

Fate : written in the stars

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Prologue

Mihle

What do you do when you are told you only got three weeks to live ? That the only

thing that will save you is falling in love with your fated husband ?How do you fall in love with him when the guy can't even stand you ? Okay , I'm busy blaming him making this about him there's also my side .I don't feel anything for the guy .The thing is I was engaged to be married to his younger brother ,who dumped me for a granny

.Well I tried killing her ,I thought that would get me over him ,I thought I would heal after she's dead and just move on with my life .

Thank heavens my plan failed .I don't think I would have been able to live with myself ,to make matters worse my best friend who's like a sister to me was also

in that house ,I set the poor woman's house on fire .I know you already judging me but stop wait a minute before you do ,have you ever been dumped by the only guy you have ever loved ? Since we were kids I have always loved him .

Okay it's been quite a while since we have broken up ,I

can't say I'm completely over him but I'm moving on with my life .I can't keep holding on forever .

Now I don't know what to do .What I know is that I don't want to die yet .I want to live my life to it's fullest .I also dream of being married ,of having kids .But guys Leo ,I don't see myself spending

my rest of my life with him

.Yes he's handsome and all
but I have never seen him
that way before I guess I got
used to the fact that he was
going to be my brother in law

.Well we will have to see
what happens in these three
weeks I heard from someone
that miracles still do happen
who knows maybe I might
encounter mine .

Aneliswa

Okay so this is what people call a date .I'm so bored like dude keeps on talking and talking about himself ,he's chewing with his mouth open and he still talks through his chewing .

Guy: do you know Andile Sibanda ?

I shake my head no and here he goes ,tells me all about this Andile person who happens to be a relative of his .

Suddenly the lights start

flashing .The people in the restaurant are now whispering amongst themselves ,don't tell me it's loadshedding .

We hear thunder and see flashes of lightning ,what's going on ? It's June for goodness sake .

He comes in .He's moving

very fast ,his feet are not even touching the ground they are just a few inches off the ground .

I see the guy I'm with floating in the air. He has his hands on his neck I see he's struggling to breath .

***Me*:** stop you are going to kill him !!!

He ignores me ,a few
moments later the guy's
corspe falls on the ground .

Oh oh I hear police sirens
.Who the hell called them ?
This is my time to just
disappear .

I transported myself to the

forest .I kind of feel
comfortable when I'm here .

I feel him pulling my hand
.How did he follow me ?

Me: why did you kill the
poor guy ?I didn't like him
anyways I wasn't going to go
on a second date with him .

Brandon: I told you his
blood will be in your hands
.You don't listen do you?

Something has changed
about him I can't place what
it is. Just his aura it's not the
same.

Me:what is it to you huh?
Who I date how does it affect
you?

Brandon: don't piss me off
I had a fucked up day ,don't
you piss me of.

He leaves me standing there
with my mouth on the
ground .What was that about
? Is this the man that my
ancestors have chosen for
me .Well they really have bad
taste in men .I don't see

myself getting along with
that asshole .

How do I even tell Mihle that I
think her ex is my chosen
one .I hope it doesn't ruin our
friendship she's the only
friend I got okay there's Gugu
but I've known Mihle for
twenty six years .I hope I'm
wrong about Brandon being
my chosen one .

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Brandon

It's all over the news . *Man dies mysteriously ,date is nowhere to be seen*.

Okay that was so stupid of me ,now police are looking all over for Aneliswa who according to the

eyewitnesses just
disappeared into thin air .

I'm in the gym room ,busy
lifting weights music is
blasting loud on my speakers
.

I don't know how to deal with
this thing .How could dad do
that to me .Okay fine he
raped Gugu and all but he

saw me spending time with her ,damn he even found us together in the middle of the night it doesn't take the most intelligent person to put two and two together .He just left it like that , he let me date my biological mother .

I really don't know what will be the way forward if he comes back home .Mom has

packed her stuff I think she will be moving out soon. It's so sad really how he has lied to her about me and all .

I can't get hold of Gugu after this afternoon's events ,she just disappeared I hope she's okay wherever she is .

After the confessions and all something changed inside of

me .I just don't know what it is .Crazy enough I feel more powerful ,it's like I gained powers or something .

Leo: hey slow down you will strain a muscle !

He doesn't understand does he ,my emotions are all over the place I don't know how to deal with them .Does this

mean that Gugu and I are
done ?

Me: how's your dad?

He chuckles .

Leo: I don't have one

Me: it's fucked up dude .

Leo: big time bro big time .

We just working out in
silence now .We both lost on
our own thoughts .I wonder
what's going on his mind .

Leo: you think he deserves
to live?

It's after half an hour that he

asks that question .He's all sweat ,his dreadlocks are all over his face ,he told me to be easy on myself but he ain't following his advice .

Me: what do you mean?

Leo: we can finish him up in the hospital ,make it look like an accident .

Me: nothing would make
me more happy

He lifts his eyebrow .

Leo: but?

Me: at the end of the he's
our father whether we like it
or not .I'm not saying we

should forgive him I don't think I will ever will ,let's just cut him off our lives, Killing your parent invites bad luck .

Leo: since when do you believe in those things .

Since I saw Ndiweni's things .

I just shrug .

We will just have to wait for Gugu she did say she wants him to rot in prison .

Aneliswa

They are cops sitting at the lounge ,what are they doing here?

Everyone stands up as soon as they see me .All of my brothers are here with their wives .There's even some ugly looking guy who's not in uniform like the coppers I wonder who he is .

Cop1: Miss Ndimande we are here to ask some few questions .

Ugly guy: you don't have to answer them if you don't want to ,you are not arrested .

Cop 1: Moyo let us do our job ,stop getting into our way .Look Miss Ndimande this is general procedure we are investigating the death of Kevin Sibanda .

I sit down .

They ask their questions I
just give them one word
answers ,yes , no .

They leave afterwards .Ugly
follows after telling me not
to hesitate to call him if the
coppers bother me .

Me: and him

I say pointing at Ugly who's getting into his car ,we watching him through the window .

Zibusiso: he's your lawyer .

No comment .

Dad: what happened?

Me: Brandon happened he was made that I went with Kevin on a date .

They look at each other .

Zibusiso: it can't be ,we have known Brandon our whole lives he can't just

suddenly be your chosen one
over night .

Mom: then explain what
happened .

Dololo ,he's quiet ,noone
seems to know how to
explain it.

Dad: he might be a

protector or something you know his job being to keep you safe for your chosen one

.

We all look at him and laugh .When did he even come up with that ? It doesn't sound convincing at all .

See I'm not the crazy one , even my family don't want

Brandon to be my chosen
one .

Gugu

I managed to slip into his
room without anyone being
noticed .

He's got a lot of tubes
connecting him I heard the

bullet just missed his heart
by an inch .

He's using an oxygen mask
to breath .He can't on his
own yet .

My tears just flow .This guy
ruined my life .He's the
reason my life is stagnant
like this ,he doesn't deserve
to live I'm going to finish him
up.

Voice: and then wena (you)
what are you doing ?

It's some classy looking
woman I have never seen
before but she really
resembles Mihle a lot maybe
she's her mum but what
would Mihle's mom be doing
here ?

***Her*:** I asked a question I expect an answer .

Mnx who does she think she is .

***Me*:** why don't you figure it out on your own .

I say leaving the room .I can't believe I left him still alive

.Prison won't do any good
he needs to die that's how I
will manage to move on with
my life .

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Aneliswa

They must be out of their
minds .I have just been

diagnosed with cancer ,was told I only got three weeks to live .It doesn't make sense at all .I don't feel sick ,I don't look sick .The way I was shocked when they showed me my scans .It's incurable ,it has spread to all of my body parts .Maybe just maybe the cancer ain't expressing it's self cause I got powers of some sort .But

I wonder why those can't help me live a long life .How am I supposed to serve my purpose when I'm dying ,were the prophecies even true ,all my life keeping myself for the so called choosen one guess what I'm dying in three weeks .

Mihle: hey

Ain't she going to let me in ?
She has been distant I don't
know what's bothering her .

Me: I brought wine and
some chocolate .

I say lifting up the little bag I
have for her to see.

She gives me a faint smile .

Mihle: just what I needed .

We now in her room .

Me: is it the parents?

Mihle: no I got something
to tell you .

Sounds scary .I also got to

tell her I'm dying I will keep it from my family but I can't keep it from her .

Me: whatsup talk to me .

Mihle: I got three weeks to live .

WTF is going on ,how is this possible ,does she also have

the cancer ?

Mihle: the only thing that
can save is falling in love
with the guy I'm meant to be
with .

Me: what?

Her: yep sad right .

Me: no we can't give up at least there's a solution for you.

Her: what do you mean for me?

Me: just found out I got cancer ,also got three weeks to live but unlike you ,it's incurable .I don't want to die
Mihle I wish a miracle

happens .

Mihle: no no no

She wails .She can't imagine
life without me I also can't
imagine life without her.

It's after an hour of us crying
in each other's arms .

Mihle: this ...this is spiritual
let's go see someone like a
seer or something ,like it
doesn't make sense how we
both got three weeks to live .

She might be right cause if
medicine can't explain it we
have to go back to our roots
maybe just maybe we might
find a solution there .

Brandon

She looks good ,am I still
allowed to say that I mean
this woman gave birth to me .

Me: nice place

I say as I sit down .We are at
Leo's coffee shop .

Gugu: yes that's cause it's
got a great manager .

Is she feeling better?

Me: how are you?

Gugu: things mustn't be
awkward between us .

Listen ,what happened to us I

don't wish it on my worst enemy . Your dad really fucked up big time but we have to move on with our lives ,let's not give him that hold over us . Luckily we never got intimate you know that was just going to make things worse .I want a relationship with you .I loved you when you were still in my womb I love you now .Not

the romantic kind of love no
a motherly love . Brandon I
wasn't there for you when
you were growing up not out
of choice but you were taken
away from me ,my parents
,your grandparents are the
ones who gave you up for
adoption ,I think it was my
mother's idea since she was
friends with your father .I
missed out on twenty eight

years of your life ,I don't want to miss out anymore ,I'm here now .This is me reaching out to you my son .I know it might be a bit challenging or maybe weird to just switch from lovers to mother and son but it is what it is .I'm not saying that I want to replace Janet ,no ,she's done an amazing job with you ,she raised you well.

I'm just asking to be part of
your life .

I don't know what to say to
her .

Me: and dad ?

Gugu: don't ruin this
moment .

Me: I need time .

Gugu: time?

Yes that's what I just said .

Me: yes ,to think about ...all
this .

Gugu: okay I understand
,let me get back to work

,have a great day I love you .

She stands and walks away
."I love you" ,there was a
time I wouldn't even think
twice about saying them to
her now things have changed
,she's my mother ugh it's
just so complicated .

Leo

What the fuck does she want from me ,she has left me twenty missed calls ,I know it's personal and it has got nothing to do with the business cause she used her cell to call .

Me: what was so important that you left me twenty bloody missed calls ,it better

not be about Brandon .

I ask her ,I decided to call her
back .

Her: hello ,hie ,I'm fine .

I roll my eyes .we ain't
friends why should we
behave like we are .

Her: I wanted to ask you
out .

Heeeh wonders never cease .

Me: what ??

Mihle: that came out wrong
,I wanted to meet up with
you .

Me: is it business related ?

Mihle: no but ...

I cut my phone .I don't have
time to waste mnx why
would I want to meet up with
her .I would rather spend the
whole day sleeping .

Leo

I go to check up on my mom .

Oh no

Me: stoppppp!!!

She drops the razor blade
she's carrying and just
breaks down .

Me: mom?

Mom: the betrayal ,it hurts a lot ,my life has always been centered around your father so I

I embrace her .Geez I can't believe Brandon and I have been dealing with our shit

that we forgot about the most affected person in this mess .

Me: it's going to get better with time I promise . Brandon and I will make sure of that we will give you the support you need .

I hope it does get better I also hope that her

relationship with Brandon
doesn't change at all .

Gugu

Voice: you haven't changed
at all ,you still that beautiful
my lady.

I turn he also hasn't changed
,still the handsome guy

everyone was crushing on at school .

And damn that smile ,it always managed to give me butterflies .

Me: hie

I hope my voice sounds okay .Hope it doesn't sound as

horny as I am .

He smiles . Somehow I feel my panties getting wet .

Him: need help with that .

He says it as a statement and takes the cereal box I've been trying to reach ,we at the shops ,I'm doing some

grocery shopping .

He hands it to me .Damn he's
so so close .That cologne no
man it's doing wonders to
me .

Him: how have you been
Gugu ?

How have I been ? That's a

difficult question to answer
cause I have been through a
lot .

Me: good I guess and you ?

I faintly smile at him .

Him: life has showed me
flames but here I am a
survivor .

That statement just made me want him more .What's going on with me ?

Well he paid for my stuff .We were arguing in front of the other customers I wanted to pay for my own stuff . We're now in the parking lot .

Me: where are you taking my plastic bags ?I will catch a taxi home .

Him: oh no my bad .

He puts them in his boot .

Me: I'm not riding with you .

I say folding my arms and

pouting .

He laughs .

Him: suit yourself ,I didn't
have food anyways in my
house so you have done me
a favour .

Why is that ,isn't he married ?
A handsome man like him .

I won't get into his car ,he will just have to give me back my parcels .

What do you know he starts his car and drives off .

I'm still shocked when he drives back in .

He opens his window .

Him: still being stubborn ? I
won't come back this time .

I take my ass to it car .The
smile he gives me when I'm
sitted besides him .

I hope it's not a dream ,me
being driven by him to I don't

know where he's going ,he
didn't ask me where I live but
who cares it's not everyday
you get to see Bongani
Ndimande .

Mihle

I can't believe he cut my
phone . Aneliswa laughs at
me .

Aneliswa: I wanted to ask you out .

She says mimicking my voice . Mnx idiot I didn't sound that desperate .

I park my car outside her yard .We tracked down the woman Dylan met .If there's

anyone who can explain to
us what's going on I think it's
her .

She's standing by the door .
Leaning on the door frame .

Her: it took you long
enough .Come in ladies .

We remove our shoes and

get in .

Aneliswa: you knew we
were coming ?

Her: sit

We sit on the mat.

Her: you know when you
are born ,your fate is already

written in the stars but sometimes as you live your life something might happen that messes up with your fate .As for you two it was your parents .Your parents made you marry men you weren't supposed to marry .

What is she talking about ,we ain't married thina. I think she's nuts does that mean

I'm not dying ?

Aneliswa: we aren't
married mah .

Always been the respectful
one .

Her: I'm not talking about
this present life you are living
that will end in three weeks

,I'm talking about your lives
four hundred years ago .

It's official she's crazy crazy
crazzy . Four hundred years
ago !!! This woman whatever
she's smoking must be really
strong ,she should give me
some of it to just help me
forget some stuff.

Only reason why I'm still

sitting here and listening to
this bullshit is cause
Aneliswa was diagnosed
with cancer .

Maybe she might help her
even if she's nuts .

Aneliswa: mah I'm lost .

Her: what happens when
you die ?

Nothing you're dead ,what's supposed to happen?

Why is she looking at me,does she expect an answer ?

Me: umm I don't know

I say looking down .

Her: you get reborn .

Heeh we're now cats with
nine lives !!!

Her: four hundred years
ago your parents changed
your fates ,it didn't affect you
much on your last two lives
but it has caught up with you .

Last two lives kkkkk this woman should make her own comedy show .

Aneliswa: behave

WTF I swear I just heard her voice in my mind .

Aneliswa: so what do we

have to do Mah ,we honestly don't want to die , we're just twenty six .

We also are successful women ,geez I'm a part owner of one of the leading companies in Zimbabwe . Aneliswa is a bloody good doctor .

Her: you need to go back in

time ,to fix what has been
broken ,to right a wrong .To
fix your fates and get
married to your chosen ones .

Me: how do we go there,
you got some time machine ?

I ask dying with laughter
inside .She watches too
many movies .

Her: when you are ready
we will speak to your
ancestors and perform some
sacred ritual if they see it fit
you guys will go back there
,then come back after you
have married the chosen
ones .

Ancestors can do that shit!!!
Woow those dudes are cool .

But on a serious note this sounds ridiculous. I'm not doing it ,I won't travel back in time for Leo ,what if I get stuck there .What if we don't fall in love even then ?

Aneliswa will go if she wants too .I wonder if she knows who her chosen one is .I hope he's handsome and will take good care of her .She

deserves that shit .

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Leo

Zibusiso: dude I'm serious like I saw the medical record in her room ,she's dying like my little girl is dying of cancer .

Me: Siso slow down what are you saying to me ?

Siso: how many times am I supposed to repeat myself Leo , Aneliswa is dying .

No it can't be true ,no she can't be dying .

Me: wait let me research on best specialists in the world money is not a problem she has to go for a surgery .

Siso: bro it's too late it's

incurable ,it has spread to all parts of her body ,like if we take her to surgery she won't survive it she might on the table .

I cut the call even though he's the one who called me .How could this happen ,how can my Lili die just like that .

Mihle: knock knock

Not now jeez what does she want .

Me: I'm on it Mihle the trucks will arrive this afternoon .

Mihle: that's not why I'm here .

Then what the hell does she want ?

Mihle: I brought lunch .

Lunch??

I just raise my eyebrow at her .
.What do you know she takes a seat and puts her basket on the table .

***Me*:** Mihle?

***Her*:** relax it's just lunch .

***Me*:** is something wrong?
What's going on ? You blow
up my phone with your calls
,send me good morning
texts .What on earth is going
on?

Mihle: what do you have against us getting to know each other ? It's just lunch chill dude .

Does she know her friend is dying .

Me: I'm not interested in getting to know you. What is

this? some kind of revenge on Brandon ,well guess what he doesn't even care ,when I told him about your calls he just laughed he even said I should bang you and dump you .

Mihle: it's not about Brandon ,I just want to get to know you ,who knows we might get to really like each

other.

Heeeh this woman .

Me: Aneliswa is dying .

She looks at me shocked .

Mihle: who told you that ?

Me: her brother ,Siso.

Mihle: how did he know
about her cancer ?

How does she know she has
cancer ,I mean I didn't think
that she knew cause of the
way she doesn't seem to be
stressed ,those two are so
tight like thieves .

Me: he saw her medical records .I can't believe I'm losing her ,this can't be happening.

She puts her hand on my shoulder .

Her: it's going to be okay ,I will find a way to save her ,I

will do it for her ,all this time
I've been thinking about
myself and how I can save
my life and not that of my
sister's .

What is she talking about?
But you can tell from the
heavy emotion in her voice
that this thing is affecting
her ,it's really eating her up
and she's just putting up a

brave face .

Me: Mimi what are talking about ?

She faintly smiles .

Her: Mimi wow I like that .

Mnx she's crazy ,if you had told me I was going to be

sitting with Mihle in my office talking about personal stuff I was going to laugh at your face but well death has a way of bringing people together .

Her: the reason why I'm all over you all of a sudden it's cause you're the only person who can save me I'm also dying in three weeks .

Okay it's official this is a bad
bad dream .

Me: you are dying ?

Her: don't pretend to care I
know you don't ,that deep
down in your heart you are
saying good riddance to
rubbish .

Me: that's not true Mihle ,
you're not my favorite person
that's no secret and I really
can't stand you but I don't
wish death on you like I've
know you since you were a
new born ,you know I used to
change your diaper when we
had those family gatherings
and your mother would give
you to me cause I'm the only

person you liked . Whenever
other people would want to
carry you you would wail
your lungs out .So really I
can't stand you but that
doesn't mean I don't love you
.it's like how I can't stand
Brandon sometimes but I
love my brother and I love Lili
I really do I can't believe this
is happening to me I can't
lose you guys

What did you mean by that
I'm the only person who can
save you ?

She stares at the floor with
tears just streaming down
her face .

Me: Mimi ?

Her: It might sound crazy

when I tell you .

Me: try me .

She starts playing with her fingers .

Her: well I went to a seer and they told me the only thing that can save me is when you

Brandon: dude let's go it's
mom .

I rush out following him .Oh
Lord I hope she's okay she's
my mother .

Gugu

He plants kisses all over my neck .I'm sitting at the balcony just watching the view of his garden .I'm wearing his sweater only , drinking some piping hot coffee .

Him: morning sweetheart .

Me: hey.

I faintly smile at him .

Him: whatsup

He asks me with a changed facial expression .

Me: no it's nothing all is good .

Him: are you regretting it ?

Not at all last night was so hot and it didn't help that I was so so horny .

Me: no it's just life nje .

Him: you want to talk about it ?I'm a good listener .

I then tell him everything .

Him: so what do you want to do to Nkosilathi?

Woow I thought after hearing my story he wouldn't want anything to do with me .

Me: I wanted him Dead.

Him: and now ?

Me: I want him to live a painful life , death is an easy way out .I want to make him a cripple .

He just kisses my forehead ,is it too early to feel like I finally have got someone on my side .

Nomsa

Kkkkkkkk hahahaha

I hear laughing sounds in my bedroom but noone is here .
Actually I'm home alone .The curtains just start flapping around but there's no wind .The light globe just keeps

flashing on and off on and
off ,what on earth is
happening??

I wrap my gown around
myself and go downstairs .
Stevens took the kids to the
movies .

I pour myself some water in
a glass I just want to calm
my nerves down cause I can

still hear the laughing sounds

.

As I put the glass on my lips I noticed the water has turned into blood ,what's this?

I scream and drop the glass
.The laughing increases .

Voice: why ain't you

drinking my blood ,it's not
like you ain't living off it ,wow
the fancy lifestyle ,the flashy
life while my spirit is busy
roaming around with no rest
,drink it !! Drink it now!!!!
Kkkkkkkk hahahaha .

Me: go away , leave me
alone !!!!!

I shout holding a knife

looking around the searching
for the source of the creepy
voice .I got a feeling tonight
is going to be a long night .I
will have to go see Ndiweni
he needs to give me
something to make this go
away .

Aneliswa

Everyone has this ghostly

look on their faces .

I wonder what the brothers
are doing here with the wives
.

Me: litshonile (good
evening)

I say going to my room .

Dad: MaNdimande

Me: baba (dad)

Dad: come sit here we
want to talk to you .

What have I done now ?I'm
tired I'm from work .I had a
lot of deliveries today .

Me: Ngidiniwe mina baba
,ngicela sikhulume kusasa
,ngifuna ukucambalala
mbinjana .(I'm tired dad ,may
we please talk tomorrow I
just want to get some sleep)

Zibusiso: it won't take long
sweetheart .

I sit ,the serious faces they
give me .

Me: I had eight women today who were having difficulties in giving birth I had to perform surgeries on all of them I...

Mum: baby when were you going to tell us you are dying? Don't even try to deny it here are the documents .

Shit they have been in my room .

I stand up .

Me: I don't see the point of this family meeting since you guys decided on invading my privacy .

I run to my room and lock

myself up .

I don't know about Mihle but I think I will time travel ,the way my family looks hurt from the thought of me dying what more if I really die they won't be able to take it and I won't do that to them ,I love them too much to hurt them like that .

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I cut the call even though he's the one who called me .How could this happen ,how can my Lili die just like that .

Mihle: knock knock

Not now jeez what does she want .

Me: I'm on it Mihle the trucks will arrive this afternoon .

Mihle: that's not why I'm here .

Then what the hell does she

want ?

Mihle: I brought lunch .

Lunch??

I just raise my eyebrow at her
.What do you know she
takes a seat and puts her
basket on the table .

***Me*:** Mihle?

***Her*:** relax it's just lunch .

***Me*:** is something wrong?
What's going on ? You blow
up my phone with your calls
,send me good morning
texts .What on earth is going
on?

Mihle: what do you have against us getting to know each other ? It's just lunch chill dude .

Does she know her friend is dying .

Me: I'm not interested in getting to know you. What is this? some kind of revenge on Brandon ,well guess what

he doesn't even care ,when I told him about your calls he just laughed he even said I should bang you and dump you .

Mihle: it's not about Brandon ,I just want to get to know you ,who knows we might get to really like each other.

Heeeh this woman .

Me: Aneliswa is dying .

She looks at me shocked .

Mihle: who told you that ?

Me: her brother ,Siso.

Mihle: how did he know about her cancer ?

How does she know she has cancer ,I mean I didn't think that she knew cause of the way she doesn't seem to be stressed ,those two are so tight like thieves .

Me: he saw her medical records .I can't believe I'm

losing her ,this can't be happening.

She puts her hand on my shoulder .

Her: it's going to be okay ,I will find a way to save her ,I will do it for her ,all this time I've been thinking about myself and how I can save my life and not that of my

sister's .

What is she talking about?
But you can tell from the
heavy emotion in her voice
that this thing is affecting
her ,it's really eating her up
and she's just putting up a
brave face .

Me: Mimi what are talking
about ?

She faintly smiles .

Her: Mimi wow I like that .

Mnx she's crazy ,if you had told me I was going to be sitting with Mihle in my office talking about personal stuff I was going to laugh at your face but well death has

a way of bringing people together .

Her: the reason why I'm all over you all of a sudden it's cause you're the only person who can save me I'm also dying in three weeks .

Okay it's official this is a bad bad dream .

Me: you are dying ?

Her: don't pretend to care I know you don't ,that deep down in your heart you are saying good riddance to rubbish .

Me: that's not true Mihle , you're not my favorite person

that's no secret and I really can't stand you but I don't wish death on you like I've know you since you were a new born ,you know I used to change your diaper when we had those family gatherings and your mother would give you to me cause I'm the only person you liked . Whenever other people would want to carry you you would wail

your lungs out .So really I
can't stand you but that
doesn't mean I don't love you
.it's like how I can't stand
Brandon sometimes but I
love my brother and I love Lili
I really do I can't believe this
is happening to me I can't
lose you guys

What did you mean by that
I'm the only person who can
save you ?

She stares at the floor with tears just streaming down her face .

Me: Mimi ?

Her: It might sound crazy when I tell you .

Me: try me .

She starts playing with her fingers .

Her: well I went to a seer and they told me the only thing that can save me is when you

Brandon: dude let's go it's

mom .

I rush out following him .Oh
Lord I hope she's okay she's
my mother .

Gugu

He plants kisses all over my
neck .I'm sitting at the
balcony just watching the

view of his garden .I'm
wearing his sweater only ,
drinking some piping hot
coffee .

Him: morning sweetheart .

Me: hey.

I faintly smile at him .

Him: whatsup

He asks me with a changed facial expression .

Me: no it's nothing all is good .

Him: are you regretting it ?

Not at all last night was so

hot and it didn't help that I
was so so horny .

Me: no it's just life nje .

Him: you want to talk
about it ?I'm a good listener .

I then tell him everything .

Him: so what do you want

to do to Nkosilathi?

Woow I thought after hearing my story he wouldn't want anything to do with me .

Me: I wanted him Dead.

Him: and now ?

Me: I want him to live a

painful life , death is an easy way out .I want to make him a cripple .

He just kisses my forehead ,is it too early to feel like I finally have got someone on my side .

Nomsa

Kkkkkkkk hahahaha

I hear laughing sounds in my bedroom but noone is here .
Actually I'm home alone .The curtains just start flapping around but there's no wind .The light globe just keeps flashing on and off on and off ,what on earth is happening??

I wrap my gown around
myself and go downstairs .
Stevens took the kids to the
movies .

I pour myself some water in
a glass I just want to calm
my nerves down cause I can
still hear the laughing sounds
.

As I put the glass on my lips I

noticed the water has turned
into blood ,what's this?

I scream and drop the glass
.The laughing increases .

Voice: why ain't you
drinking my blood ,it's not
like you ain't living off it ,wow
the fancy lifestyle ,the flashy
life while my spirit is busy
roaming around with no rest

,drink it !! Drink it now!!!!
Kkkkkkkk hahahaha .

Me: go away , leave me
alone !!!!!

I shout holding a knife
looking around the searching
for the source of the creepy
voice .I got a feeling tonight
is going to be a long night .I
will have to go see Ndiweni

he needs to give me
something to make this go
away .

Aneliswa

Everyone has this ghostly
look on their faces .

I wonder what the brothers
are doing here with the wives

.

Me: litshonile (good evening)

I say going to my room .

Dad: MaNdimande

Me: baba (dad)

Dad: come sit here we
want to talk to you .

What have I done now ?I'm
tired I'm from work .I had a
lot of deliveries today .

Me: Ngidiniwe mina baba
,ngicela sikhulume kusasa
,ngifuna ukucambalala
mbinjana .(I'm tired dad ,may
we please talk tomorrow I

just want to get some sleep)

Zibusiso: it won't take long
sweetheart .

I sit ,the serious faces they
give me .

Me: I had eight women
today who were having
difficulties in giving birth I

had to perform surgeries on
all of them I...

Mum: baby when were you
going to tell us you are dying?
Don't even try to deny it here
are the documents .

Shit they have been in my
room .

I stand up .

Me: I don't see the point of this family meeting since you guys decided on invading my privacy .

I run to my room and lock myself up .

I don't know about Mihle but I

think I will time travel ,the way my family looks hurt from the thought of me dying what more if I really die they won't be able to take it and I won't do that to them ,I love them too much to hurt them like that .

Brandon

Mom's issue is stressing me
,we were called today by one
of the maids .Mom was on
the rooftop she wanted to
jump off and kill herself .Leo
and I had to beg her for
hours not to go ahead with it
.She finally listened and got
down . She's now asleep I
really don't know what we

should do with her .This is difficult for all of us .We are dealing with it in different ways but I'm sure suicide is not the answer .

There's a knock .

Me: come in

Well I expected him to be kak

drunk but here he is so sober

.

Leo: wow nice ,her picture
is on the wall .

He says pointing at Sipho's
picture .

Me: yep her memory must
still live on she was my sister

anyways .

Leo: at least she wasn't mine ,that would have been so fucked up .

I smile at him ,I never really knew that someday Leo and I would be this close and I don't know if I'm imagining it or not but even since we found out about the dad and

Gugu saga I feel like he has opened up to me .I don't know , don't worry about it ,it might be nothing .

Leo: so about mom ?

He sits on the bed .

I pour some whiskey for myself this is a really hard

topic to tackle I need something to help clear my mind .

The glass breaks as I'm about to drink it .Leo has his eyes wide open .

Aneliswa: you're not supposed to drink alcohol ,your blood has to remain pure .

I hear her voice in my head
.That's bullshit ,my blood
has to remain pure for what ?

I pour another glass same
thing happens .

Leo: okay dude stop you
will hurt yourself I see you
are able to break glasses

with your bare hand but take it easy okay , dad's still at the hospital ,mum is going crazy you're the only one I have so please just stop .

I never really thought of it that way . That I'm the only person Leo has at the moment .

Me: so what was on your

mind .

Him: therapy maybe ,you think it might help her ?

Me: we won't know till we try .I also think we should get her a bodyguard .

He nods .

Him: yeah I will feel better knowing that someone is watching her 24/7.

Me: you and I both .

He breaths out . Running his hand over his locks .

Me: you okay ?

***Him*:** I will be , I'm taking it one day at a time .Now tell me , you're talking to Gugu?

Gugulethu my biological mother .

***Me*:** I'm not ready dude ,I'm confused I don't know what to do .

Leo: take your time noone is rushing you but know that people don't live forever ...

He says looking at Siphos photo .

Leo: whatever you decide to do make sure that later on in life you won't regret it but know that I always got your back bro .

A feeling of love just floods
my heart .I couldn't ask for a
better brother .

Gugu

He said he had something he
had to take care of .I wonder
what that is ,it's in the middle
of the night for goodness

sake!

So this is me , snooping
around his house .I love the
fact that none of his
employees live in here they
have their own living quarters
.

This a really nice place .I feel
relaxed when I'm here unlike
when in my house .it feels

good to say that thanks to
Mihle .

I open one of the guest
rooms ,same nice style and
texture but it ain't surprising
Bongani was known as the
designer at school I wonder
what he does for a living .

I notice there's a door at the
far end of the wall is it a

connecting bathroom ? Let me find out .Holy shit ,I find my clit dancing in celebration .It's a room with dimmed red lights .There's a huge bed in the center of the room on it all the sex toys you can think of the whips the cuffs ,them silicone dicks ,it vibrator , everything is there ,them blindfolds , what kind of man is Bongani ? But I wouldn't

mind being submissive to him , the guy has got skill man .

Great another connecting room .This one causes the hair on my neck to erect .What are all these guns ,chains ,knives for ?

What scares me are the human skulls on the wall

,they just hanging there ,they
are about five of them .Did
he kill the owners ?

Him: Sorry I'm not a saint
babe .

He says whispering to my
ear .When did he get back?

Me: hie

I say moving away from him
.He follows me till my back
hits the wall .He smiles ,
locks me in against the with
his hands .I now can't move .

Him: you don't have to be
scared of me babe .

Easy for him to say .

Me: who are those ?

I say referring to the skulls .

Him: My wife and our kids
,well her kids with my
brother .

My eyes are wide open .

Ndimande?? Aneliswa's dad ?

Bongani only had one brother

!!!

Me: Ndimande?

He sadly nods .

Him: I lost it when I found
out hence the skulls . I
couldn't understand I mean I
loved her gave her all of me

and she did that to me .You know I gave her a benefit of doubt immediately after hearing that the kids weren't mine I went to test for fertility I thought maybe she had done it for me isn't you know such stories but guess what I was fertile .I....I lost it then .

Me: I'm so sorry .

Him: it's okay chopping
their heads off with an axe
gave me some kind of
closure .

WTF yooh this guy is
something else .I also must
be nuts cause I find myself
falling for him more .

He kisses me ,I wasn't
expecting it like I was so lost
in my thoughts .This is me
on my tiptoes with my arms
around his neck kissing him
back .It's better to be with a
monster you know rather
than the one you don't know
,I don't even want to know
where he had gone to cause
I'm afraid it might be
something I don't want to

hear .

Aneliswa

This can only be Mihle .It's
four a.m for goodness sake
,does she want to break my
door down .

I go open it , rubbing my eyes
I'm so sleepy .

Me: girlfriend really ? This early?

She just pushes me off the doorway and jumps into my bed .

Me: whatsup ?

Mihle: your brother knows

you are dying .

She says whispering .

Me: I know they ambushed
me last night .

Her: Leo knows too .

Me: I know we talked all
night he called ,I think I slept

around two .

Which is why I'm so sleepy .

Her: what's going on
between Leo and you .

Leo has always been a big
brother to me .It's just you
know Leo being Leo he
doesn't get to show off .

Me: why ? You jealous
cause your choosen one is
ignoring you and talking to
me .

Her: mnx you're enjoying
this aren't you?

I just smile but I wonder she
doesn't even love Leo but

she got jealous what more if
she finds out about Brandon ?
Will our sisterhood be safe ?

Me: so you came to tell me
that ?

She shakes her head .

Her: I'm here to get you
,look I thought about this

.Well I've been trying to seduce Leo and who knows maybe in these few weeks he might fall for me but I will never be happy with you not in my life Aneliswa ,Lili waLeo .I love you friend I really do so yah let's do it let's travel through time.

Lili waLeo like really ,she's crazy .I can't believe she's

doing this for me .If this ain't
action speaking louder than
words I don't know what it is
.Mihle loves me and I have
no doubt about that .

I walk to my closet and
change my PJs .It's a little
chilly outside since it's the
early hours of the morning
so I will just put on a
tracksuit and some sneakers

.

Me: Let's go

She looks at me with her
eyes wide open .

Her: right now !

Me: you getting cold feet ?

She shakes her head no .This is us driving to that woman's place it's now around five ,I hope we not too early .

What do you know ,like the last time we were here she's waiting for us by the door .

Her: come in

We do .

Her: are you guys ready .

Mihle: we will be gone for
how long?

Her: depends on the kind
of obstacles that might
come your way when you are
there but don't worry your

ancestors will always be with
you don't be afraid .Love
conquers all .

Okay so this is it we are
doing this I hope we don't
regret it and I hope this
woman is right by saying that
love conquers all .

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Nomsa

***Me*:** what do you mean
there's nothing you can do
for me ?

***Ndiweni*:** exactly that , isn't
you thought that you were
clever ? Why did you dump

her dad ? The only reason why she wasn't haunting you then is cause the dad was protecting you now that he's gone you out there you are in the open .She will have her way with you .

Me: but there's something you can do , surely there's something you can mix for me .

***Ndiweni*:** Unfortunately
there ain't .

***Me*:** Mnx and they call you
the best you are so useless .

I feel myself losing breath .
hold my neck what is he
doing to me .

Me: N...d...i....w...e....n.....I

Ndiweni: I ain't your friend
young lady do you
understand .

I nod I can't talk .

Ndiweni: good now get out
of here .

I rush out but wait I go back...

Me: can't you possibly tell me where Ben is ,I need him I can't have his daughter tormenting me .

I say rubbing my neck .Geez it's so painful .

Ndiweni: He's dead I just

caused a car accident at
Chitepo's Street isn't you
said I'm useless ,I just got rid
of the only solution you had .

Oh no how could Ndiweni do
this to me .Now Ben is dead
cause of me mnx I can't
believe Ndiweni just
eliminated my solution .

Aneliswa

***Girl*:** will that be all ma'am ?

***Me*:** yes thank you .

As soon as she leaves
another one enters .

***Other girl*:** Your highness
your presence is required at
the throne room .

She says with her head bowed down .

I follow her to the so called throne room .What do you know my dad is sittted at the throne with my mom beside him and they are wearing crowns .

Dad: Approach Princess .

We are standing at the door with the girl .We approach the throne I see her bowing down . Should I bow down to my parents?

She doesn't give me much time to think about it ,she pulls my arm ,I guess I have to bow down .

Girl: my King the Princess
is here .

Dad: Good ,you may
excuse us .

The servants in the throne
room all leave .

Mum: you know tomorrow

is the full moon ,don't make
the mistake you made the
last full moon this palace
has to be protected ,the
village has to be protected .

What is she talking about ? I
wonder where Mihle is ? It
was like we fell into some
deep deep sleep .The woman
who was supposed to help
us time travel gave us some

sour herbs the next thing I felt myself getting dizzy my head was spinning .I woke up in this place .

Mum: Aneliswa !

Dad: she's day dreaming again ,I wonder why the ancestors gave her the powers and not one of the boys especially Zibusiso

,she's just so incapable of leading our army .

Mum: My King ,give her a chance she's still young .

Wow I can't believe dad is talking about me this way ,I'm his favorite ,the only girl child he has .

Dad: you are the problem
you spoil her too much .

He says to my mom .

Dad: now Aneliswa get
your house in order we don't
want to lose any lives today
,you understand ?

Me: yes

I see him getting angry .

Dad: yes what ? You are talking to a tree ?

Wow guys this guy has my dad's face but definitely not my dad's attitude .

Me: yes dad

A slap lands on my face .Did
he just slap me ?

Me: yes my King

I say with tears blinding my
eyes , my dad has never ever
land his hands on me before .

Dad: you are dismissed .

I quickly rush out I bump into Zibusiso in the hall way .

Zibusiso: mnx you are always running around the palace when are you going to grow up ?

Me: Siso it was just a mistake sorry I wasn't

watching where I was going .

Zibusiso: everything is always a mistake to you mnx just like last full moon your problem is that you think you know better cause you the one the ancestors blessed with the powers. We lost more than a hundred lives last full moon I hope you have a strategy at beating

the Invaders this time .

Wow like I think I'm getting to know my family members again , Zibusiso would never use this tone with me .

I just ignore him and go to what is my room .Maybe one the servants might explain to me what's going on ,cause I'm not sure who the

Invaders are and what is expected of me and I can't believe more than a hundred people lost their lives cause of me the last full moon .

Mihle

***Her*:** don't just stand there ,go get water from the well and you should be fast you have to go look for firewood

afterwards .

She throws the calabash at me , instinct makes me catch it before it hits the ground and breaks I'm sure I was going to get into trouble .

I wonder where Aneliswa is ,time traveling sucks like wow in this time around ,things haven't actually

developed .They are no cities
,no phones ,things are just
backward .It's like I'm living
the life we read about in
history books .

***Her*:** you are still here !!

She yells at me .I quickly
rush out the gate , luckily I
see some girls carrying
calabashes .I follow them ,I

hope they are going to get water .

***Voice*: Mihle !!**

I turn around ,it's Adanisa what is she doing here?
She's one of those girls Aneliswa and I didn't talk to at school she was so full of herself she thought she was all that .

Guess what she hugs me as she reaches me .Are we that close?

Adanisa: hey ,you good .

I just nod I'm still shocked
how are we close again ?
Heeh time traveling will show
you wonders .

Her: what did evil step
mom do this time ?

Wait that woman is my step
mother?

Me: you know the usual .

She sadly nods .

Her:did you eat .

Suddenly my stomach
decides to rumble .Bad
timing my tummy you just
had to embrass me .

Her: I brought you some
food .

She says taking some maize

combs from her calabash .I
aren't eating that shit .

I shake my head .

Adanisa: don't do that
Mihle you know that you
might spend the rest of the
day without eating .

What ! Let me put my pride

aside and eat it maize ,I
never thought that in my
whole life I would eat these
things .

The rest of the walk is filled
with her telling me stories
,the hot village's gossip and
what not's.

Adanisa: I hope tonight the
princess will save us from

the Invaders .

What is she talking about ?

Her: you remember we lost
Sbu last full moon .

Her brother is dead ?

Me: I'm sure she will come
up with a strategy ,don't

worry about it okay love and
we never lost Sbu he still
lives in our hearts .

She smiles .I don't even
know what I'm talking about .

Adanisa: did I ever tell you I
love you .

Ehh goodness gracious we

are that close ,I'm sure
Aneliswa will have a field day
laughing at me .

Me: I love you too

I say fixing my animal skin
skirt .

We get the water .This is us
carrying them calabashes on

our heads .She's waiting for me by the gate carrying a stick somehow I have a feeling she will hit me with it .

What did I tell you ,this is me screaming in our closed hut .

Her: you were busy modelling who has to go get the firewood heeh ,who had to put on the fire and cook

for the kids ? Who ?

Woow is this how my life is going to be while I'm here. It sucks shame .The things we do for the people we love !

Brandon

Dad: son I hope you are bringing us victory .

He says patting my back .My brother Leo looks up .He's busy sharpening his sword .

Leo: of cause he will ,he never disappoints my lord.

Remember how victorious
we were last full moon .

Dad: don't let it go into your
head ,I want you boys to fight
as if this was your first fight .
Understand?

Us: Yes sir

It's hard to please this man

but we will do our best our
army is ready we are going to
wipe the Scouts out .

There she comes in my
beautiful Sphamandla .She
kisses me .

Spha: hey babe

She greets me in-between

our kiss .

Leo: have you two ever heard of anything called a bedroom .

Spha: Mrasta leave us alone get a girl and just stay out of our business .

I see Leo getting angry ,he

doesn't like being called
Mrasta even though he has
them locks .

He throws a knife at her she
dodges it and this good
people is how their fights
always start .

Me: hey save this anger
and energy for tonight please
I don't want to mess this up .

I say getting in-between them .Spha is also my first commander I don't want her getting hurt .She needs to kick some ass down at the Ndimande's village .

Spha: mnx he thinks he's all that .

He spits at her face .

The punch she gives him .

Dad: Sphamandla
!!Leonard!!!!

Oh oh why is he back
anyways?

Them: your highness .

Me: my lord I can explain
I....

He gives me a look .okay
they are on their own on this
one as for me I'm out of here
.

Mihle

I'm so tired my body is exhausted ,what I need right now is a hot shower but guess what , showers haven't been invented yet .

I see myself running to him at least he's here ,we will live this nightmare together .

***Me*:** daddy

I say crushing him in a hug I
find myself just crying .

***Dad*:** mihle my baby what's
wrong .

***Her*:** oh it's nothing my love
she's just being dramatic

what did you bring from work
.Did the Mkandla's give you
anything ?

Now his whole attention is
on her ,he has forgotten
about me .

Dad: not much just some
dried meat and milk .

Heh wonders never cease

.So it seems like my dad is a
herd boy of this rich family
called the Mkandla's I hear
their home stead is so huge
and they have a lot of cattle
,goats , sheep's you name it .

Her: thank you it's better
come in ,Mihle come with
your dad's food .

I prepare his food and serve him .

Her: go sleep I don't want to wake you up tomorrow .

Sleep where there's only one hut in here .The two siblings I seem to have are cuddled at the corner of the hut , should I join them ?

Her: Mihle you are still here?

Her: mom it's dark outside
walk me out please .

Surprisingly she does is it
cause my dad is around ?

She leads me to the back of
the hut , there's an animal

skin rolled up against the
wall .Why do I sleep outside
again?

Her: I don't want to wake
you up .By sunrise you
should be up and doing your
chores .

At least the moon is full .it's
providing me with some light
my tears just stream down

my face this ain't life at all .I
wonder where the fight is
taking place .

Tomorrow I should try find
Leo ,the earlier we fall in love
the earlier I go back to my
normal life .

Aneliswa

We are in the battlefield .I

don't know what my family expects from me this is not my thing ,why are we fighting again?

Zibusiso: waiting for your command my princess .

Me: Scouts Attack !!!

Okay what was that ? What

did I just say?

I see my men drawing their swords and running with them towards the Invaders.

I see myself making an invisible shield with my power to protect them .

I'm so concentrated in holding the shield that I

forget I'm also in the battle .
I'm reminded when I get
knocked down and there's a
sword pointing at my neck .

He evilly smiles at me .
Amazingly that makes him
so handsome .

Brandon: any last word
before I send you to your
Maker?

What is he seriously going to kill me.

Him: of cause what do you think ?

Shit he can read my mind .So I will have to do this without thinking .

I blow on him and he loses his balance and falls ,cool ! I gain my confidence I join in the battle ,I don't know why I'm giving it my best .Maybe it is to prove to my dad that even though I'm a female I'm a capable leader I can do anything the men can do .I can do anything I set my mind too.

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Brandon

Spha: why didn't you kill her you cost us ,we would have won .

Okay I fucked up I should have killed their princess but

well I couldn't there was just something about her.

Spha: Brandon I'm talking to you!

Why is she yelling ?

Me: I was going to kill her she fought back .

Lies I wasn't even though I wanted to I couldn't bring myself to do it .

Servant: My Prince the king is asking for you .

Great dad wants to see me.

Dad: I hear our warriors came running back here with

their tails in-between their
legs .

Then if you heard that why
did you call me .

Me: yes Father they
overpowered us .

Dad: and I hear you never
used the gift of the

ancestors .

She made me weak .

Me: cause I had faith on
our warriors Father .

He's angry ,I wonder why we
are enemies with the Scouts .

Dad: Brandon I don't want

you to repeat the same
mistake again ,next full
moon you must be ready .

He says standing up and
leaving me there .I wonder
where Leo is he always has
my back when Dad is being
hard on me .

Leo

Why is she sleeping outside ?
You can tell from the way
she has wrapped the animal
skin around her that she's
feeling cold .

I poke her with my foot .

She opens her beautiful eyes

for a moment I get lost in
them .

Then I pull myself together
this is not why I'm here .

Me: you what's your name .

Her: please don't kill me
Leo I don't know anything
about this war .

How does she know my name ?What am I saying I'm a Prince she's bound to know me .

Me: wake your family up I want food .

Well all that fighting has made me hungry ,I saw this

yard on our way home and I thought why not feed my hungry self .

She quickly goes to wake them up as soon as they see me they fall with their faces on the ground .The mother of it is crying .

Me: I'm hungry prepare some food for me .

Mind you it's around two
,three a.m .

Father: your highness if our
king ever finds out about this
we will be hanged all of us .

Mnx Ndimande is such a jerk
, personally I don't care
about their pathetic lives but

I wouldn't want this girl to lose her life .

Me: fine she will come with me ,I'm taking her to my palace she will be back after she has served me .

It's the father's turn to cry .

Him: please please hear

me out my daughter is to be married soon to one of the royal guards the family has already paid her dowry they know she's a virgin please don't take her pride away if they discover that she's no longer pure they will kill her .

Me: she's just going to cook for me your ugly daughter ain't my type .

I see the mother smiling
.Mnx idiot .

Father: thank thank you so
much my prince

He says kissing my feet .

I take the girl ,she will have to
just cook for me I'm hungry .

Mihle

Brandon and some chick are kissing in the hallway ,we just arrived ,the way Leo is holding my arm it's as if he's a cop and I'm the thief .

I hear Leo cursing ,the love birds look at us.

Her: oh I see you took my advice and went to look for a girl .

I hear Brandon laughing ,why does seeing him with her hurt ain't I over this guy .

Leo: Spha please not now I'm not in the mood .

He pulls my arm and we
leave them there .

We enter what I guess is his
room .

Leo: sit they will bring the
food soon .

So why am I here didn't he

say he wants me to cook ?

The servant comes in and sets up the "table" it's not your usual one ,it's too low I wonder what it is made of .

We sit down .He looks at me ,why is he looking at me .

Leo: I'm hungry hurry up .

He's hungry so what does he want me to do about it .

Leo: feed me damnit .

Ahh wow so that's why I'm here .I think of telling him where to get off but I then remember my dad ,he saved my ass he knows very well

that I'm no virgin or am I in
my past ,are you telling me I
don't know what having an
orgasm is ?

The servants have taken the
"plates" away .

Now what do I go home .I
guess it's around four .

Leo: seeing Brandon busy with Spha made me horny .

Oh no this ain't happening .

Leo: take off your clothes .

Goodness gracious no is this how we are supposed to fall in love .

Leo: right now

Me: please I don't want to die , please let my soon to be husband sleep with me first then we will do it .

He burst out laughing .

Leo: you can go ,geez you are just a common girl who

stinks ,you not my type .

I really should have a bath
this is embarrassing .

Him: go what are you
waiting for .

He continues to laugh .How
on earth did my ancestors
choose this idiot for me .

Aneliswa

I'm by the river .I look at my reflection ,the girl on the water staring back at me has them dreamy eyes .

I just can't seem to stop thinking about Brandon even though I'm trying so hard not

to think of him .

I was so close to him , even though he wanted to kill me he didn't .I was told I got lucky Brandon has never done that before .I'm told he's a ruthless killer .

Voice: I hope that smile is for me your highness .

I turn it's some guy wearing royal clothes I wonder who he is .

He approaches me he has five guards with him is he a prince of some sort .

Him: I knew I would find you here .So how are the

wedding preparations going
,the sooner we get it over
and done with the better .I
hate these pretence dates .

What is he talking about .

Me: ummm

Him: Aneliswa what do you
mean by umm you know that

our marriage has to happen
to unite your village and my
village don't tell me you want
to back out now .

So I agreed to this shit .

Him: we are stronger
together ,United that's what
you wanted right to make
your father proud .

I faintly smile .

Guard: your highness the goods have arrived .

He says to the Prince .

Him: okay I got to go ,you make sure our wedding preparations are going

smoothly .You know you
need me more than I need
you .I just want a beautiful
wife whereas you want or
should I say need a lot from
this marriage so don't make
it look like I'm forcing you
,noone is .

He leaves with his guards
,what was that about ? I'm
sure he's not the guy I'm

supposed to marry but why
would the ancient me agree
to this .I hope Mihle is in this
village I have to see her .I
hope she's okay even though
I feel a little guilty cause I'm
crushing on her guy .

Sphamandla

Me: uncle you should have seen the way he looked at her ,he has never looked at me like that .

Nkosilathi: Spha Spha you are overreacting Brandon is so into you .I'm telling you soon he will propose to you .

Well he didn't see how his son looked at that Aneliswa

princess .

Me: what if she's his
chosen one .

He gets angry .

Him: don't tell me that
nonsense ! No son of mine
will marry a Ndimande over
my dead body shame .

Okay at least he's on my side
.I feel like Brandon hasn't
been himself since we came
from the battle .

Leo: dear cousin ,dear
father .

He bows as he enters the
throne room .He annoys the

hell out of me .

Me: we need some privacy ,
we're talking .

Leo: about what ? I'm sure
it can wait .I got news .

We both look at him .

Leo: there's a girl I want us

to hire ,her family is
struggling so I thought why
not give her a job to make
things easier for us .

Don't tell me he's talking
about that chick he came
with last night or rather this
morning .

Nkosilathi: who is she ?

He plays with his locks ,so he doesn't even know her name .

Me: your highness ,she's from the Ndimande village .

Nkosilathi: no

Leo: but dad....

Nkosilathi: I don't want a Scout working in my palace she might spy on us ,use your head man .

Leo: but I want to help her .

Nkosilathi: not in my kingdom .

To me

Nkosilathi: shouldn't you be with your boyfriend .

Right let me look for Brandon
 ,I won't go down without a
 fight chosen one or not
 .There's always a way to
 change fate. We all know
 that Leo stands no chance at
 getting the throne even if
 he's the elder brother .I'm off

royal blood I deserve to be
crowned Queen .

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Brandon

I didn't think that she would
come but here she is . We're

in some hidden forest we
can't be seen together.

She's fiddling with her
fingers I wonder what's going
on in that mind of hers .I
can't read it ,she has found a
way to block me .

Me: hie

She just looks at me .okay
she ain't making things easy
for me .I don't know why but I
felt like I had to see her .Here
she is but I don't even know
what to say to her .

Me: it's Aneliswa , right ?

She doesn't answer .

Me: come-on I'm trying here .

Her: how about we talk about why you called me here and told me to leave my guards behind .

I don't know why I called you I just wanted to see you .

Me: I just wanted to tell you that I kept you alive so that you witness me breaking your village apart and making your people my slaves .

Ouch my head bumps into a tree .I look at her she didn't

Me: listen here...

Her: you listen to me I got so much on my shoulders and you are wasting my time .I don't have a lot of time in this world I had to travel through time for this...

She's getting angry like real angry.

Her: Everyone is expecting so much from me ,I just can't

deal with my dad and my
brother it's just too much....

Lighting just flashes out of
nowhere ,she should just
calm down .

Her: I don't even know
where my best friend is !

A tree falls .

Her: My dad says I'm not good enough !!!!

Three more trees fall .

Her: Zibusiso thinks that ...

I pull her to me and just kiss her. She pulls out and slaps me .

Well at least she's not angry
any more .

Me: sorry about that

Her: you should be it
shouldn't have happened
,what kind of friend am I ?

What is she talking about ? Is

she friends with Spha but
then why would Spha want
her dead .

Me: . Aneliswa....

She disappears before I
could say what I wanted to
say .Damn somehow that
kiss felt different ,I felt like I
was really connecting to her
,it was as if her spirit was

connecting with mine .

Mihle

I'm bathing by the stream
imagine a whole me at a
stream bathing . At least I'm
not on my own I'm with
Adanisa who's so
comfortable with this .Mina I

keep looking around who
knows someone might be
watching us .

Me: hurry up Adanisa

Adanisa: come on give me
a break I want to make sure
I'm clean enough phela today
I'm visiting Senzo .

Senzo is her boyfriend .

I'm sitting on one of the
rocks here. I'm now already
dressed she's taking her time
.

I got a bad feeling I don't
know why .

Me: would you please hurry
up !

Adanisa: okay okay ,hUUU
I'm almost done chill ,what's
the problem we always come
bath here .

Then ancient me must have
guts shame this place makes
me uncomfortable .

I hear some strange sounds

,it's like it's human footfalls .
Something in me tells me to
hide .I do .

Voice: wow wow wow so
beautiful .

Another one: I will go first
,you check the coast .

I can't see anything but I can

hear them .I've my hand over my mouth and I can hear my heavy breath and the thump thump of my heart .

I hear Adanisa screaming and crying ,oh no let it not be what I think it is .

It's like I'm stuck to the ground I can't even move .I'm too scared ,what if when I try

to help they rape me too .

I hear them groaning and taking turns with her .Can they be done already ,I can't take it anymore ,for every scream she makes I feel my heart shattering ,oh my what kind of a friend am I .

My tears are just streaming down my face continuously I

can't believe I'm so useless.

It's not after an hour or so
that it becomes silent .Have
they left ?

I stay put for another ten
minutes then I peep through
the bush I'm hiding behind
.She's just lying down there
in the sand .I quickly get up
and run to her .

Me: Adanisa , Adanisa !

I shake her but there's no response .Oh no what do I do

.

One of them seem to have dropped his knife .I pick it up ,I think I will need it as evidence .

I never knew I was this strong .This is me carrying Adanisa on my back going to the nearest hut I find .

Me: ekuhle ekhaya !!!
(Greeting)

Voice: yebo ngenani (you may come in)

I struggle to open the gate but it eventually opens .I'm met by this scary looking granny at the center of the yard .

***Her*:** ngingalisiza ngani bantwabami (how can I help you my children)

Me: gogo

I say with the water works
doing their job .Its like she
immediately understands
cause she helps me put
Adanisa down .

We now inside her hut .

Me: uzophila kodwa (will

she live)

she just nods .

I hope she knows what she is doing .She has made some tiny cuts on her skin and she's applying some herbs on them .

Her: phepha sisi it's not

your fault .

I feel like it is I should have
done something .Instead I
was hiding .

Her: Did you see the men .

I shake my head .

Me: but I found this .

I say giving her the knife .

She inspects it .

Her: this is not of our men
,this design ,this is how the
Invaders make their knives
.It's people from the Ndiweni
village .

The floodgates just open
.Why would some of their
men cross the border just to
come rape a woman .

Her: you will have to go to
the palace .

Me: me??

Her: yes with the knife you

will have to personally tell
the king about this .it's an
urgent matter .

Me: why me?

Her: cause you are the
witness you were there.

I don't like the sound of this
but I will go to the palace ,it's

the least I can do for Adanisa
getting her justice .

Me: so should I just leave
her here .

She nods .I hope she will
take good care of her . Okay
palace here I come .

Sphamandla

Me: oh yes mmmmh ahhh

He groans onto of me
thrusting in deeper and
deeper .I feel myself getting
close .

Him: not yet baby

I don't think I can hold on its

so close .

Him: now

We come together .

Him: fuck Aneliswa you
taste good .

My ears must be playing
tricks on me .Did he just call

me Aneliswa ?

Me: what did you say ?

He looks at me cleaning
himself up and getting
dressed .

Him: I said you taste good
baby that was amazing .

He's lying to me, he ain't even looking directly into my eyes .

So today we ain't cuddling ?
So today he's not cleaning me up .He ain't telling me how much he loves and how he wants me to be his queen .

Me: babe

I say with tears blindingly
eyes .

Me: is everything ok ?

Him: don't be dramatic
what's the problem ,where's
that question coming from .

Wow today I'm being
dramatic !!! This is a clap

once situation .

He just leaves nje just like that .The Brandon I know will be fussing over me wanting to know what's bothering me .This one is becaming a stranger .

I quickly dress up ,let me go see my uncle this is urgent .

***Him*:** Sphamandla
approach

I was standing in the
doorway with a maidservant .

***Me*:** my lord we have a
problem .

***Nkosilathi*:** what is it my

beautiful future daughter in law .

Me: I think the Princess of the Scouts Bewitched Brandon .

Nkosilathi: what are you saying to me ?

Me: we all know she has

powers ,I think she's a witch .

Nkosilathi: Brandon has a powers but

Me: I know Brandon ,that man over there is not Brandon he has changed .

He just looks at me .I can't believe I'm about to tell him

this .

Me: he called me Aneliswa during sex .

It wasn't during sex but the difference is the same .

That gets his attention .

Nkosilathi: what!

Me: yes he did .

Nkosilathi: so what's your plan ,my son can't be with a Ndimande .

I smile this is the kind of venom I need on my team .

Me:well dear uncle it's easy

,I can just befriend one of the maidservants of the Ndimande palace ,she will just have to drop some poison on the Princess' food ,it won't come back to us ,then she dies .It's killing two birds with one stone ,I get my Brandon ,you get the Ndimande village . Without the Princess they are nothing we will crush them .

I see him smiling .

Him: well I never thought of it that way ,go ahead carry out the plan I give you my blessing .

Well well well Aneliswa
chosen one or not I repeat
Brandon is mine come rain

come thunder.

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Adanisa

Tears just stream down my face .I thought I knew what pain was seems like I was wrong cause I don't think there's something more painful than being a rape victim .My soul is broken ,a part of me died by the stream .And I keep wondering why my ancestors would allow such a thing to

happen to me ,ain't they
supposed to protect me from
all evil . What about my
parents? Surely they should
have a bigger heart them
being spirits and all .Maybe
just maybe if I had listened to
Mihle I wouldn't be here
today .

I can't seem to be able to get
their voices off my head

.Them laughing at me taking turns on me .

Gogo: my child try eating, the herbs I gave you are strong you must eat.

What about Sbu why didn't he protect me ,Mihle said he still lives in our hearts but why was he quiet why didn't he do something.

Gogo: please eat my child .

It's the pity in her eyes that
breaks my heart to pieces
.Why did such a thing
happen to me .

Me: where is Mihle ?

I know that was the first

thing I had to ask when I
woke up but my emotions
are just all over the place .

Gogo: she went to report
the matter to the king.

The king ? Why ? Why not to
one of the royal councilors ?

Me: oh

Gogo: the guys were from the Ndiweni village .

Fresh tears blind my eyes
.How could I be so
unfortunate ?

She helps me sit .let me just
try eating but I honestly don't
feel like food the only thing I

want is to die .

She feeds me ,I only eat a few spoonfuls I can't stomach the food anymore .

Gogo: my child the ancestors never abandon us ,the thing is this was supposed to happen to you but your parents protected you now cause people from

the future travelled through
time to fix their fates
somehow I guess cause you
are friends with one of them
your fate is also being fixed
,don't cry ,don't be
discouraged but you never
met your choosen one ,your
fated husband cause of that
.You are meant to do great
things Adanisa but you never
amount to anything in any of

your lives cause your parents
always avoid this happening
to you it's supposed to make
you stronger to build you up
,don't lose hope my child .

Thing about gogos they love
speaking in riddles I didn't
even understand a thing she
said .

I just nod .I go back to my

sleeping position not that I
will get some sleep but I
don't want this gogo to keep
speaking to me in riddles .

Mihle

My heart wants to pop out of
my chest the way this royal
guards are looking at me if

looks killed I would be six
feet under .

Guard: what do you want
lady !

His voice alone sends
shivers down my spine .

I put up a brave face .

Me: I want to see the king .

The other guards laugh as if I just told them the joke of the year .

Me: did I say something funny ?

I ask with a serious face .

They bust out laughing again only the guy I was talking to doesn't change his facial expression .

Him:go away this is not a playing ground you just don't get to see the King just like that with no invite .

Me: I got an important matter to discuss with him .

He weighs me , looking at my clothing .Okay I forgot I belong to the poor class .

Me: tell him I have information on the Invaders .

That's what gets their attention ,they escort me to the king .They are in the

throne room with the Queen .

I bow down .

Me: your majesties

Queen: my daughter I
heard you had news for us .

I tell them what happened to
Adanisa.

I see the King smiling why is he smiling ?The queen has shed some tears here and there .

King: have you got some evidence ?

I nod .I take out the knife hand it to one of the servants who hands it to the king .

It's as if I have given him an early Christmas gift the way he's so happy .

King: call the Princess !!

Aneliswa enters with her head held up high ,I guess she has mastered being a royal Princess .

King: you should go get your friend ,I want you guys to stay here at the palace till we sort this thing out , otherwise I know you are not safe the moment the guys realize they have lost one of their knives they will hunt for you .

I don't want to be hunted by

anyone .I try to communicate with Aneliswa through hand signs but she ignores me ,is it possible that she doesn't know who I am .But how come I know who she is .

Me: thank you your highness .

I say bowing and leaving .I'm given two guards who will go

with me to get Adanisa ,I
hope she's okay .

Zibusiso

Me: babe what is it ?

She has tears on her eyes
.My wife is a strong woman

nothing just breaks so that's
why I'm panicking cause I
know whatever it is it must
be serious .

Her: it's nothing

Lies .

Me: siqale nini ukuqambela
amanga westhandwa

somoya wami (since when
did we start lying to each
other my love?)

Her: promise me one thing .

Anything for her .

I take her hands and look
deep into her eyes .

Me: anything for you
sthandwa (love).

She stares at the roof and
sniffs before answering me .

Her: promise me that
whatever and I mean
whatever happens baba
wengane yami (father of my
child) awungeke ungitshiye
(you won't leave me).

Where on earth did she get such an idea that I will leave her .

Me: lalela sthandwa sami
(listen my love) I would never ever do you like that ,you are mine I am yours forever and ever till death do is part I promise .

She faintly smiles at me . We hug each other and I give her a kiss on her forehead damn I love this woman I don't know why she's being insecure .

Aneliswa

I think my dad is nuts .You

can't miss the excitement in his voice as he's telling me about an Adanisa chick who got raped like what's exciting about that .

Dad: now my daughter we have a reason to just attack them cause they crossed the border and raped one of our own in broad daylight .

Mnx so he was just looking for an excuse to attack the Invaders .

Mom: enough about that how are the wedding preparations going ?

Me: we are getting married the day after tomorrow .

Well I decided to just marry
Sthembiso (that Prince)
there is no way Brandon and
I will fall inlove . Anyways
what am I even saying I'm
not even sure if he's my
chosen one maybe this
Sthembiso guy is the one for
me and I'm sick and tired of
my family I would rather go
stay in another kingdom
even though we would be a

United kingdom it won't be the same .

I'm tired of life ,my life in the past my life in the future ,I'm realizing coming here was ridiculous I could have just put my house in order and waited for death cause look I was feeling sorry for my family in this life I'm currently living they don't even care

about me . Its like I'm more
of a curse than a blessing to
them .

Voice: don't be
discouraged don't give up .

Mnx easy for whoever that
voice belongs to to say .

Mum: good I can't wait !

My dad just rolls his eyes
now what? I thought he
supported this marriage .

Dad: that's all you ever
think of men ,you should be
busy preparing our army
honestly I don't know why
you had to be the one to be
given the Powers what a
waste .

My heart shatters with the way I love my dad .He's my everything you know we have that kind of a relationship me being the last born and his only daughter .

I wonder if I happen to go back to the future if I will still see him the same way I saw him before I came here .

Mum: my king I thought
you supported this wedding .

Dad: yeah yeah yeah I can't
wait for her to leave ,Siso will
then pull up his socks I know
with or without powers he's a
great leader .

Me: is that all .

My voice sounds so crocky ,I
just want to break down and
cry myself to sleep .

They both nod .Well can't
wait for the day after
tomorrow so that I leave this
palace .

Brandon

I feel suddenly down and sad
, I feel like I'm not
appreciated that I don't
measure up to someone
.What's this nonsense ,why
am I getting depressed for
no reason ? I feel like I want
to die ,to just end my life but
I won't cause I'm a coward I
can't commit suicide .My

emotions must be playing
tricks with me I'm no coward
mina if I wanted to kill myself
I would just fall on my sword .

Amazingly Spha seems to
irritate me these days ,she's
being too needy for my liking
,always following me around
.

What was I saying here she

is .

She smiles with the fuck me
now smile I'm in no mood
,sex with her is no longer fun
.I feel nothing yes I come
and all but I feel like it's not
enough ,I don't know I expect
our souls to connect or
something but they don't
dololo there's nothing .

She comes sit onto of me .

Me:hayi (no) Spha

If looks could kill good
people !

Spha: Brandon why ,why
are you changing ,why
should I beg of your attention
these days .

I roll my eyes .Guess what
she slaps me !!

Spha: Brandon I'm sorry I
didn't mean to .I'm really
sorry please forgive me baby
.

Me: you did this to yourself
I don't think I would want a

disrespectful wife .

Spha: Brandon what are
you saying to me ?

Me: figure it out .

I take my bow and arrow and
leave her there .

My heart rejoices as I see her

,wow what a nice
coincidence that we would
meet her .

Me: hey

She looks up she's sitting on
a log .

Her: are you stalking me .

Me: what ? Geez get off
your high horse I got far
more important things to do .

She smiles .

Her: oh yeah ?

I nod .

Her: I got a confession

,well I thought I might just
tell you not that it's that
important but you know ...

She's talking fast and busy
playing with her fingers .

Me: just tell me .

Her: yesterday
yesterday that ummm that

ummm yeah neh that
ummm....was ummm the
ummm first time I got kissed
you're you're my first kiss .

She's says the last part
looking at the ground .Some
weird emotion I don't
understand flows through
my heart .

Me: really ?

I ask her with a side smile .

She shyly nods .Covering her face with her hands .

I remove the hands from her face and look deep into her eyes .

Me: it doesn't have to be

your first and last

She looks at me with
confused eyes .

Damn she's so innocent so
pure hearted ,so selfless how
am I getting to know all that
from staring into her eyes .

Me: follow my lead ,don't

panic relax ,we are in the
middle of nowhere ,noone
will see us .

I know there's an issue of us
being seen together ,our
fathers are enemies we are
supposed to be enemies .

Her: I trust you .

Where's that coming from ?
But it somehow warms up
my heart .

I step closer to her , covering
the little distance that was
between us .I can now feel
her body warmth so can she
feel mine .Somehow I seem
to hear the blood in her veins
rushing in excitement .I pull
up her face with my finger as

I slightly bit my bottom lip .A little blood flows out .What do you know she sucks it so urgently ,she does the same and I suck her blood .I feel myself getting stronger and stronger .The look in her eyes says it all ,where has she been my whole life .I then lower my head to capture her lips ,she receives my lips so hungrily . We kiss

.It starts raining and the leaves on the trees grow so huge covering us protecting us from the showers.

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Adanisa

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today .

I can't seem to be able to get
their voices off my head
.Them laughing at me taking
turns on me .

Gogo: my child try eating,
the herbs I gave you are
strong you must eat.

What about Sbu why didn't
he protect me ,Mihle said he
still lives in our hearts but
why was he quiet why didn't
he do something.

Gogo: please eat my child .

It's the pity in her eyes that
breaks my heart to pieces
.Why did such a thing
happen to me .

Me: where is Mihle ?

I know that was the first
thing I had to ask when I

woke up but my emotions
are just all over the place .

Gogo: she went to report
the matter to the king.

The king ? Why ? Why not to
one of the royal councilors ?

Me: oh

Gogo: the guys were from the Ndiweni village .

Fresh tears blind my eyes
.How could I be so
unfortunate ?

She helps me sit .let me just
try eating but I honestly don't
feel like food the only thing I
want is to die .

She feeds me ,I only eat a few spoonfuls I can't stomach the food anymore .

Gogo: my child the ancestors never abandon us ,the thing is this was supposed to happen to you but your parents protected you now cause people from the future travelled through

time to fix their fates
somehow I guess cause you
are friends with one of them
your fate is also being fixed
,don't cry ,don't be
discouraged but you never
met your choosen one ,your
fated husband cause of that
.You are meant to do great
things Adanisa but you never
amount to anything in any of
your lives cause your parents

always avoid this happening
to you it's supposed to make
you stronger to build you up
,don't lose hope my child .

Thing about gogos they love
speaking in riddles I didn't
even understand a thing she
said .

I just nod .I go back to my
sleeping position not that I

will get some sleep but I
don't want this gogo to keep
speaking to me in riddles .

Mihle

My heart wants to pop out of
my chest the way this royal
guards are looking at me if
looks killed I would be six

feet under .

Guard: what do you want
lady !

His voice alone sends
shivers down my spine .

I put up a brave face .

Me: I want to see the king .

The other guards laugh as if I just told them the joke of the year .

Me: did I say something funny ?

I ask with a serious face .

They bust out laughing again

only the guy I was talking to
doesn't change his facial
expression .

Him:go away this is not a
playing ground you just don't
get to see the King just like
that with no invite .

Me: I got an important
matter to discuss with him .

He weighs me , looking at my clothing .Okay I forgot I belong to the poor class .

Me: tell him I have information on the Invaders .

That's what gets their attention ,they escort me to the king .They are in the

throne room with the Queen .

I bow down .

Me: your majesties

Queen: my daughter I
heard you had news for us .

I tell them what happened to
Adanisa.

I see the King smiling why is he smiling ?The queen has shed some tears here and there .

King: have you got some evidence ?

I nod .I take out the knife hand it to one of the servants who hands it to the king .

It's as if I have given him an early Christmas gift the way he's so happy .

King: call the Princess !!

Aneliswa enters with her head held up high ,I guess she has mastered being a royal Princess .

King: you should go get your friend ,I want you guys to stay here at the palace till we sort this thing out , otherwise I know you are not safe the moment the guys realize they have lost one of their knives they will hunt for you .

I don't want to be hunted by

anyone .I try to communicate with Aneliswa through hand signs but she ignores me ,is it possible that she doesn't know who I am .But how come I know who she is .

Me: thank you your highness .

I say bowing and leaving .I'm given two guards who will go

with me to get Adanisa ,I
hope she's okay .

Zibusiso

Me: babe what is it ?

She has tears on her eyes
.My wife is a strong woman
nothing just breaks so that's

why I'm panicking cause I
know whatever it is it must
be serious .

Her: it's nothing

Lies .

Me: siqale nini ukuqambela
amanga westhandwa
somoya wami (since when

did we start lying to each other my love?)

Her: promise me one thing .

Anything for her .

I take her hands and look deep into her eyes .

Me: anything for you

sthandwa (love).

She stares at the roof and sniffs before answering me .

Her: promise me that whatever and I mean whatever happens baba wengane yami (father of my child) awungeke ungitshiye (you won't leave me).

Where on earth did she get
such an idea that I will leave
her .

Me: lalela sthandwa sami
(listen my love) I would
never ever do you like that
,you are mine I am yours
forever and ever till death do
is part I promise .

She faintly smiles at me . We hug each other and I give her a kiss on her forehead damn I love this woman I don't know why she's being insecure .

Aneliswa

I think my dad is nuts .You

can't miss the excitement in his voice as he's telling me about an Adanisa chick who got raped like what's exciting about that .

Dad: now my daughter we have a reason to just attack them cause they crossed the border and raped one of our own in broad daylight .

Mnx so he was just looking for an excuse to attack the Invaders .

Mom: enough about that how are the wedding preparations going ?

Me: we are getting married the day after tomorrow .

Well I decided to just marry
Sthembiso (that Prince)
there is no way Brandon and
I will fall inlove . Anyways
what am I even saying I'm
not even sure if he's my
chosen one maybe this
Sthembiso guy is the one for
me and I'm sick and tired of
my family I would rather go
stay in another kingdom
even though we would be a

United kingdom it won't be the same .

I'm tired of life ,my life in the past my life in the future ,I'm realizing coming here was ridiculous I could have just put my house in order and waited for death cause look I was feeling sorry for my family in this life I'm currently living they don't even care

about me . Its like I'm more
of a curse than a blessing to
them .

Voice: don't be
discouraged don't give up .

Mnx easy for whoever that
voice belongs to to say .

Mum: good I can't wait !

My dad just rolls his eyes
now what? I thought he
supported this marriage .

Dad: that's all you ever
think of men ,you should be
busy preparing our army
honestly I don't know why
you had to be the one to be
given the Powers what a
waste .

My heart shatters with the way I love my dad .He's my everything you know we have that kind of a relationship me being the last born and his only daughter .

I wonder if I happen to go back to the future if I will still see him the same way I saw him before I came here .

Mum: my king I thought
you supported this wedding .

Dad: yeah yeah yeah I can't
wait for her to leave ,Siso will
then pull up his socks I know
with or without powers he's a
great leader .

Me: is that all .

My voice sounds so crocky ,I
just want to break down and
cry myself to sleep .

They both nod .Well can't
wait for the day after
tomorrow so that I leave this
palace .

Brandon

I feel suddenly down and sad
, I feel like I'm not
appreciated that I don't
measure up to someone
.What's this nonsense ,why
am I getting depressed for
no reason ? I feel like I want
to die ,to just end my life but
I won't cause I'm a coward I
can't commit suicide .My

emotions must be playing
tricks with me I'm no coward
mina if I wanted to kill myself
I would just fall on my sword .

Amazingly Spha seems to
irritate me these days ,she's
being too needy for my liking
,always following me around
.

What was I saying here she

is .

She smiles with the fuck me
now smile I'm in no mood
,sex with her is no longer fun
.I feel nothing yes I come
and all but I feel like it's not
enough ,I don't know I expect
our souls to connect or
something but they don't
dololo there's nothing .

She comes sit onto of me .

Me:hayi (no) Spha

If looks could kill good
people !

Spha: Brandon why ,why
are you changing ,why
should I beg of your attention
these days .

I roll my eyes .Guess what
she slaps me !!

Spha: Brandon I'm sorry I
didn't mean to .I'm really
sorry please forgive me baby
.

Me: you did this to yourself
I don't think I would want a

disrespectful wife .

Spha: Brandon what are
you saying to me ?

Me: figure it out .

I take my bow and arrow and
leave her there .

My heart rejoices as I see her

,wow what a nice
coincidence that we would
meet her .

Me: hey

She looks up she's sitting on
a log .

Her: are you stalking me .

Me: what ? Geez get off
your high horse I got far
more important things to do .

She smiles .

Her: oh yeah ?

I nod .

Her: I got a confession

,well I thought I might just
tell you not that it's that
important but you know ...

She's talking fast and busy
playing with her fingers .

Me: just tell me .

Her: yesterday
yesterday that ummm that

ummm yeah neh that
ummm....was ummm the
ummm first time I got kissed
you're you're my first kiss .

She's says the last part
looking at the ground .Some
weird emotion I don't
understand flows through
my heart .

Me: really ?

I ask her with a side smile .

She shyly nods .Covering her face with her hands .

I remove the hands from her face and look deep into her eyes .

Me: it doesn't have to be

your first and last

She looks at me with
confused eyes .

Damn she's so innocent so
pure hearted ,so selfless how
am I getting to know all that
from staring into her eyes .

Me: follow my lead ,don't

panic relax ,we are in the
middle of nowhere ,noone
will see us .

I know there's an issue of us
being seen together ,our
fathers are enemies we are
supposed to be enemies .

Her: I trust you .

Where's that coming from ?
But it somehow warms up
my heart .

I step closer to her , covering
the little distance that was
between us .I can now feel
her body warmth so can she
feel mine .Somehow I seem
to hear the blood in her veins
rushing in excitement .I pull
up her face with my finger as

I slightly bit my bottom lip .A little blood flows out .What do you know she sucks it so urgently ,she does the same and I suck her blood .I feel myself getting stronger and stronger .The look in her eyes says it all ,where has she been my whole life .I then lower my head to capture her lips ,she receives my lips so hungrily . We kiss

.It starts raining and the leaves on the trees grow so huge covering us protecting us from the showers .

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Sibongile

Them: we told you he
wasn't the one for you but
did you listen !!

I'm trying so hard to shut
their voices out but it ain't
helping .I try comforting
myself by reminding myself
that he said whatever
happens he won't leave me
but it ain't helping not with

these voices in my head .

I smile at her I wonder where she's coming from ? She hardly goes out she's always in her chamber .

I bow a little .

Me: my princess

She gives me a hug ,okay
that's new she knows I don't
like her ,why is she giving me
a hug .

Me: is everything alright .

She continually nods her
head .

Her: yes yes everything is

superb .

Funny I get an Invaders scent on her .I wonder what this means ,is she betraying our kingdom .

Her: why don't you tell Zibusiso that you lost the baby ?

What is she talking about
,she didn't even know I was
pregnant noone knew just
Siso and I and I doubt he
would have told her
something like that ,he can't
stand her .

Her: you were told he ain't
the one for you your
ancestors are the ones who
killed the baby .

Yah I know that they told me
they talk to me they also told
me that he will meet his
fated princess soon .

Me: Aneliswa I don't know
what you are talking about .

I keep a serious face .I
expect her to get all bitchy

on me but nah she seems to be too happy to entertain me . She just walks off . She's going to be a problem in my life and I don't like problems .

Once I found out who the fated princess is I will take care of them both I mean what's my name again .I'm a go getter I always get what I want .

Adanisa

Never ever have I thought that in my whole life I would enter the palace gates let alone stay here for some time .Under different circumstances I would have been all smiles and excited but now well you know how I am .

Mihle: Ada you going to be okay .

I nod ,she has been supportive .I wonder if her parents ain't looking for her yet .

Mihle: that's Zibusiso the first prince , handsome right ?

She says pointing at him ,the moment we stare at each other there's thunder and lightning the sky has grew so dark I see everyone running for shelter .Mihle tries pulling my hand so that we also go hide it's now raining so hard but I'm stuck my feet can't move I can't get my eyes off him .He's always staring at

me with the same intensity .

A lady a very beautiful one comes rushing up to him I swear if she wasn't royalty she was going to be running .She stands in front of him that's when the thunderstorm stops . The sky clears up it's like it didn't even rain .The only evidence that's there of the

thunderstorms is the wet us .

I hear the servants
whispering them amongst
themselves saying how
weird that is .I wonder what
just happened .We are
ushered into our chamber .

A servant enters with the
princess .I can't believe I'm
seeing Aneliswa in real life

like wow she's my hero .

I'm suddenly on my knees .

Me: your majesty .

She tells the servant to
excuse us .Her and Mihle
hug and they start crying
wow that was fast so Mihle
befriended the princess in

such a short space of time .

Mihle: this is Adanisa

Me: my princess

I bow a little ,she laughs

Her: hey when we are alone
you can call me Aneliswa .

I blush a little ,wow I never thought she would be so beautiful .

She gives me a hug .

Her: I'm so sorry about what happened to you I hope you get better with time , listen we're here for you ,you are not on your own you have our support .

Okay I never planned to cry on my first meeting with the princess .

We group hug and we all crying .At least I'm not on my own ,I got two people by my side .

Aneliswa: it had to happen

otherwise you wouldn't have met him .

Mihle: Met who ?

We both looking at her .She smiles .

Aneliswa: time will tell .

Okay she's starting to speak

in riddles like that granny .

Spha

I have never cried like this in my life before .I just had to slap him now he found an excuse to break up with me .

Uncle has called us both ,I

guess he has told him that
he's breaking up with me .

How are we going to live
afterwards .I don't even know
how long we have been
dating it feels like forever .
Brandon has been the center
of my life ,he's my everything
.

King: great I'm glad you

could both make it .

Me: what is this about
some of us have training to
do .

Him: I hear the Scouts
Princess is getting married
tomorrow to Prince
Sthembiso .

Brandon: what ??

The shock that is in his face .

King: I didn't stutter. So you know what this means right ,it means that they will be one United kingdom ,they can be unbreakable when they join together .So we need to be strong more than ever . Train like crazy .

Brandon: are you done ?

He looks miserable .

King: no , speaking about
weddings when are you two
getting married?

Brandon exhales so loudly .

Him: it ain't happening .

He says rubbing his chin .

King: that's nonsense I
don't even want to know
what's going on but what I
know is that this marriage
must go through otherwise
kiss the throne goodbye .

I see Brandon's Adam apple moving up and down .We both know that this is not just a threat .This is how Leo lost the throne by refusing to marry the girl uncle had chose for him .

Well well well my heart rejoices ,we both know how much the throne means to Brandon ,will he risk it for

someone who's getting
married tomorrow? I don't
think so , I'm tempted to
send the guards running
around the village
announcing my soon to be
wedding .Ten years down the
line or maybe sooner than
that I will be crowned Queen .

Mihle's stepmom

Yoooh I'm so sick and tired for the last two days I have been going to the stream to get water come put on the fire ,cook for the family ,do the kids laundry , yoooh that's too much for one person I wonder where Mihle is she's supposed to come back and do her chores cause mina I

can't take it anymore .

I'm sitting on a grass mat
under a boabob tree in my
yard , drinking some mahewu
it's hot like no man's
business .

My husband comes looking
so beaten down by the sun .

Me: hey bring Baba's stool
!!!

I yell I know one of them kids
will come with it.

What did I tell you .My
husband sits .

Me: litshonile baba (good
afternoon)

He just nods ,I pour him
some mahewu .

Him: where is Mihle's
dowry ?

Heeh ?

Me:excuse me I didn't hear
what you said .

***Him*:** I asked where Mihle's dowry was I need to give back to the family I can't believe you convinced me to marry her off to them ,I saw the husband of it that man is old enough to be my father!!! He has ten wives as we speak no I love my daughter I won't let her go live at such a household.

Eish I never thought he would
change his mind .

Me: baba about that ...

Him: what about it ?

Me: I spent the dowry .

The next time I know I'm

screaming asking for forgiveness , begging for my life ,this guy is doing a number on me .I think if the neighbors didn't come running to my yard I would have surely kicked the bucket .

Leo

I like walking around the

village in disguise for no particular reason just nje maybe the other reason it's nice to just take a walk without people being all over you .

I see everyone is gathered around ,let me check what's going on .

There's a guy carrying a baby

with one of it's leg the head is facing downwards he has a huge sword with him I guess he wants to cut the baby into half . I suppose the woman that is wailing so loudly is the mother .

I ask the guy next to me .

Me: what's going on?

Guy: he's a twin .

No man really this tradition is
sick just sick .

I remove my disguise .

Me: stop this nonsense at
once ,give the baby back to
the mother .

As soon as everyone notices
that it's me they all fall to
their knees .

Him: but my my prince
according to tradition

Me: Heyi wena
ungazongitshela lawo
masimba (hey you don't tell

me that nonsense) I said give back the baby to it's mother .

The baby is given back to the mother .

Me to the mother .

Me: mah if they bother you you should inform me I will tell the royal guards to let

you in if they see you .

She thanks me crying so much .

Well I always feel good when I do a good deed ,I know I will be in trouble with my father .I can't control it I always want to help whenever I can .it's something that's in me .

I just have to come up with a strategy that will end this tradition once and for all .

I go back to the palace .

Me: that looked like a Scout maid .

She rolls her eyes at me .

***Her*:** what would a Scout Princess be doing here ?

***Me*:** I don't know you tell me .

She puts her arms around my neck .Okay what's going on .

Spha: enough about that
you're mistaken .

I'm sure I'm not those people
dress differently from us .

Spha: what about we talk
about us .

She says pushing her body
against mine .

Shit what is she doing this
ain't right she's my brother's
girl .

Me: Spha ...

I say so breathlessly ,she's
now massaging my dick
,damn when was the last
time I slept with a woman .

Her: yes baby

Did her voice get husker and sexier ?

Me: this this

Damn she has increased her pace ,I feel my dick throbbing .HaAh this ain't supposed to

happen .

Me: we we

Why can't I construct a full sentence .

She's so good at hand jobs
oh fuck .

An image of her that Scout

huddled up against a huts'
wall wrapped in animal skin
trying to warm herself up
crosses my mind .I suddenly
go soft and push Spha away.

Me: I don't know what kind
of game you are playing but
it won't work dear cousin .

I think she's having problems
with Brandon ,yeah that has

to be the case cause I can't remember the last time they were all over each other .

Spha: come on stop playing hard to get .

I laugh out loud . And just walk away ,she has guts shame cause there's trouble in paradise she now wants to make me her plan B ,aii

ngeke shame ,even if Spha was the last woman alive ,I would be with her ,even if we were the two last people on earth and we had to maintain the human race I would rather we go extinct shame .

I wonder how I can see that Scout girl without getting any of us in trouble .

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Sibongile

Me: hey wena you think
you're here just to eat and
fart come-on wake up .

I say poking Adanisa with my foot .Mnx she's a heavy sleepier I will fix her .

I whisper to the servant to bring me water .I pour the water all over her .

She jumps and starts screaming and wailing loudly

.

Her: please no please don't
do this to me please stop !!!!

She's screaming so loudly
.OMG what have I done .
Aneliswa followed by Siso
come rushing in.

Aneliswa tries shushing her
but she's still at it .Funny

thing her eyes are closed .

Aneliswa: My Prince why
don't you try .

I'm expecting him to refuse
but what do you know he just
shruggles and goes near
Adanisa .He embraces her
and the cries eventually die
down .

Him: get her something else to wear .

Why is he mad ?

Him: Sibongile!

He has never called me with my name before I once wonder if he even knew it .

Me: my Prince?

I wanted to say babe but yoh
he seems to be mad at me.

Him: you heard me go get
her something else to wear
these are all wet isn't you're
the one who decided to pour
water all over her .

I tell a servant to get her something to wear the eye I receive . He's not serious he wants me to personally do it . I played this all wrong I should have just left her all alone now my stupidity is the one that will get them close mnx .

Aneliswa follows me

laughing at my ear .

Her: you can never fight
fate ,you interfere the quicker
he will leave you .

If she wasn't a princess the
slap I was going to give her .

Me: my princess may you
excuse .

I just wanted to tell her to
fuck off but well might get
myself hanged .

Her: you are excused

She says with a huge ass
smile .Mnx I will have to take
care of both of them soon
enough ,you never know

Aneliswa might just tell her brother I lost the baby ,Siso I know would be understanding and mourn with me but with his fated one around I can't take chances .I will have to use Everything I have to keep him .

Adanisa

He's by the cows kraal .He's sitting on a rock , sharpening his knife ,he has removed his royal hide that he hangs over his chest . Wow oh lord you guys do know how warriors body's look like right .

Me: hey

He looks up and faintly smiles at me .

Me: I'm here to thank you .

The princess and Mihle told me how he was able to shush me when I was crying in my sleep .With the way they described the scene I know they were exaggerating .I can't believe they are making a huge deal out of it I sure he was just trying to

help this guy is married .

He just stares at me .It's too much the way he's staring I wonder if I have something on my face .

Me: umm

He gets out of it .

***Him*:** you wanted to thank me for?

He asks as if he wasn't glued on my face a few minutes ago .

***Me*:** I heard you helped me in the morning .

I hope he won't ask how he

helped me ,Mihle said he
kissed me all over my face
that's how I got to keep quiet
I don't believe her but what if
he asks me .

He nods .

Him: don't worry about it it
was nothing .

Me: okay so umm what's a whole Prince doing at the kraals .

He smiles a genuine smile this time .

Me: what do you mean ,are you saying a Prince shouldnt be seen by the kraals ?

He looks at me with a smirk on his face .Good lord why am I suddenly feeling shy .

Me: nah that's not what I meant .

He's still smirking .

Me: okay okay fine I thought Prince's should

always be indoors doing their royal duties.

He laughs ,did I say something funny? But I find myself smiling from ear to ear .

He gets so serious afterwards .

***Him*:** listen I don't know why Aneliswa is not planning an attack ,we have to punish the Invaders for what they did to you .

***Me*:** that's cause she's got more brains than you , she's a great leader you can't punish the whole village for the sins of two people ,at the other hand we might also

lose some of our men all for what two people .

Him: are you saying that they should get away with what happened to you ?

Me: nooo but unlike Mihle I know how those men look like so I don't know how we can look for them I want them to be punished ...

He wipes a tear that freely falls .Damn so embarrassing why am I crying in front of him he will think that I'm weak .He's so close and I suddenly notice how manly he is .

Him: was your family informed of your whereabouts ?

How am I supposed to think straight when he's still close .

Me: no I got no family it's just me ,I'm an orphan and my brother died during the war so it's just me .But I ain't lonely I got Mihle .

The pity in his eyes makes

me want to break down but I won't in front of him .

So this is me running to my temporary Chambers ,he calls after me but I don't look back neither do I stop I only stop when I have reached my destination .I close the door and just wail loudly .

Aneliswa

Today the palace is a bit full
,some relatives I don't even
know are here . I'm sure
most of them are just here
for food and so that people
see them that they are
related to the royal family.

***An aunt of some sort*:** oh
my beautiful princess look

how much you have grown
,I'm so proud of you look
you're getting married to
Sthembiso he will make a
good husband dear and I'm
sure one day you guys will
make wonderful leaders of
the combined Kingdoms .

Blah blah blah ,I'm now bored
of hearing the same thing
over and over again .I'm sure

some don't even mean it they are just faking it so that by the time we are done with the wedding ceremony they will be given sacks of maize .

Me: thank you it means a lot aunty.

Her: no problem dear we are proud of you ,we raised you well .

Heeh this woman ! Wonders
never cease ,raised me well
when ? I don't even know her !

Me: yes kkkk may you
excuse me I have to greet
some more guests .

Her: okay dear tell your dad
you saw me right .

She says winking at me ,
what did I tell you ? I just
smile at her and walk away .

When I reach a hallway that
has no people I transport
myself to the forest .I just
want some piece of mind .I
want to be alone away from
the maddening crowd .

Great he's here .I don't know how I feel about him .Okay lies ,my heart is part of him but he ain't the right man for me .

He looks up ,he's sitting on my log .

Him: I was hoping you would come .

What's this ?Are we now a bunch of high school kids who wait for each other on some secret places .

Me: I want to be alone ,you are not welcome here ,this is our side of the border .

Him: wow Aneliswa I

thought there was
something between us ,didn't
you feel it ,don't you feel it .

What changed?

Me: what changed was you
distracting me on that day
cause you knew I would hear
her screams with my powers
but no you kept me
distracted that's why I never
heard her cry for help ,you

were messing up with my head well done ,I just wonder what you want to distract me from this time .

He gives me a confused look it's like he doesn't know what I'm talking about .

Me: you sent to men to rape a woman by the stream didn't you? Why to teach us a

lesson ,let me tell you
something my dad my dad is
breathing fire he's going to
tear you guys apart just wait
and see .

The way my voice is so cold
it's shocking even me the
owner of it .

Brandon's eyes turn ice blue .

Him: listen I don't know how that happened but I never sent anyone to rape anyway but I will look for the men and have them killed .

The pain that's in his voice .

Him: see I'm willing to kill my own people for you ,that's

how much you mean to me .I
want this to work .

Me: well let me tell you a
little something ,it's too late
the damage is already done
,we can't make her forget
,we can't reverse time
.What's done is done ,you
can't use spilt milk can you .

He holds my hand ,I ignore

the tingles that run all over
my body and just disappear ,I
will just stay in my chambers
, hopefully noone will bother
me .

Brandon

Leo comes running to me .

Leo: dude stop it .

Stop what ?

Me: heeeh?

Him: stop it !

That's when I look around
damn ,did I do this ?

There are strong winds blowing around the village ,some huts don't even have roofs anymore .There's even a guy holding onto a tree so that he doesn't get blown away ,the currents are that strong .

Thing about me the weather sometimes changes due to my mood .Like right now I'm

so down and heart broken
wow I wonder if this is how
Spha feels like being rejected
ain't cool man and to think
with the way I love Aneliswa .

Leo shakes me .Okay fine I
had forgotten.

I clap my hands ,the wind

dies down .

Me: I'm so sorry my people
,your roofs and every other
thing you lost will be
replaced .

I see them clapping their
hands .Why are they doing
that ? People you will never
understand them or maybe
it's just that they love me

with my imperfections .

She's just sitting behind a hut
.Her place is near the palace
that's why she doesn't live at
the servants quarters .She's
making some royal beads .

Me: Gugu

She looks up and suddenly

her face lights up when she sees that it's me .

Her: put your ass down ,how many times should I tell you not to call me by my name ? Do you know how old I am ?

She asks smiling .

***Me*:** I was feeling down I thought that I should come visit my favorite woman .

***Her*:** aii suka (get away)

She says laughing . Suddenly I feel a bit better coming here was a good idea .Gugu is a nice servant woman ,she's like a mother to me .She used to be my nurse when I

was growing up ,with my mom being too busy with her queenly duties ,Gugu is the closet thing I have to a mother .

I just hope this Aneliswa's thing works itself out .If it's meant to be it will happen ,one thing that Gugu has taught me is never to rush or force things cause they will

happen on their own pace ...

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Sphamandla

My eyes and ears at the
Ndimande palace has told
me an interesting bit of

information .Hence why I'm here .

Me: I thought you wouldn't come .

Her: is this place even safe ?

She asks looking at a spider that is busy webbing it's web on the cave's wall .

I roll my eyes talk about
spoilt brats .

Me: do you have a better
place in mind ?

She shakes her head. Of
course not we can't meet
anywhere else ,we are
enemies we aren't supposed

to be seen together .

Her: so why am I here ?

Who is she asking ? When she left the palace where was she going ?

Me: I believe we have a common enemy .

She folds her arms looking at me with a bored expression .

Mnx being desperate makes you do things you would never do in your life .I don't like begging people with a stinking attitude .

Me: Aneliswa....

She yawns .

Her: what about her?

I feel like beating the stinking attitude out of her .

Me: I want her dead .

Her: obviously you are an Invader you want our

Princess dead .

If I didn't need her I would
have left by now .

I guess I played this the
wrong way I wanted her to be
team Spha seems like it ain't
happening .

Me: listen I know you lost a

baby but you haven't told the first Prince yet ,I wonder what will happen if he happens to come across such information .

That's when I get her undivided attention .

Me: help me kill Aneliswa

and your secret will be safe
for as long as you want it to
be .

She swallows hard ,I know I
can be intimidating
sometimes that's why I'm the
Ndiweni's army commander.

Mihle

The King has asked for my presence at the throne room .

I hurry up I wonder whatsup .

Him: you may approach .

I bow down .

Me: my king you called for

me.

Him: your husband is here
to get you .

My husband ? Leo?

I can't think of anyone else
who might come get me .

Him: since we haven't
taken care of your friend's

issue we will send some two guards with you for your safety .

Me: thank you my king .

Him: or if you don't like your husband you can be my concubine .

Did my ears just hear

correctly. Did Aneliswa's dad just ask me to be his concubine ?

Me: my king ?

Him: it's better than being an eleventh wife of an old commoner .

Eleventh wife??

What's going on?

Him: you're shocked
,hahaha your family has
already spent the dowry you
are a married woman .

I got two options ,marry the
king or go live with my old
husband . Marrying the king
is better but I see Aneliswa's
dad as my father I mean you

guys know Aneliswa and I
grew up together so vele the
thought of it makes me want
to throw up ,it's so disgusting
I would rather go for the
stranger I don't know .

My life here seems to be
getting more worse than
better kanti when are we
going back to our normal
lives ?

Me: I will go with the old man my lord .

He's so shocked.

Him: what??I'm even younger than him ,I will give you a better life ,you will be respected throughout the village . Our kids will be of

royal blood and you are
choosing that skank that's
waiting for you outside?

I nod .At least he's not
forcing me to be his
concubine that was going to
be my worst nightmare .

Him: okay ,but if ever you
change your mind the palace
doors are always open for

you ,I know you will be back here sooner than later .

Queen:where is she going ?

She asks entering.

King: back to her home I'm saying she will be back cause of the love she has for her friend .

She nods understandingly . if only she knew her husband was proposing his love for me .

I'm dismissed .Great here I go to my old madala (man) life couldn't get any worse .

Brandon

Dad: so when are you
marrying Spha?

Aii can he leave me alone .If
he likes his niece so much
why doesn't he marry her
himself ?

Me: there's no rush your

lordship soon .

Him: I hope so cause if you have no intent of marrying her I will leave the throne to my brothers family .

He must be out of his mind, the only person I don't mind getting the throne is Leo cause that's his birthright .

Any other person who wants to take it away from me will have to taste the wrath of my sword .

Me: we are getting married soon don't worry about it .

Him: what's making you hesitate ?

Aneliswa ,I love her but if she decides to marry her skinny Prince Sthembiso ,with sunken hollow eyes then ahh I will marry Spha cause really what else can I do .

Me: nothing I just don't think right now is the best time to get married. The Scouts will get stronger

when they intermarry with
the Dubes so we can't let our
guard down .

The way he smiles .

Him: you will make a great
leader son .

With Aneliswa by my side
yes ,with Spha I'm not really

sure .

Janet

She opens her stinky hut
mxx bloody commoner .

She bows a little .I know
she's just doing it to escape
the death penalty not cause

she respects me .

Her,: your highness .

I push the door open and let myself in .

Me:
Gugu Gugu Gugu why
don't you listen !!!!

She just stares at me .

Her: what have I done this time ?

This woman thinks she's better than me cause her son has the gift of the ancestors and that he's going to be the next King .

Me: I told you I don't want
to see you near my son
Brandon !

Her: I keep away from him
,he's the one that comes
here looking for me .

Me: it should stop!!

Her: you can't just break a

mother and son bond .

She spits back .

Me: you are not his mother
,I only made the king drunk
so that he sleeps with you
unknowingly so that you
give birth to a son cause my
womb was dead ,this was
not the agreement ,you
mothering him ,he might find

out the truth and everything
might change they ain't
nothing that the king hates
more than deceit.

Her: I know that but you
can't tell me to stop loving
him .it's not like I will tell your
secret ,I don't even know why
I agreed to that shit in the
first place.

I slap her .

She looks at me shocked .

Me: don't get on my bad books ,you won't like it .Stay away from Brandon it's an order .A royal order so you better follow it cause you know the consequences of not following a royal order .Don't make a bad person

just stay away from my son .

Leo

Me: I'm looking for your daughter ,she needs to cook for me again .

I miss her ,I can't believe I took this risk ,if these people

sing to their king about what I'm doing I will start an unnecessary war .

Her: she doesn't live here anymore my prince .

Me: where does she live ?

Her: near the river ,she's now married .

What! Married to who ? Wait but they did tell me the last time I was here.

Me: oh okay umm thank you .

This can't be happening and with the way I want to see her .Let me take a chance

and go to the river of it ,I
mean if she lives near the
river I might find her there .

The ancestors must be on
my side .There she just
sitting on a rock staring at
the water .

Hey: hey

Oh no she has tears in her
eyes .

I sit near her .

Me: talk to me

Her: it's nothing don't worry
your handsome self about it .

Me: it's my duty to to worry

about people .

Her: well you're not my
Prince go worry about your
villagers .

She says slightly smiling .

Her: I want to be alone .

Me: it's okay I won't bother

you I won't even say a word I
will be sitting here right by
your side .You are not alone
,I will always be here with
you .

She takes my hand into hers
and we just sit there staring
at the water .

Adanisa

Her: I wanted to apologise for pouring water all over you ,it wasn't intentional it's the pregnancy it makes me do ridiculous things .

Is this an apology ?I ain't buying it ,it sounds so fake I guess she was asked to apologise .

I'm not really in the mood ,I
can't believe Mihle has left .I
know that woman has
everything to do with her
getting married to that old
man .I know my friend she
she won't survive the other
wives will drive her insane .

Me: it's okay ,I know how
pregnant women can get .

I say with the biggest fake smile ever .

Her: I'm glad you could understand ,you know the first Prince and I are expecting our first child.

She says brushing a non existent bump ,well if I didn't

know better I was going to say she ain't pregnant but who knows she might just be a few weeks gone .I feel sorry for the people she lives with if she's going to start blaming the pregnancy at this early stage .

Her: we are so happily married .

Why is she telling me all this
,like duh noone is interested
in her life .

Me: you guys don't look
happy at all I was told he
sent you

Ouch did she just slap me ?

I hold my burning cheek so

surprised and shocked at the same time .

Zibusiso: ladies is everything alright I heard ...

Her: babe everything is fine .

Zibusiso: Ada why are you holding you cheek ?

I don't know why his words
cause my tears to fall .

I hear a mnx coming from
Sibongile .

What do you know he
embraces me and that just
causing me to break down .

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Aneliswa

The villagers are also here
.Everyone wants to witness
this wedding ceremony .It
means a lot to them ,it's no
secret that the Dube village
is successful ,it's a bit
modernized compared to
ours ,they have strong
warriors ,their land is very

fertile even during drought
they never go hungry .Who
am I to take this amazing
opportunity from my people .

Adanisa: you looking
beautiful my princess I think I
got a little crush on you .

I wonder what the future Ada
would say if she knew her
current her was all over me .I

just can't stand that woman .

Me: thank you ,I'm doing
the right thing right ?

She takes my hands into
hers and stares deeply into
my eyes .

Her: only you and you
alone can answer that

question .What I will say to you is to never give up your happiness for someone for example your parents us the villagers cause at the end of the day we will be enjoying the fruits of your sacrifice but you my friend will be living in misery .So follow your heart don't let anyone make a decision for you .it's okay to wait for love don't

rush things ,I know as a princess you got a lot of responsibilities ,your duty is to us but it's also okay to put yourself first ,to do what Aneliswa wants not what Adanisa wants you to do

.Right now you want to tie the knot with Prince Sthembiso , question is will you be happy with him ? How long are you going to last

before he drives you crazy
and you start regretting your
decision ? How is this
marriage going to affect your
future ?

Me: repeat the last
question ,what did you say?

She folds her arms and rolls
her eyes .

***Her*:** I hate repeating myself didn't Mihle tell you ?

She didn't but somehow I know even the future her she hates repeating herself .I guess somethings just die hard in our DNA .

***Her*:** I ASKED HOW THIS

MARRIAGE WILL AFFECT YOUR FUTURE ?

Ouch my ears did she have
to yell though ?

The last question has got my
attention all this time I ended
up being one with the ancient
me , forgetting why I was
here in the first place .

Me: (to a servant by the doorway) hey please call prince Sthembiso for me .

She opens her eyes so wide
.I know we ain't supposed to meet before the union.

Me: you're still here?

She hurries off .

Her:you know it's bad luck
to meet the groom before
the ceremony .

Marrying him is bad luck .

Me: where's Mihle ?

It's weird I haven't seen today

or yesterday .

Her face suddenly falls .

Her: she's married to some
old man .

What ? How come I don't
know about this .

Me: oh

I haven't been the best friend
that I'm supposed to be .I
have been too busy
focussing on myself and this
princesshood .

Adanisa eyes are glistening .

Her: she doesn't deserve
this ,she's so good hearted .

Mihle good hearted ,yes she is but we all know how my sister is .

Him: so why did you call me .

He says leaning against the door .I'm sure it's not to look sexy but it's for balance the

guy is so skinny.

Me: Adanisa may you
excuse us .

The look she gives me .I'm
sure she's curious why I
called Sthembiso here .

Me: come in

He does ,his body posture says it all ,he would rather be somewhere else than here and this is the man I want to spend the rest of my life with .

Me: I ummm I don't think I can do this anymore .

Him: you can't do what ?

Me: go through with this wedding .

He looks so shocked .

Him: Princess Aneliswa Ndimande what are you saying? Do you know what is at stake here? On top of that two villages are gathered

outside these walls , people are looking forward to this union you can't just change your mind just like that .What will your father say ?

I now remember that gogos words the one who enabled us to travel through time "you have to fix your fate cause your parents are the ones who changed it" , I want

to please my dad ,prove to my father that I'm as good as a son ,but what's the use I don't belong in this time frame I have to stop this union so that Brandon and I can fall inlove in the future .

***Me*:** I know what is at stake but this is my decision I'm not getting married to you .

Him: okay fine I'm not going to beg you I mean I'm gaining nothing from this marriage ,just a beautiful wife .I'm going to look for a wife somewhere else .

He leaves me just standing there ,I hope I made the right decision .

Adanisa

Noone knows where
Aneliswa disappeared to ,we
looked for her after our
kingdom got cursed by
Prince Sthembiso and his
father saying how much we
have wasted their time .I feel
like it's all my fault I don't
even know where I got the
advice I was telling her .it's
like words were just coming

out of my mouth.

The king is breathing fire ,the royal guards have been sent all over the kingdom to look for her .I wonder what he will do to her if he finds her .

Him: you look so sad

Me: I feel like it's my fault ,I

told her to follow her heart .

Her puts his arm over my
shoulder .

Siso: and that's what she
did so relax it ain't your fault .

I remove his arm .

Me: but you are married ?

Siso: I am a prince .

What does that mean .

Me: meaning

Him: I can have more than
one wife .

I never really thought of it

that way .

Him: so what do you say ?

I don't even know this guy ,
his wife hates my guts ,but I
want take my own advice
and follow my heart .I feel
like he's the missing piece in
my life .Yes bad things have
happened to me .My soul
has been broken .My life

story ain't interesting .But I can't just dwell on that ,life moves on .I know it will take some time for me to completely heal but I feel like with him by my side anything is possible . Somehow those words that gogo said are starting to make a little sense .If that unfortunate thing didn't happen to me I would have never met the

first Prince .

Me: yes I will marry you .

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Mihle

Ouch I got a massive
headache .I open my eyes
,why on earth am I sleeping

on the floor .My body hurts ,I
shake Aneliswa she's
sleeping next to me .

She wakes up coughing ,this
room is filled with smoke .I
wonder what's burning .

Her: my head .

I know .

Me: where are we ?

Gogo: you are up .

Oh this woman ,we came
here looking for a solution
,so that we don't die in three
weeks .

Me: yah so how do we do

this ? How do we travel
through time ? I don't want to
die I have a lot to live for .

The granny laughs .What's
funny ?

Her: you are back dear.

I'm back from where?

Aneliswa: with all due respect mah what do you mean we are back ,it doesn't make sense .

Always the respectful one I told you guys this old magogo is nuts .

I check the date on my phone seems like I have been asleep for a few hours ,what

did I tell ? She's nuts .

Her: I know you don't remember anything but it's better that way you both fixed your fates ,you Mihle you ran away with Leo to his kingdom and ended getting married there , Aneliswa you didn't marry the prince your family chose for you ,you followed your heart and

married Brandon .

I feel my chest closing in
.What on earth is she saying ?
Aneliswa my own Aneliswa
is destined to be married to
the man I love .it's no secret
I'm not over Brandon you
can't just change turn off
your feelings just like that .

I see Aneliswa looking down

,wait what she knew
Brandon was her chosen one
and she never said anything
about it ?

Me: I thought we were
sisters ,I thought we never
hide things from each other !

I'm hurt honestly I'm hurt .

She tries touching me.

Me: don't .

I take my things and get out of the hut . Great we used one car to get here ,her car .I don't feel like breathing the same air with her .

Leo: what ?

Me: can you come pick me up I'm at ...

He drops the call on me .
Didn't this granny just said we fixed our fates if so why is Leo being the dick that he is .

Conductor: town ?

I've been walking aimlessly
trying to make sense of all
this .

I nod ,great Mihle is riding on
some broken down combi
.My battery just had to die
as I was dialing a taxi
number .

Gugu

My pussy is on fire . Who
knew my sex life would be
this interesting .

Him: that smile ,you want
more .

Oh God no I can't take it

anymore ,yoh I'm tired this
guy has energy for days .

I shake my head no .

He gets onto of me and
starts tickling me ,who
thought that at my age I
would be in a man's bed
laughing my ass off like a
teenager .

Her: this looks cozy .

We both look at her .Wow
who is she ,she's beautiful
,she's rocking some leather
pants ,white tucked in shirt
,them high stilettos .

Bongani: Danisile ?

Her: sir the Russians are in the country ,they want to meet with you ASAP .

You can't miss the urgency in her voice .As much as I understand that this is work related I got an issue with her just barging into our room . listen to that "our room" .

Me: well have you never heard of a thing or maybe must I say a phrase that says knock before you enter .

She pops her gum and turns her back on me .

I don't know when I reached her ,but this is me pulling on her wave and she's screaming .

Me: listen to me girly I'm your boss lady don't give me that stinking attitude .

She apologies ,I let her go .

Bongani is dying of laughter .

Me: what are you laughing at ?

Him: it's nothing boss lady .

Mnx idiot he's still laughing
his ass off .

Aneliswa

I drove around the
neighborhood but she was
nowhere to be seen ,I guess

she has gone to her place .

I would rather give her space
.I should have just told her
from the word go . Now I
might lose a friend just like
that .

The welcome I get as I arrive
home .I run to my dad and
crush and just break down .
Noone knows why I'm crying

but they are all being there
for me .

I also don't know why I'm
crying but I feel like letting it
all out .

Dad: it's okay love just cry
it all out whatever it is it's
going to be okay .

Sibongile: I baked you a cake .

That's sweet of her .

Sibongile: since you will be leaving us soon I thought why not make your last days memorable .

Mnx no cancel that who on

earth says that .

Me: thank you but I just found out it was a misdiagnosis ,it's just a curable bacterial infection .

Mum: so you are not dying ?

I nod ,tears of joy fill her eyes . The whole family is happy ,I

guess traveling through time
wasn't a bad idea after if only
I could remember what was
happening there .

Brandon

I don't even know why I came
here .

Him: Brandon son .

He tries to sit up ,I won't help him ,I don't want anything to do with him.

Him: please help me adjust this bed .

Me: tell me ,why did you call me here ?

I say ,I don't even move
,that's his own problem if he
wants to sit comfortably .

Him: how's your mom ?

Me: which one ?

He scratches his head .

Him: son .

Me: I'm not your son don't
call me that ,I don't want
anything to do with you
.Once you get discharged I
want you to stay away from
my mother and brother you
hear me . I don't want you
causing havoc in our lives .
Leo is a mess don't get me
started on mom she's worse

,you broke us ,you ruined our lives and to think I always looked up to you ,you were my role model only to find out you are fake .

His eyes are glistening , I'm not buying it ,those are fake tears .

I stand up .

He holds my hand .

Him: second chance son
that's all I'm asking for .

Me: if Gugu never told us
about you ,were you going to
confess?

Dololo no answer .

Me: I didn't think so .

I leave with him calling after me .I don't know what he wants from me I don't want anything to do with him .

Leo

She looks like she's been hit

by a train .

Me: here are the files for
the trucks we paid for .

I say putting the files on her
desk . The way she looks so
bad I kind of feel a little bad
for dropping her call .

Mihle: thanks

Me: you're okay ?

Her: yeah sure close the door behind you .

Okay that's just weird .

Me: is it about Aneliswa ?

She looks up .

Her: she's been keeping something so important from me .I'm still wondering why she wouldn't tell me ,we don't keep secrets from each other but she was keeping this from me .

I don't even know what she's talking about .

Me: she must've had a good reason ,calm down then talk to her nicely she might tell you .

Her: yah yah whatever close the door behind you .

I wonder what's going on between them ,they hardly fight .

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Zibusiso

Me: hayi babe what you said to my sister wasn't nice at all .

Sibongile: it's always Aneliswa this Aneliswa that in this house !

Here we go again always complaining about how I put Aneliswa first before her . I love my wife I really do but

Aneliswa is my sister people she can't compete with that .

Me: it's not that the way you said it it's as if you are expecting her to drop dead .

Sibongile: of course I mean isn't she had been diagnosed with cancer so

Okay I give up she doesn't
get where her mistake was .

TV lady: A twenty five year
old woman has been
arrested for killing her rapist
,Adanisa Mpofu who lives in
.....

Sibongile: babe ,babe ,
Zibusiso !!

I can hear her but I'm glued on the TV screen , Adanisa ? Isn't she a sworn enemy of Mihle and Aneliswa ,I don't remember the last time I saw her .

I'm hit by a pillow .

Me: what?

Sibongile: ayiboo I'm talking to you and wena you are glued to the screen ! Are trying to say what I'm talking about is of no importance .

Ehh women .

Me: babe I'm watching the news .

***Her*:** mnx if I didn't know better I would say you are attracted to my cousin .

I had forgotten they are cousins .

***Me*:** she's arrested ,she got raped ,you never said anything about that .

Sibongile: cause there's nothing to talk about ,she got raped so what people get raped everyday our lives don't have to be on hold because Adanisa got raped .

I'm speechless .

Me: but she's family !

Her: whatever .

She turns off her side lamp .

Me: I'm going to represent
her .

Click the lamp is on again ,if
looks could kill I would have
joined my forefathers by now

.

Sibongile: represent her for
the why ?

Me: she's family .

She claps once .

Her: family my foot babe
hayi I'm against it .

Me: so you would rather have your cousin rot in jail .

Her: aii you who asked her to kill that guy ,she did it on her own let her face the consequences . Maybe next time she will learn to follow the law and not put it in her own hands .

Me: babe this is your
cousin we are talking .

Her: even if she was my
mother I was still going to
say the same thing .She can't
even afford you and you're
saying you want to represent
her .

Me: she's family she
doesn't need to pay .

She claps once .

Her: babe those hours you will waste on her case you means us losing money .

As if we don't have money .

Her: we need to update the children's bedrooms I went

to your brother's house
yesterday ,the things they
have done to their kids room
with his wife ,babe we need
to be up to date .

As always we are competing
with my brothers .They
married twins who are
professional fashion
designers and she always
wants to compete with them .

Me: I will use my after hours then .

Her: that's better ,suit yourself since you want to help her so bad .I will call her dad and tell him that you are representing her .

Not that she cares no but

she wants him to be in her debt forever cause Zibusiso Ndimande represented his daughter one of the most paid lawyer's in the country .

I hope it doesn't became a difficult case I wouldn't want to lose a case .

Leo

Her: umm sorry I thought you had left .I just wanted to put these files on your desk you know for umm you to umm you know run through them .

It's ten pm I didn't expect anyone to be still in the building .I just took a shower

and I'm butt naked .

She's staring at my dick .
I see her crossing her legs
don't tell me she just got
horny from looking at it .

Me: so leave phela isn't you
have given me the document
of it .

Her: umm yeah sorry I'm leaving .

She hasn't moved a muscle .

Me: Mihle !

She turns she bumps her head on the door .It takes all in me not to laugh .

Me: are you okay ?

Her: yah sure umm it's
nothing .

She says rubbing her
forehead .

I hear an ouch fuck coming
from the hallway ,don't tell
me she bumped into

something else there .

I take my time getting dressed ,its not like I'm in a rush ,that house just makes me sick . Brandon has even left to his own house .So I will be alone , listening to my moms screams and cries and feeling bad cause I really don't know what to do with her anymore .

What is she doing on the road .I roll my window down .

Me: and then where is your car?

Her: I used a combi today .

Mihle a combi !

Me: hop in .

She does .

Me: what's going on with
you .

Mihle: just drive the damn
car .

Me: I'm trying here .

Her: is there something going on between Brandon and Aneliswa ?

I bust out laughing , what that's ridiculous .

Me: where did you hear such nonsense .You know people are always jealous of

your friendship and they have wanted to break you guys up since you were kids so really I'm sure this rumor that you are hearing is one of them schemes .

She gives me a faint smile and stares out the window .

I play some soft music .Great everyone around me seems

to be dealing with something

.

Me: let's have sex

Her: wow just like that ,you want to go back to your old ways play boy?

Since Sipho's passing I haven't had sex , amazing

right for someone who had it
on a daily basis .

Me: is it a yes or not I
heard it's great therapy .

She laughs .

Her: no thank you .

Me: says a woman who

was hungrily staring at
Ndiweni Junior .

She just cracks up .

Her: as if junior wasn't
reacting to my presence .

Mnx she's crazy I didn't react
to her presence .Okay maybe
just a little tiny bit .

So this is us just laughing till we arrive by her gate .

She opens her door .

Me: bye

What do you know she leans over and kisses me on the cheek . She used to do that a

lot when she was a toodler .

She smiles

Her: bye Leo thanks for the ride and for making me feel better .

Me: if sex talk can make you feel better I wonder what the real thing would do to

you .

She claps her hands .

Her: surrend bye ,I'm out of here .First thing in the morning look at that document I want on my desk by eight fifteen .

She must be out of her mind

.I'm not going to work
tomorrow .

Me: sure Miss COO

I drive off ,right that
depressing house is waiting
for me .

Brandon

Her: what's a handsome
guy like you doing on his own
.

She can see I'm eating .

She pulls the chair and sits .

Me: noone asked you to sit
sweetheart .

The way she blushes .I guess I still have it in me , flirting is Leo's thing ,girls just fall for me cause of my looks not cause I'm a great flirt .

Her: wifey didn't feel like cooking breakfast for you ?

She asks smiling ,she's got a

cute smile .

I touch my chest .

Me: I wish she was there
but well I haven't been lucky
on that department.

Her: noways seriously you
ain't lying to me ,we know
how you men are .

You can't miss the
excitement that's in her voice
.

Me: I'm being for real baby
girl .

She's pretty really .

Me: Brandon ...

Her: Brandon Ndiweni who
doesn't know you.

Her: I'm Sphamandla

Me: aka Rose the model .

She nods .

Okay this is going to be

interesting ,I have never dated a model before .I think it's high time I moved on with my life .

Aneliswa

I write her her prescription .

Her: thank you doc .

Me: it's okay love don't worry about it .

I can hear them laughing and flirting with each other. I take breathing exercises I'm so angry I feel like going to cause havoc there .

Me: wasn't it supposed to get easier ?

I ask noone in particular .

Voice: you are a doctor you know that sometimes the medicine you administer to people might have side effects .This is the side effect of fixing your fate ,your enemy has managed to find her lover ,you will have to fight her .

I don't want to fight anyone .

Me: can't we just be
together without having to
go through obstacles ?

Zwi (no answer) the voice
has just disappeared nje .

Me: come in

She sits .

Her: hie

Me: hey

Her: sorry for being a bitch .

Me: no babe you ain't you
got every right to be angry

I'm the bitch I should have told .

Her: I don't know if I will be able to stand seeing you with Brandon .

Me: you will have to get over him one way or another . Besides he's having breakfast with ...

Her: the model

Sphamandla ,I know the public is already trashing me online .

I move to her side of the table and hug her ,this is the disadvantage of being famous people will forever be in your debt .

Her: since you are meant to be with Brandon ,your powers are similar right ?

I nod ,I guess I'm not sure .

She smiles .

Her: you and I both don't like Bryan .

He's a dick who happens to own the restaurant they are at .

Her: you think you can cause some strong whirlwind that will blow off that roof and just shake the building a little cause there people inside .

Mihle's wish is my command

.I find myself concentrating my power on that roof and boom things happen .Wow it seems like my powers are growing day by day and to think I didn't even need to be near the restaurant to produce an effect .

There's a laughing voice I hear on my mind .

Her: that was just so childish Aneliswa , Brandon is mine and I will do anything and I mean anything to help so dear how many roofs are you going to blow off?

Is that Sphamandla's voice but how can she talk to me .Who is this chick ?

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Adanisa

I'm sitting on the cold floor
.With my head between my
knees .

Warden: ADANISA!

I quickly stand up maybe my

dad is here to see me .I call
him dad but he's actually my
late dad's brother ,I lost both
of my parents at a young age
.

She's opens the cell for me
.My hands and feet are
chained as if I'm the biggest
criminal that ever lived .

I touch the glass that's

separating us with tears
blinding my eyes .Out of
everyone I didn't expect her
to come visit .

Me: Mzala (cousin)

Her:Mzala

Me: thanks for coming it
means a lot .

***Her*:** we might have our differences mzala but we're still family ,we have to stand together at our weakest ,I brought you some food .

***Me*:** thank you Sibob it means a lot mzala .

***Her*:** not only that ,I also

begged and begged my husband till he agreed to represent you ,you know with him being one of our greatest lawyers in the country he's so busy with big cases but don't worry he will work on your case free of charge ,you see how much I love you .

Woow I can't believe

Sibongile has done all this
for me .

Me: I don't know how I will
ever repay you for your
kindness .

Her: don't worry about it
mzala .

I'm still amazed ,is this

Sibongile or maybe it's some twin of hers I don't know .

Me: thank you .

Warden: time up

She says roughly pulling me .

Well I hope Siso does something to take me out of

this hell ,I don't deserve this ,I was only getting justice for myself .

Sibongile

Mnx the bitch ,I hope she eats that food I brought for and dies .The muti I used on

Siso seems to be wearing off
,now I don't know what to do
I can't pump him up again
because he will end up
becaming a zombi and I don't
want a zombi for a husband
.I will just have to deal with
Adanisa I know they are
meant to be but it won't
happen not when I'm still
alive shame .

He puts his arms around me
and kisses me .See , why
would I want to let such go
,he's a good man uZibusiso .

Him: where were you ?

Me: I went to see Adanisa .

He just nods .

Him: I thought of taking you out for lunch .

The priceless smile that's on my face ,we hardly have lunch dates with him being a busy man that he is .

I rush upstairs to fix myself ,I can't be seen wearing the same clothes twice ,I know I just went to the prisons but

come-on I got to keep the
standard up .

Satisfied with my look I
catwalk downstairs .Mnx talk
about kill joy .Then people
wonder why I don't like her
so much ,she's like a third
wheel in our marriage this
one.

Me: aunty !

I say with the fakest smile
ever . Knowing Siso we are
now cancelling our plans to
accommodate Aneliswa .

Her: makoti .

And being the good makoti
that I am ,I now how to
prepare her some food .Just

great and to think I was
planning a drinking session
later with my twin sisters in
law so that I boast about this
lunch date mnx that
Aneliswa has ruined.

Me: let me prepare
something for you to eat
aunty .

She smiles at me .I know she

will be hungry she's forever
in that hospital of hers .

My little rascals run in
screaming in excitement it's
not everyday they find their
aunt and dad around .

Akisha:uncle Siso ,aunty !

They still haven't mastered

calling Siso dad ,they still call him uncle but Zibusiso being Zibusiso he doesn't mind at all ,that hurts he has to so that he proves to me that he loves my kids .

After half an hour or so I take her food to her .

Aneliswa: thank you so much makoti and to think

you cooked my favorite .

Me: I just thought of
appreciating you ,you are the
best ,it's not everyday you
get a wonderful sister in law
like you .

Thank goodness she's eating
.I already got my phone
ready the minute she drops
dead I will be the first to call

the ambulance .

The poison I put on her food is the one I put on my first husband's food so I know it works .

Siso: so I'm thinking of representing Adanisa .

Aneliswa: Adanisa Mpofu ?

Why ?what happened to her ?

Me: she got raped and she murdered her rapist .

Aneliswa: oh no ! Really ?Is she okay ? That's so sad I mean she ain't my favorite person but she didn't deserve that happening to her ,noone does .

She's done eating her food
,I'm still waiting for her to
start reacting to the poison .

Zibusiso: I know right it's
just so sad.

Come on phela what's taking
the poison so long .

Me: should I bring you
some juice aunty ?

Her: yes please .

I rush to the kitchen and
empty the whole contents of
the poison in her juice .This
surely is going to kill her .

Me: here you go

She thanks me and drinks
her juice .

Her: thank you makoti for
the food it was delicious ,let
me rush back to work .

She won't reach the car park
I tell you .

Me: let me help you with those .

It's some bags that Siso gave her to give to their parents .

Bang she closes the cars door . Well I couldn't be more lucky I guess she will die on the road and everyone will think it was a car accident .

Brandon

Her: I thought you said you are single ,what's this ?

She's starting to get on my nerves .

She's holding a makeup kit ,

that must be Mihle's , Gugu is not a makeup person .

I still haven't met up with her,I know I will have to but I'm not ready ,I don't think I will be able to just throw away all that we had and start afresh on a new clean slate as mother and son .

Mihle: what's going on here

?

What is she doing here ?

Spha: exactly what you think is going on , can't you see ?

Mihle slaps Spha .

Mihle: you don't get to just

talk to me like that ,this is my
man's friend so take your
skinny modelling ass out .

Spha claps once .

Her: I'm so not going to
entertain you ,babe talk to
this bitch I'm going to
prepare breakfast .

Mihle: where did you get her?

She says with a disgusted looking face .

Me: ufunani (what do you want)?

Her: I wanted to talk to you .

Me: Mihle I don't have time
for your games .

Her: I have changed
Brandon .

Me: even if you have I don't
want to get back together
with you .

She rolls her eyes .

***Her*:** I'm not here to beg for your love .I'm here to confess and apologize .

Interesting .

***Me*:** I'm listening .

***Her*:** I lied about the pregnancy ,I faked it so that

you marry me . I thought I was going to get away with it .I knew you wouldn't be safe anymore .Two weeks later I found out I hadn't fallen pregnant . Remember that time I went to America it wasn't for shopping ,it was to get tested .I found out nothing was wrong with me .I then went to your dad ,he had said he will help me

cause he wanted us to get married so bad .A few days later he told me that you we infertile he had consulted with some seer .That's when things went South for me ,I tried every scheme I could .I then decided to fake the miscarriage . I'm so sorry I know this apology might mean nothing to you but it means something to me .I

want to have a brand new life
believe or not I was given a
second chance to live so I....

She keeps going on and on
.I'm no longer listening ,I'm
still stuck at me being
infertile .I never really
thought of it but I know in the
near future I want to have
kids ,how could this be ?
Don't I at least deserve some

happiness .It's true what they
say ,it never rains but it pours

.

Mihle:..... all in all I have
been a bad bitch Brandon
and I'm so sorry may you
please forgive me .

Me: you are forgiven Mihle
,I also got a confession .

I hope this doesn't break her heart but since we have been honest with each other I would rather tell her .

Me: when growing up I've always seen you like a little sister ,I was never really attracted to you the only reason why I dated you was to get your shares when we

got married .

She sits on the bed and covers her face with her hands .I hear sobs coming from her .Yeah I must be the world's biggest dick .

I put my arm over her .

Me: you're okay .

***Her*:** I'm going to be fine
Brandon .

The way she's crying breaks
my heart .

***Her*:** it's just that I loved
you so much that I would die
for you ,I almost killed for
you , luckily my plan never

worked .

Me: Mihle.....

I'm speechless I don't know
what to say .

Her: I'm done Brandon with
men shame from now on will
just focus on myself and my
job .

Me: you don't have to quit relationships cause of me I guess I wasn't the one for you .

Her: experience is the best teacher .When are you coming back to work?

Me: Soon

Her: okay see you around
Ndiweni .

Okay so I'm now Ndiweni .

She walks out ,I hope she will
be okay . I can't seem to
understand why I'm infertile I
don't deserve this .

Nkosilathi

I'm chained to a chair .I'm
blindfolded and my mouth is
taped .

I wonder if the hospital has
noticed that I'm missing .

Voice: you are sure ? Are
you going to handle it ?

I hear two pair of footsteps
approaching.

The blindfold is removed .

My eyes must be deceiving
me .Is this Gugu ?

I feel a warm liquid running
down my pants .

***Bongani*:** Nkosilathi
Ndiweni ,I never thought this
is how we would meet .

What is he doing here and
how is he related to Gugu ?

***Gugu*:** I don't think I have
time for chitchatting I have to
be at the coffee shop in an

hour .

The way her voice is so cold .

Bongani: here is the
hammer .

What do they want to do with
it ?

Gugu approaches me

carrying it hammer .

Gugu: geez dude you
pissed on yourself .

She says wriggling her nose .

Gugu: so how are you
going to handle your knees
being hammered .

Oh no good Lord this cant
be happening .

I hear them laughing ,I
wonder why they just don't
kill me .

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Brandon

There she is busy preparing
a full farmhouse breakfast
.She must have taken down
notes when we met
yesterday .

***Me*:** I think there's a little
misunderstanding here .

She looks at me .Shes
carrying a frying pan .

Her: misunderstanding ?

Me: uhuh

Her: sit will you .

Me: Spha we are not in a

relationship .

Spha: then what's this? You said you ain't married .

This woman .

Me: what we had was just sex so all this preparing breakfast , backchatting my guests has to stop you are

not my girlfriend I don't do
loose desperate women ,you
have only known me for a
day but already you are
acting like a Mrs Ndiweni .

Spha: oh no you don't .

She says turning into the
most hideous snake I have
ever seen .

She's ready to attack me ,
crawling closer and closer to
me hissing .

I'm not going to run away ,
you don't run away from your
problems you solve them so
that you don't encounter the
same thing next time .But
how do I solve this problem .I
know I got powers of some

sort but I can't use them
,they only reveal themselves
when I'm angry at Aneliswa ,I
wonder why.

So this is me trying to think
of the times Aneliswa made
me mad you never know I
might get angry .I'm so
frustrated with myself cause
nothing is coming to mind .

Sphamandla the hideous snake is now busy circling me ,good people I can't believe I will be killed by a woman .

A powderish substance rains unto us .Spha screams in agony as she slowly but surely dissolves .

Ndiweni: son

Me: babomdala (uncle) .

Ndiweni: step away from
the circle she won't do
anything to you .

I do ,the only thing left of her
is the upper body she's
slowly disappearing .

***Ndiweni*:** I went to the hospital to visit your dad I'm told he's missing.

***Me*:** oh

***Ndiweni*:** so I came to ask if there's something you know .

***Me*:** no babomdala ,truth is

I really don't care about that
guy he's dead to me .

Ndiweni: he's still your
father .

Spha: I will be back
Brandon you are mine !!!!

She says as her upper body
also poofs away .

Me: wow

Ndiweni: don't worry about her she's just an old demon from your past ,so Brandon where do I find my brother .

Me: you are the seer not I .

Him: the ancestors aren't

saying anything to me and
besides you are the one
gifted with the super sight .

Me: I doubt I'm really gifted
I couldn't even defend myself
.

Him: that's cause your
powers will manifest
themselves when you are
paired with your chosen

one ,I know deep down you know who she is but you are denying it .She has played her part on fixing your fate the only thing that's left is for you guys to be together .

I scratch my head .

Me: bamdala I

He cuts me .

Him: you know what to do .
I wonder why the ancestors
are hiding your father's
whereabouts from me.

Me: maybe he's dead .

Him: no I can feel his spirit .

I shruggle like I don't care
about him .

Adanisa

Our Warden is dead .Rumor
says she died of food
poisoning .

We are just wrapping up our
meeting with Siso .I hate the

guy , Sibongile used to tell me the bad things he did to her .He's a cheat ,I was told one day he even brought the girlfriend with him while she was around imagine .I'm told if she doesn't do any of the house chores he hits her .I wonder how he's doing it , pretending to be a good man when he's a monster . He must really be a good actor

cause these few minutes I have spent with him you would say he's one of the most humble human beings .

But well I have put my feelings aside ,monster or not this guy is a great lawyer ,he's confident he will win my case .

Siso: oh I almost forgot

He says standing up ,packing his stuff .

Him: sibongile asked me to ask if you enjoy the lunch she brought for you yesterday .

Me: I never ate it the warden took it ,you know

how they are .

Him: that's against the law
which warden is this ,show
her to me ,I will have to deal
with her .

Me: it's too late she's dead .

His eyes are wide open .

Him: dead ?

Me: yes she died of food poisoning ,poor woman she must have had some enemies .

Thank you Siso I really appreciate this .

Him: don't sweat it I'm just doing my job .

He says touching my hand .I
feel some tingles on my skin .

I remove my hand and just
smile .

Aneliswa

It's been a long day ,work is
tiring as usual .

Bartender: rough day ?

Me: yeah .

I know I'm not supposed to touch alcohol but fuck it ,it's been a long long day .

Seems like I'm not the only who had a rough day .

There's Brandon sitting at the far left corner .

Me: we are not supposed to drink .

Him: fuck it .

Me: may I ...

Him: you already invited

yourself .

Great my stomach just has
to be full of butterflies come
on behave tummy act cool
even if he's looking so sexy
right now with his shirt that's
not buttoned all the way up .

Me: talk to me .

We have been drinking in
silence .

Him: found out I'm infertile .

Me: noways

Him: yeah

So we ain't going to have
kids ,I feel my heart breaking

with the way I love kids .

Him: and I almost died
today some hideous snake
almost killed me .

Me: what happened .

Him: my uncle did
something to it ,there's just
something off about my

uncle you know .

Me: really ?

Him: yeah

Me: you're better it's some
snake that tried to kill you
,my own sister in law is after
my blood .

Him: you don't say , which sister in law now cause all of them seem to be good people no cancel that Sibbo is not a good person aii that woman .

I laugh ,the way he said that sounded funny .

Him: let's get out of here .

Me: why not .

We drive to his house .What
am I doing I have never gone
to a guy's house before .

Him: you're good ?

I nod .

Him: you look tense .

I shake my head . My heart wants to pop out of my chest . Okay relax ,relax I tell myself ,this is Brandon not some strange man I don't know .

Him: welcome to my cave .

I smile ,I have been here before but we had our friends with us tonight it's just the two of us .

Me: you must be lonely without Gugu neh ,where's she I visited her place the other day she wasn't around .

He shruggles .

***Him*:** I don't want to talk about Gugu ,I will tell you the story some other day for now just know that Gugu is a sensitive topic to me .

I nod .

We sit at the lounge with the lights dimmed ,we just

talking about none important stuff .

You know that moment when both of you are so drunk and you then became aware of each other's bodies .

He leans over and kisses me .I've never been kissed before .

Him: relax follow my lead .

Shit he knows ,this is so
embrassing .

Him: Aneliswa

Me: huh

Him: relax we won't do

anything you don't want to do .

I gather myself together .He kisses me again ,this time I kiss him back ,seems like I'm getting the hang of it .

Siso sure is going to kill me when he finds out about this .

Him: I won't tell him if you don't .

Wait what he can read minds .

Him: no I can't but I seem to be able to know what's going through that brain of yours .

What do you know I'm the one who gets onto of him .

He puts his hands under my blouse and he moves up starting from my abdomen going all the way up to my breasts .

Him: you're good ?

He asks unhooking my bra
,umm I don't know why I'm
not getting my stuff and
going home .

Me: yeah

He stands up .

Me: BRANDON!

Okay why am I yelling .

He lazily smiles at me .

Him: Mami

I find myself blushing .

Me: why did you stop ?

Him: cause I don't want
your first time to be on the
couch . Come with me .

He says holding out his hand
for me . I take his hand and
he leads me up the stairs .

Him: you're the first
woman to enter my bedroom
,my real bedroom .

He says opening his
bedroom door .

Him: no woman has ever
slept in this bed before mami
.

Is it normal for me to feel
some throbbing sensation
down there .

Me: you talk too much
have me already !!!

Okay what's wrong with me .

Him: your wish is my
command .

He says pulling me closer to
him .

Leo

There's a thunderstorm ,it
just appeared out of nowhere
,even the weather did not
see it coming .

I'm driving home ,it's difficult
to drive in a thunderstorm .

I hit the brakes immediately .I
get out of my car .

Me: Are you fucken out of
your mind ,why are you
standing in the middle of the
road ?

Her: I wasn't just standing I
wanted to stop your car ,my
car has broken down .

She says pointing to her car .

Me: get in

Her: but my car !

Me: ai Mihle this storm is getting worser by the minute and you want me to take a look at your car .I will buy you

another one tomorrow if we don't find it here .

She reaches to her broken down car I guess to get some important stuff .

Bang she closes the door .

Her: Leo just drive to the nearest hotel or lounge I

don't think we will make it to our respective places .

She's right . The storm is continuing to get worse.

We find a hotel but there's only one room left .

I look at Mihle she just shruggles ,she is trying to

warm herself up with her arms .

Me: we will take it .

We are given the keys and we go to our room .

She takes the shower first then I follow .

The power shuts down .

Mihle: great no electricity .
Seems like it affected the
whole country .What do you
think it's happening .

I put on the fire by the fire
place . She has wrapped a
throw over herself .I just
have on a body towel on the
lower part of my body .

We are sitted near the fire place .

Me: legend has it ,if the two most powerful beings mate for the first time they may cause thunderstorms , earthquake ,floods you name it .

She looks at me as if I have grown horns on my head .

Mihle: haha funny ,you believe in such things ?

Me: I read a lot of books and besides

Her: besides

Me: it's nothing .

Her: come on tell me .

Me: I don't think Brandon is
a normal person like you
know .

Her: oh but come think of it
he's a little weird like
Aneliswa .

Me: you think

She cuts me .

Her: what no man that's
ridiculous.

Maybe I'm overthinking
,maybe it's just bad weather

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Brandon

I kiss her all over her face .

Me: Mami vuka (wake up) .

She yawns .

Her: hayini Brandon ngeke ngilale bo (let me sleep).

I remove the blankets from her .

Her: Heyi wena (you) !

Lightning flashes outside .

Me: calm down see what you are doing .

She pouts as she sits up .

Her: so ?

Me: good morning
sthandwa .

Why does she look so angry
,she's really cute when she's
angry .

Her: so this is how I get a

good morning ?

Me: what kind of good morning did you want ,I even made you breakfast .

Her:hayi man you should be buried deep inside me ,that's the kind of good morning I want .

This woman ,you would swear she didn't lose her virginity last night .

Her: so

Me: so what ...

Her: hayi man do I have to spell it out for you ,what are you waiting for ,give me my

morning glory .

Okay someone is a sex freak
not that I'm complaining .

Mihle

Me: what the fuck dude I'm
using the shower .

I say covering my boobs and

honey pot with my hands .

Him: there's enough room
for the both of us , otherwise
we will be late for that
meeting and you know how
Mr John's is .

Fuck I had forgotten about
that .

Me: and you don't find anything wrong about this .

He makes a face that says wait I'm in deep thought .

Him: no

He says shaking his head and getting inside .He starts showering and I'm just

standing by the wall with my hands covering my property .

Him: scrub my back will you .

He must be out of his mind .

Me: ahh who scrubs it for you when I'm not around ?

Him: Cynthia ,Melisa ,Sipho
,Amanda ,Belinda ,Nomsa,
Amisa ,Caroline ,Simpfiwe,
Patricia ,Brenda ,Vanessa
,Sandra , Sinqobile
,Sbusisiwe ,Nomthandazo
,Duduzile ,Nyasha ,Tendai
,Ruvimbo....

Yooh

Me: so you want to add
Mihle to that list

Him: I'm not yet done there
are more some I don't even
know their names.

Me: I'm not doing that shit .

He gives me a bored look .He
does the unexpected pulling

me unto himself and he starts to bath me .Like I'm so shocked I'm speechless . He continues as if this is normal ,as if it's his daily routine .

Him: open up

He wants me to open my legs ,I can't not cause I'm embrassed but cause I'm so wet ,the way his hands are

moving all over my body .

Him: Mihle

The tone he used has me opening them . There he goes washing the inside of my thighs . He's taking his time ,washing me so gently kodwa Msindisi what is this guy doing to me . He reaches the queen's folds brushing

them so slightly . He stares deep into my eyes .He gives me a side smile .I'm still staring at him not wanting to be the first one to look away .

Me: ahhh

This guy .He's finger fucking me ,like I was so focused on his eyes I didn't feel him enter .

He does his magic till I come
.He smiles as I gather
myself together .

I so hate him right now how
could he .

He turns the shower off and
he towels me . The way he's
taking his time I hope we

don't get late to that meeting

.

Leo

The way Brandon looks so
pissed .

Him: and where are the two
of you coming from? The
meeting is over , your phones

weren't reachable ,the
receptionist had to call me .I
was so busy ,I was in the
middle of something .

Mihle: Brandon you got no
right to talk to me like that
I'm an equal partner in this
company .You also got no
right to talk to him like that
he has been busy doing your
job for you ,cause you came

back from whatever hole you were hiding from you think you can come bully us .You are talking about being busy we were also busy .

Brandon looks at her shocked ,he didn't expect her to answer back .

She leaves with her heels clicking away .

Him: you are staring after her .

Me: what no I'm not .

Okay I was ,I don't understand the sudden interest I seem to have developed for her .

Brandon: are you guys
fucking ?

Me: dude focus on
Aneliswa and leave me alone
.

It's his turn to pop his eyes
out .So I was right .

Him: there's nothing to tell

,just that well it might be real
this time .She's amazing .

I laugh .

Me: look at the way your
eyes are so dreamy .

He punches my shoulder.

Gugu

Me: it's been a day .

He looks up at me ,he's
reading some files .He
removes his reading glasses .

I sit on his lap .

Him: so ?

He asks wrapping his hands around me .

Me: won't the cops look for him.

Him: the justice system is on the palm of my hand ,I control it .

Makes sense . No wonder why he gets away with his crimes .

Him: you are feeling sorry for him ?

Me: nah I got the closure I needed yesterday .

Him: really ?

Me: yeah

Honestly I did get the closure I needed it's due time I move on with my life .Put the past behind me .

That moment I was hammering his knees ,with every cry he cried the broken

pieces of my heart were
coming together .I can't say
I'm fully healed but I'm
getting there.

Him: the poor guy won't be
able to use his legs anymore .

Me: he ruined my life .

Him: I know as long as you

got the closure you needed
babe though I had thought
we would have some more
fun with him .I got this guy I
know Joe Sibanda , people
call him Mdawini ,he's
allergic to rapist he was
going to teach Nkosi a
lesson he would never forget

.

Me: no I'm good .

He hugs me , honestly guys
is it too early too feel like this
guy my safe heaven .

Nomsa

We are doing a little
shopping with my girls .You
got that right I said my girls .I
have made friends with them

top ladies phela I got to
maintain the standard .

Sibongile: that poison you
gave me Amanda has lost its
touch , like both of my
victims are still alive .

Amanda: like seriously ?
I'm sure I took it straight
from the counter .

Her husband owns a
pharmacy .

Me: some things don't
need medicine ladies .

I say picking out a jumpsuit .

Sibo: what's the answer
then ?

Me: going back to our roots it has worked for me .

Them: give us a number .

I give them Ndiweni's number .

Me: let me go and fit this jumpsuit ladies .

I get into the fitting room .I
put on the jumpsuit . I'm
busy admiring myself in the
mirror when I hear her voice .

Sipho: wow you look like a
million dollars ,blood money
must really be nice .

Oh no not today please .

Well it's just a voice I will
ignore her .

Me: Ahhhh

I scream as I see her
standing behind through the
mirror .

She starts laughing .

I find myself running from
the fitting room .

Sibo: are you okay ?

Sipho is standing beside her .

I don't say anything I run to
my car .I won't stand such a
thing .

I notice I'm being chased by security cars. I park by the roadside .

Me: gentlemen is there a problem .

Him: you are under arrest for stealing a jumpsuit .

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Three weeks later

Adanisa

Him: here are your
personal belongings .

He says smiling at me .I take them ,I can't believe this is happening .

I walk past the door ,past the parking lot .I'm now at the gate ,this is the last step .
The security opens it .

There's nothing like the taste of freedom .Finally I'm free .

I'm free but I don't know where to go to from here .My dad says he doesn't want anything to do with me .I don't blame him ,I killed his son so yaah .None of the family members are being supportive except for Sibongile .

She couldn't hide the shock

that's on her face as she
opens her door .

*Me: hey mzala

She gives me a faint smile
.It's not the kind of welcome
I was expecting but at least
she didn't kick me out .

Her: Adanisa you brought

your suitcases with you .

Me: yes please I need a place to stay and I'm sure I will find another job soon I'm a qualified accountant .

Her: no one wants to hire an ex convict .

I never thought of it that way .

Her: try finding a job but I doubt you will in the meantime you will be helping me around the house you can't just eat and fart nje in this house .

I nod ,beggars are not choosers .

Me: thank you Sibö .

Out of everyone I never
expected her to be
supportive .

She looks at me as if I have
said the most ridiculous
thing she has ever had .

Mihle: so you come here

without an appointment one
,two you want me to just
give you a job just like that
you have a crime record
hanging on your head .In this
company we only take
perfect employees .I'm sorry
it's nothing personal but you
know how Brandon is about
perfection .

I nod ,I thought maybe Mihle

could cut me some slack ,I know I'm not her favorite person but one thing about her she's a professional she doesn't make professional decisions based on personal issues .

***Her*:** I will try calling some contacts of mine but I'm not promising anything ,you murdered someone Adanisa

people can't just ignore that .

Me: thank you I really appreciate it .

I say picking up my CV from her table.

Her: Adanisa

She calls out as I'm about to

shut her door.

I pop my head in.

Me: yeah?

Her: umm I just wanted to say that you are not alone if ever you need to talk I'm just a phonecall away .

Wait what is Mihle being supportive right now after all the things I have done to her .

I rush to her chair and just hug her .It means a lot her being supportive .

She brushes my back whispering to my ear .

Her: it's going to be okay
babe everything will be
alright .

I hope she's right .

Ndiweni

Me: nanko (here)

I say giving him a plate full of

porridge .

He makes a face as he eats
it .

Him: what did you put in
here .

Me: herbs to give you
strength .

Him: so I will never walk again?

He says with them tears falling down .

Me: come on man up .It depends ,do you want to walk again ? Are you willing to do whatever it takes ?

***Him*:** I want to use my legs
bhudi (brother) tell me what
do I have to do .

Nkosilathi has always been
the soft one .Will he do it?

***Me*:** all you need are five
virgin girls or women ,bring
them here were sacrifice
them ,and you eat their five
hearts that's the only way

you will be able to walk again

.

Him: Ndiweni are you even listening to yourself !!!!

Didn't I tell you he's a pussy this one .

Me: then I take it you really don't want to walk again.

I'm busy cleaning my yard
when I hear him calling for
me .

I open the hut's door .

Me: ufunani (what do you
want?)

Him: so the girls , Where do

I find them ?

He must have really thought
about it .I smile I love
desperate men they would
do anything to get what they
want .

Nomsa

I'm still the talk of the town .

People never get tired of my story. I was even on B-Metro ,*Stevens wife tries stealing jumpsuit*.

My husband isn't even talking to me .I have embrassed him in front of his business associates .

Me: here you go .

I say handing her her drink .

Sibongile:thank but friend
why didn't you tell me the
ghost story friend .

Me: cause I thought you
would think I'm crazy ,it has
haunted me since I was a
little girl ,it's kind of like it's

now part of me ,I'm now
used to it .

She holds my hand.

Sibongile: such things
should never be part of you
have you tried seeing a
specialist ,you might need
professional help .

Me: is this your way of saying I'm crazy in a polite way .

Her: no I

There's a knock .

Me: hie

Guy: Mrs Nomsa Stevens .

Me: yes .

Him: you have been served
please sign here.

Is this what I think it is .

I sign the stupid paper he
wants me to sign .

I close the door tearing the

envelope apart my heart is
beating in an abnormal way .

Sibo: what is it

She says peeping over my
shoulder .Can she just shut
up .

No oh no this can't be
happening .

Sibo: babe

Me: this ain't right he's not
in his right mind , he will
come around I'm sure of it .

I'm trying to put up a brave
face but it ain't working .

Stevens wants to divorce me
and he says I'm not getting

any cent from this divorce .

Aneliswa

I rinse my mouth .Before I
could even get out of the
bathroom door I rush back
inside ,I throw up again .
Damn I hate this .

Knock ,knock ,knock .

***Siso*:** Are you okay in there ?

What does he want I don't understand people who just don't stay at their houses .

I open the door wiping my mouth with my sleeve .

***Me*:** yaah sure .

I say .

I know I look horrible with my hair all over the place .I just threw a gown over my PJs on my feet I have them on slippers .

I pass him ,he pulls my arm .

Him: what's going on .

Me: nothing it's just a
stomach bug .

He gives me the I don't
believe you look .

Him: hmm

That's all he says .I had my

fingers crossed .Phela
Zibusiso is crazy he might
have driven me to the
hospital .

I don't want anyone knowing
about my pregnancy .I'm still
shocked ,I don't understand
how this could happen with
Brandon being infertile .He
won't believe me when I tell
him I'm pregnant with his

child .

I'm just chilling in the cinema room .Just watching some movies crunching on some snacks .

Me: hello

Him: I hear you got a stomach bug from Leo .

How did Leo ...oh it's
Zibusiso he tells Leo
everything and by everything
I mean everything ,even the
panty colour his wife is
wearing on a particular day
that's how tight they are .

Me: yahh umm it's just a
bug ,what's up .

Him: Mihle is driving me crazy ,I think I preferred being her boyfriend than he business partner .She now doesn't do my work for me ,so the work load I have Mami aii .

I laugh he's crazy this one .

Mihle and I we now good and guess what she's really

supportive in my relationship
,I think she's over Brandon .

Me: you have to work for
me daddy .

He laughs .

Him: maybe we should
already adopt some kids
since we can't have our own

,then I will have someone
who will really depend on me
.

I fake a laugh .oh lord why
did this have to happen .

Him: okay mami we will
talk later ,will see you
tomorrow .

Me: tomorrow ? Ahh you must be out of your mind .

Him: babe I'm busy I have to....

Me: I don't care mina ,do what you have to do ,but don't deprive me of spending time with you .We even haven't had sex for twelve hours and you think that's

normal .

Brandon: Mami calm down
you are shouting .

Me: don't tell me to calm
down ,get your ass here .

Him: manje (now?) Mami
I'm

Me: Heyi wena (you) .You
won't like it when I come over
there .

Him: okay okay calm down
I'm on my way , anything for
you love .

I call him again .

Me: why did you drop the

call ,don't you want to talk to
me anymore ,am I boring you
.

I hear him sign .

Him: okay babe I'm now
driving down there what do
you want to talk about .

And I start a conversation .

Leo

Me: move a little to the left
,yes that's it .

Mihle: okay okay remove
the blindfold already .

She says her voice full of
excitement .

I do .

Me: tada ...

She just looks at me .

Her: where's the surprise .

I roll my eyes .

Me: dinner is set .

Her: yah I can see that but
where is the surprise ?

Me: I'm the one who set
the table ,that's the surprise .

Why did she just clap once ?
I've never set the table before

the maids do it .

Her: you're bad at surprises
Leo really ,last week it was a
toothbrush .

Me: what's wrong with
surprising you with a
toothbrush ,do you no lady
has had her toothbrush at
my bathroom ,you should be
grateful you mean that much

to me .

Her: you sure know how to
choose them girl .

She mumbles to herself .

She's crazy I'm sure I'm the
best boyfriend she's ever had
. I'm sure her eyes will light
up when I sure her the

scrunch I bought for her to use on her hair .

I pull out a chair for her ,she sits .

To think that this table was always filled with laughter ,I can't believe my dad destroyed all that .

Mum: just in time for dinner .

I smile ,I missed her .I'm not even going to ask her anything I'm glad she's made an effort to come downstairs ,therapy must be working .

Mihle: salibonani (hello)

Mum: there was a time you used to call me mah ,let's go back to that will we .

I see Mihle smiling I hope mum will also be this welcoming when she learns that Mihle and I are in a relationship .

I'm hopeful .I think this is a beginning of a new life .

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Adanisa

Him: ehhmmm sorry

I turn

Me: umm it's okay I was just getting some water .

Him: me too

He pours himself a glass.

Him: so why are you crying ?

I didnt realise that I was .I
wiped the single tear that's
on my face .

Me: it's nothing I can't
handle .

Him: you can talk to me .

Me: you must be a good
actor .

Him: what's that supposed to mean ?

I'm tired of his pretence game .

Me: I know what kind of scumbag you are .I know that you a woman abuser so really stop pretending like

you really care cause we
both know you don't .

Why does he look so
shocked mnx bloody actor .

Siso: Adanisa what are you
talking about ?

I ignore him ,he pulls my arm
as I pass by him .

Why is my heart racing ?

Me: leave me alone !

Him: I just want to understand what you are talking about cause I have never ever abused a woman before in any way .So ntombazane tell me....

Sibongile: sfebendini(slut)

!!! I give you a roof over my head and this is how you thank me by seducing my husband in the kitchen ,what? you thought I was asleep ? heeh (she claps once) .After all that I have done for you , I'm the one who got you out of prison gooddam it . Ungrateful bitch ,you are just

like your mother .Do you know what your parents died of huh? They died of AIDS not a car accident ,your mom was the greatest whore that has ever lived in this town .My poor uncle was just a victim of her whoredom .

Me: Sibongile it's not what you think it is I

As say tears blinding my
eyes.

She slaps me .

Her: the audacity!! Fuck off
go get your stuff I want you
out of my house in fifteen
minutes .

Oh no this can't be
happening it's 2 am for
Christ's sake.

Me: mzala please.....

She goes and comes back
with my stuff.

Her: hamba (go) I won't let
you destroy my marriage .

I look at Siso he looks away . I guess he won't try to explain that there's nothing going on .

I take my stuff .

I don't even know where I'm going it's even dark outside. Even though we were in an awkward position with Siso

Sibongile had no right to say
the things she said to me

.I'm hurt cause I didn't even
know about the things she
said about my parents .

Growing up I was always told
they died of a car accident .

Siso: hey

Oh he has followed me .I get
into his car .I wonder where

he is driving to.

We enter through the gate.
There's a woman who looks
beyond pissed standing by
the verandah of the house .

Her: it's around to three for
goodness sake Zibusiso
Ndimande !!!

Him: I'm paying in cash .

He hands her a brief case . I see her eyes shining as she opens the brief case .Woow why does Siso travel with so much money .

She hands him the keys .He opens the door.

Him: welcome to your new house .

My ears must be deceiving me .Did he just say my new house?

He wipes my tears with his fingers .He pulls my face up .

Him: listen I'm sorry about

all the stuff my wife said to you ,she can be too much sometimes but she's a good person I'm sure if you were in her shoes you would have reacted the same way .

Me: I wouldn't have ,I know I'm no saint but I don't just say things without thinking .

Him: that's not what my

sister says about you .

I had forgotten he's
Aneliswa's brother .

Me: your sister and I have
our differences even with her
friend but I'm changing to be
a better version of myself
besides Mihle reached out to
me .

Him: and Aneliswa she's the one who paid me for being your lawyer ,your cousin was now complaining for the long hours I spent working on your case .

What!!! Aneliswa did that for me ? I'm speechless .

***Him*:** don't look so shocked
Aneliswa is a good person .

That I know ,I guess growing
up I was jealous of her that's
why I never got along with
her .

***Me*:** I think I need therapy .

He nods.

Him: I will organise that
.That's the first part of
healing admitting that you
are not okay .

Me: I don't know how to
thank you for all that you
have done for me .

Him: who said I'm a

woman abuser ?

Me: your wife she used to call me crying saying you beat her up .

Him: what !!

He's so shocked . Is it possible that Sibongile was lying but why would she lie

about something like that out
of all the things she can lie
about ?

Him: I don't know what to
say .

He sits on the stool and
covers his head with his
hands .

Me: hey umm Siso

I say touching him slightly on his shoulder .

He looks up ,his eyes are reddish ,is he crying ?

Him: after everything I have done for Sibongile ,with the way I love her she goes

around telling people that
bullshit ,it must explain why
her friends don't like me ,like
why would she do such a
thing . I love her ,I take care
of her kids whose relatives
have forsaken cause they
say Sibongile is a witch .I
stand by her ,I support her
and this is the thank you I get
? I just don't understand
why.....

Me: shhh

I say hugging him .

Him: I ...

Me: uhuh don't it's okay

He stares at me .I'm not sure
who started it .Clothes are

flying ,buttons are being
pulled apart .

I know this is wrong ,I want
to stop it but it's beyond my
control .it's amazing how I
suddenly need him .I hope I
don't regret this tomorrow .

Nomsa

It's around five am . It's a bit chilly .The town is now a bit busy ,do people even sleep ?

I can't seem to forget the voices of my crying babies as they were being gunned down by Stevens .

So he came over with a gun ,

forcing me to sign them
papers. I did without much
struggle cause I didn't want
to die .

He kicks me out tells me not
to take anything with me . I
take my babies with he stops
me in my tracks asking me
where I thought I was going
with them . He then gunned
them down said he was

doing me a favor cause I
couldn't take care of them on
my own .

I never thought I would feel
such pain .My heart is torn
into pieces .I know I'm a bad
person no argument about
that but for my children to
die the way they did ! They
didn't deserve that .

My eyes must be deceiving me ,didn't Ndiweni say this guy was dead?

There he is pushing a trolley full of bananas .I guess that's his current hussle .

Ben: hey wena mfazindini
(hey you!)

I try moving fast ,so that he doesn't talk to me .I don't know what he wants but I just don't like the way he looks .There's just something off about him .

He holds my shoulder .
Suddenly my bladder seems full .

Me: Ben...

I whisper .

He doesn't say anything .He's just staring at me .

Me: we can talk about this .

Him: I waiting a long time for this day .I couldn't get to you because of your

bodyguards.

I had bodyguards? I didn't know that .

Me: what do you mean?

Him: you took my daughter from me ,then you took my life from me ,you the one who has made me like this

,you and that good for
nothing husband of yours .

No he didn't .I feel it deep
inside of me .I have never
thought this is how I will die .

I can't even scream the pain
is too much ,I wonder why
people ain't helping ,can't
they see there's something
wrong .

But I don't blame them ,the position we are in you would think we are hugging .

Him: you had it all I gave you the best life but you decided to get greedy .

I want to say something but I can't .I can taste blood in my

mouth .

He let's go of me and I fall .I
hear him running away .

That's when people react.
The ladies start yelling
,*someone has been
stabbed sizani
boooo(help).*

My whole life flashes before me .Ben is right he tried to give me the best life .I just had to get greedy .

Sipho: welcome to the world of the dead now my soul can rest in peace .

Not her again .I regret it I shouldnt have killed her .

Someone: she won't
survive that wound is deep .

The voices fade and my
world becomes dark .

Mihle

Him: so last night there's

something I didn't give you .

I get excited I hope it's not
one of his stupid surprises .

Me: so what is it ?

I ask .

Me: first finish what you
are doing .

I finish fixing up his tie . Guys
I don't know what I had with
Brandon cause it can't be
love ,it's different from what I
have with this guy .

He hands me a little gift bag .

Oh my gosh he did it this
time he bought me

something .I wonder if it's jewelry or maybe I don't know .

I first read the card .

A little something for the first woman that has managed to drive me crazy ,I think it's safe to say I'm inlove with you

See me blushing .

I give him a kiss.

Me: I'm inlove with you
more , Ndiweni wami .

His smile , priceless .

Him: open your gift .

I don't need to be told twice .I
unwrap the box and open it .

Him: hey what's with the
long face don't you like your
gift ,do you know it took me
half an hour to decide on the
color another half an hour to
decide on the type you might
like .

This guy !

Me: so you took your time wrapping up this?

Him: yaah it took me ten minutes.

Jolani lodwa .

Me: Leo are you being

serious right now .

He takes the scrunch and
ties my hair with it .

He pulls me to the closet .

Him: look at that I'm good
at this boyfriend thing ,it
suits you doesn't it ,just the
perfect color I'm sure the

ladies at work will be asking where you bought it ,just refer them to me I will give them directions to the shop .

Me: let's go we will be late for work .

He follows me running .

Him: you like it right ?

Aneliswa

Him: babe wake up !

Why is he waking me up .He sounds like he's panicking .

Me: hmmm

I say with my eyes still closed .

Him: Aneliswa wake up it's urgent .

Okay I sit up ,he doesn't call me by name anymore so it must be serious .

Me: what's up .

He looks at my tummy .

I follow his gaze .

Me: Ahhhhh

I scream .

Him: calm down you will
wake your parents up you
know I'm not supposed to be

here .

I stand up and start pacing
up and down.

He's just sitting on the bed
looking lost .

Okay so how do I explain this
.I know I'm not normal but
this is just too much .What

will my parents say , people
say .

Will Brandon even
understand.

Him: sit down will you your
feet are getting swollen with
all the pacing you are doing .

I sit on the bed .

He holds my hand .

Him: now explain to me,tell me what's going on even if it doesn't make sense I will take your word .

I exhale .

Okay where do I start.

Me: I'm pregnant .

Him: clearly .

Will he just shut up .

Me: I'm three weeks
pregnant .

Him: then why do you look

six months pregnant?

Yep that's right my stomach
just grew overnight.

Me: I don't know I didn't
look like this yesterday ,you
know I didn't look like this
yesterday.

Him: so when were you

going to tell me you are pregnant ?

Me: I was scared isn't you said you were infertile ,oh no how could I forget....

Him: forget what?

Me: Mihle ,she had said your problem was spiritual .

Him: you knew about
Mihle's fake pregnancy ?

Me: I was her doctor you
remember.

I say playing with my fingers .

He goes stands by the
window .

I follow him.

Me: baba .

He smiles mnx typical
Ndebele man.

Him: I'm hurt no lie , the
thought of you scheming and
lying to me but we weren't

even a couple then so....

*Me*And the baby ?

Him: I won't even try to understand how this happened ,how your tummy just grew overnight but it's our baby and I wouldn't think of another perfect who can carry my seed .

He says smiling and kissing
my stomach.

I find myself smiling at least
he understood .I don't know
how I will explain this to my
parents to Zibusiso that one
he will kill someone .

Him: I will have to do right

by you and the baby .

What is he saying?

Me: is this your way of proposing ?

Him: I'm not the romantic type mami so is it a yes?

No wonder Mihle ended up

buying herself a ring .

I nod I can't imagine
spending my life with
anybody else.

Him: I'm going to be the
best dad ever.

He says whispering to his
baby .I already feel replaced .

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Mihle

Okay so Aneliswa asked me to come by her place .I hope everything is fine like you know I have been so occupied lately I don't even remember the last time we

actually had a real talk .

Why is he the one opening
the door ?

Him: I'm glad you are here .

He says coming outside and
closing the door behind him
.He pulls me to the garden .

Me: is everything ok ?

Him: no , your friend looks like this

He says showing me a picture .

Me: is it a disease ,why is her stomach bloated ?

He rolls his eyes .

Him: she's not sick .she's pregnant .

What!! She can't have it first I mean come-on .

Brandon laughs .

Me: why are you laughing ?

I ask poking his shoulder .

Him: why is she not supposed to have it first .

Me: you're creepy .

Him: I know makoti ,I also creep myself out .Do you know I can actually see my

baby in her womb .Ncee
don't wish for the gift I have.

Wait does he know about
Leo and I ?

Him: I do.

Me: umm I meant to like
tell you I'm inlove with your
brother like wow the things

he does to me

Him: aii Mihle too much
info

I laugh .

Me: I didn't mean it like that
bamncane (uncle)

It's his turn to laugh .

Him: we are the ones
having the baby not you .

Me: so what's the sex .

Him: it's a surprise . Listen
makoti I know you are an
amazing singer ,I want you to
sing perfect for Aneliswa .

I fold my arms .

Him: I will tell Leo some tips on how to take care of a woman.

Okay that's fair .

We go back inside .I throw myself at my man .

Siso: Not you too Mihle !
What's so amazing about
these Ndiweni men ? Leo out
of every guy you could date .

Zibusiso always the
overprotective one but it
never worked on me unlike
Aneliswa I'm hot headed .

Sibongile doesn't look good
for the first time I have

known her .

Ndimande: so Mihle did you know about Aneliswa's pregnancy .

Me: yes she's six months pregnant ,she was hiding it cause she didn't know how you guys would react to it .

The eye Leo gives me .I hope
I said the right thing phela I
don't want to get her into
trouble .

Him: hmm the Ndiweni
men want to pay for your
lobolas .

Did he say men ?

Leo: great you had to ruin her surprise .

He goes on his knee.

Him: Mihle wami your surprise got ruined ntombi yakho Moyo .I wanted to tell you how much you mean to me .I know you might say it's still early days ,but I'm sure I want to spend the rest of my

life with you .I want you to be a Ndiweni ,I want you to wash for me and cook for me ,we both know you can't do either cause you are a spoiled brat but I'm sure for me you will learn how to cause I drive you crazy .

I hear people laughing ,it could only be Leo .I wonder where my parents are ? It's

just the Ndiweni brothers
and the Ndimande's .

Leo: so what say you ,will
you marry me ? I'm sure you
want me to pour out my
heart to you ,but if I do that
today what will I say during
our vows at our wedding .I
love you Mihle , please marry
me .

I'm getting all emotional .

Me: yes yes yes .

There's ululation .He puts it
ring on my finger .Okay at
least he got this part right
.After this I'm snapping
them pictures of it ring and
update my social media
platforms .I'm engaged for
real this time .

Aneliswa: Brandon I hope you were taking notes .I still want my proposal .

Him: aii babe I will buy you the ring .

Everyone laughs as Aneliswa pouts .

Mrs Ndimande: your mom is kak drunk Mihle and your dad is out of the country .

Wow just great .

We start eating laughing here and there . I'm happy I won't let my parents ruin my happiness .

So this is what I did when I heard I was going to die in three weeks and the only thing that would save me was falling inlove with my choosen one .I went back in time to fix my fate ,even though I don't remember what happened there ,I think really the thing that affected my fate my Aneliswa's fate I guess our fates were

interlinked .I look at her
,she's glowing pregnancy
suits her ,I'm happy for her
,happy that she found love
.I'm sad though that
Brandon refused to tell me
the sex of the baby .I wonder
if Aneliswa knows .

Leo puts his hand over mine
.Gosh I love this guy he's a
little crazy that's no secret

but he's an amazing person .

I wonder what's going on
between Siso and his wife
they are not their usual
selves.

Brandon: dad?

He laughs .

Nkosilathi: yes son it's me
,you guys abandoned me
,I'm back .You left me to die
in that hospital hahaha .I'm
here for revenge you were
my family .You were
supposed to be by my side .

Leo squeeze's my hand .I'm
not scared I know he will
protect me I trust him cause
we were fated , written in the

stars .

The end

Love you

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