

PROLOGUE

Bohlale



What!

My insides go cold, as I hear gunshots

I can't make out where they're coming from

I run up behind the tree

As more gun shots just keep going off

Screams of agony and pain follow

Me: mhm!

I get up moving back slowly

If I run, where will I go?

But what will happen of me

If I stay here, and i catch a stray bullet?

No!

I am not yet ready to die

Whoa!

I cannot die

I turn and run on my feet as more guns just keep going off

I run until I'm out of breath

And the sole of my shoe has worn out on me

It's old shoes after all

They weren't that good anyways

Me: now what, genius?

I chuckle to myself shaking my head

We've never had peace in the village

Ever since the white man took over

All they know is beat people, and shoot people

They demand tax of insane things

Knowing very well people cannot afford to pay them

Our king dealt us a raw deal

He can't even protect us against these people

He just watches his people suffer in pain

Voice: hey!

Shit!

I don't even bother turning, I just run

Only I trip on a rock as I get to the main road

I fall down, and just hear screeches of truck tires

My head is pounding

I fell on too hard

Voice: isn't this the one who's father sold?

Voice: traded for taxes

Voice : it's her , no wonder we didn't find her

They laugh

Voice: tough cookie, she ran

Voice: ah, too bad he's also dead. But let's take her, move it. Get her with the others

I lift my head

My eyes come to with the two white men

Me : please don't hurt me

They say nothing

As one just grabs me off the ground and drags me to the truck

He throws me on the back of the truck

I groan in pain rolling down

Me: ah shit!

I hear movement

I open my eyes and looks around

I am not alone

I gather myself, and sit on my ass bringing my knees up

And the truck moves

These people in here don't look scared

They look like it's just a normal day to them

They're from our village

Well just a few , maybe four or so

I take a deep breath

I don't know where we are being taken

But it's hard to even be scared

Cause I'll be looking like a fool alone

I close my eyes, taking a deep breath

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Wanda



Me: no!

Mom: Wanda baby ...

Me: mom I said no!

Dad: don't you ...

Me: no, don't tell me not to dare. Do you have any idea what those people do to people out there?

Dad: that's not our business, out business is you being chosen to go be a part of the elite ...

Me: the elite my fat ass, what the

Mom: do not talk to your father like that!

Okay!

My mother has never raised her voice at me

Like never

Not even once

In all my 22 years of living

Me: I'm sorry mother

Dad: you leave at Dawn

Me: why have you two decided on this, but not hearing me?

Mom: it's an honour to be chosen

Me: no, you guys are being oblivious to the things these people do out there

Dad: lies, they are our people.

And they would never do any of
the things being said about
them

Me: dad!

Dad: I am done talking about this Wanda, you have been chosen. And we cannot dispute the orders of the general

Nonsense!

Fuck that shadow general

I will make a run for it

At any given chance

I will make sure I'm out of there

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Seven (7)



C4: you ready?

He pats my shoulder with a chuckle

C4: this is exciting, I'm always looking forward to seeing new blood

I shake my head

C4 : oh come on 7 , just cheer up

Me: what do you want?

C4: what's with

He sighs

C4: you know what? Never mind, the new recruits are on their way. You better be ready and prepared for them when they get here

Me: you didn't have to have people taken away like that

C4: it's for the greater good of Force, trust me I don't give a shit of how they were taken

Me : of course you don't , fuck off!

He laughs

C4: oh 7, always so uptight.
Stay well in your nest, moving in shadows

He gets up and walks down using the stairs

My phone rings

Me: General

General: my chamber now

I drop the call and jump down

Voice: oh shit ...

Voice : did he just jump off from the wall ?

Faint whispers just grace my ears as I move past

I head over to the corridor

And knock at the door, I open and walk in

General: 7

Me:sir

General: I trust we're all ready and set for the new blood

Me: mhm

He chuckles

General: my good man, I trust you

I nod as he offers me a seat and a drink

General: there's a few changes I want us to go through Me: thanks, I'm good with the drink

General: I forgot, you and C4 are not the same

And we can never be

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Wanda

Me: what's your name?

He looks at me

Him: I am Roy

Says the guy next to him

Me: and your friend?

He's just looking so sour

It's like he doesn't know how to talk to people

Roy: his name is

Him: fuck off!

Me: ah, aggressive much heh?

I laugh

Him: my name is Chase

Me : oh well , we have a name

Chase: from which rock did they pick

Me: no, no rock! I am one of a kind, I was specifically hand picked

Roy: is it?

Me: yes

Roy: not fair

Me: how so?

Chase: you won't last here, enjoy your "picked specifically" while you can

Roy: we went through a series of tests to be accepted here, like a lot of hard things

Me: accepted?

Roy: yes

Me: well, are you not one of us?

Roy: no, I come from Liberty

Me: I see, oh well welcome

Chase: I am going to enjoy seeing you being thrown out

I laugh

Me: that nonsense doesn't happen here, if when you don't fit at liberty you get thrown out. Here it doesn't happen

Roy: they keep misfits?

Poor guys

They're just here looking like savages

Yet they have no idea whatsoever what they're involving themselves into

Me: you chose wrong

I move back, and lay my back on the sack

Chase: she thinks she knows it all

Roy: it's anyone's take

Chase: definitely

Me : good luck to you both , you will need it

I place my hands on my face

I can't believe my parents

Wasn't there any other way to show me they don't care about me.

Rather than this one?

My whole body just goes numb when I think of where we are headed

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Bohlale

What the hell is this place?

This is like a fortress

It's just steel, and wires all over

High over built walls

Like , I doubt there's even a prison that's like this

This is worse than a prison

Wait

Did I just get kidnapped?

I follow suit as everyone gets off the truck

And laughter just erupts

I guess I am the only one lost here

Another truck stops next to us

We move out of the way

And from the back six people get off

Four guys and two girls

Some of us look so lost

It's just written on our faces

Voice: hey!

Says a very hoarse voice behind us

We all turn and come to face to face with this guy

These are the kind of people our lives have been placed into their hands

And for what?

Just because they just don't know when enough is enough

And they don't know when to stop

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Chase



Roy: this guy is a legend, I've hard so much about him

C4 is the shit around here Force

But he's nothing like 7, there's no comparison whatsoever

Me : and do you know what I've heard ?

Roy: what?

Me: if you want to survive and make it here, you must always tell yourself that no one is better than you. Not even him

Roy: but ...

Me : shut up

He swallows

As I dart my eyes around

Just wanting to see if there's anyone who will stand on my way

C4: eyes on me

We all look at him

He chuckles scanning his eyes around

C4: my name is C4, for those of you who don't know. But I don't care either way, because I don't care to know who you are either. Now you're here, but to enter these grounds you have to go through this passage

We all turn heads looking at each other

Roy: whatis he for real?

C4: now who is first?

No one bothers walking forward

C4: well then, is this how your forfeit your way in?

Voice : I will go

What?

I look over seeing this black chick passing through

Me: ahhh

Ilaugh

Me: don't get spooked in there

She turns and looks at me

One nasty stare she gives me and she continues walking

C4: what thewhat's your name?

Her: Bohlale ...

C4: I don't know how to pronounce that, go in

She looks nervous as a nervous wreck

C4 : go on , I don't have the whole day

She takes a deep breath and walks over towards the passage , as wind blows

And her dress lifts up a bit

Me: yesshow off what your mama gave you Chiquita

Laughter erupts

She just goes through going in, the scream that follows has everyone shutting their mouths

And shit out of our lives

Where the hell did she just go to?

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Bohlale

I scream my lungs out

As someone grabs me before I fall flat

That fall was just saved by an inch

I move back, wiping the sweat on my forehead

These people are just staring at me

The guy who held me, walks closer to me

Him: what's your name?

Me: uhm

Am I going to tell him my name

So he can tell me he can't pronounce that as well

Me: Iuhm

Him: you don't know your name?

I'm out of my zone here

In a place that's infested by whites

Me: Bohlale

He nods with a side smile

Him: move over

I move over as the two girls head over, grabbing whoever is coming down

I shake off my fear for these few seconds falling down

Thinking I was going to die

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Seven (7)

C4: and where the hell is 7?

Kelly: up in his nest

He looks up and shakes his head

C4: the new recruits are here

I jump down

C4: you have got to stop ...

I push him out of my way

C4: great!

We walk over to the dorm

And as we walk in

The noise dies down

C4: welcome to Force

Few clap hands

C4: it doesn't matter where you come from, it doesn't matter how you got here. You're all here now, and this is

your new home . So ...don't get too comfortable as of yet, because if you fail the series on tests you'll be undergoing . You will be sent back home

Voice: home?

C4: yes home, who said that?

This guy walks over

C4: who are you?

Him: Roy

C4: well boy Roy, you better know why you're here. Or you'll be out of here, faster than you can call yourself Force

He nods moving back

C4: so each day, you'll go through tests to see if you're worthy enough to be a part of Force. You will get to see how you rank after every challenge, everyday. So you'll get to know if your space is secured here or not

Whispers go around

C4: it doesn't matter, asking yourself why you were brought

here if you'll be tested . That's that, now I'll be seeing you tomorrow morning

He nods and walks out

Me: listen up, my name is 7

I turn over to her

And she's literally laughing

Me: you want to say something Bohlale?

She looks at me

Bohlale: no ...

Me: mhm

Bohlale: actually yes

I raise my brow

Bohlale: is your name seven like 7 the number or?

She shrugs causing others to laugh

Me : exactly like the number

Bohlale: awkward!

The girl next to her raises her hand

I just look at her

Her: why weren't we told if we fail tests we will be sent home?

Me: who said you can talk to me?

She looks down

Me: no one is to talk to me, unless I miraculously talk to you. You all don't know me here, so let's not pretend like you do. And refrain from talking to me

I move back

Me: follow me

I head over to the rooms with them following me

We pass by the practice room

Me: tomorrow morning, 0500hrs. No second later than that, this is where you meet me

We move past and head to the rooms

Me: get changed, and this is where you'll be sleeping

Voice : all of us ?

I turn and look at them

Chase: sorry, no talking to you

Me : you have 10 minutes to change

I walk over passing through them

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Bohlale

Me: what the hell?

I pick up the clothes from one of the beds

Voice: hi ...

I turn over and look at this girl

Her: I'm Wanda

Me: Bohlale

Wanda: that was brave

Me: what?

She smiles

Wanda: saying that about 7, to

him

Me: what kind of a name is 7?

Wanda: what's C4?

We laugh

Wanda: he talked to you

Me: come on! You call that talking to me? He just blew me off with a few words

She giggles

Me: what the hell is this place?
Jesus!I don't even know what
I'm doing here

Wanda: you're in for a ride

Me: what?

She laughs

Wanda: let's change

She goes to the bed next to mine, and changes

Like seriously!

We're getting naked in here

Wow!

Like in front of everyone

Even these guys who are just gawking at us

This just spells disaster!

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Wanda

We walk in this room

That's just filled with these awkward people

Chase: yes, this is the life

Me: this feels like jail

We sit down on a table that's not occupied

Chase: who is your friend?

He asks with a smirk looking at Bohlale

Chase just looks like trouble

Me: drop the attitude

Chase: she's definitely the first one going

Me: what?

Chase: just look at her, she's here by chance that's clear. She knows nothing about our world

Roy: she came in first

Chase: whoa! So she went through a dark passage and dropped down, that makes her what?

Wanda: braver than you

Chase: shut up!

Me : no you shut up , or I'll make you

Bohlale gets up

Bohlale: is this high school?

She walks away heading for the door

Chase: mxm!

He looks at Roy, and I don't appreciate the way they're looking at each other

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Bohlale

The sunset is beautiful

The only sane thing I've seen in the last two days

Since leaving home yesterday

To arriving here today

I feel like I'm in a dream

And this is not happening for real

What were those men talking about ?

When they said, the one who's father traded for taxes?

And why am I only thinking about that right now

Didn't they say he's dead?

No!

Could it be my father traded me, and they killed him for not finding me home?

Oh my God!

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Bohlale

Hell no!

Whoever taught these people

Manners of waking up people

Wasn't a peaceful person at all

It's freezing cold, we're shivering

And I'm still sleepy as hell

But we're stuck in this room

And it's too empty, to be a training room

I don't see anything to train with in here

Wanda: this is crazy!

Me: tell me about it

Wanda: how did you get here?

Me: I honestly don't know, there were gunshots at our village. I ran away, only I was caught

Wanda: mhm, well I was chosen to join Force by the leader of our village

Me: what village?

She laughs

Wanda: I know, we're white. Everyone just expects us to know all about civilization, but Force is like the government around here. We are kind of ruled by them

Me: what do they do?

She sighs

Wanda: everything and anything

Okay, that's rather vague

And I should not be asking more

Me: well, some government with such guys

We laugh

Wanda: that 7 is very rude

Me: better rude than arrogant like C4

Wanda: and they're so darn cute

Just then 7 walks in

Wanda: look at those muscles

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I just get lost staring at him

He's saying something

But I'm not hearing a single thing

Someone shakes me , and it's Wanda

Me: what?

Wanda: stop eye fucking the guy ...

7:3rd enter, and the last one

Wanda looks at me

Wanda: what's

Chase pushes her walking forward

7 : now!

He says looking at her

She walks over to where Chase is

7 : fight !

What?

We're all just shocked by this

But he's not kidding, like he's serious

And just like that , the fight erupts

With Chase clearly dominating Wanda

He's beating her

He is just beating the shit out of her

Me: he's hurting her

He's not giving zero shits

Like she's a woman and he's a man

Me: enough!

7 : who the hell do you think you are ?

He walks over to me

7 : would you like to take her place ?

I swallow hard

He's scaring me right now

7 : go in there now

Me: this is sick! Why are you making women fight with men?

7: what's sick is that out there, men kill women. And if women knew how to fight against men, they would be able to defend themselves

Voice: is this a fight or what?

Shit!

C4 walks in

C4:7 what's this?

7: you, in there now

No kidding!

Me: I I am sorry

7 : your apology is useless , you get out

He says to Wanda

She drags herself off the floor

And her face is badly beaten

Now I have to go and face all of that

Me and my big mouth

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Wanda

Me: I am sorry, you shouldn't have

I shake my head

Bohlale: let me, it's okay. Just a busted lip, and the nasty eye cut

Me: it's hard in here

Bohlale : we gotta make do , or else we're dead

Ilaugh

Me: you mean sent home?

Bohlale: no, dead. Did you see how people were just beating each other out there? That wasn't training, it was insane beating

She shakes her head

Me: you

She drops the ice and gets up

Bohlale: I need some air

Me: want me to come with?

Bohlale: no, I'm cool

Chase: yeah walk away, I told you! You won't make it here Chiquita

She says nothing but walks

Me: that was insanely rude, and you didn't have to beat us like that

They laugh

Chase: it's a dog eat world out there

Idiots!

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Bohlale

I can't believe this

I'm literally on the bottom two on this chart

Like just how bad was my fight

Even Wanda is on number 36

I just have to be on 47

How crazy is that?

Serves me right for involving myself in things that had nothing to do with me

Now I have a cut on the lip and eye

And well, my body hurts like crazy

That Chase sure wasn't holding back

Voice: you're weak!

Shit no!

I turn and look at him

7 : you let emotions get the better of you

Me: I am a human being ...

7: keep emotions out of this

Me: I didn't even want to be here, I don't know why I'm here!

I tear up raising my voice at him

7 : tears! The worst sign of weakness

Mxm!

Me: get away

He just stands still

I walk over and walk past him

He grabs my arm

Me: I said

I look at him, and we lock eyes

7 : meet me here midnight

He lets go of my arm and walks away

Me: damn!

I sit down bitting my already painful lip

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Seven (7)

C4 : did you see the chart ?

Me: no

He chuckles

C4: well, that black girl is on the bottom. We should just do away with her tonight

Me : she's on the second bottom , not bottom

He laughs

C4: what the hell? Thought you didn't see it

Me: doesn't matter

C4: well, let's do away with her . She's still at the bottom either way

Me : no , no cuts have been made yet . So she lives

C4: it's useless, she won't move from that number to 26 in two weeks

Me: let her be

C4: she's

Me: I don't want to hear it

I get up

Me: if she disappears, and it's not in a fight C4 ...

I chuckle

Me : you'll join her

He gets up

C4 : you don't even know her

Me: I know no one, even you

I turn walking to the door

C4: I thought we were friends

I turn and look back at him

C4: okay, that's taking it too far . Sorry, my bad

He raises his hands up

C4: I just thought we could save ourselves the time, and be rid of dead weight . She has a loud mouth, she doesn't know when to speak and when to shut up. Honestly, it's like her father just wanted to get rid of her. Because we won't gain nothing from her, so the less we have of them the better. Instead of wasting our time on them, pretending like we're perfecting them for something greater.

We can just decrease the load, and work with what will be useful to us

Me: I won't repeat myself again

He sighs as I walk out closing the door

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Wanda

Me:eat

She looks at me and says nothing

Going back to playing with her food

I feel so bad

Because this is all my fault

If I wasn't getting beaten by Chase

She wouldn't have felt the need to say something

Me: I am sorry

Bohlale: stop apologizing, it was our first day. We will get better

She's more optimistic than I am

I don't see how I'm going to survive here

I honestly don't

And I can tell, I need to have heart and be strong

But I am just not that

Me: it's so loud in here

Bohlale: you can say that again

I chuckle but shut my mouth as 7 sits down

It goes quite on our table

And we look down

Bohlale: what does he want?

She whispers

Me: well, he's drinking something

Bohlale: he couldn't stay at another table?

I giggle

Me : he wanted this one , next to you

She moves back and clears her throat

May she please not say something

Bohlale: is 7 your Force name, or your parents gave it to you?

Too late!

7 : are you talking to me?

If it was me, I would shut my mouth

She shrugs

Bohlale: uhm yeah ... 7 is you no one else?

7: who said you can talk to me?

This guy!

Bohlale : no one , absolutely no one

He takes a sip of whatever he's drinking

His eyes still on hers

Bohlale: I mean, what's with you? What's so special about you, that we can't talk to you?

I poke her with my elbow

Bohlale: what?

Me: do you have a death wish?

She shrugs

He gets up and downs whatever he was drinking

7: midnight

What

I frown at that

As she heaves a sigh

Me: what's midnight?

Bohlale: how will I know? That guy is awkward

We laugh

Roy: and he's the best guy

Force ever had

Me: isn't that C4?

Chase: no! They were in the same group as us, and well 7 always beat them on every challenge. And he just became the best, pity he's never taken any high ranking post

Me: what does he do?

Chase: trains the recruits

Me: oh well, it's still a post

Chase: definitely not the one a guy like him has

Wow!

Me: you know so much about Force and it's people

Chase: I am here to stay

He takes his plate and gets up

Me: what's with these men?

Bohlale laughs

7 and C4 is enough

Now we're about to get Chase

No , thanks !

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Bohlale

I hope I'm not going in there to die

I made sure not to fall asleep

And I sneaked out

Now I'm running in between corridors

Heading to the so called training room

I open the door slowly and peek inside

But it's just dark

And the light just goes on

I scream turning back, but he puts his hand on my mouth

He says nothing until I calm down and gather myself

7 : people are asleep

Me : you scared me , you sneaked up on me

7 : you're one of Force, you cannot be scared. You can't have fear, you're fear

Great!

I move back walking in

And he walks in closing the door

Me: what

I clear my throat

Me: what am I doing here?

He says nothing , but walks towards me

If I die , it's because of my stupidity

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Seven (7)

Me: the way you throw punches, you just throw.
There's no balance, there's no power it's just a punch carrying

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Bohlale: we've been in here for an hour, and all you've been doing is just throw punches at me. And just diss what I'm doing, I'm trying here. I am not a fighter ... I am not a fighter, I'm not like you!

Me: well you are one now, and that better register in your head. Or else you're done

Bohlale: what do you care? You can kill me, my father gave me away so I don't care

Me: kill you?

She laughs

Bohlale: do you honestly think that, I'm so naïve like everyone here who thinks if they don't make the cut they'll be sent

home? I know that's nonsense, we'll be sent home

She wipes the sweat off her forehead

Bohlale : we die , tell me I am lying

Me: focus ...

I walk closer to her

Me: lift your elbows, and give your punch power by folding your fistlike this

She heaves a sigh

Me: give me your best punch, right on my stomach. Hit hard

I move back a bit

As she moves back and comes over with her punch

It barely gives me that much pain

But it's better than what she's been doing all along

I move back holding my stomach

Bohlale: oh my gosh! Are you okay?

She walks over to me

Me : get rid of these emotions of yours

Bohlale: that was pretence right?

I chuckle

Me : get over it , practice

Bohlale: what do you care if I die or not?

Me: I don't

Bohlale: then why help me?

I bite my lower lip

Bohlale: you're apparently the best at this, like you're to have some high position but you're here training the likes of me who don't stand a chance in becoming whatever you're training us to become here

Me: it's because of the likes of you, I'll rather be here. Than sitting on a high chair, throwing orders

She smiles

I can't help, but notice the dimple on her chin

Bohlale: how noble of you

Me: don't patronise me, that's enough training for one night

Bohlale: but

I turn to walk away, she grabs my arm

Me: let go

She moves back swallowing

I slightly nod and walk out

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I chuckle shaking my head

Me: what the hell is she doing?

He ignores me

Me : come on !

7 : Doing whatever the hell she is doing

Me: well she's wasting her time, because she won't make it here she just won't ...and it doesn't matter how many times she trains ...or tries to

Llaugh

Me: well, whatever the fuck she thinks she's doing there

7 : are you a racist, or you're just plain stupid?

I look at him

Me: what?

7 : you heard me

Me: I won't entertain your moods, the others will wake up soon

I turn and walk away from him

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Bohlale

I am startled by the hands on my waist

I turn and face him

Me: what's it with you

7 : you're busting your knuckles , it's enough . Rest

Me: well, I rested

He moves closer

His chest, touching mine

Me:1....

He leans over , I close my eyes taking a deep breath

7 : don't wear yourself out , you need your strength more

His deep voice sends cold chills down my spine

And he moves back, his forehead on mine

Me:1.....

It's a faint whisper

His lips brush on mine

And he slowly pulls on my lower lip

I place my hands on both his waist sides

As I return the kiss, with the same slow pace he's on

He grunts , and slowly moves back

7 : go rest , and stop loosing focus

Whatdid he just?

Heh!

Loose focus!

Who kissed who here?

I watch him walk out

And I'm left stunned

Like that kiss happened

It really happened and it felt so good

Me: damn!

I take a deep breath sitting down on the floor

Slowing rubbing my lower lip with my thumb

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Wanda

Me: hey ...hey, are you okay?

I help her get up

Me: your knuckles

Bohlale: it's nothing, I'll just put ice on them

Me : are you okay?

Bohlale: yeah

She shakes off whatever had her looking out of place

But I can't miss the masculine cologne that's on her

I want to ask

But it doesn't seem like she wants to talk

I don't want to think the worst about this

So I hope nothing has happened to her

Bohlale: what

Voice: Roy, and ...

We all look at him as he walks in

C4: hah you, what's your name again?

She sighs, and looks very much annoyed

Bohlale: Bohlale

C4: yeah you, and Roy let's fight

She shakes her head walking over

I hope Roy is a better man than Chase

And he will still remember he's fighting a woman here

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Seven (7)

C4: she is playing with him

He turns and walks out annoyed

Me: enough!

They stop the fight

Me : get out

They all get out except she remains

I jump down and walk over to her as she grabs her bottle of water

Me: that was supposed to be a fight, and not a tease

Bohlale: what?

Me : you were holding back

Bohlale: he wasn't fighting me

Me: you're here to fight

Bohlale: no! Did you expect me to go hard at him, while he wasn't hard at me?

Me: that's the whole point, so you can move up the chart and be safe. But at this point, it's like you want to leave

She swallows

Me: I am not going to baby sit you here, if you want your spot at Force earn it. And stop being weak

She gasps

I move back

Bohlale: I am not weak!

Me: you're weak, and you certainly don't fail to showcase that in every fight

I walk out of the room

As the other girl walks in

I shake my head with a sigh

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Wanda

Me: is everything okay?

She nods

Me: C4 says we're going out in 30 minutes

Bohlale: where to?

Me : he didn't disclose the location

Bohlale: okay, let's go

We head over to the door

Me: I hope 7 wasn't giving you a tough time

Bohlale: for what?

Me: just People are saying you had a chance today, but you blew it by underperforming

She stops walking and looks at me

Bohlale : people ?

Me: just whispers going around

Bohlale: oh well then, I am sorry I am not what they expect me to be

She continues walking

And I follow behind her in silence

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Chase

Me : did you see her ?

They all look at me

Me: she's improving, she's just not throwing her weight. But she's certainly better than how she was in her previous fights I move over to my bed and sit down

Me: I saw the charts, she's moved from 47 to 42. And that means she's pushing a lot of you now back, you will go back to the end of the line

Roy: she's still far

Me: don't get too comfortable, you're 26. You are the last one on the safe side, and you've been there from day one. You're the weakest link, and she will kick you out . Do something about it, or else you're gone . If she keeps moving up and up everyday, who's spot do you think she's going to take on the safe side?

I chuckle

Me: definitely yours, and that fight of yours was pathetic because you were scared to beat her. You will be gone Roy, start earning your place

I lay back down

Hoping I have planted something into his mind

Hopefully he's smart enough to want to take her out of the way

Wanda: I see what you're doing

I look at her

Wanda: you're just being plain evil right now, you want to turn Roy against Bohlale. So he can be the one to get rid of her

Me: fuck off! I know a threat when I see one, and she's that to all of us. While you're sleeping and snoring, she's out there training. She's getting better, and she's definitely going to kick some out. Well, I won't be one of those

I turn on my side giving her my back

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Bohlale

Me: hey Roy!

Roy: yeah

Okay!

Me: excited?

He scoffs

Roy: to some of us, this is not a game. We actually worked hard to be here, and we still want to be here

He walks away from us

Me : o-kay !

He walks over to Chase and the other guys

He turns back and looks at me for a mere second

And turns back to Chase and the guys

I look at Wanda

Me : did you see that ? Or it was just me

Wanda: I saw it

Me: okay then, what did I do?

She shrugs

Me: wow!

I wonder what did I do

Cause Roy just seemed pretty annoyed with me

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Chase

C4: hey, stop dropping that arrow

Wanda: I'm sorry ...

C4: did you just say sorry? This is Force, we don't apologize. Pick up that arrow

Wanda: while ...they're still throwing?

C4: now!

Wanda: guys please stop

C4: no, go pick it up now

The fear on her face

It's like it's just fuelling this guy to just be more mean and rude to her

C4 : are you done?

She says nothing, and looks down with glossy eyes

Bohlale: what if she catches a stray arrow?

C4 chuckles

And 7 doesn't seem pleased that she just spoke

Once again , she's advocating for Wanda

C4:7

He walks over and draws a gun from his waist

Gasps go around, and we all look at him. Some scared as shit

I wonder what's he going to do with a gun, we've never been exposed to guns ever since we got here

C4: take the fall, maybe that will teach you a lesson to just shut up

Me : oh well , now you have gone and done it Chiquita

We laugh

She swallows hard moving over to the post

Scared out of her mind

Me: you should learn to shut up sometimes

Roy: will he shoot her?

Me: this is 7 he doesn't give shit

C4 turns his gaze to us

I keep quite

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He shot me

Like he actually fired, and this time around he didn't miss like the first time

He shot me

C4: ah, I was starting to think you're rusty

He laughs patting 7's shoulder

C4: you're 7, you never miss. That first shot, was somehow. Don't lose sight

7 looks at him

C4: okay, everybody out

Everyone walks out following him

7 packs his gun

I walk over past him

He grabs my arm

7: I don't know what's wrong with you, I can't keep telling you the same thing over and over again. You don't have friends here, you don't know

these people. You shouldn't give a damn, because you I'll be in the pits all alone. That Wanda girl, will never stand up for you the same way you do her . Get that through your head, you're on your own here . And you're for yourself , no one is . Stop opening your mouth for things that don't concern you , just stop it!

He's angry

And he's angry at me

I look at him

Me: you shot me!

Tears stream down my face

7: it's just a flash wound, if I didn't shoot you. C4 would

have done worse, would you rather it was him and not me?

I shake my head

7 : stop this , and look after your head alone

He leans over and wipes off my tears

7: I'm sorry, it's not bad

His forehead touches mine

He leans over capturing my lips into his

I kiss him back, without holding back

After a while he pulls back

7 : the others are waiting , go on

I move back clearing my throat

I walk out leaving him in there alone

With what he said ringing in my head

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Chase

Me: why is she always staying behind with 7?

Wanda: who?

Me: the Chiquita, who else?

Roy: I've seen that too

Me: I'm telling, something is happening there. And she will sleep her way through the top

Wanda: come on!

Me: shut up, she's always getting herself in shit because of you. Why do you think she does that? She's deeming you weak, and her stronger than you. And C4 and 7 are seeing that, they'll favour her over you

Wanda: it's not about that, we're all working our way up

Me: don't be stupid, it's about that. And she's playing it smart, just watch and learn

She gets up and walks away

I look at Roy

Me: I am telling you, something is going on. And if we're not careful, we'll all be out of here. You better watch yourself, you haven't moved an inch from 26

Roy: what should I do? I don't want to be put out

Me : get rid of her

Roy: what ..?

Me : yeah it's the only way to be safe

Roy: we can't

Me: we can, and we must.

Roy: how will we even do that? The place is highly guarded

Me: I saw a hole heading to the dungeon, we can just throw her in there. And it'll be like she committed suicide

I get up

Me: think about it, don't take long. Because the longer we wait, the higher she keeps rising

I grab my jacket and walk out

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Wanda

Me : hey

She looks at me

Me: looking lonely

She laughs

I sit down next to her

Me: you good?

She nods

Me : I see you're coming well fine

She chuckles

Bohlale: I am trying

Me: and it's working, although Chase thinks something is going on

Bohlale: what?

Me: you and 7

She frowns

Bohlale: there's no me and 7, like what the hell?

Me: I am not trying to upset you

She gets up

Bohlale: upset me? This is what I get for having your back

Me: what?

She heaves a sigh

Bohlale: I am not trying to make you look weak, I'm caring that they don't kill you. But you know what ...

She raises her hands up

Bohlale: I'll butt out

She walks away

Me: great!

I close my eyes laying down

I've let Chase get into my head now with his nonsense, look what I've done And I possibly ruined a friendship that was brewing

Bohlale has just been nice to me ever since we got here

Something none of the girls have been

They keep to themselves, and seem themselves better than us both

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Bohlale

I guess 7 was right

I am way in over my head here

Busy involving myself in things that have nothing to do with me, and don't concern me

I head to the corridor, leading back to the room

Voice: now!

I turn and out of nowhere, Roy just pulls me

Me: Roy!

Roy: I am sorry, I can't be sent home

He just goes on to drag me through the passage

I'm screaming and kicking him

But it's like he's not feeling anything

He lets go , I sit up and see the hole

Me: Roy

I chuckle seeing Chase

Me: I should have known, you're turning everyone against me now?

I get up

Chase: it's for their good, all of us here

Me: you're using them, too bad they don't see that. You just want to stay on top

Chase: throw her, now!

Me: come near me, and I will snap your neck

Roy moves back, Chase laughs walking to me

Chase: just push her over the edge

There's no surviving this

If they push me over, I am dead

Roy walks over , I throw a punch before he even lays his hands on me

And a fight erupts

Chase pulls me, I punch him on his stomach

He groans going down, and he kicks me on my knee

I fall down flat on my face

Chase: just push her!

Roy drags me, over to the edge

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Bohlale

I cough , after such a kick from Roy

Me: please

Chase: just push her idiot!

Voice: what the hell?

Oh God!

I've never been so happy to hear this man's voice

Like right now

Roy: weBohlale I'm so sorry ...

He's met by punches after punches

While Chase runs away leaving him

Me: 7 leave him

He's zoned out

I crawl to him, and grab his arm he looks at me

Me: please leave him

7: they wanted to kill you

Me: let him go

He lets go of Roy

And he drops down on the floor , crying in pain

7 : are you okay?

I nod , placing my hand on my stomach

He picks me up into his arms

Me: I'm okay I can walk ...

He just ignores me as he walks away

I just see corridor after corridor

This place is scary at night

Like I would get lost here

He finally opens one door

And I'm stunned

People are living large

While we're cramped in one room

Me: who's room is this?

I ask as he places me down on the bed

7: mine

Me: wow, we can do an exchange anytime

He chuckles shaking his head

He walks back to the door and locks, with a whole fucking remote

And he walks over to me

7 : take your shirt off , let me see

He lifts my shirt off, I remove my hand slowly on my stomach

7 : it's just a bruise , you'll be okay

I take my shirt off, and his eyes are just boring into me

He clears his throat and grabs a wipe

He crouches down in front on me, and places it on the bruise on my stomach

Me: thank you for saving me

7: I told you, you have no friends here

Me: yeah, I get that now. I can be a bit a slow at times

He lifts his eyes and looks at me

His stare is so intense

He tucks my hair behind my ear

He leans down , slowly pushing me down on the bed

I close my eyes as his lips touch mine

I part my legs as he gets in between them

We slowly kiss, my hands running on his back

He deepens the kiss , dry humping on me

I move my hands fiddling with his belt

It unbuckles, I unzip his pants

As he unclips my bra, and pulling my pants down

He slides his hand inside my panty, playing with my clit with his fingers

I let out moans in his mouth, as I just drip down there with wetness

He pulls my panty off, I run my hands to his pants pulling them down with his briefs

He finishes off , throwing my boots on the floor taking his off

He pulls the pants to the floor

Roughly, he parts my legs positioning himself

I let out a scream as he slides in

Tearing my walls apart

7 : shit

I look at him, and he has his eyes closed

What a sight!

He slowly opens his eyes , and side smiles

Leaning down, and we kiss as he goes on to thrust in

I lock my legs behind his back, as I arch my back

And pleasure just rushing through my body

I take all of him deep in , as he cums and let's out deep grunts

I move my waist meeting his thrusts, and I orgasm convulsing underneath him

Throwing my head back

He flips me over, and I'm on top of him

His stare is just so exotic

I can't help but be more aroused

As I look into his eyes

I cup my boobs rubbing on my nipples

Staring into his eyes, as he stares into mine

I slowly move my waist

He places his hands on my waist

I go down deeper his length

Taking almost all of him in me

He pulls me down on top of him

Clinging his hands on my back

We kiss, as he pulls my lower lip

And he thrusts in underneath me

I just lose myself in pleasure, screaming my lungs out

He spanks my ass a few times

Just throwing me over

And we cum , loosing ourselves on the kiss

He pulls the sheet and covers my back

He cuddles me up on top of him

Still buried deep inside of me

Our lips just moving in sync ravishing each other

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Wanda

Me: where is Bohlale?

They just look at me

And no one is saying anything

Like it's been hours now

And she hasn't come back

She's not in the dorm

She's not even in the training room

She's just nowhere

And I don't know where else to look for her

Me: guys!

Chase: shut up! We're trying to sleep here

Me: I'm just worried about her

Chase: then go find her

He turns his back

I look at Roy

We were not fighting today

But they looked battered right now, more especially Roy. It's like he was in a fist fight, and he definitely lost the fight

I wonder what happened to them

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Chase

It's past midnight

And she hasn't gotten back in here

Roy: we shouldn't have done

that

Me: shut up

Roy: we're in trouble

Me : we ? There's no we here Roy , you're in trouble . On your own

Roy: 7 saw both of us there

Me: I don't care what he thinks he saw

I look at him

Me: you better keep my name out of this

I lay back down closing my eyes

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Bohlale

I open my eyes

And the comfort I'm in

Doesn't want me getting off this bed

When last did I sleep on such a comfortable bed

With such comfortable sheets

Even though these ones have his scent all over them

I'm all alone in bed

I sit up, and look at him

He's getting dressed

7 : it's a bit cold outside

Awkward guy!

Shouldn't I be hearing some good morning

I get off bed and walk over to him

I place a kiss on his lips and move back

Me: good morning

He side smiles

7 : don't ...

He shakes his head putting on his watch

Me: where are you going?

7: the fence

Me: what?

7: by the boarder post

Me : oh , should I be getting ready as well ?

7 : no

Me: we're staying behind?

7 : you are , you're not okay

Me: whatwhat I'm okay

7 : no

He grabs the back of my head giving me a kiss

After a few minutes he pulls out

7: I have to go, grab a sweater when you leave. And don't lose my key

Me: you're serious, I am not coming?

7: yes, I'm only taking a few

Bummer!

I wanted to be one of the few

I move back, but he grabs my arm

7 : go eat , don't starve yourself . They won't do anything to you

I still can't believe Chase

He would go on to get Roy into his sick plan

7 : are you okay?

I look at him and nod

We kiss briefly, he rubs his thumb on my cheek

7 : you look so appetizing

I laugh

He grabs me into his arms

7 : I can grab a quickie here

I smile

And he pins me against the wall

Unbuckling his pants

He lowers his zip

Taking out his dick, and he rubs his dick on my coochie

He slides in , as I cling my arms on his neck

As he just pounds in , ravishing me against the wall

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Chase

We sit down

Me: where is your friend?

Wanda: now you're asking?

I chuckle shaking my head

I look at Roy, he looks like he's about to die right now

He better shake off this guilt

Its not like we killed her

We know now she's okay

7 just had to get there

Me: I was just asking

Wanda: well do I look like I

know?

Me: see, there's no 7 either

She darts her eyes around

I smile

She turns and looks at me

Wanda: I am so done entertaining this nonsense of yours

She gets up and walks to another table

Roy: where is she?

Me: I am not her keeper, and you better get yourself in check. Even if she accuses us of

something, we're going to deny it. Deny and deny

Roy: but 7 saw us

Me: they're fucking together, he will do and say anything to save the ass he taps. We are not going to admit shit

I get up

Me: that's our story and we stick to that

He just nods

For his sake, I hope he will keep it together

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Bohlale

Wanda: hey

I look at her and nod sitting down

Wanda: are you okay? I was very worried about you

Me: I'm fine

I look around and I don't see Chase or Roy anywhere Maybe they're with those 7 left with

Wanda: heywhat happened

here?

I shake my head

Me: it's nothing

She heaves a sigh

Wanda: I am sorry about last night

Me: I am over it, so please let's leave it there

Wanda: I just don't want you to think, I don't appreciate how you always ...

I shake my head

Me: I shouldn't even be doing that, cause it always ends me in trouble. We all have to go through this shit, I can't hold you back on yours

She laughs

Wanda: that's making me feel worse

I chuckle

Wanda: I am really sorry for what it's worth

Me: it's cool

Wanda: so

Me: what?

We laugh

Wanda: who's sweater is this?

I smile

Wanda: it's 7's

Me: what?

She laughs

Wanda: not that I know his sweaters, but he had this one on the day before yesterday

Me : come on ! Could be an identical one

Wanda: no, we don't have these kind of sweaters. We only have those ugly green jackets

I laugh shaking my head

Wanda: you slept there?

Me: okay no, I am not doing

this. We're not doing this

She laughs curving her lip

Wanda: you make one cute couple, but he's too rude and serious for my liking. Has he

ever smiled at you or even laughed a bit?

Gosh!

He has one dashing white smile

Well, more like a side smile

But I've seen it anyways, so he's not all that bad

Me: I have no idea what you're talking about

Wanda: it's like that huh?

I laugh ignoring her

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Bohlale

7 : come see me

He walks off

Like he didn't just say that

I didn't see him all of yesterday after he left in the morning

Even this morning he wasn't here

It's middle of the day now

And he comes out of nowhere

Just whispers that to me and he's gone

Without even a greeting or something

That was just awkward honestly

But that's him after all

I really shouldn't be surprised at all

Voice : Bohlale

No!

I turn and look at him

He looks like he's sweating

Roy: pleasel am sorryl didn't ...

Me: Roy stay away from me

Roy: I didn't want to hurt you, I was just scaredscared that I'll get kicked out

Me : stay the hell away from me !

Roy: please forgive me ...

Me: no, you disgust me and I hate you. If you ever come anywhere near me again, I will kill you

He swallows hard

I move back wiping my tears off

And I walk off away from the rest of them

I head over inside

And seeing so many corridors

Me: shit!

Am I lost though?

I can't really remember the way to his room

Is he even there?

Cause he didn't say where to meet him

I shake my head and turn walking to the dorm

Maybe by luck he will find me in there

If he will come this side

I pick a corner table and sit down

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C4

General: what of this?

I look at 7

And he looks so unbothered

Me: I think, we should let it pass. I mean nothing happened

to her, she's okay. And surely those two, will know better now. They won't try anything

General: 7?

Shit!

7: I don't really care who dies, or how they die. But do we go on to kill for no reason whatsoever? And I mean sane,

reasonable reasons of the kill? Chase and Roy wanted to kill someone, and for what? Even they both wouldn't be able to justify what they wanted to do

Me : but

General: no, 7 is right. We kill yes, but not in this manner.
And I want this to be known out there, to all the new recruits that we don't spill blood. Not

when it's not in a fight, or a challenge

And as always , 7 will be heard above me

What a waste!

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Bohlale

Me: what's going on?

All eyes are just on me

And I have no idea why

Voice : listen up !

Says a male voice from the dorm speaker

Him: most of you don't know me, but I am your General. And for those who don't know me, don't worry soon enough you will know me . Today , I want to address something that occurred on these premises. And I want it known, to all of you. We don't spill blood of one of our own, we're all here to secure a spot to be the best.

But not at the hands of killing each other

The big screen goes on

My jaw drops as the video plays of what happened the other night

And it seems to have been playing on the small screens for a while

Makes sense why everyone was staring at me

Voice: oh my God!

I lift my head and it's Wanda right in front of me

She looks at me and her eyes get all glossy

I get up and just rush out running

What the hell!

Like why did they play that?

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Wanda

Me:31

I nod with a slight chuckle

Me: not bad

Voice: she's 34 now, soon she will be way ahead of you

This fool!

Me: Chase it would do you a great favour to just leave me

alone, I don't care what you say
. Bohlale is anything, but a
good person. And I won't be a
fool to fall for your stupid traps,
everyone now knows what you
and Roy did

He squints his eyes

Me: yeah, and just so you know. You will not succeed, you won't get rid of Bohlale. That girl is here to stay, in case

you've missed the memo. The Battle field has changed, this is a battle for survival. It's a dog's eat world after all

He clenches his jaw

I grin at him

Me : get away , I don't have time for you

He clicks his tongue and walks out of the training room

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Chase

Shit!

I punch the wall so hard

I missed that announcement

And now I hear this

Roy: why didn't you say there were cameras there?

Me : don't be an idiot , how was I supposed to know that ?

Roy: you have gotten us into trouble

I heave a sigh

Me: stop breathing down my neck, give me space to breathe

Roy: whatever fate lies for us, we deserve it. And you will carry it for us, you started this nonsense. I was a fool to fall for it too

Me: what?

I shrug just confused by his statement

But he walks out leaving me confused

Now everyone knows what we did

Or rather what we were trying to do

Will we even be held accountable for those actions?

This is fucked up!

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These guys are just full of shit

And we're not safe here

Clearly they will do anything just to get ahead

Even if it means hurting us

They will do it

I can't believe this!

Chase yeah sure

He's capable

But as for Roy!

That's something else

I never even imagined him

It's clear he listened to whatever Chase was feeding him

And he fell for that

It's just pure stupidity

Voice: where is Bohlale?

I turn startled

I look at him, and swallow looking down

Me: uhmI don't know

I feel his eyes piercing my skin

I look at him

Me: I mean ...we were at the dorm together, after the General spoke she left. I don't know where she is

He says nothing but walks away

Me: damn!

How does she even manage to bother this man

When I can't even hold his stare for a mere second

Argh!

I shake my head off and walk over to the rooms

And what do you know?

Here she is on her bed

Me: hey

She tilts her head

Me:1....

Bohlale: I don't want to talk about that

Me: you should have told us

Bohlale: no, and please let's leave this matter alone

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It's clear she doesn't want to talk about it

So I won't force either

Me: so, I just saw 7

She chuckles

Bohlale: good for you

Me : he asked me where you are

She says nothing

Me: you know, I think he asked me because he knows we're friends and all ...so yeah She laughs

Bohlale: give it up, nothing is happening there

Me: you know me, I'm a lot of things. But blind is not one of them

Bohlale: good

Me: awkward and all, he's just a man to die for. So that's a bonus

Bohlale: stop!

Me: I know what I know, because the eyes are seeing

We laugh

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Bohlale

Voice: general, one of these men has to get out there.
We're now lacking, we can't afford that. Either it be C4 or 7, but I would prefer it's 7. He would handle the outside world better than C4 that's for certain

that's my guy, and what of the new recruits?

I move over tilting my head

Wanting to see these two men

But I can barely make out their faces

But I'm hearing their voices well

General: I will be seeing them in a few days, hopefully there's a few we can get

Voice: we need to assemble the training they need, as quickly as possible

General: I will get to it

Voice: the weapons will be arriving tomorrow, arm them.

Hopefully in a few days , they'll be knowing how to spill blood ...

I almost scream my lungs out

As someone grabs my arm

I turn coming face to face with 7

And he has his hand on my throat

Choking the life out of me

Like what the hell?

7: what the hell are you doing?

I shake my head

I'm scared

Well he scared me

And I still haven't shaken off that feeling

He moves back, and moves his eyes around

He just drags me with my arm

I realise when we open the door

We're to his room

I get in , he closes the door

And pins me against the wall

7 : do you have a death wish ?

I keep quite

7: this is not your father's house, you don't go snooping around here

Is he angry?

He grabs my jaw, and it's damn painful

Me: I wasn't

I shake my head

Me: I wasn't snooping around ..

I push him off

But the man is like a steel

I heave a sigh, taking a deep breath

Me: I was looking for your room

He chuckles moving back

7 : and my room is there?

Me: I got lost

He raises his brow

7: why?

Me: what?

7 : why were you looking for my room?

Okay!

He's agitated

Me: you said to come see you, and Wanda said you were asking about me. I genuinely got lost, and I just stumbled upon what I heard. I...I couldn't help myself, but 7 what the hell is this. What are you people

doing with us here? Tell me that you guys are not turning us into cold blooded murderers

He moves back a bit

Me: tell me I am lying, because whoever was talking to this general of yours. Specifically told him, now it's time you turn us into killers

His gaze is just blank

And he's frustrating me

Me: what the hell are you guys doing here?

He moves closer

I swallow hard moving back

Until I'm blocked by the wall

He stands in front of me

Pressing his body against mine

I gasp a bit

He leans down placing a kiss on my neck

I place my hands on his arms

He goes on to suck hard on my neck, I move my head back moaning softly

He moves back, and grabs my jaw

We lock eyes

7: this is what I'm doing, I don't know about the rest

He tears my t-shirt

Me: that was my

7: I got plenty of those

My pants follows going down with my panty

I push my boots off, sliding my pants off on one leg

And he doesn't waste time lifting my leg up

He unbuckles his pants taking is already hard popping veins dick

He captures my lips into his as he slides his dick through

Tearing my walls apart , having me scream in pleasure

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Bohlale

Me: well as was it a lie?

He throws me his t-shirt

Me: I am talking to you

He chuckles

7: yeah, but I can't focus you're naked. Please cover up, so I can hear what you're saying. And not focus on your naked body

I smile shaking my head off

I put the t-shirt on

And it's long enough, to reach my thighs

He hands me the hot cup of coffee

This is soft life

In the dorm we use cups and plates like we're in some infirmity, or a prison of some kind

And here they're living lavish

Me: thank you

He side smiles and leans by the window looking at me

I'm sitting in the middle of the bed

Legs crossed, and looking at him

Me:so?

7 : what ?

Me: was it a lie? Force is nothing but a group of murders

7 : everyone is a murderer somewhere in their lives

Me: no, I have never killed anything

He chuckles

7: do lie, I'm sure you've killed something. Be it a fly or an ant. But you have killed something

Me: you cannot compare the two, you went out to our village. And you killed people there...

7: for taxes they're refusing to pay, it's with justified reasons and means they're killed

Me: with what money?

7: that's not our business, the king owes us for the land he has built his kingdom at. Because we took that land from someone, and he asked for it. In return, his people were to pay taxes

Me : so he basically sold us to you guys ?

7 : Force is just a business

Me: a business? Like really?

I chuckle annoyed

7: believe what you want to believe, but we turn out to be the best business men and woman the world has ever seen. We don't kill without reason, we don't spill blood unnecessary. Everything that

we do, is for the good of growth ... of Force of course

Me: mhm, whatever makes you sleep at night 7

He smiles and walks over

He takes the cup from me

And gets on top of me laying me down

7: don't fight with me

He caress the side of my face

His eyes boring into mine

Me: I just don't like what you guys are doing here, it's wrong. All those people in there, think they're going to be the world greatest saviours

someday. They have no idea of what's happening here

7: I am sorry, but they're not my business

Me: I

He shuts me up with a kiss

I grab the back of his neck deepening the kiss

He deep grunts

And I move my hands down to his back

And lift his t-shirt up

He moves up a bit

And takes off his t-shirt

He pulls his t-shirt that I'm wearing off

He trails down to my boobs

He goes on to nibble and suck on my nipples

Me: mhmthey said they want youout there Like whatwhat didthey mean

He takes his sweaters off, and gets in between my thighs

He rubs his thumb on my clit, before he slides his dick in

He stays still, and looks into my eyes

Me : are you going to leave , like leave here ?

7 : I found you , if I leave you leave

I smile

He leans down and we kiss

He starts thrusting in slowly

I lock my legs behind his back

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Seven (7)

Me: just don't make it hard for me to look after you, and I really mean that

Bohlale : you should just be honest to people

She grabs my jacket and puts it on

Me: that looks good on you

She smiles shaking her head

Bohlale: we're better off knowing our purpose here

Me: do me a favour, whatever you think you heard or thought

I told you . Just keep that to yourself

She frowns

Me: mhm

My phone rings

Bohlale: you have a phone?

She asks with shock!

Me: everybody has a phone

Bohlale: we live like slaves here

I chuckle

Me : yeah

C4: in the dorm, we have a killer in our midst!

I drop the call

I get up and open the camera's from the dorm

Everyone is there

And definitely that's where the general is headed

Bohlale: what's going on?

Me : someone must be dead

She gasps

Bohlale: whatwho?

Me : let's go

I tie my boots and take her hand walking out

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C4

Me: listen up, the General greets you all

Noise erupts as they acknowledge the man

I dart my eyes over

And I catch a glimpse of 7 with that girl

I shake my head slowly

General: Force! I greet you all, and thank you for coming. I wish I could be there in flesh, but that will happen soon. We had an incident happen in our

midst a few nights ago, and last night we had one occur . One of the guys who tried to kill one of ours, hanged himself and unfortunately he's no more. Now this is some barbaric behaviour, that is not acceptable. You mess up, you will be held accountable. And taking the easy way out, is not the way of Force . So to you all, I hope this was the first and the last . Thank you

The monitor goes off

Me: and the day goes on, new recruits training room right now. Force, you're headed to the fence! Disperse

They walk off

I look around , but I don't see them anymore

Voice : am going to be punished?

I turn back and look at him

Me: next thing I'll be accused of using you for dirty works, I have a good feeling to strip you of your first position

He gasps I walk away from him

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Bohlale

Me: this is all my fault

7 : no

Me: he tried to apologize

I heave a sigh

Me: and I didn't want to hear

him

7 : he hanged himself because he's a coward

Right now I want to believe that he really hanged himself

With his own hand

And not that he was killed

And staged as a suicide of some kind

I hate thinking like this

But considering everything that's happening here

I just can't help myself

Me: I have to go

I grab his glass and down the drink

He chuckles shaking his head

I get up and walk out of the dorm

Voice: hey!

I take a deep breath

Me: Chase I have nothing to say to you please, if you want

to kill me this time make sure you succeed

Chase: I just want us to move

Me: leave me alone

I push him out of my way and walk over

Chase: it was Roy

I turn and look at him

Chase: he started this, I swear it was him . I was first , and now I'm second. I'm still the best nonetheless, he wasn't moving an inch from 26. He felt threatened by you moving, and he knew you were going go pass him . He wanted you gone , so he can be safe

Me: I must be written stupid on my forehead

Chase: I swear ...

Me: Chase please, stay away from me

I turn and walk away from him

Now Roy is dead, he will use him as a scapegoat

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C4

Me: some of you should just go home, you fail simply at fighting each other. I don't

know how you're going to handle weapons

I shake my head grabbing a gun

Me: the ten strongest, and ten weakest forward!

They walk over

Me: lines

They get in line

Me: mhm, 7!

I shake my head as he jumps off the wall down

Me: can you just be normal, stop sitting on top of walls!

He chuckles

Me: okay, Chase and you ...fight!

Chase walks forward with a smile

She looks at me

And is that hate I'm seeing from those fierce eyes

Like what the hell?

Me: I don't have all day, get in here and fight. If it becomes too much for you, grab a gun and shoot your opponent!

Don't worry, the gun is already assembled. Yours is just to pull the trigger

Bohlale: you really want me dead don't you?

I raise a brow

Me : fight , and stop asking me nonsense

Bohlale: no, kill me if you must. I will not fight someone who has tried to kill me before, he won't even try to fight me. He's just going to go for a kill

She moves back

Me : are you going to defy my orders ?

Bohlale: what else did you miss?

I grab her throat

Me: you will not, and I mean not ...

She raises her hand and slaps me

I let go of her and move back, touching my lip

I look at her

Me: what?

I slap her so hard she crouches down

She comes up with double knees on my stomach

I stumble back, balancing myself with my arm

Me: fuck!

I lift up, and someone grabs my arm

I turn back and look at him

7: get out

Me : did you see

7: you're an idiot, and you're annoying me right now. The recruits are my problem, and not yours

Me : did you

7 : get out C4 , you're done ...unless you want to bid them Farwell

Me : you want to challenge me ?

He chuckles

7: it's just you, that's not a fucking challenge

I throw a punch to him, that misses him

And he comes back with one that lands me on the floor

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Wanda

I look at her

And she doesn't even seem impressed

Me: like ...

Ishrug

Bohlale: what?

Me : do you see that ?

She scoffs

Wow!

7 gets off C4 who looks bad , like pretty bad

His eye is shut, and he's bleeding from his nose

He crawls over drawing his gun

While 7's back is turned against him

Gasps go around as he aims the gun at 7

Who's unaware of what's happening, like right behind his back

Me: oh my God!

He fires the shot, but 7 slides drawing his own gun

And he turns back firing a shot right to his arm

I chuckle

Me : okay ! That's damn impressive

Finally!

Someone has put C4 in his place

He will never come in here on his high horse ever again

Me : that's sweet , you gotta admit

She shakes her head

Me: hater!

She must be impressed somehow

Me: that took balls, he will never overlook you again.
Those knees to his stomach, and damn that slap! You damn have balls, more than any of these guys here do

That gets her smiling a bit

Me: and that awkward man of yours, he just put the cherry on top

I wink at her

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Bohlale

The door opens, 7 walks in

People are on their toes just at his presence

Honestly, I don't know how long we're supposed to tip toe around these guys

7 : buckle up , we're leaving in 15

He walks out

Wanda: where are we going?

I shake my head

Me: I wish I knew

We haven't spoken since a few days ago

After what happened with him and C4

I don't know

Maybe he's angry with me

But I don't care

I am keeping up

And minding my business

I am 29 now on the charts

Slowly but surely , I will get over that red line

I know I will

I just have to

There was just something I felt when I held a gun a few days ago

And firing my first shot

That gave me a rush, I've never felt all my entire life

It was a feeling that excited me

And I just knew right there and there

All I need is just a gun battle

And I will definitely make my mark

I will prove my worth

Me : let's get ready

I grab his jacket

I've been keeping it with his sweater, and a few of his T-shirts

I put the jacket on , and tie my boots

We walk out following the few that's already out

We head to the training room

And he's not in here

Wanda: now what?

Chase: probably going to witness someone being saved again, by her fuck

A few laugh

Me: it really must suck to be relying on your hand, knowing that some

He walks over to me and grabs my arm

Me: don't fucking touch me

Chase: what you gonna do? Your lover ain't here

I slap him with my left hand , he looks down

Letting go of my arm

I punch him on his stomach, he groans in pain

Chase: fucking bitch!

I place a knee on his stomach, he falls down

I throw a few kicks to him one heading to his groin area

Chase: get thefuck away ...from me ...

Whispers go around

I look up and it's 7 walking in

I stand still like I did shit

Chase: she attacked me

7 : outside , the truck is waiting . Load it up

I look at Wanda and she winks

I chuckle

We hold hands heading to the door

While Chase is laying on the floor groaning

We get to the door, he grabs my arm

I look at him, and Wanda let's go of my hand

Me : save me a seat

She smiles walking out

They all walk out, except Chase

Me : he

7: I did not ask you

He says shaking his head

I don't know if he's annoyed or impressed right now

7 : we're going to your village

He places his hand on my waist

I look into his eyes as he looks into mine

7 : are you

Me: is my father dead?

I don't even know if he even knows him or what

Me: the men who picked me up, they said he traded me for taxes. But either way he's dead

7: he's dead

I look down taking a deep breath 7: you can stay this one out

I look into his eyes

Me : don't give me special treatment , I don't need it

He side smiles

Me : can I go now ?

7 : you don't miss my comfort now ?

I slightly laugh

Me : you should just vacate your room for me

He chuckles

7 : don't get lost again

I laugh pulling away from him going outside

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Chase

Me: fuck I'm in pain

7 looks at me and chuckles

7 : she kicked you on your groin ?

Inod

7 : yeah , must be painful

Chase: Sure is, something must be done about this. I thought we were told we can't attack each other, unless it's a fight

He shrugs

Me : she broke the rules

7: ain't no such thing as rules here at Force

What the fuck?

He's enjoying this shit

Like all those people who are applauding her for beating me

Me: where are we going?

7 : you're sitting this one out

Me: what?

7 : can you even walk?

I get up and try standing up

But everything hurts

Me: fuck my balls!

7 : you won't make it

He walks off

Me: 7, come back here I can't

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Damn!

If this is a challenge, I am going to loose my spot there

That bitch will pay for this

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Bohlale

I can't believe I'm back here

Like, I never thought I'll ever set foot in this village again

Wanda: will we be fighting people for taxes?

Me: I don't care, cover me

Wanda: what

I move back and run at the slight chance everyone is focused on 7 speaking there

I head over to my home

Getting to the gate

I stand still

This seems somehow now

I take a deep breath, opening the gate

I walk in slowly and walk to the door

I knock , just fighting the edge to just open and walk in

My mother opens the door, and she pops her eyes out

Me: hi ...mom

Mom: Bohlale, you can't be here ..you have to go back, no one gets out of there and no one can run away from those ruthless people. You're one of them now, you can't be here. You have to gogo

She slams the door on my face

What the fuck!.

Did she just say I'm one of the ruthless people now

Like she said that

And slammed the door on my face ?

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Bohlale

Me: mom!

Voice: what the fuck are you doing?

I close my eyes briefly

And take a deep breath

7: this is not some fucking family reunion, what is this ...like what are you doing?

Me: I wanna talk to my mother

7: the last thing you wanna do is disobey me, that's how you get killed

Me: I did not run away, I was going to go back. I just want to talk to my mother

I knock at the door again

Me: mom please

7 pushes me and he knocks

In seconds the door opens

I look at him with my jaw dropped

7 : close your mouth

Ouch!

That wasn't so nice

I swallow hard and look at my mother

Me: what is wrong with you? Why did you shut the door on my face

She looks at 7

7 : you have two minutes

He walks away

Mom: I thought you ran away

Me: where is dad?

She looks down

Me: mom!

Mom: your father is

She shakes her head and goes quite

I guess he's really dead

Me: well, so he traded me for nothing. Because now he's gone, hope it was worth it to him. Even in the afterlife

I move back

Me : are you okay?

Mom: please watch yourself, make sure to listen there and

do what's needed for you to survive. There's no getting out, you have to make sure you make it. I already lost your father, I won't lose you as well

Me : you might as well have lost me

Mom: this way, it's better than loosing you to death

Wow!

I guess this should be making me feel better

I shake my head

Me: bye

I run out of the gate heading to the ground where I left everyone And they're busy collecting taxes from the people

Wanda: what happened to you?

I shake my head

And my eyes darts to him

He's staring at me

We lock eyes for a few seconds

And I look down

Why do I feel so sad?

Like suddenly I feel so alone

It felt like my own mother just kicked me out

More like just disowned me

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Seven (7)

Me : are you okay?

She nods

Me: look at me

She lifts her head up and takes the jacket off

Me: the visit to your village

Bohlale: I don't care, we know why we're here. And those people, are not a part of our lives anymore. The sooner we understand that, the better. I just needed that reality to kick

in . I am fine , well I will be fine . I don't care

Me : you don't have to ...

I shake my head off , bringing her closer

I lean down giving her a kiss

And she kisses me back

This kiss is different

There's just emotions on it, nothing like before

I pull out, and wipe the tear that falls down her cheek

Me : don't get lost

She laughs opening her eyes

Bohlale: I won't go snooping around

I shake my head as she walks inside

I close the truck

Voice: was that ...that loud mouth girl?

I look at him

Me: why do you have cast?

He frowns

C4: you shot me!

I chuckle

Me : should have busted your balls

C4: like she did to Chase? Did you teach her that?

Me: I wish, it would be great to take credit for it. It's the only thing she's ever done to perfection

C4: she could have messed up his balls, he missed today's challenge. And we know that will put him down

Me: I don't give a fuck

He sighs

C4 : you're pleased with her aren't you ?

Me: women are

Ishrug

Me: I don't get them, and her she's just the worst. She's annoying, and always opening her mouth. Most times, I just feel like cutting her tongue off

He laughs

C4: what the fuck!

I lean against the truck

C4: you're fucking her, and you're gonna spit shit like this about her? You better make sure, she doesn't hear this shit. Or you'll kiss that pussy goodbye

Me: you be thinking I be fucking her, who told you that shit?

C4 : come on ! We're all friends around here , you can share

Me: share shit!

C4: I thought you two are it

Me: mhm, I shot her once. At some point I chocked her, so whatever!

I shrug and walk away from him

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Wanda

Me: some peace and quite here without Chase

They laugh

Bohlale: stop with the drama!

Me: I wish he can stay out forever

We move over to the chart

Me: oh shit, I'm 23 are you seeing that?

Bohlale: yeah, I am seeing that

Me : where are you ?

We keep looking, but she's nowhere to be found

Me: whatwhere are you?

Bohlale: I don't

Voice: Chase is number 7

We look up and he's really gone down

Me : oh shit!

They laugh walking away

Bohlale: wait ...did he just?

I nod with such smile

Me: look ...

I point to 20, and that's where she is

Bohlale: this can't be real

Me: do you see how you're handling guns? That's what's pushing you

Bohlale: am I really on 20?

I jump up hugging her

Me : you made it , like you made it !

She hugs me back

Me: I'm so happy for you

Oh Chase is not gonna like this

Not one bit

He just went down, and we went up from under the red line

Oh shit!

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Bohlale

Chase: don't think you'll catch up with me

Me: I'm not even interested to

Chase: you think you're smart huh?

Me: I know I am, I pick my battles well

He chuckles

Chase: just because you got to put me out for a few days, it doesn't make you the shit

Me: I don't even want to be the shit, stupid!

He laughs

Chase: you're not all of that

Me: I know

Chase: I'll see you out there

Me: I would prefer I don't see you, you might just catch a stray bullet. Be very careful

He frowns

Chase: try it, and you'll see

Me: dude, there's tons of us here. And you're only worried about me, you know I'm a shooter. Going on 12 in just a

few days says that , but unfortunately not everyone is a great shooter like I am

He clicks his tongue and walks away

Wanda laughs

Wanda: someone is happy, it's guns!

Me: hell yeah!

Wanda: I'm scared of you girl, what's it with you and guns?

Ishrug

Wanda: let's get the hell out of here

We get up and walk to the training room

Finding C4 along with 7

And two other guys

I think the other one is the General

We have seen his face

But I don't know this one

Wanda: what's going on?

Ishrug

We stand by the wall

These man are having a conversation

And they're not even paying attention to us

It's like we're not even in here

Now I'm a bit worried

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Seven (7)

C4: shoot out in 10

They all walk over grabbing guns

C4: he looks better

I chuckle

General: is everything good?

C4: yes

Monga: 7

I look at him

Monga: let's have a word, before the show starts

We walk over to the side

Monga: it's good to see you

Me: yeah

Monga: it's been years now, you don't want a high rank position

Me: I'm okay with what I do

Monga: I don't doubt that at all , and I'm sure there's no one better than you

Me : we couldn't agree more

Monga: but, there's three companies collapsing out there. And we need a man to stand in, so we can grab them without raising eyes. And we can still be able to supply the middle East

Me: that's not me

Monga: just think about it, that's all I'm asking

Inod

He walks to the guys

I dart my eyes and they meet with hers

She looks worried somehow

I'm guessing she's gathered what's happening

Since she happened to snoop around

And overhear things she wasn't supposed to hear

I heave a sigh and walk over to them

I will not have this conversation

Me : suit up

I walk over to the end, watching them grab guns

I chuckle at the one she's grabbing

And the way she's just admiring the machine that's in her hands

This one, is one fucked up messed up woman

Who should stay the fuck away from guns

If ever pissed

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Wanda

Me: damn!

Kelly: she hasn't missed target, not even once

Me: she's a beast with a gun

Kelly: this is what we call a battle of survival, she will mark her way to the top. And she will leave smoke and holes doing that

I look at her

She smiles

Kelly: don't worry you're good

Voice: who is she?

I turn my head back

And see the guy talking to C4

He looks very important

I hope C4 doesn't ruin things for Bohlale here

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Bohlale

Me: what's going on?

He looks at me

7 : you did good

Me: will you answer me?

7: you're about to go through your worst test ever with a gun tomorrow, you need to keep your emotions in check ...

Me: stop! It's okay if you don't want to tell me what that guy was saying to you, but I know he's the one who's voice I heard that night. And you want to spin me some motivation right now, instead of coming straight out with what he said

I turn and walk away

He follows

I just keep walking , like I'm not even aware of him

We get to the corridor separating their side with ours

He grabs my arm and pulls me to his room

Me: I have nothing to say to you

7: what did I say to you?

Me: you saw me out there? I got all targets, while I was worried out of my mind wondering if that guy was telling you it's time to go out there. So please spare me

7 : what did I say to you?

I heave a sigh

Tears burn my eyes

7 : now we not talking?

I blink once, my tears fall

Me : youyou found me , if you leave I leave

7: then stop, I need that guy to see you out there tomorrow.
And know that you can hold your own, cuts are being made tonight. And tomorrow, you'll earn your spot here

Me: waitcuts are ...

He shuts me up with a kiss

I push him back

Me: what?...

He tears my t-shirt off, unclipping my bra

Me : come on ! You gotta stop tearing my clothes

7 : you talk a lot , like just shut up

What ...

And he pushes me to the bed

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Bohlale

Me: what's going on?

He puts his t-shirt on

Me : please

He heaves a sigh and looks at me

7: he offered me an out

I knew it

Me: and what exactly does that mean? You leave Force and then what, that's it?

7 : there's no leaving Force, once you're in you're in

I shake my head

7: a life out there, outside of this. But still serving Force, to the best of my abilities

Me: like?

7 : running a company

I laugh

Me: what?

7: we're qualified to, we save and buy dying companies and run them. But that's only a front, to clean the money and also give out services to our alliances out there

Me : so none of it

I shake my head

7: no, it's not

Me: wow, so what now? Are you leaving?

7: you're not even in yet, if I were to pull such a stunt. The only way getting you out, is by breaking you out of here

Me: putting our lives in danger, and risk dying while at it?

He shrugs

I get up, and put on my clothes

Me: no, you can go. Go on, have your life out there. Go run your companies, maybe you'll get married and have kids. I am not risking my life

I sit down on the bed putting on my boots

7 : you're sleeping here tonight

Me: no!

7: I wasn't asking you

I heave a sigh

Me: you can't let me get dressed and be done, then tell me that

7: well ...

Yhoh!

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Seven (7)

She turns and looks at me

I side smile

Me: go back to sleep, it's middle of the night

Bohlale: and you're leaving me in bed alone

I chuckle

Me: Monga is calling me

Bohlale: who is that?

Me: him

I lean over giving her a kiss

Me: I'm coming back

I walk out making sure to lock

This one is unpredictable, I cannot put anything past her

She might just follow me

I get over to the office

Monga: sorry to ask you this

late

Me: I'm guessing you don't want ears hearing and eyes seeing

Monga: you know

I sit down

Monga: I know it's been just a

day

Me: yeah

He sighs

Monga: it comes with all perks by the way, a car with a house

and an allowance to get you started

Me: I see

Monga: what's keeping you?

Me : let's have this talk after tomorrow

Monga: should I be worried?

Me: maybe

Monga: who was that girl?

Me: her name is Bohlale

He nods with a smile

If he wasn't married with kids and grandkids

I would be worried

Monga: I haven't been impressed like that, since you

I chuckle

Monga: she's quite a shooter, it's a beauty to watch her with a gun

Me: mhm

Monga: Force will have one mean sniper out of her

Shit!

Like are we there now

Then how the fuck do I even consider going out?

Monga: I'll wait for tomorrow to pass, anyways the cut has

been made. And we will be getting rid of bodies in a few

I nod , cause this is the last thing I really want to hear about

But I know it has to be done

They can't be taken anywhere

They know a lot, and have seen a lot

Things we can't have going out there, being known by anyone

It's not safe for us

So it's best in this way

And whatever happens at Force , stays at Force

That's just how it should be

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Wanda

Me: you look scared

Chase: fuck off

I laugh

Voice: leave him

I look at her and smile, Chase walks away

Me: what was the delay?

She shrugs

We were supposed to have known who made the cut last night

But that was just changed last minute

I barely got any sleep

Me : can we go now ?

Bohlale: yeah

We walk over to the training room

Me: you slept out

She laughs

Me: I envy you

Bohlale: walked in late, left early. You just didn't see me

Me : come on , it's me . Cut the act

She shakes her head

This one!

Me: stop denying your man

Bohlale: shut up, where is the rest of everyone?

I look around

And I see , some people are missing here

Me: I don't know

Bohlale: this is ...

Voice: and it's a very good morning

We look up

And there is the man from yesterday

He's with the General

Him: I don't have much to say, but in a few you will know if you made the cut or not. Well done, to all of you. You did your best, but we know only a few are through

He moves back and the screen goes on

With names there

I just heave a sigh of relief seeing my name on number 7

Gosh!

I am saved

Bohlale: well done

She pats my back

I don't see her looking happy

Me: wait you ...

I look at the chart, and she's there on number 1

Leading the board, with Chase on number 3

But she doesn't even look bothered

Like she's not happy at all that she's safe, and she's leading on number 1

Am I missing something here?

From being the second bottom, to leading at the end

And this is her reaction

Wow!

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Bohlale

Wanda: what happened to everyone who got cut, like where are they?

Like this girl!

Does she really think those people still live

They're dead where they are that's what

7 leaving me alone in bed , middle of the night

I'm sure it wasn't to talk shop

They killed all those who didn't make the cut

And they'll surely spin us some story

I for one won't buy it , cause I know they're gone

And never to be seen again

Wanda: do you

Me : no , I don't know . I wish I knew , but I don't

Honestly, what does she think happened

Voice: isn't this nice?

Another one with drama

Chase: you know, just because you beat me from my number one spot ...

Me : shut up ! I don't give a rats ass about that , so please spare me whatever nonsense you

want to spit right now . I am not interested , like at all

He pops his eyes

And I walk away from them

I am really not one with anything that's happening here

I don't go on with how they're doing things

Just turning us into things, we hardly even recognise

I barely even look at myself in the mirror anymore

Ever since I started training with guns

I'm no longer the same

I can feel it

I just don't want to see it

Chase is the last thing I care about

I don't care about positions and whatnot

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C4

Me: I bet my last dollar on Chase, he's our sniper

He chuckles

7 : good luck to you and him both

Me: come on 7, you really don't think that girl will pull it

7: she has a name, and she will

I shake my head

Me: let's watch and see

I know she won't make it

The test will mess up with her

She won't know what's happening

And she will definitely fail

She might be Force now

But she won't go anywhere to gather any position

That much I know

Chase has guts and a heart

He won't hesitate to fire a shot at anything, and anyone

I can't say the same about this girl

She might know how to fire a shot

But not on this one

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Bohlale

What the

Me: dad?

He smiles

I look around , and I see no one but my dad

Me: no!

I close my eyes briefly

Shaking my head

I look ahead and it's him

He's here

Me: but howno!

No!

It can't be!

This cannot be real, he's dead

Voice: target to shoot, 3

seconds to go

Oh shit!

He sold me, and he's gonna just smile at me

Like all is well?

Fuck!

What the hell?

Me: this is not

I fire the shot, right in between his eyes

He looks at me, lifting his hand to his forehead

Dad: you killed me!

I stare right into his eyes, and watch him fall down slowly

I watch as the blood stream to the sides of his face

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Chase

Me: no!

Are they trying to drive me insane or what?

Like this is my whole family

My whole family , in this tiny room

And they look to be in so much pain

Mom : just end our pain , do it son

Me: no!

This is crazy

How can she even expect me to kill them?

I can't do that

No! I just can't

Me: mom..

Dad: just do it! Stop being a coward, you can't fail us in life. And still go on to fail us now, we need you to save us from this pain! And only you can

Me: I can't kill you!

I scream my lungs out

Dad: you're a failure, you've always been a failure. You're no son of mine

Me: no

I close my eyes with tears streaming down my face

This man!

He has failed to be a father to me, my whole life

He's never seen me as anything but a weakling

And I fire the shot

With my father's words ringing in my head

Me: I am not a failureI am not a failureI am not a failure

I crouch down on my knees crying

And just rocking myself back and forth

Repeating the same words over and over and again

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Seven (7)

Me: and there is your boy, emotionally weak and unstable. What a sniper!

I chuckle

C4: fuck off

Me: uh-uh, did you see her?

I raise my brow looking at him

Me: she didn't even hesitate pulling that trigger, now that's a mentality of a sniper. You shoot to kill

I laugh patting his shoulder

I walk away from him

Monga: she's darn good

He better tell me something I don't know

Taking her away from Force, would just be a loss

And I know that

But not unless she can still continue to preform

I heave a sigh

Monga: cheer up, we have our sniper there. I'll grant her all the missions in line, and we'll see how she does it

I nod with a slight chuckle

I don't like this

But I know I have to let her be

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Bohlale

Me: what happened today?

He's been quite

Since I got here, he barely said two words to me

We just ate

And he asked me to bed

He did nothing and said nothing

He just cuddled me up

Even know, he's cuddling me

He somehow seems lost in his thoughts

7 : none of it was real, your dad is long dead. Whoever took you

from the village killed him , it wasn't you

I figured as much that it's not real

And that's the only thing I kept consoling myself with

That it wasn't real

It couldn't have been real

Me: he was there, I saw him.
He was happy, and smiling with
me. I got angry, remembering
that he sold me. And that's why
I shot him, he ...

I shake my head

7 : no , it was all in your head . They tapped your most sensitive memory , and they

manipulated it . That was just your memory

This is sick!

Was I supposed to go insane that I shot and killed my own father?

I don't even know if Wanda is okay or not

I didn't get a chance to talk to her

Because he took me away from everyone

7: this is why you're here

Me: what?

I lift my head and look at him

7: this sometimes messes up with one's mind, I didn't want that happening to you and you're alone

I smile

Me: what the hell are we doing?

He chuckles with a side smile

7 : cuddling

I laugh leaning over giving him a kiss

7: I just wanted you to know it wasn't real, and I had to have you in my arms like this for you to know

I snuggle him

Me: thank you

He clings his arm tight on my back

I feel safe here

Which is strange, like very strange

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Wanda

We got woken up by the scream

And I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened them

It was Chase, backed up in a corner

Rocking himself back and forth

And crying his eyeballs out

His screams were so loud, they were even heard from the dorm

Kelly: guys!

They have just taken him now

After injecting him with something

And he looked to calm down

Kelly: you go back to sleep

Me: is he going to be okay?

She smiles

Kelly: yes

I just nod , but even I don't believe that

I've never seen Chase like that

He was scared, and so vulnerable

Honestly, it was heart-breaking

He wasn't the only one

A few were also behaving somehow

Myself included

But that was after the test

I gathered myself, and I was okay

I wonder if Bohlale is okay where she is

Hopefully she's better than Chase

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Seven (7)

Me: I will remain here at Force, for the time being

Monga: I am a bit disappointed

Me: hopefully, in time you will understand why. But this is my decision at this moment, you can give the post to anyone. Hopefully, something will open up for me when I'm ready as well

Monga: I hear you

We shake hands

Monga: you have done well

Inod

It's better this way

As much as going out there is better than being here

I would rather be here

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C4

Me: I thought you would leave, and just let me be in charge here

He chuckles

7 : either way , you're still in charge

Me: a little bit

7 : you're just power hungry, there's nothing else

I shake my head

Me: let such opportunities come to us, and we will gladly take them without

Voice: we got a jumper

He looks at me and sighs

7: it's that boy, he was distraught yesterday

Me: it can't be ...

I run to the dungeon, and there he is

And the way he's laying down

I can tell he jumped!

No one pushed him

After striving so hard at Force

And he just looses in the end like this

Me: Chase

I shake my head

Me: clean this up

I know the last stages messes up with one's head and mind

But I never even thought, that can drive Chase to kill himself

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Bohlale

I look at him as he walks in

He locks the door and leans against the wall

Me: what?

7 : Chase is dead

I get off the bed

Me: what?

He nods slowly

7 : he jumped over , in the dungeon

Me: nowhat ...why?

7: he was distraught and disoriented after his last test ...

He shakes his head

Me: oh my God!

I look at him

7: most of them weren't okay, I guess others are starting to

understand it wasn't real. He didn't get that, or the words he heard his father say to him must have broken him worse. And he missed so badly with his one shot, he didn't even kill a single person

Me: see how sick are the things you guys put us through here?

He walks over to me

7 : it's over ..

I shake my head closing my eyes

I gasps as I feel his lips on mine, and he carries me into his arms

I lock my legs behind him, and wrap my arms around him deepening the kiss

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FOUR MONTHS LATER

Seven (7)

I open the door

And my eyes dart to the bed

And there she is

After three weeks of not seeing her

This is the best sight ever to grace me

I lock the door and take my boots off

I remove my jacket, and get on the bed with her I cuddle her from behind

She brings her hand over mine

I side smile

Me : still the sharpest light sleeper ever

I lean over placing a kiss on her cheek

She chuckles

Bohlale: I missed these arms

Me: mhm

She slowly opens her eyes

Bohlale: and I missed you more

I flip her over , and bring my face to hers

Brushing my lips over hers

She takes my lips into hers, and we slowly kiss

Not missing the hunger that's just on the kiss

She takes my t-shirt off, and fiddles with my belt

She unbuckles my pants, and pulls them down

I slide my hands inside her tshirt, and pull it off

She slides the tight she's wearing

Parting her legs , I get in between them positioning myself well

I rub my dick slowly on her coochie, as her moans graces this room

I slide through, and she pulls out of the kiss screaming in pleasure

I thrust in , with a slow deep pace

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Bohlale

My legs shake against his chest

As he moves back

And drips of his cum, lands on my thighs and stomach

I look at him with a fading smile

7 : don't fall asleep

I chuckle

Me : you wore me out

7 : no , don't fall asleep

He gets on the bed, and flips me over on top of him

He cuddles me up

I smile

7: how was Russia?

I chuckle

Me: Cold

7 : no Russian men I should be worried about ?

I laugh

Me: not even if they tried, that's why I always come back to you

He tightens his hold on me

I place a kiss on his arm closing my eyes

It's been a crazy four months

I spent the first month training like insane

Learning about all kinds of guns for snipers and whatnot

It was crazy

I had 7 with me through the whole time

And after that , my first mission began

One high profile minister that I had to take out

And I didn't disappoint

On the second one, it was just too easy

And so for the past three months, that's what I've been doing

I've travelled over 8 countries

I barely even know who Bohlale was before Force

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Wanda

Me: and she is back

We laugh as we hug

Me: I felt the spookiness, and I knew you were back

Bohlale: shut up

Me : it's good to see you back

Bohlale : good to be back

Me: as much as I hate being stuck around here, and collecting taxes. I would rather be, than live like a ghost

She laughs

Bohlale: you're exaggerating this matter

Force is home now

Chase's death, was an eye opener to a lot of us

And we got to understand exactly why we are here

And who we are now

We're not heroes, and we're most definitely not soldiers

We're far from that

We live by our own rules

We don't succumb, to the rules and ways of society

We kill what stands in our way

We take what we want

That's just us

And a lot of us had a lot of toughening up to do

But we took it one day at a time

And here we are today

Bohlale is higher rank than us

And she's said to be the best sniper Force has ever had in years

She's barely around here

But I'm always happy seeing her

The friendship we established, sometimes is what keeps me going

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Bohlale

I take a deep breath, and wipe my hands

Closing my eyes briefly just gathering myself

The door opens, and I feel him wrapping his arms around me

He places kisses on my neck

I open my eyes slowly and smile

7 : how's your friend?

Me : she's good , I'm glad I got to spend some time with her 7: mhm

Me: II need to tell you something

He moves back a bit

And turns me around I face him

7: I am listening

I've never been so scared like this in all my life

I take a deep breath

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7: mhm?

Me: I ... I'm ...

I swallow hard

7 : what's wrong?

Me: I'm pregnant!

Tears burn my eyes as I look into his eyes

Me: I'm pregnant, I had my suspicions about this. But I didn't bother to confirm them, because I didn't want to believe that it's possible

I fiddle with my fingers

Me: the last three months I've just been spotting, and not getting my periods well. I

realised when I got to Russia, that I missed a month. It marks two with this one, I took a test before I left. And it was positive, I went to see a doctor and he confirmed. I am 5 months pregnant

I don't know what his silence means

But I need to be put out of my misery

Me: I don't

I heave a sigh

7 : you have a little Callen in here ?

He rubs my tummy

I chuckle with a smile as more tears stream down my face

7: it's okay, I got you. I am here, and I'm not going anywhere. We'll get through this together

I throw myself at him, as he engulfs me into a tight hug

7: thank you

I laugh through my tears

Me: are you happy?

7: I am more than happy, and nothing assures me like this

Me: I am scared

7: it's okay, I am here. I won't go anywhere, I'm here

I heave a sigh of relief

Me: how am I going to raise a child, when I'm

I shake my head

7 : no , don't worry . We got this

Maybe this is just excitement speaking

We're at Force

How are we going to raise a child in such an environment?

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Seven (7)

I knew this was going to happen

It was just bound to happen

And I've just been quite, not even hinting anything

Now that it has happened

And we know

I'm ready to just step up and do what's needed

And I know she's right

We can't raise a child here at Force

That's just not even possible

Monga: getting a call from you, is all well?

I chuckle

Me: I believe so

Monga: what news do you

bring?

Me: I come to you as a father yourself, and a husband as well as a grandfather

Monga: 7

I heave a sigh

Me: I would like to take my way out, of course I'll still serve Force to the best of my abilities. That's not negotiable, I know

Monga: that has always been on the table, I know for a fact we can find something within a week

Me: I come with a request

Monga: I am willing to hear you out

Me: I need Bohlale leaving as well

He chuckles

Monga: no, that cannot happen. That's our best sniper right now, she cannot leave

Me: you need to understand that she cannot carry things to her best abilities right now

Monga: what do you mean? Did she get hurt in Russia?

Me: no, but she did not come back alone. She hasn't been alone, for some time now. And I do not intend to keep her or my child in danger

The silence!

Me: I know this is a lot, but once she's done. She will continue to serve, but outside. You would give anything for your family, and so will I for the possibility of mine

Monga: youyou got my sniper pregnant 7?

Haugh

Monga: I don't like you for this

Me: I am sorry, I've just been a busy man. And in just 4 months, the little Callen will be here. I cannot leave his mother in these kind of conditions, I need my people with me. In the meantime, I can find someone

to stand on her place. Until she's back, but I still need her on the outside

He sighs

Monga: we will talk

He drops the call

Me: damn!

That's so vague

It's not even promising at all

I hope he doesn't come with some plan

To keep her here comfortable

I can't have that

There's no child of mine that will be born in such a place

No ways

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Bohlale

Me : hey

He looks at me and side smiles

7 : how are my people ?

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Me: we're your people now?

7 : you've always been mine

I chuckle

7: why you cleaning your toys, in the presence of Callen?

Me: please give this baby a better name than 7, and we cannot call him Callen cause that will be his surname

He chuckles sitting down

Me: he's already ruined with such parents

He picks my 9mm

7: we will raise him better, way better than this. In a better place, and environment

I don't want to say anything about this

Because I don't see how we gonna pull that one off

How will it happen?

Unless he's gonna be taking my child away

Which I won't let happen

I want to raise my baby, be there and be a present mother

Me: let me show you something

I get up and grab my bag

I look inside, and grab the envelope

Me: here

I hand it to him

He says nothing but opens it

He takes the scan out

And finally for the first time ever

I see his full smile

Like wow!

7: this is my boy?

Inod

7: we made this

He gets up and takes my hand

Me: we did, we sure did

We've never established what we are

Or what we have

But things are just happening

And we're just letting them be

I love this for us

There's no stress or pressure of anything

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Seven (7)

Me: what's going on?

C4 : we're not best friends , come here

I shake my head following him

C4: where is your girl?

Me: try your nonsense, I won't shoot your arm. I will definitely aim for the head

He laughs

C4: enough, ah there she is

We get to the dorm

And she's looking at me dumbfounded

Me : hey

Bohlale: what's going on?

I hold her hand , placing a kiss on the side of her head

We walk inside

And everyone is here

Bohlale: what's this?

I hold her tight

I don't know what the hell is happening

I haven't talked to Monga since I called him

C4: ah, the Force lovers

Laugher erupts

Voice: take a hold of yourself

C4

What the

I turn and look at him

Monga: my good man

We shake hands

Monga: I couldn't miss your parting ways with us

What?

Bohlale looks at me confused

Me : please tell me you heard my plea

He chuckles

Monga: you didn't give me much choice

I chuckle

Monga: so you two are welcome to leave the Force base, create a life out there. Of course, still as one with us

This all I need

Bohlale: you did it?

She smiles with glossy eyes, and cups my face

Me: anything for the two of you

She smiles, I lean down giving her a kiss

C4 : don't! We don't condone ...

Me: fuck off

C4: you're going to miss me

General: oil and water, you're out of your mind

They laugh

Wanda: I'm sad you're leaving

Bohlale: come on!

They hug, I let go of Bohlale's hand

Wanda: come, we got the little one some things

She takes her hand and they walk away

Monga: this is not goodbye

Me: definitely not

Monga: come see me, when all this is done. So I can hand you your own life out there

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Wanda

Bohlale: where did you guys buy babies clothes?

We laugh

Me : we can still go out to shops you know

She wipes her tears

Bohlale: oh these are beautiful

Me: we just wanted to do something small for you, turns out commander didn't want to keep you here any longer because of your condition

Bohlale: I didn't even know ...that awkward 7 didn't tell me

anything. He hinted, but he didn't say it directly

Me : I told you he's good for you

Bohlale: you were grasping at straws

Kelly: we have never had such at Force

We laugh

Me: I am going to miss you

Bohlale: I'll be back before you

know it

Me: all the best, and

congratulations

Bohlale: thank you

I feel like this is good for her

She has come a long way

And she fought her way up

To survive here at Force

And now , she about to embark on this beautiful journey

She deserves this and more

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Bohlale

This feel like a dream

The house, by the coast in Camps Bay

The two cars

And one bank account that's so fat

I don't think I've ever seen so many zeros in my life

Me: this is beautiful

He side smiles

And walks over to me

He picks me up , and places me on the counter

He gets in between my thighs

7 : are you happy?

We sure just left Force

And transported here

Everything is just done, and all ready for us

But I have what I need and want here

Me: I am more than happy

7 : yeah ?

I nod with a smile

Me: yeah

He leans over

I bring my face down meeting his lips and we kiss

Clothes go flying by, as he lays me down and parts my legs sliding his dick through

And he thrusts in

I grab tight on his arms as he goes in deeper

He grabs my thighs

I move my waist, meeting his thrusts

And feeling his dick thickens inside of me

I scream in pleasure, as a wave of pleasure runs through my body

And I spasm my thighs and legs shaking

He deep grunts shooting up his load inside of me

We lock eyes and he smiles lazily

Me: what a way to grace our new life

7: this is us now

He places his hand on my tummy, brushing it

He leans over and we kiss

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