



Depths Of My Despair by Precious Moloi SSN:02

AMANDA

I was wearing my blue denim skinny Jean, a white tshirt that went with a white jacket and my white Pumps. Those are the only shoes I have that could go well with the outfit, I never had the liberty to wear heels. I had tied my locks into a big bun, and I still had those small gold things that Nkati gave me for my birthday. Speaking of Nkati I do miss her, I miss her a lot but I don't think I am ready to communicate with her. I don't wanna open up that can of worms, she comes with a lot of memories that I really don't wanna visit. The first thing I put in my hand bag were my Antideprassants, I don't wanna have an episode at work since it's my first day as a Personal Assistant. It has a nice ring to it I am practically doing something that people have a certificate for, while I only have grade 9. I am going to personally work for a CEO that runs a multimillion rand company, a CEO that is well respected in the field of his

work. Russo Intel comes off as the best tech company in SA, and probably not very much below from Google and Microsoft..

Yammy walked in the bathroom while I was putting on my mascara, I don't do a lot of makeup. Just an eyeliner and a mascara, from her face I could tell that she was still drunk by sleep..

Her: Good morning

I kept quiet..

Her: If I knew you were here I would've knocked

I still remained quiet..

Her: For goodness's sake are you still upset about last night?

Yes I was still upset about last night! A guy walks in and pulls out a gun at us then later on they both laugh while I didn't even find the whole situation funny..

Her: I told you that's how we greet each other

I knew she wanted to pee but just to spite her I took longer..

Her: Do you mind?

I looked at her..

Me: I think that I should move out month end

Her: What? Why?

Me: I don't know maybe I like a bit of privacy were a random guy won't walk in and pull a gun on me!

Her: I have already apologized

Me: Not you didn't

I took my toilet bag..

Her: Well then I am sorry.. Happy now?

Me: Hardly

Her: If being in a relationship is this stressful I would rather stay single

Me: You were in a relationship before

Her: And she was a whole lot better

Me: Wow!!.. Bye

Her: You can't be upset about that statement because we not in a relationship

Me: And I am damn happy

I walked out to the bedroom, I looked at the time and it was still early. Gosh am I that nervous to have woken up very much early? Well I don't wanna be late on my first day..

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NDALO

I opened the door and it was Jordan..

Me: Do you know what time it is?

He walked in..

Him: Yeah but either way you were going to be up in 30min time or so

I closed the door..

Him: How are you holding up?

Me: I am holding up good

Him: I knew you would

Me: Have you found anything?

Him: Nothing yet.. It's like she vanished from the face of the earth

Me: That's awkward, no one can just vanish from the face of the earth

Him: I am trying my best but it's really hard

Me: You couldn't even track down Dr Carter?

Him: Nothing.. I am sorry

I noticed that he was wearing a rolex watch..

Me: When did you get that?

Him: What?

Me: The watch?

Him: Present from a client

Me: Pretty expensive present

Him: I know.. His wife was cheating asked me to fish for information I did and..

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51, 51); font-family: "Open Sans", Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; text-align: center;">Me: He bought you a rolex?

Him: Couldn't say no

Me: I see

Him: I have to go I just dropped by to see how you were holding up

Me: Thank you

I walked him to the door..

Him: If there's anything that you need.. Anything at all you call me

Me: I sure will

I opened the door for him...

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NKATI

I couldn't sleep last night just thinking about everything, Me having sexual relations with a man who lied to me that he was not my father. I went through it over and over trying to convince myself that it wasn't true but those results didn't lie. I was back at my Brother's place, I will be staying here for a while with my Mother who is getting discharged today I don't know how we are going to be able to live with each other after everything..

My phone rang again It was Wonder, I don't wanna talk to him. I have nothing to say to him..

From now on my Mother and I we going to be on our own, our flashy life is gone we will have to adjust to living ordinary. I hope we going to survive everything.

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Thandeka came to fetch me and we arrived right on time 07:00am..

Her: Good luck

Me: Thank you

Her: See you during lunch time

I waved at her as the elevator closed. I hope that I do well, I really need this job. Growing up I always had a dream of becoming a Chef I love to cook, it's something that I find therapeutic but then unfortunately that dream won't come true but I guess we can't always get what we want. Life doesn't work like that..

The elevator opened and I walked out, made my way straight to his office and I was surprised to see Bethany at her desk. I thought she was coming in at 07:30am..

Bethany: I do understand that..

She was on the phone..

Her: How does 11:00am sound?

I waved at her but she didn't wave back, I ignored and walked straight into Ndalo's office. I put my bag on the couch and started clearing up his table..

I was a bit confused with a files, I didn't know were to put them or how to arrange them seeing that they entailed a lot of loose documents..

Voice: be careful with that

I turned and it was Bethany standing by the door..

Her: Those files are important

Me: I understand

She made her way in..

Her: What are you wearing?

Me: Excuse me?

She folded her arms and gave me a disapproving look.

Her: A jean?

I looked at myself..

Her: Look around you Amanda, This is not a circus or a bar we don't wear jeans! This is a multimillion rand company

Me: I wasn't aware of the dress code

Her: Did you by any chance see any staff wearing a Jean?

Me: No

Her: Thank you

Me: I will wear something else tomorrow

Her: You better!!.. Ohw by the way Can you get me some fruit salad at the cafeteria?

Me: Excuse me?

Her: Mr K is my boss I answer to him and I am your boss you answer to me

Me: Ohw

She turned around while looking at my Pumps..

Her: Make sure the fruit salad doesn't have watermelon in it

She walked away, carefully maintaining her perfect walk with her beautiful legs.. AMANDA

Me: Two sachets of white sugar

I placed them next to the coffee with a spoon..

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I hope I got it right, I don't wanna mess up on something so simple as coffee.. I heard the robot talking that means he is on his way to the office..

I touched the coffee and it was still hot, I closed my eyes..

Me: Lord I hope I got it right

He walked in after a while..

Him: Good morning Amanda

Me: Morning Sir

He looked around..

Me: I got you your coffee

He put his briefcase on the table..

Him: Thank you

I walked and stood on the other side..

He opened it and poured the sugar, he stirred and then drank..He then looked at me...

Him: It's perfect thank you

Me: You welcome

Him: You look good

Me: Thank you

Bethany walked in..

Her: Morning

Ndalo: Morning

Her: You have a meeting at 09:00 with Mr Mkhize

Ndalo: I hope he changed his mind about leaving

Her: Same here

He put the coffee on the table..

Bethany: I'll get my tablet

Ndalo: Actually

He looked at me..

Ndalo: I would like to go with Amanda to this meeting

Bethany: I don't understand.. I am your Assistant

Ndalo: I know but I would like to go with Amanda on this one

She looked at me..

Her: Fine

She walked away..

Ndalo: Go to Bethany she will give you the tablet

Me: Yes Sir

I walked out and went to Bethany..

Me: Can I please have the tablet

She opened the drawer and then handed it to me..

Me: Thank you

Her: You won't last here

Me: Sorry?

Her: Ndalo can be very demanding

Me: I think I am doing well so far

Her: I hope so

Me: Excuse me

I walked back to the office..

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YAMMY

Me: You look better

Nelly: Thank you

Me: Inmates no longer making your life difficult?

Her: No since you gave me that information things are better for me inside

Me: Glad to hear that

Her: How is Amanda holding up?

Me: She's doing well even got a job

Her: Really? Where?

Me: Russo Intel

Her: Russo In.. Are you serious?

Me: Yes

Her: Wow that's good

Me: Ya it is

Her: How is she holding up? With everything?

Me: She does feel a bit Blue at times but the Antidepressants are helping

Her: Thank you for taking care of her

Me: No problem

(Silence)

She looked at me and laughed..

Me: What?

Her: You have fallen for her haven't you?

Me: What?

Her: Amanda.. You have fallen for her

Me: I don't know what you talking about

Her: Yammy I know you

I kept quiet..

Her: Why don't you tell her?

Me: So that I can scare her I don't think so

Her: Then show her

Me: Nelly just let it go

Her: Yammy you will never know

Me: Amanda is very straight

Her: When has that ever stopped you? I've seen you date straight girls before

Me: I really don't know

Her: Just try okay

Me: Your trial is starting soon

Her: I wish it was over already

Me: You might get life

Her: I deserve it.. I killed my husband remember?

Me: Are you sure you don't want a Lawyer?

Her: No I am fine don't worry about me

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NKATI

Me: Would you like some tea?

She shook her head no..

Me: Anything to eat?

Her: Nkateko I am fine

I sat down..

Me: Mom I am sorry

Her: Please don't

Me: It kills me more than it kills you

Her: I don't wanna talk about that

Me: Sorry

Her: Have you heard anything from Amanda?

Me: No..

(Silence)

Me: Do you think she will forgive you after everything you have done?

Her: I don't know but I hope so.. I have been praying about this and I have been praying that God gives her a heart to forgive me

Me: She has found a job

Her: That's lovely

Me: I saw on Facebook she's working for a multimillion rand company

Her: You know I have seen Amanda praying

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I have seen her praying even when there was no reason to pray even when her heart was heavy

Me: She had a close relationship with God at all times

Her: She deserves all the happiness, I wish she can get married and have kids I wish her the best of life one that she didn't think she would get

I nodded..

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AMANDA

Ndalo: When you want the notes you go here

Me: Okay

Ndalo: This is Khumalo's file

Me: I see it... Thanks

Our hands touched as he was busy helping me navigate the tablet and I froze a little. We were both sitting at the back of the black Mercedes-Benz, being chauffeured to where we supposed to meet Mr Khumalo

I retracted my hand back..

Him: I am sorry about that

Me: It's okay

I stared out of the window with my heart beating very fast, He touches my heart and that made me very uncomfortable especially since I went through the most traumatic sexual abuse.. AMANDA

This was a beautiful and expensive hotel where we met up with Mr Mkhize, we were eating at some table next to the pool. I had the tablet with me but Ndalo told me that I won't be taking notes it's not really a formal business meeting hence Mr Mkhize was not even wearing a suit. I let them have their talks that weren't even that much interesting while I studied this Mr Mkhize, such a pig! I could tell that he is cheating on his wife because his left finger has a round mark showing that a ring should be there but he took it off, probably spent a night here with his mistress. There way he took those grapes from the bowl and squashed them with his teeth while stealing glances at me was sickening..

Mr M: Where did you get this one from?

Ndalo: Assistant number two she will be replacing Bethany soon

Mr M: Hmmm think I like her better

Ndalo: tell me about it

I took my glass that had mango juice and I took a sip.

Ndalo: You don't know how much it means to me that you decided to stay with us

Him: My Assistant checked a few tech companies I wasn't impressed at all

Ndalo: told you that we best at what we do

Him: Yes you are (Looking at me)

I put my glass down..

Him: You have to borrow me this one sometime just good company when I am having dinner in places like this

Ndalo chuckled..

Ndalo: Yeah I am afraid that she's off limits

Him: Bethany is losing her touch her company is starting to get boring now

Ndalo: Maybe it's because you take her out a lot she's used to it

Ndalo's phone rang, he looked at me..

Him: Do you mind taking it for me?

Me: No problem

I took his phone and then stood up..

Me: Nda.. I mean Mr Khosa's phone hello

Voice: Can I speak to Ndalo?

Me: I am afraid he is in a meeting right now can I take a message?

It was a male voice..

Him: Tell him it's his father in law

Me: He is in a meeting Sir

Him: Who are you? And where is Bethany?

Me: I am Amanda his other Assistant

Him: Other Assistant? What the hell does he need another Assistant for?

Me: Err..

Him: Put him on the phone now!

Me: Sir..

Him: Do you know who I am? Put him on the phone if you know what's good for you!

I walked back to them..

Me: Uhm sorry to disturb but your father in law is on the phone and he doesn't sound happy

Ndalo: I'll take that

He took the phone from me..

Ndalo: Excuse me

He walked away

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I stood there..

Mr M: Please sit down Dear

I sat down..He kept on starring at me and I felt the rage building inside of me..

Him: So Amanda You must be happy to get a position in such a respected company

Me: Yes

Him: Not much of a talker are you?

Me: Not exactly

Him: How about dinner sometime?

Me: Can your wife join us?

Him: My wife?

Me: You married Sir but you prying on little girls like me

Him: You cannot talk to me like that

Me: Then don't irritate me!

Ndalo came back..

Ndalo: Sorry about that

Mr M: This meeting is over

Ndalo: Did something happen?

Mr M: I don't think I like your Assistant

Me: I don't like you too

Ndalo: Amanda you cannot talk to Mr Khumalo like that

Me: Sir is there a reason why I should hang around? Because clearly I am not needed

I stood up..

Me: I'll be in the car

I walked away..

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BETHANY

Me: You should've seen how he switched me off

Her: I thought you said you don't have any feelings for the guy

Me: I don't! I mean I don't know.. Amanda might eat my riches

Her: Babe you beautiful and you know it, all these rich men eat out from your hand

Me: I don't know anymore she's standing in my way

Her: Are you threatened by a nobody?

Me: No.. Definitely not

Her: Then hold your head up high sweetheart show her who the boss is

Me: You right I am probably panicking over nothing

Her: Yes you are.. I am surprised you feel threatened by her

Me: Ndalo seems to be worshipping her

Her: Stand your ground sweetie his wife is gone you supposed to be moving in

Me: Definitely! I hope she doesn't stand in my way

Her: Pray that she is a Nun

Me: for her sake I hope she is because there's no way I am going to let her take my crown I am the Queen!

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YAMMY

Kimmy: Are you done?

Me: I will be done if you stop breathing on my neck

Kimmy: Just hurry up the customer will be here soon to get his car

Me: Then fucken give me some space!! Geez!!

I heard someone clearing their throat..

Kimmy: This is great!

I turned around and it was two guys..

Guy1: Done with my car?

Me: I am still busy gonna need an hour or so

Guy2: We gave you an hour

Kimmy: Gentlemen can I get you anything to drink?

Guy1: No I just want my car!

Me: Well I am working on it

Kimmy: Please gentlemen have a seat

The other guy fixed his black leather Jacket and I noticed that he had a gun around his waist..

I turned to Kimmy..

Me: Why don't you call Mandeecee tell him I am having a problem with the car

Kimmy: Really Braga?

Me: Yes Really

Her: But..

Me: Just do it!

Her: Fine!!

She walked away..

Me: She's going to make a quick phone call to get my..

He took out the gun..

Guy2: Stay away from the phone Mam'

Kimmy turned and saw the gun pointed at me she screamed..

Guy1: Shut up!!

She raised both her hands up..

Me: Who are you?

Guy2: Where is your friend?

Me: My friend?

Guy1: Ngwane

Me: Brazil

Guy1: Our contacts there couldn't find him meaning someone tipped him off

Me: I don't know what to tell you then because I don't know where he is

Guy2: Maybe this will remind you

He shot me the bullet went straight to my left shoulder..

Kimmy: Braga!!! (shouting)

Guy2: I am sure he will get the message

They walked out, Kimmy ran to me..

Her: Ohh my god are you okay?

Me: Get me a cloth we have to stop the bleeding

Her: Cloth... Cloth.. Okay.. Cloth...

I closed my eyes with my hand on my shoulder..

Her: We have to get you to the hospital

She didn't have a cloth with her, I think she was shaken more than I had imagined. I was already on the floor sitting and leaning against the car.

Her: Keys.. Where are the car keys?? Okay let me..

Me: Kimmy calm the fuck down I am the one with the bullet!

Her: I can't think straight.. I..

My phone started ringing..

Me: Get my phone

Her: Are you serious?

Me: Could be Ndeeece or Ngwane

She ran to get my phone, I felt like my whole arm was paralyzed..

Her: Caller ID.. It's.. It's Amanda

Me: I have to take it

Her: You have to go to the hospital!!

Me: Just put it next to my ear

She answered it and then put it next to my ear..

Me: Hey

Her: Are you busy?

I closed my eyes trying not to think about me losing blood..

Me: No is everything okay?

I heard her sniffing..

Me: Hey whats wrong?

Her: I don't want this job

Me: What happened?

Kimmy's hand was shaking she couldn't hold the phone still..

Her: I don't feel comfortable working here that man his eyes.. He was practically undressing me with his eyes
Yammy I don't wanna work here anymore!

Me: Okay I understand look tell Thandeka to drop you off at the flat

Her: Okay but I don't wanna be alone I am not in a good space

Me: I will be there just give me a few minutes okay?

Her: Okay?

Me: Call me when you get home

Her: Okay

Me: Bye

Kimmy lowered the phone..

Her: Now can we go to the hospital?

Me: No..

Her: Yammy you will bleed to death!!

Me: Call Mandeecee we gonna get this bullet out without me going to the hospital just.. Just make sure you get whiskey and tell Mandeecee I am shot he will bring the kit

Her: Okay I'll.. I'll call him!

Me: Call him on your way to the bottle store

Her: I am not leaving you here alone

Me: Kimmy if you don't hurry I am going to bleed to death I am already feeling dizzy

Her: Okay.. Okay.. Call Mandeecee while going to the bottle store.. Call.. Again why don't you wanna go to the hospital?

Me: In an hour's time I need to be pointing a gun at someone

She looked at me..

Her: She must be pretty special

Me: She is.. Now go!!!

I didn't know for how long I could keep up.. AMANDA

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Him: What happened back there?

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Him: Would you like to take the day off?

I nodded..

Him: Okay maybe we can go have something to eat and then I'll drive you home

Me: Thank you

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Me: Trust me I will.. I held on while you guys were arguing

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My eyes filled up with tears, he took out a handkerchief and handed it to me..

Him: What's wrong? AMANDA

I got home and it was empty Yammy said she would be here a few hours ago and I was supposed to find her home, maybe she got held up at work or something. I took out my phone and called her, it rang until it sent me straight to voicemail. I remembered that I had received a lot of inbox messages from Nkati on Facebook, I decided to call her too but it went straight to voicemail.

Me: Hey Nkati sorry I didn't get back to you in time I had a lot going on but please do call me when you get this, my new number is 0618224367

When I was on my way to the bedroom I heard a knock at the door, I forfeited going to the bedroom and went to answer the door. It was Nelly's Mother.. I recognize her because I once saw her at the school when I went to register with Nelly this other time..

Her: Amanda

Me: Good day.. Please come in

She walked in and I closed the door..

Her: Uhm I am confused

Me: I..I live here

Her: Live here?

I nodded..

Her: Are you? Are you and Yammy..

Me: An item? Ohh no we just renting the apartment together as friends

Her: Shuuu that's a relief almost got a heart attack there

She looked around..

Her: Not that I am saying you not good enough for her just that.. Uhm where is she by the way?

Me: She's at work

Her: At what time is she going to be back?

Me: I am not sure but the last time we spoke she was supposed to be here a few hours ago I am sure she is on her way

She made her way to the living room and looked around..

Her: What's with the Skulls?

Me: I have no idea

Her: This room is too dark

Me: Seems like she's a fan of the black colour

Her: And it's very disturbing

Me: Would you like something to drink?

She turned and looked at me..

Her: Yes dear that would be lovely

She followed me to the kitchen..

Me: We have coffee, wine

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and juice

Her: Juice would be nice

I opened the fridge and took out the juice..

Her: I heard about your Brother I am sorry

Me: It's okay

Her: I was at the funeral I didn't see you

Me: I..

Her: I don't blame you though must've been hard for you to attend especially knowing that Nelly is responsible

I gave her the glass of juice..

Her: Thank you

Me: I was gonna start on dinner

Her: Then I will be staying

I took out chicken from the freezer..

Her: Your Mom and Sister were really affected by his death your Mother was practically a walking Zombie

Me: She really did love him

Her: Amanda I know what the papers say and the news but Nelly wouldn't harm a fly I know my Daughter

Me: I'll go and change so that I can start on dinner

I walked to the bedroom..

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NDALO

Bethany walked into my office..

Her: Where is Amanda?

Me: I sent her home she wasn't feeling well

Her: I see

I went back to what I was doing

Her: Mkhize is canceling his contract with us

Me: I know

Her: Why?

Me: He felt like he would be happier somewhere else

Her: Ndalo you talking to me, what really happened in that meeting?

She sat down..

Me: Is there anything else?

Her: Anyth.. Uhm No I guess not

Me: Then I would like to go back to work if you don't mind

Her: Ohw

She stood up..

Me: Thank you

Her: I'll just go and do my job too

Me: That would be lovely

She walked away but stopped at the door..

Her: Dinner tonight?

Me: Won't do.. I am going to see my Mother and my Sisters

Her: Okay

Me: Ya

She walked out..

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NKATI

I agreed to meet up with Wonder at some restaurant I figured that he would be less hostile in public..

Him: I have been calling

Me: I know

He reached out for my hand across the table..

Him: Nkati look

I retracted my hand back..

Him: Your Mother lied I am not your biological father

Me: The DNA test doesn't lie

Him: She faked it

Me: My Mother wouldn't lie to me

Him: Yes she did lie.. Your Mother is very manipulative

Me: Don't talk about her like that

Him: If she was a sincere person why did she lie about Amanda to me?

I kept quiet..

Him: Really you wanna believe someone like that? Someone who lied about her daughter to her husband? Then made her a maid? Treated her like garbage?

I cleared my throat..

Him: It's only a matter of time until she does the same to you especially after finding out about us

Me: She would never mistreat me

Him: She did with Amanda

Me: She has changed

Him: Yeah right keep on believing that

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AMANDA

Her: So as I was saying when Yammy was 13 she.. Ohw child I would prefer it if you diced the potatoes

Me: I like cutting them this way

Her: I'm sorry I didn't t mean to be a nuisance

Me: It's okay

The door opened Yammy walked in she was with Mandeecce, she looked a bit out of place..Mandeecce was holding her.

I stopped cutting the potatoes..

Me: Is everything okay?

Ndeecee: Everything is fine she's just a bit disoriented

Her Mom came forth..

Her: Yammy

Yammy looked at her..

Yammy: What are you doing here?

Her: What do you mean? I am your Mother!

Ndeecee let go of her..

Ndeecee: Are you going to be okay?

Yammy: I'll be fine thanks

Ndeecee: I'll see you tomorrow

He looked at us..

Yammy: Cool

Mandeecee said his goodbyes and then walked out..

Yammy: How the hell did you find my place?

Her: I visited Nelly and she told me were you live

Yammy leaned on the kitchen counter..

Her: Are you alright Dear?

She tried making her way to Yammy but Yammy gave her the hand..

Yammy: I'm fine

Me: I'll help you

I went up to her and put her hand around my shoulders..

Yammy's Mom took the knife..

Her: I'll finish off

I helped walk Yammy to her bedroom, she seemed weak and very out of place..

Me: Almost there

I opened the door and we walked in..

I helped her to sit on her bed and I sat next to her..

Me: What happened to you?

Her: It's nothing

I noticed some blood stain on her tshirt, she was wearing a white tshirt..

Me: You have blood on your tshirt

Her: Amanda I am okay

Me: You not okay let me see

I tried touching her on her shoulder but she held my hand and looked at me..

Her: I'm fine

We starred in each other's eyes for at least a few seconds before she let go of my hand..

Her: You really beautiful

Me: So are you

She put her hand on my cheek..

Her: I mean really beautiful

I smiled..

Me: Thank you

She leaned over and kissed me with her hand still on my cheek, she broke the kiss..

Her: I am.. I'm sorry I didn't mean too

I don't know what came over me but I continued with the kiss, I kissed her..

The kiss progressed and she lowered my jacket with her other hand though she couldn't completely take it off I helped her.. When we got my jacket off I put my hand on her chest and pushed her backwards until she was laid back on the bed and I laid ontop of her, we continued kissing while she ran her right hand under my tshirt.. NDALO

I was at home we had just finished eating dinner and now I was helping my Mother with the dishes while the twins were busy with their school work..

Me: Can't believe I forgot their birthday

Mom: You are under a lot of stress I don't blame you

Me: But still it's no excuse

Her: You will make it up to them as always

Me: It seems like yesterday when we were throwing them a sweet sixteen birthday party, Now they 18 and doing matric

Her: Time flies

Me: It flies way too fast

(Silence)

Her: Have you heard any word about Siena?

Me: No.. Nothing at all

Her: Poor girl

Me: We trying our best to find her

Mom: Are you?

Me: What's that supposed to mean?

She smiled..

Her: I am your Mom Ndalo I know you, you cannot fool me

Me: Fool you with what?

Her: You have fallen for someone else haven't you?

Me: I beg to differ

Her: Ndalo your fiancé has been missing for a while now, you the CEO of a very rich company. You could've hired PIs to look for her, you could've contacted foreign correspondences to help you but you haven't it seems like you are at Peace that she has vanished

I kept quiet..

Her: Who is she?

Me: Her name is Amanda

Her: Amanda

Me: Yes, first time I saw her at some restaurant she caught my eye

Her: Seems like you really like her

Me: I hired her to be my second assistant

Her: You don't need a second assistant

Me: I know but it's the only way I can keep her closer to me and get to know her, the more time we spend together might bring us closer to each other

Her: You sound very serious about this

Me: I am Ma.. I really like this girl

Her: What about Siena?

Me: I don't think she is ever coming back, Ma although I didn't get much resources to look for her but her father is going all out to search for her. It's been long now I don't even know if she's still alive or dead wherever she is

Her: You know I want you to be happy and if you think this girl can make you happy then there's nothing that I am going to say or do to stop you from pursuing a relationship with her, just be careful the Russo family won't take this lying down you might even put her in danger

Me: That's why I am thinking of stepping down as the CEO

Her: What? Now you are crazy Ndalo that company is your life you made it what it is today

Me: Mom I wanna start afresh do my own thing without always having to answer to the Russo family

Her: Ndalo I don't want you getting hurt

Me: Trust me I won't

Her: Let's finish here so that you can drive back to your place

Me: Kicking me out?

Her: No I am not kicking you out I don't want you driving late at night it's not safe out there

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AMANDA

It only ended with the kiss nothing more happened other than Yammy passing out, I left her there to rest and went to help her Mother to finish up cooking. When we finished we dished up for ourselves and ate, now we were sitting in the living room just going through some Bible scriptures and then discussing them..

Her: "When you forgive someone for what he or she has done, I forgive them too" 2 Corinthians 2 verse 10

Me: Some other people are not worth to be forgiven

She closed the Bible..

Her: Why do you say that?

Me: I'm just saying some other people can hurt you to a point were deep down you cannot find even the smallest part of you that wants to forgive them

Her: Maybe instead of trying soo hard to forgive you can ask God to heal you first, when you heal it's easier for you to forgive. Healing leads to forgiveness

Me: Maybe that's true

Her: I didn't know that you were a Christian

Me: That's the only part of me that has kept me going no matter how dark my situation can be the Lord has always been my comforter

Her: That's very true.. You know now I am comfortable with you staying here you might just be a good influence to Yammy so that she can stop with this lesbian thing

Me: Lesbian thing?

Her: God intended for a man and a woman to be together not the other way round

Me: If I understand correctly you not okay with Yammy dating girls

Her: It's wrong Amanda even the Bible discourages it

Me: But Mrs..

Her: Ms Tee..Call me Ms Tee

Me: Ms Tee this is who she is

Her: It's what she chose to be

Me: Either way she's living her life the best way she knows how and she's happy with who she is or what she is rather isn't that okay?

Her: It is wrong and very disgusting

Me: She's your daughter not some stranger

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you cannot be disgusted by your daughter and who she is

Her: I love my Daughter I just wish that the demon that's tormenting her could go

Me: I don't think she is possessed.. I have witnessed love and love is a beautiful thing besides how it's shared

Her: But the Bible..

Me: You cannot use the Bible to judge someone else the Bible might discourage homosexuality but that's between them and God, you cannot play God and Condemn another person or judge them while you not perfect too. We all sinning and no one is pointing at your sins and judging you with a scripture, Be perfect first before you find fault in another person.

She kept quiet..

Me: I am sorry I didn't mean to sound disrespectful

Her: I love my Daughter Amanda and I wish to see this situation her way but I can't, I have tried to accept what she is and I cannot

Me: A mother's love is natural you don't have to try hard to put your daughter first and her happiness first it's supposed to be natural and it's supposed to come from that place, that place that loves her dearly

Her phone started ringing, she picked it up..

Her: I have to take this

She stood up and went to answer it at the kitchen..

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BETHANY

I walked over to the small table and poured myself a champagne, I was wearing a sexy red number..

Khumalo: Tonight you seem distracted my Love

He came closer and kissed me on my shoulder..

Me: I know and I am sorry I have a lot on my mind

I turned around while still holding the glass of champagne..

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Work

Him: What has he done?

I walked over and sat on the bed..

Me: I think he is falling for someone else

Him: And you not okay with it?

Me: I have fallen for him okay? I know I wasn't supposed to catch feelings in us having fun but I have.. Sorry I shouldn't be talking about this we supposed to..

Him: No i don't mind we not in a relationship but just having some fun.. Look Bethany I won't lie to you I think he really likes this girl he even sacrificed to lose me as a client for her. When has Ndalo been okay with losing a big client?

I thought for a while and gulped down that champagne..

Him: Come on dress up I'll take you home tonight I Wanna spend a night at home

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AMANDA

After our Bible discussion with Ms Tee she left then I decided to tidy up a bit before going to bed. I put the left overs in Tupperware containers and put the food in the fridge, then I washed the dishes. Yammy walked in while I was busy with the dishes, she was not wearing her tshirt anymore she had her sports bra only..

Me: Hey you awake

She yawned..

Her: Is my Mom gone?

Me: Yeap left about an hour ago

Her: That's good

Me: So what happened to your shoulder?

Her: Doesn't matter.. What matters is that I am okay

She came and stood next to the sink..

Her: You sounded upset on the phone.. Did you quit? Me: Uhm no

Her: What happened?

Me: Just a client being a jerk but my boss took care of it

Her: So everything is okay now?

Me: Yes

Her: Glad to hear that

(Silence)

Her: Amanda what happened in the bedroom earlier.. I don't want.. I mean how do you feel about it?

Me: I don't know

Her: have you ever dated a girl before?

Me: No.. Never

Her: Would you date one?

Me: Are you asking if I can date you?

Her: Probably

Me: I don't know.. I don't even know if I like girls but what I know is that I feel safe with you, very safe. I think I like spending time with you, I like how you care about me and I like the person that you are

Her: That's enough to start a relationship

Me: You want us to date?

Her: I want you to find yourself and see if you would enjoy being in a different relationship

Me: A relationship with you

Her: What's wrong with me?

Me: You not romantic, you are always pissed about something, you hardcore and crazy

She chuckled..

Her: Crazy?

Me: Very

Her: So are you saying you would date me?

Me: I don't know

Her: Let's try it and if it doesn't work then it was not meant to be

Me: Okay

Her: Are you sure?

I nodded..

Me: Yeah I'm sure

Her: Come here

She put her hand around my waist and pulled me to her and then she kissed me.. AMANDA

I felt a bit of air blowing on my face followed by some wetness on my forehead, nose bridge and my lips. I opened my eyes and she was next to me starring at me..

Me: What time is it?

Her: Time for you to get up and get ready for work

For the first time in weeks, last night I had the most peaceful sleep knowing that there's someone laying next to me, and that nothing will hurt me..

Me: I am never sleeping in your bed again it's very comfortable I might never wake up

I got out of bed..

Me: Looks like you have been long up

Her: I wake up very early

I took my phat ass to the bathroom..

Her: Maybe you should just keep my vest seeing how comfortable you are in it

Me: Thank you it is very comfortable

I like sleeping in a tshirt and a bumshort, or a vest. It makes tossing and turning a bit easier..

I looked at myself in the bathroom mirror and fixed my dreadlocks, tying them all together at once is very challenging at times..

Yammy: I'll go and make you something to eat while you shower

Me: That's very sweet of you

When I was done tying them up I put on a shower cap and headed straight to the shower. My life seems to be improving lately, Although the are times were i feel completely out of it but at least now I do less crying. I am still not very much comfortable with guys, I don't think I'll ever be comfortable with them especially after what happened to me. That's a part of me that is failing to heal..

Today I am going to wear a long sleeveless dress that has a turtleneck and my sandals, when I get paid I should consider buying a few office clothes. I cannot be working in such a well respected company and wear like I am going to a mall or next door, I really need wear appropriately since I represent the company..

After dressing up I went to the kitchen to see what Yammy has prepared for me and I was startled when I saw a piece of carrot cake and a cup of coffee..

Me: I thought you were going to prepare a concrete breakfast fry eggs etc

Her: Ya that shit is too much plus don't forget my left arm is not that much useful

Me: Well thank you for the carrot cake

She looked at me from my tied locks all the way down to my sandals..

Her: You look great

Me: Thank you

Her: What is it that you do again?

Me: I am an assistant

Her: Doesn't he have an assistant?

Me: He does

Her: Then why does he need two?

Me: I really don't know

I went to the lounge and sat down, she followed me..

Her: What do you do? File documents? Prepare the boardroom for meetings?

I shook my head no..

Her: What is it that you do?

Me: I mostly run errands for him get him lunch, pick up his clothes from the dry cleaners and avail myself for meetings

She went and opened the drawer

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He took out weed and a lighter..

Me: It's very early in the morning

Her: I always smoke before I start my day

She sat down..

Me: I was thinking

She looked at me..

Me: I wanna go and see Nelly

Her: Are you sure?

Me: Yes I am sure

Her: Her trial is starting soon

Me: Is she okay?

Her: She seems fine with everything

Me: I hope it goes well

Her: She doesn't want a lawyer

Me: Why?

Her: I don't really know what goes down in Nelly's mind

Me: I blame myself for her being behind bars

Her: You shouldn't it's not your fault

Me: It feels like it's my fault

Her: It was her choice.. She is the one who chose to kill her husband

We heard a knock at the door..

Me: Must be Thandeka

Her: I'll get it

Me: I'll go get my bag

I stood up and went to the bedroom..

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NKATI

My Mother was in the kitchen cooking soft porridge.

Me: Morning

Her: Good morning

Me: You seem better today

Her: There's no use in feeling depressed about this, it's not like the situation is going to change

Me: Mom I am really sorry

Her: Don't apologise Nkati you knew exactly what you were doing

Me: I thought that he was my step father

Her: Even if he was your step father does that give you the right to sleep with him?

Me: No

Her: What you did is very unforgivable and very disgusting I can't even look at you

Me: He says you lying about the DNA test

Her: He said I'm lying?

Me: I went to meet up with..

She hit the pot with a spatula..

Her: For heaven's sake Nkateko you went to meet up with him?

Me: I wanted to know the truth!

Her: You know what? pack up your things and move back with him

Me: Mom you lied to him about Amanda so you not much of an honest person!

She took the pot and literally threw the burning porridge at me, luckily it didn't touch my face just my chest and Arm. It was burning soo bad that I screamed very loud..

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AMANDA

When we arrived at work I went to get Ndalo his coffee and two sachet of white sugar then I made my way to the office. I was surprised to see him sitting at his desk with a cup of coffee next to him..

Bethany was not at her table when I made my way in..

Me: Good morning

He looked at me..

Him: Morning

Me: Am I late?

Him: No I am Just early

He looked at me with those sexy eyes and a shallow smile..

Me: I brought you coffee but seems like..

Him: I'll drink it

He stretched his hand out and I made my way to him, our hands touched as he reached out for the cup.

Him: Thank you

I also gave him the sachets..

Him: Yesterday I organized a working station for you

He stood up and came to where I was standing and stood next to me, I noticed that the couch was removed and replaced with a small table and a chair. The table had a computer on it..

Me: uhm thank you

I could smell his cologne that intoxicated me..

Him: Today it's just you and me..

Me: Where is Bethany?

Him: It's her day off

Me: Okay

He looked at me..

Him: You have a lipstick smudge on your..

I started rubbing my cheek..

Him: Here.. Allow me

He rubbed my cheek with his thumb which made me very uncomfortable..

Him: You are fine now

I quickly moved from where we were standing and made my way to my small desk..

Him: You don't like to be touched?

The phone in Bethany's desk started ringing..

Me: I'll get that

Him: Rather let me

He walked out, I pulled the chair and sat down. I closed my eyes and exhaled..

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YAMMY

I wasn't going to sit around in my place and do nothing, so I decided to take a shower get dressed and drove to the garage. I have a lot of work to do including finding those two guys who shot me..

Kimmy and Ndeecce weren't so happy to see me..

Ndeecce: What are you doing here?

Me: Came to work

Ndeecce: No you should be at home resting

Me: I am fine

Ndeecce: We not going to let you work forget it

Me: I can't stay at home and do nothing, makes me feel useless

Him: Even here you won't do nothing but just sit and watch

Kimmy: You have a lot of guts showing up here after you got shot

Me: Keep it quiet Kimmy

I saw a Royce pulling up..

Kimmy: Who is that?

The driver opened the door and got out, he then opened the other door and some short white guy came out..

He was wearing a suit, gold chain, little gold ring in his pinky finger. I could tell from how he was dressed that he is rich. He looked to his right and his left before crossing the street, then he made his way to the entrance. I took my back pack and put it on the couch..

He stood in the middle of the room and took off his shades..He then looked around

Him: Lady and Gentlemen

We remained stationary waiting for him to proceed..

Him: My name is Nicco Russo and I have a proposition for you

Kimmy: A proposition for us?

Him: Yes and I am willing to pay you any amount that you want

I stood there looking at him, who the hell is this guy? And who told him about us? AMANDA

Despite everything Ndalo is a gentleman, It's my very first time seeing or coming across a man who is such a gentleman..

Our very first meeting was at the Orange Rivers winery we supposed to meet this other female client and she has a thing for wine, so Ndalo thought we could score some points if we could go for wine tasting. It was a 2 hour drive and even when we arrived there we had to leave the car at the gate and walk on foot to the vineyards, he held my hand all the time making sure that i don't trip and fall..

Him: Mind your step

Me: I am.. Thank you

A table was prepared for us just next to the vineyards and a gentleman was standing there waiting for us..

Him: Good day

We greeted him back..

Ndalo opened the chair for me..

Me: Thank you

Him: Welcome to Orange Rivers winery

Ndalo: Thank you seems our guest is running late

Him: My name is Nathan and I will be giving you a presentation of our wines

Me: Should we wait for her?

Ndalo: No it's fine

Nathan: Orange Rivers was founded in 1988 by Mr and Mrs Rivers, the first wine that they produced was the Orange Rivers sweet Rose

He let us check the label out and in indeed the bottle was written 1988..

He opened it and poured for us just small amounts..

Him: And our sweet rose goes well with strawberries

He passed us a plate of strawberries..

Him: Poured a bit of honey on the strawberries

We tasted the strawberries first and they tasted sweet but very good..

Him: Now you can taste the wine

We got our glasses Ndalo smelled the wine first before drinking..

Nathan: How does it taste?

Ndalo: Not bad

He looked at me..

Ndalo: How did you find it?

Me: Tastes really good

Nathan: It's good for people with sensitive taste buds who don't like the strong taste of wine

Me: Can it get you drunk?

Nathan: It depends but our sweet rose has a very small percentage of alcohol 5%

Ndalo: That's good maybe we should have some again

Me: Definitely

Nathan poured for us again..

Me: It's really good

Nathan: Sweet white came second after the sweet rose, and this one goes better with pineapples

We gave him back the plate of Strawberries and welcomed the plate of pineapples..

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YAMMY

We were all sitting on the couch now as we waited for Mr Russo to tell us why he is here..

Him: I am a very well known and very rich man

Ndeecee: Mr Russo can we help you with something?

Him: I have this boy Jojo he has been my accountant for a very long time now, lately I realized that the books are not balancing. I had someone follow him and do research this guy has been stealing money from me for years now

We all looked at each other..

Me: How does that concern us?

Him: I want you to find him and then get my money back, when he has told you were he is keeping my money I want you to kill him

Kimmy: Kill him?

Russo: Yes put a bullet in his head

He walked around..

Him: Going to be sad because Jojo is like family to me but I don't like family that steals from me

Ndeecee: Mr Russo you just said that you are a rich guy, why don't you just take him out?

Him: I would but.. I don't want nothing traceable back to me because I have a business I cannot afford to lose it and mess it up, Journalists are always waiting for me to mess up

Me: Then you came to the wrong people we are not going to do it

Him: Yes you are going to do it

He looked at his driver who gave him a file..

Him: I don't want to tell you what this can do to you

He gave us the file and we opened it, Motherf**** had pictures of us that day we took down the fertility truck

Kimmy: I told yall that we should've worn masks instead of caps

Russo: You pulled it off nicely though but unfortunately it wasn't perfect

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there's always a flaw

Ndeecee: You cannot blackmail us

Russo: I can and I hope you will act fast I cannot lose more money

Kimmy: We not killers

Him: You killed the guards

He looked at us..

Him: My accountant I also have reason to believe that he might have kidnapped my Daughter I want you guys to find him

Me: What's in it for us?

Him: Nothing.. See this job is a way of shutting me up

Kimmy started tearing up the photos..

Russo: I have a lot of those

Me: Really Kimmy?

Russo: You do this and you won't go to jail

Ndeecee: How do we know you won't blackmail us any further?

Russo: You just have to trust me

His driver took out the business card..

Him: Call me if you want information about Jojo

The driver handed us the card..

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AMANDA

Ndalo: Dammit she canceled!

I gulped down that last glass..

Ndalo: She made us wait for her and then she cancels

Me: I am not complaining

I was feeling a bit out of it, but it was a nice feeling..

Ndalo: Since we here we might use this time and get to know each other better

Me: Okay

Him: So let's start with you, where are you from? And also tell me about your family

Me: Well I was living with my Mom and sister in Polokwane, I moved in with them after my Father and My Grandmother passed on I was 16

Him: Sorry to hear that

Me: It's okay.. Life for me at my Mother's house was not nice she abused me mainly because she was convinced that I was sleeping with her husband

Him: Abused you?

Me: Yes I used to sleep in the garage, She made me the house maid I cleaned after them she never took me to school and I wasn't allowed to eat inside the house nor bath there I was practically living like a dog

Him: Are you sure she's your Mom?

Me: Yes she is

Him: How did you move out?

Me: She kicked me out and I moved in with my Brother who abused me sexually up until his girlfriend killed him

Him: Okay I think I'm gonna need a glass of wine for this

Me: He really destroyed me I will never look at another man the same way ever again

Him: So dating is out of the question?

Me: I am dating.. I am in a relationship with this wonderful girl named Yammy

He looked at his glass and chuckled..

Me: What?

He looked at me..

Him: You just never came across to me as a lesbian

Me: Well.. My Brother never came across to me as a rapist

He put his glass down..

Him: Do you really love this girl or are you with her because of what your Brother did?

Me: I.. I do I.. I love her

He put his hand ontop of mine and I looked at it..

Him: Sorry

He removed it..

Him: I don't know how you feel and I don't know how much damage your Brother has done but don't punish every man for his sins, we all not like that

I kept quiet..

Him: You have been through the worst I have two sisters and I cannot imagine them being violated like that, I would literally kill any guy who would force himself on one of my sisters... If you ever want to talk my office is always open, you can even call me late at night if you have too. Just don't let this kill you, don't cry in silence

Me: My girlfriend might find that inappropriate

Him: I am not scared of competition

He pulled my chair closer to him I don't know how he did that without me even falling, he leaned over and started whispering next to my ear..

Him: I'm going to let you have a bit of fun, when you done playing around I'll be waiting

He leaned back on his chair..

Him: Maybe a spring wedding in Paris?

I laughed..

Me: What?

Him: You are going to be my wife you just don't know it yet

He stood up...

Him: We have to get back to the office

He stretched his hand out to me, I stretched out mine to his and he helped me to get up..

Him: After you

I lifted my dress up a little and started walking as he followed..

Him: How about quadruplets?

Me: Quad what?

Him: Four kids at once

Me: Four..

Him: Well you will have to use fertility drugs

I stopped and looked at him..

Him: I told you.. You going to be my wife you just don't know it yet

He continued walking..

Me: Your wif.. You have such big dreams

I followed him while laughing.. AMANDA

I knocked off at Exactly 17:00 but had to stay another 30min waiting for Thandeka since she's my transport, sometimes she would knock off at 18:00. She is really going an extra mile in making sure that everything is spotless in the building, I would too especially with Bethany acting like she owns the whole place..

I was happy when I got home because I had this terrible headache and I was very dehydrated, All I wanted to do was drink at least 3 glasses of water then take an Aspirin and go straight to bed..

I made my way to Yammy's bedroom I took one of her vests and then sat on the bed looking at it, I just imagined her wearing one with both her shoulders having tattoos she really looks Gangster in one of these. I stood up and took off my dress then I put on the vest and took off my sandals, I went to her wardrobe to get some pain killers for my pounding headache..

I heard my phone ringing, I went to get it in my bag before drinking the pain killers and it was Ndalo. Automatically the corners of my mouth started moving I don't know why..

Me: Ndalo

Him: I think I can get used to you calling me that instead of "Sir"

Me: I can't call you that at work it would be very inappropriate

Him: I understand.. Anyway are you home?

I couldn't stand in one place I kept on walking up and down in the passage all smiling like a retard..

Me: Yes I just got in, I wanna drink some painkillers and sleep. I have a headache

Him: That's expected considering how hard you were going on that wine

Me: It really tasted good

Him: I don't say become an alcoholic but it was good to see you that much relaxed

Me: For the first time my mind was clear I felt relaxed

Him: relaxed and you were very open

Me: About that.. I don't usually talk about..

Him: Don't sweat it I understand, it's not easy talking about such a traumatic experience everything takes you back into that dark place

Me: That's true

Him: I am glad that you home safe and tomorrow you can come in at 10:00am and I'm gonna need you to come in with your Cv and also a copy of your bank statement

Me: I'll do that

Him: Is your girlfriend home?

Me: That's not work related

Him: I know just that..

Me: Just what?

Him: Have you guys had sex?

Me: That is very inappropriate

Him: I am asking because..

Me: Because?

Him: So you guys haven't had sex yet

Me: No

Him: I see

Me: What?

Him: You know that sex with her won't be the same as how you and me would have sex

Me: I feel very uncomfortable talking to you about this

Him: Why? It's after office hours

I sat down on the floor and started playing with my toes..

Me: You my boss I will have to face you tomorrow

Him: Amanda there's things that she's gonna do to you sexually and I hate to say this but you might enjoy it

Me: This is so inappropriate

Him: Just don't allow her to use sex toys on you

Me: Sex toys?

Him: Don't allow her to use an artificial penis or a vibrator

Me: Where do you get all this ideas?

Him: I have been around I know and have seen things that's were you shouldn't cross the line an artificial penis might hurt you more than the real thing more especially because she might go harder than she should and in turn she will hurt you very bad

Me: We are not going to discuss my sex life that doesn't exist yet.. So I'm gonna hang up.. Goodbye Ndalo

He laughed..

Him: Come we just starting

I hung up and put my phone next to me on the floor and started laughing, I wonder if he knows how crazy he is..

My phone started beeping

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I picked it up and it was a WhatsApp message from him which read:

"Tell her I said she's only allowed to lick and rub you, you might like that very much"

I put my phone down again..

Me: I work for a crazy person

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NKATI

I was at the hospital I had to call Wonder because it was a private hospital so he will have to settle the bill for me..

I cannot believe that my Mother did that, she could've burnt my face! What kind of a sick individual is she?

I had bandages wrapped around my upper body from my chest, and the Dr said she might keep me here for the whole week..

Wonder: I got you some food

Me: Thank you

He came and put the package on top of the small table, He kissed me on my forehead..

Him: How are you feeling?

Me: Still in pain

He pulled the chair and sat down..

Him: We need to talk

I looked at him..

Him: Nkati I am not evil.. I would never sleep with my own Daughter, If it's gonna make you feel better we can have another DNA test

He took out about 3 papers..

Him: Look.. I had you tested 3 times from when you were a baby, again when you were 6 and when you were about 11 years old

I went through them and He wasn't my Father all three confirmed..

Him: She faked those ones that's why we always had issues in our marriage because of her constant lies, Your Mother is a pathological liar she has sustained our marriage with nothing but lies. She even hid the fact that Amanda was her Daughter

Me: How did you find out?

Me: I once overheard them arguing one time.. What kind of a Mother does that? Treat her own child like a dog? And look at what she has done to you!

He held my hand..

Him: You never going back there, I don't want her killing you.. When you get discharged you moving in back with me right?

I looked at him..

Me: Right

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

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AMANDA

Yammy walked in when I was busy preparing dinner..

Me: You home early

Her: It's 18:00

Me: You usually home at 19:00

Her: Ya decided to come back early tonight

I looked at her..

Me: What's wrong?

Her: Nothing I just have a lot on my mind that's all

She came and kissed me on my cheek..

Her: Work related?

Her: Yes work related

Me: Well I'm preparing a nice meal for you

She looked at me..

Her: You seem happy today

Me: I am always happy

Her: Yeah right let me go and take a shower

Me: Should I join?

She turned and looked at me..

Her: Huh?

Me: Should I join you?

Her: Uhhh yeah sure why not... Thought you were cooking though

Me: I will continue after showering

I followed her to the bedroom..

Me: Can we discuss something?

Her: What is it?

Me: If we...uhm..I don't think we should use toys

Her: Toys?

Me: sex toys like an artificial penis a vibrator you know things like that

She started laughing..

Her: Where do you get that from?

Me: I'm just saying

Her: I didn't even think you were ready to go there

I closed my eyes:

"Tell her I said she's only allowed to lick and rub you, you might like that very much"

I opened them again and looked at her..

Me: I think I am ready

Her: What's wrong with you?

Me: Nothing we taking our relationship to the next level

She shrugged her shoulders..

Her: If you say so

She came and picked me up, putting me over her her right shoulder..

Me: for someone who is one handed you have a lot of strength

Her: My shoulder is getting there

We walked straight to the bathroom..

Me: Just don't drop me NDALO

I poured whiskey and then I took the glasses, I gave one glass to Jordan and went to sit down on the couch while sipping on my glass and checking my phone..

Jordy: Still nothing

I looked at him..

Me: My plan might have worked

He put the glass on the table..

Him: Help me understand something.. How is her making out with another girl going to benefit you?

Me: Clearly you haven't been listening to me

Him: All I've picked up is that she might be lesbian

Me: She's not lesbian.. She was sexually abused by her Brother I think he really damaged her

Him: That's shit

Me: She's never gonna trust any man again at least not anytime soon

Him: Still how is you pushing her to this girl gonna help your situation?

Me: Sex is definitely out of the question right now with her so why not make her see that sex doesn't have to be a nightmare

Him: By having her share the experience again but this time with a girl someone that she might trust

Me: Exactly she doesn't have a dick so Amanda won't have a reason to be scared or even date back to that nightmare, well not if the girl is super good at what she does

Him: Girls enjoy being muffed

Me: So this "Girlfriend" is actually helping me out here sooner or later Amanda will be comfortable with the whole sexual experience the day I touch her in an intimate way she won't be scared anymore because her mind would be programmed that sex is not as traumatic as how she had experienced it before

Him: You a fucken genius

Me: I just hope this girl will do it right.. She shouldn't finger fuck her or use any vibrator that might trigger unwanted memories

Him: What if Amanda falls for this chick?

Me: She won't.. Amanda is very straight I can tell you that and straight girls are a problem when it comes to dating lesbians she will get bored soon

Him: I hope your plan works

Me: It will

I gulped down the whiskey..

Him: Shit I can just picture them right now

Me: Don't get any dirty ideas that's my future wife right there

He stood up..

Him: Then let me go.. I might watch some lesbian Porno before I go to bed, just two girls muffing each other and grabbing each other's breasts

Me: Man get out of my house!

He laughed and walked out to the kitchen..

Him: Ayt Man see you tomorrow

Me: Cool

I checked my phone again.. I hope my plan is working

I got up from the couch and went to get my laptop upstairs, I should keep myself busy with some work and prevent my mind from thinking a lot about things that I shouldn't think about..

I got my laptop and went through some notes but focusing was very difficult and curiosity was getting a better of me, so I turned on my wifi and found myself visiting a Porn site to get maybe one or two videos of lesbians getting it down and dirty..

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AMANDA

At first I wasn't very forthcoming about this when she touched me it immediately took me back to the time when my Brother used to force himself on me my mind would freeze with my body being cold, the water was at an acceptable temperature but the fear in me made my body to turn cold to her touch. I think at some point she noticed and she tried not to force the issue but I looked at her, each time her gentle hands caressed my body I

would look at her and then block out all those unnecessary thoughts. It's Yammy, and she has always protected me from any harm. Ever since I moved here she has been very protective and she would never harm me not now, not ever. That alone made my body to accept what she was doing to me, the more I trusted her to explore every part of my body brought about feelings that were soothing both to my mind and soul. I found myself enjoying when she ran her hands in circles around my ass, all up to my breasts with the shower gel creating small bubbles and leaving a good scent it felt heavenly. It felt more nicer when she went down on her knees and literally put my leg over her right shoulder then started playing around in my cookie, I didn't even know people do that. I didn't know if it was hygienic to have someone's mouth down there but she didn't seem to have a problem with it and the more I felt the tip of her tongue going in and out of my now wet hole made my body to tense up but in a good way..

There it is

now I understand when Ndalo said

"You might enjoy that very much"

So there is pleasure in being sexual after all? I am torn between two worlds right now, either sex is meant to be like this or Yammy is too damn good. She was grabbing on tightly to my butt as she literally had my cookie all up in her face and I couldn't stop myself from moaning the moans came out spontaneously..

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WONDER

Before driving back home I drove up to see my ex wife, I consider her my ex wife because I am in the process of divorcing her if only she could sign the damn papers..

I got there and I was disappointed to find her in that state, She was drunk and sitting at her doorstep with a bottle of castle light. Looks like she didn't even bath today..

She looked at me..

Me: I want you to stay away from Nkati do you hear me?

She slowly stood up while burping..

Her: How dare you!

Me: And stop lying to her! Stop feeding her lies that she's my Daughter while she's not! That shit is going to traumatize her

Her: How can you be so cruel? That is my Daughter you violating! My little girl she is supposed to be in varsity enjoying life with her peers and dating a guy who is the same age as her not a man who used to sleep with her Mother every night!

She spat on me and I slapped her, she lost balance and fell..

I put my the sole of my shoe again her throat and pressed harder, she couldn't move it..

Me: And sign those damn papers!!!

I pressed harder until she passed out, I got my shoe off her and walked away while wiping the spit from my face..

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YAMMY

We were now in the bedroom sharing the same towel well, I was hugging her and holding the towel firm while we were busy kissing, my tongue going in circles around her soft thick lips..

She seemed happy, and she really enjoyed herself in there she just wanted to keep on going and going..

Her: That was very good

Me: It was

Her: My locks are still wet

I kissed her..

Me: I think I still have a hairdryer in the guest room you can go and check

She kissed me again..

Her: Okay I'll be back

She separated from me and got her towel from the bed then she walked out, I went and got her phone from the dressing table. Dammit! screen lock was a pattern..

Her: I can't find it (Yelling)

Me: Keep on checking!!

I let it Dim and then checked the screen and I could easily trace the pattern because it was pretty visible when the screen was off.. It was an "M"

I unlocked and the first thing I checked was her messages I found nothing there, I checked the last call she had an Boom it was from "Ndalo" lasted for more than 5min...why would he be calling her after working hours?

Her: Found it!!!

I quickly went back and locked her phone then I put it back on the dressing table..

Her: Here it is

I smiled at her..

Her: Should I start with you?

Me: I should start with you because yours are longer

Her: Okay we can start with me

She went and got the small chair from the dressing table.. I looked at her phone again, Me and this Ndalo I hope we won't cross paths. I hope I won't have to talk to him with a gun in my hand.. AMANDA

Today was just a beautiful day. It was a bit windy and cloudy. I woke up in a very good mood for the first time in a very long time, Deep within my soul I had this overwhelming peace that things are finally going to change for the better..

I prayed that morning before leaving for work, I thanked the Lord that no matter how horrible my life had been but the road to recovery was starting, there is indeed light at the end of every tunnel..

I walked in the office holding Ndalo's coffee today I got him a croissant too. I passed Bethany at her desk..

Me: Morning

She just looked at me and didn't reply but I don't care I won't let her ruin this peaceful day for me..

I found Ndalo sitting at his desk with no coffee next to him..

Me: Good morning

Him: Morning

Me: You early these days

Him: We have a press release in a few minutes

Me: Okay here's your coffee

Him: Thank you

Me: And I got you a croissant

Him: Thank you again

Me: You welcome

I went and put my bag on my table..

Him: You seem happy

Me: It's a beautiful day

He laid back on his chair..

Him: Is it now?

Me: Yes it is

Bethany walked in..

Me: Bethany would you like me to get you anything? Maybe a fruit salad?

Her: No

Me: Are you sure?

Her: Yes I am sure

She looked at Ndalo..

Her: Russo is on his way

Ndalo: We should go to the conference room then

Her: Is Miss Thang joining us?

Ndalo: No it's just a press release

Her: Good

I took out my phone and I had a missed call from Nkati..

Ndalo: We going to do a press release

Me: Okay

Him: You really are in a good mood today

Me: I believe I am

Him: Does it have to do anything with a tongue?

Me: A tongue?

Him: Something that involves licking?

Me: You really are disgusting

He laughed..

Him: See you later

He walked out

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I sat on my chair and then called Nkati...

Her: Amanda

Me: Hey little Sis

Her: Ohh my... I.. I've missed you

Me: Same here

Her: Where have you been?

Me: I have been around sorry that I haven't been in touch I was trying to sort out my life

Her: I totally understand we should get together and talk

Me: How about somewhere this week?

Her: As soon as I get discharged

Me: Are you in the hospital?

Her: Yes..

Me: What happened?

Her: Long story

Me: I hope you well

Her: I am surviving

Me: Which hospital? I can come and see you

Her: I will Text you the directions

Me: Okay

Her: It's really good to hear from you

Me: Same here

Her: I have to go and bath then eat breakfast

Me: Okay I'll come and see you later

Her: Bye

Me: Bye

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YAMMY

Ndeecee: So you suspecting that they might be hooking up?

Kimmy: They are hooking up I mean have you seen Ndalo? He is the hottest young CEO that I know off

Me: I just don't get why he would call her after hours

Ndeecee: She's an assistant maybe he wanted to remind her of something don't be like that

Kimmy: They definitely fucking trust me

Me: I really don't wanna hurt this guy

Ndeecee: Amanda doesn't look like that type of girl who likes to fool around

Me: She's straight

Ndeecee: So? You have dated straight girls before and I don't think she would wanna date a guy not after what happened to her

Me: Your girlfriend was sexually abused by her Sister's husband and she's with you, once Amanda gets over what happened to her I feel like she might wanna date the opposite sex

Ndeecee: You overthinking the situation

Me: I might as well just end Ndalo's life

Kimmy: That's cheating

Me: What?

Her: If you wanna fight Ndalo do it fairly like how he is doing I don't see him pulling a gun on you

Ndeecee: And you have an added advantage because she is with you

Me: Yeah whatever

Kimmy: Guys what are we going to do with this Jojo issue I think Mr Russo is waiting for a report

Ndeecee: I checked the guy out his real name is Jordan there is no way we going to kill this guy

Me: Jordan the hacker?

Ndeecee: Yes

Me: That guy is smart we won't be able to pull this off

Ndeecee: He probably knows that Russo wants him dead

Kimmy: So then why don't we just kill Russo?

We both turned and looked at her..

Her: If we can't kill his accountant then we can kill him, I don't want to go to jail

Ndeecee and I looked at each other..

Ndeecee: We once took out an Italian so it shouldn't be difficult

Me: Yeah I hope so

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NELLY

I walked back to Promise and handed her the R50..

Her: R50?

Me: It's still in the morning

I stood next to her..

Me: Do you still think there's something wrong with her?

We looked at her..

Promise: Her name is Chelsea she's our new cell mate why did they bring in a new one when our cell is already full, something is not right

Me: They substituted

Her: I don't trust her and I have my suspicions why would she tie her hair with a black bandana

Me: Maybe she doesn't have a ribbon

Her: Naa something is not right

Me: Here she comes

Chelsea made her way to us..

Her: Hey

Me: Hey

Her: Nelly right?

Me: Yeah

Her: I like the weather today

Me: It's better than..

Out of the blue Promise put her hand on Chelsea's throat and pinned her against the wall..

Promise: Who are you? And what are you really doing here?

Chelsea took Promise's hand from her and twisted it.

Her: Put your hand on me again and I will kill you!

Me: Okay let's all calm down

Chelsea let go of her.. NDALO

The room was full of journalists some were holding tape recorders, some had Mics, and others were holding their phones up. I was standing there facing all of them with Bethany on my right and Nicco on my left, we were releasing an update on Siena's disappearance. We always opt to release statements of our own before the media start writing lies. Pictures were being taken in the process, Today I saw new faces I didn't know that more newspaper journalists were interested in this..

Me: Thank you everyone for coming I am even seeing new faces.. I am going to say a few things first I am speaking both for the Russo family and the company

I cleared my throat and lowered the mic..

Me: Sorry about that.. As we all know it's been a while now since my fiancé disappeared we have asked for help from the authorities and also the public, a reward of 1mill has been carried out and we are pleading with everyone that if you know something please come forward. Siena is not stable wherever she is, it is no secret that she is suffering from clinical depression and she has bipolar too the last time she attacked my assistant Bethany and stabbed herself. If you know anything please come forward, this has been very difficult for the Russo family especially Mr Nicco Russo Siena's father. Siena is the only child that he has

Nicco: The only child my wife gave me before she died, I will even increase the price to 2 million if you know anything please come forward I really want my Daughter. I haven't been sleeping, eating, I wonder everyday if she is still alive

He swallowed trying to stop the tears..

Him: Please

I put my hand on his shoulder, Bethany passed him a tissue..

Me: I don't have to emphasize on how difficult it is, we have sleepless nights no make that we stay awake just wondering where she is. We are pleading with the public

I looked at the room as it was quiet only cameras flashing..

Me: We going to take one question at a time

Journ1: Mr Khosa

Me: Yes?

Her: What's the update? Any leads?

Me: Unfortunately nothing yet

Journ2: What resources are being used to search for her?

Me: The Authorities are helping we have also hired PIs to search for her

Journ3: Mr Khosa

I turned, The lady was sitting by the door. She stood up and fixed her short skirt..

Her: I am Dineo from The Dallas Newspaper

Me: And what question do you have for me?

Her: For how long have you been having an affair?

That stunned everyone

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including myself..

Me: Excuse me?

She got a newspaper..

Her: You made the front page today in our newspaper

Me: What?

She passed the newspaper..

Her: That picture of you holding hands with that lady was taken at the Orange Rivers Winery I believe it was a private date

I looked at the article and it was me holding Amanda's hand and we were smiling at each other..

Her: To me it seems like you are happy that your fiancé has disappeared

Me: This is not true, we were going to meet a Client

Dineo: What client Sir so we can confirm

Honestly there was no client that day I just wanted to take her out for fresh air..

Nicco: What the hell is this?

Everyone started making Noise, different questions arose at the same time. I felt dizzy all the flashes made me dizzy, I was sweating..

Bethany: Uhm Sorry but this press conference is over

They kept on making noise..

Bethany: Come let's go

We all started walking out..

Bethany: This concludes the conference so please see yourselves out before I call security

I loosened my tie as we walked to my office with Nicco barking behind me..

We got to the office and I threw my tie on the table..

Me: I want to sue the winery! Call them and ask how the Journalists got the picture

Bethany: Yes Sir

Nicco: So you are cheating on my Little Pum-pum

Me: Nicco not now please

Me: Find Amanda and tell her not to talk to any journalist about this until it's sorted

Bethany: Yes.. Anything else?

Nicco charged at me and started punching me..

Him: You Son of a bitch!!!

Bethany: Mr Russo please

Bethany stopped him..

Nicco: I tell you boy! Tu pagherai (you will pay)

Bethany: Sir Please this won't help

Nicco: I want you to fire your hoe!! Fire her! You have Bethany!!

He headed for the door..

I punched the table and hurt myself..

Me: What the hell you standing there for? Find her!!!

She didn't say anything she walked out..

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JORDAN

I saw her making her way to my table, she was wearing a black and white Adidas tracksuit she didn't zip the jacket, left it open and was wearing a black vest underneath. She tied her locks into a ponytail..

Her: Jordan?

Me: Braga?

Her: Yes

I stood up and we shook hands..

We both sat down..

Her: You are a difficult person to find

Me: My record is not out there

Her: I see

Me: You sounded serious on the phone

Her: Yes.. Uhm what I am about to ask you might not be your area of expertise but with your record I am sure it will be like taking a candy from a baby

Me: I hope so

She took out a photo and handed it to me..

Her: I would like for you to help me find her

I looked at the photo and it was Siena.. I looked at her

Her: Friend of a friend of mine

I looked at the picture again..

Me: Isn't she Ndalo Khosa's fiancé? The CEO of Russo Intel?

Her: She is

Me: Aren't police handling the case?

Her: They moving slow

I nodded..

Me: A friend of a friend of yours you say

Her: Yes

I looked at the picture again..

Her: So can you get me something?

Me: I don't know... It's going to be difficult

Her: Come on you are Jordan

Me: Fine I'll see what I can do but it's going to cost you

Her: No problem

Me: Is that all?

Her: Yes that is all, thank you a lot

Me: You welcome

She stood up and walked away, I laid back on the chair and looked at her.. What is she up to?

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AMANDA

I was at the cafeteria having coffee with Thandeka but now my tea break is over so I have to go back..

Thandeka: See you later

Me: Later

I waited for the elevator while a song was playing in my head and I kept on moving my head left&right

The elevator opened and a group of journalists came out..

Journ: There she is

I stepped back as they crowded me, they stretched their hands and had their phones right in my face. Others were taking pictures..

Journ1: Amanda what do you say about the affair now that it's out?

Journ2: When did this affair start?

Journ3: Did you get the job of being his assistant because you sleeping with him?

Everything was just moving so fast, they were all up in my face making noise and confusing me..

Journ: Are you a gold digger?

Journ2: Did you know his fiancé is missing? Are you the reason why she's missing?

Bethany pushed through the crowd and came to me..

Her: Give her some space!!!

She held my hand and looked at the main receptionist..

Her: What are you waiting for? Call security!!

We pushed through the crowd and she started pressing the elevator..

I turned and looked at them they were still taking pictures..

Bethany: Don't say anything just ignore them!

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JORDAN

I paid for the glass of sprite and lime, then I made my way out to my car. I had parked in the basement..

I got to my car and noticed that the door was slightly opened, I looked around and I was alone. Unfortunately there's no security down here..

I took out my phone and ran the App that detects if my car has a bomb, and it didn't have a Bomb. I opened the door and got in, I checked under the seat and my gun was still here..

Me: Who would wanna fuck with me like this?

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I was sitting at my small table going through the newspaper, I cannot believe the things that they were saying about me. They called me his mistress, they called me a gold digger, they said I am the reason why his fiancé left. They made me seem like I am this horrible human being while I am not..

Ndalo walked in he was on his phone, I put the newspaper down..

Ndalo: I assure you that whatever is written in there is not true

He didn't have his tie around his neck, his shirt was half buttoned exposing his white vest that he wore underneath..

Him: I will fix it.. Yes the person responsible for this is indeed going to be brought forward.. (Pause)... Thank you again for understanding..Yes.. Bye

He put his phone down on his desk and looked at me..

Him: Are you alright?

Me: There was never a meeting to begin with right?

He tapped his fingers on the desk.. I stood up..

Me: You set me up?

He looked at me..

Him: What?

I took my bag and phone then I headed to the door..

Him: Hey Amanda I would never set you up!!

He followed me as I made my way to the elevator..

Him: Why would I set you up knowing very well that my reputation will be affected too?

I press the button..

Him: Amanda listen..

He grabbed me by my arm and turned me around to face him..

Me: Don't you ever touch me!!

Him: This is insane Amanda!!

Me: Then what is all of this huh? What am I doing here? You don't need a second Assistant Bethany is already doing an impressive job on her own doesn't she?

He looked down..

Me: Doesn't she?

I heard the elevator opening behind me, I turned around made my way in..

I pressed the ground floor but he blocked it before it closed..

Him: You right I didn't need a second assistant and that meeting was definitely not about meeting a client

I chuckled in disbelief..

Him: From the very first day I saw you back in that restaurant I felt like I needed to know you, I was very much taken by this beautiful girl who was starring at me, a stranger sitting a table or two away from hers. When you

freaked out just because I returned the look I knew that you felt what I was feeling, necessarily might not be love but it was something I felt it and so did you. From thereon I made it my mission to search for you and believe me I did, when I was at the verge of giving up you showed up and that was my second chance of knowing you again. The only problem was that you no longer was the same girl that I met back in that restaurant, you were different. Deep inside you resided a lot of pain how you reacted to a physical touch I knew that something was not right and I made it my point to know you all over again, this time around know you and your pain. I chose that winery because it was very private

I had no idea that Paparazzi tailed us and I promise you that I will personally deal with the person who did this! I am also suing the winery, It was meant to be a private table reserved for me and you. I am very sorry that you had to go through all of this but please don't let this make you quit, I enjoy having you around

I was speechless, I seriously didn't know how to respond. I looked at him and deep down I knew that he meant every word that he said..

He let go and the elevator closed with him still standing there..

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BETHANY

I looked around before getting in the car, I hope no Paparazzi followed me..

I closed the door and the chauffeur started driving slowly..

Him: Don't worry the windows are tinted

He gave me the envelope..

Him: R10 000 in cash

I took it..

Him: You did a very good job, you should be proud of yourself

Me: Proud of myself? Now I don't care about that bitch Amanda but do you know what this is going to do to Ndalo? His reputation? The reputation of your company?

Him: He brought this on himself when he hired that girl.. Now what are you upset about you didn't leak the story

Me: But I told you about their private meeting

Him: And you were doing your job as an assistant the rest was up to me to get a journalist there

Me: You are a ruthless man Nicco, after all that Ndalo has done for your company

Him: Hey! He used us! He used my Daughter to be where he is today!!! We made him who he is and I have no doubt that Ndalo and that boy Jojo both of them are involved in my Daughter's disappearance

Me: Ndalo would never do that to Siena

Him: He already did when he hired that girl! My daughter is missing and all he cares about is another pussy

The car stopped..

Him: You can get off now.. It was nice doing business with you

I opened the door and got out..

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YAMMY

His car slowly drove in, we all looked at each other. A few seconds passed before he opened the door and got out, he closed it and then fixed his glasses..

He slowly walked up to us..

Him: Gentlemen

He took off his glasses then looked at Kimmy..

Him: And a beautiful lady

Kimmy smiled.. He turned his attention to us..

Him: How do you do?

Me: Did you forget something?

He looked around..

Him: I wish.. But no I didn't forget anything although I think you are the one who forgot something

Me: Huh?

Him: A tracker in my car

Me: A tracker?

He walked around..

Him: The tracker that is in my car is unique, only you guys specialize with such trackers so I believe that when we were meeting earlier your side kicks put a tracker in my car

Ndeecce and I looked at each other, Jordan turned around and looked at us..

Him: Cat got your tongue?

Me: Can you prove any of what you saying?

Him: As I have said the tracker is unique only this small company deals with such

Kimmy: How are you going to prove that we put it in your car? I mean what if you came to us as a client and asked us to put a tracker for you in your car

He approached kimmy with a smile on his face..

Him: You so cute even at your retarded state

He put his hand on her cheek..

Him: Which papers did I sign? Which proof of purchase do you have?

Kimmy removed Jordan's hand from her cheek..

He turned to us..

Him: Looks like you have a lot of explaining to do before I go to the cops

He made himself comfortable by sitting on the couch..

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NKATI

Being here felt like I was in Prison, nothing that was playing on TV seemed to excite me. I put the remote away and closed my eyes while exhaling..

This kind of prison can drive one insane..

I my eyes when I heard someone sniffing, It was Amanda standing at the door..

Me: Mandy?

She made her way in..

Me: I didn't expect you here

Her: I know

Me: Are you okay?

She shook her head no with tears falling..

Me: Hey what's wrong?

She pulled the chair and sat down while crying.. AMANDA

I told Nkati everything regarding what the media was saying about me in the papers, all the horrible things they said about me that aren't even true..

Nkati: You need to understand one thing Babe, you working for a big company and obviously you going to be part of most of the scandals there and worse if you quit they going to think what they said about you is true

Me: I really don't know on the other hand Ndalo expressed his feelings for me it's just a very confusing situation

Her: He did?

Me: Ya he did

Her: And what did you say?

Me: I have a girlfriend

Her: A what?

Me: I am in a relationship with a girl named Yammy

Her: Amanda you are not a lesbian

Me: How do you know that?

Her: Because I know you now what's the real story? Why are you with this girl?

Me: Nkati I really like her okay

Her: No that's BS!! Are you insane? You wasting her time and you wasting your time!

Me: I feel strongly about this relationship Nkati and I'm serious

Her: What is wrong with you?

Me: You don't know what happened to me okay let alone what I have been through! If you could experience what I have experienced then you would understand, such changes a person!

Her: What are you talking about?

Me: Just that there's things that can change a person

Her: What happened to you?

I kept quiet..

Her: Amanda!!

Me: Nkuthalo abused me sexually while I was living with them that's the reason why his wife killed him

Her: What??????

Me: I lost myself no make that I almost died!

She didn't know what to say..

Me: And this girl helped me, she helped put me together

Her: How can he.. I..

Me: Yeah I know Nkuthalo wasn't a good big brother

Her: I am so sorry Amanda I can only Imagine what you going through

(Silence)

Her: Is that the reason why you dating this girl because of what Nkuthalo did to you?

Me: I am a damaged person emotionally, he really killed me and I don't think I can ever trust any man ever again

She held my hand..

Her: You still bleeding inside and you still scared I'm just wondering what's going to happen with this girl when you finally get the strength to be in a relationship with a man? Think about it

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NDALO

Someone rang the door bell I got up and went to open

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It was Jordan..

Him: Hey Man

Me: Eyy

He closed the door and then followed me to the lounge..

Me: Saw the papers?

Him: As a matter of fact I did and it's pretty hectic

We sat down..

Me: Now it's in more than 3 papers

Him: What really happened?

Me: I don't know but what I know is that someone tipped off the journalist

Him: How many people knew that you and Amanda were there?

Me: No one

Him: Someone must've known

Me: I can't think of anyone except for....

Him: For?

Me: Dammit!! It could be Bethany because she's the one who had access to my diary

Him: Why would Bethany do this?

Me: That's a good question and I am going to find out tomorrow

Him: Look man I just think that you should resign

I looked at him..

Me: So that Nicco can strangle me?

Him: leave that one to me... I got your back, you just resign and start your own company

Me: What do you mean leave that one to me?

Him: I mean that I got your back as always

Me: What is your ass up too?

Him: Trust me on this one it's time for you to leave this Italian family! It's time for you to be your own man..

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AMANDA

Yammy fetched me later on at the hospital and she looked like something was bothering her, she was awfully quiet in the car..

Me: How was your day?

Her: My day was fine

(Silence)

Me: You not going to ask how mine was?

Her: How was your day?

Me: What's wrong with you?

Her: I don't know Amanda you tell me I read the papers! You having an affair with your boss?

Me: I am not having an affair with anyone!

Her: Is that why he even calls you after hours?

Me: I can't believe this! So you also believe what the papers are saying? Wow!!

Her: What am I supposed to believe? There's a picture of you and him looking all cozy!

Me: It was just a meeting we were going to meet a client

Him: Really? That looked more like a date than a business meeting and he even failed to provide the client's name!

Me: I am not having an affair with my boss

Her: For your sake and his I hope not

Me: What's that supposed to mean?

She kept quiet..

Me: Yammy what's that supposed to mean?

Her: You distracting me I am driving!

I didn't say anything else I just turned my head and stared out of the window..

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BETHANY

I was sitting on the couch painting my nails when I heard a knock..

Me: I am coming

I got up from the couch and made my way to the door..

I opened the door and it was a guy, he was wearing a long leather jacket a cap and glasses. He was also wearing glasses..

Me: Who are you?

Him: May I?

I looked at him for a few seconds and tried to close the door but he pushed it, he pushed the door harder that it knocked me down and I fell..

He then walked in and slammed the door..

I was on the floor busy moving backwards..

Me: Who are you and what do you want from me?

He took out a leash, I tried getting up but I held me down and strangled me with the leash. I tried stopping him but I couldn't, he was very strong. NICCO

Someone rang the door bell..

Me: Rhonda get the door!!

(Silence)

I only remembered now that she was not around, she left two days ago to visit her Sister..

I went to the kitchen to open the door and it was two gentlemen standing there. One was wearing a police uniform and one was wearing a suit..

The one in a suit started talking..

Him: Good morning

Me: Morning

Him: Nicco Russo?

Me: Yes how can I help you gentlemen?

Him: I am Detective Botha

Me: Okay

Him: Sir do you know Bethany?

Me: Bethany.. Yes I know her she works as a personal assistant in my company

Him: Bethany was killed last night in her flat, she was strangled to death

Me: What?

Him: Sir where were you last night? Say around 19:30

Me: I was here in my house

Him: Were you with someone?

Me: I was alone

Him: So you have no one to confirm your Alibi?

Me: What is this all about?

He pulled out a small plastic..

Him: Is this ring yours?

Me: Yes that's my ring I misplaced about two days ago

He pulled out another plastic with a dog leash..

Him: Recognize this?

Me: Yeah I use that type of leash for my dogs when I take them out for a walk

Him: Sir would you mind coming down to the police station with us?

Me: Why?

Him: For some questioning

Me: Am I in trouble?

Him: Sir Please..

Me: Okay I'll come with you

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NDALO

News just came in that Bethany is no more she was killed last night in her flat, so this morning I called a meeting..

Amanda surprised me when she walked in, After the newspaper scandal and how upset she was yesterday I didn't think she was going to come anymore..

She sat down with her notepad looking beautiful as always..

Me: Thank you all for coming at such short notice

I looked at them..

Me: News came in this morning, disturbing news. We all know Bethany right? My assistant?

A few nodded..

Me: Unfortunately she was killed last night in her flat she was found by her flatmate

Everyone was shocked..

Me: I know it's a bit of a shocker. This company has been tainted a lot lately, everyday we make headlines I swear we must be compensated for all the newspaper we selling for these blood thirsty newspaper companies

I walked around the room..

Me: Bethany was a very good assistant she was very much dedicated to her work and it's a great loss for us

I looked at Amanda..

Me: Please send flowers to her family on behalf of the company

She nodded..

Me: We don't know much about her death so I would like it very much if we don't speak to any journalist even if they corner us

They nodded..

Me: We can all go back to work if anything else arises I will let you know

They all stood up and started walking out..

Me: Amanda

She looked at me..

Me: Thank you for coming back

Her: I need this job

Me: I guess you do

Her: I should go my desk.. The phone might be ringing alot

Me: Thank you again

She slightly bowed her head and then made her way to the door..

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JORDAN

Someone was banging at my door like they the damn police..

Me: I'm coming!

I live in a one bedroom apartment in a very secure area..

I put on my slippers and made my way to the door, I opened and it was Zack..

Me: Wtf??

I let him in..

Me: What the hell are you doing here?

Him: I killed her last night

Me: I thought I told you to not come here

Him: The cops are crowding her flat

Me: So?

Him: What if they have me on surveillance or something?

Me: I told you to hide your identity

Him: I was

Me: So you have nothing to worry about

Him: I don't know man I feel somehow about this.. I cannot go back to jail

Me: Zack calm down! Don't you think that if the police had something on you, you would be at the station right now?

He nodded..

Me: Did you plant the evidence like I told you?

Her: Yes I used the dog leash to strangle her and I left his ring in the crime scene

Me: Then you have nothing to worry about

they will go for Nicco

He kept quiet..

Me: Why don't you go and pour yourself a glass of whiskey while I get your payment?

He went to pour himself whiskey, I went to my wardrobe and got my gun..

Him: I never been this nervous about a job before

Me: Yeah you seem nervous

I cocked the gun and shot him twice and the back of his head before he could even turn around, He fell down on the floor..

I looked at him while still holding the gun, I don't like sloppy work. The way Zack was so shaken he was going to crack under pressure and rat me out to the cops I couldn't take that risk..

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AMANDA

I should give it to Bethany her job is not easy, I have been sitting here busy answering the phone and making sure that every client is fit in perfectly into Ndalo's schedule. It's not even 11am and already I was getting a headache from all of this..

I put the phone down and put my hands on my forehead, I closed my eyes for a second trying to take everything in...

Ndalo: Are you okay?

He stood there at the door with a cup of coffee in his hand..

Him: Think you need this more than I do

He came and gave me the coffee..

Me: Thank you

Him: So what's happening?

Me: I am still trying to get the hang of things

Him: I know it's a lot of pressure but you will get there

He came all the way round and stood behind me, he put his hands on my shoulders and started massaging me..

Him: You too tense.. Try to relax

The massage felt good I don't wanna lie..

He leaned over and whispered in my ear..

Him: You too tense

I closed my eyes while getting lost to the feeling..

Him: How is that?

Me: It feels really good

He kissed me on my neck, then my cheek and came back to gently bite my ear while still massaging me..

Him: clear all negativity from your head and try to enjoy the moment

He turned my chair around and looked at me, I looked at him too. He leaned closer and started kissing me.. NICCO

All evidence laid down on the table pointed at me. My ring, my dog leash that was used to strangle Bethany to death I don't know how anyone could've had access to my things..

Detective: Still wanna deny Mr Russo?

Me: I didn't do it! I had nothing against Bethany and I had no motive

Detective: We can go all day with this but how do you explain your ring being in the murder scene, let alone the leash?

Me: Someone might have planted them to frame me! I didn't do it! Why would I kill her?

Detective: It was in the papers once that your Daughter attacked her because she thought her husband was seeing her

Me: And that makes me a killer?

Detective: No that makes you to have a motive! You wanted to keep her away from your Daughter's husband!

Me: That is ridiculous Detective

Detective: Is it?

Me: Plain ridiculous!!

Detective: All I want is a confession

Me: You not getting any.. Can I call my lawyer now?

Detective: Very well

He walked up to the door and talked to the Constable that was next to the door outside..

The Constable walked in..

Him: This way Sir

I stood up and followed him..

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AMANDA

As much as I thought that the kiss was going to set me back but it didn't, somehow I lost myself in the moment. When he picked me up and placed me on the table and we continued kissing with his hands around my waist and he was in between my legs apart of me felt like I could trust him he is not my brother and that's what I kept on telling myself that he is not my Brother and his words did kick in too, that I shouldn't punish him for my Brother's sins..

He broke the kiss while we were still intact like that..

It was a remarkable moment

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my feelings seemed to support me in this, my heart was beating fast not because I was scared but because of the pleasure he was enforcing in me..

Him: You didn't freeze you weren't scared at all

I wiped my lipstick from his lips..

Me: Maybe I didn't have a reason too

He smiled, I smiled too..

Him: What about your girlfriend?

Me: Things aren't so good between us

Him: I can imagine

My eye were on his lips all the time..

His phone rang disturbing us..

Me: Your phone is ringing

He let go of my waist and took it out from his pocket..

Him: Hello

He moved from me and I got off the table fixing my dress at the bottom..

Him: What??

I looked at him..

Him: Yeah I'll be there.. Don't worry I'll call him

He lowered his phone from his ear and looked at me..

Him: Cancel my meetings I have to go somewhere

Me: Is everything alright?

Him: Nicco is down at the police station

Me: What happened?

Him: I am not really sure

Me: Okay I'll cancel your meetings

He took his car keys..

Him: Before I go would you have dinner with me?

Me: Dinner with you?

Him: I figured out that since you and your girlfriend are having problems you might do with good company tonight

Me: I'd like that

Him: I have to go

Me: Okay

He walked out and I sat down on my chair..

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YAMMY

Jordan's car drove in..

Me: Are we ever going to get a break from this guy?

Kimmy showed up from the kitchen..

Ndeecce: We have company

Kimmy: This guy again?

He got out of his car..

Jordan is always wearing a suit like he some big time shot, I still wonder what he does besides his Shady dealings..

He made his way to us while buttoning his jacket..

Me: What do you want? Thought we told you everything about Russo

Him: And I am grateful you guys saved my life

Kimmy: Then what do you want?

Him: I have another job for you guys

Ndeecce: We are not interested

Him: I wasn't asking

He came closer..

Him: I have a body in my trunk that I need you guys to take care of

I laughed..

Kimmy: We not going to cover your dirty tracks

Him: You will have too, you have no choice

Ndeecee: Look Jordan we done with you okay? We not going to have you make us your puppets

Him: I have a surprise for you guys.. Hold on

He took out his phone and worked it for a while, then passed it to Kimmy..

Kimmy looked at it for a while and then tears formed in her eyes..

Kimmy: You bastard!!

Jordan: If you want to see your Son again you better talk to your crew here

She put the phone on the couch and walked away..

Jordan: Her Son's life is in your hands guys

Me: You going to involve a little boy in this shit?

Kimmy: She's just 2 years old!!

He sat down..

Him: It's all up to you right now

We all kept quiet..

Jordan: Mandeecce how is Paris holding up?

Ndeecee: What the fuck did you say?

Jordan: She works at Debonairs I saw her yesterday

Ndeecee: You son of a..

Mandeecce went and grabbed him by his clothes..

Ndeecee: You don't know me and you don't know what I am capable off!!!

Jordan: Or maybe you don't know what I am capable off

Jordan is going to be a pain in the ass if we don't do something..

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NKATI

I was so relieved that today I was getting discharged I cannot wait to get out of here..

Wonder: Are you ready?

Me: Yes I am

Yesterday we did a DNA test again and we going to have the results in a few days time...

Me: Amanda came to see me

Him: That's nice

Me: Ya she looks great

Him: That's good she's been through a lot

Me: She has and I am grateful that she's picking up the pieces and fixing her life

Him: She's a very strong girl

Me: Can you believe that Nkuthalo was raping her?

Him: What?

Me: I also still can't believe it

Him: Your Mom and Brother are toxic people

Me: They are indeed

He got my staff...

Him: I want to ask you something

Me: What is it?

Him: If the results come back and we not related I want you to marry me

That came as a shock..

Him: I lost you once and I don't wanna lose you again

. YAMMY

We have been here in this place that we really don't know Jordan gave us the map, we have been digging for the whole day. Never thought it would be this difficult digging up in a solid ground..

Ndeecee: I think that's deep enough

He threw the shovel down and I did too..

I was tired and sweating too, Kimmy gave us water..

Me: We cannot keep on doing this, we have to find a way to get rid of this Jordan

Kimmy: He seems smart and always ahead of things

Ndeecee: He is not perfect

Mandeecee's phone started ringing, he took it out..

Him: It's Paris I have to take this

He walked away..

Me: Probably have to call Amanda I am sure she's worried wherever she is

Kimmy: I would've called the babysitter if my Son was home

Me: Hey he's going to bring him back we not leaving until we finish here

She nodded.. I took my phone and called Amanda but it kept on ringing without her picking up..

Me: She's probably still mad about what happened

Kimmy: It's getting late

Me: Mandeecce should come back so we bury this body and go

Kimmy: I will forever be grateful for this

Me: We a team remember?

Mandeecce came back..

Me: Is she fine?

Ndeecee: Yeah she's fine

Me: Let's get the body from the trunk

We walked to the car to get the body..

Ndeecee: Kimmy you can take a video of us burying the body to show this Motherf***

We opened the trunk and got the body out, his face was covered with a plastic and he seemed not to be bleeding from anywhere in his body..

Kimmy: How did he kill him?

Ndeecee: Only one way to find out.. We have to take off the plastic from his head

I took off the plastic from the guy's head and we all almost vomitted..

The plastic inside had a bit of his brain tissue and blood..

Kimmy: Ohh my god who does this?

Me: Let's get him inside the hole

We pushed him until he fell inside, we also got the plastic inside and started pouring the soil over while Kimmy took a video..

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AMANDA

Ndalo took me to his place after work were he prepared dinner and I helped him..

He had his glass of whiskey and I had a glass of wine..

Me: You know I love cooking if life had it good for me I probably would've been a chef by now

Him: You can still become a chef nothing is stopping you

Me: Maybe

I took the glass and drank from it again..

Me: This is lovely

Him: Better than going out?

I nodded..

Me: It's better than going out

He smiled and kissed me on my cheek..

Him: While the pots are boiling let me check my Emails quickly

Me: Okay

Him: I'll be right back

He walked away.. I walked to the lounge and got my bag, I opened it and got my phone out. I had a missed call from Yammy..

I called Nkati..

Her: Hey Sis

Me: Hey

Her: Are you alright?

Me: Yes I am.. Are you still at the hospital?

Her: Got discharged today

Me: That's good

Her: This weekend we can spend some time together.. What do you say?

Me: That would be nice.. Listen I need a favour from you

Her: Talk to me

Me: I want you to be my Alibi for tonight

Her: Your Alibi?

Me: Yes.. My girlfriend might ask where I was and I am going to say that I was with you

Her: Where are you?

Me: I am at My Boss'Place

She exhaled..

Her: Why are you doing this? Clearly you don't love this girl why don't you just come clean?

Me: Nkati I didn't call you for a lecture

Her: Okay fine I'll say you were with me

Me: Thank you.. I have to go I'll call you

Her: Okay bye

Me: Bye

I hung up and put my phone down. I went to check the pots again and gulped down the remaining wine from the glass..

Ndalo was still upstairs, I decided to go and look for him. I didn't know which room he was in so I searched them all until I found the Master bedroom..

Me: Hey

Him: Hey.. Dinner is ready?

Me: Not quite

I walked in, his bedroom was very beautiful..

He was sitting on his bed with his laptop while I looked around..

Him: I am almost done.. Sorry about all of this

Me: It's okay

(Silence)

Me: Is this your wife?

Him: Fiancé.. My missing fiancé

Me: Do you think that she's ever coming back?

Me: I don't know I mean we have the best people out there looking for her but still nothing.. I don't even know if she's still alive

Me: I'm sorry

Him: It's okay.. All done

He closed his laptop and got up..

Me: You have a nice bedroom

Him: Thank you

He walked up to me

He put his hand on my cheek..

Me: Ndalo please..

I looked at him..

Me: I don't wanna get hurt

Him: You won't

He pulled me closer and kissed me..

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YAMMY

I got home tired as hell, all I wanted to do was to shower and then sleep..

The apartment was dark, there was no sign on Amanda anywhere.. I switched on the lights and took out my phone, I called her again but she didn't pick up. I then called Thandeka..

Thandeka: Hey Yammy

Me: Hey.. Uhm did you come back with Amanda?

Her: No I came back alone she said she is working late

Me: Really?

Her: Yeah.. She's still not back?

Me: No

Her: Did you call the office?

Me: Do you have the numbers?

Her: Ya let me text you

Me: Thank you

After the call she sent me the numbers and I called them, the phone rang unanswered..

I threw my phone on the bed and went to take a shower, I was very pissed that I found myself punching the shower door..

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AMANDA

I was laying on his bed, My legs were on his shoulders and his tongue was playing around in my cookie. I still had my dress on, he only took off my underwear.

I happen to enjoy this very much, even when Yammy did it to me I enjoyed it a lot..

He came back up and kissed me while getting in between my legs, he was still fully dressed. I felt the buckle of his belt on my clitoris but it wasn't painful neither uncomfortable. We continued kissing while he pinned my hands against the bed.. AMANDA

Unfortunately we didn't have dinner because the pots ended up burning while we were upstairs doing the deed, so after we had our moment I asked him to drive me home. I thought that having sex with Ndalo was going to be a total nightmare but it wasn't I mean yes there were moments when the whole experience dated my mind back to what happened to me but I tried to block out all those thoughts until we finished. He did use a condom and I am grateful he remembered it, the last thing I want is an unplanned pregnancy..

He stopped the car next to the apartment, we didn't say much to each other as he was driving I was starring out of the window and he was concentrating on the wheel. I don't know why I was feeling so guilty about everything, I felt like what we did was not right at all..

Him: I guess I will see you tomorrow

I opened the door..

Me: Tomorrow it is

I got out and closed the door I made my way to the apartment and searched for my keys in my bag. I got them and opened the door, The kitchen was dark but the living room wasn't. I closed the door and then locked it, I took a deep breath then walked to the living room. Yammy was sitting on the couch watching Tv..

Me: Hey

She looked at me and then looked at her wrist watch..

Her: 23:00 that's a new record

Me: Yeah I was at my Sister's place guess we lost track of time

Her: I'm sure you did

Me: I'll go and bath, I'm a bit exhausted

Her: Why don't you just go straight to bed since you exhausted?

Me: It's been a long day I feel dirty and sweaty

Her: I see

Me: What did you eat?

Her: I ate whatever I found in the fridge

Me: Ohw

Her: Something wrong with your phone?

Me: Uhm I don't think so

Her: I'm just wondering why you didn't call and tell me that you will be late

Me: I.. We were doing a lot of catching up and..

Her: Is she the one who dropped you off?

Me: Yes

Her: She didn't care to come in?

Me: She was in a hurry

Her: Wouldn't have taken her the whole night to just come in and greet

Me: That's true.. Look I am very tired can we continue this conversation in the morning?

Her: In the morning I won't wanna talk about it

Me: Just that I have an early day tomorrow

Her: Good night then

Me: Good night

I walked away to the bedroom, I threw my bag on the bed and sat down..

What is wrong with me??

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JORDAN

Nicco called and asked to see me, I went to his house and we had dinner. Now we were in his study drinking whiskey and smoking cigars..

Him: The papers are going to be saying a lot of things about me tomorrow.. Another scandal for my company

Me: Do you have anyone in mind who could do this to you?

Him: No I have no one in mind

He stood up and walked up to the window..

Him: What happened today made me realize that there's people who are very close to me that I cannot trust

Me: You can definitely trust me.. I have been your accountant and a good family friend for years now

He turned around and looked at me..

Him: Can I trust you?

Me: Does that mean my loyalty is now starting to be questionable

Him: I don't know.. The ring and leash are personal things only someone close to me would have access to my personal things

Me: If I remember correctly you have a lot of people that are close to you, your wife

securities, your right hand man I mean anyone could've done it

Him: And you.. You are very close to me

Me: And me

Him: My Lawyer says he is on top of things I mean he helped me not to spend a night in jail

Me: You have the best lawyer

Him: I am putting the whole Italian squad on this, I want the traitor found I want his head served to me in a gold platter

I raised my glass up..

Me: Cheers.. I'll drink to that

He raised his glass too..

Him: Cheers

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YAMMY

After Amanda bathe and went to bed I took my keys and drove straight to red dragon. I knew from when she opened her mouth that she was lying, it was written all over her face that she was with him and something more had happened. I was angry, I felt betrayed, lied too, and made a fool. I knew that something like this might happen but I didn't think this soon, I didn't think that she was going to play a hoe this soon..

Me: Another one

The bartender looked at me...

Him: Are you driving?

Me: What is it to you?

Him: Sorry it's none of my business

Me: That's right it's none of your business

He poured another glass for me, I took it and gulped it down..

Me: Again

He reluctantly took the glass and poured again..

I took it and gulped it down..

Me: Hit me again

Him: Errr..

Me: Do we have a problem?

Ngwane came forth..

Ngwane: I'll take it from here

Bartender: Yes Sir

The Bartender walked away..

Ngwane: Smoko? (What's wrong)

Me: Nex I just felt like drinking

Him: You not a heavy drinker

Me: I am now

Him: k'hambani? (What happened)

Me: Nothing

He looked at me..

Me: The bitch that I am with is fucking someone else

Him: And?

Me: And I am here trying to convince myself not to pop a cap on him

Him: Let me get this straight you wanna kill him for a bitch who realize two minutes later that she's not lesbian but better with a dick?

Me: That's one way of putting it

Him: Man fuck that shit!

I looked at him..

Me: What really happened in Brazil? Why are you back?

Him: Are you drunk or are you being stupid on purpose?

Me: Naa nigga you not here because of Promise I don't buy that, you can never leave your family like that I mean if you here then who is protecting Ontlametse and your Son?

He looked at my glass..

Him: I'll fill you up

Me: Unless you guys are no longer together

Him: Now I'm gonna get you drunk to shut you up

He passed me the glass..

Me: Welcome to the club of broken hearts.. Is she fucking someone else?

Him: Just drink up and leave me the fuck alone

I picked the glass up..

Me: I am going to fuck him up and fuck her up then get the hoe out of my Apartment

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AMANDA

I couldn't sleep I kept on turning and looking at her side of the bed and she wasn't here. My phone has been ringing, but I ignored the calls. It was Ndalo..

I got out of bed and went to check her in the living room she wasn't there. I went back to the bedroom and took my phone then called her but she didn't pick up. I sat on the bed wondering where she was until my phone beeped, it was a message from her:

"I want u out of my apartment u hoe" AMANDA

I was worried sick about Yammy. She didn't come back home last night I called her a few times she didn't pick up, I seriously don't know where she was and if she was okay. I was already dressed up that morning to go to work and I was even running late but unfortunately I cannot leave, I cannot leave without knowing that she is okay..

I tried calling her again but her phone was still off..

I made my way to the kitchen when I heard the kitchen door unlocking, I stood there all nervous waiting her for her to come in. She walked in and closed the door, she looked like hell..

Me: Hey

She ignored me and walked away, I followed her..

Me: I have been very worried about you

She still ignored me..

Me: Yammy please

She took off her jacket..

Her: I thought I said I wanted you out

Me: Want me out? Why?

She looked at me..

Me: What is wrong?

Her: Really Amanda you going to stand there and make a fool of me?

Me: Maybe if you tell me what's going on I wouldn't make a fool out of you

Her: You weren't at your sister's place last night right?

Me: I was

Her: No you weren't, you were with him and I know that something happened

It's more difficult to look someone in the eye and then lie..

Her: You slept with him didn't you?

It was more harder to look her in the eye and tell her the truth..

Her: I don't understand, I really don't understand. I thought that you wanted to be in a relationship with me

Me: I do

Her: Then what the hell are you doing?

Me: You have to believe me.. It was a mistake

Her: It can be everything Amanda but it definitely wasn't a mistake, A mistake up until you opened your legs for him? A mistake to a point were he gets ontop of you and it progresses? that's not a mistake! It's a fucken choice!!!

Me: I am truly sorry I swear it won't happen again

Her: It is going to happen, even a newspaper article couldn't stop you! They wrote things about you and you still sleep with him now what they saying about you is obviously true

My eyes filled with tears..

Her: You not going to blackmail me with tears I ain't going to fall for that

Me: What do you want me to do? I will do anything for us to fix this

Her: The first thing you can do is pack up your shit and leave

Me: No..

Her: I don't wanna see you anymore looking at you right now disgusts me

Me: Where do you expect me to go?

Her: You slept with a CEO of one of the richest Companies in SA I am sure he gets a big phat cheque of R500 000 a month and you going to ask me that?

Me: But I don't love him.. I don't know what happened yesterday I..

Her: You slept with him last night!! You slept with him that's what happened!!

I walked closer to her..

Me: Yammy please

Her: I said leave!!! (Yelling)

She was yelling right in my face..

Her: Leave!! I never wanna see you ever again!!!

I could tell from her face that she was mad pissed..

Her: The first thing I wanted to do last night was to pop a cap on him but I ain't going to do that because he didn't force you to anything, you willingly slept with him!!!

Me: Yammy please I love you

Her: Amanda don't

I knelt down in front of her..

Me: I'm sorry please we can work something out just don't do this

Her: Get the fuck up and get out of my way!!

Me: I'll even quit my job if I have too just don't do this please

Her: Amanda get off me

I hugged her legs tight..

Me: Please I don't wanna lose you.. At least not like this (Crying)

Her: Get off me!!

Me: Please Yammy..

I was breaking deep inside knowing that I might lose her forever, I don't even think I can survive without her..

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NDALO

Amanda was supposed to be here 30min ago, I kept on calling her but she wasn't picking up. I was frustrated with myself

did what happen yesterday scare her off? Is she really going to let her personal life interfere with her work? She is the most important part of this company. Basically my office life revolves around her.

I put the phone down..

Jordan: (Whistling) How you put your phone down I can sense a lot of frustration

He walked in..

Him: What's wrong?

I ran my hands on my face..

Me: It's Amanda

He sat down..

Him: What happened?

Me: Yesterday we.. We had sex now she's not taking my calls

Him: That was quick so are you guys like officially going out?

Me: No I thought last night was the start of good things but obviously I was wrong I misread all the signs

Him: Do you really like this girl?

Me: It's more than liking her now, I feel very strongly about her

Him: Then don't give up on her it's not like you competing with a nigga you competing with a girl

Me: If her girlfriend is the reason why she's doing this then I might have been wrong, she probably loves her more than I thought

Him: Seems like you have competition.. A strong competition

I laid back on the chair laughing..

Me: I can't believe this.. I seriously cannot believe this!

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YAMMY

I was feeling like crap I had a hangover, my head felt heavy. My eyes were red and I felt a bit nauseated like I was going to vomit anytime..

I wiped the bathroom mirror as it was foggy and looked at myself, Even after showering I still look like shit..

I walked out of the bathroom and made my way to the bedroom, Amanda was sitting on the bed crying. She has been crying ever since I went to take a shower..

I didn't think it would be this deep..

I stood at the door and leaned against the door frame.

Her: Yes I did sleep with him but I don't love him I swear at least not as much as I love you

Me: Did you even think of me? Think of us, our relationship?

She nodded repeatedly..

Her: I did thin.. Honestly I don't know why I couldn't stop myself or him

Me: You cannot love me and love him at same time one has to fall

Her: He has fallen.. I want you not him

Me: No I want you to think about it

Her: I don't have to think about it when I know what I want

Me: You don't know what you want, If you knew then you wouldn't have slept with him last night

Her phone rang, she looked at it and then it upside down..

Me: Don't you work for the guy?

Her: Not anymore

Me: Look I have to get dressed and then sleep, I hardly slept last night

She got off bed and walked out..

I closed the door..

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JORDAN

Me: I am not your Assistant

Him: As long as you here you might as well just help me

Me: Where do these ones go?

Him: I am not sure, I usually don't do this.. My assistant does this

Me: I think you have to give her a written warning, this is not acceptable

Him: I'll see

His phone rang, he looked at me..

Me: Now I have to answer your phone?

Him: Yes

I picked it up..

Me: Hello

He looked at me..

I shrugged my shoulders..

The person on the other end didn't say anything..

Me: Hello?

Voice: Hi..

Me: Yes?

Voice: My name is Victor I am a grave digger

Me: Okay what can I help you with?

Voice: May I please speak to Ndalo?

Me: Err he is busy right now can I take a message?

Voice: I have found a girl that looks exactly like his missing fiancé?

Me: Are you sure?

Voice: Yes she was thrown in one of the grave holes I believe last night and I don't think she is still alive, she's not breathing and she is very cold

Me: May you please give me the address?

Voice: It's the old location graveyard

Me: Okay I am on my way

Voice: Okay

Me: Don't call the Police until I get there

Voice: Yes Sir

I put the phone down..

Ndalo: Who was that? JORDAN

I did tell Ndalo about the call and we made our way to the cemetery. In the car I was lost in my thoughts, I didn't understand how Siena could end up in the grave while I sold her to someone in another country, she was trafficked to another country I am not really sure which one. I literally got R500 000 for her..

Ndalo seemed a bit nervous or scared about the whole thing, I couldn't really tell what was going on with him. He was awfully quiet in the car just lost in his thoughts..

Me: What's on your mind?

He didn't say anything..

I also didn't know what to say to him so I remained quiet too..

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YAMMY

I went to see Nelly I couldn't stay at home with a crying Amanda quite frankly she was starting to irritate me. She cheated, it was a choice so for her to be crying like this I don't understand. It's not not like Ndalo forced her into anything..

Nelly Smiled when she saw me..

Her: Hey

If only touching was allowed I would hug her..

Me: Look at you, you look great

Her: I feel great

Me: No one is giving you problems?

Her: Not at all.. Weirdly enough we have a new cellmate

Me: You do?

Her: Yeap her name is Chelsea

Me: That's cool I guess

Her: She always has a black bandana

Me: Interesting

Her: She has tattoos.. Fascinating tattoos

Me: I'm sure she does

Her: The Skulls

Me: Ohw

Her: Ring a bell?

Me: Nope

Her: Come on Yummy

Me: Okay fine.. I was worried about you

Her: That you decided to get someone to come and protect me?

Me: Yes

Her: What is she in for?

Me: Just something minor

Her: She literally committed a crime to come here and protect me?

Me: I did a few things for the Skulls so the leader of the Skulls owes me a few favours

Her: How did this girl agree to this insanity?

Me: You don't understand how things are done

Her: She's going to be here for how long? Because I have a feeling that I'm going to be here for a very long time

Me: You won't

Her: One of your favours?

I didn't say anything..

Her: Everything alright?

Me: Yeah I'm fine

Her: Talk to me

I looked at her..

Me: Amanda and I we..

Her: You???

Me: We..

Her: Ohh my word Yammy No!!!

Me: What do you mean No?

Her: Amanda is not gay.. Look what you doing you playing with fire, one of you is bound to get hurt and it's definitely not going to be her

Me: I'm already getting hurt

Her: Listen.. I know you think that I don't understand you and who you are but I care a lot about you and I don't want you to do this Yammy

Me: She told me that she loves me, she wants to be with me

Her: She only said that because she feel indebted to you, Yammy you have to let her go. She has to find herself again, I don't see you and her working at all

Me: Soo much negativity

Me: It's the truth.. Would you rather have her walk out on you when you guys are "happily married" and adopted a kid? Or would you rather have her walk out now? I know you think I am being unfair but Yammy if you have any care for Amanda you will let her go

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let her find happiness again in the hands of someone else it's not nice being in a forced relationship

Do you really wanna be with someone who is going to feel forced being with you? Or do you want someone who is going to love you?

Nelly was making a lot of sense, though I do have feelings for Amanda but it would be selfish of me to chain her to this relationship were she isn't going to be happy at all..

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AMANDA

I couldn't stay in the apartment any longer I felt like I was going insane. My Antidepressants were finished, I couldn't even find one and I cannot function without them. I am getting Paid in a week's time and I don't know if

I'm going to be able to hold on without them for a week, now this is where Yammy comes in. She would get me the pills and then comfort me in this ordeal..

I took a taxi and went straight to the office, Maybe just maybe if I keep busy I won't think a lot..

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NDALO

We arrived at the cemetery and cops were already here, Paramedics, Pathologist, and the damn Journalists too!!

Jordan: I thought I said that they shouldn't call anyone until we get here

Cops prevented us from getting closer to the crime scene but after learning who I was they let us through. She was laying on the ground covered with a plastic..

The pathologist looked at me and I nodded, They lowered the plastic and I looked at her. It wasn't Siena at all..

Me: It's not her

Pathologist: Are you sure?

I nodded..

Me: It's not her

It wasn't her..

Jordy: Let's go

We walked away to the car with Journalists following us, Today and this present moment I am closing the Siena chapter and moving on with my life. She is never coming back.. NDALO

The office called me and asked me to come right away that something was wrong with Amanda. I didn't even know that she was at the office because I have been calling and she hasn't been picking up...

Jordan and I got there and it was a mess, she was curled up in a corner all crying. Her dreadlocks were dangling around she didn't even tie them, she looked like she was losing her mind completely. I looked at everyone..

Me: Okay show is over let's get back to work! And what you have seen ends up here, if I read about this tomorrow in the papers I swear you will lose your jobs!

They all walked out and I made my way to Amanda, I crouched next to her..

Me: Hey

She didn't respond. I put my hand on her shoulder she freaked out..

Me: It's me

She just started hitting me..

Her: Leave me alone!!! Go away!!!

I held both her hands tight...

Me: Amanda it's me.. It's Ndalo

She looked at me with her eyes full of tears..

Her: Ndalo?

Me::Yes it's Ndalo

Her: I don't know what's going on with me, I am.. I.. (Crying)

Me: It's okay

I hugged her..

Her: I feel scared, I am scared that he is going to hurt me

Me: I would never let anyone hurt you again

She held on to me for dear life..

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YAMMY

I looked around and it wasn't bad..

Landlord: R2500 a month

Me: It's dope

Ndeecee: It is dope

Me: I'll take it.. Pay rent for 3 months in advance

Landlord: You will come to my office and sign

Me: Yes I will

He left us there..

Ndeecee: Are you sure about this man?

I nodded..

Ndeecee: If you sure then I support you

Me: Do you think she will like it?

Ndeecee: It's a pretty good flat I can't front I think she is going to like it

I decided to get Amanda her own place to stay, I think Nelly is right I need to let her go. It's not easy though because I have fallen for her but then I should let her go now before it's too late, before I get more hurt..

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Wonder and I drove to the hospital when they called that the results are back. My heart was on my sleeve, it's going to be a huge blow in my face if I could find out that he is my Father. I don't want it being positive

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Wonder cannot be my Father..

He held my hand at the Dr's office but I gently got my hand from his grip, we cannot be doing none of that until we have seen the results...

The Dr walked in holding a white small envelope..

Dr: Good day

We greeted him back and he sat down on his chair..

He handed us the envelope..

Him: They were not tempered with, the envelope is still sealed they came straight from the lab

I looked at the envelope and it had the laboratory's logo..

Wonder: You wanna open them?

Me: Not now and definitely not here

Wonder: Okay then let's go home

He looked at the Dr..

Wonder: Thank you very much

Dr: You welcome

We stood up and left..

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AMANDA

I don't know what really happened but all I know is that everything came back and my brain was flooded with memories that I didn't wanna have, neither remember. I dated back to what happened and I found myself scared again, I kept on seeing my Brother and seeing him hurting me and he showed no remorse whatsoever. Deep down he was enjoying what he was doing to me, I still don't know why he did what he did.

Dr: That should do

Ndalo: Is she going to be okay after I get her this?

Dr: Yes she should be and I strongly recommend therapy too

Ndalo: That can be done

Dr: How are you feeling now?

Me: I still have a Panic attack and I am still scared

Dr: After you take your Meds you should feel fine

Me: Thank you

He stood up..

Dr: I think my work here is done

Ndalo: Thank you again Dr for stopping by

Dr: My pleasure

I don't even know how I ended up in Ndalo's bed or how I even got to here in the first place..

I took my phone and went to Yammy's contacts, I looked at them but I didn't call her..

Ndalo walked back in..

Him: Hey

He came and kissed me on my forehead..

Him: How are you feeling?

Me: I'll be fine

He sat next to me and put his hand around my shoulders pulling me closer to him, I didn't feel scared at all instead I felt very safe in his arms..

Him: I'll go and get you the Antidepressants at the pharmacy

Me: Thank you

Him: I can't leave you alone here so I'll drive you to my Mom's place

I looked at him..

Him: My Mom and Sisters are very eager to meet you, I've told them about you this other time

I was speechless..

Him: I have to go back to the office but I can't leave you here alone

Me: Your Mom how is she going to react to me?

Him: Well she is very unpredictable

Me: What if she doesn't like me?

Him: That's impossible you a very likeable person

I laughed..

Him: That's better.. Come let's go

Me: Thank you

Him: We going to get through this one way or another

He held my hand..

I looked at him..

Me: Let's do it

Him: Do what?

Me: Be together

He paused for a few seconds..

Me: Are you sure?

I nodded..

Him: And the girlfriend situation?

Me: I'll be honest with her

Him: Are you sure about this?

Me: I am sure

Him: Then let's do it, let's be in a relationship

Me: I hope that I made the right decision I hope you won't hurt me along the way

Him: I promise that I won't hurt you

He put his hand on on chin and then leaned over and kissed me..

I hope I won't regret this one day but at the same time I think it's the right thing to do I cannot keep on lying to myself about how I truly feel when it comes to Ndalo... AMANDA

After I took the pills I felt like resting for a while and Ndalo's Mom who allowed me to call her Ms K had me go and rest in the guest room. His Sisters were not around when we arrived only his Mom was around and she welcomed me with a very warm hug and a beautiful smile. She is very beautiful and have Ndalo's eyes, I witnessed a moment of closeness between them now I see why Ndalo is such a gentleman it's because of how he treats his Mom. He treats his Mom with respect. His Momma's house was beautiful, I liked the furniture more and how the kitchen was decorated. Ndalo really came through for his Mom, I doubt this woman can turn her house around like this on her own. Everything here must've cost a fortune..

I kept on tossing and turning I couldn't sleep at all I was too nervous being here in this house alone with his Mom, she seems like a nice Person but it's too early for me to be comfortable around her. I heard a knock at the door..

Me: Come in

The door opened and she walked in..

Her: I thought you would be sleeping

Me: I was asleep just woke a few minutes ago

She came and sat on the bed..

Her: Are you okay?

Me: Yes I am fine and thank you for allowing me to rest

Her: It's nothing

There was an awkward silence..

Her: Amanda right?

Me: Yes Mam'

Her: Ms K..

Me: Ms K.. I'm sorry

Her: You don't have to be nervous especially considering the fact that we going to be seeing each other a lot

Me: I understand

Her: For how long have you been seeing my Son? Is it before or after the newspaper article?

Me: After the newspaper article

Her: So it hasn't been for that long

Me: Yes

Her: I don't know you that well but you come across as

a very nice girl

Me: Thank you

Her: And very young

Me: I am in my 20s

Her: He is in his 30s

Me: I know

Her: Amanda my Son is no longer at the stage were he can move from this relationship to another relationship, he is a well known person when it comes to the press and the press doesn't like him that much I read the things they say about him

Me: I know I have read too

Her: He needs a strong woman behind him not a confused girl who will be after his money, he really needs a woman that he can trust and depend on

Me: I understand

Her: You know that he has a fiancé right?

Me: Yes I know

Her: We don't know if she's going to rock up again or if she's dead but I am not going to get into that because that's his business with Siena all I am trying to do here is to protect my Son

Me: I know

Her: Things are going to get tough such relationships are always challenged and I don't wanna welcome you into my house knowing that tomorrow you will be gone or betray us by going to the media and selling certain things

Me: I am not planning on going anywhere and I would never do that to him I love him

Her: I hope so I really don't wanna have Issues with you and I would like you to respect me as his Mom and I will respect you too as his girlfriend

Me: Yes Mam'

Her: We don't have to be enemies or always fight.. Just allow me to correct you when you are wrong after all he is my Son I know him better

I nodded..

Her: If you two fight you don't go to your Mom, If it's something that both of you can fix then you fix it if not you call me.. He is my Son I have raised him I know how he is

Me: Yes Mam'

Her: I know you guys are not married but if you going to be living together I want you to take care of him, I don't want him coming here and talking about you didn't cook. I don't wanna see him wearing a dirty shirt, I know he has Maids but now you have to take care of him you cannot have another woman taking care of him for you it's embarrassing and they will not respect you

Me: Yes Mam'

She smiled..

Her: I am glad that we understand each other

Me: Me too

Her: Come let me show you how to cook his favorite meal.. He will be home soon

Me: I'd like that a lot

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NDALO

I kept on checking the time and looking at my desk that was full of documents

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I hope I'm going to finish this in time before it gets too late. I was alone in the office, a lot of my employees knocked off 30min again. So it's just me and downstairs there's security and probably the cleaning ladies are still here..

I was very happy inside for the first in many years I am in a relationship with someone that I love, someone I'm going to enjoy waking up next too every morning. My relationship with Siena was toxic and I suffered a lot of abuse I don't see myself wanting such a relationship anymore..

I was so lost in my thoughts that I noticed after a few minutes that someone was standing at the door, I didn't even hear the robot talking when the elevator opened..

Her: Good evening Mr Khosa

Me: Who are you? And how did you get in?

Her: I have bridged the tightest security yours is a piece of cake

She made her way in..

Me: I didn't get your name

Her: I haven't told you yet

She stretched her hand to me..

Her: Yammy.. Amanda's girlfriend

Me: The girlfriend

I stretched my hand to her for a handshake..

She then sat down..

Her: Nice office

Me: Thank you

She ran her eyes around..

Me: May I help you?

She looked at me again..

Her: I know about you and Amanda

Me: Then I am sure you also know that she is with me

She shrugged her shoulders..

Her: I am not here to go back and forth with you.. I am here to tell you that if you dare hurt her I will be coming for you

Me: And the threats start

Her: It's not a threat

Me: Why are most Exes bitter?

Her: I am not a bitter Ex.. I care a lot about Amanda, I want to see her happy and if you make her happy then so be it but be warned that I am watching you

Me: And I am soo scared

Her: You think this is a game?

Me: I think this is ridiculous! I think you have time for games and I don't

She stood up and pulled a gun at me..

Her: You don't know what I'm capable of

I looked at her as she came all the way round to put the gun on my forehead..

Her: If you fuck her up I am going to blow your brains!!

Me: Whatever they call you please leave I am trying to work here

She literally hit me with the back of her gun on my forehead, I almost felt like my skull was cracking. I felt a bit dizzy for a girl she can strike pretty hard. She must be trained well. For mainly 10 seconds I couldn't see anything it was shit..

Her: Take that as a warning

She then left, I felt blood running down my face..

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NKATI

I was in the kitchen cooking and Wonder was at work. The envelope was on top of the table and I kept on stealing glances at it. I closed my eyes for a second and then opened them again..

I closed the pot and went to get it, I opened it with my heart beating very fast. I couldn't even breath and I was also having hot flushes..

I slowly opened the envelope then took the document out I looked at it and Wonder is not my Father, I let out a sigh of relief. I was very relieved that we are not related..

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AMANDA

Ndalo was running late which was not normal, if he was working late he could've just called and told me so I dished up for him and put his plate in the microwave, Ms K and I were watching Isibaya when we heard a car pull up..

Her: That must be him

We waited for him to enter and he was in a very troubling state. He had a bandage around his head and his shirt had blood stains..

Ms K: Ndalo what happened?

Him: It's nothing

He was holding a small brown bag could be meds from the Dr..

He looked at me..

Him: Do you mind if we spend a night here?

Me: Uhm No it's okay

Him: Thank you.. I'm going upstairs to lie down

Me: You not going to eat?

Him: When I wake up now I just wanna lie down

He walked away.. AMANDA

I walked up to the guest room to check up on Ndalo he has been sleeping for a while now. His Mom had an early night and I was bored sitting in the lounge alone and watching Tv. I stood at the door and looked at him laid on the bed, he was laying on his stomach shirtless with only his briefs on. I wonder what happened, I wonder how he got to have that bandage around his head..

I made my way to him, I climbed on the bed and got on his back. I whispered in his ear...

Me: Wake up

He remained still..

Me: Ndalo wake up

I was a bit louder and that freaked him out a little, I laughed..

Him: What time is it?

Me: It's just after 22:00 you haven't eaten anything

He turned and laid on his back almost making me fall, he held me tight on my waist to prevent me from falling..

Him: I am not hungry

Me: What happened to your head?

Him: I had an accident some guys tried to hijack me

Me: Where?

Him: At the robots right after I left the office

Me: That's terrible did they vandalize your car?

Him: They broke the window and struck me with something but I managed to get the window fixed

Me: That's better I'm glad you okay though

Him: Dr said the cut is not too deep

Me: Things that people do these days

Him: I'll live

Me: I wish you had discussed it with me first that we going to spend a night here rather than just throwing the bomb like that especially in front of your Mom

Him: I thought you and my Mom got off on the right foot unless I'm wrong

Me: No we fine but I didn't even bring clothes for tomorrow

Him: We will wake up early and I'll drive you to your place to bath and get dressed

Me: Okay

Him: When are you going to move out?

Me: Move out?

Him: You and that girl are no more so I don't see a reason why you guys have to continue living together

Me: I still have to talk to her

Him: Babe come on

Me: I'll talk to her and then pack up my things

Him: Tomorrow after work you moving in with me?

I slowly nodded...

Him: We going to make this work

I don't know about moving in together it seems so soon, I mean I enjoy staying with Yammy. My relationship with Ndalo has just started and I don't want his Mom to be busy keeping tabs on me..

He put me on the side and got up, he pulled me to the edge of the bed and spread my legs wider..

Him: I have something else in mind

He leaned over and kissed me on my neck with his hand going down on my underwear..

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YAMMY

I was at Red dragon having a couple of beers before I head home. Going back home knowing that I won't see her again is very hard to accept. I have never been this miserable after a break up, I have always managed to move on but with Amanda it's a bit difficult and though we haven't officially broken up but knowing that she is with someone else is kind of a difficult

situation to accept..

Her: This one is on the house

Me: Thank you

She stood on the other side and started wiping glasses..

Her: rough day?

Me: You can say that

I looked at her..

Me: Why did you come back? Thought you were happy overseas

Her: With my Mom constantly getting sick I had to come back I had no choice

I nodded..

Thinking of it now I have never seen Naomi with a guy or heard that she's in a relationship..

Me: I am sure things are better now especially with Ngwane being back and everything

Her: Ya I'm glad he came back I still don't understand why he went to Brazil after the death of Ontlametse

Me: We deal with pain differently

Her: I guess so

I looked at her hand and she was wearing a colourful wrist band those colours that indicate support for the same sex relationships..

Me: I like your wrist band

She looked at it..

Her: I attended pride this other time and my friend bought me the wrist band

Me: That's sweet

I drank the beer..

Me: So you lesbian?

Her: Bisexual

I don't take bisexual for shit, either you gay or straight that's that..

Her: And I have to go home now

Me: I can give you a lift

Her: That would be nice thank you.. Let me get my bag

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JORDAN

I didn't sleep last night I kept on adding a few things to the plan that I have been having for years. I have been Nicco's accountant for a long time now and all those times he has put a hit on me but the real reason why I resent him so much is that he killed my Father and he doesn't even know that I am the Son of the man that he killed. I was young when he killed my Father but I still remember the day like it was yesterday

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Italian men coming to my house shots fired and my Father being killed. As if like that was not bad enough he forced my Mother to marry him and later on she died after giving birth to Siena, yes Siena is my half sister but she doesn't know.

He has taken a lot from me and I wanna take all that he has from him, starting with his Precious company. I have already milked him of his money now I want his Empire.. All of it!!

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AMANDA

The following morning Ndalo and I left very early his Mom was still sleeping so we didn't wake her up, he said he will call her later and let her know that we had to leave early to prepare for work..

He dropped me off at the apartment and then drove home to shower..

I tried unlocking the door but her key was blocking on the other side so I started knocking..

Me: Yammy!!!!

I kept on knocking and calling her until she finally opened..

Her: Did you forget your key?

Me: No yours was blocking

Her: Ohw my bad

I looked at her..

Me: We have to talk

Her: About what?

She yawned..

Me: Maybe later when I knock off

I made my way to the bedroom and she followed me..

Her: Amanda wait

I opened the door and I saw some girl sleeping on the bed. She was in her bumshort and one of Yammy's vests..

I looked at Yammy..

Me: Wow!

I walked to my bedroom..

Me: I am moving out

I took off my shoes..

Her: Okay

Me: Okay? That's all you can say?

Her: What do you want me to say?

I literally threw my shoe at her, it hit her on the face she didn't expect that..

Me: How about asking why? How about acting like you care?

Her: Don't you ever do that or I will fuck you up!

I threw the other one..

Her: Get the fuck out of my house you psycho bitch!!!

Me: With pleasure!!!!

I took my bag and threw it on the bed..

Me: You couldn't wait to have me out so that you can bring another skank in the apartment and share the same bed with her that you shared with me!! (Shouting)

Her: Keep your voice down!!

Me: Why? So that your Skank can sleep?

Her: Why you acting like this?

Me: I don't know Yammy how about telling me first that you replaced me before bringing her in

Her: What?

Me: You are a bastard!!

Her: Amanda why you catching feels like this? Aren't you fucking a CEO?

I kept quiet..

I saw the girl approaching us..

Her: Is everything okay? I heard noise

She was beautiful I give her that and she had a beautiful body too..

Yammy: It's alright I got this, you can go back to bed

Me: A bed we once shared!

Her: Sorry?

I looked at her..

Me: I'm just saying you sharing the same bed I once shared with her

Her: So?

Yammy chuckled..

Me: You don't know me to be fucking with me

Her: I am not fucking with you, you made a statement and I simply awaited an explanation about the sharing of the bed

Me: Are you trying to be extra?

Her: No actually I don't know what your problem is with me when you don't even know me

Me: You see you right about that I don't know you! But all I know is that only a Skank wou..

Her: A skank?

Me: The only beautiful thing about you right now is your hairstyle and nothing more

She laughed..

Me: Yeah keep on laughing

Her: Like am I going to have to do this?

Yammy: No.. Go take a shower and we'll go out for breakfast

Her: I'd like that

She kissed her and walked away..

Yammy looked at me..

Yammy: You will leave the keys on the kitchen counter

She turned and walked away while singing..

Her: "You'll regret the day when I find another girl, yeah.. That knows just what I need, she knows just what I mean, When I tell her keep it drama free.."

I sat down on the bed and just let the tears stream down.. AMANDA

I was at the office Ndalo was in the boardroom, in a meeting with some client who was interested in doing business with our company. I was still hurt over what transpired at Yammy apartment, I know that I shouldn't care about who she hooks up with since we no longer together but somehow I did catch feelings seeing her with another woman. When I met Yammy I was at the lowest point in my life, I was a mess and there was no hope that I was ever going to get better. She was the only Person who was there for me, the only person who made me a priority in her life, the only person who genuinely cared deeply about me something that my own family couldn't even do. I enjoyed being her main, I enjoyed how she made me feel important, how she was very protective when it came to my safety and to think that I wasn't going to have none of that from her anymore was painful. It hurt deep inside now another female is going to experience all of that and it makes me jealous, very jealous..

I wiped my tears when I heard the elevator opening, i took the tissue and wiped my face too in the process..

The big boss Mr Russo made his way in and I stood up..

Me: Good morning sir

Him: Good morning

This man is very intimidating he holds too much authority and you cannot just look at him and not have fear creeping in..

Me: Mr Khosa is in a meeting

He looked at his expensive wrist watch..

Him: when is the meeting going to be over?

Me: I am not sure sir

Him: I'll wait for him

Me: Yes sir

He walked to Ndalo's desk...

Me: would you like something to drink while you wait?

Him: No I am fine

He sat down and I also sat down. There was some awkward silence between us for a while..

Him: Are you sleeping with him?

Me: Sorry?

Him: You do know that he is engaged to my daughter right?

Me: Yes sir

Him: I know she is missing and we are still searching for her

I am sure that she will be found soon and she will be found still alive

Me: That's good news

Him: So if you are dropping your panties for him you better stop or else you going to find yourself in a very messy situation the e Russo family is not one that you mess with

Me: I understand very well sir

Him: good

Ndalo walked in..

Him: Nicco I didn't know that you were coming

Nicco: I was just in the neighbourhood your beautiful assistant here told me that you were in a meeting

Him: I was with a very potential client

Nicco: that's good, it's good to know that you putting this much effort into the company I am grateful

Him: I am just doing my job

Nicco: What happened to your head?

Him: It's a long story

He put the file on the table..

Ndalo: I am on my way out I have to meet someone

Nicco: Another Potential client?

Ndalo: Something like that

Nicco: Let's go we will talk on the way out

Ndalo looked at me..

Ndalo: I'll be back in an hour

Me: Okay

They both walked out of the office..

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YAMMY

I thought that Amanda was the most beautiful girl I have ever seen until I fully concentrated my eyes on Naomi, she was also beautiful in her own way. Those chubby cheeks, her smile, the hairstyle fit her perfectly. She has an amazing personality always laughing, talking crazy and bubbly..

We were having breakfast in the garden of some 3 star hotel, I still can't believe that I convinced her to come home with me last night..

Me: Enjoying your breakfast?

She nodded while chewing..

Her: So who is the crazy chick?

Me: My ex.. She left me for a CEO

Her: That's messed up

Me: I know but we done now

Her: That's good because I don't wanna come again and she gets all up in my face I will seriously kick her ass

Me: "Come again" does that mean you will be sleeping over again?

Her: Maybe

Me: Then that means you enjoyed last night?

Her: I enjoyed last night a lot

Me: I enjoyed last night too

Her: How about we don't label this anything

Me: Meaning?

Her: Whatever is going on between us let's keep it like this don't label it anything because it might get ruined

Me: I like that idea

Her: What are you doing today?

Me: I have to be at work

Her: Okay

Me: You?

Her: I am going to register at some college

Me: No longer find working at the Red Dragon fun?

Her: Not really

Me: Tell me does your family know that you Bi?

Her: No.. My Mom is a Christian I don't know how she's going to react to it and Ngwane I don't know

Me: I guess he shouldn't find out about us?

Her: Yes Please.. I don't want him knowing about this

Me: It's cool

Her: We just have to see were all of this is headed before we can tell our loved ones about it

Me: I got you

She smiled at me and continued eating, I am not going to invest my all in this I am just having fun I don't wanna find myself repeating another Amanda situation..

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NDALO

Jordan had called me and told me to come to his place said it was important so since I was free I decided to go and see what he wants..

Him: Thanks for coming Man

I walked in as he whistled..

Him: What happened to your head?

Me: It's a long story

Him: Something to drink?

Me: No I am fine I can't drink I have to go back to the office

Him: Ayt Man.. This way

I followed him as he went to the small coffee table, a sheet was laid on top of it..

Me: What's this?

Him: Something I have been working on for a while now

He went and poured himself whiskey and then came back..

Him: Son you looking at our soon to be Empire

Me: Our what?

Him: We are going to take Nicco's company from him

Me: Hold on.. What did you say?

Him: You looking at a detailed plan of how we going to steal his company right under his nose, You and I we going to own it and then run it while he stands on the other side and watch us!! NDALO

Jordan was biting off more than he can chew, this plan of his is going to send us straight to hell. One thing about Nicco is that you don't get in between him and his money, he won't take this lying down..

Me: I don't know man

Him: You have always wanted to be free from this person and this is your chance take back what's yours

He threw some files on the table, ontop of the Plan..

Him: This is how much money you have made him for the past 3 years alone and not counting the other years..

I took the files and sat down while checking them..

Him: And how much did you get from this?

I put the files down..

Him: Ndalo you have to take back your freedom this guy has had you in the Palm of his hand for far too long now, without you he is nothing!

Me: I don't know Man

Him: Ndalo it's time for you to live your life Man, leave how you have always wanted to live. You have a pretty dope chick and I am sure you want to take the relationship further, get married and everything

I thought for a while..

Me: So how do we do this?

He smiled..

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NICCO

Something is definitely up between Jordan and Ndalo my first thought is that they working together to plot something. Ndalo lied to me there's no potential client that he is going to meet

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I actually had him followed and he went straight to Jordan's apartment. I know that they have been best friends for a while now but why lie about meeting your friend? Something is not right..

I was sitting in the living room listening to music and drinking one of my finest whiskies when my right hand man walked in..

Him: Capo (Boss)

I gave him the hand to signal that he must keep quiet until the part of my favourite song has finished playing and he did..

(1 min later)

Me: Che cos'è (what is it)

Him: Belinda è qui (Belinda is here)

I stood up..

Me: Mostrala a (show her in)

He walked out of the living room and then came back with Belinda..

Me: Belly

Her: Nicco

I met her halfway and kissed her cheek..

Me: Always a pleasure to see you

I took off her coat..

She looked around..

Me: Would you like something to drink?

She sat down on the couch while crossing her legs and looked at me..

Her: Why am I here?

Me: Straight to business I like

I sat down..

Me: It's about Jordan

Her: What about Jordan?

Me: I have reason to believe that he is up to something and I want you to go undercover for me, find out what he is planning

Her: Out of all Men you want me to go for Jordan, are you trying to send me straight to hell?

I laughed..

Me: I wouldn't have chosen you if I didn't think that you have what it takes

She looked at me for a while..

Her: It's going to cost you

Me: I know and I am willing to pay every cent

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AMANDA

He put a small box on my table..

I looked at him..

Ndalo: Carrot cake

Me: It's not lunch yet

Him: I know

He came around and put his hands on my shoulders..

Him: I have something to talk to you about

Me: What is it?

Him: Remember when we were talking and you told me about Culinary school? That you love to cook?

Me: Yes

Him: How about we go and look at a few culinary schools tomorrow?

Me: Are you serious?

Him: Yes It's Saturday and I am sure that we might find one

I couldn't believe what I was hearing, I mean being a chef has always been my dream. Cooking is very therapeutic for me..

I stood up all excited..

Me: I don't know what to say

Him: You can say thank you

I put my arms around his neck..

Me: Thank you

Him: This is a new start for us.. I am starting a new chapter in my life and I want you to be a part of it

Me: We starting a new chapter

Him: New chapter

He kissed me..

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NKATI

I drove up to my Mom's house or my Brother's house rather, I parked the car and sat inside for a few while. I was debating with myself if I should go in or not, I mean when I left things weren't exactly sweet between us..

I got out of the car and made my way in, I found her sitting outside on a bucket she had turned it upside down and was drinking Castle lite. I looked at her as she burped, looks like she has been having it rough lately.. I made my way to her..

Me: Mom

She looked at me..

Her: What do you want?

Me: Wonder and I did a DNA test and he is not my Father

Her: Congratulations

She picked the bottle up and drank from it..

Me: Why did you lie? Why did you lie that he is my Father

She kept quiet..

Me: We getting married

She laughed..

Her: And you two are going to live happily ever after I guess?

Me: Good bye Mom

Her: You really think this is going to workout don't you?

Me: It is

Her: If only you knew Wonder like how I know him then you wouldn't fit your small butt in that wedding dress

She raised the bottle..

Her: Cheers AMANDA

After work Ndalo and I drove up to Yammy's apartment so that I can get my clothes, I went in while Ndalo waited for me in the car. I had already packed my everything this morning when I left so all that was left was just for me to take the bag to Ndalo's car. I looked at the apartment one last time, I am probably not going to set foot here anymore I am now starting a new chapter in my life and I hope that it's going to be a good one. I took my phone and sent her a text:

"I came to get my things, I will give Thandeka your keys Monday at work and she will bring them to you"

I then made my way out and locked the door..

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YAMMY

Mandeecee was not around he had gone to get us supplies

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Kimmy was at her station sorting out the cash receipts while I was filling up stock in the shelves..

Ngwane made his way in...

Me: Look who is here

He made his way to me without even greeting Kimmy..

Him: Eyy

Me: Dawg

Him: Fede?

Me: I'm good man and you?

Him: I'm good too.. How is your shoulder?

Me: I'm getting there man thanks

Him: I'm here to tell you that I found those two fools who shot you

Me: Are you serious man?

Him: Yeah

Me: Where are they?

Him: Ya this is my fight can I handle it alone?

Me: Ngwane we a team man it has always been like that

Him: This one I just wanna handle it on my own it's personal

Me: Ayt cool then

Him: Where is Ndeecce?

Me: He went to get a few supplies

Him: You guys are really running this place good

Me: We try

Him: When is the next heist? I am running out of cash

Me: We haven't decided yet

Him: You guys are too cooped up in here that you forget why I even started this business

Me: We haven't run out of cash yet.. If you want we can help you out

Him: Naaa I need to have my own cash

Me: Maybe we can discuss it when Mandeecce gets back

Him: We should

I went back to what I was doing..

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NKATI

Wonder surprised me when he walked in with his Mom I was in the kitchen cooking..

Wonder: Guess who came to visit?

Me: Kokwani

Her: Nkateko

She came and hugged me..

Her: How are you? I have missed you

Kokwani retired about 5 Years ago she was a principal at some school..

Me: Why didn't you call?

Her: I wanted to surprise you

She gently squeezed my cheeks..

Her: I have missed you soo much my baby

She hugged me again..

I looked at Wonder and he shrugged his shoulders..

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AMANDA

Siena's clothes were still in the wardrobe I didn't know were to put my clothes..

Ndalo: I will have her clothes moved tomorrow by one of the maids

Me: It's fine I'll do it when we get back

Him: I should start looking for an Assistant since you going to a culinary school soon

I was still excited about that..

Me: Isn't Bethany's funeral tomorrow?

Him: Sunday

I nodded..

He held my hands..

Him: You don't know how happy I am that you agreed to move in with me

I smiled..

Him: I promise you that you will enjoy living here with me

Me: I hope so

Him: Let me go and shower

Me: I'll prepare dinner

He walked to the bathroom and I took off my shoes when my phone rang, I took it and I didn't recognise the number..

Me: Hello?

The Person didn't say anything..

Me: Hello is there anyone there?

Voice: Am.. Amanda

My heart immediately sank down to my knees, It was my Mother..

Her: Amanda it's me.. It's Mom..

I let go of my phone and froze, fear took over. Where did she even get my new number from? AMANDA

She has the Nerve to call and then refer to herself as "It's Mom" after everything that she has put me through, this woman practically forced me to sleep in the garage for years busy treating me like a dog. She hated me my own Mother who carried me for 9 months hated me, she didn't even want me to call her "Mom" I had to address her as

"Mrs Rikhotso" same as how the previous Helpers called her before they were let go so that I could solely be the only maid...

I remember the times I spent in the garage on cold nights with only two blankets, one acted as my Sponge and one I had to put over me the only pillow I had was my hand..

Despite everything God held me, He protected me because the hypothermia never got to me even in winter..

Sometimes I would be sleeping after a hard day's work and her car would come into the garage late at night, sometimes it would be so close that I would fear she would run me over and then she would laugh and say "I almost forgot that I have a dog sleeping here"

Sometimes when they eat she would ask me to sit on the floor and eat on a dog's silver dish, and I wasn't eating the food that I had cooked for them I ate the food that was about to get spoiled. I would see the Anger in Wonder's eyes, At times he wouldn't spend nights at home because he didn't wanna witness the treatment that my Mother showed me I have no doubt it's the reason why he started cheating...

I didn't even realize that the pot on the stove was burning until I heard Ndalo yelling, I was too sucked up in my thoughts..

Him: You wanna burn my house down?? (Yelling)

I looked at him as he turned on the tap..

Me: I'm.. I.. I'm sorry

He looked at me..

Him: What's wrong?

Me: Nothing

He calmed down..

Him: You crying

I didn't realize I was crying..

He turned off the tap and made his way to me with the swab..

Him: What's wrong? Did you take your Antidepressants today?

I nodded repeatedly as he wiped my tears with the swab..

Me: Yes I did

Him: Then talk to me.. What's wrong?

Me: My Mom called today

Him: And?

Me: After how she has treated me I didn't think that.. I just.. She is responsible for all the pain in my life, After my Dad and my Grandmother passed on I still carried that pain, I was broken my world had just come to an end and instead of being there for me she overwhelmed me with more and more pain. She was never there for me the least she could've done was be there for me at my worst, do you know how painful it was to see the perfect relationship she had with my little sister Nkati? I didn't understand why she didn't have the same relationship with me.. Not

even once did she even buy me a soap to bath with, I had to bath with the sunlight liquid at the house, sometimes I would use the Olive cooking oil as a lotion just so my skin doesn't get dry and crack..

He was also breaking to see me breaking like that

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I Saw the moist in his eyes..

He pulled me closer to him and hugged me..

Me: If she didn't kick me out that day I wasn't going to go to my Brother's place and he wasn't going to rape me.. I hate her Ndalo, she broke me..

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JORDAN

Since I live alone I don't normally cook so most nights I eat at restaurants, tonight I was having dinner at this other 5 star hotel..

It's my second time being here and I really enjoy their food..

I was fully concentrated on the menu until I heard a sweet voice talking..

Voice: Good evening Sir

I put the menu down and looked at her, She was the most attractive thing in the room. Those curves fully portrayed by that tight black short skirt, the cleavage popping out..

She had a long ponytail and was busy swaying it sideways..

Her: May I please take your order?

She truly possessed me, I am very obsessed with black girls who have thick bodies. The Ass, Curves, and the cleavage and that's not for love but my sexual needs.

I haven't been in a serious relationship in a very long time with my lifestyle the last thing I want is to be in a serious relationship and have my girlfriend/fiancé kidnapped..

When it comes to commitment being Engaged or married I wouldn't go for such a girl, you can't turn a hoe into a wife..

Her: Sir???

I snapped out of my thoughts..

Me: Uhm.. I didn't get to look at the menu fully, what's the most delicious meal you guys have?

Her: It depends

Me: On what?

In my mind I already have her in my apartment while I'm bending her over and hitting it from the back..

Her: Are we on Appetizer, Entree, or dessert?

Me: What's your name?

She smiled and looked away, then looked at me..

Her: That's not in the menu

I looked at her name tag it was written (Belinda)

Me: Belinda?

Her: They call me the black Barbie

Me: I think we can skip right to the dessert

Her: How does a chocolate cake with caramel cream go with your digestion?

Me: Perfect

Her: Coming right up

She walked away maintaining a sexy walk..

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NKATI

I was in the guest room helping Kokwani, we were changing the bed covers because no one sleeps in there so it's tradition to put clean bed covers when a visitor comes by..

Her: Your Father tells me that your Mother moved out because they having problems?

I swallowed while tucking in the sheet..

Me: Sort off

Her: It must be hard for you to see your parents living in different places

Me: I got used to it

Her: I have already informed the family and when I go back home his Uncles we going to be meeting and discussing that your Mother should come back!! Hai it's not right for this house not to have a woman

Me: I..

Her: What happened to that young maid?

Me: Amanda?

Her: Yes.. I liked her but most of all I liked her food that girl knows how to cook

Me: You didn't enjoy my food?

Her: Ohhh my pumpkin well you not a great cook, I don't blame you I blame your Mother and Father for spoiling you too much but it's okay Kokwani is here I am going to teach you everything

I cannot believe Wonder suggested we get married with his Mother being like this.. AMANDA

The next morning which was a Saturday we woke up and prepared ourselves for the day ahead, I was so excited because I got paid R8 000 on the dot. I have never had this kind of money and I didn't know what to do with it, seeing that I won't be paying rent or even buy groceries. My Mother's phone call really upset me Yesterday but today was a big day for me I didn't want that part to affect me..

After eating breakfast we were on the road to look for culinary schools, I was very nervous not because my dream is coming true but because I only have grade 9 and I don't know if they going to take me..

We went into this other one from checking the building outside all the way in, it looked very expensive..

Ndalo: It's a Saturday I don't know if they open

Me: Well we just here to check it out

We were holding hands while walking around. We checked the building and I was very impressed it looked beautiful..

Me: Do you think they will take me?

Him: Some culinary schools go with you knowing how to cook than your results

We looked around until we stumbled in one of the kitchens, it looked like they were having a session..

The Chef looked at us and he walked out of the kitchen and came to us..

He was wearing the chef hat and the jacket

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they were both red in colour..

Him: Good morning

He gave us handshakes..

Ndalo: my name is Ndalo and this is my girlfriend Amanda

Him: I am chef Lopez I am in charge of the French cuisines for Juniou chefs here

Ndalo: That sounds good

Him: I am in the middle of a class what can I do for you?

Ndalo: My girlfriend has a passion for cooking we here to find out how she can register

Him: Why come today? You should come during the week

Ndalo: We both working but she's willing to leave her job should she be accepted

Him: Well this is one of the top culinary schools in South Africa

Ndalo: I can see that

Him: Requirements is matric

Ndalo and I looked at each other..

Ndalo: If one doesn't have matric?

Him: You should at least have a background of food, you should've have worked somewhere previously and present a certificate or something

I had none of those..

Him: If there is no other questions I would like to get back to class

Ndalo: Thank you very much

He walked back in..

Me: I don't think we going to find a school

Him: We will don't worry..

He kissed me..

Him: I will find you a school by next week..

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NKATI

Kokwani was outside busy trimming the flowers I guess she is still obsessed with the garden..

I was in the kitchen preparing breakfast all mad at Wonder for what he did..

Him: Good morning

Me: Morning

He tried wrapping his arms around me but I moved.

Him: I guess it's not a good morning after all

Me: Why didn't you tell me that Kokwani was coming? No make that what is she doing here?

Him: She called me when the bus dropped her off I didn't know she was coming too

Me: I don't feel comfortable with her being around

Him: We have to tell her.. I mean we getting married soon

Me: Do you know that she said the family will try to bring Mom back here?

Him: I won't allow that

Me: This is all messed up

The door opened and Kokwani walked in..

Her: Shuuu!! Good morning

Me: Morning Kokwani

Her: It's hot already

She took off the gardening gloves..

Her: Something smells nice

Me: I am preparing breakfast

Her: At least you don't need help there

She looked at Wonder..

Her: I was thinking that today we go and see your wife

Wonder: Soo soon?

Her: Wonder I have to talk to her this thing of her not being around is not good at all

Him: Ma I told you that we having problems

Her: Wonder stop it.. Your wife has to come back home

She looked at me..

Her: Wear appropriately Dear in the presence of your Father

I looked at myself..

Her: Let me go and wash my hands

She walked upstairs..

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JORDAN

I was back at the hotel for breakfast, since I saw that beautiful thing Yesterday I couldn't stop thinking about her..

I looked around and I didn't see her, was a bit disappointing..

My phone rang and it was Ndalo..

Me: Ndalo

Him: Eyy Jordy

Me: Is everything alright?

Him: Yeah everything is good I just need a huge favour

Me: What is that?

Him: Can you check for me any culinary school that might take my girlfriend she has no matric

Me: That's not going to be hard

Him: Thank you

Me: Ayt

I hung up and looked around again, There she was sorting out the Menus..

I stood up and went to her..

Me: Good morning

She looked at me..

Her: And you are back

Me: I like this place and the company

Her: I see

Me: So what do you say? Dinner at 20:00?

She looked at me and then looked down all smiling..

Her: We serve a very delicious breakfast here

Me: Is it?

She took the menu and gave me..

Her: Enjoy

She then walked away..

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AMANDA

I was very sad that we couldn't find a culinary school but Ndalo kept on promising me that he is going to find one for me..

I was now shopping for new clothes and toiletries, I even bought an expensive perfume at Edgars I just didn't know what to buy with my money..

My phone vibrated, it was Nkati..

Me: Hey

Her: Hi

She sounded down..

Me: Is everything alright?

Her: I don't think so

Me: What's wrong?

Her: I need to talk to you about something

Me: Yeah?

Her: Can we meet up later?

Me: You can come over at my new place for dinner

Her: Your new place?

Me: Yeap

Her: Alright I'll be there

Me: See you then

Her: Bye

Me: I'll Sms you the address

Her: No problem AMANDA

I was disappointed that we didn't find a school for me I really want to go to the culinary school and realize my dream. After shopping Ndalo dropped me off at Home and he went to attend Bethany's memorial service..

First thing I did was to clean the closet in the master bedroom later on I will have to prepare dinner since Nkateko is coming over, I had the helper help me take Siena's things and put them in a box to create space for my own stuff. The plan is to put her things in the cottage outside until Ndalo knows what to do with them. As we were putting in her cosmetics first I could see that the maid was eyeing a few things..

Me: Would you like something from here?

Her: No thank you I don't feel comfortable taking her things

Me: I understand how you feeling but trust me Siena is not coming back again, they have been looking for her and they haven't found her a part of me even feels like she might be dead wherever she is

The maid nodded..

Me: I hope you and I we will get along just fine

Her: I hope so too

We moved on to her clothes when we heard a knock at the door..

We went to see who it was and it was Ndalo's Mom how did she even get in here?

She walked in the bedroom..

Her: Good day

We greeted back..

Her: I rang the bell a few times

Me: That's why we didn't hear we were up here

Her: I see

She flashed the key..

Her: So I decided to let myself in

Me: You have the key to the house?

Her: Yes I do Siena had no problem with me coming over whenever I want

Me: Of course

Her: What are you two up too?

The maid and I looked at each other..

Me: Well we were moving Siena's things

Her: What do you mean moving her things?

Me: Ndalo agreed that..

She made her way to the closet and looked at the boxes, she then looked at the maid..

Her: Darling would mind giving us some space?

The maid looked at me and then walked out..

Her: What are you doing?

Me: Ndalo agreed that I should move her stuff to accommodate mine

She looked at my plastics..

Her: This is way too fast

She went and looked through my things..

Her: This clothes are expensive

Me: I bought them today

Her: With whose money?

Me: My money I got paid

Her: these clothes cannot possibly amount to your salary

Me: Ndalo put in some money too

She chuckled while shaking her head..

Her: Amanda this is unacceptable

I didn't say anything..

Her: You already moving in, putting out her things having my Son buy you things what exactly are you doing?

Me: I don't understand

Her: I am starting to have a different perception of you

Me: I am not a gold digger if that is what you implying

Her: I didn't say that.. What did Siena's father even say about this?

Me: I don't know

Her: You moving way too fast for my liking

She walked away..

Her: Way too fast

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WONDER

I drove my Mother up to where my wife is because she kept on forcing, I am planning on telling her the truth there. The house was a mess when we got there and so was she, she looked like she hasn't bathe for a while now and she undoubtedly had a hangover..

We were sitting in the living room..

Her- Would you guys like something to drink?

My Mother slowly shook her head no..

Mom: What is happening? Why are you here and not at your house?

She looked at me..

Her: Didn't your Son tell you about the divorce?

Mom: We know about the divorce and I have already called a meeting about that with the other elders

Her: That's all you know about this situation?

Mom: Is there more?

She still looked at me..

Her: Wonder has been having an affair with my Daughter

Mom: Your Daughter?

Her: Nkateko

There was silence in the room..

Her: She is even divorcing me for her

Mom: What?

My Mom looked at me..

Mom: Wonder what am I hearing?

Me: Did she tell you that Nkateko is not my biological Daughter, this woman has been lying to me for a while now

My mom put her hand on her chest and closed her eyes..

Mom: Wonder I don't understand what's happening here, what exactly is happening here?

I was speechless..

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NICCO

Belinda came into my house we had lunch next to the pool so that we can talk..

Me: How is your new job coming along?

Her: It's good I enjoy it so far

Me: That's good I went through a lot of trouble to get you that job

She drank her juice looking all worried..

Me: What's wrong?

She sighed..

Her: I don't feel comfortable about everything

Me: The job?

Her: No the whole thing with Jordan

Me: We have been through this and you will be paid for all your troubles

Her: Nicco I would gladly do this if it was someone else but Jordan you are sending me straight into the pitbull's month

Me: Nothing is going to happen to you

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I will make sure that you get protection

Her: Jordan is very dangerous and if he could find out that I am trying to get information from him he is going to kill me..

I stood up and went to her..

Her: You don't understand looking into his eyes that guy doesn't have a heart he is cold as ice and he is very scary

I put my hands on her shoulders..

Me: Calm down if you stick to the plan nothing will happen to you

To be honest I really don't care about Belinda I just want her to do this for me what happens to her next I really don't care..

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NAOMI

I was at the salon but I was done now I was waiting for Yammy to come and pick me up. I am attracted to both genders but my attraction to women I have always suppressed it until Yammy came along last night, we had a very beautiful night and I wouldn't mind going out with her and see were all of this is going to lead. She is definitely the type of girl I would wanna roll with, she's very cute, a bit arrogant, very Gangster and looks very loaded. Well the financial part I don't really care much about it although it's just a bonus..

She pulled up next to the door in her black Audi R8 with purple rims, even if you were in a closet but this girl would make you come out immediately..

She got out and turned her snap back cap, she looked good in her all black outfit..

She stood right in front of me talking but my mind was just far away, I closely concentrated on her lips as they moved..

She took off her cap and put it on me..

Her: Where your mind at?

I looked at her with her shallow side smile..

Me: Uhm yaa I'm.. I'm ready to go

Her: Then let's go

She put her hand around my shoulders and we walked to the car, before she unlocked she kissed me with my back arched..

Me: Stop it you going to make me fall

We both laughed.. AMANDA

I did not like Ndalo's Mother coming in here and throwing her weight like that, especially on something that Ndalo and I already spoke about. After that dramatic scene she left, leaving me in a bad mood. I also don't like the fact that she has a key to the house, she is going to show up here anytime that she wants and I am not comfortable with that..

I was now in the kitchen preparing dinner since Nkati is coming over, at least I look forward to that. The door opened and Ndalo made his way in..

Me: hey

Him: hey

He walked up to me and kissed me on my cheek..

Him: something smells good

Me: I am preparing an oxtail stew with dumplings since my sister is coming over for dinner

Him: I even forgot about that

Me: How was the memorial service?

Him: It was okay just a bit emotional for those who were close to her

Me: Her passing was very sad

Him: let me go and take a shower before the guests arrive

Me: okay

He ran his hand on my butt as he passed behind me..

He came back again and hugged me from behind..

Him: How much time do we have until they arrive?

Me: I don't know but I think less than an hour

Him: things I could do to you for less than an hour

He bit my ear and then I turned so that we can face each other..

He kissed me while his hand ran around on my thigh, he pulled out and then turned me over. I put both my hands on the kitchen counter, he lifted my dress up and then pulled down my bum short. He literally kissed my butt cheeks and then stood up straight..

He lowered his pants and briefs then ran his almost rock hard manhood around my Ass before finally making his way in slowly...

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NAOMI

We were at the shooting range I was sitting on a chair in a corner wearing her black jacket. She was in position holding the gun and about to start shooting. I must say that I don't like this place at all, it's very noisy and a bit scary. Yammy only shot 3 times and then she stopped

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she let go of the gun and it fell. Her hand was trembling very bad, I stood up from my chair and went up to her..

Me: Are you alright?

She looked at me and then looked at her trembling hand..

Me: Don't you think it was too quick? I mean you should let your arm heal

Her: In my line of work you don't wait something can pop up anytime and.. I need to know how to handle a gun again

I could see that this was frustrating her..

Me: Let me see

Her: I am fine

Me: Come on

Her: Naomi I said that I'm fine!!

I kept quiet..

Her: I am sorry

Me: It's okay I understand

Her: No it's not okay come here

I looked at her..

Her: Come here

I got closer to her and she kissed me..

Her: I am sorry didn't mean to be rude

Me: It's fine.. Can we go now?

Her: Ya we can

I walked away first and she followed me, she spanked my butt pretty hard..

Me: What the hell?

Her: My bad

I shook my head and continued walking as she followed me all laughing, she did it again and this time it irritated me..

Me: Stop it!! It's not funny

She laughed.. I approached her started hitting her as she moved backwards..

Me: That really hurt

Her: My bad I'm sorry

Me: Just get me home

Her: After you

Me: No we going to walk side by side

Her: Okay side by side then

We held hands and walked to the car..

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BELINDA

Jordan asked for my presence at his place he had prepared a romantic dinner for us at the balcony. It was really sweet the rose petals all around, the wine, the plates nicely placed..

He pulled the chair for me and I sat down..

Me: Thank you

He went and took his place too..

I was very nervous Jordan is very smart and if I fuck this up he is going to skin me alive..

Him: Wine?

Me: Yes please

He poured me a glass of wine..

Him: Thank you for agreeing to have dinner with me

Me: You didn't give me much of a choice

He chuckled and then looked at me..

Jordan is very good looking but his looks are also intimidating..

Me: Do I have something on my face?

Him: No of course not.. Sorry

Me: It's alright

Him: I am just wondering how a beautiful girl like you ended up being a waitress

Me: It pays the bills

He raised his glass..

Him: To jobs that pay the bills

I raised my glass too..

Me: To jobs that pay the bills

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AMANDA

Nkateko showed up with her Father, was a bit surprised to see Wonder I thought she was going to come alone. It was good to see Nkateko we hugged for a while..

Nkati: It's good to see you

Me: It's good to see you too

She looked at Ndalo..

Me: This is my boyfriend Ndalo, and Ndalo this is my Sister Nkateko and that is her Father Wonder

Nkati: It's good to finally meet you Mr CEO

Ndalo laughed..

Ndalo: It's good to finally meet you too

He then shook Wonder's hand..

Ndalo: Sir

Wonder: I admire your work.. You really doing a good job in that Company

Ndalo: Thank you

Me: Shall we?

We all walked to the dining area..

Nkati: Wow this house is really beautiful

Ndalo: Thank you

She looked at me..

Her: Lucky girl

Me: What can I say

We all sat down..

Me: I did oxtail and dumplings

Nkati: My favorite

We started dishing up..

Me: So how is everything?

Nkati: Everything is going fine

Me: And Mom?

They looked at each other..

Wonder: We divorcing

Me: What?

(Silence)

Wonder: Your Sister has something to tell you

Me: something to tell me?

Nkati: Can't we do it after dinner?

Me: Tell me what?

She kept quiet..

Me: Nkati..

Her: Wonder and I we.. We have been seeing each other for a while now and we getting married

I wasn't understanding what she was saying to me..

Ndalo: Wait isn't he your Father?

Nkati: Step Father

Me: What exactly is going on here?

Nkati: I have been meaning to tell you

Me: This is a joke isn't it?

Nkati: I'm afraid it's not

Me: So all along you were sleeping together and the blame was on me?

Her: I'm sorry

I stood up..

Wonder: Amanda

Me: You make me sick!! Both of you!!

I walked away.. AMANDA

Out of all the People who have hurt me before Nkateko remained the only person I entrusted to take care of my heart and never hurt me, Never in a million years did I ever think that the tables would turn and she could hurt me too. She saw how badly I was being treated, My Mom used to be on my throat everyday that I am sleeping with her husband and Nkateko acted like she was a Saint in all of this she saw how I was being mistreated day and night..

Ndalo walked in the bedroom with his hands in his pockets..

Me: Are they gone?

He nodded..

Me: This is becoming too much for me to handle it's almost as if like I cannot trust anyone anymore

Him: It is shocking that she is sleeping with her Mother's husband

Me: And she let me take all the blame for it

Him: I know it's terrible.. I'm truly sorry

His phone rang..

Him: Let me take this, it's my Mother he walked out

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BELINDA

He helped me put on my Jacket..

Me: Thank you

Him: It's sad that you won't be spending a night here

Me: I am not that type of girl

He chuckled..

Him: I enjoyed our dinner

Me: I did too

Him: Any chance we could do it again?

Me: Probably

Him: Probably is good enough

Me: Good night

Him: Drive safely

He came closer and tried to kiss me but I turned my face..

Me: I should go

He stepped back..

Him: Yeah maybe you should

I took my bag and walked straight to the door with him following me..

He opened the door for me..

Him: Good night

I put my hand on his cheek..

Me: Good night Jordan

He held my hand it was a bit of a tight grip and it instantly made my heart drop straight to my knees, he looked at me right in the eye for a few seconds. I could feel the lump in my throat as I swallowed..

Him: Even though you playing hard to get, I will get you

He kissed my now cold hand..

I gave him a faint smile and then retracted my hand back..

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AMANDA

The call took longer than I expected

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when Ndalo walked in he was no longer the same as how he walked out..

Me: Everything okay?

Him: Did you pack Siena's things?

Me: We talked about it

Him: We talked about it but I didn't say touch her things

Me: Sorry?

Him: What you did is very disrespectful

Me: I needed space for my own clothes plus you brought me here I didn't just move in

Him: Maybe that's the problem

Me: What's the problem?

He kept quiet..

Me: Are you having second thoughts about us living together just because Mommy called and wasn't okay with how I handled the Siena situation?

He made his way to the bathroom..

Me: Ndalo what's going on?

Him: Amanda give me some space

Me: I am not going to give you some space! You really going to listen to your Mother over me? Choosing her side? Your Mother doesn't like me and she is very manipulative!!

Him: Amanda I said give me some space

He took off his tshirt..

Me: I am not going to give you some space until you tell me if this was a mistake!!! Did your Mom...

Before even finishing the sentence he roughly threw me out of the bathroom and I fell on the floor in the main room..

Him: I said give me some space!!!

He banged the door and then locked it..

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NKATI

What happened earlier on hurt me not because of how she reacted but because of the sisterhood bond that I messed up, Amanda will surely hate me from now on.

I was in the kitchen drinking coffee and shedding a few tears, I was truly broken I lost the only family I was left with..

Kokwani made her way in I thought she was sleeping..

She was holding a bottle of pills and she walked over to the sink as I collected my tissues and threw them away..

Me: I thought I was the only one up

She ignored me and then drank her pills, I waited for her to finish..

Me: Kokwani are you okay? Don't you drink your pills at 18:00?

She turned and looked at me..

Her: I accepted you and loved you as my grandchild

I smiled..

Me: I know Kokwani and I truly appreciate you

Her: If you do then why are you being diabolical?

Me: Excuse me?

Her: You threw your Mother out of the house and took over

Me: Uhm I don't know what you talking about Kokwani I didn't throw my Mother out, they getting divorced

Her: Only because you are soon to marry her husband

I looked down..

Her: Shame on you! I have never heard of such evil

I didn't know what to say to her..

Her: You ought to be ashamed of yourself! Such a young beautiful girl being this much ugly inside Sies!

She spat on the ground..

Her: That was me disapproving of what you doing, this shameful of a marriage will never go anywhere! You only bringing constant tears on yourself may this Marriage not succeed not even once! I curse you! You will never be happy in this marriage ever! Not when I'm still alive!

. AMANDA

One thing I know that used to always bring me Peace no matter how bad things turned out was going to church, God remained my source of comfort in all possible ways and right now with my life being such a turmoil I need to go back to my source of Comfort. I have noticed that there was a church down the street so today being Sunday I decided to wake up early and prepare myself for church. What happened last night between me and Ndalo gave me a different perspective, maybe excitement and infatuation got to us that we made rush decisions one being moving in together..

He found me in the kitchen making myself something to eat after what happened last night I ran short of words to say to him..

Him: Good morning

I stood up and put my food in the fridge I didn't have appetite anymore..

I took my bag and he gently held my hand..

Him: Can we please talk?

I looked at him..

Him: What happened last night was.. I am very sorry I didn't mean to hurt you like that I don't know what came over me

I looked at his hand and he let go..

Him: I have found a Culinary school for you, actually my friend did.. We can go and check it out tomorrow

I didn't say anything..

Him: I am trying here..

Me: I will be moving out

Him: What? Why?

Me: I just think things would be better if I moved out

Him: Is it because of last night?

Me: It's not just about last night but it's a few things.. I think it's better if I get my own space

Him: How are you going to pay rent and everything? Seeing that you going to a culinary school?

Me: I am not going to quit my job I will continue working and save up enough

Him: Don't do this please

Me: I am not prepared to have your Mom walk in and out as she wants busy invading my privacy it's not right

He kept quiet...

Me: There way you cannot stand up to her shows me that you not ready, you are not ready to have a wife or let alone a girlfriend

I walked straight to the door taking my phone out

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I called Yammy..

Yammy: Hello (Sleepy voice)

Me: Hey seems like I woke you up

Her: Ya but it's cool

Me: How are you?

Her: I'm good and you?

Me: I'm fine.. Can't complain

(Silence)

Her: Why did you call?

Me: I.. Can we please meet later on?

Her: Why?

Me: I really need to talk to you

Her: about what?

Me: Please let's meet up

Her: I can't...I'll be busy later

Me: Ohw

Her: Yeah anything else?

Me: No.. There's nothing

She hung up and that hurt me, Yammy would come through for me with everything and now it's like she just doesn't care anymore and it truly hurt. I used up a lot of my money on clothes and I don't think the little I have will be able to pay rent for me..

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NAOMI

I was busy washing all smiling, Yammy has crowded my mind so bad she's practically the only thing on my mind most of the time.. I realized after a few minutes that my annoying Brother was standing at the door starring at me, he made his way in..

Him: Morning

Me: Morning

He took his mug..

Him: You look happy

Me: I am just in a good mood

He looked at my hair..

Him: Changed your hairstyle?

Me: Yeah I was getting tired of the old one

Him: He must be really important for you to even change your hair style

Me: He?

Him: The girl you trying to impress so bad

Me: Who said it's a he? Could be a she

He chuckled..

Him: Nice one

He made himself coffee..

Me: So you denying the fact that I might be into girls

Him: That's nonsense! I don't vibe with that shit

Me: But Yammy is lesbian and you vibing with her

Him: That's different

Me: How?

Him: Naomi you not gay!

Me: Ohw Wow..

Him: Wait a minute... Are you seriously seeing a girl?

I didn't say anything..

Him: You..

My Mom walked in all dressed up for church..

Mom: Morning

Lebo: Morning

She looked at me..

Her: I greeted

I threw the cloth in the sink..

Me: Lebo already greeted back it would be useless for me to greet again

Mom: What's going on?

Lebo: Your Daughter thinks she's gay

Me: I didn't say that

Lebo: Then what are you saying?

Me: Don't talk to me! I am talking to Mom!

He threw the mug at me burning me with coffee..

Mom: Lebo!!!!

Lebo: She started it..

I walked out crying..

Mom: Naomi..

Lebo: Aii Ndende leave her Naomi is a cry baby

Mom: You have to stop bullying people all the time

Him: She's gay!

He was going on and on as if like I wasn't hearing him

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NICCO

I looked at the time he was running late he said 07:00am now it's 09:00am..

I saw someone entering it had to be him, he looked around and spotted me then he made his way to him.

Him: Nicco Russo?

Me: Carl Shaw?

I stood up and shook his hand..

Him: Sorry that I am late

Me: It's fine you here now

We both sat down the same time..

Him: So how did you get my contacts?

Me: Through a contact of mine

He looked around and then looked at me..

Him: Italian?

Me: How did you know?

Him: It's an Italian restaurant, no one would randomly choose an Italian restaurant

Me: Yes my contact is Italian

Him: So how can I help you?

Me: I need your help

Him: With?

Me: My Daughter she is missing I am sure you saw in the news and papers

Him: I am sorry about that it's all over.. She hasn't been found?

Me: Not yet.. That's why you here

Him: You want me to find her for you?

Me: Yes and find the person responsible for her disappearance

Him: I am not a PI I don't look for missing people

Me: You come off as the best My contact highly recommend you

Him: This was a waste of time

Me: I'll pay you any amount you want

He stood up..

Him: I don't need money

Me: I suspect that my Step Son Jordan is responsible for her disappearance he is smart and always ahead of us I heard you can bring him down

Him: Wait did you just say Jordan? As in like Jordy?

Me: Yes

He laughed..

Him: Sneaky as always

Me: You are my last hope please

Him: I'm gonna do it not because I wanna help you but because I wanna piss Jordan off for my own amusement you don't even have to pay me

Me: Thank you.. Thank you very much I am grateful

He sat down..

Him: Tell me everything about her disappearance AMANDA

The service was very uplifting though the Pastor was not around but his wife clearly knows her story. She was preaching about how it is easy to lose yourself in a spiritual battle with dark forces, the emotional state is one that when it's affected you can find yourself losing the fight against the devil. She went on to elaborate further that the real you is not what we see physically but what is inside of you, though God might have created the flesh but he gave us what connects us to him and that is our soul and spirit. That is why the Devil always goes for the soul, he tries to break you down and when the inner you is dead the flesh becomes weak. She touched on things that I took lightly and now that I sit here thinking deeply about what she said, it all makes sense. She dwelled on Ephesians 6 verse 12

"For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age"

Everyday when we wake up our inner selves are already in battle with the dark forces, hence it is very important to lay your everyday foundation with prayer. The inner you has to draw strength from prayer, so that whatever attack may come your way throughout the day Heaven will shield the inner you.

Everyone had left but I was still inside the house of the Lord, I was glued to my chair and my inner self has been praying. I feel like I have lost myself, I have went astray, and I forgot to prepare my spiritual self for battle that's why the devil has found it easier to defeat my inner being everyday..

I heard someone clearing their throat, I moved my eyes and it was the Pastor's wife standing right next to me..

Me: Ohw I am.. I'm sorry I..

I looked around and indeed I was alone..

Her: Move over child

I moved over and she sat down, she handed me a tissue..

Me: Thank you

We both looked at the pullpit without saying a word..

Me: I feel like I have lost the battle

Her: You can never lose a battle against the devil, you mainly become emotional weak along the way but you never lose the battle because already you have been given authority over him

Me: I am tired emotionally I feel like I am done

Her: I don't have to be a prophet to search your soul and see your sorrows, your physical being right now is reflecting what your emotional being is going through. It's a fight deep inside of you, a very confusing fight. There's hurt

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anger, confusion, and hate

I wiped my tears..

Me: I just don't know what to do.. I don't know how to go on

Her: When you feel like you are stuck, when you feel like you cannot carry on no more and confusion becomes your daily bread don't fight to know what's happening. Don't keep on being a part of the battle because it's going to

carry on and on. You need to stop, close your eyes pray and then breath. Try to breath and you will get this unexplainable peace, Peace is what you win the battle with be pro the opponent

Me: Pro the opponent?

Her: You fight hate with love, you fight anger with peace Always try to be pro what is happening deep inside try breathing when you feel like you suffocating and can't take it anymore just breath, relax, and pray. Feed your inner you with the Bible, the more you concentrate on your inner being the devil loses the fight and I promise you, you won't even know how you overcame everything

Me: Thank you.. Thank you soo much

Her: Go home.. May God's everlasting peace be with the inner you

Me: Thank you a lot

That's what I needed to hear..

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NDALO

Jordan and I went golfing I thought that golfing was going to clear my mind but instead I wasn't good company, Jordan ended up asking what happened so I told him..

Me: I am thinking of buying her a car just to show how sorry I am

Him: What is a car going to solve?

Me: I don't know man but it will probably help lessen how tense the situation is

Him: I think the moving in together thing was quick you got to know someone before bringing them into your space, plus you still have a lot going on.. There's Siena I don't think you have fully closed that chapter

Me: I just wish I knew where she was, is she dead? Is she alive? I need some closure so that I can fully move on and commit myself in my current relationship

Him: I understand

Me: And my Mom is not a fan of Amanda anymore

Him: Is it because she is not from a rich family? This might sound harsh dog but your Mom actually encouraged you to gold dig your way into the Russo family she benefited a lot from your relationship with Siena at the expense of your happiness

Me: I know that but she has changed now, she is trying to mend what was broken

Him: If you say so

(Silence)

Me: Speak of the devil

We saw Russo making his way to us, he was with some white guy

Me: What is he doing here?

Jordan: I fucken cannot believe this!!

Me: What?

He threw the gold stick down..

Him: I don't believe this!!

We waited for them to reach us..

Russo: Gentlemen

I greeted back..

Russo: I want you Boys to meet my friend.. Carl Shaw

Me: Your friend?

Russo: Yes he is actually helping with the Siena case

Me: Really?

Russo: Yeap

Carl: You must be Ndalo?

Me: Yeah

Carl: Pleasure to meet you

We shook hands....

Carl: And the great Jordan.. We meet again

Jordan: I wouldn't call this type of meeting friendly

Carl: It definitely isn't

Russo: Well let us not ruin your little golf game, we just wanted to greet.. Enjoy your day gentlemen

They walked away..

Me: That was strange

Jordan: out of everyone he got Carl fucken Shaw

Me: This guy seems to be getting to you

Him: Of course he is!! You just don't know Shaw like I do!!

Me: I don't know why you worked up about this I mean now there's hope that we going to find Siena

He clenched his teeth..

Jordan: I have phone calls to make

He moved away from me..

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YAMMY

We were at the red dragon trying to have a chilled Sunday, it was just me and Ngwane.. Naomi was at the bar and I kept on stealing glances at her..

Ngwane: Tomorrow is your Sister's redemption or doom

Me: The case has been going well so far I hope the judge will be lenient

Ngwane: I have been following her trial she seems remorseful even if she gets locked up at least there won't be a Promise to torment her anymore

Me: Forgot she's out on Parole

Ngwane: She is home free for now

Me: You never told us what happened between you and Ontlametse where is Kammy?

He downed that beer like nobody's business..

Him: So I found a perf..

Me: Man don't change the subject

Him: I don't wanna talk about that Man

Me: Kanti what happened?

(Silence)

Him: She is..

Me: She is what?

He looked at the beer bottle..

Him: Let me get us some more

Where his fiancé is concerned he always feels the need to drink more or change the subject.. AMANDA

Yammy came to pick me up later and we went out for dinner, I was even surprised when I received her text.

She still looked good as always, and as usual she was dressed up in her black and white outfit..

Me: Thank you for taking me out

Her: You welcome

Me: Looks expensive

Her: It's a very good restaurant

Me: How is Nelly's trial going?

Her: It's going good so far but I doubt she will be home free

Me: I am sure she hates me for not visiting her

Her: Actually she's fine with you not visiting

I looked down..

Her: Everything okay?

I looked at her..

Her: What's wrong?

Me: Ndalo and I we.. We not working out

Her: You kidding right?

Me: No I am not kidding

Her: What's happening?

Me: I think moving in together sort of ruined the relationship a little

Her: It was a bit too quick

Me: I know

Her: You wanna move out?

Me: Yes but I am not going to move back in with you

Her: You don't have too.. I have a flat that I paid rent for, 3 months in advance

Me: Really? You got it for who?

Her: I got it for you when you wanted to move out

Me: Ohw

Her: If you want you can come live there

Me: How is the rent?

Her: It's a two bedroom so the rent is steep but you can get a flat mate

I nodded..

Me: Thank you

Her: You welcome

Me: How are things going with your girlfriend?

Her: She is not my girlfriend as yet just someone I'm having fun with

Me: I see

Her: So what's going to happen between you and Mr CEO?

Me: I don't know.. I really don't know

Her: If you love him and wanna be with him I hope it works out

Me: I hope so too

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JORDAN

Since Carl wanna play games with me I am also going to play games with him, I drove up to his place and he wasn't around when I got there but her girlfriend welcomed me in..

Me: Where is he?

Her: He went to fetch his Sister he should be coming back now

Me: At least I am not in a hurry

His girlfriend is very beautiful..

Her: Carl has never mentioned you to me before

Me: He has never mentioned you too

Her: Really?

Me: Or maybe it's because we haven't seen each other for a very long time

Her: You say you guys went to school together?

Me: Yeah same varsity but he dropped out

I saw this young boy coming down from upstairs..

Terra: Hey Jaden

Me: Jaden?

Her: Carl's Son

Me: with you?

Her: Previous girlfriend

I stood up and went to him, he was holding a toy truck..

Me: Hey Jaden

He kept quiet..

Terra: He is very shy around strangers

Me: I understand

Her: I have prepared dinner care to join us?

Me: I wouldn't say no to food..

Her: I'll prepare the table

Me: I'll stay here with Jaden, get to know him a bit better

NKATI

Wonder's Mom left today she couldn't stand what was going on in this house and most importantly she made it very clear that she never wanna see me again and she cursed our marriage..

I was feeling somehow I do not have any relationship with the only family that I have and now Kokwani wants nothing to do with me

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it hurt. It truly hurt..

Wonder: How are you feeling?

Me: I don't know

Her: I know that a lot of people are against us but.. We really don't need them we can make this work on our own

Me: I don't know Wonder your Mom cursed me

Him: Hey don't believe in those things, she is just angry and disappointed

I chuckled..

Me: This has to be the most shameful thing ever

Him: Love is not a shameful thing Nkati we have felt this way about each other for a while now, we have been together for a while in secret. Now we can finally show the world our love

He pulled me closer to him..

Him: Just fix things with your Sister, she has been a part of you for a very long time

Me: Okay

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

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JORDAN

Carl walked in just when we were about to eat he was with Jeany..

Terra: Hey honey

He did not look happy to see me plus I had his Son sitting on my lap..

Terra: Look we have your friend over

Me: Is that Jeany? Damn you have grown up

Terra: You guys can join us

Carl: I would like to have a word with my friend in private before we start with dinner

I put Jaden down..

Me: I'll be right back big guy

I stood up and we went outside..

Carl: Wtf?

Me: You have a nice girlfriend

Him: What do you want?

Me: I want you to stay out of my business

Him: did I shake you to a point were you feel the need to mess with my family

Me: I don't bring innocent people into a mess like this but in your situation you forcing me too

Him: Okay I haven't found her but I did find out that she is in Somalia, I only said that to shake you up a little

Me: I know, my contact called me

Him: So it is true.. You behind her disappearance?

Me: Stay out of my business

Him: You are taking this way too far Jordy and you are going to burn if you mess with my family

I walked closer to him..

Me: We are so much alike but different in one thing, unlike you I can use a gun and I won't hesitate to use it on little Jaden

Him: Unlike you I have a lion that won't hesitate to bite your head off

Me: You really wanna do this?

Him: Don't try me

We remained there looking at each other for a while, the door opened..

Terra: Are you guys coming? The food is going to get cold

Carl: After you

We went back into the house.. AMANDA

After the dinner that we had she drove me back to the house so that I can get my things. I think that being independent will do me good, I have been emotionally dependent on a lot of people now it's time I learn to be there for myself..

Yammy remained in the car while I went inside and got my stuff, when I walked down to the kitchen the door opened and Ndalo walked in. He was surprised to see me with my bag, he put his car keys on the counter..

Him: What's going on?

Me: I am moving out

Him: Why?

Me: Long story

Him: Look I know things have been shaky between us but, all relationships have their own problems and challenges. The key is to never give up on each other

Me: Ndalo a lot is happening and..

Him: Amanda Please don't do this, don't leave me

Me: I am not leaving you I am just moving out

He put his hands in his pockets..

Him: Okay where will you go?

Me: Uhm.. (Clears throat) Yammy rented a flat for me paid rent 3 months in advance

Him: Yammy as in your ex girlfriend?

Me: Yes

He looked at me for a while..

Me: I'll call you when I get there

I walked up straight to the door passing him, I thought he was going to stop me but he didn't not that I'm complaining..

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BELINDA

Jordan has asked for my presence again at his place, as usual I showed up dressed to impress him..

I am starting to get a handle of this, I am starting to get used to being around him without shaking and looking scared..

Him: Thank you for coming

Me: You welcome

Him: Looking beautiful as always

Me: I try my best

Him: Wine?

Me: Yes please

Him: Make yourself at home

I walked around until I stumbled on some charts and documents on his table..

Me: Working on something?

Him: Sort of

Me: What exactly is it that you do?

I went through the papers and I was shocked to see Pictures of myself in some restaurant with Nicco..

My heart started beating fast, my throat became dry and my palms were very sweaty..

I slowly turned around and he was standing behind me with a glass of wine and whiskey for himself..

He extended the glass of wine to me..

I took it with my hands trembling..

He wet his thumb and rubbed it on my cheek..

Him: You had a smudge there

Me: Th.. Thank you..

I glanced down at the pictures again..

Him: I think we need to talk

I looked at him..

Him: Please sit down

Me: I would rather stand

Him: I insist

I looked at him without moving..

Him: Sit down!! (yelling)

I slowly sat down..

Him: Good girl

Me: Please don't.. Don't kill me

Him: That will depend on what you say, for your sake I hope you tell me nothing but the truth do we understand each other?

I nodded..

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NKATI

The following day I woke up and made Wonder some breakfast before he left for work, I am supposed to meet up with some wedding planner at around 10:00am. We still going ahead with the wedding even though everyone is fully against it

all I want is for Amanda to forgive me I need her to be here for me on my big day..

I took my cell phone and called her, it took me straight to voicemail..

Me: Hey it's me.. We need to talk, please call me

I hope she gets back to me as soon as possible..

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SIENA

I have been in this country for far too long now, I have been violated in all painful ways. I was sold to be a sex slave, I lived in a brothel with other innocent girls and some of them were very young. I looked at my arm and I could see all the needle marks, after we have slept with these men our reward will be heroin. I have lost all hope of being found, it's been a while now and all I want is to just die because this is too much. Today I was being taken to another country, apparently someone paid a good price for me..

What's happening to me I wouldn't even wish it on my worst enemy, it's a very cruel thing that these men are doing to young girls..

I looked at the brothel with a few guards at the gate as I was led to the car that was parked not very far, I don't know where they were taking me this time around but all I know is that the pain will be 10 times worse..

They opened the door for me at the back and I went in, then the guy went and got in the driver's seat. The car started moving, I could possibly escape but it won't be that easy jumping off a moving car plus Today I didn't get my fix so I wasn't myself. His phone rang and he took it then answered..

Him: Hello... Yes she is here.. No we didn't..

He looked at me in the rear view mirror..

Him: Okay

He passed me the phone..

Me: Hello

Voice: Siena?

Me: Who is this

Voice: This is Carl I am your Father's friend

I sat up straight..

Him: I want to let you know that you going home

I froze because those are the words that I didn't expect to hear.. please pass somewhere when we done at the pharmacy? Driver: Yes Mam' It's time that I face my Mother once and for all.. . . SIENA We stopped at some hotel and I took a long bath I don't know when was the last time I had a proper bath, I closed my eyes and opened them again tears streamed down. I can't believe that I am finally going home.. I heard a knock at the door.. Him: Are you finishing? We have to get moving Me: I will be done Him: I got us something to eat Me: Thank you Finally I am going home, I can't wait to see my Father and Ndalo. Especially Ndalo I miss him soo much.. . To be continued

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AMANDA

The flat that Yammy rented out for me was amazing the security is very tight and I like it, rent will be better when I get a flatmate. I was also surprised that it was fully furnished too and I must say I like my space. I was in the office preparing Ndalo's things he was running very late that even his coffee was getting cold..

He walked in after 30min of me sorting out his table, he put his things on the table and came to me, I was now sorting out his shelf. He hugged me from behind.

Him: Good morning

He kissed me on my neck and intoxicated me with the nice smell of his cologne..

Me: Morning

His hands went up to squeeze my breasts while still continuing wetting my neck with his tongue..

Him: I miss you

Me: I miss you too

I ran my hand at the back of his head..

Him: I have a surprise for you

He turned me around..

Me: What is it?

Him: later

He kissed me while picking up my leg..

Me: Someone might walk in

Him: I'll be quick

He went down and lifted up my dress and took down my bum short, he spread my legs apart and muffed me. It was very nice and pleasure kicked in, I pinned his head hard against my cookie. He held on to my thighs very tight my eyes were closed and I was biting my lower lip..

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NAOMI

Yammy hasn't called me in a while now, I tried calling her but she never picked up so I decided to show up at her apartment this morning..

I rang the bell and waited for her to open, she did after a few minutes of me standing at the door step..

She was in her Nike shorts, vest and she was drying her dreadlocks with a towel..

Her: Naomi?

Me: Surprised to see me?

Her: Not at all come in

I walked in and she closed the door..

Her: How are you?

She was smelling good, her shower gel was still stuck on her..

Me: Why haven't you called?

Her: I'm sorry I have been busy

Me: Busy not to pick up your phone and call me?

Her: I'm sorry.. I'm really sorry

Me: I understand after all we not an item

Her: Hey don't say that

I enjoy spending time with you

I know that I wasn't supposed to catch feels, but being with a girl like Yammy is very difficult not to catch feels..

She came and held my hand..

Me: If you have someone else at least tell me

Her: I don't have anyone else.. I have you and I enjoy spending time with you

She kissed my hand..

Her: I'm really sorry

Me: It's okay

Her: I have plans at around 10am

Me: Ohw

Her: It's my Sister's sentencing wanna come?

Me: Court?

Her: Not the best place to spend your morning but..

Me: I'll come

She smiled..

Her: Let me get dressed

Me: Okay

She put me on her shoulder..

Me: Yammy stop you going to make me fall (Laughing) Indeed we fell but it wasn't painful because I fell ontop of her..

Me: You are so childish

She ran her hands under my tshirt and then kissed me..

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BELINDA

I ended up spending a night at Jordan's place after a few glasses of wine, surprisingly enough after telling him everything about Nicco he didn't kill me we just had crazy sex..

I opened my eyes to the smell of bacon being fried, I looked around and the sun was up. I smiled before getting out of bed to go to the kitchen..

I made my way to the kitchen while I was still naked, I stood at the door way and looked at him. He was standing at the stove frying bacon, he was in his briefs and whistling..

Me: Morning

He looked at me and then looked at the pan, he looked at me again when he saw that I was naked..

Him: Good morning

He gave me a shallow smile..

Me: It smells good

Him: Preparing it just for you

I slowly walked up to him..

Me: Can't wait to eat it

He spanked my butt..

Him: You will enjoy your breakfast

Me: I'm sorry about..

Him: Forget about it

Me: Can I ask you something?

Him: What is it?

Me: Why didn't you kill me or hurt me after finding out about me working for Nicco?

He looked at me..

Him: Maybe it's because I like you

He squeezed my cheeks and then pulled me by my face and kissed me, shoving his tongue deep..

Me: Agh sies!!

He laughed..

Him: Maybe you can toast the bread

Me: Okay

I went to the bread tin leaving him to whistle again while continuing to fry his bacon..

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AMANDA

Ndalo had a meeting with the staff in the seminar room while, since we had unprotected sex I decided to go out to the pharmacy to get a morning after pill being driven by the company driver..

I listened to my voicemails while I was in the car, I didn't mind Nkati's voicemails but kne voicemail caught my attention. It was from my Mother..

I cleared my throat..

Me: Can we please pass somewhere when we done at the pharmacy?

Driver: Yes Mam'

It's time that I face my Mother once and for all..

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SIENA

We stopped at some hotel and I took a long bath I don't know when was the last time I had a proper bath, I closed my eyes and opened them again tears streamed down. I can't believe that I am finally going home..

I heard a knock at the door..

Him: Are you finishing? We have to get moving

Me: I will be done

Him: I got us something to eat

Me: Thank you

Finally I am going home, I can't wait to see my Father and Ndalo. Especially Ndalo I miss him soo much.. AMANDA

I stood at the gate for a long time busy debating with myself if I should go in or not, looking at this house it traps a lot of memories that I don't wanna go through again. I turned and looked at the car, maybe I should go back but then again deep down another part of me was encouraging me to go in..

I took a few deep breaths and then held my bag tight as I approached the gate. My hand on the gate was trembling, I closed my eyes and said a short prayer.

Me: God I wouldn't be here if you didn't want me here

I opened the gate and made my way in, the walk to the door was the longest of my life. I was pretty taken by how dirty the yard was, empty beer bottles laying around if Nelly could see how her house is she would flip..

I knocked, the first knock was very faint..

Me: Come on Mandy you can do this

I knocked again a few times until I heard her voice..

Mom: Dodi bani loyo? (What trash is that)

My heart jumped she is still the same maybe my coming here was a mistake, a big mistake..

I was about to walk away when the door opened, our eyes met..

We looked at each other not knowing what to say..

Her: Amanda?

Tears filled my eyes..

Me: Ma

She did the unthinkable, she threw herself at my feet crying, I am talking about serious crying. I froze I didn't know how to react as tears streamed down..

She didn't say anything just cried at my feet, I could feel the wetness of her tears on my feet. I didn't know how to react because I never imagined my Mother, not in a million years begging for my forgiveness. Flashbacks of how she used to treat me came back, I remembered humbling myself in her presence at all times and today the tables have changed, she is the one at my feet..

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JORDAN

Belinda is an amazing girl and I enjoy spending time with her. I have been having someone follow her for a while now and the report came back that she's working for Nicco, how scared she was when I approached her I know that she will never double cross me again..

I received a call from my contact in Somalia, News that I didn't expect..

Me: What are you talking about?

Him: Siena.. Someone paid good money for her she is on her way to another country

Me: Who approved all of this?

Him: Didn't you?

Me: No dammit!! I didn't approve anything

Him: She has already left

Me: Fuck!! It must be Carl

Him: Who is Carl?

Me: Listen here and listen very carefully.. I want you to call the squad search every car that crosses the border I want her found before she makes it out

Him: Find her and bring her back to the brothel?

Me: No.. Find her and kill her! She has caused enough problems for me

Him: Yes Sir

I threw the phone against the wall

for someone who doesn't know how to use a gun Carl is really playing with fire..

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YAMMY

My Sister kept on looking back at me, she seemed nervous and so was I. I hope that the judge won't be harsh on her..

Judge: I have reviewed all the evidence that was presented at the court including the ruling of the psychologist that the accused was in a state of psychological instability, which led her to commit such a crime. However we cannot ignore the fact that you took an innocent life, although anger took over but the accused could've opted for something else than to kill her husband in cold blood because he posed no threat to her. He was tied down and couldn't defend himself which self defense falls over..

The remorse you showed in regretting your actions and the medical report that was brought forward which proved that your Sister in law was indeed sexually assaulted by your husband which led you to do such a despicable thing shadowed your actions as an act of justice, but taking the law into your own hands is illegal. After finding out what was happening you could've went and reported him than to commit a crime..I am not going to charge you with premeditated murder, I am going to charge you for involuntary manslaughter because I don't believe that you intended to kill your husband it was heat of the passion, driven by emotions which made you to act without thinking. Therefore I sentence you to 18 years with the possibility of parole after you have served at least 8 years of your sentence..

That was a relief although we opted for a much lesser sentence but 18 years is also not bad and she will be out on Parole without having to serve her full sentence.. The Lawyer I got her really did a good job.

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AMANDA

I helped her to get up her whole body was trembling and so was her lower lip. She wiped her hands first before putting them on my cheeks and wiping my tears..

Her: I never.. I..

Me: It's alright.. It's okay

I smiled through my tears..

Her: I prayed everyday for this day to come and here you are now

She moved over..

Her: Come in

I walked in, she closed the door..

I looked around..

Her: Sorry about the mess I have been meaning to clean

Me: It's okay

Being here again wasn't easy..

Her: Can I make you some tea?

Me: I'll make it

Her: You don't have to, you can sit down

Me: I insist

She sat down at the kitchen table, I don't think she would be able to hold the cups she was shaking very bad..

I opened the bag and took the morning after pill and then I drank..

Her: Are you sick?

Me: No I am not it's just vitamins

She nodded..

Her: I heard that you working at some rich company

Me: I am.. I'm an assistant, The CEO's personal assistant

Her: You know I am not a religious person but your God he has been alive, he got you through from everything and here you are today

Me: That's true

Her: I am very sorry Amanda.. I..

Me: It's okay Ma

Her: Come here

I walked up to her and she held my hand..

Her: I bless you, may you have all your heart's desires. All the pain you went through may your God continue to remember it and continue to comfort you, when you walk out of that door walk out knowing that you are blessed beyond measures but most of all may you find the heart to forgive me even if it's after 20 years but please forgive me for everything I have put you through. I should've treated you better, I should've been a better Mom to you and from hereon because of you I have no doubt that God exists. I want you to introduce me to your God, he is indeed the God of wonders and I hope he fixes our relationship. I hope it's not too late for us to have that Mother and Daughter relationship, I know that words will never make up for what I did but please forgive me

I hugged her..

Me: I forgive you SIENA

After bathing and eating we were supposed to be on our way but I was starting to feel a bit out of place. Laizer the guy who "rescued" me told me that it's because I haven't had a fix today and I'm still yet to feel like shit because of the withdrawal symptoms as time goes on....

Laizer is so good to me but I don't know if I could trust him just as yet because I have been shown cruelty left and right by those close to me. Jordan out of everyone, was the last person I could attached this sinister plot too..

I sat on the bed and watched Laizer through the window, he was outside on the balcony busy walking around with his phone on his ear. I watched his lips moving as he spoke and the gestures that he was making with his other hand as he spoke..

He must be an assassin or something there way he looked, his physique just gave him away that he handles serious operations like this one and others. What if he is a bodyguard to a very important person? A lot was just going through my mind as I tried to find a suitable title for him..

He walked back in and closed the door looking at me.

Him: I have bad news

Me: bad news?

Him: We won't be going back to South Africa today

Me: Why?

Him: We can't cross the border they already looking for you

Me: What?

Him: Yeah going there would be suicidal so we have to stay here for a while until everything settles down or until our chopper comes through

That was very disappointing..

Him: I'm sorry

Me: I'm never going home

Him: You will go home

Me: I don't think so

I started scratching myself..

Me: I'm never going home

His phone rang again and he answered this one call in my presence..

Him: Carl... Yeah man it's bad.. I was thinking that a chopper would do... We are in a safe place for now..

He leaned against the door with his one hand in his pocket..

His eyes moved from the floor and were fixed on me..

Him: I think we going to need a Dr too.. Heroin withdrawals are going to mess with her, I won't be able to travel with her anywhere.. I understand.. Okay.. Bye

He lowered his phone..

Him: We will get a Dr to come and check you out before the withdrawals get serious

I nodded repeatedly..

Him: Do you wanna lie down a little?

Me: No I'm fine

We heard a knock at the door..

He looked at me and indicated that I should be quiet by putting his finger against his lips..

He took out his gun..

Him: Who is it?

Voice: cleaner

Him: We didn't request for you

Voice: Sir I am trying to do my job

Him: Thank you but we will clean our own room

Voice: That's minus a chore for me

I heard her pushing her cart, Laizer put his gun away.

Him: Since they looking for you we will have to be very careful

All I could do was just nod at what he was saying..

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AMANDA

My Mother and I had tea she tried holding a conversation but things were still a bit off between us, it wasn't that easy to just act like nothing happened there was still this wall between us..

I couldn't stay for long after we had tea I went back to work, I didn't know that I had stayed for long at her place until I saw Ndalo sitting at his desk..

Him: Finally she is here

Me: I am so sorry

Him: Amanda I am a CEO not the assistant I have been answering calls ever since my meeting finished

Me: I am sorry

Him: Where were you?

Me: I went to the pharmacy to get a morning after pill

He looked at his wrist watch

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and then looked at me..

Me: Then I passed by my Mom's place

He laid back on his chair..

Him: That's interesting.. How did it go?

I exhaled..

Me: We talked

Him: And how was the talk?

Me: You know I went there because I wanted answers, I wanted to know why she did what she did and the state I found her in was just.. She literally fell at my feet asking for forgiveness

Him: Did you forgive her?

Me: I didn't want too at first but she has suffered enough, she has been punished enough considering the fact that her daughter that she loved very much is marrying her ex husband, she lost her cars, she no longer has money, she's just... I have never seen her in that state

Him: When karma hits you it comes hard

Me: I guess so

Him: So what's the outcome?

Me: We taking things slow

Him: That's good

Me: I feel like a heavy burden has been lifted off my shoulders the anger I had against her it was eating me deep inside, but seeing her today in that state I think now I will be able to live my life peacefully

Him: I am very proud of you

I smiled at him..

Him: Before I forget

He opened the drawer and took out a small box..

He made his way to me and gave me the box..

Him: Your present

I took it..

Me: What is it?

Him: Open it

I opened it and it was a key..

Me: Is this what I think it is?

Him: Since you wanna be independent I figured out that you probably won't wanna leave your job anymore so the money that I could've given you for the culinary school I bought you the car, not something flashy but it will take you everywhere you wanna go

Me: What are you talking about I.. I don't know what to say

Him: Wanna go and see it?

Me: Yes

Him: After you

I walked out and he followed me to the elevator..

Him: It's a Hyundai grand i10 bought it cash

Me: How much?

Him: was a good second hand trust me.. You can teach yourself how to drive with it

Me: I don't even have a license I don't even know how to drive

Him: We will fix all of that

The elevator opened and we walked in..

We waited for it to close..

I turned and pulled him closer with his shirt..

Me: Thank you

I kissed him..

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NAOMI

After Nelly's trial Yammy and I went to get something to eat at some food truck and then we went and sat at the park, just looking at the ducks in the water..

Me: So are you happy that your Sister didn't get a harsh sentence?

Her: I'm cool

We continued eating our hot dogs..

Her: So I have been thinking

She said that while licking the tomato sauce from her thumb..

Her: Let's make it official

Me: Huh?

Her: Whatever is happening between us let's make it official

Me: Are you serious?

Her: Very

Me: ohh my word

I hugged her..

Me: Yes I will be your girlfriend

Her: Okay that was a quick positive response

I broke the hug..

Me: There's only one problem

Her: What is that?

Me: Ngwane.. Prepare for a fight

Her: A gun fight

Me: Will it ever come to that?

Her: Ngwane is Ngwane he won't take this lying down AMANDA

After work Ndalo took me out to an open field and he taught me how to drive, was a bit scary since it was my first day and I wasn't catching much of what he was saying but it was also exciting. It was exciting sitting behind the wheel and having control of the car.

I wished that we could do this the whole day but unfortunately we couldn't, so we drove back to my flat and I prepared us a delicious simple dinner. On our way home we had stopped at spar first to get a few groceries...

I was enjoying this life of being independent already, If someone told me when I was going through a lot that some day I would have all of this and a man that loves me I would've denied..

He opened the bottle of wine while I brought the dishes, it wasn't the best meal just Pap and chops..

Him: Thank you

We both sat on the couch..

Him: I am exhausted

Me: I am excited the driving was exciting

Him: You were way in over your head that you were not following instructions

Me: Sorry I'll do better next time

Him: From tomorrow someone else will teach you I won't have time

Me: No problem

Him: Can I sleep over? I am very exhausted I'll drive home tomorrow morning

Me: How? You left your car at work

Him: You will drive me

I laughed..

Him: I'll call the company driver to come and fetch me

He yawned..

Me: You that exhausted?

He put the plate away..

Him: You have no idea

He stood up..

Him: Let me go and take a shower

Me: That's why you bought toiletries because you wanted to sleep over?

Him: sort of

He kissed me on my forehead..

Him: I'll eat after showering maybe I'll be fine

Me: Okay

He walked away..

I took my phone and went on Facebook while eating, Nkateko has left me a lot of inboxes so I decided to call her..

Her: Thank you for calling

Me: What do you want?

Her: Amanda don't be like that

Me: I am eating what do you want?

Her: I was asking if you could be my bride's maid?

Me: Are you insane?

Her: You my Sister and I really want you to be there

Me: After betraying Mom you really expect me to do this?

Her: Are you serious? Betraying Mom? Have you forgotten how that woman treated you?

Me: No I haven't forgotten but you know what's better about her? She was always upfront about her hatred for me she never stabbed me in the back

Her: I said I was sorry

Me: You saw how she put me through hell thinking that I was sleeping with Wonder and wena you stood there and said nothing! Knowing very well that it was you

Her: Amanda what's done is done let's move on

Me: I am not coming to your wedding and stop calling me!

I hung up..

Me: The Nerve!!

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SIENA

The withdrawal symptoms were starting to get a bit hectic, I have taken a lot of showers but it wasn't helping..

The door opened and Laizer walked in with the Dr..

Laizer: How are you feeling?

Me: Like hell

The Dr looked at me..

Her: Good morning I am Dr Rahman

She came closer with her bag..

Laizer stood by the door..

Dr: I am here to help you

I nodded..

Laizer: What are you going to give her?

Dr: We will have to put her on a detox program for a while

Laizer: For a while? No we have to travel back to South Africa soon

Dr: It's a process

Laizer: Can't you just give her something?

Dr: I can give her Methadone it's an agonist it can help with the symptoms since she's traveling but she has to be on a detox program

Laizer: We will do that in South Africa

Dr: I will write you a letter

Laizer: Will the medication help? Tomorrow we leaving

Me: Tomorrow?

Laizer: Yes your Father has organized a chopper for us we will take off from the military base first thing in the morning

Me: Wow

Laizer: Your Father loves you to spend so much money on you

Me: I guess so

That was good news, tomorrow I am going home..

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JORDAN

I was at my favorite restaurant having dinner when I was disturbed by an uninvited guest

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it was Nicco..

Him: Good evening

He pulled the chair and sat down..

Me: I am enjoying my meal so please don't ruin it

Him: I am not planning on doing that

Me: Then what do you want?

Him: I am sure you will be happy to know that your Sister is coming home tomorrow

I put the glass down back on the table..

Me: That's good news indeed

Him: It is.. When she comes back she will be able to tell me who was behind everything and that person is going straight to hell

Me: I'll drink to that

He stood up and left, I took my phone sent my contact a message..

"Tell me that you have found her"

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NKATI

My heart was very broken, why is this happening to me? My conscience was starting to eat me up. Seems like this wedding is cursed, to have my only sister turn on me like this it was too much..

I was in the bathtub taking a bath with a bottle of pills in my hands, I can end this misery once and for all..

Not only is Amanda my Sister but she has been my only friend and losing her like this, it's very painful. I am completely alone, no family, no friends so what's the use of living? How do I go on with life when I have no one? Who will I run too when I start to have marital problems? I can't.. I can't pretend anymore.. AMANDA

3 WEEKS LATER

Nkati called me about a week ago and told me that she was admitted at the Hospital because she has tried to kill herself, at first I thought it was just a way for her to seek attention but then later on I realized that this might be deeper than I thought so this morning I went to check up on her..

Things for me have been very peaceful this past few weeks, I got my learner's and my driving has improved the only thing left is for me to get my license..

She looked better, she was sitting in an upright position when I walked in..

Me: Morning

She was surprised to see me..

Her: Morning

Me: How are you feeling?

Her: I didn't think you were going to come

Me: You my Sister right? So why wouldn't I come?

I pulled a chair and sat down..

Her: I'm glad that you here

Me: When are you getting discharged?

Her: On Monday

Me: What really happened?

Her: It just got too much to handle, I am planning my wedding alone with the support of my family and after the wedding I will have to be dependent on myself it just got too much

Me: Do you love him?

Her: I don't know.. Honestly his money is what I loved

Me: Nkati you going to marry this man, marriage is a big commitment for you to be telling me that you have no feels for him

Her: I might not know what I'm doing but what I know is that he is a good provider

Me: So you going ahead with the wedding?

Her: i really don't know Amanda

Me: I think you shouldn't rush to anything just think about everything first

Her: You look all good Do you have plans?

Me: I do at, Ndalo's Mom is preparing lunch she invited me and Mom she wants to meet Mom

Her: That's nice

Me: It is nice I really want Mom to meet her

Her: Seems like things between you and Ndalo are starting to get serious

Me: Seems so too

Her: I'll definitely be coming to the wedding

Me: That would be great

I stood up..

Me: I have to go I'll call you

Her: Okay

I hugged her..

Me: I love you

Her: I love you too

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NAOMI

Since things are getting serious between me and Naomi I decided that I should Introduce her to my Mother

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I need my Mother to know about my sexuality..

I left them and went to the lounge to get something to drink, things were pretty awkward between all of us..

I came back with juice..

Mom: Thank you

I sat next to Naomi..

Mom: I didn't know that you liked girls

Me: I am attracted to both genders

Mom: Meaning that tomorrow we might wake up and you will be dating a guy?

Me: I embrace the other side of me more

She nodded..

Mom: So Yamkela what is it that you do?

Yammy: I.. I actually have a garage I fix cars

Mom: I see

Naomi: She is making reasonable money from the garage

Mom: I am sure she does

Me: Juice for anyone?

Yammy: Yes please

I poured juice for everyone..

Mom: So Yammy are you also bisexual?

Yammy: No I am a lesbian I only date girls

Mom: And does your family feel about that?

Me: Mom that's too personal

Yammy: It's okay.. My Mother is not very forthcoming with it but my Sister is fine with it

Mom: Well I am pleased to meet you

Me: I am pleased to meet you too Mrs Maleka

Mom: Please call me Ndende

Me: Ndende

The meeting actually went better than how I had anticipated..

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JORDAN

Ndalo invited me and Belinda over, his Mom is cooking lunch and she is one great cook..

I have been worried since my contact hasn't gotten anything about were Siena is, it's been weeks now..

Ndalo came to me I was standing outside alone having a smoke..

Ndalo: Everything alright with you man?

Me: Everything is fine just wanted to smoke

Ndalo: That's a nice piece of ass you brought

Me: She is something

Ndalo: Is it serious now between the two of you?

Me: I'd like to think so

Ndalo: I'm happy for you man

Me: When is Amanda coming

Ndalo: She called me that she's fetching her Mom first and they going to be here soon

Me: Ayt cool

Ndalo: Let me braai the meat

Me: I'll be there to help you

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AMANDA

My Mother was more nervous than I was with this whole meeting, Ndalo's Mom can be a bit of a challenge so I hope she won't be somehow today..

The table was set she really went all out with the cooking..

Her: Nice of you to join us

Me: Thank you for inviting us

She looked at my Mom..

Me: Meet my Mother and Mom this is Miss Khoza Ndalo's mother

Thy shook hands..

Mom: Pleasure to meet you

Miss K: Same here

We went and sat at the table, I sat next to Ndalo. He kissed me on my cheek..

Him: You look lovely

Me: Thank you

Miss k: We can say grace and then eat

We all held hands and she said the grace..

Miss k: We can now enjoy the food

This was very lovely, it was lovely for Miss k to go all out..

We heard the door opening and closing, then we heard the sound of heels..

Miss K: any of you expecting someone?

We all shook our heads no..

At that very instant Siena walked into the dinning Area with her Father..

Siena: Good day family AMANDA

No one was prepared for this everyone at the table was dead quiet, she stood there holding her bag tight and looking at us. She looked different than how I have seen her in her pictures, she looked thin and just different..

Nicco: Can we join everyone?

Ndalo's Mom stood up..

Her: Yes please just that we.. No one expected this I mean Siena we have.. It's really good to see you

She went to her and hugged her..

Miss k: Please join us

Her Father opened a chair for her and she sat down..

Siena: I thought I was never going to see any of you again but.. I'm here now

Miss K: How did you..

Siena: Let's rather not go there I really don't wanna talk about that

She said that while looking at Jordan..

Siena: I am glad to see everyone, especially my Fiancé

Miss K: We are glad to see you too I have been praying for you that you should return home safe

Siena: At some point I even lost hope, things were very difficult for me

Miss K: We are very thankful that you are back safe

Jordan: Excuse me

He stood up..

Jordan: Belinda I think we should leave

Belinda: Now?

Jordan: It's a family moment I think that we should give them this moment

Belinda: Uhm okay

Miss K: But you guys haven't even eaten

Jordan: Maybe we can have the meal as a take away

Miss K: If you feel that way then I guess you can

Belinda: I'll look for a Tupperware at the kitchen

Jordan: I'll be in the car

Ndalo: I'll walk you out

The 3 of them walked out of the dining area..

Miss K: That was odd

Nicco: I'm glad he gave us this moment

Siena's attention had moved from everyone to me..

Her: I'm sorry I don't think that we have met before

Me: I am Amanda.. I..

Miss K: Amanda is a family friend

I looked at her..

Miss K: A very good family friend of ours that just moved in at some flats because she's working for Ndalo as his PA

Siena: Ohw that's good I guess

A family friend? Is she serious?

Siena: I hope my Fiancé wasn't that much of trouble he can be very demanding at times

Me: He..

Miss K: Amanda wouldn't know that because she doesn't spend that much time with Ndalo other than at the office

Siena: I am glad to hear that

Miss K extended her hand to Siena..

Miss K: I am really glad that you back and please tell me that we are continuing with the wedding

Siena: With all the stories that the newspaper are going to run, I am sure we going to make a lot of money to add up to the wedding

They all laughed..

Siena: And who is the other woman?

Miss K: Amanda's Mom

Siena: I see

She ran her eyes around..

Siena: I have missed my house soo much, my bedroom, my shower, my, my perfumes, expensive clothes I just miss everything. I have been made to wear..

She paused and starred at the Jug of juice..

Miss K: It's over now.. You are home and safe

Nicco: And I'll make sure of that

I can see that Miss K was very fond of Siena from how she was responding to her..

Siena: Can I excuse myself? Wanna go and take a long warm bath

Miss K: Of course I'll come and check up on you

She smiled then stood up..

Siena: Daddy thank you for driving me

Nicco: You welcome

She kissed her Father on his cheek then looked at me.

Her: It was nice meeting you

Me: Same here

Nicco: I'll go and get your luggage

Siena: Thank you

She walked to the stairs and now It was me, My Mom, and Miss K at the table..

Miss K: Well the lunch didn't go as how we expected, we didn't expect Siena to come

Mom: Who exactly is Siena?

Miss K: My Son's fiancé she was missing

Mom: If she is your Son's fiancé where does that leave my Daughter?

She took the glass of juice from the table..

Miss K: I think we all know what it means

She drank the juice then after put it down..

Miss K: The fling that Amanda and Ndalo had is over

Mom: A fling?

Miss K: Amanda is young she will find someone else

Mom: How..

Me: Mom I think we should leave

I stood up..

Miss K: Should I put food for you guys in a Tupperware?

Me: No thank you

Miss K: that reply was unexpected

My Mom stood up from the chair, took her bag and we walked out. I was broken, I was truly broken you have no idea..

We bumped into Ndalo when we were approaching the car..

Him: Leaving already?

I gave my Mom the car keys..

Me: I'll find you in the car

Mom: Okay

She took the keys and walked to the car..

Him: Amanda I'm truly sorry

Me: What's going to happen now?

He put his hands in his Jean and looked down..

30 seconds passed without him saying anything..

Me: Well I wish you all the best

I walked away..

Him: Ama...

I felt tears burning my eyes..

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BELINDA

Jordan seemed very upset he didn't even want me to take the food with..

Him: If you hungry we can get something then I'll drop

you off at the apartment

Me: It's okay I'll cook

Him: I'll drop you off then

Me: Are you going somewhere?

Him: Yes I have some business to take care of

I wish I could ask him what's wrong but it seems as if like it's something deep

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something very deep. So I decided to let it go..

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NDALO

This was highly unexpected I really thought that I was never going to see Siena ever again, then she just shows up randomly like this..

I went back inside the house, Nicco was putting bags in the middle of the kitchen floor..

Mom: Is it this one that has her toiletries?

Nicco: I think so

Mom: I'll take it up to her

Here is Mom again, Worshiping Siena..

She took the small bag and walked upstairs..

Me: How did you find her?

Nicco: Where you hoping that I don't find her?

Me: I didn't say that

Nicco: What was your PA doing here?

I kept quiet and folded my arms..

Nicco: We don't have to call Dr Phil so that we know that you and that girl were fucking, all I'm asking you now is that leave that shit alone. My Daughter is back she's been through a lot she needs her fiancé, she needs to be happy again

Me: Nicco

Him: She has been back for 3 weeks now, she was staying at my place attending therapy and all that she was talking about was you.. I know that I have been a bit difficult on you and everything but now I am not going to threaten you and all that

Me: You won't?

Him: No I will make you an offer that you cannot refuse

Me: An offer?

Him: If you marry my Daughter I will give you the company, it will be all yours

Me: What? You giving up the Russo legacy?

Him: My Daughter's happiness matters to me and right now you are her happiness.. Just think about it, Russo Intel will be all yours I have other small businesses that will generate income for me. It won't be a lot of money compared to what I was getting from Russo Intel but my Daughter's happiness comes first and I want you to make her happy

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NAOMI

Me: Are you using this space?

Yammy: No

Me: I'll put my shoes here then

After Yammy met my Mother she asked for permission from her if I could move in with her in the apartment and my Mother agreed, but there was a condition to the agreement. She told me that I can move in with Yammy if I promise to go back to school, I love Yammy so I gave in. I will go back to school..

She squeezed my butt and kissed me on my cheek..

Yammy: I'll be right back

Me: Where are you going?

Yammy: To smoke a joint

Me: Weed?

She nodded..

Her: Wanna join?

Me: Never done weed before

Her: Come it'll be fun

Me: Okay I'll be right there

Her: I'll roll in the lounge then when you done we will go out and smoke

Me: Okay

She walked away.. I found space for my clothes in her wardrobe, I didn't take all of my clothes though..

Her phone beeped on the bed I looked at it, a part of me was telling me to let it go but another part of me wanted to be nosy. I took it and unlocked, I have memorized her pattern. It was a text message from Amanda which read:

"I am in a very bad space, please call me. I want to talk"

I replied:

"Sorry busy right now, I'm with my girlfriend and please stop contacting me she doesn't like it"

I then deleted everything.. AMANDA

When things seem to get better it's when they get worse I really thought I had it all figured out with Ndalo but I guess I was wrong. Ever since we got to the flat I have been sitting on the couch and trying to destruct myself with the Tv but it wasn't working, tears would just start streaming down. My Mother was still around she hasn't left yet..

Mom: I made you rooibos tea

Me: That's very sweet of you but I don't want tea

She sat next to me..

Her: You have to drink tea Mandy, you haven't eaten anything all day

Me: I'm not hungry

Her: I know that I haven't been there for you we never had the Daughter and Mother relationship, everything you had to figure out on your own or ask Nkati

Me: Toto was there

Her: Yes Toto was there

(Silence)

Her: I'm truly sorry Amanda you don't deserve all this pain that you going through, you never deserved any part of it

Me: But yet you put me through pain all these years! I was just a teenager I had lost my Father and my Grandmother! I was alone I was broken and you broke me more! Then your Son worsened the pain!!!!!!! You killed me, you are my Mother my flesh and blood you carried me for 9 bloody months and you never loved me! What kind of a woman are you? What kind of a Mother would bring a child into this world and then abuse her? I was just an innocent girl! (Crying)

She leaned forward and wiped her own tears..

Me: Why? Why did you treat me like that? I lived worse than a dog! Why Ma? Why?

It was starting to be a serious emotional moment..

Her: Maybe I should leave

She stood up walked away..

Me: No you not leaving this time around!

I got up and ran to her..

I stopped her by roughly pulling her arm..

Me: You are not going anywhere until you tell me Why!!

Her: Amanda I thought that you said you forgive me but obviously you don't and I don't blame you

Me: I don't want your explanation I just wanna know why

She didn't say anything for a while..

Her: Your Father was a very ruthless man I know he was your hero and everything but he was a ruthless man! He abused me and my Son, he pushed me when I was pregnant and I fell my son almost died that day. He used to beat me, treat me like trash and one time he had friends over and they got drunk then took advantage of me and he never said anything! He didn't do anything he was just cheering them!

Me: Stop it! Stop lying my Father would never do that

Mom: Yes he did!! He did (Crying)

This was not making sense..

Mom: He was a very heartless man

Me: My Father would never do that! He was a good man

Mom: You know him as a good man but he wasn't! He wasn't good to me!

She turned back and went to sit on the couch..

I really didn't know what to say..

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NDALO

I was sitting in the living room and watching soccer or it was more like the Tv was watching me. What Russo told me kept on going through my mind, this is always what I have wanted to own a company. It wouldn't have been a bad idea to start afresh but honestly starting a company from scratch is not child's play, Russo Intel has been my child. I made that company what it is today and walking away doesn't feel right at all, if I walk away Russo will make sure that I walk away with nothing. On the other hand marrying Siena is a bit of suicide

we will marry in community of property and she will own half of the company so if we divorce her family still walks away with something..

I took the remote and started surfing the channels, If I leave Siena for Amanda it's another story. Amanda will never be safe, she will lose her job too and I won't have nothing how are we going to survive? Siena has a dark side to her and she will make sure that Amanda suffers everyday. I put the remote back on the table if only my Mother never encouraged me to choose money from the start none of this would be happening, I wouldn't find myself in this situation..

Siena made her way down wearing her long silk night dress, it was now a bit bigger because she has lost weight tremendously..

Her: Hey

She stood on the last step..

Me: Hey

She looked at herself..

Her: I found this as I was going through my stuff in the box

Me: Ohw yeah I'm sorry I packed all your things away when I..

Her: Thought that I wasn't coming back?

Me: I'm truly sorry

Her: It's alright

I stood up..

Me: Should I make you something to eat or drink?

Her: No I'm okay

Me: Okay

I sat down as she made her way to the couch..

Her: You know Ndalo I thought that I wasn't going to see you again

Me: I thought so too

Her: Despite what was happening to me but my love for you kept me going and here I am today, it was really hard Ndalo.. It was very hard I won't lie

Me: I.. I'm very sorry we tried our best looking for you

Her: I know

She started trembling..

Me: Are you okay?

Her: Yes I just have to take my medication.. Excuse me

She stood up and went..

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JORDAN

I was holding my gun very tight and standing behind the kitchen wall, his house was very quiet only the dogs were barking in the garage. It was also dark and I had tripped the alarm system..

Me: Carl??

It was quiet..

I slowly walked to the living room and there he was sitting on the couch with a cigar..

Him: Jordan I have been waiting for you

I pointed the gun at him..

Me: For someone who doesn't know how to use a gun you pretty confident and like getting into trouble

Him: What can I say? Trouble has a way of finding me

Me: Well I was hoping to find the whole family, I was going to start with the beautiful Terra and then go for the little one

Him: I guess not tonight

I cocked my gun..

Me: Goodbye Carl

He stood up..

Carl: Not tonight Jordan.. I won't die tonight but you might!

He looked upstairs and what I saw really made me speechless..

I saw a big lion running down the stairs, fear crippled me I didn't even know how to react..

Before I knew It the Lion knocked me down, it wasn't even your ordinary lion. It was black, had wings, and red eyes. I couldn't make out if it was a lion or tiger..

Carl: Told you that I don't need a gun JORDAN

I have never seen that kind a lion not even on Tv it was on me breathing heavily and salivating ready to devour me and I was paralysed by fear, death stood face to face with me at that instant..

At Carl's Command it got off me, I then slowly got up still amazed..

Carl grabbed a towel on the couch then the lion turned into a human, a full white male and Carl passed him the towel. He wrapped it around his lower body and I noticed that he had a tattoo of a lion on his left breast, the same tattoo that he turned into...

Carl: Meet my good friend Taylor Duvenhage he has a human heart.. Literally!

I was too shook to even say anything...

Carl: Duvenhage has demons of his own wouldn't like to get into them but he can change into a supernatural creature, a curse was put upon him long time ago by a woman named Zorba he had to sacrifice his human heart to have a heart of a lion so that he can live the American dream in South Africa

Nothing of what he was saying was making sense, I was too caught up at a human being changing into a lion. I looked at his finger and he had a wedding band, meaning this person is married..

Carl: Thank you so much man

Duvenhage: anytime

He looked at me..

Duvenhage: I'll go upstairs and get dressed my wife is waiting for me

Carl: Wouldn't wanna get in trouble with a Versini

He walked away and left us there..

Carl: See Jordan I have full protection, I have a lion, I have Tpee, I have Gesh, and I have Maurice all of them are dangerous in their own way. What do you have? A gun only?

I remained quiet..

Him: Let's call it a truce.. You do whatever you do and I will stay out of your business long as you leave Siena alone her Father paid me a lot of money I might even give my girlfriend her dream spring wedding

He extended his hand to me..

Him: Truce?

I looked at it for a while then I extended mine to his..

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AMANDA

I woke up in the morning and prepared myself for work surprisingly my Mother had slept over in the other bedroom. I thought she left because after what she told me I went and locked myself up in my bedroom and never came out, I was trying to come into terms with what she told me. I couldn't believe it and I still can't believe it because my Father was my hero. He was the best human being that I have ever known..

I prepared myself for work my Mother was already cleaning when I left, even though yesterday we had an altercation but today she greeted me and even made me a palony and cheese sandwich before I left for work...

I really didn't wanna see Ndalo I was still broken over what happened but hey I can't give up my job

it's the only thing I have worse since Yammy is also acting up on me..

At least Ndalo had a meeting from 08:00-11:00am so he won't be in the office until after 11:00am that will give me time to breath, when he comes in I can take my break and come back at 12:00 in the afternoon. By then he has another meeting in the boardroom..

First thing I did when I got into the office was to get myself coffee as always, I went and chilled with Thandeka for at least 30min then I went to the office.

Sitting at Ndalo's desk was Siena, I won't lie she did startle me..

Me: Good morning

In her hands was the company's brochure..

Her: Morning she put it away

I went straight to my desk and sat down..

Her: I thought I would find my fiancé here

Me: He is at a meeting he will be back after 11:00am

Her: That's bad I thought he would be here

How can she not know that he has a meeting but she is sleeping in the same bed as him? She didn't prepare his bath and made him breakfast this morning before he left?

She stood up and made her way to me..

Her: Actually I am glad I caught you alone

I looked at her..

She unzipped her bag and took out a bracelet of mine that had my name and gave it to me..

Her: I believe this belongs to you

I took it..

Her: I found it in my bedroom

I didn't say anything..

Her: I may be a lot of things but I am not a fool, I know very well that you not a family friend you were somewhat sleeping with my fiancé

She balanced both her hands on the table..

Her: Don't worry I understand. I was away for a long time and he is a man he has certain needs, it would be a bitch if you have fallen for him because he doesn't love you and never will. I have seen this a lot of times trust me but Ndalo's heart belongs to me did you even see how his mother reacted to me? I have always been here and she loves me, she has accepted me as the only woman in his life. Do you wanna spend the rest of your life being hated by your in laws? Because that woman clearly doesn't like you hence she even introduced you as a "Family friend" instead of a "girlfriend"

What she was saying was starting to cut deep..

Her: I am sure that he told you he loves you, made you feel special and important just so he can get into your panties but darling if he really felt something for you don't you think that he should've chosen you already over me?

What she was saying made a lot of sense, I mean Ndalo never really chose me over Siena even when she walked through he didn't say anything

She took out a small piece of paper and handed it to me..

Her: I am giving you one million on the dot leave this job and start afresh

Tears were already flooding my eyes..

Her: Turns out you wanna go to a culinary school, this money can take you through culinary school and take care of you while you still studying, take the money forget about him and start over. There's a lot of guys out there and I will make sure that you get a good job after graduating maybe at a 5 star hotel depending if you leave my fiancé alone

She pushed it over..

Her: If you smart you will take the money if you don't you will loose everything and end up homeless I have read your file I know everything about you, so if you smart you will take the damn money!!

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YAMMY

I have been trying to get a hold of Amanda but she wasn't picking up I have to check up on her every now and then to see if she's okay I owe my Sister that much..

Naomi walked into the lounge I was eating breakfast.

Her: Morning

Me: Morning

She was in her bumshort and bra..

Her: Preparing to go to the garage already?

Me: Yes and you what are you going to do today?

She came and sat ontop of me..

Her: I'll go and check if there's any space at the Colleges

She yawned..

Me: Did you brush your teeth?

She hit me on the shoulder..

Her: You rude

I laughed..

She wrapped her arms around my neck..

Her: I love you

Me: I love you too

We were about to kiss when a knock disturbed us..

Me: Let me get that

Her: let me go and bath

She kissed me on the cheek and then got off me, I got up and went to open the door..

It was Ngwane..

Me: Eyy

I let him in..

Me: Wad up?

Out of the blue he threw a punch at me, I took a few steps back..

Me: Wtf? YAMMY

Tampers were now flaring he looked like he was ready to kill me and I wasn't backing down either..

Him: So I accept you for who you are and you see that as an opportunity to worm your way into my Sister?

I felt like my jaw had cracked that's how hard he threw the punch..

Me: Naomi is old enough to make her own decisions!

Him: Eyy Maan my Sister has always dated guys! This is not who she is

Me: Really?

(Silence)

Me: See this!! Your Temper might be the reason why You not with Ontlametse anymore

Him: Don't bring her into this!

Me: Yes tell me what happened to her? Why is she still in Brazil and you here?

He looked at me and then looked behind me..

Him: Naomi

I turned..

Naomi: Ontlametse is in Brazil?

Ngwane: I can explain

Naomi: She is still alive?

Ngwane: Yes she is

Naomi: I don't understand.. I was at her funeral she passed on!

Ngwane: It's a very long story that I will explain when we get home

Naomi: Get home? I am not going anywhere with you!

Ngwane: Naomi..

Her: No! What kind of Person are you? Do you know what you put Mom through? She thought that Ontlametse died, we all thought so and all along you knew the truth! Dammit Lebo an innocent Person went to jail for murder!
(shouting)

Ngwane: You do not raise your voice at me

Naomi: I will raise my voice a..

Ngwane: Naomi stop it!!

There was silence in the room, Naomi walked out all mad..

Ngwane: N..

Me: Let me

He stopped..

Me: I'll talk to her

I followed her..

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AMANDA

Unfortunately there was no avoiding Ndalo as much as I took my lunch early in hopes to be away from him but then after eating I had to go back to the office..

He was sitting at his desk when I walked in, I just

went straight to my desk and there was a rose on the table.

Him: Afternoon

Me: Afternoon

I even avoided keeping eye contact with him..

Me: Your meeting is going to start in a few minutes time

Him: I know

He stood up and made his way to me..

Him: I got this for you

He took the rose and handed it to me, I took it and threw it away..

Him: Amanda don't do that

Me: A simple rose won't fix this mess

He tapped the table a little..

Me: What do you want Ndalo?

He looked at me..

Him: I want you, I love you

Me: If you do then why aren't you with me?

Him: It's not that easy

Me: It is

Him: It is not!

He sighed..

Him: Look I love you too much to put your life in danger like that, If I continue with you we will always live on the run and I don't want that. Siena's family they are ruthless and they won't hesitate to always hunt us down and kill us! Especially you.. You have done so well for yourself and I don't want you to lose your life because of me

I looked at him with my heart broken and tears flooding my eyes..

Him: I'm sorry

Me: So this is it?

Him: Yes.. This is it but you can still keep your job and..

Me: Fuck you Ndalo!

I took my bag and chuckled with tears falling..

Me: Funny enough the woman you choosing signed me a cheque for 1mill so that I leave you and start over is that how you wanna leave? Being controlled and abused by this woman?

He didn't say anything..

Me: I pity you evening though you broke me but I pity you

Him: Amanda I'm truly sorry

Me: Please keep your sorry.. I quit

Him: Don't do this

Me: I have 1mill I can go to a culinary school and realize my dream

I walked all the way around to him..

Me: You know what I won't give up on love just because of you

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I will find someone one day who will love me and respect me. Someone who is not going to use me to push time

He held my hand but I removed it from his grip..

Me: Good bye Ndalo and have a nice life!

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NKATI

Wonder fetched me from the hospital and drove me home. We exchanged no words in the car I was just lost deeply in my thoughts..

This is not the life I have planned for myself, I have a lot to lose should I go with this wedding and it has already been cursed. Honestly speaking I am with him because of his money but if the money disappears then what is going to become of our marriage?

Wonder: And we home

He got out and came to my side to open the door for me..

I got out..

Me: Thank you

We walked to the house..

Him: Unfortunately I won't stay with you I have to go back to work

Me: I understand

Him: Please don't try to hurt yourself, don't scare me like that

Wonder has been around he has had his fun and now he wants to settle down with a young girl, it's not right. I should be with someone my own age or someone I won't regret being with..

Me: Before you leave can I please have money I wanna order pizza

He took out his wallet..

Him: I have R150

Me: It will be fine

He kissed me..

Him: I love you

Me: I love you too

He then left. This is it, this is my chance to run away and go to my Sister's place.. I don't know exactly where she is situated but I am sure if I show up at Ndalo's place he will take me to her..

I walked upstairs to pack my things, running away seems better than telling him that I'm leaving because he will try to stop me...

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JORDAN

After the whole Carl situation last night, Today I decided to go and see Siena. I wanted to know why she didn't turn me in..

The maid let me in and I waited for her in the kitchen.

Siena: What are you doing here?

She stood far from me..

Her: Why can't you just leave me alone?

Me: Relax I won't hurt you

Her: Then what do you want?

Me: I just wanna know one thing.. Why didn't you turn me in?

She looked at me for a very long time before saying anything..

Me: Siena?

Her: Go!! Just go and leave me alone! If you try to contact me or get anywhere near me I will make sure that my Dad kills you! And I will turn you in

Me: Look Siena I am truly sorry

Her: Leave Jordan!!!! (Screaming)

She started throwing things at me..

Her: Leave my house and don't ever come back!!

Me: Okay calm down I'm leaving! And I will stay away from you

I turned and headed straight to the door.. AMANDA

A FEW MONTHS LATER

I walked into the living room and Nkati was laying on the couch with the Tv remote in her hand and surfing through the channels..

Me: Morning

She got up and looked at me..

Her: Morning.. How are you feeling? Do you want coffee? Breakfast?

Me: I'm fine

She got up from the couch and made her way to me..

Her: Are you sure?

Me: Just because Ndalo is marrying Siena today doesn't mean my world is collapsing, it's been months and I have learned to live without him, I have accepted that he is no longer going to be a part of my life and I am working on myself and my future

Nkati: Good for you.. I am happy that you working on yourself

Me: So have you found a school yet?

Her: Unfortunately no there's no space they telling me next year

Me: That sucks even the culinary school said next year

Nkati permanently moved in with me a few months ago, Wonder tried getting her back forcefully but we ended up getting a restraining order against him. I was planning on going to the culinary school but unfortunately I couldn't find space so I applied for next year. The 1mill that Siena gave me I put 500 000 in a fixed account and the other money I started a food truck business, The truck that I'm using is expensive so after putting a deposit on it I decided that I will pay the remaining amount with monthly installments. Everyday my truck parks close to the mine and firms so workers there can buy something to eat during lunch breaks. Sometimes I park next to the mall and other places, it's making me pretty good money. My Mother and Nkati help me a lot although they still have issues but both need money so when we working they put their differences aside. Next year when I go to culinary school I want my Mother and Nkati to run the food truck business and hopefully they will do a good job..

Me: Are you ready?

Her: It's a Saturday

Me: The mall gets full on a Saturday

Her: We have been working a lot Amanda can't we just..

Me: No Nkati come on this business is all we have

Her: Fine

She went to the bathroom..

I have come too far to let a spineless Momma's boy ruin everything that I have worked for, from hereon I am concentrating on myself and success than letting Men play me.. There are successful single women who are doing good and happy on their own I am planning on being like that too from now on..

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NDALO

I kept on checking the time, in a few minutes I'll be standing and waiting for Siena to walk down the aisle.

I moved the curtain and everyone was sitting at the backyard, it was beautifully decorated..

Jordan came in he is my best man..

Jordan: Are you ready?

I looked at the time again

Me: I think so

He closed the door..

Him: Why do I get the feeling that you are having second thoughts?

Me: I don't know Jordy, if I go through with this I am stuck with her for the rest of my life

Him: What about the company?

Me: Money is not always everything

He sighed..

Him: You had plenty of time to pull out

Me: I used that time to think and I am not over Amanda

Him: I know but you doing this to protect her remember? If you go for Amanda Siena is going to kill her she won't hesitate having people go after her after the kidnapping situation she has become very toxic and dangerous

I sat down on the bed and wiped my face with my hands..

Jordy: You know I'm with you whatever you decide

Me: I have money saved up but.. We can't live on the run, I don't wanna live on the run with her. What kind of a life would she have always moving from one country to the next? I mean she would wanna settle down sometime get married and have kids and if I drag her along in this mess she won't get none of that and she will have to be dependent on me which is something I don't think she will want, when we run out of money what's going to happen?

Jordy: I understand man and unfortunately I can't help you on this one, they brought Carl into this situation and he is a bit of a headache. We made a truce and I promised that I won't go after Siena anymore

Me: I understand man

Him: So let's go.. Let's do this

I stood up and finished off dressing..

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YAMMY

After I found out that Naomi sent Amanda a text saying that she shouldn't contact me anymore I confronted her and we had a big fight that resulted in us breaking up, she moved back home and I decided to cut all contact with

her. I have decided that I'm going to stay away from relationships, from now on I'll only have fun and nothing serious..

Things between Me and Amanda are good I am happy that she's finding herself and learning to stand on her own two feet, I think it's good that she's working on being an independent young lady without leaning on a man...

I was at the garage

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Ndeecee, Ngwane and myself we planning one of the biggest heists that we have ever done..

Ngwane: So Braga you will go in this side trip all the lights from this main switch, as soon as the lights trip that will be a signal for me and Ndeecee to go in too

Me: We have been through this a lot of times I get the point

Ngwane: I am just making sure

Me: I know that but we cool

(Silence)

Ngwane: Ontlametse is marrying some guy in Brazil

Ndeecee: What?

Ngwane: She has been having an affair because of my constant traveling apparently she has never forgiven me for everything that I've put her through so she thought that her life would be better with someone else

Me: That's crazy after everything you have done for her

Ngwane: She blames me for everything, faking her death and all that

Ndeecee: Sorry Man what about your Son?

Ngwane: She has turned him against me brainwashed him

Me: That's fucked up, that's really fucked up

Ngwane: The best thing was to just leave her even though another part of me wanted to kill her for real this time

Me: She is not worth you going to jail

Ndeecee: Braga is right you will have to move on even if it's difficult

Ngwane: That's the only option I have.. Now back to the plan we have to execute everything

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NDALO

Jordy put his hand on my shoulder..

Him: Are you good?

I nodded..

I looked at everyone, my Mom was sitting there smiling and so were my sisters..

The flower girl walked down the red carpet first, then her bride's maids came through then finally she walked down the Isle in a very beautiful white dress. She had a very wide smile, she looked happy, she looked very happy with her Father walking her down the Isle..

Nicco looked at me..

Nicco: You take care of her

I nodded..

I took her hand and we stood there facing each other while everyone else sat down..

The Pastor started the ceremony, as much as she was happy but she was also nervous. The Pastor read a scripture from the Bible, prayed and then got straight to as why we are all gathered here. Throughout the ceremony I was confused and lost in my thoughts until the spotlight was on me..

Pastor: Ndalo please repeat after me

I looked at him..

Pastor: I.. Ndalo Khoza

Me: I.. Ndalo Khoza

Pastor: Take Siena Russo

I looked at her and said nothing for a few seconds, her smile vanished..

Pastor: I will repeat it again.. "Take Siena Russo"

I let go of her hand and she started shaking her head no..

Siena: No.. Please no..

Me: I'm sorry..

Siena: Ndalo No.. Don't do this!

I loosened my tie and walked away..

Siena: Ndalo No!!!!!!

Everyone was just stunned as I walked away..

Siena: Daddy do something!!!!

I don't know where the road will take me but I have millions saved to start a new life somewhere else, I would rather live on the run alone than to marry Siena or put Amanda's life in danger..

I got into my car, when I was about to start it the passenger's door opened. Jordan got in..

Him: I was thinking Mexico

I looked at him..

Him: If you going to live on the run you will need a partner in crime, you not tough to stand alone against these Italians..

(Silence)

Me: I was thinking Australia

I started the car...

Him: New Zealand?

Me: Luxembourg?

We both laughed as we took out cellphones out from our pockets and threw them out of the window..

Our lives have started, living on the run..

*****THE END*****