start?

Tsala: What did you do when you arrived?

Same: Okay so he went to pick me up ko bus rank then we went to his room, we talked nyana two minutes then he kissed me.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Same: I kissed him back and.. We did it, it was amazing gape he wasn't rough, he kissed me the whole time like they do mo TV.

Tsala: Did he kiss you down there?

Same: Eww No why?

Tsala: Nothing I was just asking.

Same's phone rang, she smiled picking up.

Same: Hey! Okay shapo, I love you too.

She hung up.

Tsala: And?

Same: Ne a re i should call him when I am done.

Tsala: J aanong why didn't you bath gone kwa?

Same: With boys?

Tsala caught up on the latest gossip from back home and they talked about this and that for about half an hour.

Same: So aren't you going to tell me where you were at in the morning?

Tsala: It's top secret, these walls have ears.

They both laughed.

Same: Kante wena and Mox?

Tsala: Aggg, kana I know gore Mox wa jola at Palapye and Law always tells me le nna kwano I am doing my things so let it be whatever it is, I don't have the energy for it.

Same: Yoo Gaborone has really changed you girl, wena talk like that about Mox? Rraagwe Andile? (Andile's father?)

They both laughed.

Same: You used to annoy me gore when you called each other that.

Tsala: Haha, I was young and in love, we both thought gore it was going to be like that forever. Look I love Mox but there is just too much fishes in the pond and right now I am eying one.

Same: Tsalaaaa, don't ask him out wena kana, I still remember when you asked Mox out.

Tsala: Mathata nna I go for what I want while you girls wait for the guy to make the first move. Ke gore i just want one night with him, ke ta mo latswa gore.

Same: Hahaha hahaha heelang!

Tsala: I want to show him gore I am not a child, I saw gore his problem is he thinks I am a child.

Same: A Pastor' s daughter.

Tsala: Wa nyela, I will call Ditshego and tell her you are not with me.

Same: Sorry ee! Let me go shower mma.

Tsala gave her her flip flops and towel and showed her where to shower. She sat on her bed thinking about Marco when Mox's call came through. She smiled and laid on her back before picking up.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Let me video call.

Tsala: Ao you bought a new phone?

Mox: No I replaced the screen that you broke.

Tsala: Ijaa!

She hung up and Mox video valled.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: What's that on your neck?

Tsala: What?

Mox: Wa bona, is that a hickey.

Tsala: What?

She stood up and looked at herself in the mirror and it was a hickey indeed.

Tsala: No I.

Mox: So that's why you didn't want to come to Maun,

so that you can get hickies?

Tsala rolled her eyes.

Tsala: Cheaters and accusing others of cheating.

Mox: That's a hickey.

Tsala: Yes it is so what.

Mox: O le Bit*** wena.

Tsala: You are only finding out now?

Mox: I hope he gets you pregnant.

Tsala: I hope you get all sexual transmitted diseases and Aids then you die.

She hung up on him and checked out the hickey, how come she didn't see it in the morning. She tried to rub it off but she only irritated her skin. Same came in from the showers.

Same: And?

Tsala turned her neck and showed her.

Tsala: Why didnt you tell me now Mox saw it.

Same: I didn't see it.

Tsala: Shit!

Same: What did he say?

Tsala: We said some awful things to each other.

Mox's call came through again and Tsala hung up on him. "I hope they get you pregnant with triplets and leave you." an sms from Mox came through. "J ust like your father left your mother with three kids and she survived I will survive. You survived, my kids will survive too" she replied then she instantly regretted it, she didn't have to hit him where it hurt the most. J ust as she was about to text an apology another sms came through "That's

why I fuc*** your friend."

Tsala looked at Same then she put her phone down. She knew Mox was just saying it to hurt her. Same changed into shorts and a tank top with sandals.

Same: And?

Tsala: You look beautiful, can I ask you something.

Same looked at her.

Tsala: Kante when someone says he is scared of hurting you while having se* what can he possibly do?

Same: Maybe he means se* ya ma satanist where they choke you and tie you. I read a book once where a girl died while she was being choked.

Tsala: It's not satanism.

Same: It is, why would someone tie you up or choke you.

Tsala: Maybe there is more pleasure in it.

Same: Nna if someone chokes me wa nyela, I am not going to die comiting a sin nna.

Tsala: Haha!

Same turned around.

Tsala: You look great.

Same: I brought my best clothes I want to look the part.

She said picking up her phone and sent Leeto a text. Few minutes later Leeto arrived and they left, Tsala locked the door and laid on the bed about to take a nap when her phone reported a text. "I want to make you Cum" from Marco.

Tsala smiled and laid on her stomach waving her feet.

Tsala: Thinking about you makes me want to touch myself.

Marco: What are you wearing?

Tsala: I was about to check the colour of my panties then remembered I don't have any on.

Marco: I miss the way you taste.

Tsala closed her legs together and laid on her back smiling while replying.

Tsala: I am touching myself now in places you wouldn't know. My legs are wide open.

Marco: Play with yourself for me.

Tsala: I am getting wet why aren't you here now?

Marco read the text and cleared his throat smiling .
His cousin looked at him.

Cousin: What?

Marco: It's nothing.

He put his phone down and focused on what they were discussing, his phone reported a WhatsApp, he opened the phone and a well shaved nunu from Tsala. He swallowed hard and put the phone down without replying, "did he just meet his match! He thought to himself.

At Campus

Disappointed that Marco was not replying Tsala put on her panties and her phone rang.

Tsala: Isaack?

She said out loud surprised why he was calling her.

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** Night

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 26

Disappointed that Marco was not replying Tsala put on her panties and her phone rang.

Tsala: Isaack?

She said out loud surprised why he was calling her.

Tsala: Hello!

Isaack: Hi!

Tsala: Hi!

Issack: Surprised that I called you?

Tsala: Yes, zup?

Issack: I am coming to Gaborone tomorrow morning because I have an interview on Tuesday and I was hoping we can meet.

Tsala: About?

Isaack: We can't discuss it on the phone.

Tsala:..

Issack: Please!

Tsala: Fine just tell me where and when.

Issack: Thank you! Bye!

She hung up wondering what he wanted to say so badly he couldn't say on the phone.

At the Mall

Same hung up on Mox again then she blocked his number.

Leeto: Who is it?

Same: Aggg my mum akere I told her I will call when I am with Tsala and I forgot.

Leeto: We should go back so that..

Same: No its fine we will call her later.

She sipped on her milkshake and smiled at Leeto. He held her hand then he took out his phone and took a photo. Same shyly looked away as he clicked more photos.

Leeto: Babe thee mma I am..

Same: Babe akere you know gore pictures are more beautiful when you pretend you don't know they are being taken.

Leeto: Hahaha girls, I didn't know.

Same turned to him smiling and he captured the moment. She was beautiful, the most beautiful girl he knew with deep dimples on both sides and the short hair suited her.

Leeto: After you left phakela..

Same looked at him.

Leeto: The guys wouldn't stop talking about how beautiful you are.

Same: Really?

Leeto: Serious ke ha ke ikutlwa gore.

Same: Hahaha!

She smiled revealing her beautiful clean teeth.

Same: Let's take a selfie!

Leeto gave him his phone, she opened the front camera and clicked a few photos with Leeto behind her and some with him kissing her cheeks. Same looked at him, this was all she ever wanted, a man who loved her for who she was not what she could give him.

Same: I pray we don't end up like Tsala and Mox!

Leeto: What happened?

Same: They are both cheating and no one is

working on the relationship, ke maaka hela.

Leeto: Why don't they just break up.

Same: Good question! Anyway I trust you.

Leeto: I trust you too.

He kissed her.

Later that Evening

"Mma this Jean doesn't fit me anymore but I bought it with my first allowance and it was expensive" she said throwing it at Same.

Same: You are giving it to me?

Tsala: Yes!

Same: Thanks!

She tried it on and it perfectly fitted her.

Same: Wow thanks!

Tsala's phone rang and she smiled.

Tsala: Hey!

Marco: Should I cook or order takeaways.

Tsala: Surprise me.

Marco: Okay! I will be there in twenty minutes.

Tsala: My friend is here to bath, pick me up in an hour.

Marco: Great.

Tsala put the phone down and continued looking for clothes in her closet.

Same: Why don't you just break up, I mean you and Mox!

Tsala threw a top at her.

Tsala: It might be a bit loose because my breasts are bigger than yours.

Same: Thanks!

Tsala: I think that's all, kana these days ke apara size thirty two wena.

Same: I see freedom is treating you well.

Tsala: Hahaha!

Same: Before I forget let's call Mama.

She dialed Ditshego's number and put on loudspeaker.

Ditshego: Hello!

Same: Mama I am with Tsala!

Tsala: Dumelang!

Same: If she gets pregnant gone koo you will help her with the baby. You will be that baby's father akere you are the one who told her to come to Gaborone.

The girls giggled.

Ditshego: Continue laughing, it won't be fun ko labour room.

Tsala: Ee mma!

Ditshego: Bye!

She hung up and they laughed out loud.

Tsala: Don't get pregnant mma wee nna I am too young to be a father.

Same: Never! I make sure I see the condom before and after. I don't want any mistakes, men are tricky kana.

Tsala: Good!

Same: Okay let me go shower.

She laid on the bed going through her Facebook waiting for Same. She clicked her tongue and unfriended Mox. She laid on her back looking up at the ceiling wondering what Issack wanted to talk to her about.

A little later at Marco's house

Marco closed the door behind him and picked her up, he pinned her against the wall and kissed her, Tsala wrapped her arms and legs around him. "Show me what you were doing to yourself earlier" Marco whispered in her ear. Tsala shyly closed her eyes, he threw her on the sofa and sat far away

from her. Shy, Tsala crawled to him and got on top of him.

Tsala: Not today, next time, today I want you to..

He kissed him and put her hand in his pants, her eyes popped. Marco tossed her and got on top of her, he pulled down his pants and**** (18+ Sex scene will be posted at the group)

The following Morning

Issack walked in the restaurant and spotted Tsala, he walked towards her smiling, Tsala stood up and smiled at him.

Issack: And then Scarf?

Tsala: Haha new fashion.

Isaack laughed alone and sat down.

Tsala: You are paying akere you are the one who called me here.

Issack: Haha ee mma!

Tsala looked at the menu.

Tsala: Can I order full breakfast?

Issack: Sure!

She raised her hand and ordered breakfast while Isaack only ordered coffee. Tsala cleared her throat and looked at him.

Isaack: You are probably asking yourself why you are here.

Tsala: Yes!

Issack: Look, I. You don't want this marriage do you?

Tsala kept quiet.

Issack: I need you to be honest with me.

Tsala: It's not about you, I..

Isaack: I am gay!

Tsala's eyes popped out of their sockets.

Issack: Yes!

Tsala: Wait, am I not that attractive enough you would lie o re you are gay?

Isaack: I am not lying, I am gay and my family knows it.

Tsala: What?

Issack: The whole God says I should marry you shit is a lie, my parents hope maybe if I marry a woman then I will stop being gay.

Tsala: You don't look gay, you are a gentleman.

Issack: Wentworth Miller doesn't look gay but he is gay.

Tsala: Who is that?

Issack: Michael Scofield.

Tsala: I still don't know him.

Issack: Don't mind, look not all gays are girly and paint their nails. Being gay is who you are attracted to, men!

Tsala kept quiet.

Tsala: So your parents know you are gay and still wanted me to marry you?

Issack: Church people are fake.

Tsala: And deceiving!

Issack: You are talking about my parents.

Tsala: Wow!

Issack: Look we both don't want this but we can still do it.

Tsala: I am sorry, you are really handsome but I like straight men.

Issack: Haha, I mean, let's get them off our backs, let's tell them we are courting to get married. You get to live your life and get to live mine.

Tsala: What happens when we are supposed to get married?

Issack: We will cross that bridge when we get there.

Tsala: I don't know!

Issack: I am not pressuring you, think about it and get back to me.

Tsala: (Took a deep breath and knod her head) Okay!

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** Morning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 27

Later that Afternoon

Tsala opened the door for Same and she laughed out loud touching her neck.

Same: And then wena what happened to you?

Tsala laughed and threw herself on the bed

covering her face. Same sat on Tsala's bed and looked at her.

Same: A tswa kae Mox?

Tsala: Hey don't tell me about people who don't have manners. Bona!

She said removing all her clothes and showed Same all the love bites on her stomach and on her butt.

Same: Heee, e le gore what kind of s** are you having?

Tsala: Haha!

Same: Shee bona bite marks on your butt, kana you were fighting?

Tsala: No wa re fighting, you won't get this if you still date your age mates. I roll with the big guys now.

Same: Hee, is it painful?

Tsala: No!

Same touched all the red marks on her body shaking her head.

Same: E le gore what happened?

Tsala: You won't understand.

Same: Kante have you seen yourself?

Tsala stood in front of the mirror and smiled touching her neck, she could still feel his touch, his breath all over her body. She closed her eyes and smiled alone.

Same: Kante who is this mysterious guy you never tell me about?

Tsala turned to her.

Same: Is he married?

Tsala: No but I have once told you about him.

Same: Your lab partner.

Tsala: No, no that one has a girlfriend.

Same: Mang, Lecture Bae?

Tsala smiled shyly and covered her face.

Same: (Whispering) Its him?

Tsala nod her head.

Same: Heelang, is it allowed to..

Tsala: We are keeping things a secret that's why you can't tell anyone even Leeto tota.

Same: He is the one who?

Tsala knod her head.

Same: Heee! How old is he?

Tsala: He is thirty but yooo mma he is cute, his voice, his lips yoo and he knows how to use those lips.

Same: Heelang, Iyooo!

Tsala: Last night.. (she sat on the bed) Kana we didn't sleep at all.

Same: We didn't sleep either.

They both laughed

Tsala: I still can't feel my vagina.

Same: Hahaha, so Mox ene?

Tsala: Kante why do you keep bringing him up, if

you want him you can have him I don't mind.

Same: Uhu, I am asking hela I didn't say I want him.

Sorry mma, go on.

Tsala: Not in the mood anymore.

Same: I said sorry akere. So you and "You know who we can't say his name" are you in a relationship?

Tsala: We haven't discussed that yet.

Same: Ehe!

There was a little awkward moment.

Same: Last night we went to see a movie.

Same went on and on about a movie that she went to see with Leeto while Tsala was lost in her thoughts. Now she too wanted to know if they were in a relationship or just se*.

Same: I can't wait to move here next year. To think that I am going back tomorrow aggg!

She looked at Tsala.

Same: Yame?

Tsala looked at her.

Tsala: Sorry, wa re you went to see a movie?

At Marco's Gym

Marco filled up the water dispenser and went back to his car to get disposables when his phone rang.

Marco: Sure Dan.

Daniel: Sure I am at your place.

Marco: Oh I am at the gym.

Daniel: Okay will be there in five minutes.

Marco hung up and looked around, he was impressed with what he had done so far. He filled the disposable cup with water and sat down while going through his phone. He found himself dialing Tsala's number, he bit his lower lip and put the phone down then he picked it up again. "I can't get you off my mind" he typed on his screen then he erased it, it sounded desperate he thought to himself but it was the truth, he really couldn't get her off his mind, she left an impression no one had ever left on him. He had underestimated her and last night she showed him that she was a big girl, the kind of big girls he liked to play with. "What are you wearing" he typed, just as he was about to send Daniel came in.

Daniel: Look at what you have done to this place.

Marco stood up and they shoulder bumped.

Daniel: It's nice.

Marco: Yeah and we are officially opening next week.

Daniel: Congratulations my man.

They walked around the gym, Marco's phone rang, he slacked behind picking up.

Marco: Hey!

Tsala: Hi, I am sleeping over at campus tonight.

Marco: No you are not.

Tsala: Haha I..

Marco: It's not negotiable.

Tsala: Can I speak?

Marco: No!

Tsala laughed.

Marco: I am coming to pick you up ka seven, wear a skirt.

Tsala: Where are..

Marco: And no panty.

He hung up on her and caught up with Daniel.

Daniel: Who is not wearing a panty tonight?

They both laughed.

Marco: It's no one.

Daniel: Haha! No one huh!

Later that night

Tsala in a short floral dress and sandals got in Marco's car and closed the door.

Tsala: Hey!

Marco leaned over and kissed her, he put his hand between her legs and touched her nunu and she was wearing a panty.

Marco: I told you not to wear a panty!

Tsala: I.

Marco: You what, disobey me? Take it off!

Tsala removed the panty and Marco took it from her.

Marco: Are you hungry?

Tsala: Yeah!

He drove with one hand while the other hand was between Tsala's legs. She cleared her throat and wanted to ask something but she was scared.

Marco drove towards his flats.

Tsala: I thought we are going to get something to eat.

Marco: We will after.

He parked in the parking lot and stepped outside the car, he went to seat at the back.

Marco: Come here!

Tsala went to sit with him at the back, he picked her

up and put her on his lap, he kissed her neck and unbuttoned his jean.

Tsala: Condom!

He removed one from his pocket, rolled it in him and made her sit on his D. Tsala closed her eyes and held in to his shoulders.

Marco: Next time I tell you not to come wearing a panty don't wear it.

Tsala: Uhhhh!

He f*** her from below.

Tsala: Is this a relationship or its just se*?

She asked. Marco stopped thr*** and looked at her.

Marco: What do you think it is?

Tsala: I want you to tell me.

Marco: Then what happens after I tell you?

Tsala: I know, I just want to know.

Marco: I dont do relationships, they are overrated.

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** Good night

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 28

Tsala: Is this a relationship or its just se*?

She asked. Marco stopped thr*** and looked at her.

Marco: What do you think it is?

Tsala: I want you to tell me.

Marco: Then what happens after I tell you?

Tsala: I know, I just want to know.

Marco: I dont do relationships, they are overrated.

Tsala: (Disappointed) Ehee, so I can date other people?

Marco: Yes!

Tsala: Le wena you can date other people?

Marco: I just told you gore I don't date.

Tsala: Okay!

Marco tried to kiss her lips and she gave him her neck.

Marco: What?

Tsala: Nothing! Can we get it over and done with I am starving.

Marco: You wanted me to say we are in a relationship?

Tsala: No I..

Marco: Then why are you mad at me?

Tsala: I am not mad.

Marco: Okay!

He got her off him, wiped his D and put it back in his pants.

Tsala: We..

Marco: I am not going to have s** with someone who is not in the mood.

Tsala:..

Marco: You can go upstairs and I will get the food.

Tsala: Sure!

She grabbed her handbag and the house keys then she went upstairs. She threw herself on the sofa and took out her phone. She put it down and covered her face, she breathed out loud and went to wash her face then looked at herself in the mirror, was it her or he didn't want a relationship in general? She washed her face again and went to the bedroom where she threw herself on the bed. Her phone rang from the sitting room and she dragged her feet to go get it.

Tsala: Hello!

Issack: Hey!

Tsala: Hi, Issack!

Issack: Have you made any decision yet?

Tsala: Issack ga ke sure, I mean what are we going to say when the time comes for us to get married,

do we continue with the lie? Look I know I am a sinner but I don't want to lie to God, get in a loveless relationship just because I want to satisfy my parents.

Issack: We will ask them to let us get married after you turn twenty one then, that's a long time and a lot can happen in three years, please Tsala I am begging you.

Tsala:..

Issack: Please, its just courts hip and showing a united front in front of everyone, we don't have to be friends or..

Tsala: Issack!

Issack: Please, do you know how it's like being called a dissapointment everyday?

Tsala:..

Issack: You can live your life how you want to, just for three years hela, please I will even pay you if I have to.

Tsala:..

Issack: I am begging you.

Tsala: Fine! (Took a deep breath) What do you want me to do?

Issack: Thank you! Just come to Maun so that our families can meet.

Tsala: Fine! But you are paying for the trip, akere you are my husband to be.

Issack: Haha its fine by me. Thank you!

Tsala: I better not regret this.

Issack: You are not going to regret it I promise you. Do I send money to this number?

Tsala: Yes!

Issack: Oh, if they ask why sudden change tell them we meet in Gaborone and you really think I am a nice person.

Tsala: Are you?

Issack: Haha yes I am.

Tsala: Shapo! I will call my mum kamoso.

Issack: Shapo!

She hung up yawning and rested her head on the pillow. A few minutes later someone knocked at the door "Aggg" Tsala complained and got up annoyed. She opened the door and a white girl stood on the other side.

Her: Hi!

Tsala: Hi.

Her: Is Marco here?

Tsala: No he went out!

Her: Oh, tell him Erica passed by.

Tsala: I will!

The girl looked at her and smiled. She touched her neck and Tsala pulled her head back.

Her: Nice, this is why he hasn't been in contact? Bye!

She left and Tsala closed the door and locked it.

At UB

Leeto had his head on Same's lap while she popped his blackheads.

Same: Babe your face is oily gore, what do you use to wash it?

Leeto: Soap!

Same: Hahaha what soap?

Leeto: Haha the same soap I use to wash my face.

Same: Hahaha, well you should get some oil control creams so..

Leeto: Come on babe dilo tseo are for girls. The boys will laugh at me ke its has a di ponds.

Same: It's not di ponds. You just wash your face with it and o ta bona no more oily skin, I will show you which ones to use.

Leeto: Yeah!

He turned and laid on his stomach looking at Same.

Same: What?

Leeto: And then Tsala? Her neck and..

Same: Haha! She has allergies.

Leeto: Allergies?

Same: Hahaha I can't tell you because if I do you might tell someone in confidence and get her in trouble.

Leeto: Come on, Mox and I don't have mutual friends.

Same: It's not even about Mox! She has someone, name withheld, and he is the one who did that to her.

Leeto: Do you want me to do you too babe?

Same: Haha, she even has them on her butt.

Leeto got off bed and pulled Same and turned her around then he pulled up her dress.

Same: Hahaha what are you doing?

Leeto: Giving you something to think about me in Maun.

Same: Babe!

She laughed as Leero kissed her butt and left a very big love bite on it then he took a photo and showed her.

Same: Babe what if my mum asks what this is!

Leeto: You will tell her you got stung by a bee.

Same: Hahaha! I love it. You want me to give you

something to think about when I am gone?

Leeto: Haha no babe I am a man, what..

Same: Haha I won't kiss your butt, come here!

Leeto sat on the bed and she sat on top of him and removed her dress, she pushed him on the bed and pulled down his sweat pants.

At Marco's house

Tsala finished eating and took her plate to the kitchen, she washed it and stood by the window looking outside. Marco came in and put his in the sink.

Marco: Are you okay?

He made her turn around, Tsala smiled and looked

away.

Marco: There is that beautiful smile.

She laughed.

Marco: And that soft laugh.

Tsala: Stop!

Marco: You are beautiful, you know that?

Tsala: Thanks! Can I ask you something?

Marco: If it's going to change the mood then no.

Tsala: Why don't you want a relationship?

Marco: I told you they are overrated gape I don't have the time now.

Tsala: Ehee! I thought maybe you don't want to date me in particular.

Marco: A relationship is going to ruin this, what we have and I don't want to ruin it. I like this, I enjoy it, I

like you.

He said kissing her neck. Tsala smiled and kissed him back.

Marco: You want to watch something?

Tsala: Okay!

Marco: On the bed or on the couch?

Tsala: Haha bed!

He took some snacks from the kitchen unit then they cuddled on the bed and watched a romcom. Tsala stole glances at him and rested her head on his chest.

Tsala: Erica came here!

Marco quickly got up and looked at Tsala!

Marco: Who?

Tsala: Erica?

Marco: What did she say?

Tsala: She just asked where you were and said to tell you she was over.

Marco: When you are here, never open the door for anyone except me.

Tsala turned and looked at him.

Tsala: What's the story with Erica?

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** Good Afternoon

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 29

Tsala: Erica came here!

Marco quickly got up and looked at Tsala!

Marco: Who?

Tsala: Erica?

Marco: What did she say?

Tsala: She just asked where you were and said to tell you she was over.

Marco: When you are here, never open the door for anyone except me.

Tsala turned and looked at him.

Tsala: What's the story with Erica?

Marco: There is no story with Erica just don't open for anyone unless it's me.

Tsala: Okay!

Marco: Can I make a phone call?

Tsala: Sure!

He stood up and went outside for about half an hour then came back to find Tsala fast asleep.

The following day in the evening

Tsala hugged Same then Same hung her hands around Leeto's neck and he kissed her.

Same: (Sulked) I don't want to go.

Leeto: I don't want you to go either.

He kissed her.

Same: Can next year come already.

Leeto: Don't worry babe December is tomorrow.

Same: Mmmmh!

He kissed her again, Tsala rolled her eyes and excused herself to pick up her mother's call.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaTumi: Hello, I found your missed calls, I was at church busy with something.

Tsala: Ehe, I.. I wanted to tell you that I meet with Issack and he seems like a nice person, I think I am going to give him a chance.

MmaTumi put the phone on loudspeaker and looked at her husband.

MmaTumi: Wa reng?

Tsala: I meet with Issack, we had breakfast and lunch, I am going to give him a chance to court me.

RraTumi: (Put his hands together) Hallelujah, We serve a living God.

MmaTumi: Your decision was sudden!

RraTumi: It's God!

MmaTumi: Ene what did he say?

Tsala: He wants the same thing, we decided we want to get to know each other.

MmaTumi: Okay!

RraTumi: That is great news! Praise the Lord.

Tsala rolled her eyes, only if they knew the truth. She hung up and went back to Same and Leeto who

were still hugging and kissing.

Tsala: Aah aah, a bo base e go siye.

Same: Haha don't be a hater.

She kissed Leeto one last time and pulled back.

Same: Hey Maun le ene!

Tsala: Ditshego is going to beat you.

Same: I don't care.

They hugged and Tsala walked her to the bus.

Same: Mnyana le wena yaanong you are getting fat.
Watch your weight.

Tsala looked at herself and she was getting thick.

Tsala: Babe owns a Gym I will ask him to give me a member card.

Same: Wenaaaa! Let me go mma!

She got in the bus and waved at them as it left the bus rank and Tsala and Leeto walked back. Neither said anything half of the way.

Leeto: Thanks for covering for her with her mother.

Tsala: Mmmh, I hope you didn't make kids gatwe if she comes back pregnant I am the father.

They both laughed.

Leeto: She told me, Don't worry we were being safe.

Tsala cleared her throat.

Tsala: Take care of her she has been through a lot.

Leeto: You mean with the step father?

Tsala: She told you?

Leeto: Yeah that..

Tsala: It wasn't her fault that he raped her, the man was sick, I hope wherever he disappeared to he is dead and..

Leeto: Rape?

Tsala stopped talking and covered her mouth.

Leeto: He, he raped her?

Tsala: I.. I.. I thought you said she told you.

Leeto: Yes about him being abusive and them being kicked out after he disappeared.

Tsala: Oh, I.. I shouldn't have said anything please don't tell her I told you I thought you knew.

Leeto: I won't say anything.

Tsala: Promise me, please.

Leeto: I won't say anything I promise!

Tsala: To be honest I thought when you said she told you, you..

Leeto: Tsala it's fine I won't say anything, I am sure there is a reason why she didn't tell you and I will wait for her to tell me if she ever decides to.

Tsala: Thanks!

A few meters away they parted ways and Tsala found Portia back. They hugged and sat down.

Portia: Hee I am gone two days and I find you thick, whatever you have been eating I want some too.

Tsala looked at herself in the mirror, all the compliments on her weight were starting to get to her and she felt a little insecure.

Portia: Sooo, I want all the data, what happened, who broke up with who and who stole whose boyfriend, who slept with who they were not supposed to sleep with?

Tsala: Haha well I don't know the drama because I haven't been staying here.

Portia gave her the eye and smiled.

Portia: Who is this mystery man you won't say his name?

Tsala: Then it won't be a mystery anymore.

Portia: Give me a hint. He or she?

Tsala: Haha, he is hot. He!

Portia: Like Mr Marco?

Tsala: Haha, oh yes, very handsome and he works at, at the bank.

Portia: Why is he a mystery then?

Tsala: He is not, we just don't want people to know about us because, he, he is a little older than me.

Portia: Does he have a name?

Tsala: Haha yes, his name is Sam, Sam.

Portia looked at her for a few seconds and laughed.

Portia: You don't have to lie to me anymore I know who it is.

Tsala: Who is he?

Portia: No it's Sam akere kana jang?

Tsala: Yeah, Sam!

She smiled hoping her roommate didn't catch on who she was talking about.

The following Day

Tsala woke up to Same's call.

Tsala: (Sleepy) Mmmh!

Same: I have arrived I am walking home as we speak, my heart is beating fast and loud. Ke nyets e.

Tsala: Haha! Have you spoken to Leeto ?

Same: Yes I just told him I arrived before I called you.

Tsala: Okay!

Same: Pray for me ke tsena ka gate.

Tsala: Haha!

Same did a cross on her chest and knocked on the door. A few minutes later Mpho opened the door.

Mpho: Ehe it's the Gaborone girl.

She walked in and Ditshego was still sleeping. Same put her bag down and pulled her sister outside.

Same: (Whispering) Ne a omana?

Mpho: A re if you get pregnant you are not going to school until your child goes to primary.

Same: Heee!

They went back inside. Same removed all her clothes and got into bed next to Lebo.

Later the same morning

Tsala walked in the lecture room laughing with her friend and they occupied two seats. Marco walked in with his books and everyone kept quiet facing forward.

Marco: I told you guys there are no breaks or holidays in tertiary akere, we are writing a quiz.

Everyone mumbled paging through their books. "Not fair" some complained.

Marco: What is not fair is you not taking your future seriously.

He said giving everyone the quiz papers, he was a totally different person in class than he was outside. He gave Tsala her paper and passed to the next student.

Marco: Fourty minutes, you may start.

The whole Lecture room was quiet as everyone struggled with the quiz. Tsala raised her eyes to Marco and found him looking at his phone.

Fourty minutes later

Marco walked around taking the quiz papers then he sat on his desk and looked at everyone.

Marco: So how where the holidays?

All: Aaaah!

Student: Not after that difficult quiz, we are not saying anything.

Marco: Tsala, how were your holidays?

Tsala smiled.

Tsala: J ust okay!

Marco: Anything interesting happened?

Tsala: Nope nothing interesting.

Marco laughed and looked at the other student.

Marco: Wena Elton?

Elton: I regret going home, I think I might be a father soon.

Everyone laughed.

Marco: See why you have to study hard father to be.

Student: And you Sir?

Marco: I was preparing quiz for you guys.

Student: Nothing interesting nyana?

Marco: No I didn't get anyone pregnant.

Everyone laughed and he took his books and left.

Student: I wouldn't mind swallowing his kids.

Tsala: Hahaha!

As they walked outside her phone reported an sms. "I will show you interesting later" From Marco. She laughed and put her phone back in her pocket.

Later that Evening

Ditshago arrived home and found her clothes and some of the kids clothes on the line and house smelt nice from fresh polish.

Same: Hey mama come in.

Ditshago smiled and went inside.

Same: Food will be ready in ten minutes.

Ditshego: Ebile I am starving. How was Gaborone?

Same: (Embarrassed) It was okay!

Ditshego: Never sneak away ever again.

Same: Ee mma!

At Marc's house

He lowered the TV volume and went to open the door thinking it was his guest but it was one guest he never wanted to see.

Erica: Aren't you going to invite me inside?

Marco: You are not welcome here Erica.

Erica: Why because you found a replacement for me? You didn't come to visit me at the hospital.

Marco:..

Erica: Why?

Marco: Leave please.

He tried to close the door but she put her foot forward blocking the door.

Erica: You said you loved me.

Marco: Before I knew you were crazy yes.

Erica stepped back crying.

Erica: If I can't have you Marco no one will. I promise you, no one.

3 Months later

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 30

3 Months later

Marco slowly pulled out and fell on Tsala's side both breathing heavily. Tsala covered her face and screamed.

Tsala: Aggg to think gore I am going to see you again ka J anuary.

She turned to Marco, he kissed her and got off bed.

Marco: You want me to come to Maun?

Tsala: You would?

Marco: I would yes!

He removed the condom and wiped himself then he positioned himself between Tsala's legs and wiped her.

Marco: I don't really have festive plans.

Tsala: O serious?

Marco: Hahaha yes.

Tsala got up and sat on top of him.

Tsala: I would love that, just tell me when and I will make plans for us.

Marco: Great!

Tsala: You would really come just for me?

She asked kissing him and he tossed her on the bed, he reached for another condom and just as he was about to roll it on Tsala's phone rang. She reached for the phone then she put it back.

Tsala: I don't know who it is.

Marco: Maybe it's important.

She picked the phone and picked up while Marco rolled on the condom and..

Tsala: He, hello!

Leeto: Hi Tsala its Leeto I got your number from your roommate.

Tsala: Aaah!

Leeto: Are you busy?

Tsala: No, zup?

Marco sucked her nip*** and she giggled.

Leeto: I have three hundred pula the mona and I wanted to buy Same something, I don't know what to buy, you are a woman maybe you can help me choose.

Tsala: Okay but nna I am leaving this evening.

Leeto: We can meet later akere around four.

Tsala: Okay I will call you.

Leeto: Sure thanks!

She hung up and gave Marco all her attention.

At Same's house

Same kept looking at her Mother then she bit her lower lip, Leeto was coming and she really wanted to go spend the night at his house.

Ditshago: Why do you keep stealing glances at me?

Same: Me?

Ditshago: What do you want?

Same: Nothing!

Ditshago: Get me nail cut please, look at my nails, they..

Same: Tsala is coming, can I go spend the night at her house.

Ditshago: Tell her to come spend the night here.

Same: Iyooo! Why can't I go akere I wrote my exams Mama? Gape where will Tsala sleep akere I sleep with Lebo.

Ditshago: She will sleep in the middle.

Same kept quiet with tears blurring her eyes..

Ditshago: Your problem is you think you are clever

than your mother, you know you are not going to sleep at Tsala's house.

Same: I can still get pregnant while you never allow me to go anywhere.

Ditshago: Your life your future mma, your age mates are at varsity if you choose to be a mother it's all on you. Akere nna I am raising my kids, you will yours too.

Same stormed to the house, got her headsets and left.

At the Mall

Leeto followed Tsala around the Chinese shop as she looked at the clothes then she picked a white one shoulder top and a boyfriend Jean.

Tsala: We will buy shoes somewhere tsamachana

will only last her two days.

She picked up a nude and a purple lipstick and they went to pay.

Leeto: I feel like women are given discounts in shops, all these for two hundred pula?

Tsala: Haha! Bo Same ba lucky thee ba rekelwa Christmas clothes.

Leeto: Haha!

They walked into another shop and Tsala picked brown sandals and went to pay.

Leeto: Thank you! Nna I would have bought just shoes with three hundred pula.

Tsala: Haha you are welcome. Here is your change.

Leeto: No you will buy drink.

Tsala: Thanks!

They walked out of the mall talking about this and that then they separated Tsala going back to Marco's house.

At Isaack's House

He got off the phone with Tsala and went to where his parents were.

Issack: Papa, can you borrow me your car tomorrow. Tsala is coming tomorrow morning and I promised to pick her up.

Prophet: Oh okay!

Issack: Thank you.

He left and Prophet Kago smiled alone.

Wife: And then?

She asked putting the cup of tea on the table.

Prophet: I thinks he really likes the girl.

Wife: Why O rialo?

Prophet: He is smitten with her, you noticed how he is always on the phone talking to her, he just came to borrow the car to go pick her up tomorrow morning.

Wife: Really?

Prophet: God is working miracles, I told you he is not Gay he is just afraid of girls.

Wife: I hope so.

She sat down and opened her Bible.

At Gaborone Bus rank

Tsala sat by the window side and sighed. She looked outside as the bus left the bus rank and she closed her eyes. Her phone vibrated from her pocket and she smiled opening Marco's text.

Marco: Don't go

Tsala: believe me I don't want to go either.

Marco: I am following the bus

Tsala:

Marco: Travel safely.

Tsala: Thanks!

The Following Morning

Tsala hugged Issack and he opened the door for her.

Tsala: Thanks hubby.

Issack: Haha!

Tsala: How are you?

Issack: My parents are buying this whole thing.

Tsala: I hope mine too.

She frowned and bent her back then she got in the car.

Issack: Are you okay?

Tsala: Mmh just my back, it's painful.

Issack: Probably the long drive.

Tsala: Akere.

She took out her phone and dialed Marco.

Marco: (Sleepy) Hey.

Tsala: Arrived safely.

Marco: Okay that's great. I will call you later.

Tsala: Bye!

She hung up and frowned touching her stomach.

Issack: O sure O shapo, you are sweating.

Tsala: I will be fine maybe it's sitting down for along time.

Issack parked In front of the gate and helped her take the bags inside the house where he greeted MmaTumi.

MmaTumi: Ehe you brought her?

Issack: Ee mma!

Tsala: I will see you later I think ke ts enwe ke mala.

Issack: Sure, (To MmaTumi) Go siame.

He left and Tsala went to the bathroom. MmaTumi took her bags to her bedroom and she screamed from the bathroom. MmaTumi ran to the bathroom and opened the door.

MmaTumi: What is it?

She looked around.

Tsala: A head is coming out.

She said standing with her legs far apart.

MmaTumi: Coming out of where?

Tsala: My vagina, a baby is coming out.

MmaTumi: What?

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** Good morning

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 32

The same day later that night

RraTumi shook hands with Prophet Kago and they left, he went to talk to some ladies from church and went inside the house where all of his sons were.

RraTumi: I think we should go take some chairs from church because..

Tumelo: We cannot bury Mama without Tsala present.

They all agreed.

John: She has to come say her goodbyes.

Peter: Yes, we..

RraTumi: Tsala is sick, you heard what the Doctor said you were with me.

Peter: Yes Dad but we cannot bury Olady without her, she was her mother and they were very close.

Mmoloki: We have decided gore we will keep Mama at the mortuary for as long as it takes, until the Doctor can give us a go ahead..

RraTumi: What makes you think you can take such decisions about my wife?

Tumelo: She was our mother too.

RraTumi: We are burrying your mother this Saturday whether you like it or not.

He stormed to the bedroom.

John: I told you.

Tumelo: That leaves us no choice but to go to court.

Neither said anything.

The following Morning

Tsala folded the baby receivers which her sister in law brought the other day, she looked at the small diapers and laughed. How she wished she could hold her baby in her arms, she couldn't wait for her Mother to see her baby. She found herself laughing thinking about all the things her mother will say.

Nurse: Hi, you have some visitors.

She put everything back in the bag and smiled as all

her brothers came in.

Tsala: Who died?

She said laughing. Mmoloki leaned over and hugged her.

Mmoloki: Hey!

Tumi: Should we still call you Tsala or Mmaagwe..

Tsala: I am Mmaagwe Yamas a.

Peter: Hey, thats my baby's name.

Tumelo: What is Yamas a?

Tsala and Peter: Naledi Yamas a!

Tumelo: Ohhh, why didn't I think of that I would have called my daughter that.

They all laughed. They all took out their wallets and gave Tsala money.

Tsala: And then?

Mmoloki: We come bearing gifts akere we are now uncles.

John: I hope I become the favourite Uncle.

Tsala: Obviously!

Tumelo: No I am going to be the favourite uncle.

Mmoloki: No you are going to be the least favourite because you are strict.

They all laughed.

Peter: I am going to spoil her more so obviously I am going to be the favourite.

Mmoloki: I am going to be the Uncle she visits every holidays because my house is going to be lit.

Tumelo: Am I really strict?

They all agreed.

Tumelo: No just that I like when we do things in order wa bona.

Tsala: You are strict, you are more like Dad.

Tumelo: No! No I am not.

All: Yes you are!

They all laughed.

John: You are your father's son.

Tsala: Is Mama angry with me?

They all looked at each other.

Tsala: I swear I didn't know I was pregnant, I.. Tumi you saw me two weeks ago and I was fine.

John held her hand.

John: Mama is not disappointed.

Tsala: Are you guys disappointed?

Tumi: You can still go back to school akere.

Tsala: Yeah but..

Mmoloki: No but, have you told the dad?

Tsala: No I don't know where to start. How do you tell someone hi you are a father that simple.

Mmoloki: You have to so he can give you his details a bo O direla Yama birth certificate.

Tsala knod her head.

Tsala: Mama is still not back from Gweta?

No one answered.

John: Can we see the little one?

Tsala: Yeah I was getting ready to go feed her, you want to see her?

Tumelo: Yes, I hope she is beautiful because you always say my kids are ugly.

Tsala: She is future Miss World, real beauty. Wait outside while I change.

They all went outside, Tsala bit her lower lip, she could tell that they were not being honest with her, something was going on and neither wanted to be the one to tell her. Did she really disappoint her Mother so much she would rather stay in Gweta than come see her granddaughter? She put on her gown and walked with them upstairs to the NICU. All four brothers stood by the window looking inside. Yaone talked to the Nurse and she let them in one by one.

Tumelo: She is lucky she is beautiful.

Tsala: Hahaha of course she is beautiful, have you seen her Mother?

Tumelo: Haha!

She turned to her older brother.

Tsala: What are you guys not telling me?

Tumi: What?

Tsala: I know something is going on, you are being weird and keep looking at each other before you speak. What is it Mama wants nothing to do with me?

Tumi: You know how much she loves you!

Tsala: Why hasn't she come here then?

Tumi: Tsala..

He did know what to say.

Tsala: Tell me!

Tumi: I don't know how to say this, um, Tsala Mama is no longer with us.

Tsala: What do you mean she is no longer with us?

Tumi: Mama O hlokafets e.

Tsala looked at him like she didn't hear him.

Tumi: She was involved in a car accident on her way here.

She covered her face with both hands. Tumi hugged her.

Tsala: No!

Tumi: I am sorry!

She pulled back and looked at her brother.

Tsala: You don't joke like that, she..

Tumi: I am not lying.

Tsala: No!

She shook her head in denial.

Tsala: Don't joke like that.

She walked outside to her other brothers.

Tsala: What is Tumi saying, Mama! Mama! No you are all lying.

Peter: It's true!

She stepped back and folded her arms.

Tsala: No! Stop saying that! Give me your phone.

She took John's phone and dialed her Mother's number but it did not go through. She tried again and still no answer.

Tsala: No! Please say this is all a bad dream, tell me it's a bad dream, I don't have a baby and my mother is still alive.

She looked at her brothers.

Tsala: Please, say it!

Mmoloki hugged her tightly as she cried out loud.

At Riverside Hotel

Marco threw his bag on the bed and looked outside at the river. He couldn't believe he drove all the way to Maun for someone he claimed not to have feelings, who was he lying to, himself or to Tsala. "I am in Maun akere you don't want to talk to me" he sent the text.

At Serule later that Afternoon

Mox's niece came running with his ringing phone and gave him, he wiped his hands and picked up.

Mox: Hey!

Same: O Rraagwe mang neh?

Mox: Tsala really has a baby?

Same: Le bone le seka la ota bana ba di lecture.

Mox: What?

Same: Nothing, Did you hear that her mother passed away?

Mox: What?

Same: Yeah, yoo it's sad, loosing your mother when you need her the most.

At RraTumi's house

Tumelo: (On the phone) Yeah I heard you Doctor I will be there later.

He hung up and rubbed his face.

Beth: Babe!

He looked at his wife and let out a fade smile.

Tumi: Maybe dad was right, we just made things worse by telling Tsala about Mama gatwe her blood pressure is high and she is refusing to go feed the baby.

Beth: Eish!

She sat down and rubbed Tumi's back.

Beth: Kante who is the lady who just moved into the guest room.

Tumi: Granny has already arrived?

Beth: It's not Granny.

Tumi looked at her then stood up and went to the house. The lady was spreading her sheets on the bed..

Tumi: Dumelang!

Her: Hello!

She put the pillow nicely.

Tumi: Ke Mme mang? I am not good with faces.

Her: Haha ke Marian from Church. I have come to look after your father in his time of need.

Beth: Aaah aah!

Tumi: You live in Maun?

Her: Yes I..

Tumi: Is there need for you to move in?

Her: I..

Tumi: Go home and come here like every church member, my Grandmother is coming to sleep in here.

Her: The church..

Tumi: Heey, I said go home O mpoella the church, go sleep at church then.

He clicked his tongue and left.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: The audacity of that man to bring his side chick in my mother's house (crying) My mother is not even iced.

Beth wiped his tears and hugged him.

RraTumi: (Angry) Tumelo!

Tumi wiped his tears and turned to him.

RraTumi: Who do you think you are, who gave you permission to chase away my guests?

Tumi: Tell her to leave before I embarrass both of you now. Moses O seka wa nteka, not today.

(Moses don't try me, not today)

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 33

RraTumi: Who do you think you are, who gave you permission to chase away my guests?

Tumi: Tell her to leave before I embarrass both of you now. Moses O seka wa nteka, not today.

(Moses don't try me, not today)

Beth got between them and pushed Tumi back.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: He is not going to disrespect my mother like this. He thinks we don't know everything, actually we do. Don't think I don't know everything you have been doing, I will embarrass you in front of your congregation.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: No he better not try me because I won't hold anything back. I have watched this man abuse my mother but not today. Get your side chick out of my mother's house.

Beth: Babe please, I know you are angry but don't say things you are going to regret tomorrow.

Tumi kept quiet fuming, John and Mmoloki came in and RraTumi left.

John: What's going on?

Beth: It's nothing guys. (Turned to Tumi) I think we should go see Tsala.

He held his hand and they left using the kitchen door.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: That man is disrespectful.

Beth: Don't cause a scene please, sit down I will get you a glass of water.

She went back inside and came with a glass of water, Tumi took a sip and put the glass down.

Beth: Take a deep breath and..

Tumi: Haha!

Beth: What?

He pulled her on his lap and kissed her.

Tumi: I am fine now.

Beth: O sure?

Tumi: I am sure!

He kissed her. Beth sighed and wrapped her arms around his neck.

At the Hospital

The Doctor picked up Tsala's card and read it before he put it down and looked at Tsala.

Doctor: If you continue being like this you are going to spend months in here and I won't allow you to go to your Mother's funeral because you are weak.

Tsala:.

Doctor: You need to eat and (sighed) Tsala! Do this for your daughter. As much as you need your Mother she needs you too as her Mother.

Tsala looked at him then she turned and faced the other way.

Doctor: Please!

Tsala closed her eyes.

Doctor: Tsala!

He took a deep breath. He was loosing and there was nothing he could say or do. He left and Tsala turned around. Tears ran down the sides of her eyes, she closed her eyes and they were painful, she covered her mouth crying until her head was painful "Mama" She cried out loud, it felt unreal.

Later that evening

Mmoloki opened the door for his Grandmother and helped her get off the car.

MmaNaledi: Thank you.

He walked behind his Grandmother and Aunts to the house where everyone was. John stood up smiling and hugged his grandmother.

MmaNaledi: Wai, you never visit me don't act like you love me.

John: But I love you.

MmaNaledi: (Looked around) Where is Tsala Yame?

Peter: Tsala is in the hospital.

MmaNaledi: Hospital?

They all looked at each other.

MmaNaledi: E le gore what's wrong with my Granddaughter?

John: She just gave birth.

MmaNaledi: Uhu, why the secrecy then, why am I only hearing about this now?

At the Hospital

Tsala got off bed and hugged her father crying, he hugged her back and wiped her tears.

RraTumi: I brought your phone incase you need it.

Tsala: Thank you.

She sat down and looked at her father.

RraTumi: We need to discuss the baby!

Tsala:..

RraTumi: I know a couple who are struggling to have a baby and they will be grateful if you give them the opportunity to be parents.

Tsala:

RraTumi: Then you can go back to school, get married and forget this ever happened, no one will ever know your little secret. Just agree and I will make it happen.

At Leeto's House the same evening

Leeto looked around if no one saw him before he waved calling Same who was standing by the corner. She hurried inside the yard and went straight to the room.

Same: Are you sure no one saw me?

Leeto: I promise no one saw you.

"Leeto" his father called outside.

Leeto: I am coming.

He left closing the door on his way out. Same sat down and looked around, there was only one poster of Westlife on the wall. Few minutes later the door opened and MmaLeeto came in holding a big stick and Tsala quickly stood up. "o romiwa leng ko motseng wena o le ha" she said raising the stick and it fell hard on Same's back. She bent her back screaming "Mets'e ya batho, tshabang Mets'e ya batho" (People's homes, who are your parents sending to run errands while you are here? Stay away from people's homes)

Same grabbed her sandals and ran away as fast as

her legs could carry her and MmaLeeto ran after her with the stick.

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EPISODE 34

Same grabbed her sandles and ran away as fast as her legs could carry her and MmaLeeto ran after her with the stick.

"Ga ba na maitseo tota" (They have no manners at all) MmaLeeto said and went to the house still

holding the stick.

MmaLeeto: Leeto! Leeto !

She went straight to the kitchen where Leeto was warming his food.

MmaLeeto: My home is not a brothel. I told you gore I don't like batho ba Maun.

Leeto: Mama!

MmaLeeto: I told you gore I don't like batho ba Maun, they have no manners. If I ever see that girl here I will beat her until she is purple. I don't know where you get off bringing girls in my yard.

Leeto: Mama!

MmaLeeto: Don't Mama me I will beat you with this stick.

Leeto switched off the microwave and hurried outside to his bedroom and Same was not there.

RraLeeto: What's going on?

MmaLeeto: I don't like batho ba Maun, not at all, ke ngwana wa se kae yo sa tshabeng di jarata ts a batho.

Meanwhile in Leeto's room Leeto dialed Same's number and her phone rang on the bed. He closed the door and looked around and she was standing by the electric pole. He took her phone and walked to her. He pulled her into the dark and hugged her.

Leeto: Are you okay?

Same: (Crying) Take me home.

Leeto: Babe!

Same: Take me home.

She pulled up her top and gave him her back.

Same: Utwa hela what your mother has done to me.

Leeto touched her back and pulled the top down.

Leeto: I am sorry, I..

Same: J ust take me home please.

The same night

Tsala laid on the hospital bed on her back looking up at the ceiling, she closed her eyes and turned to her side thinking about what her father said. Maybe it would be best for both her and her baby, she was not ready to be a mother. She cleared her throat and woke up the lady who was sleeping next to her.

Her: Mmmh!

Tsala: Can you please borrow me your phone.

Her: Okay but I don't have airtime, I only have di free sms.

Tsala: Okay!

She gave her the phone and Tsala sent Mox a please call me back "Call its Tsala". She waited for about ten minutes then Mox called.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hi!

Tsala: Can we talk?

"Babe the raa you will talk to whoever you are talking to tomorrow" a girl said in the background.

Mox: Mmmh!

Tsala : O busy?

Mox: Tsala say what you wanted to say.

Tsala: No shapo.

She hung up then Mox called again, this time he was no noise behind him.

Mox: I am listening.

Tsala: Moemedi I was pregnant. I gave birth to a baby girl and it's your child.

Mox: How do you know it's my child?

Tsala: Because.. (took a deep breath) you are the first person I slept with and that was like almost eight months ago, there is no how I got pregnant in Gaborone.

Mox: If it was my child you would have told me when you found out you are pregnant, ke eng grass is not greener on the other side?

He hung up on her and clicked his tongue. Tsala swallowed hard and wiped her tears then she gave back the phone.

At Same's house

"Babe please talk to me" Same read Leeto's text then she put her phone down. She bent her hand and touched her back and it was still itching.

The Following Morning

Beth put a big bowl of soft porridge on the table then a big flask of tea next to the bowl.

Beth: It helps with milk production.

Tsala:..

Beth: How are you feeling? Wa gola Nnana?

Tsala:..

Beth: Enjoy her while she is still this young, when they are bo two years they are annoying hahaha.

She found herself laughing alone, she stopped laughing and cleared her throat.

Beth: How are you?

Tsala looked at her then she turned her back to her.

Beth: Tsala, I know you are hurting but..

Tsala: But what? You still have your mother don't you?

Beth kept quiet.

Tsala: You don't know how it's like to have your

whole life change in just one night.

Beth: You are right I don't, I know you are hurting and I don't feel what you are feeling but your daughter needs you, she needs you to feed her and care for her.

Tsala:..

Beth: J ust like MmaTumi was your whole world you are that little girl's whole world, please Tsala.

Tsala wiped her tears and sniffed.

Beth: We are here to help you, we can't replace your mother but we will try to be there for you and Yama.

Tsala wiped her tears.

Beth: Don't cry, I am here for you.

She hugged her as she cried out loud. Beth rubbed her back and pulled back, she wiped her tears with her thumbs.

Beth: You are not in this alone wautwa, you have four brother, your dad and me.

Tsala knod her head.

Beth: Now try to eat and go feed our little princess. I hope she is beautiful because you always call my babies ugly.

Tsala smiled.

Beth: Oh, I almost forgot.

She took out a tutu dress and a pink hair band from

her bag and showed Tsala.

Beth: Wa go bolawa ke washing, girls clothes are cheap kana.

Tsala: Haha, thank you!

She poured tea in the cup and added four spoons of sugar then she took a sip.

Beth: Oh, I brought your phone and charger.

Tsala: Thank you.

She opened it and had fifty three missed calls and twenty messages from Same, Marco, Issack and Mox. She put it down without opening the messages.

Beth: I will come see you later.

Tsala: Okay!

She hugged her and left. Tsala put the cup of tea down and dialed Marco. It ran twice then he picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Marco: Mmmmh!

Tsala: What?

Marco: What do you want Tsala?

Tsala looked at her phone thinking she dialed wrong number.

Tsala: Marco, it's me.

Marco: I can see, what do you want?

Tsala: Why are you being like this?

Marco: Like what?

Tsala: You don't know what I am going through.

Marco: How would I know akere ever since you came to Maun you don't pick up my calls, you don't reply my texts how am I supposed to know what you are going through when you don't talk to me?

Tsala wiped her tears.

Tsala: Shapo ee! I don't need this stress, I am going through a lot, (Crying) I just gave birth to a child I didn't know I was pregnant with and my mum just died, I am going through a lot (Crying) It's just a lot.

Marco: I didn't know, I am sorry.

Tsala hung up crying, she covered her face crying out loud.

At Mox's house

Mox laid on the bed looking up at the roof, he took a deep breath and bit his lower lip. Someone knocked on his door and he put on his vest and went to open for his brother.

Him: Sure, we are going out, Olady o dule so make sure the kids..

He looked at his little brother.

Him: What's wrong?

Mox: Can a condom break O sa itse?

Him: What is this about?

Mox: It's Tsala.

Him: The condom broke?

Mox: I think so, I don't know, we both didn't know what we were doing and.. She just gave birth and a re the baby is mine.

Him: She gave birth already?

Mox: She claims she didn't know she was pregnant she only found out when she was giving birth.

Him: It can happen, read about Cryptic pregnancy. It happens more so that she didn't know the condom broke, she might have had the symptoms and dismissed them because she thought it was nothing.

Mox: What if its my daughter?

Him: Then you do right by your child, you are not your father's son are you?

He pat his shoulder and left then he turned back to him.

Him: Oh, make sure the kids don't play in the house.

Mox: Sure!

He sat on the stoop and dialed Tsala, he hung up

and searched on Google "Cryptic pregnancy". He rested his back against the wall reading everything then he put his phone down. He took a deep breath and dialed Tsala.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Ke nna Rraagwe mang?

Tsala looked at her father and the couple he came with.

Tsala: I am not keeping the baby, I am giving her away.

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**Goodnight

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EPISODE 35

Mox sat on the stoop and dialed Tsala, he hung up and searched on Google "Cryptic pregnancy". He rested his back against the wall reading everything then he put his phone down. He took a deep breath and dialed Tsala.

At the Hospital

Tsala sat properly on the bed and looked at her father and the man and woman he just came in with. They all exchanged greetings and the Woman sat down.

Woman: How are you?

Tsala: I am fine.

RraTumi: This is the couple that I told you about.
The one I said will adopt your daughter.

Tsala looked at them.

RraTumi: I explained your situation to them that you
can't keep the baby.

Tsala:..

Woman: You don't have to worry about her being
taken care off, we will provide for her every need.

Man: Everything you don't have to worry about
anything.

Tsala swallowed hard and knod her head.

RraTumi: And they just started attending our church
that's why I recommended them.

Woman: Do you know how lucky you are to be able

to carry a child? Not every woman gets that privilege. We have been married for thirteen years, before that we were together for four years and until today we still don't have kids.

RraTumi: They own a big construction company that is building the Parkside mall if you are worried that maybe they can't afford to take care of her, they will send her to the best schools, give her a better life than you can give her, think about this.

Woman: We are not forcing you, we..

RraTumi: You can go back to your life before all of this and you won't have to worry about anything.

Tsala kept quiet.

Woman: Where is the father, is he present?

She shook her head.

Woman: And how are you going to take care of a baby on your own ka allowance?

Tsala:..

Woman: I am not pressurising you but think about you and that child then you will tell us your decision.

Tsala: I have made a decision already.

Her phone rang, she cleared her throat and picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Ke nna Rraagwe mang?

Tsala looked at her father and the couple he came with.

Tsala: I am not keeping the baby, I am giving her away.

Mox: What?

Tsala: Mox, I have made the decision.

Mox: How do you make such a big decision without me kana its not my child?

Tsala hung up on him. Mox clicked his tongue and called her back but her number didn't go through.

At the Hospital

The Man and Woman held hands smiling at each other.

Woman: Tsala you don't know how much this means to me, to us, thank you, we really appreciate this.

The curtain opened and Beth and Mmoloki came in.

RraTumi cleared his throat and they all exchanged greetings

RraTumi: We were about to leave.

Beth: Ee rra!

He touched Tsala's hand and left. Beth looked at the woman wondering where she saw her from. She turned to Tsala and smiled then she checked the bowl of soft porridge and she had eaten only half.

Beth: Okay there is progress.

Mmoloki: How are you?

Tsala: I am fine.

Beth: Who were those people?

Tsala: I don't know them they just came with Dad.

Beth: I know that woman from somewhere, kana I saw her at church? (raised her eyebrows) Maybe!

She put another bowl and flask on the table.

Beth: Can we go see Yama Yama?

Tsala: Sure you can go ahead.

Mmoloki: Are you okay?

Tsala: Yes why?

Mmoloki: What did dad want?

Tsala: Nothing he just came to see me.

Mmoloki: I hope he is not pressurising you to do anything you don't want to do.

Tsala: No!

Beth: Oh now I remember, that woman came to church like a month back and donated money for church renovations.

Mmoloki: What did they want?

Tsala: Nothing!

She took the bowl of soft porridge and added sugar and started eating. Mmoloki looked at his little sister and he was unsettled by his father's visit. What did he want?

Mmoloki: We spoke to the Doctor and he gave us permission to take you tomorrow for the burial.

Tsala knod her head.

At Serule

Mox opened the gate for his brother's car and followed it as he parked under the tree. His girlfriend took the groceries to the house.

Him: You are not going out today?

Mox: No!

Him: You spoke to Tsala?

Mox: Yes, can she give the baby for adoption without my permission?

Him: She can't do that, a reng?

Mox: Are she is not keeping the baby. Can she do that?

Him: Not without your permission, I mean if its legal adoption you have to give your consent.

Mox: What are we going to do, I. I can't afford a lawyer or..

Him: Dont worry I will ask a friend for legal advice.

Mox: Thank you.

Him: Have you told your Mother?

Mox: Not yet!

Him: You have to tell her, she is the elder she will know what to do in a situation like this.

Mox: I will.

Him: Do that!

He went to his house. Mox went to his bedroom and threw himself on the bed. His phone rang and he put it on silent. He laid on his stomach and checked his bank balance, he only had enough to go to Maun. He got off bed and packed his clothes.

At Tumi's house

Tumi switched off the lights and got ontop of his wife.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: Babeee!

Beth: Wait!

Tumi: Wa gana?

Beth: No, I.. I am thinking about something.

Tumi: What?

Beth: Why Your dad was with that couple to see Tsala!

Tumi: What couple?

Beth: Some couple, I recognised the lady, ke bale I told you that donated to the church for renovations.

Tumi: Oh, they went to see Tsala?

Beth: Yes!

Tumi: Maybe he was just with them and they passed by the hospital.

Beth: Yeah!

Tumi: Are you done thinking?

Beth: Hahahah!

The same night

Tsala looked at the machine pumping her breasts, the Midwife pat her shoulder smiling.

Midwife: Technology mma, I remember when I had my first baby, I wasn't producing enough milk and I had to pump whole night to fill up just one bottle if I had to go somewhere.

Tsala let out a fade smile.

Midwife: She is beautiful, she looks like you.

Tsala: Really?

Midwife: Yeah! Strong too, bona hela in three days she has gained five grams. You are going to be out of here in less than two months.

She left and Tsala looked at the baby, she took a deep breath and looked up, tears ran down her cheeks, she put her hand inside and she moved her whole body.

Midwife: Someone knows mummy!

She pulled out her hand and wiped her tears.

The following morning

Beth helped Tsala zip her dress then she gave her a hat. Mma Naledi came in and Tsala hugged her. Everything sunk in, her mother was really gone.

MmaNaledi: How are you?

Tsala wiped her tears.

MmaNaledi: We can be angry at God, you know why? He gave us precious little Yamasá before she took Naledi ya rona. He knew what he was doing.

Tsala knod her head.

MmaNaledi: Now don't cry my baby!

She wiped her tears then Tsala's phone rang.

Tsala: Hello!

Marco: Hey I am by the mall ne o re which way should I go?

Tsala: Let me give my sister the phone.

She gave Beth the phone and she gave Marco the directions while MmaNaledi took Tsala outside.

MmaNaledi: Are you sure you want to see her?

Tsala knod her head. "J ohn" the old woman called her Grands on.

MmaNaledi: Take her to see say her goodbyes, stay behind her.

John walked her towards the casket, Tsala stopped walking and held her breath, she took one step and could see that there was someone inside though she couldn't see properly.

John: If you don't want to we can go back.

She wiped her tears and took two more steps, John held on to her, she wiped her tears and looked inside, it was really her mother and she looked pale. She cried out loud and all her brothers walked towards her.

Meanwhile Marco sat at the back hoping he dressed decent for a funeral. Two rows from him was Same and Ditshego looking at the program. Tsala went to sit down between her grandmother

and Beth. Beth held her hands as the program started.

Half an hour later everyone stood up ready to go to the cemetery. Same walked towards Tsala and hugged her.

Same: I am sorry.

Tsala: Mmmh! Thanks!

Ditshego hugged her and she spotted Marco.

Ditshego: Let's see if we can find a car to the cemeteries.

Tsala: You can go with Marco. Let me talk to him.

She walked towards Marco and he hugged her.

Marco: Hey!

Tsala: Hey, can you please give my friend and her mum lift to the cemeteries.

Marco: Sure, I am parked across the road under the tree.

Tsala: Thanks.

Marco: I am sorry I was..

Tsala: We will talk!

Tsala walked back to Same and her mother then he pointed at Marco. She went to get in the car with her father and grandmother.

RraTumi: I hope you haven't changed your decision akere?

Tsala shook her head.

RraTumi: Good!

Meanwhile Same and her mother walked outside to Marco's car. They all exchanged greetings and Same opened the front door and pulled the seat belt while Ditshego sat at the back.

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**Goodmorning

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Meanwhile Same and her mother walked outside to Marco's car. They all exchanged greetings and

Same opened the front door and pulled the seat belt while Ditshego sat at the back.

Ditshego: Le teng Papa?

Marco: Ee mma!

There was silence as Marco reversed and followed the other cars. Same stole glances at Marco and smiled alone.

Same: Finally get to meet you!

Marco looked at her.

Marco: Me who?

Same laughed and looked away. They drove in silence until they arrived at the cemetery and they

all stepped out. Marco stood far from everyone and watched as Tsala and her brothers said goodbye to their mother, he watched as she cried out loud and one of her brothers helped her back to the Gazebo. She sat down and buried her head in her hands then she rested her head on her Grandmother's lap still crying.

At Anna's House

Anna gave her husband a cup of tea and sat down. She took a deep breath and tapped her nails on the table.

Husband: What?

Anna: I don't think she is going to give us the baby.

Husband : But she agreed, she..

Anna: We need to push harder, maybe we should make another donation to the church.

Husband: Come on, she..

Anna: We need her father to put more pressure on her, he is the only one who will get her to give us the baby.

The husband sipped on his tea and sighed.

Back At Home

Everyone went inside the yard from the cemeteries, Marco parked where he parked earlier and Ditshego stepped out.

Same: So are you guys exclusive?

Marco: Excuse me?

Same: I am asking you are you guys exclusive.

Marco: I don't think that is any of your business.

Same: Be careful, student and teachers

relationships never end well, especially for the teacher.

She opened the door and stepped out. Marco remained in his car for a few minutes then he stepped out and went inside the yard.

Uncle: Thank you all for coming to say goodbye to our lovely daughter. Like it says in the programme our sister leaves behind five kids and three grandkids. Tumi, Tumi come here with your brothers and little sister.

The boys walked to the front and John whispered to the Uncle that Tsala was not feeling well.

Uncle: J aanong where are the kids?

Beth walked over with her two kids.

Uncle: Aren't they three?

Mmoloki: Actually Yamas a is..

ReaTumi walked over to them.

Rra Tumi: (Whispered) J ust introduce the ones that are present.

He went to sit down.

RraTumi: My niece was blessed with four boys and one girl but unfortunately gatwe she is not feeling well.

Meanwhile inside the house MmaNaledi sat on the edge of the bed and rubbed Tsala's hand.

MmaNaledi: How are you feeling?

Tsala:..

MmaNaledi: Rest okay!

She touched her face and stood up. Someone knocked on the door then they opened and stuck their head inside.

Cousin: Tsala there is someone here to see you.

MmaNaledi: Mmh mmh she needs to rest tell them to call her later.

The Cousin closed the door and went to Mox.

Cousin: Gatwe she is sleeping you will call her later.

Mox: I am not leaving here without seeing her.

Peter and Tumi came in the house.

Mox: Tell her I am not leaving.

Tumi: Morena?

They both looked at Mox.

Peter: Ga o bone gore o tsositse Modumo?

Mox: I am sorry but I am not leaving without seeing Tsala.

Tumi: And who the hell do you think you are?

Mox: I am her baby daddy and she is not giving up my child. I might not have money and a lot to offer but that's not reason enough to give away my daughter.

Tumi: What do you mean give her away?

Mox: A re she is not keeping the baby!

They kept quiet as MmaNaledi came from the

bedroom.

MmaNaledi: She is sleeping don't disturb her.

She went outside and they went inside the bedroom. Tsala raised her head and looked at Mox with her brothers.

Tumi: What is this about you giving up the baby, who are you giving her to?

Tsala got up and wiped her tears.

Tumi: Tsala!

Tsala: I..

Peter: So you would rather have your child live in an orphanage o le teng O ts hela?

Tsala: You don't understand..

Tumi: Make us understand then, why that decision?

Tsala: She will live better than I can provide for her.

Peter stepped back.

Peter: Did Dad put you up to this?

Tsala:.

Peter: Mmoloki said it, that man, that man.

Tumi: Is it what you want to do?

Tsala shook her head crying. Tumi sat on the bed and hugged her.

Tumi: We are here, you are not in this alone.

Tsala knod her head crying.

Tumi: Okay, you don't have to give up your baby, it's okay to be scared but the decision you make about that child is going to be permanent, you don't get to change your mind two years later or I want my child back you know that right?

Tsala knod her head.

Tumi: I am not going to tell you what to do but know gore the decision you make now is going to affect the rest of your life.

He stood up and he and Peter went outside.

Mox: Please don't give up our baby.

Tsala: What are we going to give her?

Mox: We will figure something out, I will find a part time job or start a business.

Tsala: Who is going to take care of her when I go

back to school?

Mox: My mum will, I will talk to my mum she won't say no.

Tsala kept quiet.

Mox: Please!

Tsala: Okay!

Mox: So we are keeping her?

Tsala: Yes, I..

Her phone rang.

Tsala: Please excuse me I have to take this!

Mox left and she picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Marco: Hey I am going.

Tsala: Okay, we will talk!

Marco: Okay!

Marco hung up and pulled the seat belt. Same knocked on his window and he rolled it down.

Marco: Yes?

Same: Can I get a ride please.

Marco: Sure!

She got inside and closed the door. Marco reversed into the gravel, he cleared his throat.

Marco: I only know the way to the mall from here.

Same: You will drop me by the mall then.

Marco: Okay!

They drove in silence until he dropped her by the shops.

Same: Thank you!

Marco: Sure!

She closed the door and Marco drove away. She walked into the shop searching Marco on Facebook then she sent him a friend request.

Later that Evening at the Hospital

Tsala laid on her side scrolling through her Facebook timeline, she liked a photo of Leeto which he tagged Same. The curtain opened and all her brothers came in. She smiled and sat upright. Mmoloki handed her a handwritten contract.

She read everything and smiled.

Tsala: You don't have to do this.

Tumi: We want to, we never want to worry about you worried gore Yama ga a na mas hi or diapers that's why we are all going to contribute ma one thousand into her account every month.

Tsala: (Overwhelmed) Guys!

She got up and hugged all of them.

Tsala: This means a lot to me. Thank you I feel so blessed.

John: If you ever need more you can call Tumi he is the rich uncle.

They all laughed.

Mmoloki: True!

Tsala: It's more than enough.

A Month Later

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**Goodnight

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A Month Later

Mox's brother with his Mother and Uncle parked by the gate and they all stepped out. Marian who was hanging the clothes on the line wiped her hands and meet them halfway. They exchanged greetings and she went to get them plastic chairs and they sat under the tree.

Him: I am Moemedi's brother and this is my Mother and Uncle.

Marian: Ee!

Him: We are looking for Rre Mopiri.

Marian: Ee, let me go call him for you!

She stood up and went to the house. A few minutes later they came following each other. RraTumi sat down and they exchanged greetings. Mox's brother introduced himself and his parents again.

Him: We spoke on the phone ke kopa to see you.

RraTumi: Yes!

Mox's uncle cleared his throat.

Uncle: Tota if things were done right we should have had this conversation a long time ago before the baby was born.

RraTumi:..

Uncle: J aanong what happened has happened, a beautiful baby girl has been born and she has brought two families together. We are here because our Son who is at school now acknowledges gore the child is his.

RraTumi didn't say anything.

Uncle: And he told us about Tsala's situation that her mother recently passed and he asked his mother here gore a O ka se mo thokomelle ngwana

because Tsala will be going to school too.

RraTumi: You can do what you like, take the baby akere she is also part of your family its not like you will be doing us any favours. Her staying with you is the same as her staying with us.

Mox's brother swallowed hard annoyed but his Uncle kept calm.

Uncle: Ee rra, what you are saying is true.

RraTumi: Is that all because I have some work to do.

Uncle: Ee rra!

They all stood up and said goodbye, RraTumi went back to the house while they walked to their car. Uncle clicked his tongue.

Uncle: La re ke moruti wa Kereke ehe ene yo?

Him: I almost punched his big nose.

They got in the car.

MmaMox: I thought you said it was only the father, who was that woman? Nna kana I have a lot to do ga ke bate go beiwa haatshe ka ngwana.

Him: Maybe she is the helper, Tsala's mother hasn't even been buried for a month.

At the Hospital

Tsala opened the back camera and Yama appeared on the screen.

Marco: So o serious hela O abile ngwanake? Wa bona gore she has my colour akere and the soft hair.

Tsala: Haha all kids are born with soft hair as for

the colour gone I don't know.

Marco: Akere I am telling you she is mine.

Tsala: I wish!

She turned back the camera to her and smiled.

Tsala: My whole world changed in one day. I became an orphan and a mother one day.

Marco: I am sorry! Atleast you still have your dad.

Tsala: Do I? He told me not to come with my daughter to his house just because I refused to give the baby for adoption.

Marco: You have your brothers.

Tsala smiled.

Tsala: I am blessed to have them in my life to be honest I don't know gore if it wasn't for them..

Heeee! Mox sent me two hundred pula maloba before he left, I am not complaining, he is a student and we both don't have money ke gore hela I am asking myself gore what if we had no support system, two hundred is only diapers that don't last a month and wipes kana.

Marco: Atleast he is trying.

Tsala: Yeah he is (Took a deep breath) how do I move on?

Marco: You eventually do but the pain of loosing a parent doesn't go away.

Tsala: It doesn't?

Marco shook his head. Tsala wiped her tears and cleared her throat then she smiled. The curtain opened and Same came in.

Tsala: Shapo we will talk later!

Marco: Bye!

Tsala put the phone down, Same gave her the plastic and looked at baby Yama. She looked at Tsala then back at the baby.

Same: It's true ugly people have beautiful babies.

Tsala: Hahaha!

Same: Wareng?

Tsala: Mmmh mmh!

She looked inside the plastic and it was a dress and sandals.

Tsala: Thanks they are cute.

Same: When are you getting discharged?

Tsala: Anyday from today because the Doctor ne a re Yama is ready to go home now, that's why I am sleeping with her.

Same: Okay, so who is going to be taking care of her while you are at school or you..

Tsala: Mmaagwe Mox!

Same: Ehe, in Maun or Serule?

Tsala: Serule!

Same: Eheee!

She continued playing with Yama's little hands then she looked at Tsala.

Tsala: What?

Same: Don't take this the wrong way but is she really Mox's baby?

Tsala: Same?

Same: I am just asking.

Tsala: You know she is.

Same: Ehe mma if you say so.

Tsala: (Offended) Yes I say so.

Seeing that her friend was offended she got up and got her handbag.

Same: Anyway let me go Mama sent me to buy something for her.

She kissed Yama on the forehead and left.

At Church

RraTumi shook hands with Anna and her husband and they sat down.

RraTumi: Le teng?

Anna: We are going to be brief, this is the last month we will be donating to the church.

RraTumi: Why, is this because of..

Anna: No!

RraTumi kept quiet as they both stood up, said goodbye and left. He rested his head against the chair and took a deep breath.

At the Hospital

Tsala sat on the bed looking at her baby girl who was sleeping in her arms. The Doctor came in followed by Mox's older brother and his Mother. Tsala slowly put the baby down. They all exchanged greetings.

Doctor: I have some good news for everyone.

Tsala: Please tell me we can go home.

Doctor: Yes finally but tomorrow morning because we are still waiting for the blood results.

Tsala: (Panicked) What blood results, I thought you

said..

Doctor: Hahaha she is fine we just want to make sure you didn't leave anything behind.

Tsala: Okay!

The Doctor excused himself.

MmaMox: I saw you put her down, what did I tell you about letting her fall asleep in your arms.

Tsala: I didn't realise she was falling asleep.

MmaMox: She is going to give me trouble akere ke ene a twaeditsweng mabogo. Nna I have a lot to do kana, how will I work if..

Mox's brother cleared his throat.

Him: Are she fell asleep in her arms akere Mme!
(Turned to Tsala) How are you both?

Tsala: We just want to get out of here and tomorrow feels like ten years later.

Him: Hahaha! You survived the whole festive here what's one more day?

Tsala: Haha akere!

Tsala's phone reported an sms, she picked up and smiled alone then she put it down.

At Marc's house

Marco smiled alone with his phone then he put it down.

Lebo: Kana you are I love with that girl wa its e tota? I have never seen you smile like that ever since that girl who let you f*** her S.

Marco: Hahaha you didn't have to say that?

Lebo: No seriously, you are in love.

Marco: Maybe.

Lebo: Not maybe, you are deep in love with that girl. Look at you.

Marco: Okay fine, I am in love yes but is it bad that I want to hook up with other people?

Lebo: Yes it's bad.

Marco: Wa bona now why I don't do relationships, I hate being tied down.

The following morning

Tsala took a deep breath as John drove in the yard. Marian and RraTumi looked at the car, RraTumi stood up and walked to the tree where he knew John was going to park the car but instead he parked in front of the house. John opened the door and took Yama from Tsala, Tsala stepped out and John gave the baby back.

Meanwhile Prophet Kago and his Wife parked right behind them. They stepped out and MmaIssack looked at Tsala.

Wife: Uhuuu, whose child is this?

RraTumi: It's, it's J ohn....

Tsala: She is my daughter.

There was silence, Prophet Kago looked at RraTumi and he lowered his eyes.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 38

Prophet Kago and his Wife parked right behind them. They stepped out and MmaIssack looked at Tsala.

Wife: Uhuuu, whose child is this?

RraTumi: It's, it's John....

Tsala: She is my daughter.

There was silence, Prophet Kago looked at RraTumi and he lowered his eyes. Tsala looked at them hoping they say one wrong thing and she tells them where to get off.

MmaIsaack: Haha Ao your baby when?

Prophet: When have we been telling Issack to marry

you, bona hela now you have a baby!

Their calmness didn't surprise her, she found herself laughing instead, they were the most fake people she ever meet, only if they knew she knew their little secret.

They exchanged greetings with RraTumi and went inside the house. Tsala looked at Marian and she had on her Mother's flip flops.

Tsala: Those are my mother's!

Marian: Oh, I thought they were yours they were in your bedroom.

Tsala: J aanong if they were in my bedroom you have to wear them?

Marian: I am sorry I..

Tsala went to her bedroom and it did look like

anyone stayed in there, she wondered where Marian stayed or she went home everyday after cleaning! She put Yama down and started packing her clothes. She sat down and took a deep breath, she looked at the wardrobe and smiled alone as she remembered how her mother single handily fixing it. She was a woman who loved to do things herself because she wanted everything perfect. She missed her so much and as much as her brothers were there for her they were not her mother. They were not Naledi.

((Tsala poured maize meal in the pot and started mixing it, she dipped the cup in the maizemeal bucket again and poured in the pot and stired.

MmaTumi came in and took the spoon from her. "Kante ke eng O le matepetepe jaana?" she said stirring until the porridge was smooth then she put on the lid. She opened the stew pot and shook her head "Ditamati di kokobets e ha godimo jaana!" she

turned and looked at her daughter, "Tsala ngwanaka, I am not always going to be here, is this what you are going to feed your husband and kids, bona hela moro O kana kana, bona di anyanese tse di a leba leba even Scopion (Their dog) is not going to eat this!" she said pouring the soup in a cup, added oil and fried the meat while she chopped more vegetables." I have been teaching you how to cook for years but there are things that I didn't teach you that you master."

Tsala laughed and sat down. "Stand up, I am not going to cook for you o itirile madam sitting down.))

Tsala wiped her tears and smiled alone then she looked at her daughter. She wondered what kind of a mother she was going to be.

John: Hey you are not done?

She zipped her bag and John took it to the car, she picked up Yamas a and walked to her father's study. She knocked and he stepped out closing the door behind him.

Tsala: I came to say goodbye!

RraTumi: Okay!

Tsala: I love you Papa and I am sorry that I dis sapointed you.

He didn't say anything.

Tsala: Please say something! Scold or shout at me just don't give me the silent treatment.

RraTumi: Say what? Akere this is the life you choose for yourself, setswana sa re ngwana Ga a lelela legodu O le mo neele, I am giving you to the world, you will come back and because I am your father I will welcome you with both arms.

Tsala wiped her tears. RraTumi went back inside his study, Tsala walked outside to the car crying.

John: What happened?

Tsala: (Crying) Let's just go please.

Inside the house.

RraTumi: I was going to tell you but I did know where to start because my wife and I recently found out, actually on the day she gave birth.

Prophet: Kids make mistakes, this is what I was afraid of, that's why I encouraged that they get married as soon as possible.

RraTumi: I am not going to lie I am disappointed in how things happened. If you allow we can start with the lobola preparations.

Prophet: We don't have to allow anything, I would

have loved for them to start their family together but just because that didn't happen it doesn't mean more we stop the will of the God. Who are we to judge Tsala when we are not perfect ourselves.

ReaTumi sighed relieved, their calmness and understanding surprised him too.

A little later that Evening

Marco put his bag down while talking to the phone.

Client: Kana mme I sent you about five messages on Facebook because I didn't know your number.

Marco: I swear I did see them, are we friends?

Client: No!

Marco: Oh that's why, I guess they went to message requests, anyway come by the gym tomorrow evening I will sort you out.

Client: Sure!

He hung up and sat down going through his message requests. He went through them one by one and opened Same's.

Same: Hey, it was nice seeing you in flesh, finally put the face to the name.

(Second message) Thee rra accept my friend request!

(Third message) I can keep you busy while Tsala is still nursing, don't be scared to call me 768#####, I will show you a good time.

Marco screenshot and sent Tsala on WhatsApp.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 39

Same: Hey, it was nice seeing you in flesh, finally put the face to the name.

(Second message) Thee rra accept my friend request!

(Third message) I can keep you busy while Tsala is still nursing, don't be scared to call me 768#####, I will show you a good time.

Marco screenshot and sent Tsala on WhatsApp.

On the way to Serule

Tsala looked at MmaMox sleeping with her mouth open, she laughed alone and took out her phone. Just as she was about to click a photo her phone vibrated receiving WhatsApp messages since they were now where there was network.

She clicked on Mox's first asking how far they were then she clicked on Marco's. She read Same's messages and shook her head. "Kante jaanong what kind of messages do you send Marco mma?" she sent Same.

Same: he passed the text ne ke mo cheka ola. You are investing your feelings in this guy kana friend I wanted to check what kind of a person he is.

Tsala: Aah mma, you shouldn't have!

Same: Ehe sorry! I was just joking by the way. I will tell him I was joking.

MmaMox: A ko O bee phone yeo, you have been on your phone the whole trip.

Tsala put the phone back in her handbag and folded her arms. MmaMox gave her the baby and stretched her arms.

John: Are you okay?

Tsala nod her head, she kissed Yamasá and played with her nose. Her phone rang and she looked at MmaMox before she picked up.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Have you arrived?

Tsala: Not yet.

Mox: Okay I will be there le nna in the evening.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox: Give olady the phone she is with you akere.

Tsala extended her hand to MmaMox!

Tsala: Ke Moeemedi.

MmaMox took the phone.

MmaMox: Hello!

Tsala looked at her baby and sighed, she pinched her little cheeks and she smiled in her sleep.

MmaMox: Please stop doing that you will wake her up.

Tsala rolled her eyes, few minutes later MmaMox gave her the phone and they drove in silence until

they arrived. She stepped out of the car and took the baby to her bedroom while Tsala followed with the bags.

MmaMox: Feed her she is hungry!

Tsala sat down and took the baby from MmaMox. John came in with the rest of the stuff.

John: O shapo?

Tsala: Yeah I am just annoyed gore, hold the baby like this, like that, don't do this do thata agggg!

John: Hahaha she is a mother she knows best.

Tsala: Aggg!

John: I am going to drive around looking for a guest house and rest.

Tsala: Okay!

John: See you later!

Tsala: Sure!

John kissed Yama and left. Tsala heard him saying goodbye outside and MmaMox came in with a mattress. She spread it down and spread clean blankets and a fleece then she put the pillow.

MmaMox: You must be tired from the long trip, rest while I fix you bathing water.

Tsala: Ee mma!

She laid down and put her breast back in Yama's mouth, she minutes later she pulled out and put her breast back in her bra, she closed her eyes and fell asleep.

At RraTumi's house

Beth parked by the gate and stepped out with a

tupperware full of dikgobe and beef stew with salads. She knocked on the door and a Pre teen girl opened the door.

Her: Dumelang!

Beth: Hi!

She walked inside the house and RraTumi was laying down while a little girl about four years was stepping on his back massaging him.

RraTumi: (With his eyes closed) Mmh ya ko godimonyana ko mageteng.

Beth: Dumelang!

RraTumi raised her head and looked up at his daughter in law.

RraTumi: Tshhepi thank you!

The little girl got off him and he stood up.

RraTumi: Le teng?

Beth: Ee rra, I brought you dinner I did know you had company or else I would have dished more..

RraTumi: No its fine we already had dinner we will eat this tomorrow.

Beth: Ehe!

She looked at the little girl and then at the older one and she knew without being told that those were her sister In laws.

Beth: Do you maybe have clothes you need me to wash?

RraTumi: No everything is sorted ngwanaka let me

see the food.

Marian came from the bathroom wrapped in a towel and panicked seeing Beth.

RraTumi: Mmh they smell delicious.

Beth: (To Marian) Dumelang!

Marian: Dumelang!

Beth: Nnyaa let me go, I didn't know there are kids here or else I would have brought my girls to come play kana you are visiting?

Girl: No we..

Marian: Nnyaa ba teng hela you can bring the girls.

Beth: Ehe, nnyaa have a lovely evening. Go siame.

The older girl walked her to the door. Beth shook her head going to her car.

At Serule

Tsala: (Typing) It was just a joke a re she was testing you.

Marco: Well I don't appreciate such jokes, she doesn't know me and I don't know her. Wa phapha!

Tsala: Forgive her on my behalf!

Marco: You are going to earn her forgiveness.

Tsala: Hahaha ke motsetsi.

Marco: So?

Tsala: stay away from me rra wee!

Mox knocked softly on the door and opened it before Tsala invited him in. Tsala put her breast back in her bra and put the phone down.

Tsala: I didn't say come in.

Mox: Baby Mama!

Tsala: Don't call me that.

He held Tsala's hand and helped her stand up and hugged her.

Tsala: Stop!

Mox: Kante did we ever break up?

Tsala: Hahaha Moemedi monna!

Mox: I love you kana, wena hela if we reach thirty both single we are getting married and give Yama a little brother.

Tsala: Haha why thirty?

Mox: Haha I don't know but thirty, deal?

Tsala: Wena you are a manwhore!

Mox: Nna? Says someone who had hickies all over her body a sena even a week in Gaborone.

Tsala: Wa yaka I had three months.

Mox: I think it was two days ebile.

Tsala: Haha!

Mox: Gape we make beautiful babies so you are not allowed to make more kids with anyone, I don't want to be a step father nna.

Tsala: I don't want to be a step mother too.

Mox: So thirty it is?

Tsala: Thirty five.

Mox: Kana mme you and I never broke up wa its e akere!

Tsala freed herself from him and he pulled her back, he softly kissed her lips and looked in her eyes falling in love all over again. Tsala lowered her eyes and smiled. The door opened and they both stepped back.

MmaMox: Shimo!

Mox: Aaah Shimo in front of my wife and daughter, ke nna RraagweYamas a.

MmaMox: You will always be Shimo.

Tsala: Shimo haha!

Mox: Stop!

MmaMox took what she came for and went back outside. Mox took out his phone and opened the front camera. He took a selfie with Tsala standing behind him.

Tsala: Atleast tell me to fix my top, bona hela melala e lepeletse.

She fixed herself and picked up Yamas a. She put on her pink hairband and Mox clicked a few selfies, they both looked at them and choose their favourites then Mox sent them to Tsala. He posted one on Facebook captioned " Blessings "

At Same's House

Same reacted on Mox's photo and commented "My people" She screenshot the photo and sent it to Tsala on WhatsApp.

Same: Uhuu you are back together?

Tsala: Haha when did we ever breakup?

Same: Hahaha mpha Marco ee

Tsala: Haha will you able to handle him? Wa ja yoo!

Same:

Tsala: .

Same: If you can handle him then I am sure I can.

Tsala: Hey mma MmaMox is annoying me gore, hee don't hold the baby like this, don't hold her like that agggg! Every five minutes change the baby's position. She is so controlling gore with one eye.

Same: Hahaha! She has one eye?

Tsala: The other one is grey I don't know if she can see with it.

Same: When are you going to Gaborone?

Tsala: Tomorrow, I am not leaving my baby here because I want to, I just don't have a choice gape my brothers ne ba re she is too young to be left with a nanny.

Same: Akere!

Tsala: Ijaa she just came in mma, let's hear what she has to complain about . We will talk.

She put the phone down.

MmaMox: Kante what's so interesting in your phone because you re always on your phone?

Tsala didn't reply.

The following Morning

"Okay no shapo, sure sure" Tumi said and put his phone down. He went to the bathroom where his wife was showering, he stood behind her and put his D on top of her butt and it slid down, he did it again until it was hard then he made her touch the wall while he drilled her from behind. Beth moa*** softly and held on to the wall, Tumi wrapped his arms around her belly pulling her harder into him giving her hard strokes.

Beth: Babe kante when was the last time you went to see your dad.

Tumi: So you are thinking about my father while I..

Beth: No he..

Tumi: Wrong timing, kana I am not doing anything..

He said increasing his strokes, harder and deeper.

"You were saying what about my dad" he whispered

in her ear and, Beth looked up with her eyes closed and mouth wide open moa*** loudly.

At Serule

Tsala looked at her stomach in the mirror and it didn't look like she gave birth a month back. She put on a dress and sat down putting on sandals when Mox came in.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: (Down) Ya!

Tsala: And then?

He kept quiet looking at Baby Yamas a who was sleeping.

Tsala: We should make a calendar of when we

come to see Yama so that we always come together.

Mox:..

Tsala: Mox!

Mox: Waitse gore Tsala you are ungrateful, my mother is helping us with the baby and you say all the things you said.

Tsala: What did I say?

Mox: (Clicked his tongue)..

Tsala: Kante wa re what did I say? I didn't say anything nna, Your mum ke ene a reng I said something, maybe I said without knowing gore I am offending her.

Mox: You didn't make fun of her eye?

Tsala: What, no I..

Mox took, out the phone and showed her screenshots from Same! She kept quiet.

Mox: You didn't send your friend this?

Tsala:...

Mox clicked his tongue and went outside. Tsala picked up her phone and dialed Same.

Same: Hello!

Tsala: Why did you sent Mox screenshots of our conversation le gone where do you get talking to Mox behind my back?

Same: Uhu you own him ebile, I need permission to talk to him I didn't know.

Tsala: Mox is my baby daddy and..

Same: Keep telling yourself that you will eventually believe it.

Tsala: I know who the father of my child mmaawee, tsa reng ne di damaged goods tse?

Same: Damaged goods that slept with your baby daddy.

Tsala: Atleast I didn't share a di** with my mum.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 40 (Appreciation Post, Happy new year
everyone)

Same: Hello!

Tsala: Why did you sent Mox screenshots of our conversation le gone where do you get talking to Mox behind my back?

Same: Uhu you own him ebile, I need permission to talk to him I didn't know.

Tsala: Mox is my baby daddy and..

Same: Keep telling yourself that you will eventually believe it.

Tsala: I know who the father of my child mmaawee, tsa reng ne di damaged goods tse?

Same: Damaged goods that slept with your baby daddy.

Tsala: Atleast I didn't share a di** with my mum.

She instantly regretted what she just said.

Same: I wish one of your many boyfriends rapes your daughter so that you too know how it's like to

share a di** with your daughter.

She hung up crying, she covered her face crying out loud. Ditshego came in the room and looked at Same.

Ditshego: Same?

She looked away crying.

Ditshego: Same?

She wiped her tears and turned to her mother.

Ditshego: What's going on?

Same: I...

She burst into tears and Ditshego hugged her.
"Didimala ngwanaka"

At MmaMox's House

Tsala put her bag in the car and went to knock on Mox's door. He opened while still talking to the phone.

Mox: Sure bye, mmmh!

Kesego: Ke rile I love you.

Mox: Haha me too.

Kesego: E le gore who are you with, why can't you say I love you back.

Mox: Ke rile me too.

Kesego: Shapo rra!

Mox: J aanong wa ngala?

Kesego: I love you!

Mox: I love you too.

Kesego: Thank you! What was hard about that?

Mox: Haha shapo we will talk akere.

Kesego: Bye!

He hung up and turned to Tsala.

Tsala: Can we talk?

Mox: Mmmh?

Tsala: I apologise for what I said about your mother.

Mox: My mum is one of the nicest person I know and she is helping us from the kindness of her heart, the least you can do is respect her.

Tsala: I crossed the line, I am sorry. I shouldn't have made fun of her eye because I know what happened to her to be like that. I promise I will never say what I said about her again and yes she is doing us a favour, I should appreciate and respect her.

Mox: Good!

Tsala: I am really sorry, she is your mum and..

Mox: You apologised, it's fine.

Tsala: Thanks! Um about us making a calender for when to visit.

Mox: We can do that any time akere.

Tsala: Yeah! J ohn is waiting for us.

She left the room and went to the house, she knocked once on the door and looked inside. "Mma Botswana, MmaLebopo wa rona" MmaMox said massaging Yama's legs then she laid her on her stomach and massaged her back.

Tsala: We are going!

MmaMox: Sit here!

She said patting the bed, Tsala sat down, MmaMox

cleared her throat.

MmaMox: Don't forget gore you are a new mother
ra utlwana.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: You know what go call Shimo for me
because you both need to hear what I have to say.

Tsala went to Mox's room and called him. Tsala sat
down while he stood up.

MmaMox: Do you see this baby, la bona gore she is
fresh akere.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Le mmona gore she is not sick akere, let
it be like this forever. Ngwana wa ilelwa (looked at
Mox) Not just Tsala but you too. That means both
of you are not allowed to sleep with other people
and come touch this child because you will make

her sick.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Moemedi!

Mox: I heard you.

MmaMox: I hope you did hear me because nna I am not going to take care of a child who was made sick ka bomo. I don't want a child that I will be embarrassed to undress ko sekaleng a lepelela dimpa le marago because her parents choose to be carelesss.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Moemedi!

Mox: Hahaha kante why just me.

Mms Mox: I know gore Tsala heard me, I want you to hear me too. I know gore Men think gore it's only the mother's responsibility go ilela ngwana. J ust touching this child can kill her.

Moemedi: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Good, I said what I said, it's up to you go

ilela ngwana wa lona. Nna ke ilets e bame bana akere wa bona gore you are a grown up man. If you don't behave then you will take of your child O reng a re O leba ko godimo a bo a wa ka sekota.

They both laughed.

MmaMox: Don't laugh.

Tsala: We heard you (To Mox) Akere!

Mox: Yes!

MmaMox: Good!

Have a safe journey bo ngwanaka.

Tsala: Thank you!

They left, Tsala sat at the back while Mox sat at the front with John and they left.

At Ditshego's Work

Feeling uneasy about leaving Same at home alone not feeling well Ditshego went to the back and dialed Same's number but her phone rang unanswered. She called again then called the neighbour's child.

Her: Hello!

Ditshego: Hi Same is not feeling well mo nchekele hoo I am trying her number she is not picking up.

Her: Okay I am going to the tucks hop I will check her when I come back.

Ditshego: Thank you!

On the way from Serule

Tsala's phone received an sms, she rolled her eyes seeing who it was from and decided not to open the text.

At Ditshego's work

Ditshego's phone rang and she excused herself going outside.

Ditshego: Hello!

Neighbour: Hello MmaSame.

Ditshego: Ee!

Neighbour: I am knocking and she didn't answer so I looked through the window, she is sleeping on the floor and she has foam coming out of her mouth.

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** Happy New year my people, I love you guys so much and thanks for making my year. I was going to post for those who subscribed but its the last Friday of the year and we deserve this appreciation Insert.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday we are back

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EPISODE 41

Ditshogo: Hello!

Neighbour: Hello MmaSame.

Ditshogo: Ee!

Neighbour: I am knocking and she didn't answer so I looked through the window, she is sleeping on the floor and she has foam coming out of her mouth.

Ditshogo: What? (Panicked) Is she moving, open the door, call someone to break the door.

Neighbour: I..

Ditshogo: Call someone, call someone please my daughter is dying, break the door.

She ran out still wearing her cleaning uniform. Her colleague called out for her but she got in the taxi crying.

Later that Afternoon at Gabs

Tsala walked around the shop putting toiletries in the trolley then she took packets of busciuts, chips and cereals.

John: I still remember my days back in varsity, the hunger! We lived off cereals and tea.

Tsala: Haha!

She pushed the trolley to the counter and they paid then John helped her take them to the car. They drove in silence to campus and John helped her take everything to her room. Portia opened the door and screamed, they hugged jumping up and down then she let go of her, Portia stepped back and looked at Tsala's flat stomach.

Portia: O maaka kana you don't have a baby.

Tsala: Hahahah!

Portia: No serious Tsala you don't have a baby.

Tsala: Ke Mmaagwe Yamas a mma.

Portia: How, I stayed with you, your stomach was flat flat like right now.

She helped Tsala take the bags inside and John followed, they exchanged greetings and Tsala introduced them.

Portia: And I am single.

They all laughed, Tsala's phone rang and she sat down on her bed picking up.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Hello, Ao you still haven't arrived?

Tsala: We just arrived I was going to call you after settling in.

MmaMox: Ehe, I was worried ke ipots a why you haven't called.

Tsala: Ee mma, how is Yama?

MmaMox: Wai it's like you didn't leave, it was raining earlier, she spent the whole day sleeping, she just woke up, I bathed her then feed her, she is

sleeping again.

Tsala: Ao ngwanake, kiss her for me.

MmaMox: I will, take care of yourselves, I hope you heard what I said maloba.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Good!

Tsala: Go siame!

She hung up, Portia shook her head and clapped her hands.

Portia: Still don't believe you are a mum now!

Tsala: I am!

She walked her brother outside to his car.

John: I will be leaving tomorrow morning, I will come say goodbye later.

Tsala: Okay, thank you for everything.

John: If I don't do it who will?

Tsala smiled and hugged her brother then she went back inside and found her phone ringing, she rolled her eyes and picked up.

Tsala: I hope you didn't call me to insult me too akere.

Leeto: Hey, did you hear about Same?

Tsala: What about Same?

Leeto: She is in the hospital, she tried to take her life.

Tsala: (Panicked) What?

Leeto: Yeah I a tried to call her and her little sister picked up, they are at the hospital.

Tsala: What? She sent me a text earlier kana and I didn't read it, I.. Why.. How is she?

Leeto: I don't know, do you maybe have her

mother's number and ask how she is because I can't.

Tsala: I used to have it I don't know if I still have it, Same once sent me text with the number let me go through my messages.

Leeto: Thanks!

She hung up and opened Same's previous text "I never expected you to talk to me the way you did, you are one person who saw and knows what I went through, I did choose to be rap**, you made me feel like I enjoyed it, well I hope you will forgive yourself one day for saying that to me" Tsala swallowed hard feeling guilty. As she went through her texts checking for Ditshego's number Marco's call came through.

Tsala: Hey I will call you back!

Marco: Okay, O busy le..

She hung up on him before he finished his sentence.
Tsala finally found the text and dialed Ditshego's
number

Ditshego: Hello!

Tsala: Hello its Tsala, I... How is Same I called her
number a bo gotwe she is at the hospital.

Ditshego: They pumped the pills out of her system
she is sleeping.

Tsala: (Took a deep breath relieved) Thank God!

Ditshego: Let me talk to the Doctor I will call you.

Tsala: Ee mma tanki!

She hung up and called Leeto.

The following Morning

Beth waved at the kids as they got in the school bus

and she went back inside the house. Tumi came from the kitchen eating an apple, he kissed his wife and headed to the door.

Beth: Babe wait!

Tumi: Can we talk later, I am running late.

Beth: Shapo!

Tumi: I love you!

Beth: I love you!

He left, she sat down and sighed, maybe there was nothing going on between Marian and her father in law, maybe Marian was really there to take care of the Pastor, nothing more but the two girls who looked like her husband, maybe she was seeing things that were not there. There is no way RraTumi would move his girlfriend inside his marital home not even two months after his wife's burial.

At the Hospital

Doctor walked in followed by the social worker. He introduced her to Same who didn't look interested.

SW: Hello Same how are you?

Same kept quiet.

SW: Don't worry I am not going to ask you anything here I just came to introduce myself.

Same:..

Doctor: You have to talk to her, I told you we are only going to discharge you if she says so.

Same: What do you want me to say?

SW: You don't..

Same: (Crying) Have you ever been raped then called damaged goods?

SW: No but..

Same: But nothing, you don't know how I feel
(crying) You don't know my pain, talking won't make
me forget what I went through.

Neither the Social worker or the Doctor said
anything. Same tried to remove the drip from her
hand when her Mother walked in.

Ditshego: What are you doing?

She stopped. Ditshego exchanged greetings with
the Doctor and Social worker and they introduced
themselves then the Doctor asked that they step
aside. They talked for a few minutes then Ditshego
went back inside.

Ditshego : How are you feeling?

Same:..

Ditshago: You have to talk to someone because nna you don't want to talk to me.

Same:..

Ditshago: Same!

Same:..

Ditshago put her bag down and put her phone on top.

Ditshago: Tsala called on my way here, talk to her she is really worried about you.

Same:...

Ditshago: I will come see you after work.

Same:..

Ditshago: Shapo!

She left and Same wiped her tears, immediately as she picked her phone it rang.

Tsala: Hello, Same? Hello!

Same: What do you want?

Tsala: Hey, I am worried about you.

Same: Don't, you should worry about Marco, what will happen to him when everyone finds out he is sleeping with a student.

Tsala: Same I know we both said some things that we didn't mean, this is between me and you not..

Same hung up on her, Tsala walked into her first class shaking, she bit her lower lip and sat down then she took out her phone about to text Same when the lecture came in, she put it back in her handbag and took a deep breath.

Later that Evening

Tsala came from the shower holding her toiletries

bag, she put it down and sat on the bed applying lotion on herself when Portia stormed inside. She closes the door and gave Tsala her phone.

Tsala: What is this?

Portia: You are trending Moghel!

She read Same's post and swallowed hard. It was a photo of Tsala captioned "Don't throw stones living in a glass house, don't forget I know your marital status, I know who your real baby daddy is and I know you are sleeping with your lecture for good grades. I have the receipts."

Portia: Kante aren't you friends?

Tsala gave back the phone.

At the Hospital

Same: Hello!

Leeto: Delete that post!

Same: Why, Tsala..

Leeto: Delete that post or we are done, if you and Tsala have problems you fight face to face not on social media. What you posted does not only affect Tsala but Mox and her family.

Same:..

Leeto: Delete the post or I swear we are done!

He hung up on her, Same swallowed hard and deleted the post.

The following Morning

Tsala put her books in her bag walking to her next class and could feel everyone's eyes on her, she

ignored them and sat down. She knew what they were talking about and she was not going to entertain them.

Her phone reported an sms.

Same: I only deleted that post because of Leeto, you and I are not done.

Tsala: Next time you try to kill yourself tie the knot a little tighter.

Months Later...

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EPISODE 42

Months Later...

MmaMox finished cleaning Mox's bedroom and left the windows and door wide open, she went to the laundry line to check on the blankets she washed yesterday and they were half dry. Her granddaughter came running with her phone from the house.

MmaMox: Who is it?

Her: I don't know it doesn't have a name.

She took the phone and picked up.

MmaMox: Hello!

Tsala: Hi ke Tsala I borrowed phone.

MmaMox: Eheee! I was wondering who it was.

Tsala: Ee I don't have airtime so I borrowed from a

friend, how is Yama?

MmaMox: She is sleeping nna I was cleaning the bedroom where you will sleep.

Tsala: Ee mma, I guess I will be there ka bo four or earlier.

MmaMox: Eheee! Please don't buy more clothes, buy a washing machine instead.

Tsala: Hahaha but I send madi a motho wa washing every weekend.

MmaMox: Mmh mmh I fired her, ne a kgonisitse mose e wa ngwanake.

Tsala: Hahahaha!

Marco kissed her neck and she pushed him back, she went to the bedroom and tried to close the door but Marco pushed it. He kissed her neck while still talking to Mmamox.

MmaMox: Everyone at the clinic knows me gore

ngwanake is always clean and she never drops weight ebile..

Tsala covered her mouth as Marco pushed her shorts down and squatted kissing her stomach.

Tsala: Stop!

MmaMox: She is neatly cut, I don't like bana ba di braids ekare batho ba batona.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Ebile I was thinking gore when you come we should go pierce her ears but I think we should wait for winter, it's best to pierce during winter.

Tsala: Ee mma!

Marco pushed her on the bed and pulled the rest of her pants.

Tsala: I will call you back, let me...

She hung up and pushed Marco off her.

Marco: Come on I will just rub it on the top.

Tsala: No, I am not taking chances.

Marco: Then let me come with you.

Tsala: Hahaha no!

Marco: Bua hela gore wa ntima.

Tsala pulled up her shorts and kissed him.

Marco: This thing about getting the baby sick if you have se* is a myth, believe me I know these things. Come on it has been three months, even at the hospital you are allowed to have s** after six weeks.

Tsala: I am not refusing, I promise when I come back I am all yours.

Marco rubbed his face and sat down.

Tsala: What?

Marco: Nothing!

Tsala: O ngadile?

Marco: No I..

She helped him stand up then she put her hands in his sweat pants, Marco smiled and looked away. Tsala turned his head and made him look at her.

Tsala: I promise you a night to remember when I come back!

Marco: Promise?

Tsala: I promise!

She said pulling down his pants and his 150g

peaceful sleep spray size like d*** sprung out, she rubbed it and squatted, she looked up at him before she circled her tongue on the circumference of his circumcised mushroom head and... ***

At UB

Same rolled her eyes as Ditshego shouted in the phone.

Ditshego: What kind of registration goes on for two weeks even on the holidays?

Same: Mama jaanong what should I do because I haven't finished registering, okay fine then I will come home, what if the schools I have registered at don't take me?

Ditshego: The things you are doing are not funny at all, give me Tsala.

Same: Tsala is out I will give her the phone when she comes back.

Ditshego: You have been saying that for day, give me Tsala's number then.

Same: I will!

Ditshego: Do that! People always go to Gaborone to register but no one ever spent the whole month, nna ke lantha ke o bona mo registaro yo ntseng jalo.

She clicked her tongue and hung up. Same went to Leeto's room where he was with his friends. Leeto stood up and pulled her aside.

Leeto: A reng?

Same: She says I can stay.

Leeto: Really?

Same: Yeah akere she knows gore I am with Tsala that's why she agreed.

Leeto: Great!

He said kissing her and they went into his room.

The following Morning

Tsala sat down in the bus and opened her WhatsApp while waiting for the bus to departure and she had a message from Mox.

Mox: What time are you leaving?

Tsala: I am in the bus. You?

Mox: A few friends and I planned to go to Maun for the mascom Derby.

Tsala clicked her tongue and stepped out of the bus dialing Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Tsala: Who said nna I don't want to go to the derby?

Mox: We planned this before..

Tsala: Moemedi I told you before if you are not going to be around then let me give the baby for adoption and what did you do?

Kesego woke up and pulled the sheet up her breasts listening to Mox talking on the phone.

Mox: Kante jaanong I am not allowed to live? I saw Yama two weeks ago.

Tsala: You are not going to Maun.

Mox: Tsala I..

Tsala: Ka re you are not going to Maun you think you are the only one who knows how to have fun neh, go to Maun hela and you will see the other side of me you have never seen.

Mox: I..

Tsala: Ka re go, just go to Maun, le nna I would have stayed in Gaborone but I choose to go to Serule so

we can spend time with Yama wena o bua Maun, go then, go to Maun.

"Give me that phone" Kesego said in the background.

Mox: I didn't know having a child with you is going to be this much work.

Tsala: Now you know.

She clicked her tongue and hung up then she went to the bus.

Kesego: Waitse gore Tsala thinks she is the boss of you, who does she think she is?

Mox:...

Kesego: You should have given me that phone I would have put her in her place.

Mox took a deep breath.

Kesego: Kana mme she is wasting her breath we are going to Maun.

She looked at Mox!

Kesego: We are going to Maun right?

Mox: Eish I don't want drama, let me go home.

Kesego: So you are going to let her control you, agg Moemedi grow a backbone. What will she do if you go to Maun?

Mox: I don't want drama.

Kesego: Then I am coming with you.

She said folding her arms.

Kesego: I am coming with you. That Tsala needs to know her place, she should know how her days of controlling you are over because you are having another baby.

She said rubbing her little stomach.

A little later that afternoon At Serule

Tsala smiled opening the gate and walked in, MmaMox who was laying under the tree with Yama raised her head.

Tsala: Bathong, is that my baby! Dumelang!

She put the bag and plastics down.

Tsala: Sheee bathong Yama mma, thank God I

didn't throw away the receipts bona hela how big you are, the jumps uit I brought you is not going to fit.

MmaMox: She just finished her forth bottle of milk ebile, ngonyana yo wa ja.

Tsala: Bathong Yama mma.

MmaMox: But the Nurses are not complaining ka ene ba re she is normal weight, Moemedi was this fat as a baby.

Tsala: Haha!

She sat down and kissed her baby.

MmaMox: I have a painful shoulder ke this child.

Tsala: Nnyaa mma she is fat ekare she is already eating.

MmaMox: But its only milk, O kae her useless father is he coming or going to Maun?

Tsala: A re he is coming ne a re o ya Derby, I don't

know what makes him think he can have fun while I am here taking care of Yama alone.

MmaMox: Good le nna I saw his text a re he is going to Maun his brother needs his help kante he wants to go have fun.

Tsala kissed her baby.

MmaMox: I cleaned his bedroom for you.

Tsala: Thank you!

MmaMox: Today I am going to sleep like a baby with no disturbance waitse gore ngwana wa gago wa ntapisa.

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaMox: I cooked dikgobe and beef stew do you eat them?

Tsala: Yes ebile I am starving.

She put Yama on her hip and followed MmaMox to the traditional kitchen. She watched her dishing for her and felt bad about what she said about her.

MmaMox: I am only dishing for you today because you are holding the baby, don't think I will do this everyday, you are not a guest here.

She said dishing for Tsala and gave her the plate, Tsala put the baby down and started eating when a taxi parked by the gate and they both looked.

MmaMox: It's Moemedi! Who is he with, why does he bring guests when he knows he doesn't buy food?

Tsala: Haha!

Meanwhile Mox stepped out with Kesego, she cradled her little stomach and followed Mox inside.

Mox: I am yet to get used to Rhino's death, kana it always ran up to me when I arrived. Dumelang!

MmaMox: Dumelang!

Kesego: Dumelang!

MmaMox: Dumela mma!

They sat down and Mox picked up Yama.

Mox: Hee bathong Yama!

Tsala: Gatwe you were this fat when you were a baby?

They all laughed except for Kesego.

MmaMox: His Aunt used to call him Nkete.

Mox: Ijaa, O'lady please always check your audience before you say some things.

MmaMox: Haha you were this fat, actually all my

kids were this fat when they were young.

Mox cleared his throat.

Mox: Olady this is Kesego!

MmaMox: Kesego kae?

Kesego: I am from Lentsweletau.

MmaMox: Eheee!

There was silence.

Mox: Kesego is my friend and she has come to spend the holidays with us.

MmaMox: Eheee! What kind of a friend?

Mox: Haha, she, she is my girlfriend.

MmaMox: Eheee! You study together?

Mox: Yes!

MmaMox: J aanong ke eng ekare Ga ke bone
Kesego sente jaana? (Is it my eyes or she is
expecting?)

Kesego looked down.

MmaMox: When you left here didn't I tell you..

Mox: It happened before Yama was born.

MmaMox: She is not supposed to come here before
her family comes here to announce the pregnancy ,
what if something happens to her here, what are we
going to say to her family? (Looked at Kesego)

Kana ko Lentsweletau le ipegela dimpa? (Or at
Lentsweletau you announce your own pregnancies?)

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**Goodnight

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EPISODE 43

MmaMox: J aanong ke eng ekare Ga ke bone Kesego sente jaana? (Is it my eyes or she is expecting?)

Kesego looked down.

MmaMox: When you left here didn't I tell you..

Mox: It happened before Yama was born.

MmaMox: She is not supposed to come here before her family comes here to announce the pregnancy , what if something happens to her here, what are we going to say to her family? (Looked at Kesego)

Kana ko Lentsweletau le ipegela dimpa? (Or at Lentsweletau you announce your own pregnancies?)

Kes ego kept quiet.

MmaMox: I cannot let you stay here ngwanaka the situation you are in doesn't allow me to welcome you here because God forbid if anything happens to you I will be in trouble.

Mox: But..

MmaMox: No buts gape I don't know gore when you bring her here wa re wa go ja eng because you never even send two hundred pula O re Mme tsaa O reke ses habo, even this child, have you ever brought her a dress hela wa fifty pula?

Mox kept quiet. Tsala went to put the plate at the kitchen.

MmaMox: Did you wash it ga ke rate boata.

Tsala went back to wash it then she took Yama to

Mox's bedroom where they laid down. MmaMox stood up and went to the house. Kesego swallowed hard and cleared her throat.

Kesego: But Tsala is allowed to stay here, why doesn't she go to Maun? How does she spend the holidays because you are not together.

Mox: I told you we shouldn't have come here.

Kesego: Take me to a guest house, I am not going to sleep where I am not wanted.

Mox: With what money?

Kesego: Akere you have five hundred pula wa maloba.

Mox: And how much is a guest house and transport for you to go back home?

Kesego : J aanong what do you want me to do akere wa bona gore I am not welcome here!

Mox: She won't chase you out.

Kesego: I am not sleeping here Moemedi it's clear

your Mother wants you to get back together with Tsala.

Mox: Wa simolla akere, akere you have your own money go to a guest house then.

He stood up and went to his mother.

Mox: J aanong you gave Tsala my room where am I going to sleep?

MmaMox: I didn't know gore you are bringing a guest akere, I thought you will sleep in there with her and help with the baby at night. You will sleep in your brother's house then.

Mox: What about Kesego?

MmaMox: What about her, she is your guest akere you are responsible for her but tomorrow morning she better go home. Tota ngwanaka have you ever heard of a thing called a condom? Wena jaanong ekare you will be a problem, nna ke heletse gone ha go Yama, don't think I will be taking all your children

in. There is food outside dish for yourselves.

At Game City mall

Same and Leeto walked around the shop while Leeto talked to his brother on the phone. He went to the vacuum cleaner section.

Leeto: I think ke yone ye ya two point two. Okay shapo I will take a photo now.

Leeto looked around and took a photo of the vacuum cleaner. Same walked around the shop looking around then went back to Leeto.

Same: Is it the one you wanted?

Leeto: Yes, let's check di fan this side.

A man who was also looking around the shop walked over to their side. Leeto's phone rang and he walked a few meters away.

Him: Kgm!

Same turned to him.

Him: Hi!

He took out his business card and put it in her top.

Him: Call me!

He walked away and Leeto came back.

Leeeto: Agg this guy, let's go to the next shop and check di fan.

Same removed the card from her top and put it in her handbag.

Later that Evening

Beth wiped her hands and took the ringing phone from the kitchen counter.

Beth: Hello!

Tsala: Hi ke bone di missed calls I was bathing Yama.

Beth: Bathong you are not coming home?

Tsala: Mmoloki was supposed to bring us jaanong things changed last minute, I can't travel ka di bus with a baby.

Beth: Ee gone, I guess I will send her clothes ka bus then.

Tsala: Buy six to twelve mma Moghel is fat and big.

Beth: Hahaha heelang!

Tsala: Iyooo mma ekare wa nosetswa MmaMox is really taking care of her.

Beth: Thaata, maybe I should bring Lolo there ngwanake kana is ten kilograms wena.

Tsala: Hahaha akere.

Beth: Send us photos mma we miss you guys.

Tsala: No July we are coming.

Beth: Do that, I will tell you when I have sent the parcels.

Tsala: Okay, heela can I ask you something?

Beth: Yes!

Tsala: There is this other girl she had her baby a month before me ebile a re ene le boyfriend are already doing it, go shapo?

Beth: Hahaha after six weeks kana mme O shapo.

Tsala: Six weeks?

Beth: Yes unless wena you want to wait or you feel gore your body is not ready.

Tsala: And her baby, won't she get sick?

Beth: Is she breastfeeding?

Tsala: No!

Beth: Then she has nothing to worry about.

Tsala: Are you sure the baby won't get sick?

Beth: Tsala, just go get prevention and have se* Yama is not going to get sick. O mo iletse she is grown up now.

Tsala: Who said I was talking about me?

Beth: Hahaha! Ehe then go tell your friend gore it's fine.

Tsala: Hahaha shapo!

Beth: Wait, when was the last time you spoke to your father?

Tsala: Agg maybe two weeks ago.

Beth: Call him the mma, stubborn as he is he

misses you guys.

Tsala: Miss us jang akere he has a new family.

Beth: Come on, he...

Tsala: Let me attend Yama she is crying.

Beth: Okay.

She hung up and picked up Yama putting her on her lap and feed her.

MmaMox: Mmmh mmh I told you to lay her down when you feed her.

Tsala put Yama down and feed her.

MmaMox: What are you going to eat or you will eat dikgobe again.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: You are not a guest here ngwanaka, there

is food in the kitchen if you are hungry go prepare yourself something.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: I am going out you will be fine akere, gape Mox O teng don't be scared to call him if you need his help.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox left, Tsala picked up her phone and checked Marco's last seen on WhatsApp . MmaMox came in and she quickly put the phone down.

MmaMox: Whatever is on your phone must be interesting, these days motho can't stay two minutes without pressing their phone, kana mme le nna I have a phone but I only pick it up to answer calls kana ke gore mine is old model?

Tsala kept quiet.

MmaMox: If anyone comes here looking for me tell them I went to MmaKuda's house.

Tsala: Ee mma!

She left again.

Later that night..

Same copied the number from the card and dialed it on her phone. "Hi its the girl from earlier at the shop" he sent a text then she put her phone down as Leeto came in.

Leeto: Have you chosen a movie yet?

Same: No, you choose.

Same's phone reported a message. She secretly

opened it and it was a two thousand Pula ewallet from a certain E. Mamba.

At Serule

MmaMox woke up to the baby crying, she looked at the time and it was past ten, she got out of bed and went to knock on Tsala's door. She opened holding the baby.

MmaMox: And then?

Tsala: I don't know.

MmaMox: Moemedi O kae?

She clicked her tongue and went to where Mox was sleeping, he got up and opened the door.

MmaMox: E le gore you don't hear the baby crying?

Mox: I was going to..

MmaMox: Go help Tsala ka ngwana, is she going to stay up all night while you sleep?

Mox put on his t-shirt and went to his room, he took Yama from Tsala and checked her temperature with the back of his hand.

Tsala: Her temperature is normal.

Mox: Did you feed her?

Kesego walked in.

Tsala: She is just not used to sleeping without MmaMox!

Kesego: J aanong if you know what's making her cry why don't you take her to MmaMox?

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**Good afternoon

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 44

Tsala: She is just not used to sleeping without MmaMox!

Kesego: J aanong if you know what's making her cry why don't you take her to MmaMox?

Tsala: Are you talking to me?

Kesego: Yes I am talking to you!

Tsala: And who do you think you are talking to?

Mox: Tsala please!

Tsala: Ka re whom does she think she is talking to? She and I don't know each other a ska mphaphela.

Kesego: I don't need to know you, ka re..

Mox: Kesego!

Kesego kept quiet.

Kesego: Put her in cold water then wrap her in a blanket she will fall asleep.

Tsala: You will do that to your own child. Give her to me!

She took Yama from Mox and went outside with her.

MmaMox: Ngwana wa le pallwa le le two?

Tsala: She..

MmaMox: Bring her here!

She took Yama and she stopped crying.

MmaMox: What's going to happen if I am not there?
Are you going to cry with her?

She asked looking at Tsala and Tsala kept quiet.

MmaMox: I want to rest today but it looks like I
won't because you can't handle a three months old
baby. Give me her bottle.

Mox went to get it and MmaMox walked to her
house with Yama. Tsala took her blankets and
followed them.

MmaMox: I thought I will rest when you are here!

Tsala:.

MmaMox: Go sleep!

Tsala: Ee mma!

She closed the door on her way out. She switched off the lights and laid on the bed looking up. She picked up her phone and dialed Marco, his phone rang unanswered, she tried again and a female voice picked up.

Her: Hello!

Tsala: Hello!

Marco took the phone from whoever it was.

Marco: Hello!

Tsala: E le gore who picked up first?

Marco: I did why?

Tsala: Mxm!

She hung up and put her phone on silent.

The following morning

Same slowly ate the weetbix then she put the bowl down.

Leeto: O shapo?

Same: Yes, my mum sent me three hundred pula let's get real food.

Leeto: It's for transport?

Same: No ne a re it's for us to buy something to eat akere she thinks I am with Tsala.

Leeto: Ehe!

Same: Let's go.

She put on her shoes and they left, they bought chips and fat cakes then went back to the room. One of Leeto's friends knocked on the door and he

went outside.

Same: Thank you for the money!

Mamba: There is a lot where that came from beautiful.

Same:

Mamba: Are you free can I call now?

Same: Okay!

Immediately a call came through.

Same: Hello!

Mamba: Hello beautiful.

Same:..

Mamba: How are you?

Same: I am fine.

Mamba: You are beautiful do you know that?

Same: Hahaha I know but thanks still.

Mamba: That boy is lucky but he doesn't deserve you, you deserve to roll with the big boys with real money.

Same: Haha!

Mamba: When can I see you?

Same: I have to go back to Maun in two days.

Mamba: Whats in Maun?

Same: I stay in Maun?

Mamba: What's the hurry then, make an extension I will make it worth your while.

Same: What do you mean, gape I won't have a place to stay right now I am with a friend on campus.

Mamba: I will make a plan for you.

Same: Shapo we will talk!

Mamba: J ust..

She quickly hung up as Leeto came in.

At Serule

Tsala hung Yama's clothes on the line as Mox came through the gate after walking Kesego to the bus rank.

Mox: Sure!

Tsala: Mmmh!

Mox went to where he was sleeping and Tsala went to finish Yama's laundry. Mox's niece came running with her ringing phone. She wiped her hands and picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Ditshego: Hello Tsala ke MmaSame!

Tsala: Ee mma!

Ditshego: Nneele Same hoo!

Tsala: Maaa! I. I am not with Same!

Ditshego: Exactly where is she because when I call you are not with her, wena I call you and you are not with her.

Tsala: Nna I am in Serule to check on my daughter I haven't seen Tsala since my mother's burial.

Ditshego: What?

Tsala: E le gore a re she is with me?

Ditshego: Yes, e le gore where has she been all this time if she wasn't with you.

Tsala: I don't know.

Ditshego: Shapo ngwanaka.

She hung up and dialed Same.

Same: Hello!

Ditshego: You better be in Maun before the end of

the day do you hear me?

Same: Mama I..

Ditshego: I just called Tsala and she hasn't seen you in months, e le gore where are you? tota Same what..

Same: What if I don't come?

Ditshego: Same, Same you don't..

Same: What will you do kill me like you killed Dikgang? Gatoga ntha ya pelo yame Ditshego I will come home.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 45

Ditshego: I just called Tsala and she hasn't seen you in months, e le gore where are you? tota Same what..

Same: What if I don't come?

Ditshego: Same, Same you don't..

Same: What will you do kill me like you killed Sechaba? Gatoga nthanya ya pelo yame Ditshego I will come home.

Ditshego: Same I.

She hung up on her Mother and rolled her eyes then she switched off her phone.

At Serule

Tsala sighed as Ditshego's call came through again.

Tsala: Hello!

Ditshago: Do you know where she might be?

Tsala: Aah i don't know.

Ditshago: Maybe a boyfriend or..

Tsala: Same and I are not friends anymore but last time we were friends she was dating a guy we went to school with, his name is Leeto, I don't know if they are still together.

Ditshago: Give me Leeto's number.

Tsala: I don't know if they are still together maybe.

Ditshago: Give me his number maybe they are still together.

Tsala: Ee mma!

She hung up and sent her Leeto's number. She laid on the mattress next to Yama and closed her eyes, her phone rang again and she picked up without saying anything.

Marco: Hey!

Tsala:..

Marco: Tsala?

Tsala: Get straight to the point Marco.

Marco: The person who answered the phone maabane, that's my step sister, I.

Tsala: Then why did you lie O re it was you?

Marco: Because I was scared that you were going to think I.

Tsala: I don't have the energy and time for this, do what you want to do Marco gape you and I are not in a relationship akere!

Marco: You see why I lied I knew it was going to be a big deal.

Tsala hung up on him. He called again and she didn't pick up. MmaMox came to sit next to her and gave her a nail cut. Tsala sat properly and started

cutting her nails.

MmaMox: Did he talk to you?

Tsala: Who Mox? He said hi hela phakela!

MmaMox: Is he angry that I sent his girlfriend back?

Tsala: I don't know.

MmaMox: If that's why then he is crazy. What if that girl gave birth here or something happened to her, he is crazy, if that's why he has locked himself up in the room all day then he is wasting his time. First Moemedi even bread hela phakela ngwanake won't buy bread, now I have to feed his pregnant girlfriend?

Tsala: Haha!

MmaMox: Kana he never even sends two hundred pula for Yama, now it's like Yama is his brother's child because he is the one always sending money.

Tsala: Ke mathata!

MmaMox: I told him gore Yama is my first and last, if he goes around planting children a re his mother

will take care of them he is wasting his time.

Tsala: Le ene Kesego wa teng ke sehakgale.

MmaMox: Thaata! Cut that big nail.

Tsala: Mmmh!

MmaMox: What?

Tsala: Nothing hahaha!

MmaMox: Cut the nail mosadi wa Modimo, your daughter..

Tsala: Aah, is it Yama's fault that you have this big nail?

MmaMox: Kana I am not your friend I am your mother in law.

Tsala: You are Kesego's Mother in law!

MmaMox: Mxm!

Tsala: Hahaha!

At Campus

Leeto looked at the unfamiliar number for a few seconds and picked up.

Leeto: Hello!

Ditshego: You are talking to Same's mother. Young man if you don't want me to go see your parents my daughter better be on the first bus to Maun tomorrow morning, do you hear me?

Leeto: Ee mma!

Ditshego: Good, Ga ke je dikgang le bana, if you know what's best you know what to do.

He hung up and looked at Same.

Leeto: I thought you said your mum said you can come after the holidays.

Same: E le gore..

Leeto: She just called me now a re you should be on the first bus to Maun tomorrow.

Same: Agg don't mind her she..

Leeto: I thought you said she was fine with everything! Look I think you should go.

Same: Mxm!

She started packing her bags.

Leeto: Look I don't want to be on your mum's bad side gape she threatened to go see my parents if you don't come.

Same: You are a boy.

Leeto: Why because I don't want you to disrespect your mother?

Same clicked her tongue and put on her shoes.

Same: There is still time I will surely find a bus this time.

Leeto: Same!

She grabbed her bag and left, Leeto ran after her.

Leeto: Same!

She turned to him.

Same: It's clear you don't want me here too akere, shapo let me go.

Leeto: Babe, come on!

Same walked away. Leeto followed her until she got in a combi and it left.

The same evening

Tsala looked at the boiling water and sighed, she bit her lower lip and went outside where MmaMox was with a friend, she thought of asking for help but she knew she was going to give her a mouthful. She went to the sitting room where Mox was watching TV.

Tsala: Can you please help me.

Mox: Sure!

He followed her to the kitchen, Tsala poured the maize meal in the pot while he stirred until it was soft.

Mox: Kante didn't you do HE?

Tsala: I didn't cook phaleche at HE.

Mox: Is that all?

Tsala: Yes, thanks, wait are we done?

Mox: I will come fix it after two minutes.

Tsala: Okay, kante nna what did I do because I am not the one who chased Kesego?

Mox: I am not mad at you.

Tsala: Yes you are, you hardly said a word to me all day.

Mox: I was busy with something.

Tsala: Eheee!

Mox: Yeah!

Tsala: Kana we never broke up you know. You are still my boyfriend.

Mox: Haha.

Tsala: Ee!

She said looking around and kissed Mox on the lips. He pulled her into him and they gazed into each other's eyes.

Mox: We should give Yama a little brother soon.

Tsala pulled herself back. "You are crazy" she said playfully punching him.

Mox: Wena you are mine you are just wasting your time.

MmaMox came in.

MmaMox: I could smell the maizemeal burning from outside lona you are gazing into each other's eyes.

They both stepped back. She looked inside the pot and nothing was burning.

MmaMox: J aanong what's that smell?

She looked under the pot.

MmaMox: Ehe, I want this stove clean after you finish cooking.

At the Hotel

The receptionist gave Same the room keys and she went up to her room dialing Mamba.

Mamba: Beautiful!

Same: Hi, I am here!

Mamba: Okay I will see you in an hour, you can order anything you want.

Same: Thanks!

She opened the door and went inside the room, she threw her bag on the bed and looked around then she went to the bathroom, she filled the bathtub

with water and got inside, she rested her head looking up. Her phone reported an sms, she picked it from the closed toilet seat and read Leeto's text "I love you Babe , have a safe journey eventhough you are mad at me" She smiled and put the phone down. She finished bathing and ordered food that she ate while watching TV. She later washed her mouth and got into bed then someone knocked on the door. She fixed her nighty dress and went to open the door. Mamba smiled at her and walked in followed by another man. He kissed her and turned to his friend.

Mamba: I hope you don't mind, I brought a friend with me.

Uncomfortable Same covered her breasts and let out a fade smile.

Mamba: Don't be shy now, we will make it worth your while, the thing is my friend here and I have

always wished to have a three of ** together.

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**Goodmorning

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 47

Same: Mmmh, you can't even give me two hundred

pula but you have money to buy bitches di g-string.

Leeto: And then wena? Aren't you supposed to be in Maun?

Leeto looked at the plastic bag she was carrying, she swallowed hard and looked at him.

Same: That's not the point.

Leeto: Actually it is, aren't you supposed to be in Maun?

Same: Les a go timets a kgang.

Leeto: Where did you sleep and..

He took the plastic from her.

Leeto: Whose shoes are these?

Same: They.. My.. My cousin called last night a re I should buy them for her and come with ko Maun.

Leeto: Where did you sleep?

Same: Hee!

Leeto grabbed her hand and dragged her outside.

Leeto: Where did you sleep?

Same: At Tsala's okay! We..

Leeto: You are lying Tsala is in Maun, where did you sleep?

Same: I.. Who is that girl?

Leeto: Motho yole she is a lesbian, ka re where did you sleep.

Same:..

Leeto: Give me your phone.

Same: If you beat me I will scream and..

Leeto took her phone.

Same: Leeto!

She grabbed it from him and Leeto attempted to grab it again when two men who were passing by walked to them.

Man: Young man what are you doing?

He turned to Same!

Man: Are you okay?

She knod her head.

Same: That's my plastic!

The man grabbed it from Leeto and gave Same.

Leeto: Ke eng mona you..

Leeto raised both his hands.

Leeto: I wasn't going to do anything to her I just wanted her to answer me.

Same: I don't answer to you.

Man: You heard her akere!

Leeto looked at Same, she looked away then she left. He remained standing in front of the shop like an idiot, he swallowed hard and went inside.

Bosa: Are you okay?

He looked up as he was on the verge of crying. He

took a deep breath and rubbed his nose.

Leeto: Yeah I am fine. I have to make a phone call.

He walked a few meters dialing Ditshego.

Ditshego: Hallo!

Leeto: Same is still in Gaborone but she is not with me.

Ditshego: What do you mean she is still in Gaborone but not with you, young man if anything happens to my daughter you will have me to deal with do you hear me? Where is she give her the phone.

Leeto: She left!

Ditshego hung up and dialed Same but she didn't pick up.

The same afternoon

Mox's niece washed MmaMox's hands then she went back to get food. "Thank you" MmaMox said, the little girl went to get sauces and Tsala came with soft drink.

MmaMox: I hope they are delicious as they smell and look.

Tsala: Haha they are.

MmaMox mixed her food and started eating. Tsala cleared her throat, she wanted to ask something but she was scared. She cleared her throat again and MmaMox looked at her.

MmaMox: What is it?

Tsala: Nothing!

They continued eating, Tsala's phone rang and it was a private number. She ignored it and the person called again.

Tsala: Hello!

Marco: So you are not picking up my calls intentionally?

Tsala: Yes, what do you want from me?

She said standing up and walked to the main house.

Marco: What do I do to make you believe me?

Tsala: The whole three months we haven't slept together were you not sleeping with anyone?

Marco: Yes!

Tsala: Be honest!

Marco: No!

Tsala: No what?

Marco: I have been seeing other people.

Tsala: So why should I believe that the person who answered your phone was not one of the many people you are sleeping with?

Marco: Because she wasn't, that was my step sister, she..

Tsala: Priorities have changed now Marco, I am not the same Tsala you meet last year. Maybe I should have listened to you when you said you were not ready for a relationship because nna I am ready for one, it's either we are in it together or not, no in between.

Marco: Are you dumping me?

Tsala: I think I am.

There was silence for a few seconds then Marco cleared his throat.

Marco: Okay no shapo!

He hung up on her, Tsala swallowed hard as her heart broke into little pieces, it felt like a real breakup.

At the Hotel

Same tried on the last item of clothing and admired herself in the mirror, she looked beautiful and the dress was tailor made for her. Her phone rang and she excitedly picked up.

Same: Hello!

Mamba: Same, I will get my driver to come pick you up at six, be ready and wear something sexy.

Same: Okay!

He hung up, she was excited. She went through the clothes she bought and choose to wear a white bob

tube dress that perfectly hugged her size twenty eight little hourglass figure.

Later that Evening

Ditshego walked out of the Police station hopeful that the police will get her daughter back home. As she was waiting for a taxi home she wondered what happened to her little innocent daughter. The Same she knew now was not the same Same she raised.

At the Hotel

Same got in the car while on the call with Mamba.

Same: Okay, yeah I just got in the car, bye!

She put her phone in her handbag and looked at the

front.

Same: Dumelang!

The driver turned to her, he was a man in his late thirties if not early forties and he had been Mamba's driver for almost fifteen years.

Same: Ne ke re dumelang (I said hello)

She said thinking the man didn't hear her. His heart broke, she was just a child, she had to be the youngest he had ever taken to Mamba's Club.

Him: Hello!

He started the car, along the way he stopped and turned back to Same.

Him: How old are you?

Same: Rra?

Him: This is not the life you want to choose for yourself, walk away while you still can.

Same kept quiet.

Him: You are young and..

Same: What do you know about the life I want to live, do your job and leave me alone you are not my father.

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**BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 48

Him: How old are you?

Same: Rra?

Him: This is not the life you want to choose for yourself, walk away while you still can.

Same kept quiet.

Him: You are young and..

Same: What do you know about the life I want to live, do your job and leave me alone you are not my father.

The man shook his head, he felt sorry for her, he had a daughter almost her age and it would break

him if his daughter was involved with the likes of Mamba. He turned back to her.

Him: I am sorry you are right I don't know you, I am sorry. What you do is none of my business.

Same kept quiet and consented on her phone. She uploaded a photo of her she took earlier then she quickly deleted it and logged out of Facebook. She looked outside at the city, she had never been in the city late that night and it was beautiful. The driver drove for a few minutes before he parked in front of a very big gate and there were expensive big cars parked inside. He parked next to one and turned back to Same.

Same: We have arrived?

Him: Yes, you can go in through that door.

Same: Thank you.

Her phone rang and she stepped out picking up.

Mamba: Oh, I can see you!

He hung up and walked towards her dressed in a white tshirts, a black Jean and black blazer. He was not bad looking but he was not someone she would normally go for, he was older too.

Mamba greeted her with a hug and planted a soft kiss on her lips.

Mamba: Turn around!

She turned around as he admired her.

Mamba: Mmmh very nice.

He held her hand and they walked inside. Same felt underdressed, the girls there were dressed to kill and had the most expensive wigs on their heads, their makeup was flawless and she felt like a rural girl in the city. She turned to Mamba.

Same: You should have told me to dress to kill.

Mamba: You look beautiful.

He said touching her short natural hair.

Mamba: Grab a drink while I talk to a friend.

Same: Okay!

He walked to one of his friends and Same walked to the counter.

Same: Can I have a drink please, non alcoholic.

Waiter: Coming right up.

She turned and looked at everyone minding their own business, far away seated a very fat man and he had three girls with him, one on his left, one on his right and the other one seated on his lap.

Waiter: Your drink Mam!

It was a colourful drink with an umbrella decoration. She took out her phone to take a photo when the waiter took it from her.

Waiter: No phones allowed you will get in trouble.

He switched it off for her and gave it back.

Same: Thanks!

She took a sip. "I have never seen you here before" a man said sitting next to her. She smiled and continued drinking.

Him: Hi, I am Simon.

Same: Same!

She quickly remembered that was not the name she gave Mamba and she had forgotten that name. The man kissed her hand and looked into her eyes.

Him: There is something about you.

Same: Something about me?

Him: Yes, you are special.

Same smiled, Mamba approached them and she quickly pulled her hand.

Mamba: You have meet? (To Same) I just got a call from work, I asked Simon to take care of you.

Same: Oh, I..

Simon: Don't worry I will take care of her.

Mamba: Thanks! Give her a tour of the house.

Simon: I will..

He kissed her and left.

Simon: Don't worry I will take care of you, let me show you around

Same let out a fade smile and stood up with the glass of drink and followed him. He held her hand as they went upstairs, he showed her around and they ended up in the main bedroom, it was very big and spacious, the interior design was amazing.

Simon: And this is the main room.

Same: Beautiful.

She finished her drink.

Same: We should go downstairs.

Simon: What's the hurry, come sit with me.

Same: I..

Simon: Come on..

He pulled her by the hand and made her sit on his lap, he kissed her neck and Same quickly stood up.

Same: You are Mamba's friend and..

Simon: So what?

She tried to run to the door but it was locked.

The same evening

Mox poured warm water in the baby's bath when his phone rang. He picked up and put on loudspeaker undressing Yama.

Mox: Hey!

Kesego: Hi I sent you something on Whats App.

Mox: I am still bathing Yama let me get back to you in a few.

Kesego: E le gore where is Tsala when you are doing her task?

Mox: She is..

Kesego: Heee, waitse gore Tsala wa go talla, ene what is she doing?

Mox: So I am not supposed to bath my daughter?

Kesego: Tsala is going to control you for the rest of your life, I can see gore..

Tsala walked in.

Kesego: Tsala nyana yoo.

Mox quickly removed from loudspeaker. "Gatwe Tsala nyana O rileng?" Tsala asked. She clicked her tongue and grabbed the phone from Mox and put in loudspeaker.

Tsala: You are talking to Tsala nyana, wa re O rileng?

Kesego: Wena.

Tsala: Kesego you and I don't know each other do you hear me? My name better stay away from your mouth, you don't know me like that.

Kesego: You are controlling, know your place you are just a baby Mama you are not married.

Tsala: And you are married?

Kesego: O sure gore ka ngwana wa condom blast sies!

Tsala: Mosono wa condom blast!

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**BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 49

Kesego: O sure gore ka ngwana wa condom blast sies!

Tsala: Mosono wa condom blast! Busy wanting to fight with me for a man who is not even yours.

Kesego: Keep lying to yourself moghel, Mox..

Tsala: We woke up together, O motona I am sure you know what we did.

Mox quickly grabbed the phone from her and hung up.

Tsala: Ke eng I was telling the truth akere.

Mox: Kante why do you keep doing that, you are a mother you know..

Tsala: I am Yamas'a's mother not Kesego's. If she thinks she can talk to me however she wants a bo ke mo didimalla just because she is pregnant then she has another thing coming. She better be careful who she picks fights with gape I have never said anything bad about her why does she keep talking about me?

Mox: Aggg wena Tsala wa tena, actually both of you are annoying.

Mox's phone rang again and he walked outside

picking up.

Kesego: (Crying) Kante why do you do this to me?

Mox: You provoked Tsala akere and she said whatever she said to hurt you nna ke tsena ha kae?

Kesego: Did you sleep with Tsala?

Mox: No!

Kesego: Yes you did, now it makes sense, your status this morning, she.. Mox did you sleep with Tsala?

Mox: Yes I did akere that's what you want to hear me say. Yes I slept with her are you happy now?

Kesego: (Crying) Shapo!

She hung up on him and crawled on her bed crying.

Inside the house Tsala rolled her eyes as Leeto's call came through. She took a deep breath and

picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Leeto: Hi.

Tsala: Hi.

Leeto: Ne mma do you know any of Same's relatives who stays in Gaborone?

Tsala: No!

Leeto: Does she have relatives who stay in Gaborone?

Tsala: What is this about because I don't want gotwe I told you things gone ha kamoso.

Leeto: Same was supposed to go to Maun maabane with the evening bus but she didn't, saw her at the mall phakela but she wouldn't say where she slept.

Tsala: Maybe she has relatives that we both don't know about.

Leeto: I don't know why she is doing this, I love Same kana Tsala and..

He took a deep breath.

Leeto: I know we are young but I see a future with her, I don't know why she is treating me this way (Crying) I don't know if I was wrong to tell her to go home because her mum was complaining.

Tsala:...

Leeto: What should I do ne mma?

Tsala: Leeto I don't know.

Leeto: Eish!

He cleared his throat.

Leeto: Okay no shapo akere!

Tsala: Bye!

Later that night!

Same covered her breasts with the duvet crying watching Simon as he put on his pants then he sat on the bed putting on his shoes. He stood up and turned to her then he took out his wallet.

Same: You rap** me!

Simon: Come on, you were wet!

Same: I..

He threw some two hundred pula notes on the bed then he counted more and topped up.

Simon: You would get more if you were cooperative.

He said and left. Same wiped her tears and got out of bed, she went to close the door and got back in bed. She wiped her tears and picked up the money, she counted everything and it was three thousand

Pula.

She took a deep breath and put the money in her handbag then she got dressed, fixed herself and went downstairs. She felt like everyone knew what just happened but they were all minding their own business. She went to sit by the bar and ordered water. Tears rang down her cheeks and she wiped them, she took out her phone then she remembered they were not allowed inside. She wiped her tears and ran outside bumping into Mamba.

Mamba: Oh there you are beautiful.

Same: I want go home.

Mamba: Why what happened?

Same: I am not feeling well, please take me back to the hotel.

Mamba held her hand and walked her to the car where the driver was waiting. "Have a goodnight" he

said and kissed her on the cheek. Same got in the car and sat at the back silently crying until they arrived at the Hotel. She got out and went up to her room where she locked the door and threw herself on the bed crying.

The Following Day

Ditshago was first at the police station. She waited for the officer in charge and he finally arrived.

Ditshago: Dumelang, any progress?

Officer: Ke wena about the teenage girl who..

Ditshago's phone rang. "It's her!" she said excited and picked up.

Ditshago: Hello Same!

Same: Hello Mama, I. I will be on the evening today.

Ditshego: Okay my girl, come home ngwanaka!

Same: (Crying) Ee mma!

She hung up and pulled up the duvet covering her head crying.

At MmaMox's house

Mox parked his cousin's car in front of the house and he and Tsala stepped out, he opened the boot and took out all the groceries and baby stuff. MmaMox came out of the house with Yama.

MmaMox: I hope you also bought a washing machine because I see more clothes.

Tsala: I couldn't help myself bona hela.

She said taking out the a denim dress dungare and pink shoes and a pink long sleeve top.

Tsala: She is going to be beautiful ko sekaleng!

MmaMox: People know gore MmaMox's baby is always well dressed ebile she doesn't wear the same clothes twice.

Tsala: Hahaha, it's a must.

Mox: That dress won't fit next month, I don't see the need to buy her so many clothes because she grows everyday.

MmaMox: Is that why you have never bought her even a cheap top.

Mox kept quiet and took the food inside the house.

Tsala: Let me see if they fit.

MmaMox: Mmh mmh you have to wash them first, who knows who touched them at the shop.

Tsala: Ee mma!

She washed them and hung them to dry.

Later that Evening

Tsala packed her bags then she picked up her baby, she kissed her on the cheeks and put her on the bed. MmaMox came in.

MmaMox: Ao you already packed?

Tsala: Ee mma! I wish I can go back with her waits e.

MmaMox: No, I don't want my baby to go suffer. She is fine right here akere Mmabontle.

She said rubbing her nose then she picked her up.

Tsala: Wena gape who always complains.

MmaMox: Nnyaa mma, you will get her when she goes to do standard one. Akele, akele!

She said playing with with Yama and she giggled.

MmaMox: Wena focus at school, get a job then come get her.

Tsala: Thank you! (She smiled) Thank you. I don't know what I would do without you.

MmaMox smiled, Tsala hugged her and let go.

Tsala: I really love and appreciate you.

MmaMox: I see how you smile with that useless boy, I hope you don't get pregnant again.

Tsala: Aaah!

They both laughed.

At the Hotel

Same looked around the room to see if she didn't leave anything behind then she picked up her bag and headed to the door. Before she reached for the door handle someone knocked. She opened and it was Mamba alone.

He looked at her bag.

Mamba: Going somewhere?

Same: Yes, I. I am going home to Maun.

Mamba: Without saying goodbye? If you had told me earlier then I would have cancelled the surprise.

Same: What surprise?

Mamba: I was going to take you apartment shopping.

Same: What? You mean like get my own apartment?

Mamba: Yes because you can't stay in a hotel forever.

Same screamed and dropped the bag, she jumped on Mamba and hugged him. "Thank you thank you."

Months Later

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 50

Months Later

Tsala and Marco passed by each other in the corridor like they didn't know each other. She went into her lecture room and sat down waiting for the class to start. She logged into Facebook and Mox had made a photo of Yama his profile picture. She went through the comments and liked them all.

More people started coming into the room and she put the phone on silent and put it in her bag. Aden left a little envelope on her desk and went to his desk. He turned around looking at her as she opened the envelope and it was two movie tickets, she smiled at him and blew him a kiss, he pretended to catch it and rubbed his hand on his chest and they both laughed.

At Ditshego's house

Ditshego laid on the bed looking up at the roof lost in her thoughts when the door opened and Lebo came in.

Lebo: Dumelang!

Ditshego:..

Lebo: Mama!

Ditshego turned to her and got up.

Lebo: How are you feeling today?

Ditshego: I am fine my girl.

Lebo checked her food and she had not touched them.

Lebo: Mama you have to eat something please.

Ditshego: I am not hungry, how do I eat ke sa its e where my daughter is, she could be sleeping on an empty stomach or cold somewhere.

Lebo kept quiet. She was getting tired of her mother getting worked up and stressing herself because of Same who clearly didn't want to come home. She removed her uniform and changed into home clothes. Ditshego stood up and searched for a dress in the wardrobe, she looked weak and sick with no energy. Lebo felt so much anger towards her older sister, she wished she was at least dead so that her mother can have closure.

Ditshego: If I had money I would go look for her at Gaborone, the Police le bone they are not doing anything. I don't know if they want to call me to go identify my daughter's body.

Lebo didn't say anything.

The same afternoon in Cape Town

Same gave the cleaning lady her phone and she took photos of her with the ocean view behind her.

Same: Thank you!

She said taking the phone and looked at her photos and they were beautiful. She went to lock the door after the room service left and threw herself on the bed. She was supposed to have been at orientation that day but what the hell, it was not like she missed anything important. She stood by the window and looked outside, she was bored and wished to see around but Mamba had strictly told her not to leave the room.

She sat down and switched on the TV, she searched through the channels then she switched it off and

laid on the bed. A few minutes later the door opened and Mamba came in, he loosened his tie and sat down on the bed breathing heavily.

Same: Are you okay?

Mamba: Eish!

He poured himself a drink and lit a cigarette, he went to stand by the balcony and looked at the ocean.

Same: What happened?

Mamba: It's nothing.

Same knew it was something.

Same: It is something, please talk to me.

Mamba finished his alcohol and stomped in his cigarette.

Mamba:It's business don't worry about it.

He went back inside and poured himself another drink.

At IHS

Tsala talked to her classmate when Aden sneaked behind her and covered her eyes, she smiled and turned around and he planted a soft kiss on her full lips.

Aden: So? What do you say? You say you love me but you never want to be seen with me.

Tsala: I am with you now akere.

Aden: Yees but I mean outside campus. Maybe you have a boyfriend kana.

Tsala chuckled and kissed him, she wrapped her arms around his neck, brought him closer and kissed him. Aden kissed her back "You know I will be room alone this whole weekend" he whispered in the middle of the kiss, Tsala smiled and wiped the lipstick off his lips.

Tsala: Twenty two days left.

Aden: I hate this ninety days stupid rule.

Tsala: Haha!

Marco passed by and she kissed Aden again but he didn't look their way.

At UB

"Hey, did you come for orientation?" Leeto sent Same a text hoping she replies this time but still no reply "Kana you didn't choose UB?" he sent another text and like the past three months he didn't receive a reply.

At CaoeTown

Same came out of the bathroom naked and sat on the bed. She crawled to Mamba who was laying on his back and he wasn't in the mood.

Same: How can I help you?

Mamba: You say you love me right?

Same knod her head.

Mamba: Then help me get this deal.

Same: How I.

She stopped talking, she knew what he wanted her to do. Mamba got on his knees and held both her hands.

Mamba: Please help me, if I get this deal then I will spoil you more than I do now, I will..

Same let out a fade smile, she couldn't believe what the man she thought loved her was asking her to do.

Mamba: Please do it for me.

Same: What if he refuses?

Mamba: No man can refuse you. Babe if we get this business deal we are set for life, we..

Same blinked several times biting her lower lip.

Mamba: Do it for us! Please babe!

Same knod her head. Mamba hugged her and kissed her.

Mamba: Thank you, you have no idea how much you have helped me. I owe you. He is in room seventeen, don't knock just go inside.

Scared Same knod her head and took a deep breath. Mamba choose a little black dress for her and heels then he walked her to the room. Same took a deep breath and walked inside. She wrapped her arms around herself and looked around. A fat man stepped out of the bathroom naked, his stomach was so big it covered his private area.

Him: Mmmh my type!

Same swallowed hard and sat on the bed, he sat next to her and touched her short hair.

Him: Beautiful!

Disgusted Same turned her head, he kissed her neck and... (18+ Se* Scene will be posted in the group)

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 51

From the Se* scene

Him: (Sleepy) Close the door on your way out!

Same went to shower and by the time she left the man was roaring like a horny buffalo on the bed.

In Mamba's room

Same came in holding her shoes and closed the door. She looked at Mamba then she dropped the shoes. Mamba stood up and removed his glasses.

Mamba: Hey, how did it go?

Same: When are we going home?

Mamba: Soon after we finalise the deal we are going home.

Same went to the bathroom where she locked

herself in. Few minutes later Mamba heard her throwing up then she rinsed her mouth and came out naked, she got into bed and wrapped herself with a blanket.

The same night

Ditshego switched off all the lights and got on her knees. She took a deep breath and put her hands together. Just as she was about to open her mouth to pray she burst into tears, she fell down on her butt and covered her face crying. Mphoentle and Lebo stood by the door looking at their mother crying.

The following morning

Marco stepped out of the shower naked and wrapped a towel around himself then he went to open the door.

Tsala: Hi!

Marco: Hi!

Tsala: Hi, I.. I think long left my J ean jacket here.

Marco: Oh yes and a few things.

Tsala closed the door and followed him to his bedroom. He gave her the clothes and cap in a paper bag.

Tsala: Thanks!

Marco: Sure!

There was an awkward moment.

Marco: Anything else?

Tsala: No!

Marco: Okay!

He walked out and Tsala followed him to the door.

Tsala: How is business?

Marco: It's great!

Tsala: Oh, I see ebile O dule di biceps haha!

Marco smiled.

Tsala: I miss you!

Marco:..

Tsala: I said I miss you!

Marco: Really?

Tsala: What is that supposed to mean?

Marco: Because you are always making out with your boyfriend where do you get the time to miss

me?

Tsala: Are you jealous?

Marco: No!

Tsala: (Disappointed) Oh!

Marco: Because I know you are doing it to make me jealous!

Tsala: I am not!

Marco: Okay! I have to get ready for work.

Tsala: Sure!

She stepped out and Marco closed the door. She knocked again and he opened.

Tsala: Why?

Marco: Why what?

Tsala: Why don't you want a relationship? You haven't tried me so it's unfair that you compare me with other people.

Marco: I don't want to be tied down.

Tsala: I am not saying let's get married or have kids, let's just.. Me and you.. We have had the best times and..tell me you don't miss us and I will back off.. (looked into his eyes) Tell me you don't miss the se*, you don't..

Marco pulled her in and kissed her. He closed the door behind her and pinned her against the wall, he sucked on her lower lip and breathed into her mouth. "Fu** I missed this" he said pressing both her hands against the wall.

The same morning

Beth put on her makeup listening to Tumi who was speaking to his Uncle on the phone.

Tumi: Malome kana rona we are working and we can't stay with a newborn baby.

Uncle: What about your wife, what if it was your child?

Tumi: My wife also works, rona our kids stayed with my mother until they were ready for school.

Yamasa is too young for school that's why we all agreed gore it's best she stays with her grandmother.

Uncle: That's not tradition, le abile ngwana.

Tumi rubbed his face.

Tumi: Should I go take her and bring her to you then?

Uncle: Nna I am working and..

Tumi: Then what do you suggest we do?

Uncle: What you did is not tradition and if anything happens to that child then..

Tumi: What should we do then, should Tsala leave school and come take care of her daughter?

Uncle: I am sure you are now sending thousands to

that woman akere. My wife is home she can take care of that child.

Tumi: Let me call you back later!

He hung up. Beth stood up and put on her pencil skirt.

Beth: A reng?

Tumi: He wants us to take Yamas a to them because he thinks re fa MmaMox di thousands.

Beth: Hei! (Clapped her hands) So what are you going to do?

Tumi looked at her as she tucked in her blouse.

Beth: Tsala is not going to agree! Where were they when..

Tumi pulled her into him and kissed her.

Tumi: Babe kante do you have a man at work?

Beth: Haha what?

Tumi: Then why are you looking so sexy?

Beth giggled trying to free herself.

Tumi: After work I am we are going shopping.

He said turning her around, Beth touched the bed and Tumi pulled up her skirt, he spanked her butt then he pulled her g-string to the side.

Tumi: After work we are going shopping I am going to buy you ugly clothes.

Beth bit her lower lip as he showed her a little bit of

heaven, few minutes he pulled out and wiped himself. Beth wiped herself and put on a panty liner.

Later that Afternoon

"I don't share" the words repeated in Tsala's head as she stared at Aden. She didn't know how to break up with him.

Aden: So what do you think?

Tsala: Huh!

Aden: Ka re..

Tsala: Aden I have something to tell you.

Aden: What?

Tsala: I.. I.. I have a spiritual calling and I.. I am not allowed to date until I have finished.

Aden: What?

Tsala: Yes, I.. It is why I gave you the ninety days

rule, I thought I will be done by then but they just extended by another six months.

Aden: What?

Tsala: I don't want you to wait for me, six months is a long time and you are a man I know you have needs.

Aden: Kante O serious?

Tsala: Yes! So I am setting you free.

Aden: Oh! If you are not feeling this anymore just tell me you don't have to lie.

Tsala: I am not lying, you can wait for me for six months if you..

Aden: Yoh yoh, six months without se* feels like twenty seven years.

Tsala: That's why I.. I am setting you free.

Aden: Akere mme you will give me some after you finish your stuff?

They both laughed.

At UB a little later that Evening

Leeto and his friend came in laughing, he stopped laughing as he saw Same. She stood up and fixed her dress.

Same: Hi, your roommate let me in!

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 52

At UB a little later that Evening

Leeto and his friend came in laughing, he stopped laughing as he saw Same. She stood up and fixed her dress.

Same: Hi, your roommate let me in!

Friend: Sure Lee!

He said leaving, Leeto closed the door behind him and turned to Same.

Leeto: Hi!

Same: Hi!

She jumped on him and hugged him. Leeto hugged her tightly and they remained hugged for a few

minutes. Same pulled back and smiled at him, he smiled and held both her hands.

Leeto: So you are going to be studying here?

Same: Yes!

Leeto: And accommodation?

Same: Sorted!

Leeto: This is what we have always wanted akere!
Now we can be together and see each other
everyday.

He just said without understanding the status of
their relationship.

Same: Akere!

Leeto: I missed you!

Same: Me too!

She hugged him and rested her head on his chest, she felt safe there, she knew she could be herself around him. Leeto hugged her back and squeezed her in a little.

Same: Can I sleep here tonight, I haven't bought blankets and stuff.

Leeto: Sure, you want to grab something to eat?

Same: Okay!

Leeto held her hand walking outside to the gate where they bought hotdogs and went back to the room. It was awkward, neither wanted to discuss the big elephant in the room.

Leeto: I have a study group, you can stay here or..

Same: I will stay here!

Leeto: Okay! I will see you when I come back then.

She knod her head and laid on the bed. She switched off her phone and rested her head on the pillow, she looked up and closed her eyes until she fell asleep.

At Marco's house

With her butt in the air and Marco hitting hard on her g-spot tsala fell down on her stomach, he put his hand under her stomach pulling her up and gave her the final strokes, Same grabbed the sheet from both ends and screamed in the pillow. Marco spank** her ass and grabbed her waist with both hands, he gave her one last stroke and filled up the condom. Tsala fell on her stomach and Marco fell on her back with his d*** still in her nunu.

Marco: I missed you!

He said kissing her neck, Tsala giggled, he kissed

her back as he pulled out and reached for a toilet paper wrapping the condom. Tsala turned around and reached for her ringing phone.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Hello, are you busy?

Tsala: Not really, zup?

MmaMox: A re sebe! (Let's Gossip)

Tsala: Hahaha!

She got out of bed and went to the kitchen.

Tsala: Ee!

MmaMox: Tell me what did you ever see in Moemedi!

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaMox: First of all he got his father's ugliness and second my son might be book smart but

yooweee that boy is stupid.

Tsala: Hahaha what did he do?

MmaMox: Kesego's family came here kana last weekend. His Uncles called him to ask if he agrees gore it is his child and he agreed. Ngwanake a re he is marrying Kesego.

Tsala: Uhuuu!

MmaMox: Marry with what?

Tsala: Maybe he knows how deep his pockets are.

MmaMox: The way he is always broke I doubt he has any pockets.

Tsala: Hahahaha!

MmaMox: A re ene and Kesego decided to go sign he will pay magadi and have a big wedding when they have money.

Tsala: Heeee, are you serious?

MmaMox: Le nna I keep thinking I will wake up from the stupid dream but it has been days and it's getting real and real everyday.

Tsala: Where will he stay with his wife because he can't take her to Maun.

MmaMox: He can't even afford nappies where will he get money for rent?

Tsala: Let them get married, they think marriage is child's play ebile kana they will be with a baby. Do they know gore seventy eight nappies end in three weeks plus milk.

MmaMox: How will he know akere he has never bought them before.

Tsala: Mmmh!

MmaMox: Meleko, you dodged a bullet this boy is stupid.

Tsala: Hahaha, kana mme motho yoo is still mine we never really broke up.

MmaMox: Haha let's wait and see if Kesego's family will allow their daughter to get married without Magadi, mosadi O kile a kolotwa kae ekare go kolotwa mokwejhepe!

Tsala laughed out loud, Marco hugged her from behind, she turned around and kissed him.

Tsala: Haha okay bye we will talk, kiss Yama for me.

She hung up. "The way you and your ex mother in law are close I think she wants you to get back together with her son" Marco said out of jealousy. Tsala smiled and kissed him.

At Same's apartment

Mamba knocked while also calling Same's number which didn't go through. Furious he tried the door and it was locked. "Where are you I need us to go somewhere!" he sent the text but never got a reply.

The following morning

Same walked into her room and her roommate was getting ready for classes. They exchanged greetings and introduced themselves.

Pamela: J aanong where are your bags.

Same: I am going to get them this evening.

Pamela: Okay you got your keys akere, let me go to class.

Same: Sure!

She sat on her bed and sighed, she switched on her phone while leaving and countless messages from Mamba came in then immediately he called.

Same: Hel..

Mamba: Where are you?

Same: I am on my way home.

He hung up on her. Same got in a taxi and it dropped her by her flat which was just around the corner. To avoid Leeto knowing her business she knew she had to move to campus. She started packing her bags and the door opened. "Where were you last night?" Mamba said furious.

Mamba: Where were you last night?

Same stepped back, she was scared, she had never seen him like that before. Before she opened her mouth he punched her on the face and she fell on the bed.

Mamba: Do you know how much money you cost me, do you think this house and this clothes pay themselves?

Same looked at him, she didn't understand how she costed him money.

Mamba: Get the f** up and..

Same: What do you mean I costed you money?

Mamba: Get up, I don't have all day!

Same: I have to go to school I.

Mamba: Don't tell me about school I have a client waiting.

Same: Client?

She quickly covered her mouth, she was a prostitute and she didn't know it!

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 53

Mamba: Get the f** up and..

Same: What do you mean I costed you money?

Mamba: Get up, I don't have all day!

Same: I have to go to school I.

Mamba: Don't tell me about school I have a client waiting.

Same: Client?

She quickly covered her mouth, she was a prostitute and she didn't know it!

Same: You, you!

She stepped back shaking her head.

Same: (Crying) You said you love me.

Mamba: What makes you think you are more special or more beautiful than other women? I can have everyone I want stop fooling yourself and get dressed.

Same: No, I..

Mamba: You what?

He took out his phone and played a video and gave her the phone.

Mamba: I will be in the sitting room, you will choose if you want to come with me or I will post that video.

Same watched the video covering her mouth then she threw the phone on the bed crying. In the sitting room Mamba looked around then he sat down. Few

minutes later Same came out dressed in a Jean and top. He turned to her.

Mamba: And where do you think you are going?
Choir practise?

Same went to change into a short dress and heels.

Mamba: Mmmh that's more like it. I knew you would make the best decision.

He kissed her and his breath smelt like rotten mushrooms.

Mamba: Do you know how many girls would kill to be you right now?

Same:..

Mamba: You are lucky you meet me.

Same:..

Mamba: Come on smile, you are going to make lots of money. With me you are set for life, you don't even have to go to school or work. If you are a good girl you can make as much as the president makes in just two weeks.

He kissed her again and they left.

The same Morning at Palapye

Kesego and Mox held hands walking into the jewellery store.

Assistant: Hello welcome to Forever Sparkles Jewels how can I help you.

They looked at each other.

Kesego: We are looking for affordable wedding rings.

Assistant: Good, please follow me.

They followed her around and she pointed at some cheap rings.

Assistant: Do you know your ring size?

Kesego: No!

Assistant: All of them here are three hundred pula and this one is two hundred and fifty. We also have for men.

They followed the shop as she showed them the rings.

Kesego: I loved the first one we saw.

Assistant: Oh!

They went back to the ring and Kesego tried it on.

Mox: It looks beautiful on you babe!

Kesego: Thanks babe. I can't wait to be Mrs Seabelo.

Mox: I can't wait for you to be Mrs Seabelo!

He kissed her.

Assistant: Are you paying?

Mox: Yes!

They went to the counter and Kesego's phone rang.
"Oh its my mum" she said walking outside.

Kesego: Hello!

MmaK: What is this nonsense you sent me?

Kesego: O raa jang?

MmaK: I just finished listening to your voice note, I am not marrying you off without Magadi, are you crazy?

Kesego: Well I guess we will just get married without your blessings then because nna I am getting married before my baby comes.

MmaK: Kesego!

Kesego: You want me to be like you with five kids with different fathers, fourty and not married?

She hung up and went back inside the shop.

At Mamba's Club

Same took a deep breath before she knocked on the door. "Come in" the man said, she went inside and closed the door behind her. She walked over and

the man was actually good looking. He smiled at her, Same let out a fade smile.

Same: Excuse me!

She went inside the bathroom and threw a pill in her mouth, she washed her face and went back to the room.

Man: Oh, you are as beautiful as they described.

Same let out a fade smile, the man kissed her and they sat down still kissing, he touched her all over then he got on the bed on his knees and bent his back exposing his hairy s.

Man: Put a tongue in while at it!

Same: What? I am not licking your s.

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**Good afternoon

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 54

Same let out a fade smile, the man kissed her and they sat down still kissing, he touched her all over then he got on the bed on his knees and bent his back exposing his hairy s.

Man: Put a tongue in while at it!

Same: What? I am not licking your s.

She said standing up and grabbed her handbag then she ran to the door, she opened it, ran outside as fast as her legs could carry her. She caught her breath and supported herself with the wall crying, it all sunk in, she choose that life, that was her reality and she knew no matter how much she ran or tried to hide she could not do it forever.

Back in the room

The man shouted at Mamba on the phone. "This is the last time I am doing business with you, I am cancelling my membership" he said before he clicked his tongue and hung up.

Later that Afternoon

Leeto sat on the bed trying Same's number again with no answer. His roommate came in and threw his bag on the bed.

Him: Sure!

Leeto: Sure!

Him: Is Same coming over again tonight?

Leeto: No, she.. I am sure she managed to buy the stuff she needed to move to her room.

Him: Okay!

He sat down and looked at Leeto, he was a nice guy and very inlove.

Him: So you are back together?

Leeto: I don't know, I guess we will talk about it.

Him: Ehe!

Leeto: Yeah!

There was silence between them then he cleared his throat.

Him: She has changed akere!

Leeto: She has?

Him: Yes or not?

Leeto: How?

Him: I don't know but something has changed about her!

Leeto: Ao, haven't noticed.

At Marco's house

"Babe come on" Tsala walked behind Marco with her laptop.

Tsala: I am just saying check if I am on the right track I am not saying write the report for me.

Marco: I can't!

Tsala: Please! (pout her lips) As my boyfriend not

my teacher.

Marco: I can't, you have to do it yourself.

He kissed Tsala and grabbed his bag walking to the door.

Marco: Remember don't open for anyone unless it's me.

Tsala: Okay!

He kissed her and left. Tsala locked the door and went back to the bedroom. She sat on the bed typing her report then she closed the laptop and opened the drawers, there were three boxes of unopened condoms and one condom left from the box they used last night. She took photos of their serial numbers then she closed the drawer and continued typing her report.

The same afternoon

The Flat caretaker opened Same's apartment and walked in with Mamba.

Mamba: Thank you so much, I was really worried about her. She was very suicidal in the morning and when she didn't answer her phone I was scared gone what if she did something to herself.

Caretaker: Should I tell the security to keep an eye on her?

Mamba: Please, they should call me as soon as she comes in.

They walked outside and the Caretaker closed the door. Mamba stood in front of the elevator furious. He tried Same's number again and it still didn't go through.

Later that Evening

Tsala opened the door for Marco and he smiled, the delicious aroma from the kitchen melted his taste buds, the lights were set and romantic music played. Tsala was dressed in an evening gown with heels and she had her braids tied into a bun.

Marco: Okay, what's the occasion?

Tsala: Since we can't go out on a proper date I thought why not bring a proper date to us.

Marco: This is romantic.

Tsala: Go shower and change, I put your clothes on the bed.

Marco: Thanks!

He kissed her and went to the bedroom, he came out and stood by the door. "Did I tell you you look beautiful?" he said, Tsala smiled and he went to

shower.

She moved around taking a video of the candlelit dinner set and the food then she put as her status. She took out the food from the oven and her phone reported a message. Mox had replied to her status.

Mox: O seka wa dira ngwanake mopakwana.

Tsala: It would be because I slept with you .

She disconnected the WiFi and dished for them. Marco came out dressed in a black shirt and black jeans which Tsala had chosen for him.

Tsala: Mmmh!

She kissed him and he pulled her into him. He kissed her and looked into her eyes. Tsala shyly looked away.

Marco: You are beautiful!

Tsala: Thanks!

He turned her around and they danced to some Keith Urban song before they sat down and ate.

Marco: Thanks for doing this!

Tsala: Anytime.

Marco: And the food is delicious.

Tsala: Just wait for the dessert.

Marco: Mmmh!

Tsala: Haha there is actually dessert, not what you are thinking about.

Marco: Hahaha you are the one with the dirty mind.

They continued eating and talking about this and that.

At Same's apartment

Same: (On the phone) Okay thank you I will be there ten minutes before seven. Yes yes a seat by the window please.

She hung up and started packing her clothes in a small bag. "Hey Mama is not feeling well ke boela Maun I will come back on Monday, I love you" she sent Leeto a text, she took some money she hid in the bible and put in her purse then she left closing the bedroom door. She went to close the gas and as she was about to leave the door opened. Same panicked and stepped back scared.

"I don't care you can post the video I am done, I am done" she said with a shaky voice crying.

Mamba: You think you can run away from the

Mamba? Hahaha! Bit** I own you.

2 Weeks Later..

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 55

2 Weeks Later..

Mox walked out of the lecture room while the lecture was still teaching.

Mox: Babe!

Kesego: (Crying) I hate my mum, she..

Mox: Babe?

Kesego: She used all the money we gave her to buy everything we are going to need for the baby.

Mox: What?

Kesego: All the money we have been sending her (crying) even the mattress and blankets she said she bought she was lying. She didn't buy anything, no receiver, no nothing

Mox:..

Kesego: What are we going to do?

Mox: Eish!

Kesego: If we can just buy receivers and baby clothes atleast because my due date is in three days.

Mox: I will see what to do don't stress please.

He hung up and sat down on the corridor stoop. He buried his face in his hands.

At UB

"Hi ne mma how is your mum?, please talk to me I am scared jaanong" Leeto sent a voice note to Same and put the phone down with his face in his hands. His roommate cleared his throat.

Him: Aggg, this girl is always stressing you, when are you going to learn gore she doesn't want you, this girl can't keep disappearing and appearing when she wants to. No dude you deserve better. I know you love her but.. Look Lee, I know people who still text sick in hospital, on their death bed. The fact that she is not picking up your calls or replying your texts should say a lot.

He stood up and left. Leeto swallowed hard and picked up his phone again. "Just tell me you are okay and I will leave you alone." he sent another text.

At Marco's house

Marco came in the room and Tsala quickly closed the drawers and put her phone back in her handbag.

Marco: What are you doing?

Tsala: Nothing!

Marco: Ready to go?

Tsala: Yes!

Marco picked up her bag and they left. She pulled the seat belt and dialed MmaMox.

MmaMox: Hello!

Tsala: Dumelang, i will be there in the evening I am about to leave Gaborone.

MmaMox: Eheee, bring us something from Gaborone hoo!

Tsala: J aaka eng hela?

MmaMox: Anything you won't find in Serule.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: Okay Travel safely my girl.

Tsala hung up and thoughtfully bit her lower lip.

Tsala: What can we buy her that is not in Gaborone?

Marco raised his shoulders.

Tsala: Can we pass by that shop that sells African attires. Maybe I will find her a dress or something.

Marco: What were you doing in the drawers, counting the condoms?

Tsala: No!

Marco: What were you doing?

Tsala: I was taking out my earrings.

Marco: So we are at a point where we count condoms before we leave?

Tsala: I said I wasn't counting them.

Marco: Don't do that, have I ever given you a reason not to trust me?

Tsala:..

Marco: I am talking to you.

Tsala: Actually yes I was counting the condoms because who knows what you are going to get up to when I am gone.

Marco shook his head and focused on the road. He laughed alone and shook his head.

Marco: If I want to cheat I can still go buy another box of condoms.

Tsala: Ebile wa ikgatha?

Marco: No I am just telling you there is no need to count them. You need to trust me if you don't trust me then what's the use of us being in a relationship?

Tsala:..

They drove in silence until they arrived at the mall, Marco remained in the car while Tsala went to the shops. She came back half an hour later and he dropped her at the bus rank.

Marco: Shapo akere?

Tsala: No kiss?

He leaned over and kissed her then Tsala got her

bags and went to the bus.

At Ditshego's house

Lebo came in from the bus rank and gave her mother the bus ticket.

Lebo: The bus leaves at eight ba re you should be there fifteen minutes before eight!

Ditshego: Okay! Help me here!

She helped her mother zip the bag.

Mpho: Where are you going to start looking for her?

Ditshego: I don't know but I know I am not going to come back without seeing my daughter.

Mpho: Have you ever thought that maybe she doesn't want to be found?

Ditshago:..

Mpho: Maybe she is dead, maybe..

Ditshago jumped on her and slapped her. "Mama"
Lebo got between them.

Ditshago: Never say that do you hear me?

Mpho massaged her cheek crying.

Ditshago: She is your sister how can you say that?

Mpho stormed outside crying. "Do you also believe she is dead?" Ditshago asked Lebo and she shook her head scared she might get a slap too.

Mpho: I hope she is dead so that we can all move on, I am tired of living like this.

Ditshago: Stop saying that.

Lebo: Mpho!

Mpho: We are the ones struggling gongwe Same kwa she is living the best life with her boyfriend.

Ditshago: If it was you I would still do the same.

Mpho: It will never be me you know why because..

Lebo: Mpho monna just shut up.

Mpho:Everyday Same this, Same that agggg!

Ditshago: (Crying) If you also had a child you would understand what I am going through!

Lebo: Aaah!

She stormed outside again.

Later that Evening

Mox put his finger in his brother's number thinking of calling him then decided not to. He took a deep

breath and dialed his Mother.

MmaMox: Hello!

Mox: Hello!

MmaMox: Waitse sale Mmabontle a gogoba I am always busy, now she is under the table but the other day it hurt her head.

Mox: Haha!

MmaMox: Hold let me get her out.

Few seconds later..

MmaMox: Hello! Eish Moemedi your daughter will kill me now she is crawling to the fan it will hit her big head.

Mox: Haha, her mother a re she is coming for the weekend.

MmaMox: Yes she should be here now.

Mox: Kante do you still have some of the things Yama used as a baby?

MmaMox: Eng?

Mox: Di receivers and blankets.

MmaMox: Why are you asking I gave them to Leteng.

Mox: Ehe!

MmaMox: Why were you asking?

Mox: Kesego and I have been sending money to her mother every month so that she buys whatever she and the baby might need and she used all the money, not even to buy a single blanket, (Crying) Kesego is due in three days and I don't even have hundred pula to send her to but atleast cheap diapers and one blanket.

He sniffed and cleared his throat.

MmaMox: Ke mathata!

Mox: I thought that maybe if Yama's things are still there we can use them until I get my next allowance.

MmaMox wiped her tears.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 56

Mox: Kesego and I have been sending money to her mother every month so that she buys whatever she and the baby might need and she used all the money, not even to buy a single blanket, (Crying)

Kesego is due in three days and I don't even have hundred pula to send her to but atleast cheap diapers and one blanket.

He sniffed and cleared his throat.

MmaMox: Ke mathata!

Mox: I thought that maybe if Yama's things are still there we can use them until I get my next allowance.

MmaMox wiped her tears.

MmaMox: E le gore why didn't Kesego buy things herself instead of giving her mother the money?

Mox: We didn't know what to buy, gape the first month she assured us gore she bought di receivers and mattress that's why we kept sending money even last week we sent four hundred a re is for dikgong and madila.

MmaMox: She is such an evil woman, jaanong what is she saying about your money?

Mox: I don't know!

MmaMox took a deep breath.

MmaMox: Hundred pula won't be enough kana she has to buy food, clothes, diapers, medicine, madi for transport to and from the hospital. I will see how much I have and ask Tutu to go send to you at the tuckshop.

Mox: Ee mma tanki.

MmaMox: And tell her to go buy things herself and not give her mother.

Mox: Ee mma!

She hung up and went to her bedroom, she locked the door and took out one thousand Pula from her safe, she put it back in the secret place then she

went outside. "Tutu" she called out her granddaughter.

At Lentsweletau

A red Honda fit parked by the gate and Kopo ran inside the yard holding a can of beer. "My babies" she passed everyone in the sitting room and went to the bedroom to change. Kesego walked in cradling her stomach.

Kopo: Kessy girl, hey mma that guy has money ga ke bate go mo kgwa. A re re ye go besa tonki, I want to change and..

Kesego: I am due in three days and I haven't even bought baby receiver, I haven't..

Kopo: Worry not akere ka re that guy is loaded, a re he loves me, I told him gore my kids have nothing to eat gatwe we will go cash ko Molepolle.

She said rubbing a wet washing rag between her thighs, she smelt it and hung it on the plastic chair.

Kopo: Ska wara I will give you money when I come back.

She sprayed perfume all over and between her thighs and changed into a Jean and top and ran outside. Kesego clicked her tongue and went to her room which she shared with the rest of her four siblings.

At MmaMox's house

Tsala wiped her tears and picked up Yamas a.

Tsala: Bathong Yama, it's me mummy! My baby can sit and crawl.

MmaMox: Wa senya tota she broke my case, she

pulled the cloth and the vase fell down, vase yeo I bought it even before her father was born.

Tsala: Her father will pay for it then.

MmaMox: First salary hela I want it all.

Tsala put Yama down and she crawled to the TV.

MmaMox: Wa senya Ngonyana O matho ekare O bonets e dints anyana yo.

Tsala: Hahaha, Yama don't do that.

She took the TV remote and gave Tsala.

Tsala: Thank you baby!

MmaMox: She has slown down on milk kana akere jaanong she eats with us, she has her plate, I dish phaleche hela and moro ngwanake will finish everything. In the morning I cook her soft porridge

then later make potato chips for her. She only drinks milk when she goes to bed and early when she wakes up .

Tsala: That's why she is so big. Bathong I can't believe I have a big baby, let me video call Beth.

She video called Beth and opened the back camera.

Beth: Heelang, that's Yama?

Tsala: This girl is big mma.

Beth: Hee bathong, Tsala wa bona gore it's bad to laugh at other people's children O sena ngwana bona hela Yama looks like her father.

Tsala: Hahahah are you calling my baby ugly?

MmaMox: Motho yo is future Miss Botswana.

Beth: Haha wai, ekare wa lla jaana! (She looks like she is crying)

Tsala: Hahahaha!

MmaMox's phone rang and she excused herself.

MmaMox: Hallo!

Mox: Thank you I received the money.

MmaMox: Okay my boy, send it to Kesego she should not stress its not good for the baby.

Mox: Thank you!

Mox hung up and sent Kesego the money then immediately she called.

Mox: Babe!

Kesego: Hey i just saw the money.

Mox: Buy what is needed now the rest we will buy month end.

Kesego: Thanks where did you get it?

Mox: From my mum, you will tell me what you

bought akere.

Kesego: Sure! I love you.

Mox: I love you, my mum a re I should tell you not to stress its not good for the baby.

Kesego smiled.

Kesego: Okay! Bye!

Later that night

Marco sipped on his drink and laughed alone.

Dan: What?

Marco: It's Tsala, kante nna why do I attract crazy women?

Dan: Haha you know why!

Marco: She counted the condoms.

Dan: Don't all women do that?

Marco: Aggg! If I cheat I can just buy new condoms akere. Can't I date a normal girl who will trust me?

Dan: Go raa gore o monate laitaaka. (You must be good in bed my guy)

They both laughed.

Marco: I won't be surprised if she has installed cameras in my house.

Dan: Are you faithful though?

Marco: Haha, look I really like Tsala, it's not just se* with her, we connect, I enjoy her company but there are things that I want and can't do with her.

Dan: Has she refused those things?

Marco: No, they have never come up because..
Because..

Dan: Haha you are just looking for a reason to cheat my man.

The Following Morning at Gaborone Bus Rank

Ditshego stepped out of the bus and took a deep breath, she didn't know where to start looking for her daughter, she dialed her number again and it still didn't go through. She dialed Leeto's number.

Leeto: Hello!

Ditshego: Hello its Same's mother.

Leeto: Oh, is she okay?

Ditshego: I am in Gaborone I have come to look for my daughter.

Leeto: What? Kante what's going on, Same came back to Gaborone two weeks ago then she went back a day after a re she is going to Maun because you are sick.

Ditshego: She was lying I haven't seen my daughter since April.

Leeto: What? We have to report her a missing person then.

Later that Afternoon

Tsala's Jaws dropped as she read a Facebook post from the Botswana Police Service page about a missing person and it was Same. She quickly dialed Leeto.

Leeto: Hello!

Tsala: Heela thee, e le gore where is Same?

Leeto: Motho yoo it looks like she has never went to Maun since April nna two weeks ago she told me gore she just came from Maun then she said she was going back because her mum was sick!

Tsala: Heee, I hope she is fine wherever she is.

Leeto: Me too! Tsala dropa hoo another call is coming through.

Tsala hung up and he picked up his mother's call. The door opened and his roommate came in. Leeto finished talking to his mother and his roommate gave him the phone.

Him: Did you see Same's comment under the post.

Leeto: She commented?

He refreshed the post and Same's comment was at the top. "I am not missing went on a vacation with Bae."

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****BONUS**

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 57

The same morning

Kesego finished bathing and knocked on her Mother's door, she knocked again with no answer then she tried the door, she looked inside and there was no one. She closed the door and left dialing Kopo's number.

Kopo: Hello!

Kesego: Kopo kana I need my money I have to go..

Kopo: Heee I raised you alone struggling as a teenage mother, don't bother me with six hundred

pula like its millions. I will give you your money when I have it.

She hung up on her.

Later that Evening

Tsala dished for everyone and called Tutu to take water to MmaMox who was sitting outside with her friend. Tutu washed her hands and went inside to get the food.

Friend: Eheee MmaYamas a is home?

MmaMox: Yes she came yesterday.

Friend: You really take care of your grandkids waitse, kana you have raised all of them.

MmaMox: What will I do mma I have no choice.

Tutu brought the food.

MmaMox: Bring di sauce hoo and atcha.

Tsala: Where are you going to put di sauce? These food you don't add di sauce mma.

MmaMox: You and your food.

Friend: Mmmh they are delicious.

Tsala: Thank you!

She sat down and had her dinner while busy with her phone.

MmaMox: Did they find your friend you were telling me about earlier?

Tsala: Uhuu I didn't tell you, she commented on the post a re she if fine on a vacation with her boyfriend.

MmaMox: Uhuu, these kids! Her mother ene is worried sick ka motho who is busy with men.

Friend: Aah kids of today.

Tutu came with Yama who just woke up. Tsala put her food down and took her.

Tsala: Bring me her juice on..

MmaMox: Mmmh mmh, she will have the juice after she has her food, wena kana wa bo O tsile go duba ngwana.

Tsala: Tutu bring me her food then.

Tutu came with the food and Tsala feed Yama.
Minutes later Tutu came running with MmaMox's phone.

MmaMox: Hello!

Kes ego: Dumelang, ke Kes ego.

MmaMox: Ehee, how are you?

Kesego: I am good, I received the money thank you.

MmaMox: You are welcome. Wash those clothes with just water okay don't add anything, you will just be washing the hands that touched them.

Kesego: Ee mma! Airtime just reported, go siame.

MmaMox: Bye my girl.

She hung up. Tsala swallowed hard jealous and continued feeding Yama.

MmaMox: It was Mox's girlfriend, she might deliver any day from today.

Friend: Eheee kana you told me this maloba, wa re where is the girl from again?

At Metsimotlhabe

Ditshego's old friend gave her a plate of phaleche

and chicken necks.

Her: Kana in Maun you eat meat everyday, kwano the scale of beef increases everyday. For twenty pula you eat alone.

Ditshago was lost in her thoughts.

Her: Tshagi!

Ditshago looked at her.

Her: She will come back don't worry.

Ditshago: I am unsettled, something is not right.

The friend didn't reply.

Ditshogo: Eish!

She took a deep breath and picked up her plate.

Ditshogo: Thank you but I don't have appetite.

Her: So what are you going to do wait for her to come back or you are going to Maun?

Ditshogo: I can't go back without seeing my daughter, I need to see her she is fine.

Her: Mmmh!

Ditshogo: Where did I go wrong? I tried, I.. I tried everything to raise my girls right.

Her: Mmmh mmh don't blame yourself, we raise these kids right and they choose to do bad on their own.

Ditshogo breathed in her hands.

Later that night

Tsala looked at her baby sleeping, she touched her beautiful eyebrows and smiled. She had never felt alone and missed her mother like she did that day. She found herself crying, she covered her face and went to sit outside dialing her father. His phone rang several times with no answer. She dialed her Mother's number and it didn't go through. "I miss you" she sent a text to the number hoping for a miracle, she had never felt so alone before.

MmaMox: Ehe you are not sleeping?

Tsala wiped her tears.

MmaMox: I just got off the call with Moemedi, Kesego gave birth to a baby girl.

Tsala let out a faint smile. MmaMox sat next to her.

MmaMox: What's wrong?

Tsala: Nothing.

MmaMox: It is something, talk to me!

Tsala: I. I just miss my mum.

MmaMox: It's normal, my daughter passed away six years ago and I miss her everyday, I am not going to lie it doesn't get better with time but one day you will find peace and accept that she is gone.

Tsala wiped her tears and smiled.

MmaMox: Let me go to bed.

Tsala: Goodnight!

She left and Tsala also went inside the room.

The following morning

Same carefully read the contract Mamba just handed her then she reached for a pen and signed it. She was to work for three more months then he set her free

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 58

The same morning

Kesego smiled looking at her baby sleeping, she

took a video and sent Mox then Kopo's call came through.

Kesego: Hello, did you see my message.

Kopo: Yes, bona that guy wa maloba, I am at his house mo Taung and..

Kesego: Kopo I just had my baby and we are being discharge tomorrow, all I am asking of you is to be a mother for once in your life.

Kopo: Mma wee, I am here looking for money to buy my kids food and you want me to come take care of your baby? Was I there when you made that baby? Every woman for their childrens.

Kesego: Mxm! It's not childrens.

She hung up on her mother and called Mox crying.

At UB

Same sat on her bed looking at her phone, she picked it up to call her mother and immediately Mamba's call came through.

Same: Hello!

Mamba: I need you at the club exactly ka seven sharp, wear something sexy.

Same: Mmmh!

She hung up and dialed Leeto but his number rang once and hung up, she tried it several times and still the same thing.

At MmaMox's House

Tsala walked into the main house holding Yama, she put her down and went to the kitchen to plug the kettle on. She went back to the sitting room and MmaMox was in her room talking to the phone.

MmaMox: Today I can't do anything or go where I want because of Yamas a you want to tie me down with another baby?

Mox: I wouldn't ask if we were not desperate please.

MmaMox: Moemedi you are abusing me, you can't keep having children and think gore nna I will take care of them. Mma Kesego O teng akere, why can't she take care of the baby, mmh mmh! Moemedi you and Kesego need to take responsibility, nna I only took Yamas a because Tsala doesn't have a mother and her grandmother is sick. Tsala is taking care of her child, never have I ever had to call her for milk or diapers, she makes sure a taxi is here every time we go to the clinic, she sends money for food and toiletries, lona you are going to bring a baby and expect me to take care of her akere? I will be begging and begging for you to buy your child milk and diapers akere!

Mox: No!

MmaMox: If Kesego's family agrees to bring the

baby here then that's the last child I am taking care of. I don't know who lied to you gore you can keep having children and your mother will take care of them.

She hung up and clicked her tongue talking alone. Yama crawled into her bedroom and she smiled picking her up.

MmaMox: You missed me ngwanaka?

She kissed her and raised her up smelling her diaper "Phuuuu" Ngonyana yo bathong phuuuu"
Yama giggled exposing her two milk teeth.
MmaMox put her down on the bed and removed her diaper and wiped her with wet wipes then she made her wear a panty then they went to the kitchen where Tsala was cooking soft porridge for the baby.

Tsala: Dumelang!

MmaMox: Hello my girl. How are you feeling?

Tsala: I am fine.

MmaMox: How did you sleep?

Tsala: Fine!

MmaMox could tell something was off and decided not to ask more questions. She went outside still holding Yama. Tsala went to Mox's room and picked up her phone dialing Tumi.

Tumi: Hello!

Tsala: Hi, I want to take Yama with me.

Tumi: Take her with you where?

Tsala: Back to Gaborone, I will move out of campus and find a room and find a nanny.

Tumi: Are you crazy, why would you take Yama where she is taken care of and put her in the hands of a stranger? Did MmaMox complain?

Tsala: It's going to be crowded here and I don't want my child mistreated.

Tumi: Mistreated by who? Did MmaMox do something?

Tsala: No, Mox's other daughter is coming to stay here so..

Tumi: Did MmaMox say you should take Yama?

Tsala: No but..

Tumi: Then why are you taking her?

Tsala: I am not going to have my child mistreated by Mox's girlfriend gape all the attention will be on the new baby.

Tumi: Will Yamasas be staying with Mox's girlfriend?

Tsala: No, you don't want to listen to me mathata.

Tumi: Okay I am listening.

Tsala: Mox's girlfriend and daughter are coming to stay here until she goes back to school so MmaMox's hands will be full that's why I think it's better to take Yama.

Tumi: Did you discuss this with her, what did she say?

Tsala: No I wanted to talk to you before I talk to her because I am leaving tomorrow and I.

Tumi: So you think a nanny or at daycare they will take care of Yama more than MmaMox?

Tsala: No but..

Tumi: You think four thousand Pula will be enough for a nanny, daycare, food, pampers, milk, rent?

Tsala:..

Tumi: Look I am sure MmaMox won't allow the other baby to come a its e gore she can't handle it. Yama is still young and she is used to staying with MmaMox, wena hela what you can do is take her during holidays and long weekends and come to Maun.

Tsala:..

Tumi: Anyway at the end its your decision but I hope you make a decision that will benefit both you and your daughter.

Tsala knod her head like Tumi could see her.

Tsala: Okay bye!

She hung up and went back to the main house, she dished the soft porridge and let it cool before she started feeding Yama. Neither Tsala or MmaMox said anything to each other then finally Tsala cleared her throat.

Tsala: So will Kesego's baby come stay here?

MmaMox: Ee mma akere Moemedi told them he has a mother who will take care of the baby.

Tsala: Uhu, doesn't she have relatives that can help her with the baby?

MmaMox: Apparently not. Kana Yamas a is now grown up even when I go get my pension we go together, le mo di jarateng ke eta ka ene, now I am

going to be tied down with a new born.

Tsala: I can take Yama if you feel like you can't handle two kids.

MmaMox: Take her where?

Tsala: I can find a room and..

MmaMox: No, I told you you will only get her after you find a job and she is old enough to tell you if someone is mistreating her, leave everything to me akere I am the one who gave birth to a stupid Son.

Tsala: I just don't trust Kesego around my child.

MmaMox: What will she do, she won't mistreat Yama while I am still alive gape where will she get the time to do that because I will always be here.

Wena I want you to focus on school and not stress about Yama.

Tsala: Okay!

At Metsimothabe

Ditshego quickly removed her phone from the charger and picked up.

Ditshego: Hello Same, Same?

Same: (Crying) Mama!

Ditshego: Same ngwanaka, are you okay, I am in Gaborone I have come to look for you.

Same: (Wiped her tears) I am fine Mama, can we please meet tomorrow morning. I will call you when I leave campus.

Ditshego: Okay, are you fine?

Same hung up and breathed out loud and something painful stuck on her throat as she tried to swallow. The taxi dropped her off at the club and she walked in fixing her dress.

She walked inside and Mamba walked towards her. He kissed her cheek and they walked to the bar.

Mamba: You look beautiful!

Same:..

Mamba: Come on smile.

Same faked a smile.

Mamba: Better, your client is waiting for you in suite 2.

Same stood up and walked to the room, she took a deep breath and opened the door. She slowly closed it and walked to the bed. Few minutes later the bathroom door opened and Marco came out.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 60

"Echuuuu" Same sneezed again.

Tsala: Marco you heard that too akere.

She stepped back and looked at him then she clicked her tongue and removed her shoes.

Tsala: Marco I told you gore wa ratana akere?

Marco: Tsala..

Tsala: Don't Tsala me, and you get angry when I count the condoms! Yes es!

Marco stood in front of the bedroom door as she tried to go inside.

Tsala: Marco step aside.

She was angry, teary and shaking.

Tsala: Marco step aside.

Marco didn't say anything.

Tsala sat down with her face in her hands crying.

Marco: Can I explain?

Tsala:..

Marco: It is not what it looks like okay!

Tsala:..

Marco: I admit I should have been..

Tsala's shoe flew right over his head missing him by an inch and it hit the door.

Tsala: Ka re open that door you think I am joking?

She threw another shoe at him, Marco dodged and it hit the door again. He quickly grabbed both her hands, Tsala fought trying to free herself.

Marco: (Annoyed) Stop!

Tsala: You fu** me everyday and then cheat on me

again, ke eng O thantshiwa ke yone this donkey di**.

She said kicking him between his legs, Marco bent his back in pain and let go of her. She quickly went inside the bedroom and looked around.

Tsala: Come out you who**, she said looking under the bed. Marco stood by the door looking around too. "I said come out, you can fu**my boyfriend but you can't face me?" Tsala said with a shaky voice. "Come out now" she said reaching for a doom can and sprayed it.

Marco: What are you doing?

Tsala: Let go of me wena, let the roaches come out.

She sprayed all over the room before Marco took the can from her and dragged her outside.

Marco: (Fumming) Now you see why I didn't want a relationship akere, what you are doing?

Tsala: Oh now it's my fault that you are cheating?

Marco: Get out!

He said pushing her.

Tsala: Let go of me!

She fought him. "I am not leaving until she comes out, if its a threesome you want then you will get it".

Same started coughing in the bedroom. Marco grabbed his phone.

Marco: I am calling the Police.

Tsala: Good then you will explain to them what I, a student is doing in your house. Call them.

Marco put his phone down. Same coughed hard like she was about to throw up.

Marco: Ka maitseo please leave.

Tsala: Not before the cocoroach comes out.

Marco picked her up and she kicked in the air. "Ntogele Marco, I am not leaving until.." Marco put her outside and locked the door in her face. She screamed punching the door. Marco ran to the bedroom and helped Same outside, she coughed hard touching her chest. He gave her a wet cloth to put on her nose then went to get her a cup of water.

Marco: Are you okay?

Same: (Shook her head) No I inhaled a lot of the doom.

Marco: I am sorry!

Same continued coughing as Marco rubbed her back.

Marco: I am sorry!

Same: Maybe I should leave.

Marco: No, this is my house and you are my guest you are not going anywhere.

Same sipped on the water and took a deep breath. No one said anything and there was silence from Tsala too.

The same night

Kesego shouted the electricity units to her brother as he punched them on the meter number then the lights came on.

Brother: O kwadilwe seven.

Kesego: Yes its for ten pula, switch off the fridge akere there is nothing inside.

The little brother switched off the fridge, Kesego switched off her phone flash light and slept next to her baby, she put her hand between her hand and Baby Aratwa squeezed her finger.

Kesego: I receive!

She smiled and kissed the baby again. There was loud noise in the sitting room and she heard Kopo's voice. "Mama Kessy has a baby girl" her little sister said to Kopo.

Kopo: Guys this is your new father okay! He is the one who bought you these food.

Kesego stood up and walked to the door, Kopo opened it from outside and they almost bumped heads.

Kopo: What are you doing in my bedroom?

Kesego: Didn't you see my messages?

Kopo: My phone is off.

Kesego: Please call Moemedi's mum so that she can arrange transport to come get us.

Kopo: Get you and take you where?

She said sitting down on the bed and removed her shoes.

Kesego: Akere you are busy, she said we can come to Serule and..

Kopo: First her son wants to marry you without

Magadi today the old woman wants to take you and the baby?

Kesego: Will you help me with the baby then?

Kopo: Did I help you make the baby? Nna Kesego when I had you I was all alone, you didn't even have a receiver or dress I got them at the hospital but here you are, you..

Kesego: (Crying) Why are you doing this to me kante, will you help me with the baby like MmaMox would?

Kopo: Move to your bedroom I came with my man. He bought you guys di pizza and fried chicken, di chips, di drinks.

Kesego: What did I do to deserve this kante? Am I a result of rape or incest? Why do you hate me do much, just call MmaMox I promise I will..

Kopo: I am not calling anyone.

Kesego: Atleast tell me who my father is then. Gongwe ene he will care.

Kopo: Wai, he failed to buy you diapers what makes

you think he will care now?

She took out cash from her bra and counted it then she put it under the mattress.

Kopo: Wa bona how much this man takes care of me?

Kesego took her baby's things and moved to their bedroom, there were clothes on the floor and on her bed, she put her baby down and cleaned where she would sleep.

At Campus

Portia sat on the edge of Tsala's bed rubbing her back.

Portia: The mma say something wa re what happened?

Tsala cried louder into the pillow, Portia took a deep breath and rubbed her back.

Portia: Sorry friend.

The Following Morning

Marco grabbed an apple and Same walked him to the door.

Marco: Don't open for anyone okay, nna I will call fake tla.

Same: Okay!

He opened the door and Tsala stood outside, he

tried to close it in her face, Tsala pushed it back with force it almost hit him and she walked inside. Same fixed her nighty dress and stepped back.

Marco: Tsala what are..

Tsala: Hahaha hahahaha, she?

She laughed hard and touched her chest unable to breath or laugh anymore, she wiped her tears and pointed at Same.

Tsala: Wait I cried myself to sleep because of her?
(Turned to Marco) Her? Wow!

She quickly grabbed an automatic air refreshner and Marco grabbed both her hands.

Tsala: Ntogele wena (Let go of me)

Marco took it from her and let go of her hands.

Marco: J a masalela a ga Sechaba papi (You can have Sechaba's leftovers)

Marco: Same you are a violent person and..

Tsala: Violent ke mmago who abandoned you when you were an hour old, marete rra!

She slammed the door on her way out and Same ran into Marco's arms crying.

At Lentsweletau

"Who stole my money?" Kopo asked furiously coming out of her bedroom.

Kopo: Kesego!

She went into the kids bedroom and Kes ego or the baby were there and neither were their belongings.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 61

The same day a little later

Portia walked into their room laughing with her phone. She looked at Tsala who was sleeping on her stomach with a pillow over her head. "Babe we will talk neh let me attend something" she said and hung up.

Portia: Tsala!

She said shaking Tsala.

Portia: Babe!

Tsala: I am fine!

Portia: No you are not, talk to me. I thought you went to fix things phakela.

Tsala:..

Portia: Babe!

Tsala:..

Portia rubbed her back then she sat on her bed.

Portia: Look he is not worth it, stop stressing yourself about him okay.

Tsala:..

Portia: J ust focus on school and your baby, you will meet the right guy.

Tsala raised her head and her eyes were red and swollen from crying. She sniffed and covered her eyes from the light.

Portia: Did you attend any lesson?

Tsala shook her head and closed her eyes.

Tsala: Do you have pain killers my head is killing me.

Portia took out some pills and went to get her a glass of water.

Tsala: Thanks!

Portia: Sure, did you have something to eat?

Tsala: I am not hungry.

Portia: Okay, I have to meet with Boka will you be okay on your own?

Tsala nod her head.

Portia: Okay babes.

At Marco's House

Same put all Tsala's belongings in a plastic then she put it in the wardrobe. She continued cleaning when her phone rang. She looked at the unfamiliar number then she picked up and didn't say anything.

Mpho: Hello Same!

Same recognised her little sister's voice, she smiled and cleared her throat.

Same: Hey little sis, how are you?

Mpho: Kante why do you stress mama like this?

Same: I..

Mpho: I wish you would just die so that we all forget about you maybe then Mama will start acknowledging our existence.

Same: Ao mma how.

Mpho: O tsenya Mama stress Same and I hate you for that!

She clicked her tongue and hung up, Same wiped her tears and called back the number but it didn't go through. She tried again when Mamba's call came through.

Same: Mamba I told you I am done.

Mamba: Where is my money?

Same: I will make sure I give you your money before the end of the week because..

Mamba: Do you know how much money I am loosing because of you?

Same: Mamba I..

Mamba: Now I have to cancel your bookings do you know how much I have lost?

Same:..

Mamba: I want my money before end of tomorrow.

He hung up on her.

Same scratched her head and checked her bank bank balance and she had only four point three thousand Pula. She remembered she had just bought an expensive wig and shoes that she had not worn, if she returned them she would have total of eight thousand Pula to top up what Marco was

going to help her with but how was she going to find buyers in such a short time?

At Serule

Nkemi Nnana Nkemi, Nkemi Mmabontle nkemi MmaMox and Tutu cheered Yama as she tried to stand up with her baby chair. She cheered louder and she stood up and lifted one leg then she fell down on her butt.

MmaMox: Mathata wa phapha, you can't stand ebile you already want to walk.

Tutu: Mme what would you do if she stood up right now and started running around?

MmaMox: Haha run for my life.

Yama crawled to MmaMox's radio that was on the table.

MmaMox: Tutu put the radio on the tree this girl wa senya.

Tutu stood up and looked at the taxi that just parked by the gate. MmaMox also turned around and it was Kesego holding a baby.

MmaMox: Thakanaaa bo Rre le kae!

She stood up and meet Kesego halfway taking the baby from her.

MmaMox: Didn't I say I will send a car?

Keaego: I couldn't stay there.

MmaMox checked the baby and she was peacefully sleeping. Kesego followed her to the house where

she put the baby down and started making bed for both mother and baby.

MmaMox: I thought you said your mother was fine with everything!

Kesego:..

MmaMox: Did you tell your mother you were coming here?

Kesego: She doesn't care.

MmaMox: What do you mean she doesn't care, everyone cares about their kids.

Kesego: Not my mother, you don't know that woman.

MmaMox looked at baby Aratwa and massaged her nose.

MmaMox: Tota why didn't she take our beautiful nose?

Tutu came in with the rest of Kesego's things including the baby bath set.

MmaMox: Tutu go watch Yama before she goes into my garden. (To Kesego) I will make you soft porridge and tea so that you can feed this baby bona hela O ntse legaba and she needs to bath, you also need to bath and rest. A new mother is not supposed to travel such long distance sitting.

She said going to the kitchen.

Later that Evening

Tsala sat on her bed going through the photos in her gallery and deleted Marco's and the ones she was with Marco. She wiped her tears and laid down going through their conversations, she deleted then one by one and cried out loud.

At Marco's House

"Fourty seven thousand, fourty eight, fourty nine, fifty" Same and Marco finished counting the money.

Marco: All in there!

Same jumped on him and hugged him tightly.
"Thank you so so much no one has ever done this for me." she said and pulled back.

Same: How can I ever thank you?

Marco: I..

Same kissed him, he kissed her back, ontop of him she removed her top then the door bell rang. She slowly got off Marco and grabbed her top, Marco

got up and went to open the door.

Marco: Hey!

Tsala: I have come to get my things.

Marco: Oh, I..

Same came out of the bedroom in Marco's t-shirt and leaned against the door frame with her legs crossed. Tsala looked at her then at Marco.

Same: I put them in a plastic and put it in the closet.

Marco went to get them.

Marco: Can we talk?

Tsala: No!

She picked up the plastic and left. Marco watched as she closed the door behind her. Instead of using the stairs Tsala got in the elevator, she threw the plastic down, she covered her mouth and sat down in the middle of the elevator crying.

A year later

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 62

A year later

On New Year's Eve morning

Tsala finished bathing Yama and wrapped her in a towel. She put her on the bed and reached for the baby lotion. Tumi knocked on her door before he opened and peeked inside.

Tumi: Hey, John is here re eme ka wena!

Tsala: Coming!

She finished dressing Yama and they went to the sitting room. Tsala sat down and Yama went to sit on RraTumi's lap. There was a little silence in the room then Tumi cleared his throat.

Tumi: I am the one who called this meeting kana. Reason being that RraTumi a re he wants to remarry.

No one said anything.

Tumi: We as the older kids apart from Tsala meet and discussed this. No one of us opposes to you marrying. It has been two years since Olady passed away and it's fair that you want to move on.

Mmoloki: However we have a few requests and questions.

Tumi: First we want to ask you when you marry where are you and your wife going to stay?

RraTumi: E le gore Ga ke na eng because this is my home and..

John: Where is Tsala going to stay when you move in your new family?

RraTumi: Tsala has her room, she will continue staying in when she is home

Mmoloki: With your new wife and kids?

Peter: And you and your new wife will be sleeping in the room that you shared with our mother?

RraTumi didn't respond.

Tumi: Like I said Thaema we don't have a problem with you getting married not at all but what about Tsala? What if God forbid you die, what happens? Jarata e salla your wife? What if she kicks out Tsala and Yama because it will be her yard, her lawful husband's yard which makes it hers.

RraTumi: So what do you suggest I do, give everything to Tsala?

Mmoloki: Yes you can do that If she agrees gore you can continue staying here or you can move, you and your wife.

Tsala: What, no he doesn't have to move. (To RraTumi) You don't have to move.

John: Then we request that he signs everything into your name just incase anything happens to avoid gore kamoso a bo step mother a lwa a re everything belongs to her.

They all looked at RraTumi and he laughed in disbelief shaking his head.

RraTumi: You think I will be controlled by you guys, I built this home..

Tumi: This is Olady's plot kana remember you sold your ka 1996 when..

Mmoloki: Tumi..

Tumi: No, he can take his house and leave then, he will see where he puts it.

Peter: Tumi, we didn't come here to fight!

Tumi calmed down.

RraTumi: I am not signing anything to anyone and..I am not going to be told what to do by kids that I brought into this world.

He put Yama down and stormed outside then they heard his car leave.

Tumi: Nako nngwe I am going to punch that man.

Mmoloki: I told you guys he was not going to agree.

John: Re mo senya by giving him money, let him leave off church offerings hela.

Peter: Wai when I used to go to church they made bo seventy six pula every Sunday.

John: He will live by bread alone.

They all laughed.

Tsala: But guys, I understand you and I appreciate you guys a lot but its not like I will be staying here akere, they..

Tumi: What we are worried about is what will happen to you if anything happens to him? Are you going to rent in Maun because your step mother

inherited your house?

Tsala kept quiet.

Mmoloki: We are saying "give Tsala what is hers and continue living in this house, that way we are sure if anything happens this house will be yours." John your father is stubborn.

Tumi: We are not kicking him out.

John: Nna ka re let's stop supporting the man he will eat his stubbornness.

His phone rang and he smiled showing Peter who it was and they fist bumped.

Tumi: Who is he, I also want to see.

He said following John outside. Mmoloki picked up

Yama and kissed her.

Mmoloki: Mmaofit!

Tsala: Yoo maabane she wanted me to carry her all the way from the tuckshop to here. When we arrived it was like I had been carrying two bags of potatoes.

Mmoloki: Haha! She has Mama's beautiful eyes.

Tsala: I always thought she looks like her father but sometimes ke bona Mama hela.

Mmoloki: Akere! O kae her father?

Tsala: Hey that dead beat, I don't know if he is in Maun or Serule.

Mmoloki: Okay!

Mmoloki's phone rang and he smiled walking outside. Tsala followed him carrying her daughter. Yama cried as John's car left.

Tsala: Bathong Yama does your father have a car?

Tumi walked over to them.

Tumi: Don't forget tonight!

Tsala: Come pick me up ka bo six.

Tumi: Okay!

He kissed Yama and also left.

At MmaMox's House

MmaMox laid under the tree on a mattress as the cold breeze brushed her skin listening to Mox and Kesego arguing in the house.

Kesego: You don't give me attention Moemedi ever since we came here you have been going out every

night, in the afternoon you go watch soccer with your friends or go drinking.

Mox: I always tell you to come and you refuse.

Kesego: You know I can't come ka ngwana. You are not going to Maun.

She said taking out his clothes from his bag and threw them around the room.

Kesego: If you are going take Rati with you then. I didn't make this baby alone I can't be taking care of her alone.

Mox picked up his clothes and put them in the bag again. "Ka re you are not going to Maun Moemedi, if you told Tsala you were going to see her in Maun tell her change of plans" she said throwing the shoes out of the bag and it hit a glass that was on the table, it fell down breaking.

"Gatwe what's happening in that house" MmaMox stood up and went to knock on the door.

MmaMox: What's going on?

Kesego: (Crying) Mox is not treating me well, I..

Mox: Hee nna kana Ga ke a ikgolega having a baby with her. If I want to go to Maun I am going.

MmaMox: O ikgolegile, if you are going to Maun take her and your child with.

Mox:...

MmaMox: Grow up Moemedi, akere months ago you said you want to marry, show Kesego that you are a man she can depend on after marriage. Stop acting like a little boy you have two kids, two!

She raised two fingers.

MmaMox: Two children and you are not going to Maun! I will tell your brother not to give you his keys.

She said leaving, Mox grabbed his windbreaker and stormed out. Kesego sat on the bed and cupped her face.

Later that Evening

Mmoloki came out of the house with a bowl full of meat and went to the braai stand where Tumi and Peter were already braain some meat.

Tumi: I hope that's the last of it.

Mmoloki: Kante mme why so much meat?

Tumi: J ohn a re the girl at the Butcher caught his eye so he ended up buying more meat wanting to impress her.

They all laughed.

Peter: Then he left us to do all the work, where is he?

They all looked around and John was not in sight.

Tsala sat by the little kids swimming pool monitoring the kids as they swam. Her phone rang and she smiled picking up.

Tsala: Hi!

Lebone: Hey!

Tsala: You are still coming akere?

Lebone: It gives me the chills to think you have four brothers.

Tsala: Hahaha relax they are cool people, you are coming?

Lebone: Okay!

Tsala: Hang up motho ke yo O bata go nkgolega.

She put the phone down and took out Yama from the pool.

Tsala: Yama I told you not to do that.

She said taking her out and wrapped her in a pink towel.

In the house

Tumi walked in to the ladies making salads and papa, he took out his beer from the fridge and stood by the door looking at Beth.

Tumi: Babe wee, can you help me with something in the bedroom.

Beth: Okay!

She washed her hands and followed him to the bedroom. Tumi closed the door and kissed her pinning her against the wall

Beth: What did you want..

Tumi: I wanted to kiss you akere!

Beth giggled and wrapped her arms around him then she kissed him back.

In the kitchen

Mmoloki went inside and found his girlfriend alone cooking.

Mmoloki: Hey, where is Beth?

Ruth: She went to help Tumi with something in the

bedroom.

Mmoloki: Hahaha, you want to help me with something in the other bedroom?

Ruth: What?

Mmoloki: What do you think they went to help each other with?

Ruth: You mean... They...

They both laughed, Tumi and Beth came in and they stopped laughing.

Beth: I think the Pahaleche is ready now I am starving. Let me dish for the kids first.

Mmoloki and Ruth looked at each other and laughed.

The same evening at Serule

Kesego sat outside on the stoop looking at the gate. She took a deep breath and dialed Mox's number but it rang unanswered. MmaMox came from her house dressed in her Church uniform.

MmaMox: You are going to be bored alone kana, let's go.

Kesego: Aaah, I didn't bring any long skirts or dress.

MmaMox: Ke ta go adima setenghe a reye.

Kesego: Okay!

Kesego went inside to wear a skirt while MmaMox went to get her a setenghe. She took two boxes of milk a blanket and a diaper, put them in the bag and they left.

At Tumi's house

Lebone helped Tsala take the plates inside the house.

Tsala: I told you my brothers are good people.

Lebone: Yeah!

Tsala: Are you having a good time?

Lebone: Yes, but I can't wait to get my midnight kiss.

Tsala: Or you can get it now!

She said pulling him into her, she stepped on her toes and kissed him. They had only been talking for weeks and she was falling for the guy. She pulled back and they went outside where everyone was.

Tumi: Before the year ends let's talk about what we are greatfull for this year.

Mmoloki: Okay let me start. I am greatfull for this lady.

He said Kissing Ruth.

Mmoloki: I love you!

Ruth: I love you more!

Tsala: My turn. I am grateful for MmaMox, you guys, dad, Beth. I. You guys make my life so easy and to be honest I don't know where I would be without you guys.

Beth: Awww!

She hugged Tsala then J ohn pulled her aside.

Tsala: Yeah!

J ohn: There is something I have been meaning to tell you.

Tsala: What.

J ohn: Don't be mad.

Tsala: What is it?

John: So a couple of months back I bumped into Same ko Gabs and we exchanged numbers. We.. We have been talking and things are becoming a little serious between us.

Tsala: Same hela that I know?

John: Yes, I know you guys are not friends anymore and..

Tsala: You can do better.

John: Look I..

Tsala: There are decent girls out there why would you choose that loose one?

John stepped back and cleared his throat.

John: I was not asking for your approval rather telling you this because I invited her to lunch tomorrow.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 63

Tsala: There are decent girls out there why would you choose that loose one?

John stepped back and cleared his throat.

John: I was not asking for your approval rather telling you this because I invited her to lunch tomorrow.

Tsala: Well then I hope you don't expect me to be

nice to her. If she dare says anything to me I will humiliate her.

She said and walked away to where everyone was.

At Ditshego's house

Same sat on the stoop looking up at the grey sky. She took a deep breath then she went inside the house where her mother and little sisters were. She sat down and watched TV.

Lebo: Mama do you know that it is already a new year in China.

Ditshego: Ao?

Lebo: Yes ebile..

Same's phone rang and she excused herself going

outside.

Same: Hey!

John: Everyone is with their partner ke nna hela.

Same: Hahaha!

John: Thee mma allow me to come get you, I will bring you after we welcome the new year.

Same: John I..

John: I will ask for permission from your mum then, I promise I will bring you back safe.

Same: Okay fine but its thirty minutes before the new year.

John: I am on my way!

He hung up and whispered something to Peter before he got in his car.

Meanwhile Same went inside the house and sat

down, she rubbed her hands together.

Same: Mama can I go out with a friend, a re he will bring me an hour after New year.

Ditshego: Friend ke mang he doesn't have a name?

Same: It's J ohn, Tsala's friend.

Ditshego: Then he better come here ke mmone before I can allow you to go with him.

Same: Okay!

She said excited and went to the bedroom to change.

Meanwhile in Serule

Kesego put her hands together with her eyes closed praying. She looked up with tears rolling down her cheeks, she raised her hands and started singing.

She checked the time in her phone and it was quarter to twelve.

At Ditshego's House

Same pulled the seat belt and turned to John who was reversing out of the yard.

John: I was scared your mum was going to refuse.

Same: Le nna!

John: Wareng?

He said touching her hand, Same smiled and put her hand on top of his.

John: Kana I have always had a crush on you waitse!

Same: Don't lie.

John: No serious, I remember le bala form four when you used to come sleep at our house. I always wanted to talk to you but afraid that you would tell Tsala and she will tell my mum, you know gore wa phapha akere!

Same: Hahaha, maybe at the time I would have told her but I am older and wiser now.

John: Good girl.

At Tumi's house

Lebone carried Yama who had fell asleep to the house, Tsala laid her with the other kids and fixed the mosquito net.

"Five, four, three, two, one, happy new year" everyone shouted outside and there were fireworks. Lebone picked up Tsala and pinned her against the wall kissing her.

Lebone: Happy New year.

Outside Tumi kissed Beth and picked her up, Mmoloki kissed Ruth and John walked in holding Same's hand, he kissed her while Peter sat down sipping on his beer. "Happy New year bro" Mmoloki and Tumi shoulder bumped. Tsala and Lebone came from the house.

Tsala: Happy New year!

She said hugging Beth then she hugged Ruth. She skipped Same and hugged John.

Tsala: Happy New year bro! I love you!

John: I love you more!

Her phone rang and she excused herself.

Tsala: Happy New year.

Portia: (Screaming) Happy New year babe!

Tsala: Hahahah!

Portia hung up and just as she turned she almost bumped heads with Same. She stepped aside.

Same: Happy New year Tsala!

Tsala: Mmmh!

Same: Can we talk?

Tsala: I have nothing to say to you.

Same: Well I have something I have to say.

Tsala folded her arms with an attitude and looked at her.

Same: You and I have done each other bad, we have said..

Tsala: I have never done you bad. All I ever was, was a good friend and wena? You betrayed my trust sending Mox our private conversations. You posted my personal life on Facebook and..

Same: Do you know how its like to be called damaged, Tsala I didn't choose to be raped and you call me that every chance you get, you are a woman, a mother and..

Tsala: Who knows if it was rape, the way you like other people's men I am starting to wonder if Sechaba really raped you or you..

Same slapped her hard on the cheek before she finished her sentence . Tsala screamed touching her cheek.

Tsala: Are you fighting me?

Same: Yes, say that again, say I am damaged good and that I choose to be raped.

Tsala: You are damaged good and..

Same slapped her again, Tsala jumped on her and bit her neck, they fell down and started wrestling each other.

Tsala: Damaged goods..

Same punched her nose then she stood up.

Same: I came here for peace but you know what fu** you.

Tsala got up touching her mouth and she was bleeding.

Tsala: Damaged goods! Selo se!

Same walked to where everyone was dusting herself.

John: And then wena!

Same: (Crying) Take me home!

John: Same!

They all looked at Tsala who was also dusting herself and had a bleeding nose.

Same: Please take me home!

John held Same's hand and they left.

Mmoloki: And then?

Tsala swallowed hard and looked down at her bloody top, she went to the bathroom and washed her face.

In the car.

John gave Same a tissue and she put it on her neck where Tsala bit her.

John: What happened?

Same: John I am not going to have Tsala disrespect me.

John: Tell me what happened, why did you fight?

Same:...

John: Same?

Same: Just take me home please !

Back at Tumi's house

Beth gave Tsala her top and she changed into it.

Beth: Are you okay?

Tsala: I am fine.

Beth: What happened?

Tsala:...

Beth: I thought you guys were friends.

Tsala: I am not friends with that girl anymore.

Beth: What happened?

She removed the rolled toilet paper from her nose and went to the bathroom. Beth shook her head and stood up.

Outside Lebone walked a few meters towards the gate talking to the phone.

Lebone: Happy New year babe, no I am sleeping,
just woke up to wish you a happy new year.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Outside Lebone walked a few meters towards the
gate talking to the phone.

Lebone: Happy New year babe, no I am sleeping, just woke up to wish you a happy new year.

Tsala walked up to him and he kissed her while still talking to the phone.

Lebone: Okay no bye!

He hung up and turned to Tsala!

Lebone: You are not going to tell me what happened?

Tsala: She attacked me wa bona akere I am the one bleeding.

Lebone: So she just attacked you?

Tsala: She..

John brightened on them. Tsala swallowed hard

and looked at the car as her brother stepped out.

Tsala: J ohn I told you she..

J ohn: Stay away from me.

Tsala: J ohn!

J ohn stormed into the yard and she followed him.

Tsala: I am sure she lied akere, she..

J ohn: Tsala just stay away from me please.

Tumi: What happened?

J ohn: I am going to go home now, see you later akere!

Tumi: Sure!

J ohn got his beers and some meat then he left.

Tsala ran after him crying.

Tsala: J ohn! Did she say I started it because I didn't, she..

J ohn got in his car and drove away. Tsala sniffed and wiped her tears.

Peter: What really happened?

Tsala: I don't know what she said to J ohn but I am sure it was a lie.

Peter hugged her and they went back inside.

A little later that Morning

Tsala put a tray of tea on the table and went to get bread.

RraTumi: Thank you!

She sat down and tried John's number but he still didn't pick up.

RraTumi: Where is Masa?

Tsala: She is at Tumi's house she was sleeping when I came home.

RraTumi: Eheee. Tell me!

He sipped his tea and looked at Tsala.

RraTumi: Because you refused to marry Issack what is your plan in life?

Tsala: What, my new year resolutions?

RraTumi: No your plan in life hela, what do you want for Tsala?

Tsala: I just want to finish school, get a job and take

care of my baby.

RraTumi: You have no plans of getting married and settling down?

Tsala: One day yes!

RraTumi knod his head and continued drinking his tea.

RraTumi: I hope one day you don't wake up to regret your decisions, all alone banna ba nyets e basadi ba bone that they meet in their youth.

Tsala:...

RraTumi: Can you get me more bread please!

At MmaMox's house

Kesego emptied her bag on the bed and counted every thebe she had but it wasn't even two hundred

pula to take her back home. She took a deep breath and covered her face on the edge of crying. She was tired and angry, she grabbed her phone and dialed Mox's number and his phone rang outside. Kesego went to open the door and looked at him.

Mox: Hi, happy new year!

Kesego: I come to your house and you leave me alone O ya bojalweng.

Mox: I am sorry!

Kesego made space for him and he went inside the house. He threw himself on the bed and breathed out loud.

Kesego: So this is what I almost married?

Mox:...

Kesego: Indeed I serve a living God.

Mox: Your problem is you don't want me to act my

age, you want me to always be with you looking into your eyes. No!

Kesego: I want you to give me attention Moemedi even if its for twenty minutes hela but you don't you are always out or on your phone. I don't know people here you are the only person I know and you know gore Ga ke kake ka ja dikgang with your mum.

Mox:..

Kesego: I am not saying don't go out, all I ask is that you give me just ten minutes of your time. Mox when was the last time you kissed me hela, I mean just a kiss not because we were having se*?

Mox stood up.

Mox: You want a kiss babe?

Kesego: I am serious kana when...

Mox kisses her and she pulled back her head.

Kes ego: Mox I..

Mox: Who is Mox ke nna Babe!

Kes ego: Hahaha! Go brush your teeth you smell horrible.

Mox: I love you okay?

Kes ego: Stop saying it show me!

Mox: Let me bath and show you just how much I love you then.

At Ditshego's house

Same walked to J ohn's car that was parked across the road. She stood by the window and folded her arms. J ohn rolled down the window.

J ohn: Please get inside.

Same: I can't stay long I am cooking.

John: Two minutes ee!

Same got in the car and closed the door.

John: Happy new year.

Same: Thanks!

John: Same I really really like you.

Same: Me too!

John: Tell me what happened this morning.

Same: Look I am going to admit, I did things to Tsala and so did she, this morning I wanted to ask for forgiveness but you know what she did, she started insulting me and calling me damaged goods because my step father rap** me when I was young.

John: She what?

Same: (Crying) That was not the first time or the second, I told her to stop and she didn't so I slapped her.

John: You should have slapped her on the big mouth. Who makes fun of people who went through that?

Same: Tsala is your sister and..

John: And she was wrong here okay. You should have beat her thata, you did nothing.

Same:..

John: Mxm!

Same: Yeah that's the story.

John: You know what, let's not go to their lunch, let's go somewhere, just you and me.

Same: Really?

John: Yes! Don't say no!

Same: Okay! Um John!

John: Yeah!

Same: I really really like you too.

He smiled and leaned over kissing her.

John: If you were not scared of your mum we would go to this other ranch it's just thirty kilometers from Maun, they do horse riding, the river is not far and have tented accommodation and it's cheap, just for two nights.

Same: Akere, try my mum maybe she won't say no.

John: Haha iyoo I am scared.

Same: Okay fine let's go together.

John: Now?

Same: Yes now!

John drove to Ditshego's house..

Later that Afternoon

Tsala walked out of the house with the salads and put them on the table, Yama came crying behind her.

Tsala: Aaah wena!

She picked her up.

Tsala: Ke ipotsa gore e chaa leng O ye Serule I am tired nna!

Tumi: Why is she crying?

Tsala: She wants me to pick her up.

Tumi: Give her love mma!

Tsala: By the time she goes to Serule I will be suffering from back pains.

Tumi took out his phone from his pocket and read John's text.

Tumi: John are he is not coming!

Tsala: Oooh!

She went to the house dialing J ohn.

J ohn: Hello!

Tsala: Hi, gatwe you are not coming to lunch?

J ohn: Yes!

Tsala: Because of me?

J ohn: Yes Tsala because of you! Kana you want me to bring Same for round two?

Tsala: I am sorry I..please forgive me I..

J ohn: I am not the person you are supposed to be asking for forgiveness from.

Tsala: Did she tell you she slapped me first?

J ohn: Yes, wena what did you say to her?

Tsala:..

J ohn: if you want my forgiveness apologise to Same.

Tsala: Do what?

John: Apologise to Same and you better mean it, we will be there in thirty minutes.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 65

John: if you want my forgiveness apologise to Same.

Tsala: Do what?

John: Apologise to Same and you better mean it, we will be there in thirty minutes.

Tsala hung up and put Yama on the kitchen counter. She exhaled heavily and looked at her baby.

Tsala: I hate Same!

She took Yama's bottle from on top of the microwave and went to lay her on the sofa, Yama silently drank her milk while kicking her.

Tsala: Stop it Yama.

Yama continued kicking her and she moved. Beth came in taking off her apron.

Beth: Your dad is here we can go eat.

Tsala: Coming.

Beth: You shouldn't have given her milk before she ate, she is not going to eat.

Tsala's phone rang and it was MmaMox.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Happy New year.

Tsala: Happy New year I was going to call but was busy with cooking.

MmaMox: Le O bone ngwaga? (Did you see the new year?)

Tsala: Ee mma, you?

MmaMox: Yes I was at church. O kae Montlenyane?

Tsala: She is here kicking me drinking her milk!

MmaMox: Did she have soft porridge?

Tsala: Yes!

MmaMox: Good, when you wake up cooking soft

porridge for the baby is the first thing you do. Let me talk to her!

Tsala put on loudspeaker and put on Yama's ear.

Tsala: Yama, Mama!

Yama: Mama!

MmaMox: Ngwanake bathong, happy new year.

Yama: Happy!

MmaMox: Hahahaha..

Yama: Mama... (Spoke in baby language)

MmaMox: Ee ngwanaka, Ga gona yo ke mo romang kana ga o yo (There is no one to send around now that you are not here)

Yama: Hahaha bathong!

MmaMox: Ee mma motho yo kana when she is around I just sit and order her around even next door to MmaOfi.

Tsala: Haha!

MmaMox: When are you coming?

Tsala: Ka di four.

MmaMox: Okay, her Christmas dress is waiting.

Tsala: I actually want to discuss something with you.

MmaMox: I hope you are not thinking of taking my baby! We agreed gore..

Tsala: No, no.. I was thinking maybe she can start kindergarten this year so that she learns how to count and other things, tota it's important that she starts early but we will discuss when I come.

MmaMox: Okay my girl, I heard teachers kwano all they do is teach kids how to count up to ten and eat their snacks.

Tsala: Hahaha hahaha!

MmaMox: Legale nna I won't pay school fees without results.

Tsala: Haha ee mma.

MmaMox: Nnya bye ngwanaka.

She hung up smiling. Mox came in the sitting room and greeted her.

MmaMox: Dumela rra!

Mox went into the kitchen then came out.

MmaMox: Sit here I want to talk to you!

Mox sat down and looked at his mother.

MmaMox: I don't like what you are doing to Kesego. She knows no one here only you and them wena who brought her here you leave her alone and sleep out.

Mox: I came home maabane around bo ten and no

one was home and all doors were locked.

MmaMox: I am not only talking about yesterday, ever since you came. Why don't you take her wherever you go?

Mox:..

MmaMox: If you get anyone pregnant then.

Mox: I won't get anyone pregnant.

MmaMox: Good, I know gore Tsala is going to struggle alone ka Yama now that she is taking her to school.

Mox: Tsala is taking Yama?

MmaMox: Be a father hela and pay for atleast transport because yone it is not expensive.

Mox: E le gore how does Tsala make such big decisions about our child ke sa itse?

He stood up and went outside dialing her.

At Tumi's house

Tumi: I thought you said you were not coming.

John: Just came to get the food. You have takeaway plates?

Beth stood up and went to get two takeaway plates from the house and dished for them both.

John: Thanks, see you guys ka Saturday.

He walked to the car and Tsala followed him. She put her phone on silent as Mox kept calling.

Tsala: Hi.

John: Hey!

She took a deep breath and walked over to the

passenger side where Same was.

Tsala: Can we talk?

Same: I am listening.

Tsala: I apologise for my behavior last night, I was out of line. Disrespecting you as my brother's guest also meant I disrespected him. Please forgive me.

Same:..

Tsala: I am sorry!

Same: You are sorry that you disrespected me as your brother's guest, not sorry for the things you said to me?

Tsala bit her lower lip and took a deep breath.

Tsala: I am sorry for what i said to you.

Same: You are a woman and a mother of a girl child. No one chooses to be raped, next time you call

someone damaged goods think of it was someone close to you or wena self.

Tsala:..

Same: I hope you become a better person on Tsala for the sake of your daughter. A woman doesn't laugh at another woman. Setswang sa re..

Tsala looked away and rolled her eyes and bit her tongue.

Same: I don't know gore nna if I laugh at the fact that you are a single mother will you find it funny?

Tsala: (Clenched her J aws) No!

Same: Good, you are better than this, I don't know why you behave like people who grew up mo di depot when you were brought up under the word of God by loving parents . I forgive you.

Tsala: Thanks! Happy New year.

Same: Happy New year.

Tsala walked back into the yard. John smiled at Same and held her hand.

John: You cool?

Same: Yeah!

Tsala walked to the house rolling her eyes. Her phone rang again and she picked up.

Tsala: Moemedi!

Mox: Yama is too young for school le gone you decide to take ngwana without consulting me as her father.

Tsala: (Snapped) Yeeey yeeey yeeey not today Moemedi not today try me tomorrow I am annoyed enough.

Days Later....

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**Goodnight

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Days Later....

Tsala and Lebone walked around the shop by the children's uniform section. Lebone walked behind her typing on his phone, Tsala picked up the smallest shoes size she could find but they were still big.

Tsala: Maybe I should just buy her black pumps because I can't find her size.

She turned to Lebone.

Tsala: What's on your phone, you have been occupied.

Lebone: No I was talking to my sister.

Tsala: Ehe!

Lebone: What were you saying?

He asked putting his phone back in his pocket then he picked up a pair of shoes.

Lebone: I am sure these will fit.

Tsala: No they are big.

She walked around the shop then ended up buying pumps and a few things then they left. They went into the restaurant and Lebone choose the back table for them.

Lebone: So you are leaving with the morning bus?

Tsala: No Mmoloki is going back to Thebephatswa so he is giving us a lift.

Lebone: Great because I will be jealous if you slept ko Serule.

Tsala: Hahaha jealous of what, Mox and I are now brother and sister.

Lebone: I hope its that way!

Tsala: Babe relax okay, you have nothing to worry about.

He leaned over and kissed her then he took out his card and gave her.

Lebone: If you ever wake up missing me you can even book a flight.

Tsala: What?

Lebone: I take care of my women.

Tsala: No, Lebone you..

Lebone: I can afford to spoil you don't worry.

Tsala: No, if I ever wake up missing you I will call you and you will send me money for transport if I don't have it.

Lebone: That card is yours.

Tsala: Babe! I feel like a gold digger.

Lebone: Hahaha well you are not. There isn't much in there, you will get monthly allowance of one point five and traveling allowance ya two thousand every month.

Tsala looked at him carefully.

Tsala: You are just a Vet I can't expect you to..

Lebone: A Vet in my own Vet Clinic.

Tsala: What?

Lebone: Can that not be a thing please. Look after graduation my dad passed away and I decided to open my own vet clinic with my inheritance.

Tsala: Wise!

Lebone: Can we drop it now please, take the card.

Tsala: Okay.. I am going this evening.

Lebone: I am going to miss you.

Tsala: Is that all you have to say?

Lebone: I love you!

Tsala sipped on her drink.

Tsala: Okay!

Lebone: Did I say something wrong?

Tsala: So I am going to go just like that, I have never been to your house kana. What if I wake up phakela missing you, where am I going to go because I don't know your house.

Lebone: Hahaha! Look Tsala I really really like you, I am In love actually and I don't want to mess up by rushing into anything.

Tsala: No we are not rushing, I want this.

Lebone: You do?

Tsala: Yes!

Le bone raised his hand and paid for the cocktails, he held Tsala's hand going to his car and drove to his place.

Later that Evening

Same and John laid on the bed naked, John traced his hands on Same's stomach going down to her

nunu, he circled his finger on her little public hair and kissed her.

Same: What are you thinking about?

John: That I don't want you to go back.

Same: Hahahaha! I am not going back forever akere.

John: I know, the past few days made me forget about my life problems. You made me forget about them.

Same smiled and got out of bed, John watched her as she swung her hips going to the bathroom, she came back and stood by the door. She has the most beautiful body, if she was taller she would have qualified to be a lingerie model.

Same: I must say I am impressed that you have your own house at twenty seven.

John: My dad didn't allow us to stay home for a year after graduation. I was lucky enough to find a good job right after graduation, my mum helped me buy

this plot and build this bachelor pad withing a year and half of me working.

Same: Wow!

John: I hated her for taking all my money every month but she was actually helping me.

Same: I loved your mum!

She said sitting down on the bed, John got on top of her and kissed her "Nna I love you" he said into her mouth. Same giggled as he opened her legs and made love to her.

At Lebone's house

Both Tsala and Lebone breathed out heavily looking at the ceiling. Tsala smiled alone, the man sure knew what he was doing.

Lebone: Water?

Tsala: Mmmh!

She watched him get out of bed and looked at his butt, he was sexy even from behind. He went to the bathroom to remove the condom then went to the kitchen and came back with a glass of water, Tsala looked at his still erect d*** pointing at her like a gun about to shoot. He gave her the glass of water and she took a sip. He took her hand and made him touch his ba***.

Lebone: Are you tired or we should go again?

Same put the glass on the side drawer and got up, she tied her braids behind and got ontop of him.

At J ohn's house

J ohn picked up Same's ringing phone and opened

the bathroom door.

John: Babe Marco was calling.

"I will call him back" she said wiping her face and then the phone rang again.

John: Oh he is calling again!

He picked up on her behalf and as he was about to hand her the phone Same quickly got up and snatched the phone from his hand and it fell in the water.

John: What the fuck I was..

Same: (Snapped) You shouldn't have done that okay.. I.. I.. Marco is a guy from class and I borrowed his money to come home maloba so I am sure he is calling for his money back and I don't

have it.

John: O sure because you almost killed me for picking up his call.

Same: Yeah, I. Don't worry about it I will make a plan for him.

John: Babe, you should have told me, how much do you owe him?

Same: Huh, um two hundred pula.

John: All this drama for two hundred.

He went to get his phone.

John: Give me his number.

Same: I don't know it by head, just transfer to me I will transfer to him.

She said picking up her phone from the water.

John: I don't think rice will fix that!

2 Years Later...

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 67

2 Years Later...

In Bora Bora Island

In a white maxi dress, brown sandals that matched her big straw hat and handbag Tsala held Lebone's hands following the Island guide to their overwater bungalow.

Tsala: Oh My God I never knew this part of the world existed. Its beautiful.

Lebone: I told you its beautiful akere!

Tsala's Jaws dropped as they walked in. It was beautiful and part of the floor was glass and could see the water underneath.

Guide: Sir Madam welcome.

Tsala: Wow!

She went around the room and it was a seven star, everything was expensive and beautiful, she looked outside the window and the view was to die for.

Tsala: Babe let's leave everything and come stay here forever!

Lebone: Hahaha, it's expensive here!

Tsala: We will sell both out kidneys.

They all laughed!

Guide: You can go have lunch then come rest because our first activity of the day we are going to the Bora Bora Lagoonarium then get full body massages after dinner.

Tsala: You said what is a Lagoonarium again?

Guide: We are going to swim with turtles.

Tsala: Oh no no no, I cannot do that.

Guide: Haha I promise you it's harmless and..

Tsala: Babe!

Lebone: I will be there akere, don't be scared.

Tsala: They don't bite?

Lebone: Hahaha no they don't bite.

Tsala: Okay!

The guide left and Tsala threw herself on the bed.

Tsala: It feels like a dream.

She got up and kissed Lebone.

Tsala: Thank you!

Lebone: Anything for you!

She looked at the glass and shook her head.

Tsala: You can swim while your head is still in the house. Who comes up with such ideas?

Lebone: People are creative babe!

He picked up the WiFi password and they both connected.

Tsala: Let me call MmaMox!

Lebone: Do that while I unpack!

Tsala walked outside video calling MmaMox, after it ran a few times MmaMox's face appeared on the screen.

MmaMox: Heee, I can even see you even when you are over seas.

Tsala: Hahaha yes!

MmaMox: You arrived safely?

Tsala: Ee mma we arrived safely, Yama O kae?

MmaMox: She went to play next door, the little girl

was bought a bicycle jaanong it's Yama's, she is always riding it while the owner cheers for her .

Tsala: Haha bathong!

Aratwa threw herself on MmaMox's lap sucking her thumb.

MmaMox: Look at Yaya's jumpsuit you still remember it.

Tsala: Yes!

MmaMox: She wore it a le a year old bona gore it can still fit Mmaoratwa but she is three.

Tsala: Akere!

MmaMox: Her parents are relaxed now they never buy her clothes but I told Kesego gore whenever she gets in a shop she must buy for Yaya too.

Tsala: Wai!

MmaMox: She will buy, she got a temp in Gaborone.

Tsala: Let's hope so. Anyway let me go I will call again later.

MmaMox: Okay my girl enjoy.

She hung up and went back inside where Lebone was showering, she removed her clothes and joined him in the shower. He turned her around and took it from behind while she had her hands plastered on the wall.

At Mogoditsane

Kesego came in their one room from work and Mox was laying on the mattress typing on his phone. Kesego looked at the dirty dishes and the bucket full of dirty bathing water.

Kesego: Should I come from work and clean the house while you were home the whole day?

Mox: Oh, I was going to empty the water, I was busy looking for job vacancies.

Kesego breathed out heavily and removed her heels, she put them nicely and sat down. Mox left his phone and went to empty the water outside.

Kesego: I heard they are looking for petrol attendants.

Mox: Mmmh!

Kesego: Aren't you going to apply?

Mox: I will!

Neither of them said anything to each other then Kesego stood up and put on her flip flops.

Kesego: I am going to buy tin fish, wash the plates.

Mox: Sure!

She left dialing her friend.

Hazel: Hey babes!

Kesego: I can't pretend anymore Moemedi wa ntena.

Hazel: Haha what did he do today?

Kesego: He just bathed and left the dirty water in the bath, the plates are dirty and.. Iyooo bathong I can't support Mox and our child at the same time I am tired. O kile wa bona even when he touches me I don't get aroused, Iyooo bathong!

Hazel: So what are you going to do about it?

Kesego: I am going to tell him I am moving back home to Lentsweletau that way he will be forced to go back home too. Friend I am tired, bathong nna I am young for this.

The same day a little later after sundown in Bora Bora.

Tsala sat in front of the mirror doing her makeup lost in her thoughts. She found herself smiling alone then she picked up her phone and WhatsApp called Portia.

Portia: Hello!

Tsala: Hi, o busy?

Portia: Let me dish for everyone and call you back.

Tsala: Okay!

She hung up and applied red lipstick on her lips then she pout them before she did her eyelashes. Portia's call came through and she picked up and put on loudspeaker.

Tsala: Hey!

Portia: Wareng?

Tsala: I am happy, I am in love!

Portia: Haha I saw the photos of you swimming with the turtles, friend that's the life.

Tsala: I am just happy friend waits e. I literally have nothing to worry about, it feels unreal. It's so peaceful, oh my God!

Portia: Awwww!

Tsala: Lebone is.. Lebone is everything I have ever wanted. He..(took a deep breath) He has been wanting a baby for a long time I think maybe we should try. He is the one I can feel it, he is the one.

Portia: Aww friend I am happy for you!

Tsala: I am happy for me too haha!

He heard his footsteps.

Tsala: Babes we will talk bye.

She hung up and stood up. She was wearing a floral two piece for dinner and she looked amazing.

Tsala: Everything okay at work?

Lebone: Yes, I told them not to call me now I am the one calling hahaha.

Tsala: Hahaha!

Lebone: You look beautiful babe!

Tsala: Thanks!

Lebone: Should we go?

Tsala: Yes!

She grabbed her phone and they left for dinner.

At J ohn's house

Same stood by the door crying trying to open the door that was locked while J ohn held her phone in

her hand.

John: (Angry) Ka re why is Marco sending you message a re your tongue was magical?

Same: (Crying) John if you beat me I am going to report you.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 68

John: (Angry) Ka re why is Marco sending you message a re your tongue was magical?

Same: (Crying) J ohn if you beat me I am going to report you.

J ohn stood up.

J ohn: Why would I beat you, answer me ka re why is Marco sending you message a re your tongue was magic.

Same:..

J ohn: Same I am talking to you!

He raised his hand and Same screamed covering her face.

J ohn: Same!

Same:..

J ohn: Are you cheating on me?

Same:..

John: Karere are you cheating on me?

Same:...

John: I am talking to you!

He grabbed her jaws and made her look at him.

John: Answer me.

Same: No I am not cheating on you.

John: Why is Marco sending you message are your tongue is magical?

Same:..

He pressed her jaws.

Same: John you are hurting me.

John: Karere why is.. Mxm I see gore you think you know me akere!

He pushed her on the bed and removed his belt. Same screamed and covered herself with the duvet, John pulled it and the crocodile skin belt fell on her white thighs. She screamed and quickly stood up.

John: Why is..

Same: John please!

The belt landed on her back and she bent her back in pain.

John: If you are doing nothing wrong with him then why o sa bue?

The belt landed on her back again and she screamed louder, she ran to the bathroom and closed the door. John kicked it and it hit her face, he went inside and grabbed her by her top pinning her

against the wall, he was fuming with anger, he looked at her crying then he let go of her. He stepped back and took a deep breath then he covered his face.

Same fell down still crying and buried her face between her legs. She heard the door slam and then the car leave.

At Tumi's house the same night

Tumi came out of the bathroom smelling fresh, he switched off the lights and got into bed next to Beth who was attentively reading something on her phone. Tumi got on top of her and tried to take the phone.

Beth: Wait babe let me finish the insert.

Tumi: Babe wena and your inserts! You will finish it after we are done akere!

Beth just brushed him off and continued reading. He kissed her neck going down to her stomach, he kissed all her curves going down to her nunu. "Do they teach you to wear panties to bed in those inserts?" he asked but Beth was too focused. He pulled down her panty and kissed her nunu, just as he was about to open her legs there was a knock at the door.

Tumi: Ae ae we are not home!

He said partying Beth's legs and the knock got louder.

Beth: Babe there is someone at the door.

Tumi: They will go back if we don't open.

His phone rang.

Tumi: Tota what's wrong with everyone. (he picked up) Hello!

John: Can you please open.

Tumi: What's wrong are you crying?

Beth put her phone down, she pulled up her panty and followed Tumi to the door.

Tumi: What happened?

John stormed inside, he sat down and covered his face crying. Tumi and Beth looked at each other.

Tumi: Jay!

He said sitting next to his little brother and rubbed his back. Beth came with a glass of water.

John: Can I sleep here tonight?

Beth: Yes, let me go fix the guest room.

She left, Tumi rubbed John's back until he stopped crying.

John: I was scared because I was going to hurt her that's why I came here.

Tumi: You did good, here drink this water!

John took a sip.

The same night

Kesego and Mox slept on the mattress with their backs against each other each busy on their phones. Mox put his down and turned to Kesego.

He kissed her back trying to pull down her pyjama pants.

Kes ego: Mox I am sleepy, nna kana i have to wake up phakela and go to work wena you are better you spend the while day sleeping.

Mox: Akere kamoso..

Kes ego: Gape we don't have condoms.

Mox: Since when do we use condoms?

Kes ego: Well you should start using it akere you are not working, O rutwa ke eng go jana boloto O sa bereke?

Mox chuckled and turned around giving her his back.

The following morning

Tumi came from the guest room and John had already left.

Tumi: He left!

Beth: Are what happened?

Tumi: He didn't say but whatever it was was very big, John doesn't show his emotions, the fact that he was crying says a lot.

Beth: He really loves Same akere!

Tumi: Yeah!

At John's house

John opened the door and Same who was sleeping on the sofa quickly got up. John went to the bedroom and got her bag.

John: Let's go!

He unlocked the door and went to the car, Same followed him and sat at the back. They drove in silence until they arrived at Ditshego's place.

John: Shapo!

Same: You already think I am cheating on you so there is no need to explain myself.

John: Just leave because I don't want to lay my hands on you again.

Same: Marco is..

John: Please get out of my car.

Same: I was licking ice cream and he said..

John: I said get out Same!

Same: Akere wa re you want the truth, why..

John stepped out and went over to her side, he opened the door for her. Same stepped out. He

closed the door, went to the driver's side, slammed his door and drove off.

At Bora Bora

Tsala counted with her fingers then she set a date on her phone for which she will likely be ovulating.

Lebone came from the shower naked and reached for a towel. He wrapped it around his torso.

Tsala: I am excited for the scuba diving later on today.

Lebone: Me too!

He laid on the bed and Tsala sat ontop of him. He smiled with her and held both her hands.

Lebone: I love you!

Tsala: I love you more!

He took a deep breath and let out a fade smile.

Tsala: What?

Lebone: There is something that I have been meaning to tell you but I never got the courage to.

Tsala: Yeah?

Lebone: I. (breathed out nervous) I want you to know that the only reason I didn't tell you was because I was scared of loosing you not because..

Tsala: Babe just say it, you are scaring me.

Lebone: I.. I am a polygamist.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 70

Tsala: Its my terms or there is no us.

Lebone took a deep breath and looked at Tsala.

Lebone: Babe that is not how things work, being in a polygamous marriage...

Tsala: I guess there won't be us then. Those are my

terms and conditions Lebone.

She stood up and went to stand by the window, she looked outside at the blue sky that matched the water and folded her arms.

Lebone: I have to treat you guys equally, they are not going to agree to this.

Tsala:..

Lebone: The other part I agree with you but..

Tsala turned and walked outside still folding her arms and Lebone followed her.

Lebone: In the last two years we have been together, have I ever given you a reason to doubt my love?

Tsala:..

Lebone: Have I never been there for you? Babe?

He made her turn to him.

Lebone: Babe!

Tsala:..

Lebone: Nothing is going to change between us okay, I am still going to give you the attention and the love I have been giving you all this time.

Tsala: Lebone I told you my terms and conditions to agreeing to be your wife. I am not going back on my word.

She went back inside and Lebone sat down with his feet in the water.

At Lawrence's House

Law and Mox bumped shoulders and Law let him

inside the house.

Mox: I am sorry if I..

Lawrence: Haha ska wara.

Mox: O bona banyana, girls are dogs my guy.

Law: I am sorry!

Mox: Don't worry I won't be around for long I am hopeful gore I am going to get called for an interview thats why I didn't want to go to Serule yet.

Law: It's okay!

He walked him to his old bedroom.

Law: Nna I turned the garage into my room so wena you will sleep here akere, I prepared that mattress for you.

Mox: Thanks, thanks my guy!

Law: Let me show you the kitchen!

Mox put his bag down and followed Law to the kitchen.

Law: Don't be scared to make yourself something to eat neh! My little sister is at school and my mum is at work.

Mox: Thanks!

Law: I will be in my room if you need me, I mean in the garage.

He said showing him the door.

Mox: Sure thanks?

Law: Oh, I didn't show you the bathroom.

Mox followed him to the bathroom.

Mox: Thanks?

Law: Sure sure!

Mox went to where he was told to sleep and sat down on the mattress. He found himself laughing then he took out his phone and dialed Kesego but she didn't pick up. "They are still going to fu** you for ma five hundred pula banna ba Gaborone until your vagina starts singing amapiano beats" he sent Kesego a text and a few minutes later Kesego's reply came through "Better than being fu** by an unemployed man who can't even give me twenty pula to buy lipstick in Chinese shops." Mox clicked his tongue and blocked her number.

The same Evening

Same sat on the stoop looking at her phone, she took a deep breath and cupped her face.

Ditshago: Are you okay?

Same: Yeah!

Ditshago sat next to her and neither said anything for a very long time.

Ditshago: Gatwe landbord has opened for plot applications. You should go apply.

Same: Mmmh!

Ditshago: Atleast when you have your own plot you can build one room and stay there. It's better than renting.

Same: Akere!

A car parked by the gate and Same quickly stood up thinking it was John, the car reversed back to the road and she sat down.

Ditshego: Motho hela a ipona a re laeta molaeto O kana kana.

She clicked her tongue and went back inside the house.

At Lawrence's House

MmaLawrence opened the bathroom door and she screamed stepping back. Chedza came running from her bedroom in only her school shirt.

Mox: Mam I am so so sorry I..

He said wrapping a towel around himself. Lawrence came from his bedroom.

Mox: I am really sorry!

MmaLaw: It's okay.

Law: Mama this is the friend I told you he is coming to stay for a few days.

MmaLaw: Okay!

Mox: Dumelang!

They exchanged greetings then Mox went back to the bathroom and finished bathing. He went to his room and put on his boxers. Chedza knocked holding a sandwich and a glass of apple juice.

Chedza: We never cook.

Mox: Oh thanks!

Chedza secretly looked at his di** print.

Chedza: By the way, I am eighteen.

Mox: Haha!

Chedza smiled and left, Mox closed the door. Few minutes later MmaLaw knocked on the door holding a bowl of noodles and drink.

MmaLaw: Here eat, they never cook!

Mox: Oh thank you but I have already had a sandwich.

MmaLaw: Oh okay!

The tent in front of his boxers caught her attention and she cleared her throat.

MmaLaw: Goodnight!

Mox closed the door behind her.

The following Morning

Same took a deep breath and knocked on the door, she knew John was still home because the TV was on and his car's engine was running. She knocked again and John opened the door.

Same: I know you want nothing to do with me after what happened yesterday, I am ready to tell you the truth about Marco, nothing but the truth, I hope you..

"Babe can I use your toothbrush" a naked girl appeared behind John holding a toothbrush. "Sure" John said to her and closed the door behind him.

John: I am listening.

Same: You don't take long to move on akere?

John: You wanted me to cry, starve myself and not sleep ten days before I move on to show you I was heartbroken by you?

Same took a deep breath.

Same: Shapo rra take care, I came here because I wanted to fix things but what's there to fix?

She turned around and left.

At Bora Bora

Tsala sent herself Lebone's wives numbers while he was still in the shower. She saved them on her phone then she put Lebone's phone down. Few minutes later she checked them on her WhatsApp contacts and only one had a DP. She clicked on it and it was a photo of a car, she sighed and put the phone down. She needed to know what she was up against.

Lebone came back from the bathroom and reached for the sunscreen.

Lebone: Are you excited about today's activity?

Tsala: So this means nothing to you (She said pointing at herself then at Lebone) You are willing to give up on us just because you want to...

Lebone: Can we please talk about this when we get to Maun.

He said putting on his beach shorts. Tsala put on her bikinis and they left.

At Kesego's work later that evening

Kesego waited for everyone to leave the office then she went up to the Boss's office, she closed the door and locked it.

Kesego: I haven't paid rent kana and..

She said pulling up her skirt and sat down on the table right in front of her boss. She opened her legs exposing her vag*** as she was not wearing any panty. Her boss removed his sunglasses and wiped the sweat off his face. Kesego took his hand and put it on her nunu "Iyooooo" he roared, Kesego traced his middle finger on her nunu "Iyoooooowee iyooooonnaaa " he cried like a goat about to be slaughtered and shot his cum before he fell down and collapsed.

Kesego: What the?

She quickly pulled down her skirt and shook him.

Kesego: Mr Mudongo, Sir! Fu**..

She ran to the door then went back, she searched his wallet and took out eight hundred pula, she put it in her bra and went outside to call for help.

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**Goodnight , thank you for the messages I am feeling much better.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 71

Kesego: Mr Mudongo, Sir! Fu**..

She ran to the door then went back, she searched his wallet and took out eight hundred pula, she put it

in her bra and went outside to call for help.

A few minutes later

Kesego watched as Mr Mudongo was put on the stretcher bed with an oxygen mask on his face.

Paramedic: Were you here when he collapsed?

Kesego: No I was knocking off when I came to drop something and he was on the floor. Is he going to be okay?

Paramedic: Yes it's nothing serious.

He said pushing him outside to the Ambulance, Kesego touched her heart and breathed out relieved, she sat down and found herself laughing, she covered her mouth laughing then she stood up and went home.

At Law's House

Mox poured the rice inside the pot and checked on the chicken stew. The door opened and Chedza came in.

Chedza: Mmmmh! It smells nice in here!

Mox: Oh hi!

Chedza: Hi!

She opened the chicken stew pot and salivate at the smell.

Chedza: Smells delicious. Are you a great cook?

Mox: No but I know my way around the kitchen I grew up staying with my brother re le 2 so I had to learn to know how to cook.

Chedza: Okay! Let me go get dressed, where is Law?

Mox: He went out!

Chedza: So it's just you and me?

Mox: Yeah!

Chedza: You have a girlfriend, well obviously you do, I mean a hot guy like you.

She said looking at his biceps. Mox just laughed it off.

Chedza: Do you cheat?

Mox: Tota what are you asking me haha!

Chedza: Don't worry I am not a child, I know how to make a man happy.

Mox: Haha well to me you are a child.

Chedza rolled her eyes, the main door opened again and she left going to her room. "Mmmh mmmh it smells devine" MmaLaw said walking to the kitchen

and stood by the door.

Mox: Dumelang, this is the least I could do!

MmaLaw: Nonsense O ngwana wa mo lwapeng you didn't have to do anything but I really appreciate it.

Mox: Ee mma!

MmaLaw: Any news from where you applied?

Mox: Not yet!

MmaLaw: Don't worry they will call you.

Mox: Ee mma!

MmaLaw: Haha stop being so modest call me Boi.

Mox: Haha ee mma!

Boi left and Mox went to sit outside by the stoop.

At Ditshego's House

Same wrapped herself in the blankets crying when the bedroom door opened and Lebo came in.

Lebo: Same John is looking for you!

Same: John!

She quickly got out of bed and wiped her tears then she followed her little sister outside.

John: Hi!

Same: Hi!

They walked outside to his car then John took out money from his wallet. "I am the one who made you come to Maun akere, its only fair that I give you money to go back to school." he said giving her three hundred pula. Same took it and stepped back folding her arms.

Same: Thanks!

There was little awkward moment then John reached for the door knob.

John: No shapo akere!

Same:..

He got inside the car.

Same: John!

He stepped outside, Same took two steps forward and hugged him, she rested her head on his chest and closed her eyes.

Same: I never lied about loving you.

She pulled back and looked at him smiling.

Same: I love you! I will always love you!

She wiped her tears and turned around going back home crying. John got in his car and cupped his face before he drove away.

Few Days Later

At Maun Airport

Lebone's friend helped them put their bags in the car then he and Lebone sat at the front of the car while Tsala sat at the back.

Friend: Bora Bora was fun I saw the photos.

Lebone:Very, I think next time we should go where it

snows

He turned and looked at Tsala.

Lebone: Akere Babe!

Tsala: Huh!

She had been lost in her thoughts.

Lebone: Ka re our next vacation we should go somewhere where is snows.

Tsala: Yeah!

Lebone: Are you okay?

Tsala: I am fine just tired.

Lebone turned to his friend.

Lebone: Let's drop her first.

Tsala: I am not going with you home?

Lebone: Huh!

He pretended like he didn't hear her.

Tsala: Ka re am I not going with you home?

Lebone: No, no!

Tsala wanted an explanation but she didn't want to corner him in front of his friend. She looked outside as the car went over the bridge and few minutes later he parked in front of her home.

Tsala stepped out, Lebone stepped out too and helped her with the bags.

Tsala: I didn't want to come here.

Lebone: MmaagweOfentse is coming today and..

Tsala: Kante where have they been in two years, I used to come to your house whenever I wanted even unannounced.

Lebone: Come on don't be angry!

Tsala: Mxm!

Lebone: Babe!

Tsala: Heeey, go to MmaOfentse wa gago.

She said pushing her bags inside the yard. Her little step sisters came running and the eldest was sitting on the sofa with her legs on the sofa watching a video on her phone.

Sister: Tsala, you are back?

Tsala: Yes!

The youngest sister looked around.

Her: J aanong where is Yaya?

Tsala: Yaya is in Serule.

Her: Ao mma why didn't you go get her, we miss her.

Tsala: I will go get her.

She opened her bedroom door and the bed was not made but she had been made when she left.

Tsala: Who has been sleeping in my room?

The two young girls looked at each other.

Her: Nna it's not me.

Sister: Nna ebile I didn't come in here!

Tsala stormed to the sitting room where Kena was

sitting.

Tsala: Are you the one who has been sleeping in my room?

Kena put her phone down.

Kena: Mama!

Tsala: Who gave you permission to use my room, my blankets?

Kena:..

Tsala: (Annoyed) Aagggg everyone is getting on my last nerve waitse, go wash my sheets and clean my room.

She went to sit outside and cupped her face, she breathed out loud, she felt like screaming. She put her head down on the table and closed her eyes. She found herself thinking about her mother and

tears ran down her cheeks. She dialed MmaNaledi and put on loudspeaker. "Hello ts wara jalo, Mme tsaya ke Tsala" she heard the little girl say.

MmaNaledi: Hello Mmamsadisadi!

Tsala found herself smiling.

MmaNaledi: How are you?

Tsala: I am good and you?

MmaNaledi: I am not good akere these days you have found yourself a new Mother in Serule.

Tsala: Hahaha no, nothing like that, you know you are my number one.

MmaNaledi: Ao? How are you?

Tsala: I am fine!

MmaNaledi: O kae Mma Bokete? She must be grown up now!

Tsala: Ebile she goes to school, she is a woman
hela that I can send to the tucks hop.

MmaNaledi: Ooooooh, Naledi left without seeing her
granddaughter bathong ngwanake.

Tsala smiled and wiped her tears .

Tsala: Can I ask you something?

MmaNaledi: Okay!

Tsala: How did you do it?

MmaNaledi: Do what?

Tsala: I mean you were married but your husband
had other women that he had children with, how did
you cope?

MmaNaledi: I focused on myself and my children. If
we had something to eat and my husband was
taking care of me I never bothered or cared what he
did for the other women.

Tsala: Oh, so you were never jealous?

MmaNaledi: Never! As long as he kept his promise he made to me I was fine. When I first found out he had kids somewhere I sat him down and told him gore I am not going to accept those kids and he should never in his life think I will. They were his kids with his woman akere and I had mine.

Tsala: Did he honour that?

MmaNaledi: Until his last breath, none of kids had ever come here, they only came here the time he died and that was it and what I liked about them was that they knew their place here.

Tsala: Eheee! Anyway I was just asking.

MmaNaledi: One day when you are bo thirty, thirty five you will realise gore peace is much better than love, that's why you have to cut out things that don't bring you peace no matter how much you love them.

Tsala knod her head and wiped her tears then she smiled.

Tsala: I am going to get MmaBokete this Friday then we are coming to see you.

MmaNaledi: Ohhh, I would love that ngwanangwanaka!

At Lebone's Uncle's House

Lebone's uncle attentively listened to Lebone as he told him about Tsala's requests.

Malome: That is not how Polygamy works! Doing what she wants you to do will only bring division in your family gore you love her more than the other wives.

Lebone looked up and cupped his face.

Lebone: What do I do uncle because I really love her and I would like her to be my wife.

Malome: She should stop making silly requests and know that Polygamy is focusing on your own family and respecting the other wives, they don't have to be friends and love each other, as long as she respects them.

Lebone breathed heavily in his hands.

Malome: I don't know that girl but she seems like trouble, she is not married yet and already she wants to be above everyone, Motogolo are you sure you want to take that risk, she will destroy your family!

Lebone looked at his uncle then he breathed out heavily.

At Kesego's house

The delivery people carefully walked in the room with a bed and a mirror, she paid and they left. She went to close the door and threw herself on the bed then she looked at herself in the mirror.

At Law's house

"Mox" Law called out to him and he didn't answer.

Law: Oh I guess he is not home.

Meanwhile outside Mox removed his headsets and listened carefully if someone was calling him. He opened the kitchen door and walked in going straight to Law's room and he paused to listen.

Law: No no we only f*** once and one of the condoms broke but I didn't tell her. Months later she gave birth to a premature baby and she said it was

Mox's. I called her and asked and she told me ngwana wa ga Mox ebile she is staying with Mox's mum and that I should stop calling her asking stupid questions.

Friend: Heebanna, she knew the baby is yours.

Law: Yeah, I am just waiting to be financially settled then request a DNA test because deep down inside I know that's my child. Right now I don't have means to take care of a baby.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 72

The same day a little later after five..

Mox sat on the mattress lost in his thoughts thinking about what he heard Lawrence say to his friend . He picked up his phone and scrolled through his gallery, he stared at Yama's photo for a few minutes and got interrupted by Chedza knocking on the door. She stuck her head in and smiled at him.

Chedza: Hey we are ordering pizza what your favourite flavour?

Mox: I am not hungry thanks .

Chedza: Oh, I will just order anyway.

She closed the door. Mox looked at the photo again

then he looked at Aratwa's photo. He took a deep breath and laid on the mattress looking up at the ceiling then he closed his eyes.

At MmaMox's house

The Neighbour walked in with a big tuppeware and a small lunch box.

MmaMox: Should we switch off the stove?

Neighbour: Hahahah, it's no fun eating alone kana, I cooked Madombi and chicken. Here!

She gave Yaya the small lunch box.

Neighbour: She helped catch the chicken.

The ladies laughed.

Neighbour: I saw her running after them ga e ta ko go ene wa sia.

MmaMox: Hahaha! Girls go wash your hands.

Rati and Yama ran to the tap and washed their hands. MmaMox called Tutu and told her to stop cooking. Yama and Rati sat down on the sack eating from the lunchbox.

Neighbour: They are all grown up banyana, ngwana Ga a thata waitse.

MmaMox: Problem is Rati likes to fight, Yama is just innocent.

Neighbour: Every little sibling likes to fight the older.

MmaMox put another piece of chicken in their plate. "This one is yours, Rati this one is yours." The girls silently ate while the ladies talked about the

weather.

Neighbour : Her mother is still in School?

MmaMox: Mang Yama, no she graduated last month she is just waiting to get posted.

Neighbour: Will she be taking Yama?

MmaMox: No not yet, she will take her when she has settled.

MmaMox looked at Yama and smiled.

MmaMox: Truth is I don't want Tsala to take her, I have been with Yama since she was a month old I don't know if I will cope without her.

Neighbour: You will have Rati akere.

MmaMox: It won't be the same, the thought of it breaks my heart. She is my baby.

She took a deep breath.

At RraTumi's house

Tsala sat outside trying Lebone's number and he still didn't pick up "I am already fighting for your attention before marriage, what is going to happen when we are married?" she sent a text to Lebone then she stormed to the house and changed into a Jean and top then she left.

At Marco's house

Same slowly got out of bed and reached for her panty, she slowly put it on then she cleared her throat. She reached for her dress and cleared her throat a little louder. Marco put his phone down and looked at her.

Marco: What?

Same: Nothing!

She fixed her dress and sat down on the bed putting on her sandals, Marco kissed her neck "Sleep over" he whispered in her ear.

Same: Told you I have a group assignment akere. I can't!

Marco: Oh yeah! Okay I will take you to school in an hour then, I..

He kissed her neck and Same stood up.

Same: I broke up with J ohn!

Marco: Good girl!

Same: Why, I.. You don't want a relationship I don't understand why I am not allowed to have a

boyfriend.

Marco: Because I don't share!

He stood up and kissed her.

Same: So I am supposed to be available only for you while you are available for other people?

Marco: Who said I am available for other people?

Same stepped back and grabbed her handbag and left.

At Lebone's House

A taxi dropped off Tsala at the gate and she stormed to the house holding her phone calling Lebone. She knocked on the door and a lady opened the door.

Connie: Hi, can I help you?

"Babe wee, did you see where I put my hair clipper?"
Lebone asked and appeared behind Connie.

Lebone: Tsala hey!

Tsala: (With an attitude) Why are you not answering my calls?

Lebone: Oh my phone, I left it at work I was going to get it after dinner.

He turned to Connie. Connie went back inside and Lebone closed the door behind him.

Tsala: I..

Lebone grabbed her by the jaw furious. "Never

disrespect me in front of people do you hear me?"

Tsala: (Spoke with her teeth clenched) You are hurting me!

Lebone let go of her, Tsala stepped back and massaged her Jaws.

Tsala: How was I supposed to know you left your phone at work?

Lebone: Now you know!

Tsala: Why are you being like this?

Lebone: Like what I told you MmaOfentse O teng akere what are you doing here?

Tsala:..

Lebone: Go home!

At Law's House

Mox came in from the bathroom only in his boxers smelling fresh thinking everyone went to bed.

MmaLaw knocked on Mox's door and opened the door before she was welcome in.

MmaLaw: You didn't come to dinner whats wrong?

Mox: I am fine I was just not hungry?

MmaLaw: Are you sure?

She said sitting on the mattress and rubbed Mox's hairy thigh.

MmaLaw: Talk to me, is there anything I can do to help you?

Mox: No I..

MmaLaw touched his soft D. "Hee e kahe ha e eme?"

(I wonder how big it is when it's erect)" she said rubbing it.

Mox: MmaLaw I..

MmaLaw: I told you to call me Boi..whats wrong you have never been with an older woman before?

She stood up and went to lock the door, she removed her gown and she actually had a nice body. She threw it down and laid on the mattress next to Mox. She kissed him and pulled down his boxers, she kissed his stomach going down to his pelvic bone which she kissed all the way to his erect d. Mox breathed out loud as his d grew filling her mouth. MmaLaw rubbed it with her hand gripped tight and sucked on his ba***. "Aaaa" Mox breathed out the words and before he knew it MmaLaw raised his legs like a mother changing a baby's diaper and dipped her tongue in his s then lic*** it like a dog drinking water from a bowl.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 73

The Following Morning

Mox sang opening the fridge and took out some eggs, he cracked two in a cup and added salt then he mixed before he heated the pan and poured the mix inside.

Law: Hee mona why are you so happy?

Law said standing by the door and looked at him.

Mox: I am happy?

Law: They called you for an interview?

Mox: No!

Law: Oh, zup?

Mox: Nothing I. I am fine I just had this song in my head that I can't stop singing.

Law: Okay, I am going out I will see you later?

Mox: Sure sure my guy!

Law left and Mox dished his eggs, put them between two slices of bread and went to sit outside eating. He found himself smiling alone, his whole body became ticklish and he laughed out loud. He couldn't stop thinking about last night, it had to be

the best night of his life.

He was interrupted in his thoughts by his brother's call.

Mox: Hello!

Brother: Hey, nothing coming up?

Mox: No but I did apply somewhere I am hopeful they will call me.

Brother: A friend of mine, Mr Mosesane opened a restaurant and he is hiring.

Mox: Oh okay!

Brother: I will tell him to keep the spot open for you incase they don't call you where you applied.

Mox: Sure sure!

Brother: Ke eng you don't want to work in a restaurant?

Mox: I didn't say that.

Brother: Don't you think it's a little too late to be choosing jobs with two kids?

Mox: No I didn't say that. If they don't call me for an interview I will come.

Brother: Good!

Mox: Sure!

At Tumi's House

Beth gave Tsala a glass of drink.

Beth: So where do you hope to be posted, in the city or somewhere rural?

Tsala: In the city where there is a good school I can send Yama.

Beth: You will be taking her?

Tsala: Yes but only once I am settled in.

Beth: MmaMox is..

Tsala's phone rang and she rolled her eyes, she put on silent then it rang again.

Beth: Let me go defrost the meat.

Tsala picked up Lebone's call.

Tsala: Hello!

Lebone: Hey, how are you?

Tsala: I am fine.

Lebone: I have a surprise for you.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Lebone: Come outside.

Tsala: Outside where I am at my brother's house.
Tumi's house.

Lebone: Okay I am coming!

Tsala hung up and went to stand outside waiting. Few minutes later Lebone parked by the gate and stepped out with roses. Tsala smiled and looked away.

Lebone: I love you!

Tsala:..

Lebone: I am sorry about last night.

Tsala took the roses and smelt them. Lebone fetched a box of chocolates from the car and she smiled.

Tsala: Trying to get me fat?

Lebone: I love my women thick.

Tsala: Haha!

Lebone: The real surprise is waiting.

Tsala: What is it?

Lebone: Let's go you will see.

Tsala: I have to say goodbye to Beth first.

She ran to the house and said goodbye to Beth then she got in the car. Neither said anything for a few minutes then Lebone cleared his throat.

Lebone: Babe!

Tsala turned to him, he rubbed her thigh and smiled, few minutes later they parked in front of the magistrate Court.

Tsala: Wh.. What?

Lebone: This is how much I love you and I don't want to loose you.

Tsala: Babe!

He went to open the door for her and they walked inside.

Lebone: A good friend of mine works here and I asked him to do us a favour.

Tsala: Babe I can't get married looking like this!

Lebone: Haha, you look perfect.

They walked in and two people from Lebone's vet clinic were waiting to be their witnesses.

Lebone: Are you ready?

Tsala: Are you sure about this?

Lebone: Hundred percent.

They walked inside followed by their two witnesses.

That Afternoon

Mox laid on the sofa looking for job opportunities on Facebook, he screenshot a few then edited addresses on the application letters he already had and transferred to his phone then he went to get dressed ready to go print.

The gate opened a military car drove in followed by two other cars. He just stood by the door looking, a tall man with broad shoulders stepped out and two Cadets saluted him. He knew it was the dad because he looked exactly like Law.

RraLaw: Hello!

Mox: Dumelang!

He opened the door and went inside then the two officers followed with his bags.

Mox: I.. I am Law's friend I..

RraLaw: I know who you are, I have cameras all over the house.

Mox: Oh.. I.. You.. (stammering) You have ca.. cameras in the house?

RraLaw: Every man who has a beautiful wife and daughter does.

He said taking out his gun and put it on the table.

Mox: Oh! I.. I have to go!

He hurried outside and once outside the gate he rested his back against the wall and breathed out heavily. "Did he really have cameras inside the house?" Mox panicked at the thought of it, he wiped the sweat off his forehead and went back inside, he went to pack his bag, took everything that belonged

to him and left while RraLaw was in the bathroom.

Later that Evening

Everyone sat around the table eating and Law's phone reported an sms.

Law: Oh ke Mox a re his brother found him a job in Maun and asked him to come as soon as possible so he got in the afternoon bus.

MmaLaw: Uhu he doesn't know how to say goodbye?

Law: A re I should tell you thank you for the hospitality.

He put his phone down and continued eating.

At The Hotel.

Le bone slowly pulled out and reached for a clean towel that was on the bed. Tsala breathed out loud and touched her chest, she caught glimpse of her diamond ring and she smiled covering her face shyly.

Tsala: Did we seriously get married?

Lebone: Hahaha we did! What's left is for my Uncles to go see your family and pay Magadi.

Tsala: We are married!

Lebone: You are Mrs Marumo.

Tsala: The first and the last.

She got on her knees and hugged Lebone then she kissed him.

Lebone: You still don't know where you are going to be posted?

Tsala: No, I hope it's in Maunwaite, I am a newly

wed and I can't leave my husband.

Lebone: Hahaha!

She kissed and hugged him then she looked at her hand and the ring shining.

Tsala: I can't believe we are married.

Lebone: Babe you know this has to stay a secret between us akere.

Tsala: I know, don't stress about it.

Lebone: So how soon can my Uncles go see your family?

Tsala: You want them to..

Lebone: I mean we are already married akere why delay.

Tsala: Babeee!

She said kissing him.

Lebone: In the meantime I want you to go house shopping.

Tsala: What, I..

Lebone: Babe akere you know gore you can't stay with me, you will be visiting just like the other wives.

Tsala: (Sighed) What's the fun of it if we are going to be in Maun together but can not sleep with each other everyday?

Lebone: You should get a license too because I am not buying you a car without a licence.

Tsala: (Fade smile) Mmmh! Is there anything else I should know, (Being Sarcastic) do I get a timetable of when we are going to have se*?

Lebone: Actually yes, it has to be around the time you are ovulating I will get my Doctor to..

Tsala: You are kidding me right?

2 Years Later...

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**Goodmorning

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EPISODE 74

2 Years Later...

"My name Is Yamas a Mopiri, I am a girl, I am six years old. My favourite colour is pink, when I grow up I want to be a..a Pilot" Yama bow down and walked off stage as everyone cheered for her and the next graduate got on stage.

Tsala walked to where the graduates were and clicked more photos. Yama posed raising her two fingers and Tsala laughed.

Tsala: Turn this way baby!

Yama posed for the camera as Tsala took more photos, her phone rang, she put it on silent but it continued ringing then she excuses herself going out of the hall.

Tsala: Hello!

Lebone: Hi I set another appointment with the Doctor on Monday, he squeezed us in because one of his clients cancelled, please make sure you make it this time.

Tsala: Mathata you make appointments looking at your schedule then I am the bad guy when I don't make it. I wish you would consult me first.

Lebone: Why wouldn't you make it akere graduation is today and you are on leave.

Tsala: I will check my diary.

She hung up and went back inside.

At the Mall, Maun

In a grey pencil skirt that beautifully hugged her size thirty figure, dressed with a white shirt and black shoes that matched her handbag Same stepped out of the taxi in front of the bank and traced her fingers between her carrot lines. She did a cross on her shoulders, took a deep breath and walked inside the bank approaching the security guard.

Guard: Yes Miss!

Same: I am here for an interview.

Guard: Oh, you dont use this door, let me help you.

They walked outside and he showed her which door to use. "Thank you" Same said and joined the rest of the candidates that had come for an interview.

The Same Morning

Mox laid on the bed looking up at the ceiling, he took a deep breath and dialed his Mother when his brother walked in.

Brother: You are not going to work today?

Mox: I am going in the afternoon.

Brother: Oh okay I just came to get this.

His Brother said showing him an envelope then he left. Mox dialed his Mother again.

MmaMox: Hello!

Mox: Hello, le teng?

MmaMox: Yes, look I will call you we are still at Mmabontle's graduation.

Mox: Okay, Rati O kae?

There was ululation and MmaMox hung up. Mox got off bed and dialed Kesego's number but it rang once and hung up "Two years without seeing your child Kesego, two years without knowing what your child eats or wears, what kind of a mother are you tota?" he sent a text then Kesego replied "I didn't make that child alone akere, if I don't act my part the father will gape I told you to stop telling me about Aratwa, I am happy with my new life." Mox clicked his tongue and put the phone down furious.

At Mma David's House

Kesego slowly put the baby down and laid next to her. She played with her daughter's baby hair and smiled watching her sleep. She was beautiful. She heard a car park outside then footsteps coming towards her room.

MmaDavid: Remove your shoes and wash your hands before you can go inside.

David laughed and removed the shoes, he washed his hands and walked into the room his wife to be and baby were sleeping.

David: (Whispering) How are my girls?

Kesego: She just went to sleep like five minutes ago.

David: Oh!

He looked outside the window and his mother was outside reading her Bible. He took out a chocolate

and gave Kesego. She smiled opening it and took a bite.

Kesego: You are amazing.

David sat down and rubbed his hands together.

David: Babe I know that you don't have parents and practically raised yourself but I am sure there is someone who can negotiate your Magadi for you. Even a distance relative hela, just for formality you don't have to give them even one pula.

Kesego:..

David: I don't..

Kesego: (Crying) The only man that I knew to be my relative se*** abused me and if getting married means I have to revisit my past then I won't get married.

David: I am sorry Babe I didn't mean to upset you, I..

I am sorry!

Kesego: Those people don't care about me, let's just do us. The money for Magadi I will erect my mother a tombstone eventhough I really don't know where she was buried because she passed away when I was very young.

David: I just wanted to do things right babe but if that's what you want then fine.

Kesego: It is what I want.

David: Okay!

Later that Afternoon at Lebone's Uncle's House.

"If she has a daughter already what's hard for her to have another child, unless she is hiding something" Malome said.

Malome: The reason we don't take one wife is because we want to grow our family so that our

name doesn't die. If she cannot give you a child then you have to take a fourth wife.

Lebone: We are going to see a Doctor ka Monday maybe he will give us a better explanation.

Malome: You are wasting your time and money with Doctors, just take a fourth wife, that one she will decide if she wants to be a mother or not ntsere tsweletshe.

Lebone took a deep breath.

Lebone: Let's not conclude anything, maybe the problem is on my side I..

Malome: On your side jang when you already have seven kids?

Lebone: Le ene she has a child akere so we can't say she is infertile.

Malome: Stop speaking for her, what has she given you?

Lebone kept quiet.

Malome: Motho wa teng all she wants is the Marumo name gore mponeng mponeng I am married into a rich family , she doesn't know you work for this name. This is why I didn't want you marrying a woman who already has a child they are damaged. We wouldn't be having this problem if you married a woman who is still fresh.

At MmaMox's House

"Mama did you see me dance ballroom?" Yama said showing MmaMox the pictures.

MmaMox: Haha I was there akere ne ngwanaka I saw everything.

Rati: Mama le nna I am going to graduate once I go

to school akere?

MmaMox: You are going to graduate ngwanaka.

Rati: And then go stay with Yama and Tsala in Maun akere?

She said looking at Tsala and Tsala smiled. "Yama go show MmaBoikobo your photos" she said chasing them away.

Yama: Rati let's go.

They ran to the neighbour's house. "So this is it?" MmaMox asked with a heavy heart.

MmaMox: I guess when I said you will have her when she starts school I thought gore she will never start school. It feels like yesterday when you came here with her, so tiny and beautiful.

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaMox: I have been trying to prepare myself for this day but.. (She wiped her tears)

Tsala: Bathong MmaMox so much drama, she will visit during the school holidays.

MmaMox: It won't be the same!

Tsala: I know but I promise you she will visit during the holidays.

MmaMox: Ngwanake bathong! Take care of her.

Tsala: I will, we better get going or we are going to arrive very late.

MmaMox: Okay!

She called the girls and they came back.

Tsala: We have to go.

Yama: Okay, Rati is coming akere Tsala?

Tsala: Huh, Rati will visit some other time.

Rati wiped her tears.

Tsala: Rati you will visit akere next year?

She nod her head crying.

Tsala: Don't cry!

Rati: I want to visit now!

Tsala looked at MmaMox and MmaMox held Rati's hand.

MmaMox: Let's go, you want to try on your Christmas clothes?

Rati: No I want to go with them!

MmaMox: Please go I will handle her.

Tsala got in the car, Rati cried out loud trying to free herself. "I want to go with them". Yama looked back at her little sister and wiped her tears. Once the car had left MmaMox let go of Rati's hand and she quickly ran outside the gate crying.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 75

MmaMox: Let's go, you want to try on your Christmas clothes?

Rati: No I want to go with them!

MmaMox: Please go I will handle her.

Tsala got in the car, Rati cried out loud trying to free herself. "I want to go with them". Yama looked back at her little sister and wiped her tears. Once the car had left MmaMox let go of Rati's hand and she quickly ran outside the gate crying.

A few distance away Tsala took a deep breath and parked by the side of the road, she instantly regretted her decision and did a u-turn going back to MmaMox's house. Rati who was sitting in the middle of the gravel stood up and dusted herself.

Rati: You have come to get me? We are going to Maun?

Tsala: Yes let's go!

Rati got in the car and they drove back to MmaMox's. The two girls got out of the car and ran to the house.

Tsala: I feel bad, maybe I should take her I will bring her after new year. I mean that's if it's okay with her parents.

MmaMox: You should have left she would have stopped crying.

She took a deep breath.

MmaMox: Let me call her father, Her mother kana jaanong she has blocked my numbers.

She sat down dialing Mox.

Mox: Hello I am working I..

MmaMox: Tsala is coming to Maun, can she take Rati with her?

Mox: I would love that but you know I work shifts and we stay far from other yards she won't have someone to stay with when I am at work.

MmaMox: I meant a ya go nna le Tsala she will bring her after the festive season. Maybe le nna I will go to Masimo and get ready to plough.

Mox: Oh, okay no problem if Tsala is fine with it.

MmaMox: Okay fine they will be leaving now.

She hung up and stood up.

MmaMox: A re it's fine, let me go see what those girls are up to.

Tsala sat down and MmaMox went to the house. She came back a few minutes later with Rati's bag.

MmaMox: Hey wa mpolaa now I am going to be all alone. Tutu le ene ever since she bought a phone she hardly talks to me.

Tsala: Hahaha you should get yourself a friend.

MmaMox: Mma Boikobo akere she watches Makula all day long.

Tsala: Hahaha I mean like a male friend.

MmaMox: Heeelang haha hahaha you will pay kana, wa re I should get myself a boyfriend?

Tsala: Hahaha no I mean..

MmaMox: You owe me di coke hela tse ten.

Tsala: Hahahaha sorry!

MmaMox: No sorry, you must pay. An old woman like me, a man? Ao what will people say tota?

"Tsala let's go before it gets dark" Yama said with her head stuck outside the window.

MmaMox: O diilwe ke go nthoga. Safe journey.

Tsala: Ee mma!

She got in the car and drove off.

At Ditshego's House

Same applied red lipstick on her lips and pout her lips looking at herself in the mirror. She sprayed little perfume on her neck and rubbed it before she put on a dusty pink short dress and a white blazer with matching sandals and walked outside.

Ditshego: Where are you going looking so beautiful?

Same: Oh I am meeting with an old friend.

Ditshego: Ehe mma! You look really nice.

Same: Thanks!

She hung her handbag on her shoulder and left. She waved for a taxi and got inside then it dropped her by the hotel. She went to the room that she was told to go to and softly knocked. Minutes later the door opened and Same walked in.

Him: I thought you were not going to come.

Same: I told you how much I need the job akere.

Him: You are a good girl, focused!

Same closed the door behind her.

Same: You promise this is once off thing akere, you won't be asking for more favours in the future?

Him: I promise, give me what I want and tomorrow come to the bank to sign your employment contract.

Same removed her blazer and sat on the bed. He sat next to her and kissed her cupping her breasts

then....

Just after midnight a few kilometers after Makalamabedi Boarder.

Tsala slowly parked by the side of the road and stepped out of the car. She kicked the tire and put her hands on her head frustrated. "Fu**" she said kicking the punched tire again and got back in the car, she dialed Lebone and put on loudspeaker.

Lebone: Hello!

Tsala: Hey I got a puncher about thirty kilometers before Maun and I don't have a spare wheel.

Lebone: What were you going to do with it if you had it?

Tsala: Is this really the time?

Lebone: Hahaha sorry I am coming, just stay in the car I am coming.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up and rested her back against the seat, she turned and looked at the girls and they were both sleeping. Thirty minutes passed then an hour. She dialed Lebone again but his number didn't go through.

She stepped outside and kicked the tire again, a truck slowed down for her and she stepped back folding her arms. "Is everything okay?" the man asked hopping down from his truck.

Tsala: Yes everything is fine.

The man could see that she was scared.

Ogone: Okay, I just wanted to check if you are fine.

Tsala: We are fine!

OG looked at the punched tire.

OG: I can help you with that.

Tsala: No ska wara my husband is on his way.

OG: Can I atleast stay with you until he arrives, Maun is not as safe as it used to be. I will be in my car!

He went back inside his truck and Tsala got in the car. Minutes later Lebone's car parked in front of hers, she stepped out and they hugged.

Lebone: Are you okay?

Tsala: Yes, I..

OG stepped out of his truck.

Tsala: Oh he..

OG: Oh little brother?

Tsala looked at Lebone.

Lebone: Babe let's get your things re tsamaye this road is not safe, opportunists and thieves pass by.

OG just laughed because he knew what he meant.
Tsala turned to him.

Tsala: Thank you!

He nod his head and got in his truck then drove away.

Tsala: You know him?

Lebone: Let's go!

He helped her with the kids, Tsala took all the valuables from the car and they left.

Tsala: What did he mean by little brother?

Lebone: I don't know.

Tsala: Don't be like that.

Lebone: I will get the mechanic to go get your car in the morning.

Tsala: Okay!

They drove in silence until they arrived. Lebone held Yaya while Tsala looked for the keys in her bag.

Lebone: Babe hurry you know gore this is no child's play.

Tsala: I swear I put them in here!

She searched again then something fell from her bag. "Shit" she whispered and tried to step on the pills but it was too late Lebone had seen them, still carrying Yama he bent and picked up the packet of contraceptive pills.

Tsala: Babe!

Lebone: So this is why you are not getting pregnant?

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 76

He bent and picked up the packet of contraceptive pills.

Tsala: Babe!

Lebone: So this is why you are not getting pregnant?

Tsala kept quiet and finally reached for the house keys. She opened the door and Lebone went straight to the other room, she laid Yama on the bed and went to get Rati and closed the door behind him.

Lebone: Tsala! So you have been on prevention all this time?

Tsala:...

Lebone: I am talking to you.

Tsala: Have you ever asked me if I want a baby or its my duty as a married woman?

Lebone: And you didn't see it fit to tell me you don't want a baby instead of lying to me?

Tsala:..

Lebone: I am talking to you.

Tsala:...

Lebone: I am talking to you.

Tsala: I am not an incubator if you thought..

Lebone threw the pills in her face and slapped her.
"Wa mpolaa ooh" Tsala said covering her cheek.

Lebone: What are you not what?

Tsala: Lebone if you beat me again I am calling my brother.

Lebone: You think I am scared of your brothers, call them all right now.

Tsala: Kante wena o ntse jang O le abusive jaana.
Now you see why I don't want to have a child with

you, you are not..

Lebone slapped her again and she fell on the sofa. "Wa mpolaa Oh ke eng" she said standing up and pushed him back then she reached for the flower pot that was on the table.

Tsala: If you touch me again I won't hesitate breaking this on your head.

Lebone: Where are the other pills?

Tsala:..

Lebone: I am talking to you, or you want me to make you speak?

Tsala: They are all that I have.

Lebone: We are going to see a Doctor ka Monday.

He said leaving and slammed the door on his way out. Tsala quickly went to lock the door and sat on the sofa crying then she went to fix the mosquito

net for the kids and went to her bedroom.

The Following Morning

Same walked out of the bank in high spirit holding her job offer letter. She looked around feeling like everyone could see the joy on her face, she felt like screaming or dancing. She took out her phone and divided her annual income in twelve and she felt like the richest woman on the planet. She waved for a taxi and got inside.

Same: Hi, I just got a job.

Driver: Ao congratulations.

Same: Thank you!

At Tsala's House

Tsala: (On the phone) Okay fine I will come get them later, bye!

She hung up and went to open the door for Mox.

Mox: Hey, I almost got lost.

Tsala: I have never been good with directions.

Rati came from the kitchen excited and jumped on Mox.

Rati: Papa le nna I came to Maun.

Mox: Ke a go bona!

Yama: I didn't see you yesterday when we came where were you?

Mox: I don't stay here akere!

She put Rati down and picked up Yama.

Mox: A whole graduate!

Tsala: Ke gore you failed to buy your daughter just a doll hela for graduation.

Mox: I am going to buy her a car when she turns sixteen.

Tsala: Haha mxm a car buying another car.

Mox: Ska ncheba wa nyatsa, when I get a job my monthly salary will be enough to pay you your annual salary. My girls will be going to one of the most expensive schools in Botswana.

Tsala: I will still be alive.

Mox: Haha, Where are you going all dressed up?

Tsala: To the mall I don't really have food here.

Mox: Oh okay!

He put Yama down.

Tsala: Do you mind giving us a lift my car broke down.

Mox: Sure let's go!

She went to get her handbag and closed the windows.

Mox: Thanks for coming with her!

Tsala: Sure!

The girls sat at the back and Tsala sat at the front. Mox laughed alone as he reversed.

Tsala: What?

Mox: Just a stupid thought.

Tsala: What?

Mox: Ska wara, what happened to your eye? Is that blood?

Tsala looked at herself in the mirror.

Tsala: I don't know what's wrong I woke up like this.

Mox: Le kgalets e madi, you should have it checked out.

Tsala: I am sure it's nothing, if it gets worse then I will go to the hospital.

Mox: Sure!

Just a few meters away Lebone's car passed them then he did a u-turn and indicated for Mox to stop.

Tsala: Stop ke Lebone.

Mox stopped and Tsala stepped out. Lebone stepped out of his car furious.

Tsala: You didn't reply my text and..

Lebone: And you jumped on to the next man?

Tsala: Tota wa reng, Mox came to see the kids and..

Lebone: Did he have to come to my house?

He said holding on to her knuckles tightly gripping them. "Lebone you are hurting me" she said trying to free herself. Mox stepped out of the car and Lebone let go of Tsala

Tsala: Tell the girls to come here we will go with Lebone.

Mox: O shapo?

Lebone: Why wouldn't she be?

The girls went to get in Lebone's car and Tsala went to get her handbag. "Are you okay?" Mox asked speaking through his teeth. Tsala knod her head and went to get in the car and Lebone drove off.

Mox also got in his brother's car and drove off.

In Lebone's Car

"You couldn't wait hela for five more minutes?"
Lebone asked furious and Tsala looked outside ignoring him.

Lebone: I don't know how you coparent but your ex should not be coming to my house, you are a married woman and..

"Ko teng ke ikgolegile" Tsala mumbled. Lebone dropped them off at the mall and Tsala went into the chemist after she made sure he was really gone. She bought two packets of contraceptives and went into the grocery store.

Tsala: Girls go where I can see you.

They stood in front of the dairy section. "Can we have this?" Yaya asked pointing at a chocolate.

Tsala: Wena tota you should not be eating anything sweet.

"Come on she is just a baby what does she know about calories" Tsala turned around and it was OG. She smiled as he picked up Yama and Rati at the same time.

OG: Okay I think you might have been right about someone watching her weight.

He put the girls down and they both laughed.

OG: Hi.

Tsala: Hi, I didn't get to thank you about last night kana.

OG: It's fine, I am glad you are fine.

Tsala: Thanks.

There was a little awkward moment.

OG: So these are my nieces?

Tsala: How come I don't know you?

OG: Hahaha!

Tsala: Because I know everyone even the cousins.

OG: I guess you don't because you don't know me, I am MmaLebone's eldest son.

Tsala: What?

OG: Yeah, the black sheep of the family that's why you don't know me.

Tsala: Wa yaka!

OG: I would say ask Lebone but he won't

acknowledge me and you might get in trouble for that.

Tsala: Why?

OG: Would you acknowledge a brother who went to jail and tarnished the family name?

Tsala: Actually yes! Family is family.

OG: Then you married into the wrong family. Anyway let me get going.

He winked at her and left. Tsala stood there asking herself lots of questions then she continued with her shopping.

Her phone rang and it was an unsaved number.

Tsala: Hello!

Malome: It's Marumo, come to my house this evening I need to talk to you.

Outside in the Parking lot

With his head rested on the seat OG covered his face with both his hands then he picked up his phone and dialed his friend.

OG: I can't man, she.. She is not what I thought she is.

Friend: You can't back down now man, you have come this far to get your revenge. She was probably just fooling you, anyone who marries into that family is evil just like the rest of them. Don't trust anyone, if your own mother can betray you then..

OG: Fine, the plan goes on..

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 78

Monday Morning

At Mox's Brother's House

Mox tried Tsala's number again and it still didn't go through. Annoyed he dialed his Mother's and grabbed his back pack walking to the road.

MmaMox: Hallo!

Mox: Hello, le teng?

MmaMox: Yes, I just got back I spent the weekend ko masimo.

Mox: Okay, have you talked to Tsala since yesterday?

MmaMox: No my phone switched off maybe she tried to call me, what's wrong?

Mox: Nothing, I have been trying her number too and it's off. Anyway I will keep on trying.

MmaMox: Okay my boy.

Mox: Go siame.

Mox hung up and walked along the road until he saw a taxi.

At OG's House

OG tapped his fingers on the table lost in his thoughts then he bit his lower lip thinking. He knew his little brother's temper and if he found out Tsala was with him he was going to lose it. He dialed Tsala's number again and still didn't go through. Now he was starting to worry.

The same Morning at Colin's House

"You said you will get them, what should I do now kana I have to go to work!" Colin complained on the phone.

Lebone: Just leave them with food and the TV on, I will come get them later I promise.

Colin: Aaah!

She hung up and looked at the girls sleeping. She shook Yama and she woke up.

Colin: Come!

Yama followed her to the kitchen.

Colin: Here is the polony, cheese and bread and drink. If you are hungry eat then, use this small knife okay.

Yama knod her head.

Yama: You said Tsala was coming to take us but it's already morning.

Colin: She just called me a re she will come in the afternoon.

Yama: Okay.

Colin: I will leave the TV on, you know where the toilet is akere.

Yama knod her head.

Colin: Good girl nna I am going to work. Come lock the door and don't open for anyone unless it's Lebone or me.

Yama: Or Tsala?

Colin: Yes

Yama closed the door behind Colin then she locked it and went back to bed.

At Tumi's House

Tumi tucked in his shirt then he picked two ties and showed Beth.

Beth: The black one babe.

Tumi: Okay, so I will come pick you up ka..

Beth: I have been trying Tsala's number and it doesn't go through since yesterday.

Tumi: I will pass by her house on my way to work.

Beth: Do that gape we planned a joint birthday for Yama and Ella jaanong she is quiet, gongwe kana I am forcing things.

Tumi: Maybe she is busy, I will remind her about the party.

Beth: Okay!

Tumi: Love you!

He said kissing Beth and left.

At Tsala's house

Lebone: Thank you for understanding, please do book us another appointment, thanks bye!

He hung up and looked at Tsala.

Lebone: I guess we don't really have to go see a gynaecologist akere, once the pills are out of your system then we will have a baby.

Tsala didn't say anything.

Lebone: I can't believe I am saying this but I want a girl, beautiful like mummy.

Tsala: You tricked me.

Lebone turned to her.

Lebone: What do you mean?

Tsala: You were not like this when we first meet. You were not this monster, you have changed

Lebone and I don't think I can live like this anymore.
I don't want to be married to a man that scares me.

Lebone: And you are an angel in all of this?

Tsala: What did I do? What..

She frowned and touched her chest, she took a deep breath and closed her eyes.

Lebone: Going out coming home late and lying about it, taking prevention behind my back. You tricked me too, you were not that girl when we meet. None of this would have happened if you were not doing the things you do but no you don't see your mistakes only the ones that I make.

Tsala kept quiet

Lebone: I am sorry for raising my hand at you.

Tsala: Lebone you didn't raise your hand at me you

kicked me and punched me, you broke my..

A car parked outside, Lebone quickly stood up and looked through the window.

Lebone: It's Tumi, I..Babe..

Tsala: Akere you said you are not afraid of them, let him come in and see me like this.

Lebone: Can we discuss this as a couple please.

Tsala:..

Lebone: I will tell him you are not here, I.. Please!

Tsala:..

Lebone closed the door behind him and and went to open for Tumi.

Tumi: Oh hi.

Lebone: Hi, you almost missed me I was about to

leave for work.

Tumi: I am actually looking for Tsala!

Lebone: She took the kids to see my Mother, you just missed them.

Tumi looked at the broken table.

Tumi: And then?

Lebone: Oh, the kids were playing around and..

Tsala coughed in the bedroom.

Lebone: I have to go, please call her she..

Tumi: Are you with someone?

Lebone: No it must be the TV, we...

Tsala opened the bedroom door.

Tsala: Tumi..!

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 79

Tsala: Tumi..!

Both Tumi and Lebone looked at the door. Tumi looked at Lebone and hurried to his little sister. He

looked at her then at Lebone.

Tumi: What did you..

He jumped on Lebone and punched his jaws, "What did you do to her?" he said punching him again.

Tsala: Tumi... Stop! Tumi!

Tumi punched Lebone again and he fell on the already broken table.

Tsala: (Screaming) Tumi!

Lebone punched Tumi back and grabbed him by the tie choking him. Tumi pressed his hand hard on his neck choking him too, Lebone let loose on the tie. "You are going to kill him Tumi stop" Tsala shouted

at her brother but he didn't, he pressed hard on his neck then he let go of him and Lebone started coughing.

Tumi: I will kill you boy, O tsaa kae sebeta sa go beta Nnake?

He turned to Tsala.

Tumi: You have to go to the hospital, look at you!

Lebone stood up and grabbed his car keys then he ran outside.

Tumi: How long has this been going on?

Tsala: I think he broke my ribs.

Tumi: What? O tsile go nyela, I am not letting this go. Where are the kids, you have to go to the hospital.

Tsala: What do you mean, I.. I left them at your house akere!

Tumi: Lebone came to pick them up maabane.

Tsala: What? He didn't bring them here.

Tumi: What?

Tsala: And he has my phone.

Tumi went to get his phone in the car and Tsala dialed Lebone but he didn't pick up.

Tsala : My babies.

Tumi: Maybe they are at his mother's house.

Tsala dialed MmaLebone's number, it rang unanswered two times then she called back.

MmaLebone: Hello!

Tsala: Hello, are my kids there?

MmaLebone: Who is this?

Tsala: Ke tsala, are my kids there did Lebone bring them there?

MmaLebone: No they are not here why would he bring them here?

She hung up and started crying and panicking

Tsala: What if he did something to my kids?

Tumi: Don't panic, we will find them try his number again.

She dialed Lebone again and he still didn't pick up. She started crying and shaking.

Tsala: Tumi!

Tumi didn't know what to do or say.

Tumi: I am calling J ohn gore a mo cheke at the clinic, wena I am taking you to the hospital. Let's go.

Tsala went to get her coat and brushed her teeth then left Tumi dialing J ohn's number.

J ust a few minutes after they left OG drove past Tsala's house and her car was not home. He parked across the little path under the tree and stayed there for like an hour until he gave up and left.

At The Vet Clinic

J ohn walked in furious and walked past the receptionist going straight to Lebone's Office.

Receptionist: Sir?

John pushed opened the door and there was no one inside.

John: Where is he?

He turned to the Receptionist.

Receptionist: Sir you can't just burger in here, Mr Marumo is not in today.

John: Where is he?

Receptionist: I don't know but he is not here!

John opened all the doors searching for Lebone but he was not inside. His phone rang and he walked back to his car picking up.

Mmoloki: Did you find him, tell me you just broke

his balls.

John: He is not at work.

Mmoloki: Of course he is not, coward!

John: He better hide forever because if I find him I swear to God, I swear to God i am going to kill him.

At The Hospital

Tumi: (To Peter on the phone) Sure sure I will call you with any update.

He hung up and walked towards the Doctor.

Tumi: Doc!

Doc: She is fine but you were right she has two broken ribs.

Tumi: That bastard!

Doc: But we thank God there is no internal bleeding

or swelling of the brain because she says he kicked her head.

Tumi: I am going to kill that Bastard.

Doc: As you know ribs heal on their own but we are going to keep her here for a few days.

Tumi: Please take care of her.

Doc: I will, don't do anything you are going to regret.

Tumi: I am scared I can't make that promise, who kicks someone in the head?

Doc: Tumi..

Tumi: Doc I am sorry, that's my baby sister and no one hurts her like that and gets away with it. I will come back later, thanks!

He left.

At the Bank

During lunch time, Same sat outside scrolling through her phone looking for houses to let. She clicked on one that caught her eye, it was in a complex of five houses, a bachelor pad with a fitted kitchen and bedroom though it was not complete yet but it was stated that it will be month end. She copied the number and dialed it.

Her: Hello!

Same: Hello you are talking to Same, I just saw your houses on Facebook.

Her: Yes!

Same: I want a bachelor pad month end will it be available?

Her: Yes but you will have to pay deposit gone re go beele yone.

Same: Will it be ready though?

Her: Yes it will be, re dirilwe ke the plumbing part hela and a few touches, I promise it will be available month end.

Same: Can I see it please.

Her: No problem when?

Same: Today if you don't mind.

Her: No problem, call me when you are free!

Same: Thanks!

She hung up and screenshot her second and third option just incase.

At the Restaurant

Mox: The kids are not with me why would you ask me that, they are with Tsala!.

Tumi: Oh, okay!

Mox: You can't say oh okay e le gore what's going on where are my kids?

Tumi: Please promise me you won't tell your mother.

Mox: Tumi where are my girls?

Tumi: Looks like Tsala and Lebone got in an argument and he took the kids.

Mox: What, took them where?

Tumi: We don't know we are looking for them too.

Mox: What? Call the police you..

Tumi: No, not yet, we don't want to scare him.

Mox: Morena you are talking about my kids here, give me Lebone's address or his number please.

Later after working hours

Beth: He wouldn't harm the kids would he?

Tumi: Who knows maybe..

Beth: Iyooo, kana mme nna I have always seen the red flags waitse but kept quiet. First of all they both stay in Maun, married but they stay separately and you remember last new year ke go raa ke re I overheard them arguing gore Tsala hugged John's friend.

Tumi: Le tsile go nyela Lebone nyana la teng, ke tsile go le tima.

Beth: I think we should go to the Police now.

Tumi: Tsala O rile we will go if the kids are not back tonight. She is scared for MmaMox to hear this because something might happen to her or ene Lebone might do something to them.

Beth: Eish! Babe if you see him don't do anything stupid please.

Tumi: Ke tsile go mo thuba mae ke mo hohora meno. (I am going to break his balls and all his teeth)

At Colin's House

Colin clicked her tongue while trying Lebone's number for the forth time still with no answer. "Aunty can we go play outside now?" Yama asked and Colin knod her head. The two girls ran outside.

Meanwhile the landlord drove in with Same and parked in front of the house that was under construction. Same looked outside at the two little girls who were playing outside, she had seen them but not sure from where, Yama turned around and she recognised her. She was Tsala's daughter and the other one was Mox's other daughter.

She and the landlord both stepped out of the car and went inside the bachelor pad. She looked around and it was perfect.

Landlord: You will have your own meter box.

Same: Okay!

Landlord: So what do you think?

Same: It's perfect, I will send the deposit tomorrow.

Landlord: Okay, you can look around while I talk to the other tenants.

Same walked around picturing where she was going to put the TV and bed then she went outside.

Same: Yamas a?

Yama turned to her.

Same: You stay here, where is your father?

Yama: He is at work!

Same: Eheee, yo ke Rati?

Yama: Yes!

Same: Okay!

Colin came from inside the house "Girls don't play outside the yard okay" she said to the girls and they nod their heads then she went back inside the house. Same rolled her eyes walking to the car dialing Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Same: Hey wena and ugly girls, where did you get that one wa bad hairline I swear I thought she was jet li mo filiming ts a shaolin temple?

Mox: What?

Same: I used to think Yamas a was not yours now I believe she is your daughter the way she is ugly, ekare a boy ebile the youngest is better.

Mox: Where did you see them?

Same: I am going to be your neighbor, I am moving in the bachelor pad month end.

Mox: What are you saying neh, bachelor pad where? Where are you?

Same: Uhu, you don't stay here, I assumed you do ke bona your kids?

Mox: Where, just give me the directions now and don't leave please make sure they don't go anywhere unti we get there.

He tapped his Brother's shoulder.

Mox: Someone a re she saw the kids.

Mox's brother grabbed the car keys and they left.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 80

Mox: Someone a re she saw the kids.

Mox's brother grabbed the car keys and they left.

At Colin's

Mox's brother parked outside by the gate and Mox stepped out and hurried to Same who was standing by the wall.

Mox: Hey, where..

Same: What's going on?

Mox: Where did you see them?

Same: The second house.

Mox opened the gate and he and his brother went inside. "Papa" Rati recognised Mox and they ran to him.

Mox: Are you okay?

Yama: Yes, have you come to get us?

Mox: Yes!

She followed the kids to the house where they went to get their shoes.

Yama: We are going Aunty!

Colin: With who?

She asked standing up and meet with Mox.

Mox: Hi, where is Lebone?

Colin: Did he send you here?

Mox: No he didn't, where is he? Do you know that he kidnapped these kids?

Colin: (Panicked) Look he just brought the kids here yesterday and said he will come get them. He said

they were Tsala's kids, I.. Please I just started working I don't want to get in trouble. (Crying) I swear I didn't know he stole the kids he..

Mox: It's fine, I believe you but I am taking the kids.

Colin: Who are you?

Mox: I am their father.

Colin: Okay!

She wiped her tears and watched as they left. "Bye Aunty, we will visit someday" Yama said waving at Colin then she waved back and closed her door furious, she picked up her phone and dialed Lebone but his number still didn't go through.

Outside in the Car

Same sat at the front with Mox's brother while Mox sat at the back with the kids.

Mox: Are you okay, did you eat?

Yama: Yes!

Rati: Aunty also gave us ice cream.

Same turned around and looked at them then she smiled.

Mox: Thank you!

Same: Sure!

Mox took out his phone and dialed Tumi.

Tumi: Hi!

Mox: I found the kids.

Tumi: Oh we thank God, are they okay, are..

Mox: They seem fine and looks like they were well treated.

Tumi: And Lebone?

Mox: That one ene, mxm!

Tumi: Take them to my house.

Mox: Sure!

At RraTumi's House

RraTumi and Lebone shook hands then he sat down. Marriam excused herself and went to the kitchen leaving the two men alone.

RraTumi: Le teng?

Lebone: Ee rra!

RraTumi: Ee!

Marriam brought two glasses of drink and put on the table.

RraTumi: Thank you.

Lebone cleared his throat and rubbed his hands together.

Lebone: I made a very big mistake.

RraTumi looked at him.

Lebone: I let my anger get the best of me and I raised my hand at my wife.

RraTumi: You did what?

Lebone: I am here to ask for your forgiveness, I..

RraTumi: When you said you want to marry my daughter what did I tell you?

Lebone: I am truly sorry, I..

RraTumi: I told you never in your life raise your hand at her didn't I tell you that?

Lebone: You did, please forgive me. I made a mistake, please forgive me.

RraTumi kept quiet.

Lebone: Please forgive me, I let my anger get the best of me and I.

He looked down and rubbed his hands, he kept quiet for a few minutes then he raised his head.

Lebone: When your wife cheats on you..(Took a deep breath) But I still didn't have to raise my hand at her.

RraTumi: Wa re Tsala is cheating on you?

Lebone: Yes! I called to ask her where she is and she said she was home with the kids kante she went to drop the kids at Tumi's and went where only she and her lover knows, she came home after

midnight and when I asked her gore o tswa kae she wouldn't say, I got angry and raised my hand at her, I am really sorry.

RraTumi kept quiet.

Lebone: I came here to apologise and ask for guidance because I don't want to lose my wife.

RraTumi: You should apologise to Tsala not to me.

Lebone: I wish I could but Tumi took her and I don't know where.

RraTumi: Tumi?

At the Hospital

Tumi gave Tsala the phone, she wiped her tears and sniffed.

Tsala: Yama!

Yama: Aunty said you were coming to get us but you didn't.

Tsala: I am sorry. Did Aunty treat you well?

Yama: Yes.

Tsala: And Rati?

"Give me the phone I want to speak too" Rati said in the background then they started fighting for the phone.

Beth: Mmh mmh! Stop it.

She put on loudspeaker.

Tsala: J aanong you are fighting?

Rati: I wanted to speak to you and Yama..

Tsala: Don't fight.

Rati: Okay!

Tsala: Yama is older than you you should not fight her.

Rati: Ee mma!.

Tsala: Yama, never fight your little sister okay, you should protect her not fight her.

Yama: She was..

Tsala: No excuses, what did I say?

Yama: I should protect her.

Tsala: Good, I will be home in a few days okay, behave well and don't fight. If you fight there won't be cake and a party okay?

Yama: Okay!

Tsala: Rati?

Yama: Okay!

Tsala: Bye!

She hung up and gave the phone to Tumi.

Tumi: You are pressing charges right?

Tsala:...

Tumi: Tsala this guy almost killed you. Look at you, have you seen yourself?

Tsala: It's not like I am innocent in all of this, I..

Tumi: It doesn't matter what you did he had no right to beat you like this. Le rona we get wronged but we don't beat anyone.

Tsala:..

Tumi: Please tell me you are not going back to that man again.

Tsala:..

Tumi stepped back and scratched his head.

Tumi: You are wrong if you think he is going to stop, these abusers never stop.

Tsala: Every marriage had its ups and downs, we..

Tumi: Abuse ga se di ups and downs, maybe one slap yes not this, tota even one slap should send you packing, he kicked you in the head and broke your ribs and you still want to go back, you have a child atleast think about her.

Tsala:..

Tumi: If you are going back then I am taking Yama or you are taking her back to MmaMox.

Tsala: What?

Tumi: You heard me, akere you are choosing to go back to your abuser, not with Yama, she stays with me or she goes back to MmaMox.

Tsala: She is my child you can't..

Tumi: Not if I can prove gore that environment is not safe for her. Its your choice, your abuser or your child.

He grabbed his car keys and left.

Days later...

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 81

Days later..

Beth folded the kids clothes and put on the table then she called the eldest to take them to their bedroom. Tumi came in talking to the phone and kissed her then he sat down.

Tumi: Okay fine, sure sure!

He hung up and smiled at his wife.

Tumi: Mmirwa wants me to join their Sunday soccer team.

Beth: You should ebile you are getting fat these days.

Tumi: I am?

Beth: Hahaha I am kidding.

She cleared her throat and looked at Tumi.

Tumi: What?

Beth: I don't want you to think I don't like Yama or what because I really love her but babe, in a month there will be a newborn in the house, my girls can

bath themselves for school, what am I going to do ka Yama?

Tumi: We agreed for a nanny akere!

Beth: I can't Tumi, let Yama go back to MmaMox because nna I can't.

Tumi: Babe, she..

Beth: No! We helped Tsala ka ngwana from day one, this is the time for her to be a mother we can't be still taking care of Yamas a Tsala ene e le lekgarebe like she doesn't have a child.

Tumi: I hear you and I respect you..

Beth: But nothing, either Tsala takes her child or she goes back to Serule. You will all hate me if you do but no, I understand she will forever be your baby sister but no. Let her take her child to that home akere clearly she doesn't see anything wrong with her husband. When is she going to be a Mother, the time is now, gatwe mosadi O tswara thipa ko bogaleng.

Tumi kept quiet.

Beth: I am sorry, I would rather be hated and called names but..

Tumi: I don't hate you!

Beth let out a fade smile.

Beth : Gape they don't stay together akere Lebone has his own house.

Tumi: I know, I just don't want Yama to witness some things tota, she is just a baby.

Beth: Me too but..

Tumi: It's fine babe, I will talk to Tsala.

He stood up and kissed her again then he went to the bedroom.

At the Hospital

Mmoloki opened the car door for Tsala and she got inside then he helped her with the seat belt. He closed the door and went over to the passenger side.

Tsala: Thanks!

Mmoloki: You are welcome.

They drove in silence until they arrived by the robots. Tsala looked outside and took a deep breath.

Tsala: Tumi is being unfair.

Mmoloki: Is he?

Tsala: I am Yama's mother and I would never put my daughter in a situation that doesn't favour her.

Mmoloki: Do you think she will grow up a happy

child after witnessing her mother abused?

Tsala: Lebone and I.

Mmoloki: Answer me! Yes you said he snapped, what happens next time he snaps in front of Yama?

Tsala:..

Mmoloki: I agree gore ngwana ke wa gago but think what's best for her?

Tsala took a deep breath. She looked outside until they arrived at her house. Mmoloki helped her to the house and she laid on the sofa.

Mmoloki: Are you sure you are going to be okay?

Tsala: Yes.

Mmoloki: Okay! I will see you later then.

Tsala: Lock up and throw the key in by the window.

Mmoloki: Sure!

He locked and threw the keys in by the window.
Tsala laid on the sofa looking up at the ceiling, she
and closed her eyes, two minutes later she opened
her eyes and reached for the TV remote, she
switched the TV on, went through the channels then
she went to the kitchen to get something to eat.

There was a knock outside. She listened in carefully.
The person continued knocking.

Tsala: Who is it?

Lebone: It's me.

Tsala walked to the door.

Tsala: What do you want Lebone?

Lebone: (Crying) Can we talk please.

Tsala: I am listening.

Lebone: Please babe open the door, I am sorry for what happened, I didn't mean to hurt you.

Tsala:..

Lebone: Please forgive me babe I have spoken to your father and I agreed to go to anger management classes.

Tsala opened the door. Lebone walked in and hugged her.

Tsala: Ouch, you are hurting me.

Lebone stepped back and wiped his tears.

Lebone: I am sorry, I know I don't deserve your forgiveness but please forgive me babe!

Tsala:..

Lebone: I want to change, I want to control my

anger please help me because I don't want to lose you.

Tsala: I can't help you Lebone you have to help yourself.

Lebone: That's why I have started anger management classes, do you think I like this person I have become? No I don't. I don't like that I hurt you, I hate myself right now.

Tsala stepped back.

Lebone: Please forgive me.

Tsala:..

Lebone: Please babe I don't want to lose you.

Tsala:..

Lebone cleared his throat.

Lebone: I will try to find someone who will help you around the house while you are not able.

Tsala went to sit down.

Tsala: Can I have my phone please!

At OG's Office

He signed a few papers and gave to his employee then he went outside to his car talking to the phone.

OG: I had my foot in with her, I was going to know his every move ka ene but now she is not taking my calls anymore. Something happened that scared her.

Friend: There is another way to expose gore they are illegal poachers and that their businesses don't bring in lots of money like they want to make people

believe. Who makes millions ka vet clinic and hiring helicopters? How many people go for flight scenic in a weekend?

OG: Where do i start?

Friend: Akere wa re he has other wives try them.

OG: No, no they are too loyal. Let me..

His phone rang and he smiled.

OG: Guess who is calling, dropa I will call you back?

Friend: Who?

OG: Tsala!

At the Restaurant

Same sat at the far end of the restaurant eating busy on her phone. "Is this seat taken?" Same raised her eyes and looked at the man.

Same: Yes it is!

Man: I don't see anyone.

He said sitting down. Same had her food in silence then she sipped on her drink.

Him: Romeo!

He said extending his hand and Tsala pretended not to hear him.

Him: Haha!

Tsala raised her eyes.

Tsala: Did you take this seat to come harass me?

Him: No I just want to buy you a drink.

Tsaka: Do i look like I can't afford my own drink? Do you know who I am, where I work? Ga ke chamiwe ke di cheap drinks.

The man laughed and stood up.

Man: I am sorry I didn't mean to offend you.

Same also stood up and they followed each other outside. She walked toward the taxis and the man unlocked his white Toyota fortuner. Same's eyes popped as he got inside, she hurried towards him and knocked on the window and the man rolled down his window.

Same: About that drink.

Him: I heard you loud and clear that you can afford your own drink.

He said rolling up the window.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 82

Same: About that drink.

Him: I heard you loud and clear that you can afford your own drink.

He said rolling up the window. Same knocked on

the window again and he rolled it down laughing.

Same: Let me buy you a drink then.

The Man thought for a second then he stepped out of the car and they walked back in the restaurant. They sat down where Same sat before and she called the waiter.

Same: Can I have apple juice please!

Him: Same!

The Waiter left then he looked at Same!

Romeo: What made you change your mind?

Same: I realised I was rude.

Romeo: That car outside is my father's.

Same: Okay!

Romeo: J ust so we are clear, don't say I mislead you.

Same: Hahahaha!

Their drinks arrived and she sipped on hers.

Romeo: Never seen you around.

Same: I have bee staying in Gaborone.

Romeo: Oh okay!

He sipped in his drink too and cleared his throat.

Romeo: Fresh graduate?

Same: Yes!

Romeo: The start of depression ya unemployment.

Same: Eish, I am lucky I got a job right after school.

Romeo: Please give me your Doctor's name.

Same: Hahaha!

There was a little awkward moment.

Romeo: So you have a boyfriend?

Same: No and I am not looking for a boyfriend.

Romeo: Oh, okay! Can I be first in the line in case one day you decide you want to start looking.

Same: It might take a long time.

Romeo: I will wait with faith.

They both laughed and exchanged numbers.

Later that night

OG knocked softly at the back door and Tsala opened for him. He walked in and she closed the door behind him.

OG: Hi!

Tsala: Hi! Where did you park your car?

OG: Outside far from here.

Tsala lead him to the sitting room, just as she was about to sit down he pulled her into him and hugged her. She wrapped her arms around him too and they hugged. They remained like that for about three minutes then Tsala pulled back.

OG: I was worried about you!

Tsala: I am fine.

OG: No you are not.

He said tracing his thumb on her lips then he leaned over and kissed her.

Tsala: OG stop, that is not why I called you here. I.. The other time by the river, it was fun but also a mistake, you are my husband's brother and what happened between us there was a mistake and it can never happen again.

OG: O sure?

Tsala: Yes I am sure what kind of a question is that?

OG: You don't sound like you mean it.

Tsala: Well I do!

OG: You could have told me that over the phone.

Tsala: Well I wanted to tell you face to face.

OG: Okay, I can tell its not your heart talking but it's fine.

Tsala: Thank you! You can leave now!

OG followed her to the kitchen, she opened the door and stepped out.

OG: Bye!

Tsala: Bye!

She closed the door and touched her chest, what was wrong with her?

The Following Morning.

Same opened the car door and got inside fixing her skirt.

Romeo: You look beautiful.

Same: Thanks!

She pulled the seat belt as Romeo reversed into the gravel.

Same: Is this your father's car too?

Romeo: Hahaha yes, I told you before I don't have a car anymore.

Same: O serious kante?

Romeo: Yes!

He dropped her off at work.

Same: Thanks!

Romeo: I will pick you up when you knock off.

Same: Thanks!

She stepped out and waved at him then she went inside the bank.

At Tsala's House

Tsala woke up to her phone ringing, she picked up still sleepy and put on loudspeaker.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Ao you are still sleeping?

Tsala: Haha yes.

MmaMox: O kae Mmabontle, it's her birthday kana today.

Tsala: Bathong, I completely forgot, they are at Tumi's house but he is bringing them over today.

MmaMox: Eheee, how is Rati is she not troubling you?

Tsala: No, not at all.

MmaMox: Okay call me when they are with you.

Tsala: Ee mma!

MmaMox: A re he bought Yama shoes Moemedi?

Tsala: Haha yes and a school bag and socks, di shirts and vests.

MmaMox: Ngwanake bathong, I am proud of him, kana that is what a father does.

Tsala: Nnyaa he really tried this time around.

MmaMox: Yeah, anyway bye.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up and as she was about to fall asleep again there was loud banging at the door. She put on her gown and went to open the door, Yama and Rati ran inside and hugged her followed by Tumi.

Yama: Do you know what day it is today?

Tsala: Awww my baby is six years today.

Rati: Where is the cake?

Tumi: She made us sing for her phakela ka six.

Tsala: Hahaha!

Yama: Tsala call Mama!

She dialed MmaMox and gave her the phone.

Tumi: How are you?

Tsala: I am fine!

Tumi sat down, Tsala also sat down and fixed her gown.

Tumi: So have you decided?

Tsala: I would never put my child in harms way Tumi and she is already registered kwano I can't take her back to Serule.

Tumi: Okay!

Tsala: What is that supposed to mean?

Tumi: So you are taking Lebone back?

Tsala: He has started therapy and he is trying to change.

Tumi: I feel hopeless.

Tsala: Tumi!

Tumi: I remember when you were born I was fifteen,

I came from school and heard you crying in Mama's room, I went to look and you were so tiny and beautiful.

Tsala smiled.

Tumi: I was so happy, that had to be one of the happiest days of our lives. It was a celebration at home that finally we had a baby sister. You were everyone's favourite. I vowed that I will protect you all your life but now.. I don't know how to protect you when you keep making such decisions.

Tsala: (Crying) Tumi!

Tumi: I feel like I failed as a big brother.

Tsala: No you haven't!

Tumi: I know the mind of an abuser, he is trying with therapy to make you think he is changing, two months from now he is going to go back to his old ways, you are going to keep on forgiving him until you can't anymore. Tsala I can't tell you who to love

I am just asking as a parent, as a concerned brother, as a concerned Uncle to take back Yama until Lebone has changed.

Tsala: (Sniffed and wiped her tears)

Tumi: Please, until you see the change in Lebone that's when you can go get her.

Tsala: (Crying) Okay!

Tumi: Thank you, if I can't protect you then at least let me protect Yama.

Tsala nod her head and wiped her tears.

Tsala: I will talk to MmaMox because Yama can't stay with you with the baby on the way it will be a burden to Beth.

Tumi: Thank you! I was thinking gore we can go to where Mama was buried today just to put flowers then take the kids out, buy a cake while we wait to celebrate ka Saturday.

Tsala: I would love that.

Tumi: Okay let me go buy something for Beth then I will come get you guys.

Tsala: Sure!

He left and Tsala switched on the gys er. While she still looked for something to wear she heard a car park outside. "Uncle" the girls said and she went back to the sitting room.

Lebone: Hey!

Tsala: Hi!

He picked up Yama and kissed her.

Lebone: Happy birthday Princess.

Yama: Thank you!

Lebone: Are you ready for your present? Let's go!

The girls followed him to the car, Tsala stood by the door and looked.

Yama: Bicycle, yes yes I got a bicycle.

Tsala smiled.

Lebone: And this one is for you?

Rati: I got a bicycle too? Yes, Tsala bona!

Tsala: It's beautiful.

Lebone walked to her.

Lebone: I was scared to buy just for the birthday girl.

Tsala: You did great.

"Tsala bona" Yama said cycling.

Tsala: Good girl.

Lebone: We should do something as a family for Yama.

Tsala: Oh, we already have plans. We are going to have a small picknic for the girls before the big party ka Saturday.

Lebone: Great!

Tsala: I hope you understand why I am not inviting you, I.

Lebone: I understand, anyway leave me with your keys I want to fix the TV stand.

Tsala: Okay!

Later that Afternoon

Ditshego laid on the rag under the tree listening to

the five o'clock news. "In other news Police in Maun are investigating a case of which human remains of a man were found in an old borehole in the cattlepost of Tsanokona" Ditshego quickly switched off the radio and breathed out continuously touching her chest.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 83

"In other news Police in Maun are investigating a case of which human remains of a man were found in an old borehole in the cattlepost of Tsanokona"

Ditshago quickly switched off the radio and
breathed out continuously touching her chest.

Lebo: Are you okay?

Ditshago just stared at her like she didn't hear her.

Lebo: Mama!

Ditshago: What?

Lebo: Are you okay?

Ditshago: I am fine.

She sat upright still touching her chest and her
heart was beating loud and fast.

At Tsala's house

Lebone looked outside before he opened his laptop to check if all cameras were connected and he could see every room. He closed the laptop and left.

At the Park

Happy birthday to you everyone sang to Yama as she cut the cake. Tsala's phone rang and she excused herself going a little further towards the pond.

Tsala: Hi!

Mox: Hey, can I get the girls later on for ice cream and dinner.

Tsala: Waitse you keep on surprising me Mox.

Mox: What, when I don't do you complain when i do you are surprised!

Tsala: No its not like that, you can come get them later then.

Mox: Sure thanks!

She hung up and went back to the kids. She helped them get in the swimming pool and made sure they were safe then she sat down enjoying her cake. She found herself smiling alone then searched the lyrics of the song she listened to with OG then she downloaded it and put on repeat mode with one headset in her ear.

Yama: Tsala look!

She said splashing water on her face and Tsala laughed.

Rati: Look I can walk inside the pool.

Tsala: Good!

She rested her head against the chair and smiled.

She could still smell his cologne, it was not strong but muscling and sexy.

OG: Are you thinking about me?

Tsala opened her eyes then quickly stood up. She looked around and there was no one. What was happening to her?

At Ditshego's House

Romeo parked by the gate and Same removed the seat belt.

Same: Thank you again for the lift.

Romeo: You are welcome. Look my brother is coming from Delhi with his fiancé, we will be meeting her for the first time so there will be a little something at home this Saturday, I would love for

you to come. As a friend of course.

Same: Really?

Romeo: Yes!

Same: Okay, sure I will come.

Romeo: Thanks!

Same opened the door and stepped out. "Bye" she said before she closed the door and walked to the house. Romeo smiled alone and reversed going back home.

Later that Evening

"Papa" the girls jumped on Mox and he picked them both up.

Tsala: Where are you going?

Mox: We are going out for pizza and ice cream.

Tsala: Okay, have fun.

She walked them to the car and waved until the car left then she went back inside the house. She laid on the sofa and closed her eyes. Her phone vibrated and she picked it up. It was an sms from OG "I can't stop thinking about you". Tsala put the phone down and took a deep breath. Another sms came through.

OG: I have never been jealous of my brother like I am now.

Tsala just read the text and put the phone down again. Another sms came through and she didn't bother reading it.

At the Mall.

Mox took out the DNA test kit he purchased months

ago and looked at his girls.

Mox: Before we go inside I need to check if your gums are healthy enough for ice cream.

Yama: Mine are healthy.

Mox: Let me see, If this thing changes colour then it means they are not healthy.

He said swabbing Yama's gums then he did Rati's then he put the sticks back in the box ready to mail to the lab.

Mox: Wow, good girl, now you can both have ice cream.

They cheered excitedly and they all went inside the restaurant.

The same day later that night

Same woke up to her mother mumbling in her sleep. "Mama" she called her but Ditshego wouldn't wake up. She got up from her bed and shook her mother.

Same: Mama!

Ditshego grabbed her by the neck and choked her. "Satan" she said choking her hard, Same screamed, Lebo switched on the lights and helped her sister. Same fell back coughing touching her neck.

Same: Mama!

Ditshego realised it was just a bad dream.

Same: You almost killed me.

Ditshego: I am sorry!

Lebo came with a glass of water and gave her mother.

Lebo: E le gore what have you been dreaming about?

Ditshego: It's nothing.

Lebo: It can't be nothing you almost killed me.

Ditshego gave Lebo the glass of water and got back into bed. Her heart beat hard against her skin.

Days later on a Saturday Morning

The Deco people set up the deco while Tsala, Beth and John's girlfriend were in the house fixing the snacks for the party. Tsala stood by the door and looked up at the grey sky.

Tsala: Can it please not rain for at least five hours
hela ngwanake a enjoy her party.

Beth: Wai it's going to rain, thank God the deco
people brought a tent just incase.

She looked up at the sky again sighed. Yama ran to
the kitchen in her pink barbie dress and tiara.

Yama: Tsala look at my dress.

Tsala: You look beautiful Babeee!

She kissed her then Yama went back to play outside

At Mox's Work

Mox stepped aside and picked up his call from the
lab.

Mox: Hello, oh the results are ready? okay, okay thanks.

He sat down and opened his emails, he refreshed them and there it was at the top of his emails, the DNA results. He took a very long deep breath and clicked on the mail, he closed his eyes then he slightly opened them, he read everything and his heart skipped. He put his phone down and put his hands above his head then he grabbed his phone and dialed Tsala.

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****BONUS**

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 84

Mox took a very long deep breath and clicked on the mail, he closed his eyes then he slightly opened them, he read everything and his heart skipped. He put his phone down and put his hands above his head then he grabbed his phone and dialed Tsala.

Tsala: Hi let me finish something here and..

Mox: Give Yama the phone.

Tsala: Is everything okay?

Mox: Yes!

Tsala walked outside where the girls were jumping on the trampoline and gave Yama the phone.

Yama: Hello!

Mox: Baby, Daddy loves you okay!

Yama: I love you too.

Mox: I love you more than anything in this world okay.

Yama: Okay, can I go play now?

She gave Tsala the phone before Mox said goodbye and continued jumping.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Ao ngwana wa gago ke mo fa lerato le le kana kana a bo a nchiela.

Tsala: She is busy with the trampoline.

Mox: Save me a slice of cake.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox: Sure!

He hung up and sat down on the bench

overwhelmed.

Boss: Are you okay?

Mox: Yes!

Boss: Okay your customers are waiting.

Just as he was about to stand up his phone rang.

Mox: Hey!

Tebby: And?

Mox: She is mine.

Tebby: Wa bona you almost abandoned your daughter ka dilodis ele?

Mox: Yeah, I feel bad now because, i.. Ever since I found out she might not be my child I have been treating her different than Rati.

Tebby: Make up for it then.

Mox: I will! I have to go, bye!

He hung up and went back to work.

At Ditshego's house

Same sat on the bed and sighed, she grabbed her phone and sent Romeo a please call me back and he immediately called.

Romeo: Hey!

Same: What should I wear ne rra, I.. I don't want to over dress or..

Romeo: Hahaha just anything.

Same: Can I wear a short dress ka di block heels?

Romeo: Yes!

Same: Aah you are not helping waits e.

Romeo: J ust wear what you will be comfortable in.

Same: Shapo!

She hung up and opted to wear a royal blue lace up backless split thigh satin dress that matched her handbag and black block heels then she did a little eyeliner and foundation then she left.

Back at Tumi's house

Everyone ran into the tent as the rain poured. "Is everyone inside?" Beth asked and all the kids were inside.

Tsala: This bloody rain.

Beth: Let's cut the cake mma ga gona ka plan.

At Romeo's House

Romeo parked in the garage and looked at Same.

Romeo: Don't be nervous it's just my family.

Same: How can I not be nervous, your garage is the size of our whole yard.

Romeo: So? Just be yourself.

Same nod her head and they went inside where there were only white people. Romeo held her hand and she smiled. He introduced her to his cousins. "Be honest he paid you to be his date right?" they all laughed.

Romeo: Mxm don't mind them. Let me introduce you to my parents.

They walked over to them and Romeo introduced her.

Mrs Evans: Nice to meet you!

Same: Thank you!

Romeo held her hand and they walked to his brother. He tapped him and he turned around. Same coughed into her hand and looked away.

Romeo: Are you okay?

Same: Water, water!

Romeo grabbed her a bottle and opened it for her.

Romeo: Are you okay?

Same knod her head.

Brother: Are you sure?

She knod her head.

Romeo: This is my brother Ethan, Ethan this is Same.

Ethan: Nice to meet you.

Same: Same! Please excuse me where is the bathroom.

Romeo showed her. She hurried to the bathroom and took a deep breath looking at herself in the mirror, for a minute there she thought the brother was Marco, she sighed relieved then she powdered her nose and went back.

Romeo: O sure you are okay?

Same: Yeah!

He gave her a glass of champagne and they went to sit down.

Same: How come you and your parents and brother don't look the same?

Romeo: I.. My biological mother used to work for them, she passed away when I was two and they adopted me.

Same: Eheee! I am sorry!

Romeo: It's fine.

Same looked at the big family portrait on the wall.

Same: So it's just you and Ethan?

Romeo: Yes, you want me to show you the house while we wait for the party to get started.

Romeo: Okay!

He held her hand and they started with the kitchen.

The same evening

Tsala put a slice of cake in a plate and went outside where Mox was chatting with John and Peter.

Tsala: Here!

Mox: Thanks!

Tsala sat a few chairs from him and crossed her legs looking at the photos from earlier.

Tsala: Waitse the rain ruined our party bathong mxm.

Mox sat next to her and they looked at the photos together.

Mox: She looked beautiful.

Tsala: Akere, look at this one!

Mox: Mmmh! I wonder what would have happened to us if we both didn't cheat on each other.

Tsala looked at him then she laughed and stood up.

Tsala: Keep wondering boy!

A little later that night

Same removed her shoes and untied her dress then she threw herself on the bed, she smiled alone in the dark, she touched her lips and smiled like an idiot, last time she felt like that was when she was dating Leeto! Was she falling for Romeo? An sms came through "Thee mma please take me off the waiting list " from Romeo. She smiled and laid on her stomach replying his text with two laughing emojis " "

The following Morning

Tsala took her pills and threw one in her mouth then she hid the rest in her sneakers. She drank water and went to the sitting room where Lebone was.

Tsala: Babe wee, I need our marriage certificate, Kana Yama ruined my passport and I want to replace it.

Lebone: Oh okay I will get it from home.

Tsala: Okay!

Her phone reported an sms "Can't stop thinking about you" from OG. Tsala looked at Lebone then she quickly deleted the sms.

Lebone: The wives have planned a family vacation.

Tsala raised her eyebrows and looked at him.

Tsala: Planned with who, I am not going there!

Lebone: Babe you need to bond and get to know each other, they don't know you and you don't know them, this will be good for us.

Tsala: Ka re I am not going, akere I am married to you, why do I need to go on vacations with them?

Lebone: Please do it for me, please babe!

Tsala looked away.

Lebone: What do I have to do to bribe you?

Tsala let out a fade smile.

Lebone: Please!

Tsala: Fine fine but they better watch their mouths.

Weeks Later..

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 85

Weeks Later..

At Serule

MmaMox stood by the gate holding a very big stick

in her hand, she looked around worried then she looked at the time and it was almost half past four. "I am going to beat that big head today" MmaMox said looking at the kids who were coming towards the primary school.

MmaMox: Bo ngwanaka didn't you see my daughter?

Them: Nnyaa mma!

Worried she walked slowly to school thinking she will meet with Yama on the way but she didn't until she reached the school. "Are there perhaps kids who are still in the school?" she asked the security guard.

Guard: Yes, classes for standard seven.

MmaMox: No ene she is doing standard one, yo mokimanyana, today she was wearing PE clothes.

Guard: Standard ones went home ka twelve and I haven't seen her since.

MmaMox: Thank you?

She turned back home "Waitse gore ngwana wa ga Moemedi O ta nkgolega tota" she spoke alone looking around for Yama.

At Tebelopele

Romeo opened the door for Same and she got inside the car. She looked at their results and sighed relieved. Doing an HIV test has never been easy on anyone.

Romeo: So?

He said smiling at Same and she smiled back.

Romeo: Your house or mine?

Same: Mine!

She said giggling.

At Tsala's House

Tsala zipped her bag and went to put it outside waiting for Lebone to come pick her up. She closed all windows, set the alarm then went next door.

Tsala: MmaNkele..

Neighbour: Ee ngwanaka.

Tsala: I won't be home this weekend, le ntebele.

Neighbour: Okay my girl no problem, you are going to see MmaOgheleghele.

Tsala: Haha nnyaa we are going into the wilderness.

Neighbour: Oh, enjoy.

Tsala: Ee mma!

Lebone's parked by the gate and Tsala said bye to her neighbour. Lebone stepped out of the car and put Tsala's bags at the back.

Tsala: I have to go take my laybye.

Lebone: Okay!

Tsala: And..

Lebone: Ao babe why did you have to wait until last minute? The others are waiting and..

Tsala: I am not even going to take ten minutes, or you can go look for binoculars while I go take my laybye.

She said getting in the car and they left. Tsala dialed MmaMox while on the way but she didn't pick up. "Incase you try to call me and my number is off, I went outside maun" she sent a text and took out her laybye receipt from her bag. Lebone dropped her off at the shop and went to offload her bags

where the rest of the family was waiting for the open safari vehicle.

Connie: Where is Tsala?

Lebone: She went to get her laybye we will..

Connie: I don't want to arrive late ka bana, there are wild animals kana on the way.

Lebone: She..

Connie: Ebile the car is here.

They all stood up, exchanged greetings with the driver and he helped load the bags in the trailer.

Driver: Are we set?

Lebone: J ust five minutes I have to buy something in the kwik shop I will be back.

Lebone walked to the kwik shop dialing Tsala.

Tsala: Two minutes.

Lebone: The car is here.

Tsala: Two minutes I promise.

He hung up and went inside the shop to buy bicoculars and went back. They waited for about fifteen minutes and Tsala arrived.

Tsala: Sorry to keep you waiting!

No one said anything and Lebone helped her in the car.

Driver: Are we ready to go?

The kids shouted "Yes" all excited.

At Serule

"Mama she is home" Rati ran inside the house to inform MmaMox. MmaMox picked up the stick and hid it behind her and walked outside. She looked at Yama and the white t-shirt that she left home wearing was no longer white.

MmaMox: Where were you?

Yama: Teacher ne a re re sele mantse a bo re ya ko sporong.

MmaMox: So it takes five hours to pick up stones?

Yama looked at Rati and she showed her that she was going to get a beating. Yama threw her bag down and started crying.

MmaMox: I don't care that you are crying, I tell you everyday gore after school you come straight home

that's when you can go play or.. Come here.

Rati: Sia (Run)

Yama ran to the gate.

MmaMox: You think I won't catch you?

She ran after Yama until she lost her breath.

MmaMox: I am going to catch you and beat you.

She said bending her back and touched her knees.

MmaMox: Molato ga o bole. I am going to catch you.

She picked up Yama's bag and it was full of little stones.

Rati: O mo siile akere? (She couldn't catch you!)

Yama knod her head and they giggled. Yama's water bottle flew above her head and fell behind her. They laughed and ran back to the gate.

MmaMox: Heta monna O ye go apola O je, I will beat you. That t-shirt yone I am not going to wash it, your mother will come from maun and wash it.

Yama ran to the house. MmaMox grabbed Rati by the dress. "Ka re ke betsamo motho O mo raa O re asiye wena o thogo ekare lenoko" Rati pulled herself and ran to the house laughing.

At Crocodile Teeth Camp

Everyone was shown their room and told the

s schedule for tomorrow.

Lebone: Thank you!

Tsala walked to her room and it had a big bed and two bunk bed. She went back to the reception area.

Tsala: Hi I think you gave me the wrong room, I am solo but my room has bunk beds.

Receptionist: Oh let me check.

She checked and raised her head.

Receptionist: It's the right room mam, here it shows gore you booked three family rooms and one private room.

Lebone came out of his room.

Tsala: Babe, my room.

Connie: The rooms were fully booked so I thought you will sleep with the other kids because.

Tsala: No!

Connie: (Slowly) I said.. (paused) the rooms were fully booked and..

Tsala: (Slowly) And I said no. I need my privacy I am not sleeping with the kids.

Connie looked at Lebone..

Lebone: Fine, I will take your room and you can have mine.

Connie: What?

Lebone: We came here to bond not..

Tsala: Settled then.

She went to take her bags to the room that was Lebone's. Connie shook her head looking at her husband.

Lebone: I just want peace, it not because I favour her or..

Connie: Does she know the family wants you to take a forth wife, O sure mo go maswe! (She is so full of herself)

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 86

Lebone: I just want peace, it not because I favour her or..

Connie: Does she know the family wants you to take a forth wife, O sure mo go maswe! (She is so full of herself)

Lebone: You should..

Connie: Talk to your wife, we are all sleeping with the kids it's not like..

Lebone: I said I will sleep with the kids akere, what difference does it make..

Connie stormed to her room passing Lebang by the passage.

Lebang: Is everything okay?

Lebone: Yes, you like your room?

Lebang: Yes, and then Connie?

Lebone: Forget about her.

Lebone went to take his bags and found Tsala preparing to shower.

Lebone: You..

Tsala: I should have been told well in time gone I will be sleeping with the kids, I wouldn't have come. We passed two camps on the way I am sure gone they were not fully booked.

Lebone sighed and stood behind her and kissed her neck.

Lebone: Can I get a quick one before dinner.

Tsala smiled and turned to him, she wrapped her arms around him and they kissed.

In Connie's Room

Connie opened for Lebang and went to unpack.

Lebang: Is everything okay?

Connie: Nna I am not going to pretend in front of that girl for the sake of peace.

Lebang: What happened?

Connie: Mxm!

She told her the whole story.

Lebang: Le rona akere we are sharing with the kids what is her problem?

Connie: Ko teng she thinks she is better than us because she is a Nurse!

Lebang: Nurse ne e le eng ? (She rolled her eyes)

At MmaMox's House

MmaMox laid down flat on the blanket and Rati stepped on her back while Yama massaged her head.

Yama: Today its two pula akere Mama!

Rati: Nna?

Yama: Two pula too.

MmaMox: Mmmh!

MmaMox's phone rang and Yama gave it to her, she picked up and put on loudspeaker.

MmaMox: Hello!

Mox: Dumelang, you are sleeping?

MmaMox: No the girls are massaging me.

Mox: Ehe! I wanted to ask gore kante how much was Yama paying ko crèche?

MmaMox: Five hundred pula.

Mox: And mopako, how much did Tsala spend?

MmaMox: I don't know, you should ask her.

Mox: Eheh, I got a better job today.

MmaMox: (Ululating) Alilili, the one you qualify for?

Mox: No, I will be a security guard but the money is better.

MmaMox: Yooo God that I pray, he answered my prayers. I will go to school kamoso and ask for prices tsothe le ts a uniform.

Mox: Okay!

MmaMox: I am really happy for you ngwanaka. Even if its ten pula increasement it's something. Thank God.

Mox: Ee mma!

MmaMox: I almost killed your daughter today, after school she goes to the railway.

Yama: Ao Mama!

MmaMox: Don't say Ao Mama, kana ebile I didn't beat you. I will beat you now.

Yama quickly stood up and ran to the door.

MmaMox: Tomorrow after school I am going to wait for her at the school gate.

Yama: Tomorrow we don't go to school.

MmaMox: Ka Monday ee.

Mox: Hahaha!

At the Camp

Tsala was the last to arrive at the dinner table and the kids were already eating, she took a seat next to Lebone and cleared her throat.

Tsala: This looks beautiful and delicious.

She said standing up and went to dish for herself. Lebang stood up and stood next to her dishing for herself.

Lebang: (Whispered) Be careful mma.

Tsala looked at her.

Lebang: Connie might have agreed to polygamy but she doesn't want us.

Tsala:..

Lebang: Be careful.

She said and went to sit down. Tsala finished dishing too and went to sit down. Connie looked at Lebone then she sipped on her drink expecting him

to say something.

Tsala looked around the table and everyone was serious. She raised her eyebrows and continued eating. The dinner was awkward and everyone left after eating.

The Following Morning

Tsala again was the last for breakfast and found everyone waiting.

Tsala: Dumelang!

She grabbed a muffin.

Connie: Are we always going to wait for you?

Tsala: No, you could have left without me.

Lebone: Eat so that we can go.

Tsala: This is all I will be having, we can go.

Everyone stood up and she followed them to the car. They were separated in two cars for their game drive and Tsala and the other two wives sat with Lebone while the kids got in their own car and the cars left following each other.

Tsala took out her phone and started taking a video of the lions. She turned around still taking the video.

Connie: Please don't take a photo of me.

Tsala: I am not I am taking the lions behind us.

She turned the phone again.

Connie: Mosadi wa Modimo I said I don't want to be

in your video.

Tsala: Mosadi wa Modimo I said I am not taking..

Connie slapped her hand and the phone fell outside.
"Heee" Tsala looked at her then she pushed her
outside the car.

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EPISODE 87

Connie slapped her hand and the phone fell outside.

"Heee" Tsala looked at her then she pushed her outside the car. Lebone who was sitting on the seat just in front of her grabbed her hand and pulled her back inside. "Oh my God" Connie covered her face crying and shaking.

Lebone: Are you okay?

Connie shook her head, Tsala folded her arms and swallowed hard.

Tsala: I didn't mean to..

Connie: I just want to go home.

Tsala: I..

Lebone: Driver can we go back please.

Tsala: My phone!

Lebone shot a very scary glance at her and she

lowered her head. Tsala watched as the car turned around leaving her phone behind.

Lebone: Give me water!

Lebang gave him the bottle of water and he gave Connie. She took a sip and rested her head on Lebone's chest. The car arrived at the Camp and Lebone helped Connie to her room. Tsala twisted her lips and sat down.

Lebang: If she didn't slap your phone all of this would have been avoided.

Tsala: I am shaking, what if she fell down a bo a jewa ke ditau.

She stood up and paced around. About ten minutes later Lebone came back.

Tsala: How is she?

Lebone: We are going back to Maun.

Tsala: She is okay akere?

Lebone: No she is not, she almost fell down and the lions would have attacked her.

Tsala:...

Lebone stormed to their room and packed his bag. "I will go check on her" Lebang said and went to Connie's room.

Lebang: Are you okay?

Connie: All I was thinking about was my kids.

Lebang: That girl is a problem wait e, she was taking a video of you though she kept saying she was not. I saw it akere I was sitting in front of her.

Connie: I..

She wrapped her arms around herself.

Lebang: She is going to be a problem, push you over for a phone? It's a good thing you are going who knows what she might do next.

Tsala knocked on the door and Lebang went to open.

Tsala: Hey, can I.

Lebang: Give her space nyana she is still shaking.

Tsala: Oh!

Lebang closed the door behind her and they walked towards the swimming pool.

Tsala: I wasn't thinking straight, I..

Lebang: Motho yole is pretending, she just wants

some time alone with Lebone. Let them go to Maun rona we will go tomorrow like planned.

Tsala: Okay!

The same morning

Same looked around her almost empty bachelor pad and sighed, she had only managed to buy a bed and stove that month. She put on her gown and went to sit outside calling Romeo.

Romeo: Hey, I..

His car drove through the gate and she hung up, Romeo parked right in front of her and stepped out with a box of pizza and drinks. Same stood up and they kissed before they went inside the house.

Romeo: I had to go help my dad with something.

Same: It's okay!

She put on shorts and a bra, Romeo pulled her into him and kissed her.

Romeo: Last night was amazing!

Same: Mmmh babe I haven't brushed my teeth!

She said turning her head, Romeo turned it back to him and kissed her. "So?" he breathed the words into her mouth.

At the Camp

Tsala watched Lebone load the bags in the car and she walked to Connie.

Tsala: Hey, are you okay?

Connie: After you tried to murder me?

Tsala: I am sorry I..I am so sorry please forgive me.

Connie: I will never forgive you. I almost died because of you.

Tsala: I am really sorry I don't know what came over me.

Connie looked away. Tsala went to sit down and crossed her legs.

Lebang: It's fine we will come tomorrow.

Lebone: Sure!

Tsala stood up and walked to Lebone.

Tsala: Maybe I should come with you.

Lebone: No its fine you can stay.

Tsala: I feel so bad, I..

Connie: You are not coming with us, ke eng you want to push me a little harder this time.

Tsala: I..

Connie turned to Lebone. " When we first meet you had class, Is this your type now?" she said pointing at Tsala.

Tsala: Mmmh mmh wa nyela yaanong!

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 88

"When we first meet you had class, Is this your type now?" Connie said pointing at Tsala.

Tsala: Mmmh mmh wa nyela yaanong!

Connie: (Looked at Lebone) You see?

Lebone: Tsala please!

Tsala: Hee I apologised a re ke reng jaanong, a seka a bata gore ke mo thokele botho. Class class type ya masepa.

Lebone pulled Tsala aside, she pulled back her hand.

Tsala: I was not even taking a video of her, if my phone was here you would see.

Lebone: That's not how you talk to one another.

Tsala: I should have smiled after she called me

trash? Hee nna kana i am married to you not to them. A go nne se se nnang ee.

Lebone: This behaviour of yours is not going to take you anywhere.

Tsala: Did I say I want it to take me somewhere? Why am I the bad guy here, I lost my phone because of her now she calls me trash and I should apologise for it? You are not being fair. Ene she is innocent in all of this? I should have pushed her a little harder ditau tsaja supper.

She clicked her tongue and stormed to her room. Lebone breathed in his hands and turned to Connie.

Lebone: Let's go!

Connie: I have changed my mind I am not going to let that girl spoil my mood and my vacation. Kids let's take the bags back to our room.

Lebone sat down and cupped his head. Lebang sat

next to him and pat his back.

Lebang: Imagine four wives!

She stood up and went to her room.

At Tumi's house

Tumi slowly parked in front of the house and hurried to open the door for Beth who was holding their new born daughter. He took the baby from her and Beth stepped out. He gave her back the baby and carried the bags to the house. He opened the door and the kids screamed surprise.

Tumi: Ssssh ssh the baby is sleeping.

Beth smiled looking at the pink balloon decorations

and a cake. They all ran to see the baby.

Tumi: Guys Mummy is tired neh, you will see the baby later when she is awake.

He helped Beth to the room and she laid down on the mattress.

Tumi: Do you need anything? I cooked soft porridge but..

Beth smiled and stood up, she hugged him and rested her head on his chest. "You are everything I have prayed for do you know that?" Tumi kissed her head.

Tumi: Rest babe, I will be with the kids if you need anything.

She knod her head and laid down. She looked at her beautiful baby girl and mass aged her nose.

At the Mall

Romeo pushed the trolley while Same put a few things inside. She put five kg of maize meal in the trolley then she took it out.

Same: I won't be eating that.

Romeo: J ust take it just incase..

Same put the maize meal back inside and she bought a few things then they went to que by the till. "Hi Romeo" a girl said to Romeo. Both Same and Romeo turned around.

Romeo: Oh hi!

Girl: How are you?

Romeo: Good good.

Girl: Nice! It was nice seeing you!

She walked away and Same rolled her eyes.

Same: Next time a girl only says hi to you while I am with you don't reply her. E le gore ke eng ba ndalela kana ba nnyatsa?

Romeo: Babe, she..

She gave him a serious look and Romeo kept quiet.

Same: Or I am invincible?

Romeo: Fine!

At Camp

Everyone queued to dish for themselves. Tsala dished for herself and went to sit by the table alone while everyone sat together.

Lebang: Are you okay?

Tsala: I am fine I am just scared to say the wrong things and get called trash again.

She finished eating and went to change into a two piece triangle swimsuit. She tied her hair and jumped inside the pool.

Connie: Should a married woman be dressing like this in front of all these guests?

Lebone didn't reply.

Connie: I can see her nipp*** and her whole butt is out. Lebone?

Lebone: I regret agreeing to this.

He stood up and went to sit by the bar. Their morning tour guide came with Tsala's phone. Lebang pointed at her in the pool.

Guide: Mam your phone.

Tsala: You found it? Thank you so so much!

She stepped out of the pool and took the phone. She checked everything and it was fine.

Tsala: Thank you! How did you do it?

Guide: I went back and the lions had left.

Tsala: Oh okay, thank you you are a lifesaver. I have some very important stuff in here.

Guide: You are welcome.

Tsala: I will make sure to send you a tip when I get to Maun give me your number.

Lebone watched as she saved the man's number then the man left and Tsala got back in the swimming pool.

Later that Evening

After coming from their Bush walk Tsala went straight to her bedroom and threw herself on the bed. She later laid on her stomach and looked at her photos from the swimming pool. The door opened and Lebone.

Lebone: You were not even ashamed to give a man your number in my presence.

Tsala: What?

She got up.

Lebone: Give me that phone.

He grabbed it from bed

Lebone: Unlock it and delete his number.

Tsala: He helped look for my phone so..

Lebone: Ka re delete that number.

Tsala rolled her eyes and deleted the number and showed him.

Tsala: Are you happy now? I was just going to send him fifty pula for drink.

Lebone : Dinner will be ready in twenty minutes.

He left, Tsala went to lock her door and stayed in the room until the following morning. She packed all her stuff as they got ready to leave the following morning. The driver helped put all their bags in the trailer and everyone got in the car. The ride back was a long one, no one said anything until they arrived at Maun.

Connie: Take us home first.

Tsala: Please drop my bag at home, I want to buy a few things mo dishopong.

Lebone: Okay!

Tsala took her handbag and walked to the bank, she dialed MmaMox while waiting to cash out.

"Hey" she turned around and it was Mox in his red security uniform and black boots . Tsala stepped back and her jaws dropped. So the thing about Men

in uniform was true?

Mox: Been trying your number e sa tsene.

Tsala: Wena kana you are my man do you know that?

Mox laughed and showed her that the other ATM was open. She cashed out and smiled at him.

Tsala: Come by my house when you knock off.

Mox winked at her and she left. She got in the taxi and smiled alone. "Ke serious come by after work" she sent Mox.

At MmaLebone's House

MmaLebone raised her head and looked at the car that just drove in. OG stepped out, MmaLebone's

heart skipped.

OG: Dumelang!

At Malome's House

Connie exchanged greetings with the elders then she sat down and rubbed her hands together.

Connie: Bagolo I come here because I am not happy mo lenyalong.

Malome: We didn't marry you to be happy, your purpose is to give my nephew children.

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****Goodmorning**

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 89

Connie: Bagolo I come here because I am not happy mo lenyalong.

Malome: We didn't marry you to be happy, your purpose is to give my nephew children.

MmaMalome: Ao Marumo ga go buiwe jalo please hear her out.

Malome: All these ladies do is complain complain everyday, yo mongwe we married her hela for nothing she doesn't want to get pregnant, another one a re she is going to school and then yo mongwe a re she is not happy.

Connie wiped her tears still looking down.

Malome: How old is your last born?

Connie: She is three years.

Malome: Lebone bought you a house akere?

She sniffed and wiped her tears then she knod her head.

Malome: Doesn't he give you money every month?

Connie: He does!

Malome: Doesn't he take care of your parents?

Connie: He does!

Malome: Then what are you unhappy about? Do you know how many women would kill to be you right now?

Connie:..

Malome: Wa re what are you not happy about?

Connie didn't reply.

Malome: No woman in a polygamous marriage is happy. If you want to be happy date a man with no legs akere ene he won't walk to other women's houses.

Connie: I just feel like Lebone is not treating us the same as Tsala. She gets away with a lot and Lebone doesn't say anything. She pushed me off a moving car and I almost got eaten by lions but he didn't say anything to her. Tsala is supposed to respect us as we came before her and we are older than her but she doesn't do that. She is not even afraid to throw insults at me as the senior wife. I want a meeting with Tsala and Lebone, that is why I am here!

At Tsala's house

She carefully shaved her nunu watching herself in the mirror and she heard a car park outside. She put the razor down and put on her gown then she went

outside and opened the door for Lebone.

Lebone: Hey!

Tsala took her bag.

Lebone: I have to hurry somewhere I will see you tomorrow.

Tsala: Okay! Wait, the certificate?

Lebone: Remind me to bring it tomorrow.

Tsala: Okay!

He kissed her and left. Tsala waited until the car disappeared and went back inside.

At Same's House

Same laid her head on Romeo's chest playing "Word" on her phone. He crossed the last word for her.

Same: Aaah, to think I have been looking for it past five minutes.

Romeo: Kante when you go to work tomorrow and I remain home what does it make me a house boyfriend?

They both laughed.

Same: You should get a job.

Romeo: I am applying it's not like ke ntse hela.

Same: Problem is you are choosing jobs, look I get that your parents give you money but it's fun to wake up every morning, bath and go to work. Come home tired and take a nap before you cook.

Romeo kept quiet.

Same: I will tell you if I see anything advertised on Facebook.

Romeo: OK!

At Tsala's house later that night

In short pyjama pants and a matching top Tsala opened the door for Mox and he went inside.

Tsala: Where did you park?

Mox: I came ka di taxi!

Tsala wrapped her arms around him and stepped on her her toes planting a soft kiss on his lips.

Mox: Where is..

Tsala: It's just you and me don't worry!

Mox kissed her back then he picked her up and laid her on the sofa.

Mox: Condom?

Tsala: It's in the bedroom.

Mox carried her to the bedroom and laid her down on the bed. They heavily kissed tossing each other on the bed, Tsala got on top of him and he helped her remove her top, he cupped her small bre*** and tossed her getting on top of her, he kissed her stomach going down to her nunu and pulled her pyjama pants down to her knees. Tsala helped him out of his t-shirt then Mox removed his pants and boxers at the same time. They continued kissing, he kissed her stomach, her pelvic bones while he opened her legs, he looked at her like a hungry lion before he dug his head between her thighs and

Tsala bit her lower lip raising her upper body and only the white part of her eyes could be seen.

At Lebone's House

He opened the laptop while he applied lotion on himself, he clicked on the camera in the main bedroom and folded his fists angry. He clicked his tongue and closed the laptop then he opened it again and they were still at it and now Tsala was on top. He grabbed his car keys and left.

The same night

Ditshego went to empty the bathing water in toilet when the Ambulance and the firefighters truck passed by. Lebo came out of the house and they both looked at them.

Lebo: Kana they are dramatic gore, last time they passed here kante it was just a small fire.

They went back inside the house.

The Following Day a little later in the afternoon.

"Tsala the mma O bihela ngwanake " Beth sent Tsala a message on WhatsApp and her last last seen had been yesterday around eight in the evening.

At Kesego's Work Place

"Heee did you see story sa ko Maun, gatwe a man burnt his wife's house and hung himself on a tree in front of the house" Kesego said showing her colleague.

Colleague: Heee! Dilo tsa Maun.

Kesego's phone rang and she smiled.

Kesego: Babe!

David: Babe wee come get your lunch ha reception area I have to run somewhere!

Kesego: Coming!

She stood up and the Receptionist came in.

Receptionist: You have a visitor downstairs!

Kesego: Oh!

They walked downstairs.

Receptionist : A re she is your mother!

Kesego: What?

She looked at the reception area and David was sitting next to Kopo.

Kesego: Shit!

Just as she was about to turn around Kopo called her.

Kopo: Heela MmaOphana!

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EPISODE 90

Kesego looked at the reception area and David was sitting next to Kopo.

Kesego: Shit!

Just as she was about to turn around Kopo called her.

Kopo: Heela MmaOphana!

Kesego ignored her and hurried up the stairs.

Receptionist : That is the woman who was looking for you.

Kesego: Heee, who showed her where I work?

Kesego's phone rang. She took a deep breath and picked up.

Kesego: Babe I am busy with something, give me two minutes.

David: Let me leave the food ha reception then because ke diile motho.

Kesego: Okay babe!

She rested her head against the wall and took a deep breath.

Receptionist : Who is that woman?

Kesego: She.. My step mother, actually my ex step mother. Nchekele if David has left..

The Receptionist went to check and he had left.

Receptionist: Yeah he is gone.

Kesego: Go check if his car is..

Receptionist: Aaah aaah wena go check for yourself.

Kesego waited for about five minutes then she went downstairs. Kopo stood up dressed in old ugly clothes.

Kesego: (Whispered) What are you doing here?

She said grabbing Kopo's hand and dragged her outside.

Kesego: What are you wearing?

Kopo: I want everyone to see gore Ga o motho wa sepe, you are here looking beautiful but you can't send your mother three hundred pula hela just for combo!

Kesego: If I give you the money now will you leave?

Kopo: I raised you..

Kesego: Heee heee Kopo I didn't ask to be born, you choose to have se* and fall pregnant, I was your responsibility don't make me pay for being your child.

Kopo: How do you sleep at night not knowing if your mother has eaten or..

Kesego: How much do you want?

Kopo: Two thousand Pula.

Kesego: If I give you this money will you go away from my life forever?

Kopo: Yes!

Kesego: Wait here then.

She went back inside and got her car keys and handbag.

Kopo: Ebile you have a car?

Kesego: Let's go.

Kopo got inside, she looked back at the baby car seat.

Kopo: You have another baby?

Kesego: Yes!

Kopo: With that boy?

Kesego: Yes!

Kopo looked at the engagement ring on Kesego's finger.

Kopo: Ebile you did get married without me?

Kesego: No we are not married, who told you where I work?

Kopo: People, ba ipotsa gore how do I struggle

while my daughter has a good job and drives a big expensive car.

Kes ego ignored her and parked in the parking lot of the mall.

Kes ego: I am coming, don't touch anything.

She stepped outside.

Kes ego: You know what, step outside.

Kopo stepped outside and Kes ego locked her car.

Kes ego: Wait here!

Back at Work

Receptionist: Heee banyana, you should have seen how fast she turned when she saw the woman.

Colleague: (Shocked) Mmmmh!

Receptionist: And I don't buy kgang ya gore she is her step mother, they look alike gore. You should have seen her wearing ugly clothes mmanyana.

Colleague: Bo Kesego mmmh mmh, the way she is always bragging ka her man, Babe this babe that kante ene she doesn't take care of her mother sies.

Receptionist: Ebile I want to take man wa teng, a man who brings you lunch everyday.

They all laughed.

Colleague: Mma! Food ebile not fat cakes and soup.

Receptionist: Plus a drink.

At the Mall

Kesego stepped from the ATM putting money in her bag. She went back to the car, Kopo had now changed into smart clothes.

Kesego: You.. (Shook her head) You just wanted to embarrass me akere?

Kopo: Yes, people must..

Kesego: Here, its three thousand Pula. Leave and I never want you coming to my work place.

Kopo counted the money.

Kopo: O kae your daughter, what's her name again? Oratile?

Kesego got in her car and drove away.

Kopo looked around before she counted the money again. "Hee I am coming back again next month" she said putting the money in her bag and left.

At MmaMox's House

MmaMox tried Mox's number for the tenth time and he still didn't pick up.

Rati: Mama?

MmaMox: Mma?

Rati: Le nna I am going to wear that black dress when I graduate?

MmaMox: Yes!

Rati: (Excited) And speak English?

MmaMox: Yes!

Rati: Heeeee, how many days are left before I start

going to school?

MmaMox: Akere your father is not picking up, let me try his brother.

She dialed her first born.

Brother: Hello!

MmaMox: Dumelang, Ao where is your brother I have been trying his number but he is not picking up.

Brother: Mme akere they are not allowed to speak to the phone while on duty.

MmaMox: Ehe, no I will call him later.

Brother: Okay!

MmaMox looked at Rati and she had never seen her so happy before. She went to the house and closed her bedroom door, she took her savings box from her hiding place and counted all the money, she

took one thousand Pula then she hid the box and went outside.

MmaMox: Let's go buy uniform and pay school fees, tomorrow you are starting school.

Rati excitedly put on her shoes and they left.

Rati: Eish Mama I am very happy, tomorrow I am going to wake up when Yama does.

MmaMox: Haha!

Rati: Mama you are going to buy me a bag like Yama's?

MmaMox: Yes!

Rati: Ke ya go paka?

MmaMox: Yes!

Rati: I am not going to make noise so that Chicha doesn't beat me.

MmaMox: Good girl!

Later that Evening

Same walked out of the pharmacy when she bumped into someone. She picked up her paper bag.

Mamba: I thought I recognised you!

Same stepped back and swallowed hard.

Mamba: You were the real deal do you know that?

Same stepped aside.

Mamba: You..

Same: Mamba please I..

She walked past him and almost bumped into Romeo who had been waiting. Mamba turned around and smiled at them.

Mamba: Stogolo! (Nephew) You have a very beautiful girlfriend.

Romeo: Thank you Uncle!

Same collapsed in Romeo's hands.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 91

Mamba: Stogolo! (Nephew) You have a very beautiful girlfriend.

Romeo: Thank you Uncle!

Same collapsed in Romeo's hands.

Romeo: Same, Babe!

"What happened?" the shop assistant asked coming with a glass of water and sprinkled on Same. Romeo shook her and she opened her eyes.

Romeo: Babe?

Same opened her eyes and saw Mamba, she quickly got up.

Mamba: (To Romeo) You should get her check out,
too much heat in Maun!

Romeo: Thanks!

Mamba left and Romeo helped Same up.

Romeo: Are you okay?

Same: I. Yeah I am just a little light headed.

Assistant: Here!

She gave her a bottle of water, Romeo paid for the
water and helped her outside to the car.

Romeo: Maybe you are pregnant?

Same rolled her eyes and pulled the seat belt.

Romeo: I hear symptoms are different from..

Same: I am not pregnant.

She said taking the morning after pills and drank them.

Romeo: We would have a cute baby though.

Same took a deep breath.

Same: That man is your uncle?

Romeo: Who?

Same: That man, the one who said I was beautiful!

Romeo: No, oh you mean because he called me nephew, I think he was being polite that's why le nna I said uncle.

Same: Eheeee!

Romeo: Are you sure you are okay babe, we can go

see the doctor now, I..

Same: I am fine.

Romeo: Are you hungry?

Same: Yes!

Romeo: Do you want a real meal or chips and chicken.

Same: A real meal, phaleche hela le morogo and meat.

Romeo: And I just know where we can get them.

Romeo smiled at her and held her hand.

Romeo: Are you sure you are okay?

Same: What should I do to make you see gore I am fine?

Romeo: Hahaha! Okay olay you are fine.

At Lebone's House

Tsala parked her car by the gate and went to knock on the door. She waited for about ten minutes and Lebone came to open.

Tsala: Hey!

She leaned in for a kiss and Lebone looked away.

Tsala: Are you okay?

Lebone: I think I am coming down with flue.

Tsala: Oh, can I get the certificate please, I am starting to work evening shifts so I want to get it over and done with.

Lebone: Oh, I, I don't know where I put it wait e.

Tsala: Ao babe rra, I..

Lebone: I will look for it!

Tsala: Can you do it now please e.

Her phone rang and she walked a little to her car.
"MmaMox". Lebone went inside and came with the certificate.

Tsala: Thanks.. (To the phone) MmaMox I will call you back.

She hung up and looked at Lebone.

Tsala: Are you with someone?

She asked looking inside the house.

Lebone: No i just want to rest.

Tsala: OK get better.

Lebone: I will!

Tsala: Bye!

She turned to her car and Lebone closed the door. Tsala turned around and could tell he was with someone. She stayed in her car for a few minutes and drove off.

Inside the House

Colin: Are you okay?

Lebone: Acting all innocent a its e what she did.

He picked up his phone and dialed his Uncle.

At Tumi's House

Tumi's kids ran to Same and hugged her.

Same: Are you excited for the new baby?

They both nod their heads. She went to knock on the door where Tumi and Beth were.

Tumi: Who is it?

Tsala: The one and only Rakgadi.

Tumi slightly opened the door.

Tumi: Are you clean enough to come inside?

Tsala: Haha what is that supposed to mean?

Beth: Hahaha let her come inside.

Tumi: O seka wa gata ngwanake mma.

They all laughed, Tsala handed Beth the plastic bag she came with.

Tsala: Awww, she is so cute.

Beth: Very! You want to hold her?

Tsala thought for a second then refused.

Tsala: No!

They all laughed.

Tsala: Not because I did anything, I work at the hospital and..

Tumi: We get you!

She looked at Tumi and rolled her eyes.

Tsala: Another girl, you going to try for a boy?

Beth and Tumi looked at each other.

Tumi: I would love to but if she is not down for it then three girls it is.

Beth: You will have a boy for us akere?

Tsala: Yoh yoh, not having another baby.

Beth: I also said that, now I have three. That's wa lesire mma!

Tsala: And Malome Marumo just called me about a meeting ka Saturday. I know it's about me not having a baby.

Tumi: Kante is it true he has five wives?

Tsala: Huh?

Tumi: Banna ba ja mona, five wives?

Beth: Ke eng you want a second wife?

Tumi: Hahaha no, I love hard and you are enough for me.

Beth: Le nna I would never agree to that, there are a

million men in this world why would I choose to share?

Tumi: (Singing) Money money money!

Beth: I would rather be poor, I would die knowing you are with another woman doing things that you always do with me, with her.

Tsala let out a fade smile and looked at the baby. Her phone reported an sms from Mox, she read it and smiled.

The Following Morning

"Mama, Mama" Rati shook MmaMox.

MmaMox: (Sleepy) Mmmh what is it, the bucket is by the door.

Rati: We are going to be late for school.

MmaMox: Heee!

She took her phone from the table to look at the time and it was half past four in the morning.

MmaMox: Wa thola, sekwele sa eng sa 4, wa lowa go back to sleep.

Rati laid down next to her sister and looked up in the dark until she fell asleep.

A little later that Morning

Tsala walked out of the Police station with an affidavit dialing Lebone but his number didn't go through. She got in her car still calling him and his number still didn't go through. She parked by the registration offices and walked to the guard on duty.

Tsala: Hi, can I am here to certify my marriage certificate.

Guard: Counter three.

Tsala: Thanks!

She went to sit down until her turn.

Tsala: Hi!

Her: Tsala?

Tsala: Uhu, Kele!

They both laughed.

Tsala: Uhuuu, I didn't recognise you.

Kele: Nna ke iponna lekgarebe hela.

Tsala: Haha wai kae?

Kele: You look beautiful.

Tsala: Thanks, you too.

She took out copies of the marriage certificate and the original and gave Kele.

Kele: Tsena Moghel, Mrs Marumo.

Tsala: Haha!

Kele: I thought you and Mox would end up together, you guys were cute.

Tsala: Hahahah!

Kele raised the stamp about to stamp the copy then she stopped. She looked at the marriage certificate carefully.

Kele: Sit there I will call you.

Tsala: Okay!

She went to sit down. She opened her WhatsApp and MmaMox had sent her a photo of Rati in uniform.

Tsala: (Voice note) Haha moghel, e le gore who taught you how to send photos?

She sent the voicemail. Kele waved at her and she stood up.

Tsala: I hope I don't find a long que at..

Kele: Ummm, there.. There is something wrong with your marriage certificate.

Tsala: What?

Kele: They are calling you back in the office.

Tsala: E le gore what is wrong with it?

Kele: It's not real.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 93

MmaMox packed snacks for the kids and put in
their school bags while they had their soft porridge.

MmaMox: Finish up its almost time up.

Yama went to put her plate at the kitchen and raised her top showing MmaMox her stomach. "Mama bona I finished"

MmaMox: Good girl, take your bag and go.

She looked at her Grandmother and her eyes popped.

Yama: Heee!

MmaMox: Ga o utwa a re heee ngwana wa ga Moemedi she didn't do homework.

Yama took out a book and a pencil from her bag.

Yama: Mama, mpha maina a diruiwa tsa mo gae.
(Give me names of domestic animals)

MmaMox just looked at her.

Yama: Podi..(Looked at MmaMox) What else?

MmaMox: Wena, wena! Didn't you say you didn't have homework yesterday?

Yama: Akere I forgot.

MmaMox: I don't know why they brought you back because you were supposed to study in Maun. Next time you write your homework in the morning I am going to beat you do you hear me?

She looked at her book.

MmaMox: What is Poda, write Podi (Goat) sente. Instead of an "e" write "i"

Rati went to put her plate in the kitchen and took her bag.

Rati: Mama nna I don't have homework.

MmaMox: Good girl.

MmaMox's phone rang and she went to get her phone.

MmaMox: Hello!

Tsala: Hello le teng?

MmaMox: Ee mma, if your daughter doesn't kill me then nothing ever will.

Tsala: Hahaha what did she do today?

MmaMox: We are writing homework as we speak.

Tsala: You should not allow her to go play unless she has shown you her books.

MmaMox: Everyday she doesn't have homework, I don't know if the teacher is a witch, she comes to give them homework at night.

Tsala: Hahahaha!

MmaMox: Le teng?

Tsala: Ee mma! I want to come see them this weekend.

MmaMox: Okay no problem my girl.

Tsala: You will tell me whats short akere kamoso.

MmaMox: Okay I will send you a voice note.

Tsala: Hahahaha, okay! Bye!

Yama: Let me talk to Tsala.

MmaMox hung up.

MmaMox: O buwa eng le Tsala kwala (Reading)
What is mafele, wa thola o bata go ntshotlisa ma
tichara ba re ke ruile mafele.

A little later that day at Lunchtime

Tsala walked in the restaurant talking to the phone and walked to the back, she occupied a seat.

Meanwhile Same and Romeo walked in and sat by the table next to hers.

Tsala pretended not to see Same and raised her hand to the waiter.

Waiter: Hello Mam, how can I help you?

Tsala: I called in and ordered two plates of rice and one plate of madombi, order seven, take aways.

Waiter: Okay mam, I will.

Tsala: Please get me a glass of water while I wait.

Waiter: Coming right up.

Both girls pretended like they didn't see each other.
Tsala got her takeaways and left.

Romeo held Same's hand and kissed it.

Romeo: Are you okay?

Same: Yeah!

She took a bite from her food and let out a fake smile.

Same: I am coming!

She hurried outside and looked around then she spotted Tsala getting in her car.

Same: Hi.

Tsala turned to her.

Tsala: Hi.

Same: Long time.

Tsala: Mmh!

Same: You work in Maun?

Tsala: Yes!

Same: Me too! At the bank.

There was an awkward moment.

Same: It was nice seeing you.

Tsala: Same here!

Same: No shapo akere!.

Tsala: Bye!

She got in her car and drove back to work.

A little later that Evening

At Tsala's House

Tsala parked outside the gate, she went inside the house to get her clothes and as she was packing them she heard a car park outside, she looked through the window and it was Lebone. He opened the door and went straight to the bedroom meeting Tsala in the passage.

Lebone: Four days without sleeping at home, without taking my calls.

Tsala: I know.

Lebone: Don't say you know, where have you been?

Tsala: I am staying over at my parents' house okay, you have a problem with that kill me then. I don't feel safe or comfortable here knowing that you have

cameras all over the house watching my every move.

Lebone: So I am the bad guy, I..

Tsala: I don't feel safe around you anymore Lebone, I am scared of you. Being around you is like living in a battlefield, you can explode anytime anywhere, I am scared of you, this is not what signed up for. I know your whole family thinks we married you for money but I didn't, I don't know about other people but I married you because I loved you Lebone. I accepted your lifestyle because I loved you.

Lebone: So you don't love me anymore?

Tsala: Yes.. You are not the man I fell in love with, I look at you and see a stranger, I am looking hard trying to see the man I fell in love with thinking he is still in there but I don't (Crying) I know you might beat me for saying this but I don't love you anymore. I am not happy.

Lebone: I am the bad guy, wena you are innocent in all of this akere? I pushed you to sleep with your baby daddy?

Tsala: Yes you did! You said nothing will change between us you..

She covered her mouth and took a deep breath.

Tsala: I will ask my Dad how a divorce is finalised since we never really got married. I want out before you kill me. You have already broken me.

She continued packing her bags and took the first one to the car then she came back to take the other.

Lebone: Can I have the car keys and house keys please.

Tsala: You...

She shook her head and went outside, she removed everything of hers from the car, got back inside the house and packed all her clothes.

Lebone: And leave everything that I bought you or gave you money to buy.

Tsala shook her head as she packed only her clothes and took the bags outside

Tsala: If your Uncle wants your Magadi back then I will take a loan and pay you back every single thebe.

She said giving Lebone the car keys and the house keys, she stood outside and watched as he locked the house and left her standing outside.

She looked at the three bags of clothes and that was all she had to her name. She sat on top of the suitcase and breathed in her hands. Little raindrops fell on her, she looked up at the grey sky. She sat there getting soaked in the rain.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 94

The same evening at the Guest House

Tsala tied her braids and put on a shower cap, she got inside the shower and opened the tap. She stood still as the hot water fell on her body, she wrapped her arms around herself then she covered her face and breathed out heavily. She slowly showered, brushed her teeth then got into bed, she

laid on her back and looked up at the ceiling, she took a deep breath then got out of bed and went to switch off the lights, she got back into bed and closed her eyes until she fell asleep.

The Following Morning

MmaMox finished bathing Yama, she went to the bedroom and shook Rati who was fast asleep.

MmaMox: Wake up!

Rati: Mmmh mmh!

MmaMox: Wake up.

Rati raised her hand and counted with her fingers.

Rati: Mama tomorrow we are not going to school akere.

MmaMox: Yes, tsoga ngwanaka it's the last day today.

Rati woke up and MmaMox bathed her then dressed her.

Rati: Mama wee!

MmaMox: Mmaweee!

Rati: Nna jaanong I am tired of school. I want to stay home with you.

MmaMox: Hahaha!

She gave them cereals and they ate while she fixed their snacks. The gate opened and she looked through the window. Tsala stepped out of the taxi and walked towards the house.

MmaMox: Uhuuu!

She went to open the door and Tsala put her bag down.

MmaMox: Uhu, when you said you were coming you were on the way?

Tsala: Hahaha! I got the last bus to francistown.

"Tsala" Yama came running from the house and hugged her, Rati followed and she hugged her too.

Yama: You are going to take me to school with your car?

She looked behind and there was no car.

Rati: Are we going to Maun?

Yama: Hahaha no! I came to see you guys akere.

Did you miss me?

Rati: Yes!

Yama: Mama can I please skip school today I..

Rati: Me too.

MmaMox: No one is skipping school you will find Tsala when you come back now go finish eating.

Tsala: Let me take it from here.

MmaMox: I didn't prepare Mox's room akere nna I knew you were coming today.

Tsala: It's fine I will just sleep with the kids.

MmaMox: Bone bo MmaDiphinya ebile ke lwala dinko.

The girls laughed. Tsala went to put her bags inside then she walked Yama to school after Rati got in the school bus.

At Lebone's House

Lebone clicked his tongue calling Tsala's number but it didn't go through. "I want my cards back" He sent her a text.

A little later the same day.

MmaMox looked at Tsala who was lost in her thoughts washing the kids uniforms.

MmaMox: Talk to me.

Tsala looked at her then she wiped her hands with her top and sat down.

MmaMox: You are not the Tsala I know, talk to me, what is going on?

Tsala: I am fine.

MmaMox: It's clear you are not ready to talk about it but let me give you a general advise. No matter what, who, always choose you first.

Tsala let out a fade smile.

MmaMox: O bona nna, many many years ago I was the laughing stock of this whole village. Gotwe heee O ile monna, I failed to keep a man. My parents tried to talk to me. You know what I told everyone, I got married to be happy not keep a man, when I was no longer happy with my husband I left. No one knows gore I left, they all thought he chased me, even today around the village I am that woman who was abandoned with three kids but you know what I really am. I am the woman who was not scared to start over after fifteen years of marriage, I am the woman who left an unhappy marriage, I am the woman who didn't keep a man but kept my sanity and happiness. I don't know what you are going through but I want you to always put yourself first

okay. Whatever you do should be because it makes you happy not because it makes another person happy.

Tsala wiped her tears with her t-shirt and knod her head.

MmaMox: I have seen you at your happiest and I can tell you are not happy.

Tsala: (Crying) I am not.

MmaMox: If a woman with three kids, ugly as me with a dead eye can..

Tsala: Don't say that about yourself. You are beautiful as you are.

MmaMox: Akere it's how they describe me in the village. Look, I am not saying walk away, I am saying if it's not worth fighting for then leave.

Tsala wiped her tears as the girls came from the

tuckshop eating ice pops and mabudula.

MmaMox: You didn't buy for me?

Rati: It's not for old people.

MmaMox: Sies, Tsala is going tomorrow I will deal with you.

Yama: Tsaaa ee! (Take)

MmaMox: No I don't want, its not for the kids akere. Later when I drink my Coke don't tell me you want, it's not for the kids, kids and adults don't share

Tsala laughed and continued washing.

Later that Evening

Lebone finished changing locks then he drove to RraTumi's house . His phone rang as he parked by the gate.

Lebone: Hey I will call you back in a few.

He hung up and went to the house where RraTumi and Mariam were sitting in front of the house reading the Bible. They exchanged greetings then Mariam excused herself.

Lebone: Is Tsala here!

RraTumi looked at him for a few seconds and took a deep breath.

RraTumi: You are her husband I should be asking you where she is not the other way round.

Lebone: Tsala is sleeping with Moemedi.

RraTumi: Give me a few minutes.

He stood up and went inside the house, about five minutes later he came with boiling water in a pot. Lebone quickly stood up.

RraTumi: Get out of my yard!

Lebone: I..

RraTumi: Do shit fuc*** bastard. I told you if you ever hurt my daughter I will boil your balls akere, is that why she has been staying here, you beat her?

Lebone: I didn't...

RraTumi: Ke ta go karafa dithala boy... (I will dip your balls in this hot water boy)

Lebone ran to his car, got inside and drove away.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 95

RraTumi: Ke ta go karafa dithala boy... (I will dip your balls in this hot water boy)

Lebone ran to his car, got inside and drove away.

Marriam: RraTumi?

RraTumi: I told you maloba gore he did something to her akere, I told you I don't buy what she said about missing her mother. He better not set his foot here, I am going to get my daughter. I married off my daughter not sent her to be a punching bag. Bring me my phone.

Marriam went inside and came with the phone. RraTumi dialed Tsala but her number didn't go

through. He called again and again until he gave up.

RraTumi: I told you maloba gore he did something to her, I know my daughter.

The same evening

Tsala blew air on Yama's nails then she painted Rati's.

Yama: We are beautiful akere!

Tsala: Yes!

The door opened and Tutu came in. MmaMox just looked at her and kept quiet. She sat down and looked at some of the nail polishes Tsala had brought.

Tutu: Can I?

Tsala: Sure!

Tutu looked at her grandmother and laughed.

Tutu: Mama kante jaanong how are you looking at me?

MmaMox: How am I looking at you?

Tutu: Like that!

MmaMox: Wa ntena, where have you been?

Tutu: I went with Felicity to the shops akere.

MmaMox: If you fall pregnant..

Tutu: Sheee hahaha, kante everything is pregnancy to you?

MmaMox: I will call your Uncles on you, you go out in the afternoon and come back after eight everyday.

Nna ka re go to school ngwaaka and be something in life, wena if..

Tutu: Okay fine I will never leave home until I go to tertiary then.

MmaMox: Nxnxnx bo Tutu weeee!

Tutu: Aah Mama, nna I am not doing anything than can lend me in trouble. Just for your information I am not having se*, you should be worried about bo Rati le Yama who hide with Shimane in the toilet.

Tsala: What?

Rati: Yes Shimane ne a re wa.l go re bontsha...

MmaMox: (Snapped) Heeey ngwana wa ga Moemedi, didn't I tell you I will beat you if you ever say that word?

Rati kept quiet.

Tsala: Tell me what happened? Hahaha!

No one said anything.

Tsala: Tutu?

Tutu: All I am saying is you should be worried about these two.

Tsala: Hahaha bathong, tell me! MmaMox!

MmaMox stood up.

MmaMox: I am not saying anything, my girls promised me they will not do it anymore that's why I haven't told anyone.

Tutu: (In English) Don't worry I will tell you later.

Tsala: Hahahah!

Rati: Tutu I heard you, wa re you will tell Tsala later.

Yama: I heard you too.

Tutu: Hahaha I didn't say that.

She stood up and went to her bedroom.

MmaMox: Go get your food and eat or you ate where you were? Ba ta le jesetsa!

At Tumi's House

Tumi wiped his hands and grabbed his phone, he picked up and put on loudspeaker while he dried his head.

Tumi: Hello!

RraTumi: Is your sister with you?

Tumi: No why?

RraTumi: Did you talk to her today because she left yesterday and hasn't come back, her number is off.

Tumi: I haven't talked to Tsala in days, what happened?

RraTumi told him everything that he thought happened. Tumi sat down and cupped his face.

Tumi: Papa I will call you later.

He hung up and put on his clothes then he grabbed his car keys and drove to Tsala's house dialing her number but it didn't go through. He knocked on the door several times and gave up, just as he was about to go back to his car the neighbour called him.

Neighbour: You are Tsala's brother?

Tumi: Yes, have you seen her?

Neighbour: I don't mean to be noisy but yesterday I saw them fighting, he must have kicked her out because he locked the house leaving her outside in the rain, this morning he came to take the car and then I saw him change locks.

Tumi: You mean Lebone?

Neighbour: Yes. Tsala ene I haven't seen her since maabane.

Tumi: Thank you for that information.

He walked to his car dialing J ohn.

J ohn: Sure T..

Tumi: O kae? We are going to Lebone's House.

J ohn: What happened?

Tumi: He has started beating Tsala again.

J ohn: What?

Tumi: I want you to.. J ohn..J ohn!

He had hung up on him. He called J ohn back but he didn't pick up. "Don't do anything stupid" Tumi sent a text while he drove to Lebone's house.

At Same's house

Same rested her head on Romeo's chest while they watched a movie on his laptop. Romeo smiled at her as he traced his fingers in her hair. He cleared his throat.

Romeo: Babe wee!

Same: Yeah!

Romeo: If we had a baby it..

Same got up and looked at him. She let out a fade smile.

Romeo: It will be cute like mummy.

Same: You are already thinking about kids?

Romeo: J ust thinking out loud.

Same: Told you I am not having kids out of wedlock.

Romeo: Let's get married then.

Same: What, you think..

Romeo took out a ring case from under the pillow. Same quickly jumped off the bed and covered her mouth.

Tsala: Babe?

Romeo: I know the story of our love is only beginning. Let's write our own happy ending. You deserve the very best, someone who will back you up without limits, let you grow without borders, and love you without end. Will you let me be the one?

Same: (Crying) Babeee!

He opened the case and got on his knee.

Same: Babe!

She helped him stand up and hugged him.

At Lebone's House

Colin opened the door and John stormed inside.

John: Where is Lebone?

Lebone came from the kitchen.

Lebone: What's going on!

John: Where is my sister?

Lebone: I am not a wh**** keeper!

John punched him on the face.

John: Didn't I tell you to...

He punched Lebone again, Lebone pushed him back and grabbed a knife.

Colin: Lebone...

John: O tseela mang thipa mona?

He said moving into him and grabbed the hand that held the knife. Lebone moved the knife to the other hand and pushed John.

John: Fight like a man that you think you are, kana you only know how to beat my sister?

He moved into Lebone again and pushed him back hard with both his hands.

J ohn: Ke eng you can't...

Lebone stabbed him on the stomach.

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Goodmorning

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He moved into Lebone again and pushed him back hard with both his hands.

J ohn: Ke eng you can't...

Lebone stabbed him on the stomach., J ohn pushed him back hard against the wall and started punching him, Lebone threw the knife down and they found for it, J ohn grabbed it by the sharp side and Lebone pulled it cutting him a little on the hand.

"Stop, Lebone please stop" Colin shouted and ran outside for help, immediately Tumi parked outside and came running. He passed Colin and went straight to the house. He pulled Lebone off J ohn and punched him, Lebone fell on the sofa and he helped J ohn stand.

Tumi: Are you okay?

J ohn wiped the blood off his lips and knod his head. Tumi turned to Lebone.

Tumi: Where is my sister?

John: Do I...

Tumi grabbed him by the t-shirt and headed him.

Tumi: O s ka mpuis a makgakga, ka re where is my sister.

Lebone: I don't know.

Tumi: Didn't I tell you not to ever lay your hand on her, didn't I tell you what will happen next?

He said pushing him back and Lebone fell on the sofa again. "Let's kill this dog" John pulling up his t-shirt and the stab was a little one.

Tumi: John go wait outside.

John: I..

Tumi: Go wait outside and make sure no one comes inside.

John went to stand outside and closed the door.

Colin: What's going on?

John: It's none of your business.

Colin: (Crying) What is he doing to him?

She looked through the window but she couldn't see anything then she heard something heavy fall. After a few minutes Tumi came out.

Tumi: Let's go!

Colin ran inside the house and Lebone was on the floor crying.

Colin: Babe!

Outside

John: What did you do to him?

Tumi: Have that wound checked out.

John: Tumi!

Tumi got in his car and drove off, John looked back at the house before he got in his car and drove off too.

The same night

Tsala woke up to someone knocking on the door then she heard a deep voice outside, she put on her gown and stood by the door.

Tsala: Who is it?

She looked at the time on her phone.

Mox: It's Mox!

Tsala: Mox?

She opened the door.

Mox: I saw the lights on wondering who was sleeping in my room.

Tsala: I didn't know you were coming.

Mox: I didn't know you were here too.

He threw his bag on the chair and looked at the two girls sleeping.

Tsala: We will go sleep with..

Mox: It's fine, they are already sleeping, I will sleep on the sofa.

Tsala: Okay!

Mox closed the door and removed his shoes.

Mox: It's my day off tomorrow so I thought I should come see the girls.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Mox's phone rang.

Mox: Hello!

Tumi: Hi, can I have your mother's number please.

Mox: Oh okay but she is sleeping right now.

Tumi: Yeah, I just want to know if Tsala is there because..

Mox: Yes Tsala is here.

Tumi: O ko serule?

Mox: Yes!

Tumi: Thank God, can you please give her the phone.

Mox passed the phone to Tsala and she cleared her throat.

Tsala: E le gore shy are you not calling me on my phone?

Tumi: Because its off.

Tsala: Eheee kana, ke its a pile to charge it.

Tumi: Are you okay?

Tsala: Yes why?

Tumi: J aanong why didn't you tell us gore Lebone locked you out of the house?

Tsala looked at Mox then she got off bed, put on her flip flops and went outside.

Tsala: Who told you that?

Tumi: And that he took your car?

Tsala wiped her tears walking towards the gate.

Tumi: Didn't i tell you gore he will never change?

Tsala:...

Tumi: Now tell me gore if you were staying with Yama what..

Tsala: Tumi please!

Tumi: You are still staying?

Tsala: No!

Tumi: Good! I am glad you are okay.

Tsala: Thanks!

She hung up and went to sit on the stoop for a few

minutes before she went back inside the house.

Mox: Are you okay?

Tsala: No!

Mox hugged her and they sat on the sofa. He rubbed her back, Tsala hugged him tightly crying out loud.

The following morning

Same finished washing the plates then she went to get her ring in the drawer. She looked at it for a few minutes, she sat on the bed and put it on her finger and smiled. She got interrupted by Romeo's call.

Same: Hey!

Romeo: Hey, you can have breakfast I am kind of

running a little late.

Same: Oh okay!

Romeo: Okay bye I..

Same: Wait.. Are you mad at me that I didn't accept the proposal?

Romeo: You didn't say no either.

Same: Hahaha!

Romeo: I love you still.

Same: I love you too babe!

Romeo hung up, Same removed the ring and put it back in the case then she showered and went to see her mother.

At Serule

MmaMox looked at Tsala and Mox laughing looking at something in his phone. She cleared her throat

and called Tsala.

Tsala: Mma?

MmaMox: Mox a re he arrived bosigo?

Tsala: Yes he..

MmaMox: Why didn't you come sleep with us?

Tsala: Oh, it was late and..

MmaMox: Tsala!

Tsala laughed.

Tsala: He slept on the sofa and I slept on the bed with the kids.

MmaMox: O sure?

Tsala: Haha yes I am sure.

MmaMox: Okay! Know that those girls are old enough to hear things and see things.

Tsala: Haha, I swear nothing happened.

MmaMox: Okay!

At Lebone's House

Colin helped him drink the water then he helped him lay down on the bed.

Colin: You have to report them, bona hela what he did to you.

Lebone:..

Colin: Babe!

Lebone: I can't okay!

Colin: E le gore..

Lebone: Give me my phone.

Colin gave him the phone and he dialed Tsala but she didn't pick up. " Left your car at work, the house

keys are inside" he sent the text to Tsala.

Colin: You are giving her the car and house back?

Lebone:..

Colin: Kante what happened yesterday, you won't report those men ebile you are giving Tsala back the house and car, what's going on, what do they have over you?

Lebone kept quiet.

2 Years Later

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EPISODE 97

2 Years Later

The shower curtain opened and Tsala stepped into the shower naked, she wrapped her arms around Mox's torso then kissed his back, he turned around and they kissed. Mox closed the shower and picked her up pinning her against the wall.

Mox: I didn't hear you come in!

He pressed his lips on hers then he kissed her neck and rubbed his D on her nunu, Tsala moa*** softly, he turned her around and pinned both her hands against the wall, he aggressively kissed her back and neck then she felt his whole D slide in.

"Ohh" she moan*** softly as he gave her a bit of the morning glory. He finished and pulled out then he opened the shower on both of them. Tsala turned to him and planted a soft kiss on his lips.

Tsala: Good morning.

Mox: Hey!

He kissed her again and they helped each other shower. They stepped out together and Tsala got into bed, she watched Mox as he got ready for work. He put on his uniform and sat down putting on his boots.

Mox: Kante why do you like watching me Everytime I get ready?

Tsala: Because you are sexy!

Mox smiled and stood up. Tsala's phone rang and she smiled picking up.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Hello, you are awake?

Tsala : Yes!

MmaMox: Ehe, ngwana wa ga MmaPoloko a re she is coming there tomorrow so she will come with them to save you the trip.

Tsala: Oh okay then no problem you will give her my number akere?

MmaMox: I will do that. Where is their father, I have been trying his number he is not picking up.

Tsala: (Looked at Mox) Huh, I don't know, I haven't seen him in days.

MmaMox: Okay no problem.

She hung up, Mox stood in front of her then he leaned over and kissed her.

Tsala: Answer MmaMox's calls.

Mox: Why didn't you tell her we are together?

Tsala: So early in the morning, how was I..

Mox: Are you ashamed to tell people we are back together because I am a security guard?

Tsala: Don't be like that, you know that's not true.

Mox reached for his phone and headsets.

Mox: See you later.

Tsala: Babe!

She got out of bed and followed him.

Tsala: You know I am not ashamed of you. I would never be ashamed of you because of where you work.

She stepped on her toes and kissed him.

Mox: O sure?

Tsala: Even if you worked to cut trees by the side of the road.

Mox smiled, Tsala kissed him again and she closed the door after him.

At Same's House

She took a short prayer then she peed on two home pregnancy sticks and put them flat on the floor before she ran outside. She took a deep breath looking at the time tapping her feet on the ground. Her phone rang and she picked up.

Romeo: Hey I just woke up, did you test?

Same: Yes, I. I am waiting for the results.

Romeo: Let me video call.

He switched to a video call.

Romeo: Okay now I am nervous.

Same: Hahaha, I thought you were positive gore I am pregnant.

Romeo: You have the signs and symptoms akere plus I know what we did.

Same: HUUUU! You ready?

She said opening the door and switched to the back camera.

Romeo: Ga ke bone zoom in.

Same zoomed in on the negative test results on both the two test sticks.

Same: (Excited) Not pregnant.

Romeo: (Disappointed) Oh! I was so sure you were this time you will be.

Same: Mmmh! Sorry babe, like the Doctor said we are both still young and we are both healthy, it will eventually happen.

Romeo: Yeah! I was hoping it would be sooner but hey, God's time is the best akere.

Same: I miss you!

Romeo: I miss you more babe! I can't wait to see you next week Friday. I promise you when you go back you are going to go back pregnant.

Same: Haha! Let me shower and get ready for work.

Romeo: I love you!

Same: I love you!

Romeo hung up and Same touched her stomach. She took a deep breath, looked at the ring on her finger then she fell on the bed on her back and looked up at the ceiling.

At Tsala's New House

Tsala couldn't stop thinking about what Mox said about her being ashamed of him because he was a security guard. She took a deep breath, searched for a photo of them together and posted it on her Facebook captioned " My first love" and Same was the first to react with a heart emoji.

A little later that morning

Same closed the therapist door and went to seat down. The therapist introduced herself and made the atmosphere comfortable for her. Same cleared her throat.

Same: I am scared..

The therapist put her book and pen down. She looked at her studying her body language.

Therapist: What are you scared of?

Same: What if I fall pregnant and its a girl.

Therapist: What's wrong with having a girl child?

Same: What if she goes through what I went through.

Same sunk on the seat and covered her face crying. The therapist pushed a box of tissues to her.

Therapist: What did you go through?

Later that Afternoon

Mox wiped his hands and reached for his phone. He had an sms from a blocked number , he clicked on it and it was Kesego. "Ke kopa tiga lebele yame rra, I heard gatwe wa bereka. 766#### pay to cell or instant money" (I heard that you are working, I want damages 766### pay to cell or instant money)

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Goodnight

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EPISODE 98

"Ke kopa tiga lebele yame rra, I heard gatwe wa bereka. 766#### pay to cell or instant money" (I heard that you are working, I want damages

766### pay to cell or instant money)

Mox laughed and clicked his tongue. He put his phone back in his pocket and another sms came through but he didn't open it.

At Same's house

Same parked in front of the house and stayed in the car for about ten minutes with her head on the steering wheel. She got interrupted from her thoughts by her mother's call.

Same: Hello!

Ditshogo: Hi, you said you will send money for..

Same: No hello Same how are you doing?

Ditshogo: I don't have airtime that's why I wanted to get straight to the point.

Same: I will send the money!

Ditshego: How are you?

Same: I..

The airtime finished and she didn't call her mother back.

Later that evening

Tsala pushed the trolley to the car when she noticed a man walking behind her. She looked around and there were few people in the parking lot.

Tsala: If you touch me I..

Abel: You dropped this.

He said showing her her bank card.

Tsala: Oh I am sorry I.

Abel: Haha.

Tsala: These days you never know kana criminals are clean and handsome.

Abel: Oh, thank you for the compliment.

They both laughed. Abel helped her open the boot and put the food inside.

Tsala: Thank you!

Abel: You are welcome.

He closed it, Tsala got in the car and reversed out, Abel waved at her then got in his car and drove off.

At Tsala's House

Mox looked at his certificates and took a deep

breath, he cupped his face and put them back in the envelope and put them back under the door. He heard a car park outside, he stood up and went outside and helped Tsala take the groceries inside the house.

Tsala: Hey!

She said kissing him, Mox let out a fade smile and kissed her back.

Tsala: What?

Mox: I am loosing hope, maybe I studied the wrong course.

Tsala: I am sure something will come up, you..

Mox: When? It has been five years come on, everyone I went to school with is working or doing something and I am stuck as a security guard.

Tsala: I am sorry!

She hugged him, Mox stepped back, she sat down and cupped his face. Tsala sat next to him and pat his back.

Tsala: Something will come up Babe!

Mox: Until when are you going to take care of me and my children?

Tsala: Don't say that

Mox: I feel hopeless and useless.

Tsala hugged him and they hugged.

Tsala: How can I help you? Tell me what business you want to do maybe I can help.

Mox: No, you are already doing..

Tsala: Tell me if I don't help you who will? Your brother is married now he can't help you like he

used to before. Seriously I don't mind babe, le nna I don't like seeing you in this state.

Mox:..

Tsala: What if it was me in this state, were you not going to help me? Prideful much?

Mox: Ga se pride you are already helping me a lot I.

Tsala: Babe!

She made him look at her.

Tsala: Okay let's say its a loan then I see gore pride is getting the best of you.

Mox smiled. Tsala sat on top of him and wrapped her arms around his neck.

Mox: You are going to be late for work.

Tsala: No I won't, I want to listen to your ideas.

Mox: Don't laugh if they are stupid.

Tsala: Okay I won't laugh.

Mox: I have been in security for years and these people make money, like serious money.

Tsala: Okay!

She said looking into Mox's eyes.

Mox: Their problems ke gore they all bring the same thing to the table.

Tsala: Mmmh, so wena what will you be bringing that is different?

Mox: I want to offer security for everything..

Tsala smiled as she listened to his ideas. She looked at how passionate he was when he spoke.

Mox: What do you think? Be honest!

Tsala: I like the idea, can I give advice though?

Mox: Sure!

Tsala: Tell Tumi about your idea, he is a very good business man he will give you free advice.

Mox: I will do that

Tsala: Otherwise it's a very good idea and I like it, I personally would use your security gape akere the boss is sexy.

Mox: Hahaha!

Tsala: I love you.

Mox: I love you more!

She kissed him and got up, Mox pulled her back onto him, he looked at the time on the phone and put it down..

Mox: Where are you going we still have an hour left.

He said kissing her and pulled up her dress and she was not wearing a panty. He put her on the table, got between her legs and.. #*#*#*

The following Day

At Tumi's Office

Tumi attentively listened to Mox's business idea and jotted down a few things. Mox finished talking and looked at Tumi, He cleared his throat and nod his head.

Tumi: This is actually a very good idea, I love it ebile ke ipotsa why haven't I thought about it before.

They both laughed.

Tumi: Haha okay, no honestly it's a good idea, you have planned everything through, I love that you have a target market. All I can do is give you di advice hela gore starting a business can be the most depressing thing ever. As good as your service will be people are loyal to what they are used to, so you will have to be stragetice about marketing. Don't be scared to use money. Most times interprenuers fail because e they put a high price to their services before they get clients. Client ha e tla e re I can afford to pay this much wa gana, what's loosing a thousand. When I started my business I lost thousands, sometimes I would make profit ya only two thousand kaha I had to pay workers and ended up paying from my pocket, I don't mean to be brag but right now mo Maun who doesn't know our services or who hasn't heard about them?

Mox knod his head. Tumi stood up and pat his back "Patience my guy, patience is a vertue". Mox stood up and they left together bumping into Lebone by

the door. Mox looked at Tumi.

Tumi: We will talk akere?

Mox looked at Tumi then at Lebone.

Mox: Sure!

He left and looked behind, Tumi closed the door closing him and Lebone inside.

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Good afternoon

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 99

At The Bus Rank

The girls stepped out of the bus holding their back packs and looked around. "Who are you looking for?" Tsala asked standing behind them.

Yama: Tsala!

She excitedly hugged Tsala, Rati hugged her too and Tsala picked her up.

Rati: Nna i didn't eat my food, Yama ate all hers.

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaPoloko's daughter gave Tsala the girls bag and

they exchanged greetings.

Tsala: Thank you so much for coming with them.

Her: You are welcome.

Tsala: I hope they didn't give you problems on the way.

Her: Wai when they were not sleeping they were talking and looking outside the bus.

Tsala: Oh, thank you so much, let me drop you off.

Her: Thanks!

MmaMox's call came through as she drove out of the bus rank.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: Have they arrived?

Tsala: Yes but we haven't arrived home they just arrived now.

MmaMox: Okay you will call me when you get home.

Tsala: Bye!

Tsala dropped MmaPoloko's daughter at her boyfriend's house then she drove home.

Yama: Tsala wee!

Tsala: Thee mma call me Mummy hela just once in your life.

Rati: Le nna? (Me too?)

Tsala: Yes you too!

Rati: Mama a re I am going to go to school kwano next year ga ke bala four.

Tsala: Yeah?

Rati: Me too?

Tsala: Huh? I don't know I will ask your grandmother.

Rati kept quiet and looked outside the car.

Rati: I wish you were my real mother.

Tsala looked at Rati, that was the last thing she expected to hear from her.

Yama: Tsala is your real mum, akere Tsala?

Rati: She is not! I heard MmaPoloko a re she is not my mum.

Rati quickly answered before Tsala could.

Yama: Okay we can share her then like we share daddy akere Tsala?

Tsala: Yeah!

Yama: Did you hear that Rati, now you have a mum too.

Tsala looked back at Rati.

Yama: You feel better now?

Rati: Yeah!

Tsala smiled and parked in front of the gate, both girls stepped out and went to open the gate then they got back in the car and Tsala parked in front of the house.

Mox opened the door and they ran to him, he picked them both and kissed them.

Yama: Daddy you stay here too?

Mox looked at Tsala and smiled.

Mox: I came to see you guys akere!

He kissed them again and went inside the house.
Tsala followed with their bags and went to put them
in their room.

Mox: Hey!

He kissed Tsala.

Tsala: Went to see Tumi?

Mox: Yes we talked.

Tsala: And?

Mox: He likes my ideas and thinks they are good, he
gave me advice too.

Tsala: I told you he is a good business man.

Mox: Yeah, I also saw Lebone.

Tsala: Lebone? What did he want?

Mox: Yes! He arrived when I left.

Tsala raised her eyebrows.

Mox: Yeah, I was surprised, what business does Tumi have with Lebone?

Tsala raised her shoulders.

Mox: Anyway maybe ke business hela.

Tsala: Yeah!

Mox kissed her then quickly stepped back as the girls came running in the bedroom.

Yama: Tsala ice cream e mo fridge ke ya rona?

Tsala: Yes!

She and Mox followed them to the kitchen then she put some ice cream in cones for them and they went to the sitting room.

At the Therapist's Office

Same looked up as tears rolled down her cheeks as she was forced to revisit memories she wanted so bad to block and forget. She reached for another tissue and blew her nose.

Therapist: Same!

Same: I.. (Sobbing).. I..

She took a deep breath and wiped her tears. She closed her eyes and could feel Sechaba's weight on top of her, his smell and his smile as he rap** her.

Therapist: It was not your fault, he was a sick man who needed help. You were a child, he should have protected you instead of taking advantage of you. I don't want you to blame yourself for what that sick man did to you. You didn't choose it, you were a child, it didn't matter what you wore around him, he was supposed to see you as a child that you were. You did nothing wrong.

Same wiped her tears, she tried to speak but something big and painful stuck on her throat.

The same evening

Tsala closed the gate and got in the passenger's side, she looked behind if the kids were fine as Mox drove out.

Mox's phone rang and Tsala picked it for him, she looked at the caller ID then at Mox.

Tsala: Who is Same?

Mox: Huh?

Tsala picked up and put on loudspeaker.

Tsala: Araba!

Mox: Aah aah!

He took the phone from her.

Mox: Hello!

Same: Hey ke Same!

Mox looked at Tsala.

Mox: Hi!

Same: Thee rra ke kopa favour.

Mox looked at Tsala and laughed.

Mox: Favour?

Same: Can I have Tsala's number please, I just want to talk to her.

Mox: Oh, I.. (Looked at Tsala) I..

Same: Please, I wouldn't beg if it wasn't important.

Tsala: Mo e neele (Give it to her)

Mox: Okay, 7674####

Same: Thanks!

He hung up, Tsala looked at him with an attitude.

Mox: What, I..

Tsala: Block and delete her number, you are not

allowed to be friends with people that are not my friends anymore.

Mox: Babe I..

Tsala: Use your fingerprint.

Mox unlocked his phone and gave her. She went through his contacts and blocked a few numbers before she deleted them.

Mox: When you are done give me your phone too ke bloke.

Tsala: Who I..

Mox: Bo Lawrence.

Tsala laughed.

Tsala: Why Lawrence out of all people?

Mox: Bring!

Tsala took out her phone and as she was about to give it to Mox it rang.

Tsala: Hello!

Same: Hi Tsala it's Same.

Tsala: Mmmh I heard that you have been asking for my number, how can I help you?

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Good night

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 100

Tsala: Hello!

Same: Hi Tsala it's Same.

Tsala: Mmmh I heard that you have been asking for my number, how can I help you?

Same: Can we meet and talk.

Tsala: About?

Same: Please, I won't take much of your time just ten minutes.

Tsala: I am going to work but we can meet tomorrow, come to my house I will send you the address.

Same: Thanks!

Tsala rolled her eyes and put her phone between her legs.

Mox: A reng?

Tsala: She wants to meet.

Mox: For?

Tsala: That's why I agreed I am curious too.

Mox: Oh!

He bit his lower lip wondering what was it Same wanted to speak to Tsala about. He dropped her off at the hospital gate, she said goodbye to the girls and left.

Mox dialed Same's number while driving to the mall.

Same: Hello!

Mox: Hey, why do you want to meet with Tsala?

Same: Relax I am not going to tell her that we slept together, I know that you are back together now.

Mox: Thanks!

He hung up and looked back at the kids.

Mox: Who wants pizza?

Rati: Me!

Yama: And me too!

At the Hospital

Tsala's colleague handed some files to her and explained a few things.

Tsala: Oh okay thanks.

Colleague: Have you meet the Doctor Nyambe?

Tsala: No, is he strict like..

Colleague: He is hot!

Tsala: Hahaha is that the only thing you picked up?

Colleague: It's hard to ignore.

They both laughed, Colleague left and she walked up the stairs looking at some reports she had in hand.

"We encourage healthy lifestyle but most workers here use the elevator more than the stairs." Tsala turned around and smiled.

Tsala: Okay, what did I drop this time.

Abel: Hahaha. Hi!

Tsala: Hi..

Tsala looked at the name on his coat and he was the new Doctor Nyambe. They silently walked up the stairs and separated both going their way.

The following Morning

Mox parked in front of the house after picking up Tsala from work then he went inside the house and went straight to the shower. A few minutes later Tsala joined him, she kissed his back and he turned around. He kissed her and picked her up pinning her against the wall.

Mox: How quiet can you be?

Tsala giggled as Mox fu** her against the wall.

At Same's House

She stepped out of the bathroom naked and sat on the bed, she reached for body lotion when someone knocked on the door, she looked at the time and it was too early for visitors. She put on her gown and went to open the door.

She smiled and stepped back covering her face then she jumped on Romeo.

Same: Babe!

Romeo hugged her tightly and they went inside the house.

Same: I was supposed to come to you not..

Romeo: Last night when we spoke I could tell that you were not okay.

Same let out a fade smile.

Romeo: Talk to me, you haven't been yourself in days and don't tell me nothing is wrong because I know you.

Same: What makes you think I haven't been okay?

Romeo: I could feel it in your voice.

Same wiped her tears then she wrapped her arms around Romeo. He hugged her tightly and they remained like that for a few minutes before they sat down on the bed. She wiped her tears and looked at Romeo.

Same: I have been seeing a therapist.

Romeo nod his head and looked at her.

Same: That's why I haven't been okay.

Romeo: Oh!

Same: I was forced to visit memories that I wanted so bad to forget.

Romeo: I am sorry Babe but I am glad you are

talking to someone.

Same smiled.

Same: Aren't you going to ask me why I..

Romeo: You will tell me when you are ready.

Same smiled and kissed him then she stood up.

Same: I have to get ready for work.

Romeo: And when you come back you are going to find your favourite meal warm and a bubble bath ready.

Same: I would love that. You are the best.

Romeo: I try!

Same kissed him and sat in front of the mirror doing her makeup.

Later that morning

Tsala finished talking to MmaMox on the phone and gave the phone to Yama.

Yama: Mama!

MmaMox: When you are at Maun you don't call me?

Yama: Akere mma I don't have a phone, Tsala was at work Papa ene he was gone when we woke up.

Tsala: Iyaaa, bring my phone.

MmaMox: You slept at your father's house?

Yama: No he slept here at Tsala's house then we..

Tsala snatched the phone.

Tsala: MmaMox I don't have airtime we will talk.

MmaMox: O tshaba gone gore ba ta mpolella gore o busitse Moemedi. (You are scared they will tell me you are back together with Moemedi?)

Tsala: Hahaha, he was here because..

MmaMox: I might be old and have one eye but I see things.

Tsala: Hahahah uhu, what did you see mma?

MmaMox: Don't let that boy get you pregnant until he has married you.

Tsala: Bathong gatwe pregnancy jaanong, haha we are just friends and co parenting, nothing is..

MmaMox: O ta baka if you let him get you pregnant again.

Tsala: Hahaha! Ee mma I won't let him get me pregnant.

MmaMox: Good! Sometimes I choose to keep quiet not that I don't see things.

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaMox: Mmmmh!

Tsala: Ee shapo mma, we will talk.

She hung up laughing then her phone rang again.

Tsala: Hello!

Same: Hi can I come ka lunch please, ke bone the address.

Tsala: It's fine!

Same: Thanks!

At Tumi's Office

Beth greeted the receptionist holding takeaways.

Beth: Is my husband in?

Receptionist: Yes mam but he is in a meeting with Mr Marumo.

Beth: Oh okay I will just drop these off then.

She walked to the office as her heels echoed on the tile. She knocked on Tumi's office door and tried to open but the door was locked from inside.

Beth: Tumi.

She tried the lock again.

Beth: Why is the door locked? Tumi!

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 102

The same day later that Afternoon

Tsala finished her sandwich and threw the paper in the dustbin, she stayed in the cafeteria going through her phone when Abel sat next to her, he opened his drink and poured it in a glass.

Abel: How was..

Another Nurse joined them and he stopped talking.

Nurse: Did you see the new Timetable ?

Tsala: Another one? Bathong rona kana we have kids and..

The Nurse cleared her throat.

Tsala: They can't keep changing timetables that suit their schedules . I have kids and last week when I was working evening shifts I had someone take care of them because I..

Nurse cleared her throat a little louder. Tsala stood up.

Tsala: Where is it plugged?

Nurse: The notice board.

She stood up and walked to the notice board. She folded her arms looking at the new timetable. Abel stood behind her and breathed down her neck.

Abel: We are on the same shift.

Tsala: Motho O thanya hela and change timetable because they want to.

Abel: I actually changed the timetable.

Tsala froze.

Abel: If you wish to swap with someone then you can.

Tsala turned around slowly and covered her face.

Tsala: I am sorry I..I am sorry, its just that I made my boyfriend change his shifts so that he can look

after the kids at night when I am at work and vice versa. Now I have to tell him to change again because of the morning shifts because I am now on evening shift again this week.

She sighed.

Tsala: But it's fine I will see what to do.

She put her phone on silent walking back to her station.

Later that evening

A taxi dropped Tsala by the gate and there was loud music coming from the house. She opened the door and the delicious aroma from the kitchen melted her taste buds.

Tsala: Babe!

She lowered the volume and went to the kitchen where the girls were dishing up.

Yama: We cooked!

Tsala looked at the mess on the counter then at the plates.

Tsala: It smells nice.

Mox came in from the bedroom tucking in his shirt.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hey! You let them cook?

Mox: I started cooking ke bala four, Yama is old enough.

Tsala looked at the macaroni and the pieces of chicken, she didn't know what was wrong with the food, the fact that the onions and green pepper were not well cooked or the serving, the macaroni looked like one big dumbling and the soup went under the big dumbling but the aroma was delicious.

She watched as Mox took a bite from the chicken and gave the girls thumbs up.

Rati: Mummy go change and come eat. You want di sauce?

Tsala: Yes!

She followed Mox to the bedroom.

Tsala: And who is going to clean up the mess?

Mox: They will.

Tsala looked at him, he looked dam sexy in the uniform, she reminded her of a South african actor Joe Kazadi, even the body and complexion matched his. Mox grabbed his phone and kissed her.

Mox: I will see you tomorrow morning.

Tsala: About that, they changed shifts again. I am working night shifts starting from tomorrow.

Mox: And the kids?

Tsala: I will talk to Beth.

Mox: Okay.

He kissed her.

Tsala: You leave me to eat macadombi alone?

Mox: Hahaha!

He kissed Tsala and left.

The same Evening

At MmaMox's House

MmaMox sat with MmaPoloko in front of the house listening to "Tatediso ya dikgang" on the radio while drinking tea. The programme ended and MmaMox lowered the volume.

MmaMox: I don't know why these women don't use protecting waitse, why have a child and throw her in a dustbin?

MmaPoloko: Eish!

MmaMox: Ke bo Kesego, she left ngwana a le two years old, now she is in standard three.

MmaPoloko: She sleeps well hela a sa itse where her daughter is?

MmaMox: Eish, I wish God would bless Moemedi with a well paying job so that he can have his daughter in his name.

MmaPoloko: When Rati is a Doctor she..

She noticed MmaMox was not listening to her. She was looking at the Ambulance that just parked by the gate.

MmaPoloko: Who is it?

The Ambulance drove in and parked in front of them and the Nurse and social worker stepped out. They all exchanged greetings then the Nurse opened the back door and pulled out RraMox in a wheelchair.

MmaMox: Heeeee, you must be lost.

Social Worker: Mam.

MmaMox: Heeeeey! Hey hey hey, take your old man

and leave my yard.

MmaPoloko: MmaMoemedi you don't do that, look at...

MmaMox: Ke isa kae sekgoropha nna? Out! (J arata yame ga se ko go lathelwang teng dikgoropha) My yard is a not a scrapyard where you throw scrap.

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** BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 103

MmaMox: Ke isa kae sekgoropha nna? Out! (J arata yame ga se ko go lathelwang teng dikgoropha) My

yard is a not a scrapyard where you throw scrap.

The Social Worker and Nurse looked at each other. MmaMox clicked her tongue and went inside the house.

MmaPoloko: MmaMoemedi..

MmaMox: Motho wa Modimo that man is not welcome here.

MmaPoloko: He..

MmaMox put on her shoes and went outside.

MmaMox: His brother stays not far from here I will show you. Let's go.

She sat at the front with the driver while the Nurse and Social worker were at the back with RraMox.

Few minutes later the Ambulance parked in front of RraMox's elder brother's House.

The Brother and his wife who were sitting in front of the house listening to the radio too looked at the Ambulance and the brother stood up.

Wife: Who are they?

The Ambulance parked in front of the house and MmaMox stepped out. They all exchanged greetings.

MmaMox: I told them to bring your brother here.

RraMox's Brother looked at his younger brother in a wheelchair.

Brother: E le gore what happened?

MmaMox: I will take my leave now.

Brother: MmaMoemedi nna kana i work..

MmaMox: How is that any of my problem, he is your brother akere. Where should he stay? Go siame!
(Goodbye)

She left. The Brother sighed and covered his face.

Brother: What happened to him? Can he take himself to the toilet? Can he speak?

The same evening

Beth opened the door and the girls hugged her.
"Aunty" they said excitedly.

Beth: Hee bo Moghel, when did you come?

Yama: Three days ago.

Beth: Ehe, how is Serule?

Rati: Mummy a re we are moving here next year akere?

Tsala: Ee mma!

The girls ran inside the house. Beth looked at Tsala and raised her eyebrows.

Beth: Bo go dumetse bo step mother!

They both laughed and Tsala went inside.

Tsala: Where is Tumi?

Beth: He is at the back with his friend from senior school.

Tsala: Eheee!

She picked up Beth's youngest daughter and kissed her then she put her down.

Tsala: I have a situation.

Beth: Yeah!

Tsala: They changed our shifts ko tirong, I am working the same night shifts with Mox and there is no one to take care of the kids when we are both at work.

Beth: Ee!

Tsala: So I came to ask if they can sleep here I will pick them up every morning until next week when Mox works in the morning.

Beth: Ee no problem.

Tsala: Thanks you are a star.

Tumi came in through the back door with his friend laughing holding beers. Tsala panicked a little.

Abel: Hahaha wena what are you doing here? I told you you are following me akere?

Tsala: I should be asking you.

Tumi: You know each other?

Tsala: He is my Boss.

Tumi: You don't recognise her? This is Tsala, you remember her, she..

Abel: Tsala hela tsala who used to cry for you everywhere you went?

Tumi: Hahaha ke ene!

Abel: Aaah aaah, all grown up nna ebile ke bona mosadi.

Tumi: Hahahaha! Ehe you work together now?

Tsala let out a fade smile as they talked about how she used to be as a baby.

Abel: Aaah sale ke ile, I come back and Tsala is my

type?

Both men laughed. Tsala helped Beth wipe the dishes and the men went outside.

Tsala: Anyway I have to go I will see you kamoso akere.

Beth: No problem.

Tsala called the kids and left then Abel left too.

Tumi: Oh it was nice seeing him.

Beth: Your sister! (Shook her head)

Tumi: What about her?

Beth: A re she both she and Mox are working night shifts. She came to ask if the kids can sleep here.

Tumi: And?

Beth: I almost said no. I don't like a person who only

knows people when she has a problem or needs help.

Tumi:..

Beth: Ga ke gopola how you all chipped in to help her when she had Yama, now she is working and she has never bought even a dress for the girls. The only time she comes here with something is when her kids are here.

Tumi: Tell her!

Beth: Ae I don't..

Tumi: You want me to talk to her?

Beth: I was just telling you your sister is selfish. I watched her pick up Cici two seconds and put her down. Your sister rra!

She clapped her hands.

Tumi: Kana mme if you don't like something you say it, what's the use of talking about it behind her

back? She is not going to change because she sees nothing wrong with what she is doing.

Beth took a deep breath and went to get a mop and started cleaning the kitchen.

Just after midnight

MmaMox tossed and turned in bed, she clicked her tongue then she got up and sat down.

((More than twenty five years ago

MmaMox opened the trunk where they always kept groceries and there was only a cup of sorghum left, no sugar, no milk. Her husband had not been home in a week ever since he got his pay. She sighed and went outside where her oldest son and daughter were sitting on the stoop hungry and her youngest

son was sleeping on the mattress.

MmaMox: Tswano go with your sister to your Rakgadi house and tell her gore ke kopa sukiri. Just a little gore le je motogo.

The kids stood up and left, about five minutes later they came back empty handed.

MmaMox: There is no one home?

The kids looked at each other.

Daughter: Are the only sugar she has left is for her children.

MmaMox felt something big stuck on her throat and she felt dizzy. What was she going to give her kids?

Tshwano: We passed Papa at MmaKes aobaka's house.

"Look after your little brother" MmaMox said storming to MmaKes aobaka's house. She found him seating down eating rice and meat. MmaKes aobaka next to him eating too.

MmaMox: You are eating, go monate while your kids are hungry. Monna wa Modimo atleast buy your kids food a bo O nna mo dinageng ee.

RraMox: Your agemates are working, wena all you know is chase me around wanting my money. There are women who are left with kids but they manage to take care of them on their own , wena all you know ke go ntatela mo di jarateng.

The words hit her heavy in the heart, she looked at the food he was holding, at MmaKes aobaka then

she turned around and left. Before midnight she knocked on her parents 'door with three hungry kids and she never returned.))

The Following Day

Mox dropped off the kids at the gate and Tsala went inside the house with them.

Yama: Aunty today we are sleeping here.

Tsala: Thee mma thank you so much, I don't know what I would do without you.

Beth let out a fade smile. "Bye girls" Tsala said running outside to the car.

Mox: Ba shapo?

Tsala: Yes!

Mox drove to the bank where he was working.

"Have a good evening" he said kissing Tsala on the lips and Tsala got in the car. Meanwhile Abel parked behind Tsala and walked to the ATM following Mox.

He took out his black card and looked at Mox then he chuckled. He cashed out and cleared his throat putting money in his wallet. "You can't afford her dude, leave her to us who can."

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 104

Abel took out his black card and looked at Mox then he chuckled. He cashed out and cleared his throat putting money in his wallet. "You can't afford her dude, leave her to us who can."

Mox swallowed hard and looked away totally ignoring him. Abel got in his car laughing and drove away.

At MmaMox's House

MmaPoloko walked in the yard with a plate full of beans mixed with samp talking alone.

MmaMox: Mma?

MmaPoloko: Ka re you will be eating sweet potato in a few months.

MmaMox: Ee!

MmaPoloko: Here is food.

MmaMox: Thank you!

She opened the bowl and closed her eyes to the divine aroma of the food then she closed the bowl.

MmaMox: Thank you. I don't know if I will eat I don't have appetite.

She breathed out loud.

MmaMox: I don't know what he was thinking giving the Ambulance my address, whose house was he going to sleep in?

MmaPoloko: Have you checked up on him?

MmaMox: Why? No!

MmaPoloko: You should forgive him for your own peace.

MmaMox: I don't care ka Gosekwang tota, I don't need to forgive him because I don't care about him, what I want is for him to stay the hell away from me.

MmaPoloko: Did they say what's wrong with him?

MmaMox: I didn't care to ask. Ke mmone a omelets e ekare segwapa sa kukama hela. Its life, ko teng he thought I will welcome him with open arms, after almost thirty years, yeses I would be the most stupid woman in the world.

At Tumi's house

Beth closed the passage door and went to the bedroom where Tumi was typing on his phone. She threw herself on the bed and closed her eyes.

Tumi: The kids are sleeping?

Beth: Yes! I wish you would pick me up, go Bath me and put me in bed.

Tumi put his phone down and picked her up. Beth giggled and wrapped her arms around him.

Beth: I was just thinking out loud.

Tumi put her down and she undressed while he filled the bathtub for her.

Tumi: Did you talk to Tsala?

Beth: No I don't want to be the bad guy like I mind her bringing the kids over because I don't mind.

She got in the bathtub and Tumi sat behind her

massaging her neck.

Beth: Mmmmh!

Tumi: You should talk to her

Beth: Mmmmh!

She relaxed her whole body and puffed in the water.

Tumi: Babe wa phinya?

Beth: Ke ka thoka jang rra ke lapile? (How can I not, I am tired)

Tumi: It smells like flowers.

They both laughed.

The Following morning

Tshwano drove out going to work talking to his mother on the phone.

Tshwano: Uhuuu, so he is at Rremogolo's house now?

MmaMox: Maybe, I don't know but I left him there akere when your father was mistreating me they supported him, they should support him now at his worst.

Tswano: Ke mathata, so he thought gore you will welcome him with open arms?

MmaMox: He must be crazy. In whose yard, after he sold all his livestock a rekela his girlfriend food while my kids starved. Mogatse a sala a nonne a tshutshuma a gagametsa ekare kgomo e swetsa ha thoko ga tsela.

Tswano: Hahaha!

MmaMox: Someone should have told him what goes around comes back around.

Tshwano: Ke mathata, I am approaching road block

we will talk.

MmaMox: Okay ngwanaka!

At Tsala's house

Tsala threw herself on the bed tired, Mox removed his clothes and clicked his tongue.

Tsala: What?

Mox: He was lucky I was at work or else I would have punched him.

Tsala:Who?

Mox: Your Boss.

Tsala: What?

She removed her uniform looking at Mox as he told her what happened.

Tsala: He said what? I will tell Tumi to talk to him.

Mox: They know each other?

Tsala: Yeah they are old friends.

Mox sat down and clicked his tongue.

Mox: I wish he would say shit to me while I am not on duty, I will break his nose and those big lips.

Tsala sat on his lap and hugged him.

Tsala: I love you.

Mox: He wants you!

Tsala: What? Babe stop seeing things, gape he is not my type.

She kissed him and stood up, she helped him stand up.

Tsala: Let's go shower and make a baby!

Mox: I am sorry babe I. Later akere?

Dissapointed Tsala went to the shower alone.

Later that morning

The girls ran to the car and Tsala followed them out of the house with Beth.

Tsala: Thank you thee mma, I will bring them later.

Beth: I wish you would take my girls too, I'd kill for a one hour nap with no Mama Mama.

Tsala: Haha, let me get going we.

Beth: Don't bring back the girls later I am taking my girls to my brother's house they are going to be staying there for the holidays

Tsala: Oh, why.. (took a deep breath) Okay, bye!

At Ditshego's house

Same parked in front of the house and went inside the house where Ditshego was bathing Lebo's baby while Lebo was laying on her stomach drinking soft porridge.

They all exchanged greetings.

Ditshego: Rona mma we don't sleep, two o'clock ebile he wakes up and starts crying.

Same: Hahaha, can we talk outside for a few minutes please.

Ditshego: Okay!

She went outside and Ditshego followed her.

Ditshego: What is it?

Same: I need you to take me where you buried
Sechaba!

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 105

Same: I need you to take me where you buried
Sechaba!

Ditshego: What?

Same: Please!

Ditshago: Same I.

Same: Please I just need my closure, I have been through a lot because of that man. The only way I can move on and open a new chapter of my life is if I have my closure.

Ditshago took a deep breath.

Ditshago: I don't know where he was buried because his bones were found from where I buried him.

Same: Oh, did they know it was him?

Ditshago: I don't know, I never followed up on the case.

Same: Oh!

She sat down on the stoop and covered her face. A few minutes later Same stood up.

Same: Bye I have to go!

Ditshogo watched her get in the car and drove off.

At Tsala's House

Tsala laughed in disbelief and clapped her hands.

Tsala: I don't believe her, do you?

Mox put the takeaways on the table.

Mox: Beth has always helped with the kids, why would she change now?

Tsala: That is what I am asking myself too, maybe I said or did something to offend her unaware.

Mox: Let me ask my Brother if he will look after them.

Tsala: Should I ask if I offended her?

Mox: I don't know, you can ask Tumi.

Tsala: Yeah let me ask him.

She picked up her phone and dialed Tumi.

Tumi: Hello!

Tsala: Hi, how are you?

Tumi: Why are you being weird?

Tsala: Haha how am I being weird?

Tumi: You never ask me how I am, I am good anyway and you?

Tsala: I am fine and I am also not fine.

Tumi: Yeah?

Tsala: Gatwe bana ba ya kae?

Tumi: They are going somewhere?

Tsala: They are not going anywhere?

Tumi: I don't know, gatwe they are going somewhere?

Tsala: Yes to Beth's brother's house for the holidays.

Tumi: Oh, I am not home she hasn't told me yet.

Tsala: Because she was lying to me. Beth doesn't trust anyone with her kids. What I don't understand ke gore did I maybe do something to offend her or I said something to offend her?

Tumi: Did she say something to you?

Tsala: No that is why I am asking you.

Tumi: You should ask her.

Tsala: So there is something she said?

Tumi: Not to me but you should ask her.

Tsala: Oh okay! No bye!

Tumi: Ke kopa two hundred hoo.

Tsala: Haha why would I give money to money?

Haha I will send in a few.

Tumi: Thanks!

She hung up and turned to Mox who was also talking to the phone. After a few minutes he hung up.

Mox: Yeah?

Tsala: Tumi wouldn't say but I could tell he knew something.

Mox: Ke mathata!

Tsala: What was that about your dad?

Mox: Aggg, gatwe he is sick what what, don't care.

Tsala wrapped her arms around his back and looked into his eyes.

Tsala: Babe he is your dad!

Mox: I don't know him.

Tsala: But still..

Mox: Why should I care, he doesn't care about us.

Tsala: Be the bigger person and call him hela to check up on him.

Mox: No! He has never been part of my life and I am not going to force myself into him.

Tsala looked up at him and kissed her.

Tsala: I love you.

Mox: I love you more!

Later that Evening

Beth closed the curtain and went to open the door for Tsala.

Tsala: Hi.

Beth: Hi.

The girls came running to her and hugged her.
"Aunty bo Yama ba kae?" her niece asked looking outside.

Tsala: They are home.

Beth: Did you find them someone to look after them?

Tsala: We will just lock them in the house.

Beth: Why don't you take them to Mox's brother's house?

Tsala: He is not in Maun, anyway I want us to talk.

Beth: You can't leave two small kids in the house by themselves, what if..

Tsala: Ke dire jang?

Beth: Bring them here mma. My girls are no longer going to my brother's.

Tsala: Were they ever going in the first place?

Beth: What do you mean?

Tsala: Did I maybe do something to offend you? Did I say something?

Beth: Where is that coming from?

Tsala: Are you unhappy about something I did or said?

They sat down and Beth looked at her.

Beth: Actually yes. Do you ever come here when your kids are not in Maun?

Tsala: I.. No!

Beth: When was the last time you spent just two hours with your nieces?

Tsala:.

Beth: When was the last time you took them shopping or bought them something?

Tsala:..

Beth: Because I remember O rekets e Cici clothes when she was born and that was it. I feel like all your brothers are playing their roles to your daughter but wena hela mma no. Yesterday I joked about you taking the kids so I can rest but no.

Tsala: I thought it was a joke.

Beth: It's not fair that you always ask for help with your kids but wena you can't offer to even take the kids out for ice cream. You are their only Aunt and they love you.

Tsala: You are right, I have been selfish, thanks for making me realise my mistakes. I will work on that.

Beth: Thank you!

There was a little awkward moment.

Beth: Now go get the kids mma you can't leave them alone.

Tsala: I was kidding they went to Mox's brother's house I will bring them tomorrow.

Beth: Okay!

Tsala: I am glad we talked let me go get ready for work.

Beth: Okay!

"Bye girls" Tsala said to the girls and Beth walked her outside to her car.

At the Hospital

Abel walked in as Tsala attended the patient, he took the report card from her and went through it.

Abel: Please check her vitals again.

Tsala did as she was told. Abel bit his lower lip

writing down on the card.

Abel: Mam how are you feeling?

The woman closed her eyes unable to speak. Tsala moved to the next patient and took her vitals. Her phone vibrated in her pocket, she looked at Abel then she hung up on Mox. He called again and she excused herself going outside.

Tsala: (Whispering) Babe, I..

Mox: I got the job!

Tsala: What? What job?

Mox: Ko jwaneng, I found their email and..

Abel snatched her phone from her.

Abel: People could be dying while you are on your

phone.

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 106

Abel: People could be dying while you are on your phone. You will get it after your shift.

She swallowed hard and followed him back inside.

Abel: Get her a glass of water and her pills.

Tsala did as she was told without complaining the whole evening until her break around midnight.

"Is Dr Nyambe also giving you a hard time?" she asked her colleague as they laid down on the waiting chairs.

Colleague: He is giving you a hard time?

Tsala: Yes!

Colleague: Nna I am scared of him gore. Kgantele ebile I let him get in the elevator alone. He intimidates me.

Tsala: Mxm!

She closed her eyes and took a short nap. She woke up to someone looking over at her, she panicked and quickly got up.

Tsala: What time is it?

She looked at the time on the wall watch and her break was not over. Abel sat next to her and handed her a box of biscuits. "No thanks" she said standing up.

Abel: I have watched girls like you lose it all because of a man. A useless man for that matter. He knows you are working yet he calls you, because he is insecure.

Tsala turned to him.

Tsala: Are you talking as my boss or?

Abel: As someone who cares for you..

Tsala: Then stop caring about me and mind your own business. The only reason I didn't say anything earlier is because I realised I was at fault, I

answered a call at the wrong time, that's the only reason why I didn't say anything. You don't know me, you knew the little girl who ran after Tumi not this girl. Mox told me what you said to him and I didn't like it. Stop before I report you.

She walked away then came back.

Tsala: Can I have my phone please.

Abel gave it to her and she walked away.

The following morning

Mox put Yama who was fast asleep at the back and gave Tsala Rati. She sat at the back holding her while Mox drove home.

Tsala: You didn't show me the Email kana.

Mox handed her his phone. Tsala smiled reading the message. "Hee you remember what MmaMox said when you went for this interview, her prayers worked."

Mox: They did!

Tsala: I am happy for you babe!

Mox: Mona God knows how long I have waited for this breakthrough.

Tsala: I told you not to give up.

Mox: You did babe.

He turned to her and smiled, he extended his hand and Tsala squeezed it.

Tsala: First salary I..

Mox: Is all yours babe!

Tsala: Hahaha!

Mox: After six Months ebile you are officially becoming Mrs Mogotsinyana.

Tsala: Sheee babe, I.

Mox: Serious babe, I told you gore when I get my money right I am going to do right by you.

Tsala: (Overwhelmed) Babeee!

Mox: You are my queen kana.

Tsala: Babeee! Stop or else I am going to cry.

Mox: Hahaha!

He parked in front of the gate and went to open the gate then he drove inside and parked in front of the house and helped Tsala take the kids inside.

Tsala's phone rang and she ignored it.

Mox: Ke mang?

Tsala: No one! You want to join me?

She asked undressing.

Mox: In a few!

Tsala went into the bathroom, she sat down on the toilet reading the airfreshener bottle when the door opened and Mox came in holding her phone.

Mox: Le*** le la ga mang? (Whose di** is this?)

Tsala: What?

She took the phone, looked at the picture then at Mox.

Tsala: It's not yours?

Mox: You know it's not mine, my di** is not that big.

Tsala: La ga Prince kaybee!

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** BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 107

Mox: You know it's not mine, my di** is not that big.

Tsala: La ga Prince kaybee!

Mox: What are you saying what is his d*** doing in your phone?

Tsala: He was trending akere the other day and

Portia sent it to me you can check our chats if you don't believe me. Who else would be sending me di nudes?

Mox looked at the photo again, Tsala stood up and flushed the toilet, she took the phone from Mox, went through her conversations with Portia and gave Mox the phone.

Mox took a deep breath calming down. Tsala laughed and stepped in the shower. She put on a shower cap and opened the tap, a few minutes later she felt Mox's D poke her butt, he kissed her neck and made her touch the wall with both hands and fu** her.

Days Later

Same nervously tapped her feet on the ground then after a few minutes she went inside the bathroom

and picked up the home pregnancy test and it was negative. She put her hands together and took a deep breath. But why was she having pregnancy symptoms if she was not pregnant ?

"Not pregnant" she sent Romeo an sms. "It will happen babe don't worry, don't put pressure on yourself." Romeo replied.

At the Hospital

Tsala walked up the stairs dialing Mox and looked around to check if Abel was not looking at her.

Mox: Hey I was about to call you.

Tsala: You arrived safely?

Mox: Yeah.

Tsala: Okay, O ree Stux to help you find a house so we can visit.

Mox: I will, let me call you back babe.

Tsala: Okay!

He hung up and walked to Stux's car but it was his wife driving. She rolled down the window and smiled at Mox.

Wife: Let's go he is still at work!

Mox went over to the passenger side and put his bags at the back and went to sit at the front. They exchanged greeting as she drove home.

Wife: Le teng?

Mox: Re teng!

Wife: Yeah!

She parked in front of their house and helped Mox

take his bags inside the house.

Wife: I am on the evening shift so I have to get ready. I am sure Stux is on his way home now.

Mox: Sure!

Wife: Make yourself at home.

Mox sat down and then he reached for the TV remote and lowered the volume.

At the Hospital

Tsala waited with Abel at the emergency section waiting for the Ambulance that just arrived. The Paramedics pushed in two beds, a man and a woman both in bad condition. Abel and Tsala quickly attended the male while the other Doctor attended the female.

Paramedic: Unresponsive male, late thirties. They were in a car accident.

Abel: Sir can you hear me?

The man just looked at Abel.

Abel: Sir, try to raise your hand if you can't hear me.
(To Tsala) We need to do an exray and an MRI scan now.

He said pushing the man to the elevator and it went upstairs.

Tsala: Sir on a scale of one to ten how painful is your body?

Man: Ten.

Tsala: Do you have a headache?

Man:...

Tsala: Okay try not to close your eyes okay, it's going to be okay.

The man closed his eyes.

Tsala: Don't close your eyes.

She held his other hand.

Tsala: Do you have kids?

Man: Yes!

Tsala: Oh, tell me their names, don't close your eyes, tell me their names.

Man: Keitu and Ba.. Barona.

Tsala: Beautiful names, boys or girls?

The man started coughing blood. Abel watched as Tsala held on tightly to the man's hand.

Tsala: Tell me about Barona, is it a..

She looked up Abel then at the man.

Tsala: Don't close your eyes, think about..don't close your eyes, Keitumets e. Think about Keitumets e.

Her voice started shaking.

Tsala: I want you to.

She started crying.

Tsala: Don't close your eyes, think about..

She cried out loud and shook him. "Open your eyes, open your eyes!" she said shaking the man's lifeless body.

Abel: (Looked at his watch) He is gone!

Tsala: (Crying) No!

Abel pulled her into his chest "He is gone" He said. Tsala cried out loud and pulled back as the elevator opened . "Time of death 23:32" Abel said. Tsala remained inside the elevator watching them as they wheeled the body out.

She had never had a patient die in her hands before. She stepped out of the elevator and sat down crying.

Abel: Hey!

She raised her head and looked at him with red eyes. He could tell it was the first time she experienced

something like that.

Abel: I am proud of you, you..

Tsala: (Crying) He is still dead.

Abel: But you did great, I am proud of you.

He pat her shoulder and they both got in the elevator. Tsala wiped her tears. "I wonder how old Barona and Keitumets e are" she said crying.

Abel: Dont do that to yourself.

He said pulling Tsala into his chest and hugged her.

Tsala: They are going to grow up without a father.

Abel squeezed her into his chest.

Abel: Don't do this to yourself.

He pulled back, looked into Tsala's eyes and wiped them.

Abel: You tried!

He said and bent over kissing Tsala.

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 108

"You tried!" He said bending over and kissed Tsala. Tsala stepped back and slapped him.

Abel: I am sorry!

Tsala: (Wiped her mouth)

Abel: I love you and..(rubbed his head) the first time we meet at the mall I fell in love with you. I know you are my best friend's little sister but I can't help myself.

Tsala: Never do what you just did or else I will report you for sexual harassment.

The elevator opened and she hurried outside. Abel took a deep breath and cupped his face before he stepped out too. The whole evening was awkward as neither of them said anything to the other.

A little later that morning

Tsala pushed the trolley as the girls ran around the shop picking outfits for their swimming date later that afternoon.

Rory: Aunt how about this one?

Tsala: It's beautiful.

She threw it in the shopping basket and helped the younger ones pick swimwear. Tsala's phone rang and she put on her headsets.

Tsala: Hey!

Portia: Ten missed calls? What's going on, do we have to bury a dead body?

Tsala: Haha!

Portia: What's going on, I was still doing laundry when you called.

Tsala: You were right?

Portia: I am right about a lot of things, what is it today?

Tsala: He kissed me.

Portia: Who kissed you?

Tsala: Abel.

Portia: I told you before he wants you akere, was I lying?

Tsala: No you were not.

Portia: Did you kiss him back?

Tsala: No, I told you I don't like him like that, actually I don't like him as a person.

"Aunty bona, how about this one for Rati?" Rory asked and Tsala just nod her head.

Portia: So what are you going to do about it?

Tsala: I slapped him and told him never to kiss me

again.

Portia: Okay!

Tsala: I love Mox more than I have ever loved any man and.. We have a good thing going on and I don't want to mess that up. We have both cheated each other in the past and we are past that.

Portia: Akere, you go girlfriend, tell Abel to stay the hell away from you.

Tsala: Yeah, anyway we will talk motho wame, ke tsile shopping with girls who probably think i earn millions.

Portia: Hahahaha!

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up.

At Tumi's House

Beth laid flat on the floor with her eyes closed. The house was silent and she could hear herself think. It felt nice to have a nice time away from the kids with no one calling her every five seconds.

Tumi parked by the gate and hurried to the house to get a few files he had forgotten.

Tumi: Hey!

Beth: Hey!

Tumi: Are you okay? Does your back hurt?

Beth: Just take whatever you came for and leave, I deserve this.

Tumi: Where are the kids?

Beth: Out with Tsala.

Tumi: Oh, shapo then.

Tumi went to get what he came for and left, he

laughed alone dialing Tsala.

Tsala: Hello!

Tumi: Hey, thee mma thanks for taking the kids for the afternoon my wife really needed it.

Tsala: Sure! It's no big deal but I think when they leave I will be broke.

Tumi: Hahaha!

Tsala: No shapo!

She hung up then immediately Mox's call came through.

Tsala: Babe?

Mox: Hey, I sent you photos on WhatsApp. I went to get my overalls today.

Tsala: Yeeey wena! I am happy for you babe!

Mox: Thanks babe!

Tsala: Okay let me check out the photos. I love you.

Mox: I love you more.

She hung up and smiled scrolling through the pictures, she posted one as her WhatsApp status and captioned it "Congratulations Babe"

A little later that afternoon

Beth caught up on her favourite Netflix series eating ice cream from the tub, she put the spoon down and took a bite from the pizza. Her phone rang and it was Tumi.

Tumi: Hey, can I come home now?

Beth: Wena ee not the kids.

Tumi: Hahaha.

At Tsala's House

The girls went inside the house making noise still dressed in their swimwear.

Yama: Mummy when are we going swimming again?

Rati: We had fun akere!

Rory: Yeah.

Tsala put the snacks on the table.

Tsala: Girls I am going to take a nap please don't make noise and don't wake me up.

Yama: What if someone comes looking for you?

Tsala: Tell them I am not home.

Yama: You want us to lie?

Tsala: No one will come look for me.

She said going to her bedroom, she switched on the fan and laid down on the bed naked. Few minutes later her phone rang "Eish" she said getting up annoyed and reached for her phone.

Tsala: Hello!

Abel: Hi its Abel.

Tsala rolled her eyes and twisted her lips.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Abel: I am outside can we talk please.

Tsala: Outside where?

She looked outside the window and Abel's car was parked outside. She put on a loose dress and went outside leaving her phone on the charger.

Abel stepped out of the car as Tsala approached.

Abel: Hi!

Tsala folded her arms and looked at him.

Abel: I asked Tumi where you stayed, I lied ke re I have to deliver something please don't be mad at him. I want to apologise for what happened last night.

Meanwhile inside the house Yama ran into Tsala's room as her phone rang. She smiled and picked up.

Yama: Papa!

Mox: Hey, Yama?

Yama: Yes, we went swimming today.

Mox: Really, where is your mum?

Yama went to the kitchen, into their bedroom and Tsala wasn't there.

Yama: I dont know where she is.

She went outside.

Yama: Oh she is outside the gate.

Mox: What is she doing outside?

Yama: She is with a man.

Mox: A man? Is he driving a car?

Yama: Yes but right now he is standing outside it.

Mox: Is the car white?

Yama: Yes!, you know what else we did?

Mox: I am going to video call you okay, then you

turn the camera to your mum and the man.

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** Good afternoon, due to health reasons inserts will resume next week. In the meantime Admin will be focusing on her health.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 109

Abel: I asked Tumi where you stayed, I lied ke re I have to deliver something please don't be mad at him. I want to apologise for what happened last night.

Tsala just looked at him. He cleared his throat and rubbed his hands together.

Abel: I apologise for my behavior not my feelings. I shouldn't have kissed you.

Tsala: But you did! I have a boyfriend, you know that why would you kiss me?

Abel: I let my feelings control me and I am sorry. From now on I swear I will keep my feelings to myself, I will never make you uncomfortable around me because that's not my intentions.

Tsala pout her lips and crossed her legs. She cleared her throat and looked up at Abel.

Meanwhile inside the house Yama ran into Tsala's room as her phone rang. She smiled and picked up.

Yama: Papa!

Mox: Hey, Yama?

Yama: Yes, we went swimming today.

Mox: Really, where is your mum?

Yama went to the kitchen, into their bedroom and Tsala wasn't there.

Yama: I dont know where she is.

She went outside.

Yama: Oh she is outside the gate.

Mox: What is she doing outside?

Yama: She is with a man.

Mox: A man? Is he driving a car?

Yama: Yes but right now he is standing outside it.

Mox: Is the car white?

Yama: Yes!, you know what else we did?

Mox: I am going to video call you okay, then you turn the camera to your mum and the man.

Yama: Okay Daddy!

Mox hung up and video called. Yama smiled picking up as her face appeared on the screen.

Mox: Okay switch the camera to the back camera.

Yama: Where?

Mox: You can see a camera akere, at the bottom, click on it.

Yama: Oh okay!

She clicked on the camera switching it from front to back. The pictures were no clear but he could see the car and it was Abel's.

Mox: Okay move a little closer but make sure your mum doesn't see you are taking a video.

Yama: Okay!

She walked towards the little garden Tsala had and there Mox could see them clearly.

By Abel's Car

Abel smiled and opened his arms.

Tsala: Haha a handshake will do.

Abel: Okay fine handshake.

He extended his hand and Tsala shook it, he pulled her into him.

Tsala: Wa simolla akere!

Abel: Like I said I am not going to be apologetic for my feelings.

Tsala freed herself and stepped back.

Tsala: I have a boyfriend.

Abel: I know, may the best man win.

Tsala: This is not a competition and I am not some price you have to fight over.

Abel: We will see!

He got in his car and left. Tsala rolled her eyes and watched his car leave then she went back to the house.

Yama: Tsala Papa called.

She said handing her the phone.

Tsala: Oh thanks, I am going to sleep no disturbance okay.

Rati: Mummy akere we know how to cook!

Tsala: Yes.

Rati: I told you.

Tsala went back to her bedroom, she locked the door and laid down calling Mox but he didn't pick up. "Hey I am taking a nap incase I don't pick up" she sent the text and put the phone back in the charger.

At Stux's House

Stux walked out by the kitchen door laughing at something on his phone. He looked at Mox sitting ontop of the drum lost in his thoughts.

Stux: I spoke to Fex a re room is available but you will be sharing.

Mox:..

Stux: I know the guy you will be sharing with he is a nice guy, he.. (Looked at Mox) Mox!

Mox looked at him

Mox: Sorry I didn't even see you there!

Stux: Are you okay?

Mox: I am fine!

He hopped down.

Mox: How do you compete with a man who drives a car expensive that it cost more than your annual salary.

Stux: Don't compete with him them.

Mox: Aah mona!

Stux: My Wife's sister is coming tomorrow to look after the kids for a few days while my Wife will be in a conference ko Gaborone, I hope you don't mind sleeping on the sofa for a few days.

Mox: No, no problem.

Stux: It's just for a few days.

Mox: Don't worry about it.

A little later that Evening

Tsala parked in front of the house and all the kids ran to the house. She stepped out and walked behind them. "Hello Aunty" the girls said running past Beth going inside the house.

Beth: Hey! They are excited.

Tsala: Hi, how do you do it because just today made me realise gore I don't want more kids.

They both laughed.

Beth: Thank you for today, I really enjoyed time to myself.

Tsala: You are welcome, I am already late I will see you tomorrow.

Beth: Shapo.

Tsala got in her car and drove off dialing Mox but he still didn't pick up.

At Same's House

Same bit her lower lip reading the results of her Google search. She sighed relieved that she didn't have any of the symptoms of infertility. She marked her ovulation date on her phone calendar then she screenshot and sent to Romeo.

Romeo: What's on the 12th ?

Same: I will be ovulating which means you will have to be here ka di eleven until di fourteen.

Romeo:

Same:

Romeo: I can't wait, see you ka di eleven then.

Same: Let me video call.

Romeo: There is no electricity.

Same: Oh okay video call me when it comes back.

Romeo: Okay babe!

She put her phone down and went to shower.

At the Hospital

Tsala stood in front of the elevator waiting for it

when Abel stood behind her and neither said anything to each other. "Doc" both Tsala and Abel turned around and looked at Tshego.

Tshego: Doc please help me here!

She said giving Abel a medical report, he paged through it and gave it back.

Abel: I will come see you in ten minutes.

Tshego: Okay thanks Doc.

Tsala rolled her eyes, the way she said Doc irritated her. The elevator opened and they both got inside and still neither said anything until they arrived to the ground floor, they both stepped out and went their separate ways.

At Stux's House early in the morning

In his new overalls and a backpack Mox stood by the gate waiting for his ride to work. It was his first day at work and he couldn't be more excited. His phone rang and he bit his lower lip not knowing whether to pick up or not.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Happy first day at work!

Mox: Thanks!

Tsala: Ao just Thanks, where is the excitement?

Mox: What should I do scream?

Tsala: Haha yes, scream or..

Mox: What was your Boss doing at your house maabane?

Tsala: What?

Mox: Don't dare lie to me because the kids told me.

Tsala: The kids said it was Abel ebile?

Mox: Ebile you call him by his name you must be really close.

Tsala: Uhu! I was with a colleague not Abel rra.

Mox hung up and sent her a video of the video call he recorded. Tsala bit her lower lip then immediately Mox's call came through.

Mox: So you are still saying it was not Abel?

Tsala: You even video called, kante what have I done to make you not trust me?

Mox: Why did you lie O re it was not him?

Tsala: I work with the man, I..

Mox: Even at home?

Tsala:...

Mox: The guy wants you, its bad enough that you work together, now he goes to your house too? How am I supposed to feel ne mma?

Tsala: So you dont trust me?

Mox: How do I trust you when you lie to me?

Tsala: Because I knew gore if I told you it was him you were going to act like this.

Mox: What was he doing at your house?

Tsala:..

Mox: How would you feel if I hung out with a girls who wants me? Tell me how would you feel?

Tsala: Not fine!

Mox: And I am supposed to be fine le Abel a go cheka at home?

Tsala: No!

Mox: There is nothing I can do with the fact that you work together but I don't want you being friends with the guy. Is that too much to ask, I trust you babe but I don't trust that guy.

Tsala sniffed and knod her head.

Tsala: Okay I am sorry.

Mox: Thanks! The bus is here I have to go.

Tsala: Okay bye.

Mox: Ke a go rata Tsala.

Tsala: I love you more babe!

Mox hung up and switched off his phone.

The same day later that Evening

Tsala drooped off the kids and remained in the car waiting for them to go inside the house before she drove off. She dialed Mox's number and it still didn't go through. "How was your day babe?" she sent the text and hopefully waited for a reply.

At Stux's House

Tired, Mox went straight to the kitchen and poured cold water in a glass, he drank all of it and went to the bedroom, he opened the door and a sight of a blossoming rose between Ruth's legs caught his eyes as she bent applying lotion on her legs. He dropped the bag and Ruth quickly turned around, she screamed and crossed her legs then she covered her breasts.

Mox: I am sorry I..

He said going outside and quickly closed the door, he breathed out loud and touched his chest.

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GOODMORNING
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 110

Mox: I am sorry I..

He said going outside and quickly closed the door, he breathed out loud and touched his chest. He had never seen anything like that before. Ruth came out fixing her dress and cleared her throat.

Ruth: Hi you must be Mox, Tumelo told me you will be here.

Mox: Yeah, I am sorry I should have knocked but don't worry I didn't see anything.

Ruth smiled and went to the kitchen. Mox sat down on the sofa and removed his shoes. A few minutes later Ruth came to seat next to him and reached for the TV remote.

Ruth: So you are friends with Stux?

Mox: Actually he is friends with my older brother.

Ruth: Oh!

She changed to a music channel.

Ruth: So it's just you and me tonight?

Mox: Huh?

Ruth: Stux is working night shifts akere.

Mox: Oh yeah!

There was silence and only the sound of the music playing on the TV.

Ruth: So you are also from Maun?

Mox: No but I stayed there like more than half of my life. My brother is still a teacher there.

Ruth: Oh okay!

Ruth's phone rang and she smiled standing up, she went outside and sat on the stoop. Mox went to the bedroom, got his clothes and went to shower.

The same Evening

Tsala stepped out of the elevator laughing with her colleague then she stopped as soon as she saw Abel. There were a few stuff in the basement for a secret meeting.

Colleague: Is everyone here?

They all looked around and nod their heads.

Colleague: Great, as we know Dr Moleks is leaving and I was thinking how to have a farewell party. I know it's short notice but I am sure we can contribute little we have so we can get him a present and buy some snacks and meat.

Everyone agreed.

Colleague: So we can contribute what we can afford.

Tsala: Where is the party going to be?

Colleague: I was thinking of Riverside guest house, it's nice there because they are cheap.

Everyone agreed and gave in their opinions and thoughts.

Colleague: Great then, let's make sure we have all contributed next week Friday.

They all agreed then some left using the stairs while some used the elevator. Tsala stood in front of Abel in the elevator and he breathed on her neck. She closed her eyes and breathed out heavily feeling uncomfortable.

Abel: Are you okay?

Tsala:..

Abel smiled alone, the elevator opened and they all stepped out.

Abel: Mopiri, you are working with me tonight!

He said to Tsala. She took a deep breath, got her stuff and followed him to the emergency section where they were working that night.

A little later that night

Mox laid on the sofa in the dark lost in his thoughts. He picked up his phone and clicked on Tsala's number "I love you" he typed the sms and sent it. As he put his phone down noises from the bedroom caught his ear. He listened in closely and could tell Ruth was watching Po**. He got out of bed and went to stand outside for a few minutes then came back inside and she was done. A few minutes later the bedroom door opened and Ruth went to get water from the kitchen.

The following Morning

Tsala sat in her car smiling alone replying Mox's

text when Abel knocked on her window. She put the phone down and rolled down the window.

Abel: Hey!

Tsala: Hi!

Abel: Ke eng go tile O seka wa mpuisa? (What he told you not to talk to me anymore?)

He said laughing then he got in his car and left. Tsala rolled her eyes and drove after him.

That Afternoon

Same frowned as the Doctor took blood from her hand.

Doctor: And we are done.

Same: Oh!

She opened her eyes and fixed her long sleeve.

Same: When can I expect the results Doc?

Doctor: Monday Morning, I will call you.

Same: Okay, um.. You said my womb is fine do you think that maybe..

Doctor: Hahaha relax, you are not getting pregnant because you have been on the pill for a long time now, it will happen don't worry.

Same: You think so?

Doctor: Yes, don't worry!

Same smiled and grabbed her handbag and the Doctor walked her to the door. They shook hands and Same walked to her car dialing Romeo but he didn't pick up, she called again and he still didn't pick up. "I just came from the Doctor's for blood tests" she sent him an sms.

That Evening

The kids ran to the house and Tsala waved at Beth while talking to MmaMox on the phone.

Tsala: Hahaha bathong is that what you are worried about, me getting pregnant?

MmaMox: Yes! Who will look after the baby akere wa bona gore I am old.

Tsala: Hahaha nna ke iponela le fourteen hela.

MmaMox: Wai!

Tsala: Haha, anyway I spoke my step sister she agreed gore she will bring them ka Saturday because nna I don't have leave days.

MmaMox: It's okay my girl. I have been lonely without my girls, annoying as they are, I miss them when they are not here.

Tsala: Haha I can relate, anyway dimumzo I am

driving we will talk.

MmaMox: Shapo my girl.

She hung up and nod her head to the beats of the deep house song she was listening to. Abel parked next to her by the robots and their eyes meet, he winked at her, Tsala smiled and looked away. Abel rolled his window and told her to open hers, Tsala rolled her eyes and rolled down the window.

Abel: Wena kana you are going to be mine like it or not.

Tsala: In your dreams.

She said laughing and drove off as the robot opened and Abel drove behind her.

At Stux's House

"Hi" Mox said throwing his bag behind the sofa and went to the kitchen.

Ruth: Hi!

She stood up and followed him to the kitchen.

Ruth: How was your day?

Mox: It was fine thanks!

He went outside with the glass of water.

Ruth: Ne ke eng O tshaba Mp*** (What is it are you afraid of pu***?)

Mox choked on his water and turned to her.

Ruth: Or you are gay? I have been showing you di
signs since yesterday, are you blind or slow?

She tried to kiss him and Mox stepped back, he
poured water in his hand and sprinkled at her.

Mox: Fire, fire jezebel leave me alone.

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Goodnight

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EPISODE 111

Mox: Fire, fire jezebel leave me alone.

Ruth laughed wiping the water off her face.

Ruth: O ta baka ee! The same woman you are being faithful to right now she is screaming with her feet up in the air about to cum wena o gana kuku.

She said going back inside the house. Mox put the glass down then found himself laughing alone, he wondered what came over him. He stayed outside for about ten minutes then went back inside the house, he put on his headsets and logged into Facebook while Ruth and Stux's daughter watched TV.

At The Hospital

Abel finished reading a patient's medical card and gave it back to the Nurse, he washed his hands and went to the cafeteria where Tsala was having coffee. He sat next to her and took one of her cookies. Neither of them said anything for a few minutes.

Tsala finished her coffee and stood up going outside for fresh air.

Abel: So this is how it's going to be?

Tsala turned to him.

Abel: Is this how we are going to work?

Tsala: What do..

Abel: Why do you give him so much power over you, now he is controlling who you speak to and whom you can't speak to, what's next, what you can wear and what you can't wear?

Tsala: Your problem ke gore you think you know things about my relationship or about me but you don't.

Abel: I know he told you never to speak to me.

Tsala: That's a choice I made on my own, outside work I have nothing to say to you.

Abel: He is controlling, he is an insecure man and.

Tsala: Stop, you don't know Mox okay!

Abel: I don't need to know him to know he is controlling you. He is just scared gore you will see how men treat their women out there and you will realise gore you have settled for less.

"Dont talk about him like that" she said trying to fight Abel and he grabbed both her hands. He looked into her face and breathed on her face. Tsala swallowed hard and looked away.

Abel: Until when are you going to deny that you have feelings for me?

Tsala: Let go of me.

She stepped back trying to free herself. "Let go of me!" she said. Abel pulled her into him, wrapped his hand around her back and kissed her, Tsala turned her head, he kissed her neck. "I want you" he whispered softly in her ear with his lips on her neck.

A car brightened on them, Tsala tried to free herself but he didn't let go of her, he held her tightly, before she could catch her breath, she looked up and their eyes met. Abel tensed making direct eye contact and immediately looked away and let go of her. "I am sorry" he said apologetically before he turned around about to leave.

"Finish what you started" Tsala said to him. Abel turned to her.

Tsala: Show me what I am missing then.

"I don't want to rap* you" he said.

Tsala: Then I am giving you permission to. You want this akere?

She looked around and there was not even a single movement, it was usual for the hospital to be quiet around that time. She pulled down her panty together with her panty hose.

Abel: I'm not interested in that, not in least, I want you, as much as my body is aching for yours I'm not going to fu** you. It is your heart that I am after.

He left her standing there with her underwears in hand feeling cheaper than she has ever felt before.

Days Later..

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Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 111

Days Later

Mox video called Tsala going around the house showing her around.

Tsala: So have you meet your housemate yet?

Mox: Yes but we haven't really spoken we meet when he gave me the keys.

Tsala: Nnyaa mme it's beautiful. Maybe in three months you can get something bigger so that me and the girls can visit.

Mox: Akere motho wame, maybe after the wedding you can get transfer..

Tsala: Akere!

Mox: And have a last born , hopefully a boy.

Tsala: I can't wait. Let me finish packing for the girls babe, I love you.

Mox: I love you.

She hung up and went to the bathroom where the girls were bathing.

Tsala: Guys finish up the bus is leaving in an hour.

She closed the bathroom door, went to the bedroom and finished packing for them.

At Same's house

Same sat outside on the stoop applying nail polish on her toe nails when her phone rang inside the house. She stood up and went to get it, she picked up the call and didn't say anything.

Romeo: Babe!

Same: Don't babe me Romeo three days? Three days?

Romeo: I can explain.

Same: Don't.

Romeo: Babe, I..

Same: Ka re I don't want to hear it. When you no longer want someone you say it you dont disappear for three days.

Romeo:..

Same clicked her tongue and hung up on him then he called again and she didn't pick up. "I was arrested" an sms from Romeo came through, Same rolled her eyes and didn't respond.

Later that evening at Maun Bus Rank

Tsala helped put the girls bags in the shelves then she sat next to them on the seat. She took out the tickets from her purse and gave her little sister.

Tsala: These tickets are for three seats let no one seat with you guys okay.

Lily: Okay!

Tsala: As soon as you arrive in Francistown call me.

Lily: Okay!

Tsala: The bus is going to stop at Nata, make sure you..

Lily: Tsala, we are not going to get out of the bus until we reach Francistown.

Tsala: Haha! Good. Thee mma make sure your phone has battery so that..

Lily waved the charging cord at her.

Tsala: Good!

She turned to Yama and Rati.

Tsala: I love you guys okay!

Yama: I love you too.

Rati: Mummy akere next time we come we are coming forever?

Tsala: Yes! Be good okay?

Rati: Okay! Nna ga ke na go ja thata gore ke ska tsenwa ke mala.

Tsala: Haha good girl.

They looked at Yama who was already digging in her plastic and took out a packet of chips and Tsala laughed. She sat with them for a few minutes then she left as the bus left. She waited until the bus left and she got in her car and drove home dialing MmaMox.

MmaMox: Hallo!

Tsala: Ee ba emelets e, they will be arriving tomorrow morning.

MmaMox: Okay my girl.

Tsala: I gave Lily two thous and to give you.

MmaMox: So much money, ke a eng?

Tsala: Ke a becha akere golo fa.

MmaMox: Why do I need a man when I have you?

They both laughed

Tsala: Le mopako ke rekile enough for a month, if they finish it in two weeks ba ta baka.

MmaMox: You are doing a lot ngwanaka, I told Moemedi gore starting from next month he is paying for everything. You have been singlehandedly doing a lot.

Tsala: Haha nnyaa mma tlogela monna wame a je madi a gagwe hela othee he will start contributing in two months.

MmaMox: Eheee if you are the one who says that then fine.

Tsala: Hahaha! I am driving we will talk.

MmaMox: Okay bye my girl.

At Tumi's House

Tumi stirred the pot and tasted the salt when someone knocked at the door. He washed his hands and went to open for Abel. They shook hands and shoulder bumped then Abel followed him to the kitchen.

Tumi: I was thinking about you earlier ke bona Mpogi.

They both laughed.

Tumi: We meet ha ATM.

Abel: Hahahaha agg mona should I also bring up your exes?

Tumi: Nna I didn't engage anyone with a five pula Chinese ring.

They laughed out loud, Tumi gave him a beer and he sat on the kitchen counter

Abel: That was the best relationship I have ever had.

Tumi: No you really loved each other, facts! So tell me wa re it was the best you ever had, never meet anyone after?

"Ao I have been knocking for minutes now" Tsala said coming inside and she panicked seeing Abel.

Tumi: Ehe I am in here!

Tsala let out a fade smile.

Tsala: Hi, where is everyone?

Tumi: They went groceries shopping.

Tsala: Ehe, I was just passing by.

Tumi: I am about to dish up, let's have dinner.

Tsala: No I..

Tumi: Abel I hope you are taking care of my little sister akere?

Abel looked at Tsala and she looked away.

Abel: Am I?

Tsala faked a laugh.

Tsala: I don't need taking care of ke mosadi O motona.

Abel sipped on his drink. Tumi looked at him.

Tumi: You didn't answer me kana. Wa re you never fell in love after Mpogi?

Abel: Haha I did but its a one sided love.

Tumi: Well make sure you get her on the other side,

re bata go bina kana.

Abel looked at Tsala.

Abel: That's my plan, problem is she has a boyfriend.

Tumi: So? since when batho ba re tseela banyana, show her what she is missing. Come on man dont tell me you lost your touch.

Abel: Hahaha no ene she is going to be mine.

He said looking at Tsala!

Tsala: Heela Tumi I forgot I have to go buy something, I will have dinner another time.

Tumi: Okay no problem, the girls are gone?

Tsala: Yes, today.

Tumi: Okay!

Tsala: Bye!

She hurried outside to her car dialing Portia.

Portia: Hey!

Tsala: Pray for me!

Portia: What's going on?

Tsala: I am falling for him.

She touched her forehead and closed her eyes.

Tsala: Oh my God I am falling in love with Abel.

Portia :Break up with Mox then. If you can fall in love with another man while supposedly in love with another one it means you don't love Mox.

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EPISODE 112

Tsala: Oh my God I am falling in love with Abel.

Portia :Break up with Mox then. If you can fall in love with another man while supposedly in love with another one it means you don't love Mox.

Tsala: You know I love Mox.

Portia: Then why open your heart to love another man?

Tsala: You think I woke up and decided to fall in love with Abel? I didn't, I can't help who my heart chooses to love.

Portia: Then set Mox free mma and enjoy your relationship with Abel yoo wa gago.

Tsala: Uhu!

Portia: Wa tena wena! I hope Abel breaks your heart into little pieces O bake. Mxm!

She hung up on her, Tsala's Jaws dropped, that was not the response she expected from her best friend. "Ebile nna never tell me anything about Abel #TeamMox" an sms from Portia came through.

Tsala: (Text) I didn't know it was wrong to tell you as my best friend. I was sharing my feelings with you, I said I am falling for Abel I didn't say I want to break up with Mox.

Portia: You are annoying, facts

Tsala didn't reply, she was honestly fighting a loosing battle. She put the phone on the passenger

side and drove home.

The Following Morning

Tsala woke up to her phone ringing, still asleep she picked up and put on loudspeaker. "Hello" she said.

Lily: We are in a combi to Serule!

Tsala looked at the time.

Tsala: Ehe! I will send you number ya ga MmaMox gape Yama O motona she will show you how to go home.

Lily: Okay!

Tsala: Did you have any problems on the way?

Lily: Wai nothing.

Tsala: Okay that great, let me get ready for work

then.

She hung up and went to switch on the gys er. She sat on the toilet seat biting her lower lip then she flushed the toilet and went to get her phone from the charger.

At Same's House

Same rolled her eyes looking at her phone ringing until Romeo gave up. Two messages came through and she ignored them then immediately Ditshego's call came through.

Same: Hello!

Ditshego: Hi, Romeo a re you are not picking up his calls.

Same: Yes I am not akere le ene he has not been picking up my calls.

Ditshago: Ga go dirwe jalo, two wrongs don't make a right. Hear him out.

Same: I have to get ready for work.

She hung up on her mother and sat in front of the mirror applying makeup.

At John's House

He locked the house and got in his car when his phone rang.

John: Hey!

Mox: Hi, O busy?

John: No zup?

Mox: Tsala's birthday is on Sunday so I was thinking maybe we can do something small for her this weekend ka Saturday.

John: Okay I am listening.

Mox: It's a surprise so you can't tell anyone except for your brothers.

John: Okay, what do you have in mind?

At the Hospital

Tsala quickly dodged into the passage as Abel and another Doctor came walking towards her. She watched them get in the elevator then she went to the front desk. "Hey can we talk?" Tsala turned around and it was Abel. She walked with him a few steps away and she folded her arms.

Tsala: Yeah!

Abel: I wanted to be the first to tell you guys I have decided to swap shifts with Dr Miller, that means we are no longer working shifts together.

Tsala: Oh!

Abel: Yeah.

Tsala: Why?

Abel: I have noticed that I make you uncomfortable and I don't want you losing focus at work.

Tsala: Oh, oh okay!

Abel: We are good?

Tsala: Yeah, why wouldn't we be?

Abel: Great!

He turned around and walked to the elevator, he pressed it and waited for it. He got inside and just as it was about close it opened again and Tsala went inside.

Tsala: You don't make me uncomfortable, I..I am just too coward to admit that I am in love with you.

The elevator closed and she wrapped her arms

around Abel kissing him

At the Bank

Same came from the toilet and found roses and a box of chocolates on her table.

Colleague: I signed them for you.

Same picked up the card and smiled reading the apology letter from Romeo. She picked up the roses and smelt them, she smiled and put them down then her phone rang.

Same: Hey!

Romeo: I sent you documents on WhatsApp gore I was really arrested. I tried to stop people from fighting next thing I am taken along with them, I wouldn't never not want to speak to you.

Same smiled.

Romeo: Please forgive me Babe, next time I see people fighting I am going to mind my own business.

Same: You better!

Romeo: I promise!

Same: Sorry babe, I was mad at you for nothing.

Romeo: It's okay you didn't know, ke a go rata kana Mmaagwe Brandon.

Same smiled.

Same: Speaking of Brandon I am ovulating in eleven days.

Romeo: And I will be there.

Same: Good, let me get back to work.

Romeo: I love you.

Same hung up then she opened her chocolates and took a bite from one.

At the Hospital Basement

Abel pressed Tsala on the wall kissing her again then he stepped back. He held her hand and kissed it.

Abel: Let's go somewhere this weekend, just you and me.

Tsala: Where, Friday its Dr Moleks's farewell party.

Abel: They will celebrate with us. Let's go somewhere in the wilderness and spend all day getting to know each other and all parts of each other's body.

He said kissing her and Tsala giggled.

Tsala: Ebile its my birthday ka Sunday.

Abel: Perfect excuse to vacation. What do you say?

Tsala: Okay!

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Good night

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 113

Friday Morning

Abel slowly pulled out and planted a soft kiss on

Tsala's forehead before he rolled out of bed and rolled toilet paper on his hand then he removed the condom and wiped himself then he reached for a clean towel and wiped Tsala. She giggled and closed her legs.

Abel: Haha! Let me see!

He said opening her legs then he looked at her nunu, he parted it with his fingers and looked at Tsala.

Abel: You have a beautiful pu*** do you know that?

Tsala: Sheee! Stop!

She said closing her legs again then she got out of bed and she went to the bathroom. She came back and put on Abel's t-shirt looking at the time.

Tsala: I have to go.

Abel: I told you you can always come with your uniform then we leave together akere.

Tsala: People will start talking.

Abel: There is no law against Co workers dating.

He said pulling her into him and kissed her.

Tsala: I know but you know people always talk akere.

Abel: So? Let them talk I don't care and you shouldn't either.

Tsala: I don't either, ke gore I don't want Mox to hear about us from other people. I have to be the one to tell him.

Abel: Okay!

He stood up with her in his arms and they went to the bathroom.

Tsala: What time are we leaving again?

Abel: Half five so that we can arrive before dawn.

Tsala: Okay! What do I pack?

Abel: J ust you.

Tsala: Hahahaha!

Abel pinned her against the wall and kissed her, he raised her leg and rubbed his D on her nunu.

Tsala: Wait, we..

Abel: Ke eng you don't trust me?

Tsala: I am not on the pill and..

Abel: I will pull out.

He said penetrating, Tsala opened her mouth wide and looked up with her eyes closed enjoying every inch.

At Tumi's House

Tumi sat down putting on his shoes talking to John on the phone.

Tumi: Yeah Beth are she managed to book a table for ten and paid for the cake.

John: Ten?

Tumi: Dad and his Wife are not coming so it's going to be just five of us, Mmoloki's girlfriend, Beth, Mox and I was thinking of inviting Abel.

John: Okay great we are set then.

Tumi: Yeah! Shapo mona I am getting ready for work.

John: Sure!

At Tsala's House later that evening

Tsala threw all her clothes on the bed wondering which ones to pack. She choose khakhi shorts, a black tank top and two set of bikinis then a military green short dress. Her phone rang and she smiled picking up.

Tsala: I don't know what to pack.

Abel: J ust pack one dress, we are going to be naked the whole day anyway.

Tsala: Hahaha! Okay!

Abel: I will be there in thirty to fourty five minutes.

Tsala: Okay!

She hung up and sat on the bed feeling excited. She bit her lower lip and picked up her phone and called Mox.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hey, I miss you!

Mox: I miss you too.

Tsala: If you were not working this weekend I would visit or you would visit kana.

She said trying to confirm if he really was working that weekend.

Mox: Akere babe, I wish we would spend your birthday together.

Tsala: Me too but don't worry there are other birthdays coming.

Mox: Yeah!

Tsala: Mmmh, shapo.

Mox: Okay bye! I love you!

Tsala: I love you too.

She hung up and continued packing.

A few minutes later

Just as he was about to park in front of Tsala's house Abel's phone rang.

Abel: Hello!

Tumi: Hi, zup?

Abel: Wai nothing much and you?

Tumi: Are you busy this weekend, Tsala's boyfriend planned a surprise party for Tsala's birthday this Saturday.

Abel: Oh!

Tumi: Will you be able to come?

Abel: I am taking my mystery lady to the Safari this weekend.

Tumi: My man!

Abel: Hahahah!

Tumi: Get her pregnant, when the boyfriend is still deciding whether to forgive her then engage her.

They both laughed.

Tumi: I did that with Beth, akere ne a nkgana a re ke le praise and worship, first night her first time I got her pregnant, when her parents came to see my parents ebile I told them ke a nyala.

Abel: Maybe I should do that.

Tumi: Do that, ten years from today you will thank me.

Abel: Haha, anyway enjoy your party.

Tumi: Sure, it's a surprise don't tell her.

Abel: Haha believe me I won't.

He hung up and went to the house. Tsala opened the door and he smiled kissing her.

Tsala: What?

Abel: I have a feeling this is going to be an exciting weekend.

Tsala: Let me go get my bag.

She got her bag, locked the door and Abel opened the car door for her.

Meanwhile in J waneng.

Driver: Kang!

Mox: Okay fine no problem. I will get another lift in Kang.

He threw his backpack at the back of the car and dived in.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 115

Mox walked out of the Police station angry dialing
Tumi but he didn't pick up. He dialed J ohn as he
waved for a taxi and it stopped for him.

John: Hello!

Mox: I thought I told you I don't know where Tsala is, why am I being interrogated by the police now?

John: They wouldn't interrogate you if you were innocent.

Mox: Hee ehee!

Mox laughed in disbelief.

Mox: I don't know that slut* of your sister is.

John: Don't call her that.

Mox: Hee footshek! I just started working and it's not good that I am seen at the police station everyday like I am some criminal. For the last time I don't know where Tsala is, Ga ke itse ko Tsala a leng teng bathong just leave me alone, please leave me alone.

He hung up on John and rested his head against the seat cupping his face. He breathed out loud and then dialed his brother.

Tshwano: Hello!

Mox: The Mopiri brothers want to destroy my life, I haven't even got my first salary. I am still on probation and already Police Officers ba ntatela ko tirong. Tumi called maloba and I told him I don't know where Tsala is. He called again the day before yesterday and I still gave him the same answer. I don't know where Tsala is, gatwe ne a re she is coming to Jwaneng but she never came to me, she doesn't even know where I stay I don't know why I am now being interrogated ekare I killed her or I know where she is because I don't.

Tswano: Where are you now?

Mox: I just came from the Police Station.

Tswano: What did the Police say?

Mox: The same as maloba gore Tsala O kae and

that the last time she had any communication with anyone ne a re she is coming to J waneng.

Tswano: Ke mathata, you struggled for long unemployed now they want to ruin your life!

Mox: Aah mona, I swear Tsala never arrived here.

Tswano: I believe you. I will talk to Tumi, they should work hard on finding their sister and leave you alone.

Mox: Aah mona!

Tswano: J ust stay strong we will talk.

Mox: Shapo!

At Tumi's House

Beth listened to Tumi talking to Mmoloki on the phone. She shook her head and sat down.

Tumi: Everyone is capable of everything when they

are angry that's why I am not giving Mox a pass.

Mmoloki: But I swear if he touched even a single hair on her head I am going to ki** him with my own two hands.

Tumi rubbed his head and breathed out loud.
Someone knocked at the door and Beth went to open.

John: Hi!

Beth: Hi! Anything?

John: I have called all hospitals along the way but nothing. Are you still saying Mox is innocent? He knows where Tsala is , he did something to her.

Tumi finished talking to Mmoloki on the phone and turned to his wife and Brother.

John: Nothing, no admissions by anyone by the name

of Tsala or anyone without an identification.

Tumi sat down and cupped his face.

Beth: I think you should tell MmaNaledi?

Tumi: What? Re mo raa re reng when even we don't know where Tsala is?

There was silence then they heard a car park outside and the door slammed. Beth looked outside through the window and it was Tswano.

Beth: It's Mox's Brother!

Tswano knocked hard on the door and John went to open the door.

Tswano: You!

He stormed in pointing at John and Tumi.

Tswano: Leave my brother out of nonsense that your sister is doing.

John: Hee Morena..

Tumi: John!

John: No! Tsala is missing and the last person she went to see was Mox how..

Tswano: Did she tell you where she arrived in Jwaneng? What if she never did, what if she is on another vacation with her boyfriend, let's we go and go and see. Didn't she pull the same stunt a week ago when she went on a vacation to the monna Osele? Leave my brother alone and focus on finding your sister. Stop trying to ruin my brother's life. What are you going to do when your sister decided to come home while Mox has lost his job?

John: If he has nothing to hide then he should cooperate with the Police.

Tumi: Look we are not trying to ruin Mox, we just told the Police what happened and they are doing their job interrogating everyone. All we want is for our sister to come back that's all.

Tswano: This energy and time you are wasting on my brother please use it to search every stuff house at the hospital and every lodge and guesthouse.

He said and stormed out.

John: (To Tumi) Why did you stop me, I..

Tumi: Didn't you see how big that guy is? Where you also going to expect me to help you when he knocks off all your teeth?

John: It's just a big body he..

Beth: But he is right, since she is not in any hospital maybe we should check the lodges and safari camps who knows maybe..

Both Brothers looked at her and she kept quiet.

The same day later that Evening

Yama and Rati finished washing their socks and hung them on the line.

MmaMox: Heeey bring those here I want to see if they are clean.

They rang to their Grandmother with the socks and she inspected them.

MmaMox: They are clean.

They ran to the line to hang them again when a car parked by the gate. RraMox's brother and sister both stepped out. They opened the gate and walked

towards MmaMox and exchanged greetings.
MmaMox stood up to get two chairs and they sat down. The sister looked at MmaMox's little bed of roses she had in front of the house.

Sister: I should come get a few of these they are beautiful.

MmaMox ignored her.

Brother: I am afraid we come with bad news.

MmaMox:..

Brother: RraTswano left this world today in the afternoon.

There was a little silence then MmaMox cleared her throat.

MmaMox: May his soul rest in peace.

At Tumi's House

Beth screamed from the bedroom and Tumi put the newspaper he was reading down on the table and ran to the bedroom.

Tumi: What?

Beth: It's Tsala!

She said showing Tumi a photo on her phone. It was a photo of a car damaged beyond repair. Tumi zoomed on the photo and looked at Beth.

Tumi: This is Tsala's car.

Beth: They say the car collided with a big truck and it burnt.

Tumi scrolled up to read the whole story that was shared in a group . He fell on the bed on his butt and breathed out, Beth sat next to him and hugged him.

Tumi: No!

Beth hugged him tightly. Tumi shook his head in denial.

Tumi: No, Tsala is not dead, no!

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 116

Tumi: No!

Beth hugged him tightly. Tumi shook his head in denial.

Tumi: No, Tsala is not dead, no!

Beth: Babe! You know gore batho ba Facebook ba maaka akere don't believe what they are saying.

Tumi: She is just a child she can't die now.

Beth wiped her tears and hugged her husband tightly. She didn't know what to say! Immediately Mox's call came through and Beth picked up.

Beth: Hey Mox!

Mox: Hi Tumi O kae I sent him something on WhatsApp, a friend of mine tagged me on a post on Facebook and its Tsala's car.

Beth: Yeah re bone post.

Mox: Is she really.. Is..

Beth: Nothing has been confirmed akere you know batho ba Facebook ba maaka, I will keep you updated okay.

Mox: Thanks! I know we.. (paused).. But I would never wish anything bad on her, she is still the love of my life and my kids mother.

Beth: I know. I will call you.

Mox: Thanks!

He hung up and breathed in his hands. Gloria came from the bathroom wrapped in a towel and sat next to him on the mattress.

Gloria: Are you okay?

Mox turned to her and let out a fade smile.

Mox: I am fine.

Gloria: I can sleep over if you want me to.

She said hugging him then Mox's phone rang again.

Mox: Hello!

MmaMox: Moemedi.

Mox: Yeah?

MmaMox: It's your father, gatwe he passed away this afternoon.

Mox: Oh, okay!

MmaMox: Ee the funeral will be held at his brother's yard side ya..

Mox: I don't think I will come, I can't take leave I don't even have a month working.

MmaMox: Don't let that man make you..

Mox: I have to go I will call you.

He hung up.

At the Police Station

Tumi and John walked out of the Police station furious.

Tumi: Agg these officers mona, what's hard about making a call O botsa hela gore what happened to the driver of the car?

John: I almost punched his big nose. Let's go to Ghanzi obviously she was taken to Ghanzi because its the closest to where the accident was.

Tumi: Eish!

He rested his back against the car and looked up at the stars.

Tumi: Let's go!

He got inside dialing Beth.

The Following Morning

MmaMox raked in front of the house humming to her favourite song, she put the rake against the wall and went to get an old bath she used to put trash in.

MmaPoloko: Dumelang!

MmaMox raised her head and looked at her.

MmaMox: Eheee! Le teng?

MmaPoloko: Ee! I..

She stood by the fence. "Wa bo O bata go ntia akere ka dikgang" she said walking towards the fence.

MmaPoloko: I heard some rumours.

MmaMox: Yes!

MmaPoloko: That RraTshwano is late.

MmaMox took a deep breath.

MmaMox: It's not a rumour it's true.

MmaPoloko: What?

MmaMox: Yes his siblings came to tell me yesterday.

MmaPoloko: And you are this relaxed?

MmaMox: What should I do?

MmaPoloko: Ao Nkele my friend I know the man hurt you but..

MmaMox: What do you want me to do cry? I have nothing left I cried a lot when I was with that man. I am sorry that he is no longer with us but that's it. I am not going to cry for that man.

MmaPoloko: I understand you but..

MmaMox: But nothing, let me finish raking.

At Ghanzi

Beth parked behind Tumi's car and both she and RraTumi stepped out and hurried inside the Police station where Tumi and John were.

RraTumi: Anything?

They both turned to him.

Tumi: Ba pallwa, we came here last night re re ba botsa about the driver of the car but no. This morning ba re they have to follow procedure, procedure ya masurp!

RraTumi walked past them and walked to the front desk.

RraTumi: Can I please see the Officer in charge.

Officer: Sir we..

RrwTumi: When it's about my child I will turn this place upside down, show me the Officer in charge. We came all the way from Maun to find answers and we are not leaving without them. The car is here akere so we want to know where the driver is, if my child is dead give us her body re ye go mo ithobogela if she burnt in the car tell us we will

handle it.

The Officer in charge came from his Office talking to his phone then he hung up as the whole family turned to him.

John: Morena!

Officer: Yes we did receive the car last week Tuesday. The driver was transferred to Ghanzi primary hospital but by the call I just received she was Air transferred to Gaborone Thursday morning.

John: Was that hard to..

Tumi: (Interrupted) Gaborone kae?

Officer: I would be lying but probably a private hospital.

Tumi: Thank you!

He walked out dialing Peter. Beth sat in the car while he talked to his brothers.

Tumi: Peter a re he will go look for her, it won't be hard, it's five big private hospitals.

Beth: Come here!

She hugged her, Tumi smiled and rested his chin on Beth's shoulder.

Tumi: What would I do without you?

Beth: Nothing!

Tumi pulled back and smiled. He kissed her and held both her hands.

Tumi: Thanks for loving me.

Beth:..

Tumi: When we meet I was young to be praying for women but God saw it fit to make you mine. There

are a lot of things that I wouldn't have done on my own. I love you!

Beth: Let's make another baby when we get home.

Tumi: Haha..

Beth: Maybe we will have a boy this time, one just like daddy.

Tumi: We can park by..

They both laughed.

Tumi: We don't need a bed to make a baby.

Beth: I know!

Tumi: I love you babe, thanks for being my rock.

Beth leaned over and kissed him. John and RraTumi walked to them.

RraTumi: So we are all going back to Maun?

Tumi: Yes Peter and Mmoloki will update us. John you can go with Dad in Beth's car we will follow.

At Gloria's House

"He has two daughters" Gloria said from the kitchen where she was making a sandwich for her mother. She came with it and put the plate on the table.

Mother: I always say when you don't have kids its best to date someone who doesn't have kids too.

Gloria: Oh no the baby Mama is not a threat, by the look of things they are in bad terms.

Mother: Ngwanaka a relationship between baby daddy and baby mama is complicated you..

Gloria: Relax Mama if its not meant to be then its not meant to be but I have a feeling gore this is the man that God sent to me. Moemedi is my husband.

Later that Evening at the Private Hospital

Mmoloki and Peter both stood up as the Doctor walked towards them.

Doctor: I am sorry to keep you waiting, this way please.

Peter: Doctor wait!

Both Mmoloki and The Doctor looked at him.

Peter: She is alive right?

Doctor: She is alive but she is in a comatose state.

Peter walked behind them holding his breath and what he saw was not what he expected or even imagined. Both he and Mmoloki turned to the Doctor.

Mmoloki: Doctor who is this?

Doctor: She suffered third degree burns and we had to do an emergency skin graft as third degree burns do not heal by themselves.

Mmoloki looked at what was said to be his little sister wrapped in bandages from her neck down to her toes and had more than five tubes connected to her mouth and nose and even a tube in her throat.

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** BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 117

Mmoloki looked at what was said to be his little sister wrapped in bandages from her neck down to her toes and had more than five tubes connected to her mouth and nose and even a tube in her throat.

Her head was the size of a basketball and the beeping sounds didn't help at all. Peter excused himself and went outside. Mmoloki looked away and wiped his tears. "Is she going to live Doctor?" he asked with a shaky voice.

The Doctor cleared his throat.

Doctor: We have never had cases like this before but..

Mmoloki: I want a simple yes or no, is she going to live?

Doctor: Miracles happen, look Sir I cannot.

Mmoloki: Is there somewhere she can get better help than here?

He asked wiping his tears.

Mmoloki: She is my baby sister and I will do anything for her.

Doctor: We are the best in the country unless you want to take her out of the country which is very risky at the moment.

Mmoloki sat down on the chair and wiped his tears. "You have to make it, you cannot die like this" he said wiping his tears then he swallowed hard.

At Tumi's House a little later

He looked at the photo Mmoloki sent him and put the phone on the table. He cupped his face and breathed in his hands.

Beth: Hey, so I was thinking that..

She turned to her husband.

Beth: Babe?

Tumi picked up the phone and gave her. Beth looked at the photo and her heart skipped. Before she could say anything Tumi stood up and stormed to their bedroom. She followed him and locked the door, she sat next to him and hugged him as he cried out loud.

At Same's House

Frustrated Same threw the negative home pregnancy tests in the bin and sat on the bed. She buried her face in the pillow screaming then she wiped her tears. She didn't know what she was doing wrong.

Romeo's call came through and she didn't pick up. He called again two times still no answer. A few minutes later Same picked up her phone and dialed her Mother.

Ditshego: Hello, Ga o sebiwe we were just talking about you, I was telling them gore when you were a baby you used to..

Same: That time after Sechaba's death you took me to a traditional Doctor who helped me deal with my nightmares.

Ditshego stood up and went outside.

Ditshago: Are we..

Same: Is he still alive?

Ditshago: Why are you asking do you have nightmares again?

Same: No, I think I am infertile.

The Following Day

Beth slowly folded the clothes listening to Tumi talking to his brother on the phone.

Tumi: I will tell you after I have booked the flight.
Sure!

He hung up and looked at Beth.

Tumi: I know there is nothing I can do but.

Beth: Go babe!

Tumi: Will you be okay with the kids?

Beth: Yes!

Tumi: Thanks, I want to go with Dad.

Beth nod her head.

Beth: Have you told MmaMox?

Tumi: No, where do i start?

Beth: You want me to talk to her?

Tumi: Thanks babe that would mean a lot to me.

Beth: Okay I will call her. You haven't eaten anything let me fix you something.

Tumi: Thanks!

Beth went to the kitchen and Tumi picked up his phone, he looked at the photo again and looked up as tears filled his eyes and something painful stuck on his throat. He swallowed hard and dialed his

father.

The same day later that Evening

Same parked outside the yard and stepped out wrapping a stenghe around her waist then she tied a doek around her head going into the yard. Ngaka Rakgomo looked at her through the small window of his hut then he sat down waiting for her.

A few minutes later Same went inside the hut with the instructions from Ngaka Rakgomo's wife. She removed her shoes and sat down like she was told to. Rakgomo looked at the engagement ring on her finger then he started roaring like a hungry dog.

Ngaka: What brings you here?

Same: Ngaka I am not able to fall pregnant , it's been months trying now and nothing is happening, at the hospital they said I am fine, they said my

eggs are fine, my womb is fine but nothing.

Ngaka: Aaaah!

He gave her a sack full of bones.

Ngaka: Di khuele. Ask them why you are not able to fall pregnant then throw them on the ground.

Same shook them "Khuuuu" she said inside the sack then she threw the bones down.

Ngaka: Aaaah!

He looked up at Same.

Ngaka: Aaah, O na le Rakgadi? (Do you have a paternal Aunt?)

Same: Yes, yes!

Ngaka: (ba go bofile ka tsatsi la lenyalo, Rakgadiago, mose e O neng a go o reketsa ne a O berekile) your Aunt bought you a dress for your wedding, that is the root cause of all your problems, she tied your tubes with that dress on your wedding day.

Same: (Confused) Wait, on whose wedding day?

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 118

Ngaka: Aaah, O na le Rakgadi? (Do you have a

paternal Aunt?)

Same: Yes, yes!

Ngaka: (ba go bofile ka tsatsi la lenyalo, Rakgadiago, mose e O neng a go o rekets e ne a O berekile) your Aunt bought you a dress for your wedding, that is the root cause of all your problems, she tied your tubes with that dress on your wedding day.

Same: (Confused) Wait, on whose wedding day?

Ngaka: Your wedding day, the dress she bought, she..

Same stood up and grabbed her shoes.

"Morobanyana" Ngaka called out to her and she ignored him. She clicked her tongue as she put on her shoes and walked to her car shaking her head talking alone. She got in her car and drove away dialing Ditshego.

Ditshego: Hello!

Same: Mma ngaka ya gago e maaka.

Ditshoho: What happened?

Same: A re my tubes were tied by my Aunt on my wedding day with the dress she bought me.

Ditshoho: Wait, whose wedding day?

Same: A re mine!

Ditshoho: Uhuuu, you are married?

Same: He saw the ring on my finger and thought I am married, hoo dilo ts a mono, he asked me if I have an Aunt and I said yes, ke ipots a gore what would he have said if I told him I don't have an Aunt.

Ditshoho: Uhuuuu! What did you say?

Same: I stormed out, obviously ditaola ts a gagwe ne di sa bue ka nna akere nna I am not married
(Obviously his bones were not talking about me since I am not married)

Ditshoho: Ke mathata, hooooo haha so the ring on your finger made him think gore you are married?

Same: Ee mma!

Ditshego: Aah aah ke mathata, you should go see prophets then because I don't think there is a problem with you, ke dilo ts a batho. Maybe that Doctor was right, everyone thought gore my kids will amount to nothing but you proved them all wrong, you are a graduate and working, Mpho will be graduating soon le ene and Lebo will be going to school next year. People don't like seeing other people happy kana.

Same: True!

Ditshego: Mmh ikemele ka dinao ngwanaka, Ga ba gagamatsa le wena abo o gagamatsa.

Same: Akere! Shapo mma I am driving.

Later that Evening

Mox and his colleagues removed helmets from their shifts and headed to the showers. Mox opened his locker and checked his phone. He had seven missed calls from his mother, three from Beth, two

from Tumi and one sms from Beth "Hey been trying to call you. Tsala is in the hospital ko Gaborone and her situation is not good, please keep her in your prayers."

He finished reading the sms and immediately dialed Beth.

Beth: Hello!

Mox: Is she going to live?

Beth: To be honest we all don't know, the situation is bad.

Mox: Eish!

He sat down on the bench and put his head on his hand.

Mox: Eish! This is my fault, if I had answered her calls then.

Beth: Mox no!

Mox: What if she doesn't make it, what will I say to Yama and Rati?

Beth: Pray for her.

Mox wiped his tears and knod his head.

Beth: Right now all we have to do is pray there is nothing else we can do.

Mox: Yeah! I will pray for her!

The same evening

Yamasa and Rati ran in front of MmaMox and MmaPoloko coming from the Merapelo.

MmaPoloko: Kana I heard my granddaughter talking about that accident maloba gatwe a car and a truck,

I didn't know it was Tsala!

MmaMox: Eish motho wa Modimo. When you hear such things you never expect them to be about people you know.

MmaPoloko: Have you told Yamas a?

MmaMox: No not yet but I will tell her.

MmaPoloko: Eish Road accidents will finish us bathong, I will pray for her.

MmaMox: Thank you!

They said goodbyes as MmaPoloko turned going to her Sister's house and MmaMox walked behind the girls as they talked about school.

A Few Days Later

Tumi threw his bags on the bed and reached for the AC remote while dialing Beth.

Beth: Hey!

Tumi: Hi we arrived.

Beth: Okay, I am glad you arrived safely. Have you already gone to see her?

Tumi: Mmmh Peter picked us up from the airport straight to the hospital.

Beth: How is she?

Tumi: Eish!

He rubbed his face and put the phone on loudspeaker.

Tumi: The Doctor a re the swelling is going down but the head and face are still big.. You can barely recognise her.

Beth: I am sorry babe!

Tumi: I feel helpless, ke dire jang?

Beth: Pray for her. Prayer is a miracle on its on. Pray for her because apart from that there is nothing you can do.

Tumi sniffed and wiped his tears. He put the phone down and took a deep breath then he picked it up again.

Tumi: How are the kids?

At Mox's House

Mox packed a few clothes in his backpack when his phone rang.

Mox: Hey!

Gloria: Hey, have you thought about my invite to church?

Mox: Oh yes but I have decided to go to my father's funeral.

Gloria: Oh okay we will go another time akere.

Mox: Yeah!

Gloria: Okay Travel safely.

Mox: Thanks!

Gloria hung up dis sappointed.

Mother: What's wrong?

Gloria: No a re he is going to his father's funeral.

Mother: J aanong why are you dis sappointed?

Gloria: I thought maybe he will ask me if I want to go with him but no. Maybe I am reading too much into everything kana. Maybe to him we are just friends.

Mother: Men and Women are different kana.

Gongwe le ene he didn't ask you to come because

he thinks to you you are just friends. That's why you have to sit down and discuss your status, just friends or there is something more.

Gloria sat down and looked at her mother nodding her head.

Gloria: I will ask him when he comes back.

Later during visiting hours at the Hospital

RraTumi, Tumi and Peter held hands and closed their eyes standing by Tsala's bed.

RraTumi: Morena Modimo..

The machines started beeping and they all opened their eyes and looked at each other. "Doctor" Tumi

ran outside and bumped into the Doctor on the door.

Tumi: What's going on?

The Doctor paged another Doctor. "Everyone out please" he said closing the curtain.

Peter: Whats going on?

Doctor: Out please!

He closed the door. Tumi sat down with his head between his legs and Peter rubbed his back. RraTumi paced up and down praying. Two more Doctors went inside the room. No one said anything, about thirty minutes later the door opened and all three men stood up.

Tumi: Doc!

Peter: Doctor how is she?

Doctor: I am sorry

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 119

Peter: Doctor how is she?

Doctor: I am sorry if maybe I was being disrespectful when I chased you out. It is hospital policy to..

Tumi: We understand, how is she?

Doctor: Tsala is stable but critical, she was having what we call epileptic seizure.

Tumi: Simple English Doc, is she out of coma?

Doctor: (Shook his head) Unfortunately not.

Tumi breathed in his hands and turned away.

Peter: But she will wake up akere.

Doctor: Unfortunately I cannot guarantee that, we have had patients who woke up and we have had patients who never woke up.

RraTumi: Can I see her please.

Doctor: Yes you can go ahead.

Peter went to sit next to Tumi and neither of them said anything.

Inside RraTumi looked at his daughter, he took a

deep breath and sat on the chair that was next to the bed and traced his fingers on her face.

RraTumi: You don't know this but you are a miracle baby. You came when we thought we were done having kids, your mum found out she was pregnant with you at six months haha.. And when you finally arrived it was a celebration, we finally had a baby girl and you were so beautiful with those deep dimples on both cheeks. I vowed to protect you until my last breath and I know I haven't don't done that but please give me one last chance my baby to do right by you. (Crying) Come back to us. Come back to your daughter, she needs you.

He wiped his tears and breathed in his hands.

RraTumi: Come back my baby, I don't know if you can hear me but if you do know that I love you, I love you more than life itself and you will always be my baby girl. You will always be my miracle baby.

No matter how old you grow you will always be my baby.

He cleared his throat and stood up.

RraTumi: Fight my baby, fight for your life.

He put his hand on her forehead and realised they had cut her hair.

The door opened and Mox came in.

Mox: They said I can come in.

RraTumi: Mmmh!

He walked past him going outside. Mox looked at Tsala, he hardly recognised her with all the tubes on her face and the bandages around her body. He sat

down and touched her arm. He swallowed hard and tried to speak but something painful stuck on his throat and he started crying.

Mox: You can't die now, you can't. You have to wake up. You.. (shaky voice) You.. (He swallowed hard and looked up) Wake up.

He tried to speak but words failed him, he cried out loud covering his mouth then he stood up and stood by the corner. He looked at all the machines connected to her and rolled down the wall covering his face crying. "You have to wake up dammit"

He stood up and walked towards her.

Mox: You can't die, wake up. Wake up!

The door opened and Tumi rushed in, he grabbed

him, Mox hugged him tightly crying. "She can't die, she can't die" he repeated the words.

At MmaMox's House

Yama laid on the sofa lost in her thoughts while Rati polished their school shoes.

MmaMox: Hey wena dont I always tell you to polish your shoes outside?

Rati picked up the shoes and went outside. "Whose turn is it to wash the plates?" she asked Yama and she didn't reply.

MmaMox: MmaB?

Yama looked at her and got up.

MmaMox: What's wrong are you sick?

Yama: No I just miss Tsala. Can we call her please, why hasn't she called?

MmaMox: Oh.. I.. Maybe she is where there is no network.

Yama: Can we at least try to call her.

MmaMox sat down next to her and took her hands into hers.

MmaMox: I didn't want to worry you but Tsala is in the hospital. She.. She was in a car accident now she is in the hospital.

Yama: Is she going to be okay?

MmaMox: We will wait for the Doctor to tell us.

Yama: I want to see her.

MmaMox: She is in Gaborone.

Yama: Can we please go see her! Please!

MmaMox: Okay we will go after the burial.

Yama: Okay!

Tshwano came in from the memorial service.

MmaMox: O gorogile moswi?

Tswano: Yes! The insurance also just paid out.

MmaMox: Take your money and go better your life with it, that man didn't care about you when he was alive, don't feel bad for not contributing a cent for his funeral gape tomorrow is the burial everything has been done.

Tswano: Rangwane when I gave back the death certificate ke ha a re kana they borrowed money to buy the casket I should return it.

MmaMox: Ba thola! They are crazy akere he was their brother, you are not going to give them even one pula.

Tswano: Eish.. Mox is not coming?

MmaMox looked at Yama.

MmaMox: Ne a re he is going to see someone in Gaborone then get the night bus, he will be here just in time for the burial.

Tswano: Oh, how is she?

MmaMox shook her head.

In the Evening Bus

Mox sat by the window with his eyes closed leaning against the window. He was in so much pain his heart was shaking. He couldn't get her picture out of his mind, he opened his eyes and tears rolled down his cheeks!

3 MONTHS LATER

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 120

3 MONTHS LATER

Same laid on the stretcher bed as the Doctor did another egg antra follicle count. He removed the trans vaginal ultrasound from Same's vagina and wrote down a few things.

Doctor: Just like last time you are producing enough eggs and they are big and healthy enough for fertilisation. Your sugar level is stable, your weight is great so totale nna I don't know what the problem could be.

Same sat on her butt and sighed.

Doctor: Has your husband did some tests too, kana making a baby requires two people and it's not always the woman's health problem that they are not having a child.

Same: No!

Doctor: Encourage him to go to di tests and check his sperm count. Sometimes sperms don't swim good enough to reach the egg that's the case where IUI is needed. E se gore he is infertile but di sperm ts a gagwe di le weak.

Same knod her head. "Thank you Doc" she said as she put on her clothes then few minutes later he left dialing Romeo.

Romeo: Hey babe!

Same: Hey come pick me up ko Airport.

Romeo: What? You are..

Same: Hahaha heelang I am joking, ebile you are shaking.

They both laughed.

Romeo: Ao babe!

Same: The time i come there you will only hear a knock at the door.

Romeo: Ee mma! You said when was your appointment with the Doctor again?

"Daddy look" a little girl said at the back.

Same: Who is that?

Romeo: Oh no ke chekile a friend, that's his daughter.

Same: Oh, we will have our own daughter one day.

Romeo: One who looks exactly like mummy.

Same: Hahaha!

Romeo: Let me call you when I get home.

Same: I love you!

Romeo hung up before saying I love you back.
"Daddy look" the little girl said cycling around the pavement in a bicycle that Romeo just got. Linda came from the house with three glasses of juice and put on the table.

Girl: Mummy look I can do it.

Linda: Good girl, now come have juice.

The little girl abandoned her bicycle and ran to have her cold juice.

Linda: What I have been scared of has happened!

Romeo turned to her.

Linda: Kao is attached now ebile she is calling you daddy.

Romeo: It's a problem?

Linda: She is going to be hurt when you leave.

Romeo: Leave to where?

Linda: Come on, how long have you been saying you are going to break up things with Same? Wa bona why I didn't want you meeting my daughter. You are going to break her heart when you leave.

Romeo sipped on his drink.

Romeo: I told you I will break up with her face to face not over the phone.

Linda sipped on her drink and crossed her legs. Kao put her glass of juice down and ran back to her bicycle.

At Gaborone

Mox watched the girls have their ice cream then they looked at each other and laughed. He found himself smiling and sipped on his drink. The girls exchanged their ice creams then changed them back.

Mox: Guys le dirang? Hurry so that we meet the

hospital visiting hours.

Rati: Papa wee!

Mox: Yeah!

Rati: You know when you eat a lot of ice cream you get brain freeze. Maybe we should take mummy some, its painful when your brain freezes maybe she will then wake up.

Mox smiled.

Mox: It's going to be melted by the time we arrive.

Rati: Eish!

Mox: Hurry up guys!

Meanwhile Kesego walked in with her husband and daughters with the youngest on her hip.

David: I will get us a table.

Kesego: Okay!

Kesego went to order while David looked around for a table and they were all occupied.

Mox stood up from his seat and David walked to him.

David: Hi, le a tswa?

Mox: Hi yes!

Kesego walked over to their table and panicked. Her heart beat loud and fast and she started sweating. Mox looked at her and then at David, he looked at the little girl David was holding and the one Kesego had on her hip.

Rati: Daddy I am done!

She said wiping her mouth with a tissue.

Mox: Good let's go. (To Lesego) You can sit.

He said like they didn't know each other or shared a daughter together. Kesego watched them leave then she sat down.

David: That little girl looks like you.

Kesego: Who?

David: Not the fat one.

Kesego looked at them, Rati was all grown up and she was beautiful. She wondered why Mox didn't say anything.

Kesego: I didn't notice. Babe I think I left my phone

in the car.

She said giving David the baby and ran outside. She looked around for them and spotted them going by the parking lot side.

Kesego:Mox!

She shouted and he turned around. She hurried to him and looked at Rati. "Guys I will find you in the car" he said giving Yama the keys and the girls went to the rented car.

Kesego: Why didn't you say anything in there?

Mox: Say what? You wanted me to tell your husband that you have a daughter and you abandoned her? (Shook his head) No, a dibe ts a gago di go je.

Kesego: She is grown up, what grade is she in?

Mox clicked his tongue and left.

At RraTumi's House

The whole family sat in RraTumi's sitting room and no one said anything for a few minutes until RraTumi cleared his throat. He took a deep breath and wiped his tear.

RraTumi: No parent wants to see their child suffer and the past three months have been hell for me. Watching my daughter connected to machines and no improvement on her. It has killed me inside.

No one said anything.

RraTumi: (Crying) This didn't come as an easy decision but my child has suffered enough that's

why I think it's best if we let her go. She will be at peace and she won't feel any pain ,she will be with her mother.

Beth: (Crying) No!

She turned to Tumi and he had his head down, he wasn't saying anything. She looked at Mmoloki and he also didn't say anything.

Beth: Guys, no! Tumi!

Tumi raised his head and wiped his tears.

Tumi: I agree with Dad!

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 121

Beth: Guys, no! Tumi!

Tumi raised his head and wiped his tears.

Tumi: I agree with Dad!

Beth: What? You.

Tumi: It's been three months and there is no change.

Beth: People wake up from comas after years,
she..Tumi?

Tumi:..

Beth: Have you thought about her daughter, you are

just going to take her mother away from her like that?

She looked at all the brothers.

Beth: J ohn? Peter?

She turned to Mmoloki.

Beth: Say something.

No one said anything, she turned to Tumi then she stormed out of the house and rang to the car.

At the Hospital

The girls sat at the back of the car excited. Mox got in the car and kept quiet with both his hands on the

steering wheel.

Yama: Papa you heard the Doctor a re Tsala can hear us.

He breathed in his hands and turned to his little girls.

Mox: Yeah!

Rati: Can you please give us money so we can buy her a card for when she wakes up.

Mox: Okay!

He reversed out and joined the main road while listening to the girls talking. His phone rang, an unsaved number and he picked up.

Mox: Hello!

Kesego: Hi, its Kesego!

Mox: Mmmh!

Kesego: You stay in Gaborone jaana?

Mox: What do you want?

Kesego: Does she know about me?

Mox: What about you? Tota why did you call motho wa Modimo just get straight to the point I don't have time for you.

Kesego: She is beautiful, you are doing a great job. Um.. When I meet my husband I didn't tell him about Rati and I would rather have it stays that way.

Mox laughed in disbelief.

Mox: Wow! And I thought gore maybe you called because you want to meet her. Bona we have been doing just great without you for the past nine years I am sure we can still manage.

He hung up on her and clicked his tongue. "When I grow up I am going to pierce my tongue" Yama said whispering to her sister.

Mox: No one is going to pierce their tongue.

The girls giggled.

At Tumi's House

Tumi: Try to understand, she.

Beth: You have no right to kill her. She.. Its been only three months I know a woman who was in a coma for years and she is fine gompieno.

Tumi: Babe you think I want to kill my sister?

Beth: Yes I do, if you didn't you would have opposed your father. At least give her three more months then.

She held his hands and looked up in his eyes.

Beth: If you do this you are going to spend the rest of your life regretting it asking yourself what if.. Yama is going to grow up resenting you.

Tumi:..

Beth: Babe, you..

"Daddy" their oldest daughter knocked on the door.
"Malome Abel is here"

Tumi: Okay I am coming!

He cleared his throat and opened the door. Abel was outside admiring the animal statue they had in front of the house.

Tumi: Sure!

Abel: Sure!

Tumi: You can disappear akere? When did I last see you?

Abel: Work! Eish we have been busy.

Tumi: Akere!

Abel: How is Tsala?

Tumi: I will be lying if I say she is getting better because she is not. When are you going to see her maybe if she hears your voice she..

Abel: Eish.. That's why I am here!

Tumi: Yeah?

They sat down. Abel took out an envelope from his coat and put it on the table.

Abel: I don't want you to hear from other people.

Tumi: What?

He opened the envelope and inside was a wedding invitation.

Abel: Mpogi and I.

Tumi flipped the table between them and grabbed Abel by the coat.

Tumi: You think you can ruin my little sister's relationship then go on to...

Abel: Hee Morena I didn't kidnap her or ra** her, she knew she had a boyfriend who was I to remind her.

Tumi pushed him back then he punched him on the face. Abel stagged back and touched his cheek.

Abel: I.

Tumi: Nxnrxn Rhino!

He called their bulldog and it came from its house with saliva dripping from its big fat lips.

Tumi: Eat him!

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 122

Tumi: Nxnrxn Rhino!

He called their bulldog and it came from its house with saliva dripping from its big fat lips.

Tumi: Eat him!

Beth came from the house just as Rhino was about to jump on Abel. "Rhino stop" she shouted at the dog and it sat down. She looked at Tumi then at the table.

Abel closed the gate and got in his car.

Beth: What's going on?

Tumi gave her the envelope and she looked inside. Beth shook her head and folded her arms.

Tumi: She is fighting for her life and..

Beth: Tsala got in an accident a re O ya J waneng to fix her relationship, tswa mo go Abel, was he supposed to wait for someone who wants to fix her relationship?

Tumi: I am not saying he should have waited, he is being insensitive right now.

Beth: I love you, God knows I love you more than life itself and I love how you are overprotective of your sister but i hate that she can never do wrong in your eyes, she is a victim in every situation that doesn't favour her. Stop.. this is why Tsala is self centered because you never show her her faults, just stop. For once hela let's agree gore she brought this situation upon her. Mox came here to surprise her ene kante O ile vacation le Abel, next thing she runs after Mox, that's how she got in the accident. If she had been faithful none of this would have happened.

She went back inside the house and Tumi put the table nicely. He sat down on the chair and tore the

invitation card.

The same Evening

The Nurse knocked softly on Dr Manase's office and he raised his hand to let her in while he was on the phone. Nurse sat down waiting for him to finish talking to the phone.

Doctor: Nurse, how can I help you?

Nurse: We have a situation.

She handed over some blood results to the Doctor, he raised his head looking at the Nurse then back at the results. Neither of them said anything for a few minutes.

Doctor: How far along is she?

Nurse: I don't know we are going to have to do an ultrasound and if she is less than twelve weeks pregnant we have a problem. That would mean she got pregnant while in a coma and we are going to have to call the police.

Doctor: Do the ultrasound now.

The Following Morning

Tumi laid in bed looking at Beth as she got ready for work.

Tumi: You think it's easy to blame someone or say I told you so in a situation like Tsala's?

Beth turned to him and touched her stomach.

Beth: Am I showing already?

Tumi: No!

Beth: This skirt won't fit.

She removed the skirt and opted for a dress.

Tumi: Babe?

Beth: You never find fault with Tsala that is what annoys me. She is a victim in every situation, not just you, you and your brothers.

Tumi's phone rang. "It's the hospital" he said and picked up then put on loudspeaker.

Tumi: Hello!

Doctor: Hello this is Dr Manase.

Tumi: Yes!

Doctor: If you are in Gaborone we would like you to come over to the hospital today if possible.

Tumi: I am not in Gaborone, what's going on?

Doctor: There has been a new development, your sister is pregnant.

Tumi: What?

Doctor: Yes it looks like she was pregnant before she she got in a coma. We are going to have to ask you to come here as the next of kin to discuss a few things.

Beth: Will the pregnancy compromise her recovery?

Doctor: As long as the mother remains healthy the baby could be fine. But people in comas have all kinds of problems with kidney infections, bladder infections, blood clots, poor nutrition, bowel impactions, problems with blood circulation, breathing problems, pneumonia even heart failure, so there is a problem keeping that person in good shape, even alive. When the pregnancy is close to completion, a C- section would be preformed.

Beth: While she is still in a coma?

Doctor: Yes because there is no how she can have a

natural birth while in a coma.

Beth: And the baby, will it be normal?

Doctor: The pregnancy will be monitored by physical exam and ultrasound and if any difformities are suspected on the foetus the next of kin will have to make a decision on who to save between the mother and child.

Beth: Let's say there are no complications until birth, will the baby be okay? Be healthy and normal?

Doctor: Like I mentioned people in comas have all kinds of problems and one of them might affect the child's development or health. We have never had a situation like this before so I cannot guarantee you anything.

Tumi: Thanks Doc I will be there on Wednesday.

Beth: And then ene, any developments?

Doc: Her daughter said she saw her move her fingers but we haven't seen anything of that sort. It can be because she desperately wants her mother to wake up or maybe she did move her finger.

Beth: Oh, thank you Doc!

Tumi hung up and looked at Beth.

Tumi: Ke dire jang?

In the Evening

Mox sat on the chair typing on his phone while the girls applied pink nail polish on Tsala's toes and fingers.

Rati: You are never going to sleep again akere?

Mox raised his head and looked at Rati.

Mox: Who are you talking to?

Rati: Mummy! She has opened her eyes!

Mox quickly stood up and Rati was not lying. "Nurse, Nurse" he ran outside and came back followed by the Nurse.

Mox: She opened her eyes!

The Nurse looked at her and she still had them opened. "Guys go wait outside while I check mummy okay!" Mox took the girls outside and watched as more Doctors went into the room.

Yama: Can we take her with us home please Papa.

Mox smiled nodding his head. They waited for about half an hour then the Doctors came out.

Mox: How is she?

Doctor: Can you follow me to my office please.

Mox: Why? Doc you are scaring me. (To the girls)

Girls I am coming don't go anywhere.

He followed the Doctor to the Office.

Mox: Is she going to be okay?

Doc: I am really sorry for your loss.

Mox blinked several times and tears blurred his eyes, he felt a sharp pain in his chest.

Mox: Doc what are you saying?

Doc: She didn't make it.

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** Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 123

Doc: I am really sorry for your loss.

Mox blinked several times and tears blurred his eyes, he felt a sharp pain in his chest.

Mox: Doc what are you saying?

Doc: She didn't make it.

Mox: No!

Doc: I am really sorry Sir.

Mox fell down on the chair and covered his face crying.

Mox: No, no please tell me you are joking.

He said looking at the Doctor and stood up crying.

Mox: Please tell me you are joking, please! Please tell me you are joking.

He grabbed the Doctor's coat and shook him. "You are lying, you are lying" he shouted in the Doctor's face and he looked away.

Mox: You are lying!

He said softly and let go of the Doctor's coat.

Mox: You are lying!

Doctor: I am really sorry Sir!

The Doctor left him in his Office and went outside. Mox cried out loud and ran outside. He watched as Tsala's body was wheeled into the elevator. Tumi, Beth and the rest of the family followed dressed in black and they all disappeared in the elevator. He ran down the stairs and just as he was about to take the last step he fell down...))

When he woke up he was on the floor, in his hotel room, he had just fell from the bed. He quickly stood up and grabbed his phone, he looked at the time and it was quarter to three in the morning. He was sweating and breathing out loud and also his heart was beating fast. It was all a dream. He had a bad dream and nothing was real.

He dialed Tumi and sat on the bed while the phone rang.

Tumi: Hee mona, do you know what time it is?

Mox: Where is Tsala?

Tumi: What do you mean?

Mox: She is still in the hospital?

Tumi: Hee mona kii O thapetswe kana wa poka?
Tsala is at the hospital.

Mox: Ehe!

He hung up relieved, he sighed and touched his chest then he stood up and went to the other room where the girls were sleeping on the twin beds.

It was all a bad dream.

Later that Morning

Same admired herself in the mirror, she fixed her uniform then she went to the kitchen to fix her snack when her phone rang.

Same: Hey babe!

No one said anything.

Same: Babe!

She could hear people talking in the distance and one was Romeo then the voices came a little clear.

Romeo: I can't break up with her over the phone that's why I am saying let me go to Maun this weekend.

Linda: You have been saying you will break up with

her for the past six months. Either you break up with her or I am taking my daughter and we are leaving.

Romeo: Babe! Linda!

Linda: You said you love me!

Romeo: You know I do!

Linda: Then break up with her. I will give you a child that she has failed to give you.

Romeo didn't say anything. Same swallowed hard and hung up on the call, she was shaking and sweating. she picked up her phone to call Romeo and decided not to. She was going to face him face to face.

The same Morning

Mox left the girls in the visiting room and went to Tsala's room. It was empty. He looked around then

he went outside to the front desk.

Mox: Hi, the patient in room nine, she is not in there.

The lady typed on the computer then she smiled at Mox.

Lady: You haven't seen her Doctor yet?

Mox: No what's going on?

Lady: He will tell you the good news.

She said pointing at Doctor Menase and Romeo rushed to him.

Mox: Doc!

Doctor: (Smiling) She woke up last night.

Mox covered his face excited.

Doc: They are running a few tests on her, I suggest you come back later it's going to take a while.

Mox: Can she speak, her memory?

Doc: That is what the specialists are checking right now but I can guarantee you she and the baby will be fine.

Mox: Baby!

Doc: Congratulations Daddy!

He left and Mox stood there standing still.

At Tumi's House

Excited Tumi packed his bag while Beth watched laughing.

Beth: J ust yesterday you were ready to kill her.

Tumi: Don't say that.

Beth: I am going to tell her.

Tumi's phone rang, he picked up and put on
loudspeaker.

J ohn: Ahh mona gatwe the afternoon flight is full.

Tumi: Yeah when I booked ne ba re they only had
one seat left.

J ohn: Okay fine I will book the evening flight then

Beth: I am going to tell her you wanted to kill her.

J ohn: It was her father not us.

Beth: Hahaha!

Tumi hung up and looked around.

Tumi: Where is my wallet.

Beth: Here!

Tumi: (Opened the wallet) Oh, everything is in here let's go.

They hurried outside to the car and Beth drove him to the airport. Tumi hurried inside and qued behind Same.

At the Hospital later that afternoon

The girls walked in Tsala's room with big flowers and a fruit basket. "Mummy you are awake" Rati dropped the flowers and tried to jump on the bed but Mox caught her.

Mox: You heard what the Doctor said akere, be careful she is not fully recovered.

Rati: Oh!

She picked up the flowers and put on the bed. Yama looked at her mother and wiped her tears.

Mox: Don't cry!

Mox hugged her.

Mox: She is going to be okay!

Yama knod her head and wiped her tears. They all walked to the bed and Mox held her hand, he smiled but she did not smile back.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala:..

Mox: We said forever but you wanted to leave us before our forever even started.

He said laughing but she didn't say anything or show any facial expression.

Yama: We made a card for you!

Tsala: Thanks!

She said with a soft voice.

Mox: Guys can I speak with Mummy just for a second.

Rati: But we..

Yama grabbed her little sister's hand and they went outside. Mox looked at Tsala and smiled.

Mox: You scared me!

Tsala: Where is Abel?

Mox: What?

Tsala: I want Abel please leave.

Mox swallowed hard and clenched his Jaws.

Mox: The man has not even once, once came to see you and he is the first person you want to see when you wake up from a coma.

Tsala: (Tears rolled down her cheeks) Yes!

Mox: F*** you Tsala! (Snapped) Fu** you wautwa. When you sleep, when you bath, when you eat, when you wake up, when you go to the toilet know gore ka re fu** you. You almost died and you are still a wh***?

He clicked his tongue walking out.

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** Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 124

He clicked his tongue walking out. The girls stood up.

Yama: Papa can..

Mox: Let's go, she has to rest.

Yama: (Disappointed) Now?

Mox: Yes now.

Rati: Can we at least go say goodbye.

Mox: Two minutes if you take longer you will find

me gone.

The girls went inside. "Mummy, why are you crying?" Rati said wiping Tsala's tears and she smiled, she sniffed and smiled at Rati.

Yama: We missed you!

Tsala: I missed you guys too.

Yama: When are you going to come home? We are staying with daddy now.

Tsala: Soon, I promise when I get out we are going to do all the things we always said we are going to do.

Rati: Okay!

Yama: I don't want to go but Papa is waiting for us.

Tsala: Okay, I will see you guys tomorrow.

Rati: Love you!

Tsala: I love you too!

Rati kissed her on the forehead then the girls left. Tsala looked up at the ceiling crying, tears rolled the side of her eyes and she sniffed.

"You might be on a wheelchair for the rest of your life" the Doctor's words repeated in her head. "I am sorry Mox, I just don't want to be a burden to you" she said crying.

The same afternoon a little later

Mox looked at his phone ringing wondering whether to pick up or not. He picked up and cleared his throat.

Mox: Hello!

Tumi: Hey, have you gone to see her?

Mox: Yes, with all the respect I would prefer you

never ask me anything about Tsala or update me about her.

Tumi: Uhu, what happened now?

Mox: I hope this won't affect our business relationship.

Tumi: She hasn't been out of a coma for a day and you are already not talking to each other?

Mox hung up on him.

At Romeo's House

Same paid the cab and stood in front of the gate, she took a deep breath and rang the doorbell. No one answered, she kept ringing it until the house helper came out.

Her: Hello!

Same: Its me open!

The lady panicked.

Same: Ka re open the gate.

Her: Mam I don't know if that's a good idea.

Same: Open the gate I didn't ask you if it was a good idea or not.

The woman went back to the house ad opened the gate for Same. Same walked past her going to the house and the first thing she saw coming in was a pink baby table and a bicycle.

Same: Do they stay here?

Her: Who?

Same: Get back to work.

She sat down with her legs crossed waiting for whoever was going to come first.

At the Hospital

Tumi smiled and kissed his baby sister's forehead.

Tumi: Never do that to us!

Tsala let out a fake smile.

Tumi: How are you?

Tsala: What do you think, my whole body is covered in scars.

Tumi: You are alive!

Tsala started crying.

Tsala: I should have died!

Tumi:..

Tsala: I don't want to live like this, I.. You should have let me die.

Tumi: Tsala!

Tsala: No!

She cried out loud. Tumi looked at her burnt hand, it looked like that of a very very old sick person, her face was fine but a little bit of her neck had scars.

Tsala: I don't want to live like this.

Tumi: Don't say that, there is a reason why God gave you a second chance, he..

Tsala: I don't want a second chance I should have died.

Tumi didn't know what to say.

Tsala: It would have been best if I died.

Tumi:..

Tsala: I don't want to live with people staring at me everyday. I also don't want any sympathy from anyone.

Tumi: You have to live for your child then if you can't do it for yourself.

Tsala: (Snapped) I don't want this child.

The Doctor came in.

Doctor: How are we doing this evening?

Tsala turned her head and looked away. The Doctor looked at Tumi then they walked outside.

Tumi: She needs to see a Therapist I am scared she might harm herself.

The Doctor knod his head. There was a loud noise from the room and they both ran inside, Tsala was on the floor crying, she had tried to move her body but she was already at the edge of the bed and she fell.

Tumi ran to her side and tried to help her "Leave me, leave me alone" she screamed at him and Tumi stepped back.

At Romeo's House

Same sat properly on the chair as she heard the car park outside then a little girl came running in, she paused running and looked at Same.

Kao: Who are you in Daddy's house!

Same: Mas epa a daddy's house.

Kao: (Scared) Mummy!

"I am telling you babe she" Linda stopped speaking as soon as she saw Same. Romeo panicked and dropped his laptop bag. Same swallowed hard, she knew Linda from somewhere and she knew she knew her too. Linda bit her lower lip hoping she doesn't recognise her.

Same: Surprise!

Romeo looked at Linda. Linda folded her arms and looked at him.

Same: So this is why you never allowed me to come here?

Romeo: Babe!

Linda: Gatwe Babe?

Same: Shut up!

Linda: Moghel you don't know me.

Same: And I don't have to know you, you are sleeping with my fiancée not me bi****.

Linda: You are going to let him talk to me like this?

Romeo: Please take Kao outside I..

Linda: We are not going anywhere, you said you were going to break up with her, do it now.

Same: Yeah Romeo do it now.

Romeo: Babe!

Linda: You are still calling her Babe? Break up with her.

Romeo:..

Same: Break up with me Romeo I am here, do it.

Romeo took three steps towards her and put his hands together.

Romeo: Babe I am sorry I..you don't deserve this.

Same: Yes Romeo I don't deserve this.

Romeo: I am sorry, I don't love her, its her daughter.

Linda: What? You are in love with my daughter?

Romeo: It just felt great being a dad, being called Daddy.

Same:..

Romeo: I am sorry babe!

Same swallowed hard and looked at Kao then at Linda.

Same: Tell them to get their stuff and leave.

Linda: Romeo!

Romeo: Please leave!

Linda: Romeo!

Same: Romeo Romeo, get out before I make you.

Linda: (Crying) You said you were going to break up with her, you said you don't love her.

Romeo: Please leave.

Linda: Romeo O tsaa nna jaana? O tsaa nna jaana?

Same went to the bedroom and grabbed all Linda's clothes and threw them at her. Kao started crying.

Linda: Romeo!

Romeo: Please leave!

Linda: You are going to leave me for a Pros****, ask her where she and I know each other from (Looked at Same) or you want me to tell him?

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EPISODE 126

6 MONTHS LATER

Saturday Morning

Tumi woke up to his phone ringing, with his eyes still closed he reached for it on the side table and picked up.

Tumi: (Rough voice) This better be important.

Caller: Hello this is Stella from Reco Rehabilitation Center.

Tumi opened his eyes and quickly got up.

Tumi: Is everything okay, is my sister okay?

Caller: Yes Sir she and the baby are both fine.

Tumi: Baby?

Caller: Yes, she gave birth in the early hours of this morning, a healthy baby boy.

Tumi: Wow, oh we thank God!

Caller: Unfortunately the baby cannot stay with his mother because she has PND and..

Tumi: I understand, I will be there this afternoon.

Caller: Thank you Sir.

Tumi got out of bed and went to the kitchen where Beth was having her breakfast. He hugged her from behind and kissed her neck "Get a room" their eldest daughter said.

Tumi: This is my house and I am going to kiss my wife whenever I want to.

Loly: Eww!

He made Beth turn around and kissed her.

Beth: What? You haven't even brushed your teeth!

Loly: Daddy did you win another tender?

Tumi: I have a nephew. Tsala gave birth this morning.

Loly: (Excited) Yeees!

Beth: A boy? Wow!

Tumi: Yeah, they just called ba re re ye go mo tsaa!

Beth: We? A new born? Babe I might give birth today too. He is not coming to stay here is he?

Tumi: Well I was thinking..

Beth: Call MmaMox!

Tumi: What if (whispered) What if he is not Mox's child?

Beth: Then call Abel and tell him to go get his son.

Tumi: We will get a nanny.

Beth:No!

Tumi: Uhu!

Beth: I said no!

She stood up and went to the bedroom cradling her big stomach.

Tumi: What do you mean no, we can't leave him there, he..

Beth: Call Abel to go take his child or call Mox, he is

not coming here.

Tumi: I can't believe you right now.

Beth: Well believe it! Raa Tsala a nne serious hela about who the father of her child is.

She said removing her gown and went to the bathroom.

At Mox's House

Rati and Yama finished washing the dishes while Gloria hung the laundry on the laundry line and Mox was sleeping in the bedroom tired from the night shift. Gloria went back inside through the kitchen door and looked around the kitchen and it was spotless.

Gloria: Okay now you can go get ready for your friend's party.

Yama: Yees!

They hugged her and went to their room. Gloria locked the kitchen door and went to sit down, she went through the channels when there was a knock at the door. She lowered the TV volume and went to open the door.

She panicked and stepped back.

Gloria: Papa!

Behind his was Lona and her Mother.

Father: Go get your bags and follow me.

Gloria: Papa!

Father: You are too young to be a house girlfriend and step mother. Come on go get your things.

Mox came from the bedroom in only his sweat pants. "Ke ene mosimanyana yo go ruileng yoo?" (so this boy is the one who makes you not stay at home) RraGloria said furiously getting inside the house. "Papa" Gloria screamed getting between them.

Gloria: Fine I will go get my stuff.

Mox: Dumelang!

Father: Don't greet me boy you don't know me. Stay the hell away from my daughter do you hear me? This is my first and final warning.

Gloria came from the bedroom changed in a dress holding her bag. She looked at Mox then she left and her father followed her slamming the door behind him.

Father: This is the last time I..

Mother: Ao Papa she has heard you hlee!

They all got in the car, Gloria gave Lola the side eye with an attitude then she rolled up the window. "You think you have a future with that boy? He is only using you because you take care of his kids and cook for him. Once his kids are grown he is going to find someone his type" RraGloria said. Gloria looked outside as her father spoke. Her phone reported an sms. "I hope I didn't get you in trouble with your parents" from Mox. "They are wasting their time and breath they will never break us up" she replied.

Mox read the reply and put his phone down. The girls came from their room dressed in matching jeans and tops.

Mox: And then lona where are you going looking so pretty?

Yama: To Calvin's party remember?

Mox: Oh, Calvin is a boy?

Yama: Yes!

Rari came with Mox's wallet and gave him.

Mox: What?

Rati: Madi a di presents.

Mox: When I was growing up we used to go eat and never brought presents.

Yama: Yeah, that was fifty years ago. We can't rock up empty handed.

Mox shook his head and gave them each hundred pula notes.

Mox: I don't work for Calvin nna. That's enough for toys.

Rati: Bye!

Mox: Be home by six.

They ran outside, once outside Yama took out red lipstick and applied on her lips then she gave Rati and she applied on her lips too.

The same morning

Same and Romeo both looked at the Ultrasound scan and smiled at each other listening to the baby's heartbeat.

Doctor: Ops I almost showed you the gender.

Same: Hahaha no please we want it to be a surprise.

Romeo: Doc don't be scared to whisper to me.

They all laughed then the Doctor removed his gloves and wrote on the card.

Doctor: Everything is fine, both mother and baby are healthy, keep up the good work.

Same: Thanks Doc!

She wiped her stomach and pulled her maternity dress down.

Doc: I will see you on your next appointment.

Romeo: Thanks Doc.

They said their goodbyes and held hands going outside. Romeo stopped walking and turned to Same.

Romeo: Thank you!

Same smiled.

Romeo: I know the baby is not here yet but thanks for this, the experience is amazing, hearing our baby's heartbeat, feeling his kicks.

Same: His?

Romeo: I know it's a boy, a very handsome boy like his father.

Same: Haha, handsome boy are he wants ice cream with lots of cream and fresh doughnuts.

Romeo opened the car door for her and she got inside.

Later that afternoon

Tumi followed the Nurse to the baby nursery where the baby was. She opened the door and Tumi's eyes fell on the little baby dressed in white romper.

Tumi: Oh sh**!

At Mox's House

In his overalls getting ready for work Mox opened the fridge and took out a bottle of water when Someone knocked at the door and he went to open.

Lola: Hi!

Mox: Hi!

Lola: Kante what are you doing with kids re le teng? She is twenty one her parents still control her. I nts e ele rra O ntire mos adi (Take me and make me your woman)

Mox: So that's why you brought Gloria's parents here so that we break up and I take you?

Lola: Le nna I want to start wearing expensive shoes and wigs. What's special about her, I can take care of you and your kids more than her gape if ke

kgang ya se* phona ke phona.

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Lola: Le nna I want to start wearing expensive shoes and wigs. What's special about her, I can take care of you and your kids more than her gape if ke kgang ya se* phona ke phona.

Mox closed the door in her face and locked it "Wa its hola" she said from outside. She waited for a few

minutes thinking Mox would open but he didn't. She looked around embarrassed then she left. A few minutes later there was a knock on the door.

Rati: Papa!

Mox went to open the door. "It's dark outside" Mox complained.

Rati: You said six.

Mox: So if..

Yama: You said six, not if it gets dark.

Mox:..

Yama: You said six Daddy you can't scold us, you should have known because six it's going to be a little dark.

Mox: This is the last time you are going anywhere.

He went to get his backpack from the room.

Mox: Lock all doors and set the alarm on, if..

Both: If someone knocks we ignore them.

Mox: Good, come lock up.

Yama followed him, she locked the door and set the alarm then they went to their room.

Rati: Hey mma we had fun akere!

Yama: Calvin knows how to dance akere!

They giggled.

At RraTumi's House

Mariam took the baby from Tumi and smiled

looking at him. He looked cute while sleeping.

Mariam: Did they say when they will be discharging his mother?

Tumi: No not yet. I hope you don't mind I had nowhere to take him, I..

Mariam: Nonsense, no where jang when I am always home doing nothing.

Tumi: Thank you so much! I will get someone to help you I just..

Mariam: I raised three children I am sure I can handle one more.

Tumi smiled.

Tumi: I don't know what to buy so..

Mariam: Why didn't you ask Beth. Nna my last child when I had her I breastfeed her until she was walking and talking. I dont know what to feed a

newborn.

Tumi: I have been calling her and her number is busy, let me try again.

He walked outside dialing Beth but her number was still engaged.

At Tumi's House

"Kana I am the bad guy ne mma?" Beth asked Mmoloki's Fiancé on the phone.

Mahlo: You are not the bad guy. Tsala should tell who her baby daddy is a nne serious. She is not a child anymore, she is a woman who was even married at some point.

Beth: Now Tumi has to act as the father because she is not in the mood to tell who he is? My husband does a lot for Tsala mma, a lot ke gore

gompiano Tsala's daughter goes to a private school that is paid for by Tumi and I don't say anything because tota it's not like it's affecting our finances anyhow. He sends money to Mox every month, mind you Mox is the father kana, Mox and Tumi have a successful business together but month end he still sends money for Yamasas, Mox ene all he does O nna le bana and Tumi pays for everything. I still don't say anything, gompiano he wants to bring a new born home, a one day old. Am I the bad guy here?

Mahlo: You are not the bad guy. Le wena you have allowed this to go on for a long time waitse.

Beth: Ke reng because I didn't want to be that woman who breaks up siblings.

Mahlo: Nnyaa mma, they have to let Tsala grow up at some point she can't be the baby sister forever.

Beth: Yooo we married into the wrong family waitse, for your sake never say anything bad about Tsala or else you are going to be called the bad guy. Tumi will tell you how he promised his mother he will take

care of her her whole life. Agg ke a imelwa gore
mma. Sometimes I just want to take my kids and
leave ke mo togelle Tsala.

Mahlo: Don't do that!

Beth: You don't know what I am talking about
mathata. Tumi is a good man, a good husband, an
amazing father but he sucks at being a big brother, I
feel like I am fighting a loosing battle.

There was silence between the two ladies.

Mahlo: So where are they now?

Beth: I think he took the baby to his step mother I
don't know.

Mahlo: Oh!

Beth: Mmmh shapo mma let me finish cooking.

Mahlo: Okay!

Beth hung up and continued cooking.

At Abel's House

Mpogi opened the door for Tumi and smiled at him.

Mpogi: Hey!

She leaned in for a hug and Tumi hugged her.

Mpogi: O bona wena!

Tumi: I know I know.

Mpogi: Mmmh I am glad you know. What brings you by I..

Tumi: I am looking for your husband.

Mpogi: Come on in, he is bathing. You want something to drink?

Tumi: No thanks!

He sat down.

Mpogi: I am about to start a zoom meeting please make yourself comfortable I will tell him you are here.

Tumi: Sure!

About seven minutes later Abel came from his room putting on a tshirt. "You came for round two?" he asked!

Tumi: It depends.

Abel sat down and the two men looked at each other. Tumi took out his phone and pushed it to Abel.

Tumi: That's your Son

Abel took the phone and looked at the photo, just a day old but the boy was a copy of him and he was tall. He cleared his throat and pushed back the phone.

Abel: Have you ever wondered why I don't have kids? I am forty six in three months and I don't have kids have you ever asked yourself why? Because I don't want kids.

Tumi: What I know is if you don't want kids you don't go around having unprotected sex*.

Abel stood up and went to the bedroom. He came with a cheque book and wrote down in it then he pushed the fifty thousand cheque to Tumi.

Abel: I think that will cover the next four years, I will send another cheque in four years.

Tumi: That is your child, he..

Abel: If your sister thought she was trapping me with a child tell her she failed

Tumi folded his fists fuming with anger, he swallowed hard and picked up the cheque then he left.

Mpogi came from the bedroom. "He is gone already? What did he want" she asked Abel.

Abel: Nothing he just came to say hi.

The same evening

Gloria finished cooking and as she was dishing for

everyone her phone reported an sms. She wiped her hands and picked the phone. "I didn't know how to tell you this, kana Mox wa mpatla mma (Mox wants me), a re you are a child, you are naive and he can't continue dating someone who is controlled by her parents" message from Lola.

Gloria laughed while she replied "Are those your words or his because he told me what you did, yone phona e neng o mo e bapalets a yeo ke tsile go e gabola ka okapi ke ta bona gore o ta bapalets a banna ba batho eng. (That pu*** you were offering to him I am going to carv it with an okapi I will see what you will now have to offer other people's men now)

2 Months Later..

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**Goodmorning

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2 Months Later..

"Surprise" everyone screamed as Same walked into the restaurant. She covered her face smiling then she turned to Romeo and hugged him.

Same: Babeee!

Romeo: It wouldn't have been a surprise if I told you.

Same: Oh my God!

She looked around and the deco was beautiful and they used neutral colours, everyone was dressed in white.

Colleague: Welcome to your baby shower mummy! Hubby planned everything mma, you got yourself a keeper.

Same turned to Romeo again and kissed him.

Same: I appreciate this babe, you are the best!

Romeo: You deserve the best.

He kissed her stomach and held both her hands.

Romeo: After taking photos can I please go out with my friends, I will be drinking but I won't get drunk.

Same: Haha how can I say no.

Meanwhile at Maun Bus Rank

Yama and Rati got off the bus, Rati stretched her arms and bent her back yawning. Yama looked around and spotted her Uncle. "Uncle" She ran to John and he hugged her, Rati came with the bag, John hugged her too and put the bag in the car.

Yama: Uncle you have to get me a phone.

John: How old are you again?

Yama: I am eleven, everyone at school has phones and I have this.

She took out an old model phone and showed John. He laughed and looked at it.

John: They still make this phones?

Rati: Yama Daddy said you will only get a smartphone when you go to senior school.

John: And he is right, I am sorry but you are going to have to use this one for the time being. You guys are hungry? I don't think your mum has cooked.

Yama: I am losing weight.

Rati: She only drinks water and eats fruits.

John: You don't have to lose weight you are beautiful and perfect.

Rati: I tell her that all the time.

John: You are a good sister, so what do you feel like eating?

At Tumi's House

The door opened and Loly picked up her little sister "Mama" She shook Beth and she mumbled deep in her sleep.

Loly: Mama!

Beth woke up and looked at her daughter.

Loly: Didn't you hear her?

Beth: Can you please take her outside for five minutes

Loly picked up the baby bottle and went outside. Beth slept on her stomach and just as she was falling asleep again her phone rang. "Ijaaa" she looked at who it was then she put the phone on silent.

At Tsala's House

"I missed you so much" Rati said hugging Tsala. She hugged her back and looked at Yama.

Tsala: You are not going to hug me?

Yama walked closer and Tsala hugged her.

Tsala: Didn't you miss me?

Rati: Mummy nna I missed you.

She took out some papers from her bag and gave Tsala.

Tsala: What you skiped a grade!

Rati: Yes, Yama and I are both in grade six but not same class.

Tsala: Wow you.. My little genius. Yama? Go rileng ne mma why are you distant?

Yama: I am fine!

Rati: Mummy what are you going to bring me from

India?

Tsala: Anything you want, take the bags inside while I talk to your big sister.

Rati went to put the bag in their room.

Tsala: Yama?

Yama: You ruined our family.

Tsala: What?

Yama: We were a family then you cheated on dad, now we will never be a real family.

Tsala:..

Yama: You had another baby with another man.

Tsala: Who told you that?

Yama: I heard Dad telling Uncle Setso.

Tsala swallowed hard and looked away, she wiped her tears and looked at her daughter.

Tsala: I. I want us to be a family again, I..

Yama: Dad says we can't be a family again when you have a baby with another man. Please take him to his father so we can be a family again.

Tsala: (Crying) Yama!

Yama: Please Tsala, take him to his dad, I will tell Dad to forgive you then we can be a family again, (put her hands together) Please!

Tsala looked up and wiped her tears.

At Mox's House

Gloria laid on the sofa with her legs on Mox's lap massaging her feet.

Gloria: Babe!

Mox: Yeah!

Gloria: There is something that has been bothering me. I don't mean to be the bad person but, you and Tsala are not together anymore, why are you allowing Rati to go there because she is not her daughter. I don't feel comfortable with her going there, I know women, she wants to use Rati to get back together with you. I don't want her going there anymore.

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Gloria: There is something that has been bothering me. I don't mean to be the bad person but, you and Tsala are not together anymore, why are you allowing Rati to go there because she is not her daughter. I don't feel comfortable with her going there, I know women, she wants to use Rati to get back together with you. I don't want her going there anymore.

Mox:..

Gloria: I am in the picture now. I am their step mother there is no need for Rati to have two step mothers.

Mox: Tsala is the only mother Aratwa knows, their relationship is beyond me. It was there even before Tsala and I got back together. I can't just decide gore ngwana a seka a thola a ya Maun.

Gloria: So I am supposed to be okay with everything?

Mox: Like I said it's beyond me!

He put Gloria's foot down and went to the kitchen.

She stood up and followed him.

Gloria: Ke fila gore (I feel like..)

Mox: I told you I am not getting in between Rati and Tsala's relationship and this discussion is over.

Gloria: (Swallowed hard and looked away)

Mox went outside, Gloria folded her arms and went to the bedroom.

A little later that Evening

Beth's phone rang again and it was Mahlo, she put it on silent and continued bathing the baby. The door opened and Tumi peeked inside.

Tumi: My beautiful Wife!

Beth smiled and wrapped the baby in a baby towel.
Tumi came in and took the baby from her.

Tumi: I will do it. Lay down.

Beth: Thanks!

Tumi: How are you feeling today?

Beth: I am fine.

Tumi: I just heard about this resort today. Its
outside Maun, like twelve kilometers from Maun.

Beth: Yeah?

Tumi: It's beautiful, by the river, you can ride horses
and just chill, there is a swimming pool and it's
beautiful. I was thinking that..

He looked at Beth and she was sleeping.

Tumi: Babe?

Beth..

Tumi smiled and took the baby to the sitting room, he emptied the baby bath and put a sheet on Beth then he switched off the lights. "Guys no one wakes up Mummy okay" the kids all agreed.

At Tsala's house

Rati sat on Tsala's lap with her arms around her neck as they watched TV.

Tsala: You have a baby brother now you should stop sitting on my lap.

Rati: He will sit on my lap and I will sit on yours.

Tsala: Haha!

She looked at Yama.

Tsala: Or Yama can sit on my lap, you sit on Yama's lap then Flyn sits on yours. Kana jang Yama?

Yama pretended like she didn't hear her and continued watching TV.

Rati: Can it be tomorrow already, I can't wait to see my baby brother.

Yama: He is not your brother, he is not our brother.

Rati: Yes he is.

Yama: No his dad..

Tsala: Yamasaa!

Yama stood up, she stormed to their room and slammed the door.

Rati: Can I sleep with you tonight please.

Tsala: Okay!

At Same's house

She came from the bathroom applying lotion on her hands then she sat on the bed.

Same: What a day!

Romeo put his phone down and sat on the edge of the bed, he made Same lay down and massaged her feet.

Same: Mmmh!

Romeo: I wonder who the baby is going to look like!

Same coughed in her hand and hit her chest. She continued coughing. Romeo stood up and went to get her a glass of water.

Same: Thanks!

She took a sip and gave back the glass then let out a fade smile.

Romeo: Are you okay?

Same: (Rubbing her chest) Yes!

Romeo: I hope he doest get my nose.

Same: Mmmh!

She sipped on the water again.

Same: I should sleep I am tired.

Romeo: Okay babe!

The Following Day

Beth woke up and looked at the time and it was half past seven. Tumi was not by her side and the baby was not in her crib. She went to the sitting room . "Babe" she called out going to the guest bedroom and Tumi was sleeping with their daughter.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: (Yawning) Hey, I.. I didn't want to wake you up.

Beth looked at the baby and she was peacefully sleeping.

Tumi: How did you sleep?

Beth: Like a baby. I think I slept for more than twelve hours.

Tumi: You needed the rest, that's why I have booked for you at the resort. A full week without us. You need to rest.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: No buts , not negotiable. You are going. I will be home with the kids the whole week and when you come back we are getting a house helper. That is also not negotiable. We get it you are superwoman, supermom, superwife but sometimes even they need help.

Beth smiled and hugged her husband. "I love you" she said.

Tumi: Go bath, take your husband's card and go buy yourself whatever you want, do your hair, nails, whatever you want, buy clothes, you can even buy a new car.

Beth: Don't say that I might.

Tumi: You may.

Beth: Haha, you are going to regret your decision Mrs Mopiri.

Tumi: Babes that card can last you two years living

in America, nna ga o kake wa nkgona.

Beth laughed going back to their bedroom.

At RraTumi's House

John parked by the gate and everyone got out of the house. The girls ran to Marian who was hanging the baby clothes. They hugged her.

Rati: Where is he?

Mariam: He is still sleeping.

Yama: Can we see her please.

Marian: Don't wake him up.

They ran to the house. John and Tsala greeted her and Tsala helped hang the clothes.

Marian: He is sleeping.

Tsala: Ee mma! I just wanted the girls to see him before they leave, I will also be leaving for India tomorrow.

Rati came running from the house. "Mummy he is cute, he looks like me" she gushed over her little brother.

Marian: Maloba my..

The baby started crying in the house and his cry got louder.

Marian: Bathong you woke him up before I finished washing his clothes ?

Rati: No he was sleeping when I left him.

Tsala: I will take him.

Tsala went to the house. "Yamas a" Tsala shouted from the house, both Marian and John ran to the house.

Tsala: O tsaa kae pelo O maswe jaana O le ngwana?
(Where does a child like you get such an evil heart?)

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Tsala: O tsaa kae pelo O maswe jaana O le ngwana?

(Where does a child like you get such an evil heart?)

She said taking the baby from the bed.

John: What happened?

Tsala: I found her pinching the baby.

John: I am sure she was just trying to play with him.

Tsala: Look!

She showed him the red marks on the baby's cheeks.

Tsala: Is this playing? I stood by the door for a few seconds watching.

She pulled the baby's t-shirt up.

Tsala: Bona hela, ngwana yo o pelo e maswe, who does this?

Yama folded her arms and sat on the bed looking down.

Tsala: I will beat you, Ga wa nkgolela I will beat you so much you will think I am not your mother.

Yama started wiping her tears. Tsala clicked her tongue and went outside with the baby.

At the Shopping Mall

Beth threw the last bags in the car and she caught glimpse of herself on the shop window, she smiled. She looked pretty after cutting her hair and doing her eyebrows, her nails were also done. "Hi" someone said and she turned around. The

gentleman smiled at him.

Beth: Hi!

Gentleman: I was ready go omana but your beauty struck me.

Beth: Sheee hahaha!

Gentleman: I have been waiting for more than twenty minutes because you parked wrong now I can't get out.

Beth looked at her car and cupped her mouth.

Beth: Oh my God I am so so sorry.

She got inside the car and slowly reversed but she still couldn't get out because another car wasn't parked right besides her.

Gentleman: Let me!

Beth stepped out and the man helped reverse her car and parked across the road. "I thought now you are stealing it" she said walking to the car and they both laughed. The man was handsome, he reminded her of a very handsome man in the South African series the River, she didn't remember his name but he was married to the leading lady.

Beth: I was thinking oh my God ke file monna di key ts a my car to steal it.

Gentleman: Hahaha, it's a nice car, I should have thought about that.

They both laughed again.

Gentleman: Have a good day.

Beth: You too and thanks!

She watched him get in his car and drove off then she got in hers and drove home. She couldn't stop smiling. It felt good to be called beautiful by another man that was not her husband, a handsome clean man for that matter. She looked at herself in the mirror and she actually did look beautiful.

At Mox's House

Gloria opened the door for her friend and they hugged.

Friend: Long time mma, you have gained so much, or are you pregnant?

Gloria: Hahaha not yet!

Friend: Hahahaha you look beautiful gore (she looked around the house) whose house is this?

Gloria: Ya ga Babe!

Friend: Moghel, ka re you are glowing (she touched her hair) Is this Brazilian wig, wow girl you are living the life.

Gloria: Babe gives me everything I want mma, every month he gives me two thousands , I don't even have to work.

Friend: Ke tswa pelo gore.

Gloria went to the kitchen and came with a tray with grapes, chips, and a glass of juice.

Friend: Hee friend mma wow, waitse you are living the life.

Gloria: Let show you shoes he bought me last week.

She went to get them and showed her friend.

Friend: Wow, when you get tired of him mma give him to me.

Gloria: Aaah aaah!

Friend: Haha I was joking.

Gloria: I don't like such jokes. You don't joke like that about my man akere you don't know him.

The friend threw one grape in her mouth and kept quiet.

Gloria: We are planning to get a bigger house after we have a baby!

Friend: So you are pregnant?

Gloria: Haha no, not yet but I am planning to.

At Tsala's House

"I wish we brought him with us" Rati said getting out of the car. Yama remained inside and Tsala ignored her.

Rati: Mummy!

Tsala: I am going to come back from India just a few days before school holidays, then you guys can come and we go take Flyn.

Rati: Yeey! I can't wait.

Tsala: Get me a glass of water please.

Rati unlocked the house and went inside. Tsala walked around to her now dead garden dialing Mox. He didn't pick up, she called again and he picked up.

Mox: Hello!

Tsala: Hi its me!

Mox: Mmmh!

Tsala: Can we talk?

Mox: I am sure you didn't call to sing akere!

Tsala took a deep breath.

Tsala: How have you been?

Mox: If I was not well you would have heard.

Tsala: Don't be like that.

Mox: What do you want from me Tsala?

Tsala: Can we please talk about Yama? She overheard your conversation with Setso. She thinks Flyn is the reason we are not together, I found her pinching him. This child has anger.

Mox: I will tell him Flyn is actually not why we are not together.

Tsala: Thank you!

Mox: I will tell her you are the reason we are not together, had Flyn been another man's child maybe we would work things but he is Abel's child. The same Abel you told me you did nothing with, the same Abel...

Tsala: (Crying) I am sorry you think I am proud of

what I did, I am not. I messed up and if we could go back in time I would fix my mistakes.

Mox:..

Tsala: I know I messed up and I am living with the consequences now. I know you hate me but not more than I hate myself right now.

Mox:..

Tsala: I am sorry Mox, I know I can't change anything but I am really sorry. Not a day goes by without regretting what I did and Flyn is a reminder of that everyday, I spent week without seeing him but he is my reality that I messed up a good thing and that God gave me a second chance to fix my mistakes.

Mox: And his father?

Tsala: I don't care about that one gatwe he got married, I don't know and I don't care.

Mox: So he just wanted to get you pregnant and leave? He is a bast***

Tsala: I don't care about him.

There was a little silence.

Mox: Give Yama the phone ke bue le ene.

Tsala walked to the car and gave Yama the phone.

Yama: Hello!

Mox: Hey, how are you?

Yama: I hate her Daddy!

Mox: Hey hey you don't say that about your mother do you hear me?

Yama:..

Mox: I want you to be nice and respect your mother okay. What you heard me tell Setso you were not supposed to hear. I did bad things to your mum too, are you going to now hate both your parents?

Yama:..

Mox: That's your mother, drop the attitude and respect her or else we are going to have a problem.

Yama wiped her tears and knod her head.

Yama: Mmmh!

Mox: Good girl!

A week later

Beth slowly opened the door and peeked inside and everyone was sitting on the couch watching a movie. "No welcome home mummy" she said and the kids ran to her.

Kids: Mummy!

They hugged her and took her suitcase inside. Tumi

stood up and kissed her.

Tumi: I missed you.

Beth: I am sorry I didn't miss you guys.

They all laughed, she looked around the house and it was clean, the baby was sleeping and the girls got new hairstyles.

Beth: You did well while I was gone. I guess I should go out often.

Loly: How was the resort ?

Beth: Oh my God where do i start? I slept for more than eight hours everyday, I took walks by the river, horse riding. I read books, I watched movies.

Her phone rang.

Beth: Let me take this.

Tumi: Ao babe you found yourself a boyfriend ebile.

Beth laughed taking her suitcase to the bedroom.

Beth: Hello!

Mahlo: Hi, Ao you haven't been seeing my missed calls and messages.

Beth: Mma my phone was on silent and lost somewhere in this big house I just found it. Zup?

Mahlo: I wanted to ask if you know gore Tumi is the one paying for the Reconstructive surgery.

Beth: Whose surgery?

Mahlo: Tsala's, uhu akere she is in India as we speak, gatwe Tumi paid three hundred thousand Pula cash.

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**Goodmorning

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Mahlo: Tsala's, uhu akere she is in India as we speak, gatwe Tumi paid three hundred thousand Pula cash.

Beth: He did what?

Mahlo: Don't say I am the one who told you hle mma. As sisters we have to look out for each other.

Beth laughed in disbelief.

Beth: Heee! Hehehe ga se gore ke a tshega, I swear

I am not laughing.

Mahlo: Why does your husband do this to you ne
mma, nna I would flip.

Beth: Mahlo we will talk.

She hung up and sat on the bed. She laughed covering her mouth and stood up, she reached for the lock then she stepped back, she put her hands together like she was praying and calmed down then she started packing her clothes in the closet.

A few minutes later Tumi came in and hugged her from behind, he kissed her neck and rubbed her thighs pulling up her dress. "I missed you" he whispered in her ear. Beth turned to him then she pulled down her dress.

Tumi: Come on babe Anaya is almost two months now.

Beth: Not in the mood!

Tumi: Come on, what did we do now?

Beth:..

Tumi: Babe?

Beth: Ke rile I am not in the mood.

Tumi: Iyooo!

He went back to the sitting room.

At Mox's House

The girls sat outside doing homework while Gloria was cooking in the kitchen and Mox was watching TV . Rati came running inside and stood in front of Mox.

Rati: Dad!

Mox lowered the TV volume and took the book from

her.

Mox: How can I help?

Rati: I want my surname to be Mopiri, we will all change when you marry Mummy!

Mox: Hahaha!

Mox laughed looking at the family tree Rari made.

Mox: And this ?

Rati: That's baby Flyn.

Mox: O sotela eng Flyn tota this looks like an ant.

Rati: He is crawling.

Mox: Haha! Go finish homework before we eat. Call your sister for me I want to see her homework.

Rati went back outside. Gloria stood by the kitchen door looking at Mox shaking her head.

Gloria: Am I wasting my time here?

Mox looked at her.

Gloria: Ka re am I wasting my time here?

She removed the apron and threw it down.

Mox: What did I do?

Gloria: You even laughed Rati a re they will change their surname when you marry Tsala, it was funny?

Mox: Uhu?

Mox's phone rang, he picked up the phone and went to the bedroom. Gloria clicked her tongue and went outside where the kids were.

Gloria: Let me see that!

She took the book from Rati and shook her head looking at the family tree.

Gloria: Nna where am I? Tsala is not your mother and Flyn is not your brother.

She tore the page and snatched Yama's book. She paged through it and then she threw it on the table.

Gloria: I never want to hear the name Tsala or Flyn in this house do you hear me.

Rati: (Crying) She is my mum.

Gloria: She is not, I am your mum now.

Rati: No you are not you are the maid.

Gloria: What?

Rati picked up her book and ran to the house where Mox was still talking to the phone. He quickly hung up and attended his daughter.

Mox: J aanong what happened?

Rati: It's Aunty Glo.

Mox went to the kitchen fuming "You tore the child's school book?" he waved the book in her face.

Gloria: Tsala is..

Mox: I told you not to get involved in Rati and Tsala's relationship didn't I tell you that?

Gloria: So nna...

Mox: Get out. Leave before I do something I will regret.

Gloria: Mox I..

Mox: I said leave you think I am joking, go get all

your stuff and leave, wena jaanong ekare O ta nna problem.

Gloria: (Crying) Mox!

Mox: Or you want me to call your father to come get you.

Gloria went to the bedroom crying, she packed all her clothes that she had at Mox's then she went to the kitchen. She filled the pot with beef stew with water and emptied it in the sink then she filled the one with rice with water and emptied it ontop of the chicken stew and left the water running.

Gloria: I am not your maid nna!

She said leaving and slammed the door.

Later that night

Beth got into bed and switched off her side lamp. A few minutes later Tumi came from the bathroom naked, he put on his boxers then he got into bed.

Tumi: Babe!

Beth:

Tumi: Why are you mad at me, what did I do?

Beth:...

Tumi: Babe come on, tell me what I did.

Beth: When we're you going to tell me how you took out three hundred thousand from our money?

Tumi:..

Beth: Bua ke eng akere you want to know why I am angry akere, where is the three hundred thousand?

Tumi: (Sighed)

Beth: Ke eng wa ratana?

Tumi: No, you know I am not.

Beth: Then where is the money?

Tumi: I paid for Tsala's surgery.

"Heeeee" Beth said clapping her hands. She laughed and stood up, she took a suitcase and started packing Tumi's clothes.

Tumi: Babe where are you going we..

Beth: Oh no I am not the one leaving, you are.

Tumi: Babe! Wa bona why I didn't tell you I knew you were going to overreact. We have money, we..

Beth: It's not about the money Tumelo it's about us. How do you make such a big transaction without my approval or is it because its your money?

Tumi: You know it's not like that.

Beth: You love me Tumi and I would never question that but you don't respect me as your wife.

Tumi: Babe!

Beth: (Crying) I wish we were fighting about another woman because there I would know gore I stand a

chance but your sister ene I know gore I don't stand a chance. No matter what I say Tsala is always going to be number one, Tsala's kids even her step daughter come before our kids.

Tumi: Don't say that, that's not true.

Beth: Give me the cards.

Tumi took out all his cards and gave Beth.

Tumi: I..

Beth: Let me save money for my kids before you give it all to your sister.

She closed the suitcase and put it on the bed then she wiped her tears.

Beth: Get out of my house.

Tumi: Babe!

Beth: Tumelo get out of my house.

She went to the bedroom and came with Tumi's toiletries and shoes.

Tumi: What are..

Beth: Tumelo leave my house please before we end us saying things we shouldn't have said.

Tumi put on his clothes, took his suitcase, toiletries bag and shoes then he grabbed his car keys and left.

A Month Later

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****Goodnight**

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A Month Later

Same walked around the room cradling her big stomach then she sat down tired and took a deep breath.

Same: I feel like I have been pregnant the whole year.

She stood up again.

Ditshogo: Relax that baby will come when it's time,

just because the Doctor said di thirteen does n't necessarily mean you will give birth ka di thirteen, it could have been bo di eleven or maybe you will give birth ka di sixteen. Relax!

Same: I am tired I just want this baby to come out as soon as possible.

At Tsala's House

Tsala stepped out of the shower naked and stood in front of the mirror, she wiped it and looked at her body then she took a deep breath. She traced her hands on her scars and closed her eyes. The surgery helped but she was not how she thought she would come out looking like.

Her phone rang and she reached for it.

Tsala: Hello!

Stepsister : Hey, hle mma our car died just after Toteng.

Tsala: Hey, are you okay how can I help?

StepSister: Can you please come get us re na le bana. Please and its getting dark.

Tsala: Fine I am coming.

She put on a long sleeved top and buttoned it between her legs and black trackpants then she reached for her phone and car keys and left.

At J ohn's House

J ohn covered his girlfriend's mouth with hand and gave her the last strokes before he fell onto of her and they both breathed out heavily. He kissed her neck and got out of bed.

Her: (Whispering) Babe this was exciting at first but

not anymore.

John: You want to scream while my brother is in another room?

Her..

John: Tomorrow I will come over to your house.

Her: My roommate will be home.

John: Re dire jang jaanong?

Her: Maybe we can book into a hotel and..

John: And then month end you want me to give you money again?

She rolled her eyes and reached for a toilet paper, she wiped herself and put on her shorts. John went to take a shower and joined his big brother on the couch.

John: What are we watching?

Tumi..

John: Tumi?

Tumi gave him the remote. "I am not watching anything".

John: You guys have to talk, I love you but you know you can't sleep on my couch forever akere.

Tumi: She doesn't want to talk I have tried everything. (Looked at John) I mean everything, even when I go get the kids she refuses to come out. Ke dire jang? Dad has tried to get her to come for a meeting wa gana. Bo Malome have tried and still wa gana.

John took a deep breath.

John: I don't know! Do something that will force her to talk to you. Something that you know gore no matter what she is going to be forced to talk to you.

Tumi buried his face in his hands and breathed out loud.

At Beth's House

Everyone quietly had their dinner while Beth fed the baby. Loly cleared her throat and looked at her mum.

Loly: How long is Dad going to sleep on Uncle John's couch when he has a bed at home?

Beth: As long as it takes!.

Loly: What did he do? you have punished him it's enough can he come home please.

Beth:..

Loly: Mama?

Beth: Loly I don't discuss my marital problems with

kids do you hear me?

Loly: So you have marital problem? Go to counselling then.

Zoe: Are you going to get a divorce?

Loly: If you do I am going to stay with Dad.

Zoe: Me too!

Issa: Me too!

Beth: Ga gona ko le yang teng (You are not going anywhere)

Just a few kilometers before Toteng.

Tsala drove slowly while dialing her sister's number but it didn't go through. She drove until she reached Toteng then she drove back slowly again still calling her number and it not going through.

Annoyed she parked by the side of the road, it was

dark but she knew it was not dangerous. Cars passed her and some slowed down for her and she told them she was okay.

Her phone rang and she picked up and put on loudspeaker.

Tsala: J aanong where are you, I..

Sister: We got a ride mo koloing ya counsel, tried to call you but your number didn't go through.

Tsala: Shapo!

She hung up and drove back to Maun. Just after she passed the "Maun 10" board a car came from nowhere and parked in front of her, she quickly stepped on the brakes and touched her heart, it was beating fast and loud, she almost died if she didn't have the seat belt on.

The driver from the car stepped out and Tsala stepped out

Tsala: What kind of..

Him: Help me please!

Tsala looked at his white t-shirt and it was stained red with blood.

Him: Please help me.

Tsala stepped back scared.

Him: Please!

He raised his head and he had blood coming from his mouth. Tsala ran to her car and locked herself in, she was shaking. Just as she was about to reverse

she brightened on the man laying down. "F***" she stepped out and rushed to him, she pulled up his t-shirt and he had a gun wound.

Tsala: You have to go to the hospital.

Him: No, no hospital, leave me to die then.

Tsala: You can't be stubborn at a time like this, you will die.

Him: No.. No hospital.

Tsala looked away then she closed her eyes, "What am i doing" she questioned her actions before she rushed to her car and got a first aid kit. Drove the man's car off the road and pulled him off the road too.

The Following Morning

Tsala drove slowly around the area where she left

the man and the car but they were both not there. She wondered if he made it home safe or he survived then she drove back to Maun.

At the Grocery Store

"Beth took food from the trolley and put them on the counter. Loly came with fries and chicken and the cashier beeped them. Beth looked at the amount then she took out her card and gave the cashier. She swiped it and Beth put the pin but it declined, she swiped it again and rolled her eyes then she looked at Beth.

Cashier: Declined.

Beth: What? Try it again I just used that card in the next store.

The cashier did again then she stared at Beth without saying anything. Beth gave her another

card and it also declined.

Cashier: Can you please excuse those who are paying?

Beth: Ka re there is money in here!

She took out her personal card and it approved. They put all their groceries in the trolley and pushed outside.

Beth: I coming.

She went to the ATM machine and the card also declined. She tried the other card and it also declined. Only her personal card worked but she didn't have a lot in there. She walked to the car dialing Tumi.

Tumi: Babe?

Beth: So you blocked the cards?

Tumi: (Jokingly) I knew I would get your attention.

Beth: It's fine I will see how I take care of my kids
akere I have a job. There are single parents out
there and they survive, I will survive too.

Tumi: Babe, I..

Beth: I want a divorce Tumelo.

She clicked her tongue and hung up on him.

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**Goodmorning

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The same Afternoon at the Hospital

Tsala ate her muffin lost in her thoughts wondering what happened to the man from yesterday. She got interrupted from her thoughts by Abel and a colleague laughing while getting their lunch.

Abel: No team ele ke nonsense we could have won the league if..

Tsala looked at him with disgust then she stood up and left. Abel looked at her then he continued talking about soccer with his colleague.

At Serule

MmaMox listened to the one o'clock news about poachers who were shot by the police and three escaped. She reached for her phone and dialed Tsala's number.

Tsala: Hello!

MmaMox: O tswa go ithathobisa kae ko ba go reileng ba re ke a go lowa teng? (Who told you I am bewitching you?)

Tsala: Hahahaha my Doctor told me everything mma.

MmaMox: Haha he is lying you wasted your money.

Tsala: Haha, le teng?

MmaMox: Re teng ngwetsi yame, how are you?

Tsala: Your Son dumped me akere mma.

MmaMox: That one is crazy, where does he think he will get a woman who will love him like you did. Akere ba malatsi a girls only want money. If you don't give them they move on to someone who has money.

Tsala: Kante ne mma erile batho ba ithuta boloi ne O le kae kana jaana O ka bo O mpaakanyetsa o nkemela ka dinao . (Where were you when people were practising witch craft, you would be helping me now get my man back)

They laughed out loud.

MmaMox: I will help you ngwanaka, where is my grandson?

Tsala found herself smiling.

Tsala: He stays with my step mum.

MmaMox: He must be big.

Tsala: Thata mma he is a man. I will visit with him one day.

MmaMox: Do that. Bale basadi ko teng ba ratana they don't like coming here.

Tsala: Hahaha.

MmaMox: No get back to work ngwanaka.

Tsala: Bye!

She hung up and smiled, MmaMox just cheered her mood.

Later that Evening

Tumi sat outside on the stoop looking up at the sky then he cupped his face. John put a beer and a plate of food next to him.

Tumi: Thanks!

John sat next to him.

Tumi: Beth a re she wants a divorce.

John: What?

Tumi: Yeah!

He opened his beer and took a sip.

John: I know this is none of my business but what really happened?

Tumi: She found out I am the one who payed for the surgery.

John: So you shouldn't have helped your little sister?

Tumi: Kgang ke gore I didn't tell her.

John: What? You didn't tell her?

Tumi: Look I didn't..

John: No big brother you are the one who is wrong here. Three hundred thousand Pula and you didn't tell your wife?

Tumi:..

John: I would have kicked you out too. Look I am

not married and I am in no place to give marital advice but go apologise akere you know what you did wrong. Go apologise. I am sure she didn't mean it about the divorce she is just angry.

Tumi's phone rang, he cleared his throat, put the beer down and picked up.

Tumi: Princess!

Loly: (Crying) Mama locked herself in the room, she is crying.

Tumi: I am coming right now.

At J waneng

Mox and Yama sat in the sitting room watching TV when Rati screamed from the toilet. They both stood up and hurried to the bathroom. "Don't come in" Rati screamed from inside.

Mox: What happened?

Rati: (Crying) Call Mama!

Mox: What? Are you okay in there?

Rati: Call Mama!

Mox dialed Tsala's number.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox put his hand inside and Rati took the phone.

Rati: Go away!

Yama and Mox looked at each other then they went back to the sitting room.

Mox: What's going on?

Yama raised her shoulders. A few minutes later
Tsala called on Yama's phone.

Yama: Hello!

Tsala: Hey, give Daddy the phone.

Yama gave Mox the phone.

Mox: Hello!

Tsala: Hey, Rati has a little situation in the toilet.

Mox: What you are scaring me.

Tsala: Bathong Mox you have to be strong the little
girl is shaking, she got her period.

Mox: What? Isn't she like eleven?

Tsala: I am surprised you used to take di awards for
di science.

Mox: She is a baby!

Tsala: Well it happened and you have to go buy her di pads and buy a lot so that she doesn't have to tell you every month. Listen carefully di pads are different, go na le heavy flow and..

Mox: You should be here for this, what do I say to her?

Tsala: I would be there if you didn't dump me akere!

There was silence.

Mox: I will call you ke le ko shopong and you will tell me which ones to buy.

Tsala: Sure!

At Tumi's House

"Daddy" the girls ran to the door and hugged their

dad.

Zoe: Daddy if you get a divorce I am coming to stay with you.

Tumi swallowed hard and let out a fake smile.

Tumi: Where did you hear that, we are not getting a divorce.

He picked up their youngest daughter and kissed her then he put her down and went to the bedroom.

Beth: You can't walk in like you stay here.

Tumi: Sorry!

Beth: What do you want?

Tumi closed the door and looked at his wife. Her

eyes were red.

Tumi: I blocked the cards because..

Beth: I don't want to hear it Tumelo, I have my own money.

Tumi sat on the tabled and put his hands together then he breathed in them.

Tumi: I am sorry!

Beth looked away.

Tumi: Not waking up next to you or seeing you everyday is.. I am dying slowly. I miss my family, I miss my wife and kids. I miss us. Please forgive me babe .

Beth swallowed hard and looked away.

Tumi: (Crying) I can't think straight without you, I haven't slept ever since I left here. Beth I love you, more than I can explain and if I said I love you more than I love you now I will be lying because there is no greater love than the one I have for you.

Beth: (Crying) You say you love me and respect me but your actions say otherwise. I have to hear ka batho gore you took out children's money to pay for your sister's surgery.

Tumi: I..

Beth: It's not about the money, it's how I had to hear it from Mahlo, do you know how that made me look? How embarrassing that was?

Tumi: I am sorry.

Beth: Tumi I would never tell you not to help your siblings, even if you had to pay one million I wouldn't have cared as long as you told me.

Tumi: I am really sorry Babe!

Beth wiped her tears and sat down.

Beth: Now its like I am the bad pers on.

Tumi: You are not, I should have told you about paying for the surgery. Ke ipona phoso (I see my mistakes) I am sorry it will never happen again.

Beth: If Mahlo hadn't told me would you have told me?

Tumi:..

Beth: I don't hate your sister but what you did was wrong.

Tumi: I know!

Beth: Is there anything you would like to tell me before I hear it from other people? What else have you paid for?

Tumi: Nothing!

Beth: The car?

Tumi: I didn't buy it a re her insurance paid.

Beth: Flyn has a father akere, I want you to stop supporting him. Let Abel take care of his son. Tsala can't have kids for you to support.

Tumi: I am not supporting Flyn akere you know Abel gave me a cheque.

Beth: Akere you and Mox are business partners, Tsala is a Nurse I am sure they can afford to pay school fees for their daughter. I don't want you paying school fees sa ga Yamas a anymore. Starting from today you are going to act as the Uncle and not father. I am not saying don't take care of your siblings kids I am saying stop making people forget their responsibilities as Parents. Either that or we are done for good, it's your choice to make.

Tumi took a deep breath and looked at his Wife.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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The Following Morning

Rati dished soft porridge for herself and went to sit by the dining table. Mox later joined her and sat down eating his breakfast.

Mox: Good morning.

Rati: Morning.

Mox: How are you?

Rati: I am fine.

Mox: Oh great, you slept okay?

Rati: Yes I did.

Mox: So can I have my phone back now.

Rati: I use it to call Mummy!

Mox: You can use ya ga Yama akere.

Rati stood up and went to get the phone. Mox realised a little stain on the white plastic chair then he quickly wiped it and threw away the toilet paper.

Rati: Here!

Mox: Where is your sister?

Rati: She is getting dressed.

Mox: Oh, tell her to get ready quickly re ts amaye.

She ran to their bedroom and Mox dialed Tsala's number going to the kitchen.

Tsala: Rati..

Mox: It's me.

Tsala: Oh hi!

Mox: I don't even think she knows how to use the pad. She left a little stain on the chair when she stood up.

Tsala: Oh, did you say anything?

Mox: No!

Tsala: Oh, I.. I will call her on Yama's phone, thanks for telling me.

Mox: I didn't say anything because I didn't want her to be embarrassed.

Tsala: Yeah, let me call her.

She hung up and called Yama's number.

Yama: Hello!

Tsala: Hi, how are you?

Yama: I am fine!

Tsala: Give your sister the phone.

Yama gave Rati the phone and continued getting dressed.

Rati: Hello!

Tsala: Hey baby girl, how are you?

Rati: I am fine, the period stopped.

Tsala: Oh really, O sure because sometimes you think it has stopped then it comes back after a few minutes.

Rati: Nothing came out all night.

Tsala: But you have your pad on akere?

Rati: No!

Tsala: Put it on just incase.

Rati: Okay!

She took a pad to the bathroom and sat on the toilet seat only to realise she had stained her panty. She stood up and checked her uniform and she had a little dot of stain.

Rati: It looks like it didn't stop.

Tsala: Change your panty then and put it like I have told you to. I will talk to Daddy that you stay home today okay, I will see you on Saturday.

Rati: Okay!

Tsala hung up and dialed Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Tsala: Hey, can she stay home for the day, I am not working this weekend I will come see her ka Saturday.

Mox: I was thinking the same thing.

Tsala: Sure!

Mox hung up and went to the bedroom bumping into Yama.

Yama: She is not going to school, it's not fair. I am also not going.

Mox: You are going to school because you are not sick.

Yama: Not fair.

Mox: Go eat your breakfast re ts amaye.

Yama: By the way I am also going to skip school when I get my period.

Mox: Ee mma!

At Tumi's House

Loly ate a fruit looking outside at Tumi's car still parked outside.

Loly: Is dad back home? Did he spend the night?

Beth: Just wait the bus might get here any moment.

Loly: So you are no longer getting a divorce?

Beth ignored her and finished doing Zoe's hair.

Beth: The bus is here, go go!

The kids grabbed their bags and left. She went to close the door then she went to the shower in their bedroom. Tumi stood behind her and cupped her boob** kissing her neck.

Tumi: Call in sick.

Beth: I can't I am invigilating.

Tumi: Babe mma, I missed you.

Beth turned to him and smiled.

Beth: I will see you later.

Tumi: Well can I have one for the day.

Beth giggled as he pressed her against the wall and raised her leg.

Later that Evening

Tsala kissed Flyn and played with him. She kissed him again and hugged him.

Marian: So many kisses?

Tsala: Haha! I just missed him, I forgot how it's like to have a small baby kana Yama went to MmaMox a le a month old. I didn't raise her.

Marian: Yeah, she really helped you akere.

Tsala: A lot and I will forever be grateful for her. She took care of my child with love.

Marian: Yeah!

Tsala: When I got out of a coma I was told I might never be able to walk again, now I am walking and I can drive again.

Marian: It's God.

Tsala: It's God. I have never told anyone this, I had a dream Mama applying oil on my stomach and on my feet and massaging my legs. When I woke up I started feeling my legs and Flyn kicked the whole day. (Tsala wiped her tears) I.. I messed up with Moemedi so much I don't know where to start apologising from.

Marian: I am sorry.

Tsala: I hurt him (Wiped her tears) Even if he doesn't take me back I just want him to forgive me. He is a nice person and he doesn't deserve what I did to him.

Marian: Then go apologise to him, pour your heart

to him

Tsala wiped her tears and smiled at Flyn. She hugged him again and rubbed her nose in his.

At Tumi's House the same evening

Loly: Wow you look beautiful where are you going?

Beth: My husband is taking me out.

Loly: So you are no longer getting a divorce?

Beth: Kante who ever said anything about divorce?

Loly: Ehehe mma sorry!

Tumi came from the room in a white t-shirt and blazer.

Tumi: You ready to go?

Beth: Yes!

Loly: And Anaya?

Tumi: She is your sister you will see what to do with her.

Loly: Okay I will only babysit because you guys look cute. Let me take a photo, hashtag date night with the LOML.

Tumi pulled Beth into him and looked in her eyes, Beth shyly looked away.

Loly: Mamaaaa, look at him mma.

Beth smiled looking up at Tumi and Loly clicked a few photos with her iPhone.

Loly: Yes! You look cute guys, enjoy. It's a Friday you can come back ka Sunday if you don't mind.

Beth: Heelang hahaha!

Loly: Have fun. I will send you the photos.

Tumi: Lock up.

She locked the door after them and went to watch TV.

At Mox's House

Mox and Rati cuddled on the sofa watching TV eating pizza and ice cream when Yama came from the bathroom limping holding a sanitary pad with a tomato sauce plastered on it.

Rati: Ewww Yama! Ewww you are disgusting sis.

Yama: Daddy I got my period too, I am sick I can't go to school on Monday.

Mox found himself laughing, Tsala had once done that when she was scared to do the deeds.

Yama: Akere Papa, I am not going to school on Monday?

Mox: You wouldn't be holding it like that if it was real blood. Go throw that thing away and you are going to school on Monday.

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**Goodmorning

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 135

The same Evening

Tsala sat in the bus by the window looking outside as the bus left Maun. She put on her headphones and closed her eyes ready for her journey.

A little Later

Tumi parked in front of the house and removed his seat belt. Beth removed hers and as she was about to step out of the car Tumi grabbed her hand.

Tumi: What's the hurry?

Beth: I.

Tumi: The kids are sleeping. Come here!

He leaned over and kissed her rubbing her thigh and slowly pulling up her dress.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: Come on.

He stepped out of the car, went over to Beth's side and opened the door. Beth stepped out and he pinned her against the car.

Beth: Babe!

Tumi: Mmmh?

Beth: The kids might see us.

Tumi: No they won't.

He turned her around, made her bend on the passenger seat with her legs out then he pulled up her dress, pulled her thong to the side and *****.

Beth sucked in her lips and closed her eyes as her

husband fu*** her. She held on to the seat tightly as her butt clapped hard against him.

At Same's House

Same opened the guest bedroom where her mother was sleeping.

Same: Mama!

Ditshego: Yeah?

Same: My water broke.

Ditshego: Do you have any pain?

Same: No I don't have any pain but my water broke.

Ditshego: Okay then let's go to the hospital.

Ditshego got changed and they packed the baby things then called Romeo's friend who drove them to the hospital.

Ditshego: How are you now?

Same: No pains yet.

Ditshego: Okay!

The Following Morning

Mox picked up his ringing phone and put on loudspeaker.

Mox: Mmmh!

Tsala: Hi, you are still sleeping?

Mox: (Looked at the phone screen) Yes, ne o reng?

Tsala: Give me the directions to your house I am in Jwaneng.

Mox: Mmmh okay I will pin you.

Tsala: Sure.

Tsala hung up and put on a long sleeved maxi dress and sandals then she grabbed her bag and left.

At the Hospital

The midwife removed his gloves and wrote down on Same's card.

Midwife: I think you are going to give birth around bo four in the afternoon you haven't started dilating.

Same: Okay!

Her phone rang and it was Romeo.

Same: Hey!

Romeo: Hey, so is it a girl or a boy?

Same: Haha ba re I might give birth later ka bo four I

haven't started dilating yet.

Romeo: Oh great then I will be there.

Same: Okay!

Romeo: Stay strong. I love you.

Same: I love you more!

She hung up and started frowning as the Labour pains started.

At Tumi's House

Beth slowly opened her eyes and found Tumi looking at her.

Beth: Haha what?

Tumi: You are beautiful do you know that?
remember the first time we meet?

Beth: Haha, yeah!

Tumi: I have never meet a more beautiful woman like you since.

Beth: Haha!

Tumi: I love you.

Beth: I love you too.

She kissed him and tried to get out of bed. "You are always in a hurry waits e" Tumi said pulling her back in bed.

Tumi: We should go somewhere, just you and me. As in a vacation.

Beth: The kids?

Tumi: They will go to Tsala's or J ohn's or at my dad's. Don't say no. Say yes and I will plan everything.

Beth: It has to be somewhere with an ocean.

Tumi: Okay!

Beth: And lots of sun.

Tumi: How about Jamaica?

Beth: Ohhhh, Jamaica it is then. When I was young I always wanted to get married to a Jamaican man with long dreads and that Jamaican accent.

Tumi: (In Jamaican accent) Whagwan babe I can be Jamaican if you want me to.

They both laughed.

Beth: Stop hahaha!

At Mox's House

Mox opened the door for Tsala and she came in with breakfast of fat cakes, potato chips and menoto (chicken feet).

Tsala: Hi!

Mox: Weekends we normally sleep until bo ten or eleven.

Tsala: You can go back to bed.

Mox: You want to join me?

Tsala smiled and went to the kitchen, she put the food on the kitchen counter then she went to the girls bedroom and knocked. She knocked a few times then Rati came to unlock. "Mummy" she screamed and jumped on Tsala.

Rati: You are here?

Tsala: I told you I was coming.

They went inside and Tsala shook Yama. Yama opened her eyes and smiled at Tsala.

Yama: Am i dreaming?

Rati pinched her. "Ouch" Yama said rubbing her arm.

Rati: See you are not dreaming.

Yama hugged her mum.

Rati: Where is Flyn?

Tsala: He is at Maun, wake up guys its almost ten. I brought breakfast.

The girls put on their gowns and went to the kitchen. Mox stood by the door looking at them.

Rati: Dad aren't you going to eat?

He went inside and took one fat cake.

Yama: Now we are a real family again.

Tsala: We have always been a family.

Rati: Daddy have you ever seen Flyn, he is cute he looks like you.

Yama: Yes!

Rati: He has two dimples and he has soft hair.

Mox looked at Tsala. She opened the fridge to get milk and Mox closed the door for her.

Tsala: Thanks!

Mox: O abile ngwanake?

Tsala: You..

There was a knock at the door and Mox went to open. Gloria came in with her father.

Mox: Dumelang!

He looked at the big two suitcases.

RraGloria: I told you to stay away from my child and you didn't, now you think you can chase her while she is carrying your child? Never, here. She is your responsibility now.

Mox looked at Tsala who was standing by the door.

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**Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 136

RraGloria: I told you to stay away from my child and you didn't, now you think you can chase her while she is carrying your child? Never, here. She is your responsibility now.

Mox looked at Tsala who was standing by the door. Rra Gloria left slamming the door behind him. Gloria folded her arms and looked at Mox then at Tsala then she pulled her suitcases to the bedroom. Mox followed her and closed the door.

Mox: Hi, why didn't you tell me you..

Gloria: I wasn't going to tell you anything my dad found out and he forced me to come here.

Mox: How far?

Gloria: I don't know I used a cheap pregnancy tester

I haven't went to the Doctor yet.

Mox: But we always used protection.. (put his hands on his head) It's fine.

He went back to the kitchen where it was only Tsala drinking tea.

Tsala: I hope you don't mind I would like to take the girls out.

Mox: Sure!

No one said anything. Gloria came in and opened the fridge taking out juice and poured in a glass.

Gloria: Aren't you going to introduce us?

Mox: I..

Gloria: (Extended her hand) I am Gloria, his girlfriend and soon to be baby mama.

Tsala: Oh nice to meet you, Tsala!

Gloria: Oh, nice to meet you too.

Tsala stood up.

Tsala: Let me go check on the girls.

She excused herself. Gloria looked at Mox and sipped on her drink.

Gloria: How have you been?

Mox: Shapo!

Gloria: Oh! That's great!

Mox: Excuse me for a second.

He went to the girls bedroom and pumped into Tsala in the passage coming from the bathroom.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: I am.

Mox opened the bathroom door and pulled her inside, he pinned her against the door and kissed her. "Mox stop" she pushed him back opened the door and went to the girls bedroom then a few minutes later they left.

That Afternoon at the Hospital

Same bent her back with her eyes closed then she sat on the bed again breathing in and out continuously. The Midwife came in and checked her then she looked at the time.

Midwife: I will come see you in fifteen minutes.

Same: But I.. I can feel it coming.

Midwife: Haha try to take breathing exercises and walk around.

Same knod her head and the midwife left.

At Tumi's House

Beth and Tumi cuddled on the sofa watching a movie. Tumi played with Beth's short hair then he kissed her head. Beth looked up at him and smiled.

Tumi: Wa bona how happy I make you, mme ne o nkgana! (but you refused to be my girlfriend)

Beth: Hahaha!

Tumi: It was the first time a girl said no to me so I made it a mission to accomplish.

Beth: Haha girls threw themselves at you because you always had money from selling wee*.

Tumi: Hahaha! That was one good business. Now that I am a father I would ki** anyone who sells wee* to my kids.

Beth: Haha! Remember our first night?

Tumi: Hahaha!

Beth: Wenaana! You tricked me kana.

Tumi: But I married you akere.

Beth: You said ga o kake wa tsenya next thing I am feeling all this pain then three moths later I am pregnant. I was in praise and worship kana, do you know how embarrassing it was to drop out.

Tumi: Sorry babe! Gape you were not that good of a singer.

Beth: What?

She punched him and they both laughed.

Beth: I was good.

Tumi: No you were not, actually the whole group was bad.

Beth: Mxm haha, (Sighed) but it worked out in the end.

Tumi: Akere!

He kissed her.

Beth: I am sorry I couldn't give you a boy, I..

Tumi: Sorry for what? Babe you gave me four beautiful girls and I appreciate you for that. It doesn't matter if we don't have a boy.

Beth: Really?

Tumi: Really! Re ta ikutusa a boy ka Flyn akere his father abandoned him.

Beth: The way Flyn looks like his father, how do you abandon your copy like that.

Tumi: He is going to regret it. You know growing up MmaTumi always told us gore no matter what, don't

abandon your child.

Beth: And you are the greatest father in the whole wide world you know that akere?

Beth hugged him and looked around. "Are you sure we locked?" she asked kissing Tumi's neck.

At Mox's House

Mox and Setso sat outside drinking beer eating meat. Mox opened another beer and sighed.

Setso: Maybe it's a sigh that you and Tsala are not meant to be. You have to forget about her and move on, maybe Gloria is your soul mate.

Mox: No she is not, we were having fun, I enjoyed her company and she helped me with the kids. It wasn't meant to come this far.

Setso: So what now?

Mox: I don't know man.

He finished his beer and went inside the house to get another one and Gloria was speaking English with someone on the phone.

Gloria: But you said you will have them today, I need those..

She stopped talking as soon as she saw Mox.

Gloria: Bye my friend we will talk.

Mox didn't say anything, he took a beer and went back outside. The gate opened and a taxi drove inside with Tsala and the girls, she paid and took all their stuff inside the house.

Setso and Mox walked in. "I haven't seen you in years" Setso said going in for a hug and Tsala hugged him back.

Tsala: Long time akere.

Setso: Very long.

Mox: More clothes when you can't take care of the ones you already have. I promised myself I was only going to get you clothes ka December for Christmas.

Tsala: Can we talk?

They walked outside, Tsala sat down and Mox leaned against the wall.

Tsala: I want to apologise for everything. (Sighed) I hurt you, we had a very good thing going on and I messed that up please forgive me for causing you pain. If I had the power to change the past I would because I lost you. From the beginning of our

relationship we have hurt each other a lot but we always found a way back to each other but everything has an end (Crying) As hard as it is for me to let go of my feelings I know it's for the best, best for you and for me. Gloria seems like a nice person I wish you guys all the best.

Mox swallowed hard.

Tsala: I wish we can be friends because you mean a lot to me and..

Mox: Is Flyn mine!

Tsala shook her head. Mox held his breath then he breathed in his hands and turned around then he turned to Tsala.

Tsala: Like we agreed I will be taking the girls next year to come stay with me.

Mox: Yeah!

Tsala: Thanks!

She wiped her tears and went back inside the house. Mox remained outside for a few minutes then he went back inside.

At the Hospital

Same gave one last push with her eyes closed and she heard her baby crying.

Midwife: She is here, congratulations mummy its a girl.

They wiped the baby and cut the cord then they handed her over to Same. She looked at her baby then at the Midwife.

Same: Why, why is she like this?

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** Goodmorning

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 138

2 Months Later

Tsala screamed into the pillow and grabbed the

sheets tightly. She opened her mouth wide open and didn't let out any sound, she felt her toes curl and Mox's bal** slapped her nunu as he went faster and faster, he span** her bu**, grabbed on to her waist and gave her three deep strokes before he filled her up. "Aarrg" he roared like a victorious bear and kissed her back. Tsala fell on her stomach with her legs shaking and he fell ontop of her.

They remained like that both breathing heavily and only the sound of the heavy raindrops falling on the roofing could be heard. After a few minutes Mox pulled out and reached for a clean towel. Tsala turned around and laid on her back.

She watched Mox walk to the table to get a glass of water and the sight was pleasing, he had dimples just above his butt. He turned around and his still er** D looked her in the eyes.

Tsala found herself smiling, she would be the first

to admit Mox was not the most handsome man she knew but he was damn sexy. Now she understood what the hype about tall and dark was about.

She got out of bed and walked to him. She stepped on her toes and wrapped her arms around his neck.

Tsala: Do you have to go?

Mox: Mmmmh!

Tsala: I don't want you to go.

She kissed him, Mox picked her up and pinned her against the wall.

Mox: You want some more?

Tsala giggled and directed his D in her nunu.

The same Morning

Same folded the baby clothes then she turned and looked at her baby girl peacefully sleeping. She kissed her and touched her soft hair, she was beautiful. "Thank God she looks nothing like Mox" she thought to herself then she continued folding the clothes.

Romeo video called and she smiled picking up.

Same: It's raining you might not hear me.

Romeo: How are my two favourite girls doing?

Same: We are good, she is sleeping akere you know gore when it rains she sleeps all day.

Romeo: Yeah, I miss you guys.

Same: We miss you too Daddy!

Romeo: I can't wait for you to call me daddy in a sexy voice.

Same: Hahaha, two more months.

Romeo: Babe you are killing me.

Same: Hahaha! Be patient rra.

Romeo sighed.

Romeo: I will be.

At Tumi's House

Beth looked at the two lines on the pregnancy stick and sighed. She went to the bedroom where Tumi was and threw it at him. Tumi smiled and looked up at her.

Beth: There is nothing to be happy about. I don't want another baby, Anaya is not even a year old

Tumi: Children are a blessing.

Beth: You are not the one who falls pregnant, walks around with a big stomach and have to push the baby out of your nunu.

She sat on the bed and breathed in her hands.

Beth: After this baby I am tying my tubes, no I am removing my womb.

Tumi: Babe wa its e mme its your fault, why did you have to look so sexy in J amaica.

Beth found herself smiling then she threw the pillow at Tumi.

At Tsala's House

All the kids formed a line in the kitchen as Loly and Yama dished for them. In the sitting room Rati feed Anaya and Flyn. Mmoloki's daughter came with her

breakfast and sat down next to her little brother.

Issa: Who hasn't eaten?

No one said anything. She pointed at all the kids counting them and went to the kitchen.

Six kids are eating, Rati got her food, the babies are eating too so it means it's just us who haven't eaten.

Yama: And Tsala and Daddy.

Issa: Iyooo there is no food left for them.

She took her food and went to the sitting room.

Tsala and Mox came from the bedroom.

Tsala: Bathong is this a day care center?

Mox picked up Flyn who had soft porridge all over him.

Mox: Kante what's going on with his hair?

Tsala: Re tshopha dreads.

Mox: Ae haha, monna O bonwa ka letwadi.

He kissed him and put him back on his high chair.

Mox: Guys I will see you in two weeks.

Yama: Bye!

Tsala walked him outside.

Tsala: Tsamaya O ye go betswa.

Mox: Mxm haha.

He kissed her and got in his car. He rolled down the window and winked at her then he reversed out of the yard.

Later that Afternoon

Zoe came running with Tsala's ringing phone and gave her.

Tsala: Thanks! (Picked up) Hello!

Gloria: Stay away from my man.

Tsala: Uhu! At this time and age?

She walked towards the gate.

Tsala: Who is your man Ausi?

Gloria: Stop using the kids as an excuse for Mox to come there every weekend.

Tsala: Why don't you use what you got to make him not come here?

Gloria: Heee, Don't say I didn't warn you, kids disappear a lot these days and they never come back.

Tsala: Are you threatening me with my kids.

Gloria: Don't say I didn't warn you.

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BONUS

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 139

Gloria: Heee, Don't say I didn't warn you, kids disappear a lot these days and they never come back.

Tsala: Are you threatening me with my kids.

Gloria: Don't say I didn't warn you.

Tsala hung up and dialed Mox but his number didn't go through. She went back to where the kids were typing an sms for Mox.

Loly: Aunty are you okay?

Tsala: I am fine.

Flyn crawled to her all muddy from playing with wet soil, she picked him up and kissed his wet lips.

Tsala: Mmmh stop eating soil wena.

Issa and Rati came from the house with lunch.

Tsala: We are eating again? Didn't we just have breakfast an hour ago?

Yama: It's almost three.

Tsala: Uhu!

She stood up going to the house sending Mox a voice note.

Later that Evening

Mox's car parked outside and Gloria came out of the house with her hands folded. "Hey" Mox said taking out his bag and closed the door.

Gloria: So you are going to go to Maun every

weekend you are not working? You don't even tell me where you are going.

Mox: You were not home gape I didn't go to Maun.

Gloria: Oh, I don't have a phone?

Mox: I didn't have airtime gape nna I don't report to you.

Gloria: You went to see Tsala?

Mox: I said I didn't go to Maun gape even if I did go to Maun my kids are there.

Gloria: What about the one here? You don't care about him?

Mox: You want us to get in another fight akere, nna I am tired of fighting tota. Why do you act like my girlfriend when you are not.

He walked past her and went inside the house.

Gloria followed him to the bedroom. Mox took out his clean overalls and put on the bed.

Gloria: So what am I to you?

Mox: Gloria I told you I started seeing someone when we broke up, I can't just break up with that person because you are back. You and I don't sleep in the same room, we have never had se* ever since you came back, I haven't kissed you. Is that a relationship?

Gloria:..

Mox: I am trying to keep peace between us, I don't tell you where I go because I know you are going to be upset and it will affect the child. You have to accept that we are over and move on.

Gloria: Moemedi you can't get me pregnant and tell me to move on, move on to where?

Mox ignored him and went to the kitchen . "You should have told me you don't want his baby from the beginning I would have had an abortion" Gloria said from outside the door. Mox ignored her and opened his messages then he called Tsala.

Tsala: Hello!

Mox: Wa re she did what?

Tsala: She threatened to make my kids disappear. "Kids disappear all the time and they never come back" those were her exact words.

Mox: E le gore where did she get your number? You know what don't worry she won't do anything.

Tsala: Don't come here until you have broken up with her.

Mox: Babe motho yo and I are not together, I..

Tsala: I mean it Mox.

She hung up on him. Mox took a deep breath and went outside.

Mox: You called Tsala and threatened to have the kids disappear?

Gloria: Give me money for abortion. If you are like this during pregnancy it shows me you are not going to be a good father.

Mox: You know what?

He went back inside and got his phone.

Mox: How much?

Gloria: Five thousand Pula!

Mox sent her the money, it reported in her phone then she went to pack her clothes and left.

Days later..

Tsala dropped Tumi's kids by the gate and waited until they were inside then she drove off.

Zoe: Hey we are back to this boring place I wish we can stay at Aunt's house forever.

Tumi: Le nna I wish you stayed forever.

He took Anaya from Loly.

Issa: Can we move there?

Beth: What's fun there?

Loly: Everything, we can go out, there is no curfew. We can play music out loud and eat whatever we want, Aunt took us shopping too.

Beth: Boitaolo!

Tumi: Where is your Aunt?

Loly: She had to go to work she was already late. Dad can you like build her a bigger house and we move there?

Tumi: Believe me I am tempted to.

Beth's Phone rang from the bedroom.

Beth: Hello!

Mahlo: Hi the kids arrived yesterday mma. Waitse bo ngwanake ba tsebile it shows gore they were bathing themselves.

Beth: Obviously she didn't bath them, even her youngest O thapisiwa ke the older sisters.

Mahlo: Iyooo no I just wanted to tell you gore my kids have lost colour, the other one is grey.

Beth: Hahahaha! Shapo mma!

Tumi came in the bedroom.

Beth: Mahlo a re the kids have lost colour one is grey. Go raa gore they were bathing themselves.

Tumi: Tsala was supposed to knock off tired, cook and bath ten kids?

Beth: I..

Tumi: I told you I don't like your friendship with Mahlo. I never hear you guys talking about anything productive gore let's start a business or stockvel. Everyday ke maaka le tshele.

Beth: Uhuuu!

Tumi closed the door on his way out.

At Mox's later that Evening

Mox laid on the sofa going through his Facebook. He got a notification that Setso had tagged him. It was in a photo that was from a previous event held on Sunday evening. A photo of Gloria dressed in a crop top and baggy pants holding a beer.

Immediately Setso's call came through.

Mox: Hey Man.

Sets o: Uhu, I thought you said she is pregnant.

Mox: Hey don't..

The door bell rang.

Mox: Let me call you in a few.

He went to open the door and it was Gloria with her bags.

Gloria: The Doctor a re he can't do an abortion because the baby is big and it's a risk for me.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

EPISODE 140

Gloria: The Doctor a re he can't do an abortion because the baby is big and it's a risk for me.

Mox chuckled and opened the door for her. She picked up her bag and slowly walked in. Mox went to sit down and lowered the TV volume.

Gloria: Are you mad at me?

Mox: No why?

Gloria: Nothing.

She went to put her bag in the kids bedroom where she slept.

Gloria: Are you hungry?

Mox: No!

Gloria: Okay!

She sat down and neither of them said anything. Gloria rubbed her stomach then she stood up and went to the kitchen, she drank two litres of water and went to the sitting room.

Gloria: He just kicked do you want to touch?

She took Mox's hand and put on her stomach.

Gloria: I hope it's a boy akere we already have two girls.

Mox: When are you going to register the pregnancy?

Gloria: Oh, I will go tomorrow.

Mox: Okay!

He stood up and went to his bedroom.

At Tsala's House

Rati put Flyn on the car seat, Tsala came with his diaper bag and threw it on the front seat.

Tsala: Bunah a re she will be here in a few minutes, make sure you..

Rati: You repeat the same thing everyday, lock the back door and set the alarm, close all windows, don't..

Tsala: Hahaha mxm! Yama I am going.

She said getting in her car and drove off. Rati went to the house where Yama was watching TV. She went straight to the bedroom and opened the last page of her maths book where she had written down Kesego's number. She didn't know if she was the same Kesego MmaMox always whispered was her mother or not but she got the number from Mox's phone. She closed the book and laid on the bed reading a science text book.

The Following Morning

Gloria got out of bed and opened the door for Mox.

Mox: Hey, get ready ke go drope by the clinic.

Gloria: Okay!

Mox looked at her stomach in the top that she was wearing and it was flat, much smaller than yesterday.

Gloria: I will be done in ten minute.

At Tsala's House

Rati got ready for school and went into Tsala's room with her tie.

Tsala: I can't be tying your tie everyday when are you going to learn to do it on your own?

She said fixing tie on Rati's neck. "Tsala have you seen my shoes?" Yama asked from the bedroom.

Tsala: Behind the couch!

Yama: Oh here they are!

Tsala: When you leave lock for me and throw the key in by the window.

Rati: Madi?

Tsala: Madi a eng?

Rati: Sometimes..

Tsala: I can't buy you mopako and give you money at the same time, you have to choose which is which?

Rati: Money!

Tsala gave her five pula. She looked at her then at her hand.

Rati: J ust five pula?

Tsala: Yes just five pula.

Rati: No one gets five pula these days, ice cream is not even five pula.

Tsala: Take it or leave it I don't have money.

Yama came in.

Yama: The bus is here!

Rati: Can you lent me another five pula then?

Tsala gave her another five pula. "Bye love you" she said running outside. She heard them lock the door and threw the key inside the house. She pulled up the cover and rested her head on the pillow until she fell asleep.

At J waneng

Mox dropped Gloria by the gate then he drove off going to work. She bit her lower lip nervous going

inside the Clinic. She sat down and rubbed her hands together. Her lie was finally catching up with her. Her stomach was still flat, and Mox wouldn't sleep with her. She had no other plan but to come clean now. She stayed for a few minutes then she left going to her parents house.

Later that Afternoon

Beth reversed into RraTumi's yard and stepped out talking to the phone. "Okay no shapo we will talk" she hung up and went to Greet RraTumi who was sitting in front of the house reading her Bible.

RraTumi: Le teng?

Beth: Ee rra!

RraTumi: Ee le nna I just arrived from the cattle post.

Beth: Ee rra, I brought groceries and toiletries.

RraTumi helped her take them inside the house.

Beth: Where is MmaG?

RraTumi: She is bathing Flyn.

Marian came from the bedroom with Flyn's bathtub and went to empty the water inside the toilet.

Beth: He still stays with you I thought she stays with Tsala.

Marian: He does, she normally takes him in the morning I don't know why she is late today.

Beth: Does she pay you?

Marian: Ao no, I..

Beth: She should, you are the one who does the most work, if she sent Flyn to a daycare she would be paying bo one point five a month.

RraTumi: You are right kana gompieno you can't do

your things because you are always home with Flynn.

Marian kept quiet and went to the bedroom.

In the Evening

Mox tried Gloria's number again with no luck, he got in his car and drove to her house.

At RraTumi's

Tsala carried Flynn to the house where Marian and RraTumi were watching TV. Flynn raised his hands excited to see his Grandfather.

RraTumi: Mona, I am gone a week and when I come back you are a grown up man.

Flyn pointed at the TV.

Tsala: Dumelang, bathong I am late I will see you tomorrow morning.

RraTumi and Marian looked at each other like they had something to say.

Tsala: What?

Marian: Nothing you can go.

Tsala: OK bye!

She left.

RraTumi: Ke eng you are scared of her?

Marian: No, what kind of a parent will I be to ask Tsala to pay me for taking care of her son. One ma five hundred she gives me after every two months

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At Gloria's House

Mox knocked on the door and Gloria's mother opened the door. They exchanged greetings and he let him inside.

Mox: Is Gloria here I have been trying her number and it's not going through.

MmaGlo: I will get her for you.

She went to get Gloria then she excused them. Gloria folded her arms and sat down.

Mox: And then your phone?

Gloria: I had a miscarriage.

Mox: What?

Gloria: When I found out you were seeing Tsala behind my back. I was so stressed I had a miscarriage that weekend you left and didn't come back until Monday. I wanted to tell you but I was scared you were going to leave me.

Mox: But we are not together. I am really sorry you had to go through it alone.

Gloria: (Crying) I thought maybe I will fall pregnant again if you slept with me.

Mox:..

Gloria: I am done lying to you. Please forgive me..

Mox: No, come here!

He hugged her and wiped her tears.

Mox: I am so sorry that you went through so much pain alone, I am so sorry.

Gloria cried out loud. Mox swallowed hard and let

go of her.

Mox: I am really sorry.

Gloria wiped her tears.

Mox: I am sorry!

Gloria: It's fine. You can go be with Tsala now our child was a sacrifice.

Mox: Don't say that.

Gloria: But I want you to know that you will never find someone as loyal and loves you like I do.

Mox:.

She stood up.

Mox: Maybe I can pay for you to study something. I know it won't make you better but I will feel better

knowing gore atleast I didn't waste your life, please don't say no. Any certificate or diploma course I will pay for it.

Gloria: Give me the money to start a business instead.

Mox: What kind of business?

Gloria: I want to order clothes and shoes, wigs online and sell.

Mox: Does it have profit? You have to pay for them to come here kana.

Gloria: There is profit but not a lot.

Mox: I don't have money how much are you going to need? (He wanted to ask about the five thousand he gave her the other time but decided not to)

Gloria: Maybe seven thousand, eight?

Mox: Can I give you month end?

Gloria: Okay!

Mox stood up and left. Gloria closed the door

behind him and sighed relieved. She went through her screenshots and smiled looking at a screenshot of an iPhone she always wanted.

Outside

Mox stayed in his car for a few minutes then he drove home. He rested his head back and closed his eyes then he picked up his phone and dialed Tsala.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hey, I just came from Gloria's house. Are she had a miscarriage about two months ago.

Tsala: What?

Mox: Yeah and she was scared to tell me.

Tsala: Then why did she tell you today?

Mox: I guess she was tired of lying and pretending to be pregnant. We talked and I offered to pay for

her school but a re ke mo fe made a business instead.

Tsala: Oh, okay!

Mox: Are you mad that I am giving her money?

Tsala: Any woman would be.

Mox: Apart from her being crazy and insecure she was there for me when I was going through the most. She was there for my kids, made sure they ate, they went to school clean, she really took care of us.

Tsala:..

Mox: We are free to be together now I just want to ask if this is what we really want or it's the idea of being a family that we are together. Tsala we have been through shit together, you took care of me and my kids when I had nothing, you love my daughter like she is yours. I want to be that father to Flyn but I am insecure. I am scared gore what if I get my hopes up for nothing.

Tsala wiped her tears and sniffed.

Mox: I never want to find myself in a position I was in, insecure ka another man.

Tsala: I made a mistake! If I could go back in time I wouldn't repeat the same mistake I made. I live with regret everyday. My scars and my Son are a constant reminder of my mistakes, I want to be a better person not just for me but for you. I want to be a better girlfriend and mother.

Mox: I want to know if you really want us to be together, do you want this to work?

Tsala: (Crying) I do. I want to earn back your trust. I know its going to take me a long time but give me time to prove myself.

4 Years Later..

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4 Years Later..

Tsala screamed out loud and everyone in the ward looked at her "Oh my God" she went outside still looking at her phone. She covered her mouth crying and sat down dialing Mox but his number didn't come through. She took a screenshot of Rati's results and sent him on WhatsApp.

Nurse: Heela hle mma are you okay?

Tsala: Yes!

She showed her the results.

Nurse: I didn't know you had a child O balang form five.

Tsala: I don't, she wrote le ma form five but she was doing form four.

Nurse: What! And she got straight A stars? Wow!

Tsala: I am shaking, she didn't expect this, she was worried about Physics but ke ye she got A star.

Nurse: Wow, iyoo congratulations, is she happy?

Tsala: She hasn't seen the results she just asked me to check for her ga a na phone.

Nurse: We have to do something for her mma she did well.

Tsala: Akere.

She dialed Beth's number.

At Tsala's House

The taxi dropped off Flyn and he ran to the house where Rati was sitting on the stoop painting her toe nails.

Flyn: Today I brought you an apple.

Rati: Thanks baby, go take off your uniform and put on the clothes you wore yesterday.

Flyn went inside the house to change. Beth's car parked by the gate and Loly stepped out. She wanted to congratulate her and tell her the results but she was told not to.

Loly: Ya monyana, the results are out kana!

Rati: Mma I am so scared I asked Mama to check for me, I think she didn't call because I did bad.

Loly: Maybe she is busy. I am going to do my nails you want to come with me?

Rati: Are you paying?

Loly: Yes!

"Flyn" Rati called out excitedly going into the house, she changed into shorts and a crop top, she made Flyn wear a Jean and a white tee too matching her then they left with Loly.

At Same's House

Same parked in front of the house and Dove opened the door, she ran to the house where Romeo was watching TV. "Daddy" she jumped on Romeo and Romeo kissed her, he stood up with her and threw

her in the air, she giggled enjoying it. "Again Daddy" she said with her little soft voice, Romeo threw her up again and she laughed.

Same: She was excited when I told her she was going to find you home.

Dove: One more time Daddy.

Romeo: Ke tsile go lwala sethabi.

He threw her up higher than the first time then caught her.

Romeo: Okay now I am tired.

Same watched them as Dove took out her snacks from her bag and gave Romeo.

Dove: Here daddy for you.

Same: But you never bring me anything.

Dove: They are in the kitchen.

Romeo and Same laughed. Same touched her chest.

Same: I have accepted because she loves you more than me.

Romeo: Girls love their dad's more than their mothers. Well, why we should have another baby maybe it will be a boy and you know boys love their mothers more than their dads.

Same let out a faint smile and went to the bedroom. Romeo followed her with Dove on his shoulders.

Romeo: Or not?

Same: Babe you know I am not producing enough eggs. It's not like I don't want to give you another child, I.

Romeo: I am sorry I didn't mean to get you upset.
Come here!

He kissed her.

Romeo: If God gave us one baby then it's fine, it's better than nothing akere.

Same: Yeah!

Romeo: I love you.

Same: I love you too.

Romeo: Change I want to take you guys somewhere.

At the Saloon

Rati admired herself in the mirror, she looked beautiful with a new hairstyle. "Thanks hle mma" she turned to Loly who was busy on her phone.

Rati: Ka re thank you thee mma I look very beautiful.

Loly: You are welcome.

Rati: We should go before Mum knocks off and it's getting dark.

Loly: No, um.. I want to buy a top, let's go to the shop and buy.

Rati: Okay, let's go Flyn.

She picked up her little brother and they went to the other shop. Loly got busy on her phone walking around without choosing anything to buy.

Rati: Are you going to buy or we are going to walk around doing nothing.

Loly: Oh sorry, you can choose for yourself too, anything you want.

Rati: Loly!

Loly turned to her.

Rati: Do you have a sugar daddy?

Loly: What no hahaha!

Rati: Then where do you get all this money to spoil me, you paid for my nails and hair now you are buying me clothes?

Loly: Relax my dad is rich!

She received a call.

Loly: Okay great!

She hung up and turned to Rati.

Loly: Let's pay and go home.

At Tsala's House

The food, presents and deco were all set. Tsala went to shower. Beth came with the kids and they parked behind the house. Tumi later arrived then John.

The school bus dropped Yama and she walked to the house. She greeted everyone and called out Tsala "Mama" she said going to the bedroom.

Tsala: Get dressed Rati might arrive any minute from now.

Yama: What's going on?

Tsala: She passed, everything with A star.

Yama: Oh wow!

Tsala: Give me sellotape I want to wrap her present.

Yama went to get the sellotape and gave Tsala. "A smartphone Phone?" her Jaws dropped.

Yama: An expensive smartphone, not fair!

Tsala: She deserves it, you will also get it if you pass ebile wena you might get an iPhone.

Yama: This is not fair.

Tsala: Don't be jealous she is your sister.

Yama stepped back and folded her arms.

Yama: She is not your daughter!

Tsala: Yamasaa!

Yama stormed outside crying.

Meanwhile Loly parked at the gate and they all stepped out. She walked behind Rati recording a

video as they walked to the house.

Rati: Yama is Mama home?

Yamasa: Everyone is in the house they have planned a surprise party for you, congratulations you got straight A's.

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Rati: Yama is Mama home?

Yama a: Everyone is in the house they have planned a surprise party for you, congratulations you got straight A's.

Loly: Shee Yama mma!

Rati turned to Loly excited "I did?" Loly raised her shoulders, Rari ran into the house and everyone shouted "Surprise", she shyly covered her face.

Rati: I passed?

Tumi: You didn't just pass, you passed with flying colours.

Rati: Oh my God I did?

She picked up the printed results on the table and screamed up and down.

Rati: Oh my God I did it.

She hugged Tsala and sat down crying.

Tsala: Don't cry!

Rati: I.. Give me a moment.

She excused herself and went to their bedroom.

Beth: Give her a moment she is overwhelmed.

Tsala: Okay!

After a few minutes she came back smiling and wiped her tears. "I passed" she shouted jumping up and down.

Rati: Oh my God I did it, did you tell Dad?

Tsala: I did!

She ran outside where Yama was.

Rati: I didn't get straight A's I got A stars in all subjects.

Yama: I know!

Rati: I am so happy. Why aren't you happy for me?

Yama:..

Rati: (Sad) You are not happy for me?

Yama: I am!

Rati: No you are not, why?

Yama:..

Tsala came outside.

Tsala: Are you okay?

Rati: I am fine.

She went to the house.

Tsala: Yama?

Yama: It's not fair that you bought her a phone and I still use this.

She said waving her old model phone.

Tsala: Did you see how Rati is hurt that you are not happy for her?

Yama:..

Tsala: She is your sister, you are not supposed to compete or be jealous of each other. I know she would be happy for you if you were the one who passed.

Yama: I am not jealous that she passed. You love

her more than me.

Tsala: What? Masa, that's stupid I love you guys the same you know that.

Yama: No you don't, you bought her a phone but I am the oldest.

Tsala sat down and took a deep breath.

Tsala: Since kgang golo ha e le phone let's do this. End of term I want atleast four A's from you then I will buy you a smartphome.

Yama: Really?

Tsala: Yes, Four A's.

Yama: You promise?

Tsala: I promise.

Yama excitedly hugged Tsala.

Tsala: Now go congratulate your sister and be happy for her.

Yama ran to the house where Rati was opening her presents. She picked up an envelope from Tumi and smiled opening it and it was cash inside, one thousand Pula.

Rati: Wow thank you Uncle T.

She hugged him then she opened Beth's and it was a makeup set.

Rati: Thanks Aunt B.

Beth: I didn't know what to get you so..

Rati: They are beautiful thank you.

She looked at Tsala's present and smiled, she

shook it and everyone laughed.

Rati: Is this what I think it is?

Tsala: It's from Daddy and I.

Rati opened the box and screamed. "A phone" She hugged Tsala then she took out the phone.

Rati: Wow thanks!

Tsala: It has a simcard and I registered it for you.

Rati: Wow thanks! Thanks everyone.

Tumi: Yama if you get such results I am going to give you something big.

Yama: Like what?

Tumi: You will see!

Yama went to their bedroom and got her t-shirt.

Yama: I didn't know we had to buy presents, you can have this because you love it.

Rati: Really? You are the best sister ever.

She hugged her and took all her gifts to the bedroom.

Yama: I am sorry I was jealous because you got a smartphone.

Rati: It's okay we will share.

Yama: Really?

Rati: You want to take a selfie?

Yama stood behind her sister and they pout their lips, Rati clicked a photo and they smiled looking at it.

Rati: Another one.

At Serule

MmaMox walked out of the house talking to Mox on the phone.

MmaMox: Yes Tsala called me and told me. I am very happy tota. Ene kana she has always been interligent, she learns once hela kamoso she knows everything.

Mox: Yeah!

MmaMox: Dira o tsale ngwana rra, o na le number ya ga Mmaagwe wa sehapaana? (Do you have her stupid mother's number?) Does she know what she left behind tota?

Mox: I have it, I will find time to call her, business has n't been well for the past three months but I will call her as soon as I have enough money.

MmaMox: Do that, then marry Tsala, what are your intentions with her kante?

Mox: Hahaha!

MmaMox: It's funny?

Mox: Haha shapo I have to go.

Later that night

Rati and Yama were under the blankets watching ticktock videos on the new phone. Tsala opened the door and looked inside.

Tsala: Yamas a you have school tomorrow.

Yama: Two minutes.

Tsala: If you waste your time with Rati's phone you might never have yours, remember our agreement?

Yama: Iyoo let me sleep.

Rati: What agreement?

Yama: Mama is going to get me a phone if I get four A's.

Rati: That's not fair you and dad said we can only get phones after form five.

Tsala: Lona!

She closed the door and went to her bedroom where Flyn was sleeping with his arms and legs spread. Tsala pushed him to the wall side and laid next to him.

The Following morning

Flyn hugged Rati then he ran to the school bus. Rati waited until it left then she went back inside the house. She locked all doors and laid on her bed opening a Facebook account.

She took a deep breath and got up, got an old book

she had saved Kesego's number in and copied it on her phone. She bit her lip nervous. She swallowed hard, breathed out loud and dialed the number and it went through. She quickly hung up and rubbed her hands together.

The phone rang and it was Kesego. She breathed in and out then picked up.

Rati: Hello!

Kesego: Who is this and why are you paging me.

Rati: Is this Kesego?

Kesego: Who wants to know?

Rati:..

Kesego: Hello!

Rati: It's Rati, Aratwa!

Kesego swallowed hard and put the phone down,

she took a deep breath as her heart beat faster and loud, she was shaking and sweating, she picked up the phone.

Kesego: Who is Aratwa?

Rati: Is this Kesego Motlhapi?

Kesego: Yes.

Rati: It's Aratwa, your daughter, Ngwana wa gago and Moemedi.

Kesego: Where did you get my number?

Rati: From my dad's phone I just wanted to..

Kesego: There is a reason why I am not in your life and I prefer it to be that way.

She hung up.

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NIGHT

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Kesego: Where did you get my number?

Rati: From my dad's phone I just wanted to..

Kesego: There is a reason why I am not in your life and I prefer it to be that way.

She hung up and ran to the bathroom crying. She covered her mouth and cried out loud. She touched her chest and closed her eyes as she felt sharp pains in her heart. She breathed in and out continuously. Her past was finally catching up with

her.

At Tsala's House

Rati swallowed hard after the phonecall with Kesego, she regretted reaching out, what did she expect? Tears rang down her cheeks and she sniffed, she wiped them but they wouldn't stop coming. She found herself crying out loud, she was hurt. Her own mother just rejected her.

The same Morning

Beth: She did what?

Loly: I am telling you, see!

She gave her mother the phone and she watched the video.

Beth: Yamas a O na le boloinyana gore mo go ene. She was jealous kana I saw her storming out of the house before you guys came.

Loly: She has always been jealous or Rati that one.

Beth: She is a child where does she get such behaviour ne wena? Last time I heard gore gatwe when others eat beef ene she cooks herself chicken because she doesn't want beef. Tsala spoils her, if she doesn't want beef she will eat without meat then.

Loly: Gatwe wa slimmer akere, gatwe she has cut out on starch she eats chicken, fruits and water only.

Beth: Eheee, nna ka re wa bo a dira botete.

Later that Evening

Tsala threw herself on the couch tired from work. Flyn jumped on her.

Tsala: Flyn eish I am tired. Koore wena Ga o mpona
O bona jumping Castle?

Flyn: Rati is crying.

Tsala: What?

She got up and went to the girls bedroom, she
knocked softly and opened the door.

Tsala: Rati!

She sat on the edge of her bed and shook her.

Tsala: Rati?

Rati: I am fine.

Flyn: Rati stop crying.

Tsala: Flyn go take the groceries from the car and
put in the house, I didn't lock the car.

Flyn ran outside and Tsala peeled the sheet off Rati.

Tsala: Baby?

Rati: It's nothing.

Tsala: It's something, talk to me.

Rati wiped her tears and hugged her crying. Tsala hugged her back and they remained like that for a few minutes.

Tsala: Talk to me.

Rati continued crying and didn't say a thing.

Tsala: Rato?

Her phone rang, Tsala took it out of her pocket and it was a land-line.

Tsala: Hello! What? (Sighed) Thank you I am coming.

She hung up and covered her face.

Tsala: Yamas a! (Snapped) Yamas a will single handendly kill me one of these days. Rati I am coming gatwe your sister smoked we** at school. We will talk when I come back okay.

Rati knod her head.

Tsala: Whatever it is know that I will always be here okay, I love you.

Rati: Me too.

Tsala called Flyn and they left together.

At Kesego's House

David stole glances at Kesego who was lost in her thoughts.

David: Hectic day at work?

Kesego: Mmmh (looked at David) Yeah!

David: Maybe you should take leave and rest, you don't look well.

Kesego: I will be fine. Can you please put the kids to bed I am going to sleep.

She stood up and went to the bedroom.

At School

Tsala shook hands with the principal then she went to the car where Yama was with Flynn. She opened the door and sat down.

Flynn: Mama Yama O nole mjwala! (Mama Yama has drunk alcohol)

Yama: (High) Its not alcohol, we ate space cookies, do you know them?

Tsala looked at her and shook her head.
Immediately Mox's call came through.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hey ke bona sms what happened?

Tsala: Gatwe another student sold them space cookies.

Mox: What?

Tsala: Me and the other parents have been called back for a meeting kamoso.

Mox: Ene how is she?

Tsala: High.

Mox: Haha, did she know they were space cookies or..

Tsala: I don't know, we will talk when I get home I am driving.

Mox: Bye I love you!

Tsala: Love you too!

She hung up and drove to the mall. She locked Yama inside the car and they went to the shop to buy something to eat. "Flyn we came to buy food not toys okay, if you cry for anything I am leaving you in the shop" she gave him a warning.

They walked to the food section. Meanwhile Abel and his Wife came pushing a trolley while the Wife

put food inside. Abel spotted Tsala with Flyn, it was the first time he saw him and he sure looked like him. Tsala turned around and their eyes meet.

Wife: Babe let me..

Tsala picked up Flyn and walked away. "Babe let me get a drink" Abel said to his Wife and followed Tsala.

Abel: I have the right to see him. I pay..

Tsala turned around furious.

Tsala: See who, you pay what? Abel I will embarrass you so much. Leave me and my child alone.

"Child" They both turned around and it was Abel's Wife. Her eyes fell on little Flyn and there was no

DNA needed. He looked like his father.

Mpogi: Abel!

Tsala clicked her tongue and walked away. Abel looked at his Wife.

Abel: Babe let's not do this here!

Mpopi: (Furious) Don't tell me where and when not to get angry, you have a child?

In Tsala's Car

Flyn helped himself with food at the back while Tsala drove home. "Aaaah" Yama cried out loud and Tsala looked at her annoyed. "Aaaaaah aaah" she continued crying out loud.

Tsala: Yamas a I..

Yama: I don't know why I am crying. Please make me stop.

Tsala ignored her and continued driving. Yama cried out loud.

Yama: Aaaah, I miss Peppa Pig.

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Goodmorning

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Yama cried out loud.

Yama: Aaaah, I miss Peppa Pig.

Tsala clicked her tongue and laughed, she didn't mean to but she found herself laughing. Few minutes later she parked by the gate, went to open it and drove inside.

Rati opened the door.

Rati: Is she okay?

Tsala: Are she misses Peppa Pig.

Rati: What? Hahaha!

She helped Tsala take Yama out into the house.

Yama: Twinny!

She tried to kiss Rati.

Rati: How much did you smoke?

Tsala: Gatwe they ate space cookies.

Rati: Wow I want one too (Fake laughed) I am joking
haha.

Tsala: It's not funny bona hela how she is, she
might get suspended.

They helped Yama to the bed.

Yama: Let's take selfies.

Rati: Hahaha!

Tsala: Let her sleep.

They left Yama sleeping and closed the door.

Rati: How much did she have?

Tsala: A lot. Are you okay? I am sorry I left in the middle of us talking.

Rati: I am fine.

Tsala: Just so you know you are too cute and intelligent to cry over a boy.

Rati: Hahaha I know. It wasn't a boy. Promise me you won't be mad at me.

Tsala: As long as you are not pregnant or smoking weed.

Rati: Hahaha no! I.. Years ago I stole Kesego's number from Dad's phone.

She smiled and wiped her tears.

Tsala: What is it?

Rati: (Crying) I wish you were the one who gave birth to me.

Tsala: I wish too but it doesn't mean I am not your mother just because I didn't give birth to you. You are my baby, since you were a small baby I have always loved you.

Rati: I love you too.

Tsala: Tell me what happened?

Rati: I called Kesego! (Looked up) I promised myself I wasn't going to cry.

Tsala: It's okay! Tell me.

They sat down and Tsala wiped Rati's tears.

Rati: She said there is a reason why she is not in my life and that she prefers it to be that way.

Tsala: I am sorry!

Rati: It's okay, her loss (wiped her tears)

Tsala: You are right, her loss. You wanted a relationship with her?

Rati: No, I.. Now I am old enough to understand that something between you and Dad and her happened because you were all teenagers when you had us, Yama and I are like seven months apart. I thought maybe, I don't know, I.. I don't know.

Tsala: You thought maybe she was forced to leave you?

Rati: Yeah!

Tsala took a deep breath.

Tsala: I don't know what really happened between her and your dad but I know she was not forced to leave you. Even if she was, more than fourteen years has passed without her reaching out, wanting to know you. I am not saying she is a bad person but that says a lot about the kind of mother she is.

Look, you are my baby, birth or not by birth you are my daughter, I love you enough to let you go find Kesego and form some bond if she is willing to, if it makes you happy then I will allow it.

Rati smiled and sniffed wiping her tears.

Rati: I don't think I want her in my life anymore. She is the one who is going to want to be in my life when I am the first Woman to be president of this country.

Tsala: Oh yes, that's my girl. I love you.

Rati: I love you too.

Tsala: (Stood up) Ga o bona Flyn a didimets e jaana he is eating all the food. Flyn!

At Abel's House

Mpogi packed the groceries in the cabin and put the

meat in the fridge.

Abel: Babe I.

Mpogi: How many more children are you hiding from me Abel?

Abel:..

Mpogi: So there is more?

Abel: I tell these women gore I don't want kids go ts wa hoo they decide on their own to get pregnant trying to trap me.

Mpogi: I asked you how many?

Abel: Gatwe I have a daughter in Masunga and one in Radisele.

Mpogi: Hooo, wow!

Abel: And twins ko Molepolole.

Mpogi laughed in disbelief.

Abel: Just like I made it clear to you, I don't want to have kids. I did to them but they went ahead and got pregnant.

Mpogi: You disgust me. Men like you disgust me.

The Following Day

Mox looked at his phone ringing, he waited for Kesego to hang up then he sent her a text "Text" she called again and he hung up. "ke rile text" he sent another text. "Wena le ngwana wa gago le batla go nthubela lelwapa kante? (You and your daughter want to break my marriage?)

Mox called her.

Mox: Uhuu! And then wena?

Kesego: Why did you give Aratwa my number?

Mox: I didn't give Aratwa your number what are you

talking about?

Kesego: Then where does she get my number?

Mox: You thought she won't grow up kante, if she wants to know the woman who gave birth to her I am not going to stop her, wena you will see how you explain it to your husband.

He clicked his tongue and hung up on her. Kesego deactivated all her social media accounts.

At School

Tsala walked out of the Principal's office with other parents. Yama followed her to the car.

Yama: Mama I am sorry I didn't know they had we** in them.

Tsala: Wa mpona, do you see where I am right now. Its because I acted like a child when I was a child.

Yama: I swear I..

Tsala: If you want to ruin your future ngwanaka then go ahead it's your life. You are lucky you only got detention. Kamoso you will be saying I love only Rati akere, Rati never made me miss work because she ate space cookies. She has never in her life came home ka bo eight bosigo.

Yama looked down.

Tsala: Take your bag and go to class.

Yama took her bag and went to class. Tsala got in her car, she breathed in her hands and dialed Mox. As his phone rang someone knocked on the window. She hung up and rolled down the window, her heart skipped and she touched her chest.

Tsala: Oh my God, You?

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BONUS

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Tsala: Oh my God, You?

Him: Hi, I thought I recognised you though ne ke se sure.

Tsala: Hi you.. You are alive ?

Him: All thanks to you. I will never forget you in my life. You saved me that night thank you!

Tsala: Yeah, you are welcome.

Him: How can I thank you?

Tsala: It's fine, I am happy you are fine and well.

Him: No, allow me to take you out for lunch or dinner just to say thank you.

Tsala: Oh, I.. I have a boyfriend.

Him: I know, a beautiful woman like you cannot be single. Just to say thank you. Or just tell me what you want me to buy you then.

Tsala: No seriously it's fine I..

Him: I insist.

Tsala: Okay if you say so, I will think about it and get back to you.

Him: Great.

They exchanged numbers and Tsala got in her car. "You are a teacher here?" Tsala asked with her head stuck outside.

Him: No, I guess we came here for the same reason my niece also had the space cookies.

Tsala: These kids! Bye!

Later that Evening

Romeo stole glances at Same who was busy on her phone while he feed Dove.

Romeo: Babe!

Same: Yeah!

Romeo: I think it's time we got married now, we have been engaged for years. I am tired of being your boyfriend.

Dove: Daddy I have a boyfriend at School, his name is Flyn.

Romeo: You do? Is he rich?

Dove: I will ask him.

Romeo: Hahaha, babe?

Same: I knew this day was coming. Can't we like have a little ceremony just my family and yours.

Romeo: Fine by me.

Same: Please, by the way I have never dreamt of a big wedding even when I was a child growing up.

Romeo: So a small wedding?

Same: Yes please.

Romeo: Let's set the date then.

At Tsala's House

Tsala came in the house tired. She threw herself on the sofa next to Flyn.

Tsala: It smells delicious in here.

Rati: Yama is cooking.

Tsala: Really?

Rati: And she washed Flyn's uniform.

Tsala stood up and went to the kitchen where Yama was setting the table.

Tsala: Hi, it smells devine in here!

Yama: Thanks I am about to dish.

Tsala: Okay.

She went to her bedroom and her bed was nicely made, there was a "Sorry" PS chocolate and a letter on the bed. "I am sorry for everything, I know you are hard on me because you love me. I promise to do better starting from today, First born" Tsala smiled reading the letter then she put it nicely with the chocolate on the table.

She laid on her back looking up then she reached for her phone and dialed Mox.

Mox: Hey!

Tsala: Hey! They got detention for a month.

Mox: Oh atleast, I was scared gore she might get suspended.

Tsala: Me too!

There was silence.

Mox: Kesego called me!

Tsala: Are you happy?

Mox: With what?

Tsala: Life hela in general. Are you happy?

Mox: Why?

Tsala: I am just asking.

Mox: Wena are you happy?

Tsala: I don't know.

Mox: Oh!

Tsala: Can I be honest?

Mox: What, you don't love me anymore?

Tsala: I do, a lot but that's not enough. I love you. Ga
ke itse maybe it's because of the long distance and
our jobs.

Mox: I can't leave my job I just got promoted.

Tsala: I know and I cannot leave mine too.

Mox: The long distance is not working?

Tsala: I want to wake up and sleep next to you
everyday, see you everyday.

Mox: Then let's get married that way its easier for
you to get transfered here.

Tsala: It's not all about seeing you, when you are in
Maun we have se* and that's it. We never go out
and have fun. I am thirty five, if we are like this now
what's going to happen to us in ten years, in twenty

years.

Mox: Am I boring you?

Tsala: Yes!

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Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Mox: Am I boring you?

Tsala: Yes!

Mox: Hahaha!

Tsala: This relationship doesn't have vavavoom like before. We used to spend nights on the phone, we..

Mox: We were teenagers, I work night shifts and you do too obviously things have to change, we have responsibilities now.

Tsala: I know and I am not saying things should be like when we were young. I. I miss go jola, the texts, the calls hela re bua ka rona not about the kids. The long walks, the dates, the gifts.

Mox: Babe I give you money every month.

Tsala: No you don't. You give me madi a mo lwapeng. I want mine separately hela O re babe go do your hair, babe go buy di panty or go do your nails. E re Kentse a bo message wa banka O tsena. I want to fall in love all over again. Gone jaane re tsididi hela. (Right now we are just cold) Someone asked to take me out for lunch or dinner and it got me thinking how much I miss being asked to get ready at a certain time.

Mox: Ke mang, wa nyela!

Tsala: Hahaha just someone who wanted to thank

me for helping them. Babe we are young, let's bring some excitement mo relationship please.

Mox: Ke dire jang?

Tsala: E le gore you haven't been listening to me.

Mox: Akere I don't know where to start.

Tsala: Aggg Mox!

Mox: Okay fine I will start sending di romantic messages and calling.

Tsala: Please!

Mox: Okay Cupcake let me get back to work.

Tsala smiled.

Mox: I promise from today I am going to start being romantic.

Tsala: Me too.

Mox: I love you Beautiful.

Tsala: I love you too Boo!

She hung up smiling from ear to ear like a love struck teenager. She got up and undressed when an sms came through. She picked up her phone "Now I can't stop thinking of how much I love you Babe " the sms read.

She put the phone down and went to shower. A few minutes later she joined the kids for dinner.

Yama: How was your day?

Tsala: It was great and yours?

Yama: Fine!

Flyn: (Laughing) You said you miss Peppa Pig.

Everyone laughed except for Yama and when she saw Tsala laughing she started laughing too.

Rati: What made you say that?

Yama: Haha I don't remember. I remember walking in a garden with pink flowers and there were cartoons playing.

Tsala: Bathong hahaha. Drugs are bad.

Rati: Have you ever tried them?

Tsala: Long time ago, I think I was doing form four, your dad and his friends once made me take puffs of a weed, I coughed so hard and that was the last time.

Rati: You knew dad back then?

Tsala: Haha yes, he was my first boyfriend.

Yama: Wow, your first boyfriend?

Tsala: Yeah! I remember one time a teacher found us in class and we got the beating of a lifetime.

Rati: Doing what?

Tsala: Hahaha nothing.

Rati: Kissing?

Tsala: Hahaha I am your mother.

Rati: So? Obviously a teacher can't beat you hela for finding you with a boy in class.

Tsala: Back then teachers beat us for silly reasons.

They all laughed.

Yama: So why did you break up?

Rati: Was it because of me?

Tsala: No, Long distance he was in Palapye and I was in Gaborone that's when he meet Kesego.

Yama: Do you love him like you used to love him when you were younger?

Tsala: Now I love him more than I did back then.

Yama: Are we allowed to date too?

Tsala: No!

Yama: But you..

Tsala: Not until you go to varsity.

Rati: So does that mean..

Tsala: You are young for varsity so wena you are allowed to date when you are twenty. Gape you are not allowed to date anyone five years older than you.

Rati: Fair enough.

Flyn: I have a girlfriend.

Rati: Wena you have a new girlfriend every week. Who is it this week?

Flyn: It's Dove, next week it's Ally!

They all laughed.

At Abel's House

Abel watched as Mpogi packed her bags and took them to the car.

Abel: We can talk about this.

Mpogi: Not now, right now I feel like I don't know you. I need some time off.

Abel: Babe?

Mpogi grabbed her car keys and phone then she left.

At Tumi's House

Bofelo pushed his toy car around making some noise, he made the car go over the table then he pushed it to the kitchen where the girls were cleaning.

Beth came from the bedroom applying vaseline on her arms. She sat down and breathed in her hands.

Beth: I always feel good after a long shower.

Tumi: Akere, I should go shower too.

Tumi stood up and went to the bedroom and Beth followed him.

Tumi: What?

Beth: Nothing!

Tumi: Hahaha I know you.

Beth: You know my brother just started a business in gabs akere?

Tumi: Yeah!

Beth: He called a kopa gore ke mo duelle rent for two months he will pay me back as soon as he is on his feet.

Tumi: Yeah?

Beth: Is that a yes?

Tumi: You know go adima family and friends money is a bad idea akere.

Beth: My brother is not like that, he..

Tumi: Give him but don't say I didn't warn you.

He stepped in the shower.

The Following Morning

Tsala walked to the reception area wondering who was looking for her. It was someone she didn't know holding flowers with hundred pula notes in between them, chocolates and a card.

Her: Hi, Miss Mopiri?

Tsala: Yes?

Her: For you!

Tsala took the card and smiled reading "Beautiful flowers for the most beautiful woman in the world. Have a wonderful day my love. Love Hubby" she

smiled and took the flowers.

Tsala: Thank you so much!

She smelt them then she walked back bumping into Abel. She stepped aside giving him space to pass, he looked at her then he grabbed the flowers and threw them on the floor and stomped on them.

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Goodmorning

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Abel grabbed the flowers and threw them on the floor and stomped on them.

Abel: This is a work place not a circus.

He walked away, the lady from the reception area hurried to Tsala.

Her: And then?

Tsala didn't say anything, she picked up the money and what remained of her flowers.

Her: You have to report him.

Tsala: He wants my attention and I am not going to give it to him.

Her: Sheee!

She helped Tsala pick up the flowers and put the box of chocolates on top.

Her: O ska ntima mma!

Tsala: Bathong I worked hard alone for these flowers.

Her: Teach me woman on top mma maybe le nna I will receive flowers and chocolates.

They laughed and Tsala left. She put the flowers in a vase then the chocolates and card in her locker. She sat down dialing Mox but his number didn't go through. "Received the flowers, money, card and chocolates babe, I love you" she sent a text and put her phone on silent.

"Mopiri" someone called out and she turned around.

Abel: I need you in the male medical ward.

Tsala: But I am not working there I am with Doctor Pat..

Abel: You are a Nurse, you work in a hospital not where you feel like working. If you don't want this job there are a lot of unemployed people out there who would die to work here.

Tsala followed him.

Abel: Check his vitals for me.

She did as she was told without complaining.

Later that Evening

Yama waved at her friends and opened the gate. Rati and Flyn were sitting in front of the house

taking selfies.

Rati: Stand right there I want to take a photo of you in your uniform.

Yama: No!

Rati: Why?

She passed them going to the house.

Rati: Hey!

Yama: Hey!

She wore bagy pants and t-shirt.

Rati: Are you okay?

Yama: Yeah I am fine.

Rati: Okay!

Just as she was about to leave Yama cleared her throat and she turned around.

Yama: I told Nolly that I liked Jaden, she told her friends and they told Jaden.

Rati: What did he say?

Yama: That I was fat and I am not his type.

Rati: I am sorry, by the way you are not fat.

Yama: I am.

Rati: No you are just thick, wa bona gore you have an almost flat stomach. It's the baggy clothes that you wear that make you look fat. You are thick and beautiful, if Jaden can't see that then he is stupid. By the way I don't know why you like that ugly boy with thin eyes.

Yama: Haha!

Rati: He looks like a fish.

Yama: Hahaha!

Rati: Feel better now?

Yama: I really have a flat stomach?

Rati: Yeah, here..

She gave her her leggings, Yama put them on and a tank top.

Rati: See you are not fat.

Yama turned admiring herself in the mirror.

At the Hospital

Exhausted, Tsala removed her shoes and just as she was about to change in her home clothes Abel walked in.

Abel: There is an Ambulance going to Shorobe I

need you to...

Tsala: My shift is over!

Abel: So a patient should die because you want to go home.

Tsala: Hee monna wa Modimo I have kids that I have to go cook for. Unlike you ga ke a latha bo ngwanake (Unlike you I didn't abandon my kids)

Abel: Watch how you speak to me I..

Tsala: Heeee!

Abel: O seka wa nkakgela lebogo.

Tsala: Heeee! What will you do to me?

She got her bag ready to leave and Abel closed the door.

Abel: Ka re an ambulance..

Tsala: And I said I am not going, my shift is over, suta hoo ke hete. You have been provoking me

since morning, ke tsile go go itima gore. (I am going to ignore you)

She walked past him, opened the door and left.

At Home

Tsala's phone rang as she drove inside the yard. She parked in front of the house and picked up.

Mox: Hey, I just knocked off.

Tsala breathed in her hands.

Tsala: I am tired. J ust got home.

Mox: Go rest then we will talk.

Tsala: I got the flowers, card, money and chocolates thanks babe.

Mox: J aanong why did you send me green hearts?

Tsala: Hahaha they were green ne ke sa bona.

Flyn knocked on the window and Tsala rolled it down.

Flyn: Mummy Yama is wearing Rati's clothes.

Tsala: Hey wena ka di report (You and reporting)
Babe wee let me go inside we will talk. I love you.

Mox: I love you too.

She went inside the house.

At Abel's House

Abel sat in the car dialing Mpogi's number but it rang unanswered. "Can we please talk please" he sent the text and rested his head on the seat waiting

for a reply which he never got.

Later that night

Tsala locked the bedroom door and laid on the bed.

Tsala: Alrigh babe I am in bed.

Mox: With Flyn?

Tsala: No he is sleeping with Rati.

Mox: Oh, what are you wearing?

Tsala: Shee haha I just took off off my gown why.

Mox: Are you wearing a panty?

Tsala: Babe, sheee haha!

Mox: Are you?

Tsala: Yes I am.

Mox: Take it off.

Tsala: (Shy) Babe!

Mox: Take it off slowly, don't be rough.

Tsala put on loudspeaker and shyly pulled down her panty slowly.

Tsala: I took it off.

Mox: (With a sexy deep voice) Open your legs

Tsala did as she was instructed.

Mox: Now su** your middle finger and rub that spot I like to play my tongue on.

Tsala: Mmmh!

Mox: You did?

Tsala: Mmmh!

Mox: Mmmh softly don't be too hard on it, softly, now close your eyes and squeeze your brea** with your other hand.

Tsaka: Mmmh!

Mox: Trace your finger a little down, rub your p*** and go up to my favourite spot, circle your finger slowly on it.

Tsala: Mox!

Mox: Now imagine that I am ontop of you, I am rubbing my favourite spot, squeezing your bo***.

Tsala moa*** softly.

Mox: Be a little faster but gentle babe.

Tsala raised her lower body with her hand still between her legs.

Mox: Gentle..

Tsala: Mmmh..

Mox: Father babe don't stop..

Tsala smiled alone in the locker room thinking about last night's phone call with Mox, she never knew she was capable of making herself squi**.

Colleague: Hey wa batiwa ko HR.

Tsala: Me?

She stood up and went upstairs to the HR where they were with Abel. They all exchanged greetings and she sat down.

HR: Mrs Mopiri we received a complain from your...

Tsala: Can I ask something before we start?

HR: Yes?

Tsala: Can I also file a complaint against him after we are done here?

Abel: What complaint?

Tsala: Sex*** harassment.

Everyone in the room looked at each other.

Abel: What are you saying I have never harassed you.

HR: Do you know making such an accusation and finding out its a lie can land you in prison.

Tsala: Yes I know gape who said I am lying?

Abel: What proof do you have?

Tsala: Everyone who was outside the locker room yesterday can attest to that, that you locked me inside.

Abel: I doesn't mean I was se*** harassing you.

Tsala: Realy! Then why did you lock me inside?

Abel: I was telling you you had to go with an ambulance to Shorobe.

Tsala: After my shift? Did you have to lock the door?

Abel kept quiet. Tsala looked at the HR lady.

Tsala: We may proceed.

Abel pushed back his chair and stormed out of the room. Tsala pushed back her chair and followed him. He turned around furious.

Abel: You know I didn't..

Tsala: Try me again and you will see how cruel I can be. Try me Abel and you will kiss your career goodbye.

Months Later

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Goodnight

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Months Later

Everyone watched in awe as the bride and groom had their first dance. Mox wrapped his arms around Tsala's waist and pulled her into him a little, she giggled and raised her eyes looking at him.

Tsala: Babe my Dad is here?

Mox: I know, you are my wife kana, Ga ke rata ke ka go suna.

Tsala laughed and moved her head, in a white long sleeved bridal gown that showed little cleavage she wrapped her arms around Mox's neck and smiled at him.

Tumi: May I?

Mox handed Tsala's hand to him and he went to sit down.

Tumi: My baby sister.

Tsala: I have a daughter who is doing form five, I don't think I qualify to be a baby sister anymore.

Tumi: You will always be my baby sister. I love you

Tsala: I love you too.

Tumi: I love Mox too this time around pelo yame e wetse, I am ready to let you go.

Tsala smiled.

Tumi: But I want you to know that I will always be there for you. Don't be scared to call and ask for help, no matter how small it is or how big it is. If you ever need to bury someone I will come with the spades.

Tsala laughed and nod her head with tears in her eyes.

Tumi: Okay?

Tsala: Okay!

Meanwhile at the far end table where the kids sat Yama poured herself a glass of champagne and handed the bottle to Rati. She poured some in her glass and they put the bottle down.

Beth walked over to them and looked at their glasses, she looked at the non alcoholic champagne then she left. The girls looked at each other and laughed.

Flyn waited for Tumi to stop dancing with Tsala and he hurried to her.

Tsala: You want to dance with Mummy?

Flyn: No, Mummy bo Rati ba nwa mjwala. (Rati and Yama are drinking alcohol)

Tsala: Tell them I am going to punish them.

He ran to the girls table with a smile on his face. "Mummy is going to beat you" he said excitedly.

Rati: This is non alcoholic it's not alcohol.

The bride and groom went to sit down and the guests filled the stage dancing. Mox pulled Tsala into him and kissed her.

Mox: I love you Mrs Me.

Tsala: Haha I love you more Mr Me.

They rubbed their noses together and kissed.

Mox: You know what I was thinking the whole time we were dancing?

Tsala: Mmmh mmh!

Mox: How I am going to rip off that dress and make love to you for the first time as my wife.

Tsala: I can't wait.

Mox kissed her again.

Tumi sat next to MmaNaledi and held her hand.

Tumi: Mme if you are tired tell me I will take you home.

MmaNaledi: I am tired from sitting but I still want to enjoy the wedding.

Tumi: Okay you want to dance?

He asked helping the old woman stand up.

MmaNaledi: Tumelo hahaha you want to make me fall, tota ngwana wa ga Naledi O rileng.

Mosadimogolo O kana ka nna O tsaa kae marapo a go bina. (What's wrong with you, how can an old woman like me dance)

Tumi helped her to the dance floor and everyone cheered excitedly. All the brothers danced with her then John helped her back to her seat.

"Babe I want to take the kids home now before re is a Tsala ko bo matsalaagwe (Before we take Tsala to her inlaw's" Beth whispered into Tumi's ear and he knod his head. She walked to the table where the older kids were sitting and she saw Issa hide a bottle.

Beth: Are you drinking alcohol?

Issa: No its non alcoholic.

Beth: What is it I saw you put down.

She picked up the bottle and it was alcoholic champagne.

Beth: Hetang let's go home. Lona (Pointed at Yama and Rati) I am going to tell Tsala about this.

By the other table Mahlo sipped on her juice and

rubbed her big stomach. Beth passed by with the kids and she hurried behind her.

Mahlo: Hey, I am surprised they said they don't want a big wedding, anything fancy and when the brothers offered to pay they went for such extravaganzas that they themselves wouldn't have been able to afford.

Beth: We will talk I have to take the kids home.

She said getting in the car and drove off.

Inside Tsala and Mox sat down holding hands whispering sweet nothings to each other. MmaNaledi and a few elders came to say goodbye and Tumi took them home. The rest of the guests from Serule and some from Gweta went up to their rooms.

Later that evening at Mox's Brother's House in

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Dressed in a blue German print knee length dress and a white Chale (Shawl) Tsala walked between a line of married women as they took her to her in law's house.

The ululation got loud and louder, they made her sit down on a "moseme" and she raised her eyes, they meet with Mox's and they both laughed.

The traditional normalities went on and on then later Mox's Aunt took Tsala to the house. It was nicely made and it smelt fresh inside.

She sat down on the bed and looked around. She ironed the white sheets with her hand and then the door opened. Mox came in and closed the door behind him. Tsala stood up and they hugged.

Mox: I love you!

Tsala: I love you more.

He made her sit down then he kissed her, he removed her shawl and nicely put it on the bed, Tsala turned giving him her back, he kissed her neck while he unzipped the dress. He pulled it down, traced his hands on her scars then he kissed them. "I love you" he whispered in her ear before he pulled down her dress, laid her down on the bed and made love to his wife.

The Following Morning

Mox rolled on the bed alone then he opened his eyes and his Wife was not by his side. "Babe" He called out getting out of bed. He put on his boxers and dialed her number but it rang on the table.

Outside Tsala put the tray full of cups on the table

then she went to get the tea and scones.

MmaMox: Kana jaana this is hard labour for you.

Tsala: Hahaha!

MmaMox: Don't worry I have long accepted that you don't have hands.

Tsala smiled and poured tea in the cups, she went around giving the elders, they added sugar and took bread. When she was done she went back inside the house.

Sister Inlaw: I remember when I got married, I served tea to about thirty people and cooked lunch all alone.

Tsala: Aaah aaah!.

They both laughed. Tsala poured tea for Mox and took some scones with her to the bedroom.

Mox: Hey!

He stepped aside and admired his wife in another traditional dress and her Chale.

Mox: You look beautiful.

Tsala: Thanks babe!

She said giving him the cup of tea.

Mox: Don't spoil me too much I might get used to this.

Tsala: Don't.

They laughed.

Tsala: Eish, I have to go to a meeting at Flynn's school then I can't wait to see where you are taking me for our honeymoon.

Mox: It's a surprise.

Tsala: What do I have to pack?

Mox: Just you..

Tsala: Hahahah! Finish up, gatwe I have to get started on lunch.

Mox: Mmh mmh, you are not a slave.

Tsala: I don't mind actually.

Mox: I do, we are getting them takeaways.

Tsala: Babe no.

Mox: Yes, they won't know akere.

Tsala: Haha no! Let me do this, I don't mind really. I want to cook.

Mox: Okay but I am helping you.

Tsala: Babe no what will your parents say?

Mox: That I am helping my wife, let me go shower

and come help you.

Tsala: Okay!

Just as Tsala was about to leave he grabbed her hand and pulled her into him. "O ska nna O tswa mo bolaong ke ise ke tsoge" (Never get out of bed before I wake up) he said looking in her eyes. Tsala smiled because she understood what he meant.

Monday Morning

Tsala knocked on MmaMox's door and she put the Bible away.

Tsala: Dumelang!

MmaMox: How are you?

Tsala: Fine, I have to do something at Flyn's school, do I wear the showl?

MmaMox: Hahaha no you don't have to.

Tsala: Iyoo thank God because it was going to ruin my outfit. No offence.

MmaMox: Hahaha!

Tsala: Okay bye.

She rushed outside and got in her car.

At School

The Parents shook their heads mumbling about something. One of the parents stood up.

Her: So what happens if I don't want my child to swim and do Karate.

Patents: Ba tsile go re bets a bone bana ba ba forciwang difeishi ba.

Tsala laughed, Same sneaked in and sat next to Tsala unaware.

Same: Hi, have I missed a lot.

Tsala: Gatwe Karate and Swimming are no longer options, they are part of the school fees.

Same: What?

She turned to Tsala and they both laughed.

Same: I didn't see gore it's you..

Tsala: Me too.

Same: Hey mma this school is starting to become a problem. In two weeks ta bo gotwe the kids are going to see elephants we should pay ma five hundred.

Tsala: Thank God my Son is graduating this year.

Same: You have a son?

Tsala: Yeah, last born.

Same: My daughter is graduating too.

Tsala: First?

Same: And last, never going back to the maternity ward.

They both laughed and continued listening.

At Kesego's house later that Evening

She hummed to the song playing on loud speaker while she cleaned the house. She threw all the trash in the bin and one newspaper headline caught her attention. She knew it was Rati, the name said Aratwa but with Mox's surname. "Form 4 scores 9A* in IGCSE results" the headline read. She picked up the paper and sat down reading everything then she picked up her phone and dialed Mox.

Mox: Hello!

Kesego: First you change my daughter's surname without my knowledge then you let her take a gap year. What kind of a parent are you?

Mox: I am the kind of parent you are not.

Kesego: She should have gone to school, you..

Mox: Hey hey hey, it's a little too late for baby mama drama . Never call me again.

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**Good afternoon

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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Mox: Hey hey hey, it's a little too late for baby mama drama . Never call me again.

He hung up furious . MmaMox walked behind him and cleared her throat.

MmaMox: Is everything okay?

Mox: It's Kesego a re I shouldn't have changed Rati's surname.

MmaMox: What did I tell you?

Mox: And have Rati be the only one with a different surname while everyone uses my surname , well if she takes me to court then she is welcome to. I was doing everything for my daughter.

MmaMox decided not to say more.

Mox: Kesego wa tena, I swear if she calls me with nonsense ever again I am going to go straight to her

husband.

He said and went back inside the house where Tsala and the girls were cooking.

Tsala: Hey!

Mox: Hey!

Tsala wiped her hands and they went to their room. She closed the door behind her and looked at him.

Tsala: Talk to me.

Mox: Kesego called.

Tsala: (Rolled her eyes) A reng?

Mox: The audacity to question my parenting!

Tsala: What did she say?

Mox told her everything.

Tsala: Sies she is only seeing the newspaper today? I'd be ashamed if I had to find out things about my daughter on TV or in the newspaper. What makes her think she has the right to control how you raise your daughter.

Mox: I will embarrass her.

Tsala: Embarrass her babe wa go twaela. Its the audacity for me. Ke eng she forgot gore she told Rati gore she wants nothing to do with her. I hope she doesn't call again while I am with you because I will tell her where to get off.

Mox: She doesn't deserve your attention or energy babe.

Tsala smiled and kissed Mox.

Tsala: Let me go finish cooking.

Mox: Okay!

Tsala went back to the kitchen and Mox sat down.

Flyn came in the bedroom with a ball. "Daddy let's play" he begged Mox. Though not in the mood Mox stood up and went with him outside. Mox kicked him the ball and when it was his turn he kicked it towards the gate. "Goal" he ran around victoriously.

Mox: Goal jang, who are you playing with by the gate?

Flyn: Didn't you see it got between those two gates.

He went to get it and kicked it to the tap.

Flyn: Mama bona!

He said to MmaMox who was sitting with a few elders drinking coke. Flyn kicked the ball this time towards Mox and they cheered for him.

Flyn: I did it?

Mox: Did what?

They went ahead with the boring game of Flyn calling every kick a score and the old people cheering for him.

The same Evening

"Hey the food is ready" Beth said to Tumi who was sitting outside.

Tumi: Can we eat here it's cool.

Beth: Okay!

Few minutes later she came with their food, they sat down and started eating.

Beth: Are you okay?

Tumi: I am fine I am just thinking.

Beth: Yeah?

Tumi: Of my Mum. So much has happened without her, I miss her.

Beth stood up, went over to her side and hugged him.

Beth: I am sorry babe.

Tumi let out a fake smile and hugged his Wife back.

Beth: We should do something to remember her. We

have the photos and videos akere. Kana in all her grandkids only Loly and Issa know her.

Tumi: How many does she have now?

Beth: twelve more grandkids.

Tumi: Heelang we were not playing for the past seventeen years akere. Twelve?

They laughed.

Beth: We had three more, Tsala has three, John has two, Peter one and Mmoloki three with one on the way.

Tumi: You are right, we should do something to remember her by.

Beth: Maybe we can do it at Gweta, the people there don't know you guys kana.

Tumi turned to Beth and smiled.

Tumi: You are right, ke ta bua le bo nmake (I will talk to my siblings)

At Tshwano's House

Tsala put Flyn between the girls and let the mosquito net down.

Yama: When are we going home motho yo kana he doesn't know how to sleep.

Tsala: You guys are going to be staying here for another three days while we for our honeymoon, Friday we are all going to Serule for another celebration then that's when we will go home.

Rati: I cant wait.

Tsala: Well goodnight guys.

Flyn: Good night mummy!

Tsala: I love you!

Flyn: I love you too.

She closed the door and just as she was about to go to their room MmaMox called her.

MmaMox: Close the door.

She closed the door and sat next on the bed.

MmaMox: How are you?

Tsala: I am fine just tired.

MmaMox: Eheee. In the old days we had a thing called go tswalla lelwapa.

Tsala: What is that?

MmaMox: I am not speaking in a bad way, it is if you found a man with kids and you also came with your kids you have more kids after them so that all

the kids can be siblings.

Tsala: Oh!

MmaMox: If Yama was the youngest it wouldn't matter but she is the oldest so you have to have a baby that is both Flyn's sibling and Rati's sibling.

Tsala: Get pregnant again, aah aah!

MmaMox: It was done so that the kids never feel like the other parent is not their parent. Ke gore in other words you were locking your family.

Tsala: Can I have him or her maybe after bo ten years jaana. I can't fall pregnant now I just got back into shape and I am feeling good about myself.

MmaMox: I was just telling you, gape O tswanets e wa thatswa lesire (Plus you should have a baby after marriage)

Tsala: Iyoo bathong, whole nine months again, have mercy on me please.

MmaMox: Hahaha!

Tsala: But thanks for telling me. Mox and I actually discussed having another baby, it will happen and

then he is coming to stay with you akere you want a baby so bad.

MmaMox: Wai marapo a helets e mo go bo Aratwa. These days I can't do anything.

Tsala: No shem you are old.

They both laughed and Tsala stood up.

Tsala: Let me go to bed mma.

MmaMox: Goodnight my girl.

Tsala: Night!

She went to their room where Mox was still in the shower.

Mox: Babe your phone was ringing.

Tsala: Who was it?

Mox: I don't know I was in the shower.

Tsala picked up the phone and had a missed call from Tumi.

Tsala: I will call him tomorrow, it was Tumi.

She took off her gown and went into the shower. She kissed Mox's back and traced her hands down to his D.

Tsala: MmaMox are we should have a baby.

Mox: Yeah she told me too in the afternoon and I told her not now. We will have one when Flyn is at Varsity.

Tsala: Heelang, I am not going to be forty seven and pregnant.

Mox: You want the baby now because I can give you one right here right now.

Tsala giggled as he picked her up and pinned her against the wall.

At Mmoloki's House

Mahlo got into bed then she reached for a glass of water and took a sip. Mmoloki leaned over and kissed her.

Mmoloki: Have a good night my love.

Mahlo: Tumi must be loaded akere.

Mmoloki: Mahlo, Mahlo I told you akere to stop talking about people, he must have money after what?

Mahlo: Ke raa because Beth retired and she is a house Wife.

Mmoloki: We don't know why she retired akere.

Mahlo: What kind of businesses does he do, I hear he has a security company with Mox, why not you

guys because you are his brothers.

Mmoloki:..

Mahlo: Are you sleeping?

Mmoloki: I will drop you at Tumi's House tomorrow so you can ask him all those questions.

The Following Morning

Rati knocked on MmaMox's door with a tray of tea and bread.

MmaMox: Eheee ngwanakeee!

Rati: I can't stomach anything before ten wena you drink tea ka bo seven.

MmaMox: Akere I wake up early.

Rati: Yeah!

Rati sat down as the old woman poured herself a

cup of tea.

MmaMox: So what are you doing in the meantime?

Rati: Mum forced me to take pastry classes.

MmaMox: Wena you were planning to stay at home and do nothing all year?

Rati: Yeah!

MmaMox: Aaah!

Rati: Bathong Mama do you know how tiring school is, I wanted to rest my mind before varsity because I plan on graduation in two years

MmaMox: Ko UB ga go todisiwe haha.

Rati: They will have to make exceptions for me then.

MmaMox: Nna I thought maybe you didn't want to go to UB because you have a boyfriend.

Rati: Haha heeee, I have one yes but he is not the reason.

MmaMox: Don't fall pregnant.

Rati: I won't!

MmaMox: Good girl. I was happy when I saw you in newspapers and TV, everyone in the village came to see me and they were so happy. I felt so big. I still have the newspapers.

Rati: Haha!

MmaMox: Serious.

Rati: Thank you, I love you!

MmaMox: I love you too ngwanangwanaka (My granddaughter) take this bread back I am not going to eat it.

At Flyn's School

Mox walked Flyn to the gate and he waved at him, Mox waved back then Flyn ran to the class room. Just as he turned around his eyes fell on Same, he looked down at the little girl she was with.

Dove: Bye Mummy!

Same: Bye!

Mox watched the little girl that reminded him so much of little Yama run to the classroom. She was fit like Yama had been as a baby and their soft voices.

Mox: Hi!

Same: Oh hi!

Mox: Is she mine?

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Mox: Hi!

Same: Oh hi!

Mox: Is she mine?

Same: What? Mox? What will you do if she is yours?

Mox: I am just asking!

Same: No she is not yours.

Mox: She just reminded of my daughter when she was young. O sure she is not mine because I don't want..

Same: Ke sure relax she is not your child. We used protection remember?

Mox: There are things that I haven't shared with my Wife and I.

Same: Don't worry, there are things that I haven't shared with my husband too.

Mox: Great, I will see you around.

Same: Bye!

Mox got in his car and drove off. Same got in hers and sighed with her eyes closed.

At Tshwano's House

Tsala hugged MmaMox and a few elders as they got in the Combi back to Serule.

Tsala: See you next week.

MmaMox: Bye bye!

Tsala closed the door for them and waved until the Combi disappeared then she went back to the house where she continued packing. Mox came in and hugged her from behind. Tsala turned around

and Mox kissed her.

Mox: You ready to go?

Tsala: Yes!

Mox took their bags to the car. Tsala went to knock in the room Rati was.

Rati: Come in.

Tsala: Hey we are leaving.

Rati: Enjoy!

They hugged and she walked Tsala outside to the car.

Tsala: Please don't eat mopako wa ga Flyn i bought enough to last him a week.

Rati: Okay!

Tsala: I will see you guys ka Friday.

Rati: Bye!

She waved at them as the car left then she went back inside the house.

Tsala: So is there a beach where we are going?

Mox:..

Tsala: Babeeee, just one hint.

Mox: There is lots of water.

Tsala: Okaaaay!

Mox: That's all I am saying.

Tsala rolled her eyes and looked outside. They arrived at the airport, got checked out and boarded their plane.

Tsala: Kasane? I thought you said it's not in

Botswana.

Mox: Babe wa bala bala (You talk a lot) just wait to be surprised

Tsala: Oookay!

She kept quiet as the plane took off.

At Tumi's House.

Beth opened the door and Mahlo walked in.

Beth: Bathong you look ready to pop.

Mahlo: To think that I have two more months to go.

Beth: Iyoo I don't wish to be you right now.

Mahlo: Hahaha! Le teng?

Beth: Yeah, I haven't even bathed yet I just dropped Bofelo at school.

Mahlo looked around and it was messy, cups on the table, socks and shoes on the couch. She followed Beth to the kitchen and sat down.

Beth: You want something to eat?

Mahlo: No I already had breakfast.

She watched as Beth took all the bowls with cereals and put in the sink.

Beth: Mornings are hectic gore mma.

Mahlo: Akere!

Beth: We spent twenty full minutes looking for Anaya's School bag kante she left it in my car.

Mahlo: Hahaha!

Beth: Anyway how are you, I haven't seen you in days since the wedding.

Mahlo: Akere.

Beth: Kana I was pissed mo go maswe I found bo Issa and Zoe drinking alcohol le bo Yamasana and Rati.

Mahlo: I bet bo Yama are the ones who came with the alcohol.

Beth: I hate to disagree with you on that one because maybe they are the ones who came with the alcohol. You can never know with teenagers.

Mahlo: Maybe. O kae Tsala she has already went to her in law's?

Beth: No they will be going ka Friday, ke bone a tsentsense status a le in a plane.

Mahlo: They have money for planes but they didn't have one for a wedding.

Beth: Haha, I remember when I got married I too wanted just five people at my wedding and an expensive honeymoon.

Mahlo: It can never be me, I told Mmoloki gore when we get married I want a tent ya two hundred guests.

Beth: Hahaha will you afford it these days kana hela deco for fifty people ke bo five thousand.

Mahlo: His brothers will chip in hahaha akere they did with Tsala.

Beth: Eheeee! Ene Mmoloki a re when is he marrying you?

She added two spoons of sugar in her tea.

Mahlo: Aaah I don't know.

Beth: Le wena you should stop giving this man kids until he puts a ring on it. Nna kana Tumi married me ke le a month pregnant with our first born.

Mahlo: Wai men still cheat akere with a ring on their finger, nna and my man don't need to get married to be a family.

Beth: Don't say that out loud he might not marry you.

Mahlo: He will.

At Chobe Water Villas

"Thank you" Mox said to the room service and closed the door. Tsala hurried outside and looked at the river view.

Tsala: Babe! It's beautiful here!

She turned to Mox.

Tsala: Babeee, utwaa hela such peace and fresh air.

Mox: We deserve this.

Tsala: We do! I love the surprise babe it's beautiful.

She hugged him then she went to the bathroom.

"Wow babe you have to see this" Mox smiled and went to the bathroom.

Tsala: I have an idea.

Mox: Uhhhh!

Tsala: Did you close the door?

Mox: I did.

She kissed him and they helped each other out of their clothes.

Months Later..

On a cold Saturday morning in Newyork . Dove looked outside through the window then she ran back to bed where Same and Romeo were still sleeping. "Mummy wake up its happening, it's snowing" the little girl said excitedly.

Same and Romeo woke up and they all looked outside. "Merry Christmas babe" he kissed his wife and Same smiled. "Me too Daddy" Dove said giving

Romeo her cheek. Romeo kissed it.

Dove: Let's go make a snowman.

Same: Bathong, not now let's go to bed.

Dove: No I am going to sit here and watch the snow.

In Gweta

Tsala put a wrapper on the beetroot salad bowl and took it inside. Her phone rang, she wiped her hands and picked up.

Tsala: Hello!

Yama: Mama we are by the filling station.

Tsala: Okay your dad is coming to get you.

She looked around and spotted Mox in blue overalls helping take the big three legged pot off the fire.

Tsala: Hey the kids are here can you please go get them.

Mox: Okay!

He wiped the sweat off his forehead with the back of his hand and got in his car. Tsala went to the tree where MmaNaledi was sitting with a few elders.

Tsala: Mme wee, can..

Flyn and his cousins ran around. "Hey lona" Tsala shouted at them. "Go play far from here" she said then looked at her Grandmother.

Elder: This one looks like Naledi tota.

MmaNaledi: She is the only girl, last born.

Tsala smiled as the older woman, she shook her hand and kissed it. "Do you know me?" the lady asked Tsala.

MmaNaledi: Wai ba akere ke ba ditoropo (These ones grew up in the city) they don't know us here.

Oldie: Monaaa I am your Grandmother, Rakgadiagwe mmago. Mme ne e re ga a lebile rrago mogolo se tsala mmago a bo a re kgentsedi. (I am your paternal Aunt, my mother and your grandfather were siblings)

Tsala: Ee mma!

Oldie: I am going to charge you for not knowing me.

Tsala laughed, she even forgot what she came to ask her Grandmother. "John" MmaNaledi called John as he passed by.

MmaNaledi: Ehee, yo (Pat John's shoulder) Yo ke ene yo O kgwiswang lebele ke yo. (This is the older

brother, the one before Tsala)

Oldie: Heey ngwana Malome O ne a togela makgarebe le Makau jaana. (My Cousin left behind such beautiful kids)

John and Tsala smiled. They got introduced to five more people then they went to the house.

Tsala: Heey will we get the job done tota hela ga ore wa heta ebile wa bitswa.

Tumi: That's why I use the back door. I greeted seven people earlier, got introduced seven times but they were all there.

They all laughed. Beth and John's girlfriend came in with a bowl full of rice.

Beth: Bathong are we done nna jaanong I want to bath.

Tsala: Wait why are these drinks not put in the fridge.

She said putting the drinks in the cooler box full of ice.

Meanwhile Mox parked outside and went into the yard with Yama and Rati.

MmaNaledi: Heeey banyana!

She called out to Yama and Rati. They walked to her and she introduced them.

MmaNaledi: This one is the first born wa ga Tsala. This one is her little sister.

The girls went around greeting the elders.

MmaNaledi: Last born is that one with a big head who has been playing here.

Oldie: Naledi O sule a sa bona weeeee! Makgarebe a kana kana. (Poor Naledi died without seeing such beautiful grandkids) Do you go to school?

Yama: We will be going to university next year.

Oldie: Eheee, you are so beautiful. Study well I want to hear gotwe le tsena ko UB e ko America. (I want to hear that you study at UB "University of Botswana" in America)

The girls laughed and nod their heads then they went to the house. They jumped hugging their cousins.

Issa: Banyana you came late, there are cute boys kwano. They don't live far from here.

Yama: What are we waiting for let's go see them cute boys.

Flyn: Aah! I am going to tell Mummy.

He ran outside at the back where Tsala was sitting with Mox, with her foot on Mox's lap massaging it. "Hey wena o ta wela mo dipitseng" (Watch it you will fall in the pots)

Flyn: Mummy bo Yama ba re ba go bona basimane ba bante. (Mummy Yama and Rati went to see cute boys)

THE END!!!

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