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Maduo packed the last of her bags as she looked around the room. She was done with high school and it was one of the most prestigious schools in the country. She

sighed. Now it's time to go back to the village since her parents stayed there. Besides she is not snobbish or anything.

Rethabile: Maddy you're seriously considering going back to the village with your parents?

Maddy: yes Thabi, ga ke bate go sala ha kana. Ke tlo omangwa kana. (I don't want to stay here. They are going to scold me)

Thabi: how will they know? unless you told them? A week. Just one more week Maddy?

Thabi used her puppy eyes and Maddy always had a hard time saying no to the girl.

Maddy: fine, besides we have prom right?

Thabi: though you forgot about prom kana.

Maddy: I'll call them and tell them I'm not coming today besides maybe they paid for prom right?

Thabi: yes.

Maddy:where will I be staying then?

Thabi:I can talk to my parents,I can even offer to give you my parents numbers so your parents can talk to them?

Maddy:let me hear what they will say first ok?

Thabi nodded as she really hoped that Maddy will stay an extra week and they can spend time together.

Maddy walked out of the room as she breathed in and out.Her parents were expecting her back at Bobonong.She dialed her mother's number.

It rang unanswered for a while before she heard her mother's melodic voice

Mma Solomon:Maduo

Maddy:mama

Mma Solomon: are you on your way?what time should your father pick you at the rank?

Maddy:mama....I..

Mma Solomon:gorileng?(what's wrong?)

Maddy:I just wanted to stay an extra week for Prom,akere you paid for it.

Mma Solomon:Maduo wee..

Maddy:mma?

Mma Solomon:why didn't you tell us beforehand,you know we pay not really aware of what we are paying for,where are you going to be staying now?

Maddy bit her lip.How was her mother going to accept her staying at a friend's place?

Maddy:I can stay with a friend

Mma Solomon:Maduo wa utlwa gore wa reng?(Can you hear ypurself?)

Maddy:Ee mma(yes mam)

Her mother sighed.

Mma Solomon:I will talk with your father and

we'll give you a response in an hour or so. I don't trust this friend of yours you talk about.

Maddy:mama but-

Mma Solomon:its either that or you're coming back home Maduo.Ra utlwana?(are we clear?)

Maddy:ee mma

Her mother hung up and she walked back to the room.

Maddy:mom refused,she said they will organize a place for me to crash at but hey we will still hang out and do our hair and stuff for Prom.

Thabi faked a smile at Maduo.Her plan didn't work but anyhow she will see how to go about it but right now Prom was on the agenda.

Thabi:ok,I understand.They are only looking out for you Maddy.

She nodded as she looked at her phone.Her father is going to blow up.She has never done

anything that her parents did not approve of and if they didn't want her staying with Thabi then it was fine.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Mma Solomon:kana Maduo o bua Prom(maduo is talking about prom)

Rra Solomon:Maduo is too used to English medium things,she should be making her way back here to the village

Mma Solomon:its already paid for so she will need a lot of things.Dress,shoes,do her hair and all that,ga se gore ke ye Gaborone gangwe fela?(shouldn't I just head to Gaborone?)

Rra Solomon:o tla boa ka ene akere?You know its important though I don't want to.(you'll come back with her?)

Mma Solomon sighed.It was important and she

has long dreaded this day ever since.

Mma Solomon:of course.

She walked to the kitchen where she poured herself a glass of water and prepared to call Maduo to tell her of her father's decision.Besides girls need their mother's advice regarding prom.

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Rebamedi looked at Sasha as she sat down on his office chair.She was just being a child and he's had enough of her tantrums.Sasha nervously held her necklace.Her mother won't bail her out and well her brother has zero tolerance for nonsense and she might get a beating in his very office if she manages to press his buttons far enough.

Reba:Sasha what do you want now?

Sasha pouted as she looked at her big brother,he was always so serious and it irked

her.He never smiled.

Sasha:Reba so like.....I need a favour.

He looked at her waiting for her to continue with yet one of her stupid requests.

Sasha:My car crashed maabane ke tswa from the club and I need like more than twenty thao for damages and stuff like that.

Reba:ke gone gotlhe?(is that all)

Sasha:Ee rra

She bit her lower lip as he remained stoic.She took it too far this time didn't she?

Reba:Then it means you pay for it Sasha.

Her eyes widened.What?Her student allowance is less than two thousand and her allowance from home is approximately three thousand and if it weren't for her mother Reba would have not even bothered approving her allowance.The

hell?

Sasha:Reba you can't be serious.I'm your sister.

Reba:I know Sasha,you're twenty and you're already spending money like it grows on trees.

Sasha:You know how to make the money

Reba.The money itself seems to grow on trees.

Reba:I see.Now listen to me Sasha and listen carefully because I won't repeat myself ever again.You are going to pay for damages to your car using your allowance.How?I don't know and I don't care.I've had enough of mother treating you like a fucking spoilt princess and it doesn't work with me Sasha got it?

She swallowed a bit as she saw the murderous gaze of her brother and nodded.

Reba:I'll be managing your finances cause clearly mother lets you go to clubs,bought you a damn expensive car when I said no and no,ntatemogolo won't save you from it either

Sasha.You need to learn responsibility and study at school.Ga ke sa tlhola ke batla matlakala a o a dirang Sasha wa nkutlwa?

Sasha:Ee rra.

Reba:Good.And try me little sister.Try my patience and continue with your disgraceful ways and ke tla go betsa.Botlhoko le gone.Ke mogoloo eseng tsala ya gago Sasha autlwa?(continue with your disgracefuk ways and I will beat the hell out of you.I am your older brother not friend,do you hear me?)

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She walked out of the building. Thinking about how it was going to be. I mean from driving the shiny Mercedes to taking a taxi to school. She could almost puke at the thought. It's such a downgrade and she wondered why the hell Reba decided to work from the Francistwon office instead of going to Gaborone to their main office. Urg! She had her freedom then.

She took her phone from her bag and called Kitso.

Sasha: Wa gana Reba... (Reba says no)

Kitso: I told you to get a sugar daddy, he would've covered those costs as in yesterday, your brother is stingy with money aah!

Sasha rolled her eyes. They had this conversation a million times before and it was getting boring.

Sasha: You don't know him, he will literally murder me if I dare. I'm trapped.

Kitso laughed.

Kitso;Trapped wa eng?You're rich and you get whatever you want while some of us have to hustle.

Sasha:But sugar daddies are not the way Kitso.

Kitso:you won't understand but anyway tomorrow there is a pool party ha guest house e ha Selepa,are you coming?

Sasha:I don't know, I'm already in trouble and ga ke batle go oketsa mathata.

Kitso:It starts around 2pm,surely you can pass by?

Sasha:okay.Ke tla ka taxi mme.I don't have a car.

Kitso:what about you're brother's car?

Sasha:Why are you so interested in my brother?

Kitso:tlogela.We'll talk,Josh is coming.Bye.

So lets start the journey guys,this will be our new story as these people and more let us get a glimpse into their lifestyles.Nothing has never been as plain as it usually seems.There is always a catch to everything and we are just going to have to find out.Who is on his?Who is owned?Who is on lockdown?So many who's.....

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Tomorrow morning and this time I pray to God I keep to the schedule I posted † ♀.Its the page cover picture by the way..

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At Gaborone

Maddy didn't move out of the hostels as her mother had called and said she will be in the city tomorrow. It was better than staying at a foreign place she guessed.

She doesn't even have a date for Prom, none of the boys asked her to be their date and she guessed it was because some thought she was too rural. She was okay but she never did fit in with the rich and cool kids of Maruapula. Thabi was her only friend and she had a date with the coolest guy in school. She scrolled down her facebook newsfeed as some of her ex classmates were posting their Prom dates.

Thabi messaged her.

Thabi: Prom date yet friend?

Maddy: no. I can go alone.

Thabi: no you won't. I'll see what to do.

Maddy: okay. Mom is coming.

Thabi:That's nice Maddy

I replied and threw the phone on my bed.I have no date,haven't planned for a dress and people have been planning for months.I'm screwed big time.

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At Reba's house

Reba parked his car inside the yard.He has to go to his mother's to deal with her insolent brat and he would make it quick.He has a sub coming and he should be there to open the gate for her.

He undid his tie as he walked to his bedroom.Removing his jacket and stripping naked,Reba headed to the shower.

When he was done he answered his phone.

Reba:Ntatemogolo

Kgosi:You do know its almost time.

Reba rolled his eyes.

Reba:Do I really have to do this?Sasha wa lapisa as it is and I have no time for immaturity.

Kgosi:Rebabedi you will do this.

Reba:I'm coming there ka weekend.Re tla bua ntatemogolo.

Reba hung up and got dressed in his sweatpants and vest.Running his grandfather's business was tiring,the business disguised as the family legacy and now he has to deal with spoilt brats?Life couldn't get better for him could it?

Reba grabbed his car keys as he glanced at his watch.He had to make this talk with Sasha fast.His mother will want to convince him otherwise and let Sasha get spoilt.Having younger siblings was as much as a task to him as the company.

Upon his arrival at his mother's house he

parked his car and just opened the door without knocking. Everyone looked at him and Katso's back straightened as he looked at his big brother. He was always in awe of him and wondered how he could exude such dominance by just being in a room.

Katso: Reba hi.

Reba nodded his head and narrowed his eyes at Sasha.

Reba: Mother, Katso. Sasha, we have to talk.

Katso looked at Sasha, he wondered why his sister always did stupid things to irritate his big brother. As young as he was he didn't like Sasha's behavior at all.

Reba walked to the dining room with Sasha following closely behind him.

Katso sighed at looked at his mother who looked tired.

Mma Kgosi: Rebabedi is being too hard on Sasha, she is young.

Katso: Mama I'm also young, a teenager even but I don't do what Sasha is doing.

His mother nodded in agreement. She just wanted her children to enjoy their childhood without the heavy weight of the family company being on them and Reba had been dealt too much in his young life.

Mma Kgosi: and your father would have been proud of you.

Katso smiled. Apparently Rebabedi was the spitting image of his father and that made his adoration for his big brother sky rocket.

Meanwhile at the dining room...

Reba: So here is your budget Sasha.

Sasha looked at the paper which was written in Reba's handwriting.

Sasha:So I have to live over a whole year with no car?

Reba:Read that carefully,if you're good and take responsibility I might cover half of the costs.

Sasha's eyes sparkled.That was something.

Sasha:Really?

Reba:Really.

She smiled.

Sasha:but I have to save the money too?

Reba:that's the whole purpose of this

Sasha,You have to cut off a few things.Designer clothes,clubbing,excessive partying and I hope you know I hate the fact that my sister even drinks and then drives and goes clubbing.Its whorish behavior Sasha.

Sasha's heart broke at the fact that her brother thought she behaved like a whore,she just wanted to have fun.She should prove him

otherwise.

Sasha:Reba

Reba:mmmh?

He wasn't smiling.Does he ever smile at times?Maybe he really has had enough of her behavior.

Sasha:But Reba I'm not a whore.

He raised an eyebrow and tears filled her eyes.

Sasha:I haven't even lost my virginity.

She saw his eyes soften before they became blank again.

Reba:ok.Do what I told you Sasha and life will be easy.You don't need friends,parties to be cool.Just study okay?

She nodded.Did he even hear her admission?

Reba stood up and Sasha did too.He looked at her eyes.He did something he rarely does.

He kissed her forehead and left. Sasha smiled at the hint of affection from her brother, it was enough for her to know that he still loved and cared for her. She walked to the lounge.

She wiped her tears and looked at her mother.

Mma Kgosi: are you fine?

Sasha: Yes mom.

Katso looked at Sasha and Sasha picked a cushion and threw it in his direction.

Sasha: wena o ska bua sepe (don't say a thing)

Katso: Sasha ke itidimaletse hela (Sasha, I'm just silent here)

Sasha: how's your new girlfriend?

Katso looked down while Sasha smirked. She loved getting even with her other annoying brother.

Mma Kgosi: Katso?

Katso:Mma?

His mother looked at him and shook her head.He was just 17 and not yet 18.

Katso:Mom I'm a teenager and I get to do teenager things.

Sasha:Mo ise ko go Reba a bue le ene.(let Reba talk to him)

Katso's eyes widened.He didn't want to annoy his big brother.

Mma Kgosi:Its fine but talk to your brother about it,I guess he could give you more advice about everything.

Katso nodded and gave Sasha an evil glare before he headed to his room.

Continue sharing the story guys.

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#03

At Gaborone

Mma Solomon got off the bus and she looked at her phone. She arrived early and she called her sister who stays in Broadhurst

Mma Solomon: Hello, ke gorogile but I haven't picked Maduo yet, is it ok?

Laone: Sure besides I never get to see my niece a lot, its Prom right?

Mma Solomon: yes, English medium things.

Laone laughed at the other end of the line.

Laone: You can drop your things here and we can go pick up Maduo.

Mma Solomon hung up and moved further into the bus rank and looked for a taxi. She bumped

into a man.

Mma Solomon:Sorry sir,I wasn't paying attention.

The man looked up from his phone as he assessed the woman in front of him. She looked too rural for him but there was potential underneath the dreadful clothes. He squinted his eyes and looked at her again. He saw the band on her finger. Married.

Man:It's also my fault too.

She nodded and turned before he could ask for her name.

Mma Solomon walked as fast as she could before she could turn to take a good look at the man. She was married for crying out loud and she loved her husband very much.

She got inside the taxi as the driver started the car. She sighed. Coming to Gaborone was already giving her enough temptations and she could not deal with that at the moment.

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Maddy had already handed her keys to the matron and all she had to do was get ready for Prom. She pushed her luggage and went to wait for her mother at the reception. She saw her mother come with Aunt Laone and she cringed.

Maddy:mama what are you wearing(whispering)

Mma Solomon laughed and Laone joined her.

Laone:baby she does this the first day of coming to Gabs.

Maddy just shuddered. She has never seen her

mother wearing anything that horrible in her whole life.

Maddy:it needs to go ASAP.

Mma Solomon:child relax,even your father would have a fit if he saw me when I walked out.

Maddy:Papa,how is he?

Mma Solomon:we'll talk,lets get your things to the car and we head over to your aunt's place okay?

Maddy nodded and they helped her with everything.

Laone:how were the exams?

Maddy:actually good,mom do I get to have a party for my 18th ka December?

Mma Solomon:no,maybe for your 21st but not this year.

Maddy nodded disappointedly. But besides who would even come to her party except Thabi...

When they finished loading her bags she sat at the backseat and donned her earphones. She didn't want to listen to her mother's weird conversations with her sister.

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At Francistown, Selepa

Sasha breathed in and out as she stepped out of the taxi. She had the right address alright. She paid the taxi driver who was salivating looking at her caramel thighs that were exposed by her shorts.

Sasha rolled her eyes. The taxi driver was being a perv. The gate opened and she saw all the

cool kids from the College. She told her mother where she would be and the time she would come back. Just to be safe.

She clutched her beach bag that had her change of clothes and swimsuit.

Kitso:finally you made it,let me introduce you to a few people.

Kitso only knew she was a Kgosi heiress and she preferred to let the rest of the people to think she was just a coincidence to have such a surname.

Sasha:it looks fun plus its hot.

Kitso:you know Kaone?

Sasha nodded. She was crushing the guy and she didn't have the guts to approach him.

People said he was such a rude person but she didn't see that. She saw one hot yellowbone.

Sasha:of course,who doesn't?

Kitso:let me introduce him to you.

Kitso led Sasha inside the house to the kitchen where Kaone was holding a tin of beer and in swim trunks. She nearly died.

Kitso:Kaone this is my friend Sasha,Sasha Kaone.

She gave him her hand and instead he kissed her cheek.

Kaone:and you didn't mention how gorgeous she looks.

Sasha blushed and she was thankful she wasn't that light for anyone to see she is blushing.

She walked out of the kitchen with Kitso and they got inside a room.

Kitso:the boys have a separate bedroom and the girls have a separate bedroom. We booked the whole guesthouse for this party,you're leaving tomorrow right?

Sasha:actually no,around 8 I'm leaving.I have no car besides I have to wake up early tomorrow.

Kitso nodded and she just walked out. Sasha changed and wore her black swimsuit and tied her Brazillian weave. Next month she will settle with something cheaper like braids since her allowance is being handled by Reba. She just took her phone and sent him a message.

Sasha:"Reba I know you're busy and I'm being a nuisance but ka 8 come pick me up at Selepa."

She concluded her message by writing the address of the place. He would take her home

safe and she didn't trust these people here.

She wrapped a towel around her waist and walked out. All the guys looked at her and some were salivating as they saw her cleavage and they wondered how the fuck they never noticed her before.

Sasha saw Kitso talking with some other girls and actually some were giving her glares. She shrugged and removed the towel and got inside the water.

The water cooled her skin and she felt hands on her waist and she turned and was face to face with Kaone.

Sasha:Oh!

Kaone:O montle wa itse?(You're pretty you

know that)

She nodded and slowly removed his hands from her waist.

Kaone looked at her smiling and she continued to swim in the water. The water was nice and the pool had space. Maybe she did well by coming here.

She got out of the water and she used her towel and sat down.

Kaone sat down next to her with a smile and that showed his dimples.

Kaone:how come I never saw you in school?

Sasha shrugged.

Sasha:I only have one friend in school besides do you ever go to clubs?

He shook his head.

Sasha:goriana o good boy?I go to places where most people aren't really my agemates or aren't from our school.

Kaone:you club?

Sasha:used to now but that's a story for another day,how do you know Kitso?

Kaone:school...You?

Sasha:friends since I started varsity.

Kaone:I never see you with her,she is always in that expensive car that parks in campus.

Sasha:which one?

Kaone:a black Mercedes.

She laughed and looked at him.

Sasha:that one was mine by the way. Used to or will be. Whichever way you put it.

Kaone looked at her puzzled. He knew Kitso had sugar daddies and as they say birds of the same feathers flock together,so Sasha also slept with men for money?She didn't exactly look it but hey,what varsity student affords such an expensive car and she also wears expensive weaves. She was definitely sleeping with old men for money so he would follow through today.

Kaone:I didn't know.

She shrugged. She never bragged about it but she loved that damn car that she would change and Reba said he would pay half the costs and if she is really good he might pay for everything.

Sasha:enough about me,tell me about you. How did you become known in campus. I mean even when I was doing my first year I knew about a

Kaone that existed.

Kaone:my good looks(Laughing)

Sasha:o tswa haa,o rata dilo moo
maswe...(gerrara here,you like things)

Kaone:the genes baby girl

She laughed as she continued to talk to Kaone.

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At Reba's house

He saw Sasha's message and he threw his phone on the bed and he headed to the guest room. Rachel was sleeping and she had been such a good girl last night. She deserved a reward and he knew she had pushed herself for his sadistic ass. He walked out of the room and

headed to the kitchen and made coffee.

Drinking his coffee silently Reba looked around his kitchen. He heard his phone ringing and he groaned. Its a Saturday and he should really be relaxing.

He put the mug down and walked to his bedroom. He answered it after seeing Katso's name flash.

Reba:Hello

Katso:H-hi Reba,mama said I should talk to you.

Reba:Ok. Talk then.

He heard him draw his breath and he just

listened.

Katso:Can I come over at your house?

Reba:I'll come over there around 7 if its that important.

Katso:Thank you.

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At Reba's house

Rachel wrapped her aching body with a robe and walked to the kitchen. She found a plate of food and a note.

'Be back later. And you were such a good girl last night'

She smiled. She understood the kind of relationship he wanted. It was a sexual one and she knew he might dump her when he feels like it but now she was happy with whatever. She was used to guys like that but Reba took the whole experience to a new level and she might start catching feelings which she definitely did not want. Being with him for two months was an achievement on its own. Even though he never shared anything personal about himself and had absolutely no interest in knowing her which he also told her beforehand.

She sat on the kitchen stool and she cut into the chicken breast. If only he could allow

himself to have a normal relationship with her.

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At Selepa

Sasha felt a bit tipsy, she only had like four glasses of wine. Or was it five? She couldn't remember.

Sasha: K-ki... Kitso.. ca. ll... a taxi

She was slurring and still in her swimsuit

Kitso: are you drunk?

Sasha: n-no

Kitso called Kaone as they moved a few feet away from Sasha.

Kitso: You put the pill didn't you?

Kaone: She is fucking beautiful Kitso le wena wa bona.

Kitso:do it fast then. She needs to live a little. She'll cry and get over it. I know my friend.

Kaone:And you didn't tell me ke ene wa Mercedes.(you didn't tell me she's the one owning that Mercedes)

Kitso rolled her eyes.

Kitso:that detail wasn't important. She said she is leaving around 8 but I doubt she will be able to catch a taxi like that.

Kaone:Won't anyone suspect a thing?

Kitso:no,she is a party girl and she does get drunk and plus you've been close to her the whole time,they would think you two are having a quickie or something. Don't blow this,o fresh.

Kaone:fresh like fresh?

Kitso:ee,as in virgin motherfucking mary.

Kaone:goriana?(really)

Kitso:yes.

Kaone picked the dizzy Sasha up as Sasha looked at him with squinting eyes.

Sasha:Kaone?Call a taxi for me,I have to get home.

Kaone:Sasha you're not well

She tried to get out of his arms but was too weak. Kaone saw her eyes close and he smiled. He will be her first,regardless of the fact that she is conscious or not.

He got inside an empty room which has not

been used before and he laid her on the bed before locking the door.

Kaone:beautiful

He checked if she was really unconscious by slapping her cheek and he got no reaction from her. He smiled.

He removed her swimsuit and he smiled more,he was going to enjoy himself so so much. Maybe first round he should hit it raw and feel that tight virgin flesh wrap around him.

He got undressed himself as he opened her legs and he salivated looking at her. She was really fresh.

He got on top of her and he slowly eased himself into her,she was so tight. Her eyes

opened and closed. She was in and out of it and she might enjoy this too. The fun thing was that she was unconscious and she won't know who did this by the time she is fully awake. That's what the girls usually do and they will take a shower and there will be no evidence.

He started to thrust and he knew he broke her virginity. People like Kitso should be rewarded. Where do they get such girls?

He thrust in and out of her as she opened her eyes and closed them again, she was not even making noise and he had his hand on her mouth just in case. She was so sweet and enjoyable. Maybe after this he should be her boyfriend just to taste this sweet tight pussy again.

He felt her tightness squeeze and he came. She

was so tight.

He got off her and he opened the drawers and took out a condom and he went at it again.

Raping the unconscious Sasha and he groaned enjoying her. This was probably the best fuck he's had in a long long time. He groaned as he came yet again and he changed the condom and this time got rough,not caring if she was bleeding,she was enjoyable and he liked her pussy more. She felt so damn good. He smiled as he came.

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Reba checked his watch and it was quarter to 8. He said bye to his mother and brother and he went to his car. Since his sister does not have a car it is his duty to go pick her up wherever she was,he drove to where his sister said she will be.

She did say 8 and she was being responsible by telling his mother where she was and by telling him to pick him up.

He parked at the gate at exactly 8 o'clock and waited for Sasha. He called her phone and it just rang without being answered and he could hear the music blaring from the speakers and he just pressed the intercom. They opened they gate and he walked in.

Almost everyone stopped and looked at him. Reba knew he was not in one of his immaculate suits but he didn't come to negotiate a deal with state officials here.

Kitso swallowed looking at Reba,he was hot. So hot that she felt herself get wet.

He looked around and without a word walked inside the house.

That's when it clicked,he must've come for Sasha,shit!They were in trouble.

As soon as he walked inside the house everyone started whispering wondering why the Rebabedi Kgosi was at their party. Who was he looking for?

Reba walked inside and checked the rooms. Sasha did say this was the place,he called her phone and it rang at one of the rooms.

He walked inside and took her phone and kept checking. He came upon a locked room. He listened and heard grunts. But he had to check every room if he was looking for his sister.

He knocked and the grunts quieted down. The door unlocked and the guy was wrapped in a towel.

Kaone's eyes widened as he saw the man he idolized in the business world. Their very own business mogul.

Kaone:uhm..Mr Kgosi

Reba lifted his eyebrow.

Reba:can I step in?

Kaone:uhm..Kind of busy with my girlfriend.

Reba:I see. I just want to step in. I'm looking for someone.

Kaone:I...

Reba just pushed him aside and what he saw made his blood boil. He went to the bed and saw blood on the white sheets and her angelic face. He held her cheek. The bastard.

Reba:ware ke wena mang?(what did you say your name was)

Kaone:Kaone Motswedi

Reba:and what gave you the audacity to do what you just did?

Kaone:excuse me?ke ngwanyana wame.

Reba:do you know who she is?

Kaone:Sasha,I didn't quite get her surname.

Reba turned and threw a punch.

Reba:ke tla go bolaya kana mfana wa itse?(I'll kill you boy,you know that)

Kaone:ke irile ne Mr Kgosi?(what did I do Mr Kgosi)

Reba chuckled darkly. He had to keep his cool.

He punched him again,he wasn't a fool. This motherfucker raped his little sister.

He punched him yet again.

He held his throat constricting his airway.

Reba:What did you do to her?did she consent?bua ka bonako ke ise ke go bolaye..(talk before I kill you)

Kaone shook his head and Reba tightened his grip as he punched him and Kaone's nose bled.

Reba:In other words you raped her?

His anger grew by each passing second and Kaone struggled to breath. Reba threw him to the ground as he placed his foot on his windpipe.

Reba:kana ke tla go nyedisa a bo ke go bolaya wa itse?(I'll beat the hell out of you and kill you,you know that)

Kaone nodded and still wondered why Rebabedi Kgosi was angry.

A few people came and they stood watching.

Reba:a female please cover her for me.

She walked inside and covered Sasha with a sheet as she saw Kaone being pinned to the ground and there was not even a scar or a mark on Mr Kgosi.

Reba removed his shoe from his neck and placed it on Kaone's chest and he stepped on him as Koane coughed.

Reba took his phone.

Reba:Kgosi speaking,feta ka kwano.ke tshwaragane le bothata. Alert the police of a rapist being caught ok?(pass by this side,I have a problem)

There were gasps as people looked at Kaone.

Reba:Bua ke ise ke go gate molala(talk before I step on your neck)

Kaone struggled to form coherent sentences and Reba honestly did not care about their audience.

Reba removed his foot as he continuously

kicked this slimebag's balls but he wanted to kill him but he would. Soon he would and make him suffer. He needed his sister to be okay before he finishes the bastard off.

Kitso swore under her breath.If Kaone is going down then she will be implicated and she didn't want to mess with Kgosi's. They were a powerful household name in the country and they can make their lives hell.

Reba left Kaone as he went to Sasha. He picked her up and walked out passing the sergeant on his way outside.

Reba:the kid who is bleeding.You know what to do,report and stuff but I want to finish him off.

The Sergeant nodded.Thats the reason he had

the Kgosi's on his payroll.

Reba:Lets get you to the hospital Sasha.

He whispered in her ear and walked with her to his car.

He placed her at the backseat and stepped on the gear as he went to the hospital. His mother was going to freak and his grandfather was going to murder someone.

He connected his phone to the car and dialed his mother.

Reba:mother?

Mma Kgosi:what is it?

Her heart beat slowly as she waited to hear what Reba has to say.

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#05

At Mma Kgosi's house

Mma Kgosi:What is it?

Reba sighed.This was going to be hard and he was just as angry himself and he wanted to murder someone.

Reba:Sasha has been raped.We are heading to the hospital right now.

Mma Kgosi only heard 'Sasha has been raped'

The rest of Reba's sentence had blurred as she tried to process it.Her child has been raped and...

Her heart rate sped up as she started to breath

heavily. She struggled to maintain her balance as she staggered trying to sit down. When she finally sat down her heart rate didn't even slow down as she started to imagine the horrendous things done to her only daughter's body.

She held her heart as she screamed. Her heart was heavy and hurt and she closed her eyes.

Katso heard the scream and he got out of his room. He saw his mother on the sofa and slowly walked to her.

Katso: mama? mama? tsoga (mom? mom? wake up)

He tried to shake her awake and his heart pulsed as his finger shook when he called.

Katso: Reba? Ke mama, she's unresponsive.

Reba: Shit! Call an ambulance Katso. Fast.

Reba hung up as Katso called for an ambulance.

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At Laone's house in Broadhurst Gaborone

Maddy scrolled down pictures of dresses on facebook.

Maddy:mama I want this dress,its pretty.

Mma Solomon:We'll check boutiques on Monday along with your aunt.But basically that's what you want?you want something similar to that?

Maddy nodded and her mother smiled.

Maddy:Mama promise me you'll never wear that dreadful outfit(cringing)

Mma Solomon:Ee(laughing)

Mma Solomon's phone rang and she answered.

Mma Solomon:mogatsaka(my husband)

Rra Solomon chuckled.

Rra Solomon: Hey, how are you?

Maaddy saw that as a chance to walk out, that was adult business.

Mma Solomon: good. I arrived kgantele and yes Maduo is fine and yes we won't deplete your bank account.

Rra Solomon: Its okay.

They talked for over an hour and she filled him in on the gossip she heard from Laone and he told her what's happening at Bobonong.

When she hung up Laone looked at her.

Laone: I can't believe my older sister santse e le lefourteen.

Mma Solomon: Yei wena, I'm old.

Laone: You're glowing though, is there something I should know?

Mma Solomon:no,Laone you like seeing things that are not there.

Laone:Kana Precious it happened a long time ago.Let go.

Mma Solomon:I don't want to get my hopes up Laone.I don't want to hope it is what I think it is and then the same thing happens.It will hurt more so let's not talk about this.

Laone nodded her head in understanding and poured a glass of water for her sister.

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At the Private Hospital in Francistown

Reba called Katso

Reba:Katso if you're at a public hospital,give your phone to the nurse.

Katso did so and after a few minutes the nurse handed his phone back to him and told him they are going to a private hospital.

Reba waited for the doctor to finish running tests and examinations on Sasha. She is going to be so devastated and it will be better to call his grandfather in the morning when he's clear headed. But one way or another someone is going to pay for hurting her.

His phone beeped and it was a message from Katso stating that they are on their way to a private hospital. He sighed. Being the head of the Kgosi Empire was one hell of a task and that includes taking care of each and every single family member.

He sat on the bench and rubbed his stubble. That's why he wanted his sister to stay home and study. He didn't want situations like this but it was not her fault. None of this was Sasha's fault. It was that prick's fault.

The Sergeant sent him a message. They took the boy for questioning. His blood began to boil yet again as he thought of killing the son of a

bitch for what he did. Now his sister will have mental issues when she was just fine, she will be scared of every male walking planet earth and she will never be the same again. He hated him. He just hoped that doesn't become a scandal. He doesn't need a scandal and he doubts Sasha would appreciate the attention.

He called his PR manager. He pays them to be on call twenty four seven.

Reba: Check all the media houses and force them to delete their story regarding what happened at Selepa. Make sure no media house gets a whiff and also check social media and all that. You're the manager and do what I pay you for.

The other person at the end of the line agreed and got on to work unless she wanted to be fired. He paid really well and this was the only way she could take care of her family and dealing with Kgosi reputation was her job

description.

Reba slipped his phone in the back pocket of his jeans. This was messy but he needs Sasha to pull through.

The door opened and he saw nurses rushing out to the patient. He spotted Katso and figured it were his mother.

Katso made his way to him and sat down on the benches and he rubbed his jaw.

Reba: She will be fine.

Katso: Why are you here? Is Sasha okay?

Reba: No, she's not okay.

Katso's heart skipped as he waited to hear what Reba has to say. Reba hated to be the bearer of bad news to his family but he will take care of everything.

Reba: Your sister has been raped.

Katso's heart shattered as tears welled in his

eyes and Reba looked at him. Katso wondered how Reba managed to not show any emotion. It was their sister who was hurt and knowing Sasha she must be hysterical.

Reba: I will deal with it when Sasha leaves hospital and the Police will probably be here by morning for questioning Katso.

Katso: she will never be fine will she?

Reba: No. Experiences like this change people. So I don't think our sister will ever be the same. The least you can do is be there for her.

Reba said that as he didn't remember anyone being there. He shook his head. It was not the appropriate time for him to dwell on the past.

He sat down next to Katso who still had tears in his eyes.

Reba: don't worry, she is strong. She is not a Kgosi for nothing.

Katso nodded as he tried to blink the tears away. That's why his mother fainted.

The doctor approached them and Reba stood up to go speak to the doctor.

The doctor swallowed as she realized she will be speaking with Rebabedi Kgosi and he looked hella fine in person than in pictures. She saw the way his poloneck hugged his biceps and how his stubble made him look rugged and sexy. She cleared her throat.

Dr:Mr Kgosi, she is stable and we took blood tests and ran tests on her. There was a tear due to the force during penetration since she was a virgin according to my observation. When she wakes up we will give her ARVs just in case and also morning after pills in the case of the pregnancy as semen was also found. We took samples to keep as evidence for the police.

Rebabedi closed his eyes. Hearing all of this

about his sister was just a bit too much.

The doctor looked at him and she silently envied the woman in his life, the one who comforts him and shares his bed.

Reba: Okay. So when will we get the test results?

His voice was smooth too.

Dr: As early as tomorrow afternoon since the lab is closed at this time of night.

Reba: Ok.

He didn't even ask for her name but she guess her tag gave him her name. She walked to her office and she knew everything about doctor patient confidentiality but she just wanted to rub it in her sister's face that she spoke with the Rebabedi Kgosi. I mean the nigga is low key about his personal life and still high profile in business. No one knows a lot about him and he has managed to shield the Kgosis from any media exposure. Who would have guessed he

had a sister even?

The doctor sat in her office as she removed her shoes. She thanked God she was on the night shift or else she wouldn't have met the gorgeous specimen in the waiting room.

She dialed her sister's number.

Dr: Guess who I spoke to?

Thuto: who? kana wena Tumi o delusional.

Tumi: I just talked to the Rebabedi.

Thuto screamed at the end of the line.

Thuto: shut the fuck up! Who? maaka Tumi!

Tumi: I swear.

Thuto: yoh! Is he hot like the pictures?

Tumi: hotter sis. But anyway I have to go.

Thuto: I'm so jealous right now.

Tumi: Sharpo kwaa!

She hung up and put her phone away and took Sasha Kgosi's medical file. Crushes aside but what happened to her was devastating. She must've been drugged because there was no evidence of a struggle. She wrote her own observations because she had a guess that the police will be there tomorrow morning to investigate. This must be devastating to the family.

They did what they can and Mr Kgosi was not complaining at all so she would make sure she does her job to the best of her abilities.

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#06

At Broadhurst, Laone's house

Maddy answered Thabi's incoming call.

Thabi: I talked with people and as I said I got you.

Maddy:sounds like good news.

Thabi:Bogosi will be your date.

Maddy:ohmygod!Shut the front door.He will be my date?

Thabi:yep.I sent him your whatsapp dials.Hope that's fine?

Maddy:its more than fine.

Thabi:le tla bua ka bobedi jwa lona.(you guys will talk)

Maddy:thanks friend.You're a life saver.And I think we can hang out ka Tuesday,Monday I have to go to town with mom to check out stuff.

Thabi:fine by me.you know our usual spot.

Maddy:okay.bye.

Thabi hung up and called Bogosi.

Thabi:moshishi ke wena,ke go connectile(you

coward,I connected you)

Bogosi:she agreed?

Thabie:I told you my girl is chilled.why are you all scared of her?

Bogosi:she is always serious with that high ponytail of her and those glasses on her eyes.

Thabie:mxm!She is a big softie.

Bogosi:she won't bite my head off?

Thabie:no man!but hurt her I'll kill you.She is like a sister to me.

Bogosi:you have my word.

She hung up and smiled.Her plan did come together.Playing cupid is so nice.

Meanwhile Maddy headed to the sitting room

and watched tv, oblivious to her mother's silent sobbing in the bathroom.

Mma Solomon shook her head. This couldn't be. What if it happens again? How will her husband react to it? He will be happy but what if it's taken from them again? She can't. It couldn't be.

She shook her head once again as the tears streamed down her cheeks and she bit her lower lip so hard that she tasted blood so nobody could hear her sobs. This was not supposed to happen.

She sat on the toilet seat as she contemplated her choices. How can she not stress when her only living child will be taken away from her? She needs to tell her husband first. Yes she needs to do that first. Maybe they will come up with a way to prevent the past from repeating.

She wiped her tears that mixed with her mucus

after the crying. She washed her face and her eyes still looked a little puffy. She will live. She walked out of the bathroom and Maddy was so engrossed with the tv and she was glad she didn't notice her.

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At the Private Hospital in Francistown

Reba handed Katso coffee from the cafeteria as Katso rubbed his eyes.

Katso: mom and Sasha awake?

Reba: no, drink up

He held the hot coffee. Cannot believe he spent the night in hospital.

Reba walked away and Katso saw him pull his phone out. He didn't even know how his brother managed everything. He had massive respect for him now.

Reba dialed his grandfather's number. The old

man was going to flip alright.

Reba:Ntatemogolo

Kgosi:Rebabedi,something happened didn't it?

Reba:ee,nkuku o kae?(yes,where is grandma)

Kgosi:she's here,what happened?

Reba:you might want to step away from her
cause I also won't be able to deal with her
fainting once she hears what I have to say.

Kgosi:ha o ntshosa jaana, a ko o bue.(you're
scaring me now,talk)

Reba:well my sister,your granddaughter has
been raped.

Refa could hear his grandfather's heavy
breathing.

Reba:ntate don't get a heart attack,Sasha needs you and you can't die on us.Well the young ones need you.

Kgosi:is she going to be alright?did you find the person who did this?

Reba:I'll take care of all the details.You can come this side and be there for her.She needs her family.

Kgosi:You really are my son's son.

Rebabedi just tried not to roll his eyes.

Reba:You put me in charge of everyone,I think your duties can wait for a week.I'll try to get out of the meetings and my busy schedule this week.But Katso goes to school.

Kgosi:but you should know I make the important decisions.

Reba:goodbye!

He hung up.He walked over to where Katso was

as the doctor who was speaking with him last night approached them.

Tumi:Mr Kgosi,Ms Kgosi is awake.

Reba:Katso go see her first.

Katso stood up and the doctor told him the room number.He left his brother with the doctor.

Reba:the police will be making their way here around 9am,so if you would make a statement for them that would be highly appreciated.

She nodded.

Tumi:of course,I'll do that before I leave.

Reba:thank you.

She nodded and walked to her office.His voice will never tire her.Its husky and deep and smooth and everything.

Reba drank his now cold coffee which was much more bitter than when its hot.

His mother would be fine, the main priority was Sasha and how they can help her pull through this difficult time. He needed some whiskey on the double. He remembered he had a house guest who had probably been waiting the whole night for him.

He dialed Rachel's number. He has been calling a lot of people as of late and he didn't like talking to people that much. But he needed to get Rachel out of his house.

Rachel: Morning Reba, You didn't come ba-

Reba: I had some family issues to attend to. just leave the premises and you know the drill Rachel.

Rachel sighed at the end of the line. She knew it alright but if its one thing about Reba was that he rarely lied so when he said he had family issues he had them and that was as far he was willing to elaborate on things.

Rachel:Okay.Bye

He hung up on her.She put her phone down and went to take a hot shower first.She signed up to have sex with this weird guy and she just wished for a normal relationship with him.After the sex which is far from being ordinary he would give her the aftercare she needed and then when he was done he would leave her to sleep alone while he headed to his room.

Yep!Rebabedi was weird.She pulled her panties on and clasped her bra back on.She would heal just fine this whole week and besides she was still sore to even try to convince him to let her come during the week which was something she knew he never did unless he was really stressed.Pushing her head through the white poloneck top and then proceeding to wear her black jeans while wincing from the pain of pulling them up her ass as she was thinking about him.

She tied her blonde hair into a bun and did her makeup to hide the bags under her eyes and made sure her blue eyes were very much noticed.

She packed her stuff leaving no trace of her ever being in the room like always and walked out.

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At Selepa, Francistown

Kitso packed her clothes. Yesterday there was a lot of drama and she will or might be implicated. She finally saw Rebabedi and she knew he was Sasha's brother. She didn't think her plan through and now she won't be able to check on Sasha and maybe convince her that Kaone is lying which he will not but still.

The other campus kids had gotten over the fact that they saw Rebabedi and well he was everything and everything.

She told the others she's going back home. She needs to think but Kaone won't implicate her, it's his fault that Sasha's brother caught him. She shook her head. She needs to think.

She checked her phone and found Josh's missed calls. And that one is going to kill her but she needs the money but he will kill her regardless. Her life is messed up and this just means she and Sasha will no longer be friends again.

She stopped a taxi and asked it to take her to town.

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At the Private Hospital, Francistown

Reba walked inside Sasha's room with the Police in tow. Sasha looked at Reba with tears in her eyes.

Reba: They are here to talk to you about what happened, I gave them my statement and try to

be strong.I'll see you after they leave ok?

Sasha nodded as tears fell down her cheeks.Reba just wiped her tears with his thumb.

Reba:we'll get through this Sasha,just talk to them for me okay?

She nodded and Reba walked out.

Her tears fell down her cheeks.She was such a fool.

Sasha told them what happened to the time she got dizzy and that's when she became unconscious.

The police officers wrote down her statement and thanked her for her cooperation.

As soon as they walked out Reba walked in and he sat on a chair next to her bed.

Reba:I'm sorry this happened to you.

Sasha:I shouldn't have been to that party in the

firstplace.Its my fault and.....

She used her hands to cover her face.

Sasha:Who did this?Who defiled me

Rebabeti(screaming)just tell me because I already feel so cheap.

Reba looked at her,she will cry more and he honestly does not know how to comfort a crying person.

Reba:Sasha calm down.

He pressed the emergency button as the doctor came rushing in.

Reba:can't you give her something to calm down?

Tumi:I-

Sasha:tell me Reba(crying)I want to know please!!

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#07

At the Private Hospital, Francistown

Mma Kgosi woke up and she found Reba looking at her. Tears filled her eyes. It couldn't be true.

Mma Kgosi: It's not true right Reba bedi?

Reba: I'm afraid it is mother, I'm afraid it is...

Mma Kgosi's tears trickled down her cheeks and she frowned looking at how calm Reba was. How can he be so calm when their family had been hit by yet another tragedy? How can he act like everything is normal when it's not?

Reba: Rest, Sasha is in good hands and ntatemogolo should be here by the evening. Rest. Your blood pressure is worrying the doctors so rest, Sasha will be fine.

He walked out of his mother's hospital room

and stood by the door of Sasha's room as the doctor gave her something to stabilize her. He should look for a therapist for her, it might actually help her deal with the trauma and talk about everything though she was unconscious and he just can't wipe the picture of his baby sister sprawled on that bed with blood and that bastard claiming she was his girlfriend. He clenched his fists as his jaw clenched and unclenched.

Tumi walked walked out of Sasha's room and she saw Mr Kgosi.

Tumi: My shift has come to an end, I will assign another doctor to your sister sir.

Reba: Thank you Dr.

She walked away. He still didn't even ask for her name, just said thank you. She chastised herself against Rebabedi Kgosi.

'He's way above your league' Tumi whispered to

herself as she got inside her office and removed the doctor's coat and the stethoscope.

She fixed her blouse and tucked it carefully in her white pants. Changing shoes she wore the stilettos she came with, was she really doing this to get Reba's attention. She sighed and took her handbag and walked out of her office. She saw him holding a cup of coffee. He looked up and her heart stopped. He then drank his coffee and she walked past him. She is not his that's for sure. It is just a childish crush on a grown ass woman.

She texted her sister as she walked out of the hospital heading to her car.

Tumi: o apeile akere? (you cooked)

Thuto: I had a late night, working as a waitress is no joke.

Tumi:I also had a late night.

Thuto:Nna mma ka robala,o tla bona gore o tswa tswa jang.(I am sleeping,you'll see what to do)

Tumi sighed and she got inside the car as she put her phone on the passenger seat and drove off

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At Broadhurst,Gaborone

Maddy dished Sunday lunch when a text came in.

Unknown number:Ke Maduo

Maddy frowned looking at the unknown number.She wanted to ignore the text.She

should probably ignore it.

Maddy: Mama, mmangwane. Dijo di siame. (mom, aunt. The food is ready)

Laone: Coming

Mma Solomon: O apeile eng Maduo? (meal of the day Maduo)

She smiled.

Maddy: Fish with a nice side courtesy of Chef ala Maddy (Shouting)

She heard her aunt's laughter as they walked inside the kitchen.

Laone: Well chef Maddy outdid herself.

Maddy: Thank you, mom are you okay?

Mma Solomon felt the nausea coming, the food. It's the food.

She nodded and walked out as Maddy looked at her mother oddly. Was the food not up to her standard? Did she do something wrong?

Maddy: Ke irileng se se phoso? (Did I do something wrong?)

Laone: nothing, the food looks delicious. Maybe she's not in the mood for fish.

Maddy: is that all? I can make something different for her....

Laone: tlogela... let me go talk to your mom

Maddy nodded and she watched her aunt walk out. She took out her phone and looked at the unknown number. Curiosity ate the corners of her mind.

She texted the number back.

Maddy: Ke mang? (who is it?)

She looked at the phone screen till the message alert tone beeped.

She read the message and smiled.

Unknown number: Bogosi, Rethabile gave me your number

She sighed. Bogosi.

Maddy: Let's talk on on WhatsApp I have a few suggestions about how we should match for Prom.

Laone was in the bedroom with her sister. Her suspicions had been spot on, she was pregnant.

Laone: Why are you so stressed about it now?

Mma Solomon: what if this one does not survive again? Kana ka tswa baloi ba Bobonong

ba nkgatile hlemma wena.(I suspect the
witches at Bobonong)

Laone:Pray about it.

Mma Solomon:wa ikutlwa gore wa reng ne
Laone?I had two stillborns,two miscarriages and
to top the list? I lost my one year old when
Maduo was five,ke tswelele?Maduo is my only
living child. Why should I grow attached to this
child when I'm going to lose him or her? Why
Laone?nna ka loiwa ka go bolella.(are you
listening to yourself right now Laone?,I had two
stillborns,two miscarriages and to top the list?I
lost my one year old when Maduo was
five,should I continue?Maduo ia my only living
child.Why should I grow attached to this child
when I am going to lose him or her?Why
Laone?They are bewitching me,I'm telling you)

Laone:Presh miracles do happen.

Mma Solomon:Wa simolla akere wena!Ae!Gape this one is risky,I'm 40 for crying out loud and it can have complications. If I can have a stillborn at the ripe age of 35 what more this? I've had enough and I had accepted that Maduo is my only child.(you're starting again,!no!)

Laone:Just go to church and believe God will help you.

Mma Solomon: I believed and believed and I still lost five children. I can't tota.So this one, I won't get attached and pin my hopes that I will give birth to a healthy child. So there.Ke moimana yo o sa rateng the fact that she's pregnant. And le beele tlhapi ele kgakala le nna bathong.(I am a pregnant woman who hates the fact that she's pregnant.And keep that fish away from me)

Laone laughed as she hugged her older sister. What had happened to her were just misfortunes. She will keep her in her prayers.

Laone: what do you want to eat then?

Mma Solomon: Porridge is fine.

Laone: on it, tomorrow you and Maduo have to look for the dress.

Mma Solomon: we never had these things kana but at least I get to do it with her.

Laone: Yes. I will find a makeup artist for the day and does she have a Prom date?

Mma Solomon: Prom date? I will have to approve of him if she has one...

Laone: She grew up so fast.

Mma Solomon: I know and I didn't want her to grow up really.

Laone: You'll have a baby to keep you company.

Mma Solomon: can we not talk about it?

Laone nodded as they walked out of the room and found Maddy watching TV.

Maddy: I missed TV so much and you subscribed for Netflix which is so cool. Mama le papa ba gana ko Bobonong and would rather drag me to the farms.

Laone:Le mo ira sentle(That's good)

Maddy: I thought you were on my side, so mama ga re tsena ko Bobonong re ya masimo?(so mom when we get to Bobonong we're going to the lands?)

Mma Solomon: That depends on your dad baby, wa itse gore o rata leruo la gagwe jang.(you know he loves his livestock)

Maddy:Thata.Anyway the food is in the oven.

They smiled looking at her. She was such a humble child and Mma Solomon was not ready to let her go as of yet. What if they waited for a year but just not now?She was still too young.

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Your opinions and views really helped guys.Thank you.Consistency is going to be key from now † ♀

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#08

At Mma Kgosi's house a few days later

Kgosi sat down on the couch with his wife Florence.

Sasha was sleeping in her room and his daughter in law was continuously checking on her.

Reba looked at his grandfather and grandmother.

Reba: The two involved in this are under Police custody, as I said I got this.

Kgosi:Rebabedi don't get too big for your boots.

Reba gave his grandfather a bored look.

Reba: as I was saying ntatemogolo Sasha was set up by someone she considers a friend as much as my home is off limits to my siblings I will make an exception for Sasha. My mother suffers from high blood pressure and la itse gore Sasha wa go gana go ya Bobonong.(and you know that Sasha is not going to agree to go to Bobonong)

Florence:Rebabeti is right though,ngwana o wetswe ke seru and a familiar ground will help her heal.(A tragedy has befallen the child and a familiar ground will help her heal)

Kgosi:Moving on from Sasha, Reba you do know your duty.

Reba: and my life has to be dictated by you ntatemogolo?

Kgosi:I'm looking after your best interests boy so show some respect.

Reba: I respect you but there is no need to extend your authority to my personal life.

Kgosi:I'm choosing someone who is well bred and who will be able to bear a child for you.

Reba:ke ngwana.Ngwana.Younger than my sister and.....(She's a child.A child.)

Kgosi:the younger the better besides it's not as if she will have a say, all she has to do is to bear you the Kgosi heir and well if you want to divorce her? Fine but she leaves the child.

Reba: They say I'm heartless but you take the cup.

Kgosi:as I said I have the family's best interests at heart.

Reba: Can you do what you do best which is ruling the village and stay far away from my personal life..

The old man stood up and Reba looked at him.

Kgosi:You know I can still destroy you
Rebamedi,You know it.Now listen boy, you have

a lot to learn and it will do you good to do as I say.

Rebamedi broke the eye contact as he punched the wall and his grandmother gasped.

Florence: both of you stop this. What if we let Rebamedi make his choice for a wife?

Kgosi:ga di go ame mosadi.Rebamedi wee, you will do as I say.(they don't concern you woman)

Reba: I need some fresh air.

Kgosi:Rebamedi!(shouting)Reba!!Rebamedi!!

He walked out and he decided to walk out of the yard.

He walked around the street with his hands deep in his pockets. That old man is manipulative and he knows it. Damn him! And damn him again for trying to control his life.

He walked around as he tried to collect his thoughts, he hates being forced into a corner and he hates not having an upper hand on things. And he left the damned phone back at the house. Now he has to face the old man.

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At Gaborone

Mma Solomon: You look so beautiful, I can't believe this is you.

Maddy: The dress fits perfectly mama.

Mma Solomon: yes it does Maduo and that purple which is not exactly purple is just wow!

Maddy: So we're taking it akere mama?

Mma Solomon: Yes and the shoes. Those ones which are kind of the lightest shade of purple. turquoise right? They look pretty with that dress.

Maddy: They do right? I wish papa was here

Mma Solomon:me too baby but we'll send him lots of photos.Loads of photos.Let me pay for all of this then we can do get your nails done.Wa re your prom date is all set akere?

Maddy:yep!Mom you met the kid maloba and he said you scared him.

Mma Solomon:I don't trust boys around you so I had the right to scare him and you speak as if you're not a kid Maddy....

She shook her head as she trailed behind her mother and texted Bogosi telling him that the purple was the theme.

She put her phone away as her mother paid for the shoes and dress and it was hella expensive.

Mma Solomon:tomorrow we are going to get your nails and hair done so we might as well choose a hairstyle madame.

Maddy:I wanted to be simple and elegant.Can I like get this real Brazilian weaves that can be

made into a bun? tsa go tshwana le bo Bonang Matheba? (those ones similar to Bonang Matheba's)

Mma Solomon: Ok, you do know its costly.

Maddy: mama I know, I'll pay you and dad once I start earning money ko Finance. I did tell you I will be running the streets of Wall Street. Its male dominated but hey..

Her mother chuckled.

Mma Solomon: okay Mrs Wall Street, food now.

Mma Solomon walked with Maddy to KFC and she really did want their chicken.

Maddy: Mama so like....

Mma Solomon listened away as Maddy talked and she talked an awful lot when she was with her.

Mma Solomon: I hear you Maddy.

Maddy:ka nnete mama?kana I'm serious.I did my research about it.If papa can let me just at least help ka management.(really mom?)

Mma Solomon laughed.

Mma Solomon:let's see if your dad will give you a chance.

Maddy:aah!Anyway we'll talk plus I want to earn money while waiting for my results.

Mma Solomon:smart girl.

Maddy:yes cause I have two smart parents.

Mma Solomon:I'm so glad you don't want to become a doctor,imagine treating the corona virus 12 hours max with no break if e ne e ka tla mo Botswana.(if it was was to affect Botswana)

Maddy:Mama but you work in a hospital so...

Maduo shrugged her shoulders and her mother hit her with her with her purse and Maduo laughed.

Maddy:ke nnete though.(its the truth though)

Mma Solomon:whatever,let me go order o batla eng?(let me go order what do you want?)

Maddy:a crusher and any burger is fine.

Mma Solomon joined the queue.

The man who had bumped into Mma Solomon at the taxi rank noticed her and he was blown away.Had that dreadful look been a coverup because the woman here had let her weave loose and she was wearing some figure hugging long dress and sandals.People hide all that?

He approached her and well he was still blown

away.

Man:Hi.

Mma Solomon ignored.The person could not be speaking to her right?

Man:mam,ke ne ke re dumela.(Mam,I said hello)

She turned and she frowned.

Mma Solomon:Do I know you sir?

Man:you bumped into me the other day...

She remembered.

Mma Solomon:Oh!I really am sorry about that.

Man:I never got to introduce myself,ke nna Terrence but you can call me Terry.

Mma Solomon: Okay Terrence, pleasure meeting you.Precious.

Terry nodded he looked at her.She was beautiful,he knew there was potential and he

had seen it just now.

Mma Solomon went to the counter and ordered the meal.

Terry:are you alone?i can keep you company.

Mma Solomon:Sir,I don't sit at tables with strange men and have a pleasant day.

He watched her go sit at a table where there was a teenager typing on her phone.

He placed his order and sat at a table nearby.

Girl:Mama ka go bolella kana,I know papa will agree with me.(mom,I'm telling you,I know dad will agree with me)

Precious:your father sides with his wife child.Hai wa bua hlemma setse o tlhodia.(You're already being too loud gosh)

Terry was interested. She had a daughter? She must be a step daughter right? She looked way too young to have a teenage daughter. He looked at the married woman and the girl and he spotted the similarities. She must be her daughter then.

Mma Solomon rubbed her temples. Today Maduo was talking way too much and she wanted some peace and quiet. When their order was being called for she gave Maduo the receipt.

Mma Solomon: Tsamaya. (go)

Maddy: Mama sorry. I'll shut up but I....

Mma Solomon: mma a ko o tsamaye (just go)

Maduo sighed.

Maddy: fine but sorry... You listen and...

She noticed her mother was no longer paying attention and she went to get their order. She got carried away with talking a whole lot.

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A WEEK LATER

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#09

At Reba's house

Reba handed Sasha a cup of coffee.

Sasha: You don't have to do this, I can go home
ko go mama, you don't have to babysit.

Reba: kid quit complaining. How are you feeling?

Sasha: Worthless. Useless. Cheap. A whore. Trash.

She said with tears in her eyes. She wasn't okay at all with what happened to her.

Reba: you do know it's not your fault right?

She nodded as she sipped on the coffee.

Sasha: but I wished (sigh) I had listened to my gut ga ne e re ke seka ka tsamaya (when it said don't go) . I mean how am I supposed to form normal relationships?

Reba: With time I guess...

Sasha: so you were able to move on from the time they...

Reba:Sasha wa hetelela,that is none of your business.(Sasha you're going too far,that is none of your business)

Sasha:ok.But to think I liked the guy and I trusted my friend....Like she was the only friend I had.How do I move on from that?

Reba:That's why I recommend therapy.

Sasha:did you also get therapy?

Reba:Sasha....

Sasha backed off the topic she wanted to raise.

Sasha:But I still feel dirty and all that.I was unconscious when it happened but....

Tears welled in her eyes as she drank from her mug avoiding eye contact with her brother.Reba sighed.

Reba:This is a onetime thing,come here.

He opened his arms for her.

Sasha:to touch you?

She asked skeptically.That was unusual.

Reba:You want to cry and I'm offering my arms,I don't usually do this.

She put her mug down and just placed her head on his lap.

Sasha:I just wanted to have fun and be happy now I'll be miserable for the rest of my life because of that one reckless decision(Crying)I...

Reba:you'll be okay Sasha,..

Sasha:I don't feel like me anymore Reba.

Reba:I understand better than anyone,start therapy okay?It will do a lot for you and you're

still pretty.

Sasha sobbed on his lap as he pushed her weave aside.

Sasha:I...I'm sorry for b..b..being difficult.

Reba:It's in the past.Don't talk now.

Sasha:you're being sweet to me.

Reba chuckled.He was far from being sweet.

Reba:I'm not sweet,this is a onetime thing and don't tell anyone...

Sasha smiled a bit as she lifted her head to place it on his wide chest.

Sasha:your secret is safe with me bro...But how am I really date?

Reba:If there is such thing as the right guy he will understand but for now focus on school and try to heal.Don't rush into things you're not

ready for. The person who did this is a bastard and don't let this define you okay Sasha?

Sasha:ok...

She was really comfortable and she didn't know her brother had this side to him.

Sasha:I have to testify in court now...

Reba:It is going to be hard but be strong okay? Justice will get served and I will make sure of it..

Sasha:What if they let him off?(sobbing)

Reba:Sasha trust me they won't let him off. I will make sure of it okay?

She nodded and he gently rubbed her back. She closed her eyes and tried to calm down.

Reba: when are you starting therapy?

Sasha: Will it help?

Reba: a whole lot... It's okay...

She kept quiet. She will see what to do. She didn't know how to move on from this honestly. How she got to this point in her life was beyond her.

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At Broadhurst, Gaborone

Maddy smiled as she twirled in front of the mirror.

She loved the look.It was a dream come true.

Laone:Maduo ga o hetse ne mma?(Maduo are you done yet?)

Maddy:Almost,be patient guys.

Mma Solomon:(muttering)re tlile go bewa ke motho ha(she is going to keep us waiting)

Maduo twirled once more as she looked at her reflection.

She looked all grown up.Not exactly grown up but close.She smiled.

Mma Solomon:Maduo should we come in?a lot of people are already waiting for you...

Maduo breathed in and out before she went to open the door.

She pulled the door handle and she gasped as she blinked a couple of times.

Maduo:my God..mama...aah...

Mma Solomon: Surprise..

Maduo hugged her father tight as he held his daughter in his arms.

Maduo: weren't you busy ko Bobonong?

Rra Solomon: and miss your prom?

Maduo: mama you had a hand in this...thank you.

Her father let her go and held her at arm's length.

Rra Solomon: o ntse montle gore.. Wa galalela naletsana yame (you look so beautiful...you're glowing my star)

Maduo looked down as she blushed.

Laone: Family reunion over... Pictures... pictures...

They all chuckled as they looked at Laone who had her camera ready..

Mma Solomon took her husband's hand as they walked to the lounge..

Laone looked at the small family as she smiled sadly. She was still single and she had no kids..

Time was running out. She won't stay young forever.

She shook her head as she started snapping pictures.

Maduo smiled gleefully. Prom did the things today.. her father being here was everything for her.

Laone: Precious hlemma smile..

Mma Solomon smiled at the camera unaware of the loving look her husband was giving her

Laone captured that moment and she grinned.

A door knock interrupted the family moment.

Laone opened the door and gave Bogosi a stern look.

Bogosi cleared his throat as he looked down before he raised his head.

Bogosi: Good evening mam, I am Maduo's date for prom and I came to pick her up.

Laone raised an eyebrow before she broke into a full on grin.

Laone: sure, come on in..

Bogosi walked in with his heart beating wildly in his chest.

Rra Solomon gave him one glance and he swallowed hard.

He needed to get this over and done with.

He sat down and faced Maduo's father.

Bogosi: Dumelang.. Ke nna Bogosi Charles. (Hi.. I'm Bogosi Charles)

He extended his hand and Mr Solomon nodded as he looked at his hand. Bogosi quickly retracted his hand.

Maduo looked at her mother and her mother just shrugged.

Rra Solomon:so you're her prom date?

Bogosi:yes sir..

Rra Solomon:you do know she is underage.

Bogosi:ee rra(yes sir)

Rra Solomon:how are we supposed to trust you?

Bogosi:I..I.I came with a driver and here is my parent's number..

He took out a business card that had his parent's numbers and gave it to Mr Solomon.

Bogosi:If anything happens,I am accountable.You can also call them.They hired the car.

Rra Solomon nodded.

He seemed good enough.

Rra Solomon:I am entrusting you with my daughter tonight..bring her back home safe or else all hell will break loose.

Bogosi swallowed a lump as he repeatedly nodded.

Rra Solomon stood up and helped Maduo stand. He kissed her cheek.

Rra Solomon:stay safe..

Maduo:thank you daddy..

Laone took photos.Memories are important.

Maduo walked out with Bogosi.He was a good looking guy.Sweet too.

He opened the car door for her and she lifted her dress up as she stepped inside.Bogosi walked to the other side of the car and got inside.

The car started before it drove off to the venue.

Maduo:(laughing)o legatlapa waitse

Bogosi(You're a coward Bogosi)How can you let my father intimidate you?

Bogosi chuckled as he looked at her.

Bogosi:your father is scary Maddy.

Maduo:This looks like something from the movies..

Bogosi:You are stunning...

Maduo twiddled with her thumbs and Bogosi lifted her head up with his thumb.

Bogosi:You are the one making all of this perfect Maddy..

Now she was full on blushing and Bogosi gently rubbed her cheek.

Bogosi:I got this for you..

He handed her roses.He opened a small box and took out a bracelet

Bogosi:also for you...this is yours to keep.

Maduo:You don't have to..

Bogosi:I wanted to..

He took her hand and gently kissed it. Maduo felt all giddy. Wow.

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#10

At Broadhurst, Gaborone

Mma Solomon smiled as she held her husband's hand.

Mma Solomon: she is all grown up and thank you for coming here.

Rra Solomon: I wouldn't miss it for the world...

There was silence and Laone just excused herself.

Mma Solomon sighed as she looked at her husband. She had already thought about it.

Mma Solomon: uhm...

Her husband looked at her and she dropped her head.

Rra Solomon: what is it?

Mma Solomon changed her mind. She was not going to tell him. It was better that way.

Mma Solomon:just tired...Planning her prom stuff was exhausting..

He rubbed her thigh as she placed her head on his chest.

Rra Solomon:You will rest once we're home..

Mma Solomon:I guess so...how do you feel about having another child?

Rra Solomon looked at her and she just shrugged.

Rra Solomon:why are you asking?

Mma Solomon:just asking...

Rra Solomon:I don't want another child if we're going to hurt during the process..You were always so excited when you found out that we're expecting...

Mma Solomon:true..true..if we were to have one would this one survive?

Rra Solomon:I don't know.I actually don't know

love.

Mma Solomon sighed and rubbed his chest.

Rra Solomon:You want a child?

Mma Solomon:no..I have cried and it's enough.I don't think anything is going to change.

Rra Solomon:You never know with these things..

Mma Solomon:I guess..

She released sighed in contentment.She will tell her husband the news some other time..Or better yet not at all.

At Kitso's place

Kitso bit her lip as she tried calling Sasha.She must have blocked her.

Damn Kaone for implicating her in all of these.

She searched Sasha's facebook account and she couldn't find it.She blocked her across all

social media platforms. Just wow!

She shouldn't have agreed to all of that..now she lost a friend.

She put her phone down and rubbed her temples. She doesn't need a criminal record right now. God!! She needs to come up with a backup plan. Something. Anything, so that she is not implicated in all of this. Fuck.

At Tumi's house

Tumi searched Rebabedi on Facebook. She still could not get over the fact that she met him and actually talked to him.

He was a very private person but the few pictures he posted were enough to make her wish he was her virgin breaker.

She placed her phone on her chest. Maybe. The crush would not go away. What if they were

meant to be?What if?

Thuto walked in on her sister holding her phone with her eyes closed.

Thuto:Who is the guy?

Tumi snapped out of it and her eyes snapped open.

Tumi:none of your business...what do you want?

Thuto:a ko bue kwaa(Talk...)

Tumi blushed and sat crosslegged on her bed.

Tumi:Sis before you say I am crazy..I have thia huge cruah on him hlemma wena...

Thuto smiled.

Thuto:Just a crush?

Tumi hit her with the pillow..

Tumi:he ia out of my league...

Thuto:who is he?

Tumi:Rebabedi..

Thuto:oh boy!I would be encouraging you to go after him but ai...yoo mma...nyaa(that one...no)

Tumi:(whining)I know Tee...Urg..I know..I sound craazy but ka mmatla(I want him)I told myself that this is a childish crush but I want him so bad....

Thuto:sis,forget it...I don't want you to be heartbroken...

Tumi sighed.

Thuto:Sis forget..lebala.O ya go itsenya stress ka motho yo o ka sekeng a go batla O go bone and kile a kopa dinumbera?(Forget.Don't stress about someone who will never want you.He once saw you and did he ask for your number?)

Tumi shook her head.

Thuto:exactly..What do you want to eat?

Tumi:anything ia fine...

Thuot:okay..

Thuto walked out of her room and Tumi just took her phone and looked at Rebabedi's picture once again.

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#11

At Tumi's place

She looked at the phone screen again.

Tumi:o bona wena...one day ia one day(you..one day is one day)

She placed her phone down and headed to the bathroom to freshen up.Rebabedi had an aura of superiority and dominance and that made him ten times nore attractive.

She shuddered as she thought about his hands

holding her down.

He was everything a man was supposed to be.

She finished getting ready and she grabbed her doctor's coat and handbag.

She walked out of her bedroom and saw Thuto watching tv.

Tumi:Ke tsamaya ka plate(I'm taking the plate with me).I'm supposed to be on duty in 30 minutes.

Thuto:okay.But akere no more daydreaming about Rebabedi Tumi akere?

She nodded.

Thuto:Good.You know he is not your type le wena o kgonne go iponela mma(you saw for yourself)These rich people always have problems mma.

Tumi:I hear you sister.

Tumi placed her stuff on the couch and headed

to the kitchen where she wrapped the plate with the foil wrap.

Thuto:Tumi for real.These rich people live life ya senovel(their lives are like those of novels)

Tumi:(shouting)Thuto...I understand mma..No need to lecture me pkus I am older than you.

Thuto:Regardless.Lona ba ba bothhale o itlhela le itse dibuka fela,le sa itse botshelo(Intelligent people are always book smart but they don't know life)Advice.From one sister to another Tumi..

Tumi:(rolling her eyes)Sure Thuto.Let me dash.See you in the morning.

She held the plate in one hand as Thuto placed the coat on her shoulder and held her handbag.

Thuto opened the door for her and walked out.Taking out the keys,Thuto opened the door for her and took the plate,placing it on the passenger seat.

Tumi:Thanks sis.

Thuto:sure..bye.

Tumi took the keys and got inside.She breathed in before she started the car...

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At Maduo's prom

Maddy:Oh gosh thank you...

Thabi:Friend,you look hot.You and Bogosi take the cup for best matching couple.

Maduo giggled as she sipped on her orange juice.

Maduo:I'm sure the others are better than us.

Thabi:just take the credit tlhe..I have a question.

Maddy:shoot..

Thabi:are you dating Bogosi?

Maddy:whaat?God no..we're friends

Thabi:just friends?You know you can tell me anything..like anything..

Maddy:there is nothing going on between us Rethabile..

Thabi:but the way he looks at you..bona..

Thabi placed her juice down on the table and held Maduo's shoulders..

Thabi:Maddy bona...(Maddy look)

Maduo caught Bogosi looking at her and her face reddened.

Thabi:My God!You're blushing...urg.You two would be a cute couple.

Maddy:But Bogo...

Thabi interrupted her.

Thabi:he likes you.You only live once friend.

Maduo shrugged.

Maddy:ke tla bona(I'll see)

Rethabile smiled. Her job was done. She picked her glass of juice and she drank it, silently celebrating.

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At Rachel's place

Rachel sat cross legged on the couch as she stared at her phone. She hoped that it would ring but it didn't.

She picked it up and scrolled down her contact list and clicked on Rebabedi's number.

Should she call him? He hasn't called for a week and she was healed now. It was unbelievable that that kind of sex would turn her on but it did.

Instead she dialled Nicole's number.

Nicole: Rachel hlemma wena you're interrupting my session..

Rachel laughed softly. Nikky was crazy like that.

Nicole:Mr wait..ke bua ke Rachel ka kwano,re tla tsweledisa(Mr wait ..I'm talking to Rachel,we'll continue)

Rachel could understand small bits of the language and she smiled.

Rachel:Don't tell me you stopped having sex because I called(laughing)

Nicole:and it was good.Thia better be good Rachel...I need to get dicked mma...

Rachel:urg..continue..we'll continue this conversation in the morning..

Nicole:ng ng talk...Gape he is frustrated.I'll probably beg hin after this phone call.What is it?

Rachel:Reba..

Nicole rolled her eyes at the other end of the line.

Nicole:You're still with him?

Rachel:I think I am falling for him...

Nicole:Rachel wake up and smell the coffee,does he call you unless he needs your body?is he sweet?does he cuddke you?does he take you out?

Rachel:Nikky you know that...

Nikky:Hold it right there..don't give me the its complicated card...

Rachel:But it is...

Nikky:it is not..He gives zero fucks about you mma..keore o monate thata moo o tshabang go ko tlogela(is he that good that you can't leave him)

Rachel:what was that?

Nikky:nothing...uhm Rachel don't expect me to console you when he breaks your heart mma..he just needs you to satisfy his needs.Nothing more.But you had to choose the coldest of them all...

Rachel:Reba is....

Nikky:I once saw him mma and he is hot and all but no...friend...no....from the little you told me.No.Le tla swa bo Rachel.Yalls would die for dick and sex ai no...

Rachel:He is good in that department...

She closed her eyes as she remembered Rebabedi's hands on her boobs when he was securing the nipple clamp on them.She moaned softly..

Nikky:naare lekgoa ke wena wa nopelwa o bua le nna?ae mma..go sharpo(are you seriousky getting horny whilst talking to me...no mam...bye)

Nicole hung up and Rachel just placed the phone down and headed to her room.

She just got naked and took out her vibrator.

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#12

At Rachel's House

Rachel sighed in contentment after her mini session.

She covered her breast with the fleece as she took her phone.

She scrolled down her contacts again and she clicked on Rebabedi's number.

Rachel:(breathing in and out)You can do this.He won't lose it.

She clicked on the video call button and she waited as it rung This was her first time doing this and she already knew she broke the rules.

The phone rang for minutes before he answered.She sucked in a deep breath as she saw him in only his towel.

She wished she could touch all that chocolate but she will have to wait for him.

Reba:You do know you broke the rules,don't you Rachel?

He said with no hint of a smile on his face.Why does he have to take everything so seriously?

Rachel:I know,the thing is....

Reba:are you getting attached Rachel?

She shook her head.She could feel the simmering temper beneath those words.

Reba:so hang up now.I don't do clingy and

attached women. You know you are my
submissive, you come when I call. Not the other
way around. Got it?

She nodded.

Reba: Good.

She hung up and just covered her face with her
hands. Why does he have to remind her that he
has the upper hand? She knew what she was
signing up for when he said he wanted a sexual
relationship with her. Sexual and nothing else.

But she was developing feelings. How does she
turn them off when she was already attached?

Maybe this is lust and not love.

Her aim was not achieved so she better leave
it. How do these women keep men that do not
want to be kept. She should be grateful that her
body is resting and is not put to the test with his

sadistic ways of having sex.

She called Nicole again. She waited for her to answer.

Nikky: What is it? You called me twice in one night.

Rachel: (holding back tears) You're right. This is not worth it.

Nikky: what changed your mind?

Rachel: I just called him. For the first time ever and he was so rude. He even asked me to hang up. That he calls the shots and not me.

Nicole shook her head. She knew that Rebabedi Kgosi was not good for her friend. She had long waited for Rachel to break down over him. Men like him are not for the faint hearted.

Nikky:you will heal from this.Did you break it off?

Rachel:uh...uhm noo...

Nikky:(sighing)I thought you called it quits.So you're crying your eyeballs out and you are still with him?

Rachel:it's complicated Nicole.

Nikky:uncomplicate it jeez woman!Kana if you're gonna be crying anout him all the time and wait for his call then that is not a relationship...

Rachel:I know.Maybe once the lust evaporates.

Nikky:Cut your losses.Rachie cut your losses girl and move on.You honestly can't cry everyday anticipating a phonecall you'll get once a month...stop being stupid.Don't think with your cunt for fuck's sake.Imma say this once,don't call me if it involves Reba.Wa lapisa

Iweena aah(You're annoying)

Rachel:Bye.Sorry for disturbing your peace.Nicole.Byee!!

Rachel hung up and just sobbed silently holding her mouth.She knew he wanted them to just fuck but she thought along the way he would feel something for her.Anything.

Now she is stuck with these feelings for him and he doesn't care if she is well amidst the virus and all.Wow!

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After prom Bogosi instructed the driver to drive them to Maddy's place.

Maddy:I can't thank you enough Bogosi.Prom was a blast and you made it better.

Bogosi:welcome.You were beautiful.

Maddy:thank you.

Bogosi:anytime.

Silence enveloped the car as Maddy twiddled her thumbs and Bogosi kept on rehearsing lines in his head.

Both:so....

Maduo giggled and Bogosi chuckled

Maduo:you first

Bogosi chuckled nervously as he wondered if she will even agree.

Bogosi rubbed his chin.

Bogosi:uhm Maduo you know you're a great girl...

Maduo smiled.

Bogosi:I know it might turn you off but...

Maduo raised an eyebrow.

Bogosi:I like you..

Maduo:really?Okay.

Bogosi's smile faded as he heard her reply. It was just okay.

Maduo: Look Bogosi, you're a good guy and you are well... a looker....

Bogosi: are you gonna give me the 'it's me, not you' line?

Maduo laughed.

Maduo: no.. Look at it this way. I like you too...

Bogosi smiled.

Maduo: but only as a friend. Thank you so much for making me your prom date and I will forever be grateful for that because this was a milestone.

His smile faded and he looked at her. She

was even smiling while she messed up with his pride. It took a lot of guts to tell her that he likes her.

Maduo: I know you want to ask me out Bogosi..
She chortled before she continued.

Maduo: It's nothing personal bro but I am a very focused individual. I want goals first before boys. Not that my mother would have a problem with me dating but my guy... love is not for people like me.

Bogosi nodded and Maduo patted his back.

Maduo: o ska ngala (don't sulk)

Bogosi smiled.

Bogosi: Maduo o sebeta, goriana wa

nkgomotsa(Maduo you're brave,you're conforing me now)

Maduo:Akere it is nothing personal Bogosi..I like you too but I won't pursue a relationship Mr.

Bogosi:mxm...

Maduo:ija.Stop sulking like a child Bogosi,you're grown Mr..

The car came to a stop in front of Laone's house.

Maduo:You're gonna walk me to the door.Please this time don't be afraid of my dad,he won't do a thing.

Bogosi:You are difficult.Okay,let's go.

Bogosi got out and opened the door for her.

She held her dress and got out of the car.

Maduo:you are such a gentleman.

Bogosi:shut up(laughing)

Bogosi walked Maduo to the door. He knocked twice before Rra Solomon opened the door.

Maduo smiled.

Maduo: papa..

Bogosi: Sir, here she is. Safe and home.

Rra Solomon: thank you young man.

Bogosi: Anytime sir. Have a good night.

He shook Rra Solomon's hand and he walked away.

Maduo walked inside the house with her father.

Maduo: Prom was awesome, you guys will see the pictures tomorrow. Love you dad. Nna ka go robala (I am going to sleep)

She stood on her tippy toes and kissed his cheek before heading to the bedroom.

She was exhausted.

Meanwhile in the car Bogosi dialed Rethabile's number.

Bogosi:Thabi wee thanks.

Thabi:You sound down,o go ganne?(she said no?)

Bogosi:yep.She says she likes me too but doesn't want to pursue a relationship.

Thabi:I'll tal-

Bogosi:Nah leave it.She doesn't want me and that's that...No need to convince her otherwise.

Thabi:okay.But I am sorry,I know you actually liked her.

Bogosi chuckled.

Bogosi:we are still friends so that counts for something...

Rethabile laughed at the other end of the line.

Thabi:it does,maybe..You two looked good tonight.

Bogosi:we did neh...uhm I have to go.

Thabi:bye and maybe you two are not meant to be..

Bogosi:maybe..bye.

He hung up and the driver started the car.He was heading home now.

Such a sleek rejection?wow...

The following morning

At Laone's house

Laone looked at her sister who was busy with the dishes.

Laone:You know you don't have to do that.

Mma Solomon:I have to keep busy.I am nervous.

Laone:You haven't told him?

Mma Solomon breathed in.

Mma Solomon:I..I mean how?This pregnancy keore it is just there and I don't want it.I am happy with Maduo.

Laone:maybe things will be fine with this one.Have a little faith.

Mma Solomon:faith didn't bring back the dead children did it...you don't understand akere you are not a mother and have never been pregnant before.

Laone looked at her sister on shock.

Laone:Wow...that was below the belt(mouth agape)wow

Mma Solomon:Lao...

Laone:go sharpo mma(it's fine mam)

Laone walked out and Mma Solomon rubbed her temples.She was just all over the place.She

didn't mean it like that...

She continued with doing the dishes.

Laone held back her tears. Yes she has never been pregnant and has never had kids but that was a really low blow.

She sat down on her bed as the tears fell on their own.

She wiped them away. Is it her fault that she hasn't found the one that she is willing to fall pregnant for? Or that she is not married but envies happy families?

It is not her fault.

What Precious said was really low and it hurt.

Maduo walked inside the kitchen.

Maduo: You're up early mama.

Mma Solomon:yes.You have to start packing,we're leaving tomorrow.

Maduo:that's early but okay.You're making breakfast?Should I help?

Mma Solomon:no..I will handle this.

Maduo walked out and she said goodmorning to her father while she was on her way to start packing.

Rra Solomon:morning.

Mma Solomon:morning..

Rra Solomon:are you okay?

Mma Solomon:yes..why are you asking?

Rra Solomon:You seen nervous.

Mma Solomon:not at all.Breakfast will be ready...

He gave her a look and she just gave him onebin return.he walked out of the kitchen and

she breathed in.

She hoped the food won't make her nauseous or it will give everything away.

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#13

At Rebabedi's house

He sipped on his cup of black coffee

He had contemplated his decision over and over again.It was time to cut his losses.He did not need attached and clingy women.

He put his mug down and dialed Rachel's number.

It rang for a minute before she answered.She was sniffing and thatjust solidified his final decision.

Reba:Can we meet for a few minutes,I won't waste your time.

Rachel:you're(sniffling) breaking up with me right?right?

Reba:Rachel,I made it clear that there are no feelings attached.

Rachel:so that makes it right?I thought you were human and....

Reba:you thought wrong.The sex was okay.

Rachel:okay??Just okay?

Rebamedi sighed.He pinched his nose.Women were stressful and he did not want drama.

Now she caught feelings and he has to do damage control.

Reba:Rachel if you're looking for comfort then you're wasting your time.I was trying to let you down easily but...

Rachel:you sadistic bastard...

Reba chuckled.

Reba:watch it,just cause I am breaking off the sexual relationship doesn't mean you get to disrepect me Rachel.Know your limits woman.

Rachel:what are you going to do huh?You are an arrogan,cold,sadistic,controlling son of a bitch(shouting)

Reba:and how will that soothe your stupid feelings?

Rachel sobbed some more at the other end of the line and Reba found it annoying.He never led her on and she is being this melodramatic..

She sniffed at the other end as she wiped her tears.

Rachel:You're right,it won't soothe my feelings.

Reba:Goodbye Rachel.Delete my number.

With that he hung up and Sasha walked in.

Sasha:Dumelang(Good morning)

Reba:Morning.

Sasha:Who got you all worked up?are you seeing someone?

Reba:Sasha...

Sasha:geez,sorry.Just wanted to know because you never brought a girl home.

Reba gave her a bored look and Sasha went to the coffeemaker machine and poured herself some coffee.

She wondered how he manages to drink it that bitter.

She put some milk and sugar.

Reba:you look better.

Sasha:some days are better than others.Still not ready to face the world yet but I guess life moves on.

Reba:you need to see a therapist,especially with the court case coming up.

Sasha:people will be there?

Reba:unfortunately yes.You'll be strong.

He glanced at his now cold coffee and shook his head.

Reba:I have to go to work..

Sasha:okay.

Reba walked out and Sasha asked herself a thousand questions.Why was her brother so secretive and he was always sombre looking.

She drank her coffee.She will just go crazy yet again in this lonely house.

All she ever thinks about is her stolen virginity and how her friend just sold her.

She was so stupid for trusting her.How can she

trust someone who has sugar daddies?

Tears welled in her eyes. She just placed the mug down and rushed to the room Reba said she could use.

She was not HIV positive luckily but he stole her virtue.

She locked the door as the tears slid down her cheeks. She covered her mouth so as to not make noise with her sobs.

She was trash. How will people look at her now.

She has avoided social media and she didn't want to be called out in public but she will have to testify in court.

She can't. She just can't.

This is too much.

She won't be able to deal with that. It won't get better with time, people will find her disgusting.

With that she rushed to the bathroom and she looked around. She opened the medicine cabinet. It was empty.

She sat on the toilet seat as she started to think. She bit her lower lip. There has to be something toxic around here.

Meanwhile in Rebabedi's room

He walked out of the shower and he watched his phone ring. He saw the caller id and decided not to answer the call.

He was not in the mood to deal with his grandfather.

At Rachel's house

She looked at the phone as her hands shook. She will not break down because of this asshole. She blinked plenty of time before she

threw the phone and it hit the wall. The poor phone suffered her anger and the screen cracked.

She shook her head. How can he do that? He was so cold. She was starting to fall for him and he called her feelings stupid?

Stupid? Her body has been through a lot for his pleasure and he says she was ok in bed?

Wow!

She just wiped the tears that wouldn't stop coming.

She was blinded by lust and the possibility of ending up with Rebabedi...

She just cried alone. How in the world is she supposed to find someone who will do her in bed like Reba?

Rebabedi's House

Rebamedi took his briefcase and walked out. The house was oddly silent.

Reba: Sasha??

Sasha wiped her tears and tried to calm down. He is leaving.

Sasha: I am fine. Bye.

Reba sighed. He could hear from her reply that she was crying.

Reba: We can go to work together and you can check out the financial department cause it's your speciality..

He never does this. It felt strange.

Sasha sniffed. She didn't want the stares and the judgemental looks she will get from people.

Sasha:no,ke sharpo.

Rebabedi sighed.

Reba:are you sure?

Sasha:positive.You'll be late for work.

Reba:okay.

He walked out of the house and entered the code which locked the house.

When Sasha was sure he was gone she unlocked her bedroom door.

She silently walked out and she checked the coast.

She walked to the kitchen and took the 1litre jug and walked to the bathroom.

She looked around and she closed the bathroom door.

She poured the Jik bleach inside the jug and she looked at it. This was finally it for her.

In Rebabedi's car

His mother called and he connected her to the car sound system.

Reba:mother.

Mma Kgosi:Rebabedi how is Sasha doing?

Reba:It is hard.I don't think she is ready to testify in court.I suggested therapy...

Mma Kgosi:Therapy would do her good,can I check up on her?

Reba:you are free to do so I know my home is off limits but all you had to do was ask for the password.

His mother chuckled..

Mma Kgosi:You have long pushed us out of

your life ever since you came back.

Reba:can we not talk about that?

Mma Kgosi:for how long will we not talk about it Rebabedi?

Reba:it is in the past.I am okay now.

Mma Kgosi:you are not okay Rebabedi and you know it.

Reba:let me give you the password for the gate and the house.

His mother sighed.He was not willing to talk about it.

He spelt out the password.

Mma Kgosi:okay,I got it.Thanks.By the way your grandfather called.He said you should answer his phone calls.

Rebabedi ignored that last statement.He will talk to him when he feels like it.

Reba:welcome mother.

He ended the call and dialed the security company.

Man:Mr Kgosi,goodmorning how can we be of assistance?

Reba:I would like to change the passcode for the gate and the password for the house by tomorrow morning.Will you be able to do that?

Man:of course sir,was there a break in we were not aware of?

Reba:no.Nothing of that sort.Tomorrow morning by eight.

Man:Yes sir.Have a good day.

He ended the call and kept his eyes on the road.

He has to do everything himself.

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#14

At Mma Kgosi's house

She got ready.Katso was at school so he might check up on his sister some other time.

She headed to the kitchen and she took out her Tupperware.

She put in muffins and some fruits...

Yesterday's late night dinner was also included in the food to take to Sasha.

She doubts that Reba is cooking proper meals for Sasha.She was just happy to go see Sasha.

She hummed to herself as she poured frshly squeezed orange juice into a bottle.

Home made...

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At Rachel's place

Rachel sniffed. She hated Reba so much.

How could he do this to her? She gave him her body and whenever he needed her, she was always there. Even if it was sexual she was always there.

She felt used. Now he can get a happy ending with some girl. A girl which is not her.

She walked to the kitchen and she took out her wine glass. She opened the wine and filled the glass to the brim.

He is so full of his damn self. Discrediting women as if they are dirty laundry.

She was so angry. That man was so annoying. Why did she have to fall for him knowing how easily she falls in love?

He should have a sign attached to him

written "TOXIC.DANGER TO THE FEMALE SPECIES"

She gulped her wine in one go and poured herself another glass full. Today she is just taking out the pain in her heart.

It was like she had been stabbed a thousand times and the pain wouldn't go.

Was he going to move on soon after this breakup?

Who was he going to be with?

She just placed her glass of wine down and rubbed her head frustrated. Her hair was a mess and would she be showing up for work today?

Her bosses are probably calling her phone.

She laughed. No. They don't know how deep his mark is on her skin.

They will never understand.

She sipped her wine while thinking of ways of

getting over him. The overdramatic ex-girlfriend thing is overrated. Many women tried drama and it did not hurt.

Oh what the hell she will think of something, she is not the kind of woman to be hurt that way and just take it lying down.

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At Rebabedi's house

Sasha closed her eyes. She is already going to hell for this but she can't take this hell on earth. Questioning herself every waking moment.

She went on her knees and brought her hands together.

Sasha: God, I lived my life not acknowledging Your presence or existence but I knew you there. I guess the rape was punishment for my evil deeds.

A tear dropped and she breathed in.

Sasha:I know my wrongs and it just messed with me.I feel like a part of me is gone and I think it's okay since I am killing myself.I...

Her lips quivered and more tears fell down to her chin.She just collapsed on the bathroom floor.

She should die.This was not the life she ordered and she didn't want to live that life anymore.She didn't.At all.

She opened her eyes and looked at the jug full of Jik.It would surely kill her.

She wiped her tears with her arms.She then proceeded to use both hands to hold the bleach.

Sasha:we can do this(sniffling)Baby you can do this.You are going to hell anyway.

She brought the jug to her lips and she could smell the bleach.This was finally it.

The smell was revolting but she had to do this.

She sipped and it burned her tongue slightly.

She moved the jug away from her lips and breathed slightly.

Either she drinks this or endures more love suffering.

Her mind had already made a decision. Would rather drink the whole damn jug.

She closed her eyes and brought the jug to her lips.

She slowly started drinking the bleach regardless of the burning sensation. She gulped the last drop and after that she just placed the jug on the floor.

Maybe it would take time.

She looked at the Jik once again and she took the whole bottle, bringing it to her lips..

Mma Kgosi was making her way through the traffic slowly. She switched the radio station and hummed to the beat of the current song being played.

She was finally going to be checking on her only daughter. She was going to spend the whole day with her.

She smiled alone. Her late husband loved his kids and she didn't want Sasha to be alone. She didn't want her to push people out. Trauma has the ability to change people.

It did that to her brother, although he is okay. He is not okay and he won't admit it.

Whenever things are jolly it annoys him. She has never ever seen him bring a girl home and now his grandfather wants him to marry.

Reba being stubborn does not want to but he will have to though she wanted him to choose

his own wife. But ke, they have their own culture. His grandfather says he knows best.

Mma Kgosi stopped by Pick n Pay. She parked her car and got out.

Some extra junk food for her to binge on. Then she will make it to Rebabedi's house.

She smiled. Sasha will not feel lonely today as long as she keeps her company.

At Nicole's

She tried Rachel's phone but it sent her to voicemail. She sighed frustrated.

How the hell can she miss work without giving a reason?

She was trying to save her ass but she was not answering the damn phone.

She placed her phone down as she pulled down her skirt.

She saw a client walk in and she fixed her smile.

Nikky: Goodmorning. Dazzling Spa and Beauty treatments at your service.

Woman: I am here for an appointment with the masseur. I heard she is the best in town.

Nicole stopped herself from biting her lip.

Rachel was so gonna get fired. Where the hell was she? She is the best masseuse there is in the place. She studied the fucking course and now she was missing. Bloody white bitch.

Nikky: take a seat mam, you are next after the lady who is the massage room currently.

The woman took a seat and Nicole politely moved from her reception desk. She poured cold water in a glass for the lady. She added a lemon slice and gave it to her.

Woman:thank you.

She nodded as she smiled and headed back to the reception desk.

She dialed Rachel one more time and it still went to voicemail.

Her boss walked out of her office and smiled at the customers who smiled back.

Boss:Nicole,Rachel still has not shown up?(whispering)

She shook her head.

Her boss just sighed.

Boss:I will deal with her.Have a good day.

She walked to her office as her high heels clicked on the marble floor.

She sighed.Rachel was in deep trouble and her boss was already furious.

Mma Kgosi walked out of the shop. She couldn't wait to spend time with Sasha. She hated to admit it but she missed her.

She walked with a spring in her step as she unlocked her car. She opened the door and placed the plastics on the passenger seat before proceeding to go open the driver's side.

She closed the door, buckled up and started the car.

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#15

At Laone's house

Mma Solomon finished preparing the breakfast.

She wasn't nauseous as thus didn't raise any suspicions. Her husband would just have to forgive her for what she was gonna do.

She needed to check a few things and maybe try to rectify the problem.

She dished for everyone and she rubbed her hands against her pants.

She walked out and found Maduo in the lounge on her phone. She had headsets and she really wasn't focused on the tv.

She shook her a bit and Maduo removed one headset. She looked at her mother.

Mma Solomon: Food is ready.

Maduo: thanks mama..

She smiled and walked to Laone's bedroom. She knocked and there was no answer. She pushed

the door open and she found Laone just staring at the ceiling.

Her eyes were a bit swollen. She had been crying and it was her fault.

Mma Solomon: Laone I'm...

Laone laughed slightly.

Laone: go sharpo. It's okay Precious, just cause I don't have a child doesn't mean I can't advice.

Mma Solomon: I...

Laone: You are apologising cause you feel guilty, you don't mean it..

Mma Solomon: I mean it, it was just hormones acting up.

Laone: sure whatever you say.

Mma Solomon: Sorry Laone. Tlhemma o ska ngala (please don't sulk)

Laone tried not to smile.

Mma Solomon:just smile.I am sorry Laone
mma,just smile.

Laone tried to keep a straight face but she
ended up smiling.

Mma Solomon:You see..breakfast in ready.

Laone:okay.Give me a minute.

Mma Solomon headed to the bedroom she
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currently sharing with her husband.

She opened the door and she found him
shirtless.

She cleared her throat..

He turned.

Rra Solomon:Done?

She nodded.

Rra solomon:stop staring then Precious.

Mma Solomon:I am not..

Rra Solomon:You are.

Mma Solomon:Just get dressed.

Rra Solomon:ga nka gana o ka ntheng?(If I refuse what will you do to me?)

She blushed as she picked a t-shirt,throwing it at him.

He caught it with one hand and gave her a side smile.

Mma Solomon:Get dressed Mr.

Rra Solomon just approached her and pulled her to him with the t-shirt.

Mma Solomon:ae therra(smiling)

Rra Solomon:Ae wa eng?(laughing)

Mma Solomon blushed and he just tipped her head up as he gently kissed her.

Mma Solomon:There are people in the lounge

and they will hear us..

Rra Solomon:o ska goa(don't scream)

She shook her head smiling.She was not going to do this here.

Rra Solomon:tlhemma,ga ke diege(please,I won't be long)

Mma Solomon:breakfast is ready.Come eat.

Rra Solomon:keore wa gana?(you're denyjng me?)

She shook her head.

Mma Solomon:No..

Rra Solomon chuckled as he pulled her even closer.She felt his erection and she swallowed her words.

Rra Solomon:Precious keore you want to leave me like this?

Mma Solomon:I..Uhm...

Rra Solomon:I won't be long.I promise.

She threw her head back laughing.

Mma Solomon:Nopa e buisa batho dilo,gatwe I won't be long?(being horny makes people spurt nonsense,I won't be too long?)

Rra Solomon laughed as he looked at her.

Rra Solomon:mxm,ntseye sentle tlhemma...

She looked at him..

He just rubbed himself on her and she closed her eyes.Tempting.So tempting.

She held onto his pectoral muscles.

Rra Solomon:You want this,I won't be long.A quickie...

Mma Solomon:uh..

He shut her up with a kiss as he started to unbutton his pants..[Explicit]

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At Rebabedi's house

Mma Kgosi parked her car by the side of the road. She walked out of the car and she pressed the keypad entering the passcode Rebabedi gave her.

The gate opened and she went back to her.

The car parked nicely on the paved ground as the gate closed.

She took out her plastics and Tupperware dishes when she got out of her car.

She walked to the door and pressed the buttons entering the passcode.

The door slid open and she walked in.

She made her way to the kitchen where she put the plastic bags and the Tupperware dishes.

After that she held her hip. Time to surprise Sasha.

Mma Kgosi:Sasha!(shouting)

There was no response and the house was oddly quiet.

She didn't know whether Rebabedi will appreciate her checking the rooms in his house.

She tried one door and it was locked. She kept on trying the doors which turned out to be locked.

She found one ajar and walked in.

She saw Sasha's phone.

This must be her room.

Mma Kgosi:Sasha wee!It's ne,your mom...

She checked the bathroom that was in the room and she was not there.

She rubbed her temples. Where is she? Apparently she hardly goes anywhere.

She called Reba.

Mma Kgosi:Ga ke bone Sasha(I can't find Sasha)

Reba frowned at the end of the line.What does she mean that she can't find Sasha?

Reba:She is usually in her room or in the kitchen.What do you mean?

Mma Kgosi:exactly that..

Rebamedi:try looking for her,I know for sure that she didn't leave the house.

Mma Kgosi sighed and hung up.

If she wasn't in her room where could she be?

She walked around Sasha's room before she gave up and walked out.

She walked along the passage.She passed the closed main bathroom as she was oblivious that Sasha was inside.

She walked to the lounge and sat down. Where could Sasha be if she has not left the house yet?

Meanwhile in the bathroom, Sasha's breathing slowed down as she experienced seizures with white foam coming out of her mouth. Her eyes rolled back as she breathed heavily.

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#16

At Laone's house

He lifted her off of him and he laid her gently on the bed.

She breathed heavily as she looked at him hooded eyelids.

He smirked and winked at her. She smiled and just tiredly picked a pillow throwing it at him.

Rra Solomon:happy?

She smiled wider.

Mma Solomon:yes..I wasn't too loud akere?

Rra Solomon:you were..

She sat upright and looked at him.

Mma Solomon:You..

Rra Solomon:hey hey,you enjoyed it..

She grinned.

Mma Solomon:I did,didn't I?

He sat on the bed and he pulled her close.

Rra Solomon:I missed this..

Mma Solomon:It was only for a week,don't act

all starved...

Rra Solomon:I was.

Mma Solomon:I need a shower.I am all sweaty and we need to eat..

He chuckled as hebkissed her forehead.

Rra Solomon:okay,whatever you say...

Mma Solomon smiled then her smile faded.The house has no ensuite which means they have to go the bathroom and Laone and Maduo will see them.

Mma Solomon:I have a feeling we reek of sex and you know we have to get out of the

bedroom to head to the bathroom.

Rra Solomon:so?

She gently hit his chest.

Mma Solomon:they will know what they did..

Rra Solomon:is that so worrying?

Mma Solomon:yes.Wena kana..

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At Rebabedi's house

Mma Kgosi bit her lip.

She stood up and called out her name.

Mma Kgosi:Sasha...Sasha wee...

She checked all the rooms yet again and

nothing.

She just decided to walk into the bathroom and immediately as she walked in she stood still.

She shook her head. Tears welled her eyes as she rushed towards the almost lifeless body on the floor.

She went on her knees as she shook her.

Mma Kgosi: Sahsa (shaky voice) Ngwanaka!

Sasha's body shook as the froth in her mouth increased.

Mma Kgosi checked for a pulse and it was still there but weak.

She lifted her head up so that she couldn't

choke and die from her spit.

She was panicking but she needs to do what was necessary to save her.

She couldn't leave her here and the private hospital they normally head to was far from where Reba was living.

She needed to call an ambulance, she won't be able to carry her alone.

Her tears fell as she tried to make her sit upright.

Her eyes opened and closed repeatedly..

She rushed out of the bathroom and took her phone dialing the ambulance.

Mma Kgosi:I need an ambulance..(shaky voice)

She gave them an address as fast as she could and rushed to the bathroom.

She checked her pulse and it was weak.

Her heart palpitated but she needed to make sure Sasha was going to be okay.

She removed her t-shirt and wiped the foam that was gathering in her mouth.She shouldn't choke on her on spit.

She gently hit her cheek.

Mma Kgosi:tlhemma wena o ska swa(crying)

She continued wiping the foam that formed in

her mouth as she continuously checked her pulse to make sure that she is still alive.

She can't lose her only daughter. She has seen enough and she can't lose her.

Mma Kgosi:(crying)stay with me hlemma wena.I can't lose you...I can't Sasha...try to stay with me here.

She checked her pulse yet again and it was still weak. She held her in her arms as she cried. She pushed her hair back as she cradled Sasha.

She heard the sirens of the ambulance and relief washed over her features as she wiped the froth from her mouth.

She is her daughter how can she be

embarrassed of doing such?

Her life is much more important to her...

She just sat her upright and ran to the door.

She ran to the gate and entered the passcode to allow the ambulance to drive in.

The medical officers got out from the back as two of them rolled out a stretcher...

She slid the door open and led them to the bathroom where Sasha was still laying..

Medical officer 1:We need to lift her out of here,check her pulse...

The nurse checked her pulse.

Nurse:weak but still there.

They carried her out of the bathroom as Mma Kgosi wiped her tears.

She followed them as they placed her on the stretcher.

They made her wear an oxygen mask.

Medical officer 2:mam we need details,what did she swallow?

Mma Kgosi paused as she then remembered the jug that she saw and the Jik bleach bottle open.She must've have drank that..

Mma Kgosi:Jik.O nole jik(she drank Jik)

Nurse:an acid.Bleach.How long was it?

She shook her head.

Mmma Kgosi:I don't know..I found her minutes

ago.

Medical officer 1:are you going with us mam to the hospital?

She shook her head.

Mma Kgosi:which hospital?

Medical officer1:The closest from here is Jubilee hospital.

She nodded and she watched them close the door and the sirens started as they drove off.

She walked to the house and took her car keys and phone.

She went to her car and dialed Reba...

Reba answered.

Reba:mother...

Mma Kgosi:Sasha tried to commit suicide..

Silence followed as Reba thought about it.

Reba:which hospital?

Mma Kgosi:Jubilee..

Reba:on my way.

With that he hung and she started her car.

She drove out of the yard and the gate closed.She rubbed her tears and looked at the road.

Can this family get a break?What if she dies on the way to the hospital?

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#17

At Kgosi Investments

Reba rubbed his temples.Sasha!

He stood up and took his suit jacket.He wore it and fixed the cufflinks.

There was a door knock.

Reba:in.

His PA timidly walked to his table as she hoped that he was not in one of his bad moods.

Reba:Make it fast..you can't stand there and not say a thing.

He said raising an eyebrow at her and she swallowed.

Wame:uhm sir,you have a meeting on a few minutes and they are already waiting at the boardroom sir.

Reba:Cancel it.Reschedule.In fact,reschedule all my meetings today.I don't know how but make it happen.

She nodded and walked out,closing the door on her way out.

She held her notepad against her chest.She is

always intimidated by her boss.

Rebamedi walked out of the office with his briefcase.

He walked to the elevator. Pressing the necessary buttons he got inside as it moved to the first floor.

When he walked out some of the employees that were in a small group broke apart.

Their hearts skipped a beat as they thought he would reprimand them but he just passed them till he was out of the building.

At Jubilee Hospital

Mma Kgosi tapped her foot on the floor as anxiety ate the corners of her brain out.

She can't lose her only daughter. She cannot lose Sasha. She dropped her head as memories of when Sasha was a baby played in her head.

Her husband was happy to finally have a daughter and she was his little princess.

She looked up with tears blinding her vision.

Mma Kgosi: I hope she is okay, we can't lose her. We can't lose her...

She said softly as she blinked back the tears.

She wanted to scream or do something to try and save her.

Sitting here feeling helpless was not going to help her at all.

She couldn't just sit there while her daughter

was in intensive care.

Reba walked in the hospital and he saw his mother.

Reba:where did you find her?

Mma Kgosi:I..

Her lips quivered and she just covered her face.

She can't be strong when her daughter purposefully tried to kill herself.

Reba did not know how to comfort his mother.He does not deal well with emotions so he just sat down on the bench and watched his mother break down like that.

Questions plagued his mind but she shook his head. This was not the time or place for him to try and analyse the situation.

Sasha tried to kill herself and for now they didn't need to notify his grandfather. Besides he has been avoiding his calls the whole morning.

This marriage business will have to wait. They had more pressing issues to deal with. Like Sasha.

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At Laone's house

Laone pretended that she didn't hear the moans that came from the other room and she had increased the tv volume.

At least Maddy had headsets on and she looked

unbothered as she ate while texting with her other hand.

She will never understand why kids nowadays love using their phones too much.

She is always holding that handset.

She shook her head as she swallowed the food.

Meanwhile Mma Solomon and her husband got ready. They had went to the bathroom unnoticed and she thanked her lucky stars for that.

Her husband smiled as he put on the t-shirt.

Mma Solomon: I'm scared of going to the lounge.

Rra Solomon: do you want to eat?

Mma Solomon:are you kidding?yess..I'm starving.

Rra Solomon:then we're gonna walk out that door.

Mma Solomon rubbed her hands together.

When he was done,he gave her a look and she sighed.

He walked out and she followed him.

He headed to the kitchen with her following close behind avoiding eye contact with Laone and Maduo.

Maduo was oblivious to that while Laone held back her laughter and disguised it as cough.

As soon as they were on the kitchen,her husband laughed.

Rra Solomon:why do you look so embarrassed?Tla kwano.

She walked towards him and he just kissed her forehead and threw his head laughing.

Rra Solomon:thank you for feeding my appetite though I am not full yet..

She just gave him a look and he pinched her cheeks which were unusually chubby to him.

Mma Solomon:I did make breakfast.

Rra Solomon:not that food..

She shook her head.

Mma Solomon:Mr no..no..

Rra Solomon:o ngame(you're stingy)

He said laughing as he took the plate from the microwave and handed it to her.

Rra Solomon:go,I'll join you in a few..

She breathed in as she walked to the lounge where she sat on the empty couch.

Laone cleared her throat and Maduo removed her headsets.

Maduo:mama well I have come up with a few things to do while we're at home.To pass time.

Mma Solomon thanked her lucky stars yet again.Laone smirked and she just ignored her.

Mma Solomon:We will discuss them later.Let me eat first.

Maduo:okay,if you say so..

She ate her food silently before her husband joined her.

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At Jubilee Hospital, Francistown

A few hours later

The doctor walked out of the room.

By now Mma Kgosi had ran out of tears and she was just sitting there. She had just hoped her baby was fine.

The dr indicated to Sasha's room and they followed him.

When they walked in she was hooked on a breathing machine and some iv drips were on her arm.

Her eyes were closed.

Dr:we managed to drain the chemical from her body so that took time.

Mma Kgosi nodded.At least her baby was alive.

Dr:she is not in the clear yet.She is still unconscious so we have no idea the damage the bleach did.

Reba listened.

Dr:well from the information that was filled out she has a private medical card.

Mma Kgosi:this was the closest from home.

The dr nodded.

Dr:as I was saying,the bleach might have done more damage.After she regains consciousness we will have to check her.There is a high poaaibility that the bleach burned her esophagus and since she consumed large amounts of the bleach there is a high chance of her being delirious.

Rebabedi released a sigh.Okay.This was going to be a tough journey.

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A WEEK LATER

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#18

At Bobonong Vilage

Mma Solomon's house

Mma Solomon and her husband were peacefully watching tv.

She still hadn't told her husband about the pregnancy.

What if they lose this one again?She didn't want to grow attached and later lose the child.

The cycle was a cruel one on her and she didn't want to grow attached.

Her phone rang and she saw the caller id.

Her husband raised an eyebrow.She didn't want to answer it in his presence so she just picked it

up and stood up heading to the kitchen.

Mma Solomon:do you have the pills?(hushed voice)

Caller:two of them.When are you coming to get them?

Mma Solomon peaked her head out of the kitchen as her husband focused on the tv.He was not paying attention to her.

Mma Solomon:I think Wednesday I might head to town,send me the details of where you'll be waiting for me.

Caller:sure,bring the money too.

Mma Solomon:okay.

She hung up and took a deep breath before heading back to the lounge.

Rra Solomon:and who was that?

Mma Solomon:no one.

Rra Solomon:didn't sound like no one..

Mma Solomon:it was no one really.No need to make a big issue out of it.

Rra Solomon quirked an eyebrow as he chuckled.

Rra Solomon:and you are getting defensive Precious.I was just asking..

She sighed.

Mma Solomon:okay.Sorry.

She kept quiet as she focused on the television screen.

Her mind was no longer on the show and she kept telling herself she was making the right decision.

She was saving herself from the hurt that would come with losing the baby.

And a knock echoed in the lounge.

Her husband stood up and went to open the door.

Rra Solomon:dumelang!

Guest:dumelang,ke ka tsena?(Afternoon,may I enter?)

Rra Solomon opened the door wider and Kgosi walked in.

Mma Solomon's heart raced.Her worst fear was slowly becoming a reality.

Mma Solomon:dumelang.

He nodded and she walked out.

That man was a lot of things and him being respectful does not mean he is a humble person. Far from it. She held her heart a bit and walked to Maduo's room so that she can go greet their village chief.

She stood by the door which was slightly ajar.

Maduo laid on the bed as she spoke to Rethabile on the phone.

Maduo:bona girl,you are not going to get lazy and fat while waiting for our results.Do something.

Thabi:something like what?

Maduo rolled her eyes.

Maduo:research on the course you want to pursue..you just can't sit at home and do nix.Ae noo...

Thabi:what course,they already picked my course for me.Apparently I should follow the family's footsteps.So they say I should be a doctor.

Maduo:do you want to be one?

Thabi:hell no..I an scared of blood.I don't want to be cutting people..

Maduo also cringed at the thought.A doctor?No!

Maduo:tell them...

Thabi:how do you approach a household full of doctors and tell them you want to be a lawyer?

Maduo:lawyers are vocal,tell them.If you don't you're gonna hate them at the end of the day because you would have wasted 6 years of your life doing something you hate...

Thabi:you don't understand.I..

Maduo: ng ng mma...talk to them.Kana this is your future here,if you don't do what you love you are going to hate your life,trust me..

Rethabile laughed at the other end of the line.

Thabi:trust you on what?Ijaa,le rata go claima tlhe bo Maduo..

Maduo laughed.Her mother knocked on the door and she placed the phone on her chest.

Maduo:it's open.

Her mother walked in with a smile.

Mma Solomon:go greet the elders..

Maduo:okay.

She placed the phone on her ear as she slowly got off the bed to wear her sleepers.

Maduo:hold for a minute or so..

She placed the phone on the backpocket of her jeans and walked out following her mother.

The men were talking in hushed voices and her mother cleared her throat.

She fixed a smile. The chief paid them a visit. This was nice.

Maduo:dumelang.

Kgosi:dumelang ngwanaka.How are you child?

Maduo:Good sir.

Kgosi:that is good.How is school?

Maduo:currently waiting for the results sir,can I get you tea,juice or coffee?

Rra Solomon:bring juice and biscuits.We are

heading to the verandah.

Maduo nodded as the men stood up.

She headed to the kitchen as she prepared juice and biscuits.

Her mother had already walked to their room so she was on her own here. She sighed.

Mma Solomon rubbed her temples. There was no way she could stop this? And she had yet another problem to deal with.

This was all a mess.

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At Jubilee Hospital

Mma Kgosi walked into Sasha's room holding a plastic. She gently placed it on the side table.

Sasha was awake but she wasn't speaking to anyone. On top of that the doctor said the acid had burned her oesophagus so that also made it hard for her to speak.

Mma Kgosi: I brought juice and some mageu for you. I know you must probably hate hospital food.

Sasha sat up straight and she slowly nodded.

Her mother's heart broke into tiny pieces as she looked at her. At least she will heal overtime.

Mma Kgosi: I am so sorry you had to go through that horrible experience and that you tried to deal with it on your own.

Sasha held back tears as she looked at her mother. She doesn't understand. How can she keep apologising for something she didn't do? How can she say sorry but yet the perpetrator wasn't remorseful when he did what he did? When the orchestrator of all of this was disguised as her best friend? She would not understand the shame she will have to deal with. She didn't want to experience that. She was ready to go to hell.

Mma Kgosi: you have been booked for an appointment with the psychologist. I know it's hard but you have to. We want you to heal. The whole family wishes you a speedy recovery...

Mma Kgosi paused.

Mma Kgosi:Your grandmother said she will be here somewhere arpund the week.Sasha everyone cares about you.Even Katso misses you.

She chuckled softly as she looked at Sasha who kept quiet.

Mma Kgosi:Try eating that.I will be back a little bit later.

She stood up and kissed her cheek before she walked out.

Sasha shook her head.She still didn't have the will to live.She did not want to live.Why did they save her?She could have escaped this right now.

Her room door opened and a elegantly ressed Rebabedi walked in.

He looked so put together. So untouchable. She envied that.

Rebabedi sat down on a near chair and looked at Sasha.

Reba:eat.

That simple word was backed by a lot of authority and she took out a carton of mageu. She opened it and started to drink slowly. The doctor said it will take time for the burns to heal, for the meantime she can only consume soft foods and liquids.

Reba took out his phone and silence enveloped the whole room.

When she was done she wiped her mouth and placed the half empty carton on the table.

Reba placed his phone back in his pocket then looked at her.

Reba:Sasha I am not angry.I am fsr from angry.

He kept a straight face and she just held her heart.She expected him to be angry at her.Tell her that what she did was stupid.

Reba:I am livid Sasha.And I won't shout.You know that's not my style.

She swallowed.

Reba:I know you feel like you don't have nuch to

live for at the moment. And I get that. I suggested therapy and you opted for suicide. You were hurting but Sasha how long will you hurt?

Her eyes glistened with unshed tears. How long will she hurt? She will always hurt. Kaone hurt her.

Reba: there is no timeframe for healing but you are not making an effort. Sasha just think about this. Mother was hurt that you tried to kill yourself and she is the one who found you, mind you. Your little brother is worried and he is not studying. Your grandmother has to stop whatever she is doing to come here and check up on you. Your grandfather? That one wants you to go the village and I don't know how long will I hold him off on that thought cause I might just

agree to that.

The tears trickled down her cheeks and Reba did nothing to comfort her.

Reba:me?I tried Sasha.If you think that you want to end your life over a trashy little boy who disrespects women then do it.Just know that you are already killing your dreams,hurting the ones that love you over an asshole.I am sorry to break it to you sister but I won't join you in your pity party.If you want to die again,under my roof this time...I'm gonna let you.

Chills ran down her spine as she heard her brother's words.He would let her die like that.Just like that.

Reba stood up and used his thumb to wipe her tears.

He kissed her forehead.

Reba:think about what you want in life.

With that he walked out of her room and she was left shell shocked.

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#19

At Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments

Rachel walked inside the building as she sighed. She had needed time to deal with this breakup and get her marbles together.

She will hurt Rebabedi where it hurts the most but for now she has to try and move on. In the near future he will pay for playing with her fragile heart.

When she walked inside Nicole clapped her hands.

Nikky: Modimo!! And she struts in as if she owns the place.

Rachel: good day to you Nicole.

Nikky: The whole week Rachel? The boss is going to fire you, not even an apology or a sick leave. Just nothing?

Rachel:I had to deal with a few issues.

Nicole rolled her eyes.

Nikky:You were crying over him?Move on Rachel.He was not worth your tears,you are not the only woman who has been heartbroken before.

Rachel:You wouldn't understand but i'm back now.

Nikky:here comes the boss..

Nicole shuffled the papers on her desk while she bowed her head.Rachel prepared herself for a lecture and possible termination.

Boss:Rachel follow me...

Rachel followed the boss as her heels clicked on the floor.She will also be a boss someday.For now she should focus on herself.

The boss opened her office door and Rachel walked in after her.

She stood there timidly as her boss removed her jacket and placed her files on the desk.

Boss:take a seat.

She sat down and she awaited her fate.

Boss:I am extremely disappointed in you Rachel.

Se dropped her head.

Boss:I really expected better from you.A whole week with no communication whatsoever.We run a business here Rachel in case you have

forgotten.

Rachel:I haven't mam.

Boss:you have.We lost more than ten clients because their favourite masseur was not present.

Rachel:I apologize mam,it will not happen again.

Boss:It was completely unethical Rachel and you know it.I will have to give you a written warning.This behaviour is unacceptable in the workplace.

Rachel:I know mam and I apologize.

Boss:whatever you were going through I hope you have sorted it out.

Rachel:I have mam.I promise it will not happen again.

Boss:it better not.You are an asset to the company.The HR officer will issue you with your first warning.You could have been fired for that stunt you know...

She smiled a bit.

Rachel:I know.It will never happen and if I have a problem I will communicate mam.

Boss:okay.Now time to get to work.

She stood up and smiled.

Rachel:yes mam..

Her boss laughed.

Boss:Rachel work..

Rachel walked out with a smile as she took out her hair band from the front pocket of her pink knee length tunic.

She tied her blonde locks into a a high bun.

Rachel:I'm in the clear.No need to worry.

Nikky: You are one of the favourites. Get to work
Rachel you are disturbing me.

She walked away sticking her tongue out at
Nicole and Nicole laughed shaking her head.

Nikky: selo se happy tlhe (muttering to herself)

Rachel headed to one of the spa rooms and she
started checking if all the oils and equipment
were there. One day she might own her own spa.

But couldn't Reba see that she was a
beauty? She will glow and he will wish he never
dropped her like a hot potato.

She did breathing exercises and laughed after
as she folded the towels.

Rachel:glow!glow!glow!Dazzle them girl!

She hummed to her favourite song as she continued with work.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo took the tray back to the kitchen. Whatever her father and the chief were talking about seemed important. But she was not the one to eavesdrop so she headed back to her bedroom where she called Rethabile.

Her phone rang three times before she answered.

Thabi:I got tired of holding on..

Maduo:I figured.So where were we?

Thabi:doing something,stop lazing around.

Maduo:yep.That.Try to talk to your parents about your career choice and maybe they will understand.

Rethabile sighed.That was going to be a hard topic to discuss but if she dies,she dies neh.

Thabi:If I die,I die.

Maduo:yes.Moving on,results will be released in January so what will you be doing?We have the rest of November and the whole of December kana.

Thabi:mama wena you like planning a lot.

Maduo:It's in the genes..

Thabi:uhm...I honestly have nothing to

do.Unless my cousins invite me to those intimate parties of their in December.

Maduo:intimate parties huh?Nice..

Thabi:sometimes they are boring,somethimes they are nice.It depends.

Madu bit her bottom lip.They needed to secure the bag regardless of their young age.She won't sit down lazing around when there are moves to be made and money to be made.She can't.

Maduo:Poetry.Poetry...Poetry Rethabile.

She half shouted on the phone with a goofy smile.She was such a genius.

Thabi:what about it?

Maduo:stop acting stupid wena...Akere you used to do poetry at school.Try this,there are so many events in December and you said some of the intimate parties you get invited to are boring so I suggest you do poetry.

Thabi:go deeper woman of substance..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:so basically you have to create a facebook page.Make short vids showcasing your poetry gape mos you know a lot of people so obviously you will get recognition.In that case you can do your piece at an event.You are already 18 soo...

Thabi:I feel you man.It is actually a great thought.

Maduo:yep plus to get more recognition you

could also try to ask some local authors on facebook to advertise your page. You pay of course but that way your content has reached half of the country and I know you're good so you're gonna get booked.

Thabi:you are the brains in this friendship.

Maduo:duh..

Her phone beeped.

Maduo:Head to WhatsApp,my airtime is running out.

Thabi:sure.

Rethabile hung up and she thought about what Maduo said.It was actually a good idea.She needed the extra money plus that was a hobby she loved so why not give it a shot.

Maduo sent Rethabile a quick text on WhatsApp

before she locked her phone and got out her diary where she wrote down her current plans.

She was still hoping to convince her dad to let her check his books and all that. Not that she wanted to see his earnings. Okay she wanted to know how much he makes. She had a thing with numbers and she just wanted to be busy with that.

After jotting down in her diary she opened her laptop and looked up Kgosi Investments.

Maduo: This is where I am going to work. Make the mullah.

She grinned. Her ambitions were too high for a young girl but life is all about goals and

ambitions.

She is going to take Wallstreet by storm.

Still on the company which she knew was being run by the Chief's son,who was outside their house which was very weird too.

She scrolled past Rebabedi Kgosi's photo and she sighed.

Some people are handsome creatures but goals first.

Meanwhile by the verandah Rra Solomon and Kgosi were engaged in a very heated conversation.

Kgosi:we gave you time,you raised her but the arrangements should proceed as tradition dictates.

Rra Solomon sighed.He lost this one.No matter how many reasons he have he had lost this one.Kgosi was a very vindictive and cruel man.Being on his bad side was not going to do him no good too.

Rra Solomon:at least after three or four months.She doesn't have a single clue about what is soon to happen.

Kgosi:that is the maximum.Three months then we collect what is ours.

Rra Solomon:of course.

Kgosi wore his brimmed hat and stood up.

Kgosi:have a good day.

He walked out of the yard and Rra Solomon went back inside the house.

It was quiet and since no one was in the lounge he switched off the tv.

He walked to the bedroom where he found his wife lying on the bed.

Rra Solomon:What's wrong?

Mma Solomon:nothing,just tired..

Rra Solomon:You have been acting strange this past week..

Mma Solomon:I'm okay.Let me sleep.I'm on the

night shift today.

He nodded and let her sleep.

Mma Solomon closed her teary eyes. She was making the right decision for her. She knew the side effects and they had once decided that Maduo was okay.

Maduo was her only child. She was so innocent. Her sunshine and she couldn't do a thing.

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At Jubilee Hospital

Sasha blankly stared at the ceiling. She didn't know what to do.

She felt like people knew what happened to her and she was so lucky she didn't contract HIV but still...

She wiped her tears. She didn't think she will be able to form normal relationships with people. Everything changed in a single day.

A lone tear fell and she bit her lower lip as she wanted to stop more tears from coming.

She trusted to much. She wanted to be liked. She thought she was young and free and wild. Maybe it's her fault she got raped. She was wearing literally nothing. A bikini..

She stopped fighting the tears as they streamed down her cheeks and she thought about her past life.

She didn't want to feel like this but she will hurt the people she loves in the process. They can't be punished or hurt because of her mistakes.

Maybe she should change schools and start over?But...

Her lower lip quivered as she brought her hands to her face to wipe the tears..

She was choosing life?She wanted to live through this miserable life?

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2 DAYS LATER

At Jubilee hospital

Mma Kgosi helped Sasha pack her bags. She was going home today.

Mma Kgosi: You're going home today.

Sasha nodded as she looked at her mother.

Mma Kgosi: You will get better, you already have a therapist so you will get through it.

Sasha: yeah

She sat on the bed. She was choosing to go through this life thing again and she didn't feel ready to face the world again.

The door to the hospital room opened as Reba walked.

Reba:mother you will drive yourself?

Mma Kgosi:I think so.

Reba:Well,Sasha the attorney has asked for the court to change the date of the trial.Your therapist will deem you ready okay?

Sasha:okay.

Rebamedi sighed.She was down but she will rise up.

This is just a step towards a bright future.If she wants a bright future.

Mma Kgosi:Well,I think we are done here.Let me take these to the car and give you guys space.

She walked out carrying Sasha's bag and closed

the door behind her.

Reba:what do you want Sasha?Talk to me.

Sasha didn't understand Reba one bit.He wanted to talk after he gave her an ultimatum.

Her throat was getting better even if she was slow to speak.It might be permanent though.The after effects of trying to kill yourself.

Sasha:Uhm...

She paused a bit as she put her hands together.

Sasha:I..(sucking in a breath)will give it a try..

Reba nodded.She was struggling with speaking.

Reba:very well.Let's go..

He gave her his hand and she looked at it.

Reba:stand up,Sasha..

Sasha:I am....ok.

Reba just gently took her hand and helped her up.

Sasha was startled by the action.He was not the one to show affection and this was another of those rare moments for him to do so.

Once she was on her feet she held onto his arms and he chuckled.

Reba:Don't ever do something as stupid as thia or else I'll kill you Sasha.

She smiled a bit.That was more like him.She nodded and they walked out of her hospital room.Even though he was a tough guy,he was always there for her and that was all that mattered.

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At Bobonong

Mma Solomon paid the lady who was at the rank as she slipped the pills inside her handbag.

Lady:pleasure doing business with you.

Mma Solomon:thank you.

The lady walked away and Mma Solomon looked around.No one noticed a thing.

She just walked inside the shop to buy a bottle of water.She needed to wet her throat a bit.

When she walked out she headed to the car.

She got inside and she just placed her head on the steering wheel.

Was it the right decision?She glanced at her handbag and she sighed.

She was about to kill a whole human being.

Tears welled in her eyes.She knew the consequences of doing this,she was a nurse for crying out loud but she couldn't bare the

thought of her growing attached to the child and then the child dies? How much can her heart take?

She wiped her tears and started the car. She needed to get home and go ahead with her mission. Maduo must've made something.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo swung her hips to the rhythm of the song playing in her headphones.

Her parents will be home, she has a proposal for them and she needed to sweet talk them into agreeing.

She opened the pot which had the beef stew and it smelt divine.

She was going to win this one. Her music paused as her phone rang.

Maduo:haish..

She removed the phone from her pocket and she saw the caller i.d. A frown etched on her features before she shook her head and pressed the answer button. She placed the phone at her back pocket.

Maduo:hello...

Bogosi:hi..

Maduo:get to the point, what can I do for you?

Bogosi:I was just calling to check up on you.

Maduo took out the plates which she was dishing on.

Maduo:I'm good.Fine.I am guessing that is not why you called me.O batla eng?What do you want Bogosi?

Bogosi:whoa,no need to get all worked up.

Maduo:You caught me at a bad time.

Bogosi:and you're taking out your stress on me?

She laughed.

Maduo:fotshek Bogosi..Mxm..

He chuckled.She was definitely one of a kind.

Maduo heard the sound of the ignition and she guessed that her parents or at least one of them was back.

Maduo:dude,I'll call you back.The rents are here.And please get straight to the point.Sure.

He hung up and she started dishing the pap and beef stew.

The door opened and Mma Solomon walked in.

Mma Solomon:smells nice here..

Maduo:evening mom,be done in a few,you can go relax now.Byee..

She shook her head.

Mma Solomon:naare wa nkoba(you're chasing me out?)

Maduo:papa's wife byeee...

She shook her head smiling as she removed her pumps while in the lounge and walked barefoot till she reached the bedroom where she removed the nurse uniform.

She changed and wore her regular clothes.

Mma Solomon:(shouting)What time did your dad leave?

Maduo shouted back equally.

Maduo:Around nine..said something about a calf being born,wara wara.All that farm stuff.

Mma Solomon:The farm stuff puts food on the table.

Maduo:I know.Give me a minute or we should wait for papa?

Mma Solomon:ten minutes then...

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At Mma Kgosi's house

She walked in holding Sasha's stuff from hospital and Katso smiled looking at his sister.

Reba was not with them unfortunately.He had a few things to take care of.

Katso:glad you're good.

She nodded.

Mma Kgosi:give her time to rest.

Katso nodded.

Sasha walked to her room and when she got there,she sat on the bed and looked around.

This was going to be hard but she had to heal.Healing was messy.Healing had no timeframe but she had to.People heal differently and she had no idea how she heals.

How she was supposed to bounce back from this.

A door knock disturbed her fleeting thoughts

Sasha:open.

Katso walked in holding a tray.It was nothing heavy.

Katso:I brought food,mom said you need soft foods

Sasha nodded.

Katso placed the tray on her dresser and sat next to her.

Katso:Just try to be strong,I don't want to lose you.We already lost dad and we can't lose you too.

He held onto Sasha as she hugged him back.He was worried about her.

Mma Kgosi walked to Sasha's room and she stopped at the half open door.

She will be fine. She just needs to know that everyone cares about her.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo: mama, dad hasn't come home yet... The food is on its way.

Maduo walked to the kitchen and left her mother alone in the lounge as she scrolled the channel list.

She came with the water and a basin so that she can wash her hands and then lastly came

with the food.

Her mother gave her a side eye.

Maduo:what?

Mma Solomon:you outdid yourself,what do you want?

Maduo:can't I just make a nice meal for everyone?

Mma Solomon:I know you..

Maduo:mama just eat.

Mma Solomon:if you say so.

They ate and Maduo couldn't just be silent anymore.Maybe her mother will be on her side too.

Maduo:I have a proposal.

Her mother placed her plate down and laughed.

Mma Solomon:I knew it,bua..

Maduo:well,it's proposals.Not just one.

Mma Solomon:you want to eat our money.

Maduo:not at all,but it needs money..

Mma Solomon:ah ah..iketete pele.Wait for your dad.

Maduo:fine but...

Mma Solomon:eat your food.

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At Kitso's place

She sat on the bed as she created a fake Facebook profile. She was guessing that Sasha blocked her across all platforms and even her number.

It has been weeks and there was no news about Sasha. Just that the trial was postponed till further notice and she might be convicted or charged for being involved in all of this.

She searched Sasha on Facebook and she saw

her account. Kitso clicked on the account and she only saw the profile picture. It seems like she deleted everything about her and the account seemed brand new.

Instead of sending a friend request she sent a message request. She didn't want to reveal her identity too early in case she might be blocked immediately. She placed her phone down.

Sasha hasn't been attending school and she felt guilty for her hand in this, she wasn't planning on them being caught by her brother or for Kaone to actually throw her under the bus. Also she thought Sasha will take this thing light heartedly and now it's a whole Police case.

She sighed. Just one stupid mistake ruined everything.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo:dad is not coming,I'll tell you guys kamoso.

Mma Solomon:okay,go and sleep.

Maduo:night.

Maduo retreated to her bedroom leaving her mother in the lounge.She dialed her husband's number and it sent her to voice mail.

Mma Solomon:hey..when are you coming home?

She left that voice message.This was so unlike him and she just wanted him near.Even if she is going to do something he might hate her for but he was still her husband.

She headed to her room where she went straight to her handbag.

She took out the two pills she was supposed to swallow to end this pregnancy.

She looked at them and she breathed in.

She can do this. She will bleed, nothing hectic. She walked out of her bedroom and headed to the kitchen for a glass of water.

She went to her bedroom with the glass and pills in hand. Walking into their ensuite bathroom she placed both pills in her mouth and she really wanted to swallow them but she couldn't bring herself to.

She spat out the pills and rinsed her mouth

with water.

She couldn't do it. She was going to be a baby murderer.

If the child dies, he or she will die but she couldn't.

She walked out of the bathroom and bedroom at a fast pace as she headed to the kitchen to drink milk just in case.

After swallowing the last drop of milk in her glass she sighed.

She needs to tell him. Maybe that is why she is feeling clingy of him. The pregnancy hormones.

She walked to the bedroom calmly. She almost killed a baby.

She sat on the bed and called him yet again and still no answer She was getting worried.

He was never this late.

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Somewhere in Bobonong

The shower was on as she snuggled on the pillow. At least he spent time with them today.

She rubbed her tummy which was showing a little. His phone disturbed her peace.

She turned and saw the caller id. She saw the number and she was pretty annoyed.

She took her phone and typed in the number on hers and saved.

She placed his phone back on the stand.

He got out of the shower with the towel hanging low on his hips revealing his toned abdomen.

Miranda:Your phone was ringing off the hook while you were in the shower.

Him:shit!! I need to get home.

He pecked her cheek as he got dressed.

She was fascinated by him and she was no longer content in playing the other woman.She wanted him.She thought she could do this side dish thing but how was she going to keep her baby's paternity a secret?

Miranda:so Thabiso you are not leaving your wife?

He gave a bored look.

Thabiso:And I hope those are the hormones talking.Miranda I am not leaving my wife for you.

She sulked.

Miranda:How long am I going to play second best to her?I am carrying your child and you spend time with us sometimes.

Thabiso:and did I deny that child's paternity?o
ska batla go ntlwaela Miranda.

Miranda held back tears.

Thabiso sighed as he buttoned his shirt.

Miranda:So I mean nothing to you,we could be happy together.

Thabiso:I am not leaving my wife for you,you knew that I was married Miranda.

She sighed.

Miranda:Okay.I get you.Let me not keep you.

When he was done he grabbed his phone from the stand and kissed her cheek yet again.

He walked out and Miranda sighed.She had the wife's number so she better put it to good use.Make the situation work to her advantage instead of complaining about the same thing over and over again.

Thabiso got inside his car and signed. What explanation was he going to cook up today?

He dialed her number.

Thabiso: Love...

Precious: Hello, I was worried about you. Are you okay?

Thabiso: I am. I'm on my way.

Precious: What delayed you? You're never this late? Was everything okay at the farm?

Thabiso: We'll talk at home. I'm on my way. Sleep.

His wife yawned at the end of the line.

Precious: Okay. Will be waiting...

He hung up and started the car driving off.

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At Mma Kgosi's house

Sasha lay on her bed as she stared at the empty pages of the diary she never got to write on since she was too busy 'living life' than to spare time for the simple things.

She wrote down her first diary entry. She highlighted everything that has been happening in her life and how everything changed within the blink of an eye.

Her tears stained the page as she turned it and continued writing.

She wrote down whatever that came to mind about how her life was.

She stopped midway as she placed the pen down and wiped her tears. She had long deleted her pics from all her social media platforms and she didn't have the same energy as before.

She would never have the same energy. Ever. They killed her in so many ways than they can imagine.

She closed the diary and took her phone. She basically long ignored the messages that flooded her inbox. She was not in the mood to talk to anyone about anything and she has to attend therapy. Story of her life.

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At Mma Solomon's house

The door creaked open as Thabiso walked in.

He brought his shirt collar slightly to his nose and he could smell the strong scent of his cologne.

He was safe.He passed y Maduo's room and he could hear her speaking to the phone.She was always on her phone but yet again there was nothing she could do whilst waiting for her

results.

He walked to the room he shared with his wife and he found her fast asleep with a book on her chest. She and Maduo were always studious and they shared the same traits though they both deny it.

He took the book away and he pulled the confterer over her as she turned facing the other direction...

He walked to the bathroom where he splashed cold water on his face.

As long as his wife doesn't know he is safe.

He can't afford to lose her. He walked out and he got undressed.

He then slid inside the blankets with her and

placed her head on his chest.

Meanwhile in Maduo's room

Maduo listened to Bogosi who actually had nothing interesting.

Maduo:hai wena,you called me for nothing.

Bogosi:I still like you.

Maduo shook her head.He was her prom date and that is all there is.

Maduo:BG I don't do relationships laitaka.I have to focus.

Bogosi:Just a chance Maduo.

Maduo:Nnyaa rra.Nope.I don't do relationships.I feel like they will delay me.We talked about this.

She looked at her bedside alarm and it was almost twelve midnight.

Bogosi:Maddy please.

Maduo:We talked about this dude,this girl is focused and yes relationships are interesting but urg..I feel like they make people stupid and they do reckless things.Tota those things are stressful.I don't want the drama attached to them Mr.

Bogosi sighed.There was really no way to convince her.He couldn't just admit defeat like that.

Maduo:are we clear?Friends only?

Bogosi:Maduo...

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:Mr..yeela..Let me sleep.This midnight calls are the ones that make people catch feelings.We are just friends and I hope I won't repeat this again.Akere Bogosi?

Bogosi:(reluctantly)Yes.

Maduo:Good.Have a good night.

Maduo hung up and she went back to Facebook.She saw Rethabile's page invite and she smiled.

She took her advise.

She inboxed Thabi.

Maduo:" You took my advice"

Thabi:"shut up "

Maduo rolled her eyes as she replied her before she put her phone on the stand.

She needed sleep but she was crossing fingers.Hoping that her dad gets to approve and maybe spend the money.

She is money oriented and money makes the world go round.Not love.Just money.

She smiled.She was smart and she knew it.

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The following morning

Precious opened her eyes and she felt her husband's arms around her.

She smiled to herself.

She turned and looked at him sleeping. His thick eyelashes used to make her jealous of him but not anymore.

She looked at him till he opened his eyes and he saw her looking at him.

Thabiso: Morning.

Precious: Hey... what time did you come home?

Thabiso: pretty late. Ne o robetse (you were asleep)

She nodded but frowned as she lifted her head to look at him.

Precious: What kept you there till late? You're usually home by 7.. what happened?

Thabiso:They were complications with the birth and I had to go look for a few things.

Precious didn't know much but what she knew was that a calf being born can't make one come home late.Or was she overthinking things?

Thabiso saw the suspicion in his wife's eyes. He lifted her head up and looked at her.

Thabiso:You think that I am lying?

Precious:aah..n.no..

Thabiso:let me reassure you.I am not lying about my whereabouts.Don't doubt me Mma Solomon okay?

She nodded.She removed his hands from

around her and she got out of bed leaving her.

Thabiso:o ngadile?(are you upset?)

Precious:no.I'm taking a shower.

Thabiso:Can i join you?

Precious:.No,stay there.

He chuckled as he got out of bed in only his boxers and walked into the bathroom where he found her already removing her gown.

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At Central Police Station,Francistown

Kaone was handed his belongings.The bail had been approved and he was allowed to wait for trial outside the prison cells.His stay was hell back in the cells.

Officer: You know your bail conditions young man.

Kaone: yes sir.

He walked out of the police station and he spotted his father's car. He bowed his head. He disappointed them and they most probably hate him right now. Being in the holding cells for that long just showed him how much he was not ready for prison and it was inevitable. He was going there.

He opened the car door and sat at the back.

Kaone: dumelang.

His father kept quiet as he started the car. He bailed him out and he didn't know how to now

atone for his sins. Prison life was not for him.

He had to call Kitso and he knew he was supposed to stay away from Sasha but he needed to apologise. Have a clean conscience.

He looked at the bruises on his arm and sighed.

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At Mma Kgosi's house

Sasha sat on her bed as she looked at the white ceiling. What was she going to do now? She had a session later today with the therapist and she didn't know what to do before that session. She was the best in town apparently and she just had to not think about what happened to her.

Thinking about it brought her to tears. She hated her life but she chose it now and....

A knock interrupted her thoughts.

Sasha:come in(slowly)

The door opened and her mother walked in with a tray of food.

Mma Kgosi:Your grandmother will be coming to check up on and I brought food.Good morning.

Sasha:Morning

Mma Kgosi:Don't talk much,you're going to get tired and you have an appointment with the therapist.

Sasha nodded as her mother placed the tray on her stand.

Mma Kgosi:Enjoy.

She walked out and Sasha looked at the food.She didn't want to eat but she had to eat.This will be hard.

She just lifted the tray and placed it on her thighs.

She took the spoon and mixed the sugar and milk into the porridge.

She had to get through all of this.

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At Mma Solomon's house

That afternoon Maduo sat her parents down.She was making a presentation or more

like a proposal.

Her father looked at her and she smiled. She wanted their money.

Precious: we're waiting but just know that I am not popping the money.

Maduo: mom what do you know about popping?

Her mother gave her a look and she just shrugged it off.

Precious: o bona wena...

Thabiso looked at his wife. What was up with her today? Maduo meant no harm.

Maduo: Mama, I didn't do anything. Ao

batho.Papa talk to your wife..

Precious:

Thabiso:are you okay?

Precious:yes(breathing in)

Maduo scrolled on her phone till she saw the document she needed.

Maduo:well,we can continue now good people.All in all,I want money.

Thabiso:Typical Maduo Behaviour.

Precious:Talk to your father.I am not giving you my money.

Maduo:the response?

Thabiso:You think we are going to give you money just like that?

Maduo sighed. The straightforward approach failed.

Maduo: Well I can't sit at home doing nothing and papa I don't want to go to the farm. You guys are not going to pay me for checking your books because you pay for my school and all that. Not the farm papa. Don't think about it papa...don't.

Thabiso shook his head cackling. He looked at his wife who had a small smile on her face.

Thabiso: you and your daughter are going to be the death of me.

Precious: (shaking her head) I am still not contributing anything to whatever Maduo wants to do. Yo ngwana o rata madi (This child loves

money)

Maduo:Mama,I am still in the room and it's an investment.I want to do Bitcoin and Forex trading.

Thabiso:That's risky.

Maduo:I know.I know but I am good with the numbers dad.I want to do the forex first.I have this app,called MetaTrader 4.It is for Forex trade and this is the only request I have...

Precious:Le reetse,le utwe madi a batliwang(Listen and hear the money she wants)

They all laughed and Maduo breathed in.

Maduo:Well can I at least have P5000?

Her father looked at her and her mother

shrugged.

Precious:ga ke di tsene(They don't concern me)We have to start saving kana babies are expensive.

Thabiso's heart skipped a bit as he looked at his wife.Did she know about Miranda?Maduo was confused.What babies?

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At Mma Solomon's house

Precious:ga ke di tsene(They don't concern me)We have to start saving kana babies are expensive.

Thabiso's heart skipped a bit as he looked at his wife.Did she know about Miranda?Maduo was confused.What babies?

Silence engulfed the whole room.The two were waiting for her to say something.What was she talking about?

Precious:Why are guys silent?I was just saying...Maddy wa re o batla bokahe?(Maddy how much did you say you want?)

Thabiso's heart raced as he looked at his wife. What babies was she talking about?

Maduo frowned. What was up with her mother today?

Maduo: Five thousand.

Precious: Well that is a lot Maduo. Forex is risky as hell.

Maduo: I know mom. If it fails which it won't then I will return the money with interest.

Thabiso was panicking. Which babies is she talking about?

Precious: I don't want to waste money kana

Maduo.Babies are expensive.

Maduo frowned.What babies is she talking about?

Maduo looked at her father who seemed nervous.What was going on here?

Maduo:mama what are you on about?

Precious:(sighing)It's still early but I am pregnant.

Both Maduo and her father's eyes widened.Wait.What?

Precious:le ntebe sentle batho(Look at me properly guys)

Maduo then blinked and wondered if she heard her mother well.

Thabiso's racing heart slowed down but then it picked up again. He was going to have to deal with two pregnant women and....

He rubbed his ears and looked at his wife who was giving him and Maduo looks.

Precious: You'll call me when you guys are okay.

She stood up and left them both there as she walked to the kitchen to go make something to eat.

Both of them snapped out of it and Maduo

breathed out a wow. Her father remained speechless.

Maduo: Whoa.. I didn't expect that. Wow!

Thabiso stood up and left Maduo there.

He walked to the kitchen where he found her opening the shelves.

He rubbed his stubble as he looked at her. He didn't want her to go through it all again.

Thabiso: Hey.. ta kwano.

She stopped what she was doing and walked to him. He held her in his arms.

Precious: I know this pregnancy is already high

risk even if I haven't seen the doctor.

Thabiso:I know.When did you find this out?

Precious:The time I was in Gaborone for Maddy's prom before you came.

He sighed as he rubbed his chin on her hair.

Thabiso:and why didn't you tell me?

She shrugged.

Precious:I'm scared.I am so scared about this one.I might not see the child.For the hundredth time.I lost so many kids.So so many..

She looked up at him with teary eyes.

Thabiso:then we will try our best with this one.Don't stress.I'm here for you.Always.

She moved away from him and used her hands to wipe her eyes.

Precious:I know.Let me make something for you guys to eat.I'm on the late night shift today.

Thabiso:should you be working?

Precious:I am not even showing.I will be fine.I guess..

Maduo walked in.

Maduo: sorry to ruin the moment.

Precious:wena o tla swaba(laughing)

Maduo:and congrats mom.Lets hope for the best this time and I will be the best sister there is.

Precious:oh sure you will.

Maduo:mama,the sarcasm is supposed to be used by me.I am the child here.

They laughed as Maduo whined.

Maduo:moving on to the business of the day,am I getting the money or not?

Precious looked at her husband and he just looked at her.She in turn shrugged.

Precious:I swear that o loetswe mo mading ngwana ke wena(I swear they bewitched you

wih money you child)

Maduo:mama,papa.The money?

Thabiso:Let's do this,we're going to loan you the money.And you pay hundred percent interest?

Maduo's mouth dropped.That was not fair.That was not fair at all.

Maduo:ng ng papa.Thats not fair.

Thabiso:take it or leave.You said you know the numbers sweetie..

Maduo:aah..you're robbing me kana.

Thabiso:robbing you of money you don't have yet?

She folded her amrs on her chest and looked at her dad.She had no choice.

Maduo:The things I do for money. It's a deal.

She gave him her hand and he shook it.

Precious:O rata madi gore(You like money)

Maduo:comes with wanting to run Wallstreet mamzo.Well papa when should I expect the deposit then?

Precious:Maduo..just leave tuu..

She laughed as she walked out singing with a horrible horrible voice.Her parents were used to that horrible singing voice of hers.

Maduo:"Nothing in this world that I like more than cheques.Moneeyy.All I wanna see is

money"

When she was out Thabiso walked to his wife and pecked her lips.

Thabiso:I got you okay?

Precious:yes.

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At the therapist

Sasha held herself rigid still as she waited for the therapist.

How was she supposed to talk to someone who has never been through whatever she went through?

But she promised them that she will try to be better.

The Dr walked in and she sat on the couch opposite Sasha's.

Her:Hi..I am Dr Mason but you can call me Thato.What's your name sweetie?

Sasha:Sasha Kgosi.

Sasha recognized the surname.She was a Mason.Wow!No wonder her mother brought her here.

Dr Mason:(chuckling)Sasha I can see the wheels spinning in your head.I am not my family name.Just like you are not your family name right?

She shrugged.Guess so.

Dr Mason:well I read the file I got but I want you to tell me about you.We have a three hour session so take your time.

Sasha sighed heavily.She was pretty though.

Sasha:You're name is Thato?

Dr Mason:yes.Sasha...

Sasha:well..(little pause)I'm Sasha Kgosi.21 years.

Dr Mason smiled sweetly at her and she wasn't rude to her.

Dr Mason:I guess you are in school?

Sasha:yes.Ha BAC.I am doing Finance that side.

Dr Mason:That's nice,you love crunching the numbers?

Sasha:Yes I do.Money does make the world go round.

Dr Mason chuckled as she wrote down on her notepad.

Dr Mason:other than dealing with money what do you like?

Sasha paused for a moment as she thought about it.

Sasha:I honestly do not know.I was too busy trying to enjoy my life that I never really had time for a hobby.

Dr Mason noted that down too.

Dr Mason:Did you often use your family name?

She shook her head.

Sasha:Not a lot of people knew I was a Kgosi.In the sense that many people have that surname but are not necessarily related to my grandfather....

Dr Mason:I understand.What did you love to do as a teenager?

She sighed.

Sasha:tota I was always on social media if not that I was studying or shopping when I had time.I never did anything useful.

Dr Mason:church?

Sasha smiled a bit.She had at one point wanted to go to church but never did.

Sasha:sadly my family is traditional if you get what I mean.

Dr Mason:I understand....friends?

Sasha observed how it was easy to let go and talk to this woman.She didn't even put pressure on you to talk.It just comes and you offer more

information than intended.

Sasha:I grew up without having friends and...

She paused as she held back her tears.

Sasha:I had one when I started out ko varsity and she turned out to sell me...

Dr Mason handed her a tissue to wipe the tears that threatened to fall down her cheeks.

Dr Mason:you don't have to talk about it,it's still raw.We are not rushing anywhere.

Sasha wiped her tears and looked at her therapist.

Dr Mason:siblings?excluding the known
Rebabedi Kgosi.

Sasha chuckled softly.

Sasha:Doc are you crushing on my brother?He
is single and I can put in a good word for you...

Dr Mason laughed looking at Sasha.

Dr Mason:I am not crushing on him.

Sasha:all the women say that.He is
hoooot.Smoking hot.Doc should I give him your
number?

Dr Mason:Wa swaba Sasha..

Sasha laughed softly.

Sasha:I have another brother,he will be 18 next year.So I am the only girl child.

Dr Mason:and we have that in common.I am surrounded by two idiotic males that call themselves my brothers.

Sasha:aah no.So Lefika is idiotic goriana?He is always so serious.

Dr Mason:Sasha wa swaba.He is older than you.

Sasha:I know.Just saying.I can't say the same about Reba.Yoh!

Dr Mason:So look at the patient and doctor gossiping?

Sasha:tota this one I can't I don't understand my brother.He is like a robot.You did psychology,give me tips...

Dr Mason laughed as Sasha spoke all of this in a slow soft voice.She understood.They will get to the important issues.She has to be comfortable around her first.

Dr Mason:after you are good and well I will give you a few...

Sasha:thank you doc.I like you.I think.

Dr Mason:and I think I like you too Sasha.

Sasha:and thank you for...

She paused as her throat became dry and the pain came..

Sasha:w..water.

Dr Mason stood up and poured water for her in a glass.

She gave it to Sasha before she sat down.

She drank the water slowly.Wetting her throat and she felt better.It might be raspy soon.

Sasha:Thank...you...for not forcing...me to talk..about what happened.

Dr Mason:As I said we have time and if you want to tell me,you will Sasha.

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At the therapist's

Sasha walked out of the office. She was carrying her prescription. She had to go look for the pills at the chemist.

She used her hand to shield her face from the sun as she stepped out of the building heading to the parking lot.

Her mother had promised to come and pick her up from the session.

Sasha looked around the parking lot and she spotted her mother's car. She briskly walked to

the car and opened the door.

She sat at the front seat.

Mma Kgosi:How was therapy?

Sasha:okay.She gave me this prescription.

Mma Kgosi took the paper as she tried to read what was written.

Mma Kgosi:fluoxetine and Bupropion.If I am reading it well.

Sasha:she did say something of that sort,she said the pharmacist will know the dosage and all when we get there.

Mma Kgosi:well we should head there first before I pick Katso up from school.

Sasha:Okay.

She fixed her seatbelt as her mother started the car.

She adjusted the mirror and reversed out of the parking lot. The Pharmacy first then she will pick Katso up from school.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maddy's phone beeped and she saw the money transferred to her account.

Time to make the money.

She opened the app in her phone. She hoped this works or she owes her parents big time. P10 000 is no joke so she better work her

midas touch on this.

A phone call interrupted her.

Maduo:Hello.

Rethabile:Maddy I have a gig.

Maduo:for real?Congrats.Who recommended you?

Rethabile:Well my brother's friend has a party so my brother decided to ask me to help them out with entertainment.

Maduo:that's awesome friend.I am happy for you.Did you talk to them?

Rethabile:about what?

Maduo rolled her eyes.She was being evasive and she knew she didn't bother talking to them.

Maduo:you wanting to study law dummy.Did you talk to them?

Rethabile:go thata.It is really hard.Kana they really want me to be a doctor.

Maduo:so sentle sentle Rethabile wa go dira bongaka o sa bo batle kaore mongwe le mongwe ko Iwapeng ke ngaka?(So Rethabile you are going to study medicine juat because everyone at home is a doctor?)

There was silence at the end of the line.

Maduo shook her head.

Maduo:monyana tlhe nna serious.You have got to be kidding ne right now..

Rethabile:You wouldn't understand,I would be disappointing them.

Maduo: fine. Fine. Please them Rethabile. Be a doctor. I get it's in demand wara wara and everyone in your family is science orientated but you don't want to go down that road ya hating your career because it wasn't the one you wanted...

Rethabile didn't respond.

Maduo: waitse kana! Dira se o se batlang. Nna ne ke mpa ke tikela tlhware legonyana (Wow! Do as you please, I was just stating my opinion)

Rethabile: Mad...

Maduo: is fine. Rethabile just do what makes you happy. You didn't talk to them maybe they might understand. You just decided to go with the flow. You are killing the dreams we had jaanong. But if doing medicine will make you happy so do it. But just know that I tried to give

you advice.Lets drop it now..

Rethabile:(sighing)okay...Okay Ms Oprah.

Maduo:shut up.Gape talk to Bogosi tlhemma wena.

Rethabile:you want him?

Maduo laughed.She laughed.

Maduo:fuck no!Ae...Kana he caught the feels so bad and I told him we are just friends.

Rethabile:ao mma.

Maduo:I need to secure the bag first before trying out this 'relationship' thing.Men are intimidated by women who are successful and have money.

Rethabile:You love money..

Maduo:It makes the money go round baby

girl. But tota please talk to your parents before you decide on that course tuu. We still have a month or so till results are out so give them the whole December to think about it.

Rethabile: fine but...

Maduo: no buts. Look, I'll call later I am a bit busy.

Rethabile: what busy? You are always kn social media?

Maduo: I do have a life you know, just because I can spend a third of my day knline doesn't mean I am always on social media. Connections mntase.

Rethabile: suuure (laughing)

Maduo: bye yoh!

She hung up and chuckled alone. Now she needed to connect all of this with her bank account. She hopes it really works.

At Mma Solomon's room

She laid down on her tummy as her husband gave her a massage.

Precious:okay right there(moaning softly)

He massaged that spot and she closed her eyes.It was so good.

Thabiso:you good?

Precious:sooo good.Your hands are magic.Keep massaging that spot.

Thabiso:you've been stressed?

Precious:yes.What if I lose the baby?

Thabiso:you won't.I'm here.

She gently squeezed his hand and smiled.He smiled back at her as he continued with her back massage.

Thabiso:How soon will you be going to see a doctor?

Precious:maybe tomorrow?I can book an appointment when I go to work in a few.

Thabiso:That's fine and please do not overwork yourself.

Precious:I will not I promise.This pregnancy as hard as I feel it is going to be,we might make it.

He kissed her back.

Thabiso:we will,Maduo will....

Precious:ng ng...Don't talk about it.I can't believe I will be doing that to my child.Tota don't talk about it.That issue has been stressing me ever since Maduo was born.

Thabiso:It is inevitable Precious.

Precious sighed as she turned and Thabiso stopped massaging her.She used the bed sheet to cover her chest as she looked at him.

Precious:How do I tell that to my only child?

Thabiso:she is no longer the only child...

Precious:I don't think I will be ready to tell her...This is going to sound weird and it is still weird to me too.Tota lona aaahh.Don't talk about it...It's stressful.

Thabiso:ok.Don't think about it for now but you

know that they always get what they want.

Precious:I know.I know....

She looked at him and smiled.

Precious:You are so good to me.I lost so many children and you still stayed.

Thabiso:I did say for better or for worse.

Precious:aah yes..You did.I love you okay?

Thabiso:I love you more.

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At Mma Kgosi's house

She parked the car and Katso got out first.Sasha looked at her prescriptions and

sighed.

Her mother rubbed her hand.

Mma Kgosi:It will be hard but you will heal okay?

Sasha nodded and got out of the car.

She walked inside the house and found her grandmother who immediately gave her a pitiful look.She didn't want.She didn't need pity.

Sasha:dumelang..

She greeted as she went straight to her room.This is hard.How will the people at school look at her?She needs to change schools ASAP.Maybe Reba might put in a good word for her.She can't live here knowing that the people

here know what happened to her and who knows,maybe they have videos and pictures of her.

She might have to rewrite a few modules since she is not attending school but she ill re write.No one gets over such trauma that fast.

She blinked back her tears and placed her pills on the stand before sitting on the bed.

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At Miranda's place

She looked at Thabiso' wife's number. She wanted to call her and tell her that she was not enough for her husband to cheat on her.

Did she owe the wife loyalty? Nope! It was her husband who owed her loyalty not her.

She rubbed her tummy. She wanted to be happy with Thabiso, problem was that he was married.

She looked at the number once again before she typed a text.

'Your husband is cheating on you. That was why he was late the other day'

She sent the text with a number of hers that Thabiso did not have. She smiled. She wanted her baby daddy to be present in her child's life and play an active role in their lives. Plus he was good looking so...

She was making the process much easier, she knew women. Once a man cheats, the whole marriage crumbles because women can't stand cheating. So she is doing Thabiso a flavour plus he won't know it's her.

She doesn't have his wife's number. That is what he will think. Her plan was going to come along just fine.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Precious buttoned up her nurse uniform. She tied her weave and she looked at herself in the mirror. She was fine.

Thabiso: Can I drop you off at work?

Precious: No, I'll be fine.

Thabiso: and I am not negotiating with you.

Precious: fine...

Thabiso walked out of the room with the car keys and Precious grabbed her phone and bag before she walked out of the room.

Precious: Maduo (shouting)

Maduo: maaaa (Shouting back)

Maduo walked out of her room.

Maduo:ma?

Precious:Cook dinner.I'm leaving.

Maduo:should I dish for you?

Precious:Yes.

Maduo:okay Bye.

With that Maduo walked back to her room and her mother shook her head.What a child she has.Pity she will grow up fast.

She checked her watch as she heard the car's engine start.

She is guessing he will be dropping her with his car.

She walked out of the house and she walked to the car.

She got inside and frowned.

Precious:what's that?

Thabiso:what?

Precious:smells like perfume.It's horrible.

Thabiso's heart skipped eight beats at once as he quickly opened the windows to let the fresh air fill the car.

Thabiso:Uhm...maybe you're hormones are playing with you.

Precious:I don't think so.I have never smelt this horrible perfume in ny life.Weird it's in your car.

Thabiso:what are you insinuating?

Precious:nothing.

Thabiso reversed as she buckled up.

Precious unlocked her phone.She clicked on the message from the unknown number.

'Your husband is cheating on you.That was why he was late the other day'

Her heart dropped after reading the first sentence.She looked at Thabiso as tears filled her eyes but she blinked them back.Maybe this is a prank.

He isn't cheating on her again is he?They talked

about this.They really talked about this.She didn't even know this number but how did the person find hers?

She looked outside facing the window as her tears refused to go back.This couldn't be true.She didn't want this to be true.

Thabiso observed the silence in the car.He looked at his wife and she was facing the other way.

Thabiso:are you fine?

Precious:mmhmm..ke sharpo.

He could hear the sadness in her voice.

Thabiso:look at me..

Precious:just drive,I am already late for my shift.

Thabiso looked at the time and she was far from being late.Her shift started at 6pm.What was wrong?Her mood just changed in the blink of an eye.

Precious picked her phone up and read that message over and over again.Why was she stressing herself about things that might not be true?That isn't true.

Maybe they want to destroy her marriage once again and she wilk be letting them play on her marriage.

Thabiso parked outside the hospital gate and

looked at his wife.

Thabiso:we're here.

Precious looked up before she unbuckled her seat belt and she tried to ipen the door but Thabiso quickly locked it.

Precious:tlhe rra lotlolola lebati(please unlock the door)

Thabiso:What's up?

Precious:nothing.Open the door.

Thabiso:I am not opening this door?What's wrong?

Precious faced him with tears blinding her vision.

Precious:wa nthata akere?(you love me?)

Thabiso:Ee.What kind of question is that?Of course I love you.Where is this coming from?

Precious:You'll never do anything to hurt me akere?

Thabiso held her cheek.

Thabiso:I love you too much to hurt you.Where is all of this coming from kante?

She moved her head as she looked at him.She decided against telling him about the anonymous text.

Precious:Hormones must be doing a number on

me..

She forced a light laugh and she hugged him.

Precious:unlock the door.

Thabiso did so and she opened the door. Stepping out of the car, she said bye and closed the door.

Thabiso waited till she walked inside the hospital and he started the car.

That was almost close. She would leave him with no hesitation once she finds out.

He drove off to Miranda's place.

Meanwhile in the hospital

Precious was stressed. That text just changed her whole mood and she didn't think she was going to focus today at work. How was she going to attend patients when she is stressed too?

She just walked to the doctor's office.

She walked in and sat down. Sarona smiled and Precious couldn't help but smile. Sasa had that thing that always made people to relax and be happy.

Precious: you've been on these night shifts all week Sasa.

Sarona: Presh wee.. I have no one to go to. What

can I do for you?

Precious:I came to book an appointment but I am so stressed.Le mama I don't want to stress her with things that might not be true.

Sarona:marriage problems?

Precious:that thing is so stressful...(sighing)

Sarona:let's deal with your appointment first.What is the appointment for?

Precious:I want to do a sonogram.I'm pregnant.

Sarona clapped her hands.

Sarona:congratulations.This time ebile you shouldn't even be stressing.Whatever that is stressing you,just block it out.

Precious:yes Doc.Yes Madam Dr.

Sarona:so what time?

Precious:around 2pm?Will you be here?

Sarona:for you yes.So now what's stressing you?

Precious:forget it.

Sarona:ng ng.I can't. That thing is also stressaing our child.Talk Presh.

Precious took her phone out and she showed Sarona the message.

Sarona read the message and frowned.

Precious:I have no idea who that is.Kana of my mother hears that I told an unmarried friend my problems,she will start with her daily complaints.

Sarona:Can I see the number that sent the message?

Precious showed her again.

Sarona: your mother is right you know, friends are dangerous. Who knows, I might steal your husband if you keep venting your problems.

Precious: O ka swaba Sarona.

Sarona laughed as she took out her phone. The number was familiar to her. Really familiar.

She typed the number and searched for it on her contacts. Miranda's name popped up and she was equally shocked.

She breathed in and out. Should she get involved?

Precious:what is it?

Sarona:see...

She showed her her phone and the contact.She verified the numbers and they matched.

Precious:Miranda as in that cousin you always told me about wa go sa bona tiro since she finished school?

Sarona sadly nodded.

Precious:(sighed)It's okay.She might be warning me.Plus it can't be her.Isn't she too young?Yazin I shouldn't be stressing myself like this.I aound like an insecure woman right now.

Sarona:Let's be optimistic in all of this.I'll be

there for your appointment tomorrow.Let me go home.My shift just ended.

Precious:ok.Thank you.

Sarona:don't stress our child.This time we want you to have a happy pregnancy Presh.

Precious breathed in and out.

Precious:okay Sasa.Bye..

Precious walked out her office with a heavy heart.She won't be able to function today.It was all too much.

Stress was eating her insides and she didn't want to stress.She was in the first trimester and she could lose this baby just as fast.

She breathed in and out as she walked to where the rota was. She needed to start doing her rounds.

She will deal with all of this once she gets home.

But she wasn't okay at all. She didn't want to be the insecure wife and he might actually cheat.

She took her phone and dialed Maduo's number. It rang for some time before she answered.

Maduo: mama.. O lebetse sengwe? ke ye go se dropa (mom.. did you forget something? Should I go drop it off?)

Precious: No.. Uhm. has your dad arrived yet?

Maduo:Not yet.Id anything wrong?

Precious's heart plummeted to the ground.She held onto the wall.She shouldn't jump to conclusions.

Precious:No..Don't forget to cook okay?

Maduo:yes mam.Bye.

Precious:bye.

She hung up and she took really deep breaths.Focus on work and break at home.This was not the time nor place for her to be stressed.

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At Rebabedi's house

Rebamedi held the bars as sweat trickled down his rock hard abs. He pushed his body to the limits and kept on with the exercise till he was sweaty all over and his body couldn't take more.

His body glistened with the sweat and he just grabbed his water bottle and gulped the water down in one go.

He walked out of the gym room and headed to his bedroom. It has been a while since he had some and he really needed to release his pent up frustrations. Where the hell was he going to find a sub?

His phone rang and he saw the caller id. He wanted to reject the call but he thought

otherwise of it.

He answered the call.

Reba:Ntatemogolo.

Kgosi:not even dumelangm

Reba:dumelang,ke ka le thusa ka eng?(Good evening,how may I help you?)

Kgosi:I am by your gate.Open the gate.

Rebabeti silently cursed.He can never be rid of the old guy?Always butting in his business.

Reba:okay..

He hung up and grabbed a towel as he wiped

the sweat off his body.

He headed to the lounge where he found the remote control. He pressed the green button and the gate slid open.

The car drove in and Reba was already not looking forward to this conversation that they might have.

He didn't want to lose it because this guy is always pressing his buttons and when he snaps, he's disrespectful.

He shook his head as he pressed the buttons on the door, opening it as his grandfather walked out the car. He must've had the driver bribe him here.

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At Rebabedi's house

His grandfather walked inside the house and sat down on the couch.

Reba:dumelang.

Kgosi:Rebabedi I know that you're stubborn but this is happening.

Reba:This is my life...

Kgosi:Rebabedi we didn't wake up one morning and decide to marry you off.

Reba:seems like you did.I don't want to marry.I am already stable and I don't need the drama that comes with commitment.

Kgosi shook his head.

Kgosi:sit down.

Rebabedi sighed as he sat on the couch opposite his grandfather's and looked at him.Kgosi just saw his son in Rebabedi and he was the exact carbon copy of him.Attitude and more.

Kgosi:Rebabedi she is your chosen.

Reba:don't tell me you believe in that.

Kgosi:The ancestors chose her for you before she was born.

This time Rebabedi chuckled in disbelief.What mambo jumbo was this now?

Reba:You have got to be kidding me....Don't tell me that exists.

Kgosi:You know we are a traditional family Rebabedi.

Reba:Doesn't mean I believe that.Where the ancestors there when what happened years ago happened?

Kgosi was taken back to years ago and he shook his head. He never talks about it and he moved on so fast.

Kgosi: Rebabe....

Reba: ntatemogolo and you expect me to believe that I already had a wife pre destined for me? Badimo ba lona neh? (Your ancestors neh?)

Kgosi: But there is nothing you can do Rebabedi. Negotiations will go on. She is the one to carry the Kgosi heir.

Reba: You had my life planned out just like that? Okay (shaking his head in disbelief)

Kgosi: This is for the best. As I said before, once she has borne the heir, you can divorce her as per your wishes.

Reba: And you still do as you please in my life. And poor child does not know her life is

being controlled by ancestors. What selective ancestors we have....

Kgosi: Rebabedi do not disrespect your forefathers like that.

Reba: nyaa continue with your plan anyway. My hands are tied when it comes to this because you have "the power to destroy me" o fitlhetse katse e bonolo...

Kgosi chuckled as he looked at Rebabedi's straight face.

Kgosi: So just so you know we are going to go ahead with this.

Reba: I know... If that is all..

Reba stood up and walked to the door. He opened the door for his grandfather.

Kgosi stood up and walked to the door then he faced Reba.

Kgosi:We will notify you of all proceedings.

Reba:(sighing)ok.

His grandfather walked out and he closed the door.Entered the pin and it locked the door.

He headed to the gym again.More frustration.A wife?Now that is messed up and he hates it when they make decisions of such importance regardless of how he feels and now they are basing their decisions on ancestors?Bull...

He started out on the treadmill and started out with full speed.He needed a sub as of yesterdat.One who would understand the

terms. Not bone who would catch feelings and cry when he ends the whole thing.

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At Miranda's house

Sasa parked her car outside the gate as she saw the black land rover in the yard. She contained her anger for her cousin. She removed her white coat which had her name tag and she gently placed it on the other seat. Being where she is wasn't easy but she was here and she has had enough relationships to last her a lifetime.

She rolled her car windows slightly down as she saw the tall dark man walk out the door. The man she recognized pretty well.

Sarona:holy shit!

He got inside his car and he reversed out of the yard.She rolled up the window and ducked.He would recognize her anywhere.

Thabiso saw the car parked at the gate and he decided to ignore it as he drove off.

Sasa checked if the coast was clear and it was.She unlocked her car doors and walked out.

She walked inside the yard till she reached the door.

She knocked two times before Miranda opened

the door.

Miranda:Hey cuz.Come inside.

Sasa walked inside and Miranda closed the door.

When she turned a hot slap landed on her cheek that the sound echoed in the whole room and she gasped in shock.

Miranda:What the?

Another slap landed on her other cheek.

Miranda was perplexed.What the fuck was wrong with Saron?

Miranda lifted her head and she saw anger in Sarona's eyes.

Sarona:ebile ka bo o se moimana ka bo ke go nyedisa botlhoko(If you weren't pregnant,I would beat you up so bad)

Miranda was lost for words.What was up with Sarona?

Sarona:ka re o fitlhetse katse e bonolo.O tshamekela mo lenyalong la motho(You found a humble person.You are playing on her marriage)

Miranda:What did I do to you?Sarona what the hell?you can't beat a pregnant woman let alone slap me.

Sarona:I'm a doctor and a few slaps won't kill

your child. I thought you were better than this.

Miranda was lost. First she is slapped with no valid reason now Sarona is on about something she has no knowledge of.

Sarona: stop acting surprised. Akere wena i sethuba malapa.

Miranda: Sarona kante?

Sarona: wasn't that Thabiso driving off? Waitse I am disappointed in you. So so disappointed.

Miranda: What I do with you is none of your business Sarona. Jeez.

Miranda walked away and she headed to the kitchen where she opened the freezer and took the mixed vegetables pack and placed it on her burning cheek.

Sarona followed her to the kitchen.

Sarona:what were you trying to achieve?

Miranda:what the hell are you on about Sarona?

Sarona:waitse!Banyana.Mekwepa neh.

Miranda:And who are you to judge me and wa
re kgang ya gago ke eng?

Sarona:That's why you refused to tell the family
who got you pregnant.Cause you are set out to
destroy another woman's family.Do you know
that the man you are seeing is married?Mr
Solomon is married.

It then clicked that Sarona was on about
Thabiso.How the hell was that any of her
concern?

Miranda:How is that your concern?

Sarona:and you are not ashamed?

Miranda:That man owes loyalty to his wife and family not me...

Sarona clapped her hands.

Sarona:heeduu!Babirwa nkutluseng meleko e..

Miranda:true..Tota I am not concerned about what happens in his marriage.

Sarona:says the girl who sent the text to his wife?or is that a different Miranda?

Her eyes widened in shock.How did she find that out?

Sarona:And she says he owes his family loyalty and what happens in his marriage does not concern her yet she is the one sending texts to the wife.Tendecies of being a homewrecker.Very soon you9be making noise in Bobonong trashing the poor woman.

Miranda:Sarona that is none of your business..

Sarona:let me tell you sonething,Sasa moo ke mo Bobirwa.It is not Kasane baby.Banyana ba loa.Women would go consult traditional doctors to safeguard their marriages and you are playing with fire.

Miranda rolled her eyes.

Sarona:I warned you.Instead of looking for a job you are happy being a side chick.How long will he play happy familiea with you before deciding to go back to his family?And he stops taking

care of the child you are carrying which I can obviously see that it's his?

Miranda kept quiet.

Sarona:hee!Don't keep quiet.Defend yourself.How long?He rents this house for you and you think you're all that but how long before he stops and decided to work on his marriage?And you are purposefully making the affair known.You know what they always do?They will label you a homewrecker.The slut.The one who wanted another woman's goods.This society we live in favours men and they will soon forget he cheated his wife but you my dear?They will break you with their words.You'll think they hate you but you brought all of this on yourself.

Sarona paused and looked at her thoughtfully as she held the mixed vegetables against her cheek.

Sarona:all I'm saying is don't think he will leave his wife for you and try to break his marriage.You will be left broke and starving with a baby on your back.Instead of putting that degree to use you think using your vagina to secure a better life from a married man is the way?I would never lie to you Sarona but what I can tell you is that his wife is such a humble woman.She wouldn't hurt a fly but I don't know.She might turn the tables and go all psycho on you...

Miranda:and you are saying all that because you are scared you will die alone.Let me leave my life.If I don't want to reveal my baby daddy it is

none of the family's concern.

Sarona:and who will put you in
confinement?You are so stupid

Miranda(chuckling)Bo uncle wanted damages
to be paid but you refused because you know
you are fucking a married man behind closed
doors.You see the woman you sent the text
to?She is stressed right now and she left my
office with a broken heart.She was near tears
all because of you and I know it's not in you
alone but you had to be the typical side chick
who wanted a man who already had a wife to
leave her?

Miranda:I think you need to leave.I can lay a
charge of assault for slapping me.I didn't do
anything to you Sarona(Holding back tears)

Sarona laughed.

Sarona:go ahead.His wife will take you to court and you'll be sued for home wrecking.I mean you don't have a job and imagine being sued for home wrecking.The baby you are carrying is evidence enough but let me shut up.Bye mma.

Sarona walked out of the kitchen and sMirands followed her.She opened the front door and walked out.

Miranda removed the cold packet and rubbed her cheek which she had a feeling was bruised.Sarona thinking she is all that.Mxm.

She was no angry and Sarona ruined her whole mood.She was happy but Sarona just had to

walk in here with her gratified self
righteousness. Was it her place? The wife is not
even fighting her so why should Sarona involve
herself in matters that do not concern her? Mxm!

She was angry and now her face was going to
be all swollen now.

She walked to the bathroom and she saw her
hand print on both her cheeks. It was swelling
but maybe the coldness helped to reduce the
rate.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo got busy in the kitchen with the
dinner. The door opened and she peeked to see
who it was.

Maduo:Dad would you like chicken or mince?

Thabiso:whatever that suits your fancy.

Maduo:okay.Thanks.

She took out the mince.She was not going to be long.An hour and she would be done.Time was money and she had to monitor her investment.

P5000 was a lot of money and she didn't want that investment to be all for nothing.I mean her sibling should have a rich older sister.And she would be honoured to spoil her baby sibling with expensive toys.

She sighed in contentment.She was gonna make it.

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Goodnight

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The following day

At Bobonong Primary Hospital

Precious checked her time. Her head was pounding and it was all because she was stressed while on duty.

The prospect of her husband cheating on her was daunting and the more she thought about it the more it made sense to her that he might be cheating on her.

If he was, how long has it been? Was she a fool? He played her again?

She just sat on one of the benches and breathed in and out. She breathed in and out trying to not think about it, she might stress herself too much and lose the baby she is carrying and she can't afford that.

She took her phone and dialed Thabiso.

As the phone rang she looked up the ceiling. She was so stressed and she didn't know what to do. Her heart was so heavy and she didn't want to lose this marriage. She was already losing her daughter in a few months and now her whole family...

Tears welled in her eyes as different scenarios played out in her head.

Thabiso:hello...

She blinked and looked at the phone..

Precious:(sniffing)Uhm come pick me up..

Thabiso:what's wrong?

Precious:I'm fine..will you be able to come?

Thabiso:yeah...

Precious:bye.

She hung up and wiped her tears with her hands.She placed her head on her hands as she held down the sobs.This was eating her up and she knows she shouldn't be stressing like this.

Sasa walked in time for her shift.She saw Precious with her head low.She sadly looked at her.She was such a stressor and she knew how this is going to affect her pregnancy.She really wanted the baby she was carrying to be fine.

She walked to her and bent down.

Sarona:hey hey Presh are you okay?

She lifted her eyes up and Sarona's heart broke for her.Her husband was cheating and confirming it to her was going to finish her.

Sarona:stand up,come..Don't cry...

Precious:I can't stop thinking about it and it starts to make sense and I am scared that it's true.Sasa I am losing everything.

Sarona:Don't say that Presh..come let's go to y office,the patients aren't supposed to see you breaking down.

Precious stood up and walked with Sasa to her office.

Upon their arrival Precious sat on the chair and her lower lip quivered. She wasn't strong enough to survive her husband cheating.

Sarona:babe...shh..

Precious:just the thought of it breaks me..I..

Sarona:Presh..o ska itsenya stress.We have a baby to think about.

Precious:I know..I know..but..

Sarona bent down to her level and lifted her head up wiping her tears.

Sarona:hey.Whatever the truth is promise me that you will put the baby first.We can't affors to lose this pregnancy again.You know that..

Precious:I know...

Sarona:good.Now wipe those tears.You're a mother,sister,wife,daughter and helped.You're strong.

Precious:okay.

She breathed in and looked at Sarona who smiled.

Sarona:my responsibility is that baby you're carrying and I won't let you kill my baby ka stress mma.No.

Precious:(laughing softly)okay Dr Sasa.

Sarona:good.Now calm down...try not to stress tlhemma wena.

Precious:okay.Okay.

She breathed in again and looked at Sasa.

Her phone beeped and she saw the message.

Precious:thank you Sasa...

Sarona:Anytime.

Precious:my ride is here,later on I am coming here for the scan and we can see how far I am right?

Sarona:of course.Go rest.You look horrible..

Precious:mxm.Tsamaela koo.(laughing)

Sasa laughed as she got out and closed the door behind her.Miranda was just annoying.Imagine destroying such a kind woman.Some women do not deserve to be called women.Miranda was proof of that.

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Precious opened the car door and she got in. Thabiso looked at her and he saw that she has been crying.

Thabiso: are you okay?

Precious: just tired and this headache that won't go away.

Thabiso: sure that's all?

Precious: yeah.

She leaned her head back. She didn't even have the energy to buckle up.

Thabiso: buckle up love (soft voice)

And she was trying to convince herself that he

wasn't cheating on her.

Thabiso sighed and he buckled her up as she had closed her eyes.

Precious didn't want to open her eyes because tears would fall and she didn't want to cry in front of him.

He started the car, stealing glances at his wife who still had her eyes closed. He wondered what was wrong with her. She had been in a mood ever since he dropped her yesterday at the hospital and she looked worse. He saw that she had been crying and she is lying to him saying that she's fine.

He maneuvered his way as he thoughtfully looked at her.

Thabiso:babe you can talk to me.

Precious:I am fine Thabiso...uhm I need some rest.(low voice)

He could hear her voice breaking and his heart broke along with her voice.

When they arrived home he parked the car and stopped the engine.He got out and he walked to her door.He opened it and unbuckled her seatbelt.

She opened her eyes and the tears fell down her cheeks.She saw the sullen look in his eyes and she was trying so hard to convince her mind that her husband was not a cheater but her heart was saying no..

He used his thumb to wipe her tears.

Thabiso:talk to me..What's up?

Precious:the headache..it hurts.

Thabiso sighed.She didn't want to talk.

He picked her up and walked inside the house carrying her.

Thabiso:are you sure you're fine?

Precious:yeah..I ne..need to sleep.Thats all.

He sighed yet again.She was not going to tell him anything today.

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At Mma Kgosi's house

Sasha stared at the white ceiling. She slept for about four hours and woke up. She had another counseling session today and she was still not ready to talk. Dr Mason said she is not going to force her and she is actually a cool doctor.

Thing was she was not ready to face the world after this counseling. Maybe even if she changes schools but what if they still know what happened to her and they will still judge her?

Tears welled in her eyes. She was not strong enough but she told herself that she was gonna do this.

She got out of bed and walked to the bathroom in her room where she splashed cold water on her face and brushed her teeth.

She looked at herself again. She was not the same vibrant Sasha and she will never be the same Sasha ever again. That one is dead. She died the day Kaone decided to take advantage of her.

She blinked several times as she tried not to cry and walked out of the bathroom.

Maybe she will have breakfast with the family today. Something a bit different.

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At Mma Solomon's house

She woke up around 1pm. She was not going to stress her unborn child. This was already high risk and she would be shattered if she lost the child even though at some point she had tried to kill him or her.

She showered and freshened up. She had an appointment to get to.

She walked out of the bedroom and she found Maduo and her father playing video games. She smiled.

Maduo: Mom it's not what you think, I'm on a break.

Precious: which break? you never do a thing.

Maduo: mama, I do a whole lot.

Precious:mxm..

Maduo:papa and I am about to win.

Thabiso:no you aren't.

Maduo:mama distract him for me so I can win...

Precious laughed softly.

Precious:do not involve me in your video game wars.What was for breakfast?

Maduo:made fruit salad for you.It's in the fridge.

Precious walked to the kitchen and she took out the fruit salad.She sat on a high chair and ate it there in the kitchen.

When she was done she rinsed the bowl and put it in place.

Precious:Maddy can I steal your dad for an hour?

Maduo:suure.I'm gone good people.

They both laughed.

Precious:Maduo wa bua..

Thabiso:takes up after you..

Precious:ng ng...hers is on another level.I
booked an appointment for 2pm..for the scan.

Thabiso:okay.

He kissed her cheek after standing up and
headed to the bedroom.

Precious breathed in and out.She should not

stress about this. She should not stress at all.

Thabiso came back after ten minutes and je had changed clothes.

Thabiso: shall we?

She smiled.

Precious: we shall.

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At Bobonong Primary Hospital

Precious looked at the sonogram as Sasa rubbed the cold gel on her tummy.

Sasa was trying to be neutral as she saw Thabiso hold his wife's hand. She didn't want him to know that she knew his secret.

Sasa moved the wand all over Precious's tummy. Precious heard the strong heartbeat. She did not even know how far along she was.

Sh looked at the screen.

Sarona: let me make sure if it's accurate.

She moved the wand all over and she looked at the screen.

Sarona: Wow!

She gasped in shock. Wow! Uhm... Wow.

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At Bobonong Primary Hospital

Sarona: let me make sure if it's accurate.

She moved the wand all over and she looked at

the screen.

Sarona:Wow!

She gasped in shock.Wow!Uhm...Wow.

She looked at the screen once again..

Sarona:Uhm...according to what I am seeing you are around the third month..

Precious:really?

Sarona:yes and I see more than one baby..

Precious let go of her husband's hand as she moved both her hands to her mouth.She blinked back tears.More than one baby.

Sarona: Precious you do know this is much more high risk more especially since you are approaching 40.

She nodded.

Sarona: Not sure if it's three or two but more than one child. So I think we will confirm next month how many kids you're carrying.

Precious: Sasa...oh...

Sarona chuckled as she looked at her friend shocked.

Sarona: But checkups every two weeks. High risk pregnancy Presh. Plus we have a lot to do. Just

carrying more than one child is a risk itself and you know your history so it's double the risk.

She nodded. Thabiso was speechless. His wife was carrying more than one child? Wow!

Sarona handed her a cloth to wipe the gel off her tummy.

Sarona: Let me print this out for you, then prescribe supplements and vitamins for you.

With that Sasa walked out of the room and Precious looked at Thabiso.

Precious: Maybe....

She shook her head as tears clouded her vision. This felt surreal. She was carrying more than a single human being in her and it was her duty to protect them.

Thabiso: yes love. Now no more stress okay? No more night shifts.

Precious chuckled as she wiped her tears.

Precious: my supervisors will decide if I can work night shifts or what...

Thabiso: They are going to stress you out.

Right there and then she remembered that he might be cheating and he was the main cause of her stress aside from the Maduo issue.

Precious:(fake smile)yeah.

The door opened and Precious sat upright..

Sarona:I printed the scan out..

Sha handed her the printed scan and she looked at it.

Sarona:You know the drill,your pregnancy has to be registered and then checkups every two weeks.

Precious:fair enough.

Sarona:You know where to pick your supplements.And congratulations to the both of

you guys.Thank you.

Thabiso held Precious's hand as he helped her get off the bed.

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At Gaborone

Laone was on her phone while waiting for her order ay Nando's.

She had just received a text from her sister telling her that she is carrying more than one child.Her mother must be proud of her too.She has everything put together.A family,a loving husband,the perfect daughter.No offence but sometimes she wished that had she focused on trying to find love and marriage things would have worked out for her.

A woman who is in her thirties already and still no ring.No child.No man.Just the sassy career woman who took what she did seriously and was good at it.

Terrence was by the counter as he paid for his meal.He had wanted it to be a takeaway,he had to get back to work.

He saw the lady.She looked familiar.Familiar.He headed her way.

He pulled the chair in front of her and sat down.

Laone:It's rude to just sit at other people's tables.

Terry:It's public space.

Laone:okay..sure..

She looked back at her phone but she glanced back and she looked at him.

Terry:And you're checking me out.

Laone:I am not..keore hela you're disturbing my peace.

Terry laughed as he looked at her.She looked like that lady he met almost a month ago.No.That one was not for him.

Terry:do you have a twin?

Laone:no..

Terry:you look familiar..

Laone chuckled. That was his pickup line?

Laone: try a better pickup line...

The waiter came with Laone's takeaway.

She took the doggy bag and stood up.

Terry: Can I have your dials?

Laone laughed.

Laone: Here is the deal, if we bump into each other again we'll exchange names and numbers. If not o jelwe Mr.

Terence stood up too as he slid his hands inside his pockets.

Laone:Bye stranger.

Woth that Laone walked away and Terence whistled softly.

Terry:damn.

She was a challenge and he liked challenges.He chuckled as he sat down.Did she just turn him down like that?What if they never meet again?Women....He shook his head...

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At Kgosi Investments

Rebamedi's PA walked inside the office with his files. Rebamedi started noticing her shapely legs in the black pencil skirt. She had curves and she was just the kind of lightskinned he went for. He knew he would be able to see his palm etched on her ass. He imagined her hands tied up. But she was his damn PA. Against all work ethics, besides she respects him and she is young.

He closed his eyes. Being sex starved was getting to his head. It's been more than a month since he had a sub and being his dominant self he just craved control other than the one he had in the office.

Wame: Anything else sir?

Reba: No.

She nodded as she walked out and he sighed. Now he has to marry a mere teenager. What are they subjecting him to?

He took one file and he browsed through it. He couldn't concentrate on work. He closed his eyes. Exercise won't be enough to take the urge away, no matter how hard he pushes his body.

He got up and he grabbed his suit jacket, car keys and phone. He needed a breather. Just anything.

He walked out of the office. He ignored everything around him till he was out of the office buildings and by the car park.

He got inside the car and he started the car. He switched on his car stereo and Roddy Ricch and Mustard's Ballin played in the car.

He reversed out of the car parking lot. He didn't know where he was going but he needed a breather.

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At Francistown Private Hospital

Tumi held her white coat in her hands. She was tired. Hungry and all sorts and it wasn't even time to knock off.

She placed the coat on the couch in her office and she bent down to remove her shoes.

She then sat on her couch and closed her eyes. She kept telling herself that Rebabedi is the man of her dreams but she will never get him. If a man does not notice you on the first account will he notice you next time? Highly unlikely.

Maybe she was not his type. Even after this long he still popped up in her thoughts.

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Later that day

At Gaborone

Laone pushed the trolley across the section where snacks were sold. She picked two packets of Simba chips inside and she saw another packet being put inside her trolley.

She turned and she saw Terry.

Laone: We meet again..

She chuchled and Terrence just took the chips from her trolley and placed them in his basket.

Terry:It's fate..

Laone:ng ng,you have been following me..

Terry:No I have not.As you were dear lady.

Laone picked a few stuff and placed them in her trolley as Terry walked by her side.

Laone:You're going to follow me like that?

Terry:I am gentleman...

Laone shook her head.

They got to the till and she wanted to pay for

her stuff but Terrence stopped her and gave the cashier his card.

Laone:I will pay Mr..

Terry:Let me be a gentleman...

Laone:bu...

The cashier swiped his card and he gave him the small machine to enter his password.

Laone sulked as she foled her arms and Terry chuckled as he pinched her cheeks.

Terry:cheer up..

Cashier:tthe la bechelwa..(you're bekng spoiled)

Laone:We are not...

Terry:Thank you..

The cahsier also scanned his items and since they weren't many he paid with cash.

Laone's items were placed in plastics then the trolley.

Terry:Stop sulking tlhemma..

He pushed the trolley and she gave him a look.

Terry:Stop sulking...

Laone:I can pay for my own stuff..

Terry:I wasn't disputing that..Now direct me to your car woman..

They walked outside the shop side by side and they were stopped by a lady.

Lady:You two make a cute couple.

Laone:we are...

Terry:thank you,we have to go now.Thank you.

He took Laone's hand as he pushed the trolley..

The lady keot on walking and Laone looked at Terry once again.

Laone:What's your name?

Terry:(laughing)Terrence but you can call me Terry.

Laone:okay...

She pointed her car to him and she didn't realise he was still holding her other hand.

Terry pushed the trolley to her car and that was when she removed her hand from his. Her cheeks flushed in embarrassment.

She perused through her handbag and she found the car keys. She unlocked the boot and Terry started loading the plastics.

Laone removed her purse and she counted her notes as she prepared to reimburse him.

Terry: Don't.. It's okay.

Laone: but...

Terry:Don't sweat it.Borrow me your phone..

Laone sighed as she unlocked her phone and gave it to him.

Terry entered his number and gave it back.

He took out his phone and gave it to her,Laone typed in her digits and wrote her name and gave it to him.

Terry looked at her name and he smiled.

Terry:Laone?Nice.To me you're Lala..

Laone:whatever that floats your boat.Are you sure I shouldn't....

Terry:Lala wee...

Laone:Rra?

Terry:I said it's fine,don't pay me back...I wanted to.I will call you later..

He kissed her forehead and turned.He pushed the trolley to his car and Laone looked at him..

He just kissed her and left.He paid for her stuff and he doesn't want payment?She will await his call.

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Bobonong Primary Hospital

Thabiso dropped off his wife for her night shift and as usual after dropping her off he headed to Miranda's place.

Precious walked inside the hospital and headed straight to Sasa's office before she knocked off.

She sat down on the chair as Sarona neatly arranged her files.

Sarona:and what do I owe this beautiful visit from our mommy to be?

Precious:(laughing)Relax..

Her face became serious as she looked at Sarona.

Precious:I have a request and I know it may be a bit too much but...(breathing in)I have to listen to my gut instincts.

Sarona:Shoot..

Precious:Can you take me to your cousin's place?

Sarona paused as she placed the file she was holding on the desk and sat down on her chair slowly.

Sarona:Why?

Precious blinked as she looked at the ceiling.

Precious:just,I couldn't sleep thinking what if it's her?I..

Sarona:Presh...

Precious:I am not going to fight,you know I am not like that..Maybe I'm bekng paranoid and maybe that sms was a joke but...

She held back tears as her heart raced.

Sarona: Presh you're not supposed to be stressing. That's a high risk pregnancy.

Precious: Sasa I know. I know... I just want to confirm. Maybe I might accuse my husband of cheating whilst he's not..

Sarona: Presh....

She looked at her and her sad eyes pierced through Sarona's heart. She knew her husband was cheating and she didn't want Precious to be stressed and everything.

Precious: please..I..Please...

Sarona sighed.

Sarona:okay.I am packing up now,I'll take you with and bring you back.

Precious:Thank you.Thank you so much.

Sarona:(fake smile)yeah

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At Miranda's place

Thabiso parked his car inside the yard and walked out holding plastics.

He knocked and Miranda opened the door for him.

Thabiso:What happened to your face?

Miranda:My cousin and I got into a fight it's nothing,come in.

She opened the door wider and he walked in,heading straight to the kitchen where he placed the plastics.

Thabiso:What kind of a fight,you are pregnant and you aren't supposed to be fighting.

Miranda:it was petty and I won't bore you with the details.

Thabiso:I am worried.

Miranda:Don't be...

Thabiso:come here...

She walked to him and sat next to him.He picked her legs and placed them on his thighs.

Miranda smiled. This was nice and imagine having him with her full time and not sharing him with his wife.

Thabiso: What are you thinking about?

Miranda: Nothing...

Meanwhile Sarena drove to Miranda's place and she stole a glance at Precious. She was calm but she knew deep down that she was hurting.

How could one hurt such a woman? She was afraid that she will break and they might never fix her again.

They slowed down as they approached Miranda's place.

Precious's heart caught in her throat as she saw the familiar Land Rover. The one they went to choose together and they debated on which colour he should choose.

She bit her lower lip and looked up. She didn't want to cry.

Sarona: Precious...

Precious: I am okay (shaky voice)

She brought her hands together as she said a short prayer. She....

She opened the door with a shaky hand and as soon as she was out of the car she held onto it

as she sucked in a deep breath.Sasa got out of the car and looked at how weak Precious became as she saw her husband's car..

Precious stood upright and waitex for Sasa to lead the way.Sarona breathed in and she walked inside the yard with Precious following her a few meters behind.She walked to the stoep and she knocked on the door.

Thabiso:Did you invite someone over?

Miranda:No...let me go check the door.

Miranda stood up and walked slowly to the door.She opened the door a little bit and she saw Sarona.

She rolled her eyes.

Miranda:Sarona I am busy..

Sarona faked humbleness as she looked at Miranda.

Sarona:I came to apologise for ny behaviour yesterday...

Miranda:You can apologise later,I am busy..

Sarona:please..

Miranda:You'll come back if you're serious with your apology and I don't think I will accept it anyway.Bye Sarona..

Miranda closed the door in her face and she didn't lock the door.

Miranda walked back to where Thabiso was and she placed her head on his chest.

Thabiso:Who was that?

Miranda:That cousin I told you about..She wanted to apologize,I told her she can come back later.

Thabiso:okay.

Sarona looked at Precious who was sullen and she could see the pain reflected in her eyes.

Precious:Did she lock the door?

Sarona:I don't think so but..

Precious:I am not looking for a fight and if I fight she can report ne for assault.

Precious looked up and put in a heart of steel and walked to door. She gently held the door knob and Sarena let her. She wanted to find out what was happening...

Precious looked at the door and wished she didn't find herself in such a circumstance.

She opened the door and Miranda's head shot up as she looked at the door.

Thabiso's heart pounded in his chest as his eyes widened. Precious? How did...

Precious's heart broke into tiny pieces as she saw them together. And she was pregnant.

She placed her hand on her mouth as tears fell down her cheeks.

She held onto the door for stability because this was too much for her.

Sarona rushed and her waist gently.

Sarona: Precious...honey..Precious..

Thabiso abruptly stood up and walked towards her and she just shook her head. She didn't want him near her.

Miranda was speechless. That was his wife? She was gorgeous... She started to question why he cheated with her because she even looked young and she would be mistaken for a slay queen.

Thabiso:I'm..

She shook her head.

Sarona:Precious breath in and breath out,we don't want you to stress..Breath Precious..

Precious looked at her husband and he saw the pain in her eyes as the tears continued falling down her cheeks.

She used her hands to wipe her tears.

Precious:I..I'm not looking for a fight..

She looked over at the couch where Miranda was sitting..

Precious:You must be Miranda?

Miranda slowly nodded and Precious walked to the couch and sat to the one opposite hers.Thabiso was stuck in one place as the shock was still there that she caught him red handed.

Precious bit her lower lip and looked up and a tinge of guilt struck Miranda. She looked so broken and to think that she was the catalyst to all the events unfolding here.

Precious:uhm..you look pretty.

Miranda didn't know what to say to her so she just nodded.

Precious breathed in once again. This was hard for her but she needed to say her piece.

Precious: as I said... I am not going to fight you. And I don't blame you for falling for him. He is charming isn't he? (chuckling sadly holding back tears)

Sarona sadly looked at her. This was eating her up and she didn't know why she wanted to be here.

Precious: uhm.. So I'm the stupid wife whom you sent the message to.. Here I am and Miranda.. congratufuckinglations for making

him yours..

The way she said that had Sarena looking at her in shock and Miranda could feel the venom from her words.

Precious:I won't beat you up or even post you on facebook.I am not going to drag your name through the mud,cheating on me was his decision and as I have heard numerous women say,the man owes loyalty and not the side chick..

She breathed in and she looked at Miranda.

Precious:maybe he loves you because you are able to give him what he wants.Who knows you might be pregnant with a baby boy and you two

will live happily ever after...

Miranda didn't know how to respond to her.

Precious:shows that no matter how pretty you are,you can never be able to keep a man from wandering.Look at me..Everything but I can't give him children.

Thabiso's heart caught in his throat as he imagined how hurt she must be to be able to say she can't give him more children and that she was not even sure how long her own pregnancy would last.

Precious:And congratufuckinglations yet again on that.You did one thing right I failed to do for him for the past 17 years so bravo..

She held back the tears.

Precious: Well you can have him, we don't have to share him. You can take his last name and everything. I am done.

She looked at Thabiso and she held her back those tears.

She stood up and removed her ring. She walked to him and she took his hands in his. She squeezed them and she then held his palm open. She placed the ring on his palm before she closed it.

Precious: I loved you and I still do but I can't share you. Not after what I have been through

with you.

Her tears fell.

Precious;I love you so much that this is breaking me into pieces and I am seconds away from screaming...Take this ring,give it to her.I am giving you up to her and you can be happy with your little perfect family..

She looked up.She was still holding his hands.

Precious:I love you but if this is what I am subjected to for loving you then I would rather give you up for my own sanity.

She stood on her tippy toes and kissed his

cheek.

Precious: Take care, I will move out of your house in a week. Bye.

She walked out the door and Sarona followed her.

She broke down as she bent. She placed her hands on her mouth as she cried. Sarona held her and hugged her.

Sarona: Presh..

Precious: It hurts so much...

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At Mma Solomon's house

Sarona dropped her home.She was holding back the tears.

Precious:thank you..

Sarona:sure and do..

Precious:do not stress...

She got out the car and she walked to the house..She knocked and Maduo opened the door.

Maduo frowned.Her mother's eyes were red.

Maduo:mama what's wrong?

Precious:I'm okay..

She bit her lower lip as she walked inside the house.She headed straight to her room where she put a pillow on her face and let it all out.

Maduo was confused as hell.Her mother was supposed to be at work,her dad had just dropped her at work.

She rubbed her temples.Her mother was not okay and she wanted to ask but she probably won't tell her a thing.

Precious held back the sobs as the pain pierced her heart deeper and deeper. What was wrong with her? She gave that man everything and he did that to her? and what hurt the most is that she loved him more than life himself.. she cannot deal with this worse... this worse broke her and she wasn't in the mood to talk... She...

She lifted her head from the pillow as she grabbed her phone and looked at the pictures she had with him...

The ones from that vacation they took together a year ago. The tears fell and she didn't bother wiping them. She wanted to delete them but she couldn't. She loved him so much and there was nothing that could soothe the pain that was in her heart.

Precious:wh..why?

She said as her lower lips quivered so bad she had to bite it so that she couldn't cry out loud. She didn't want Maduo to hear her crying, she had to be strong for her child. Maybe she should have gone ahead with that abortion. She would leave with Maduo whom she knew was already growing and that would be the only thing binding them together...

Maduo stood by her mother's door and she placed her ear on the door. She could hear the sniffing and she badly wanted to know what was wrong?

She put on a brave face and opened the

door.She walked in on her mother wiping tears.

Precious:Maduo....uhm..knock first...(wiping her tears)

Maduo:mama what's wrong?What happened?Did something happen to dad?

Precious:No honey..uhm..Maddy?

Maduo:Yes mom?

Precious:Pack your clothes that would last a week a so,we are going to grandma's place.

Maduo:Mom what's....

Precious:just do it.

Maduo:okay.

She walked out and Precious broke down sobbing...

Maduo packed some of her clothes and the gadgets that she can't live without. There is no wifi at her grandmother's house and she doesn't know why they are going there in the first place when they can visit.

Precious opened the wardrobe as she took out most of her clothes and threw them on the bed.

She found her suitcase and unzipped it. She started throwing in the clothes and her cosmetics. A whole lot of stuff she might need. She wanted to be done.

She wiped her tears as she paused and looked at the photo frame on the stand. They were so happy till he ruined it with some girl...

When she was done she opened the bedroom door and dragged her suitcase to the lounge. She still hadn't changed her nurse uniform.

She walked to Maddy's room and opened the door.

Precious: are you done?

Maduo: I think so...mama go rileng?

Precious sighed and shook her head. She wasn't ready to deal with questions right now and she knows her mother is going to ask a lot of questions.

Precious: We'll talk tomorrow.

She gave her the car keys and Maduo just carried her bag that had her gadgets and walked out of her room.

Precious remained inside before she sighed and took Maduo's bag heading to the lounge. Another day in this house, she is going to go crazy.

Maduo came back and took her bag to the car just as her father's car parked in the yard. Precious's heart sunk as she saw him. This was all his fault.

Thabiso got out of the car as he saw Maduo putting a bag in the boot. He fucked up bad.

Precious dragged her bag out and Thabiso stopped her by the door.

Thabiso:Themma we can work this out,I'm so sorry...

Precious:Tshiboga hoo,ke kopa go heta(get out of my way,I want to pass)

Thabiso:Presh..babe..

Precious:shut!shut up!I don't want to hear your lies...tshiboga hoo hlerra..

Thabiso:Lo..

Precious:shut the fuck up!(with her voice slightly raised)

Thabiso:We can work this out..I was stupid..I'm willing...

Precious:hlerra suta,tla ga ke go klapa kana..suta(Mr move,I can slap you..move)

Thabiso:Precious..I apologize,hlemma we can work this out,I don't want to lose you..You can punish me but don't leave me..

Precious peeked over his shoulder and saw Maddy looking at them.She shouldn't cause a scene,not in front of the child.

Precious:suta Thabiso,the child is watching us...you didn't think about us when you cheated..Wa itse ga ke batle go bua thata..suta tlherra wena...

Thabiso:Precio...

Before he could finish saying her name,a slap landed on his cheek and he looked at her.She was angry now and he saw the fury mixed with hurt in her eyes and he knew he had just lost

the fight.

Precious:suta..I don't want to talk..

He moved and she just dragged her bag to the car.Maduo was speechless.What just unfolded before her?She removed her glasses and rubbed her eyes before she put them on.

Precious:There is nothing more you want akere?

Maduo:No ke shar...

Before she could finish talking her mother interrupted her.

Precious:Get in the car then,we need to go..

Maduo got inside and sat at the back. Her mother adjusted the rearview mirror and stared the car. She buckled up and sighed softly before she reversed out of the yard.

Thabiso watched the car reverse and he knew he had fucked up his life. Temptation got him here and the only woman he had loved and had loved him back had just left. His whole heart left him.

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At Gaborone

Laone's place

Laone sat on the rug as she looked at her phone. She was giddy as a toddler who was awaiting candy. She wondered what time

Terrence will call...

She watched her phone and nothing. She put it on the sofa and stood up. She headed to the kitchen and she took out the chips from the top shelf. Her phone rang and she left the chips quickly and went to get the phone.

She breathed as she watched his name flash on her screen.

She cleared her throat before pressing the green button.

Laone: Hello.

Terry: Lala hi...

She smiled...

Laone:You called me to say hi?

Terry:yes..o tla ntheng?

Laone:Wa swaba...talk..

Terry:(laughing)Woman o raa nna o re ka swaba?

Laone:I am no longer Lala?

Terry:You're no longer that,o rile ka swaba..

Laone:Drwaaammah!How are you?

Terry:Good.Give me directions to your house,tomorrow by 7pm you should be ready.

Laone:and you didn't even ask me if I am busy or I have plans?

Terry:I know you aren't...

Laone:(giggling)What the?

Terry:I'm a man who knows what he wants,Send

the directions Lala,I don't want to ask you again.

Laone:Yes sir..

Terry:Good girl.Goodnight...

Laone:Night..

She hung up with a smile on her face.She is going on a date..She needs to ask Precious what she should wear and all that..

She dialed Precious's number and it didn't go through.She tried it again and still the same.

She checked her WhatsApp and checked if she was online or not.

She wasn't online so she sent a message and she put her phone down.Could this be it?

She was so excited. She danced around the couch for a bit before she smiled.

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At Bobonong

Grandmother's house

Precious knocked at the the door of the house.

Her mother opened the door and smiled.

Granny: What a surprise...

Precious held back her tears as she looked at her mother.

Granny:what's wrong?What happened?

Her lower lip trembled and Maduo held her bag as she walked to the door.

Precious looked up as she moved to the side and her mother frowned looking at Maddy holding the bags.

Maduo:Nkuku hello...

Maduo said in a chirpy voice as she hugged her grandmother.

Granny:hello..

She let Maduo pass and looked at Precious.

Granny:What happened?What's wrong?

Precious:mama lenyalo le hedile(mom,my marriage is over)

Granny held her daughter's hands as she led her inside the house..

She sat on the couch as her mother held her hands..

Granny:What's wrong?

Precious:It's over,my marriage is over ma and I...

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At Grandmother's house

Granny:What's wrong?

Precious:It's over,my marriage is over ma and I...

Granny:Calm down ngwanaka...

Precious:I can't and I.. (sobbing)

She placed her head on her lap...

Granny:(shouting)Maduo?

Maduo;Mma?

Granny:Ask Sherry if you can share the room with her..

Maduo:Okay ma..

Maduo replied as she sat on Sherry's bed.

Sherry:And you are so grown..

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:Lol..you always see me online and le ha e le ka tsatsi lepe wa re 'hey Maddy'some cousin you are..

Sherry shook her head laughing.Maduo was something else.

Sherry:English medium kids...

Maduo:Hey..I am not snobbish..

Sherry:You are,in a few minutes I bet you were going to ask me of there ia wifi?

Maduo:Is there wifi though?

Sherry:(laughing)you see,you just asked me that..

Maduo:I had to know you know...

Sherry:No wifi girl girl...

Maduo:You're cool..

Sherry:mxm..tswaa kwa..

Maduo laughed and she soberd up.

Sherry:why are you guys here?

Maduo:I honestly do not know,mom just said

pack your bags we are heading to grandma's place..

Sherry:sheesh..Sorry..

Maduo:and why are you apologizing?

Sherry:I mean if you guys are here,then something big must be up...

Maduo:Yep..I suspect that too..

Maduo didn't mention that she saw her mother slapping her dad.She honestly had no idea what was up.One day they were happy and now they aren't.

Maduo:How is the bedroom sharing goong to go?

Sherry:Kid..

Maduo:I don't care,I will be legal in a month so

stop calling me kid Sher..

Sherry:You are,planning to go to UB?

Maduo:Definitely,how is varsity?

Sherry:tlala cuz...

Maduo shrugged.She was sure she won't be hungry,with her Investments heading in the right direction she might start a small business or something.

Sherry:course?

Maduo:Finance ngwanaka..machankura...

Sherry:Yei..I heard it's tough as hell..

Maduo:I thi k every course is tough,depends on the person.No course is greater than the other..

Sherry:That makes sense..

Maduo:Prospects of a job yet?

Sherry: kae re ye teng? I bet they are still hiring graduates from two years ago and I just graduated two months ago.. Still here with grandma..

Maduo nodded thoughtfully. That market was congested. She liked the fact that she and Sherry could talk whenever they met up even though she was years older than her.

Maduo: You might find something soon.

Sherry: Market was IT is already congested so who knows, I might be hired five years from now..

Maduo: Do not give up hope..

Sherry: yeah.. Did you subscribe?

Maduo: I think so..

Sherry: Hotspot..

Maduo:If they dare cut me...nx nx..

Maduo took out her phone and switched on her mobile hotspot for Sherry.

Sherry connected her phone and she finally responded to the WhatsApp messages that came flooding.

Meanwhile in the sitting room

Precious stopped crying and she looked at the woman who was comforting her.

Precious:I don't know what to do and...I shouldn't stress but...

Granny:look at me..

Precious did and granny saw the pain in her eyes. She was broken and she asked herself what broke her. She noticed that she wasn't wearing her ring and she could see the mark the ring left on her finger.

Granny: What's wrong?

Precious: I have been through a lot, I lost five kids and you know that but do I deserve this? I gave him everything...

Granny: What's wrong (worried)

Precious: He cheated...

With that more tears fell down her cheeks and her mother's eyes widened. Thabiso cheated? That shocked her because that boy was good. Good to her daughter and

grandaughter and him cheating came as a surprise to her.

Granny:He..o go tsieditse?

Precious:Ee mma...he cheated and guess what?

She was shocked so anything was possible..

Precious:nyatsi ya gagwe e imile(his side chick is pregnant)

Granny's eyes widened more.What?She was serious...

Precious:my reaction exactly...she is pregnant...finally giving him what he wanted...Mama I tolerated his family and their

gossips about me not being able to give him a son so finally they will have a son...Ma..

She cried some more as Granny rubbed her back.

Granny:It's okay,I understand you...we'll talk in the morning when emotions are not this high..

She nodded as she sobbed.This was eating her inside and she didn't know how to handle the pain.

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At Sarona's house

Sarona dialed Precious's number but it didn't go

through. She was worried on her behalf. Wherever she was, she might not be thinking about her pregnancy and how it will impact the babies she is carrying.

She bit her lower lip. Damn Miranda..

Her phone rang and she saw the caller id. It was Miranda..

She rolled her eyes as she sat on the couch.

Sarona: Hello...

Miranda: Sasa... (sniffing)

Sarona: go rileng? Why are you crying? this was what you wanted akere ne mma?

Miranda: I..I...

Sarona: wa re I, I... shut up Miranda.. you wanted

to destroy his marriage and you did.What more do you want?

Miranda:Uhm...I didn't mean to..

Sarona:lies..you only saying that cause he ended the relationship akere?

There was silence at the end of the line.

Sarona:I knew it. If he didn't you would have been happy cause that was what you wanted.You made your bed now lie in it.Don't call me...

Miranda:I ..

Sarona:sharpo mma..

Sarona hung up and threw her phone on the couch.Miranda was ludicrous.She wanted to

break the marriage and now that it finally happens she is crying...Mxm..Dramatic much.She is a whole disgrace to womanhood.

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At Thabiso's place

He sat in the empty house.No Maduo talking on the phone at night and no wife to talk to.

The silence was so loud that he pinched himself to make sure that it's real..He wasn't used to this.

He had a family.One he loved dearly and he threw it away.He picked up her ring from the coffee table and he remembered their wedding vows.He did the worse and he wasn't sure she was going to forgive him.He swore to be

faithful to her and he wasn't.

He saw to love her for better or for worse but he failed her and now she upped and left him. In this house they had built together from scratch. He remembered when she was with him from the very beginning, she believed in him when no one did and he broke the one woman who was his cheerleader and he knew that very soon his own daughter will hate him. His family gone in the blink of an eye.

He tried her phone but still nothing. He tried Maduo's phone and she answered.

Maduo: Daddy..

He bit his lower lip, will she still call him with

love when she finds out the truth..

Maduo:Sherry ssh...Papa..

Thabiso:Hey baby girl how are you?

Maduo:good I guess...

There was silence and he didn't know what more to say to his daughter because she had a lot of questions.He knew that.She just didn't want to seem disrespectful by asking.

Thabiso:How is the forex trading going?

Maduo:pretty well,such a bummer that grandma doesn't have wifi but I might buy bundles and check the market.Are you okay dad?

Thabiso:(blinking)Yes..I am baby girl..

Maduo:Okay dad...I love you...uhm. regardless

of what is happening between you and mom.

Thabiso:I love you too.

Maduo:(giggling)Sherry wa ndisturba...sorry
papa..motho ke yo o a nsukura..

Thabiso laughed sadly.His daughter was fulk of
life and she made him smile.

Thabiso:Its okay.Goodnight angel.I love you.

Maduo:Night daddy.Will call in the morning,did
you eat?

Thabiso:yes..

Maduo:okay..I didn't finish cooking but if mom
agrees I might come cook lunch for you.

Thabiso chuckled.

Thabiso:It's okay..I can manage a few days on my own.

Maduo:if you say so.Night.Bye..

Thabiso:bye..

She hung up and he didn't want to cry.He looked up as he bit his lower lip.It was going to be a long night.

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Later our two posts a day schedule continues.

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At Grandmother's house

In the morning Granny walked into the room Precious was sleeping in. She had intended to call the elders and uncles so that they can deal with the way forward.

She frowned when she saw blood stains on the bed.

Granny: Precious?.. Tsoga..

Precious woke up.. She hadn't sleep well because of the slight pains that were in her abdomen.

When they had subsidized she slept...

Granny: You're bleeding, is it your period?

Precious's eyes widened as alarm bells rang in her head. She wasn't even thinking much of it.

She shook her head..

Precious: I need to go to the hospital... I am pregnant and I might've lost my babies mama..

Tears welled in her eyes and Granny immediately got out of the room. She just opened the room the girls were in.

Granny:Sherry you have a license?

Sherry woke up from her sleep,waking Maduo up in the process.Maduo's eyes were in slits as she wanted to see who was at the door...

Granny:(shouting)Sheeerry....

Sherry's daze ended right there as she looked at her Granny all the sleep gone from every fibre of her being..

Sherry:e..ee mma..

Granny:we need to go the hoapital,ka bonako..It's an emergency..

Sherry jumped off the bed,almost stepping on

Maduo who rubbed her eyes. She didn't even know what the fuss was about as Sherry quickly wore her shoes and got out.

She stretched lazily like a cat and yawned.

Maduo: jeesh..so much noise in the morning...

She stretched once again before she got off the bed.

She walked out of the room only to find a trail of blood on the floor and them already helping her mother walk to the car.

Her heart pounded as she ran to the door.

Maduo: mama are you good?

Granny:Sherry go start the car re tle re
tsamaye...we need to move..

Sherry opened the door and literally ran to the
car unlocking it while in motion.She got inside
and started the car..

Granny helped Precious walk to the car..

Precious:I'm scared..I...

Granny:let's hear what the doctor has to say..

Maduo:ma...

Granny:Duos my girl,stay with the house..we
need to rush to the hoapital.

Maduo nodded as tears welled in her eyes.She
saw the pain in her mother's eyes.She closed

the door and went to open the curtain where her mother was placed at the back. She had seen this happen to her mother while growing up and she didn't want it to happen again...

The car reversed out of the yard and in no time, it was gone. Sherry might even get a speeding ticket but they needed to save her sibling if he or she was strong enough to hold on. She looked at the trail of blood on the floor and she held her mouth as she cried.

Her mother could not go through this again.

She sat on the couch as she looked up, the tears met at her chin and slid down her throat.. She hated seeing her mother hurt.

She closed her eyes..

Maduo:I never pray but God this is too much for her..please save the child...She can't lose yet another pregnancy..God please...(crying) she deserves so much more and this....(lips trembling)this is going to break her...please..just...save the babyy..This is what I am asking for...Its the only thing I am asking for...please...

She remained silent as she let the tears fall down her cheeks.

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Thabiso's place

Thabiso woke up all alone on the bed and he

looked at their wedding picture by the bed. She was beautiful and still is. He ruined it all by letting temptation get the best of him.

He took his phone and tried her number but it was not going through. He dialed Maduo's number but it also was not going through.

He got out of bed and headed to the bathroom. He didn't know what to do at this point. Her mother might chase him out of her yard after hearing what he did to her Precious.

He was already miserable and it was only a day without her at home. She had really left him.

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At Grandmother's house

Maduo took the mop and bucket. She blinked back her tears. Her mother must be so shook right now... she poured disinfectant in the water and she dipped the mop inside..

She sighed sadly as she started mopping the floor.

When she was done she went to get rid of the water. Why?

She walked back inside the house and washed her hands again. She went to the bedroom she shared with Sherry and she switched on her phone.

She saw that her dad had called her. She held

back tears...

She dialed him and she looked at the white ceiling.

Maduo:dad?

Thabiso:Hey baby girl..are you good?

And like that the flood burst and she cried.

Maduo:I...ma..mama was bleeding and I don't want...(sobbing)want her to lose the baby..

Thabiso panicked and he grabbed his car keys and walked out of the house.He locked it and his daughter's sobs were tearing at his heart strings.

Thabiso:She's at the hospital?

Maduo:Yes...

Thabiso:I am heading there baby,I will keep you updated.

Maduo:Okay...

Maduo hung up quickly as she crumbled to the floor and cried.Not again.In her heart of hearts she was praying,hoping that her mother was good and that this was a false alarm.She didn't want her to lose the baby again...

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At Bobonong Primary Hospital

Granny and Sherry waited for the doctor with feedback. Thabiso walked in and he saw how the old woman was looking at him. She knew.

Granny kept quiet. She was hoping for the best, Precious has been hurt enough and this was going to just cause her more hurt, she didn't know if she would be able to bounce back from all of this.

Thabiso: Dumelang..

Granny kept quiet.

Sherry: Dumelang..

She greeted back just so as to not make things

any awkward.

Thabiso saw Sarona rush into a room and he held himself from asking her to fill them in.

Sarona was worried. They needed to do a scan and everything. The stress had really gotten to her.

Sarona: Bring the machine to her room..

Nurse: of course doctor..

Sarona nodded before she walked inside her room. She was down and she looked like she had given up in life.

Sarona: Presh...

She didn't turn. She just blinked so as to not let the tears fall. She had lost her babies..

She knew this pregnancy was not going to last and she had promised herself not to be attached but it hurt. It went on to prove that she definitely cannot carry another child full term or without complications. This pierced her heart and she was never going to recover from this... she was useless as a woman...

Sarona: Hey.. Presh...

She just put her hands over her mouth as she let the tears fall. She had lost the babies...

The nurse walked in with the machine and

Sarona sadly looked at her.

The nurse connected the machine and brought the gel...

Sarona:Let us check if there is

Precious:What's the use?I already lost the babies...

Sarona:let me do my job please.

Precious let her and she applied the gel on her stomach.

Sarona was hoping for the best..

She ran the wand over her stomach and Precious looked at her with sad eyes.

Sarona:l....

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At Bobonong Primary Hospital

She ran the wand over her stomach and
Precious looked at her with sad eyes.

Sarona:l....

Just as she was about to speak, she heard a faint heartbeat and she looked at the screen. She breathed out...

Precious held back tears, there was a heartbeat.

Sarona: A heartbeat... I only see one child..

Precious nodded with a happy gleam in her eyes. Even one child was fine.. This was a miracle.

Sarona: By the looks of it you lost the other children but one survived.

Precious: it's okay. It is still a blessing.

Sarona: I will have to keep you overnight and put you on pills that will raise your progesterone

levels and monitor the foetus every two hours..

Sarona said as she noted down her observations.

Sarona:we will also be monitoring your blood pressure levels,no stress please.You know how high risk this pregnancy is and we almost lost all the children.Precious listen to me this once please.Just for your baby if not for yourself.Do not stress.Do not stress.....I repeat Precious do not...

She nodded with tears in her eyes and Sarona rubbed her hand gently before she walked out of the room.

She saw the family waiting and she paused.

Sarona:dumelang

Granny:Dumelang ngwanaka..how is she?

Sarona:well..she was carrying more than once child,we had confirmed that in yesterday's appointment ma and today it shows that her blood pressure levels were high hence disrupting her pregnancy.

Granny nodded and Thabiso listened as Sarona spoke.

Sarona:as thus,she lost the other children but there is a surviving foetus,so that alone is a miracle.We have to keep her overnight.Tanki botsadi.

With that Sarona walked away and Thabiso

breathed a sign of relief. She must've been so stressed and it was all his fault. He cheated and stressed her and he had himself to blame for losing the kids.

Granny looked at Thabiso without saying a word and Thabiso knew that she wanted to say something. His mother in law was disappointed in him and he understood that.

Granny and Sherry stood up and walked into Precious's room.

Precious lifted her head and smiled a bit.

Granny: How are you feeling?

Precious: It's a miracle that one of them survived..kana ke feela gore ke loilwe.

Sherry:Should we bring you something to eat?

Granny:Go make soft porridge for her at home and bring it here..

Precious:mama...

Granny:Sherry you're still here?Goo..

Sherry giggled as she walked out.

Granny:we will deal with everything after you are discharged,for now relax and think of your child okay?

Precious nodded.

Granny rubbed her hand and smiled.

Sherry passed Thabiso by the benches. He stopped her.

Thabiso: How is she?

Sherry: she is good now, she was actually scared but she is okay now.

Thabiso: Thank you (sighing in relief)

Sherry nodded and headed out. He really wanted to see her and if she was fine.

Maybe he will see her once his mother in law was gone.. He just hoped she won't kick him out.

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At Grandmother's house

Sherry parked the car. She knows that they will have to clean it but for now she was sent to make food.

She walked inside the house and found Maduo sitting there all alone with sad depressing music blasting from her headphones.

She just removed the headphones and Maduo looked at her. She saw the pain in her eyes. She was pink and her eyes swollen.

Sherry: Maddy are you fine?

Maduo: what kind of question is that? mama is in hospital and she might've lost the child and she is...

Sherry sighed sadly as she sat next to Maduo.

Sherry:Look you're old enough to understand a lot of things so here is what the doctor said..Your mother was carrying multiple babies and she is left with one now...

Maduo was confused before it dawned on her.

Maduo:that is a lot to process..wow..okay..Uhm..

Sherry:yep.

Maduo:then why are you here?

Sherry:(laughing)gatwe ke apeye motogo..

Maduo:nkuku(smiling)

Sherry:You know her,then I have to take it to the hospital...and I saw your dad there.

Maduo:oh..okay..

Sherry:what happened?

Maduo:As I said.I do not know..dikgang tsa bagolo..

Sherry:must be huge cause your mom doesn't have her ring on..

Maduo:let's not get involved,let's go cook.

Sherry:okay...

Maduo:lead the way..

They walked to the kitchen and Maduo was a bit better but not entirely.It was something that the other foetus survived.

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Kgosi Investments,Francistown

Wame walked inside Rebabedi's office.She

pulled her skirt down a bit to hide her thighs. She should have not taken their advice, her boss would never look at her that way even though they were just joking.

Wame: Sir, the conference room is ready.

Reba looked up from his laptop as he removed the blue light blocking glasses.

Wame swallowed nervously. She hoped he didn't notice her attire, she has never worn such a short skirt to work.

Reba: Okay.. when is he coming in?

Wame: in ten minutes.

Reba: Get ready to go take notes.

Wame:of course Sir..

She held her notebook tightly to her chest as she walked to the door.

Reba:Wame...

She froze,it was his first time calling her by her name instead of her surname for professional reasons.Her heart skipped a bit as she turned slowly looking at him.

Wame:yes sir?

Reba:You're dressed inappropriately for work,it's too revealing.

Her heart plummeted as she looked at him.

Wame:I will correct that sir.

Reba:Good.

She walked out embarrassed with herself.Damn her friends.

Rebamedi sighed.Why the hell was he denying himself a good fuck?He needed to take out his frustrations and he knew his sadistic ass cannot just sleep with anyone cause they won't be able to tolerate the pain.

He closed his laptop and the files needed for that meeting.

He walked out of his office and headed to the

conference room.

He found Wame there who failed to make eye contact with him. She was so embarrassed about what just took place a few minutes ago in his office.

Reba placed his laptop and the documents on the table as he sat on the revolving chair at the head of the table.

He opened his laptop and got on with work. A few minutes later the door opened and their potential client walked inside.

He stood up and they shook hands.

Reba:Mr Mason.

Mr Mason:Mr Kgosi,pleasure meeting you in person.

Reba:Likewise,you may take your seat.

Wame looked between the two men and wow...Mr Mason's PA sat down next to her.

She then noticed the gold band on Mr Mason's finger.

Reba:well to the business of the day,Mr Mason?

Mr Mason:of course.

By the end of the meeting both parties were happy with their agreement.

The PAs excused themselves on the basis of comlaring notes.

Mr Mason:I like your business acumen,you make the numbers seem easy.

Reba:They are..

Mr Mason:You can call me Lefika..

Reba:Rebabedi..

Lefika:we should meet out sometime..

Lefika could sense the seriousness and the dominance radiating from Rebabedi and well if he thought he was an Alpha type Rebabedi took it to a new level,he was younger than him but his presence was felt.He was curious to know more about the young Kgosi heir.The masisve changes and all he did for this company was phenomenal.The Kgosi's were the most

powerful name in the country so as young as he was he was a force to be reckoned with.

Rebamedi took out his business card and he turned it. He scribbled his personal phone number. He was the one who wanted to hang out and he was never a people's person.

Rebamedi: This is my personal phone number. Nice doing business with you Mr Mason.

With that he gave him the business card and he took his things. Walking out, Lefika was done for. He actually did not give a flying fuck about anything did he? As long as business was concluded the rest can just fuck itself.

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At The Hospital

Precious ate the last spoonful of the soft porridge and she looked at the fruits Sherry had placed by her bedside.

Granny:No stress ngwanaka,please..

Precious:ee mma..

Granny:This is a blessing so take care of it..

Precious:Ee mma.

Granny:me and Sherry are leaving,we will come check on you tomorrow.

Precious:okay..thank you so much.

Sherry:It's nothing..Bye.

Granny:bye..

Precious:bye guys and tell Maduo I am fine,she should not worry.

Granny:will do..

Precious nodded as they walked out.She took her phone which Sherry had brought,she thought she might need it.

She switched it on..She waited and then messages came flooding in.

She ignored those from Thabiso and she decided to call Laone.She doesn't need stress at the moment.

Laone:thank God,o ntse o le kae?

Precious:phone was off,what's up?

Laone:I have a date sis..(screaming)

Precious:Yeelang!e reng joy mo Laone(smiling)

Laone:and we met yesterday at Nando's and as old as I am I don't want to waste any chances..Maybe this is marriage in front of me.

Precious:You already see marriage?

Laone:Ee....I am not getting any younger,le nna I want a family Presh..

Precious:I am happy for you Laone..You deserve a little bit of happiness..

Laone:yess..ekete nka dira voshi..

Precious:haiyeee(laughing)I swear you must've had love at first sight.

Laone:hee.. I played hard to get'nyana nna the woman..

Precious:Yeelang!

Laone:you could've seen him...urg..enough

about me, did you tell your husband about the pregnancy?

Precious shifted uncomfortably. She didn't even want to think about Thabiso and their marriage. Her sister was happy and she didn't need to hear all about her problems.

Precious: yeah (low voice)

Laone: You don't sound happy.. what's up?

Precious: nothing, just that the pregnancy is a high risk one yet again...

Laone: with the solid support system you have, you will be okay. I will be praying for you sis... you deserve another child.

Precious: yeah.. let me not delay you, you have a date..

Laone: ng ng.. I need advice.. what should I

wear?Sexy or smoking hot?Modest or mature?help a sister out here...

Precious:well its a first date and you don't want to seem to thirsty..

Laone:Thirsty?

Precious:ee...thirsty..try wearing sexy but modest.Hide the skin but let it be sexy..do you hear me?

Laone: ee mma sisPresh..

Precious chuckled as the door to her room opened.

Her smiled faded.

Precious:I have to go sis.

Laone:okay..I will figure it out..I dunno where he is taking me even so..

Precious:okay..

She hung up and she placed her phone on her thighs.

Precious:get out of my room.

Thabiso:I.

Precious:ng ng..I..I, I wa eng?get out,you are stressing me out..

Thabiso:Presh..

Precious:If you will want to lie to me that you love and all that,stuff it.If you do love me and still want your child to survive get the fucking out of the room...

Thabiso looked at her and there was no longer anger in her eyes just fury and he just went to

place the food he had bought for her on the bedside table and he walked out.

Precious watched him walk and she blinked. She should not cry and stress. The baby was the important thing at the moment.

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At Laone's house

Laone twirled in front of the mirror. She didn't know but this will apply maybe. The jeans were good and she loved her waist which had that thing man.

There was a door knock.

She sobered up and tried to hide her smile. She

went to open the door and well Terry was in casual wear.

He smiled and his dimple showed.

Laone:hi..(blushing)

Terry:hey Lala,you look gorgeous.

Terry said as he saw how that jean fit her like a glove,he waist clinched and the tucked in poloneck made her beautiful.He had to admit not many women would wear that for a first date and his date was not a conventional one.

Laone led him inside and he sat down.She went back to the bedroom where she grabbed her black coat and cellphone.

She walked out.

Laone:all ready..

Terry stood up and walked out of the house first.

Laone locked the house and she slipped the keys in her coat pocket.

Terry opened his car door for her and she got inside.

Laone:Thank you..

Terry:my pleasure..

He lightly jogged to his side.He started the car

and adjusted the rear view mirror. She was beautiful.

Laone:sooo...where are we going?

Terry:aah..I knew you were going to ask that question..

Laone:so are you going to answer me(giggling)

Terry:no..I am going to pretend that you didn't ask that...

Laone:You might be kidnapping me(laughing softly)

Terry:Patience is a virtue Lala..

He increased the volume and she sang along as she buckled up..

Laone:"Kudala ngibona ngiphila kanje

Ngibona ngiphila kanje
Kungenxa yothando lwakhe
Mehlo am' avuliwe
Ndlebe zami zimamele
Mlomo wam' uthetha naye
Thetha naye
Nguye yedwa"

She moved her head to the beat as Terey smiled as he alsoe moved his head to the uptiwn beat.

He joined the road...Laone sang along as she looked at him smiling.

He ended up joining her singing the song as he tapped the steering wheel lightly.

Terry:"Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo"

Laone laughed as he sang along as she stuck her tongue out.She loved this song.

Both:"Thando lwakho

Ludali milingo, kusukum' iyishosha

Nentando yakho, abangaboni sebeyobona

Mina ngeke ngwazi ukufakazela omuny' umuntu

Kodwa uthando lwakho

Ay mina ngzotshela abaningi

Nangu lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo wooh

Hayiye yeye (lomlilo lomlilo)

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo"

Laone snapped her fingers as she danced in her

seat and Terry laughed,he loved how she was now comfortable around him..

The song ended and Laone threw her head back laughing...

Laone:I love that song damn...(laughing)Sorry you had to see that..I couldn't hold myself back from singing along,excuse the terrible voice...

Terrence laughed as he turned the car..

Terry:I enjoyed the show...Dang o montle..dammit.Ke bolaile ha..

Laone:aah yeela Terry slow down..

Laone said as she looked down smiling her face

out.

Terry stopped the car and Laone looked around..
It was a park..

Laone was surprised.

Terry:I have connections,we are not supposed to be here this time but I have other plans..The fun is in doing what you're not supposed to do..

He opened the door for her and they got inside the park.She saw fairy light decorating a spot and a blanket laid down on the grass...

She regretted wearing heels.

Terry just stopped and bent down..

Terry:let me help you with those.

Laone:(laughing softly while blushing)you..do..

Terry:and I do what I want to..

He helped to take off her shoes and her feet
breathed as they felt the cool green grass.

They got to the spot and he helped her sit down
and she sat crosslegged..

He sat next to her and he opened the picnic box
and took out wine and two wine glasses.

Terry:sweet wine for you my lady?

Laone:yes please,thank you..

Soft music played in the background and she saw the speaker that was there and she smiled. He prepared for this date man and it was cute that he put in the work to woo her.

He handed her the glass and she sipped on it.

Terry: and who is Laone?

Laone: trick question... (laughing) Well she is an independent woman.

Terry: from your stubbornness I can easily tell

Laone: Good. I am no walkover Terry, o ska leka..

Terry: I would never.

Laone: uhm Laone.. she is from Bobonong..

Terry laughed.

Terry: should I be worried?

Laone:ng ng..

Terry:okay..

Laone:thank you for this setup..

Terry:All for you Lala..

Laone:stop being cute Terry aah...

Terry:I am pressing all the right buttons aren't I?

Laone:fotsheke Terry..

He nodded his head.

Terry:definitely pressing the right ones here..

He opened the food basket as he handed her a plate.She put her wineglass down..This needed a song to dance to and why was her heart happy?

He dished for her and himself.

Laone:and I know nothing about you..

Terry:There is nothing to tell,just that I am slowly approaching my late thirties and I have been played by women way too many times..

Laone:why?

Terry:I honestly do not know,all I know is that I am looking for stability and a family.

Laone nodded.He sounded like her type of man because she was looking for the same thing.

They ate while making small talk and getting to know each other.

Her wine finished and she looked at Terry.

Terry:No..we do not want you drunk Lala..

Laone:I won't..One more glass..

Terry refilled her glass but not his cause he was driving.

Laone:it's actually quite funny that we are looking for the same things and here we are..what if it's fate?

Terry:You reckon?

Laone:mmhmm...

Umlilo came on from the speaker and she put her wineglass down..

Laone:ng ng..stand up Terry..

She stood up and she gave him her hand.He took it and stood up..

She turned as she started humming along to the lyrics...

Terry laughed.Maybe this time she was the right one..

He got rid of his shoes and joined her as she danced.He held her waist as they danced moving forward and backward..

'Nangu lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo lilo lilo

Lomlilo lilo lilo wooh

Hayiye yeye (lomlilo lomlilo)

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo'

Laone:'wavuth umlilo'

Terrence was enjoying himself and the song ended.Laone turned and looked at him.This felt too perfect.

He just lifted her head up and slowly brought his lips to her pink juicy ones. Laone let him and she indulged his kiss.

He broke it and looked at her. She smiled as they started slow dancing to Liquideep's Still..

Terry: 'I will love you till time stands still..

I will love ya..

Baby girl I will always will..'

They danced like that with their hands tied to each other as the moonlight shone on them and everything seemed surreal.

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#34

A month later

At Francistown High Court

Sasha was nervous.The case had been presented and she just hardened her heart when she saw Kitso.She betrayed her and she thought she was a friend whilst she was a snake in the grass.

Court clerk:all rise

They did as the Judge walked inside the courtroom. She looked at Reba who seemed unaffected. Her brother was definitely not fazed by anything and it was hard to decipher his emotions or if he even had emotions.

Judge: Good morning... Well we are gathered here today to hear the verdict in regards to the Kaone Motswedi and Sasha Kgosi case in which Ms Kitso was an accomplice to the horrendous crime...

There was silence in court as everyone awaited the verdict. Kaone sadly looked down. His parents were so embarrassed and Kitso was hoping that the judge will be lenient with her.

Tumi rubbed her hands nervously. She had testified in court since she was the doctor who was looking after Sasha when she was brought in. Her therapist had proved her mentally fit to be able to testify and appear in court.

The judge looked at his paper and he placed it behind his other one.

Judge: With the evidence presented before me, Mr Motswedi is thereby guilty of rape since he had a sexual encounter with the victim without her knowledge. For that he will be fined and sentenced to 7 years in prison in which the last two years will be pardoned because he is a first time offender...

Kaone looked down. There goes his school but he deserves it. He lifted his eyes and looked at

Sasha who did not look too pleased with the verdict.

Judge: Still on the case Ms Kitso was an accomplice as per the testimony of the offender, she had wanted the offender to get close to the victim... And she knew about the date drug that had been spiked in Ms Kgosi's drink... She will be fined for such and she will be sentenced two years in prison and pardoned the last year since she is also a first time offender.

Kitso sighed sadly as tears filled her eyes. She has to go to prison now.. Even if it's just for a year...

Judge: this marks the closing of case #253

The judge stood up.

Court clerk:All rise(shouting)

They all stood on their feet and Mma Kgosi smiled.

The judge exited the court room and Sasha watched as the police officer cuffed Kaone and kitso's hands.

Kitso mouthed a sorry as sadness washed over her features.Sasha almost felt sorry for her but she remembered what she did to her.

Sasha stood up and looked at her family who had come to be there for her.

Mma Kgosi:Let's go ngwanaka...

Sasha:of course mom..

She hugged her mother tightly as she smiled.She will be fine.Dr Mason made her way to the family and she hugged Sasha.

Dr Mason:congratulations on the ruling..

Sasha:Thank you for making sure my mental health is fine.

Dr Mason:That's my job.

Sasha:(whispering)Ke yoo Reba,wanna shoot your shot doc?

Dr Mason:(laughing)Wa swaba Sasha...Mxm..

Sasha:(laughing softly)I was just saying..

She broke the hug and looked at Dr Mason.

Sasha:No more appointments?

Dr Mason:wa nwa naare?(are you drinking)more sessions for you..

Sasha chuckled and then Dr Mason looked at the family.

Dr Mason:congratulations on the ruling.

Mma Kgosi:Thank you.

Florence:Thank you ngwanaka..

Reba just nodded as he looked back at his phone.Dr Mason did not know how to feel about that..there was something about a man not paying too much attention to you that you

yourself you end up paying too much attention to him. She shook her head.

Reba: Le heditse? (are you done?)

His deep voice shook her a bit. Tumi looked from the sidelines as the family talked to Dr Mason. She saw how Dr Mason looked at Reba who was not really paying attention to her. This man was a woman magnet. How can women fall for him and he just ignores it like that? She didn't want to throw herself at him. He has the characteristics of an Alpha male and they love doing the chasing and not the other way round. She sighed as she stood up and she passed the family..

Sasha: I think so.. Mama?

Mma Kgosi:sure..

Sasha:Dr...

Sasha stopped her and she smiled nervously.Reba looked up and he saw her.He nodded yet again as he focused on his phone.

Sasha:Thank you doc..

Tumi:It's my job and congrats.

Sasha:Thank you doc,take care.

Tumi:You too..

With that Tumi walked out and Sasha smiled.

Sasha:Bye Dr Mason.

Dr Mason:sure..don't forget your appointment.

Sasha:of course.

Reba looked at his watch.He frowned.He had a meeting to get to.

His phone rang and he walked outside of the courtroom to answer the call.The cameras flashed and he raised his hand and just walked right in the middle.

Reba:Ntatemogolo she won the case.

Kgosi:Good.I will call her later.

Reba:okay..

Kgosi:Your uncles are going to meet during this week to try and see if they can set the date for bogadi..

Reba:Do what you must..

Reba turned around as he watched the media snap pictures of his family as they walked out of the courtroom. At last. They were really wasting his time.. Besides he wanted to speak to Sasha about the way forward with school.

Kgosi: We will keep you informed and I looked at the figures you sent last week.

Reba: mhmm..

Kgosi: There was slight decline in the returns we are getting from the investments...

Reba: I noticed that too but let's not forget that we are dealing with International companies and investments. The slight drop is 100% caused by the novel corona virus but well...(chuckling as he folded his legs against his car) I know how to make the money grow..

Kgosi: And you are just being boastful..

Reba:We cannot deny the truth..

He looked at his watch once again and he saw Sasha make her way to his car.

Kgosi:make the money,we cannot afford to go under.

Reba:we have a lot of mouths to feed so obviously the ball cannot be dropped.That would have dire consequences.Look ntatemogolo I have to go..

Kgosi:Okay..

Reba:I will send the spreadsheets for the Gaborone branch and the other international companies that we are planning on buying.And I have a proposal for the setting up of a new branch..

Kgosi:Your business acumen young boy..

Reba:It's better than yours old guys..Go siame.

He hung up before his grandfather could preach of being the one to start the business back in the day when it was tough and all that bull.

Sasha got inside the car and Reba got inside the car as well..

He started the car and she buckled up..

Reba increased the volume a bit and Sasha looked at him..

Reba:spit it out..

Sasha:and you know...

Reba:I know what?

Sasha:And to think I didn't know your music taste..

She said as she increased the volume.

Reba:what's wrong with my music taste?

Sasha:you have a girlfriend?

Reba:have you seen me bring a girl home?

Sasha:No..

He reversed and drove slowly.He paused the song and looked at Sasha..

Reba:What's your next move?

Sasha:(sighing)I want to move...Francistown will never be the same for me..

Reba:I understand...

Sasha:before you ask I wrote a letter asking for a swap to the BAC campus at Gaborone.

Reba:ready for the city?

Sasha:not really.Not that I have never been there before but actually completing my schooling there...

Reba:living at the house?

Sasha:No,I want to apply for accommodation there so I can actually focus on school.

Reba:wise decision..

Sasha:yes..I want to start afresh and try to forget what happened.

Reba:I hear you..

Sasha:so I am allowed to go there?

Reba:yes..as long as you behave and your GPA never ever drops.

Sasha:I promise..

She said as they joined the main road.He was going to drop her home.She played the song..

Sasha:"Ngeke balunge

Ngeke basiqede

Ngoba kusobala lolu thando ngeke lwavalwa
ngubala

Ngeke balunge

Ngeke basiqede

Ngoba kusobala lolu thando ngeke lwavalwa
ngubala"

She sang along with a smile.

Sasha:Your playlist must be lit...who would have thought you play these songs in your car when you're alone..

Reba:Kana wena..

Sasha:You surprise me yet again.

Rebamedi smiled as he saw the smile on her face and Sasha's eyes widened.He just smiled.He is her brother but dammit.He has always been a catch but when he smiled dammit that would make a girl lose their mind.And for as long as she remembered he never smiled ever since that other time and he had never been the same..

Reba:When you're done staring you can tell me.

Sasha:and you had to ruin it by saying that..

Reba:wa ntlwaela tlhe Sasha..

When he said that she sobered up. Back to the serious Reba again but she had caught a glimpse of him happy. Her brother and his many facets that left her confused as hell.

The conversation died out as she hummed to the song.

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At Granny's house

Granny: Girls you have to go

Sherry: and you are chasing us out.

Granny: Go buy the sugar and something just go and come back around five..

Maduo: why?

Granny:there is a meeting here and it does not concern you.

Precious gave Sherry her car keys.

Sherry:Thank you.

Precious:don't scratch my car..

Maduo:comeone mom we won't.

Sherry:let us go change..

Granny:what for when you need to get out of the house?

Maduo:granny give us ten minutes and you won't hear about us.

The girls headed to their room and Precious sighed as she rubbed her small bump.The baby was growing and at least she was past the first

trimester.

Granny: You need to be ready for the meeting and let's hear what the family says..akere ke rona ba re le nyadisitseng?

Precious: Ee mma..

Granny: Do not be too hasty and let's hear them out and we will take from there. Your uncles are coming and the elders and le ene Thabiso a tle a ipue mo bagolong.

Precious: Ee mma...keore..(sighing) It's hard to forgive that and I don't think I will move past that most especially that it had been going on for some time and he even got her pregnant.

Granny: Do not stress...think of the baby. If the both of you did not have any children then we would have just said divorce but in this case two children are involved.

Precious:Ee mma..ke tla reetsa but at the end of the day the decision is in mine and...

The girls walked out of the room.

Precious:Please....

Maduo:we will not,you guys are kicking us out...we will be back around five.Bye grandma and mom..

Sherry:Byee...

The girls just walked out and the two laughed.

Granny:I do not trust them.

Precious:me too...

In the car

Maduo:So how much did grandma give you?

Sherry:Uhm P200..we have to buy sugar and meat..

Maduo:Fine..Choppies it is..

Sherry started the car and Maduo called Rethabile.

Thabi:It's about time..

Maduo:did you tell them?

Thabi:no..

Maduo:I give up and I am not about to lecture you again..your call..Now business..how much are we making sis?

Thabi:In the past month I had four gigs,urg...currently have 5K in the account..

Maduo:Now we are chasing the bag sis..

Thabi:ng ng wena what are you doing?

Maduo:Something..

Thabi:Tell me...

Maduo:wait first...I will let you know when I make my first million.

Thabi:That is being cryptic Maduo..tell me..

Maduo:patience ngwana wa bo mme..patience..

Thabi:mxm..

Maduo laughed as she continued talking to the phone as Sherry drove.

Maduo:I have got to go,you call me later.

Thabi:fine.Sharp.

Maduo hung up and checked the notification...

Her mouth hung and she removed her glasses and rubbed her eyes once again. What the fuck?

She put on her glasses and looked at the notification once again...

Sherry parked the car in the parking space.

Sherry: What's got you shocked..

Maduo: aah..wow..cause...because wow..

Sherry: you are not making any sense..

Maduo blinked as she stared at her cellphone screen. This just happened.

Maduo:The actual fuck??

Sherry:What?

Sherry took her phone from her hand and she read the message.

Sherry:What the...

Maduo:Dude..Yoh I cannot...

Sherry reread the message and she was shocked.This was big.

Maduo:tell me that's not true..tell...pinch me..

Sherry pinched her and Maduo half screamed.

Maduo:ouch..

She took her phone from Sherry.

Maduo:two thousand effing five hundred euros..Oh my word..

She fanned herself with her hands.This was big..So big and she didn't know how to contain herself..

Sherry:I am shocked...

Maduo:you and I both..Cause wow..

Sherry:so much money..

Maduo:And this is just the beginning..this forex is paying off..

Sherry:Forex?You doing forex?

Maduo:yes...that is literally almost P30 000 in my account cause damn..

Sherry:Dang..

Maduo shook her head in shock.

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Gaborone,Botswana

Laone sat on her office chair.She and Terry were moving along fine and it has been just a month but it seemed promising..

There was a knock on her door.

Laone:come in.

The company receptionist walked in holding a box.

Her:Ms,this just came and I signed it off for you.

Laone:Thank you.

Her:welcome.Have a good day.

She walked out and Laone opened the nicely decorated box.

She opened the box and she almost jumped off her chair just as the door opened.

Terry:Gotcha..

Laone placed her hand on her heart as she breathed in..

Laone:That is not funny..

Terry:Lala babes..its just a toy..

Laone:You scared me and you were waiting so see my reaction.

Terry:Remove that top layer..

Laone looked at the toy snake fearfully as she used her finger and threw it to the floor.

Laone:I hate you..

Terry:Lies..You love me Lala..

Loane:mxm..

She saw the box of chocolates accompanied with a pandora necklace.

Laone:and with these gifts you are forgiven.

Terry:a kiss to seal the deal?

Laone:Ng ng..

Terry:ka go e tsaya ka force..

She giggled as she looked at him.

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#35

At Grandmother's house

The elders and uncles sat down on the sofas as Precious went to bring more chairs for the elders to sit on...

The aunts sat on carpet as they had gathered here for this meeting.Thabiso's heart bled a bit as he watched Precious who was in a black

dress. The baby bump was visible and to believe she lost the other children because of his selfishness. His father looked at Thabiso and shook his head. He was disappointed. How can a grown man like him choose to destroy his own marriage for a side chick whom he will leave in a year or so..and to make her pregnant..That's if she was carrying his child. These women who destroy other people's marriages are usually loose so one would not expect anything better from them.

He cleared his throat..

Rra T:Dumelang ba loo Kutlwano..

Uncle K:Dumelang...

They had to humble themselves because their son had wronged their daughter and they cannot shake ten years of family solidarity over

Thabiso's foolishness.

Rra T:We are here because our son has wronged your daughter whom we know is his wife..

Precious listened and she avoided eye contact with Thabiso.He destroyed their family and it was his fault that they were here...Divorce had been on her mind but she will hear what they have to say about it all.

Uncle K:ee ra utwa..As you know..mosimane yoo o thubile lelwapa(this boy destroyed his home)

Thabiso's head hung low in embarrassment.

Granny:And I was shocked..(shaking her head in disbelief)He hurt this child..his whole family...Imagine finding out that you have impregnated a person outside the perimeters of your marriage..disappointment.

Precious kept quiet..She wasn't asked for her opinion so she will speak once they ask her.

The aunts just listened.They will intervene later.

RraT:tota le nna ke tllhabiswa ke kgala(I am also embarrassed) His actions are embarrassing and they are dragging the family name..ngwetsi ya ko ga rona wena wa reng?

Precious lifted her head.She was done crying.

Precious:I was hurt and I realised that he was seeking what I cannot give him which is a son..

The aunts sighed sadly..Thabiso neh..

Precious:And it hurt,we had long moved from the cheating because the last time that happened was when he was courting me..Years ago and I realised that I have everything but I cannot give him a son..for the past ten years of our marriage nothing has changed(blinking to hold back tears)

Granny rubbed her back gently and MmaT's heart bled for her.

Uncle K:motlogolo wela ngwanka..

She nodded as she as she wiped her tears..

Uncle Boago:Kgang ke yeo bagolo(that's the issue people)

People kept quiet.

Rra T:Tota ngwetsi ya rona ke ene yo a tshwanetseng go re bolella gore ene o batla eng(our daughter in law is the one who is supposed to tell us what she wants)

Granny:True..

One of the older aunts decided to give her opinion on the matter at hand.

Aunt Charity:Ke kopa go latlhela lame

lefoko..(Can I give my opinion)

Uncle K:Of course..we are here to discuss the way forward.

Aunt Charity:well Precious was it necessary for you to up and leave the moment you heard the news?Ngwanaka ga ka re Thabiso o dirile sentle..nyaa..all I am saying is that you should have discussed the issue with him and if the discussion was beyond the both of you,a meeting would have been called.You are a married woman not a girlfriend who can up and leave when she pleases,you consider your family and how its going to be affected moving forward.

Precious nodded.

Uncle Boago:motlogolo wa rona has done the unthinkable..whilst we are still here,he has

impregnated the side dish..how are we going to tackle that too if Precious and Thabiso happen to reconcile?

RraT:E dingalo because his wife here is hurting because of that and she is carrying his child.

MmaT:True..we will cross that bridge when we get there because we still have to fix the marriage that was destroyed by that very same side chick..Ngwanaka tell us what happened?

Precious:uhm..I received an anonymous text and I brushed it off till i started to think more and more about it.I headed to the hospital and well since I had decided not to worry much about it..I showed it to Sarona..

Aunt Charity:(chuckling)Sarona o ntse o teng?(Sarona is still there?)

Granny:Ee and she has hips now..pity she is not yet married...

Precious:well she said she recognized the

number,it was her cousin Miranda's number..

Mma T looked at Thabiso..

MmaT:hold it there Precious,Thabiso explain to us matlakala a o a dirileng..

Thabiso sighed and all eyes were on him.They all waited for an explanation.

Thabiso:Uhm...I met Miranda around..

RraT:around ke kae?

Thabiso:when I was in Francistown..

Some of the aunts clapped their hands.Precious's heart broke more.Wow!Thabiso looked down and hisbfather nudged him to continue with what he was

telling them..

Thabiso:The affair has been going on for more than a year..

MmaT:Babirwa ba ntsetse!

Uncle K:I am finished..Men cheat but are we going to normalize this?He regrets it because he was caught.If he was sorry he would have stopped cheating in less than three months and we would have not been here...

Precious held back tears.Wow!And she never realized this till only a month ago.He thought she was a fool and Miranda being pregnant was proof that their relationship was blossoming.

Granny rubbed Precious's hand as she tried not to let the tears fall.

Silence engulfed the room.

RraT:ga ke sa itse...

Uncle Boago:let him beg his wife...maybe he really loves them both..We came here to ask for clarity and forgiveness but it seems like there was a lot we were not told.

Thabiso:I'm so..

Aunt Charity:Wa tlhodia..Nyaa ngwanaka gatwe lenyalo le a tlotliwa(You're making noise..no..my child,they say marriage is respected)but if you want to walk away we won't hold it over you..

Granny:Precious do not stress,think of the child and Maduo..

Precious nodded,Thabiso's heart broke once again as he saw the pain in her eyes before she looked down.He regretted what he did with

Miranda and he has only been in touch with her because she is pregnant,nothing more...

Thabiso:Mogatsaka..Precious I am sorry..

He went on his knees and begged her as she wiped her tears..

She didn't face him,she looked at the elders..

Precious:Can I be excused for a few minutes?

Aunt Fifi:Okay ngwanaka..

Precious stood up without looking at Thabiso and shane hit him at all directions.The elders were disappointed.He sat down on the chair as the people shook their heads.He fucked up big time..

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At the mall

Maduo sat with Sherry in the car. She had now come to terms that she is gonna be rich for real.. So much money..

She felt bad that her cousin had finished school last year and had not yet found a job. Maube they might strike a deal. She knew that it's never wise to involve money and family but...

Maduo: Sher..

She looked at her as she bit into the chicken wings they had bought from the shop.

Sherry: mmhmm...

Maduo: Have you ever thought of starting a

business?

Sherry:Countless of times..

Maduo:Well..how about we strike a deal?

Sherry shook her head..

Sherry:Maddy I see what you're trying to do and I appreciate it bur make your own money dear.Do not involve family in business.I am happy for you here but I won't ask money from you..My bank account may not have a 30k but a thousand is good and I use that money to travel and apply for jobs..

Maduo:Ithought that you would..

Sherry:Look...maybe it's pride but I like making my own money and that is your own money..Enjoy it..a ko je o lese go akanya thata..

Maduo laughed as she took a chicken wing and started devouring it.

Sherry was one in a kind. Many would have jumped for the opportunity to get their hands in her money but she said she was good and she guessed that if she had wanted to start her own side hustle she would have done so the moment she graduated...

Maduo: then where to next? We still have ample time..

Sherry: Selfies maybe.. I have no idea on what to do next here..

Maduo was already prepping her phone camera..

Maduo: Say cheese..

Sherry laughed as she made the peace sign and Maduo snapped a pic of the both of them. She even took photos of them eating and well her mom's car was pretty smart so the pictures will turn out to be nice.

Sherry wiped her hands and snapped pictures of her and Maduo and some individual selfies..

Maduo:I'm posting on facebook.

Sherry:me too..tag me on the photos.

Maduo:will do sis..

They really had nothing better to do and they were just relaxing inside the car in the public parking spot..

Maduo uploaded a few snaps of her and Sherry on Facebook with the caption "family things

"She tagged Sherry on the photo and she went to Instagram where she posted two of their pics together and tagged her too..

Sherry saw the tags and she reacted on their pictures.

Maduo:ra peka..

Sherry:Thata..and to think you're way younger than me..

Maduo:o favourite cousin akere..

Sherry:I know..I'm like your older sister kid.

Maduo rolled her eyes..

Maduo:not kid again..

Her phone beeped and she read the comments on their pics.

Bogosi:Is she your sister?

She rolled her eyes laughing. Bogosi o tlwaela Sherry.

2nd comment: Bana ba ba fresh

3rd comment: wow

She smiled as she saw how many shares their pic got..

Maduo: celebrity..

Sherry: mxm.. keore o tlhapile hela..

Maduo: tswaa..

They both got busy on their social media and Sherry got messages. People who she had forgotten their existence. Well its been a while since she had posted pictures on Instagram and Facebook..

She locked her phone and she placed it on her thighs.

Sherry:Let's drive around..we have nothing to do.

Maduo:Fine by me sis..leggo..Let me plug in my phone then we have the right vibes..

Sherry:I swear aunt Presh will kill me..

Maduo:she won't.

Sherry started the car and reversed out of the parking spot.

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At Grandmother's house

Precious finally sat down and she saw Thabiso's red eyes.She felt sorry for him only a bit but that pity dissolved.

Uncle K:Let's give her time to digest all this..when she has decided on what to do she will tell us..

Aunt Charity:of course..

Aunt Fifi:But Precious consider your children..just do not make a selfish decision,not considering that you already have a family and a child on the way.Congratulations on the pregnancy too..

Precious nodded.

Uncle Boago:This morning we received a letter..I know you had all been putting this off for years but it is what it is...

Precious sighed.Maduo.The ancestors...this was messed up.

Uncle Boago:The Kgosis sent a letter requesting for Maduo's hand in marriage,sale ba beile letlhokwa..

Aunt Charity smiled as she ululated...

Uncle Boago:They have asked the family for a date so that they can proceed with the negotiations..

Granny:Does Maduo know?

Both Thabiso and Precious shook their heads.

Aunt Fifi:She should have known when she was sixteen,we know that the Kgosi's are very traditional and their belief in their ancestors

cannot be shaken so if they had said that Maduo is Rebabedi's then we cannot argue..

Precious:I know..but how do you tell your daughter that she had long been chosen to be somebody's wife while she was still in the womb?

Uncle K:It is hard but she needs to know...She is soon to be a wife..as young as she is..she is the Kgosi's chosen.

Precious sighed.

Precious:I know..I will tell her..

She had no choice..The badimo had made their pick and it was her daughter.

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Maduo and Sherry parked by a spot under the tree.They seriously had nowhere to go and five was a bit far..

A car stopped by the road and the smartly dressed man walked out of the car.

Him:is there a problem with the car ladies?

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#36

At Bobonong

A car stopped by the road and the smartly dressed man walked out of the car.

Him:is there a problem with the car ladies?

Sherry looked at the man and she cleared her throat.

Maduo opened her mouth to tell the man that actually nothing is wrong..

Maduo:sir..

Sherry nudged her and she shut up.

Sherry:Nothing is wrong sir.

Maduo wanted to roll her eyes. That was what she was going to say.

Him: I thought there was a problem. Let me get going and it is not safe for young ladies such as yourselves to be by the roadside.

Sherry: Noted sir...

Him: Have a good day.

The man walked away to his car and he started the car as he resumed his song. Coming back to this place brought back memories and the day he lost his brotherhood with one of his closest. Since then they haven't been speaking to each other and he has been making moves. Big moves. He was his own man and he just had to try and face the past in this place.

Maduo looked at Sherry as the car drove away.

Maduo:Kana I wanted to say the same thing.O
rata attention.

Sherry:Maduo ikete..

Maduo:You like him?

Sherry:Did you smell his cologne?Expensive..

Maduo:Haish...so where should we head to next?

Sherry:I suppose we should drive slow back
home..

Maduo:Plus I want to charge my phone..But
take more pictures of me by the car.

Sherry took her phone as she started taking
pictures of Maduo who was doing a lot of silly
poses in front of the car and camera.

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At Grandmother's house

The elders left and Thabiso wanted to talk to Precious alone.

Thabiso:Can I talk to you?

Granny looked at Precious and she nodded.Granny left them in the sitting room.

Thabiso:I am really sorry,I want to prove myself to you.

Precious:You cheated for a whole year and you got her pregnant.How the hell is someone supposed to move past.

He wanted to hold her hands and she just folded her arms so that he cannot touch her.

Precious:I hope you're happy with Miranda..I don't have the energy to deal with you..when I'm telling Maddy the news I will tell you and how

she took the news. Currently I am linked to you because of the kids.

With that she stood up and she left her. He sighed. She had made up her mind about it all. He stood up and walked out of the house. He got to his car and he just placed his head on the window. He fucked up so bad. The elders had given her leeway to make any decision she wanted because he messed up pretty bad. His phone rang and he just ignored it. If Miranda had just shut up, he wouldn't be here....and now his daughter will have to gwt married and there was nothing they could do about it.

He kicked the tyre. His life was fucked up good. He missed them over at their house.

He had no one to blame but himself.

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At Kgosi's house

Kgosi listened as the uncles relayed that they delivered the letter to the Solomons.

Kgosi: Good, we need to go ahead with the negotiations.

Uncle1: And she should be introduced to the ancestors, they chose her for a reason.

Kgosi: Exactly so technically she was born his.

Uncle2: Rebabedi is okay? kana o dingalo..

Kgosi: He is okay. He knows when to submit to authority.

The uncles knew that Kgosi who was also the village paramount chief always got his way so he was the only person in the family who was able to get to Rebabedi. That one was stubborn as a bull and it was so hard to shake him.

A door knock interrupted their conversation.

Kgosi:Tsenaa!!(Enter)

He entered and the uncles were shocked.He never mentioned that he was coming.He has been gone for so long that nobody had bothered to ask about him.

Kgosi:Is that you?

Uncle1:Tyler,you came home..

Tyler:It was time..Ntatemogolo dumelang.

Kgosi:Dumelang...

Uncle2:How was it overseas?

Tyler:After being gone for over ten years,it was refreshing but it's time..

Uncle1:Kgosi,can't he work side by side le Reba?

Tyler knew it was going to head in that direction and he was ready. He hasn't been speaking to his cousin and they lost the bond..

Kgosi: You know Reba...

Uncle2: You can talk to him, he listens to you..

Tyler: Let's not jump the gun, he does not know that I'm back yet.

Uncle2: How about we host a party?

Tyler: whao.. malome..

Uncle2 laughed. His setswana was accented.

Uncle1: he is talking as if he is not from here..

Kgosi: The company is in Rebabedi's hands and he runs ny damn empire so damn good so when it comes to running it Tyler will speak to him.. Akere Tyler?

Tyler: Sure gramps..

Kgosi:Wa swaba..

Tyler raised his hands laughing.

Tyler:Sorry'ng...

Uncle2:So a party?He has been gone for so long
ngwana yo..

Kgosi:You will talk to the aunts and the rest of
the family.

Tyler:bathong!I guess I di not have a choice..

Uncle1:not at all motlogolo.

It felt good to be back home.

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At Grandmother's house

Sherry parked the car. Sherry and Maduo got out of the car. They saw car trails and they suspected that there was a meeting here.

They both walked to the house and they went inside. They found Precious cooking.

Precious: Hey guys, the food will be ready. Sherry ntebela dipitsa hoo..

Sherry: okay..

Sherry walked to the kitchen as Precious wiped her hands and walked to Maduo. She sighed. She had to tell her this.

Precious: There is something I have to tell you..

Maduo: Sounds serious...but ema pele mama.. I have news..

Maduo said as she clapped her hands.Precious smiled.She wa always so full of life.

Precious:okay do share..

Maduo went to her messages and showed her mother.Precious's mouth hung open..

Maduo:Yes mother,now tell me who is going to be a rich sibling?(laughing)

Precious:is this for real?

Maduo:mama do I ever joke when it comes to money?This is real as your hand mama...Money.

Precious:wow..

Maduo:yep..I'm a step away from being rich...I told you and dad..look at me now..

Precious:congratulations..

Maduo:Thank you!Thank you!

Precious laughed as she heard the pride in her voice.

Precious:Let's head to my room so that we can talk.

Maduo:okay..

Maduo followed her mother to the room and she closed the door.Her mother sat on the bed and patted in the space next to her.Maduo sat next to her mother.

Precious:You do know that I love you right?

Maduo:y..ye..yes..

Precious:And I always want the best for you..

Maduo:yes..what's going on?are you dying?

Precious:(laughing softly)No..not anytime soon...uhm there is an issue I want to discuss

with you and I want you to keep an open mind about it..

Maduo:okay.

Precious:Baby do you believe in ancestors?Like badimo and everything traditional?

Maduo:not sure where this is heading but yeah.They exist just as God exists...

Precious:well you not that old but I think your mind is matured enough to understand this.

Maduo:okay mama..shoot..

Precious:Well..you know that in a week you are turning 18..I was supposed to tell you this years ago but I couldn't..

Maduo:This sounds heavy..

Precious chuckled.

Precious:well..you were chosen to be his.

Maduo was lost now..

Maduo:stop speaking in parables..

Precious:uhm..when I was pregnant with you,the ancestors had already chosen you to be his wife.

Maduo:ema pele mama...are you saying that I have a husband already?

Precious sadly nodded.

Precious:yes..uhm..the family you're marrying into is traditional hence their healer was able to see this whilst we were in the village kgotla for a celebration.

Maduo:

Precious:I know that you're shocked and its understandable..

Maduo:....

Precious:Baby..Its not our will..We wouldn't give you away just like that..apparently you were supposed to be introduced to your husband

when you were 10..

Maduo's mouth hung open.

Precious:me being me..I refused and managed to convince your dad to convince them not to let you cross paths with him..

Maduo:I..uhm..

Precious:You don't have to say anything but they have already sent a letter asking for your hand in marriage..

Now Maduo was finished.Ancestors.Marriage.His.Ten years old...wow!But who was he?

Maduo:wow...because wow...uhm..okay..wow..Who is he?

Precious:Rebabedi Kgosi

Her eyes almost popped out of their sockets as she processed the news.

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#37

At Grandmother's house

Maduo:W..(shaking her head)

She could not believe it.She looked at her mother hoping that she might say she was

kidding and that she was not going to marry anyone. She saw how her mother's eyes pierced into hers with a tinge of regret in them.

Precious did not want to give her only daughter away like that. She was young but the ancestors had spoken. Years ago.

Maduo: mama...e serious?

Precious: unfortunately yes...

Maduo: wow..yoh...

Maduo stood up as she held her heart. She is getting married and she has no say in it. She is already owned. She belongs to another. This was just overwhelming. She brought her hands to her face. And all her plans scattered just like that.

Married? Her? That means kids? Her eyes popped

out again. This was...wow...Messy. Not planned for. Disruptive.

Precious: Maduo?

Maduo turned and looked at her mother. She was getting fucking married and it means that negotiations are going to take place and she will be married.

She shook her head. She needs to think about this all. She needs to process this. And Rebabedi? Thee Rebabedi Kgosi... This was big.

Maduo: Uhm..wow..I (breathing in) I need to process this because wow...le mpeile hatshe..

Precious nodded as she looked at Maduo's disbelieving face.

Maduo: okay..uhm..ok..

Maduo left the room. This was her future and some dead people had decided fate for her. She

was born already his..

She went to the bedroom where Sherry was on the bed waiting for few minutes before she was going to dish up.

Sherry frowned as she took in Maddy's features. The smile and her bubbly personality were no longer in sight.

Sherry: o sharpo?

Maduo:.....

Sherry shut up as Maduo sat on the bed. Maduo bit her lower lip. It started to sink in that she was getting married. Just like that. As simple as that.

She breathed in as she placed her head in her hands. This was not where she was seeing her future heading. And to the man whom she looked up to. Well his business ethics... She

won't lie that he is a looker but....this was not it.

Meanwhile in her bedroom Precious dialed Thabiso's number.He answered immediately.

Thabiso:Hello..

Precious:I just told her...

Thabiso:How did she take the news?

Precious shook her head.

Precious:She was honestly shocked.She just said she needed to think about it..

Thabiso:That sounds hopeful...

Precious:It does...I hate doing this to her..

Thabiso:We don't have a choice...our hands are tied.

Precious:(sighing)this is really stressful..Bye.

Thabiso:Precious I still love you..

Precious:Bye..

She hung up and threw her phone on the bed.Her phone rang again and she groaned.

Precious:o nteka tumelo(he is testing my patience)

She grabbed the phone and to her surprise it was Laone.

Precious:Sis..

Laone:Hey..Well I have news..(giggling excitedly)

Precious:You sound excited..

Laone:I am..keore...I am so happy.

Precious:Bua...

Laone:remember that date I told you about last month?well it turned to something more and we are dating..

Precious:Congrats...sis..you deserve to be happy.

Laone:Ha..This one is going to marry me.

Precious:Don't rush the process..

Laone:No..this time I am not but he is the one..he treats me right..Presh..He is everything..

Precious:And he shouldn't hurt you..

Laone:This one won't..Terry wa nthata(Terry loves me)

Precious frowned a bit.Terry.That name rang a bell.She forgot where she heard it from but she knew the name.

Precious:Well tell Terry that if he hurts you the whole family is coming for him.

"Lala..."a voice in the background said and Laone smiled and she concentrated on the phone.

Laone:I have to go sis..will call later.Greet everyone for me.

Precious:okay.

She hung up.

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At Miranda's House

Miranda sat on the couch as she bot her nails.He left her and he only talks to her when it concerns the child.Sarona gave up on her and she was alone.She was even lucky that Thabiso is still paying for the rent and food.

She took her phone and scrolled through Facebook.She was really one of the lucky ones,his wife didn't drag her name through social media and by this time if she did,she would have not been able to show face anywhere.

She dialed Thabiso's number. This time he answered.

The conversations were cold and now she realised that had she kept quiet, she would be getting those warm hugs in secret and not lack anything but she had to want what was not hers.

Thabiso: What do you want Miranda?

Miranda: Uhm.. was just craving chicken wings and yoghurt, if you can manage can you buy them for me?

Thabiso: (sighing) sure..

Miranda: Tanki..

He hung up and she looked up trying not to cry. She did this to herself. She deserved the cold shoulder.

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At Kgosi Investments, Francistown

Rebamedi went through his files.Sasha was home and he had to work through the night.

His phone rang amd he answered without even checking the caller id.

Reba:Kgosi speaking..

Caller:Reba...

He froze as his pen dropped on top of the open file.

Caller:Rebamedi..

This was not happening.He shook his head as he regained his compusure.

Reba:Who am I speaking to?

Caller:Rebamedi did you forget?

Reba:Goodbye..

He hung up and breathed in.The past has to

stay in the past and that is that. He left the past behind and he would rather forget the series of events that had somehow shaped his whole life. But people did not know that.

They are not supposed to know that and he wasn't intending on reconciling his past and present anytime soon. His phone rang again and it was a message from his grandfather. He clicked the message and he frowned as he looked at the picture he sent.

At first it didn't click why the picture was sent then he remembered. He sighed and put his phone away. This whole ancestors voodoo wanted to fuck up his whole life with a damn teenager. A damn teenager and they say the ancestors chose her for him. That was total utter bullshit, reason why he didn't believe in the

nonsense the whole family believed in. At the moment he had no choice because either way what his grandfather wants, he gets. That manipulative old man.

He rubbed his chin thoughtfully before he picked his phone again and looked at the picture. He put it down. He was even thinking about it all by looking at the picture.

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At Grandmother's house

Maduo looked at her reflection in the mirror. She was going to be a wife. A chosen one from her birth. Fate fucked her up good. She wanted to be rich and establish herself before committing to love and relationships. Look at what's happening

between her parents. She sighed and splashed her face with cold water.

She thought about it all and she was left with no choice..Rebabedi Kgosi it was.

She walked out of the bathroom and headed to her mother's bedroom.

Precious;ooh..

She sat down next to her mother and looked at her. She didn't want to have to depend on a man and she won't. She already had her own investments.

Maduo:(sighing)By the look of things,I have no choice.Badimo ba buile(the ancestors have spoken)

Precious:I wish there was something I could do..

Maduo:As we young people always say..it is what it is and if it's destiny how can I run away

from it?

Precious:and you are so wise for a teenager.

Maduo let out a fade smile.

Maduo:Life mom..I...so..I will be a wife.

Precious just held her cheek.

Maduo:Badimo ba dubile motshelo tlhebanna..

Precious laughed softly..

Precious:and you had to put it that way..

Maduo:What can I say..Guess will have to take this new revelation in and get used to it fast because it's going to be reality very soon.

Precious:Sorry my baby.

Maduo:It's okay mama...I am still going to be a rich sibling..Marriage or no marriage.No man will bulldoze my life like that.

Precious:(laughing)Okay Maddy..

Maduo:serious..mom I have to chase the bag and run Wallstreet.

Precious:I hear you Madam..

Maduo:okay mom..Just had to tell you that..

Maduo stood up and walked to the door.She paused.

Maduo:(thoughtfully looking at her mother)And do what makes you happy mama,regardless of what happened between you and dad.

With that she walked out as Precious looked at her shocked.

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At Miranda's place

Miranda heard the engine quieten down and she

focused on the movie she was watching She had wrapped herself in a blanket.

He knocked on the door and she got up to go open the door for him.

Thabiso walked in holding plastics for her.

Thabiso: That is all and I bought extra stuff.

Miranda walked back to the couch and Thabiso closed the door behind him. He went to the kitchen and he placed the plastics on the counter.

Miranda: Thank you..

Thabiso: Sure.. you don't want anything extra?

Miranda: I'm fine.. thank you..

They both went quiet and Thabiso looked at the tv screen and the movie she was watching clicked in his head.

Thabiso: Acrimony?

Miranda: mhmm...tota I don't want anybody to argue with me, Robert was right..Melinda was too obsessed with him...regardless of what anybody said.

Thabiso sat on the couch next to her.

Thabiso: All I am going to say is if it had not rained that day, they would have not met..

Miranda laughed and hit his arm.

Miranda: mxm..

Thabiso: (chuckling) whaat? nnete..

Miranda smiled as their eyes locked..She looked down and Thabiso cleared his throat. They both looked at the tv screen. Minutes passed and Miranda turned to look at him. Thabiso felt her eyea on him and he licked his lips. Without thinking too much about it he turned and kissed her. Miranda was

shocked but she gave in to the kiss.

She broke it..

Miranda:we..shouldn't be doing this.. I ruined your marriage..

Thabiso:just for tonight..

He said as he kissed her again and Miranda wrapped her hands around his neck..

Meanwhile in Thabiso's car his phone rang.Precious stopped calling.He must be asleep.She will call in the morning.She turned to the left as she closed her eyes.

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#38

At the Kgosi household,Bobonong

The caterers along with the decor team helped set up the tables.

Tyler looked at the setup and it was good.They wanted to celebrate his return so he let them do so.

So the whole family was coming and a few special guests.They went all out for is arrival.

Rebabedi stepped out of the house and he saw

the nice garden setup.

Tyler saw him,he really wanted to speak to Rebabedi but he had been ignoring him since his arrival yesterday.Sasha was asleep by the time they had arrived so she hadn't seen him yet.She had grown to be such a beautiful young lady...

Tyler walked to Reba as he shoved his hands in his pockets.

Tyler:Reba..

Reba:That stunt you pulled last week...

Tyler:Ke reng ne Mr(what should I do Mr?)You suddenly cut all communication.

Reba:For a reason.

Tyler looked at Reba and the cold exterior he was putting on display.He sighed.There was no

way he can get to him.

Tyler:I am trying here.

Reba:no one asked you to.Excuse me.

And like that he walked inside the house and Tyler stood there.He still hoped that he was human beneath all of that.Talking to him was just draining.

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At Grandmother's house

Maduo stared at her reflection in the mirror.She was turning 18 tomorrow and today they were invited to the party.

Sherry:You look good.

Maduo:Thank you..

Precious knocked on the door before letting herself in.

Precious:Are you guys done?We have to go..

Maduo checked the time..

Maduo:mama nako ke bo 11...

Precious:I know..just wanted us to be early..

Sherry:But we are done right Maddy?

Maduo:yeah yeah...

She was a fireball of nerves right at the moment.A party at the Kgosis.A family she is soon going to be married into.A man the ancestors chose for her is going to be there and she didn't want to embarass herself there.

Precious:Do any touch ups..but in five we're leaving..

Sherry:agreed.

Precious left the room and Sherry looked at the

nervous Maduo.

Sherry:why are you nervous?

Maduo:This is biggg...

Sherry:Kana you never told me about last week,what was up?

Maduo:I..I'll tell you some time because wow...

Her phone rang and she rolled her eyes.

Maduo:Whaat?

Bogosi:No need to sound rude..

Maduo:You caught me at a bad time..

Bogosi:Well you looked gorgeous..I just saw your status update..

Maduo:mmhm..ke gone gotlhe?

She hung up.She didn't have time for Bogosi's flirting...

Meanwhile Precious answered her phone.

Thabiso:We are still meeting at the party akere?

Precious:yeah..

Thabiso:okay sharp.

He hung up and strangely this time he didn't beg for her.Precious noticed.The call was quick.She grabbed her stuff and walked out of the room.

Precious:Batho a reyeng...(people let's go)

Maduo:Ee mma

She walked to the car and unlocked it before she got inside.She started the car and waited for the people to come.

Granny got inside first in the front seat before the girls got inside at the back.

Maduo:We are here..

Sherry:Let me go open the gate..

She got out of the car and went to open the gate before she came back.

Precious:Now we can go..

She drove out as the girl started snapping pictures of themselves in the car and she shook her head laughing a bit.

Granny:They like pictures..

Precious:thata ma..

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At the Kgosi household

Sasha walked out of her room and her heart stopped when she came face to face with Tyler.She just hugged him and held him tight.He brought his strong arms around her and

breathed into her neck.

Tyler:I was missed...

Sasha:And you cut off all communication kana Tyler.

Tyler:I'm here..

He spun her around as she laughed and he placed her down on her feet.

She let him go and looked at him before she hit his chest.

Sasha:and you got buffer..

Tyler:Mxm...How have you been?

Sasha:Life ke legwinya Ty..A lot has happened..

Tyler:So I have heard around..we'll talk...

Sasha:Sure grootman.

Tyler:wa ntlwaela akere Sasha..

Sasha rolled her eyes.

Sasha:You sound so like Reba..stop..

Tyler:(sighing)and your brother is still stubborn.

Sasha shrugged.Reba was his own man.

Sasha:We are used to it...you have been gone for so long now deal with it..

Tyler:Ha.a..I don't know how to get through to him..

Sasha:You two were close..you can work on the bond..

Tyler:You figure?

Sasha:Mhmm..he is stubborn and everuthing Kgosi but you two were like brothers..unfortunately circumstances happened.

Tyler:Look at you,so wise..

Sasha:Kae re ye teng..

Tyler just held her chin.

Tyler:The man who is going to marry you is going to be lucky..

She held his hand and looked into his eyes as she swallowed a bit.

The moment was interrupted when they heard footsteps and Tyler quickly let go of her and shoved his hands in his pockets.Sasha breathed in and she put on a fake smile..

Sasha:So was America?

Tyler:(clearing his throat)America was fine..A lot kept me busy..

The old woman passed with a bouquet of flowers and she gave the two an odd look.They both ignored it and watched her till she was out of the house.

Tyler:We'll talk later okay?

She nodded and he kissed her forehead and

walked away. Unbeknownst to the both of them, Katso was watching and he was confused as hell but he shrugged it off and walked into his room.

Rebamedi finished getting ready. They came to welcome home the long lost family member. He didn't want to be here but his hand was forced and his grandfather said he had to see 'his wife' bloody ancestors and trying to dictate his life. He walked out of the room and headed to the garden where he found a table to sit at. They had a large family and the company he was running was the one feeding everyone and giving them a comfortable life.

Maduo's heart pounded. They parked the car and got out. She spotted her father's car. She held her phone in her hand and looked at her

mother.

Maduo:Let me go talk to dad..

Granny:okay..you guys will find us inside.

Sherry:Mhmm.

She walked away and headed to his car.She knocked on his window and he opened it.

Thabiso smiled.

Thabiso:Le gorogile?

Maduo:Yes..

Thabiso:get inside..

Maduo gave her father a weird look before she decided to get inside.

Maduo:First of all,sorry for not calling..and papa,the investment paid off and I have around P35k in my account.

Thabiso:That's great news..you know you don't have to pay me back..I was kidding.

Maduo:But I will pay back..I am a good businesswoman..

Thabiso:(laughing)Wena businesswoman..

Maduo:Yes dad..

Thabiso held her hand.

Thabiso:Well baby girl,I am sorry..

Maduo:For what?

Thabiso:I suppose your mom told you that you are getting married..

Maduo:I know and I have to accept it.Life has to move..

Thabiso:And I suppose you can understand what I am about to say..

Maduo:okay(confused)

Thabsio:(sighing)Well I am the cause of our broken family my angel..It's all my fault and

whatever that happens don't blame your mom..I was the one who wronged her..

Maduo:Wronged her as in..(looking at him)

He nodded.

Maduo's heart sank a bit but she was a big girl now.She had no time for childishness.

Maduo:Uhm...I had suspected that..but..mom never confirmed it for me..but..

Thabiso:It's okay..you don't have to forgive me..I broke our family angel and for that I am sorry..

Maduo:I am hurt..but..I don't know what led to that...

Thabiso:I just wanted to tell you that..I am really sorry angel..for the hurt I caused you and your mother..I am sorry..

Maduo:I hear you dad...(sadly looking at him)but regardless of it all you're still going to be there for me and my little brother or sister?

Thabiso's heart cracked as he heard her sad voice.

Thabiso:Yes angel..Always..

Maduo:I needed to hear that.

She hugged him as she held back tears.

Maduo:I love you dad..

Thabiso:I love you princess..

They hugged for some time before they broke it..

Thabiso:Don't be sad..smile for daddy princess..

Maddy smiled as she looked at him.

Thabiso:You look beautiful..

Maduo:Thank you papa..should we?

Thabiso:(chuckling)we shall..

They both stepped out of the car and they entered the yard.Maduo was holding her father's hand with a smile that hid all her

emotions.

Maduo:This place is beautiful..

Thabiso:it really is..

They kept on walking and the help spotted them.She located them to the garden.This place was absolutely breathtaking.She saw the water fountain and swimming pool..This was wow..

They saw the table her mother and the others were at.

They walked to them.

Maduo:And I came with a guest.

Thabiso chuckled as Maduo served them with her sunny smile.

Precious:Sit down thle..

She sat in between her mother and father.

Sherry:Maddy?

Maduo:ya..(turning)

Her jaw almost dropped..Wasn't that Mr Ladies
are you okay?

She looked at Sherry who looked like she was
gonna fan girl over him.

Granny looked at the girls and shook her
head.Precious looked at Sherry and she got
ready for the drama.Hot guys always have
drama and it was not funny.

Thabiso looked at all the ladies amused.He held
in his laughter.

Maduo:from maloba..wow..small world.

Sherry:A small and comfortable world.

Maduo:let me shut up.

She picked the glass and drank her water
looking at Sherry who was looking at the poor
guy..

Rebabedi was already bored.He was not the

one for distancing.His mother came to him.

Mma Kgosi:the least you can do is greet the family..I mean the Solomons.

Reba:

Mma Kgosi:you are marrying their daughter so show some respect to your inlaws.

Rebamedi stood up and his mother showed him the table they were sitted at.He walked in that direction.

Maduo was on her phone and she was drinking her water slowly.The chattering at theor table stopped.

Reba:Dumelang..

Her heart froze as she saw the nice shoes and she looked up.Quickly like that she spit the water that was in her mouth and lo and behold..she spit it on Rebamedi's clean and most definitely expensive clothes.

Everyone saw that and Rebabedi had to hide his irritation.

Reba:Pleasure to meet all of you.

Sherry looked at Maddy shocked and Maduo felt like being buried right now.The shame and embarrassment that was upon her.

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At the Kgosi household

Maduo looked at him as embarrassment was evident in her eyes.

Reba:Excuse me..Nice to meet you all once again.

He walked away and Maduo looked down as all eyes were on her. Sherry lightly tapped her hand.

Sherry:Go apologize Maddy..

Precious:I didn't see that coming..

Maduo:hai mama o batla go ntshega?(mom you want to make fun of me?)

Precious shrugged as she held in her laughter. Granny just laughed at Maduo and that didn't make it any better.

Thabiso:Go apologize,o tsene mo ntlong..(he just got inside the house)

Maduo stood up and she looked around. People were now minding their own business and chatting. She breathed in and she walked to the helper.

Maduo:I am looking for Mr Kgosi,I have been sent to do something..

Helper:He is inside the house..go along the passage and check the third bedroom on the left.

She nodded as she memorized what was said by the helper.

She got inside the house and she found the third bedroom on the left.

She was nervous and embarrassed. She just...Gosh. She was embarrassed. Without thinking she just opened the door and now she was ashen with embarrassment. She saw the

huge ass dragon tattoo on his back and she realized that he had come to change.

Rebamedi turned and he saw her. Maduo's eyes couldn't get any wider, she saw his muscles and toned physique..All muscular and buff..She was left utterly speechless and her just staring at Reba like that irked him.

The child he was supposed to marry. The one supposedly chosen by the ancestors.

Maduo blinked again and confusion fell on her features. She then remembered why the hell she was here.

Maduo:I..uhm...I came to apologize for the incident that just took place.

She said with a shaky voice as Reba walked to the wardrobe to take out another clean shirt.

And he was not embarrassed by his masculinity,any gentleman would have shooed her out of the room because he is not dressed

but he just let her see that and she was just stupefied.

Maduo:Uhm..Reba..(frowning)

It sounded so foreign coming out of her mouth.

Reba:Reba ke mang nnana?

He said mockingly and she looked down embarrassed.

Reba:I heard you the first time...

Maduo:Maduo Mr Kgosi..

Reba chuckled and he saw that he was making the poor kid sweat. He will have to live with her.

He buttoned his shirt and she was just standing there. He walked to where she was standing and lifted her head up with his hands.

Reba:(chuckling)It's okay..You can go.

Maduo looked into his eyes for ten seconds before she registered what he had said and that

his hands were on her chin. She then broke the eye contact and quickly got out of the room.

She breathed as soon as she was in the garden. She tried to act normal but all she had seen was deeply etched in her brain.

She put on a fake smile and walked normally to where her family was.

Precious:Are you okay?

Maduo:Yeah..I apologized and it's cool..

Sherry:Good..but you have to admit your reaction was golden..

Maduo:ng ng..

They laughed at Maduo and she ended up laughing with them when they talked about the embarrassing event.

They quietened down when the owner of the party took to centre stage.

Tyler:Welcome to everyone who made it here..It's family and friends and thank you..(laughing)Uhm..they said it's my welcome back party so enjoy. Food and drinks..Socialize..ga ke na go bua mo gontsi..just enjoy..

The people laughed at his carefree attitude and Sherry's heart melted a bit. He was hot. Maybe he will remember her from the other day.

He left the stage and he started to socialize with the family. Sherry was looking at and well all the members of this large family had that thing and maybe she should socialize with a few of them. Or they might think she wants their money.

Maduo drank her juice and she saw Rebabedi. He was not really paying attention to everything happening. Her heart skipped as she pondered

whether to take a leap of faith or not.

Her over ambitious brain said yes but her cowardly heart warned her against it all.

She stood up.

Maduo:Let me socialize..

Precious gave her a look and Thabiso just stared at her.

Granny:Tsamaya wena..forget your parents..Tla bo ba sena wena mo lenyalong..(go..forget your parents..they won't be with you in your marriage)

Sherry looked at Granny then Maduo..Marriage? Maduo was getting married? When? She was surprised to be honest.

Maduo:...

She looked at them all and turned. She started walking and she breathed in. What if he turns her down..not that she was going to make advances at him but maybe strike a

conversation. About what? She didn't know but it was worth a shot.

Reba saw her coming and he sighed. Sasha and Katso stared with curiosity. Maduo sat on the chair opposite Rebabedi's and he looked at her with curiosity. She was going to bother him a whole lot, he could just sense it and he didn't like to be bothered.

Maduo:kgm well..ok..I have no idea why I am here(laughed nervously)

Reba:mhmm..

Maduo:Urg...well..first impressions count and I thought I was going to be calm and collected when I saw you..

Reba:Don't tell me you're one of the thousands of women who are fan girling me..

Maduo:(tucking her hair behind her ear)No..not

at all.I was just as surprised about this peculiar engagement..Well generally I do look up to you in terms of business.

Reba:Business?

Maduo:Yes..

She unlocked her phone and clicked on her forex app..

Maduo:Well..I am all about the money and you make the money and who doesn't want to make money?

Reba:You do realise you said money three times in one sentence?

Maduo:Uhm..yeah..

She felt like she was being assessed.

Reba:What about business?

Maduo:particularly the financial aspect of it..The stock markets and investments...

Reba:Okay..

She unlocked her phone..

Maduo:Well..

She pulled her chair closer and showed him her app.

Maduo:I started that about a month ago.I haven't had any formal training just reading the books and doing trials.

Reba looked at the figures.

Reba:Try the American market... today..Look at the graph and the profits you might make today might shock you..How much do you have in your account?

Maduo:I have P30 000..

Reba:Uhm...save some of the money and use the remaining balance to trade. The American Stock market,the European one and try trading using the Australian time too..Profits won't

come from one area only.

He scrolled down.

Reba:You're trading using the London one..European market..be diverse..if it crashes one day,you're money will be gone..

Maduo nodded as she brought her finger to the top of her nose and remembered that she didn't come with her glasses today.

She inhaled the strong scent of his cologne and it was masculine.

Maduo:So..so far so good?

Reba:Good start..especially for an 18 year old.

Her heart sank a bit when he mentioned her age.

Reba:So with time you will be making it big..

Maduo:Thank you..

Reba:And please use the money wisely...the money can just disappear like that.

She nodded. He lifted his head and took her phone. He exited the app and punched in his number.

He gave it back to her.

Reba:Whenever you get stuck..my number is in there.

Maduo:(surprised)Uhm..thank you so much..(laughed softly)What should I call you?Ga nka go bitsa Reba e nna ekete ka go tlwaela..

He smiled and dammit. Dammit. She swallowed and tried not to show that his smile had affected her somehow.

Reba:ee..tla bo o ntlwaela thata Maduo ga o ka mpitsa Reba..

And he said her name..

Reba:I'll see..excuse me.

He stood up and he went to the main table

which had food and he grabbed a glass which she was sure it had champagne.

She shook her head to get out of the daze. She looked at her phone and she saw that he had saved his number as Kgosi. She just shook her head and laughed a bit. She stood up and headed to the table where she found her parents talking. She didn't even sit down, she headed to the other direction.

Meanwhile Sherry was talking to Tyler.

Sherry:Hi..

Tyler:hi..oh..I saw you somewhere.

Sherry:The ladies is everything okay?

Tyler:...I actually thought there was a problem kana..I'm Tyler.

Sherry:Sherry...

Tyler:Sherry as in alcohol?

Sherry:Yep..

Tyler:unique..

Tyler turned and he saw Sasha who was talking to someone.

Tyler:Uhm..I have to go..we'll talk.

Sherry:okay..

Tyler placed his wineglass down and he headed in her direction. That was one of the reasons he didn't want to come back. He smoothly interrupted the conversation.

Tyler:Sorry to interrupt..I have to whisk her away from you.

Him:Okay..Uhm..Sasha it was nice meeting you.

Sasha:Likewise..

The man walked away and Sasha looked at Tyler before she burst out laughing and hit his

chest.

Sasha:Jealousy..you should see yourself Ty.

Tyler:I'm not jealous..

Sasha:You are..but he is the one who started a conversation..A lot has happened.

Tyler looked around and people were busy socializing and all.

Tyler:Come..

Sasha:ra kae?(where are we going?)

Tyler:come...

Sasha:okay..

He walked away first and she went to the table where she sat on the chair and pretended to be on her phone. She waited for a few minutes before she headed in the same direction he was

heading.

Sasha found him. He held her hand and well they got inside his bedroom.

Tyler:Now we can talk..

Sasha:Ty..

Tyler:Sasha..

Sasha:Fine..

He sat on the bed and she sat next to him.

Sasha:Well I know the reason why you left..

Tyler:everyone knows the main reason..But I was also trying to avoid this.

Sasha:It's been years Ty..

Tyler:Years but the feelings haven't dissolved

Sasha..Trust me I tried.

Sasha:who am I kidding..Of course I can't forget you but..

Tyler:Then why should we be fighting this
Sasha?

He held her cheek gently with his calloused
hands and she leaned into his touch..

Sasha:It feels wrong and..

Tyler rubbed her cheek gently..

Tyler:Sash..you're killing me here..

Sasha:Tyler a lot has happened. I am not the
same little girl you left years ago and you felt
bad for having feelings for. A lot has happened..

Tyler:Then talk to me..

Sasha breathed in.

Sasha:Just a few months ago,I was raped...

She paused and looked at him. She could see
the gear flashing in his eyes.

Sasha:Tyler..

Tyler:who was he?

She shook her head.

Sasha:He is jail and(breathing in)he was helped by someone whom I regarded as a friend.

Tyler:I am so sorry it happened..

Sasha:(laughed softly while holding back tears)And I can get back my virginity..Stolen just like that..

Tyler:Come here..

She just moved closer to him and he held her in his hands.

Tyler:I'm sorry that it happened..

Sasha:that destroyed me so bad and I can't face people even if I talk to them,I feel like they think I'm a whore and I deserves it.

Tyler:don't say that..

Sasha:That is how I feel..But I'm in therapy now..

Tyler:You'll be okay..

Sasha:and in my head I'm like who is gonna love damaged goods?I didn't want to be raped..I..

Tyler:Shh..it's okay Sasha..tlhemma o ska lela..

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Tyler shushed Sasha and when she was finally calm, she lifted her head up.

Sasha: uhm..thank you..I shouldn't even be crying.

Tyler: It's okay Sasha..

She looked into his eyes and he just held her chin. He brought his lips to hers and they slowly kissed.

Sasha wrapped her hands around his neck and they deepened the kiss.

Sasha broke the kiss and stood up.

Sasha: Tyler we shouldn't even be doing this. We are related..Gosh.

Sasha said as she paced his room and Tyler looked at her a little embarrassed.

He rubbed his jaw a bit and looked at her.

Sasha:I mean..we are cousins and...(biting her lower lip)and ntatemogolo is your dad's uncle and basically we are family..keore Ty..

Tyler:I hear you but...Sasha what am I supposed to do with these feelings?

Sasha sat down next to him.

Sasha:I don't know..I...I mean..I was just literally a kid when you left..

Tyler:and I hate myself for feeling that way about you when I should be seeing you as my sister.

Sasha:I know..I liked you..but now that you're back..we might make the family fight Ty..we are related. You are a Kgosi,I'm a Kgosi and how is that going to look like? Ty?

Tyler:(sighed)complicated isn't it?

Sasha:Very..keore and..we should..I don't know how but try to bury these feelings.

Tyler:I have been gone for ten years and I can't seem to bury them Sasha..

Sasha:ga ke itse Tyler(I don't know Tyler)I don't know how I am going to do...

He stopped her.

Tyler:Let's not think much about it.

Sasha:How?Kana we're family..I need to think..

She stood up and walked to the door.

Sasha:We have a party to get to Tyler...

Sasha said before she opened the door and walked out.

Tyler buried his head in his hands..

Sasha sat next to Katso who gave her a weird look.

Sasha:What?

Katso:Tyler o kae?(where is Tyler)

Sasha:mind your own business Katso. Tyler o kae ke eng?(what is where is Tyler?)

Katso:I was just..

Sasha:(interrupting him)shut up.

Katso shut up and he continued eating.

Tyler showed up after a good thirty minutes and he went to sit down. He didn't know what to do at this point.

Meanwhile Maduo sat down on one of the empty seats and Sherry walked to her.

Sherry:are you getting married?

Maddy looked at her and she nodded. It was bound to be in the open so she might as well tell her.

Sherry sat down as she processed the news. Maduo getting married.

Sherry:as in magadi a tswa?(as in lobola being paid?)

Maduo:Ee mma. I am getting married. Surprise.

Sherry:when was this formalized and aren't you a bit young for marriage?

Maduo:apparently it has long been agreed upon. I am just here waiting for the date then boom.

Sherry:Wait..how?

Maduo:It is what it is..I am getting married as young and tiny as I am..ka nyalwa ngwana wa ko gae.

Sherry:This is big.

Maduo:It is. Whatever wedding that is going to be chosen is still fine by me.

Maduo's phone rang and she saw the caller id.

Maduo:excuse me.

She stood up and she walked away leaving Sherry shocked. Maduo was cook about this and she wasn't shouting about her parents not loving her and things like that.

Maduo walked towards the pool away from the people.

Maduo:Hello

Rethabile:hello,is it noisy where you are?

Maduo:yep..party ngwaneso.

Rethabile:The outfit..

Maduo:yebo yes..Wa nkitse akere?

Rethabile:mxm..God did not do us a favour..you are beautiful and you are going to flaunt it.

Maduo:Why should I be insecure about my looks gone mme?

She squinted her eyes as she saw a figure

approaching. Darn her. She forgot the glasses.

Rethabile:You said you have news for me.

Maduo kept on awalking around the pool.

Maduo:well..I might as well tell you first..

Rethabile:I am listening.

Maduo:I am getting married mntase..

Rethabile went silent as she tried to put two and two together but she still failes to get four.

Rethabile:wait..tell me you're kiddding.

Maduo:nope..I would never joke about serious things like money and marriage.

Rethabile:you didn't say you were seeing someone.

Maduo:I also didn't know I had someone..

Rethabile:arranged?Isn't that so last century?

Maduo:hai re laolwa ke batho ba go swa dingwaga tse di fitileng(we are being controlled by people who have died eons ago)

Rethabile:Badimo?

Maduo:yep..

Rethabile:so traditional man...so just like that you are getting married? Family woman?

Maduo:wa swaba Thabi..Who is family woman?

Rethabile:you..marriage means kids..

Maduo:I know..haish..But anyway we still chase the money bag.

Rethabile:madi!!!

Maduo:hello..money still makes the worls go round..I won't change my goals for a man.

Rethabile:So Bogosi has no chance?

Maduo:uhu..Bogosi...let's not talk about

him..Why don't you take him since you seem to bring him up every now and then.

Rethabile:I don't like him like that..anyway..is the man you're marrying old and gruffy?

Maduo:he is older than me..gruffy no..

Maduo said as she stood by the edge of the pool. She looked at her reflection.

Rethabile:You are not going to mention his name?

Maduo:nope..

Rethabile:You like him?

Maduo:maybe...urg..how is the poetry going?

Rethabile:I have gigs lined up.

Maduo:Still gonna be a doctor?

Rethabile:I don't know..I think I have finally gathered enough courage to tell them.

Maduo:please do talk to them..you have to be

my lawyer..still gonna do corporate law?

Rethabile:If they do agree..yes corporate..but as of late I have been considering criminal law.

Maduo:okay..but we chase the bag.

Rethabile:(laughing)says the woman who is getting married.

Maduo:tswa mo go nna wena.

Rethabile laughed and Maduo kept circling the pool.

She looked ahead and maybe the person who was heading this way changed their minds.

She stopped by the edge.

Rethabile:But congrats.

Maduo:Thanks. I think I need a whole lot of strength for this marriage.

Rethabile:and here I thought I was going to be the first one to get married.

Maduo:ke life Thabi

Rebamedi talked on his phone heading to the pool.

Reba:I leave for a few days and everything is in disarray.

Caller:Sorry sir.

Rebamedi:Set up a meeting for Monday.

Caller:Yes sir..

Reba:and the team that messed yesterday's presentation up,send emails..We have a meeting early Monday morning.

Caller:(shaky voice)Yes sir.

Reba:Good.

He didn't even notice Maduo who was by the edge of the pool.

Maduo heard the deep voice whilst she was talking to Rethabile and her phone slipped and fell into the pool. She held her heart a bit and she saw that it was Reba.

She breathed in then it clicked that her phone fell into the pool. Damn. That thing has a lot of thing.

She jumped into the pool and Rebabedi heard the splash sound. He saw inside the pool and he sighed. She want's to drown now? That pool was deep as hell.

He walked towards it and he looked down.

Reba:Maduo?

She stuck her head out of the water and looked at him.

Reba:Get out of the water,that pool is deep.

Maduo:(breathing)My phone..

With that she held her nose and dived inside as

she tried looking for her phone. She knew it was down down and she needed it. She held her breath as she swam deeper. She couldn't see it clearly but she would locate it even if it means using her hands. She let go of her nose as she used her hands to push through the water. The water entered through her nostrils and she needed oxygen now. She kicked trying to rise to the surface.

Reba saw that she was struggling and he got rid of his shirt and placed it on top of his phone. She was endangering her own life her.

Meanwhile Thabiso talked to Precious.

Thabiso:Precious I understand your reasons and even if you want to file for a divorce I won't stop you.

Precious frowned. She thought he was going to start begging her to take him back.

Precious:You don't want me?

Thabiso:Its not that..You know where to find me if you want us to work on our trust but whatever decision you take..I won't hold it against you.
Dilo ke di itirile akere..

Precious:...

Thabiso:and how is the baby? I know it's my fault you lost the others and for that I deeply apologise..Do you tend to have cravings?

Precious:Yeah..I always tend to want spicy food.

Thabiso:are you sure that spicy food is good for the baby?

Precious:(laughed)I am a nurse and I am sure it's good.

Thabiso:as long as you two are good. When is your next scan?

Precious:around next week. Want to come?

Thabiso:Yeah..give me the time and I will be

there.

Precious:okay.

Reba held her as he swam across the pool with her.

He placed her on the edge of the pool as she coughed hard.

He got out of the water and looked at her.

Reba:o tla re golega. Up!up!

Maduo stood up feeling a bit weak as she kept coughing out the chlorine water. Her phone was gone just like that.

Reba could see through her wet clothes. He closed his eyes shut for few seconds before he opened them again.

He saw how her nipples showed through the wet fabric of her knee length dress.

And he saw her panties and he closed his eyes again. It's been a while and he is having such thoughts about a child.

He picked his shirt and placed it around her.

Maduo's lips quivered a bit as she felt more cold.

Reba:what were you doing?

Maduu:phone..my phone..e wetse mo metsing(it fell into the water)

He sighed and he handed her his phone to hold.

Reba:Let's get you warm..

Maduo:but phone e...

Reba:Maduo!!

Him raising his voice at her scared her a bit.

She humbly nodded as he held he brought an arm around her shoulder and led her to the other side of the house.

Maduo:Sorry..

Reba:Maduo shut up..

Maduo:okay..

The entered through another door. They walked to his room,she was cold and she didn't even have time to admire him.

They got inside and he led her to the bed where he asked her to sit down. She was still wet and she brought his shirt closer to her chest. She looked around as he headed to the bathroom.

He walked out with a robe and she held her pounding heart. Maybe she had expected him to walk out naked.

Reba:I'll talk to Sasha,maybe she has something that might fit you. You can walk to the bathroom..

Maduo:thanks.

She stood up and walked to the bathroom. She

closed the door and placed his shirt by the sink.
Her phone is gone..It must be dead right now.

Meanwhile Reba changed for the second time that day and he walked outside the room.

He went to the garden where he found Sasha.

Reba: I need a favour.

Sasha smiled. He has never asked for one before.

Sasha:what can I do for you bro?

Reba:Do you have anything that is small enough to fit a teenager?

Sasha's mouth hung open.

Sasha:You have a girl in your room? Reba?

Reba: answer the question..damn..

Sasha:okay..let me go check..

Reba:and drop the clothes off in my room.

Sasha:yes sir..

Reba walked away and Sasha stood up.

Wonders shall never end this party was going to show them things neh..

Sasha walked to her room and she went through her suitcase. She didn't know what to take so she just grabbed her tracksuit with its matching top.

She held the clothes in her hand and she walked to his room. She knocked and she opened.

Maduo jumped,what is it with people just scaring the hell out of her?

Sasha:uhm..hi..Reba said I must drop these clothes here.

Maduo:Thank you.

Sasha:hi...Wait..you're the one who was talking

to him earlier on.

Maduo:yeah..

Sasha:I'm Sasha and you are?

Maduo:Maduo..

Sasha:Nice to meet you..I hope the clothes fit.

Maduo:anything that is not wet is okay..Thank you.

Sasha:well..I don't mean to pry but..

Maduo:why am I in his room?

Sasha:yeah..

Maduo:long story cut short..He got me out of the water..my phone fell inside the pool.

Sasha:That pool is deep,don't tell me you went inside to try and retrieve it?

Maduo:that is exactly what I did..

Sasha:kana ka bo o nwetse go ne mole(you could have drowned inside there)

Maduo:I wasn't thinking..

Sasha:well at least you're safe..

Maduo:yep..thank you once again for the clothes Sasha.

Sasha:welcome.

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Sasha:Let me leave you to get dressed.

Maduo:Thank you once again.

Sasha walked out and laughed softly.

Sasha:(whispering to herself)Reba has a girl..Babirwa tlhe ba di re bontsha..haiyee..

She walked to her room.

Meanwhile Maduo changed. She doesn't have a phone now. At least the iPad works fine at home,she will have to use that and since she has money in her account she won't bother her parents. They have a baby on the way and well a child is expensive.

She looked at herself in the mirror and the

trackpants were a bit loose but as long as she is a bit warm.

Now what was going to keep her occupied? She saw his phone on the bed and she shook her head. He is not her agemate but Rethabile must be wondering why she is not answering her phone.

She sat down on the bed and looked at the phone. She should not give in to temptation.

She looked the other way but...

She found herself on his phone. It didn't even have a password. Nice. It was a nice phone too. The picture quality must be out of this world.

She went to the facebook app and well how does one get so many inboxes and ignore them?

Well he was hot and his family name was an extra. She logged out of his account and she logged in to hers.

She immediately sent Rethabile a message.

'My phone just drowned '

Once it was delivered she went to her newsfeed and scrolled through a lot of pics.

She saw a message from Rethabile and she clicked on it.

Rethabile: what happened?

Maduo:fell into the pool..

Rethabile:oow..so whose phone are you using?

Maduo:somebody..

She and Rethabile kept sending messages back and forth. She didn't notice the door opening.

Reba stood by the door frame and watched her text with his phone. How disrespectful could she get.

Reba:Maduo wa ntlwaela akere?

Maduo got startled as she placed the phone

behind her.

She looked towards the door and she found Reba looking at her with a serious face.

Maduo:well..uhm..

Reba:well??

Maduo:okay..I was talking to this friend of mine and the talks got heated when the phone fell..and I wanted to tell her why my phone cut off..

Reba:mme wa bona gore wa ntlwaela Maduo?

Maduo looked down.

Maduo:ee rra..

Reba:look at me when I am talking to you

Maduo..

She looked at him as he folded his arms and he looked at her the way one would look at a child. And she did feel like one.

Reba:hand over the phone.

She stood up and went to hand him his phone.
She didn't even log out.

Maduo:can I log..

Reba:Shut up..

Maduo:sorry..

She looked down and he sighed.

Reba:Since you're done you can leave now..

Maduo:but can I..

Reba:Maduo!!

Maduo:okay..I am leaving..Thank you.

She walked out as he slipped his phone in his pocket. She sighed and she walked out of the house to her parents' table. All of them looked at her with her change of clothes.

Maduo:long story cut short my phone drowned

in the pool and stupid me dived in to try to retrieve it.

Precious:uhu..when?

Maduo:an hour ago I think..I don't have a phone.

Thabiso:waitse..

Maduo:papa..I will buy the phone shem..don't know when but maybe month end..

Precious:if you say so.

Maduo:Yep..and you two can save for the baby neh?

Precious:Hai Maduo..

Maduo:I am such a considerate sister aren't I?

Thabiso:very..

Maduo:so these clothes ain't even mine..go marara guys.

Thabiso:and the way you talk,I know you didn't get the genes from me.

Thabiso looked at Precious who shook her head.

Precious: not me..she is your daughter.

Maduo: and you talk about me as if I am not with you guys...

Precious: it is what it is..

Maduo: that is my line mom..gosh..I am leaving you two here.

She said as she stood up and walked to the other table where she poured juice in a cup. This party was actually chilled and people minded their own business.

Kgosi watched and well he was satisfied with the way things were. No drama and it was all he needed.

Hours later when the party was over, Maduo and her parents went to say goodbye to the Kgosis.

Thabiso: thank you for the invitation.

Kgosi:It was a pleasure.

Precious:and we enjoyed the party.

Kgosi:that's excellent.

Maduo:thank you.

Kgosi looked at her and smiled a bit.

Thabiso:Excuse us Maduo..

Maduo:okay..

Maduo walked to the car. She had no device and it irked her not to be holding anything to keep her busy.

She waited for her mother and she came minutes later with Granny and Sherry.

Sherry sat next to her and her mother and Granny sat in the front.

Sherry:Today was such an eventful day.

Maduo:Tell me about it..

Her mother started the car and off they went.

A few days later

Precious settled inside the house yet again. She stopped questioning herself whether she did the right thing. She was hurt but she was scared of letting go and moving on with someone new.

Thabiso walked inside the room and looked at her.

Thabiso: Thank you.

Precious: I don't want to regret this decision. Don't make me regret it Thabiso.

Thabiso: I promise... I promise

Precious nodded.

Maduo sat on her bed as she talked to Rethabile via facebook. She still had no phone and thinking about her phone. It had pictures,contacts and a whole lot just to lose it to a pool. She wanted to hit herself in the head for walking close to the pool.

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Kgosi Investments, Francistown

Reba sat in his office as he looked at the box. It was a brand new phone and he didn't know whether to send it or not. He dialed his grandfather.

Kgosi:Reba..

Reba:Ntatemogolo. Can you please forward the Solomons address.

Kgosi:Why?

Reba:I have to deliver something.

Kgosi:(suspiciously) something like what?

Reba:Somwthing..

He looked at his watch and well if it was would be delivered then it would arrive around 3pm so there was still time.

Kgosi:okay..let me forward it.

Kgosi sent the address.

Reba:thank you. Have a good day.

He hung up and called the delivery company.

After he hung up he sighed as he looked at the box one more time.

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At Mma Solomon's house

Maduo rubbed her hands against the fabric of her jeans. She was done with lunch. Now she was going to do trading. She could be asking

for advice but her phone was not there.

She headed to her room and she opened the trading app on her iPad. The market looked promising and she didn't know which one to choose today. She sighed as she placed the iPad away.

She looked up at the ceiling. This was serious. She was getting married. A lot of scenarios played in her head and she found herself smiling alone. She shouldn't think of him that way but she kind of liked the way he exerted his dominance on her. She turned and laid on her tummy. How was she going to focus on school and a lot of stuff?

She sighed and placed her chin on her hands.

Precious:(shouting)Maduo there is a package for you.

Maduo:me?

Precious:yeah.

She got up and walked out of the room. She headed to the lounge and walked to the door.

Maduo:hi..

Delivery guy:Hi mam,I have been sent to deliver this.

Maduo frowned as she took the box. She shook it a bit and still couldn't guess what was inside.

Maduo signed the papers and she held the box.

Delivery guy:thank you.

He walked away.

She closed the door and looked at the box in her hands.

Precious:what is it?

Maduo:I have no idea mom..let me go open the box and then I will tell you.

With that she walked to the bedroom and she closed the door. She sat on the bed and opened the box. She placed her hands on her mouth in shock.

A whole new phone. And it was better than her last phone. She smiled as it dawned on her that she has a brand new phone. She looked inside the box and she found a simcard package and a note.

She took the note and she read what was scribbled on it.

Maduo:(smiling)Kgosi!!Damn him..he got me a new phone..

He had scribbled his number on the note.

She smiled as she opened the box containing the phone. She took out the charger and she looked at the phone.

Maduo:(smiling?Damn!Damn you Kgosi!

She got up and went to charge the phone. She took the box and headed to the lounge.

Maduo:mama I got a new phone..

Precious:really?

Maduo:yep..e tswa ko Rebabedi..

Precious:really?

Maduo:yep..

Precious:lucky you.

Maduo:mhmm...

She went back to her room and took her iPad as she scrolled through facebook with a smile. She had a new phone damn...damn..she couldn't stop smiling.

A few hours later Maduo insertes the new simcard and registered it. She then saved Rebabedi's number before she took deep

breaths. She was going to call him and just thank him.

She dialed his number and it rang. She cleared her throat as her heart started beating.

Reba:Hello..

Maduo:uhm..hi..ke.

Reba:Maduo..

Maduo:yeah..okay..(softly breathing in)I wanted to thank you for the phone it means a lot and..

Reba:okay.

Maduo:just okay?

Reba:(chuckling)Yes..just okay..what were you expecting..

Maduo:I don't know honestly...but thank you and I swear this one will not be near any water.

Reba:If you say so..

Maduo:thank you once again..

Reba:alright..and Maduo?

Maduo:Rra?

Reba:stop smiling like a retard,you know you're happy you've got the phone.

With that he hung up and she placed her small hand on her chest.

3 months later

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#42

At the Solomon's house

Maduo was in her room as the makeup artist did the final touch ups on her makeup.

Her:you are such a beautiful bride and young too.

Maduo:(chuckling)Do not remind me of my age..

Her:(laughing)you are..can I take pictures for my self advertisement?

Maduo:Sure..

The lady snapped a few pics. Her facebeat was on point and she looked gorgoeus.

Maduo:can you use my phone to take pictures?

Her:of course.

Maduo unlocked her phone and gave it to the lady who snapped a few gorgeous pictures of her.

Her:Done..

She handed Maduo her phone and she looked at the pictures. She picked one and put it on her status before she switched it off.

Her:I have to go and enjoy your day Mrs..

Maduo:(laughing)I will..

The lady packed her stuff and she took her case as she walked out.

Precious walked inside with her swollen belly.

Precious:and you look so grown.

Maduo:mama don't cry tlhe..

Precious:You do look gorgeous..I know this ceremony is small and not for the masses but

you are gorgeous.

Maduo:I didn't one for the masses. The documents are signed.

Precious:and you showed up wearing white?

Maduo:I had to. So legally I am married but the family has to have a small celebration.

Precious:smart and wise neh? And you're only 18.

Maduo:mama..

Precious:just saying..well before that let me sit you down.

Precious sat on the bed and looked at Maduo.

Precious:(sighing)I didn't want to marry you off at a young age..

Maduo:mama we have already established that. What the ancestors want,the ancestors get right? Don't beat yourself up about it. Of course I might go to varsity whilst married. I mean I got

really great grades mom..so yah.

Precious:I know but marriage is not a walk in the park. Sometimes you will have to make sacrifices for the sake of your marriage.

Maduo nodded.

Precious:Your aunts did advise you and being a married woman means letting go of a lot of things you used to do whilst you were still single.

Maduo:Ee mma.

Precious:o mosadi wa lelwapa. As young as you are. You are married now.

Maduo: Ee mma ka utlwa.

Precious:but whatever that happens,keep your dignity. Do not lose yourself in that marriage. If you feel like you're slipping,talk to us. The elders from both families are there to assist you

guys in everything that mah happen.

Maduo: ee mma...

Precious: and do not be distant..your own family is always behind you and if you feel overwhelmed talk to me..I may not(sadly looking at her)have the best of marriages but I do love your father. In some cases love is never enough because it takes more than love to build a home.

Maduo:I hear you mama.

Precious:Let me leave you to it. Just know we are taking you there in ten minutes. So do what you must.

Maduo:Ee mma..

Her mother walked out and she sighed. She took her phone and dialed the Spa she had looked up. Apparently they were heading to

Francistown since Reba lives there..in a week or so and she just wanted to use the little time she had to breath.

She dialed the number she had seen on Facebook.

Maduo:Hello..

Her:Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments how may we be of service?

Maduo:uhm..hi..I wanted to book an appointment.

Her:Okay..we have various packages.

Maduo:I would like to be booked for the massage..the steam room thingy I saw..plus a pedicure?

Her:Okay..give me the date and name. You will pay upon arrival.

Maduo:Maduo Kgosi and most probably next week Friday.

She heard a soft gasp at the end.

Maduo:mam are you okay?

Her:of course Ms Kgosi.

Maduo didn't correct her.

Maduo:thank you..

Her:Have a nice day and thank you for choosing Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments.

Maduo:okay. Tanki.

She hung up and sighed as she stood on her feet. She came face to face with her reflection in front of the full body mirror.

The traditional gown looked beautiful. She loved it and the blue lace that was added to make part of the train.

Maduo:(whispering to herself)Maddy we are doing this sweetheart. You are now Mrs Kgosi.

Her diamond ring sparkled as the sun's rays

reflected on the rock.

Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments

Nicole put the phone down and she looked at Rachel.

Rachel:What?

Nicole:I think I was talking to one of the members of the Kgosi clan..

Rachel:I am so over Reba..

Nicole:okay..

She said as she noted down her appointment.

Rachel bit her lower lip. For all these months she had broken up with Reba she had expected him to come running to her. She did everything he had asked of her, the perfect submissive. Her only mistake was falling in love with him and for

that she got dumped.

Rachel:what's her name?are you sure it's a Kgosi?

Nicole rolled her eyes.

Nicole:You are over him. Remember that Rachie..

Rachel ran her hands through her blonde hair.

Rachel:Of course..I am..

Nicole:I feel stupid for even telling you..but she booked a massage and I know she will be your client.

Rachel smiled a bit. Maybe Reba..she shook her head. She was over him. She was over Rebabedi Kgosi. He was toxic. Too complicated for her.

At the Kgosi Household

The white tent stood proudly as the cameraman took pictures of the picturesque scene. The company that was hired had outdid itself for a family celebration.

Maduo stepped out of the car as Sherry helped hold her train.

Sherry:Nervous?

Maduo:very..Retha managed to come?

Sherry:she messaged me and said she is in the tent.

Maduo:okay..

Sherry:and you are such a beautiful bride.

Maduo:Tanki..ke tshogile gore..

Sherry:breath in and out..don't ruin the makeup.

Maduo:gatwe ke waterproof..

Sherry:(laughing)just to be on the safe side..

Maduo:Okay..

Maduo looked around and it looked gorgeous.
She was a bit late.

She saw Reba walk out of his car and she
smiled a bit. He looked so smart and he was
aligned with the theme.

Sherry headed to the tent as Reba walked to
Maddy and gave him his hand.

Maduo:you are being a gentleman today..

Reba:Don't push it.

Maduo:(giggling)I won't.

Reba:You look gorgeous today.

Maduo:Thank you,you don't look so bad
yourself..

She said as she patted his chest and fixed the
handkerchief in his front pocket.

They both walked to the tent as the old women started ululating and Maduo smiled.

Se mo tshwere tshwere senatla...

Se mo tshwere tswere senatla..

Se mo tshwere tshwere senatla...ngwana o tshwerwe ke senatla

They sang as they ululated in front of the young couple and Precious smiled. She saw Maduo's radiant smile and ululated....

They sat down and Maduo looked at Reba who well..today he looked...

Reba:What?(smiling)

Maduo:You're smiling...kana o smiler go berekilwe.

Reba:Wa swaba Maduo..

Maduo:(laughing)ke nna ke swaba malatsi otthe kante?

Reba looked at her and he knew that he had to deal with the feisty attitude.

Reba:and you're getting a little too cheeky..

Maduo:Tshwarelo..

Reba:mxm...

Maduo laughed softly...

Maduo:see that smile...

Reba shrugged it off as the MC of the gathering took to stage and well...his brother had to nominate himself..

Katso:Dumelang..(laughed)Okay..welcome to this celebration..as intimate as it is..well it is still their wedding day and they wanted it that way so let's just introduce our couple..You guys know them..

The people laughed.

Katso kept on talking and Maduo wasn't really listening to him. She hoped she won't have to speak today.

Maduo:So..

Reba shook his head. She never shuts up does she?

Maduo:tomorrow we have to do the ceremony?

Reba:mhmm..

Maduo:tlherra o ska mphella pelo(please be patient with me)

Reba:I am listening..

Maduo:ee..as I was saying..will they cut me up with razors and they will put herbs inside my blood or what?

Reba:You're being dramatic...you're just being introduced to the Kgosi ancestors.

Maduo:I have never done this before so...

Reba:Don't worry..it won't take long...

Maduo:okay..

Rethabile snapped pictures and wow. She didn't expect to see Maduo marrying Rebabedi Kgosi. She never saw that bomb coming.

Laone sat next to Terry who had now connected the dots,he had seen the lady he had seen that day and the bride was the teenager he had seen her with. He never expected that.

Laone:Love..I will introduce you to my sister..after all this hype ya lenyalo e hela.

Terry:okay. This wedding is simple,classy and stylish.

Laone:very..just can't believe that my niece is the one getting married.

Terry:she is young isn't she?

Laone:she is..but she looks happy..bona.

She directed him to where Maduo and Reba were talking and she could see the glint in her pink eyeshadowed eyes.

Terry nodded. Yep. That was her. Through and through. The bubbly teenager who was talking to her mother that day at KFC.

Meanwhile Thabiso's phone rang off the hook unattended in the car.

At Miranda's house

Miranda moaned in pain as another contraction struck below her belly. Thabiso wasn't answering his phone.

She tried Sarena's phone which rang for a few minutes before she answered.

Sarona:hello..

Miranda:(screaming)Aaah..I need your help..

Sarona:I'm a bit busy what is it?

Miranda could hear the noisy background and she hung up. She was bothering her.

She walked to the bedroom as the contractions hit her in intervals. She got her purse and she got out of the house.

She screamed in pain as she held her lower back. This hurt. It hurt so bad.

She walked in pain to the front of her gate with the hope of spotting a taxi.

She took deep deep breaths and held her lower back as a strong one hit. Her water had not yet broke and she knew she had a bit of time to get to the hospital.

A taxi stopped in front of her and she got inside.

Miranda:(panting)hospital..taxi special..

The man stepped on the brakes as he realized that the poor woman must be close to giving birth.

Miranda kept on breathing trying to be calm.

In ten minutes she had arrived and the taxi man helped her get out of the car and get inside the hospital.

The nurses saw her and immediately attended to her.

Miranda: madi?

The taxi man shook his head as he left. He was not about to force an already pain stricken woman to pay when she had to focus on giving birth.

Miranda was placed on the wheelchair as they rushed her to the maternity ward.

They placed her on the bed.

Nurse:has your water broke?

She shook her head.

Nurse:then you are too far..try breathing and relaxing..

She nodded as the nurse walked out and she breathed there alone. He had gotteb back with his wife and he wasn't answering her calls. She knew she was supposed to call whenever the baby was concerned and she had called. Maybe he was busy. He will come see her.. she grunted as the pain doubled and she felt wet.

Miranda:(screaming)nuuuurse...tlhe bathong thusang!!!

The same nurse walked in and she spread her legs.

Nurse:you are too far..

She called another nurse to take a look and she

agreed with her.

Nurse:still far,you haven't dilated enough..at least 10cm

They walked out and she held her side as she grunted and screamed. The pain was too much.

She screamed and she had the strong urg to push.

She could hear the silence on the side she was in..The nurse didn't say push..

Miranda:(screaming)Ke kopa nurse!!mma weeeeeee!!

No one came and she started to push as sweat covered her ugly expressive face.

Miranda:iyooo!!!Nurse!!

She tried to push and she felt the head and she stopped midway as she tried to breath...this hurt so much and she wanted to cry but no

tears fell..

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#43

At the Kgosi household

The environment was chilled as people

socialized and listened to the cool music.

Maduo looked around as she saw how happy everyone was. She closed her eyes as she remembered all the advices she had been given. She was a married woman. Signed. Legally his. Part of her felt as if he already owned her the minute she put her signature on those papers but she brushed it off.

Maduo:I'll be back..

She stood up and walked to the where the dj was.

Maduo:I have a song request..And please tell the MC to force the groom to dance..

The DJ laughed and Maduo gave him a serious look.

Maduo:I am serious...you guys have no idea who I am dealing with here..

DJ:okay Mrs..Your two song requests will be

played and I will talk to the MC.

Maduo:Good and thank you.

She flashed a smile and walked back to the main table and sat next to Reba. He was looking at her.

Reba:You did something?

Maduo:I did nothing..relax.

Reba:Maduo?

Maduo:rra?

She gave him her best puppy eyes and he sighed.

Reba:Nothing..

Maduo:okay.

She sipped on her juice with a smile. She needed to get rid of her shoes.

Precious and Thabiso were talking when Laone

approached them.

Precious:Laone..hey.

Laone:and the baby is growing..

Precious:I am always tired and I am on a long leave from work.

Laone:I want my nephew strong and healthy mma.

Thabiso chuckled and Terry just looked at Precious all radiant. She was glowing. Dammit.

Laone:Well..Presh this is my boufriend Terry and Terry this is my sister and brother in law.

Precious:Hi Terry.

Precious pretended she didn't know him and Thabiso just nodded.

Precious:Well as long as you're happy Laone.

Laone:I am.

Thabiso kept quiet and he didn't miss the way

Terry was looking at Precious. He was a man and he could see that his eyes were wandering.

Terry:pleasure to meet all of you.

Precious:Likewise..hun help me up.

Thabiso helped her up as he held her waist as he walked outside the tent with her.

Meanwhile Terry remained with Laone.

Terry:Lala you two have such a close resemblance.

Laone:(giggling)We get that a lot..must be the genes. Can't you see that the bride looks like her. A carbon copy of her only much louder.

Terry smiled as he held her waist.

Terry:Really?

Laone:mhm...

The two walked to their table.

At Bobonong Primary hospital

Miranda screamed as the pains multiplied and none of the nurses were attending to her. She still pushed as she felt her birth canal dilating. She held onto the bed sheets as she screamed. She kept at it for a few minutes before the nurse rushed inside.

Nurse:(agitated) Sorry mam..I'm here now..

The mid wife came inside as she looked at the nurse.

Midwife:How long has she been in labour?

Nurse:when she came in she was having contractions and the amniotic sac wasn't broken.

Midwife:mam..breath..I want you to breath..I

can see the head..try to push with all your might...

Miranda:(screaming)mmaaaa weee!!!Go botlhoko..aaahh..

Nurse;the labour room is no joke mosadi...pusher tlhe...

Miranda screamed. She didn't have the energy to push..

Midwife:Push..push..push and breath..

Miranda:(screaming)I can't...iyooooo!

The nurse rolled her eyes. Why do they get pregnant then? These women always leave her lost for words. They should fall pregnant knowing exactly what they will have to face at the end of the nine month period.

Nurse:a ko pushe...

Miranda screamed as the pain hit her lower back and her face turned ugly. This was painful

than period pains and they kept telling her to push. With what energy? She was just there..

Midwife:push mam..you want to cut off the baby's oxygen?push..keep pushing..push and breath. Push and breath. 1,2,3..push

Miranda screamed as she pushed.

Midwife:You're doing good..push..

Miranda:Aahaa...lyooooo!!(screaming)

Miranda suddenly stopped pushing as she felt so tired and she didn't have it in her to push some more.

Nurse:mama push..the baby might die..push..

Miranda:(out of breath)I..can't....

The midwife and nurse looked at her.

Midwife:the baby needs to be delivered or else it's going to die..

They both looked at Miranda who was tired and didn't seem to have the energy to push.

Midwife:check the theatre and the doctor..maube she can get into an emergency c-section..

Nurse:on it.

She got out of the room.

Midwife:Stay with us..try to push..breath..you are going to deliver a healthy baby..try..

Miranda took deep breathes and screamed in agony as she pushed. This was painful as hell.

At the Kgosi household

The DJ played the first song Maduo requested and she smiled. She hoped this will work..

Katso:Can I have your attention? Well there was

a special request from someone to ask the groom to kpm..(laughing nervously) To dance...

Maduo gauged his reaction and she could see he was irked and she burst out laughing.

Maduo:Gosh..loosen up!!

Reba gave her a look and this time she was unaffected as she continued laughing.

Sasha was sitting next to Tyler

Sasha:You see..this one I have to see.

Tyler:(laughing)Me and you both...Rebabeti dancing..well..

Sasha:hai..wa itse..Reba and dancing?aah no man..the Reba sitted there..Haiyeee(laughing)

Tyler:camera ready Sasha..

Sasha took out her phone and waited to see what would happen. Reba dancing? Not in a

million years. No matter how much he tolerates and pretends not to care about his new wife but him dancing? This one they will have to see.

Sasha:hai ke ready..

Everyone looked at the newly wed couple and Maduo looked at Reba and then laughed.

Reba:I know you have something to do with this..

Maduo:why me? I am not anonymous Mr Kgosi..stand up and dance tlhe..This once..

Reba:I don't dance..

Maduo:okho..I don't dance(imitating his voice)suit yourself..

Maduo said as she giggled and bent down to free her feet from the heels.

Sherry handed her,her sneakers and she wore them..

Maduo gave a hint to the DJ who switched the

song to her second song request.

Maduo:(laughing)But today You are going to dance..ga nkake ka bina ke le one tlherra wena(I won't dance alone Mr)

She said as she stood up. She looked at Reba and he gave her a serious look.

Maduo:Not today..ke tla swaba hela but not today papi..Our wedding. We dance..I don't care if they are eating our food and not dancing. I want to dance and I won't dance alone.

She said as she looked at him. She will force him to dance today. Whether he likes it or noy.

Ukude, ukude we-Lovie

Ukude, ukude we-Lovie

Kungcono ngizothumela, thumela

Thumela i-Love letter

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Maduo:Reba hleraa wena stand up..

She said as she looked at him widening her eyes,looking all sad and he looked at the crowd and how they were expecting the couple to hit the dancefloor.

He stood up and Maduo had to try not to smile.

Reba:This once..

She nodded repeatedly as he held her hand and they walked to the centre..

Maduo didn't waste time when she got to the dancefloor.

She started dancing and well Reba was uncomfortable at first. He wasn't used to doing this and Maduo was just so carefree..

Maduo turned to him and she placed her hands on his chest..

Maduo:Loosen up.(laughing softly)

Sasha's mouth dropped. He was on the dancefloor with Maduo. She wanted to clap her hands and shake her body in excitement. The things she will see in this wedding.

Reba sighed as Maduo turned her back on him and danced..He held her waist and Maduo felt tiny butterflies in her stomach as her face

turned pink.

He softly swayed her to the beat of the music and the way his big hands were gently holding her waist made her a bit shy.

The fact that also her butt was rubbing his front made her want to hide her face..She smiled as she let him move her gently to the music before she turned and he held her waist.

Reba:(laughing)O ntirisa dilo wa itse totat?(you're making me do things,you know that?)

She nodded with a big smile as she placed her hands on his broad chest.

The song ended and the DJ played Blaq Diamond's Uthando.

That slow jam made everyone join them on the dancefloor as they danced.

The couples danced to the music and Maduo

stared into his eyes. Reba's hands tightened around her small waist. She was so innocent and bubbly.

Maduo:thank you(softly speaking)

She said as she gently placed her head on his chest and Reba breathed in.

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#44

At Bobonong Primary hospital

At the C-section ward

Miranda laid exhausted on the bed. She looked at the nurse slap the baby's bum.

Her heart skipped a beat as the child didn't cry.

The nurse tried again but nothing.

Miranda held back tears as she looked at the nurse hoping for a miracle.

Miranda:(whispering)God I know I destroyed a marriage but not my baby..he did nothing..

Tears choked her as the nurse looked at her sadly. She placed the baby in the cot and Miranda saw how blue his small lips were and she let the tears drop. Her baby was gone. Dead.

Miranda:Please tell me he is okay..

Nurse:I am sorry Ms..he isn't responsive..I am

sorry that he is gone.

Miranda shook her head as it finally sunk in that her baby was gone. He was dead. Nine months just to be told that the baby did not survive.

The nurse picked the stillborn and handed him to Miranda.

Nurse:I am sorry Ms..

She nodded as she looked at her baby. She held him but he was dead. He didn't deserve to atone for her transgressions. He did no wrong.

Miranda ran her finger on his cold face as her lips quivered and her heart broke into pieces.

Miranda:I love you my baby..please cry for me(crying)

The nurse looked at the scene with a sore heart. These things happened and at times there was nothing they could do.

Nurse:Let me take him from you..

She gently took the baby from Miranda who let go as her hands shook. She laid on her back as she placed her hand on her mouth. This was not supposed to happen to her.

Miranda:(crying)God why? My baby was innocent...

She cried like that all alone in the hospital room.

At the Kgosi Household

The two sat down after the dance and Maduo was strangely falling for Reba. He didn't do anything but the foreign feelings that always showed up whenever he was around.

Reba ate silently. This was not part of the plan. He did things in order and he needed to control

the situation.

Maduo:We're cutting the cake?

He nodded. She was such a loud mouth.

Sasha replayed the video she took.

Sasha:Waitse!!He actually danced.

Tyler:I'm just as shocked as you are.

Sasha:yoh...

Tyler sighed and looked at Sasha. All these months they have been avoiding the issue and he knows that they are related but..the heart wants what it wants.

Maybe today they will talk about the issue. He hoped so.

Terry stole a glance at Precious who was smiling. God! He had to stop himself. He was

dating her sister and Laone would be hurt.

Laone:well the wedding will come to a close very soon and then we can go.

Terry:Don't rush because of me.

Laone:I am not. I don't want this wedding fever to get to me,that's all.

Terry got the hint and he also wanted something serious. Laone was stable and she was such a good woman.

Terry:Is that a hint?

Laone:(shrugging)maybe...I love what we got going Terrence. Maybe talking about wedding might jinx it. Most men tend to run when marriage is mentioned.

Terry:Do I look like most men?

Laone:No but..

Terry:then you should know that I don't think like other men,don't compartmentalize me with

other men Lala..

Laone:okay I hear you love..

Thabiso got into the car and he grabbed his phone. He saw the many missed calls from Miranda.

He called back and there was no answer. He frowned and tried again. Still no answer.

He gave up and placed his phone back in the car. He will try later and he promised Precious transparency so he had to do what he promised.

He walked to the tent where they were already cutting the cake. He couldn't believe that was his little girl getting married. She was finally someone's wife all because the ancestors wanted her. For what? They were clueless but maybe all will be revealed tomorrow during the

ceremony. She had to be introduced to the Kgosi ancestors and well the questions they have been asking themselves will finally be answered tomorrow.

He sat next to Precious who held his hand and he kissed her cheek.

Precious:She looks all grown and..(getting teary)

Thabiso:It's all part of her fate I guess.

Precious:Still,she is ny baby.

Thabiso:well we have another baby on the way.

Precious:we do but it will never be the same..look at how happy she is.

Thabiso:she looks happy doesn't she?

Precious:yes. I just hope her light doesn't fade and she doesn't change.

Thabiso:Let's just hope for the best. I guess our questions will be answered tomorrow at the ceremony right?

Precious:I guess so. Badimo ga ba kake ba dira gore ba nyalane go sena lebaka right?(the ancestors won't make them get married without a reason right?)

Thabiso:Yes..stop stressing.

Precious:my maternal instincts refuse to let go and accept that she is married.

Thabiso just squeezed her hand.

Thabiso:With time(sighing)

Precious:I guess so..

Maduo looked at Reba..

Maduo:okay..say ahh..ka go kopa

Reba raised his eyebrows and he obliged as he bent down to her level.

She fed him the cake and she smiled.

Maduo:My turn..

He took the fork from her and fed her the cake and the people clapped their hands. Happy for the young couple.

Maduo: Don't be too serious. Sometimes you need to live a little.

She said with a grin.

They went to the seats and that was when everyone was served cake.

Sherry looked around and she saw Tyler talking to Sasha. She liked him but she had given up on him noticing her. She sighed as she ate the piece of cake on her plate.

The wedding was calm and it wasn't over the top as people would expect.

At Bobonong Primary hospital

Miranda cried herself to sleep after the doctor

was done stitching her up.

The anesthetic was going to wear off in a few hours and imagine all this pain just to lose the child you were carrying.

Her heart broke again as she thought about his soul.

She sniffed and thought that maybe this was payback for the hurt she caused another woman.

She really did hurt Thabiso's wife and she never ever attacked her. Ever since that day she didn't call her or call her all these ugly names.

Miranda:(crying) God...

Hours later

The guests were leaving and the Kgosis had the duty of seeing them out.

Precious hugged Maduo tight.

Precious:I can't believe that you're this grown and I am leaving you here.

Maduo:mama I will be fine akere you did bring some of my stuff?

Precious:I hope so and if he mistreats you tell us. Your aunts say they did bring some of your stuff. You can pack the rest when you guys are leaving.

Maduo:okay.

She hugged her dad and looked at them with a smile on her face.

Maduo:byee guys..

Her parents left and she hugged Rethabile.

Thabi:married woman..

Maduo:mxm...ijaa..

Thabi:you looked gorgeous friend.

Maduo:thank you..

Thabi:all the best love love...we will talk(smiling)

Maduo:of course.

They saw the last of the guests out and as soon as there was no one left she went to the tent and sat on the chair.

She was exhausted and wanted to sleep. Today was fun but she needed to rest. From the patlo to magadi to this...she wanted to rest and she knew she had made the right call in booking a spa treatment. Her body needed to rest.

She dozed off. Reba walked inside the house and headed to the bedroom. That little girl was slowly trying to break his walls down and that was not supposed to happen. Hopefully tomorrow he will finally know why he was

supposed to marry her. Beside her having to carry his heir. He needed answers and was hopeful that tomorrow he might get them then after that they need to go. The business won't run itself.

He threw the jacket on the chair and started undoing his tie. Halfway through unbuttoning his shirt he realised that Maduo was not her.

He sighed.

He stopped and he walked out of his room. He looked for her in the house and she was not there.

He went outside and headed to the tent. He found her sleeping peacefully and her head was on her small hands. He found himself smiling as he looked at her.

He gently picked her up from the chair and she yawned softly as her eyelids fluttered before

they closed.

He walked through the house carrying her and Sasha had already caught a glimpse.

Okay. Reba was slowly changing and she wasn't the only one who could see that.

Reba got the bedroom and placed her on the bed. She was still fast asleep and she was small in his arms. He sighed as he bent down to remove her shoes. He wasn't even sure if she was comfortable in that dress she was wearing.

He walked out and went to look for Sasha.

He knocked at her bedroom door and she opened the door.

Sasha:how can I be of assistance?

Reba:Can you help Maduo out of the dress she is wearing?

Sasha:Unfortunately I can't. She is your wife

dear brother. Goodluck..

She smiled with a fake tinge of regret in her eyes.

Sasha:No disrespect or anything.

She said as she slowly closed the door and locked it.

She had to contain her laughter. The Kgosi ancestors did it for them shem.

Reba walked to the bedroom and she was already curled up on the bed. He closed the door and leaned against it.

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#45

At the Kgosi household

Reba walked to the bedroom and she was already curled up on the bed. He closed the door and leaned against it.

He didn't know whether to let her be or to wake her up. Hell he didn't want to wake her up too because she will start talking non stop and he was not in the exact mood for her never ending yapping.

He rubbed his face and looked at her. He

walked towards the bed. If she gets angry in the morning, she will be his guest. He is trying to do the gentlemanly thing in this complex situation.

He unzipped her dress from the back, he slowly and gently held her hands as he got them out of the short sleeved piece.

He pulled it down her legs till she was free of the dress.

He drew in a long deep breath. Dammit!

He threw the dress into the laundry basket and he looked at her again.

Reba:(talking under his breath)Fuck!!

He unbuttoned the rest of his shirt buttons, he removed it and walked towards the bed with the shirt.

He gently held her petite body as he put the shirt on her and when he finally couldn't see her

breasts and behind, he breathed out. Fuck!

He got rid of his pants and walked to the wardrobe where he took out his pyjama bottoms. The things he has to do. Unbelievable.

He was a trying to be a gentleman but not gentleman enough to sleep on the couch.

He covered her with the blankets before he went to switch off the lights.

The following morning

Maduo opened her eyes as the sun's rays hit her. She closed her eyes again before she opened them again. Why did it have to be morning? She was having such a good dream.

She sat upright against the headboard and she tried to remember how she got here. She squinted her eyes as she replayed yesterday's

events but she still couldn't remember how she came here.

She looked at what she was wearing and it smelt of his cologne. When did she change?

She remembered heading to the tent..unless she must've fallen asleep.

She used her hands to hide her face. She was acting so immaturely on thw very first day and he must hate that. He is always so serious and she winced as she asked herself where she had picked up the confidence to talk to him like she did at the wedding. Oh God!

She wanted to scream. She felt stupid.

Immature. So that means he changed her? Her face got heated. She was so embarrassed.

Lucky for her he wasn't in bed but she looked to her side and it was all ruffled. He must've woken up a bit earlier.

Maduo:oh God!

The bedroom door opened and Reba walked in dressed immaculately in dress pants and a clean black shirt. He had unbuttoned the first two buttons and his sleeves were rolled up revealing his toned and muscled forearms.

She swallowed a bit. She needs to apologise.

Maduo: morning (small timid voice)

Reba: morning.. get ready. We have a ceremony to get through today.

Maduo: shit!

Reba: excuse me?

Maduo: yoh.. sorry.. I had totally forgotten about it.

She got out of bed and she looked around the room. She saw the bag and she bent down as she took out her necessities, totally forgetting that the shirt exposed her smooth legs.

She headed to the bathroom where she quickly got rid of the shirt and her undergarments. She was careful to remove the ring.

Reba sat on the bed as he took out his phone to check his emails. He heard the shower running and he swallowed. He hadn't had a good fuck in a long time. He will rectify that very soon. He thought to himself.

Once she was done she looked at her face on the foggy mirror, she put her ring on. Kind of weird but that was her fate. Not exactly sad but it was weird that's for sure.

She hoped the makeup didn't ruin her face. This was the first and last time she was going to sleep with makeup on her face.

She wrapped a towel around her body and she crossed her finger, hoping that Reba was not in

thw room.

She walked out and she found him.

Maduo:uhm..can I get dressed?(making weird hand gestures)

Reba:Sure..then you can join us at the breakfast table.

Maduo:okay. Thank you.

He walked out and Maduo breathed in a sign of relief.

She quickly got ready. She must be embarrassing him right now with the way she does things. Damn she's married into one of the biggest and mkst respected families in the country.

Once she was done she walked out holding her phone. She got to the dining room and she found everyone there.

Mma Kgosi:Morning..

Maduo:Dumelang ma..dumelang.

She said turning to greet everyone by the table.

Florence:morning my child. How was your night?

She awkwardly looked at Reba who looked just plain bored. How was her night supposed to be?

Maduo:It was good. Thank you.

Kgosi:That's good. The family healer will be here in an hour so let's all eat.

Everyone started to dig in and in a few minutes,the chatting began.

She was sitting next to Reba who was silently eating his breakfast.

Reba:The plans for opening the Jwaneng branch are underway. The builders are on site.

Kgosi:Good. We are going to need someone to head that branch.

Kgosi said as he looked at Tyler,Reba looked at

Tyler and he looked at his grandfather.

Kgosi:well the final decision lies in Rebabedi's hands since he is the one heading the company.

Reba:Well..if you were thinking of Tyler then he should hand in his documents.

Tyler:okay.

Maddy kept quiet as she ate her food. Sasha looked at Maddy then Reba. Why was she silent? Well she was used to her talking a whole lot and her silencd at the breakfast table surprised her.

What did Reba do to the poor child?

Once Maduo was finished eating she waited for everyone to finish their food.

Once they were done she stood up and started clearing the plates.

Mma Kgosi:You don't have to do that..

Maduo:I want to ma..

She said with a smile as she held some of the plates in her hands and navigated her way to the kitchen.

She placed them inside the sink and went to get the rest.

Once the table was cleared she came back with a cloth to wipe the dining table clean while everyone dispersed.

Reba stayed as he observed her.

She looked at him before she headed to the kitchen. She needed to get her mind back on track and she can only do that when she is busy.

She filled the sink with water and she rolled the sleeves of her cardigan back.

She started doing the dishes which she knew she wasn't obliged to doing.

Reba slowly walked into the kitchen and leaned against the wall. He watched the way she was doing the dishes. With precision.

Maddy felt his eyes piercing through her skin and ignored it. She wanted to think, the plate she was holding slipped and fell onto the ceramic

Reba frowned. He walked towards her as she bent down to try to pick the broken pieces.

Maduo: ouch..haish..

She sucked on her pinky finger which was bleeding slightly.

She used her other hand to try and pick up the broken pieces but he held her wrist.

Reba: tlogela..you shouldn't even be doing the dishes.

She tried to pull her hand away but his grip tightened, she winced a bit.

Maduo: It's okay. I wanted to do the dishes..(soft

voice)

She looked up at him with her wide eyes as her heart skipped a beat.

He realised he was holding her wrist a bit too tight. He let go and she rubbed her wrist a bit.

She looked for the dust pan and she bent down to get rid of the broken pieces.

He sighed and walked out. What the hell was wrong with him?

Maduo breathed in and she went to throw the broken pieces in the trash can.

She resumed her dish washing. She reflected on a lot of things as she did that.

By the time she was done she knew what she wanted to do. She walked around the kitchen and observed where everything was. This was

was where her in laws lived and well she had to know the kitchen at least.

She walked to the bedroom and she was trying to avoid Reba at all costs. She was being too much and maybe embarrassing him. She opened the door and she was a bit happy that he wasn't inside. She sat on the bed as she waited for the traditional healer to come.

The door opened and Reba closed the door as he leaned against the door.

Reba:Maduo..

She timidly looked at him.

Maduo:Rra?

Reba:o ngaletseng?ke go tsentse letsogo?(why are you upset?did I hit you?)

Reba:nnyaa rra(no sir)

Reba:now?bua ka bonako(make it fast)

She looked at him and he was serious.

Maduo brought her hands together as she placed them on wher lap.

Maduo:It's nothing..I'm okay.

He raised a skeptical eyebrow as he looked at her as she started twiddling with her thumbs

Reba:Look at me when I am talking to you..

She looked at him and sighed.

Maduo:Honestly it's nothing. Like really really nothing. Like nothing...

She looked at him then sighed again.

Maduo:Ga ke bue maaka kana(I am not lying)I just decided to stay out of your way. I feel as if I am already annoying you and starting to kind of embarass you with my forwardness..

Reba sighed.

Reba:stand up o tle kwano.

She stood up on her feet and walked to him. She stood an inch away from him and his strong cologne enveloped her senses. She sighed softly as she looked up at him then looked down.

Reba:Did I say there was anything wrong with your personality Maduo?

Maduo:Nnyaa rra..I just assumed..

Reba used his finger to lift her head up.

Reba:Stop assuming and ask. Got it?

Maduo:Ee rra.

Reba:Good. I hate having to ask what's wrong. If anything is wrong you talk,ra utlwana Maduo?

Maduo:Ee rra.

Reba:We have to go. The healer is here.

Maduo:ooh..

That meant that her parents were already here and she hoped that she was dressed properly.

He opened the door and she followed him. All the way to where he was leading her she was looking at his broad back.

She didn't know they had this room in the house. She left her shoes at the door and walked in following Reba.

Her parents, mother in law, Her grandparents in law if she may call them that were already inside.

Reba sat on the chair and she sat on the mat that was by his feet. She kept her eyes on the ground.

Healer: We can begin.

He began with saying a lot of enchantments, ones of which she didn't understand a thing. Then he burned incense and she had to stop herself from coughing.

Healer:Well..she is the one..

Kgosi:Good. We hoped that it wasn't a mistake.

Healer:The ancestors never make a mistake.

Everyone kept quiet as the healer looked at Maduo.

Reba bent his head a bit and whispered in her ear.

Reba:Look up. He is looking at you.

She looked up and the healer started with his enchantments again.

Healer:She is his chosen...you made a mistake..

They looked among themselves.

Healer:She was supposed to have met him when she was younger,younger than ten...that was the biggest mistake you made and that angered the ancestors. That led to the events that took place in both families.

Precious's eyes widened.

Precious:Wha..

She shut up..

Healer:The miscarriages..you disobeyed their orders..she was supposed to be long introduced..the death of your son(looking at Kgosi)and his abduction(looking at Reba)The ancestors were very angry. She was supposed to be introduced..she is their vessel.

Now Maduo's eyes widened. Vessel? What the hell?

Healer:Remember that the Kgosi lineage had healers..she is supposed to birth one..

Maduo:the f...

She quickly shut up. Okay. This was big. Reba looked at the healer. This is more than just the Kgosi heir. They are restarting the tradition that had long been lost throughout the generation.

This was basically starting the tradition from scratch.

Healer:Further more she..(pointing at Maduo)She is the only one that can tame him(pointing at Reba)Their combination is that one of a sacrificial lamb and a beast..but the catch is that the beast won't devour the lamb..

Everyone was stupefied by the revelations. This was much bigger than what they expected.

Healer:All in all this little girl is His. Basically he owns her because of the blood that runs through his veins and the dominance in him. She has always been his from the moment of her conception. Well..by evening we are starting the ceremony. We need a white cow for the ceremony. That is all for now.

With that being said,Kgosi slowly stood up. Florence and Mma Kgosi also stood up. They walked out of the room still in shock. Precious

had run out of words. Thabiso had nothing to say. Wow!

They both stood up and left. Only Maduo and Reba remained in the room.

The healer laughed.

Healer:She is your chosen Rebabedi and there is nothing you can do about it. The ancestors have been defied and it's enough don't you think? You two go..we still have to do the ceremony later this evening.

Reba stood up and helped Maduo stand up.

He held her small hand as they walked out of the room. Maduo could feel her knees shaking.

In fact she could feel the small tremors .

Okay..it was normal.

She tried to breath. Dammit it was not normal.

There was nothing normal about this.

Reba noticed how she was slightly shaking and

he picked her up,he held her in his arms and she felt small in his arms.

Reba:Fuck!Maduo breath..

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#46

At the Kgosì household

Reba: Fuck! Maduo breath..

He just carried her all the way to the bedroom. She wasn't breathing properly. He placed her on the bed and bent in front of her.

Reba: Try to breath.. breath in and out..

She tried to imitate him but her breath caught in her throat and she gasped for air.

Reba: Maduo.. breathe..

She deeply tried to breath in and out.

Reba: Okay. You're doing good.

She continued to breath in and out till she could breath fine.

Reba: You're good now?

Maddy nodded as she placed her hand on her chest. Was that a panic attack or what? The revelations were too much for her and she just needed to process it all.

Maduo:Th..thanks.

He nodded and looked at her. She was still breathing with her small hand over her chest.

Reba:Should I bring you a glass of water?

Maduo:If..it..it's fine with you..Tanki.

He stood up and walked out.

She placed her hands on her mouth. This was her fate...

Tears clouded her vision. A healer? She had to give birth to a child just for him or her to be the ancestor's mouthpiece. That was basically giving her child away to be used by the ancestors. The thought terrified her.

Her hands shook slightly as the more she thought about it the more it scared her.

Maduo:(crying)gosh...

She sobbed silently and the door opened. Reba saw her crying and he sighed. He walked towards the bed and placed the glass on the table by the bedside.

Reba:Okay stand up.

She did as she sniffed. He pulled her close and hugged her.

Reba:Maduo it's okay(softly)

She sniffed against his broad chest. What was okay about all of this?

Reba:okay..just..just don't cry tlhemma..

He gently rubbed her back as she used the sleeves of her cardigan.

Reba:Shh..

She tried to calm down but thinking about it all brought tears to her eyes and she sobbed some more.

He just kept quiet and rubbed her back. When she wants to stop crying she will.

Maduo just brought her hands around him as she calmed down. She shouldn't think much about this.

Reba placed his chin on top of her head and they stood like that for a few minutes before he broke the hug and used his thumb to lift her chin up.

Reba:What did I say we do when you have something bothering you?

Maduo:talk..

Reba:Did you talk?

She shook her head.

Reba:You know what to do..

Maduo looked at him with tears in her eyes.

Reba:ng ng..Don't cry again Maduo.

Maduo:I..(lips quivered)

Fresh tears dropped on her cheeks and
Rebabedi jus held the back of her head as he
pulled her back into his chest agakn.

Reba:talk now..

Maduo:I...just..the thought(sobbing)of giving
my child up just like that.

Reba:Who said we're giving our child up?hmm...

Maduo:akere ga se gore..like he or she will have
to go through training at a young age to fulfil
the calling?and basically just giving birth to a
child knowing that he is not exactly yours?

Reba:Maduo?

Maduo:rra?

Reba:o utlwana le go itsenya stress akere?(you
love stressing yourself?)

Maduo:nnyaa..

Reba:Stop overthinking. Emisa go lela(stop crying)

She nodded against his chest.

Reba:Whatever you're thinking..we'll cross that bridge when we get there. Good?

She nodded.

Reba:Be a good girl and wipe those tears away.

She moved an inch away from him and wiped her tears away.

She looked at him with her reddish eyes and he rubbed her pinkish lower lip with his thumb. He loved it when a girl was being obedient to whatever he said and she didn't know her doing exactly as he said was such a motherfucking turn on. His dominant ass wanted to tie her up and his sadistic side had other ideas much complex than that. He shook his head. He is

going to scare the poor child away.

He chuckled as he walked away from her to take the glass of water.

Maduo could swear that she saw lust in his eyes but maybe she was just seeing things. She needed to calm down.

She sat on the bed and he handed her the glass of water. She thanked him and she drank up.

When she was done she handed him the glass.

She had no idea what was expected of her from the ceremony.

She cleared her throat and looked at him.

Maduo:Uhm..what is expected of me..I mean for the ceremony?

Reba:You just have to be present and he will do the rest.

She nodded.

Reba:Rest..

Maduo:I'm still okay.

Reba:It wasn't a request Maduo..

Maduo:oooh....

Reba:Don't look at me like that..

Maduo:Like what?

Reba:ekete o ngadile and ke go iteile(like you're upset and I beat you)

Maduo's looked down. She didn't even notice that she was doing that.

Maduo:ne ke sa itse..sorry(I wasn't aware)

He nodded.

Reba:okay..rest..

He waited till she got undercovers and faced the other way.

He walked out of the room.

Immediately when the door closed Maduo squeezed her eyes shut. She forced herself not to think about it all. Her mother lost all of those babies...

Fresh tears fell down her cheeks. Oh God!! So defying the ancestors was never a good thing. The complexity of this situation baffled her.

Meanwhile Thabiso calmed Precious. She had cried all the way home and she was still crying.

Pecious: I always knew that something was wrong (crying) It wasn't normal for me to lose so many children.. iyooo...

He rubbed her back as she sobbed. This came as a shocking revelation. All because they didn't follow the ancestors' instructions they got punished.

His phone rang and Precious looked up with her swollen eyes.

She saw the caller id.

Precious:answer her.

Thabiso did and placed the phone on loudspeaker.

Miranda:(sobbing)I'm sorry..I know I got punished for destroying your marriage. God knows I am so sorry..

Precious frowned and looked at Thabiso who was also puzzled.

Miranda:I gave birth yesterday..I..It was a baby boy..he..he died a few minutes after birth.

And Miranda burst into tears again.

Miranda:It's not your fault..j..just wanted to let you know..bye.

She quickly hung up and Precious cried more.

Precious:I understand how she feels...no matter how much she wronged me..no woman is supposed to go through all of that..oh my word..go bothoko..

Thabiso:I know..

Precious:Can we go check up on her? I can imagine what she is going through..

Thabiso:are you sure? I can go alone..

Precious:I'm sure..

Thabiso:Okay..calm down and maybe in an hour we can go and be back in time for the ceremony.

He said as he kissed her forehead and she nodded.

At Bobonong Primary hospital

An hour after she had called Thabiso,Miranda

was still staring at the white ceiling. She lost a child. Her very first born and it hurt. It hurt so so much.

The door opened and Sarona walked inside.
Tears blinded her vision.

Sarona:I didn't come here to fight.

Miranda just nodded.

Sarona just walked to her bedside.

Sarona:I am so sorry for your loss..

Miranda nodded with tears in her eyes. Sarona just hugged her and the floodgates opened.

Miranda:It hurts so much tlhemma...go
botlhoko..I..

Sarona:cry it out..grieve the little baby. The baby didn't deserve this.

Miranda:I thought so too...I..

Sarona:ssh..grieve Mira..Mira let it out..

Miranda cried as the heartache started again and this time it was much worse.

The door opened and in walked Precious and Thabiso. She was holding balloons and food.

Sarona looked at Precious a bit confused.

Sarona: Mira its okay..you're going to be fine..

She said as she broke the hug and Miranda wiped her tears nodding.

She looked around the room and she saw Precious with Thabiso.

She saw the baby bump and the ache in her chest worsened that she won't be able to hold her bundle of joy again.

Precious: I know what happened.

She said as she sat down.

Precious: Regardless of how you wronged me, you do not deserve to go through what you're going through. I was actually looking

forward to my baby having a playmate almost his age..

Miranda looked at Precious. How big was this woman's heart?

Precious:I also lost children and I understand the feeling. You start asking yourself why and you question your womanhood.

Thabiso looked at Precious and he regretted ever cheating on her. She was such a good woman and he didn't deserve her at all.

Precious:All I am saying is that it will be well..the storm never lasts forever and with time the heartache will ease. It will hurt at first seeing women pregnant and some pushing baby trolleys.

She wiped the tears that fell. She remembered

the feeling and how she loathed places with lots of kids because she had lost so many.

Precious:Then overtime you will get used to it..I am so sorry for your loss..

Precious rubbed her hand sympathetically. Miranda could hear the pain in her voice.

Precious:don't mind seeing me pregnant..(crying)this is the sixth pregnancy ever since I had my first born and the other five didn't survive..all of them..so I understand you so well..I am sorry. I brought food and some balloons to cheer you up. You will heal Miranda. You are still young.

Sasa was blown. She knew Precious was good hearted but this was something she hadn't expected from her.

Precious:I am so sorry. Hope you heal and rise from this.

Miranda:Thank you.

Precious nodded.

Thabiso:I am so sorry..

Miranda nodded.

Precious:we should give you space...Sasa hey..Thabiso tla reye...

They walked out and it then clicked. Thabiso wasn't pained by this because he was used to losing children. She can't imagine losing each and every one of her pregnancies..the thought of that happening hurt her.

Sarona:and she is not lying...she is a strong woman.

Miranda nodded and wiped her tears.

At the Kgosi household

Maduo got out of bed. She felt better. Rebabedi was not in the room and she was hungry.

She checked the time on her phone and it was way past lunchtime.

She wore her shoes and walked out of the room.

She headed straight to the kitchen where she found Sasha and her mother in law.

Mma Kgosi:are you okay?

She nodded.

Maduo:fine..

Mma Kgosi:okay..if you're not feeling well just tell me.

Maduo:ee mma.

She walked out and Sasha looked at her.

Sasha:You shouldn't be looking this sad..let me cheer you up before the ceremony.

Maduo:No..it's okay..I just came here for food.

Sasha:And you are going to head to the bedroom to be alone?

Rebabedi walked in.

Reba:Sasha just leave her alone.

Sasha:I was just trynna cheer my favourite sister in law up.

Reba:and I'm sure she appreciates it.

Sasha:Maduo..you know where to find me love love.

With that Sasha walked out of thw kitchen.

Reba:are you good?

Maduo:Ee rra. I think I feel better. Dijo di mo microwave?

He nodded.

Sh took out the plate and looked at the food. She suddenly lost her appetite. She put the food back.

Reba just looked at her.

She opened the fridge and poured herself a glass of juice instead. She still needed to wrap her mind around today's revelations.

Maduo:I think I am not hungry anymore.

She siad timidly as she drank her juice.

Reba:You need the energy.

Maduo:I..

Reba:Do I have to feed you now?

Maduo:No..

Reba:then eat..at least half of the food in that plate or a quarter of it.

Maduo giggled.

Reba:what?

Maduo:It's either your way or the highway..I understand Mr Kgosi..

She said as she opened the microwave and

took the plate.

She sat on the kitchen stool.

Maduo:Ka ja..

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At the Kgosi household

Maduo shivered a bit as the cold wind blew against her skin. They were done. She was officially introduced to the ancestors as the Kgosi bride.

Reba gave Sasha a look and she sighed. She went inside the house and went to look for a fleece blanket.

She came back with it and Reba wrapped it around Maduo.

Maduo brought it closer to her chest.

Maduo:Thank you.

She said as she looked at him with a smile.

Reba:Go rest.

She nodded and walked away into the house.

Precious followed Maduo into the house.

Precious:Maddy!

She turned and saw her mother.

Precious:Baby let's talk.

Maduo sighed as she sat on the couch next to her mother.

Precious:How are you feeling about all of this?

Maduo:I don't know how to feel mama...like all of this happened because the ancestors were angry and when I think of the pain you went through. It's not like I couldn't hear you crying sometimes when it hits you that you lost so many kids.

Precious held her hand.

Precious:As you always say..it is what it is. So thia time I have hope that we are finally going to meet your little brother.

Maduo smiled.

Maduo:Still gonna be the rich sibling and when he is older and has kids,I will be the rich aunt at

family events.

Precious shook her head laughing.

Precious:wena mo mading kana.

Maduo:mama I told you...Money makes the world go round..I mean..money mama..

Precious:How is the forex thing going?

Maduo:Really well..I am making rhe right investments and Reba has been helping me.

Precious:of course,he deals with money.

Maduo:and I swear he has a midas touch when it comes to the money...so mama wena just relax and let your rich daughter spoil you to pieces.

Precious:I can't wait..you're good baby girl?

Maduo:I think I am. The baby has to be a healer and that is what worries me the most.

Precious:I know you have never been about all of that.

Maduo:of course mama but well knowing that there are entities that control some of the things we go. Ancestors to be specific,I have no choice but to follow their wishes.

Precious:There is nothing we can do.

She nodded and Precious gave her a look and Maduo laughed softly.

Maduo:mama why are you looking at me like that?

Precious:(laughing)Okay I knew you were gonna get married but the thought of my only daughter having sex.

Maduo laughed out loud

Maduo:hoomagod!!mama..noo..mama!!

Precious:what?it's inevitable akere..

Maduo:But...ahh mama..I know we had the sex

talk when I was starting Junior high but aah..

Precious:You know gore the aunts also talked about the issue when you were being advised.

Maduo:ee...but brooo the subject is awkward now that I am actually married.

Precious:well...out with it..

Maduo:mama I swear nothing has happened.

Keore I can't imagine...no marn!!

Precious:that's what they all say..don't disrespect us when you have finally tasted sex and start thinking we are agemates. Nka go betsa thata..

Maduo:I would never. You know me and you are like this

Precious:and the fact that you talk a lot but this last advice..never ever. I mean ever..don't tell your friends about what goes on in the bedroom with you and your husband. Many women have

cried and we always see them on Facebook crying saying their man was stolen by their so called best friends. Akere they told them everything and boom..the kingdom is in shambles.

Maduo:okay mama.

Precious:Have you applied for school?

Maduo:I have long done and just that things got hectic and I forgot to tell you. They responded. I have been admitted for Bachelor Of Finance..

Precious:I knew it..I knew it..When it comes to money..

Maduo:Still gonna say this..money makes the money go round. I will come pack some of my clothes tomorrow. Today has been hectic.

Precious:okay baby. Well let me let you go. Me and your dad love you.

Maduo:And I love you guys more. You're the

best parents a girl can ask for.

Precious:and you made it easy for us.

Precious kissed her forehead and stood up slowly. Maduo looked at her mother's round belly. She will be looking like that some day. Life neh!

Meanwhile outside Kgosi talked to Thabiso.

Kgosi:all is well now.

Thabiso:It is. Just know that I will kill Rebabedi if he hurts my baby girl.

Kgosi:(laughing)Okay.

Thabiso chuckled as Precious walked to them.

Thabiso:we have to go.

Kgosi:of course.

With that Kgosi nodded looking at Precious and he walked to where Reba was standing.

Kgosi: Now that it's all said and done, you do know what should be done.

Reba: ntatemogolo bathong.. we just got married and we know the ancestors said it's meant to be but this thing is moving a bit too fast.

Kgosi: Just saying it as it is.

Reba: well when it comes to this one, I won't be bulldozed by you old man.

Kgosi could see that he didn't want to budge.

Kgosi: two years..

Reba: re tla bona.. excuse me.

With that he walked away and headed to the house.

He walked till he reached the bedroom.

He held the door knob for a few seconds before he opened the door.

He heard the water running and he groaned.

Damn his thoughts. He was wrapping his head around the fact that they are actually married and she is wearing his ring on her finger.

He looked at the gold band on his ring finger. This is going to be one hell of a long road.

Maduo walked out of the bathroom with a towel wrapped around her.

Maduo:uhm..hi.(laughing nervously)

She didn't know whether to chase him out or just get dressed in front of him.

Reba put his hands in his pockets to try and hide the erection. The drought was getting to him and currently all he was thinking of was one hell of a good fucking session. And he could definitely use one. But not here. Not in his grandfather's house.

Maduo: this is weird.. I don't know if I should ask you to give me space or..

She held onto the towel tightly as she looked at him.

Reba: You'll get used to it.

Maduo's eyes widened. So she will just have to get dressed in front of him. Awkward.

Maduo: Ooh..

At the hospital

Miranda reflected deeply as she replayed the events that took place in her life.

She sighed. She didn't have any more tears left to cry. Sasa walked inside the room and looked at Miranda.

Sarona: Should I tell the family?

Miranda:I guess. I want to go home. There is nothing left for me here. Maybe start afresh.

Sarona:That's a good step in the right direction.

Miranda:I know. I asked for them to cremate him and give me the ashes. I know its unheard of but I wanted that.

Sarona:As you wish. It is your decision at the end of the day.

Miranda:Yeah..thank you. I know I disappointed you by dating a married man knowingly.

Sarona:It's all in the past Mira..what matters now is moving forward love.

Sarona hugged her.

Sarona:Find yourself again. Do you again and move on. You learnt a lesson and the baby boy ene he wasn't supposed to die but fate has different plans for all of us.

Miranda:I know..I will try.

At the Kgosi household

Maduo just awkwardly loooked at him. She couldn't bring herself to letting the towel fall and Reba was just looking at her. He was her husband but damn the thought of being naked in front of him just made her feel shy and weird. Reba sighed and walked to her. Fuck this.

He held her hands and dropped them.

Reba:Let me..Fuck..(under his breath)

He held the towel and he unwrapped it and let it fall.

He breathed a bit. He didn't want to look down because he might lose control and he never loses control.

Maduo looked down. Awkward. He was seeing her just like that. He lifted her head up and he bit his lower lip. Fuck! Fuck! Fuck!

He lowered his head as their foreheads touched.

Reba:Fuck..this feels wrong yet right..

Her pink tongue darted out to wet her lips.

The way he was looking at her made her feel some kind of way. He brought his lips to hers and she froze before she felt his big hands squeezing her waist and she gave in and followed his lead.

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The way he was looking at her made her feel some kind of way. He brought his lips to hers and she froze before she felt his big hands squeezing her waist and she gave in and followed his lead.

Her toes curled on the carpet as he pulled her closer to his rock solid body.

He broke the kiss and her pink lips parted as she opened her eyes.

He sighed as he used his thumb to rub her

lower lip.

Reba:Damn..This is not the time nor place..

He said regrettably.

He let her go and she looked up at him.

He walked out as he put his hands in his pockets.

Maduo sighed as she picked up the towel. She threw it on the bed as she took out her underwear and pyjamas.

She paused and touched her lips. He kissed her like that. He didn't even ask anything,he just took it like that. She won't lie and say she didn't enjoy the feel of his lips against hers but his last statement just told her that if they weren't here,just like that. Her virginity would be gone.

She got dressed and got undercovers.

She took her phone and she went through her

gallery as she chose which picture to post on Facebook.

She bit her lower lip as she thought of changing her maiden name. She shook her head. It was too early and it might make her look too forward.

She went online as she posted the picture that was snapped by the makeup artist yesterday.

She posted it on Facebook and Instagram.

She was friends with him on Facebook and he never ever commented on anything. Not even a reaction. She bit her lower lip as she saw him online. She sent him a message via Facebook.

Maduo:What just took place a few minutes ago?

She waited. Her phone beeped as Messenger reported the message. He responded.

Reba:what do you think happened?

She imagined him saying that with that deep voice of his and looking all serious.

Maduo:I dunno..you tell me

Reba: mxm..o ira ka bomo..

She blushed alone in the room as she texted back.

Maduo:I am not..tell me Reba.

Reba:Reba ke mang?Wa ntlwaela akere

Maduo?(Who is Reba?Are you disrespecting me Maduo?)

She giggled alone. She could seriously picture him saying all that straight to her face.

Maduo:Nnyaa rra...I was just asking?

Reba:Do you want a repeat?

Maduo:maybe..

Reba:I'm coming..

She smiled and she put her phone down. True to his word the door opened and he walked inside the room.

She giggled as she covered herself with the blankets.

He really was here..Damn!

Her heart stopped beating as she heard his hearty and deep laughter. Wait...He was laughing.

Reba:And you called me for this..kana o tla swaba Maduo(laughing)

She removed the blankets and looked at him. The way his eyes crinkled at the corners when he laughed was a bit magical and she was enchanted.

Maduo:I said maybe..

Reba:mxm..

He walked into the bathroom and she laughed.

Reba was laughing.

He walked out a few minutes later and he looked at her before he laughed.

Maduo:What?

Reba:Keore wa ntlwaela and I can't do shit as of yet to put you in line.

She frowned. What was he on about?

Reba:Don't worry about it..we don't want you crying again now..

Maduo:I'll pretend as if I didn't hear that.

Reba:okay.

He removed his tee and she was face to face with the tattoo on his back. She wanted to ask.

Maduo:When did you get that ink?

Reba:When I was in varsity.

Maduo:That's a long time ago. I like it. I dunno

why but I like it.

Reba:Thank you.

She watched his back muscles flex as he undid his fly.

He got rid of the trousers and she saw how toned his whole body was. His thighs were just..okay.

She swallowed a bit as he turned and she wished she wasn't stuck in this situation.

Reba:I won't do anything to you Maduo..

She nodded as she shifted to the left side of the bed and he sat by the edge. Silence enveloped the whole room.

Maduo:So..well it's been kind of busy but I just wanted to tell you that I have been admitted.

Reba:Varsity?

Maduo:ee...I'm going to UB and I don't know how everything is going to pan out.

Reba sighed.

Reba:I had almost forgotten that you have school. It is okay.

Maduo:Yeah. I just wanted to let you know about it.

Reba:which course?

Maduo:Bachelor of Finance..I like making the numbers crunch..

He raised an eyebrow and she laughed.

Maduo:I do...Money is very essential and you know that. I mean you are dealing with money and boy don't you make it rain..also on the subject of money..

She took her phone and went to the Forex app, she gave it to him.

Maduo:Those are my current returns. Well with your help of course.

He nodded really impressed.

Reba:Good. Very good actually.

He gave her her phone first and their hands brushed.

She laughed softly.

Maduo:Thank you.

Reba:Well you're a first learner and if you want to make your own money,then you go for it. It really gets tiring when one isn't independent and doesn't have a stand.

Maduo:So I am independent?

Reba:financially yes. You don't need a man to give you money for things.

Maduo:meaning that this phone was a gift right?

She asked grinning.

Reba:Kind of.

Maduo:settled. It was a gift and thank you thank

you for it.

Reba:Welcome.

Maduo:then how is thia thing gonna work? Like I mean you're based in Francistown and I am going to Gaborone in three months.

Reba:You are not staying on campus.

Maduo frowned. She wanted to realky stay on campus but well he knows what he is saying and doing.

Maduo:So I rent?

Reba:I have a house that side..just need to restock on food.

Maduo:Fair enough..I just want to get all of this cleared so in the near future there won't be any fights.

Reba:Understandable.

Maduo:So I will be taking taxis..visiting once a month?

Reba:You want to visit?

Maduo:Ee...why shouldn't I be visiting?

Reba:I thought you were going to focus on school.

Maduo:Well..I am married and it is starting to sink in. Not the baby being a healer part but the very fact that I am married. Young? Yes and it's so gonna be weird walking around in campus with this..

She said flashing her hand in front of him.

Reba:That's mine isn't it?

He smirked and she just gently hit his chest. He caught her hand and pulled her to him.

He picked her up and placed her on top of him, straddling him.

Reba:Maduo wee?

Maduo:Rra?

Reba:Wa bona gore ke dira eng?(you see what I'm doing?)

She nodded.

Reba:I am starting to accept that I am stuck with you and I am a very possessive man..I don't want any shenanigans or else o tla golahala..(or else you'll get hurt)

She nodded. He was being serious.

Reba:And I am a very dominant man. I am not like any of the little boys you've met and what I say goes..no questions asked.

Maduo:Ee rra..

Reba:Good..I don't want it to seem as if I am a bad person when I've told you what I expect. Are we clear?

Maduo:Crystal.

Reba:And I don't want any stories ko UB
kwa..mo go nna nnana wa swaba kana..

She swallowed.

Reba chuckled darkly as he kissed her neck
gently.

Reba:I am not trying to scare..Just telling you
what I expect and we'll be good. Do you want ua
to fight?

Maduo:Nnyaa rra..

Reba:Good. You're being such a good girl right
now...We'll be fine if you just do that.

Independent you might be but baby girl in the
bedroom setlhako go lela same ra utlwana

Maduo?

Her heart raced a bit.

Maduo:Ee rra.

Reba:Even in the house..I don't need you testing

my patience each and everyday. You might not like me after wards.

Her eyes widened as she nodded. She was in for it.

Reba:Did I tell you that you're being a good girl?

Maduo:(soft voice)You did.

He brought his lips on hers and this time she responded immediately. She wrapped her legs around his broad back and he just slipped his hands under her pyjama top and his hands held her tiny waist.

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At the Kgosi household

Reba broke the kiss and looked at her. She slowly opened her eyes.

Reba:I'm not going to do anything. Relax,we're still in grandfather's house and there are a lot of ears in this place.

His hands were still under her pyjama top.

Reba:you're a virgin?

She nodded.

He laughed softly.

Reba:okay. I see.

She smiled.

Maduo:Okay..let me be honest..I have never been kissed before.

Reba:I was your first?

Maduo:yep..

Reba:well..I should teach you more..

He said with a smile and Maduo swore he was the most gorgeous creature on planet earth when he smiled at her.

He kissed her neck and she wiggled a bit.

Maduo:now it tickles(giggling)okay stop..

He stopped and looked at her.

Maduo:Reba..not trying to sound disrespectful or anything..

She said as she laughed and brought her hands together in a praying motion.

He chuckled.

Maduo:Well since you laid down your ground rules and I hear you. Should I also go crazy if I hear of any "shenanigans"?

She said as she raised an eyebrow.

Reba:I guess it's only fair since I expect the same from you.

Maduo:Now we're good and Kgosi you haven't seen anything yet(laughing)

Reba:Is that a threat?

Maduo:No..just a promise..

She yawned and stretched herself as she unwrapped her legs from around his waist.

Maduo:sorry for that..when are we leaving?

Reba:Everything is done,maybe Monday?

Maduo:Monday sounds good(yawning)

Reba:You're tired. You should sleep.

Maduo:I am not(yawning)

Reba:You are. Sleep. Today has been hectic.

Maduo:Then I did good by booking for my spa treatment.

Reba:Spa?

Maduo:mmh..Booked yesterday. These past few months have been hectic. O tla nkisa?(you'll take me there?)

Reba:You don't know Francistown that much do you?

Maduo:No. I was boarding at Gaborone and I rarely came to Francistown. So I guess I have to learn the city.

Reba:Okay. I'll take you there.

Maduo:Thank you.

She stretched her hands as she yawned some more.

Reba:Ga o batle go robala?(you don't want to sleep?)

Maduo:ng ng....ke batla go bua. Kamoso o tsoga o sa smile gone ha(I want to talk. Tomorrow you won't be smiling)

Reba chuckled.

Reba:okay Mma Kgosi.

She smiled.

Maduo:Mma Kgosi..sounds nice..when did you

discover that you want to do finance?

Reba:It wasn't much of a choice..I was born into the family business so I had to so that.

Maduo:Le Sasha is doing Finance.

Reba:It runs in the family..

Maduo:I see..(yawning)

Reba looked at her trying to fight her fatigue. Her eyes closed then opened as she looked at him.

Maduo:no man...I am sleeping(yawning)

Reba:okay..

She just placed her head on his chest and yawned softly. She closed her eyes.

Reba chuckled as he held her. He looked at her. She was not so loud when she was asleep. He stood up holding her,walked to her side of the bed and gently placed her on the bed.

He covered her with the blankets and he went to switch off the lights.

Meanwhile in Sasha's room

She looked at Tyler.

Sasha:Ty....This is wrong. We can't pursue a relationship. No matter how much..

Tyler:I know but tell that to my heart Sasha.

Sasha:I know the heart wants what it wants but we can't be like Selena Gomez in this...kana all we're going to be doing is bringing embarrassment to the family. Ty I love you but no one will approve thia..

Tyler:(sighing)I know Sash..I know..So this is the end?

Sasha:It hurts me to do this but who knows what will happen if we do pursue one? What if our children are cursed or something...

Tyler:I hear you..come here.

He opened his arms for her.

Sasha:I love you Ty but we can never be..

Tyler:We can runaway.

Sasha:mxm(laughing)ija...

Tyler:I love you Sasha..

Sasha:This is goodbye..

She said as she placed her head on his chest.

Tyler:I guess so. It is still going to take time for me to get over you.

Sasha:You'll live big man. The woman who marries you is gonna be so damn lucky.

Tyler:vice versa..

Sasha:one day we will look back and smile. We will see how delusional we we're. Trust me Ty.

Tyler:I do. Let's hope we don't regret this.

Sasha:we won't ao....

The two laughed.

At Rachel's house,Francistown

Rachel didn't want to do it but a part of her wanted to find out. Nicole ended up telling her the name and she had just nodded nonchalantly.

She took her phone and searched for a Maduo Kgosi on social media but she didn't find her. Maybe she was lying.

She searched again and there was no such person. There were many Maduos but none of them was a Kgosi.

She didn't want to admit it that Reba left a mark and she was still single. She was looking for him in every man she met and she didn't find

him. She had once tried his number but she was blocked. Tragic.

If only she had behaved and not caught feelings. Maybe he would have been the first person to make a move on her.

She sighed as she bit her nail.

She went to Instagram and searched the name but nothing. Does this person even have a social media account?

She frowned and put her phone down. Can it be Friday already?

The following morning

Maduo opened one eye before she opened the other. Her head was on his chest. She didn't have to ask herself questions. She moved her

head and looked at him. When he was asleep he didn't look as scary as he always did.

Maduo:hewe hewe what I say goes(imitating his voice)owai..

She giggled alone and she lifted her head. He was still asleep. She got out of bed quietly and she tip toed to the bathroom.

She opened the faucet and she wetted her hands. She carefully closed it and tiptoed to the bedroom.

He was still asleep. She sat on top of him and placed her wet hands on his chest.

He opened one eye and groaned.

Reba:Maduooo!(half shouting)

His morning voice was raspy and sexy but that was not the main objective here.

Maduo:Morning..tsoga go phakela Mr.(wake up it's morning Mr)

Reba:kante..

Maduo:Tsoga Mr Kgosi. Or should I come with a whole jug of water?

Reba:wa lapisa(you're irritating)

Maduo:I know..o tsogile akere?(you're awake?)

Reba:Ee mma..

She got of him and headed to the bathroom.
She started brushing her teeth.

He walked inside and looked at her.

Reba:Was that necessary?

Maduo gurgled and spit the water into the small sink.

Maduo:very..E le gore ga ke tsogile ke le one ke go ntshiwa ke mang boduto?(very..who will entertain me when I'm the only one who's awake?)

She looked at the mirror grinning as she ran the brush across her pearly whites.

She spit again.

Maduo:You see..you..I hate having to be bored even if it's just seeing you being all serious as you are right now..

She ran her hands through the water and she closed the tap. She squeezed her face wash onto her hands and she gently spread it on her face.

Maduo:So you're just going to look at me like that? No biggie.

She hummed and Reba shook his head. This was just something else.

He walked out and she smiled. When she was done she fanned her face with her hands for the water to dry out faster. She was fresh for now.

She walked into the bedroom and she found

him sitting on the bed holding his phone. She just went to kiss him and she took a hold of his phone.

Maduo: morning..and no phones..If it's work it will have to wait till tomorrow, thank you.

She said as she broke the kiss and his phone in her hands.

He sighed. This one was just wow.

Maduo: Told you I'm not regular. So we are going to have breakfast and then you will have to chauffeur me to your in laws place to get the rest of my stuff then yah..we're good. Thank you Kgosi.

She said with a smile and Reba just had to smile. Damn her.

An hour later she got inside his car. This was her first time being in his car and it was nice.

Maduo:Thank you.

He started the car as she buckled up. She was holding both of their phones in her hands.

She unlocked hers and she placed his on her lap.

She started taking pictures of his hand on the steering wheel. She made sure the gold band on his finger was visible. Reba didn't say anything.

She took a few selfies and she smiled.

Maduo:No complaints?

Reba:You are your own person.

Maduo:Okay..

She just posted her car selfie as he WhatsApp status and she finally opened her Facebook.

The comments and shares under her picture were wow.

Comment 1: † ♀

Comment 2: Makoti

Bogosi: You're married?

She reacted on all of the comments though they were many and she ignored Bogosi's comment.

She went to her messenger and found Bogosi's inbox.

She rolled her eyes. She was using a new number so he didn't have her dials.

Bogosi: You're married or the picture is deceiving me?

Maduo typed.

Maduo: Hi. How have you been? I'm good too

Bogosi thank you

She sent it and just placed her phone down. She glanced at Reba who had his eyes on the road.

Reba turned and he parked his car by the gate.

Reba:We have arrived.

Maduo:Thank you..

The both got out of the car and got inside the yard.

Maduo knocked on the door. Her mother opened the door and smiled.

Precious:oh you came..

Maduo:yes mama..dumelang.

Precious:hello my baby.

Reba:Dumelang..

Precious:Hi,come in you guys. Unfortunately your dad isn't around. He went to the farm.

Maduo:It's fine mom. I just came here for the clothes.

They walked inside and Maduo headed straight

to her room with Rebabedi following her.

Maduo:Don't mind my room. It's actually girlish and well...

Reba:O bua thata..

Maduo:Sorry..

She started packing her stuff into her suitcases and she left other things. She was still her parents' daughter so it's not like they will stop being her parents.

In an hour she was done with packing her stuff and she looked at Reba.

Reba:(sighing)Let's go.

He took two of her suitcases and she held the other one. They walked out.

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#50

At the Kgosi Household

Reba put the last of the bags in the boot and he closed it.

Maduo:well..well,this is it.

Reba:Get in the car..

Maduo:Let me go say goodbye first.

She said as she walked away. She headed to the house and hugged Sasha..

Maduo:Byee..

She hugged her mother in law who hugged her back.

Maduo:Ra tsamaya(we're leaving)

Mma Kgosi:Well we will see you guys there.

Maduo:Ee mma. Go siame.

She said respectfully to Florence and Kgosi.

Florence:Have a safe journey.

Kgosi:be safe kids.

He said nodding and she smiled.

Maduo:Katso and Tyler byee...

She said as she walked to the door.

Everyone smiled. She was just a breath of fresh

air and they had started to notice slight changes. Reba was changing and it was all thanks to that little girl who had just walked out of the door.

Maduo got inside the car and she buckled up as she sat in the front.

She opened the bag of chips and looked at him.

Reba:Just spit it out.

Maduo:I didn't say anything..

He started the car and she leaned back as she ate her chips. She looked at him again and she smiled.

This man was hot. She was married to him?

It was all thanks to his ancestors. She still had questions. Well a specific question and she wasn't sure he was going to answer her. Not

whilst the relationship was still new.

She took her phone and she went on to her WhatsApp. She changed her dp and put Rebabedi's hand as the dp.

She went to Facebook and she ignored Bogosi's message. He sounded like a jealous boyfriend and yeah yeah, he was her prom date but she didn't feel him in that way and she won't feel him in that way. She was married now and if it's anything she wouldn't want to get on Mr Kgosi's bad side.

He never really reacts on anything she posts.

Maduo: Why don't you ever react on anything I post?

Reba: Am I forced to?

Maduo: yes...hello..I'm your wife or you won't be

seen in public with me?

Reba:Don't be silly..

Maduo:Well,I got my answer. I should start seeing those care reactions on my pictures. Thank you Kgosi. You're such a sweetheart.

Reba:Are you being sarcastic?

Maduo:No. So we're gonna stop on the way?

Reba:I think ko Phikwe..

Maduo:Good. For food akere?

Reba:Yes..

Maduo:And I get to choose?(excited)

Reba:You're excited about food?

Maduo:Yes..no..I will be seen in public with you..

Reba looked at her before he looked at the road as he drove.

Reba:and that is exciting?

Maduo:of course darling. I mean you and I both know that you're rarely seen with a woman in public.

Reba:Have you been stalking me?

Maduo:Kind of. That's not the issur at the moment.

Reba:You look like a kid who has just been handed candy Maduo.

Maduo:I should take that as a compliment. Thank you.

She smiled and looked at her phone.

Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments

Rachel smiled as her client walked out of the place.

She got left the spa room and headed to reception where Nicole was.

Rachel:I searched her on all social media platforms.

Nicole:And she says she moved on from the guys..it has been over five months and you are still hung up over him.

Rachel:I know,I know. I think just the fact that someone who shares the same surname as him is coming here just reminded me of him.

Nicole:Maybe it might be his sister.

Rachel:Maybe but his sister is Sasha..the court thingy that took place months back.

Nicole:Oh yah. I remember her. She is pretty.

Rachel:Must be the genes.

Nicole:Yeah but Rachie move on. Don't obsess over him. He must've even forgot about you. As I have always told you,to him it was just sex. To

you it was love but you know better.

Rachel:I guess but still...

Nicole:Do not!!Let hin go geez. What does he have that other men don't have?

Rachel:You have no idea..(giggling)

Nicole:Let me not ask what you mean by that.

Rachel:You know cause daaammmmn..I mean you hate him cause of how he treated me but if he can walk in here right now, I swear you will feel your clit throb and when he speaks..Father God! He was specially designed, I am telling you.

Nicole:(laughing)Haiyeee!This white chick still wants him.

Rachel:His social media is still the same. Posts a profile picture and cover phot every now and then. Then nothing.

Nicole:You stalk him?

Rachel:We are not friends on social media but

his posts are public so he rarely does anything on Social media to be honest.

Nicole:Let go. Let him go. You're going to stress yourself out for nothing when he is not even yours.

Rachel:Okay(sighing)

She went to the spa room to wait for her next client.

Two hours later

Reba parked his car in the parking lot as Maduo in unbuckled her seatbelt.

She held both their phones in her hand as she got out of the car first. He got out and locked the car.

He gave her his hand and she gladly took it.

Maduo:See..that wasn't so bad.

Reba:let's go..buy what you're buying.

Maduo:Okay. PicknPay. I think I will get what I want.

She gave him a look.

Maduo:You do know you don't have to pay.

Reba:Themma a re ye.(please,let's just go)

Maduo:okay. No need to get angry.

They started walking and Maduo talked all the way to the store. Reba had to endure her talking none stop.

Some of the people who knew Reba where shocked to see him walk with Maduo. They then noticed the rings on their hands and they asked themselves questions.

Maduo took the basket and handed it to him.

He took it and she walked ahead of him. She had so much energy today and honestly he didn't want to deal with it.

Maduo picked out a few stuff as she put it in the trolley.

Whispers started around the shop.

Woman:She looks familiar.

Woman2:You see that beautiful girl who had a face beat done..se ne se trenda mo Facebook maloba?

The woman then nodded as it clicked.

Woman2:She is married?

Woman:You saw le the attire..well she is a cute young thing.

Lady in black dress:Very pretty.

They whispered among themselves as Maddy kept on filling the basket. She looked at Reba and she just had to contain her smile. He was

already tired of her.

Maduo:I think I am done.

Reba:Finally.

They walked to the till and Maduo was just behind him.

He took out his card for the lady at the till to swipe. She didn't miss the way the cashier looked at him and she just decided to ignore it.

When they were done she looked at him. He took the plastics and she walked behind him with a smile.

Some of the ladies at the shop looked at her with envy while some just smiled. She was such a pretty girl.

Maduo:That was not hard you see?(grinning)

Reba:mxm..

Maduo:You won't be angry at me forever. It is what it is and you need to loosen up.

She said as she held his arm with one hand.

They got to the car and he placed the plastics at the backseat. They both got inside the car.

Reba:No stops on the way.

Maduo:Cool..

She turned and just opened one plastic and took out two bottles of juice.

She handed him one and she opened the other one.

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My apologies. Today was hectic with booking hair appointments and trying to find braids and stuff

Another one later later..

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#51

At Rebabedi's house

He parked his car in the garage and looked at the sleeping Maduo. He was finally happy that she was asleep, she always had something to

say.

He got out of the car and walked to her side. He opened the door and he unbuckled her seatbelt. He picked her up and walked inside the house. He ju21st headed straight to his bedroom and placed her on the bed.

He had to get the luggage from the car and when he had gotten the last of the bags he found her stretching herself. She was awake.

Maduo:Hi why didn't you wake me up?

Reba:You looked like you needed the sleep.

Maduo:Okay..

She looked around thoughtfully. The place was simple and nice. Well the bedroom she was in so she can't exactly judge the whole house.

Reba:Tomorrow I have work so you will be on your own.

Maduo:Okay.

She sat up straight as she looked at the bags and the packing she had to do. He handed her her phone and she took it. These days she was no longer that social except posting a picture here and there.

She looked at him before she unlocked her phone and went to Facebook.

The number of notifications made her heart skip a beat.

She opened them and she saw more shares on her last picture. She went to the comments and well well..

She put her phone down and looked at him. He was on his and she swore that he must be on Facebook this time.

He slid his phone in his pocket and Maduo angled her head to look at him again.

Maduo:You're not going to say anything?

Reba:People talk and it is not a lie that you're mine is it?

Maduo:(smiling) ng ng..

Reba:Why are you smiling?

Maduo:Nothing..

He chuckled as he walked out and she went to Facebook again.

Caption:So she is Mrs Kgosi?

Comment1:You lie..she looks so young.

She read the caption under her shared picture and the comments. Messenger reported a message again and she went to open it only to find a message from Bogosi.

Bogosi:So you're actually married? To a man older than you?

She yawned bored.

Maduo:Yes and yes? Do you have a problem with that?

He replied immediately.

Bogosi:I just the never expected that. I thought you said you weren't doing relationships and were focusing on school and boom you're married. And to an older guy.

Maduo:It is what it is. It's not like we were actually dating.

Bogosi:But I had hope for us maybe in future.

Maduo laughed alone.

Maduo:There is no us. Unfortunately.

She said before she put her phone down and rubbed her temples. She has to learn his houae which is her house but still his house.

She got out of bed and walked out of the room. She looked around and she had to like this place. It was male and she was going to change it a bit.

She walked around till she found the kitchen and he was in the kitchen.

Maduo:Do you have a pool?

He cocked an eyebrow?

Reba:Want to drown. Again?

Maduo:I won't drown this time..

Reba:Pool and basketball court.

Maduo:Basketball? You play basketball?

Reba:Why are you looking at me like that?

Maduo:Like what?

Reba:like you have an idea and you want me to implement it..

Maduo brushed him off with her hand.

Maduo:Don't think about...well yes. I do have an idea.

Reba:I knew it.

Maduo:When you have time we will play together?

Reba:Know how to shoot?

Maduo:Duh! This girl knows a lot of things..

She said proudly and gave him a cute smile as she brought his finger together.

Reba placed the bottle of water down.

Reba:Come here.

She obeyed and went to him.

He trapped her against the counter and she lifted her head to look up at him.

He held her neck before he chuckled.

Reba:And I have to go easy on you.

He said as he pecked her pink lips before it

turned into a full blown kiss. Maduo crossed her legs together as he kissed her. This was definitely a foreign feeling she could get used to.

A few days later

She stood in front of the mirror as she tied her hair back.

Reba grabbed the car keys.

Reba:Ready?

Maduo:Join me?

Reba:ke ja sengwe?(Will I get something in return?)

Maduo:Ae..just join me?

Reba:I have a meeting to get to.

Maduo:Bummer. I am done.

She said as she took her phone and card.

She walked closely behind him till they got to the garage. He unlocked the car and they both got inside.

She buckled up and she leaned back thoughtfully against her seat. She had thought that her virginity would be gone by now but she was still sealed. She didn't have a problem with that at all though just that she thought Reba would it.

She sighed as she looked at him. Shem she was testing the poor guys.

Reba:Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments?

Maduo:Yes.

He reversed out of the yard and she checked her social media. The hype of her being Reba's wife had died down because she didn't exactly confirm it nor deny it on social media. So people didn't know which.

She changed her last name on all social media

accounts and she put her phone down.

She looked at Reba, there was just something about him that made her want to go against his words.

Reba kept on driving. The place sounded familiar but he brushed it off. He just had to drop her off and he will be heading to work.

Silence enveloped the car and Maduo this time decided to remain quiet.

After some time they arrived at the spa and Maduo looked at him.

Maduo:You'll pick me up?

Reba:How long will you take?

Maduo:I am not sure..come back in two hours..

Reba:Okay.

He tipped her head backwards as he baby

kissed her soft lips.

Maduo blushed when he looked at her after that brief kiss.

She opened the door.

Maduo:Bye and good luck with your meeting.

He nodded and she got out of the car. She watched him reverse and drive off.

She walked inside the building and it looked cosy. Comfortable.

She placed her hands on the reception desk and smiled at the receptionist.

Maduo:Good morning.

Nicole:Morning. How may Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments be of assistance mam?

She had to hide her confusion. She had seen

her picture trending on Facebook with speculation that she might be Rebabedi's wife but well they never confirmed it.

Maduo:I booked an appointment last week.

Nicole bent down to check her records and she saw the diamond ring on her ring finger. Whoa!

Nicole:Name mam?

Maduo:Maduo Kgosi..I know I didn't specify the time and all that but I came as early as possible.

Nicole laughed a bit. She was kind and her smile was contagious.

Maduo:Can I pay in advance? Just before anything?

Nicole:Yes Ms Kgosi..

Maduo:Mrs darling..

She said as she took out her bank card from behind the phone cover. Nicole took the card and he showed her the prices of what she will

be doing to day.

Nicole:of course Mrs Kgosi.

She smiled before she laughed softly.

Maduo: okay that just sounds weird. Call me
Maduo.

Nicole:(laughing)yes mam

She swiped the card on the machine and gave it
to Maduo to enter her password.

After that she handed her,her card back.

Maduo:Thank you..where should I go?

Nicole:Let me take you to the spa room first and
then you will do the other things after that?

Maduo:Sounds good. I could use a good
massage. Bathong ke lapile gore.(I am so tired)

Nicole laughed as she led Maduo to the room.

She opened it and found Rachel that side.

Rachel frowned as it clicked that this was the

girl that was rumored to be married to Reba. She saw the diamond ring on her finger and her worst fears were confirmed. He left her for a teenager? A child? Wow!

She faked a smile.

Rachel:Hi..

Maduo:Hey..

Nicole:She is our client..I have to man the reception.

Nicole left and crossed her fingers that Rachel won't do anything crazy because of her obsession over Reba.

Maduo:(laughed nervously)What should I do next?I have never done this whole massage thing before.

Rachel:Walk to the changing room that side and we will get started on your massage. We're starting with the hot stones.

Maduo:okay.

Maduo headed in that direction and Rachel furiously took out her phone. She searched for a Maduo Kgosì and her worst fears were confirmed.

It was that girl who was trending on Facebook for her beautiful wedding face beat .She was massaging her ex's wife? She wanted to strangle that little girl. She groaned as she slid the phone in the front pocket of her dark blue dress.

She walked out holding her phone and in the white gown.

Rachel:Lie here on your tummy.

Maduo did as she was asked and Rachel slowly peeled the gown away expecting to see those marks from Reba. He wasn't into average sex but she saw none. Just clear skin.

She put the towel on her waist as she took off

her gown.

She got her oils and she poured them on her back.

Rachel:How long have you been married? Sorry for sounding too forward, I just saw the ring on your finger.

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:It's okay. We got married last week.

Rachel:Wow,that's nice..you look yo young to be married?

Maduo:I know but I love him. So as long as there is that,I'm good.

Rachel's tears choked her as she rubbed her back. She loved him? A whole teenager loving a man who was way older than her.

Rachel:(clearing her throat)How did you two meet?

Maduo laughed softly as she remembered that

day and how embarrassed she actually was.

Maduo: We met like three and a half months ago at his cousin's birthday.

Rachel shook her head as she looked up to try to blink away the tears. Just like that he married the teenager and she had been with him and had never been introduced to his family.

Wasn't she good enough for him? To settle for a teen and she hated to admit it that she was pretty.

Rachel: That sounds cute..

Maduo frowned. She could hear the hurt in her voice and she asked herself why the hell was she hurt? She didn't know her.

Anyways she relaxed as her body got some TLC.

An hour later she was done with her massage and she felt that flexibility she always loved.

She needed that.

She smiled as she wore the gown.

Maduo: Thank you ma, you're actually good.

Rachel: Thanks.

Maduo and you have pretty blue eyes.

Rachel could see that this young girl had went to a private school just by the way she spoke but she was too kind that it annoyed her. She knew she was annoyed by the fact that this small girl had managed to get Reba and actually got him to commit.

She didn't have any bruises from bondage or anything of that sort and she felt so used.

Maduo walked to the sona room and she sat down on the benches. This was nice and the fact that she was paying for all of this with her own money made her smile. Then then what

Reba said to her that night clicked. Whenever he used his authoritative voice on her she had no choice but to submit and well maybe after this she will head to town. She might get lost but she wants to buy a few things for her wardrobe.

After ten minutes she got out feeling so fresh. She could literally feel rejuvenated and so different. Maybe she should come here every month.

After what seemed like an hour and a half later Maduo was done. Reba was probably waiting for her.

She walked out of the room to see Rachel being held back by Nicole and Rebabedi looking at her with that bored expression of his. What the hell was going on?

Rachel: You used me only to marry a

teenager?(crying)

Nicole:Rachel let it go..

Rachel:Let me go Nicole..I want to hit him. I...

Nicole:calm down,you're causing a scene.

Nicole looked at Reba again and well,well the man was a woman magnet. She also had to cross her legs when he walked in and spoke in that deep voice of his. He commanded respect wherever he was and Rachel was just being extra.

Reba:You're done?

Reba said as he looked directly at Maduo who nodded still not sure about what's going on.

Maduo:What's going on here?

Rachel:and the little girl has the nerve to ask what's going on? Urg..

Maduo was lost.

Maduo:kante ke tla arabiwa sentle bathong?(will you answer me politely?)

Rachel was furious and the fact that he even wasn't paying attention to her irked her more.

Nicole:Rachel just let go dammit..she did nothing to you..

Rachel:She took him.

This time Nicole had to roll her eyes.

Maduo sighed. Drama.

Maduo:I have no idea what's going on here and who took what but whatever it is take it.

Rachel:You took my man you little whore..acting all innocent. You are barely olde enough to get married and you should be focusing on school instead of chasing dick..

Maduo held her chest in shock.

Maduo:Reba did she just call me a whore?nna Reba? Nna? Waitse lekgoanyana le,le ntlwaela

matlakala..nxla..tlisa dikey nna ke tsamaye.

She clicked her tongue. She hated being disrespected because she did nothing wrong.

She walked to him and took the car keys and walked out of the building.

Reba looked at Rachel and smiled. Nicole let Rachel go and she immediately jumped to try and hit his chest but he held both hands tightly that she winced. He was stronger than her and his grip n her hands hurt.

Reba:Rachel wee..What the fuck was that?

Rachel:I.I still love you and you married a kid..she doesn't satisfy your needs like I do..Reba listen.

Reba chuckled darkly.

Reba:who said I wanted you again? Dare disrespect my wife again and I will

motherfucking kill you. Don't test me. It never ends well with me. Never ever in your life think you're in the same league as her..

Rachel swallowed and Nicole had to stop herself from fanning herself with her hands. The way he put an end to her tantrum was just hot.

Rachel:Okay..okay..I won't speak to her like that. I will even apologise to her. I'm sorry for crossing the line. I'm sorry..just..just take me back.(with tears in her eyes)

Reba:And dare pull that stunt again..

He left it at that as he let her hands go and she moved back while rubbing her wrists.

Nicole's mouth hung open. Did Rachel just offer herself to him?wait..she just wanted to be a side dish? The dick was that good? Damn!!

They were lucky that today was not as hectic as other days or else clients would have seen the

scene and they would be trending on Facebook this exact moment.

Rachel:Please..

Reba ignored her and looked at Nicole.

Reba:Put your friend on a leash before I do something I will regret. The disrespect!!

Rachel held her beating heart as she looked at him walk out.

Nicole was still a bit blown to say anything as of yet.

Reba got into the car and Maduo rolled her eyes as she leaned back.

She just pressed her phone avoiding him. He started the car and reversed out of the parking spot.

Reba:Maduo?

She kept quiet and she wished she had come with her headsets, she didn't want to even see him breath.

Maduo:o ndrope ko mmolong(drop me by the mall)

He drove and just watched her pretend to be angry.

He drove to the mall and parked the car. She opened the door but it was still locked.

Maduo:lotlolola lebati tlherra(unlock the door)

Reba chuckled as he looked at her.

Reba:Maduo wee?

Her heart skipped a beat when she heard the tone he used to address her.

Maduo:Rra?

Reba:I said when you have something on your chest you talk,o dirang gone yana?(what are you doing at the moment?)

Maduo:a gona(nothing)

He gave her a look and she uncomfortably shifted in her seat as she held her phone in her hands and looked down.

Reba:that innocence won't work on me..o ntse o ntirela makgakga akere wena Maduo?

She brought her hands together on her lap and looked up at him.

Maduo:I'm sorry(low voice)

Reba:I can't hear you Maddy..

She had to use her hands to cover her face when he called her Maddy. And it was for the first time.

Reba chortled as he looked at her blushing.

Maduo:Sorry for the rudeness..

He lifted her head up with his fingers.

Reba:I hope I don't have to repeat this again.

Maduo:Ee rra..

She just looked at him and she just wanted to say yes to him on everything because the way he looked at her was just beautiful. She smiled.

Maduo:Keore..I hate being disrespected cause I rarely ever talk rudely to people and if re le two mo go wena ke eng ne a sa bue?

Reba:(laughing)Naare wa peka Maduo?

Maduo:Nnyaa keore instead of talking to me that way she could've made her point or complaints heard a sa nthoge..

Reba:I'm sorry you got disrespected like that..

He said rubbing her chin.

Maduo:so..re two?I mean mo go wena?

Reba:No..o one..She is just a bitter Sub..

Her heart skipped a beat. Sub?

Maduo:Sub? As in Submissive?

He nodded and she just looked at him.

Reba:I won't hurt you..(laughing)

Maduo laughed softly.

Maduo:So ke 1 hela ka monwana?

She said illustrating using her one finger.

Reba:Mmhmm..

Maduo:I was scared there for a moment.

Reba:o rata go itsenya stress(you love stressing yourself out)

Maduo shrugged and smiled looking at him.

Maduo:Mr kgosi unlock the car(softly)

He did and she pecked his lips.

Maduo:I'll take a cab home..

Reba:Do you know how to get there by yourself?

He checked the time and he had to go back to the office.

Maduo:You'll send the directions and the driver will take me there.

Reba:Okay..Get out.

Maduo:(laughing)And you're chasing me out. I'm leaving.

She got out of the car and she watched him drive out of the parking spot. She bit her lower lip. She didn't know this place well so she will have to try and look for the shop she wants.

She walked around Galo mall for some till she found the shop. She walked inside and grabbed a basket. She started doing her shopping. She will have to find an ATM to cash out a few pulas so that she can pay the cab driver after she is done.

At Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments

By the time their lunch break had come Nicole just had to get it off her chest.

Nicole:Rachel that was way to desperate.. you had to beg him to make you a side dish?

Rachel:You won't understand. I love him and I bet I can do a better job than a teenager.

Nicole:are you hearing yourself right now?

Rachel!!!

Rachel:You won't understand. You have never been in love before Nicole.

Nicole:Wow! And that suddenly makes you the expert?

Rachel:I have work to do..

She walked away.

Nicole:Rachel!!Rachel!!(half shouting her)

Rachel ignored her and just walked inside the

spa room to gather her thoughts.

At the Mall

Maduo's phone beeped and she saw the directions and the password to the gate and house. Since she arrived her she was just indoors so she was clueless.

She sent a thank you text and she held the bags in her hands. She hoped she didn't go overboard with her shopping and buying stuff. She will try most of it at home so that is that.

She paused and frowned. Cabs aren't found in the rank? She sat down by Milkylane and put her bags down and called him. He answered on the third ring.

Reba:Baby girl make it fast,I am a bit busy..

Maduo:Well I don't have any cab services'

number.

Reba:Can I ask my PA to send it to you?

Maduo:of course..thank you.

Reba:Sure. Bye.

He hung up and called Wame to the office.

Wame:You called for me Sir?

Reba:Find a cab company or anything of that sort and send the number to this number. Tell her you're my PA.

Reba jotted down Maduo's number and handed it to her.

Wame:On it Sir.

She walked out and went to her small cubicle desk and went through the phone directory and noted down a few trustable cab companies.

She sent the numbers to the number she was

given and did tell the lady she was his PA.

She responded immediately with a 'thanks a million text'

Wame smiled a bit. The lady was kind. Must be his wife because ever since he came back she had been seeing the gold band on his hand. Plus rumour had it that the beautiful girl who was trending on Facebook was his wife but neither had confirmed it. At the time her profile was saying single and she was using a different last name so it was just hearsay..

Maduo ordered a milkshake as she scrolled through her Facebook. She shared a few funny memes then went offline.

She bit her lip this sudden change of underwear..she won't lie..she was wearing lace occasionally but this one is completely new territory. The things she is going to do at her

young age.

She clapped her hands.

Reba parked the car in the garage and walked inside the house. She wasn't inside the house. He could smell her perfume lingering in the air though. He undid his tie as he started changing clothes.

He wore his grey sweatpants and walked outside to the pool side. He spotted her in the basketball court..

Maduo shot a few hoops as she threw a fist in the air. She swayed her hips to Work by Rihanna which she was playing on her phone.

Reba groaned as he crept up behind her and picked her up.

Maduo:Put me down(giggling)

Reba:You look sexy in my sweatpants..

Maduo:Thanks..

He puy her down and she threw him the ball..

Maduo:Your turn..

Reba:And if I win?

Maduo:if..a big if..I know my game brother.

He chuckled as he threw the ball and scored from where he was standing.

Maduo:No fair..

She said as he hit his chest..

Reba:Can I seal the deal?

Maduo:mm..

He thrust his fingers into her weave as he pulled her in for a sexy kiss.

Reba:Did you wear that for me?

Maduo:Maybe..

Reba:It worked..

H tipped her head up as his lips covered hers.

Reba:Wrap your legs around my waist.

She jumped and did so. She held onto his bare chest as they kissed in the middle of the basketball court.

Reba:Fuck!!

He said into the kiss and Maduo's breathing changed.

She wrapped her hands around his neck as he started to walk towards the house.

His hands slipped under her sweatpants and he held the elastic of the thong..

Reba:Fuck!

The door was closed and he just placed her down and pinned her against the glass door.

He breathed into her neck.

Reba:I want to take you hard against this damn

door till the glass is about to crack..Fuck..

Maduo breathed as she looked at him. Her fingers traced his abs and she knew she was gone for. The way he looked at her spoke volumes.

He kissed her lips again and she responded.

He broke the kiss and placed his forehead on hers.

Reba:I never lose my self control like this..come here..

He pulled her to him and she wrapped her hands around his neck..He kissed her before he broke the kiss and slid the glass door open. He picked her up just as easily as he would pick a doll and he walked to the bedroom holding her.

He gently placed her on the bed and #EXPLICIT

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At Rebabedi's house

Reba:Don't worry..you're resting.

She nodded as he pushed her hair back. She was finished. He smiled at her.

She tried to smile but yoh..

He covered her with the blankets as he walked

to the bathroom.

She closed her eyes. Her body hurt. It was painful and she didn't even dare try to move her thighs. As for her nunu well..that was just another story altogether. She really prayed that he doesn't want sex in the morning or anytime this week.

He walked out of the bathroom and he just went under the covers with her.

He gently pulled her to him and she felt a bit of comfort. She comfortably laid her head on his chest and she was gone with sleep.

"Ng...ng..E seng mo ngwanake..Mo buseng ka le kopa"(ng..ng..not on my child..Bring him back,I'm begging you..")

She cried in her sleep as she kicked off the

blankets,her small fists hitting Reba's face.

He woke up and held her hands as she kicked still in her sleep.

"Ba reye ba buse ngwanake..Ke..ke batla ngwanake.."(tell them to bring back my child..I..I want my child)

She was crying as she kicked.

Reba:Maduo..

He called her name till she woke up. She looked at him with tears in her eyes.

Reba:It's a dream. Come here...

He cuddled her as she sniffed.

Maduo:It seemed so real.

Reba:Sleep. Sleep...it's okay.

She closed her eyes as sleep came again.

Reba just kept his eyes open. What if it wasn't

just a dream? He shook his head and just looked at her sleeping.

He eventually closed his eyes as he slept.

The following morning

Maduo opened her eyes and she looked around the room. She was obviously alone in bed. She bit her lip as she thought about her dream. It seemed so real but maybe that's just what it was. A dream.

She tried to move and she winced. Oh no. Okay. She can get out of bed. She took it like a big girl last night, she can do this. She can do this.

She breathed in and out.

She moved her other leg and closed her eyes.

Maduo: Bathong!! Reba o mpolaile.. (Reba killed me)

She bit her lower lip hard and she stood up

regardless of the pain.

Maduo: Fuck!! Ng ng.. motho yo o mpolaile (this person hurt me)

She slowly walked to the bathroom. She stood in front of the bathroom. It was so sore.

She looked like a mess. With eye bags and she just looked horrible. She needed a warm bath.

Reba walked inside the bathroom and he was covered in sweat. He looked hot. He must've been in the gym room.

Reba: When did you wake up?

Maduo: Minutes ago..

Reba: You good?

She looked at him astonished. Was she good? What the hell?

Maduo: I am not good Kgosi.. You know what

you did..

Reba:That's why I'm asking seeing that you were able to get out of bed..

Maduo:Wawo!!

Wow!

Maduo:And you promised that you would be gentle..kana goriana go botlhoko Reba(it's painful Reba)

He chuckled.

Reba:(laughing)Baby girl that was me trying to be gentle and you should've stayed in bed..wa ithonkgela kana(you're hurting yourself)

She tried to hit his chest but he held her hands whilst laughing.

Maduo:and you're laughing o mphathotse ne wena(and you're laughing when you tore me apart)

Reba:For what it's worth I'm sorry okay?

He said as he let her hands go and gently rubbed her chin.

Reba:But that pussy is too good and I am tempted to take it again but you won't let me will you?

What the hell was wrong with this man?

Maduo:Noo!Reba wena o batla go mpolaya..(Reba you want to kill me)

He laughed and she just looked at him. This was funny to him neh?

Reba:Since you brought your naked self here,let me prepare a bath for you

She looked at him suspiciously.

Reba:If I wanted to fuck you Maduo I wouldn't be asking for your permission...

She nodded as he opened the tap and waited for the bathtub to be filled with warm water.

He stood behind her as he opened the cabinet. She watched as his muscles flexed and she was tempted to let him sex her but she remembered her swollen nunu and the thought disappeared immediately.

He poured bath salts inside the water.

Reba:Where does it hurt?

Maduo:My thighs hurt and my cookie is burning Kgosi and generally everywhere hurts.

Reba:Clearly not enough if you were able to walk to the bathroom.

Maduo:ng ng..Go bothoko and I just endured the pain by walking here..I think I need to rest here and what did you mean that last night was you being gentle?

Reba:Exactly that.

He picked her up and placed her inside the water and the sting nearly made her want to

jump out but he held her.

Reba:Relax...

Slowly she adjusted and he let her go.

Reba:Just stay in the water and relax. You will be fine.

He headed to the shower and she closed her eyes.

She opened her eyes when she felt a presence. He was looking at her. All fresh and showered. As much as it hurt now but the sex was wow..The pleasure that came along with it and in his weird way he was taking care of her.

He helped her stand up in the bath tub and he wrapped a big towel around her as he picked her up,carrying her to the room..

He placed her on the bed and she pulled it closed to her chest as she watched him head

into the bathroom,probably to drain the water.

He came back and looked at her. So cute and innocent. He chuckled to himself.

Maduo:So you're going to do the cooking?

Reba:Are you already okay?

She quickly shook her head.

Reba:Thought so...

He came with her body lotion and he picked her up. He sat down and placed her on his lap.

Maduo:Why are you doing this?

Reba:After care is important especially after your body has been pushed to it's limits. Yours is different because you were a virgin but all in all,there are some days where you won't be able to move at all and I have to do a lot of things for you. Pobably give you a few days to be okay..

Maduo:You're scaring me.

Reba:Sorry..

He peeled the towel off and he applied her lotion on her arms.

Maduo:I am still lost..

Reba:You'll see baby girl..Let's just take it one step at a time.

Maduo:Please tell me..so I can at least prepare myself.

Reba:So you can refuse with what's mine?

Maduo:I won't.

Reba:Bolope...

Maduo laughed as he gently applied lotion on her legs. He massaged her thighs and he was good.

Reba:I am into BDSM..

Maduo:Wait...the Christian Grey kind of thing?

Reba:Yes..but..know what let's leave it at there..

Maduo:You won't hurt me?

Reba:No..

He said as he lotions the other leg and massaged her thighs.

Reba:Are you flexible?

Maduo:Yep...Yeah..

Reba:I need you to start doing flexibility exercises...

Maduo:Why?

Reba:We don't want you to strain your body when I put you in certain positions..

Maduo:Wow..

Reba:Just be a good girl for me..

Maduo frowned as she looked at him.

Maduo:what happens if I am a bad girl?

Reba:Let's just say you won't want me near you after that.

She shivered a bit as he stopped lotioning her and placed her on the bed.

Reba:Well what do you want to wear?

Maduo:Anything is fine.

He took out her maxi dress and threw it in her direction.

Reba:Will you be able to slip that down your body?

Maduo:I can try..

She said as she tried to do just that.

Reba:You're good..should probably take you to the lounge..

Maduo:My underwear?

Reba:No you're good. That sweet little thing between your legs needs to breath. It's red and

swollen.

Her cheeks burned.

Reba:Stop blushing.

He said as he picked her up and walked out of the room.

Reba:I am giving you today to heal..tomorrow I am hitting it..

Maduo:Aaah..

Reba:The moment you start to admit that..that little pussy is mine we'll be good..

Maduo:So blunt..

Reba:It's true and kana Maduo nka go bolaya ga o ka tsamaya o phakisa eketete ke di scones(and Maduo I would kill you if you give it away as if it's scones)

She wanted to laugh but he was serious.

Maduo:Ee rra..

Reba:Good.

He placed her on the couch,handed her the remote and covered her with the fleece.

She switched between different channels as he walked out.

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At Rebabedi's house

Maduo:You're cheating..

Reba:Just admit it that I am winning. Check mate.

Maduo:Mxm..taa ga ke ntsha a bo re simolola(I might remove the pieces and we start all over again)

Reba:you're a sore loser. Pun intended.

Maduo:Ng ng..

She just swept off the chess pieces with her hands and looked at Reba smirking.

Maduo:We are starting over.

Reba:This is the third round and you just don't want to admit defeat.

Maduo:Well you can't be good at everything.

Reba:We both know you're losing.

She hit him with one of the pieces as she started arranging them in order on the chess board.

Maduo:Well this one round I will win if not it will be a still mate.

Reba:Okay.

Maduo:the ancestors are with me on this one..

She blew air on her pieces.

Maduo:ngithi vumani booo...ba vuma badimo.

Reba:(chuckling)do what you must.

Reba arranged his and looked at her.

Reba:start.

Maduo moved the pawn two steps forward and looked at him as he moved his piece

Reba:Well..

Maduo:well this one I can feel it in my bones.

He looked at her. She was so loud.

They played for a few minutes and Maduo looked at him frustrated.

Maduo:Fine..fine..you win Rre Kgosi.

Reba:o ngadile?(are you upset?)

Maduo:Another game..cards..

Reba cocked an eyebrow.

Maduo:what? I learnt how to play cards with my dad..

Reba:I didn't say anything..

Maduo looked at him as he went to get the cards. Who knew that Rebabedi can be sweet too? He made breakfast and lunch today. He came with the cards and she looked at him. He was shirtless and this man was not really afraid to show off his great physique.

Maduo:Kgosi?

Reba:hmm?

Maduo:Well..

She brought her hands together and looked at him.

Maduo:We didn't use protection and I might fall pregnant in the long run.

Reba:I know..

Maduo:I have school ka August and how will being pregnant so early(sighing)

She just pushed her hair back as she looked at him.

Maduo:Are you even listening to me?

Reba:I am..

She sighed again as she leaned against the sofa and looked at him.

Maduo:I can't afford a pregnancy right at this moment. I..Kana imagine..(sighing again)

Reba saw how it was already stressing her.

Maduo:I can use contraceptives but I can't fall pregnant at the moment. We just got married and I am trying to wrap my head around this baby being a healer thing keore urg...plus school..I am literally left with 3 months till school and I have to..

Reba:Calm down. I hear you.

Maduo:But I feel as if you don't hear me..I don't want a baby as early as now..How will I take care of one when I am a student myself?

She just placed her head on the couch as she looked at him trying to gauge his reaction but nothing.

His face didn't reveal his emotions.

Maduo:I just wanted us to discuss this issue. I know this is my body and stuff like that but

you're the husband and the final decision is always yours.

Silence enveloped the room.

Reba: what are you suggesting?

Maduo: Till I finish school?

Reba: In five years?

Maduo: Most probably..

Reba: A year.

Her eyes widened. A year was basically just next year.

Maduo: B-But.. school?

Reba: Who said you're going to drop out?

Maduo: So basically I am going to have a child while still in school? How is this going to pan out? I mean leaving a baby when he or she is still young..

Reba: It will work out. Somehow.

Maduo:So like a year from now on we're having a baby?

Reba:Seems like it.

Maduo:weird. I never ever saw myself as a mother.

Reba:Never?

Maduo:Yes. I was probably going to be those one of those rich aunts that show up at events with lots of gifts. To be honest I was and still about chasing the bag. Tota Reba ke rata madi..ga ke batle go yaka(To be honest Reba,I love money. I don't want to lie)

She said as she looked at him. He smiled.

Maduo:You understand the money language so well..o tla nthusa di assignment?(you'll help me with assignments?)

Reba:Where possible..

Maduo:I already have a tutor but Reba what if I

am already pregnant? A big what if?

Reba:Then we take care of it?

Her heart skipped a beat. He can force her to kill a baby?

Maduo:take care of it as in an abortion?

Reba:No..I am not that cruel besides that's also my blood Maduo.

Maduo:So basically it is what it is..

He handed her the cards and she shuffled them.

At Miranda's place

She watched as the truck driver loaded her stuff in the truck.

Driver:Is this all of it?

Miranda:Yes..yes..

She sighed as she looked at the now empty house.

She had a lot of memories in this very house.

She closed the door as she locked the rented house.

She got inside Sasa's car.

Sarona:Good?

Miranda:Yeah..can you take me there to go drop off the keys? Maybe I will find something better ko Francistown.

Sarona:Have hope. Have you talked to them back home?

Miranda:Yeah. They are pretty angry with me and aunty ene was insulting me.

Sasa sighed as she started the car. She reversed out of the yard first before the truck driver did.

She waited by the side of the road and stared

driving once the truck was out of the yard.

Sarona:But what matter is a fresh start.

Miranda leaned back as she started thinking. A fresh start. Her cutting and dyeing her hair was part of the fresh start. She just needed to start over and find herself again.

The drive to the Solomon's was quiet as both of the ladies were silent.

When they arrived Miranda breathed in.

Miranda:Guess I have to do this on my own.
Thank you Sasa.

Sarona nodded as Miranda got out of the car.

Miranda opened the gate and she saw Thabiso's car side by side with his wife's car. She sadly walked to the door where she knocked.

The door was opened by Precious. She smiled a

bit as she looked at Miranda.

Precious:Hi..

Miranda:Uhm...hiii..I came to bring the house keys. And I apologize for the hurt I caused you.

Precious looked at her.

Precious:I guess it's in the past...

She took the house keys and Miranda let out a small smile.

Miranda:You're a good woman and I hope you forgive me.

Precious:As I said,it's in the past.

Miranda:Still..Uhm..I have to go. Thank you so much for your kidness last week. I appreciate it and I know I also contributed in hurting you with the aim of taking your man but you..(getting teary)You're such a good woman and may the Lord bless you because wow..

Precious:It's okay. You can go dear. I'm good.

Miranda nodded as she walked away and Precious looked at her with a smile. She was pretty with her blonde fade..

She closed the door and went to place the key on the stand.

Miranda got inside the car and looked at Sarona.

Miranda:let's do this. This chapter is closed and done.

Sarona:No going back?

Miranda:No cuz..God. Goals and Love.

Sarona:wena marn(laughing)

Miranda smiled.

Miranda:Ke serious. No more chasing after married men. I just need to find myself.

Sarona:Please do..you're still 26 for heaven's

sake and this was a mistake you made.

Miranda:Never again. I learnt my lesson. Maybe it was my karma.

Sarona:Miranda..

Miranda:I tend to see it that way. Precious is such a good woman and she did nothing to me honestly. I feel so bad though she says she forgave me but a part of me still thinks the pain she felt can never really be reversed.

Sarona:Lets go.

Miranda:To Francistown ngwaneso.

Sarona:Yes..

The car drove off followed by the truck.

At Rebabedi's place

Maduo threw the cards ag him.

Maduo:Mr,you're cheating.

Reba:You hate losing?

Maduo:Yes..yes..urg..

Reba:Nwa metsi..

Maduo glared at him and he chuckled.

Maduo:Is there anything you're not good at?

Reba:Nope..

Maduo:soduko?

Reba:Watch tv

Maduo:I'll be bored and besides you're keeping me company..

Reba:You hate being bored?

Maduo:veerryy..Monday then it's back to business.

He raised an eyebrow.

Maduo:the money won't make itself.

He laughed.

Reba:Bathong madi ga a sie(the money won't run away)

Maduo:Says the man with a truckload of it. If you could say you want a brand new car,it would be here by Monday right?

Reba:or Tuesday since it will be brand new and not second hand.

Maduo:You see? You have money. I want that.

Reba:okay.

He looked into her eyes and she bit her lower lip. Dammit she was still sore.

He tilted her head up and kissed her pink lips.

Reba:Stop looking at me like that,I'm trying to control myself here.

He said in between the kiss. She just placed her hands on his chest as she moaned in between the kiss.

Reba:Fuuck!!

He gently picked her up and placed her on the couch with him on top of her.

Maduo wrapped her hands around his neck to pull him closer to her. He took off her dress and he #EXPLICIT

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At Rebabedi's house

He went still while still inside of her and he French kissed her pink lips.

He slid it out and looked at a very teary Maddy.

H got off her and pulled the fleece over them as

he spooned her.

Reba:You good?

She nodded. The tears didn't stop.

Maddy:I..I..love you.

Reba froze and Maddy's heart leaped in her chest.

He sighed and just rubbed her arms.

Reba:Sleep. You must be tired.

Maduo felt her tiny heart break into pieces. He just brushed it off like that. Tears choked her and she just closed her eyes as her tears fell.

Maduo:okay(softly)

Her lower lip quivered as she held back the tears. She was the only one who had fallen in love in this relationship whilst he loved the sex

she guessed. Well she didn't mean to fall for him hook,line and sinker this fast but is there ever a time frame? A specific timetable for falling in love?

Her throat dried up and she swallowed painfully.

What the hell was she expecting? This was Rebabedi they were talking about and he couldn't just change like that but still it hurt like hell.

She ended up sleeping with a broken heart whilst Reba looked at her. She had fallen in love? Fuck! This was getting complicated and if they weren't married he would actually start running to the opposite direction.

Reba:Why did you have to say that though?(looking at her)

She was just complicating things and he didn't know how things will pan out after this.

At Rethabile's house

She finally picked up her phone with a heavy sigh.

Thabi:Hi.

Bogosi:So you knew?

She rolled her eyes. This was getting annoying.

Thabi:Bogosi what is it now?

Bogosi:I asked for her WhatsApp digits you refused and this past week you haven't been answering my calls.

Thabi:Its because you're starting to sound obsessive about the poor girl. She did tell me. She is married.

Bogosi:Does she even love him? She is still young and I..

Thabi:Stop hoping. She didn't want you when she was single and she still won't want you now that she is married.

Bogosi:You long knew?

Thabi:yes..

Bogosi:wow..

Thabi rolled her eyes again.

Thabi:she was never yours to begin with. Geez! Get that through your head.

Bogosi:It's hard. She was single then she is married all of a sudden.

Thabi:Just forget about her. I have to go.

She hung up and called Maduo. It rang unanswered and she hung up. Well she has another gig to prepare for,she will call her later.

At Terry's house

He called his uncles.

Terry:Malome,can I come over somewhere during this week?

Uncle:What's up?

Terry:these issues don't need to be discussed over the phone.

Uncle:okay.

He hung up as Lala stretched herself on the couch and looked at him.

Laone:Hey..

Terry:You fell asleep again.

Laone:(yawning) just tired.

Terry:Hmm..

Laone:mmmm..I love you.

Terry:I love you more.

He said as he pecked her lips and she smiled at him.

Laone dialed Sherry's number.

Sherry:Hello..

Laone:Her Sher..uhm well I have an idea..

Sherry:Okay,I am listening..

At the end of it Sherry responded.

Sherry:I will call Maduo and she will know what to do.

Laone:Thank you..That child o bua thata.

Sherry:Tell me about it.

Laone hung up and scrolled down pictures for events.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo woke up alone in bed and she closed her eyes again when she remembered that he brushed her off.

Tears filled her eyes again. The bedroom door opened and she turned to look at him.

Reba:Rested?

She nodded.

Reba:That's good. I have to go to Jwaneng by tomorrow and oversee a few things in regards to the new branch that side.

Wow! He never mentioned that this week. Why now? Why?

She kept quiet.

Reba:Maduo?

Maduo:It's okay. I will pack your clothes tomorrow morning,is that good?

Reba:Yeah..I will bring you food.

She nodded and he walked out.

So she was alone this whole week. All of a sudden he needs to travel. What a wow!

She turned her back and grabbed her phone from the bedside table.

She saw the missed calls from Thabi and Sherry.

She called Thabi back. She answered on the third ring.

Thabi:Hey..you weren't answering your phone.

Maduo:I was a bit busy what's up?

Rethabile:You sound down Maddy,what's wrong?

She blinked the tears back.

Maduo:I'm good. Don't worry about me.

Thabi:You know you can talk to me.

Maduo:I know. I know. I'm okay.

Thabi:Something is wrong but you'll tell me when you're ready. Anyways Bogosi called.

Maduo was already irritated.

Maduo:What did he want?

Thabi:He was on some Maduo is married nyai nywant her. Does she even nyav him..

Maduo burst out laughing and Rethabile smiled.

Maduo:Gosh! He doesn't give up does he?

Thabi:Mxm...I was so annoyed on your behalf friend.

Maduo:Urg man. He will get over himself nna wa ntena.

Thabi:Urg..how is married life treating you?

Maduo:Good actually. I have to go I will call you later okay?

Thabi:Sure Maduo..I have a gig to prepare for.

Maduo:Money bag.

Thabi:We chase the bag.

Thabi laughed before she hung up and Maduo placed her phone down. She will call Sherry later. She breathed in. Reba shouldn't stress her like this. She will be okay. Maybe with time he will love her. Yeah. Maybe.

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At Rebabedi's house

He sent the email to Tyler and he breathed in. He needed space to think. Away from her. Far away from her.

He closed his laptop as he sipped on his whiskey. He sighed as he placed the glass down and stood up. He walked to the door and held the door knob tightly. He opened the door and walked out. He headed to the kitchen where her food was. He put the plate on the tray along with a fork.

He walked to the bedroom and opened the door.

Reba:Food is ready.

Maduo:I'm good. Thanks.

She was facing the wall and he just placed the tray down.

Reba:I will be in the study if you need anything.

Maduo:ok. Thank you.

He walked out and he rubbed his jaw with a sigh. He headed back to the study whilst Maduo sat up and looked at the food. It looked appetizing but she won't eat it.

She grabbed her phone and called back Sherry.

Maduo:Sher?

Sherry:Good thing you called back..Laone just called me.

Sherry told her the plan.

Maduo:I'm in. Totally in. So I will do a few things from my side and I should be there in a month?

Sherry:Right. Gives us time to plan things.

Maduo:Okay..so we're sending money?

Sherry:Yes. Not a lot though.

Maduo:Got it...Thank you for letting me know.

Sherry:Okay. I have to go,I have an incoming call.

Maduo:Sure cuz..bye.

She hung up and decided to scroll through Facebook. She looked at the plate of food and she just bit her lip. She shouldn't give in to temptation. She went through the annoying inboxes of guys saying hi. She rolled her eyes. So annoying.

She ended up placing her food down.

Maduo:Ng ng..I might die of hunger here. She wrapped herself using the sheet and slowly got out of bed. She will use this week to heal. She needs to heal. She has a lot she has to do this week while he is gone for business.

She walked to the other side to get to the tray.
Well it looked delicious.

She sat on the carpet and just started digging in.

Maduo:(moaning)isn't there anything he is not good at?

She finished the whole serving and looked at the plate. The food was soo nice?

She slowly dragged her sore self to bed and she closed her eyes. She has to pack his clothes tomorrow so she better get her rest.

Later into the night Reba finally walked inside the room and he saw the empty plate. She did eat.

He took it to the kitchen before switching off all the house lights. He went to the room and got undercovers. He just pulled her small body to his and she snuggled into his chest.

At Miranda's new place

This was a really small one roomed house but she had no choice. She had to use the little she has wisely and look for a job.

Her things were squeezed inside the room. She sighed. Sarona had decided to sleep at a guest house somewhere in town. This was just a new lifestyle for her.

They packed some of the stuff into the night and some of her things were in boxes. There was just no space here. She will see what she will do. Maybe sell some and start rearranging things again.

She boiled the water with a kettle and she scrolled down her Facebook through the posts.

She went to the Find Jobs group and she went through the posts. Anything was fine with her at this point. Even being a maid was okay. She was still looking for one where her qualifications were actually needed.

Sarona's call came through.

Miranda:Sasa..

Sarona:I am heading to your place.

Miranda:I am not yet done..where are we going?

Sarona:You have your CVs with you?

Miranda:mhmm...

Sarona:Just hand them in today. You might just be hired or they might consider you when hiring.

Miranda:Thanks. Can I call you when I am done?

Sarona:Sure..

She poured the hot water in the small bucket

and she walked outside in her gown to the main tap where she filled another bucket with water. She quickly rushed to the small room and poured the water in the plastic bath tub they had bought yesterday.

She should get used to this lifestyle and fast. She got undressed and got inside the bathtub.

At Rebabedi's place

Maduo packed the last of his clothes in the suitcase and she sighed. The tension in between them was just too much and she honestly did not know that confessing her feelings would result in such. She had no idea. He walked inside the room with water droplets on his chest and she excused herself.

She went to the kitchen where she got started on his breakfast. She will be good.

Reba grabbed his suitcase and he carried it to the car. He went to get his gadgets and documents.

When everything was in the car he sighed. He walked to the kitchen and found her hovering over the stove.

Maduo:(smiling)breakfast will be ready. Give me...

Reba:(interrupting her)I have to go.

Her smile faded.

Maduo:oh.

She switched off the stove and fake smiled at him. She went to him and kissed his cheek.

Maduo:Have a safe journey. Bye.

She said in the most fakiest happy voice and he almost cringed hearing her say that.

Maduo could just feel him pulling back and her heart broke. Okay. He will come around. She told herself again as she hugged him and let him go. She smiled at hom.

He walked out of the kitchen and she looked up. She poured water in a glass and she drank the water. She was not okay.

Reba got inside the car and placed his head on the steering wheel.

He reversed out of the yard and he joined the main road.

Meanwhile Maduo drank another glass of water. Why did it hurt like this? She looked around the kitchen and she just took the pots. She spilled

the food into the trash can with tears welled up in her eyes. He didn't even want to eat her damn food.

Maduo:Damn you Reba(crying)Daamn you!!!!

Reba thought of turning the car around and going back home. He chuckled and pushed the urge down. He had to get his mind ckeared and straight.

At Miranda's house

She sat on the bed next to Sasa who smiled at her.

Sarona:our work is fone.

Miranda:Yes..I also saw this post on Facebook. They are looking for cleaners.

Miranda: Take the offer. Apply. Anything is good. I will also look for a job that suits your qualifications.

Miranda: please do. This room is tiny as a matchbox.

Sarona: To save money.

Miranda: Yes...thank you Sasa..I don't deserve your kindness but you're doing all of this for me.

Sarona: We are family remember? So quit thanking me and start taking charge of your life.

Miranda: (laughing) yes mam.

The two chatted in between the laughter and Miranda felt that she was finally doing something right.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo went through his photos and she wiped her tears. She will be good. She still has her plans this week. She then went to her contact list and she thought about calling him. If he was safe? Did he arrive in Jwaneng? Was he okay? Her heart raced at the thought of him being involved in an accident. She looked at the time. If he was in Jwaneng he must've arrived an hour ago. She looked up the ceiling. She threw her phone on the bed. He probably won't answer the phone. If he arrived why didn't he call her? This love thing was just making her heart ache and she didn't know how to stop the ache in her chest.

She rubbed her chest as she held back tears. She loved her husband but did he even love her or was he in love with what she offered?

At Jwaneng

Rebamedi booked into a guest house. He went through his contacts and thought of calling her but her stopped just as he was about to press the green button to call her. Tyler's name flashed and he answered.

Reba:Tyler.

Tyler:Where did you book in?

He gave him the details.

Tyler:I am on my way.

Reba:Sure.

He hung up and looked at Maduo's name before he slid his phone into the pocket and he headed to the room he was given. He didn't even have the energy to be picky about anything. He needed to think. Maybe this distance away from

her will make him to reassess everything because he hated not knowing what to do next.

Tyler parked his car and he checked in inside the same guest house as Reba. Maybe this will give them a chance to talk. Reba was evasive as hell and so closed off it was scary.

He walked to his room and called Reba. His phone rang unanswered and he sighed. He will see him in this place soon.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo saw him online on Facebook and she held back her tears. So much for worrying about him. She called her mother who answered immediately.

Precious:Hello baby..

Maduo's lower lip quivered. How did she fall for him kante to the point that she is crying like this.

Precious:Maddy? Baby are you okay?

She just quickly hung up and switched off her phone. She threw it on the bed as she bit her lower lip.

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2 days later

At Jwaneng

Reba stood by the site in overalls as the men walked inside the building with the equipment. Tyler stood next to him and he shook his head.

Tyler:They might be done in a month.

Reba:Yeah.

Tyler:You do know you don't have to come monitor them. Seems like they were doing fine.

Reba:Are you telling me how to run my company?

Tyler:Calm the fuck down Rebabedi! No one said that good God!

Reba sighed as he took off the helmet and watched.

Tyler:For someone who just got married you have a lot of pent up anger and frustration.

Reba:Shut up!

Tyler:Rebabedi I won't shut up. You're running!

Reba hated to admit that he was right dammit! He kept quiet as he looked straight ahead.

Tyler:Aah..So I am right. You're running but you do know you won't stay in Jwaneng forever. How about a drive? Clear the air because this(pointing between him and Reba)won't just disappear. We have a lot of unresolved issues and at the end of the day it comes back to the issues no matter how much you run.

With that the two walked to the respective cars and drove off.

At Francistown

Maduo walked around town. She was wearing her glasses.

Maduo:Dang!It's hot. I need icecream.

She said as she walked to the nearest shop to buy a small tub of icecream.

She went through her to do list. He had sent a message last night and she was no longer sad. Okay. She was but more furious with his selfish self. She clicked her tongue.

She had to head to the Department of Transport. She needed to buy that book so that she could finally write their test and head to school.

She sat on the bench and she went through her

social media. She shared Rethabile's post. She was self advertising so she had to help her friend to make it in life.

Her phone rang.

Maduo:Mama..

Precious:Are you okay?

Maduo:Yes mama..as okay as I would ever be.

Precious:When you called the last time??

Maduo:pssh..it's nothing mama..I am in town mama,can I call you later?

Precious:okay.

Maduo:Alright. Love you and bye.

She hung up as she ate her icecream and threw the container in the nearby trash can.

Maduo:Now let's explore town baby girl.

She stood up as she put her phone in the bag

and kept walking around town.

At Jwaneng

The two cousins stopped by an unknown location as they both parked their stylish cars next to each other.

Reba got out first and he leaned against the car. Tyler did the same and silence enveloped them before Tyler cleared his throat.

Tyler:Did you get therapy?

Reba:I don't do that shit!!

Tyler:No wonder you're so fucked up man.

Reba:I was fine and still am. There is no need for therapy.

Tyler:And you cut everything off Reba. Communication and all and just upped and left

for Canada.

Reba:It was safer(sighing)

Tyler:Safer you say? The Kgosi name is a household one..they are dead Rebabedi,you are letting the past define your present.

Reba breathed in as he put his hands in his pockets.

Reba:Tyler you weren't the one whom was taken for a whole year.

Tyler:Because you sacrificed yourself for me. Dammit Rebabedi it's in the motherfucking past!!

Reba:The past that changed me you fool!!(shouting)

Tyler ran his hands through his mohawk afro as he chuckled looking at Reba.

Tyler:You want a fight big man?

Reba:I don't want to kill your ass..

Tyler:Now you're talking..You know what I did after you left? I left and did a whole year of therapy at the states.

Reba:I do not need therapy..

Tyler:You do. You are not the same.

Reba:I can't be the same as I was over ten years ago can I?

Tyler:You're angry and you can't forgive yourself..

Reba chuckled in disbelief.

Reba:Forgive myself? Ke itirile eng nna jaanong?(What did I do to myself now?)

Tyler:I know you're all macho and you can't believe it happened. Not tryinna be wise or shit but you're still running from a past you can't change. You should be with your young wife but you're outchea at company sites.

Reba:(sighed)Tyler you won't understand.

Tyler:Try me. You don't need to push everyone out. I mean not everyone is out to get you. Some actually care and believe it or not your siblings love your fucked up self.

Reba:(murmuring)Even Maddy..

Tyler:Huh?

He shook his head as he looked down.

Reba:You were there but after I helped you escape it got worse. Fuck! I saw my own father being killed. My idol being killed in front of me. He could be here right now.

Tyler could hear his voice breaking. He got off easily and this one heading a whole organization was out here breaking because of what happened.

Reba kicked a stone as he looked up. Fuck! He

had to be strong. His past can't touch the man he is now.

Tyler:But it still doesn't give you a reason to push you out. The family was there.

Reba:But the family couldn't and are never able to understand. The feeling of your masculinity being stripped away from you. Losing everything in the blink of an eye. You see that man? Kgololo Kgosi? That man was my motherfucking everything and he died. I couldn't do a damn thing to save him. What shrink would understand that? The past is better buried. They wanted to break me to the point of no return but here I am(sadly chuckling)

Tyler sadly looked at Reba. He was still broken but emotionally. He saw it. He had been like this for the first years after everything had happened.

Tyler:Man!

He rubbed his jaw as he sighed.

Reba:I am good.

Tyler:not emotionally. Emotionally you're lacking and it shows. Why the hell are you here in Jwaneng? You have a wife for fucks sake.

Reba:Don't you think I know that!(shouting) It has been drilled into me that I long had a wife and I know that damn fact.

Tyler:And you know why..go to here and get out of here.

Reba:It's not that simple.

Tyler:It is. I will deal with everything here and you just go.

Reba:I am spending the week here.

Tyler:Fuck you Rebabedi!!

Reba:Tyler are you really spoiling for a fight?!

could really use one..

He said smirking and Tyler laughed.

Tyler:Reba o ntse o rata ntwana(Reba you still like fights) some things never change.

Reba chuckled as he looked at Tyler.

Tyler:But go home man,I'm sure the kid misses you.

Reba:My wife is not a kid..

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:You're only saying that cause you've already fucked her.

Reba:Wa swaba Tyler..

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:This was good. Don't run Reba. Just face your demons. I mean this time you have someone the ancestors handpicked for your ungrateful ass. Go to her man. Some of us are

still single.

Reba raised an eyebrow.

Reba:Whatever you think you had with Sasha is over akere?

Tyler's heart skipped. He knew?

Reba:I knew. That is my sister and you are basically like her older brother. Stop that shit!
Nka go bolaya Tyler kana.

Tyler:Well it's over before anything can happen.

Reba:Good. You should know better. She is your blood relative and you don't fuck your cousin.

Tyler:I heard you. The brotherhood still on?

Reba:Don't push your luck..

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:I guess you're agreeing. I missed you man.

He extended his fist and Reba hit it with his own

fist and they faced the sun as they both reflected their pasts, present and future.

At Francistown

Maduo stood by the taxi rank. She was learning the town and that means even the taxis.

She checked the time on her phone. All she needed was a warm bath and some relaxing music.

A guy saw her standing idly and he could tell she was new in town. She was pretty too.

Maduo rubbed her ring finger. She had forgotten the ring when she left home.

Him: Excuse me.

She turned and saw the guy. He looked like a

skrr skrr kid. Those ones from rich homes and speak the language they always have a lot of difficulty interpreting.

Maduo:Hi.

Him:I saw you standing there and I was like she looks new.

Maduo:You got that right.

He looked at her. Her lips pink and with those baby cheeks. A whole weave and she was hot. She looked familiar though. He didn't know from where but he saw that face before.

Him:The name is Tlhompfo

Maduo:Hi Tlhompfo..do you know where I can find di taxi tsa ko Molapo?

Tlhompfo:Rich kid..

Maduo:Mxm!! just moved this side..

Tlhompho:I live in that area too.

Maduo:Ooh!Really..now direct me to the taxis.

Tlhompho:I didn't get your name..

Maduo:Maduo..I was actually kind of scared.

Tlhompho:of what?

Maduo:Macheki kana le bua dilo..

Tlhompho laughed. She was open and he saw how pretty she was when she smiled.

Tlhompho:Like what?

Maduo:(laughing)yalls would say stuff like I was lahming in my bando..things like that mxm...nkise di taxing tsa Molapo rra..

Tlhompho:Yes mam.

He smiled back at her as she removed her specs to rub her eyes. Fuck!

He feigned indifference as he led her to the taxis and they both got inside.

Maduo:I don't know where specifically but I will find out. This city is small..

Thompho:You used to live in Gabs?

Maduo:Yes dude..

The taxi started.

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At Francistown

The taxi stopped in front of the house and
Maduo paid.

Maduo: Thank you.

Thompho: You live here?

Maduo: Yeah..

Thompho got out of the taxi the same time as
Maduo after he paid.

Thompho: Our house is a few houses away.

Maduo: Okay.

Thompho: So your parents let you go out just
like that?

Maduo laughed.

Maduo: Now you're asking way too many
questions..

Tlhompho:I'm just interested in getting to know you..

Maduo:Don't be. O tla ikgolega Mr..

Tlhompho:Are you seeing someone?

Maduo:That was fast but yes and he is not the type you want to cross. But we can still be friend..

She said with an unsure smile.

Tlhompho:Let me take you out then you can make your decision..

Maduo:I don't think that would be a great idea..

Tlhompho:Then as friends then..maybe a slow walk around the area tomorrow?

Maduo bit her lip and Tlhompho flashed a smile.

Maduo:Okay..okay..fine...tomorrow then.

Tlhompho:Number?

Maduo:uh uh..not giving you that. Boy bye!

He smiled as he walked away. Maduo entered the passcode before the gate opened.

She was not done exploring this town. After all Reba lived here.

She walked to the house and she thoughtfully sighed. She should really try out his gym room. He said he won't be here a whole week so she had freedom to do anything she wanted.

She smiled as she punched in the code and slid the door open.

At Jwaneng

Reba held the beer glass in his hand as he and Tyler watched the sun set.

Tyler:What now?

Reba:I don't know.

Tyler:I am not stealing your position you know..

Reba:I know..

Tyler:Well at least we cleared the air..I still think you should go for therapy.

Reba:Can we drop the therapy issue.

Tyler:You have to. I mean you're married and you have to be emotionally available for the kid.

Reba:What's up with you and calling my wife a kid?(laughing)

Tyler:And I still say you saw her as one till you fucked her.

Reba:Shut up! Go get yourself your own wife..

Tyler:Ooh!(laughing)But I guess you should trust her.

Reba:Who made you Dr Phil dude?

Tyler:Life. Life has fucked us up on more ways

than one.

Reba raised his glass.

Reba:No better truth than that. I think we should get going.

Tyler:Sure.

They both got inside their cars and drove off to the Guest House.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo laid on the bed as she went through WhatsApp statuses. She knew Rebabedi wasn't the type to post anything at all. She frowned when she saw a picture of him by the car. The sunset was beautiful but who took the picture if he was on a business trip?

She wanted to reply his status but she was probably going to come off as being clingy.

Besides he doesn't even love her. She went to Facebook and she opened the message.'Found you ' she smiled. He found her Facebook account so fast.

She texted him back with a smile. They texted back and forth as she laid on her back on the bed.

Reba's call came through and her smile disappeared. She hung up and continued texting Tlhomphe.

Reba bit his lip. Baby girl was probably angry with him,he did brush her off brutally whilst he was with her. He leaned against the door before he sighed and headed to the bathroom.

Tlhomphe:Can I call you?

She sent him his dials and in a few minutes he called.

She answered the phone with a smile.

Maduo:Eitah lecheki..

Tlhomphe:Mxm..you have a sweet voice.

Maduo:(blushing)thank you..

She got out of bed and walked to the kitchen.
She placed the phone between her shoulder and ear.

Tlhomphe:Are your parents that strict?

Maduo:You have no idea.

Tlhomphe:I could talk to them and tell them I like their daughter.

Maduo:(laughing)please don't. O tla mpolaisa batho kana wena..

Tlhomphe:What?It will be me being honest.

Maduo:I still want to be the good daughter Mr.

She took out the macaroni cheese in the fridge.
She put it in the microwave.

Tlhomphe:At least I know where you live..

Maduo:at least..

She leaned against the counter as she talked to him. Laughing and blushing here and there.

Tlhomphe:From the social media hearsay,people say you're married.

Maduo:Don't tell me you honestly believe what social media says..did you see a ring on my finger?

Tlhomphe:No..

Maduo:Then that's that..

She took her food out of the microwave and sat on the couch as they talked.

Maduo:Airtime ga e fele?

Tlhomphe:Rich kids of Francistown..

Maduo:Fokk..tswa ha tlhe..

Tlhomphe:So how is Maruapula?

Maduo:Good. Like really good,I can hook you up with this friend of mine..

Tlhomphe:Girls don't get it(laughing)I wouldn't be talking to you if I wanted your friend.

Maduo:But you can't get me(in a playful voice)

Tlhomphe:I want you to say that to my face tomorrow.

Maduo:Mxm..chill nigga.

Tlhomphe:and she calls me the skrr skrr guy..

Maduo:You are one. I was taught to tell the truth at all times.

Tlhomphe:oooh really?

Maduo blushed even harder

Maduo:Yes really..

Tlhomphe:Goodnight baby girl. It's probably

past your curfew.

When he said baby girl she remembered how Reba called her that in that deep voice of his that made her seem somehow.

Maduo:And he knows curfew. Bye.

She hung up and ran her hands through her weave. She went back to WhatsApp and she changed her dp and put herself.

She looked at the phone. She thought of calling Reba but if it was important he would call again.

She headed to the kitchen to wash he plate then she switched off all the lights in the house before heading to the bedroom.

She got undercovers and closed her eyes.
Today was such an eventful day.

As she was asleep her phone rang endlessly till it finally stopped without her hearing a thing.

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Let's cooperate next time.

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Next insert later guys..not sure what time.

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At Jwaneng

Reba walked out of the bathroom with a towel hung around his waist. He picked up his wedding band as he placed it on his finger. Maybe he did need this break away to get his thoughts in order.

Tyler did speak a lot of sense.

He picked up his phone and thought of dialing Maduo but he paused.

He called Tyler.

Tyler:Grootman.

Reba:You can stay here,I am going back.

Tyler:At least I knocked some sense into that head of yours. And lose the armour.

Reba:Don't get too excited.

Tyler:Whatever. You can email the rest of the things and drop the documents off team captain.

Reba:Sure..

He hung up as he sat on the bed.

At Francistown

Maduo woke up with a smile. The events of yesterday played out in her mind. She felt guilty. Only a bit but she will be fine. She checked her

phone and she saw his missed calls.

She rolled her eyes as she got out of bed and headed to the bathroom. She started to brush her teeth but her phone ringing disturbed her.

She walked back to the bedroom and she saw the caller id. She cleared her throat.

Maduo:Morning.

Tlhompho:Hey you..

She smiled.

Maduo:How are you?

Tlhompho:Good now that I spoke to the pretty lady.

Maduo:Stop it(laughing while blushing)

Tlhompho:You're blushing right? I have that charm..

Maduo:Mxm..foseek..

Tlhompho:You're insulting me?

Maduo:I will call you back in an hour. I have to do something.

Tlhompho:Sure.

He hung up and she smiled as she placed her phone down next to her ring. Her eyes fell onto the ring and that guilt surfaced but what he doesn't know won't hurt him. Besides it's only Wednesday and he is coming back on Friday.

She reassured herself. She headed back to the bathroom with a spring in her step.

At At Dazzling Spa&Beauty Treatments

Nicole manned the reception as their boss walked inside.

Boss:Can you call Rachel for me?

Nicole:Of course mam..

The boss walked to her office and Nicole dialed Rachel's number.

Rachel:What is it?

Nicole:Boss lady wants to see you..

Rachel's heart skipped a beat.

Rachel:What does she want?

Nicole:She didn't say,she just wants you in her office as in now.

Rachel breathed in.

Rachel:Okay. Let me head there.

Nicole:Besides we need to talk Rachel..

Rachel:If you're planning to lecture me,forget it Nikky.

Nicole ran her hands through her braids and looked at the register book.

Nicole:Rachie don't do this to yourself..

Rachel:bye and thanks for letting me know.

She hung up and Rachel rubbed her hands together as she left the spa room.

She kept playing different scenes in her head about why she could be called to the office.

She knocked.

Boss:Come in.

She walked inside as the boss indicated a chair.

She sat down and placed her hands on her lap.

Boss:Rachel I like you but you do know I don't condone nonsense.

Rachel:Yes mam.

Boss:I received a complaint on Monday..

She swallowed.

Rachel:A complaint?

Boss:yes Rachel...a complaint. A client actually wanted to get you fired for not speaking to her

in a polite way.

Rachel:ooh..

She fidgeted as she looked at her boss.

Boss:I assured her that I will give you a written warning. She was really distressed about how you talked to her on Friday. She said she wasn't okay.

Rachel wanted to roll her eyes. That little bitch!

Rachel:I really apologise for my behavior mam. It was a ad day and I guess I lost it.

Boss:Rachel we leave our problems at home. If our clients can't be relaxed in this place why are we even operating. I set up a meeting for you and her on Friday. I assured her that you will apologize.

Rachel:Of course mam. I will do so and I admit I was out of line.

Boss:Just make sure it never happens again.

We can't afford to lose client.

Rachel:Of course mam.

She was handed the written warning and she left the office. She rolled her eyes. She was attacking her job now? What a little bitch. She walked to the reception.

Nicole:I know that look..

Rachel:She reported me that little slut..

Nicole:Whoa! Leave me out of it. What you did on Friday was unprofessional and I would also report you.

Rachel looked at her in shock.

Rachel:You're on her side?

Nicole:Don't be silly. You and Reba are no longer together and I don't know why you're fuming. You should be grateful you still have your job.

Rachel stomped on the tile as she angrily

walked away and Nicole resumed her duties.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo tied her weave back and she glanced at her ring again. The wave of guilt came again but she pushed it down. She wore her sneakers and grabbed her phone.

She walked out of the room and she went to the lounge. She switched off her phone and decided to leave it in the lounge. She got out of the house and she walked out of the yard.

She saw Tlhompho and she fixed her smile. More guilt weighed her down as Rebabedi's threats played in her mind and she swallowed. He wasn't here. He wasn't here. He doesn't love her. He doesn't love her. She repeated that mantra in her head.

Tlhompho:you good?

Maduo:Yep..so we are walking up to where?

Tlhompho:Just around.

Maduo:Okay.

They started walking around till they got back to where they started which was Maduo's house.

Meanwhile Rebabedi's car turned on the street as he blasted Blaq Diamond's Love Lettter.

He smirked when he remembered how she made him dance at the wedding.

Maduo was busy talking to Tlhompho.

Tlhompho:We should do it again.

Maduo:Definitely.

He unexpectedly pulled her into a hug and she just let him be as she patted his back. Her eyes widened when she saw the car stop by the gate. Tlhompho slowly broke the hug as he looked into her eyes. Maduo's heart pounded in her chest and Tlhompho frowned. He turned and saw the car that was in front. Probably her parents no wonder she was this scared.

Reba's smile faded as he saw the scene. He breathed in as he got out of the car. So much for letting people in. He was furious with himself for even thinking that he was going to finally let her in.

Maduo's eyes widened. He was here. Fuck!!

She placed her hand on her chest as she rubbed it. She was frozen in place and she needed more oxygen.

He looked yummy in that denim jacket and white tee and those white denims. He looked extra hot but that was not the issue here.

He removed his shades and he shot her one dangerous look and she wished the ground could open up and swallow her alive. Tlhompho on the other hand was shocked. He was seeing thee Rebabedi Kgosi in person.

He looked at Maduo. She didn't tell him that she was his sister.

No wonder she looks like she has just seen a ghost. He didn't have anything to say.

Rebabedi entered the passcode and he walked back to his car as he drove inside the yard.

Maduo wished she was dead right now.

Maduo:I have to go..

Tlhompho:I..

Before he could even continue she was inside the yard and the gate was closing.

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At Rebabedi's house

He parked his car and he got out. He walked to the boot to get his luggage.

Maduo leaned against the gate as her heart pounded. Oh shit! She didn't know what he was going to say to her. Shit! He didn't say he was going to come earlier. She then remembered that she didn't even answer his calls.

Maduo:Shit!!

She breathed in as she watched him get inside the house. She looked at her finger. No ring too. What the hell was she thinking? Shit!!

She waited for a few minutes outside before she silently walked to the house biting her nails. She did nothing wrong. Will she be able to lie to his face and dammit why did Thompho have to hug her. Dammit! She wanted to kick herself in the face for her stupidity.

She slid the glass door and she knew how quick

this man was to anger. She bit her lower lip as she got inside the door and didn't find him in the lounge.

Maduo:Kgosi(shaky voice)

Reba:In the room baby girl.

He was oddly calm and she wanted to be relieved but her guilt didn't let her be. She was wrong on so many levels.

She walked to the room and she found him unpacking the clothes. He had gotten rid of the denim jacket and his muscles were out on display. She licked her dry lips as he silently removed the clothes from his suitcase.

She sat awkwardly on the bed as she watched him till he was done. She didn't know if it was him being away for a few days but he definitely

looked different. He looked gautsable and calm.

She fiddled with her fingers breathing in.

Maduo:I swear on my own life,whatever you saw...there is nothing going on...

Reba just looked at her as he put his hands in his pockets.

Reba:Maduo wee...

Maduo:Rra?

Reba:Don't piss me off(calmly)

Maduo:I'm just trying to explain..

Reba:Did I ask for an explanation?

Maduo:Nnyaa rra.

His eyes fell on her hands and he saw that she was not wearing her ring. Wow!

Maduo quickly hid her hands behind her back.

Maduo:Kgosi..I..

Reba:Maduo shut the fuck up o ise o ntene..

She quickly shut up with her hands still behind her. He was calm but his looks were deadly.

She didn't know if she should be scared and run for her life.

She expected him to shout but he was calm. Too calm for her liking. Now she didn't know what to expect.

He walked out and she already knew that he thought she was a cheating. But she didn't sleep or even kiss the dude.

She stood up and took her ring. She slid it on her finger and she flexed her hand. She was fucked in more ways than one.

She walked out of the room and she looked for him. She found him in the kitchen and she sighed. She rubbed her chest. This was already

giving her chest pains and he didn't do anything to her.

Maduo:Reba..I am..

He looked at her as he chuckled.

Reba:nnana Reba ke mang?ke molekane wa gago?(kid who is Reba?Am I your age mate?)

Maduo:Nyaa rra..

Her voice was shaky and Reba could see that. He placed the glass down and walked towards her. She just moved back till her back hit the pantry door and he trapped her there.

Reba:Maduo wa ntlwaela akere?

Maduo:Nyaa rra..

He smirked as he looked at her frightened face.

Reba:The things I would to you. Do you want to hate me doll?

She shook her head.

Reba:Good. Because if you keep trying to explain when I am in this state of mind I am going to fuck you up so bad. Do you want to be fucked up?

She shook her head again.

Reba:Mhmm...let me calm down before we can talk. I don't trust you at the moment doll. Not one bit.

She nodded. He now didn't trust her. Love can develop overtime but it's difficult to trust someone again. She blinked her tears back.

Reba:Don't do that. I'm a sadist baby girl and at the moment I would enjoy it dearly to see you in pain and begging for my mercy so don't you dare cry cause it makes me happy.

He lightly brushed his fingers along her defined cheek bones. He looked at her pink lips and he chuckled.

Reba:You look so innocent right now...

Maduo looked at him and he was really enjoying seeing her scared. She didn't know what his next move was.

Reba:Stay out of my way. I don't want to do things to you because they can never be undone. The love you thought you had for me will evaporate in an instant. You're too innocent for that right Maddy?

She was scared right now. The calmness in his deep voice scared the hell out of her.

He lightly kissed her forehead.

Reba:But when and if I want to fuck you up Maddy,I won't ask for your permission. I own you baby. Remember that.

He moved away and walked out and Maduo burst into tears. Why the hell was she even

crying now? Fuck! She was scared of him.

She walked to the lounge sobbing as she grabbed her phone.

She headed to the bedroom. He was not there. Probably avoiding her now. She looked at her ring and more tears made their way to her eyes.

She wiped her tears away with her hands. She looked up and still more tears made their way to her eyes.

She wiped them till she couldn't. She sobbed alone in the bedroom.

When she couldn't cry anymore she just switched on her phone. She placed it on the stand as she thought about her actions. Was she actually gonna date Tlhompho in secret when it came down to it? He like really really liked her and she was just using him to forget that Reba hurt her. She even denied being married. Wow!

Her phone rang and it was Tlhompho. She patted her cheeks and answered the phone.

Maduo:Hello..

Tlhompho frowned at the other end of the line. She sounded a bit down.

Tlhompho:Are you good?

Maduo:yeah..

There was silence.

Tlhompho:I hope you didn't get in trouble with your brother because of me..

She was already in trouble and the calm Reba scared the hell out of her.

Maduo:Tlhompho I need to tell you something.

Tlhompho:I am listening.

Maduo:I am sorry if I lied to you or led you on. It was very stupid of me.

Tlhomphe:What are you talking about? Are you in trouble with your brother and parents because of me?

She breathed in.

Maduo:Mr Kgosi is not my brother.

Tlhomphe:I am lost. On Facebook you're Maduo Kgosi.

Maduo:Yes.(clearing her throat)I'm married.

Tlhomphe:You're not just saying that to push me off. I can go apologise to your brother.

Maduo:I am not just saying that. I'm married.

Tlhomphe:Wow..

Tlhomphe didn't know what to say.

Tlhomphe:So..

Maduo:Sorry. I really am. I wasn't thinking when I led you on and made you think you stood a chance. Uhm..I am sorry.

Tlhompho: So you were using me cause you were bored?

Maduo: You initiated the walk.. Look I am sorry for all the emotional pain that I caused you even if we met just yesterday. Just don't call this number ever again. Bye.

She said before she hung up and blocked his number and went on to block him on social media.

She placed her hands on her knees as she held back tears. In her attempt to block the pain she used another. When did she change to be this kind of person? Rebabedi said she should give him space to calm down but will she wait on him to be calm? She didn't want to even call her mother because she will get a long ass lecture and if she was there physically a slap too. Just to knock sense into her head.

She sighed.

Meanwhile Reba worked his body out to the point of exhaustion in the gym. He was already used to the pain and he wanted to push his body more. He will deal with this issue in the morning.

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today so I have a hectic day today good people.

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#60

At Rebabedi's house

He walked out of the gym exhausted and covered in sweat. He walked to the bedroom and stopped by the door when he heard her little sobs. He sighed as he walked inside. She looked up with her red rimmed eyes.

She wiped her tears as she looked at him. He walked into the bathroom.

Maduo just kept on wiping her tears away. He

looked at her and just walked away. She really pissed him off.

She was so stupid. Maybe he had a reason for coming home early and like the child she was she ignored his calls. Then all of this drama would have not happened. She heard the water running in the bathroom and she just looked at the door. She got undressed and wrapped a towel around herself. She walked to the bathroom and she slid open the shower door as she lost her towel. She came face to face with the tattooe on his broad back. She swallowed as she walked a few steps towards him. Her hair was getting wet but that was not important for the time being.

She placed her small hands around him as she placed her forehead on his back. Her tears mixed with the water.

Maduo:I'm sorry. I know you won't trust me after this but I am sorry Kgosi. I know what I did was wrong. I cheated emotionally and that on it's own is wrong. Ke go tlwaetsa bananyana and I know you feel so disrespected. I am disappointed in myself because what I did was not me. I acted out in pain in an attempt to block the feelings.

Her lower lip quivered as her tears fell on his back.

Maduo:I am really sorry.

Reba held her small hands and slowly took them off his chest. Maduo's heart broke.

He turned to face her and pushed her against the shower wall. Her breathing quickened.

He didn't want to say anything at the moment. He didn't want to be distracted by her body when he speaks.

He just lifted her head up and kissed her lips.
He missed those lips of hers.

She gave in to the kiss as she moaned into his mouth. She felt his hard on and she got wet instantly.

Reba:I'm about to fuck you against this wall.
Don't stop me.

He said with his lips close to her mouth she nodded as he picked her one leg and placed it on his shoulder. Without warning he rammed into her tight jar and she gasped as pain and pleasure hit her at once.

She arched her back against the wall as he hit it deep and hard.. she moaned into his mouth as he placed her hands above her head.

Reba:Fuuck!! I missed this..

She milked him as her walls clenched around his shaft. Her toes curled as her eyes rolled to the back of her head.

Maduo:Reba...aaah..yes..

He kept his deep strokes and fucked her even after she orgasmed. When he was done he slid it out and watched as his semen from from her. He placed her leg gently down and kissed her forehead.

Reba:Good girl.

He turned her around. Her hands her on the shower wall and he hit from behind. Fuck!

He finally came and he let got of her hands. She held onto the wall for a bit of stability. The water hit her and it washed away their fluid. He kissed her neck gently as he turned her around to kiss her lips.

His hands held her small wasit.

Reba:Let's get out of here. We need to talk.

Her heart skipped when he said they had to talk.

They couldn't ignore the issue she guessed.

He closed the water off and he held her shoulders as he guided her out of the shower and bathroom.

They got to the bedroom and he walked nude to the wardrobe,he took out a pair of boxers and threw her,her gown.

She wore it and they both sat down on the couch.

She sighed and looked at him. He was still calm and the shame just ate her up. She looked down as she fidgeted with her hands.

Maduo:I am sorry.

Reba:Maduo?

Maduo:Rram

Reba:Ga ke rate go tlwaetswa basimanyana
Maduo.

Maduo:I know and I apologize. It showed that I undermined your authority. I wasn't supposed to do that. I know I was very wrong in entertaining another male. I assure you that I didn't kiss him or do anything sexual with him. Hell I met him maabane at the taxi rank..(breathing in)I am sorry again.

Reba looked at her and she was being sincere.

Reba:You were upset?

Maduo:The rejection. I didn't take it well. In my small mind I was like Reba doesn't love me. Well that led to the other events. I even denied being married because in my mind it didn't sit well with me that my feelings weren't reciprocated.

Reba:Hence you weren't wearing your ring?

She nodded in embarrassment. She was already not trustable.

Reba:You know what I value more than love?

She shook her head.

Reba:Loyalty and trust. I want to be able to trust you to be loyal wherever you are.

She looked down.

Maduo:And I broke those two..

He nodded.

Maduo:I am sorry.

Reba:I know I didn't go about the right way but I do not know what love is. I can't love angel and I needed time away from you.

She nodded in understanding. Now she could see how wrong she was.

Maduo:Guess I..I wasn't supposed to do that.

Reba:Had I not come would you have told me?

She wanted to say yes but she knew she would be lying and he would see right through her. He already doesn't trust her.

Maduo:Honestly no..

He sighed.

Maduo:I saw the error of my ways and thank you for not...

He chuckled.

Reba:Baby girl you're still getting punished.

Her heart fell. The hell?

Reba:Is that the truth?

Maduo:Yeah..uhm..who took your pictures?

He gave her a look and she looked right back at him.

He laughed.

Reba:Jealous?

Maduo:yes..no..I mean..urg..

He rubbed her jaw and she looked at him through hooded eye lids.

Reba:It was Tyler..

Maduo:Ooh..

She looked down. Now she sounded insecure because she was seeing another person behind his back and she thought he was doing the same.

Maduo:Sorry..

Reba:it's okay. You look cute when you're jealous but on the love issue,I do not know what the hell that it. I don't trust people a lot and let them in..

Maduo:you trusted me and I broke it..

She said with a sigh. Maybe that was why he was back. He had finally made up his mind and was about to let her in and her childish self just broke that.

Maduo:It's okay. I guess I will earn back your

trust with time and maybe hotspot you with my love.

He chuckled as he pulled her to him and placed her head on his chest.

Reba:Okay baby girl..

Silence then befell them.

Reba:Are you sure that you love me?

Maduo:I am sure and I'm sorry. I really am. Things like this will never happen again.

Reba:I hope so..

Maduo:so like you're still gonna punish me?

Reba:you're not getting out of this one baby..

Maduo:okay. Will it hurt?

Reba:Yes..

Her heart raced. If it will make him feel better for him to punish her then so be it.

Maduo:Tonight?

Reba:yes..

Hr said as he kissed her forehead. She braced herself. This was going to be a long long night.

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Next insert probably around 12am,I have to head to TDA

Have a blessed afternoon

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#61

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo's head was on his chest as she ate popcorn from the bowl.

Maduo:You're watching Reba akere?

Reba:Yeah..

Maduo looked at him and he looked totally bored.

Maduo:No matter how bored you are we are watching this movie.

Reba:Romance?

Maduo:ng..they are nice. Just hold me like that if you're not watching.

He chuckled.

Reba:Mma Kgosi stop being bossy.

Maduo:I am not. Shh...he is proposing.

He rolled his eyes and Maduo giggled as she leaned into his chest.

30 minutes later the movie ended and Maduo sighed sadly.

Maduo:Another one?

Reba chuckled.

Reba:You do know you can't run away from me.

Maduo:I know. Just want to push the time..

Reba:Okay..

Maduo just tied her gown tighter as she stood up and switched off the tv. She switched on the stereo and looked at him.

Reba:I am not dancing..

Maduo:This once. It's just two of us. It's not like everyone is watching.

She went through his songs while she watched him by the corner of her eye. His music taste was great. Why didn't she check out his songs before? But she knew now.

She left the song on and she just took both of his hands as he sighed with a smile. He stood up and held her from behind as they danced slowly to the beat. One of his bold time favorites.

She would be stupid to try and lose all of this.

Reba:Baby one thing is for certain,whatever you're doing it's working. Other girls don't

matter in your presence,can't do what you do.
Theres a million girls around but I don't see
anyone but you. Girl you're so one in a
million,you are(singing softly against her
ear)Baby you're the best I ever had!

She blushed. Damn his voice. It sent tingles all
over her body and she could feel him from
behind

Maduo:Best I ever had!(singing)

Reba:And I'm certain that,there ain't nothing
better. No there ain't nothing better than
this(singing)

He nuzzled her neck and she giggled.

Reba:Baby you're the best I ever had..

He sang as he kissed her neck gently. She was
already beet red. Damn this man!

She laid her head on his chest as they moved
their bodies to the tune and she felt at home in

his arms.

He turned her and french kissed her lips. She leaned into him and stood on her tippy toes kissing him. He made her wrap her legs around his waist as he kissed her in the middle of the room. He squeezed her behind and she moaned into his mouth.

Reba gently put her down without breaking the kiss. He nipped at her lower lip and smiled.

Maduo opened her eyes and looked at him. His smile was a killer one and she placed her hands on his bare chest.

Reba kissed her lips once again and picked her up. He carried her to the bedroom and Maduo knew what was going to happen that side. She was not sure of what to expect but she had an idea of what was about to go down.

She smiled against his lips.

He broke the kiss and looked at her whilst walking to the bedroom.

Reba:Why are you smiling?

Maduo:Nothing..keep walking Kgosi..

He chuckled.

Reba:Yes mam.

He got to the bedroom and closed the door with his foot.

He gently laid her on the bed and #EXPLICIT

In the morning Reba looked at her and he smiled. Fuck! He softly pecked her pouted lips as she faced the other way. She must be tired.

He got out of bed and headed to the bathroom.

Maduo opened her eyes. She didn't want to smile but in some sort of way the punishment

had turned out to be somehow pleasurable.

She looked at her wrists and sighed. They will fade with time.

She tried to sit up right but her body was in it's own kind of pain at the moment. She just faced the white ceiling. She smiled alone and faced the other way. He was good. Daaamn!

He walked out of the bathroom and he chuckled looking at her.

Reba:You're awake baby doll?

She nodded.

Reba:How are you feeling?

Maduo:My body is aching.

Reba:How is the cookie jar?

She blushed.

Maduo:Sore. I couldn't feel my legs.

Reba:That tends to happen. Let's take care of

you now.

Maduo:After care?

Reba:Mmhmm..Do you want me to carry you?

Maduo:Yes please..

She lifted her arms to him as would a toddler and he picked her up heading to the bathroom where he had ran water for her.

He gently placed her in the water then he got inside,sitting behind her.

Maduo liked this setting. It was so intimate.

Reba:Talk to me..

He said as he rubbed her back.

Maduo:Can we always be this close?

Reba:okay..

Maduo:I don't want just an okay..

Reba:We will always be this close.

Maduo:Thank you. You do realise we never used protection?

Reba:I know.

Maduo turned to look at him.

Maduo:You want to make me pregnant Rebabedi?

Reba smirked.

Reba:Maybe..

She hit his chest.

Maduo:Keore o ntse jang?

He laughed.

Reba:I'm sorry..

Maduo:I know you're not. Bona smile sa teng. Mxm.

Reba:I assure you,you're good. We won't disturb your education.

She cocked an eyebrow.

Maduo:We?

Reba kissed her neck.

Reba:Yes. We...

Maduo:Wena le mang?

Reba:Son.

She clapped her hands once.

Maduo:Waitse Babirwa ba mpontsha dilo..

Reba:Stop being dramatic. We won't disturb you okay?

He said as he kissed her back.

Maduo:You're happy.

Reba:I'm not supposed to be happy?

Maduo:You are. But we both know it's not going to last. Tomorrow you won't be smiling like this and it will be back to square one.

Reba:I'm trying my best..

Maduo:I said I'll hotspot you with my love.

He laughed.

Maduo:But thank you for trying. It means a lot.
Eventually we will get there I guess.

Reba:I guess. Seems we're stuck for life.

She grinned at him.

Maduo:The water is getting cold.

Reba:How are you feeling?

Maduo:Better. Only a bit. A tiny bit.

He released the stopper and let the water flow out. He refilled the bathtub again with warm water as she leaned into his chest.

Maduo:I didn't know you knew how to sing.

Reba:I don't.

Maduo:Tell yourself that.

An hour later she was in warm clothes and chilling on the sofa. She switched between channels as he made breakfast. The intercom rang.

Maduo:There is someone by the gate.

Reba:Let me go check and make sure the food doesn't burn.

Maduo:Where will I get the energy to go the kitchen?

She said as she gave him a look.

He chuckled as he wiped his hands. He left the house and went to open the gate. He was met with that kid she was trying to fool around with. His mood went from a hundred to zero.

Tlhomphe:Morning Mr Kgosi..I mean no disrespect sir but can I see Maduo?

Tlhomphe's heart raced in his chest. He didn't know if he was going to agree. If what Maduo

said was true about her being his wife,he didn't think he was going to allow her to see him at all.

Reba:Why do you want to talk to her kid?

Tlhompho:I just want to clear the air. I mean no disrespect sir. At all.

Reba gave him a bored look. He looked like he was going to shit himself so he might as well give him what he wants.

Reba:Wait here..

Tlhompho breathed in as he waited and watched Mr Kgosi get inside the house.

Reba:Maduo your boyfriend is looking for you..

She squinted her eyes as her forehead creased. He sounded very angry.

Reba:Kgosi I don't have a boy..

She paused and it clicked. Fuck! Tlhompho.

Now how the hell is she supposed to get to the gate while she was this sore?

Maduo:Rebabedi? Babe? Help me up.

He helped her get to her feet.

Maduo:Why doesn't he come here cause it still hurts..

Reba:I am not having kids get into my house let alone my yard.

She sighed. He was angry and their morning had been going so well.

Maduo:I understand. Let me get going to the gate then.

She said as she took easy baby steps. She winced a bit. At times she feels like this man just wants to tear her apart. She walked to the door slowly. He just picked her up.

Maduo:Thanks.

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Goodmorning

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#62

A Rebabedi's house

Reba carried her and she held onto his neck.

Reba:Kana Maduo wa itse o ntlwaetsa bananyana.(Maduo you're making kids disrespect me)

Maduo:I am really sorry Kgosi. It will never happen again.

Reba:I hope so..

She nodded as she placed her head on his shoulder.

Thompho stood by the gate as he saw them approaching the gate. He was carrying her. She was actually married? He didn't know whether to be heartbroken or to be shocked. He felt like a fool coming here to confront another man's wife.

Reba gently placed her down and he walked away.

Tlhompho looked at her. He felt so stupid. He saw the diamond ring in her finger and pain choked him. She really was someone's wife.

Tlhompho:So you're actually married and you had to just rub it in my face.

Maduo looked at him.

Maduo:I honestly didn't mean to lead you on. I admit I lied about my marital status.

Tlhompho:I feel so stupid right now.

Maduo:You didn't have to come.

She said as she ran her hand through her weave and her wrist showed. Tlhompho saw the bruises around her wrist.

He frowned. Maybe she needed an escape cause she was being abused.

Maduo noticed he was looking at her oddly and

she was puzzled. She followed his eyes and she saw that her sleeve had moved down.

She brought her hand down.

Maduo: Look you have to go. I am married and I can't talk to you anymore.

Tlhompho: Is he beating you? He caused that bruise?

He was asking too much now.

Maduo: I'm good Tlhompho. You really have to go.

Tlhompho: You know you can report him. No matter how much of a big shot he is. I understand why you maybe entertained my company. I can help you..

Maduo: Modimo!! Tlhompho I am not being abused bathong! I am good. I am sorry for lying to you. I do not know gore ke kope maitshwarelo ga kae? I am sorry. You can go

please.(God! Tlhompho I am not being abused. I am good. I am sorry for lying to you. I do not know how many times must I apologise. I am sorry. You can go please.)

Tlhompho sadly looked at her. Many women were stuck in abusive marriages and they usually turned away help when it presented itself. He should respect her wishes. Yeah! But he will find a way to help her. She was still young and full of life.

Tlhompho:Okay. I will go but even if you block me, I want to help you..

Maduo:just go motho wa Modimo!

He left and she sighed. He was gone. The gate was still open. She didn't have the energy to push it so that it can close.

Maduo:Reba?(shouting)

He came after a minute and she smiled. He closed the gate.

Maduo lifted her arms to him as he picked her up.

Maduo:Thank you.

Reba:Did you deal with him?

Maduo:mmhmm...what are we having for breakfast Mr Kgosi?

Reba:You'll see..

At Laone's place

Terry kissed her cheek.

Terry:Don't you have work?

Laone:I'm off for the day..

Terry:Okay..I have to go see my mother for the whole of this week.

Laone:Okay..I wish I can meet your parents but okay.

He laughed as he kissed her forehead.

Terry:Soon my love.

Laone:Okay..I can't wait then. Hope they like me.

Terry:Why won't they like you. I love you and that's all that matters baby..

She smiled.

Terry walked out of the room and headed to the bedroom. He took the ring box out of his pocket. He hoped at home they will make his wishes happen. He slid it into his pocket as her grabbed the car keys.

He walked out and went to Laone.

Terry:I have to go now love..

She pouted and he just kissed her pouted lips.

Terry:Don't be like that Lala..I will call. I am passing by my house..

Laone:Okay. I love you.

Terry:I love you more baby..

He lightly kissed her cheeks and he walked out.

He got inside his car and he took out the ring again. He is ready to be a family man and have kids with her. He smiled as he bit his lower lip.

The lust he had over her sister was temporary and he was sure about Lala.

He started the car as he put the ring in the cubicle.

At Precious's house

She walked around the house while rubbing her seven month belly.

Precious:Okay boy boy..I can't wait for you to meet your sister.(smiling) She is a bit too loud but she is a good sister. She is already planning on spoiling you rotten.

She walked to the lounge and sat down. She thoughtfully looked at her phone before she picked it up. She dialed Maduo's number. She answered on the third ring.

Maduo:Mama..

Precious:Are you busy?

Maduo:Nope..Ebile mama..(sighing)I have a lot I need to say and I hope you won't shout at me. I just..

Precious:I am listening..

Maduo looked at Reba who was on his phone. He was not moving and she wanted to talk to her mother. She placed the phone on her chest.

Maduo: Bae can I speak with my mother?

He just sighed as he stood up.

Maduo: Thank you..

She sighed as she held the phone against her ear.

Maduo: Mama I did something very stupid..

Precious: Does it have something to do with your weird moods this week.

Maduo: Kind of. Just don't shout at me. Please.

Precious: Must be bad if you are asking me not to say anything. Maduo you do know that if you're wrong I will reprimand you. Married or not ga go pale gore ke go betse.

Maduo:Ee mma...I know..

She started telling her mother and her mother was quiet by the end of all.

Maduo:Mama??

Precious:O sechopete Maduo?(are you stupid Maduo?)

She looked down as shame ate at the corners of her heart. She knew that a hot slap would have landed her face by now.

Maduo:Nnyaa mma..(no mam)

Precious:Bathong! You don't do that. At least he let it slide.

Slide? Just like that? If only she knew he didn't let it 'slide'.

Maduo:Ee..I admit what I did was stupid..

Precious:If he did what you did would you be furious by now. Am I lying?

Now that she actually mentioned it, the thought of Reba cheating on her didn't sit well with her.

Maduo:Nnyaa..

Precious:Maduo marriage works with communication. When you have problems you calm down then think about it. You don't use people as a way to try and forget your problems. People get hurt. Doing that invites a third party into your marriage. Trust issues rise because of that.

Maduo heard her. So in other words her mother might have forgiven her dad for cheating but still doesn't trust him. Reba doesn't trust her now.

Precious:Trust and loyalty matters. Love is an emotion or rather an action that can suddenly stop. Some marriages are still standing because the people trust each other. You can

love a person and still not trust them. And you know what lack of trust leads to? Insecurities and jealousy. Jealousy is deadly because it leads to obsessiveness. That leads to a person always wanting to monitor your moves all because they don't trust you. And that kind of love becomes toxic and it kills Maduo. Do you want to go through that road?

Maduo:Nnyaa mma.

Precious:Respect your marriage. Even in anger. You married into a household name and imagine if your names are all over newspapers? That tarnishes the name. If you can't respect your husband enough then at least respect the sanctity of marriage. Maduo lenyalo ga se diketlo.

Her mother paused to breath a little before she went on.

Precious:Akere you're going to UB..that's where

the trust is needed more. You are apart and you have no idea what the other is doing. You need to be fully assured that your partner is loyal wherever they are.

Maduo:Ee mma..I understand mama..ke dirile phoso ke tla ipaakanya.(Yes mam. I understand mom..I made a mistake,I will correct myself)

Precious:please do so. I hope you heard me.

Maduo:Loud and clear.

Precious:I don't want issues kana Maduo. Having a lot of family meetings to try and solve problems that could have been avoided.

Maduo:Ee mma..

Precious:Good. Don't let your emotions try to rule you,be stronger than your emotions.

Maduo:Okay ma..How is the baby?

Precious:Doing good actually just a month or two left then you'll meet your brother.

Maduo:I cannot wait. I still will be the rich sibling.

Precious:(laughing)ee mma..

Maduo:I have to go mama. Thank you so much and I love you ma..

Precious:I love you too.

She hung up and she thoughtfully looked at her ring.

At Tlhompho's house.

Tlhompho:Man so what do you if the girl of your dreams is being abused?

Darien frowned and looked at Tlhompho. He was being for real right now?

Darien:Are you telling me about the chick you said you liked?

Tlhompho:Yes broo..dude I think I have fallen for her...

Darien laughed till tears came out of his eyes. He looked atTlhompho and his laughter died out.

Darien:Tlhompho?T-man are you being for real now dude?

Tlhompho:When have I ever joked about such matters? I know I fucked around back in highscool but I am being for real. Have you ever seen her?

Darien:You never showed me her pics..I mean you went on about how cute and innocent she is.

Tlhompho bit his lower lip.

Tlhompho:She is. She has that innocence that can make one want to move heaven and earth for just for her to award you with a smile

Darien:well shit! Love at first sight..cupid shot you straight in the heart man.

Tlhompho:Well you have a girlfriend man so shut up.

Darien:My girl is none of your business.

Tlhompho grabbed his phone from the stand and went through the pics he had saved from Facebook.

He showed Darien.

Tlhompho:Her. She lives a few houses away.

Darien looked at the picture carefully. He swore he knew her name. He took out his phone and went to WhatsApp where he checked his girlfriend's status. He looked at the girl then at the status.

He showed the status to Tlhompho.

Darien:Her?

Tlhompho:You knew her?

He said as he read the caption.

Darien:At the wedding...

Tlhompho:I know just..just talk to your girl to talk to her for me.

Darien:Man I love our brotherhood but that young mamacita is cuffed. Literally and I don't think..

Tlhompho:She is being abused. I saw the bruises on her wrist this morning after her husband saw us yesterday.

Darien just looked at Tlhompho.

Darien:You must..

Tlhompho:I am not wrong..she quickly hid her hand after that. She was being defensive..What do I do to save her?

Darien shook his head.

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I had a hectic day fam and reality has just started to kick in. Tomorrow the Explicit and our inserts will follow. Thank you for understanding and being so patient

Lots of love Fam.

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At Tlhompho's house

Darien:Tlhompho stay out of people's business man.

Tlhompho:I can't. Especially when she is being hurt.

Darien:Do you know what you're going up against?

Tlhompho:No one is above the law. Not even Rebabedi Kgosi.

Darien just shook his head as his dreadlocks moved in the air.

Darien:Tlhompho dude no. You're just a kid to him. We have no proof that she is being abused..

Tlhompho:I saw her wrists.

Darien:Wrists? Is that enough for you to jump to conclusions about her being abused?

Tlhompho:Ask your girl maybe she knows

something.

Darien:I am not involving Retha in all of your unverified statements. That's her best friend for fuck's sake. Tlhompho drop this. You met this chick like two days ago and now you want to play hero?

Tlhompho:I think I love her man..

Darien:You do not. You are not supposed to. She is married and honestly you are still too young to try and break her marriage.

Tlhompho:At first I didn't know she was married. I found out yesterday.

Darien:Then stay away..ga ba go pusha le wena pushega o ska itira statue of liberty(when they push you away,be pushed. Don't make yourself the statue of liberty)

Tlhompho:I hear you Darien.

Darien:Good. Forget her man. We have school to look forward to.

Tlhompho:UB?

Darien:Yep and we might get you a fresh broad that side. Forget her man.

He faked a smile.

Darie:oh would you look at the time. I have to go. Stay away from her.

Tlhompho:Sure.

Darien left his room. Tlhompho sat on his bed as he thought of his next move. He took his phone and dialed the Police's number.

Tlhompho:Hello? I would like to be anonymous. I have something to report.....

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo went through her emails as her mind kept on thinking about what her mom had said.

Trust. She looked at the passage and she sighed. He didn't trust her. She opened the attachments that were sent by the University of Botswana. She has to do the processes. School was fast approaching and in two to three months she will be gone.

Reba came to sit next to her and he just placed her head on his lap.

Reba:What are you thinking about?

Maduo:I really was wrong for what I did.

Reba:We dealt with that already doll face..

Maduo moved her head and looked at him.

Maduo:But still..

Reba:just don't think about it.

He said as he placed her head on his chest.

Maduo snuggled up against him.

Maduo:Mama highlighted a lot and I don't want us to be that toxic couple which has trust issues. I will earn your trust back I guess.

Reba:I hear you..don't stress about it.

Maduo:Okay. I like red.

She said randomly and Reba smiled.

Reba:Red. Noted.

The intercom sounded and they looked at each other.

Maduo:You can go check.

She moved her head and he stood up. He slid the door and walked to the gate. What now?

He was met with two police officers. What the hell?

Reba:How can I be of assistance?

Officer:We had a tip off. We have a few questions to ask you,if you would follow us to the police station to get your statement.

Reba:Okay..

He left them there and jogged to the house. He grabbed his phone and walked to her.

Maduo:Who is it?

Reba:Police.

Maduo's eyes squinted and her lips curved.
Police? What did he do now?

Maduo:What do they want?

Reba:I have no idea..let me get going.

Maduo stood up and just kissed his lips.

Maduo:You'll tell me what's going on after that?

Reba:Definitely. Don't worry.

Maduo:I should be worried..

She held his cheek.

Maduo:It's just questioning,no arrests akere?

Reba:No..

He softly kissed her lips and smiled.

Reba:Don't worry..

Maduo:Okay.

He walked out and she worriedly looked at him.
Police? Was he doing anything illegal? She sat
down.

At the Police station

Reba:Officer,let me get this straight. You are

questioning me based on an assumption made by some anonymous caller?

Officer:Mr Kgosi we would like your cooperation on this matter.

Reba just leaned back against the chair.

Reba:I am cooperating aren't I? Why didn't you get inside to ask my wife then?

Officer:We wanted to get your statement.

Reba:Really? Was this an excuse to try and touch me?

Officer:Mr Kgosi with all due respect we are following protocol.

Reba:I see..well can I go? You can ask my wife though. I would never lay my hand on her.

The officer sighed as he released Rebabedi Kgosi. There was nothing here.

Reba:Thank you officer. Next time try to catch the real criminals not civilians.

He said with a smirk as he walked out.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo repeatedly looked at the door. She expected him to walk in at any moment. What did he do? She was worried now.

Reba walked inside the yard and dialed the Sergeant's number.

Sergeant:Kgosi.

Reba:trace the number that called the Police station and got me questioned. Batho ba ntlwaela masepa jaanong ga hetelela(people are shitting on me and it's getting out of hand)

Sergeant:Okay. I will go through the call logs.

Reba hung up. He walked to the house and he sat next to her.

Maduo:I am waiting..

Reba:You're worried. Don't do that.

Maduo:What was the questioning all about then?

Reba:Gatwe ka go betsa.(They are saying that I beat you)

She made a face. Beat her? What was going on here?

Maduo:Wena?betsa?nna?(you?beat?me?)

Reba:Yup..Now baby do I beat you?

Maduo:No..the hell? Are you sure they called you for that or there are illegal activities involved?

Reba:No illegal activities. Just that. You think I do illegal things?

Maduo:I don't know. You tell me.

Reba:There are none.

Maduo:Okay. I'm just a bit taken. Wa re ba re wa mpetsa ne wena?(you're seriously saying that they said you are beating me?)

Reba:Mmhmm..

Maduo:Kante ke eng batho ba jalasa yaana. Goriana bona ka jaaka o ngadile(why are people so jealous?now you're upset)

He chuckled.

Reba:Maduo wa swaba..

She laughed.

Maduo:Smile..

He kissed her pink lips and smiled into the kiss.

At Precious's place

Thabiso walked inside the house and kissed her.

Precious:Can I see the nursery?

Thabiso:Its a surprise..

Precious:No wonder you hid the keys.

Thabiso:I know that you're going to want to see it. I'm not done.

Precious folded her arms and he just laughed.

Thabiso:Not gonna work on me Mrs Solomon.

Precious:I hate you.

Thabiso:I love you too..

He said as he rubbed her bump.

Thabiso:Thank you.

Precious:For what?

Thabiso:Giving me a second chance. The baby.

Precious:I love you that's why and dare mess up I am going to leave you for real this time.

Thabiso:yes mam..

Precious:But...

Thabiso:What is it?

Precious:We can open the nursery and see if I approve.

Thabiso:Not gonna happen woman.

Precious:Mxm..

Thabiso:(laughing)I love you too..

She smiled. She had it all now. Her family. This was what made her content. Knowing that life was finally going well for her.

At Terry's home village

He walked out of the car as his nieces ran to him and held his legs. He laughed.

Terry:Hey lovies..I will give you your things later.

They smiled as they let go and went to play.

He walked inside the house and he found his

parents in the lounge.

Terry:Dumelang.

Rraagwe Terry:Boy boy you came..

He laughed.

Terry:I'm now older and you're still calling me
boy boy papa..

Mmaagwe Terry:You're still our son.

He sat down and faced his parents.

Terry:Ke batla go nyala(I want to marry)

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At Terry's parents'

After a discussion of the issue.

Rraagwe Terry:So we are going to have a meeting le the uncles and we will send the letter.

Terry:Thank you.

Mmaagwe Terry:Re batla go bona ngwetsi(we want to see our daughter in law)

Terry laughed.

Terry:She doesn't even know I am planning on marrying her. I will bring her with.

Rraagwe Terry:(laughing)You don't want to waste time.

Terry:I love Laone a lot papa and I mean we will have the ball rolling.

Rraagwe Terry:That's my boy.

Mmaagwe Terry:Well it was finally time for you to settle down and have a family.

Terry smiled. All was well. He needed to pop the question now. His parents approved.

At Rebabedi's house

He handed Maduo her food as she looked at him.

Maduo:Ng..ng..I'm tired. I want to sleep.

She looked cute.

Reba:You're skipping the food?

Maduo:Mhmm..(yawning)I am tired..I want to rest.

He took the plate from her and placed it on the table.

Reba:Well then let's get you to bed.

Maduo:I forgot to tell you,I'm going to the spa tomorrow.

Reba:You have an appointment?

Maduo:I lodged a complaint against Rachel.

Reba:Okay...

Maduo:mmh..I didn't like how she spoke to me. I wanted to let it slide but in my mind I was like no marn! She might do this in future.

Reba:Okay sleepyhead.

She laughed softly. He picked her up and they headed to the bedroom.

He gently placed her on the bed.

Maduo:(yawning)Thank you.

He covered her with the blankets and he walked

out of the room.

He cleared everything up and headed to his study.

Tyler's call came through.

Reba:I have been gone a day and there are problems?

Tyler:No..did you advertise posts for this side?

Reba:Not yet. Staff housing is complete?

Tyler:They just sent the things and it's complete now. Now they have to refurbish the offices.

Reba:Okay. Forward everything so that I can work on it.

Tyler:How soon can we advertise jobs?

Reba:HR can do that next week. Interviews at the main branch and you have to be present.

Tyler:Damn! Okay...Now how are things going?

Reba:Good.

Tyler:Considering therapy?

Reba:Don't start with that shit Ty..

Tyler:Okay but it would help.

Reba:I'm good. I have to go.

He said as there was another incoming call.

Reba:Sergeant...

Sergeant:I managed to trace the number and the owner.

Reba:Speak..

Sergeant:The number is registered under the name Thompho Williams.

Reba:we are talking about a person how old? I mean finding the owner means we have most of the details.

Sergeant:a 19 year old.

Reba chuckled in disbelief. A fucking 19 year

old?

Reba: Tell me you're joking?

Sergeant: Serious as a heart attack.

Reba: okay.

Sergeant: I hope the information is useful.

Reba: It might be. There is no case really. No physical address found?

Sergeant: Well, I will get back to you in the morning.

Reba: okay...

He hung up and he sighed. He searched for a Thompho Williams and he found him. That kid? He is taking chances. What were his intentions? He will deal with all of this tomorrow.

The following morning

Maduo stretched her body. Now she felt better. She smiled when she saw him sleeping. Her fingers rubbed his stubble. She got out of bed heading to the bathroom.

When she came back he was awake.

Maduo:Morning..

Reba:Morning. Come sit here. We need to talk.

She looked at him oddly. He was serious.

She sat on the bed and waited for him to talk.

Reba:Do you know a Tlhompho?

Her heart skipped. She never mentioned his name.

Maduo:Uhm did you read the texts on my Facebook?It was honestly innocent.

He raised an eyebrow.

Reba:There are Facebook messages?

Maduo wanted the ground to swallow her. She thought he was on her account since months back she never really logged out of her account on his phone. Now she just exposed herself. God!

She nodded.

Reba:Well we'll talk about that..so Tlhompho is that kid?

Maduo:Yes.

Reba:Do you know that he is the one who reported abuse?

Her eyes widened. Now this was just turning out to be something else.

Reba:perhaps you can enlighten me why your boyfriend thinks I am abusing you Maduo.

She was Maduo now. Not Maddy or babygirl or even doll.

She jiggled at the corners of her memory and that incident when he was looking at her wrist came to mind.

Reba:I am waiting Maduo.

Maduo:well yesterday he kind of saw my wrist and he concluded abuse.

Reba:Wow! Okay..You know why I am telling you this?

She shook her head.

He picked her up and placed her on top of him.

Reba:I want you to know that I don't play when it comes to you. I hate competition baby girl. I hate being provoked you know that?

She nodded.

Reba:Then whatever that happens I won't be accountable.

Chills ran down her spine.

Maduo:wh..what do you mean?

Reba:As I said I hate competition. I was going to let sleeping dogs lie but your little toy had to report me to the police. Now that's a dangerous thing to do. You see..the Police and I don't mix and that's just trying to open a can of worms.

She looked at him. He was serious.

He chuckled.

Reba:Baby you shouldn't have started playing games. You will get hurt. Now am I abusing you?

She quickly shook her head.

Reba:Good. And I don't go through your Facebook account Maduo. If you're using that account flirt with boys then I don't know...

She swallowed.

Reba:What took place Wednesday night was nothing baby girl. Keep testing me with your

stunts. Are we good now?

Maduo:yes.

Her voice was small. He kissed her forehead. He can be sweet to her and yet still scare the hell out of her.

Reba:I have a past baby and it's not a pretty one. I'm starting to doubt my trust in you.

She sighed sadly. Now she really has to show him that he can trust her.

Maduo:I'm sorry..I..made a mistake.

Reba:It's okay.

Silence enveloped the room and she just looked at him. She could see the disappointment in his eyes and she just saw that she complicated things. She was the one who introduced Thompho in their lives and it hasn't even been a month and they are threats flying around. All

because of her. Such a shame.

Her phone ringing broke the silence and she looked at him. He nodded and she took her phone and answered it.

Maduo:Hey..

She faked happiness but it was hard.

Rethabile:You sound down..well not for long. I'm in town.

Maduo's eyes lit up a bit.

Maduo:In town as in Francistown?

Rethabile:Yes,yes..I'm here..for a week though but yes babes..

Maduo:Then we should definitely link.

Rethabile:We should and I want to introduce you to someone..well let's say a date today? We'll talk then.

Maduo:Okay Thabi..

Rethabile:Okay..Bye Maddy..see you later.

Maduo:Bye.

She hung up and placed the phone back.

She looked at Reba.

Maduo:I understand. Thank you for telling me. I caused this mess...

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At Rebabedi's house

Maduo got ready for the meeting with Rachel at the spa. Then she is going to meet up with Rethabile.

She wore her ring on her finger and looked at it. She better try not to ruin this marriage. The Kgosi ancestors do not play but they don't scare her as much as how Reba does.

She walked to the study and she found him busy on the laptop with glasses on. He wore glasses?

Well everything suits him so she shouldn't be surprised.

Maduo:I'm going. To meet with Thabi.

He removed the glasses and rubbed his eyes.

Reba:Okay. Do I need to drop you off at town?

Maduo:I'll take a taxi. I don't want to disturb you.
You're working and making money.

He chuckled.

Maduo:Speaking of money,we can make money
later..

He smiled.

Reba:Just go,you're disturbing me.

Maduo:okay. See you later.

She walked out with a smile. He was not that
angry. She called Rethabile.

Maduo:Thabsie my Thabi..Retha babe..

Rethabile:What do you want?

Maduo:Oh nothing,let's say we meet by..(she
paused to think)okay..Woolworths?

Rethabile:Fair enough..still busy..stooop
yeela!(laughing)

Maduo:That's my cue to hang up..nna busy le your person.

She chuckled as she walked out of the house. She looked around. His house was beautiful. No lie. She pushed the gate open and then closed it once she was outside.

She hailed a taxi and got inside.

In town

Rethabile:Ry you were interrupting my call.

Darien:I love you too..

Rethabile:Just know that if you hurt me..Maddy is coming after you.

Darien:I won't hurt you.

Rethabile:You better. What time did your friend say he is joining us?

Darien:An hour from now.

Rethabile:Okay. In the meantime...

They talked and giggled as they took pictures. Meanwhile on the other side of town Maddy walked inside the spa. She saw Nicole.

Maduo:Morning.

Nicole:Mrs Kgosi hi..How can I be off assistance?

Maduo smiled when she saw Nicole's smile. Such a friendly person.

Maduo:I am looking for the Boss or supervisor's office. Not sure which one is which? Can you show me?

Nicole:of course..follow me.

Nicole walked in front of her and Maduo just

silently followed her.

Nicole: this is the office.

Maduo: Thank you.

She knocked and opened the door when she heard a voice saying enter.

She walked inside and smiled.

She extended her hand and they shook hands.

Maduo: Hi, I'm Mrs Kgosi. I called on Monday lodging a complaint about one of your workers.

Boss: of course. Well, the employee in question should be here any minute from now.

The lady said as she glanced at her watch. She looked at Maduo again. She was such a pretty young thing. Why would Rachel insult a young lady like her. So she is thee Mrs Kgosi. Young but men marry young women anyway so it wasn't that much of a big deal.

Rachel walked inside and her heart stopped when she saw Maduo. She knew it. The little slut had the nerve to come and complicate her work life. She faked a smile as she sat on the chair next to Maduo's.

Boss: Welk Rachel you know why you're here..

Rachel: Yes mam..

She said with the most humble voice she can muster.

Maduo just looked at her.

Boss: Well you know what to do..

She faced Maduo and in her heart of hearts she wanted to slap Maduo. She looked so smug.

Rachel: Well Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo could feel the venom in the way she addressed her. This apology was so gonna be fake.

Rachel: I humbly apologize for the way I spoke

to you when you were here. I was out of line and I am sorry.

Maduo decided to let it slide.

Maduo:Okay. It's water under the bridge. I hope it never happens again.

Rachel:It shall never happen again Mrs.

She faced her boss with fake humbleness.

Maduo:Well I guess that's that. Thank you for arranging this meeting. Thank you for your apology Ms Rachel..

She stood up.

Maduo:Thank you. Have a good day and well your services are good and if the employees improve their attitudes it will be much better.

She walked out and smiled. Okay. Thabi now.

Rethabile stood in front of Woolworths waiting

for Maduo. She spotted her and smiled. She didn't want to cause a scene so she waited till she was in front of her. They hugged.

Maduo:Okay Thabsie let go...let goo..I can't breath jeez.

Thabi let her go with a smile plastered on her face.

They walked into the store.

Maduo:You saw me last week..

Rethabile:You were focused on the wedding so I had to give you guys space.

Maduo walked towards the baby's section and Thabi raised her eyebrows.

Rethabile:we're already expecting my god child?

Maduo:Fosek. Ae..These are for mom's..my baby brother idiot.

Rethabile:okay..let's continue looking.

They went through the clothes as Maduo ended up buying some of the clothes.

Maduo:Basically that's it. A surprise baby shower for mommy to be.

Rethabile:That's cute now let's talk about you.

Maduo:What about me?

Rethabile:I mean this week you weren't fine. I could tell from your voice. You know you can't lie to my face.

Maduo:It's nothing.

Rethabile:It is something if it bothers you Maddy. Talk to ausi Retha dah.

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:Just that I missed my husband. He was on a work trip.

Rethabile:aaaw..that's cute..it will get better friend.

Maduo:I hope so..

They joined the line as they kept on talking.

Maduo paid for the baby stuff and walked out holding the plastic bags.

Rethabile:I am happy.

Maduo:He hurts you,I haunt him..

Rethabile:Kana Iona ba Bobonong(You people from Bobonong)

She laughed and Maduo joined in on the laughter.

Maduo:Leave us alone..

Rethabile:At school I had to do breathing exercises before talking to you after I heard you say you're from Bobonong.

Maduo:Ijaakg..mxm..something to eat?

Rethabile:Sure..but you are happy

Maduo:I am aren't I?

Rethabile:Sure sure Mrs Kgosi..

They fist bumped and they laughed.

Rethabile:and here I thought I was going to marry first..

Maduo:It is..

Rethabile:What it is.

They found an empty table inside Nando's and they sat down as Maddy placed the shopping bags down.

Rethabile:Pictures..

Maduo took out her phone and Rethabile smirked.

Rethabile:Hook,line and sinker..

Maduo brushed her off. She knows she made him her lockscreen and Homescreen.

Rethabile:anyhow let's order Mma Kgosi..

Rethabile texted Darien and told them where they were. She placed her phone down as Maddy started snapping pictures with her phone.

Rethabile: Ry is around here..he said he will be here in a few.

Maduo: Okay..

Retha made the peace sign as Maddy angled the camera.

Rethabile: Send them..

Maduo: Definitely..

They posed for the pictures.

Darien was with Tlhompho.

Darien: Tlhompho please please..just don't be awkward.

Tlhompho: I won't. But seeing her again will be

nice

Darien:Don't start. I don't want this to blow up in your face. Me and my girl made a deal that I should meet her bestie and she meets my best guy.

Thompho:Okay. I will try to shut up just not to cause trouble.

Darien:Good. They're in that place.

He showed him with his finger.

Darien:Now act normal man. There are lots of fish in the sea. I am sure Maduo isn't the only girl in the universe.

With a heart of steel they walked towards Nandos.

Rethabile spotted them.

Rethabile:They are coming.

Maduo squinted her eyes.

Maduo:I can't see a thing.

Rethabile:Where are the glasses?

Maduo sighed as she took out the case with the specs. She wore the glasses and she gasped softly. The day was a nice one now this.

The boys sat on the chairs opposite the girls.

Thompho swallowed dryly as he saw the shiny rock on her finger yet again. She was really really married. But maybe he saved her and she was wearing it for show.

Darien kissed Thabi's cheek.

Rethabile:Intros yay...

Maduo's mood was already spoiled.

Rethabile:Maddy this is Darien my boyfriend and Ry that's Maduo my favourite human being.

Maduo chuckled as she extended her hand

towards Darien. He shook it before he withdrew. Dammit! He knew now why Tlhompho was hung up on her.

Her pictures didn't do her justice. Tlhompho looked at her. She was so cute in those glasses and her lip glossed lips were inviting. Naturally beautiful. She didn't need any makeup or any filter to shine.

Darien:pleasure to meet you..

Maduo:Likewise. We had already placed an order?Can we order for you guys?

Tlhompho cleared his throat and Darien remembered that he has to introduce them though they knew each other. The way Maduo had blatantly ignored Tlhompho's existence was savage.

Darien:Well this is my friend Tlhompho..

Maduo:Ooh..he looks familiar,have we met before?but Hi Tlhompho,I'm Maduo. Everyone

calls me Maddy..

She said with a smile and that just broke Tlhompfo's heart.

Rethabile could feel the simmering tension and she just decided to ask everyone about it separately after this brunch was over.

Maduo placed her phone down.

Maduo:Excuse me guys for a bit.

She stood up and walked outside to breath. Pretending was such hard work.

Meanwhile inside her phone vibrated. Tlhompfo saw the lockscreen and wow! Even the saved contact spoke volumes.

He cleared his throat. It felt as if something was stuck.

Tlhompho:Let me go hand her her phone..give me a minute.

He grabbed the phone and walked out.

Rethabile:The energy around this table is just weird.

Maduo rubbed her temples and she saw Tlhompho. He silently handed her,her phone.

She saw his name flash,she answered it.

Maduo:Kgosi..

Reba:Uhm..when will you be done?

She checked the time.

Maduo:In two to three hours..miss me already?

Reba:I want us to go somewhere..

Maduo:is it a surprise?

Reba:You'll find out once you're here..should I pick you up?

She looked at Tlhomphe, the prospect of getting into the same taxi with him after she had been reprimanded was just a no no..

Maduo: Actually yes.. I'll call you.

Reba: Okay. Bye..

Maduo: Bye..

She hung up.

Maduo: Thank you...

Tlhomphe: So you're gonna pretend you don't know me?

Maduo: I apologized more than once but you're still on my case Tlhomphe. I mean why the hell did you have to report?

Tlhomphe frowned. She knew?

Maduo: Mxm.. Let me go back inside. Just stay away. I am a very nice person. I hate being rude to people so please keep your distance.

She walked back inside and he still asked himself why she was getting so defensive..

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Goodnight

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At the mall

Maduo:Let me pay..

Rethabile:You don't have to Mads..

Maduo:I want to..besides I have to leave..

Rethabile's smile faded.

Maduo:We will talk Thabi.

She stood up and went to pay for their meal.

She came back and picked her shopping bags.

Her phone rang. She saw the caller id. Her ride has just arrived.

Rethabile hugged her.

Rethabile:Okay see you and we'll talk.

Maduo:of course. Bye!

She walked out holding the shopping bags and Tlhompho sadly looked at her.

Maduo spotted the car, she walked to it and got inside.

She placed her shopping bags at the back.

Maduo:Hey..

Reba:Should we go home or buy takeout?

Maduo:You want takeout?

Reba:I don't think I'll cook tonight.

Maduo:Sure...

She didn't know how to tell him that today's lunch encompassed Tlhompho. He was gonna flip and she didn't want a repeat of what happened the day before. This man tore her apart. Literally.

They both got out of the car. And coincidentally he led her towards Nando's.

Maduo:Oh God!(softly)

Reba:Anything wrong?

Maduo:No..

She held his arm as they walked to the food outlet. She hoped that he doesn't notice anything.

They walked inside and the guys were still in there. Reba saw them and he just kept quiet. They chose the food and he paid before they found a table to wait for their food.

Well the people inside and the staff were a bit shocked. The rumours on Facebook were true? They are actually married? Wow!

They sat down and Maddy sighed.

Reba:Anything you want to tell me perhaps?

She chuckled as she looked at him.

Maduo:I'm getting punished tonight aren't I?

He chuckled too as he whispered in her ear.

Reba:You want punishment babe?

Maduo blushed.

Maduo:No..

Reba:Then no..

Thompho glanced at their table and he didn't know how many times his heart broke today.

Rethabile:They're so cute shems..

She said with awe in her voice. She was glad her friend was happy. That was the most important thing. Her happiness.

Darien:They are..

Thompho:I think I should leave you guys(faking a smile)I feel like I'm intruding now.

He fist bumped with Darien.

Tlhompho:Bye guys...

Just like that he walked out of the food outlet.
His heart was not in it's right state right now.

They waited for their order while chatting. Once it arrived they stood up. Maddy waved at Rethabile one last time as they walked out.

Maduo:Where did you say we're going?

Reba:We're going to Tlhompho's house.

Maduo stopped walking. They're going where?

Maduo:Why?

Reba:You'll see.. let's go.

At Rebabedi's house

Reba checked his watch. It was time.

Reba:Maduo it's time.

Maduo:Do we really have to go?

Reba:I'm sorting the mess Maduo..let's go.

She wore a jacket and she followed him out of the house.

He held her hand and she held it tightly. He pushed the gate open and they walked out.

Maduo:How do you know where he lives?

Reba:I have connections..

Maduo:ooh..

They walked along the main road passing a few houses. It was a bit chilly.

They stopped at a particular house. He pressed the intercom.

They waited for a few minutes before the gate

slid open.

Maduo's nerves kicked in. What was he going to say? She just came along because he said so. Seemed like he had a plan.

They walked inside the yard and it was nice. Nice yeah.

Rebamedi knocked on the door instead of pressing the button.

Maduo:Why knock?

Reba:Just..

She will never understand this man.

The door opened and the lady softly gasped.

Lady:Mr Kgosi right?

Reba nodded.

Lady:Well come in..

They both walked in and were directed to the sofa. They both sat down and Maduo placed her hand on his knee.

Lady: This is a surprise..wow..uhm..

A man walked in the room and he looked like Tlhompho. These must be his parents. Wait! Parents? They are talking to his parents..

Reba: Evening..reason why I am here is that I have a grievance.

The two frowned. How could they possibly offend Mr Kgosi?

Reba: Concerning your son, Tlhompho Williams?

Rraagwe Tlhompho: Tlhompho?

Reba: Yes..

Mmaagwe Tlhompho: Can I go call him so he can come answer for himself if he at all did something?

Reba: Of course.

Maduo just kept quiet. This was her fault. Now they were in their house? Wow!

Mmaagwe Tlhompho stood up and headed to Tlhompho's room. She knocked on the door.

Tlhompho:come in..

His mother opened the door and stood by the door.

Tlhompho could see that his mother was not happy. What did he do now?

Mmaagwe Tlhompho:You have guests in the lounge..

He got off the bed and followed his mother to the lounge. His eyes widened and his heart pounded in his chest when he saw them.

He sat down uncomfortably. This was going to get him in trouble.

Rraagwe Tlhompho:Mr Kgosi,you can continue.

Reba:Of course. I just wanted to warn the small boy to stay out of my business.

Rraagwe Tlhompho frowned. When did Tlhompho start associating with Mr Kgosi?

Reba saw the confusion and he just looked at Tlhompho who swallowed.

Reba:He didn't tell you? Well he called the Police on me. Just came to warn him to keep his nose out of my business..

Tlhompho's parents looked at him. They were still lost. All of this didn't make sense..

Reba:And kid,I won't tell you to stay away from here. I really don't have time for that. Just don't go around making false accusations using my name. And involving the Police is really dangerous . I know you have a bright future ahead of you. Wouldn't want it to be ruined just like that..

He said with a serious face as he snapped his finger.

Tlhompho's parents kept asking themselves questions. Did he just threaten Tlhompho or their hearing wasn't good?

Reba:Well thank you for your time. We shall get going. Get up sweetie we need to go.

He stood up and gave Maddy his hand. She took it as they walked out of their house.

Meanwhile Tlhompho's parents looked at him.

Mmaagwe Tlhompho:Let me get this straight..you reported him? And don't you dare lie to me..

Tlhompho:Yes..

Rraagwe Tlhompho:That man is older than you,what business do you have with him?

Mmaagwe Tlhompho:Waitse!! And you're...urg..

Rraagwe Tlhomphe:Talk..why the hell would you report him?

Tlhomphe:I thought he was abusing his wife..

His mother looked at him speechless.

Mmaagwe Tlhomphe:And what business do you have with his wife? And why the hell are you involved in another man's marriage..William kana tla ga ke klapa ngwana yoo(William I am about to slap this child)

Rraagwe Tlhomphe:And you reported him?

Tlhomphe:I was trying to be a good person. I saw bruises..

His mother rolled her eyes.

Mmaagwe Tlhomphe:You can see if a woman is being abused and the lady he walked out with here was not among those being abused..you like stirring up trouble neh?

Tlhompho:I was concerned mom..

Rraagwe Tlhompho:But you didn't answer the first question..what business do you have with his wife?

Tlhompho looked down. This one was a hard one but he knew they were going to force it out of him.

Tlhompho:I like her...

Mmaagwe Tlhompho:Thixo!!

Rraagwe Tlhompho gave him a look and he looked down.

Rraagwe Tlhompho:I suggest you stay away from her..that's another man's wife..do you want to be charged for home wrecking kante wena? Waitse I am beyond disappointed.

Mmaagwe Tlhompho:Nna go swabile nko go feta molomo(Extremely disappointed)Imagine a man older than you coming to warn you to stay

out of his business..le rata dilo tsa bagolo
boTlhompfo(You like older people's things
Tlhompfo)Mxm..you can go..I have nothing
more to say to you..

Tlhompfo left the room. He never expected that.
He sighed as he walked inside his bedroom. He
sat on the bed and took his phone. He went
through Maddy's pictures.

At Rebabedi's house

The two were snuggled up on the couch with a
fleece over the both of them.

Maduo:O re aaahh(say aahh)

Reba:Why?

Maduo:Dira tlherra wena(just do it)

He did and she fed him the fresh fries.

Maduo:Not that hard is it..

She said as she ate her Nandos chicken.

Reba:mxm..

Maduo:This time you choose a movie..

Reba:Action?

Maduo gave him a look.

Maduo:I am not spending an hour and a half watching bombs,guns and fights go on. Miss me on that one..

Reba:In other words we're watching what you want?

She clapped her hands as she chewed. She swallowed before she spoke.

Maduo:Yay! Now we're watching P.S I Still Love You..

Reba:Another chick flick?

Maduo:Romantic one..based on a book. I mean I want to watch it. Saw the trailer and well I ship Peter and Lara Jean so why not..

Reba:Whatever you say..

Maduo:Yay..

She took the remote and went through the Netflix movies. She saw the movie and clicked on watch.

Maduo:Get comfy Mr Kgosì..it's going to be a fun ride.

She said as she moved a bit to grab her glass and sip on the juice. She looked at him.

Maduo:More juice?

Reba:I'm good.

She placed the glass down and placed her head on his chest.

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My deepest apologies. I was on and off my phone the whole day. My eyes started acting up and I had to wear the specs the whole day, something I rarely do at home and stay away from my phone.

Anyway your second insert will follow. Thank you for your understanding and patience

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A week later

At the Transport Department

Maduo waited nervously as they were handed their scripts. She hoped she passed the written test. She knows what she did was risky. I mean studying the day before was a risky technique she used to do back in High school.

She was handed her script and almost jumped. A 28 over 30 was not that bad. So she can finally go to driving school

She wanted to call him and tell him she is coming for his cars. She was going to driving school. She smiled.

She took out her phone and thought of sending

a text message but she stopped herself. She will tell him at home.

She smiled as she put her phone back.

At Kgosi Investments

Wame:Mr Kgosi is here..

Reba:Let him in..

Wame walked out of the office and went to call Tyler. They looked good. Even this Mr Kgosi was a hot one. Good genes.

Wame:You can go see him.

Tyler nodded and he followed Wame to Rebabedi's office.

He opened the door and closed it as he walked inside.

Tyler:Goodmorning!!

Reba:You sound happy..

Tyler:Well how did the applications go?

Reba:The HR department has narrowed it down to the prospective employees.

Tyler:Interviews are when?

Reba:Tomorrow morning and since you head that branch,you have to be present.

Tyler:I think I can do that..

Reba:Good..the boardroom will be free tomorrow.

Tyler:okay cuz..

Tyler looked at Reba. He looked much better than last week. The little wife was working her magic on him and he didn't notice that he was changing.

At Grandmother's house

Sherry packed her overnight bag. She had applied and this was a rare opportunity.

Sherry:Nkuku,I am going..

Granny:Okay..All the best with your job interview..

Sherry:Thank you. I hope they hire me. Well...

She zipped her bag and took her handbag which had all the necessary documents. She had applied online and now she was being called for an interview.

Granny:Where are you going to stay?

Sherry:I'll figure it out..

Granny:I hope...

Sherry:(interrupting her)I will be fine Grams..let me get going.

She kissed her grandmother's cheek and walked out. She breathed in. She had a bus to catch.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo sat comfortably in his study on her laptop. She was busy trading on the market when the phonecall disturbed her.

Maduo:Heish!

She picked it up and answered it without even checking the caller id. She placed it between her ear and shoulder as she wrote down a few things on the notepad.

Maduo:Hello..

Sherry:Cuz..

Maduo:Hey Sher..how are you?

Sherry:I am good.

Maduo:That's good.

She placed the pen down as she moved her mouse to click on the enter button.

Sherry:I have a huge favour to ask of you.

Maduo:Okay. I am all ears.

She stopped as she placed her glasses on the table and leaned against the soft leather chair.

Sherry:I have a job interview tomorrow..

Maduo:my word!!that's super. Congrats. Let's cross fingers and hope they hire you.

Sherry:I am hoping too..the problem is..

Maduo:Is it money?

Sherry:Well yes and no..It's in Francistown and I have no where to go.

Maduo:Ooh..

Sherry:I wanted to ask if I could spend the night at your place? I will stay out od your way. Just for the night. Tomorrow after the interview I will be going back..

Maduo bit her lip as she thought about it. This was family and she should help where she can right?

Maduo:Uhm..okay..I mean you need to save the little you have for yourself. No need to spend it on Guesthouses..

Sherry:Exactly what I was thinking..I am on the bus right now..

Maduo:Okay Sher..Uhm..Can you come over around 8pm?

Sherry:But I will be in Francistown probably around 1pm..

Maduo:Please..

Sherry:Okay..you will send the directions?

Maduo:yes..yes..

Sherry:Thank you so much..

Maduo:Don't mention it..

She hung up. How will she convince Rebabedi?

Sherry breathed in a sigh of relief. She was going to stay out of their way and mind her own business. She had to prepare for the interview only. She said to herself as she watched the moving trees. She was gonna do this.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo closed her laptop. She was done for the day with trading. She wore her glasses as she bit her lower lip trying to devise plans on how to

make Reba agree..

Sherry was family and family helps family right?

She stood up and walked out of the study..

She got started on a light dinner.

Two hours later when she was almost done she heard the roar of the engine. He was here..

She switched off the stove and wiped her hands with the kitchen cloth.

The door slid open and he walked in.

Maduo:Hello..

Reba:Hey..

She followed him to the bedroom.

Maduo:Well..(clearing her throat)I am pleased to announce that..

He looked at her as he opened the bedroom door.

He placed his bag down and he got rid of the tie. He took off the jacket then started unbuttoning his shirt..

Maduo:Drumroll please...

She said with excitement.

Maduo:I..Maduo Kgosi..Well..(flipping her hair back)I have a learner's diriving license..

She said as she jumped up and down in excitement.

Maduo:I'm coming for your cars Kgosi..watch out..

Reba:(laughing)Congratulations..I see that late night cramming worked..

Maduo:hee!I didn't sleep..I was reading that darned book till morning..

Reba:how much did you get?

She got rid of her shoes and she sat on the bed.
No! She was happy..she jumped on the bed.

Maduo:twenty eight..got two wrong..nna I was confused with those two..

Reba:That's actually very good.

Maduo:It is..So are we taking your car for a spin?

Reba:No..no..

Maduo:Please! Pretty please...I mean I will register tomorrow ko driving school but a few basics would be helpful..please!

She stopped jumping and looked at him.

Reba:Fine but dare..

Maduo:I will pay for the damages if there is a scratch..

She started jumping again as he changed into sweatpants and a white tee shirt.

Maduo:So it's still like 5pm..an hour? Then we

eat?kana I should dish up..

Reba:Let's get this over and done with..

Maduo:Yay..

She stopped jumping and got off the bed. She followed him as he walked out of the room holding the car keys.

She sat in the driver's seat and looked at him.

Maduo:So I do this?

She said as she pushed the handbrake to reverse..

She was buckled up and she had both her hands on the steering wheel.

Reba:Learning how to drive using an automatic car is much simpler hence why you're doing good now. If it was a manual car then we would be be saying a different story right now.

She slowly tried to reverse..

Reba:Do it slowly..and take note of your surroundings Maddy.

Maduo:Yes sir..yes..

She concentrated on doing exactly that.

Reba:Okay..we're getting there..

She managed to reverse out of the yard. She let go of the steering wheel and clapped her hands.

Maduo:I did it....

Reba:Mmhmm..eyes on the road Maddy..switch to drive mode..

She did as he said.

Reba:Just don't kill me..

Maduo:This feels nice..

Reba:Ke bo ke ruta yo o sele(I am teaching a different person here)

She stuck her tongue out as she placed her hands on the steering wheel..

Maduo:So I have to step on the accelerator..

Reba:Gently..and just keep your hands on the steering wheel..a drive around the neighborhood today.

Maduo:Okay...did I say this feels nice?

Reba:You did..tlhemma concentrate..taa ga ke lesa(please concentrate..I might stop this training)

Maduo:Okay..okay..sorry..

She did as he asked.

On their way back home he was the one driving.

Reba:For the first try you did well..

Maduo:You said slow..But thank you Kgosi...

They got to their house and Maddy looked at the time. She had to tell him.

He parked the car in the garage and they walked inside the house.

Maduo:Kgosi I have a huge favour to ask of you..

Reba:okay..

Maduo:Well..I apologize in advance..Well I have a cousin..she has a job interview this side tomorrow..

Reba:Not sure where this is going..

Maduo:She kinda needs a place to stay and I kind of agreed. I mean we have the guest room and it's for one night.

Reba gave her a bored look.

Maduo:Please..

She gave him her puppy eyes.

Reba:Maduo you have to consult me first before making decisions like that..

Maduo:I know..just that she has been unemployed since she graduated and this job interview might be her only hope. She is family. She is the one I was sitted next to at the wedding. Please..

Reba:How long? I hate having to let people inside this house.

Maduo:Just for the night..after the interview she is going back..please Kgosi..

Reba:Fine..Juat this once..

Maduo:Thank you..ke tla go patela ka kuku..

Reba laughed.

Reba:You know you don't have to pay me with it..I take it anytime I want baby..

He said as he pecked her lips and she smiled.

Maduo took the plates to the kitchen. She leaned against the sink and sent the directions to Sherry..

Just for the night.

She put her phone in the pocket and started doing the dishes.

Sherry gave the cab the directions and well he stopped in front of this huge ass house.

She nodded in approval. Nice. She paid him and walked out with her bags. She pressed the intercome..

In a few minutes the gate opened and she walked inside. It closed on it's own. Now the house was really impressive with it's light illuminating it. She could see the basketball court. Niice!

Maduo slid the door and Reba honestly looked like he was not in the mood. Sherry walked in.

Sherry:Hi..(to Maduo)Dumelang(to Reba)

Reba:Hello..

That's all he said and he stood up and walked out. Sherry saw him in all his masculine glory with the muscles showing under that white t-shirt. Not forgetting the biceps and triceps.

Maduo looked at Sherry..

Maduo:Sher..Sher?

Sherry quickly shifted her attention to Maduo as Reba was now out of sight.

Maduo:Don't mind him. Let me show you to your room for the night.

Sherry:Thank you once again.

Maduo:Family Sher..family..

They walked along the passage and Maduo

opened the empty room. She switched on the lights.

Maduo:This one is not an ensuite so you will have to use the main bathroom..is that okay?

Sherry:It's more than okay. Thank you.

Maduo:I will show you the kitchen. You can find something to eat. I had made dinner. I dished for you too.

Sherry smiled. Such kindness.

Sherry:Thank you so much..

Maduo:Now follow me..

After showing Sherry the kitchen she headed to the bedroom.

She found him sitted on the bed on his phone.

She sat on top of him and took his phone from his hands..

Maduo:I know this was not what you wanted..baby that's your in law too. Imagine mistreating family. We have to compromise. Even if it's just for one night.

Reba:..

Maduo kissed his lips..

Maduo:Gape ke rile ke tla go duela ka kuku
Reba..ska ngala tlherra..

He smiled. Okay this girl was different.

He removed her sweater and looked at her.

Maduo:We're getting somewhere...(laughing)

Reba:We are..

Maduo:Let's compromise this once..next time she will have a different plan and won't be staying here..I'm sorry for the lack of consultation and putting you in a corner..

She said as she kissed him. He slipped his hands under her tee and he undid her bra.

He turned them till she was under him. They fervently kissed whilst helping each other to remove their clothes.

He gently kissed her neck and she moaned. That was her weak spot. She wrapped her hands around his neck as they made love.

Maduo lay on her back as she looked at him. That touched her whole entire being. He can be sweet with her and when he is sweet to her she falls for him more.

He wore his sweatpants and kissed her neck softly.

Reba:Water?

She nodded. She needed water.

He walked out of the room with his upper body out on display.

He walked into the kitchen and Sherry

screamed softly when he switched on the lights.

Reba was confused until he finally remembered that they have a guest.

Sherry tried to cover up her embarrassment.

Sherry:I was just..uhm..

Reba opened the fridge as he took out two bottles of water.

Sherry crossed her legs together. She was even wearing shorts. God! He was the definition of male. She caught a glimpse of the tattoo on his back as she started having racy thoughts in her mind.

She did hear the moans from the bedroom.

Reba walked out and Sherry drank another glass of water in an attempt to try and calm her racing heart.

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At Rebabedi's house

He walked into the bedroom. He hated having guests in his house to be honest. Heck even his own family doesn't stay here. Tyler is at his

mother's place,they know his house is a no go area but Maduo had to let her cousin stay here.

She sat upright. He handed her the water bottle and she carefully looked at him.

Maduo:What's wrong?

Reba:Maduo let this be the first and last time you invite family over unless I say otherwise.

Maduo:Noted...Duly noted.

Reba:Excellent..

She placed the bottle by the bedstand when he switched off the lights. He got undercovers and she just placed her head on his chest. He held her small body in his arms.

Maduo:I love you..(yawning)

She closed her eyes and he kissed her forehead softly.

She fell asleep in his arms and he smiled looking at her. Was he actually falling for her?

Reba:You're giving me foreign feelings..(murmuring)

Meanwhile Sherry lay awake in the room. She tried to get the image of Reba out of her head but it was stuck there. It's not like she is going to want him. He is her cousin's husband but well Maduo must've been getting it good. Her moans were loud. She sighed as she turned and closed her eyes.

The following morning

Maduo woke up first. She looked at him. She always smiled when she looked at him. She ran her small hand on his chest.

Maduo got out of bed and she walked to the wardrobe where she picked his clothes for the day. She got dressed in her pyjamas after that.

She walked out holding the clothes and headed to the laundry room where she set up the ironing board and iron.

When she was done she headed to the room and she heard the shower running. She made the bed and placed his ironed clothes on the bed. Breakfast.

She headed to the kitchen where she got busy with making breakfast for him and Sherry, if she will eat before she leaves for her interview.

Sherry got ready. She reapplied her lipgloss and pouted. She looked good. She brushed her

edges and pulled her pencil skirt down.

She brought her wrist to her nose and the perfume was good. Subtle.

She took her phone and handbag along with the appropriate documents.

She walked out of the room and the tantalizing aroma of the food caught her attention.

She walked to the kitchen where she found Reba holding Maddy from behind.

Maduo: Hands off Kgosi..ke tla go tshela mahura a hisang kana(I'll pour hot oil on you)

Reba: I dare you..

Maduo: Mxm..do something..check your emails..I'll call you when the food is ready..(laughing)

They didn't notice her so she quietly retreated and walked to the guest room. She didn't want

to interrupt them.

Reba let go of her waist as she moved away from the stove. She broke two eggs into the pan as Reba fixed his tie. She could smell his cologne all over her.

Maduo:I'll call you hmm?

Reba:I'm being chased out of my kitchen?

Maduo:Ga le itse go tlhokomelwa kante lona?(Aren't you used to being taken care of?)

Reba:No..

Maduo:Then let me...Coffee is in the machine..black and bitter(making a disgusted face)as you like it..

Reba:Thank you..

Maduo:Mhmmm...

He poured himself a cup of coffee and sat on

the high stool. He went through his emails and responded to some.

Once she was done she dished for the three of them.

Maduo:And I'm done..dining room or you're good here?

Reba:Here is fine..

She placed his plate in front of him accompanied by a glass of juice.

She wiped her hands and she walked out. She headed to the room Sherry was occupying. She knocked twice before she walked inside.

Maduo:Whoaa!And with that power outfit you're gonna kill it.

Sherry:(laughing)stop it.

Maduo:For real cuz..you never told me the name of the company..

Sherry:It's Kgosi Investments..The advertisement for positions at their newly built Jwaneng branch I think.

It finally clicked. Okay.

Maduo:Wow. Well you're going to nail it.

Sherry:Thank you.

Maduo:Well breakfast is ready,join us in the kitchen.

Sherry:Thank you..

At Miranda's place

She brushed her face. Now for her nude lips. She applied the lipstick carefully and she spritzed a bit of the Estee Lauder perfume she had.

This was her chance now. Finally something

that needed her qualifications had presented itself. If it fails then it was not meant for her.

She snapped a few selfies which she uploaded to her Facebook with the caption. 'Taking on the world'

Friend1: more fire ngwanaka

Friend 2:Woman of class

Sarona: Same girl,changed mindset.

She laughed then another comment popped up. She frowned. It's been some time since she heard from her.

Nicole:Nyis us wena Mira where have you been man?

She replied as she laughed. It's been a long time

man.

Miranda: Around friend. We should meet up?

Nicole: And I am sliding into your dms

She laughed as she saw her message and they exchanged numbers.

She put her phone in the bag and walked out of the one room. She locked the door and walked with a spring in her step.

Kgosi Investments here she comes.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo: Babe?

He looked at her and he knew by the tone she used she wanted something.

Maduo: Sherry here is coincidentally going to

Kgosi Investments and I thought why not give her a ride?

Sherry's eyes widened. She didn't expect that.

Sherry:It's okay Maddy..I'll take a taxi..

Reba pointedly looked at Maddy.

Reba:See..I have to go. See you later.

He pecked her lips and walked out of the kitchen.

Maduo:He was gonna drop you off,ya know?

Sherry:You have done enough for me,I don't want to inconvenience you..

Maduo:Not at all..

Reba passed by the kitchen holding his suit jacket and case. Maduo looked at him and sighed.

Sherry:Well let me go get my stuff and get ready to wow them.

Maduo:Yes girl!!Work that..

Maduo hyped her up as Sherry strutted out of the kitchen,her heels clicking against the tiled floor.

Maduo smiled and she cleared the plates. She heard the engine and she knew he was gone. She had to get ready to hunt down a driving school today. The sooner the better.

At Kgosi Investments

Reba walked inside his office as Tyler followed him.

Tyler:Sure you want to sit these interviews out?

Reba:You head that branch..Hire who is best for the job.

Tyler:O rata dilo tlhe(laughing)

Reba:Mxm..

Tyler:Let me get going.

He walked out of his office and headed to the boardroom. The family comoany is in their hands now?

He was joined by the HR team. They handed him the list of candidates. He took a good look at them and he saw a familiar name.

Sherry..maybe it's a different one.

The candidates waited patiently for their names to be called. This was daunting. One of the biggest companies to exist and they might have a job?

Sherry nervously looked at the boardroom door and then back at her phone while Miranda said a short prayer in her heart. God knows she

needs this. She needs this so bad.

Miranda's name was called and she stood up. She walked inside the boardroom and her heart stopped beating for a mini second.

She maintained her walk as she sat down. She placed her handbag and documents on top of the table and looked at the guy. She has never seen him before and wow!

Tyler:Hi..Miranda Simon?

His voice had that rough edge to it. Her heart wouldn't stop beating.

Miranda:Yes sir..

He took out the file and went through her application. She answered the questions they threw her way and she supplied even extra documents.

Tyler:Thank you Ms Simon..we will call back with our response.

Miranda:Thank you very much sir.

Tyler nodded as she walked out. He breathed in and they called in the next candidate.

She walked in and she looked totakky different from the last time he saw her. At the wedding.

He noticed her shapely legs in the red pencil skirt,the clinched waist and how the ruffles on her blouse hid her chest and one couldn't exactly size her boobs up.

He cleared his throat as she sat down. She flashed a smile at him.

Tyler:Sherry Kutlwano?

Sherry:Yes sir..

He went through her file and she answered him with ease. Each and every darn question. She wasn't shaking or anything. Not even nervousness could be heard in her voice.

Sherry smiled.

Tyler:We will call with a response. Thank you.

Sherry:No thank you. Thank you.

She stood up and he looked at her derriere and well damn. He wasn't about to be fucked up. It's still too early.

Sherry breathed in a sigh of relief. She did good right? She did good.

She called Maduo as she kept on walking.

Sherry:I am done and I can go get my stuff and leave.

Maduo:I am not home right now. Meet in town.

Sherry:Okay.

With that she walked out of the building. She had to find Maduo now.

Meanwhile Miranda walked around town till she

found the perfect spot to sit. She sounded nervous. She knows it. A call from Nicole came through.

Miranda:Hey Nik Nak..

Nicole:That horrible nickname..I hated it Mira..

Miranda:How have you been?

Nicole:Good..you're still at Gabs?

Miranda:yoh..a lot has happened. I'm in Francistown at the moment.

Nicole:Then we can meet? I think I have an hour to spare.

Miranda:Where?

Nicole:Pizza?

Miranda:Will go there in a few..

Nicole:We should catch up.

Miranda:Definitely. Let me start walking there..(laughing)bye..

She hung up and smiled. Her life was finally getting back on track. This job will be the extra cherry on top.

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At Bobonong

Maddy covered her mother's eyes as she guided her towards the door.

Precious:What is it?

Maduo:Mama...patience..

Maduo opened the door then removed her hands.

"SURPRISE!!"

She nearly jumped.

Maduo:Surprise baby shower..

Precious's eyes filled with tears.

Precious:Oh my God!

She hugged Maduo as tight as she could with her round belly.

Maduo:It was not my idea mama..it was aunty Laone's..

Precious smiled tearfully as she looked at the decorations.

Laone went to hug her sister..

Laone:You deserve it..don't thank me..

Precious:Oh my word...Guys..

Laone:Don't cry..

She broke the hug as she wiped her tears.

Precious:I am not. I really am not..It's the hormones..

Everyone laughed as Laone guided her to the chair..

They placed a crown on her head and made her wear the mommy to be sash.

Precious:Guuyss...

Laone:Sa ntse a lela(she is still crying)

Precious:I just never expected this..

Granny:Well...

Precious:Mama!!

Granny laughed and looked at a teary Precious.

Maduo smiled. She wanted her mom to always be this happy.

Her phone rang.

Maduo:Sha Sha..

Sasha:Mxm..kana wena..I will be there in an hour....still wrapping it up and getting it ready.

Maduo:No problem.

Sasha:you used blue?

Maduo:Yep..I have to go..we will be waiting..

Sasha:Sure..

She hung up and slid her phone in her jacket pocket..

Precious:Guys..

She was still shook..

They all sat down as Sherry volunteered to go grab the drinks and light snacks. She smiled. She was here only for the weekend, she had to go back to work on Monday.

Laone: So tell us mom to be..

She gave her a devious smile and Precious shook her head.

Precious: I don't think I like your approach (laughing)

Laone: How did you two make the baby?

She gave her her best innocent face and Maduo made a disgusted face..

Maduo: Ng..ng..ga le sa mpatle le mpolelele (If you guys don't want me here tell me) Gosh!! No..no! mama don't tell us..aah..

Laone: So which position?

Maduo:Aah aah..these do not concern me..lyoo!Those are my parents..Mama don't(laughing)

The ladies laughed and Maduo joined them.

Maduo:Mama do not dare say a thing..I don't want to even imagine such.

Precious:(laughing)My lips are sealed. Laone tell us how you got that giant rock on your finger.

She smiled as she showed them the ring.

Aunt:We want to know..

Laone:Auntizo..okay to cut the long story short it was romantic.

Precious:That's not enough..

Laone blushed alone when she thought about the day. It was such a special day and she never expected such a proposal.

Precious:She is blushing..she won't tell us..

Laone:(laughing)wait for the wedding speech...

Precious:Mxm..

They laughed as Sherry walked back in with the cupcakes and juice.

Precious:Yay!

They kept talking while munching on the goodies..

Maduo was proud of what they did for her mother. She was happy and she couldn't wait to meet her baby brother..

The car engine roared and Maduo knew it. It was the one and only Sasha..

The surprise was loading...

Sasha walked in with the wrapped up frame.

Sasha:Sorry for being late..

Mma Kgosi: You like things akere wena..

Sasha: (laughing) Mother to be this is for you..but before that, I have been sent to do this small task..

Maduo: Mom stand up.

Precious: Guys..

Maduo: You know we bought loads of things for the baby..you don't have to buy a thing and you will open them when we're gone but for this...

Maduo used her hands to cover her mother's eyes.

Sasha made her way to the nursery whilst holding the frame..

Precious: The surprises guys..

Sasha unlocked the door and Maduo guided her mother inside yet again..

Sasha gasped. Wow! Everyone that followed gasped.

Maduo slowly removed her hands and her mother gasped in shock before she started crying again..

Precious:God!!This is too much..guys..

Sasha unwrapped the huge frame that had the baby's scan and the pictures of her pregnant in different stages.

Precious' tears rolled down and she placed her hand on her beating heart.

Sasha:I think this belongs here..

She said as she went to hang the picture frame..

She read the writing on the wall..

Precious:welcome our blessing(crying)

It was beautiful. He did this on his own..

Maduo hugged her mother.

Maduo:Congratulations mama...our blessing is

coming mama..He will survive..I swear.

Her mother cried and Granny just rubbed her back.

Laone held back her tears. This was her sister's happiness. A second shot at happiness.

Maduo:Mama..you're making me emotional now..

Maduo laughed while trying to hold back tears.

Everyone emotionally looked at Precious. This was precious to her.

Maduo:Mama he is coming and you're going to be so happy..(laughing while crying)mama don't cry..

Maduo rubbed her eyes. This was just beautiful.

Sasha entered the password she was given on the laptop and she went to look for the video she was asked to look for.

Maduo smiled tearfully as she guided her mother to the soft cushion and they made sure she was comfortable.

Sasha held the laptop for her as she played the video.

Thabiso's face came on the screen.

'Hey love...I know you're crying right now seeing the nursery and I did it on my own..Our blessing. Actually our angel said I should write Our blessing..'

He chuckled on the video and Precious chortled while trying to wipe her tears..

She listened and watched as she watched the video. Towards the end Maddy's face popped on the screen..

Precious laughed and Maddy smiled.

'Mama...well I love you,I love you,I love you...These words are my own.From my

heart..okay I suck at singing but I love you'

The ladies laughed.

'I was raised by a strong woman and to survive what you've been through needs a heart of steel.

Well let's say our blessing will be born..I know you will watch this video next to me then look at me'

Precious looked at Maduo who was wiping her tears..she continued watching the video.

'The reason I say our blessing is because he will bring a smile on your face mummy. We love you. Daddy and I love you so much. Ska lela mma. Love you. Hugs and kisses mommy' she said on the video as she blew kisses and the video ended.

Maduo:I love you..

She said as she bent down to hug her.

Maduo:We love you. I don't know what you're gonna name him but just know he is a blessing. Our happiness mama. Happiness 90% loading mamzizo..be ready..

Precious was a bit confused by that but she smiled as she looked at Maddy.

At Nicole's place

Her phone rang and she saw the caller id. It was Rachel. She rolled her eyes.

She answered her.

Nicole:Rachel..

Rachel heard the cold reply and she frowned.

Rachel:why are you so cold?

Nicole:I am tired Rachie..tired of always hearing you whine everyday about how you deserve

Reba and you insult his wife..

Rachel was taken back..

Rachel:I lov..

Nicole:(interrupting her)Oh shut the fuck up!Love is not obsessive as you make it out to be. He doesn't love you..boo hoo..Rachel people get dumped. If that love was yours it would've come back to you. I am done always saying the same thing over and over again. Day in,day out Reba. Maduo..bitch shut up! You never even ask me how I am doing..it's always about Rachel...I am exhausted of investing in a one sided friendship. Tota nna I am done..keep obsessing but at the end of the day he is with another woman and it's not you. Some of us lost the people we loved deeply but you don't hear us going on and on about how we will get the person back. Mxm! Call me when you've come back to your senses Rachel.

Rachel:Nic..

She had hung up on her and Rachel sighed sadly as she drank her wine and ate icecream. She just lost a good friend. Was she stupid to love him?Was she reckless to think? Was it obvious to everyone else that she had fallen for a lie. For someone that was never on her side. She didn't know what to do.

At Kgosi Investments,Jwaneng branch

Miranda walked inside holding the files and placed them on his table.

Tyler:Thank you.

She was about to walk out but he stopped her.

Tyler:Miranda..

She turned. He called her using her name.

Tyler: Thank you for coming in during the weekend.

She laughed softly

Miranda: I have nothing better to do..

Tyler: nothing better to do?

Miranda: Yeah..

Tyler: Well thank you for coming. I thought a beautiful girl like you had a boyfriend.

Miranda raised an eyebrow.

Miranda: Mr Kgosi I think you're overstepping the line.

Tyler laughed.

Tyler: My apologies Ms Simon..

Miranda smiled as she walked out. Tyler smiled and he got back to work.

At Precious' house

She sat down on the chair as she started opening the gifts. She felt a sharp stab of pain in her lower abdomen.

She ignored it but it was followed by another. Maduo looked at her mother.

Maduo:Mama are you good?

Precious nodded as she ignored the pain.

Maduo just skeptically looked at her mother before she fixed her smile and handed her gifts.

Precious shifted in her chair as the pain intensified. She held her tummy and rubbed it gently. She was okay. Her due date was two weeks away. Must be braxton hicks. She breathed in.

A few minutes into the small talk she gasped.

Granny:Are you okay?

Precious:I am good..

Mma Kgosi:Sure?

Precious:Yeah..

A painful contraction hit her and she screamed a little.

Laone:ng ng..you're not okay...

She started breathing in and out. The contractions worsened.

She screamed and Laone helped her stand up.

Laone:I think we should take her to the hospital.

Sasha:Good idea..

She said as she stood up as fast as she could to walk out the door. She went to her car and started it..

Maduo dialed her father's number.

Maduo:Papa..

Thabiso:Yes?

Maduo:Mama is heading to the hospital. She is going to give birth. Yeah!

Thabiso frowned. Precious was two weeks away before her due date.

Thabiso:Are you sure?

Maduo:Yep..I think you should head there..Our blessing is being born. Bye...

She hung up and she looked at the baby shower things. Sherry worriedly looked at Maduo.

Sherry:Aren't you worried about your mom?

Maduo:Not really. She will be fine..let's start cleaning. People have gone to the hospital so let's get cleaning.

They started cleaning and after two hours they were nearly done.

Sherry looked at Maduo. There was something weird about her today.

When they were done she smiled.

Maduo:I think we should get going. It's clean.

They took their bags and walked out. Maduo locked the house with her spare key. She still had her keys to this place.

They took different taxis and Maduo got inside. She rubbed her temples. She could feel a headache coming.

The taxi took her to her in laws place and she paid the driver.

She got out and she just got inside the yard using the small gate.

She got inside the house and she greeted her grandfather in law before she headed to the bedroom. She found Reba on his laptop. Her headache intensified and she squinted her eyes.

Things were getting blurry. He put his laptop down and walked to her.

Reba:Hey what's up?

Maduo:The..

And just like that her eyes closed shut and he caught her before she fell.

Reba:Babe?Babe?

She was out just like that. He sighed as he picked her up and gently placed her on the bed.

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At the Kgosì household

Hours later Maduo opened her eyes. She saw Reba and she frowned. Wasn't she supposed to be at the baby shower?

Maduo:what am I doing here?

Reba:You came back and fainted.

Maduo:I'm lost..when did I come back?

Reba weirdly looked at her. She really doesn't remember?

Maduo:actually no..I left to go attend the baby

shower. I don't remember coming back here, what did I come with?

Reba: I'm assuming a taxi..

Maduo tried to remember but nothing.

Maduo: I don't remember at all. I remember being at the baby shower.. I was calling Sasha to bring the picture.. then they wanted to talk about how the baby was made (squinting her eyes) something like that then that's it...

She thought hard about it but nothing came to mind. That was as far as her memories went in regards to today.

Reba: You're sure?

Maduo: Yep..

Her phone rang. She took the phone from her bag and Reba looked at her. She doesn't remember a thing? That was strange.

Maduo:Hello

Thabiso:Maddy hey..your sibling is born.

She smiled but she was confused. Her mother said she wasn't due yet. What was happening?

Maddy:Really? Wasn't mom supposed to give birth a few weeks later or something like that?

Now Thabiso was lost. Maddy was the one who called saying her mother was going to give birth.

Thabiso:Come to the hospital.

Maduo:Okay..

She hung up.

Maduo:Apparently mom just gave birth. We should head to the hospital.

Reba:You are sure that you do not remember anything?

Maduo:Honestly no. If it's important I will remember I guess.

She got out of bed a little too fast and her head started spinning.

Reba held her.

Reba:Take it easy..

Maduo:okay..

She sat down again and stood up slowly with Reba holding her.

He grabbed both their phones and the car keys. They walked out of the room with him holding her steadily and she held on tightly to him.

They got to the car and she got inside first. Was she supposed to remember anything though?

Reba got inside and he started the car.

Everything was weird about today.

Maduo:Am I really supposed to remember what happened today?

Reba:You tell me.

She leaned back and she carefully tried to remember what happened today but her head started aching. She gave up. He started the car and the gate opened as he reversed out.

Madou:Anyhow next week you're taking me to Gabs?

Reba:Yes.

Maduo:The sponsorship and all that has been sorted. Plus I will continue with driving school that side.

Reba:Sounds good.

She looked at her ring for few minutes. She slipped it off her finger and looked at it carefully. She saw that it was engraved. She missed that.

She brought it to her eyes and read it. She smiled. Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi. Nice. She looked

at him and smiled as she slid it back on her finger. The drive to the hospital was quiet.

When they arrived she called her father.

Maduo:Daddy we are here,where should we find you guys?

Thabiso:maternity ward.

Maduo:okay.

She hung up and looked at Reba.

Maduo:We're off to the maternity ward now.

They got out of the car.

Francistown Private Hospital

Tumi went through Rebabedi's pictures on Facebook. She also went through his wife's pictures and she was literally a teenager. She was beautiful though. She sighed thoughtfully.

She still liked him. She smiled.

Tumi: Then this means it's the end of this childish crush then.

She said to herself as she packed her stuff. Her shift was over so she had to go home and she prayed to God that Thuto had cooked.

In a few minutes she was in the parking lot starting her car. She reversed the car out of the spot and started navigating her way out of the hospital.

At Bobonong Primary hospital

Maduo walked into her mother's room and she was holding the baby boy. They were breaking protocol here but he looked so cute.

Reba followed closely behind her and Maduo

smiled.

Maduo:Mama is that him?

Precious nodded. It started to make sense.

Maduo kept on saying their blessing is coming. She literally meant that he would be born today.

Maduo:He is so cute..

She walked to her mother who was next to her dad.

Maduo:Wasn't he due in a few weeks from now?

Precious frowned looking at Maduo.

Precious:You kept saying he is coming?

Maduo:Really? I guess it slipped my mind.

Reba was confused now. She really doesn't remember a thing.

Maduo:Anyhow can I hold him? Please?

Her mother smiled as she handed the baby to Maduo. Maduo smiled as she held her baby

brother in her hands. He was so tiny. So small.
Delicate.

His eyes were closed and she gave him her
finger. He slowly used his whole small hand to
hold it.

Maduo:Wow!(teary)hey baby..look at you..I love
you..

Reba looked at how she smiled holding the
baby.

Maduo:Our little blessing. Happiness in such a
tiny human being. Kgotso.

Precious smiled. Kgotso. She loved the name..

Maduo: Kgotso...okay..

She laughed tearfully as she looked at him. All
wrapped up in blue blankets.

She handed him back to her mother and she
shook her head. She closed her eyes for a few

seconds before they shot open again. Reba held her.

Reba:(whispering in her ear)what's wrong? Talk to me..

Maduo:Uhm..mama don't hire a nanny for him. Please!!

She rubbed her temples...

Reba helped her sit down.

Reba:Should we get you checked by the doctor?

Maduo:No..uhm..I'm fine.

Sarona walked in with a smile.

Sarona:Congratulations..

Precious nodded with a smile but she was worried about Maduo..

Sarona:Well we should name the little champ..

Precious smiled and looked at Thabiso.

Thabiso:Kgotso Solomon(chuckling)

Sarona:Niice!She finished filling in the details.
They needed to get his birth certificate ready.

Sarona:Let me excuse myself and let you guys
bond.

She walked out. Reba looked at Maddy.

Reba:Babe are you sure?

Maduo:yeah..I'm good.

Precious:Maddy are you okay?

Maduo:I'm good mama..good...

Reba sighed. She said she was good but today
her behaviour was just weird and he didn't know
what make of it.

Maduo:I think I need to lie down.

She stood up and walked to her mother. She
kissed the baby's forehead.

Maduo:We're going mama.

Reba:Yes. Congratulations.

Thabiso nodded.

Maduo took Rebabedi hand as they walked out.

Maduo:Bye guys..

She bid her goodbyes to the relatives who were outside Precious's room.

He held her as they walked to the car.

At Nicole's place

A door knock interrupted her movie night. She paused the movie and went to open the door.

She saw Rachel.

She held up a bottle of wine.

Rachel:peace offering?

Nicole:J.C LeRoux?

Rachel:Yeah?

Nicole:Come in.

She opened the door wider and she got inside.
She closed the door...

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At the Kgosi household

Reba walked inside the bedroom with Maddy.

He still wasn't sure that she was okay.

Reba: You sure you're good?

Maduo: for millionth time I am good baby..now you're worried.

She said while holding his cheek. Reba sighed as he placed his big hand on top of her small one

Reba: Maybe we should call the healer?

Maduo looked at him.

Maduo: Fine! You sound and look worried. I am perfectly fine. Call him!

Reba: Yaanong wa omana?

Maduo: I am not. I just don't know how to convince you otherwise.

Reba: You can't...

Maduo:See..

Maduo let go of his cheek as she walked to the mirror and she unzipped her denim skirt.

She looked at him via the mirror as he got rid of his tee.

Maduo smirked as she slowly pulled the skirt down. She then got rid of her t-shirt.

She looked down as she kicked off her sandals. She tried to unhook the bra but his fingers where already there.

Maduo:I hope you know that after this I am sleeping...

He kept quiet.

Maduo:Le ha o ka ntidimalla Reba(even if you can go silent on me Reba)

Maduo:Thank you..

She moved away from him and walked to the wardrobe where she took her pyjamas.

She wore them and when she was done she got undercovers.

She closed her eyes. In a few minutes she felt him behind her.

He kissed her neck. She turned to face him.

Maduo:Ng ng..Reba I want to sleep
tlherra..akere o ntsere o re ka tswa ke lwala o
batla go mpiletsa dingaka?ntlogele ke robale
tuu!(you're the one with suspicions that I might
be sick and you want doctors to examine me.
Let me sleep)

Reba:Shoot a man for caring. Iyoo robala!

Maduo:O tenegile?(you're angry?)

Reba:I am not. Sleep.

She closed his eyes as she laid her head on his chest.

At Nicole's place

They sat in front of the tv as they both kept quiet.

Rachel cleared her throat and looked at Nicole.

Rachel:(sighing)I hear you...just...

Nicole:You still want to give excuses Rachel? That man left you months ago. You're rude to his wife yet the poor girl did nothing.

Rachel:It just frustrates me when I see her. Her photos on Facebook. Just the mere fact that she is with Reba eats me up.

Nicole rolled her eyes.

Nicole:He was bound to move on, you expected a ring but not everyone gets it. You were just a stumbling block in his life...he never loved you. I don't know why you don't see it..honestly this obsession is turning you to something you are

not..

Rachel looked at Nicole.

Nicole:It's true..Just let this go.

Rachel:I will try but I still love him.

Nicole:Well that shouldn't stop you from moving on. I mean you even degraded yourself to wanting to be his side chick. What the hell is that? Kana mma I am tired of always trynna advice you..

Rachel:I will try..sorry if our friendship this past months has been one sided..

Nicole:It was tiring..

Rachel:It really was..

Nicole took the bottle and opened it.

She poured it inside the glasses then handed Rachel one.

She took it and she downed it one go..

Nicole: Bitch tf? (laughing) that's wine not tequila shots..

Rachel: Let me be..

Nicole placed her glass down and headed to the kitchen where she looked for some gin..

She came back a few minutes later with small glasses.

Nicole: Now this is more like it..

She poured it and they both drank it one go.

Rachel: Thank God we don't have work tomorrow. We might be hung over.

Nicole: To friendship..

She said as she poured wine in Rachel's empty wine glass.

She handed it to her and they toasted.

Nicole: Cheers!!

Rachel:cheers!! New beginnings.

Nicole:I drink to that...

They got drunk whilst laughing and giggling.
They locked eyes and laughed.

Rachel:What?

Nicole:nothing..you're pretty when you laugh..

Rachel:Aaw..more wine..

She filled her glass and Rachel sipped on it.

She looked at Nicole who was looking at her..for some strange reason her eyes fell on her plump lips..she drunk more wine. She was seeing things.

They kept quiet as each drank silently. They both turned to look at one another and Nicole smiled at her. There was this strange tension

between them. They locked eyes and Nicole put her wineglass down.

Rachel looked at her, things were getting weird.

Rachel: What are you doing?

Nicole: This..

She held her cheek and brought her lips on hers. Rachel froze before she gave in.

Rachel: This is weird..

Nicole: go with the flow..

Rachel broke the kiss and looked at her. Nicole bit her lower lip. This felt good.

Rachel: You never told me you're lesbian?

She said as she picked her wineglass and downed the remaining wine.

Nicole: you never ask wena...it has always been about you..but I am bi.

Rachel's eyes widened.

Rachel:Really?

Nicole:Yes really..

She just grabbed her neck and kissed her..Rachel broke it once again.

Rachel:This is gonna make our friendship weird..

Nicole:It won't unless you want it to be..

She bit her lower lip. She has never done this before..

Rachel:pinch me so that I know I'm not drunk..

Nicole laughed as she pinched her..

Rachel:Fuck!!!Just this once..

They kissed and #EXPLICIT

The following morning

At the Kgosi household

Reba woke up first and she was snoring softly on his chest. He just laid back as he looked at her. She looked peaceful.

She moved a bit. He chuckled softly. She loved placing her head on his chest.

Her eyes fluttered open. She looked at him confused. What was he looking at?

Reba:Morning Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo yawned. She looked at him. Why was he so happy this morning?

Maduo:Morning..(yawning)

Reba:How was your sleep?

Maduo:Peaceful...

She said as she straddled him.

Maduo:Relaxing.

Reba:really?

Maduo:mmhm..

She pecked his lips.

Reba:I want a real kiss Maduo.

She giggled as he used his hand to pull her close and he kissed her.

She softly moaned in his mouth. She felt him get hard under her and she grinded on him.

Reba:Shit!

He flipped her and he got rid of her pyjama pants.

Reba:Morning glory...Fuck!I'm going to be fast. Don't scream babe..

He moved her panties to the side and slid in. She flinched a bit. She will never get used to

him. He thrustled slowly as she moaned softly. He kept up the pace and she tried to be quiet as possible but when he hit that soft spot she found herself screaming his name..he shut her up with a kiss as her screams died out.

She came before he followed shortly.

He kissed her neck as he slid out of her sweet warmth.

Maduo looked at him. She loved this man. A little bit too much.

He kissed her lips and she smiled into the kiss.

Maduo:I love you Rebabedi...

He kissed her neck before he softly whispered in her ear.

Reba:I love you too Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi..

Her heart stopped beating. He loved her..oh my God!!Reba loves her?

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At the Kgosi household

Her heart stopped beating. He loved her..oh my God!!Reba loves her?

She looked at him.

Maduo:Say that again..please

He chuckled.

He softly kissed her lips..

Reba:I,Rebabedi Kgosi love you Maduo
Rebabedi Kgosi..

She had to scream now. He loved her. She
screamed and he shut her up with a kiss.

Reba:people are sleeping tlhemma..

Maduo:(giggling)sorry..sorry..you love me?

Reba laughed.

Reba:Yes.

Maduo:It's not the sex?

Reba:No..

Madu:Then...

She wrapped her hands around his neck.

Maduo:I love you Kgosi

Reba:okay..

She pouted.

Maduo: Say it back Kgosi.

Reba: (laughing) I love you..

She blushed. Him saying that was just wow.

Reba picked her up and he walked to the ensuite bathroom with her in his arms.

When they were done getting ready they headed to the dining room for breakfast. They greeted everyone at the table.

They sat down and Sasha gave them a weird look. Maduo ignored it as Reba passed her the sugar and honey.

She poured the honey in the porridge.

Reba drank his coffee..

Kgosi:So when are we getting a grandchild?

Reba stoppped drinking his coffee and Maduo almost chocked on her porridge. She rubbed her chest as she tries to swallow.

Sasha laughed silently and Mma Kgosi just awaited their answer.

Reba:Ntatemogolo not now..

Kgosi:I wasn't talking to you Rebabedi,ne ke botsa ngwetsi yame(I was asking my daughter in law)

Maduo:Uhm...

They had put her in such a tight spot.

Maduo:Maybe a year from now..

She didn't know why she said that.

Maduo:I think I hear my phone ringing in the room.

She stood up and walked to the room. Reba

sighed as he looked at his grandfather.

Maduo sat on the bed and called her mother.

Precious:Hi Maddy..

Maduo:Mama..how is the baby?

Precious:He is such a darling.

Maduo:What's his name?

Precious frowned. She named him didn't she?

Precious:You don't remember?

Maduo:remember what?

Precious:ok..forget it. His name is Kgotso.

Maduo:Kgotso. I like it. Well I love you guys and I was just checking up on you guys.

Precious:Okay baby. Bye.

University of Botswana campus

Thompho stared at her picture one last time before he put his phone in his pocket. Well he was still in her block list but he swore he saw her around campus last week when they were registering.

Bogosi walked around campus trying to familiarize himself with everything. He hasn't heard from her in months and he always saw her posts. Not once has she posted her husband but they knew who he was.

It seemed like everyone knew. If only she could see how much he loves her. But he won't get worried. She is coming to school here so that means he might get the chance to talk to her and maybe...just maybe they might have a chance.

He paused as he saw Rethabile. He wanted to ask her but she was with a guy so it was better not to disturb her.

At the Kgosi household

Maduo sat next to Reba as the healer started with his incantations.

Maduo was really hoping there was nothing wrong with her.

The healer looked at her and her heart skipped a beat. What was he seeing?

Healer:Well...

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At the Kgosi household

The healer looked at her and her heart skipped a beat. What was he seeing?

Healer:Well...

He smiled and looked at her.

Healer:She is fine.

Maduo breathed out a sigh of relief.

Reba:She is okay? She keeps forgetting events shortly after they happen.

Healer:I see nothing wrong,Rebabeti are you saying I'm wrong?

Reba:No but there has got to be an explanation for her episodes..

Maduo looked up at Reba,now he was grasping at straws. She was fine. They confirmed it now he still wants to say she is not okay?

Maduo:Thank you.

She said looking at the healer. He nodded and Maduo looked back at Reba giving him a 'you see'look.

Reba:Okay.

They stood up as the healer started packing his things with a small smile playing on his lips. He should keep this to himself for now.

The two walked out and Maduo held his hand.

Maduo:I told you. O happy?

Reba:I still think there is something wrong.

Maduo:Well think all you want then. I am fine..

Reba:are our bags ready?

Maduo:Yep. You have work tomorrow?

Reba:Tomorrow is a Monday Maduo.

Maduo:I know. So after dropping me off at Gabs how long will you be staying?

Reba:The weekend.

Her smile dropped. Bummer.

Reba:Remember what we talked about Maduo.

Maduo:I remember. It's finally happening?

Reba:Yes..

They got to their room and Reba just took the one suitcase they came with. Maduo grabbed their phones and her small bag.

Reba:Stop pouting. Friday is too far.

Maduo:Still..

Reba:Let's go.

At Nicole's place

Rachel woke up. The couch was so damn uncomfortable. She rubbed her messy hair. She looked around and she cringed when what might have happened thoughts came to her.

They are just friend. Fuck! Friends and nothing more or less.

She sat upright and ran her hands through her hair. Maybe it was the alcohol that was talking not Nicole.

The bedroom door and Nicole walked out wearing a gown.

They awkwardly looked at each other.

Nicole:I am sorry for last night.

Rachel:It's okay. I need to go. We'll talk..

Nicole sighed. She could feel the tension between them.

Nicole:okay.

Rachel:Yeah..

She bent down as she wore her sneakers.

Nicole walked back to the bedroom.

At Tumi's house

She went through Rebabedi's Facebook pictures one last time.

Tumi:(to herself)He is married and he never did notice you..

She put her phone down and headed to the bathroom. She needs to get back into the dating game. It's been years and pining over a now married man was not necessary. He never noticed her when he was single,how will he notice her when he is married?

When she walked back into the room she looked at her reflection in the mirror.

Tumi:We are doing a little revamp on you baby..just for yourself..

She said as she tied her hair back. She sat down and she opened the drawers. Taking out her makeup brushes and makeup she got busy.

In an hour she was done. She bumped into

Thuto on the way to the lounge.

Thuto:Wow!Wow!

Tumi turned around for her.

Thuto:Are you going out on a date?

Tumi:Not really...I am going out..

Thuto:Finally..Finally!

Tumi laughed.

Tumi:It's been a long while besides,I have to meet nee people and mingle..

Thuto:Now we're mingling?

Tumi:Yes. So I will eat out today and might come late. Just walking around town and stuff..

Thuto:and stuff? Well all the best sis and I like the new look.

Tumi:Thank you.

She walked to her car and smiled as she got inside. She fixed the rearview mirror and started her car. She checked the time and it was still early. 11 am was still early.

She joined the main road as she drove to town.

Meanwhile at her house Thuto walked into Tumi's room. She looked around and she went straight to the open drawers. She looked through the jewellery. She had to pay this small debt and a waitress was not paid enough. This was the first and last time. She held her emerald necklace in her hand. How much would she get for this piece at the pawn shop? She looked for its matching earrings and she found them.

Tumi rarely wears her things. It was a once in a while thing so she won't even notice.

She tried to leave everything as it were and she walked out.

Thuto:Will buy them back..

She murmured to herself as she walked to her bedroom.

She counted the available cash she had. She was a thousand Pula short. These pieces would be able to cover a thousand? She was not sure but she will try.

Ar the mall

Tumi walked inside the clothing store as she picked a basket. She started taking a few clothes and throwing them in the basket. She smiled. This was good.

She walked to the till to pay but a gentleman

handed his card first.

Tumi: ooh..I can pay for all of this.

He smiled.

Him: I know. You're a pretty lady.

He paid for her and he walked away. Tumi and the lady at the till looked at him stunned.

Tumi: Did..wait..he paid and left?

Lady: Trust me mam, I am shocked as you are...

Tumi: Wow!

Lady: You can say that again.

Tumi frowned. She expected him to maybe ask for her a number but he just paid for her stuff and walked away.

Tumi: Do you know him?

Lady: Have never seen him before.

Tumi:Wow!uhm..this has never happened to me before.

Lady:But he is hot..

Tumi laughed.

Tumi:He is..but what he just did is weird.

Lady:Well here is the receipt mam..

Tumi laughed softly.

Tumi:Thank you.

The handsome stranger walked to his car. What he did was impulsive. What if she recognized him? People talk and his line of work doesn't really need him to be an outgoing person. But fuck he wanted the pretty lady,he hasn't had a good fuck in a long time.

Tumi placed the shopping bags in the backseat.

Who was the handsome stranger? She opened the shopping bags and found the receipt. His name must be written on the receipt. He swiped his card akere?

She saw the name. Michael Same. She has never heard of him before.

She searched him on Facebook. She found nothing. All she has is a name. Bummer.

At Rebabedi's house

She was sleeping. She does this when they come back. She always falls asleep in the car.

He got out of the car and went to her side to pick her up. He used his other hand to try and enter the passcode. She murmured softly and he smiled.

He slid the door open with one hand as he

walked inside carrying her.

He headed to their bedroom and placed her down. She opened her eyes.

She stretched herself and yawned.

Maduo:when did we arrive?

Reba:a few minutes ago.

Maduo:Sorry I fell asleep.

Reba:It's okay. Let me go get the bags.

Maduo:Okay..

She smiled at him as he walked out. She stretched herself yet again before she settled into a comfortable position. Her eyes fluttered before they finally closed.

Reba walked in with the suitcase and she was asleep. He chuckled. He kissed her forehead and covered her with the blankets.

At Grandmother's place

Laone saw her mother's happiness. It was radiating, she was happy for her sister too but there was this tinge of pain that came with it. She also wanted a child but she was not even sure if she will be able to carry one. The baby fever was getting to her. Sherry walked out of the room with her bags and hugged them both.

Sherry: I have to go guys. I have to report back to work tomorrow.

Granny: okay. Have a safe journey.

Laone: Travel safe..

Sherry: Okay guys..byee..I love you.

With that she walked out with her bags.

Granny: Now that the negotiations are over and done with, when should we expect the wedding?

Laone: We are still working on the date plus saving up money for the wedding.

Granny: I am so proud of you girls.

Laone: Thank you ma.

She excused herself as she walked to the bedroom. Maybe when she goes to Gaborone they should run tests? She needed to find out. What if they get married and they find out that she is infertile? Men wanted children and she wasn't getting any younger.

She sighed worriedly as she went through her contact list. She bit her lower lip and just put the phone down.

At Rachel's place

She deleted every picture she had of Reba. She deleted his number and blocked him on all his social media. She breathed in. She needed to move on. She held back tears. She cried for him, she embarrassed herself for him. Damn she lost herself respect in order to have him back. That was not normal. At all.

She placed her phone down. She needed to reassess her life goals. Who she was. She needed to let him go. For her own sanity and mental health.

He was never good for her. She cried rivers for him and he didn't notice, hell he even married a teenager and he is happy with her.

She shook her head. In some way Nicole was right. If she was to look in the mirror right now, the person looking back won't be her.

It would be just a skeleton of the old her. She

allowed herself to be changed.

She broke down into tears. Her parents would be so disappointed in her right now. She was such a fool. She centered her life around him. She gave him her heart on a silver platter just for him to tear it into pieces.

She loved alone. It went to show that the blood you bleed is just the blood you own, nobody has you like your own self.

She wiped her tears. She needed to rise above this. This was just a stumbling block. Never again. No man is going to make her lose herself again. Never again. She will have to be dead for that to happen again. He was no longer her concern. She was letting him go now. For good. Forever.

Rachel:I once loved and it turned to obsession. Obsession turned into hate and bitterness. All for a man who gave zero fucks about me. I fell alone not knowing that I was going to sink alone(holding back more tears)I am disappointed in myself. The old me would be shaking her head questioning my sanity. From today onwards this Rachel shall be non existent.

She said the last sentence with so much conviction she almost believed she had a spine of steel but she knew she wasn't the strongest woman out there.

She chuckled through the tears. She was done with him. Totally and completely done.

At Francistown Airport

Star dragged her bags across the huge airport. The sunset was beautiful but she had come with one purpose. She was grown now and she had done a lot of thinking over the years. She had accepted his reality and past. She had asked for just a few years to get her things in order and it was time.

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At Francistown Airport

Star stopped a taxi and got inside, the driver loaded her baggage. It was so good to be home. She missed this.

She bit her lip. Where the hell was she going? Would he take her in if she showed out of the blue? She shook her head. He hated surprises and she didn't know his home address.

She tried to remember the hotels in the city and one popped up.

Star: Take me to Cresta Marang Hotels?

Taxi driver: of course mam.

He started the car and drove off. She smiled. She was chasing her happiness here. She was no longer immature.

She grew up and she was ready to love him all over again and have his babies. The thought of having him on top of her again made butterflies flutter in her tummy. The way he would breath on top of her. Was it normal to be this excited about one's lost love?

The taxi brought her to her destination and she smiled. It was surreal that she was finally doing this.

At Tumi's house

Tumi walked in with the shopping bags and placed them down.

Tumi: The strangest thing happened today.

Thuto: What?

Tumi: a handsome stranger paid for my stuff.

Thuto looked at the bags.

Thuto:For real?

Tumi:Ka o bolelela tlhemma..he paid with his card and left.

Thuto:those things happen in movies mme..

Tumi:I know. I was shocked too. I don't even know him.

Thuto:Even his name?

Tumi:I know his name but I searched for it on social media and there was nothing. I saw the name of the receipt akere he paid using his card.

Thuto:Well I am glad you had a happy day.

Tumi:I am glad too. Let me go put these bags in the bedroom.

She headed to the bedroom and she placed her stuff down. Michael Same who are you?

She wondered alone.

Later that evening

At Rebabedi's house

Maddy opened her eyes and he was not next to her. She got out of bed and changed clothes. After that she walked out. She headed to the kitchen where she found food in the microwave. She looked at the food and it honestly looked delicious but she didn't have the appetite for that. She put the plate in the fridge and walked out.

She walked to the study and knocked.

Reba:come in..

She walked in.

Maduo:Good evening.

Reba:Hey babygirl..well rested?

Maduo:Yes.

Reba:have you eaten anything?

Maduo:mot yet.

Reba:You only ate breakfast and you didn't finish it Maduo. I don't want to force food down your throat..

Maduo:I am not hungry.

Reba:I never asked. Now go eat your food then you can come back.

She pouted and walked out. She headed back to the kitchen. She had no choice but to eat.

She put the plate in the microwave and waited for it to be warm. She finally took it out and

started eating. She managed half of the food but that was better than nothing.

She walked back to the study, he closed his laptop and the files he had opened.

Reba:Done?

Maduo:Yep.

She just went to sit on his lap.

Maduo:I love this and I love you.

Reba:I love you too...

Maduo:And I have to leave this Friday..urg..

Reba chuckled.

Reba:You'll survive.

Maduo:Yeah right. You're addictive kana Reba..

Reba:really?

Maduo:mmhhmm..you never see it but you have

an effect on women. I would say definition of an Alpha male but it's more than that..

He laughed.

Reba:You think too much.

Maduo:I do not. Keore I don't want to leave because every woman wants you. I know we are meant to be but still the distance and stuff can make you cheat on me and you know I won't be able to do anything about it. Imagine hela ke beletswa wena mme I am your wife.

Reba:You think I will cheat?

She sighed sadly.

Maduo:All men cheat. It's the sas reality this world has. You may promise me and say you won't cheat and I will believe you,then boom. You cheat and I am the broken hearted one yet you claim to love me.

Reba:I'm sorry if you feel that way.

Maduo:No..it's like men have this self righteous about them. And I hate that.

Reba kept quiet.

Maduo:Your actions will tell me otherwise. I am not that crazy or anything,it will just kill me in silence and I won't cheat. Judge me by my actions. I won't bring anybody over at our house that side. Well except Sasha..but for this next level we will just have to blindly trust one another.

Reba:Okay. So I can come over anytime?

She giggled.

Maduo:Yeah..anytime..even if it's 12am I would open the door for you.

Reba:it's a deal.

Maduo:Glad we understand one another.

She said with a bit of sadness in her voice. Man

was hot and it seemed like he attracted women like a magnet. She always sees the looks women give her when she is out with him and how some salivate looking at him. She was worried.

He kissed her lips and she kissed him back.

The following day

Maduo spent her morning at driving school and the rest of the afternoon at home. She got busy with cleaning and everything in between.

By the time she was done with cooking she sat down and started trading. She didn't have anything better to do really.

She checked the time and it was almost five pm.

He usually came around four but anyhow.

She heard the engine. Speak of the devil.

He walked inside holding his case and she smiled.

Maduo:Hey..

Reba:Hey..

Maduo:Should I bring the food?

Reba:Not yet. I think I need to exercise..

She wiggled her eyebrows.

Reba:What?

Maduo:What better way to exercise than with your wife?

Reba:You rarely exercise.

Maduo:I do those stretches and yoga what whats. That's exercise enough nje..

Reba:Okay..

Maduo:Why don't we hit the basketball court?

Reba:You're setting yourself up for failure.

Maduo:No I am not.

She stood up and followed him to the room.

She changed shoes and waited for him. Did he have to not wear a top though?

Maduo:Wear a tee..

Reba:You're going to be distracted?

Maduo:I'm fully dressed, it's not fair at all.

He laughed.

Reba:In shorts? It's a win-win situation here baby..

Maduo:Fine..still gonna win.

Reba:Only if I let you..

They walked out of the bedroom with Maduo talking his ears off. She can sure talk and funny thing is she never gets tired of talking.

At Cresta Marang Hotel

Star looked at the address. Fishing for it was a struggle but she found it. She fixed her edges with some gel. Perfect. She looked perfect.

She hoped she wasn't too much for their first encounter after such a long time.

Star:Oh Ree...(sighing with happiness)

She stood up and twirled. Maybe they might have sex and it will make up for all those years they have been apart. Her clit throbbed at the thought and she got wet as she remembered his deep voice. How his stubble would feel

against her cheek.

She jumped in happiness. She couldn't wait. She already had a job offer in the area and that means...

She smiled. She was a happy bitch today.

She walked out of the hotel room with her handbag in hand. She was going to see him today. She was just too excited.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:My God!Reba you're cheating..

She said as he scored.

Reba:I am not..

He bounced the ball and she tried to take it but he scored again.

Maduo:Duuuude...I so hate you right now.

Reba:You lose.

Maduo:At least let me win..

He handed her the ball and she scored then smiled.

Maduo:That wasn't hard.

He picked her up and she scored. She smiled wider.

Maduo:See..if you did this in the very beginning I would've won.

Reba:You hate losing..

Maduo:Whatever.

He placed her on his shoulders.

Maduo:Don't drop me..I am still too young Mr

Reba:Relax..

She held on tightly as he walked to the house carrying her on his broad shoulders. She could see the thin layer of sweat and damn. God created a masterpiece here.

He put her down as they walked inside the house.

Maduo:That was fun..

Reba:You complained everytime I scored Mrs Rebabedi.

Maduo:But it was still fun. I love you..

He kissed her and she stood on her tippy toes to kiss him back.

Just like that they tumbled to the couch with Reba on top of her.

Maduo ran her hands all over his tattooed back.

Reba:Can I fuck you?(whispering in her ear)

She got wet instantly..

Maduo:You said you don't have to ask for my permission(panting)

Reba chuckled in her ear and she moaned.

Reba:I was still gonna fuck you regardless...

Meanwhile the taxi stopped in front of the yard. She paid the driver and she rubbed her hands together. She pressed the intercom.

Maduo stopped him.

Maduo:Someone's at the gate..

Reba:Let them wait..

She placed her hands on his chest holding him back.

Maduo:Could be important. Open the gate.

Reba:Maduo!!

Maduo:Well it could be important Reba..

He got off her. Whoever was at the gate just spoiled his day.

He pressed the button and the gate opened.

Maduo laughed. His boner was visible.

Reba:I'll be back.

Maduo:Sure..

He walked out of the room and she tried pulling her t-shirt which was his which technically made it her down. She sighed. She just went to stand by the open glass door,waiting for their guest to arrive by their doorstep.

Star looked at the young girl who stood by the door. Maybe this was the wrong address. But the person had verified the address.

Star:Who are you?

Who was she?

Reba came back with a tee on.

Reba:Babe who...is..at...

He stopped talking when he saw who it was.

Star frowned and her heart started beating.

Maduo folded her hands and waited for the woman to talk.

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Morning

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At Rebabedi's house

Star looked at Reba and the young girl she didn't know. He just called her babe? No. Maybe she is his sister.

Maduo:Hello..How can we help you?

She said with such a sweet voice it made Reba cringe.

Star:Who are you again?

She asked again. Her accent more clear.

Maduo:Excuse you. Ausi you're at my doorstep.
Who are you ke eng o ntatetse?

Star:Ree who is this?

Ree?who the fuck is that? Sounds like some cartoon character. It clicked that she knows her husband. That's wonderful. He sure knows how to pick them.

Maduo turned to look at him.

Maduo:Wow!And your bitches disrespect me at home too. Kante banna le swa leng?mxm..banyana ba gago ba tena..keore wa itse ke eng..(and your bitches disrespect me at home too. When are men dying?mxm..you're girls are annoying..you know what..)

Reba:Maddy..

He held her hand and she looked between the anonymous girl and Reba. She rolled her eyes.

Maduo:Ntese tlhe monna..(let go of me)

He let her hand go. After that she turned and walked away. She didn't have the energy to deal with such. Honestly. This was starting to annoy her.

Reba sighed. He will deal with her later, she was just angry and this time he knew where she was coming from.

Star: Who is she? I thought we agreed that when I am ready I will do the right thing Reba and you would do the same..

Reba: Star the fuck? Really? Something that happened years ago? You decided to run....you ran away Star.

Star: I had to find myself but she can go. I'm here..

Reba: Wow! Star wee?

Star: Rra?

She missed it when he got angry at her and would reprimand her. She would have no choice but to agree. Then followed by lots and lots of bondage sex. The works.

Reba:o ntlwaetswa ke eng kante?(why are you disrespecting me?)

Star:Ha gona..Reba I am here..

Reba chuckled.

Reba:Whatever you're high on,stop taking it. You don't just waltz here and disrespect the Mrs.

Star's heart stopped. She then noticed the gold band on his finger and her heart broke.

Star:I thought..

Reba:Can you never come again?You just made her angry and I do not have the energy to deal with an angry woman.

He wasn't even considering her feelings. He didn't care did he?

Star:Just like that?

Reba:Whatever was in the past stays there
Star,I am not the man I was in Canada...

Star:Reba so you're just going to toss me aside like that?

Reba:Yes. Life goes on. Nothing is a fairytale. Just stay away. Next time I won't be this lenient.

Star:Wow!

Reba:You talk as if I ever loved you anything
Star. It was really not that deep. I never even said I loved you.

That nearly made her lose her balance in her four inch heels. Not that deep?

Star:Not that deep?

Reba:Yes. Just go. I hate having to explain myself to unnecessary people.

Blow after blow. She could physically feel the blows his words delivered.

Star:Really? She is a child..

Reba:So? Star ta ga o ntena kana a bo ke go clapa..Sa ntse o le ha?(So? Star you're starting to annoy and I might slap you..you're still here?)

His voice scared her and with her bruised pride she turned and walked away. He used to have such a soft spot for her and he would hate seeing her cry. Even if he had never said he loved her,his actions were those of love.

Tears burned her eyes and she tried to maintain the walk and confidence she had when she

came here but it was hard. Her heart was in shambles already but it was not yet over. She will give him a week to really get used to the fact that she was here. He couldn't actually be married to a teen could he? She was not going to give up on the man she loved. Not by a long shot. She knew people and she was going to have him.

Reba sighed and slid the door close. He pulled the curtains and walked to the bedroom. He cost him a happy wife and she probably won't agree to him fucking her.

Reba:Baby?

She didn't even answer him. He found her sitting on the rug crosslegged. She was wearing her glasses and was on her laptops. Cute.

Reba:Maddy?

She ignored him as she did what she did on her laptop.

Reba:Maduo talk to me..

She looked at for a few seconds before she faced her laptop screen again.

Reba walked out and she rolled her eyes and kept doing what she was doing.

At the hotel

Star walked inside the room with her head down. She got rid of her shoes and sat on the bed. Maybe he got her pregnant? Why would he settle down for a teenager?

Tears blurred her vision and she looked up

trying to hold them.

She felt doomed in the hotel rooms, staring straight up at the ceiling trying to numb the pain.

She looked down and took her phone from her handbag. She dialed her sister.

Star:Hey..

Her:You sound sad..what's up?

Star:I'm back in town..

Her:That's good news Star,why didn't you tell us so that ma and pa can pick you up from the airport?

Star:(sighed)I was too forward..

Her:What happened?

Star:Reba is married..

Her sister kept quiet.

Star:You knew?

Her:We knew it would break you..we saw it on social media..

Star's teal rolled down her cheeks.

Star:Keore...wow!I went there and embarrassed myself thinking he waited.

Her:Men don't wait Star..6 years is a pretty long time for a man to wait..

Star:I had to get my shit in order...I..I..

Her:It's okay. We're over the addiction?

Star:Yeah..Yeah..I'm good..just hurt..and he was so rude Aub..So rude..

Her:He wasn't expecting you Star..rest and we will talk tomorrow.

Star:okay.

She hung up as she covered her face and cried. She will get him back. She loved him. Only him. Just him. Nobody else would do.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo rubbed her eyes as she took off her glasses. She lightly kneaded her tummy. Maybe her period was coming hence the cramps. She stood up and headed to the bathroom. She opened the medicine cabinet and grabbed the bottle that had painkillers.

She walked out and headed to the kitchen.

After popping two pills she felt fine. She drank more water and thoughtfully looked around. Was she going to be disrespected by each and every girl that used to see Reba?

Man was a damn chick magnet and the ancestors specially picked a heartbreak just for her. Great.

He walked inside the kitchen and looked at her.

Reba:Maduo..

Maduo:...

She looked at him as she placed her glass down. This man was a whole heartbreak and she loved him. What if he goes back to one of them once she is gone..

Reba:Babe..

She sighed as she held back tears.

Reba:Now why are we crying Maddy?

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At Rebabedi's house

Reba:Now why are we crying Maddy?

She used her hands to wipe her tears.

Reba:Talk to me..

Maduo:I'm fine..

He walked towards her and he picked her up and placed her on the counter.

Reba:What is it Maddy?

Maduo:Who is she?

Reba:An ex.

Maduo:Kante why banyana ba gago ba nna ba batla go nthoga Reba? Nna ke ba dirileng? Ke wena nna?(why do your girls always want to insult me Reba? What have I ever done to them? Am I you?)

Reba:Calm down Maddy..

Maduo:I won't calm down Rebabedi. Don't tell me to calm down. Every freakin time they do this. First it was Rachel now that coloured bimbo..kante ke ba dirileng eng nna? And don't say calm down Reba. I'm going and I am starting to have second thoughts.

Reba:I won't entertain anyone Mrs Kgosi. I swear.

Maduo: Who is she? For her to come all the way here and disrespect me? Nna? Reba nna? I might be younger than them but I hate being disrespected.

Reba:I know. She is an ex from way back.

She folded her arms and he placed his hands on both sides.

Maduo:Continue..

Reba:I have a past..I did stuff and stuff happened. Might tell you one day. What we had ended 6 years ago when she ran.

She frowned.

Maduo:So she came here for something that ended six years ago?

Reba:Yes..

Maduo:A woman isn't crazy to do that..you guys made promises?

Reba:Foolish ones but it's over now Maddy. Believe me.

Maduo sighed.

Maduo:Does she understand that it's over and there can never be anything between you two?

Reba:Yes.

Maduo:Sure?

Reba:100% sure of that..

Maduo:I don't want stories Kgosi.

Reba:I know Mma Kgosi.

Maduo:How did she get our home address?

Reba:I honestly have no idea...

She looked at him. He was telling the truth. She could tell.

Maduo:You haven't talked to her for all this time?

Reba:No...When I left Canada 6 years back that was the end of it all.

Maduo:Should I expect more like her? Subs and exes?

Reba:I don't know baby... I really don't know. I never expected such a turn of events.

Maduo:So there are more?

Reba:She is the only ex I have..the rest are subs and I am no longer sure that they will never turn up out of the blue.

Maduo:How long have you known you had a chosen wife?

He rubbed his head.

Reba:Since I was 16..

Maduo:And you had to make promises to her..

Reba:That was foolish,I know. I was still trying

to convince ntatemogolo otherwise. To not let me marry..

Maduo:I don't even want to ask what kind of promises and why she ran away..

Reba:Complicated..one day..

Maduo:What's her name?

Reba:Star..

Maduo:Well she should go shine bright elsewhere..why do they always want you back Reba?

He shrugged.

Reba:I don't know..

Maduo mentally rolled her eyes. He knew and that was also the reason why she won't let him go.

Maduo:Don't cheat on me..

Reba:I won't..

Maduo:Okay. I'm good with your answers.

Reba:Trust me Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:Okay.

Reba:We're good?

Maduo:We are. I was being dramatic wasn't I?

Reba:You were and rightly so...come here.

He pulled her down for a kiss. The kiss got heated and she broke it.

Maduo:Not today or tomorrow or the day after tomorrow..I have cramps and we all know what that means.

She said as her cheeks turned pink. This was weird.

Reba laughed softly.

Reba:I don't know what that means...tell me..

Her cheeks burned. He wasn't seriously asking

her that.

Maduo:You know..

Reba:I don't. I seriously want to know.

Maduo pushed his off with her hand and he allowed himself to be pushed. He laughed when he saw her deep pink cheeks.

He walked to her as she covered her face with her hands.

Reba:Don't go all shy on me. I'm still waiting to hear what it means.

He said as he removed her hands from her face.

Maduo:My periods..I'm talking about my periods.

Reba:That's why you were crying..mood swings.

She looked at him.

Reba:Don't look at me like that. I have a sister Maddy.

Maduo:I don't know..

Reba:The cramps still bothering you?

Maduo:I took painkillers a while ago..

Reba:Rest then. Should I prepare a hot bath for you?

Maduo:You want to do that?

Reba:Let me get started on it. First let's get you off this counter.

He picked her up and carried her to the room. She liked how safe she felt in his strong arms. She hoped that it would stay like this no matter what happens.

She sighed as she breathed into his neck. He hasn't even taken a shower.

He kicked the door open with his foot and laid

her down on the bed.

He had his days and his sweetness would melt her heart.

Maduo:I love you..

Reba:I love you too.

He removed his tee and Maddy smiled.

Maduo:Strip show?

Reba:In your dreams baby..

She laughed as she sat upright and he walked into the bathroom. She heard the water running. He was probably taking a shower.

She rubbed her tummy before she lay on it and took her phone from the stand. She went through her socials before she placed the phone back when he walked out of the bathroom.

Reba:Your water is ready.

Maduo:Thank you.

She got off the bed and started to get undressed.

At The Hotel

Star laid awake as she stared up the ceiling. Tears choked her. They made promises and he didn't hold out his end. She was gone for years but....

He said it was not even that deep. For her it was. It was deep. He was her first love and she was going to fight for it.

Star:I have to...

She said. She got better knowing he was waiting. This means she has to do her research about him and his wife. She was not going to let him slip through her fingers just like that.

She wiped her tears and sat upright. She switched on the side lamp and took her diary. She went through the list of names she had. She stopped on a particular name and she bit her lower lip. Was she going to do this?

Star:For Reba we're doing this honey...

She grabbed her phone and dialed the number. It rang for a while before the person answered.

Voice:Hello..

Star:Hi..It's Star here.

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At The Hotel

Star nodded.

Star:Thank you.

Voice:I hope you're not going to do anything bad with the information.

Star:Not at all. I just want to know.

Voice:Alright. Will send the file tomorrow

morning. Let me start working on it.

Star: Thank you so much.

Voice: Sure..

She hung up and closed her diary.

The following day

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo woke up alone in bed. He must've headed to work already. She headed to the bathroom and she frowned as she sat on the toilet seat. This was so light. Just a few drop of blood. Her periods have never been this light.

She sighed. Maybe it's because it's the first day. There was nothing wrong with her. Nothing at all.

She pulled up her pants with a sigh. Her routine was still the same as that of yesterday. A bath first then driving school. But she might do something different. She smiled. He won't get angry.

At Grandmother's house

Laone hugged her mother one last time.

Laone:I have to go plus you have to take care of Precious.

Granny:I know..once she gets out of hospital.

Laone smiled.

Granny:Hopefully it will be you soon.

Laone laughed uncomfortably. She didn't want to go into the baby topic.

Laone:Yeah..bye..

She said as she walked out.

She headed to her car and dialed Terry.

Terry:My love..

She smiled.

Laone:Hey. I'm coming back today.

Terry:Okay. What time should I expect you?

Laone:Around 4 or something.

Terry:Okay will be waiting. Safe journey my love.

Laone:Okay. I love you..

Terry:I love you more.

She hung up and started the car. She will talk to him about the baby issue when she arrives.

Yeah. That will be better.

Later that day

At Rebabedi's office

Wame walked in holding files and she placed them on his desk.

Wame:Sir,there is someone here to see you..

Reba frowned as he removed his glasses.

Reba:Who?

Wame:The lady says you know her. Should I let her in?

Reba:Okay..

Wame walked out and let the woman in.

Her five inch heels clicked and everyone watched her as she walked into the office. Murmurs followed as soon as the office door closed.

Reba looked up. His patience was being tested here.

Reba:What do you want?

Star:To talk Reba and I hope you're going to listen carefully. When I came here for you,I wasn't playing.

He smirked as he pressed his phone and put the recorder on.

Star:Here is the thing...

She talked while Maduo stood by the reception. She held the food in her hand. This was weird.

Maduo:Hi..I'm looking for Mr Kgosi's office?

The receptionist smiled at her. She was a cute lil thing. Pretty too. Maduo smiled at her. She

was so respectful and her cuteness was a crime. Was anyone supposed to be that cute and lovable.

Her:Can I call his PA to lead you there?

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:I might be an unwanted guest..

Her:Everyone at the office knows who Mrs Kgosu is..news travels fast..

She blushed.

Maduo:ooh..

Her:Let me call Wame..

The receptionist dialed Wame's number and she answered the phone.

Wame>Hello.

Her:I need you to take someone up to Mr

Kgosi's office.

Wame:He has..

Wame paused thoughtfully.

Wame:Okay..I'm coming down.

Her:Sure..

She hung up and she looked at Maduo with a smile on her face.

Her:She is coming. In the meantime you can sit down.

Maduo:Thank you.

She sat down on one of the couches,placed the food down and looked around. It was a pretty nice place.

Wame made her way to the reception. She looked at the receptionist who smiled and pointed to Maduo who had her head down.

Wame:who is that?(miming)

Her:Mrs Kgosi(miming)

Wame breathed in and approached Maduo. She was very simple in jeans and sneakers.

Wame:Hi..

Maduo lifted her head up and smiled.

Maduo>Hello..

She was better in person than in the pictures on social media.

Wame:Uhm..I have to take you to Mr Kgosi's office?

Maduo:oooh you're his PA. The one who sent me cab numbers a while back right?

Wame:The one and only..

Maduo:Thank you man..

She stood up then picked the food and her bag.

Maduo:You can lead me..

Wame:Wame..

Maduo:Wame...okay just call me Maduo.

Wame:of course mam...

Like that they walked towards the elevator and Wame pressed the floor number.

She stole glances at Maduo. Where did he find her because she was pretty. She saw how had nicely laid down her edges and those blonde box braids were gorgeous on her.

The elevator dinged and that was when Wame remembered that Mr Kgosi had someone in his office.

Everyone on the top floor looked at Wame walking with the young girl.

Maduo:This is nice..the interior designer knew what he was doing.

Wame:It's stunning isn't it?

Maduo:I like the contrast in colour. Makes the work environment seem serene.

Wame:Let me check with Mr Kgosi..

Maduo looked at her watch.

Maduo:It's lunch time. No need. Thank you Wame for your help.

She said as she held the door knob.

Meanwhile in his office

Star:So what's it going to be Reba? I mean I still want you or you want to lose your precious wife?

She said the last part rolling her eyes with a sinister smile.

She really was delusional. He smirked

Reba:Give it your best shot Star.

Her smile faded. He wasn't moved?

Star:You would rather lose her?

Reba:You're a mental case,they should have locked you up in the asylum don't you think diamond?

Star:I am not bluffing here Reba..

Reba:Do I look like I'm bluffing too? Star you should know me better. Getting my hands dirty has never been a problem and if you recorded this conversation thinking I'm going to incriminate myself then I think your game played you..

Star looked at him. How did he know she was recording?

Reba:I can't be blackmailed like that Star..

The office door opened and Maduo walked in.

She paused as she looked at Star and Reba.

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At Rebabedi's office

Maduo closed the door and leaned against it holding the food.

This time Star took a good look at her. She was

cute alright and she had a happy aura but that was not the point though. She had a mission to accomplish.

She stood up and looked at Reba.

Star:Think about what I said. Time is ticking.
Tick tock! Tick tock!

Maduo moved from the door as Star catwalked to the door.

Reba:Star?

Sh turned and looked at him.

Reba:See that diamond ring on her finger?

Star looked at Maduo's hand.

Reba:That's there to stay..

Maduo moved from the door and she opened the door and walked out.

Maduo looked at the now open door and looked

at Reba.

Reba:come here. Please.

She wanted to say no but she found herself walking to him.

He cleared his desk and moved back from the desk.

He patted the desk top and she sat on the desk.
He placed his hands on her thighs.

Reba:You came to visit?

Maduo:Yeah..

Reba:I know you want to ask questions and you're trying not to ask..(laughing)

Maduo:I don't want to seem insecure.

Reba:Just ask..you know you want to..

Maduo:What was she doing here?

Reba:(laughing)she says she wants me back.

Maduo:Do you want her back?

Reba:Of course not.

Maduo:What time is she talking about?

Reba:Leave that to me. Just trust me okay?

Maduo:Okay. On a less serious note I brought food.

Reba:For me?

Maduo:Mhm..I was around and I was like why not show up unannounced..

Reba:That's very much appreciated. Get comfortable on the couch.

She got off the table with her food and walked to the couch. She placed the doggy bag next to her and she removed her shoes.

He joined her minus the blazer.

At Laone's place

She was still off the whole week and it gave her time to reflect everything. Her tears fell as what happened years ago flashed in her mind and how nobody found out. She made sure to keep it to herself and now the past is threatening to haunt her.

Now she was not even sure if she was going to bear her husband a child. Imagine that. She searched the internet and the results were something she had gotten used to. There was a fifty percent chance of her having a child.

The door opened and Terry walked in. She quickly wiped away her tears.

Terry:Afternoon. I'm here for lun..

He looked at her and realised that she was crying.

Terry:Hey..what's wrong?

He said as he walked to her and sat next to her.

Laone:I'm fine..

Terry:You're not. Lala talk to me..

She burst into tears and he just pulled her close to him. He rubbed her back as she cried.

He let her cry it out and she lifted her head up as she used her sleeves to wipe her tears.

Terry:Lala you're scaring me now love,what's wrong?

Laone:I'm a horrible human being..I..I should've been honest from the get go.

Terry gave her a questionable look and she sniffed. He was going to hate her. She is not the

saint he thought she was.

Terry:What's wrong Lala?

Laone:I..

Her lips quivered as tears quickly made their way to her eyes.

Terry:Talk to me Lala...

Laone:I..I am not sure I can have children.

Terry looked at her and smiled.

Terry:Love is that why you're crying?

He said as he took her hands in his and kissed them.

Terry:Don't be worried babe..

Laone shook her head. He didn't understand.

Laone:It's not as easy as that.

What does she mean now?

Laone:I did something and...

She bit her lower lip as tears rolled down her cheeks.

Terry:Lala...

Laone:I am a horrible human being and I might be infertile too...

Terry:What's wrong? What did you do?

She saw how worried her was and how he really was concerned about her.

At Bobonong Primary hospital

Precious held a sleeping Kgotso in her hands. He was a blessing. She couldn't believe that she was holding a whole live baby.

She smiled looking at his cute nose. She used her finger to touch his small hands and she

couldn't help it.

Precious:I love you baby. Look at you.(whispering)

She smiled tearfully. This was just so surreal. It took a series of heart aches to be holding this little bundle of joy in her arms.

Precious:I can't believe that I am holding you..
Kgotso.

Thabiso softly opened the door as he came with food for her. He placed the food on the side table and focused his attention on them.

Thabiso:He's asleep?

She nodded as a fat tear rolled down. He used his thumb to wipe it.

Thabiso:He is ours..

Precious:I know..I just can't believe it(tearfully)

Thabiso looked at his son. He had a son. He chuckled as he looked at the peace nestling in his wife's arms. A blessing.

They both looked at him. So thankful for his existence.

At Rebabedi's office

Reba packed his stuff and Maddy looked at him. She spent the whole afternoon in his office and he was thankful for her silence. She can be a chatterbox when she wants.

Maduo:So this what happens daily?

Reba:My day wasn't that hectic.

Maduo:Takeout?

Reba:You won't cook?

Maduo:Nope..unless you're offering?

Reba:Not today buttercup. So the shops it is.

Maduo:Okay. Let me hold that case for you. It's not heavy isn't it?

Reba:No.

She took the case as he wore his blazer. They walked out together as the remaining employees looked at them. They were a good match and Maduo decided to start talking.

Reba listened to her all the way to the car.

Reba:Really?

Maduo:Yes really..

He unlocked the car and she got inside first before he followed. He started the car and Maduo buckled up.

Maduo took pictures of his hand on the steering wheel. She won't post him as of yet but his hand? Definitely.

She captioned the picture*Can your love ever
Kgosi*

She smiled. Yeah she loved him. So bad and it was scary that she might do anything. Anything for him. She was his for the taking. Whatever he wants she would give to him,even if it's heaven she would find it for him.

He reversed out of the parking lot and she read the few comments on the picture.

Comment 1:A hand Maduo wena o
tshameka ka rona.

She haha'd the comment as Rethabile commented.

Rethabile: 🍷 you like being mysterious Mrs Kgosi.

She replied her.

Maduo:Let me be wena lol

She went through the comments and she stopped at one particular one. Her smile faded.

Comment: You guys are just falling for her jokes. No 18 year old can be married. She should just focus on school and stop being a clout chaser. Jiki jiki she is a Kgosi out of the blue? Useless teens on this app nana ya go bala o tswe mo bo rre ba batona mo go wena.

She rolled her eyes. The commenter was bored. She ignored that comment. She wanted to delete it but she let it be. She put her phone down and looked outside the the car as it moved.

Reba noticed the change in moods. He wanted

to ask but he let her be. She will tell him if she wants to.

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At the shops

Reba:Stop sulking,what's wrong?

Maduo:Nothing. Can we just buy whatever and

go home?

They walked into a fast food shop and joined then queue.

She was still down.

Reba:Maddy?

Maduo:Rra?

He shut up. She was not in the mood. He got busy on his phone while Maddy was sulking.

He saw her recent post and he reacted on it. It was him she posted right?

He shared the post and captioned it*Mrs Kgosi I see you *

He slid the phone in his pocket as he held her waist and they walked to the counter.

Reba:Order.

Maduo:Ok.

She told them their order before they went to sit

down and wait for the food to be ready.

He looked at her as she leaned into his arm.

Reba:What's wrong?

Maduo:Nothing.

She sighed and breathed in his cologne. She shouldn't let that one comment get to her.

Social media is just like that people say nasty things.

Their order number was called and she stood up. She paid with her card and took the food. Reba stood up and they walked side by side as they headed out.

When they got to the car she just leaned back and closed her eyes.

Reba:Buttercup?

Maduo:hmm..

Reba:Buckle up.

She buckled up and then closed her eyes. She shouldn't let this affect her at all.

At Laone's house

Terry looked at a sleeping Laone. He still didn't know what was wrong and why she cried like that. He was worried about her. He sat on the bed and stared at her. Why was she saying that she is a horrible human being?

At Sasha's school

Sasha walked to the parking lot. Maybe she should move in with Maddy? She shook her

head. Nah! She will feel like a third wheel when she and her brother are doing the nasty. The little she heard when they were at home was enough to traumatise her.

"Excuse me mam"

A guy walked over to her. She stopped as she tightly held her books. She still didn't trust men.

The guy smiled at her and she saw a dimple. She wanted to smile back but she kept a straight face.

Him:Hi,I'm Leruo. I'm part of the evangelism group at church and would like to invite you to church.

Sasha frowned. Church?

Him:Well let me start(laughing)

He gave her Bible verses as he explained salvation to her.

Sasha:Oh..wow!

He gave her a leaflet and there was a youth thing. Should she go? She didn't know. She just took the leaflet and placed it on top of her books.

Leruo:Can I know your name?

Sasha:Sasha..thanks. Let me go.

Leruo:Before you go you will attend?

Sasha:I don't know. Thank you.

With that she walked away and Leruo looked at her. He smiled. Even if she doesn't come he still taught another soul about Jesus. He walked in the opposite direction.

Sasha got to the parking lot and unlocked the car. She sighed as she looked at the leaflet. Their family was a traditional one. Should she?

But it seemed interesting. No lie.

She started the car. She will see.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo switched between the channels. Bored. She wanted to stay away from her phone. What if more people like that commenter commented?

Her phone rang and she answered it upon seeing the caller.

Rethabile: Hey Mads..when are you landing school again?

Maduo:By Monday I will be there. Last week I registered and stuff. This is my last week this side.

Rethabile:Well I can't wait for you to come back.

Maduo:This time madam poet you pay for food.

Rethabile:yes mam. Are you good?

Maduo:Yeah..

Rethabile: don't tell me that you're upset because of that comment. We both know you're Mrs Kgosì wena..

Maduo:I know but the way she got her point across was rude.

Rethabile:Don't let the nay sayers get to you. Well go check your post again and smile. Being sad doesn't suit your loud mouth.

Maduo:Mxm..I am not a loud mouth.

Rethabile:Whatever that makes you sleep at night. Bye.

She hung up and she went to her post. The comment was still there. She frowned. She went to the notifications panel and she smiled.

He shared and reacted for the first time.

Something she has been telling him to do. She went to his shared post and read the caption. Okay.

She read the comments under the post.

Commenter 1: o mo jisitse eng ga a go poster ne mona? tell us

Tyler: My gee

She laughed it off and read the comments.

She placed her phone down with a smile.

At Jwaneng

Tyler walked out of his office with his files in one hand. He had to take work home now.

He saw the light in one office on and he knocked on the door. It was getting late.

Her:Come in.

He opened the door and he found Miranda busy on the computer.

Miranda:Boss..

He chuckled.

Tyler:You should stop calling me that. Tyler would do.

Miranda smiled.

Miranda:Boss?(laughing)

Tyler:Isn't it a bit late?

Miranda:Just sending a few emails,I will be done in a few.

Tyler checked the time.

Tyler:It's a bit late,will you find transport in time?

Miranda:I will see..I don't know.

Tyler:Finish up and let me drop you off.

Miranda:I don't think it will be appropriate for my boss..

Tyler:It's just a concerned boss dropping his employee to make sure she is safe and keeps on being productive. Don't read too much into it
Miranda.

She focused on the computer screen as she sent the last email and then switched it off.

Miranda:All done boss.

She started to arrange her desk as Tyler stood by the door. She won't let her foolish crush on her boss ruin this job. It's been years and she finally has a stable job.

She stood up and walked up to him. She wasn't wearing heels today and she was short shem.

Tyler:After you..

She walked out first and he closed the door in his way out.

They walked past the empty offices and got inside the elevator.

Miranda looked at her nails as if they were the most interesting thing on planet earth. When the elevator dinged she got out first and Tyler laughed.

Tyler: I am not going to eat you up Ms Simons unless you want me to..

She blushed and faced the other. She cleared her throat.

Miranda: Uhm...

Tyler: I am still dropping you off... follow me.

She reluctantly followed him to the parking lot. He unlocked his car and opened the door for her before walking to his side.

She sat down and buckled up. His cologne was

so strong in his car.

She placed her bag on her lap as he started the car.

Miranda:Your car is nice.

Tyler:Thanks.

He switched on the car heating and she was thankful for that.

The silent to the staff housing was silent. When they were there Miranda directed him to where she was staying.

He stopped the car in front of the yard as the car headlights flashed.

Meanwhile Sherry pulled the curtain and she saw Tyler's car. She saw Miranda getting out of it and she frowned. Were they romantically involved?

Anyhow she let go of the curtain and she sat on the couch.

Miranda: Thank you once again.

Tyler: Anytime. See you tomorrow.

He drove off and she sighed. She walked to the house and knocked. Her housemate opened the door.

Miranda: Hey..

Sherry: Hi.. worked till late today?

Miranda: Yeah.. so exhausted. Gonna take a shower and sleep.

Sherry: okay.

Miranda headed to the bedroom and Sherry kept her eyes glued to the television screen.

At Rebabedi's house

Reba dialed the Sergeant. As much as he can handle all of this himself, he doesn't want to involve her in all of this.

The Sergeant answered and Reba gave him the downsize of everything and he sent the recording.

Sergeant: We will deal with it.

Reba: Thanks.

He hung up and sighed. Star was causing unnecessary trouble really.

The door opened and she walked in. She was smiling now.

Maduo: Hello..

Reba: Hey.

She just walked to him and sat on his lap.

Maduo:Have I told you that I love you?

Reba:No. I don't think so.

Maduo:Well I love you.

Reba:I love you too. Why are you happy?

Maduo:I'm always happy.

Reba:A few hours ago you were not.

Maduo:Well I'm happy now..

Reba:No more sulking?

Maduo:Nope..

Reba:If you're happy then I'm happy.

Maduo:uh huh..

She kissed him and he kissed her back. They won't do anything. Just kiss.

At the hotel

Star was still trying to make her plan make sense when she was interrupted by a door knock. She didn't order room service or anything like that.

She opened the door and she gasped softly.

Star: Good evening. How may I help you kind sirs?

Officer: You are under arrest Ms. If you would please follow us quietly to the station.

Star: For what? I did nothing.

Officer 2: Mam we are not fighting. It's either you follow us quietly or we handcuff you..

She didn't want cuff so she grabbed her phone and coat then followed the uniformed men.

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At the police station

The officer played the recording for Star to hear.
So they were both recording each other?

Officer:Is that you're voice mam?

He asked deliberately just so she can deny and
she was out of words.

Officer:You do know that it is a crime to
threaten to kill an innocent civilian?

Star kept quiet.

Star:I won't say anything unless my lawyer is present(shaky voice)

He chuckled as he looked at his partner.

Officer:Well..you can call him but in the morning.
You are under arrest for threats to kill Mrs
Maduo Kgosi.

She sighed.

Star:Can I at least call someone?

The officer looked at her and nodded. She took
her phone and dialed her sister.

Star:Aub?

Aubrey:Yes Star.. you sound down.

Star:I have been arrested. Can you find me a
good lawyer?

Aubrey was confused on the other side.

Aubrey:What do you mean you have been arrested?

Star:Exactly that.

The officer gave her a look.

Star:Can you guys find me a lawyer? Please?? I will explain tomorrow.

Aubrey:Okay.

Star:Thank you.

She hung up and placed her phone on the table.

The officer whispered to his colleague who nodded and walked out.

It was game over for her now. With her record she might even lose the job opportunity and this might turn out to be a full blown investigation that might dig into her past.

A female officer walked inside the interrogation

room and commanded her to stand.

She put her hands behind her head as she searched her. They removed all her jewellery, took her belt and phone. She was literally left with the clothes on her back.

Officer: Follow us.

The female officer walked ahead of her and the two male officers behind her.

She was really going to spend her night in a cell? She had expected him to deal with it himself as he said so she could use more against him but he was damn smart and was going to appear clean before the law.

She looked down in shame as they led her to the holding cells.

The following morning

At the police station

Aubrey walked with a lawyer in tow.

She waited to go see Star so that she can explain to the lawyer what the hell is happening. She literally arrived the day before yesterday and she was already in jail.

She didn't even tell her parents that Star has been jailed because it will raise questions she had no answers to.

She sat next to the lawyer as she looked at Star. She had dark circles under her eyes.

Star:I messed up..

Aubrey:Start talking Star..

Just like that Star told her everything and a slap landed across her face.

She held her cheek as the lawyer held Aubrey back.

Aubrey:The fuck Star..

Star:I..

Aubrey:Don't I me...Kante o utlwana le go tswalelwa nare wena?(you like being locked up?)

Star:No..

Aubrey cursed in Afrikaans and Star looked down.

Lawyer:Ms calm down.

Aubrey:How the hell am I supposed to calm down? She will get jail time. That's a serious offence.

Laywer:We can plead mental sickness..

Star looked at the lawyer. She was not sick. Not anymore. She didn't want to go back to that place again.

Aubrey:That might work given her past history.

Star:So he world will know about my mental illnesses?

Aubrey:Do you have a better idea oh shining star. I am trying to save you from jail. That inmate life is not nice especially for a weakling like you. The hell..

Star:No need to try and break me Aub.

Aubrey:Well sis you don't know broken until you spend time in a jail cell. I am trying to save your ass and in the process you're going to lose everything you worked hard for.

Star:I wasn't thinking Aub..

Aubrey:Well your reckless beahviour landed you here and you know the thing with rich people?

They will appear clean and white before the law because they have the law on their side.

Star's tears choked her and Aubrey rolled her eyes. She just knew it that her obsessive tendencies might start because she was attached to the guy who was toxic to her. Look at her now.

The lawyer started telling Star what to do and say as Star narrated her mental issues to him. She had gotten treatment and was no longer on drugs too. This was going to mess everything up.

Aubrey:You heard that Star? Do as he says. Don't mess this up please.

Star:Yes Aub..(shaky voice)

Aubrey:Good. I can't believe you went ahead

and did something as crazy as this. Not everyone is meant for you Star. Learn to let go.

Star:But he promised Aub. He promised me. I got better for him knowing he was waiting for me.

Aubrey shook her head. As Star snorted and wiped the mucus with her sleeves. She had been cold the whole night. She kept hearing weird sounds and she didn't even sleep. Her face was red and she was just a mess.

The lawyer looked between the two women.

Lawyer:I should go plead her case. For bail at least.

Aubrey nodded and the lawyer walked out.

Star:I am so sorry for dragging you here to clean my mess up.

Aubrey:(sighing)you're family and it's only fair that I help you out. No matter how much you mess up at the end of the day you're still my sister Star.

She nodded as she wiped her tears.

Aubrey:We will sort this out.

Star:Ok

At Jwaneng

Miranda&Sherry's house

Miranda got ready as she applied her eyeliner. She then applied gloss and smiled. All done.

Sherry walked into the bathroom with her makeup bag.

Sherry:Nice cat eye.

Miranda:Thank you...let me leave you to it and

we go catch a taxi..

Sherry:We're catching a taxi?

Miranda:Well yeah. We catch one everyday..

Sherry smiled as she used the mascara for her lashes.

Sherry:I thought we were going to be given a ride today..

Miranda:Are you okay Sher?

She touched her forehead and Sherry lightly slapped her hand off.

Mrianda:Are you okay? Have we ever been given a ride before?

Sherry smiled.

Sherry>Last night you were dropped off..

Miranda chuckled as she shook her head.

Miranda:It means nothing Sherry. Nothing.

Sherry:If you say so.

Miranda:Make it fast we might be late.

Sherry:Sure Mira..

Miranda walked out of the bathroom. She headed to her room where she wore her heels,took her handbag and phone.

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A few days later

At Gaborone

Maduo lazily opened one eye as the phone rang non-stop. She yawned and opened both her eyes. He was still fast asleep. She stretched her arm to grab the phone.

She answered.

Maduo:Hello?(yawning)

Precious:were you still sleeping?

Maduo:Mhmm mama..

Precious:Well I called earlier to wish you the best for school tomorrow.

Maduo:Thank you so much.

Precious:Remember what we talked about.
Trust.

She looked at him and smiled.

Maduo:Yes mom. I remember. And I won't let
anyone down.

Precious:Well now that's out of the way please
study and make us proud. Varsity shouldn't
change you.

Maduo:It won't mom. I know why I am here and
I should focus on only that. Just the degree,the
money and bear in mind that I have a husband.

Precious:Good.

Maduo:How is Kgotso? Still cute?

Precious:(chuckling)Yes Maddy...such a cute
little baby boy..

Maduo:Aaw..

Reba yawned.

Maduo:Mama I have to. We will talk later.

Precious:Okay.

She hung up and placed the phone back. She straddled him and he opened his eyes.

Reba:What?

Maduo:Nothing. Goodmorning Mr Kgosi.

Reba:Morning.

She pecked his lips. So he was leaving today. He just came to drop her off and he is leaving. Her heart dropped. There were a lot of Stars and Rachels in this world and she just didn't want him to go as of yet.

Reba:I have to go.

Maduo:I know just that...I mean you get busy and you travel a lot. I..(holding back tears)

Reba:Are you crying? It's still morning Maduo.

Maduo:I know..Reba keore..

Reba:I know..don't stress..

He hugged her as her tears fell on his chest. He sighed. He had to leave today for Francistown. He had work in the morning.

Reba:Maddy?

Maduo:Hmm..

Reba:We can still video call..

Maduo:It won't be the same.

He sighed.

Reba:We'll survive okay?

Maduo:Mhmm..

Reba:Stop being a baby(chuckling)

Maduo:Tswa mo go nna Mr..

At Laone's place

She had finally gathered the courage to tell him after a few days of trying to ignore the issue.

She placed her manicured hands on her thighs as she looked at Terry. He might judge her and the wedding might be over just like that.

Laone:Well..

He looked at her with a sombre expression. It was now or never. She breathed in.

Laone:When I was 18..I uhm..well I was a bright student at school. So when the results came I had first class grades. I was happy with the added fact that I was legal and all..

He waited for her to continue. He wanted to hear what she had to say.

Laone:And I had a boyfriend at that time who

was a varsity student. The cool guy. The one with the swag and stuff like that. I stupidly agreed to let him take my virginity one day and well thag happened and well the brightest students are always dumb so we did the deed without protection and I wasn't on contraceptives at all. We had unprotected sex and stuff..

She sighed and looked down.

Laone:Well that's not important well it is but a month before schools opened I found out I was pregnant.

Terry frowned looking at her. He hoped it was not what he was thinking it was. Laone swallowed a lump as tears made her blink.

Laone:I didn't notice and my sister was at varsity and my mother used to pass subtle

remarks like 'you're gaining weight' or 'you're glowing' I ignored that till I found myself puking in the morning. Luckily mom wasn't there so I used the little cash I had to go buy a pregnancy test.

She looked up and asked God for strength. This killed her. It really did.

Laone:Lo and behold I found out I was pregnant. I told my then boyfriend who gave me one option. Abort or it's over. I was stupid and in love so I agreed to the abortion he paid for. I agreed to abort a baby illegally.

Her tears fell and she wiped them.

Laone:Yeah. I was traumatized by it all but I did it. Plus I had a future to look forward to. I was

only about to start varsity. And disappointing mama was not an option to me..that would mean putting my dreams on hold to support a baby..I'm sorry..

He looked at her as the enormity of the issue at hand.

Laone:I'm really sorry. I will understand it if you no longer want the wedding to go on. That's the very reason why I question my fertility plus I am over 30 Terry...so..

She said as she wiped more tears.

Terry stood up as he paced the room. He loves Lala but...

At Maduo's place later that day

She hugged Reba tight.

Reba:You can let go.

Maduo:Month end I'm coming.

Reba:Okay babe.

Maduo:I love you.

Reba:Right back at you.

Maduo:Mxm...This hurts shem..

Reba:O ska sala o phakisa tuu..go ka swa motho kana Maduo..

Maduo:I won't. I promise.

Reba:Good. That's meant for me only.

Maduo:Yes sir.

He looked at his watch.

Reba:I have to go.

He french kissed her pink lips before he let her go.

Maduo:Bye..

Reba:Bye..

He got inside his car and she felt her heart break as his car reversed.

She quickly closed the door and leaned against it.

She used her hands to wipe her tears.

Maduo:You will be fine baby..Just for a month..a month..a whole month.

She locked the door and walked to the bedroom.

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#82

At Laone's house

Laone sighed as she sat down on the couch. Terry walked out saying he needed some fresh air and she let him walk out. She didn't know what to do with herself honestly.

She dialed Precious's number. Maybe she might give her some advice. She was lost.

She answered on the third ring.

Laone: Hey sis.

Precious: Hey hey..

Laone: How is Kgotso?

Precious: he is growing. He is good.

Laone:That's good to hear..

Precious:You sound down.

Laone:Uhm..well I am unsure about a lot of things.

Precious sighed. She hoped it wasn't the wedding. Everyone was really looking forward to her wedding.

Laone:The wedding..family. Marriage.

Precious:What happened?

Laone:well I told Terry about what happened in my past and he didn't take it well..

Precious:What did he do?

Laone:He said he loves me but he wasn't sure he would do this. Then he walked out.

Precious:Maybe he needs to think about it. Give him space and Laone if he does walk away..

She didn't even want to think about it.

Precious:Let him be. You're a rare gem baby and don't let anyone make you feel otherwise because of your past. If he really loves you,you guys will get over this.

Laone nodded. She was right.

Laone:You're probably right. Thank you so much.

Precious:That's what sisters are for..

The baby cried in the background.

Precious:I have to go. He's awake.

Laone envied that. She also wanted a baby.

Laone:Okay. Bye.

Precious:Bye.

She hung up and she sighed. She close her eyes.

If only she could go back in time and change her past.

At Maduo's place

She sat upright. She wanted to call him but he was on the road. She hoped he will arrive safe and he will call her.

She just went through her social media before she put her phone down.

She picked her phone again as she bit her nail. She dialed Rethabile.

Rethabile:Hey Mads..

Maduo:Hey where are you?

Rethabile:I'm at home. What is it?

Maduo:Urg it's nothing. Tomorrow should I pass by your house?

Rethabile:And you never told you arrived here in Gabs..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:I was settling in this weekend.

Rethabile:Where are you?

Maduo:Home..I'll pass by your house tomorrow morning. Hope that's okay?

Rethabile:It's okay..

Maduo:Bye.

She hung up and sighed. Trust starts now. She closed her eyes. She should probably sleep. He will call her once he arrives.

At Francistown

Tumi joined the queue at the supermarket when she spotted the anonymous stranger. She looked at her trolley. Should she? He was walking out of the shop holding a plastic.

She just left her trolley and lightly jogged in her heels towards the store entrance.

People looked at her as she walked out.

Tumi:Sir..wait..

The man quickened his pace and Tumi sighed as she continued jogging in her heels whilst holding her handbag in the other hand.

She wasn't even aware as she her heel caught onto something,her ankle twisted and she fell on her butt.

Tumi:lyoo!(in pain)

So much for trying to thank the stranger but he

kept on walking. Now how will she walk now?
She picked her bag and held it. This was so embarrassing.

The man turned and he saw her on the ground.
Should he help her or just go and let his identity remain anonymous?

His conscience poked at him and he turned and walked to her.

Tumi blew the hair on her face away as she was in an awkward position on the ground.

The man knelt beside her.

Tumi: So I had to sprain an ankle for you to turn..

He chuckled.

Him: I can just leave you know.

Tumi: mxm.. Michael right? I'm Tumi..

Michael:How did...

Tumi:You paid using your card so I read the receipt Mr..help me up. I have a first aid box in my car. Don't know how I will drive home.

Michael:Let me help you.

Tumi:There goes my grocery shopping.

Michael picked her up in his arms and she looked up at him. He cleared his throat.

Michael:Where is your car?

She directed him to where her car was parked. She went through her bag and found the keys. She handed them to him and he unlocked it.

He opened the passenger seat and placed her down. He saw the doctor's coat and stethoscope on the seat.

Michael:You're a doctor?

Tumi:Mhmm..the first aid box is under the driver's seat.

He looked for it and he saw it.

Tumi looked at him. Maybe it was good that she sprained an ankle. So she will have to limp at work?

Michael opened the box and he found the bandage and some patches. He also found ointments and a whole lot of stuff.

He touched her ankle and she whimpered.

Tumi:It hurts.

Michael gently removed her shoes. She had soft feet. Why the hell was he running in the first place?

Tumi:Uhm..thanks for paying the other day.

Michael:It's nothing.

Tumi:It's something. Those were a lot of clothes.

He smiled and she blinked.

When he was done he bandaged her leg.

Michael: Will you be able to drive? Mxm. Stupid question. Of course not. Let me take you home.

Tumi: You really don't have to..

Michael: Let me.

He closed the passenger door and he went to the driver's seat.

Michael: Direct me to your house okay?

She nodded as he started her car. He will come back for his car after he takes her home.

Tumi hid a small smile. Okay.

At Laone's house

It was getting late and Laone just switched off the lights. Terry was probably not gonna come back. She walked to the bedroom where she sat on the bed and looked at her engagement ring. Was this really the end? Was it over for them?

She was no longer getting married? A knock on the door disturbed her thoughts and she tied her robe tighter as she wore her sleepers.

Laone:Coming.

She walked to the door and unlocked it.

It was Terry. Her heart skipped a beat.

Terry:Can we talk?

Laone:Sure..

She moved aside as he walked inside. It was over and she knew it. It was over.

She closed the door and locked it.

She sat on the couch and looked at him.

Terry:I had time to think about it. About us and everything. It all boiled down to one thing..

Her heart skipped.

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At campus

Maduo sat down as she ate her pie. Rethabile came to sit next to her.

Rethabile:I'm exhausted.

Maduo:Did I tell you?

Rethabile:Tell me what?

Maduo:You remember me telling you about this girl called Star?

Rethabile nodded.

Maduo:She is in jail as we speak.

Rethabile:You lie.

Maduo:She is a mental case that one. I couldn't attend the court case cause of school but I was told the verdict besides there was evidence.

Rethabile:Hectic.

Maduo:Really hectic.

She downed the pie with juice and Rethabile

looked at her. She was glowing.

Rethabile:You sure you're good?

Maduo:Why wouldn't I be good?

Rethabile:You're always snacking on something.

Maduo laughed. Rethabile was thinking too much.

Maduo:so?

Rethabile:Just that..know what forget it..

Maduo shrugged.

They stood up and walked towards the school library. They bumped into Bogosi on the way.

Maduo rolled her eyes. For the past three months she has been avoiding these boys and she has been playing far,very far from boys. She was focused on school and nothing else.

Bogosi:Rethabile..Maduo can we like talk?

Maduo just shook her head. This obsession

with her has got to stop.

Maduo:Bogosi look..I don't want to come off as rude but let this be the last time you speak to me. I am a married woman.

She flashed her ring before his eyes.

Maduo:This rock is here for a reason so please stay away. I hope we don't have to have this conversation again because the next time I won't be this sweet.

She smiled sweetly at him.

Maduo:Suta hoo..

He moved to the side and the girls passed. He rubbed his head.

Rethabile:Kante o ba jesa eng?(what do you feed them?)

Maduo:Nothing. Just that they think I am stupid and I will ignore my husband and give them

chances.

Rethabile:I mean Tlhompfo is always asking about you.

Maduo:Morena! I don't want trouble. Tota these boys need to stay away from me. For real. Their obsession with me is starting to scare me.

Rethabile:I'll tell Darien to put his friend on a leash.

Maduo:He better do that please. I just came here to get the degree.

Rethabile:securing the bag?

Maduo:You know it.

She yawned.

Maduo:I'm starting to hate my classes though.

Rethabile:Why?

Maduo:people are always sleepy and it

becomes boring..

Rethabile:They are always sleepy?

Maduo:Mhmm...I hate that.

Rethabile:Isn't it weird that everyone is always sleepy instead of you?

Maduo:What are you insinuating?

Rethabile backed off. Judging from her tone she was about to get defensive and she wasn't spoiling for a fight.

Rethabile:Nothing. Let's get in.

They walked inside and registered themselves.

They sat down next to each other and Maduo placed her laptop on the desk.

Rethabile just went through the notes from her lesson. Law was no joke but it was something she really was passionate about. She thanked

God everyday that her parents actually let her pursue her passion. Maduo? This was just taking school as it is and she seemed to ace every test.

Maduo looked at her notes and she just rewrote them neatly. The two did their school work silently. Two hours later Maduo looked at Rethabile.

Maduo:You're still busy?

Rethabile:yeah..

Maduo:I'll find you here okay,I need to go buy something to eat.

Retha knew it. Food.

Rethabile:Sure. Don't bring anything for me. I'm fine.

Maduo:Okay.

She walked out holding her phone. As soon as she stepped outside the library her phone rang.

Maduo:Hello..

Laone:Maddy are you free tomorrow?

Maduo:I have a class in the morning. Yeah I will be free. What is it?

Laone:Dress fitting. The tailor is making the final touches to the dresses and you need to come fit the dress. She adjusted it.

Maduo:Okay.

Laone:Good.

Maduo:Bye aunty bye...

She hung up and walked to the school tuckshop.

Maduo:Hi I want..

Lady:magwinya and menoto..(fatcakes and chicken feet)

Maduo smiled.

Maduo:Exactly that.

Lady:You eat this combo almost everyday but you still don't have pimples.

Maduo:I guess it's the genes.

The tuckshop lady smiled as she handed her the food in a takeaway.

Maduo:Add juice.

Lady:Okay.

She handed her the juice and Maduo gave her a P20 note.

Maduo:Thank you.

She walked away and the lady smiled. She couldn't notice but she saw it. Plus she tipped very well. A very kind girl that one.

Maduo sat down and she bit into the fatcake.
This was just heavenly.

Her phone vibrated and she answered.

Maduo:Batho go eng?

Reba:Whoa calm down. What did I do?

Maduo:Hey babe. How are you today?

Reba:Good and you?

Maduo:Missing you.

Reba:I was there just last week Maddy.

Maduo:Still..

Reba:Still angry?

Maduo>About what?

Reba breathed out a sigh of relief. At least she forgot.

Reba:Nothing. I just saw your marks.

Maduo:Don't lecture me please. Those were just tests and that particular module was giving me a hard time tlhe.

Reba:but a 60%

Maduo:I know just..haish..I will work on it.

Reba:Well the rest are good..

Maduo wiggled her eyebrows.

Maduo:Just say it Kgosi. Admit it that your wife is smart.

Reba:Okay you're smart Mrs Rebabedi.

She smiled with pride.

Maduo:Thank you.

She looked at the chicken feet.

Maduo:Can I call you a bit later love? I'm busy.

Reba:Don't tell me you're eating?

Maduo:Akere wena wa re ke nonne..tswa hela mo go nna Reba.(you're saying that I am

fat..just get off my case Reba)

Reba shut up. That defensive tone was the one she used whenever she wanted to start a fight.

Reba:Okay. Okay. Will call later.

Maduo:Sure.

She put her phone down and she started to eat the little meat on the chicken feet. This was just the ish. She giggled alone.

At Precious's house

She finally put Kgotso down to rest. Her confinement was over and she had to go back to work. Maduo's words rang in her head. She shouldn't hire a nanny for him.

She dialed her mother's number.

Precious:Ma..

Granny:Hi..hope you're still breastfeeding the boy..

Precious:You saw him. He is gaining a lot of weight. Anyway ma,I need a favour.

Granny:Okay.

Precious:Can you look after Kgotso? I mean me and his father work...well his father has a farm to run and I have work.

Granny:You don't have to ask. Bring him over in the morning.

Precious:Thank you mama.

Granny:Anytime. Besides I am always lonely in this house.

Precious laughed.

Precious:Not for long.

She said looking at Kgotso. He was indeed a blessing.

At Campus

Maduo finished her food and she found the nearest tap. She washed her hands.

Now to continue her study session with Thabi.

She walked to the library and her phone rang. What was up with people today?

Maduo:Dumela le wena.(Hello to you)

Sasha:Ishuu..iketle..(chill)

Maduo:What do you want Sasha?

Sasha:You are definitely not in the mood?

Maduo:O tla bua kana ke itlhoboge?(will you talk or I should just leave it?)

Sasha:Did you think about my idea?

Maduo:(sighing)you know your brother Sasha. He hates havjng people in his house. The person you can do that kind of stuff for is Katso not Reba.

Sasha:Reba kana ene..

Maduo:You see?

Sasha:But can I drop off what I bought? Tomorrow there is an all night at church.

Maduo laughed.

Maduo:You're really serious like about church or you're eyeing that guy..what's his name?(snapping her fingers trying to remember his name)

Sasha:(bored)Leruo. But both. Want to join me?

Maduo:The last time I came, I was a lost sheep and you weren't listening. You were just ogling at Leruo..

Sasha:Mxm..

Maduo:You can come drop it off. I don't know when I am going to Francistown. School is hectic.

Sasha:Go bua crack.

Maduo:Ijaa..You don't want to study with me but we have almost similar modules. Crack ya kae?

Sasha:You're just saying that. You're smart wena besides you have Reba.

Sasha smirked at the end of the line.

Sasha:He does help you study or you two...

Maduo:Sasha!!(laughing)ng ng...

Maduo's blushed. Her sister in law was just..

Sasha:Well I guess intelligence is kgm kgm transmitted..

Maduo:Mxm..I am done talking to you.

Sasha:You love me. I know.

Maduo:Sharpo mma.

She hung up and shook her head. She opened the door and her smile faded. The silence was traumatizing.

She sat down next to Rethabile and opened her books.

Maduo:Thank you(whispering)

Rethabile:Sure sure..you owe me lunch.

Maduo:sure..

She smiled as she adjusted her glasses and started doing practice questions.

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Done for the day You know what to do if
you want a bonus † ♀

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At Maduo's house

Later that night

She opened the door as Sasha walked in.

Sasha handed her the wrapped gift.

Maduo:What's this?

Sasha:His present...

Maduo:What's in it though?

Sasha:That's for him to find out sis. Don't you dare open it Maduo.

Maduo:Come in and have a drink. I have juice and tea.

Sasha sat down on the couch as Maduo headed to the kitchen to pour her some juice.

She came back with two glasses of juice and Sasha took a good look at her brother's wife.

Sasha:You're gaining weight Maddy.

Maduo:Why is everyone on my case about my weight. Is it the first time seeing a person gain weight ne bathong?

Sasha:Whoa!I didn't mean it in a bad way Maduo. Breath.

She sat down as she handed her the glass.

Sasha sipped on the juice and looked at her face. She was definitely getting chubby. She was a petite girl but this sudden weight gain

was alarming. She didn't want to talk about it but a few months in Gabs and she gains weight like this? Was there something she wasn't telling them?

Sasha:Is there something you're not telling us?

Maduo:Something like what?

Sasha:Something you and Reba are keeping from us?

Maduo gave her a quizzed look. What was she on about?

Maduo:What are you on about?

Sasha:There is nothing?

Maduo:Why would we hide anything from you guys? Are you alright Sasha or we should take you to church for deliverance or something?

Sasha laughed.

Sasha:I'm good. But...never mind.

Maduo:Okay.

Sasha placed the glass down and looked at Maddy with a smile on her face.

Sasha:Let me get going and make sure you deliver that gift to it's rightful owner.

Maduo:Yes mam..

Maduo walked Sasha to the door.

They hugged and Sasha walked to her car.

Maddy locked the door and took the glasses to the kitchen. She has a very early lecture and a dress fitting afterwards.

She walked to her bedroom.

The following day

She woke up with a smile on her face. She sent him a Goodmorning text before heading to the shower. After the shower she looked at herself in the mirror.

Maduo:Some weight gain here and there. Now everyone is on my case. Geez.

She got dressed and headed to the kitchen to go make breakfast.

At Rebabedi's Office

His mother walked inside the house.

Reba:Hi mother.

Mma Kgosi:Hello.

She sat down as she looked around. She hasn't been inside this office for a while now and the chair he is sitting on was where her husband's once upon a time.

She swallowed a bit. He was the spitting image of his father and at times it did hurt to look at him and be reminded of how she lost her husband. Tears welled in her eyes. It's been years but the wound tends to feel fresh at times.

Reba looked at his mother and he could see the pain in her eyes. The way her lips turned into a sad smile. He could see that she was not really in the present but rather back in time when she was happy with him. That was why she rarely came here. This place and these walls had so many memories that it hurt her sometimes.

Mma Kgosi snapped out of it and gave Reba a fake smile but he could see through it.

Mma Kgosi: I came to say happy birthday. I know you hate a lot of stuff and you have almost everything you need but let me give you

this.

She opened her bag and took out the wrapped gift.

Mma Kgosi:Don't lose it.

Reba gave her a puzzled look as he unwrapped it and his heart stopped. He balled his hand into a fist as he brought it to his mouth. Wow!

He didn't know what to say.

Mma Kgosi:Keep it. He would've wanted you to have it..

She said as she saw the disbelief on his face. She knew it would mean a lot more to him at this stage of life.

Mma Kgosi:Plus it's a classic. You can't find it anywhere.

She stood up.

Mma Kgosi:I should get going..

The shock was still there but he stood up and walked to her. He hugged her unexpectedly.

Mma Kgosi:Wow..ooh..

She hugged him back. He was still her child and she loved him regardless of what happened in the past. None of it was his fault.

Reba:Thank you so much mom.

Tears filled her eyes. He called her mom. Not mother in the annoyed tone he always used.

He placed his chin on her head as they hugged for a few minutes in silence.

Reba:(sighing)I still love you even if I rarely say it. You are still a mother to me and you didn't fail me okay?

He pulled out of the hug and looked at his mother nodding with tears in her eyes. He chuckled.

Reba:Don't cry please.

Mma Kgosi:Let me be. You rarely do this and...

He pulled her back in for another hug as she softly sobbed on his chest.

Reba:Okay. It's in the past. We move mom..

She nodded.

At Gaborone

At the designer's..

Maduo sighed as the zip refused to go up. Her morning lesson had been dismissed and she was surprisingly happy about it. So they had time to fix the dress.

Laone walked inside and she sighed. Not again. They can't make yet a third alteration to the

dress.

Laone:Ae Maduo tlhemma...

Maduo:Maybe the previous measurements were wrong aunty..

Laone:Ae mma...another one?

Maduo sighed and Laone shook her head.

Laone:Just tell us once so that we can have a different dress for you.

Maduo:Tell you guys what?

Laone:Good God! Maddy that you're pregnant..

She frowned as she looked at her. Pregnant?

Maduo:I'm not pregnant.

Laone:we can see it...the way you put on weight is not normal. We will have to make another design for you now..

Maduo:I'll lose the fat..no need to lose it Laone.

Laone saw the tears that welled in her eyes and

maybe her point came off as too harsh.

Laone:I'm sorry. Just that this wedding is stressful and I have to make sure things are in order.

Maduo got out of the tight dress and wore her maxi dress.

Maduo:There is honestly no need to take out your stress on me. What did I do?

Laone looked at her. She was definitely pregnant.

Maduo:And I am not pregnant yoh...weight weight...kante ke le jetseng eng nna?

Laone chuckled. Her change in moods. Yes. Definitely pregnant.

Laone:I will send the new design.

Maduo:Okay. Whatever you wish aunty,it's your wedding after all.

Maduo walked out of the fitting room and the designer shook her head.

Maduo:Hey..the dress doesn't fit. But the bride to be said a different design will be made. Thank you though. I have to go.

She walked out and Laone came out holding the dress.

Her:I suspect something.

Laone:She refused to admit it. Just make a dress that has a stretchy fabric and if she is indeed pregnant won't make the bump show. I am tired of having these dress fittings.

Her:Altering that dress every single time she fits it.

Theu both laughed as Laone took her bag.

Laone:Thank you darling. You're a star.

Her:I am to please.

Laone blew kisses her way as she walked out.

Maduo paused for a moment before she took a u-turn and headed to the chemist.

She got there and uncomfortably looked around. This is so weird.

Maduo:Hi..how much is a pregnancy test?

The man at the counter gave her a weird look but he told her the price.

Maduo:I would like two..know what make it three..

He picked the three boxes and she paid. He put them in the plastic.

Maduo:Thank you..

She walked out and put the tests in her bag.

Now for something to eat. She checked her watch and it was still half eight. She will head

home and do a quick test. Just to prove them wrong but first...

At Maduo's house

She bit her nails as she waited for the time to pass. She looked at her watch. She hoped they were accurate. She read the instructions on the box again.

Maduo:Time up..

She walked into the bathroom and looked at those three pregnancy sticks.

Maduo:(breathing in and out)Okay..let's do this.

She turned the first one and her heart skipped.

Maduo:Oh God!No..we have two more to go.

She turned the second one and tears filled her eyes....the last one. She turned it and she burst

out crying.

Maduo:Uh...

She thought of calling but she might spoil his birthday.

She sat on the tile as she sobbed. When she was done crying ten minutes later she took the pregnancy test and walked into the bedroom.

She had to go.

Seven hours later

At Rebabedi's office

A knock disturbed his thoughts. He was still looking at the watch his mother gave him. He put it down.

Reba:Come in.

He faced his computer screen.

Reba:Wame I'm a bit...

"Busy for me?"

He frowned as he looked up and he almost had a heart attack. What was she doing here? Not that there was a problem but..

She sat down and handed him a neatly wrapped box.

Maduo:Happy 29th birthday I guess..

Reba:When did you get here..wait..

Maduo:Took the bus. I had to.

Reba:Why are your eyes swollen?

Maduo patted her eyes.

Maduo:It was silly of me...open the box...It's your birthday..

Reba:What's in it?

Maduo:O tla bula kana ke itlhoboge Mr?(will you open it or I should just give up?)

Now she was getting defensive. She never stops.

She looked at him with a smile.

Maduo:Go on. Remove those ribbons and open the box.

He did so as he looked at her. He frowned as he removed the wrapping paper. He looked at the pregnancy test. He looked at her and she was still smiling.

He turned it and he saw the two red lines. His heart stopped beating for a moment. He looked at her for confirmation and she nodded.

Reba:Fuck!Mad..fuck!(muttering)

He covered his mouth in disbelief.

Reba:We're havi...damn..oka..we're...

Maduo:Breath babe..

Reba:Fuck!!

He stood up from his chair and walked around.
Maduo turned and looked at him.

Reba looked at her with disbelief.

He helped her up on her feet and held her.

Reba:The best fucking birthday..fuck!!

Maduo:Stop cursing now..(giggling)

Reba:We're having a baby Mrs Rebabedi.

Maduo:I know..

Reba:Fuck!Tell me that you're not pranking me.

Maduo:I am not...Happy birthday love.

Maduo could feel how erratic his heartbeat was.
This took him by surprise. She was also surprised but his reaction was just out of this world.

Reba:Damn..we're...wow..just wow!

Maduo giggled as she placed her head on his chest.

Reba:Have I told you that I love you?

He said lifting her her head.

She saw the love and adoration in his eyes and she melted like butter. This was priceless. He was priceless.

She shook her head innocently.

Reba:I fucking love you Mrs Me..

He said as he brought his cold lips on hers. Her toes curled as she gave in to the kiss. She wrapped her arms around his waist as they kissed.

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At Rebabedi's Office

He broke the kiss and looked at her.

Reba:I love you..

Maduo:I know.

Reba:Fuck! This is huge..

Maduo:I know..

Reba:When did you find out?

Maduo:Today..don't ask me how far along am I,
I don't know.

Reba:Thank you.

Maduo:For what?

Reba:For everything.

Maduo:Ooh..

Reba:That explains the weight gai..

She hit his chest.

Maduo:Don't ruin the moment by talking about my weight Rebabedi.

Reba:Okay. I'm sorry.

He kept his hands on her waist and she smiled at him.

Reba:You made me happy you know that?

Maduo:I'm holding you to your promise..

Reba:Which one?

Maduo:That you and your child won't disturb my

schooling.

Reba:We won't..

Maduo:Good..Now you can let go. I'm hungry.

He chuckled but still didn't let go.

Reba:Hungry for what?

Maduo raised an eyebrow.

Maduo:I don't think I like your tone.

Reba:Go lock the door.

He said as he let go of her and she walked to the door. She turned the knob and checked to make sure the door is locked while he cleared his desk.

She walked back into his arms.

Maduo:What are your plans?

He smirked.

Reba:Follow my lead Mrs K..

Mrs K now? Oh wow!

He picked her up and placed her on the desk.
Their lips connected as he lifted her dress up.

A while later

Maduo sat on the couch with a huge smile on her face. Damn she hoped that they weren't loud.

Maduo:Come help me with this..

She couldn't even fix her bra. He helped her and he ran his hands on her back.

Reba:Fuck you're beautiful..

Maduo:I know..

She tied her braids as she wore her dress. This was crazy and the lustful look he was giving her might make her want him to do it again.

His birthday today neh..

She wore her shoes and looked at him.

Reba:I think I'm done for the day..

Maduo:Work right?

Reba:Yes..we still have to get you food.

Maduo:Finally he remembers that I said was hungry..

Reba fixed his tie as he looked at her and bit his lower lip. Was he going to have mercy on her tonight? Maybe..

He wore his blazer and packed his stuff. She stood up and held her bag.

Maduo:Ready?

Reba:Yes...

He held his bag with the other hand as his other hand snaked around her waist.

Meanwhile people outside the office kept on

whispering. It must've been intense in the office. The office door opened and they pretended to be busy with work as Mr and Mrs Kgosì walked out.

They stole glances at her. Yeah she had been thoroughly serviced. The flush of her cheeks.

Maduo felt their eyes on her and her cheek burned. She must've been loud. She looked straight ahead. The Mr on the other hand was unbothered. It was all his fault nje.

They walked inside the elevator and she looked up at him.

Reba:What?

Maduo:Nothing..do you think it's a boy or a girl?

Reba:Obviously a boy..

Maduo:You sound so sure..

Reba:I just know..

Maduo:And if it's a girl?

Reba:Still okay..

Maduo:I could use another me though..

Reba:Just hope that she won't be a chatterbox or so help me..

Maduo gave him a side eye and he just kissed her forehead.

Reba:True though. You talk too much.

Maduo:Talking is good. One should be expressive at all times. Makes it easy for one to air their views.

Reba:Okay.

Maduo:mxm..wa bora..

The elevator stopped and the doors opened. They walked out.

Maduo waved at the receptionist who waved back with a smile.

They walked out of the building and headed to the parking lot.

He opened the door for her and she got in.

Reba:Did you pass by the house first?

Maduo:Yeah..

Reba:okay..what do you want to eat..

Maduo:Well..I am really really hungry so for now a burger and we should find a tuckshop around.

He looked at her confused. A tuckshop?

Maduo:Magwinya le menoto..

He sighed.

Reba:Okay..we'll get that too. Is that all?

Maduo:I think so..no wait..some chips too..mafresh eseng a shopo mme..a dimauso..(fries not from the shops...from the tuckshop)

Reba:Ga se gore re tlogele ka burger mme?(should we just leave the burger?)

Maduo:Once akere..magwinya,menoto le mafresh that will do.

Reba:Okay. Now to look for a tuckshop.

He started the car as she buckled up.

On their way home he stopped by the Block's tuckshop. Hopefully she will find what she is looking for. He has never boight anything here but what madam wants right?

Maduo looked at the tuckshops.

Maduo:Which one sells the best things?

Reba:I don't know..

Maduo:Haish..

She looked around and stopped a little boy who was just passing.

Maduo crouched to his level.

Maduo:Hey..

Him:Hi ma..

She smiled.

Maduo:I need your help..which shop sells the best food ever?

She said as she used her hands to be expressive.

Him:That one.

He pointed to a particular tuckshop.

Maduo:Thank you boy boy. You're a good boy..

He gave her a toothy smile and she laughed softly.

She looked at Reba and she slipped her hands into his pockets. She found a ten pula note and

she gave it to the boy.

Maduo:You can buy yourself sweets. Thank you.

His smile widened.

Him:Thank you so much..and you're prweetyy..

She smiled.

Maduo:Thank you. Now go buy yourself sweets and go home.

He nodded as he turned and ran excitedly to the nearest tuckshop to buy himself something.

Reba:We are going to trust a kid's judgement?

Maduo:Kids are the most honest human beings so to the tuckshop he indicated.

They walked there and she told the owner what she wanted.

Maduo:How much is it all?

Lady:Well...P30..

Maduo looked at Reba..

He handed her P50 note and she paid the lady.

Maduo:Thank you.

She gave Reba the plastics that had her food.

Maduo:And di a hisa..bathong!(giggling)

Lady:Mam the change..

Maduo:It's okay. Thank you ma for the service..

The woman nodded with a smile.

They walked to the car. She got in first and he handed her her food.

She looked at the food. This was going to be nice.

He walked to his side and he got inside. She buckled up and she started with her fatcakes.

Maduo:We should've bough juice but since we are going home..

Reba looked at her as she stuffed her mouth with the fatcakes and fries. She didn't have a care in the world and he smiled as he started the car.

Maduo swallowed the food and looked at him.

Maduo:The chips are really good man. Kamoso ke a batla gape.(I want the chips again tomorrow)

Reba:Yes mam..

Maduo:Want to taste?

Reba:No..eat to your heart's content.

She shrugged.

Maduo:Okay.

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Next one before or around 1am

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At Rebabedi's house

She sat down as she finished the last of the food they bought. Reba just looked at her. She deserved it. She was carrying his heir and it seems she like she will get whatever she wants.

If someone had told him that a teen would have him wrapped around her little pinky finger he would've been offended but look at him now.

Maduo:What? Do I have food on my cheeks?

She rubbed her cheeks. He was just staring at her.

Reba:No you're good.

Maduo:Okay..

She smiled as she removed her shoes and sat crosslegged on the sofa. She switched on the tv and went through the channels looking for a movie or a series to catch up on. She rarely watches tv that side cause of school.

Reba headed to the kitchen where he poured juice for her and he grabbed a beer bottle for himself.

He handed her the juice as he sat down next to

her.

Maduo:Thank you.

He nodded as he opened the beer. He took a sip and placed it on the table.

He covered her with the fleece.

Reba:Comfy?

Maduo:very. Thank you.

She placed her head on his chest and she felt his chest vibrate.

Reba:I had a feeling you would do that.

Maduo:It's comfortable and I feel safe in your arms.

Reba:You do?

Maduo:mmhm...are you sure you didn't feed me anything?

Reba:Like what?

Maduo:love portion or anything along those

lines?

Reba:(laughing)No.

Maduo:I love you so much that I wake up with tears streaming down my face cause I will be missing you so bad.

Her voice cracked a bit and he rubbed her arms through the fleece blanket.

Maduo:I..The distance kills me and everytime you leave or I leave the ache becomes worsens and it hits me so bad than the last time.

Reba:I'm sorry..

Maduo:It's okay. It will soon become a norm till I am done with school.

He kissed her forehead.

Maduo:Anyhow happy birthday once again daddy to be...

She said as she let out a forced smile. This man didn't know that she loved him with every fibre

of her being. Just being in his arms was enough for her, she closed her eyes.

Reba drank the last of his beer as he looked at her. She was asleep.

Reba: And here I was planning on fucking you tonight..(chuckling) but it's okay Mrs Kgosi. Rest.

He kissed her forehead and he switched off the tv.

He picked her up and walked to the bedroom holding her. It was not even 7pm yet but she was asleep already.

He laid her on the bed gently and he changed her clothes before he covered her with the blankets.

He headed to the lounge where he cleared the table.

When he had switched off all the lights in the house he headed to the bedroom where he switched on his laptop.

He started doing his own research on pregnancy. He looked at the sleeping angel on the bed and he shook his head. She was going to go through all of that? He sighed and closed his laptop.

He switched off the lights and got undercovers.

She yawned softly as she opened her eyes. She looked around and the room was dark. She looked at the bedside alarm. 1am. She fell asleep? Bummer. He was asleep but that dream left her hot and bothered. She needed him to wake up. Even if it's just for ten minutes or so.

She quickly got rid of her panties before she straddled him and lightly slapped his cheeks.

Maduo:Babe? Babe?

He held her hands.

Reba:Can I sleep?

His sleepy voice was sexy but she needed more than his voice.

Maduo:Reba? Babe..please wake up..

He opened his eyes and let go of her hands.

Reba:What is it? Go back to sleep...

Maduo:I need ten minutes of your time tlherra wena..

He yawned.

Maduo:Tlherra tsoga..

Reba:I'm awake..

She just moved her hands down and she pushed his boxers down. She felt his flesh

against her and shuddered.

Reba gave her a look. She woke him up because she was horny? That's a first.

She looked at him and he wasn't doing a thing. She slowly guided him to her entrance and she gasped as all of him slid into her. She was never going to get used to his size.

Reba:And you were so ready.

He held her waist as he guided her movements.

She moaned softly as she threw her head back. This was fulfilling.

She rocked her hips back and forth.

Reba:You're doing good..let's increase the speed baby...

She did as he said and he groaned. He ended up fucking her while she was still on top. She screamed his name as she came before he did.

She breathed heavily as her head rested against

his neck.

He chuckled.

Reba:happy?

She nodded and he chuckled.

Reba:Sleep now.

Maduo:Okay..

She got off him and she placed her head on his chest. She closed her eyes with a smile on her face.

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At Rebabedi's house

Maddy woke up first. She got out of bed and headed to the bathroom. She needed to go back tomorrow. On Monday she had lessons but the thought of leaving him just tore her heart apart. She closed her eyes as she held back tears.

He woke up to an empty bed and he heard the shower running. They should probably see a doctor today. Just to see if everything is fine. He got out of bed and headed to the bathroom where he joined her.

At Prison

Kitso was counting the months..she will be out very soon. Just a few months to go. Star sat next to her and looked at her.

Star:Hi..

Kitso:Hey..

They both kept quiet.

Kitso:So why are in you prison? I never asked since I thought you were rude.

Star chuckled sadly. This was not how she had expected her life to turn out. Her parents were really disappointed in her but she knew that they still loved her.

Star:I threatened to kill my ex's wife..

Kitso gasped softly.

Kitso:That's big..

Star:I wasn't thinking and I thought he will play dirty but here I am. In prison. But if I am good I might get parole.

Kitso:I am just counting months till I am out of here.

Star:What did you do?

Kitso:I helped a friend rape a friend...

Star could hear the sadness in her voice. She would've probably sent men to rape Maduo if she wasn't in prison. She should've remained silent and not told Reba. She thought he would be shaken and choose her but he stuck with his teenage wife. She looked down. Yesterday was his birthday. He probably spent it with her and he must be very happy with her.

Star:Why?

Kitso:I honestly wasn't thinking,she had a crush on him and I was like she was going to brush it off and forget it. First and worst mistake of my life. Her hot brother came to the rescue.(laughing with tears in her eyes) I lowkey wanted him but urg..

Star:Hectic..did your friend forgive you?

Kitso:I doubt it. The whole clan hates me. I feel so bad now and when I get out I'm going to ask for her forgiveness..why would you try to kill you ex's wife..

Star:we had a past. My ex and I. I thought those promises we made years ago were still relevant and I showed up at his doorstep..

Kitso:lyoo..

Star:I met the wife first. I won't say that I am not bothered that his wife is a teenager..

Kitso's eyes widened. A whole teen?

Star:Exactly my thoughts. She is beautiful and innocent. No lie..I just..I couldn't fathom the fact that he moved on and with someone younger. That guy is serious and mature so a teen?

Kitso:So you thought you would kill her?

Star:I knew that I could kill her. I just ruined it by telling him. I have connections but he has more. I mean I would've killed her and been discovered but the fact that I killed his wife,I was going to be very happy..

Kitso was creeped out. Was this woman okay upstairs? Who was the poor man who had to endure all of this.

Kitso:So you're done with your agenda?

Star:I don't think it's worth it. My sister made me see sense..I mean why kill and still not get

the man? But the fact that he was going to make my heart ache less.

Kitso:Who is this man? He must be very special for you to want to kill for him?

She looked around and whispered in her ear.

Kitso gasped.

Kitso:Remember the friend I was telling you about?

Star:The one raped by your other friend?

Kitso:She is his sister..

Star:Really? I didn't really know his family honestly. I only knew him. Wait..he is the hot brother you said you wanted?

Kitso nodded.

Star:Such a bummer that we're here..

Kitso:What do you mean?

Star:Nothing..

Kitso gave Star a look and she shrugged it off...

Kitso sighed. This woman must be crazy. She could feel it..

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo tied her braids into a bun and applied lipgloss. She was done.

Maduo:Where are we going?

Reba:To the hospital. We need to make sure that you two are good.

Maduo:Okay so I also need to find a doctor in Gaborone too?

Reba:Mhmm..come.

She grabbed her phone and walked to him where he snaked his hand around her waistline.

They walked out of the room.

Reba:Food?

Maduo:You thought I would say no? Not in this lifetime..

She got out of his hold and walked ahead to the kitchen. He shook his head laughing softly.

She opened the fridge and took out the yoghurt and juice.

Maduo:This will do for now. We aren't late?

Reba:I haven't even made an appointment yet..

Maduo:We're just going to show up?

Reba:Something like that..we should get going if you're done.

She nodded as she closed the fridge holding her food items.

At Francistown Private Hospital

At Tumi's Office

Tumi:Okay. My shift ends at lunch time. It's still early.

Michael:alright babe..see you at lunch.

Tumi:Where are we going?

Michael:You'll see..

She smiled. He was full of surprises.

Tumi:Okay. I love you and bye.

She hung up as the nurse walked inside her office.

Her:Hey Doc..sorry to disturb..

Tumi:It's okay. What is it?

Her:There is a couple and they want to see an obstetrician or a gynae and both are not present.

Tumi frowned. She was a general practitioner but maybe she can help.

Tumi:They're off akere it's a Saturday?

Her:Yes...

Tumi:They can walk in..I guess it will be just a consultation.

Her:You're a lifesaver.

The nurse walked out.

Her:The doctor is ready to see you guys.

Maduo:Thanks..

They stood up as they walked to the office.

Reba opened the door for her and she walked in first before he followed. Maduo adjusted her glasses and smiled.

They sat down and Tumi smiled. She was actually prettier in person.

Maduo:Hi Doc..

Tumi couldn't help but smile. She was sweet.

Tumi:Hi...

Maduo sat down and Reba did.

Reba:Doc..

She nodded.

He at least remembered her. She thought he was going to pretend he didn't know her.

Tumi:What can I do to help you guys?

Maduo:Well(she looked at Reba)I recently found out I'm pregnant and I don't know how far along I am.

Tumi:Home test?

Maduo:Yes.

Tumi:Wasn't there a clear blue home test?

Maduo:I don't know that one. I just used the one that shows two lines..

Tumi:Well ya clear blue shows how far along you are but if you don't mind we can do a scan?

Maduo:Yes please...

Tumi:Well if you guys would follow me..

She stood up and they followed her.

Maduo:She is friendly..

Reba:She was Sasha's doctor..

Maduo:Really?

Reba:Mmh..

Maduo:Well I like her. Don't know why..as we march on to find out how old is this child of yours..

He chuckled.

Reba:Yes mam..

They walked inside the room.

Tumi:Well Mrs if you would lie on that bed.

Reba helped her and she laid down as Tumi lifted her blouse..

Tumi:The gel is cold. Sorry for that.

Maduo:It's okay..

She held his hand as he stood by the bed.

Tumi moved the sonogram machine closer. She moved the wand on her tummy and Maduo looked at the screen,she couldn't even see anything..

Tumi moved the wand over her tummy and she couldn't hear anything. A heartbeat at least if they couldn't see anything on the screen.

Maduo frowned as she noticed the anxious look on the Doc's face..was there something wrong?

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At Francistown Private Hospital

Maduo squeezed his hand tightly as her heart skipped a beat.

Tumi:Okay...remain calm..

Maduo:Is something wrong? I'm not pregnant?

Tumi saw the unshed tears in her eyes as her eyes desperately pleaded with her to have made a mistake or something. Her heart broke looking at her.

Tumi:Calm down Mrs..let me call someone..

Tumi handed her a tissue towel then walked out. She didn't know what to do. Maduo looked at Reba with tears in her eyes.

Reba:Babe..don't panic..

He rubbed her hand and she shook her head.

Maduo:So I was happy for nothing..

Reba:Calm down..

She sat upright as she let go of his hand and wiped the gel off. The first tear fell down.

Maybe it was a blessing in disguise that she was not pregnant. She has to focus on school

but the new reality of pregnancy had started to kick in and she was genuinely excited about it. Only for it to be a hoax.

Reba:Hey..hey..

He used his thumb to wipe her tears.

Maduo:I'm sorry for the false ho...

Tears choked her as he helped her off the bed and held her.

Reba:Don't be sorry..babe..

Maduo:I just got..

Reba:Don't say anything..

Maduo:Just..

She broke down in his arms and he rubbed her back..

Reba:It's okay..It's okay babe. These things happen. There is always a next time. We're not in a rush to have kids okay?

Maduo:ok..

Her voice came out as a whisper as the tears flowed. Reba felt the wetness of her tears on his shirt. This hurt her.

Reba:Don't read much into it..

Maduo:I...

Her small voice cracked. She should've confirmed it while she was still in Gaborone but like the hopeless love struck teen she was she got on the first bus here.

Reba:nana?

Maduo:Hmm..

Reba:Don't cry..

Maduo kept quiet as she placed her head on his chest. His shirt was wet from her tears. They were still in the scan room and the energy to walk out of the room was no longer there.

She felt the slight headache that hit her from the back.

Reba:nana you're good?

She shook her head as fresh tears filled her eyes and she sobbed some more.

Reba:I didn't mean to make you cry. I'm sorry..

She felt her head get heavy with every sob and she tightly held him.

Reba:You're going to stress yourself more baby..

She sniffed. He just rubbed her back. She was stressed. He needed to take her home.

Reba:We're going home okay?

He said as he lifted her head up and looked into her teary eyes. They were starting to get swollen. He removed her glasses. They were already stained with tears.

Reba:It's okay. I'm not mad or disappointed okay?

She nodded as she used her sleeve to wipe her nostrils.

Reba:These things happen. We're not going to let this break you...

She nodded as he held her glasses with one hand while the other one was around her waist.

Reba:If it was a false alarm it's still okay okay?

She nodded as she looked into his eyes.

Reba:That's my girl. Don't be sad...we still have time Mrs Kgosi okay?

She nodded yet again. He kissed her forehead and brushed the spot he kissed with his thumb.

Reba:Smile for me..

She let out a small smile.

Reba:That's a start..

Meanwhile Tumi knocked on the door. She entered and looked at her other colleague who was already packing his stuff.

Him:You look stressed..

Tumi:How do you break it down to a couple that thought they are expecting but the scan shows otherwise?

Him:Doc these things happen..

Tumi:I know. I have broke worse news but the way she looked at me expecting that I was wrong tore at my heart strings dude..

Him:You did it in your office?

Tumi:No silly...I don't have the sonogram machine in my office. I am a GP remember.

He lightly tapped his head.

Him:Oh yah..

Tumi:The specialists are not here akere..

Him:Wait...you went to the scan room?

Tumi:Yes..

Him:So they fixed the machine?

Tumi:What are you on about?

Him:The last time I checked they said the machine was malfunctioning hence the 'specialists'have their own ones in their office.

Tumi:There are more than two machines that side..there was a malfunctioning one?

Him:Well aparently the main one was malfunctioning and they reported it unless it's fixed by now...

Tumi:So the other ones are fine?

Him:I guess so. I never go that side..

Tumi:(sighing)thank you for the heads up...maybe..

Her eyes widened..damn..

Reba and Maduo walked out of the room and she was holding tightly onto him. They signed out and they couldn't see the doctor. Reba sighed. She probably didn't know how to break the news to them. Maybe it was for the best.

Reba:Nana you'll be okay?

She just nodded as they walked towards the parking lot.

Tumi got to the scan room and they were not there. She sighed as she swapped the machines. After that she walked out and headed to the reception.

Tumi:Did the lovely couple leave?

Her:They left a dew minutes ago.

Tumi:Good God!

She thanked God that she was wearing pumps. She jogged out of the hospital. She needed to find them. Just for one more scan..

In the car Reba looked at her long face.

Reba:Buckle up buttercup.

She did so and she just leaned back. Tears filled her eyes again and she just closed them.

Reba kept his hand on the steering wheel. He didn't know what else to do to make her feel better.

He started the car.

Tumi spotted the car. She had seen it on the day of the court case. She used her little speed

to get there and she knocked on the window..

She breathed heavily. She needed to get fit.
Damn!

The window rolled down.

Tumi:My apologies..(breathing in)Can we do
another scan?

Reba looked at Maddy who opened her eyes.

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At the hospital parking lot

Maduo looked at Reba as she bit her lower lip.

Tumi waited for their answer. She could see the pain in her eyes and she desperately wanted her to say yes. She had hope that she might be pregnant. She just wanted her to say yes.

Reba rubbed her chin.

Reba:Do you want to?

Tumi felt like she was invading their intimate moment and she looked away. This was between the two but it was so darn cute.

Maduo:I don't...I don't know..

Reba:Okay..it's up to you.

Maduo sighed sadly.

Maduo:What if it's still the same thing?

Reba:It's entirely up to you baby girl. Do you want another scan?

She bit her lower lip. What if? The doctor wouldn't follow them and request for another scan for no reason right?

She breathed in and held his hand.

Maduo:we have nothing to lose right?

Reba:You're sure?

Maduo:Yes..

Reba:Okay..

He stopped the already running engine as she undid the seatbelt.

He got out of the car and she got out too. Tumi looked at them.

Tumi:Thank you. If you guys would kindly follow me.

They walked closely behind her. Tumi's heart pounded. She had her fingers crossed. She was really hoping for the best.

Maduo sighed as she leaned against Reba. This was just...

At Laone's house

Laone:Almost everything is ready?

Terry:Hmm..

Laone:Are the suits okay? They don't need alterations?

Terry:(laughing)woman everything is fine..stop stressing. Everything is going to be okay.

Laone:I just want it to be perfect keore.

Terry:It's already going to be perfect as long as the bride..

She nudged him and he pecked her lips.

Terry:I love you.

Laone:I love you more..and thank you..

Terry:I love you,no need to thank me Lala..

At the hospital

Reba helped Maduo as she laid down. She didn't know what to expect at this point. Reba saw the look on her face and he squeezed her small hand.

Reba:It's okay...

She nodded as Tumi applied the cold gel on her tummy. The coldness didn't bother her at this

point so it was what it was...

Tumi was hoping for the best as she switched on the machine. She hoped this one worked.

She moved the wand over her tummy and she paused. Okay.... She looked at the screen and she breathed in a sigh of relief.

Tumi:Well...

Maduo looked at her. Was it bad?

She moved the wand all over and she could hear the heartbeat.

Maduo's eyes widened.

Maduo:Wait.. is that a..

Tumi nodded with a smile.

Tumi:We have a heartbeart...

Maduo:Whaaaat....

The disbelief in her voice had Tumi smiling. She

was pregnant..

Maduo:Please tell me it's not a joke...

Tumi:It's not..hear the heartbeat. It's strong..

She looked at Reba as she held back tears and he smiled tearfully looking at her.

Reba:Nana don't cry...fuck!

Tumi's heart fluttered. This was honestly such a raw moment for the couple and she was glad they were happy.

Tumi laughed softly as she faced the screen..

She looked at the screen closely. She shook her head. This couldn't be,could it?

Maduo:We're having a baby..

Tumi:Hold that thought..

She looked at the screen..

Tumi:Let's look at the screen closely.

They looked at the screen and Maduo couldn't see a thing. She looked at Reba.

Reba:They're in the car.

She squinted looking at the screen. It was all dark and blurry.

Tumi:Well if we could look closely...well it look like you're out of your first trimester. First time pregnancies are usually that hard to notice especially if you don't get any symptoms like vomiting which is an obvious indicator...

She nodded.

Tumi:But..

She anxiously looked at Tumi was something wrong?

She moved the wand over her tummy and she kept looking at the screen. What if she wasn't accurate?

Maduo:Something wrong?

Tumi:Nothing is wrong,just that...

She paused as she looked at the screen. This time the heartbeat was stronger.

Maduo:What's going on?

She was a bit puzzled.

Tumi:I think...no..you're carrying twins..

Maduo:Nooo...

Tumi:Yes..yes..Mrs you're carrying twins..you guys are expecting twins. They are healthy..

She let go of Rebabedi's hand as she covered her mouth. This was...

Reba was shook as he looked at the blurry image on the screen. Those were the babies?
Fuck!

Tumi looked at the shock on their faces. This was golden.

She smiled.

Tumi:Let me go print these out for you guys and we go over the novelty of pregnancy. There is the tissue towel so yah..

She left them there as she walked out. She loved her job.

Maduo:Babe..

Her lips quivered. This was huge.

He held both of her hands.

Reba:Thank you..

Maduo:Twins...

Reba:Seems so Mrs Kgosi..

She could hear the emotion in his voice. He

kissed both of her hands.

Maduo:I..

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she tried to wrap her mind over it all. Just moments ago she thought she wasn't pregnant and now she is carrying twins? This was huge..

Reba:Thank you so much..

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Something to allay your fears as I get the last one for the day ready.

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At the hospital

Maduo wiped the gel off.

Maduo:Done..

He helped her off the bed as Tumi walked in with the scans.

Tumi:well if we may head to my office..

Maduo:Okay doc..

They followed her out of the room to her office. When she got there they sat down. Maduo was still shook. Two kids? At once? This was just WOW.

Tumi:Well the scans say you're three and half months pregnant so the first trimester is over and done with.

She nodded.

Tumi:We are going to have you register your pregnancy and have regular checkups. Every month and then move to every two weeks once you're six months since you're carrying twins.

She nodded.

Maduo:At one hospital?

Tumi:You don't live here?

Maduo:Kind of.

Reba:A recommendation of a good doctor in Gaborone.

Tumi:Okay. It's still fine. But we are going to register it and if you happen to be here you can still have a check up. With that said,I will need to have your doctor's notes and an update of your pregnancy.

Maduo nodded. Two doctors at once.

Tumi explained everything to them and all they did was nod. Their questions were answered

and they were good.

Tumi handed Maduo her number.

Tumi:Don't hesitate to call.

Maduo:Thank you Doc. I..I have a question..

Tumi:Ask away Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo laughed softly.

Maduo:That makes me feel so old..

Reba gave her a look and she brushed it off.

Maduo:Why didn't the first scan reveal this?

Tumi:I rarely go to the scan room so apparently the first machine was malfunctioning. My sincere apologies for any distress.

Maduo:It's okay. Thank you. So we should pick the vitamins?

Tumi:Yes and follow that meal plan..

She sulked and looked at Reba?

Maduo:Is it a must?

Tumi:Healthy food,healthy babies. I didn't say you shouldn't satisfy your cravings though.

Reba:Thank you doc for that clarification..

Maduo:Iyoo..ke tlo bolaisiwa merogo nna ke sa e batle(I am still gonna eat veggies when I don't want them)

Tumi laughed.

Tumi:Well Maduo healthy eating. And take those vitamins religiously. So far no morning sickness?

Maduo:No.

Tumi:Okay. I guess we are done here.

Maduo:Thank you doc.

Tumi:That's my job..

They stood up and walked out. Tumi smiled.

She loved being a doctor. Making people smile.

They walked to the medicine counter as they handed the guy there their prescription.

Maduo: You heard the doctor akere?

Reba: Yeah. Crystal.

Maduo: I want those massages when you land...

Reba: Okay..

The guy handed them the bottles of pills.

Maduo thanked the man as Reba took the pills in their small paper bag.

Maduo: So now we're going to have food.

Reba: Oh God!!

Maduo: Well let's get going...

He chuckled as he held the small of her back.

At Rebabedi's house

He parked the car and watched her eat. She was really pregnant? With twins? That was...wow..

Maduo:I'm good. I can't believe I cried..

Reba:Akere o setete wena..(you're a cry baby)

Maduo:ng ng kgaogana le nna..(leave me alone)

Reba:Okay Mrs...

She just put fresh chips between the fatcake she was holding and she bit into it. She downed it with a bit of juice. If she was going to eat loads of veggies and fruits she better enjoy this meal.

She silently ate her food as Reba looked at her.

Fuck! She was carrying two human beings? As tiny as she was, she was carrying two whole humans. His kids. He was the luckiest man in this world cause wow.

Maduo:Reba after these two you're going to have to wait ten years for another child.

She said as she licked her thumb. She grabbed a tissue and wiped her hands.

Maduo:For real. Imagine giving birth to two people. Aah...no marn..

Reba:I hear you..

Maduo:So it's a done deal. Ten years later is when you're getting another child.

Reba:We'll see..

Maduo:I don't like your tone...ng ng..ke mang yo tla bong a bolawa ke ditlhabi a le one?nxe Mr..

He laughed.

Reba:Stop worrying and let's focus on the now...

Maduo:Okay.

Reba:Thank you..

Maduo:For?

Reba:The kids. This is so precious,you have no idea what this means to me..

He said as he pecked her oily lips. She had the fresh chips scent all over her lips but well she was feeding his babies so it didn't matter.

Their kiss deepened and Maduo broke it. She looked at him.

Maduo:I love you.

Reba:Ka go rata autwa?

She nodded. She just hoped that he won't break her heart. She will literally die and wake up then forgive him for breaking her heart. That was how she stupidly loved him. She was his for the taking,he never promised to be a gentleman or play it safe. He was never a safe bet nor did he

live by the rule book and she was aware of this from the very beginning. He can take everything she has and she wouldn't mind.

He held her cheeks and rubbed her lips.

Reba:I'm lucky aren't I?

Maduo:Thank your ancestors.

Reba:I will thank them properly very soon.

She giggled as she looked into his eyes.

He carried her out of the car and into the house.

Maduo:I can walk..

Reba:I know..

He put her down as she walked to the kitchen.

Reba:Food?

Maduo:Water..geez..

He headed to the bedroom and he took out his

cellphone.

He called his grandfather.

Reba:Ntatemogolo..

Kgosi:Reba..I wasn't expecting your call?
Everything okay? The young daughter in law
okay?

Reba:Everything is good..

Kgosi:Then why are you calling?

Reba:We're pregnant...

There was silence at the end of the line as
Kgosi processed the news..wait..she was
pregnant?

Kgosi:Monna o dira jalo..

Reba could hear the pride in his voice.

Kgosi:this is big.

Reba:It is...

Kgosi:There is more to this..

Reba:Mrs Kgosi is carrying twins...

The old man spit his water and he coughed. He wasn't expecting that.

Kgosi:Tsameka sentle..

Reba laughed..

Reba:Ntatemogolo I am serious..

Kgosi:That's....badimo ba Kgosi..

Reba:Say that again...

Kgosi:This is huge and...when are you guys coming here?

Reba:I don't know. Soon I guess..

Kgosi:This is good news. As I go celebrate with my best bottle of whiskey..

Reba:Okay..

Kgosi:Let me process this,we will talk..

Reba:Sure..

In the kitcehn Maduo sat on the stool and called her mother.

Maduo:Mamzizo..dimumzo..

Precious:What do you want?

Maduo:Can't I call you just cause I love you? Is papa with you there?

Precious placed the phone on her chest.

Precious:Maduo wants to talk to you..

Thabiso:Give me a minute.

She placed the phone next to her ear.

Precious:he is coming,still busy with Kgotso..

Maduo:I'll wait..

Precious:okay..

Thabiso joined his wife as he held the baby in

his hands.

Precious:We're here..now out with it. What do you want?

Maduo:Who said I want anything mommy?

Precious:Your tone says it all.

Maduo:I am hanging up and making a video call. I wanna see Kgotso too. My chubby little angel.

Precious:Stop calling my child chubby.

She laughed and hung up. She video called.

She saw her parents and sibling. She smiled wider.

Precious:ng ng...I thought my eyes we're deceiving me.

Maduo:Why would you think that?

Precious:Hai look at your cheeks. You're gaining weight..

Thabiso:She is...

Maduo:Heish..my weight gain is everyone's problem now..anyway we're not here to talk about my weight gain. Hey Kgotso..

She waved smiling as Kgotso sucked on his fist. He was such a cute lil thing.

Maduo:There is no easier way to say this..

Precious:We're waiting...

Her mother was holding the phone and Maduo just smiled.

Maduo:I'm pregnant..

The phone slipped from her mother's hand.

Precious shook her head in disbelief. She was pregnant. This was big. She must be carrying the Kgosi heir..

Thabiso picked the phone as he looked at Maddy. He didn't know how to feel about it. He was happy but the thought of his baby girl going through labour pains.

Maduo:Daddy why are we sad?

Thabiso:my baby girl is growing..

Maduo:Don't be sad. You raised a smart young woman..

He nodded as he smiled. She was genuinely happy and that's what counts.

Precious appeared on the screen after a few minutes.

Precious:Serious. We confirmed it today and that's not all..mama don't faint please..

Precious:That's good news baby. You're married and it was bound to happen. We still need to talk.

Maduo:Yes mam..as I was saying we confirmed it today and turns out I'm carrying twins.

Both her parents' eyes widened and she had to stifle her laughter.

Precious:The...

Maduo:Yes mommy..that's all I wanted to tell you guys.

Precious:Wow..I..congratulations are in order..I..wow..

Maduo:Thank you mommy. I will call later. Just digest the news..bye and I love you guys a whole lot. And you too Kgotso..I love you..

He giggled and she smiled as she hung up.

Precious looked at Thabiso in shock.

Precious:She's...

Thabiso:Yes..

Precious:Wow!

He chuckled. His wife's shock was cute. He was also shocked.

Reba punched his fist through the air. Man!

He updated his WhatsApp status..

'The main guy scores † ♂'

His seeds were growing inside of her. This was just...

His phone rang.

Reba:Kgosi..

Tyler:Tell me it's not what I think it is..

Reba:What do you think it is?

Tyler:Man...Fuck!

Reba chuckled.

Tyler:The Mrs is carrying a Kgosi isn't she?

Reba:She is..

Tyler:Man..dangerous..o kotsi kotsi..

Reba:Wa nkitse..

Tyler:This is news worth celebrating.

Reba:You know..

Tyler:I'm happy for you..this is big for the whole family..I mean..

Reba:Who's the man?

Tyler:Fuck off wena..

Reba:Mxm..

Tyler:Congratulations guys...this is just huge..

Reba:I'm still shocked. I mean..

Tyler:I mean the new generation is already here..

Reba:Thank you man.

Tyler:Sure sure my gee..tell the Mrs I said congratulations and that she should bother you..

Reba:Okay..mxm..bye..

Maduo screenshoted his status with a smile as she captioned it 'Babydaddy' on her status

Man..this has got ti be the happiest day of her life.

At Campus

Rethabile was on her phone as Darien and Tlhompfo talked. She also wanted to warn Tlhompfo to just stay away from Maddy. She viewed the statuses and she paused.

Rethabile:Oh my fucking gosh!!(screaming)I knew it...oh God!!

She jumped up and down. She was going to be a godmother...

The guys looked at her and other people around her looked at her. What made her so happy?

Rethabile:I knew it...I knew it...Ayaya..rwe within..

She sat down with a happy sigh as she screenshoted Maduo's status and captioned her status "godmother things loading...I knew it "

She giggled as she sent a quick message to Maduo..

Darien:What's up?

She smiled.

Rethabile:I am happy...I am so happy...

Darien:Yes..share please..

Rethabile:Godmother things loading...

Darien frowned. Tlhompho was lost.

Rethabile:Ebile when Tlhompho Maddy said you

should stop this obsession you have about her.
She doesn't like it.

Tlhompho:I...

Rethabile:This is the last time I am saying this
Mr...just following orders..

Darien:What do you mean godmother?

Rethabile:Ke happy...nxe..I knew it and mogirl
was clueless..and she is
smart..haish..Tlhebathong nkopeleleleng sefela
bafethu..hayi ke sambareee's godmother..

Darien:Whoa babes(laughing)you are so happy.

Rethabile: ba re mme mme tlhatswa lesire.

Ba re mme mme tlhatswa lesire..

She sang with happiness. Okay she was really
happy. How old she was didn't matter. Her best
friend was going to be a mommy to be..

Darien:Now can you tell what's up?

He laughed softly..

Rethabile:Urg..good news..man! Happiness Over Everything..mxm bona ke itira Jhene Aiko yaanong..

She laughed tearfully.

Rethabile:We'll talk..

She said as her phone rang and she stood up answering.

Rethabile:Oh my freakin gosh..how does it feel? Tell me,tell meeee...

Maduo:Stopped screaming..

Rethabile:Sorry. Sorry..

Maduo:It kinda feels weird in a good way. Like I'm carrying life and it's a responsibility I will have for the rest of my life.

Rethabile:I knew you were pregnant but you were probably going to bite my head off with those moods of yours.

Maduo:(laughing)I am not moody.

Rethabile:I am so happy for you..you should've seen me screaming like crazy...

Maduo:Masetenwa!!

Rethabile:Whatevwr but yoh..dawg..sis..

Maduo:I know..I was just talking to Sasha and she was like I suspected it..

Rethabile:You're moody and I don't think we wanted to argue with you..but friend...

She screamed and Maduo placed her phone far from her ear.

Maduo:Enough with the screams tthe...

Rethabile:Baby even with that weight we're still after the money.

Maduo:Money? Dude I will still me Mrs Wallstreet. Watch this space.

She felt arms wrap around her waist. He

planted wet kisses on her neck.

Maduo:Thabsie my Thabi I have to go. Will call later love love..

Rethabile:Okay ma..

She hung up.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo put her phone down.

She felt him against her butt and she smiled.
Fuck! She loved this man.

Reba:I love you.

Maduo:Me too baby daddy..

He chuckled softly as he kissed her neck.

Reba:Say it again..

Maduo:Baby daddy..

Her voice was soft and it tugged at his heartstrings. It was not even noon yet but here they were.

Reba:You fucking made me happy Maddy. Two whole human beings...

Maddy:Hmm..

She said as he kissed her neck all over. He turned her around and he kissed those pink lips of hers. This was home. She was home. He slipped his hands under her blouse as she moaned softly..

He smiled against her lips.

Reba:Ke kopa go go dirisa botlhaswa..

Maduo:Mhmm..take me. I'm yours
hmhmm..(moaning)

Reba picked her up and carried her to the bedroom where they #EXPLICIT

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It's the weekend so Monday it is..

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#91

At Maduo's place

Blaq Diamond's Love Letter played in the background as she typed her assignment on the laptop. Reba walked in shirtless and she looked up. Her glass slid off her nose and he chuckled.

Reba: Get contact lenses..

Maduo: I don't want them. Glasses are a safer bet.

He shrugged and she put the laptop aside as she took the food from him. The deadline was far but she just wanted to get things done.

Tomorrow was a wedding and she was just happy. Reba had been here for a whole week and it was just everything.

He rubbed her tummy.

Reba: How are they?

Maduo: They're good daddy..

He kissed her forehead. This was all she had ever asked for and probably more.

Reba:Next month we will do the gender reveal
hmm?

Maduo:A party?

Her eyes lit up.

Reba:God no!!It will just be two of us. We will notify the others.

She hit his chest.

Maduo:You're such a bore you know that?

Reba:Whatever Mrs Kgosi..

She rolled her eyes as she took the first french fry and ate it. This will always be her favorite no cap.

They ate the food. Laughing and giggling in between. Maddy's phone rang and she looked

at Reba..

Reba:Aren't you going to answer it?

Maduo:Give me a sec..

She drank her juice and wiped her mouth. She cleared her throat before answering it.

Maduo:Sash..

Sasha:I hope the dress still fits..

She rolled her eyes.

Maduo:It does. I was trying it on just yesterday.

Sasha:Good. Pity you couldn't join us here..

Maduo:I'll probably bore you guys anyway.

Sasha:You're probably right...tomorrow it is..Night.

Sasha hung up and she looked at Reba.

Maduo:Your sister Mr..

Reba:You two seem close..

She chuckled as she placed her head on his chest. The baby's cry rang through the room.

Maduo:Kgotso..baby be a darling and come with your brother in law.

Reba:You know you are the one who volunteered.

Maduo:Because we aren't joining the people tonight. Bring him here..

He stood up and walked to the bedroom where he picked the crying baby. He stopped crying and giggled.

Reba:Wow! Like brother and sister. Le rata attention gore...

Kgotso giggled as he made baby sounds. He chuckled as he walked to the lounge carrying him.

Maduo smiled as she lifted her hands so that Reba can give her the baby.

He gave her the baby and she cradled him.

Maduo:He's heavy jho..So let's see if your brother in law will survive the night Kgotso..

She said as she gave him her fingers and he giggled as he attempted to suck her finger.

Maduo:Aaww man..

Reba tried to keep a straight face but a smile made it's way to his lips. She was good with the baby..

Somewhere in Gaborone

Toni carefully ironed her lace front wig. She looked at her sister who walked inside.

Toni:I hate that I am doing this..

Her:We have no choice..

Toni:I mean gate crashing a wedding when all of this could've been avoided by telling him amicably..

Her:Toni you won't understand. I..

Toni:But akere just cause I'm your sister I will do as you say. You know best..

Her:Don't be like that Toni.

Toni:Don't be like what? Keore le rata attention...

Her:I won't argue with that..plus I mean a little stumbling block won't ruin the whole thing...

Toni laughed as her perfectly shaped teeth flashed. Her sister had always been a little jealous of Toni's perfect physique. Even though she was younger than her she was the one who usually caught male attention.

Her:A grand entrance mntase..

Toni: Haiyee.. Sure. Tomorrow is a date sis.. your best dress out?

Her: It's out. We first have to go pick him up from mom's place.

Toni: Suuuree..

She said as she flashed a small smile and continued straightening her wig. Her sister walked out and Toni placed the wig down. She sighed. Life neh!

If she hadn't made that decision she would've been a mom right now. She is not bitter. She made that decision alone and no one forced her but still. The fact that her own sister had a child and that she was not getting any younger just hit her some kind of way.

She looked at herself in the mirror. She was

everything a man could look for but she still hasn't found one. Maybe tomorrow she might see one. Yeah. She reassured herself as she picked the wig and continued straightening it.

At a hotel in Gaborone

Miranda smiled as she walked out of the bathroom. He smiled as he looked at her. This felt so wrong yet right. Maybe this was the part of the story where she gets her happily ever after. A happy ending.

Miranda:What?

Tyler:Nothing..come here..

She sat on the bed next to him and he pulled her closer.

Tyler:Thank you..

Miranda:For what?

Tyler:deciding to come with me. You do know it's public.

Miranda:I know..I think I should stop with the 'batho ba tla reng' mentality. I know people will talk and say I slept my way through the job interview..

He chuckled.

Miranda:We know that's not true but people will talk. I did a lot of things I am not proud of honestly and I know that people will still talk.

Tyler:Regardless of whether you're good or bad,people will talk and you just have to ignore all of that and move forward.

Miranda:Yeah.

She smiled as he pecked her lips. She giggled and pushed him off.

Miranda:We have a wedding to get to tomorrow

Mr Kgosi..

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#92

At Gaborone

Miranda and Tyler looked around the venue.

Miranda:It's gorgeous.

Tyler:It is..

Miranda smiled. An outdoor wedding. The decor was simple and elegant.

Tyler found their seats. This wedding was classy.

Miranda sat next to him and she placed her clutch bag on her thighs.

Tyler:Did I tell you that you're pretty?

Miranda blushed.

Miranda:Thank you Mr Kgosi. You don't look so bad yourself.

Miranda looked around. People were slowly coming and sitting down.

This was going to be a great day.

Meanwhile....

Maduo held Kgotso in her arms as her mom helped Laone.

Maduo:Look at you cute heavy thing..

Precious:Maduo..

Maduo:He is cute..

Laone smiled as she looked at the mirror.

Laone:This is happening?

Maduo:Yep...I think I should go.

She kissed her mother and aunt and walked out holding Kgotso. She left the bride to be and walked to the room where the bridesmaids were getting ready.

The bridesmaids included Laone's friends and close family.

Sherry:You came with him..

Maduo:He loves me. Don't you boy boy..

He giggled as he threw his small fists in the air.

Maduo:You see..

Sherry chuckled.

Sasha walked in.

Sasha:Well you're ready guys akere?

Maduo:I don't know about them.

Sasha:Okay. The wedding song is about to play and yall should walk to the aisle. You know where to stand. Once everyone is sitted everuthing starts.

Sherry:Got it.

Lady 1:Got it..

Sasha:Matron of honour is with the bride so she

will be the last one to walk to the aisle before the bride arrives. Flower girls are ready. I think everything is set now.

Maduo nodded as she sat down placing her baby brother on her lap. He was cute.

Maduo:(whispering to him)I don't know why your mother takes offence when I say you're chubby. O go jesa thata mme yole akere?

He giggled.

Maduo:I knew it. Nxe..if you dare cry interrupting the wedding then I am no longer looking after you.

Kgotso just held the leather bracelet on her wrist.

Maduo:ng ng..don't touch tlhe..

She took his hand away. She was given this by the healer for protection. She should never take

it off or let it break at all costs.

Maduo squinted. Her eyes hurt without the glasses.

Kgotso moved his hands to her face.

Maduo: You're lucky I didn't do makeup cause I don't see myself sitting on that chair for hours and because of you..

She held his small hands and looked around for his bag.

Maduo: Your mother is going to pay me for this Kgotso. Imagine hela..

The ladies cooed silently as they watched a pregnant Maduo interact with the baby. It was so cute. As young as she was she was going to be a great mother. They did the finishing touches and were now ready to help their friend have the best day of her life. Laone has been

waiting for this ever since.

Sasha:It's time guys

They all lined up nicely in their heels and blush pink dresses.

Sasha:Okay. Let me go first..

Sasha started walking and the girls followed. Maduo was the last one and she was holding Kgotso.

Maduo:Don't cry today baby boy okay? Yes you're a good bou.

He giggled and she breathed in a sigh of relief. She needed his cooperation today.

Reba sat comfortably on his chair as the bridal song started playing. The groom and his men made their way to the alter. Terry's parents were sitting in the front and they were so proud that their son was finally tying the knot. The

flower girls who were Terry's nieces started throwing pink and purple petals. They were so adorable as the wedding guests cooed at their innocence.

Terry smiled a bit as he waited anxiously for his bride.

His best man nudged him.

Him: Breath man.

Terry: I'm trying..

He chuckled softly as they awaited the bride.

The song started again as the bridesmaids made their way towards the alter. They looked breathtaking but Reba was interested in one particular one. The one with the baby bump. He swore he saw her squinting her eyes trying to look straight ahead holding her brother.

Miranda frowned a bit when she saw Maduo. She looked familiar. She had seen Thabiso and since bygones were bygones she had just nodded and looked straight ahead.

Miranda:Who is that one?

She whispered in Tyler's ear.

Tyler:Sister in law..

Miranda:Ooh..

Tyler:Yep.

She looked ahead. She could see the bump and she was carrying a baby too who looked like Thabiso. When all the bridesmaids were lined up. The song started as they anxiously waited for the bride.

The bride breathed in and out. This was it. She looked at her mother who smiled.

Laone:Thank you mama..

Granny: This is your day my girl.

She smiled.

Precious: We're on and know we're waiting for you at the alter.

She said as she walked away. Laone breathed in and out. She breathed in and out again.

She took her mother's hand as they walked out.

Precious walked down the aisle and Thabiso gave her a smile. She smiled back and kept on walking. Kgotso saw her and wanted to cry but Maduo distracted him with her hand. They can't have the baby crying during this nice ceremony.

Mma Kgosi nudged Reba.

Mma Kgosi: She is good with kids.

Reba: You saw with one child mother..

Mma Kgosi: Still..we chose well.

Reba chuckled as he faced his front. Katso looked around. He saw a girl close to his age and he smiled. He has a lot of convincing to do later.

Everyone kept quiet as Laone walked down the aisle with her mother. She was gorgeous.

Maduo smiled tearfully. This has got to be the best day of her aunt's life.

Miranda smiled a bit. One of these days it might be her. But for now she was happy for the bride who was beautiful with that mermaid wedding dress. She looked angelic too under the veil.

Granny gave Terry Laone's hand.

Granny: She is yours to cherish and care for.

She smiled as she walked to her seat and

Laone tearfully looked up. Terry removed his handkerchief and he was perplexed. He wasn't sure whether to remove her veil so that she wipes her tears or give her the handkerchief.

His best man just squeezed his shoulder and he chuckled.

Pastor:We are gathered here today to bear witness to the union of Mr Terrence Ward and Ms Laone Kutwano.

They smiled as they held hands and Terry wanted to thank God and his ancestors. He was about to lose this over a small issue that had been checked over by a doctor and turns out there was no problem at all.

Pastor:If there is anyone who has a reason to stop this ceremony,speak now or forever hold your peace.

There was a moment of silence and as the

Pastor was about to speak to continue the ceremony an objection was raised.

"I do have a reason to stop this.."

People gasped and Terry's heart skipped.

Laone's heart broke into tiny pieces.

They all faced the direction the voice was coming from...

Reba frowned. Terry's parents had shock evident on their faces.

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#93

At the wedding

Laone held back tears as she looked at the two women who stopped her wedding. They had a toddler and he looked so familiar.

Maduo squinted her eyes. This was when she needed her glasses the most and there was nothing.

Toni shuffled her feet. All eyes were on them and she knew that her sister loved drama and she went with the flow. Now looking at all the

eyes here,they were gate crashers.

Her sister,Gaone walked forward with the toddler who looked so much like Terry. Her heart got heavy as she held her chest with a shaky hand. Terry's parents were perplexed by the situation before them.

Even a blind man could see the striking resemblance between Terry and the unknown boy.

Toni just stood there at the end of the aisle as she watched the scene unfold. People were no longer looking at her and she thanked her lucky stars for that. Gaone loved drama and she was an accomplice to the drama. She held her head high to hide the embarrassment.

Maduo looked at the lady who walked forward.
Not on her aunt's special day.

Gaone:Terrence hi,I just wanted you to meet
your son..

Laone felt her head spinning as her knees
wobbled. Kgotso started crying.

Maduo:Shit!(muttering under her breath)

This was turning out to be messy. Everyone
was confused and they kept asking themselves
what the hell was going on here.

Maduo walked away from the scene as she
attempted to shush the wailing baby.

Maduo:K work with me here..baby don't cry..

He cried more and she just kept trying to shush
him.

Reba decided to stand up and he followed her.
Toni's eyes widened. Fucking shit!

She followed him with her eyes and he saw him head to the direction where the pregnant lady with a baby was heading.

Laone looked at the lady then Terry and the boy. This was not what she had in mind. She held her dress and she ran along the aisle in her heels. Commotion started as people whispered and some had already took out their phones.

Terry:Lala..

But she wasn't stopping. This was not what she wanted.

Gaone smiled a bit. This was going way better than she expected.

Terry looked at her in anger and he had to hold himself from slapping her.

He walked down the aisle in shame as he headed to the direction Lala was heading to.

Terry's mother stood up and Terry's father held her hand.

Mmaagwe Terry:Let me go..I want to give that girl a piece of my mind..

Terry's dad could hear the anger in her voice and let her go.

Gaone stood there as people took videos.

She picked her son up.

Gaone:Well I guess we will have to show up another time boy boy neh..

Mmaagwe Terry:Ema pele..

People just watched the drama. This was such an unexpected turn of events.

Gaone looked at the lady.

Mmaagwe Terry:Where do you get the audacity to do what you did? Do you have no shame whatsoever? Monyana haii ke bua le wena..nteba..

Gaone was forced to look at her..

Mmaagwe Terry:So you think causing drama was necessary? Does Terrence know of...that?

She said pointing at her son and she felt her heart break a little. She called her son a 'that' this was Terry's child.

Gaone:Nnyaa mma..

Mmaagwe Terry:Nywa mma..ke gone o itseng maitseo? If you were a lady who respected herself you could've gone through the proper channels. This is just plain belittling nxla..

With that she walked away.

Precious breathed in and out. She had to find

Laone..

She also walked away and went into the building to try and find Laone. She found Terrence at the door knocking.

Terry:She locked herself up inside..

Precious just nodded.

Terry:I tried to explain to her that I know nothing about this but..

He breathed in as he helplessly looked at the door.

Precious:I'll talk to her but I am not promising anything..

He nodded as Precious knocked on the door.

Precious:Baby sis..Love love?open for me..

Laone:Go away..it's over. I..(crying)

Precious:I can't hear you over the tears
tlhemma..open the door for me. I won't let him
in. I promise..

She heard sniffing and a bit of shuffling before
the door was opened. She walked inside and
the door was shut again.

Meanwhile Reba took Kgotso from her.

Maduo:He won't stop crying..

Reba:Now you want to cry too..

He looked at her teary eyes and she shook her
head.

Maduo:I'm fine babe..

Reba:Come here.

He held her as he wrapped one arm around her
waist while the other was holding the baby.

Reba:Don't stress babe..

Maduo:Maybe he's hungry or he needs a change of diapers or something?

Reba:Okay..

He thought she will keep quiet and they head to the car quietly but no. Not Maduo freakin Kgosi..

Maduo:Kana waitse..who does that? That lady was darn disrespectful,no cap. Waitse our gender embarrasses me everyday. Why couldn't she just like tell him before this? Or was he hiding the kid?

Reba:people's issues Maddy..

Maduo:I know just that..I mean..I don't get the way some women think. She stopped a wedding just to say a guy has a son?like why not meet and talk? Keore some people hate seeing other people happy neh? Meleko hela..

Reba:People will always be people. Turn right.

She turned as she continued talking.

Maduo:Like for real. The way women love tearing each other down is annoying. And o ba itse Batswana,they took videos and soon my poor aunt will be trending on Facebook. Mxm. Ebile that woman is not pretty..le bontle ga bo yo gone hale mxm..

Reba could hear the anger in her voice.

Reba:Maddy baby,don't stress yourself..

Maduo:I am not. Keore urg..she bored me. Festofol the lady is not beautiful. There. Urg. I'm just angry that she ruined my aunt's wedding and she is being petty. Maybe she is pretty. What am I saying she is not beautiful and I hate her already nxe..

Reba:Keep walking honey..

They walked to the parking lot..

Precious wiped Laone's tears.

Precious:Better?

She nodded.

Precious:Now look at me Laone. You know I love you right?

She nodded.

Precious:You know that,that man loves you right?

She nodded.

Precious:I won't lie to you. Everyone can see that he had no idea he had a child Laone. It happens that some women keep their children away from their fathers and pull stunts like this for attention.

Laone:She ruined my wedding. I bet I am already trending on Facebook as I'm speaking..

Precious:Ba Facebook will sort themselves out. Laone you're getting into the holy sanctuary of

marriage or it's over without hearing his side of the story? Are you going to call everything off without hearing what your fiancé has to say?

Laone didn't know what to do.

Precious: That man is outside and I can assure you that not even his parents knew. His mother is also angry too if that makes you better.

Baby..marriage is dangerous ground. Trust me. Not everyone wants to see your marriage prosper. You see this ring on my finger?

She showed her, her ring.

Precious: Many have wished they were me, many have wished I would divorce Rraagwe Maddy. Keore some might have wished for lightning to strike me but I am still here..marriage is no child's play. You know that you were advised sis..you know that. Struggles are always going to be there. I mean you know what happened a week before my wedding. I almost didn't make

it cause I was in a car accident but luckily I was left unscathed. Arrows will come from every direction and it's entirely up to you whether you're gonna let those arrows kill you or make you stronger...

Laone wiped the last of the tears that fell down her cheeks. She knew but now the shame..

Precious:You see this 'batho ba ta reng' needs to end. I know you sis. You're probably thinking about what the people will say if you go ahead. If you don't want to go ahead with this wedding then at least hear Terrence out then.

She nodded.

Precious stood up and walked to the door.

Precious:Should I call him or let sleeping dogs lie?

Laone:You can tell him to come in.

Precious nodded and walked out.

Precious:She said she wants to talk to you.

Terry:Thank you so much.

He walked inside the room.

Maduo held Rebabedi's hand as they walked to where the guests were sitted.

Reba:Sit down,you shouldn't be standing for too long.

Maduo:You're right..This is just..an unexpected turn out of events.

Toni was sitting at the back chairs and it seemed as if no one was paying attention to her. That was a good thing. Gaone had ran to the car after that confrontation with the lady. She

saw him again with thw pregnant lady. She took a closer look at the woman and she seemed so familiar. She went to Facebook and searched the Kgosi surname and her name popped up to. She saw the diamond ring that flashed when the sun rays hit it.

So for real this girl was married and to him. She didn't know how to feel about it. But it's in the past.

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#94

At the wedding

Laone looked at Terry whose heart cracked a little looking at her. Her makeup was a mess and she was no longer the blushing bride he had before him moments ago.

He crouched in front of her and held both of her hands.

Terry:Lala I can swear on my life that I had no idea.

She nodded.

Terry:I don't want you to just agree with me.

Lala I have been honest with you from the get go. From our first date till now I have bared my heart out to you. If I knew I had a child out there

I would've honestly told you..

Laone:I believe you.

Terry:That lady. Her name is Gaone. She was my ex years back. She cheated on me,I left and never looked back.

Laone:Okay.

Terry:I want us to talk about everything and I also don't want to hurt you. I love you too much to want to hurt you angel.

She chuckled as a fat tear rolled down her cheek.

Terry:Promise me that after this wedding we will deal with it all. Today I just want to be a happy man.

She smiled.

Laone:Okay.

Terry:I'm still getting married akere?

Laone:Yes.

Terry:We're on baby girl?

She nodded.

Terry:Don't cry. And even if you could walk down the aisle in a sack I would still marry you.

Laone:Terry..

Terry:I'm sorry but you're always beautiful to me..

Laone:I love you..

Terry:I love you more.

He pecked her lips and walked to the door. He held the door handle and looked at her.

Terry:I will be waiting for you at the alter.

She nodded and he walked out. Seconds later Precious walked in.

Precious:And?

Laone:We're back on..

Precious:Thank God. We need to sort your makeup again. You ruined it by crying..

Laone smiled tearfully. Her wedding was still going to go on.

Toni kept her head low and she saw him again with the girl. Who would've thought?

Miranda and Tyler were comfortable talking when Reba and Maddy passed by them on their way to their seats.

Miranda took a closer look at Maddy and the baby she was holding.

Miranda:Is that her baby?

Tyler:No..baby brother..

Miranda:Oh..I thought he was hers..

Tyler:Not at all..

Maduo walked to her dad and handed him his son.

Maduo:Take him dad.

Thabiso looked at Reba.

Reba:Your daughter..

He chuckled as he took Kgotso.

Maduo:He is calm now...

Thabiso:Thank you.

Maduo:You guys should actually pay me for services rendered.

Thabiso:O rata madi..

Maduo:Daddy money makes the money go round...

Thabsio:Sit down Maddy.

She smiled.

Maduo:Wena le mama,you owe me big time.

Babysitting is not an easy task.

Reba held her waist as they walked to their seat.

Reba:You talk too much.

Maduo:I want to rest after this wedding. If there is still gonna be a wedding..

Toni looked around and saw this as an opportunity to walk away. This was not really her fight and she had accompanied her sister whose mission looked like a complete failure.

She walked to their car and got in.

Toni:You're happy now?

Gaone:I have mixed feelings.

Toni:You're gonna trend on Facebook..

Gaone:I know but people won't...

Toni:Haish..we should go ebile..

Gaone:What?No..

Toni:We should. I can't believe I travelled all the way here for this and I only realised that it was stupid when we arrived. Now you dragged the poor child..

Toni started the car.

Toni:We're leaving..if you want to talk to your baby daddy about the child then do it sometime..

Precious managed to call the makeup artist back and she was working on Laone's face.

Pteciious:We are back on.

Laone:Yes. Thank you.

Terrence walked to the alter as he adjusted his blazer.

Terry:We are back on..

Him:Sure..

His best man smiled and people were confused. Was the wedding still on?

Maduo rubbed her eyes as she placed her head on his chest. She didn't know whether they were back on but seeing the bridegroom appear gave her a little bit of hope. Her aunt deserved happiness.

She unconsciously rubbed her tummy as she sighed. She closed her eyes for a moment then she opened them.

She frowned and looked at Reba.

Reba:You okay?

Maduo:Can I trust you?

Reba:Where is this coming from?

Maduo:I don't know..I just have this weird feeling.

Reba:Trust me okay?

She nodded.

The wedding song played and her ears perked up. She sat upright and sighed. She will have to stand.

The bridesmaids lined up yet again. The wedding was on. People clapped their hands with excitement and glee. After that short drama things were back to how they were supposed to be.

Precious walked and she stood where the bridesmaids were. Maduo just sat down. She didn't want to stand.

Laone walked down the aisle alone this time

with a cute smile plastered on her face.

Terry smiled wider. This was it.

She got to the alter and she held his hands. Her happy ending.

Pastor:(chuckling)Guess there are no objections this time and we should go ahead. We already lost precious time...

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At the wedding

Pastor:Well those were..wow..

Laone held back tears. That was beautiful.

Maduo dabbed her eyes. Aaw..

The wedding guests were touched.

Pastor:I now pronounce you as husband and wife. You may kiss the bride.

Terry lifted the veil off her face and she smiled.

Terry:Can I Mrs Ward?

She nodded.

He pulled her to him and kissed her soft lips.

The crowd cheered for the couple.

Terry broke the kiss and looked into her eyes.

Terry:I love you..

Laone:I love you too..

Pastor:Ladies and gentlemen allow me to re introduce our lovely couple. Mr and Mrs Terrence Ward..

They crowd cheered as they walked along the aisle holding hands.

Even if they were a few mishaps today but the wedding did go on.

They took pictures and loads of them. Reba smiled as Maduo pouted for the camera.

Maduo:Another angle amd pose.

Reba chuckled as he took her pictures.

Maduo:Perfect..I did take pictures with the bridesmaids and bride so I am good.

Reba:You like pictures..

Maduo:Memories dear husband. Memories. I mean such things only happen once in a lifetime..

He held her waist as they walked towards the car.

Maduo:A selfie?

Reba:You never stop do you?

Maduo:Nope..

She decided to take a selfie of him kissing her cheek.

She held the phone as she kissed his lips. He smiled into the kiss.

Reba:At home babe..

Maduo:mmhmm...

He broke the kiss and rubbed her lower lip.

Maduo:Uhm we should probably get going. We

have the wedding reception to attend.

She did the seatbelt as Reba started the car. She loved this man. She says it everyday but she loves him so much.

She went through their pictures together and these days she was actually good with the fact that some people think that she is lying about being married to Reba.

The man himself is a chick magnet and she could bet that he knew that and chose to ignore it.

The drive to the reception was silent and she thought about how life has changed the past few months. From the day they met she could honestly say she felt something. It was about

the way he treated her. He cared but if you weren't a person who pays attention to detail you wouldn't notice that. Even now, to some people he was still the same man but she could see that he changed. For her. Or was he always hiding that side to him and people never saw it? She just had to unearth it?

They arrived at the reception and she smiled as she undid her seatbelt. She opened the door and walked out. He got out and he held her hand.

They walked inside and Maddy gasped.

Maduo: Niiice!

Miranda saw Thabiso holding the baby at the reception. That baby looked like him. Must be

his child. So the girl who was holding the baby who was she..

Maddy walked in with Reba and Reba shoulder bumped with Tyler.

Reba:And when are you tying the knot?

Tyler:Calm down..Mma Kgosi.

Maduo:Hey Tyler..

Tyler:Well this is Miranda,Miranda that's my brother and his wife...

Miranda:Nice to meet you.

Maduo:Likewise..Well babe I'm going to check on mom so yah..nice bumping into you Tyler and nice meeting you Miranda..

With that she walked away..

Miranda:Let me leave you guys to talk.

She walked away and her eyes followed Maduo. She was walking towards Precious and that's

how it all made sense. She was her daughter and that made sense. She nearly ruined a perfect family because of her selfishness. That was not it on so many levels..

Sherry talked to Sasha who was a bit hyper today.

Sherry:Wine?

Sasha:No mam...

Sherry:You don't drink?

Sasha:Hai mma ke born again..

Sherry:uhu dio tsa leng?

Sasha:A few months ago..haish..but I like it. I know my family is traditional but this was a personal choice. Let's say at first I was intrigued by the Christian lifestyle and now I think I am just okay with it.

Sherry:Okay..so wait..last night you were

drinking juice?

Sasha:Non-alcoholic champagne darling. That's what I drink these days..

Sherry:Wena marn..

She chuckled as she saw Tyler. She looked at him and this time she was really assured that those feelings she had for him were gone. She smiled.

The MC caught their attention.

MC:Well welcome to the wedding reception and I know you all aren't here to just sit down. It's a paaarrtaaayyy!!

Theu cheered.

MC:DJ turn the music up..time for a real party..

The DJ changed the song as everything became more lively..

Terry looked at Laone.

Terry:I love you..

Laone:Right back at you..

Terry:Let's open up the dancefloor..

Laone:If you ask me nicely..

Terry:Mrs Ward dance with me..

Laone:It would be an absolute pleasure..

Laone got rid of her hair pin as she placed it on the table.

Terry:Hehehe..dancefloor ya go bona mathata..

Laone:It's my wedding and thank God that I wore sneakers. I can't dance in heels and at least that white dress is gone..

Terry:Let's go..

They stood up and people cheered. The DJ switched the jam to a well known Amapiano song..

Maduo clapped her hands.

Maduo:I love that song..pity that your kids are heavy Reba,I would be bringing the dancefloor down..dude I would be on fire..

Reba:(laughing)Okay Mam..

Maduo:Is that sarcasm I'm detecting Mr?

Reba:Maybe..

Maduo:Bet..I can still kill that song..

Reba:How much?

Maduo>Your car? The Range Rover..

Reba:Maduo..

Maduo:You're scared?

Reba:I am not..

Maduo:Well it's a deal..take a video ebile for

proof..I'll be using that car baby..

Once Laone and Terry were done dancing,the Dj switched to yet another Amapiano song..

Maduo:Just watch me and I am wearing pumps..

Reba shook his head as he got his phone ready. Maduo was just her own person. He watched her get to the dancefloor and her being this carefree made him love her more. She was his exact antithesis and it was refreshing at times. She started dancing as people cheered her on. He smiled as he took thw video.

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Zaka etxwa mokotlong

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Maba'vuka siyalala x2

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Mabelela siya'vuka

Maba'Vuka siyalala

Sasha joined her on the dancefloor, Maddy was killing it. Maduo was such a vibe at times.

Eventually all the bridesmaids joined her as they danced to the song. Precious laughed and Laone shook her head. Man everyone has got to love Maddy. There was never a dull moment

when she was around...

The ladies ended up doing a random dance format.

By the time the song was over Maduo was done with. She sat down next to Reba.

Maduo:I killed it babe..the car keys..

Reba gave her a look.

She gulped down her water as she took a handkerchief from him. She wiped her forehead and looked at him.

Maduo:Reba I wasn't kidding...

Reba:Is it safe for you to...

Maduo:Babe..We bet on it..the car keys..

He took out his car keys and looked at her. She was serious.

Reba:So how...never mind..

He gave her the keys.

She chuckled and kissed his cheek.

Maduo:See..I got a car just like that.

Reba:You know you can afford your own car.

Maduo:I know...I just wanted yours. I can buy you a new one..and speaking of cars..the stockmarket..

And like that they chatted away about forex,world economies and the stock market. She even showed him her latest bank balance.

Reba:Well,I'm proud.

Maduo:Thank you.

Reba:Don't scratch my car Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:I am a careful driver Mr Kgosi..

Terry and Lala fed each other the food. The

time for speeches and cake cutting was an hour away so they chatted away. Lala had to admit that today had been an eventful day.

The songs changed and her eyes widened.

Laone:The song from our first date..

Terry:How can I forget our first date..one I forced you to attend.

Laone:But..urg..I love you autwa?

Terry:I love you more..

Laone:"Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo

Wavuth' umlilo nama langabi

Wavuth' umlilo

Nangu lomlilo"

She stood up and grabbed his hand as they headed to the dancefloor.

They danced as he held her waist..

Precious smiled. Today was wow pity Sarena wasn't able to attend the wedding. She would've loved it even.

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#96

At the wedding

The song Sondela softly played in the background as the people ate the cake. They were chatting in low whispers and Maduo was quietly observing the people. It turned out fine and that lady didn't ruin the whole wedding. She was really happy for her aunt.

She yawned a bit.

Reba softly rubbed her thigh.

Reba:Tired?

Maduo:I'll live.

Reba:Come on,let's get you home.

Maduo:But the night is still young.

Reba:Not for you Mrs Kgosi. You're tired. Don't force things.

Maduo:At least let us say goodbye.

Reba:Okay.

They walked to the top table.

Maduo:Aunty I had a blast and congratulations.

Laone:Thank you.

Maduo:We have to go but thank you for a great wedding.

Precious:Okay baby.

Maduo:Dad has Kgotso's baby bag.

Precious:Thank you for babysitting.

Maduo:Anytime.

She yawned.

Reba:Enjoy your evening. We have to go.

They nodded and they walked away.

They passed by Thabiso's table to say bye and they walked out.

Maduo:It was fun wasn't it?

Reba:It was..

They exited the building and Maduo leaned into him,she yawned yet again.

Reba:You should rest love.

She nodded as they walled to the car.

Somewhere in Gaborone

Toni looked at her sister.

Toni:You will have to talk to Terry about his son.

Gaone:I know..maybe after a week.

Toni:Yeah..

Gaone:I will be asked the usual questions and I

don't think I want to answer them.

Toni:You will have to. Tomorrow I have to go.

Gaone:It's okay baby sis. Thank you for the emotional support even if things didn't go as planned.

Toni:Anytime.

Gaone:Does it ever get lonely?

Toni sat on the bed as Gaone sat next to her.

Toni:It does. I wasted my youth Gaone. I will be in my thirties three years from now and..

She paused.

Toni:I had work and I was a wild one.

Gaone:I understand Toni..

Toni:I settled for less because in my mind I was not after love or marriage. It was never in the carss for me. I wanted to be an independent woman and look at me now. All lonely.

Gaone:It will get better. I have a lot of answering to do. Imagine telling my son that he has a father..

Toni:I can imagine. Why were you quiet all this time though?

Gaone:I don't know. I hurt Terry and he left the moment he knew.

Toni:Must've been big..

Gaone:Do men ever forgive cheating?

Toni shook her head. Surprisingly they don't.

Toni:It's usually a double standard. When men cheat women are supposed to forgive as long as they are remorseful and show that they will never do it again. But when a woman does it...

She chuckled.

Toni:It becomes a big issue. Men have pride. A lot of it. They just can't fathom it so I guess when you were pregnant you weren't sure about

the paternity?

Gaone:Yes and I found out a week after he left me. So I didn't know whose child I was carrying so it was better to shut up.

Toni:But at least you have a son.

Gaone:Don't rush the process. It will find you...

Toni:I have given up on love. It was never my fate by the look of things and that's okay. Might find a sperm donor and fall pregnant..

Gaone:That's extreme..what if the child asks about it's father?what are you going to do about it?

Toni:I don't know. Yeah..find a sperm donor and carry my own child. That would be nice..

Gaone:Let's see..you're still young Toni..

Toni:I am not..some of my agemates are married and if they aren't they have children..

She sighed.

At Maduo's place

They got to the house and Maduo walked out of the car first. She unlocked the house and she threw herself over the couch as soon as she got inside.

Reba looked at her. She was tired.

She bent down a bit to try and get rid of her shoes. She ended up letting it go and she leaned back.

Reba removed her shoes and picked her up carrying her to the bedroom.

He placed her on the bed.

Reba:You should probably sleep..

He said as he unzipped her dress. She won't be

comfortable sleeping in it. He helped her undress and he removed her bra. Her breasts were swollen and as he read up it was because of the pregnancy. His kids will be feeding from there.

Maduo: Thank you..

Reba: No worries. Pyjamas?

Maduo: No. I might take them off when I feel hot at night.

He nodded as he got undressed till he was left in his boxers. He looked at her., as much as he loved the fact that she was carrying his kids, she couldn't well rather he won't be able to do certain things with her in the bedroom. He wasn't supposed to get frustrated about that but well...

He got undercovers and pulled her lithe body close.

He tucked her hair behind her ear as her eyelids fluttered close. He lay there awake. He looked at her innocent face once more as he calculated the possibilities and all that. He kissed her forehead.

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A WEEK LATER

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At a restaurant in Gaborone

Laone sat next to Terry as they waited for Gaone to come.

Terry:Nervous?

Laone:Yep. But we talked about this..

Terry:You're right. She should be here by now,we have things to do don't we?

Laone:Of course Mr Ward..

He smiled as he kissed her hand.

Gaone walked into the restaurant with her weave intact. Her heels could be heard across the marble of the restaurant.

Laone:She sure loves grand entrances.

She said rolling her eyes. Gaone spotted them and she walked to their table. She thought she would be meeting Terry alone.

She sat down,placed her bag on the table and

crossed her legs and looked at them.

Gaone: Goodmorning. I thought I would be seeing the father of my son alone.

She emphasized the word ALONE and Laone wanted to slap the rudeness out of her.

Laone gave her a smile.

Laone: Well unfortunately we are one so..

She shrugged as she called the waiter by snapping her finger. Her wedding ring and engagement ring glittered in the morning sunlight and Gaone pretended not to see the ring.

Laone: Lemon water please, want some love?

He nodded.

Laone: Water Gaone?

Gaone: I'm good.

Laone: Okay..

She placed their order and the waiter walked away.

Laone: So where were we?

Terry: I think she should tell us how everything came about?

Gaone sighed and started telling him about the paternity of their son.

Terry: For four full years?

Laone: I'm puzzled too. I mean you had the chance to tell him a few months after his birth but you chose not to. Instead you try and ruin my wedding. Imagine.

Gaone: Terrence are you going to meet your son or what?

Terry looked at Laone.

Terry: Well since we are sure I have a son and I did see him. No DNA testing is needed to prove

the paternity so I won't ask for one. My wife and I will discuss this further and get bak to you.

Gaone:Okay. I should get going.

She stood up and took her bag.

Gaone:You will call me.

With that she walked away and their water came. She took a sip of the water.

Terry:How do you feel about being a step mom?

Laone:I don't know. I..I guess I will get used to it.

Terry:Well I am with you every step of the wah.

Laone:And you're going to be a dad Terrence.

Well we will take it from there hmm?

He lightly brushed his lips against hers.

Terry:Yes.

At the University of Botswana

Maduo sat by the bench as she let the sunshine hit her face. Her shades dimmed in the sunlight and Thompho was able to spot her. Her round belly was very visible and it was still hard for some to believe that she is married. Even on Facebook they have never seen her post her husband. Just his hand and that had been the end of it all.

Thompho sat next to her. Maduo looked to the side and she was about to stand up.

Thompho:No stay..

She remained seated.

Thompho:I would like to apologize..

Maduo:Okay.

Thompho:Really. I should've stayed away when you told me to and being the teenager I was I assumed stuff..

Maduo:Yes??

Tlhompho:So for that I apologize. I shouldn't be involving myself in things that do not concern me at all and Retha also told me to keep away.

She chuckled.

Maduo:I hear you..

Tlhompho:I'm sorry Maddy,I really am and I will stay out of your way moving forward.

Maduo:Cool. No hard feelings.

They fist pumped and she smiled.

Maduo:I should probably go.

He helped her up on her feet and handed her,her bag.

Maduo:Thanks. See you around.

Tlhompho:Sure...

With that she walked away and he watched her.

She was already another man's wife so this was the end of it all. She was actually cool about it all and that on it's own was assuring. He had been the one to take things too far but he was going to forget her. He had to now.

Maduo walked to the car and opened the door. She sat on the driver's seat a bit exhausted. Her morning lectures were just tiring. She inhaled the scent in the car. It still smelt of him. She missed him even though he was here a week ago. She never gets tired of Reba.

She looked at her ring thoughtfully. She checked her timetable and there were no afternoon lessons. Would she manage though? She didn't know. She shouldn't call him. He is probably busy with work at the moment so..

She buckled up and started the car. A power

nap and after that she will see if she would manage or not, besides it was the weekend.

She reversed out of the parking lot as she drove the big car.

At Rebabedi's office

His finger stopped at a particular contact. He dialed the number.

Reba: Hello Rebabedi here..

Voice: Hey.. it's been a minute.

Reba: Yes..

An awkward silence passed between the two..

Voice: I don't want to assume things..

Reba: That's why I want to make it clear..

And just like that the two talked.

Voice:Got it..

Reba:Good. Bye.

He hung up and he stared at his computer screen for some time.

His phone rang and he looked at the caller id.

Reba:Maddy..

Maduo:Hey, hope I'm not disturbing.

Reba:At all..are you guys good?

Maduo:Good and healthy thank you for asking daddy..

He chuckled. Whenever she said that it was always a sexy. Especially in that small voice of hers.

Maduo:Well I was checking up on you,let me not keep you.

Reba:You're being safe? With the car?

Maduo:I am..I actually love driving it. Don't let me keep you okay love? I love you.

Reba:I love you more.

Maduo:Bye..

She hung up and sighed. Their conversation was a bit weird and she ignored the weird feeling she also felt in her chest. She grabbed her overnight bag and put it in the car. She missed him man and maybe he is just stressed by work..

She will cheer him up. She put the bag in the car and then she walked to the kitchen to take out a few goodies for the road. She will probably arrive a bit late around 7pm or 8pm since she will be driving slow. Just so that she doesn't cause an accident plus she is carrying precious cargo so she has to be careful.

She called Rethabile.

Maduo:Hey babes.

Rethabile:Mads..waddup?

Maduo:I will be out of town for the weekend okay?

Rethabile:Okay. Thank you for notifying me my love. See you on Monday. Are you taking a bus?

Maduo:I am driving..

Rethabile:I don't think that's a good idea..

Maduo:I will manage babes..call every two hours so that I can stop and relax for ten minutes okay?

Rethabile:Got it. Safe trip and I love you lots.

Maduo:me too Thabsie..

She smiled at the other end of the line before she said bye and hung up.

Maduo locked the house and got inside the car.

Maduo:Well let's see what the road has for us.

She rubbed her tummy as she buckled up and started the car

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A1 road

Maduo stopped the car by the side of the road. Her fatigue was getting worse but she was only like an hour away from Francistown. She removed her glasses and took the water bottle. She got out of the car and splashed the water on her face. It was cold enough to give her the necessary jolt needed to drive.

She grabbed her phone. She was here earlier than expected so she wasn't that that slow.

It was half five. He was probably home from work and was in the gym room.

She really liked his physique and how his pants would hang low and the v line that she would see. Her husband was sexy and she couldn't wait to get there. A massage first then they would cuddle. She was too tired to anything more than that. They would have to skip the sex.

Baby daddy...

She smiled as she bit her lower lip. She stood next to the car as the other cars passed. After about ten minutes she got inside and dialed Rethabile.

Rethabile:How far are you?

Maduo:Almost there..In an hour I will be home and relaxed.

Rethabile:Maddy be careful.

Maduo:I am being careful..

She said as she looked at her hand on thw steering wheel. Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:When I arrive immediately I'll call you. I can't drive and still be on the phone..

Rethabile:I know.

Maduo:Let me start the car and get going my

love.

Rethabile:Don't forget that I love you..

Maduo:Nxoo..I love you more mntase..

Rethabile:I'm hanging up. I need an update in an hour Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:Yes mam.

She hung up and she placed her phone on the passenger seat. She then wore her glasses. She drank some juice and took a bite out of a muffin.

She wiped her lips. She was okay. She buckled up and started the car. She joined the main road. She played her songs on a low volume. She hummed along.

At Rebabedi's house

He walked out of the gym room as sweat trailed

along his chest. He ran his hands through his hair. The intercom rang.

Reba:Who is it?

Voice:Me..

Reba:Let me open in a few..

He walked to the bedroom,grabbed a towel then walked out. He placed the towel on his broad shoulders and pressed the button to open the gate.

She walked inside the yard. She has never been here before. He must've moved out of the place he used to stay at.

Reba closed the door to the bedroom he shares with Maddy. He closed the door to the half done nursery and finally went to slide the glass door.

She walked in.

Her:Your house is nice..

Reba:Toni you do know we're not here to talk about my house.

Toni:I know. I know..

Reba:I have a lot to lose Toni,just whatever that happens here,stays here.

Toni nodded. She understood his terms very well. Even though she wanted a child,she wouldn't try and trap Rebabedi with one. She didn't want to provoke him.

People with money tend to call the shots and she didn't want to be dragged by the media.

Toni:So your wife...

She stopped talking when she saw the dangerous look he gave her.

Reba:Toni wee...my wife is none of your concern. As I said I have a lot to lose and well in all of my subs you're the one who's more

resistant to pain..or did it change? Should I call another?

She quickly shook her head.

Reba:Gold. Follow me.

They walked to the last room and he opened the door. She walked inside and she placed her bag down.

Reba:Strip!!

She got wet instantly by the tone he used. She watched him sit down but he kept her eyes on her. This one her one last time with Reba and she will take this moment with her.

She slowly unbuttoned her blouse. When she was done she threw it on the carpet and she shimmied out of her pencil skirt. Her round

globes were attractive. She knew what this was. A dom-sub environment and she does everything he says she should do. She was left in her bra,g-string and six inch heels.

Reba:Turn around..

She did as he said.

Reba:Get rid of the underwear. She did exactly that but hearing him use that voice on her again got her clit throbbing. She saw the box of condoms by the bedside table. She swallowed. This was going to be a long night.

30 minutes later

Maduo parked her car outside the yard. She was going to surprise him. She held the cute card and the whiskey she had gotten in town.

She rubbed her belly.

Maduo: To cheer up daddy you guys..he sounded down and here I am..

She said to herself as she giggled. She pressed the passcode and the gate opened. She walked inside the yard and frowned. No..maybe it was her hormones.

She walked to the door and entered the passcode and it slid open. She paused. She thought she heard a faint sound. She walked along the passage as her heart beat raced. She heard the moans. No..no...

This was a cruel joke. He is probably watching porn on loudspeaker. She kept walking as the moans got louder.

"Reba...uh...fuuuck!"

She paused in her tracks as tears clouded her

eyes. No!No! He isn't doing that to them and their vows. He would never..her hands shook slightly as she held the whiskey and card. She stood by the door where the sounds were coming from and those moans got louder and louder. Her heart broke a thousand times..not to their vows. Not in their house. He isn't doing this to them. Their family?

With a shaky hand she held the door knob. She could hear the bodies slapping against each other and she bit her lower lip so as to not cry out loud.

She was already finding it hard to breath..

She closed her eyes for a second. This isn't her Reba. He would never. She told herself that over and over but the moans and groans weren't stopping..

She opened the door and opened her eyes. The

whiskey fell on the floor as she shook her head in disbelief. No...No..No...this is not happening..

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Reba turned when he heard something like glass fall and his heart pounded greatly on his chest as he saw Maduo who had tears streaming down her face. Shit!

He quickly got of Toni and she tried to cover her

nakedness with the sheet. Maduo stood frozen as tears kept on coming. This was a bad dream. She saw him through the tears. The condom was half full with his semen and he never used one on her. Never. She didn't know where she found the strength to move but she found herself walking out of their room. This was too much. He betrayed her. In their home. This...she felt the chest pains hit and she let out a tiny scream as she rubbed her chest.

Reba:Shit!!

He said as he wore his sweatpants. Toni wasn't going to sit down and witness the drama. Reba owed his wife loyalty not her. She got out of bed and wore her clothes as Reba walked out.

Reba:Maddy..Babe..

She kept on walking holding the car keys tightly.

He stopped her and held her. A slap landed on his cheek. She gasped. She slapped him.

Her small body shook as she looked at him. He saw her brokenness through her eyes and the consequences of his actions started to weigh heavily on him. He broke her.

Maduo:Just..don't touch me(shaky voice)

She moved a few steps away from him.

Maduo:I..I..I need to leave..

He tried to hold her but she moved away.

Maduo:Don't touch me you bastard(screaming while crying)Just don't...don't Rebabedi.

With that she walked out of the door and quickened her pace towards the gate. She

furiously tried to open the car door only to realise she locked the car. She hit the window as she sobbed against it..

Reba rubbed his head. He fucked up. He fucked up and now she was upset. He fucked up so bad. He bit his lower lip. He thought with his dick and now she was gone..He wanted to follow her but thought against it. He deserved everything coming his way.

She didn't want to be in this house anymore...

She unlocked the car and got in. She placed her head on the steering wheel and she cried. He was with another woman. In their house. Their vows and love meant nothing. She hit the steering wheel with her small punches as she struggled to breath.

She gasped for air but it wasn't coming fast enough. She tried to fan herself through the tears but she wasn't breathing well...

She rubbed her chest as tried to breath through her mouth but her throat was too tight. The tears continued to fall down her cheeks as her abdomen started to have light cramps. She hit her head against the steering wheel as she started to feel numb and detached from everything. Her eyes closed slowly and maybe it was death. Dying due to a heartbreak.

Meanwhile at the house Toni got out of the house holding her heels she walked towards the gate. She paused as she saw her in the car the windows were dark but she had to go. She didn't want to linger on long. The bdsm sex was fun while it lasted now she had to move on. She

wore her heels and fixed her hair as she walked towards the stop. She stopped a taxi and got inside.

The taxi drove away..

Reba paced in the room. How was he going...fuck!!

His chest became heavy all of a sudden and he rubbed it.

He walked out of the house and he walked outside. He saw the car. He opened the door and he found her. She wasn't breathing.

Reba:Shit..

This was just getting complicated each and every second. He tried doing mouth to mouth but it didn't work.

Reba:My love..babe..I'm sorry..Maddy..

He picked her up and placed her on the passenger seat. He was half naked and he wanted to take her to the hospital..

He swallowed tearfully. He fucked up. He lost focus and gave in to his urges for the first time and everything just spiralled out of control.

He jogged to the house where he wore his sandals and he grabbed a tee. He got to the car in record time and he started the car.

Her phone started ringing and stress was already eating him up..

He took her phone and switched it off.

He joined the road and drove to the hospital.

He kept glancing at her.

Reba:Baby..I'm sorry baby girl..just...

Tears filled his eyes and he forced himself to focus on the road before he causes a road accident.

Reba:Maddy love....

He navigated his way through traffic and he had nearly drove through a red light. That's how regret,guilt and every emotion related to that was hitting him. She was unresponsive and she was pregnant. That means all three of them were in danger because of him..

Reba:Fuck..Babe hold on just for the kids then..please..

His voice cracked as he looked at her. She was gone like a lightbulb and that was more scary..

When the traffic lights indicated a green he

sped through the road.

He had to get to the hospital..

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I can see you guys tomorrow then

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At the hospital

Reba parked the car and picked her up. His

tears choked him when he looked at her innocent tear stricken face. Her cheeks were red and he was sure her eyes were puffy.

He walked into the hospital holding her. He was panicking and he hoped they were okay. He saw Tumi who frowned when she saw him carrying her.

Tumi:What's up? Is she okay? Follow me..

He followed her into the hospital room as he placed her down on the bed.

Tumi:What happened?

She could see how panicked Reba was.

Reba:She isn't breathing..

Tumi:Let me hook her onto the machine and do a few tests while she on the machine. After that,I went an explanation Mr Kgosi..she is pregnant for crying out loud.

Reba:I know..I know..

He bit his lower lip as Tumi walked out.

He held her small hand.

Reba:I'm so sorry baby..Just wake up...I'm sorry.
You can punish me love..just..

He covered his mouth with his hand.

He moved from her bed when Tumi walked in
with her stuff.

Tumi:You can go check her in by the reception.

He walked out. His heart was furiously
pounding in his chest. He did this to her..

He checked her in at the reception and after
that he sat by the waiting benches. He didn't
even have his phone with him. Hers was in the
car.

At Gaborone

Rethabile tried Maduo's phone once again but it was off. She was worried, what if something happened along the way?

She was even scared to think that it was an accident. She dialed Maduo's mom.

Rethabile: Hello?

Precious: Rethabile hey..

Rethabile: I am trying to call Maduo, she is not answering. She said that she is going to Francistown. Her phone is off..

Precious frowned.

Precious: Let me check and I will get back to you okay?

Rethabile: Ee mma. Gosiame.

Precious: Okah nana..

Precious hung up and tried calling Maduo but it was off. Rethabile said that Maduo was heading to Francistown. She dialed her son in-law's number but it just rang unanswered.

This was weird. She put her phone down. She shouldn't stress. Maybe the phone battery is dead or they are both busy. Whatever that busy may mean. She will try again later.

At the hospital hours later

Maduo woke up and she was hooked to a breathing machine. She saw Tumi next to her. She removed the breathing mask and Maduo caught her breath. Why was she in hospital.

Tumi:Maddy hey..

She was a bit disoriented as she sat upright.

Maduo:Hi..

Tumi:I told you that stress is not good for the baby. Your blood pressure was sky high Maduo it's not even funny..

Maduo listened to her. She was hooked to machines and she looked at the heart monitor..

Tumi:Well I did a scan and the babies are fine. Thank God but your blood pressure. Tell me what happened..

She closed her eyes as everything she saw came to mind. Him groaning on top of her. Their moans and groans in their matrimonial home. A home they planned to bring their kids into. A house which she turned a home.

The heart monitor beeped loudly as she held back tears. Tumi doesn't need to know what

she ssw and what he did. She just wants to know what led her here.

Tumi worriedly looked at her. Her heart was beating uncontrollably.

Tumi:Maddy calm down..calm down..for the kids..

Maduo looked up as she held back tears. Why couldn't he control himself for the kids if not for her sake? Was he always sleeping around? What if the ladies he sleeps with pops up pregnant one day?

What about STIs and HIV? Isn't he risking her and the kids' lives by sleeping around? She gets that these days she is always tired but they always talk about everything. What failed this time? She would've listened and they would've found a way forward.

She breathed in and out in an attempt to calm

down. She needed a clear mind.

Maduo:I was stressed by something. I cried so hard and I couldn't breath. My throat tightened and I had cramps. My heartbeat was just crazy.

Tumi wrote it down on her notepad.

Tumi:That was a panic attack..Sometimes people mistake them for a heart attack but if you do have frequent panic attacks chances are that you might have a heart attack.

She nodded.

Tumi:Have you ever had a panic attack before?

She nodded.

Maduo>Last time I had one I was ten. It was at a National Reserve where I saw a huge snake..

Tumi:I see..well in your state it's not healthy for you to be stressed whatsoever and I will deal with it okay?

She nodded.

Tumi:Rest and I will be back later..

She nodded and Tumi walked out.

Reba walked towards Tumi.

Reba:Is she okay?

Tumi:Let's head to my office so that we can talk...

He followed her to the office.

He sat down when she sat down.

Tumi:She is fine. The babies are fine..

He breathed in a sigh of relief.

Tumi:But listen here buddy. Maduo is my patient and carrying twins is enough risk..

He nodded.

Tumi:I won't involve myself in your issues but whatever you did to her led her to this. Her blood pressure was too high and that on it's

own can cause a miscarriage or early labour
you know that?

His heart skipped a beat. Early labour?

Tumi:That means that the kids can be born and
would have to be hooked on life support. If early
labour does happen it means that it will be
through a c-section putting her life at risk too.
The babies' organs won't be fully developed..do
you want that to happen to your wife Mr Kgosi?

He shook his head

Tumi:Good because I don't want that happening
too. She had a panic attack hence the reason
she was out. If she stresses too much and has
those frequently she might end up having a
heart problem and she will susceptible to a
heart attack..

He swallowed a painful hard lump.

Tumi:So I advise you to not stress her. She is
awake in the room. Just don't stress her please.

I will be keeping her here for the whole weekend just to see if things will be okay..

He nodded.

Tumi:Well that was it all. She is okay now. I took her off the ventilator,just watch the heart monitor. If it beeps out loud just walk out because you will be stressing her.

He wondered if Maddy told her anything. Shame and guilt were already eating at the corners of his heart.

Tumi chuckled

Tumi:I don't know what happened between you two but walk out of the room if you see yourself stressing her. I am doing the best I can for my patient and it's my duty to keep her good and comfortable at all times.

Reba:I understand. Thank you.

He stood up and walked out of her office. He

closed the door and stood by it. He fucked up so bad and she probably has questions.

He walked to her room and he stood by the closed door. He wanted to walk inside and tell her that he's sorry that he was the one to break their vows. That he is the one who broke her trust beyond repair because before love comes trust and loyalty. A tear fell and he quickly wiped it before he walked in.

Maduo opened her eyes and she shook her head. This was too soon.

Maduo's tears fell the moment he walked in. He looked horrible but she didn't care. He hurt her not the other way round.

Maduo:Ng ng...get out..

Reba:love I'm so..

Maduo:I don't want to hear it Rebabedi. I'm way too young to be this hurt and you hurt me..ga ke go batle..please..

He watched her tears fall as the heart monitor started to beep uncontrollably.

Maduo:Just leave...I don't want you here..I know how stupid my heart is and the longer you stay,I will want you to hold me in your arms and calm me down because that's where I feel safe...just leave..Rebabedi walk out of this room(shaky voice)

Reba:Ba..

Maduo:Now..or else I'm calling the doctor to chase you out...I..

Her small body shook as she placed her head on her knees and cried. Those sobs shook her body and tore his heart. Knowing he caused that but he can't hold her. The monitor was still

beeping.

Reba:I'm sorry Mrs Kgosi. Ke kopa maitswarelo.

He sighed as he looked at her crying.

Reba:I will walk out but if you need me,I'm outside the room..

He said with a cracked deep voice.

He walked out and Maduo just tried to wipe her tears but they kept on falling down on their own accord.

Reba sat by the waiting benches. He looked at the door to her room. She was breaking into pieces alone and he deserved everything coming his way.

He put his hands over his face in regret. There is no way to undo the damage he did to her. Tears choked him. She was right. She was too young to be this hurt and yet he hurt her. What

he did can never be undone and...

He quickly wiped the tears before they fell. He should get her something to eat. She is probably hungry..

He walked out of the hospital and to the parking lot. He unlocked the car and got inside. He placed his head on the steering wheel.

Reba:Fuucck!(teary voice)

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At Rebabedi's house

He parked the car at home and he walked inside the house. He punched the wall in frustration. He walked to the room he had sex with Toni. He saw the whiskey that was on the floor. She actually got into a liquor store to buy him that. She hates alcohol but she walked into a liquor store all pregnant to buy him that. He picked the alcohol soaked card and he read it...

"We love you daddy and I have the perfect remedy to cheer you up. You sounded down on the phone and guess what? I'm your surprise



Love Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi"

He chuckled tearfully and he decided to cheat for the very first time and in their matrimonial home. The chuckles died down as his tears choked him. He didn't deserve her. He held the card as he walked around the room. He picked the two used condoms and wrapped a tissue around them. He looked at the box and he just picked it up too.

The tools used were all over the room. Temptation. He should've stopped when he imagined Maddy as the one moaning when he was on top of Toni. Even before he could slide his dick in. He should've stopped but the need to dominate. The need to be in control of everything won..

He knew that she probably might not come back here, this hurt....

The prospect of losing the only genuine person who loved him. Flawed and all. She didn't even know about his past but she chose to love him wholeheartedly as if he was perfect in her eyes. When did he get here?

He went to throw the used condoms and the box in the dustbin and he washed his hands. He headed to their bedroom and he took his wallet and phone. He saw the missed calls from his mother in-law. How was he going to answer this one?

He breathed in and dialed her number. She answered immediately.

Reba:Dumelang..

Precious frowned. He sounded down.

Precious:Hey..did Maddg arrive safely? I've

been trying to call her but she is not answering her phone.

Reba swallowed as he rubbed the back of his head.

Reba:Yeah. She arrived an hour ago...

He looked at the empty bed.

Precious:Can I talk to her?

Reba:Uhm..she's asleep. She was a bit tired when she arrived.

Precious sighed. Maduo is impulsive. She shouldn't be driving long distances while she is pregnant.

Precious:Okay. Guess I will talk to her later. She shouldn't drive long distances as pregnant as she is.

Reba:Yeah. Go siame.

Precious:Let me not keep you. You're good?

Reba:Ee mma. I'm good.

Precious:Ok. Bye.

She hung up and he stared at his phone screen for a few seconds before he walked out of the room.

He walked to the lounge and he sighed. He fucked up. She saw all of that..She's in hospital.

He walked out of the house and headed to the car. He started it. He was going to buy her food. Hospital food is terrible. He sighed.

At the hospital

Maduo stared up the wall. Her heart was in pieces but the tears had dried up. What was she lacking? Wasn't she enough for a man like him? Wasn't she pretty enough?

Did she turn him off in some way? Wasn't she mature for him? Was she too childish for him? Did she annoy him? Was he sorry he got caught? Was he always doing this and this time she caught him in the act?

Those questions plagued her mind and she rubbed her temples. Her eyes were swollen from the crying but she had to stop crying. Her mother used to say crying too much and letting hurt overcome you might make you sick. She was already in hospital and she shouldn't endanger the babies' lives. They need her. They are surviving because she is still alive. They are the only thing that matters right now.

She sipped on the water by the bedside table. She placed the glass down. She had so manh

questions she wanted to ask and she didn't have the patience to wait..

There was a knock at the door.

Maduo:Come in..

He walked in holding plastics and her anger was reignited yet again just by seeing him.

Reba:I brought you something to eat. There is a little bit of everything.

He placed the plastics by the bedside and her phone next to them.

Reba:I'll bring you warm clothes later.

She wasn't responding and he deserved that.

Reba:Is there anything you need?

She kept quiet and he saw the anger and hurt in her swollen eyes. She had been crying and he

felt more and more like the jerk he was..

Reba:Okay....I'll check up on you again later.

He sadly walked to the door.

Maduo:Rebabedi?

Her soft voice made him turn.

Reba:Ma?

Maduo:nna hatshe re bue(sit down so that we can talk)

Reba:Ee mma..

He sat down and he looked at her. She sat upright and she fixed the pillow. She drank some water and she looked at him. She held back tears.

Maduo:Why?

He looked down in shame.

Maduo:Why? I thought we talked about everything Rebabedi. I gave you all of me Rebabedi. My love,soul,heart and body. You had it all Rebabedi..

Reba:Kopa maitshwarelo...

Maduo:Sorry doesn't cut it babe..

She held back the fresh batch of tears.

Maduo:It doesn't cut it. Not at all..

Reba:I let my libido control me. I..

He paused as he lifted his head and looked at her. She had tears in her eyes. She was waiting for him to continue.

Reba:In my mind I knew that I couldn't do certain stuff with you. You're pregnant and you won't tolerate pain...I craved that. That dominance to do whatever I wanted..It was all about sex..

She looked at him. He just said that.

Maduo:And you never bothered to tell me you're deepest desires? Wow..

A tear fell..

Maduo:In our house Rebabedi. Our house..

Reba:I wasn't thinking..I needed the relief and I just gave her directions to our house..

She shook her head.

Maduo:Was it the first time?

He nodded.

Maduo:I don't think I believe anything that comes out of your mouth right now..

Reba:I swear..

He held back tears.

Maduo shook her head.

Maduo:You're the very same person who swore to me and said you won't cheat but well well..(shaky voice)

Reba:This was the first and last time. I know I hurt you Mrs Kgosi..

She bit her lower lip..

Maduo:This is just...wow! I didn't expect you to do that to me. To us? If I didn't come,were you going to tell me?

Reba:Eventually..

Maduo:Eventually..

She nodded her head in disbelief. This was not happening.

Maduo:Wasn't your conscience telling you that you're hurting your pregnant wife?

Reba:It did..

Maduo:And you ignored it? Rebabedi are you hearing yourself right now? I..you see..what I

saw will forever be etched in my memory. You on top of her and groaning. That condom..everything that I saw..I can't erase it and it hurts me so bad Rebabedi. I'm hurting..

Her cracking voice got to him and his chest tightened.

Reba:I know I hurt you Mrs Kgos. I'm deeply sorry..

Maduo:You don't hurt people you claim to love Rebabedi and the saddening thing is I can't hate you. I love you so so much. I can't hate you even if I wanted to. I just hate all the hurt you're putting me through and I blame myself for letting you,I already do..

Reba:You did nothing wrong..I'm the one who..

His lower lip shook as he looked into her eyes. Maduo hardened her heart. She wasn't going to let herself be moved by his tears even if it's her

first time seeing him cry but not this time.

Maduo:Am I not mature enough for you?

Reba:You're perfect Mrs Kgosi..It was just about the sex. You're perfect..

She shook her head..

Maduo:And I can't..This is too much for me.

Rebabedi you broke me and the funny thing is I can't see myself with another man..

His heart stopped. She was already considering leaving him. A divorce?

Maduo:You played me for a fool..I asked you last week if I should trust you and you said yes and you do this to me(crying)To me

Rebabedi..in our house? To us? Our vows? Our love? You tarnished all the memories I had in that house..It's all on you..

He tried to hold her hand but she moved it.

Maduo:Don't touch me and don't you dare cry

Rebabedi. O ledisiwa ke bofhebe??kaore you did this to us. We had a good thing going and you did this to us.

He blinked back the tears.

Maduo:Bofhebe Rebabedi. What about HIV and STIs? You never ever used to protection with me hence why I'm pregnant and can't do certain stuff with you. You couldn't respect me. Guess I really am a kid to you huh? I hate that you broke me. I hate that my first everything is my heartbreaker..

She wiped the tears. And he said it was the first time he cheated on her.

Maduo:Can I see your phone?

He handed it to her and she was his Lockscreen

and Homescreen. She went through his messages but there was nothing. She went through his call log and she saw her mother's calls. She ignored that and went through his calls yesterday. She saw the name Toni. No wonder he seemed distant when she called him. She went through his whole call log and it was just that Toni. So it was his first time cheating on her.

She handed him his phone and he took it.

Maduo:I don't trust you. You preached about trust and loyalty and you were the first person to break it. You know what my mom said about trust? If there is no trust,it can lead to a toxic love and I don't want that. I.. I don't want that at all.

He nodded.

Maduo:I totally lost all the respect I had for you.

I don't think things will ever go back to normal.
Just give me space Rebabedi. I need to be away
from you.

He bowed his head.

Reba:As you wish Mrs Kgosi. Your mother
called..

Maduo:I saw.

Reba:Ooh..

He stood up.

Reba:I humbly apologize..

Maduo:Just get out..

He walked out and closed the door. He stood
there for some time and he heard her sniffs.
She was gone. Just like that.

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At the hospital

Maduo finally opened the plastics an hour after he left and she found her favourite cravings. She smiled a bit as she rubbed her tummy.

Maduo:I'm sorry your father had to put you in danger like that. He's gone now..

She said with a sad sigh. They were just so so happy. And he ruined everything. Just like that.

She ate her fresh chips and magwinya before she opened the green salad. Healthy eating yet again. She finished eating the salad and placed the container on the table. She grabbed her phone and it was off. She switched it on. She waited for a few minutes and then messages came flooding in.

She wanted to call her mother but she didn't know what Reba told her. She dialed Rethabile.

Rethabile:Hey..I have been calling you..

Maduo:I went to sleep when I arrived.

Rethabile:What's wrong?

Maduo:Nothing. I'm safe love..I will call you tomorrow okay?

Rethabile:Okay..

She hung up and looked at the phone. She shed a few tears as she looked at her phone screen. He ruined them. There was nothing wrong and a few moments of lust led to all of this. But her heart can't hate him. It refused to hate him. Was it because they were attached to one another? Was it because they were one that it refused to hate him for what he did?

She didn't know honestly.

At Rebabedi's house

He scrolled down her pictures with him. She always complained about picture quality and how he was not fair. Why does his phone take better pictures than hers..

Tears filled his eyes. He was stupid. He fucked

up. He ruined her. She is already questioning herself for what he did to her. She doesn't want him around her. He messed a good thing. There was nothing wrong with their marriage and he messed up.

He dialed Tyler's number then he hung up. He needs to deal with this on his own. He was alone when he messed up. He didn't know that he loved her this much but the prospect of losing her was daunting. He couldn't imagine another man raising his kids. Another man being happy with her. Even if they were made for each other he couldn't imagine another man with her. It hurt him so damn much.

He put his hands over his face. Everything happened so fast and he is now facing the prospect of being divorced over a moment of weakness. One he failed to resist. One he invited in his home..

Reba:Shiiit!(teary voice)

At Toni's house

She swallowed the two morning after pills just in case. She sat down and looked back at what happened. Men where all the same and it's a pity she was the person her husband cheated with. The man has good dick and she knew that in her shoes,his wife would've ran back to him.

She was done and dusted with this chapter. Never again. She sat infront of the mirror as she wrapped her head.

It was time to move on Toni. She had good sex and it lasted how it lasted. It happened. She

was done. She took her phone and deleted Rebabedi's number. She was done. Now she had to find a sperm donor. One she doesn't know. That means less drama and more happiness. If it's like that she has total claim over the child or children she bears. They are hers alone.

At the hospital

Tumi walked in.

Tumi:How are you feeling?

Maduo:A bit better. How long will I be here?

Tumi:I wanted to keep you till Sunday but if you are good probably tomorrow afternoon.

Maduo:Ooh okay. Thank you..

Tumi:You're my patient. I need you to take care of yourself. I faxed your report to your doctor

that side. You have a scan on Friday.

Maduo:Okay. I hope it's in the morning..

Tumi chuckled. Her eyes were swollen and it shows that she had been crying. She needed to just rest..

Tumi:It is..

Maduo:Good. I have exams starting in the afternoon.

Tumi:Okay. All the best for your exams and remember no stress.

Maduo:Okay..

Tumi:Will you be fine?

Maduo nodded.

Tumi:Okay. I will check on you through the night since I am on the night shift.

Maduo:Thank you yet again..

Tumi squeezed her hand and then let it go.

Tumi:It's part of my job description. Rest Maddy.

She nodded and Tumi walked out.

She picked her phone and she dialed her dad. She wants to go back to Gabs immediately after she is discharged. She doesn't want to see his face.

Her dad answered on the third ring.

Thabiso:Princess..

She closed her eyes. He was the first man who really loved her. He was flawed but she knew he would come running if she needs something.

Thabiso:Maddy are you there?

She sniffed.

Maduo:Yes. Papa I...

The tears fell down her cheeks and she used

her other hand to wipe them as fast as she can.

Thabiso:What's wrong baby? Talk to me..

Maduo:Are you busy?

Thabiso:Not at all. I'm never busy for you..

Maduo:Can you come over? I need you dad..

Thabiso:Okay angel..

Maduo:When you arrive in Francistown call me..

Thabiso could hear the sadness in her voice.

Maduo:Thank you. I love you dad.

Thabiso:I love you more princess..

She hung up and she burst into tears. This was...

At Precious' place

Thabiso looked at Precious.

Thabiso:I have to go..

Precious:Why? What happened?

Thabiso:Maddy says she's not fine and from her voice you could hear that she was about to cry..

Precious sighed.

Precious:Okay. You're going to drive throughout the night.

Thabiso:Seems so. I will update you. Maybe something happened.

Precious:Alright.

Thabiso went to thw bedroom where he quickly packed an overnight bag. Just three hours and he will be there. It was only 8pm so he will arrive and he will hear what she has to say tomorrow morning.

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The following morning

Maduo's phone rang and she answered it.

Maduo:Dad?

Thabiso:I'm here..

Maduo gave him directions to the hospital.

Thabiso:When did you get admitted?

Maduo:Yesterday..

Thabiso sighed.

Thabiso:I'm on my way.

Maduo:Okay..

She hung up and placed her phone down.

At Rebabedi's house

He packed a few warm clothea for her in a small bag. He will just drop them off and give her the space she needs. Yeah just drop off the clothes.

When he was done he placed the bag on the bed. And maybe get some breakfast for her. That sounded like a plan.

He headed to the shower. He ignored his headache as he stood in the middle of the shower.

At the hospital

Tumi walked inside her room. Her shift was almost over.

Tumi: Good morning.

Maduo: Hii doc..

Tumi: You sound much better than yesterday.

Maduo: Yeah.. I guess I needed the rest. Is it good news?

Tumi: Yes. I was monitoring you all night and your blood pressure is back to normal.

Maduo: That's good.

Tumi:You know the mantra Maddy..

Maduo:No stress.

Tumi:Exactly..

Maduo:Got it doc. This is the first and last time I land in hospital because of stress...

Tumi:You better keep that promise Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:I will do my absolute best.

There was a door knock and Maduo squinted her eyes.

Tumi:Come in..

Her father walked inside the room.

Tumi:Hi..

Maduo:Dad my doctor,doc my dad.

Tumi:Nice to meet you. I will go get the release forms ready okay?

She nodded.

Her father looked at her. She had eye bags and it was evident that she had been crying.

Thabiso:Talk to me baby..

She didn't want to tell them as of yet. She just wanted her dad to drop her off at Gaborone. It was still early.

Thabiso looked at her and she seemed like she was fighting with herself in whether to tell him or not.

Thabiso:Did he hurt you?

Maduo just nodded. That was as far as she was going to go with this issue. It was still fresh. It only happened yesterday.

Thabiso:that bastard(under his breath)

Thabiso wiped her tears.

Thabiso:Is he the reason you're here?

She nodded yet again.

Thabiso:Don't cry. I'm here okay?

She nodded as he hugged her. She broke down in his arms. She needed that hug. She wanted to feel safe.

Thabiso:It will be okay,okay?

She nodded...

Reba parked the car in hospital parking lot and he walked out holding her glasses,a bag and breakfast.

He was stopped by Tumi on his way to her room.

Tumi:Mr Kgosi..well the person I wanted to see. Follow me.

He curiously followed her to her office.

She sat down and handed him the forms.

Tumi:We are discharging her. The babies are okay. Blood pressure is back to normal. All she needs to to is to be stress free.

He nodded as he placed what he was holding on the chair. She gave him the pen and he signed the forms.

Reba:Done.

Tumi:Thank you. You can go see her and tell her the good news.

He nodded.

He picked the stuff he was holding and walked out of the office. He walked to her room. He struggled to open the door because of the things he was holding but he opened it in the

end.

His heart pounded when he saw his father in-law.

Reba:Dumelang..

He was comforting Maddy. He cautiously placed the items down.

Reba:I brought your glasses,change of clothes and breakfast.

She cried some more when he spoke.

Thabiso:It's okay baby..

He comforted her and she calmed down. He let her go gently and gave Reba an evil eye.

Thabiso:I think we need to talk. Outside her room.

He swallowed a bit.

They walked outside her room and kept walking

till they got outside the hospital and reached the parking lot.

Just as Reba was about to talk a punch landed on his jaw.

He lifted his head and another punch on his nose.

Thabiso:That's for hurting her. For making her cry..

Another one landed on his other jaw. It was not as if he can't fight back but he deserve that too. He hurt Maddy.

Thabiso just punched him one more time. He didn't want to see tears in her eyes and whatever he did,he better fix it.

Thabiso:Whatever you did,fix it fast..I can't have my pregnant daughter stressed out because of you to the point that she lands in hospital. There is more to come if you continue hurting her.

He walked away as Reba touched his nose.
Blood.

He was going to be bruised for a few days. He walked to his car and supported himself against it.

Thabiso walked back to her room.

Maduo: The doctor says I'm good to go. Let me go freshen up.

She said as she slowly got off the bed. She headed to the restroom and Thabiso sat down.

When she was done and all fresh she wore her glasses and took her phone and bag. She looked at the food she brought and decided to leave it.

Maduo: We can go now dad..

Thabiso:Where are we going?

Maduo:I'm going back to Gaborone dad. Please. Just for me..

She gave him her puppy eyes and he sighed.

Thabiso:Fine..

He held the bag for her as she held her phone in her hand. He was going to tell Precious the events that unfolded this side.

The walk to the parking lot was silent as Maduo decided to stop thinking about him and how he hurt her. She had exams starting this week. They walked past Reba and she ignored the small crack her heart had when she saw his beaten up face.

Reba watched her walk away and he sighed. He fucked up bad. He really did mess up for his

own wife to walk past him as if he never existed.

They got into the car and Thabiso looked at his daughter.

Thabiso:What's going on Maddy?

Maduo:I can't tell you guys as of yet but I will be okay.

Thabiso:Are you sure? You literally ignored your husband..

Maduo:I will be okay.

She said with a sad sigh as her father started the car. She will talk to her mother. She wasn't going to tell them about the cheating as of yet. She held her phone and pushed her glasses back.

A few days later

Reba arrived at the hospital in Gaborone There had been no communication for the past five days and he was sure thag today was her appointment to the doctor since the doctor also notified him.

From the look of things she was not going to tell him anything.

He knew where they normally did the scans. He made his way there. He looked at the gold band on his finger. He sighed.

He knocked and he found Maddy there lying on the bed. Her smiled disappeared when her eyes landed on him.

Dr:Well you're on time Mr Kgosi,I thought you weren't coming in.

Reba:Wouldn't miss it for the world.

He stood next to her and he looked at the screen as the doctor moved the wand over her belly.

Dr:Five months now..do you guys want to know the sex of the babies?

Maduo:Yes please..

Dr:Well it seems like we're having a boy and a girl.

She smiled. The babies were the only good thing in her life at the moment.

The doctor handed her a tissue towel.

Dr:Let me print the scans and give you your daily supplements.

She nodded as the doctor walked out.

There was a palpable silence between the two..

Reba:I'm sor..

Maduo:Save it.

With that he shut up. The doctor walked in minutes later and handed them the scan and it's copies. She handed Maduo her supplements.

Maduo:Thank you doc..

She got off the bed and she held her bag.

Reba:Thank you doc..

She modded. She could sense the tension between the two but it was none of her business..

They walked outside the hospital.

Reba:I can drop yo..

Maduo:I can take a taxi. Have a good day
Rebamedi.

With that she walked past him and went to

catch a taxi. She was still wearing his ring.
There was a little bit of hope.

Maduo got inside the taxi and directed it to take her home. She needed to rest before her exam later on.

Reba got inside his car and he glanced at his phone. He saw the missed calls from Tyler. He sighed as he started the car. He drove at a low speed to the house in Gaborone. He was sure that she had arrived.

He parked outside the gate and he slid it as he walked inside the yard. He knocked at the door and she opened it.

Maduo: Can't you just take the hint? Stay away from me..I don't want you near me.

Reba:Mrs Kgosi I still apologize.

Maduo:Words mean nothing Rebabedi. Nothing. You hurt me. You slept with a woman in our matrimonial house. I saw you on top of her. You guys were having fun. Reba just stop with the fake apologies. Nothing you do will make me move past all of that..

He swallowed painfully. She was saying all of that with so much conviction and she wasn't batting an eyelid.

He fell on his knees in front of her and she just looked at him.

Maduo:I think we are done..

Reba:Maduo ke a ikokobetsa ha pele ga go. Ke kopa maitshwarelo Mma Kgosi(Maduo I am humbling myself beforw you. I am begging for your forgiveness Mrs Kg)

Maduo:Reba what you did cannot be undone(tearfully) Honestly I am not moved by

your apology. You were planning on cheating and you did it. Fine! I can't move past this. I cannot Rebabedi, you can cry me a river but I am not going to be moved. You betrayed me you fucking bastard. You betrayed me and the betrayal cut deep.. Stay away from me. Don't call me. For doctor's appointments I will send a text. That's it. We talk about the kids only. I don't see an us anymore...

With that she closed the door. A lone tear fell. It was over. Done for good. She was gone.

He got up and dusted his knees. He sadly walked to his car. He closed the gate and got inside the car. His tears fell silently as he placed his head on the steering wheel.

Ten minutes later he sighed as he wiped his tears. He called Tyler back and placed him on

loudspeaker as he placed the phone down.

Reba:Tyler,it's over.

Tyler:Don't say that man..

Reba:I fucked up so bad..

Tyler:You never told me what you did..

He sighed as he told him.

Tyler:You messed up pretty bad.. she is still hurt

Reba,give her time and space. Let her be..

Reba:She said there is no us..

Tyler:You guys are meant to be,you might be apart but that love you share will come back from the dead..

Reba:It's just...

Tyler:Remember what I told you that time at Jwaneng? You are a naturally dominant person but the way you crave it,is not normal. You never dealt with past traumas and you want the

power they took away from you..

Reba:...

Tyler:My man..You messed up. The Mrs is gone. I don't know what she might do at this point but Reba do therapy. If not for your own sake then for her or the kids..Just work on yourself and deal with the past. Do as she says. Stay away from her. Don't call her. Give her the space she needs. Don't pester her about to forgive you because she won't. You admitted you messed up and you apologized it's fine..do the parents and elders know?

Reba:No..

Tyler:She still loves you that much to protect your ego and pride by not telling people what happened. Just do as she says and let her deal with this on her own. Just do therapy Rebabedi. To put it behind you,once and for all. Work on yourself so that by the time she decides to

come back she finds a better husband and father.

Reba:I hear you..

Tyler:Good. Whatever you do,all the best and you know I got you whenever you need me.

Reba:Thank you..

He hung up and thoughtfully looked at the dashboard. He sighed. He should let her be. Whatever that's meant to happen will happen.

He dialed his lawyer's number.

Him:Rebabeti,what a pleasant surprise.

Reba:Hi,can we meet tomorrow? I know it's a Saturday but it's urgent.

Him:Sure..

Reba:Thank you..

He hung up and threw his phone on the passenger seat. He started the car. He looked at the house one more time and he drove away

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THREE WEEKS LATER

HIS.OWNED.ON LOCKDOWN

#104

At Gaborone

I beg you please hold on
Love don't come easy to us

And it's killing me to hang on and hope it's
enough

So I was just wondering

Could you tell me is it all a waste of time?

Are you leaving my love behind?

Baby, say the word and let me know

You gotta give me something

I swear that I won't try to change your mind

If you're leaving my love behind

Baby, say the word and let me go

The song played via the sound system of the rented car. He looked ahead as he stopped by the red light. He breathed in. It was over. He felt it and surprisingly he wasn't sure how to feel about it. His phone rang and he just lowered the volume of the song and he put the phone on

loudspeaker.

Reba:Hello.

Him:How was it?

Reba:The appointment was okay.. The babies are fine and she is fine or so she said. I think she lost a bit of weight since I've seen her from our last encounter.

Him:And how do you feel about that?

Reba:I was hurt and I still am. She seems so stressed out and I can't do nothing about it since she asked for space. I am giving it to her but by the looks of it,my marriage is over. She was cold.

Him:You didn't do anything stupid?

Reba:No doc. I had to restrain myself from pulling her towards me and apologizing all over again. I still love her and I wish to take her pain away...doc....

Him:Remember space. Respect that.

Reba:I remembered that. You're not the only one who reminds me to respect her space. Even my brother says the same thing over and over again.

Him:I was holding my breath thinking that you're going to relapse after seeing her..

Reba:That had been stupid of me. I had been clean for years but....

Him:We are way past the cocaine. You almost died.

He placed his head on the steering wheel.

Reba:I know. This therapy thing is still new to me and I always used sex as a coping mechanism to release the frustration and since that sex led to me breaking my marriage,I slipped back into old habits. Just to escape it all...

The psychologist chuckled. Reba sighed. First week had hit him hard since his wife had just cut him off with the added fact that he had to relive his past through therapy. He ended up buying coke and for the first time in years he got high and overdosed...

Reba parked the rented car in the parking spot.

Him: You nearly died Rebabedi.

Reba: No one knows that.

Him: I know but still. If I hadn't shown up on time you would be dead by now...

Reba sighed.

Reba: I'm working on the past. I took a leave for the whole of December.

Him: Where are you?

Reba: Airport. I want to see if the movers are done in Francistown after this and then leave the city for a while.

Him:Okay. Call me if there is a problem.

Reba:Sure.

He hung up and he placed his head on the steering wheel.

His phone rang and he saw the caller id before he answered.

Reba:Sasha..

Sasha:Hey bro. We are planning a surprise birthday party for your wife,we need you to distract her for us. You do know that next week is her birthday..

He rubbed his head. Everyone thought they were happy and he didn't know how to tell them that by the looks of it they're separated. He darn knew that she was going to be 19 next week and he still had to respect her space.

Reba:I..Sasha..I will be out of town for some time..

Sasha:Wait..I don't follow.

Reba:I can't attend the party. I have to go.

He hung up and got out of the car. He walked to the trunk and took his suitcase.

He checked inside the car to see if he left anything behind but there was nothing. He locked the car and passed by the stall where he got the keys. He paid and walked inside the airport.

He dialed his lawyer's number.

Reba>Hello..when are you going to courier the documents?

Him:They should be delivered by her doorstep by today afternoon. Around 2pm.

Reba:Okay. That's good. Thank you.

He hung up as he joined the line. He rubbed his jaw as he walked forward.

At Maduo's place

She sat on the closed toilet seat as she rubbed her face. He seemed composed and seeing him after three weeks was like a punch to the gut. He looked fresh and he had got a bit buffer than the last time.

She saw the way the shirt tightened around his arms. This was stressing her. On top of that her doctor called her out on her weight loss. She was supposed to be gaining instead of losing weight.

She held back tears. She needs to get out of this place. Go home.

Her exams were over and this time she wasn't sure if she did well or not. She was stressed and she kept on wondering if he had a body next to him to give in to his desires.

She asked for space and he gave it to her but.. She shook her head.

She stood up and walked to the basin where she opened the tap and splashed water on her face. Maybe tomorrow she should be on the first bus out of Gaborone. Everyone was clueless about what happened and she was determined to keep it that way till she knows what the way forward is.

She walked to the bedroom and grabbed her phone. She saw Rethabile's missed calls.

She sighed and called her back.

Rethabile: Thank God you answered, are you done?

Maduo: with the doctor's appointment? Yes..

Rethabile: I want to take you out. You have been down Mads..

Maduo: I'm not in the mood to go out..

Rethabile: I know you must miss your husband but cheer up bubbles. I miss that smile and that laugh of yours. I am not taking no for an answer..

Maduo: Thabi I..

Rethabile: I am coming there in a few..bye..

She hung up and she sighed.

She went to her WhatsApp and ever since he has never been online. Even on Facebook he was never online. She threw her phone on the bed and sat down.

She held back tears. This was eating her alive and the image of him on top of her refused to go away and she badly wanted to hate him but she couldn't.

Her tears fell as she thought about their encounter almost a month ago when he begged for her forgiveness. Was she too harsh? Should've she given him a second chance?

She was finding it hard not to centre her thoughts around him everyday. A change of environment will do her good. She was sure her parents won't mind having her over even though they know nothing. She was still their daughter

regardless of her marital status.

A door knock disturbed her thoughts and she stood up on her feet. She rubbed her belly.

Maduo: A kick or anything so that mommy isn't sad my babies?

She said as she walked out of the room and she headed to the lounge. She got to the door and opened it.

Rethabile walked inside the house. Maduo closed the door.

Rethabile: You're done?

Maduo: I'm not in the mood for people..

Rethabile: You have been down. What happened in Francistown?

Maduo: Nothing.

Rethabile:It doesn't look like nothing. Maddy you're always down. Everyday and I can see through the fake smiles you keep on passing.

Rethabile sat down and Maduo sat down next to her.

Maduo:I just need a break from it all. Exams were stressful.

Rethabile:Maduo you're lying. Exams never shook you at all. That's a complete lie.

She sighed. She still wasn't going to say but it was killing her inside. He really gave her space? He wasn't fighting for their marriage? He never really loved her did he? That brought tears to her eyes and she swallowed tearfully.

That bastard never loved her. He wasn't looking horrible,like a man who lost the love of his life

and he was even smiling at her as if everything was okay. Once upon a time they had it all and somewhere down the line he ruined it. She is broken here alone and the funny part was that she still craved him. She still believed he can fix her. She got angry at the fact that he broke what was never broken and Rethabile saw the different emotions on her face. She didn't know what was wrong now..

Tears burned her eyes and she wanted to scream and shout. Hit something..

She ended up bursting into tears and Rethabile just placed her head on her lap.

Rethabile:Sshh..sweetheart it's going to be okay.

She just cried as the sobs shook her. Rethabile held her tightly. She rubbed her back and let her cry it all out.

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Posted just out of the goodness of my heart.
See you guys on Monday.

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#105

At Maduo's house

She stopped crying and she looked up. Her eyes were already red and were starting to swell.

Rethabile:Are you okay?

Maduo:Yeah..I needed that crying jag.

Rethabile:What's wrong Maddy?

Maduo:It's just...I can't tell you right now.

Rethabile sighed.

Rethabile:But whatever it is,it's stressing you and babe we don't want you stressed.

Maduo:I will be okay. Maybe a change in environment.

Rethabile:Does he know you're breaking down like this?

She shook her head.

Rethabile:Tell him. The exams are literally over and it's December babes.

She nodded.

Rethabile:Wash your face,I'm still taking you out to cheer you up.

Rethabile helped her stand up and she headed to the bathroom.

Thabi sighed. Maduo has never broke down like that and she hoped whatever it was, she was going to sort it out.

A few hours later

Reba arrived at the airport and he walked to the parking lot where his car was.

He unlocked the car and got in. He had to remember that she needed space. Away from him and the painful memories he brought. He hurt her and he was prepared to do anything she wants even if it's a divorce. He will let her be.

He started the car and reversed out of the

parking lot. He drove to the main gate and from thereon he joined the main road. For now as Tyler said, he should focus on healing from the past and try to be a better husband in case she does decide to give him a second chance. As a father, he will be there for his children. That's one task he swore on his father's grave that he won't fuck up.

His phone rang and he put it on loudspeaker.

Reba: Reba speaking.

Tyler: You good man?

Reba: I think so..

Tyler: Sasha told me about the surprise party they're planning.

Reba: I'm not going. I sure as hell know they won't be any party at my house..

Tyler: She still wants space?

Reba:We are literally two strangers who share children. But she still wears my ring.

Tyler:as you do hers. At this point,I don't know.

Reba:Me too. But I will courier a package to give to her. I don't know if she will take it or not. I'll be out of town for two weeks and there is no signal that side but I will cal at least once a week if I can find good network strength.

Tyler:Where are you going?

He told him.

Reba:Just don't tell anyone.

Tyler:Okay. You can trust me man.

Reba:Thank you.

His car turned on the curve.

Reba:I have to go...

Tyler:Okay man..I still have hope for the both of you.

Reba:You're better than me. I know my wife. Once she makes up her mind,she sticks with her decision so...

Tyler sighed.

Tyler:Hope never killed anyone.

Reba:Yeah but I don't want them to be too high and when she decided to leave me,I will be shattered again. I know gore ke mo diritse phoso. E tona le gone and I have to live with the fact that my wife saw that. I'm her first everything including a heartbreak. I...

He bit his lower lip.

Reba:But regardless of that I wish we can work out things. I know she protected my ego and pride by not telling the family. They would've been on my neck if they knew..But in the case where our separation is gonna last till she gives birth,I will tell them myself. At that point,all hope will gone and I will just focus on the kids.

Tyler looked up. Reba loved her so much and I guess it took him losing her just to see how scared he was of losing her.

Tyler:Don't be negative Reba.

Reba:She said it herself. There is no us anymore. And if she moves on with another man..

He swallowed tearfully. That thought hurt but it was reality. Maddy was a great human being and he fucked it up. The good thing they had going,he destroyed it and now here they are.

Reba:I will let her be. She deserves nothing but happiness and all the good things life can offer her. I know she is my 'chosen' but I ruined it. Maybe we will make our way to each other after

years and that's still okay.

Tyler could hear the pain in his voice.

Tyler:But will you be happy?

Reba:For the kids? I will have to be happy and content with them.

Tyler:I feel like you're giving up too easily. Fight for her.

Reba:How can I fight for her forgiveness if I'm the one who broke her trust? I should let her forgive me when she feels like it.

Tyler chuckled.

Tyler: ka re o katse e bonolo..

Reba:Mxm..(laughing)

Tyler:Okay. You can send whatever package you're saying you're gonna send and I will deliver it.

Reba:Okay man. Thanks.

He turned to the right and he drove along the street where the new house was located. Tyler hung up and he parked by the side of the house. The security people had set the passwords and everything was sorted out.

His phone rang once again.

He answered it.

Reba>Hello.

Him:The documents have arrived. We are going to deliver them to the address you sent.

Reba:Finally. After she signs you can process them now. I hope she won't be difficult about it all.

Him:From what you said,your wife is a level headed person.

Reba:She is pregnant,so hormones..

Him:I hear you. She can drop them off at the branch that side and I will personally process it all.

Reba:Okay. I have a few amendments and new assets I need to add to my will.

Him:Are they tied to the documents she will be signing?

Reba:In a way yeah..

Him:When?

Reba:If you're at the office today, I might drop in and give you the list of the new acquired assets.

Him:Well you can come anytime Mr Kgosi.

Reba:Okay. Let me wrap up things here,I will be there in two hours.

He hung up and he entered the passcode. The

gate slid open and he walked in. He headed to the back where he saw the pool. It was clean and the shades there were the ones he ordered. He had to make everything as child friendly as he possibly can.

The pool was shallow because his children will live here. If their mother allows them to anyway.

He walked to the front door and he entered the passcode. The door unlocked and he slid it open. He walked in and well this one was a bit different from the previous house. A double storey with the kids' nursery downstairs. He walked around. Everything was unwrapped from the plastic and it looked good.

He slid his hands in his pockets as he walked to the nursery. When he is back he will start working on it. He was having a boy and a little

girl. Wow! He wondered if they kicked. He did research and it said from five months one can feel the kicks. He hoped it wasn't painful and that she smiled everytime his kids kicked in her stomach.

He fucked up God!! He ruined everything and it hurt like hell that he can't hold her. He blinked back the tears. She had him at her mercy and at this point he would do anything to hold her but he needed to respect whatever she said. She wanted space and that's what he should respect. Like other years he will spend his Christmas holidays alone. He might keep himself busy with the nursery..

At Maduo's place

She laughed at what Rethabile said. They had gone out and she even did a little bit of

shopping for the babies. The rompers were cute and that led her to buying more clothes for them.

Rethabile massaged her bare back.

Rethabile:You're going to pay me for this Maduo..

Maduo:Do it for you godchildren..

Rethabile:Don't bring the babies into this..

She kneaded those knots and Maduo felt the tension leave her body.

Rethabile:Stop stressing and go home.

Maduo:Taking the first bus out of Gaborone tomorrow morning.

Rethabile:Good..

She continued massaging her back and Maduo sighed. This was good.

Rethabile:No stress these holidays.

Maduo:I don't know if I passed or failed.

Rethabile:Exams ended a week ago and results next week. Relax. O crack akere wena..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:I'm not..

Rethabile:Besides you have people to help you. I mean Sasha's course is almost similar to yours and your man is also into finance.

Her smile faded when she mentioned Reba.

Maduo:Yeah..

When Rethabile was finally done she stood up.

Rethabile:Plus you need to gain a bit..I'll be in the kitchen mma..

She walked out of the room and Maduo slowly got out of bed. She walked to the mirror.

She held her breast up with her hand. They were

so sore it was not even funny.

She didn't have a lot of stretch marks but damn her tummy was huge for someone who is a week away from being six months pregnant.

She just put on her bra and a huge tee which seemed small because of her protruding belly.

She just let it be and she wore a gown on top.

She walked to the kitchen where Retha was busy raiding her fridge.

Rethabile:I know we ate at town but I'm still going to make you something to eat.

Maduo:I know you're gonna do it anyway.

Maduo heard the gate sliding open. They didn't lock it

She walked to the lounge and sat down. A door knock then followed and she went to open the door.

Him:Afternoon mam. I'm looking for Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo:That would be me.

Him:I would like you to sign here..

She took the pen and clipboard as she signed.

He handed her the brown envelope.

Him:Have a good day mam.

He walked away and she turned the envelope.

What was this?

She closed the door and looked at the brown envelope.

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1.5K likes,80 comments and 15 shares on this bonus that I personally sponsored Lol, will get you another bonus insert Don't know why I'm spoiling you guys † ♀ It's the weekend.

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#106

At Maduo's place

She sat down and looked at the envelope again.

Rethabile:What's wrong?

She asked shouting from the kitchen.

Maduo:Just a delivery.

Rethabile:Ooh..

Maduo carefully opened the envelope and she

breathed in before she slid her hand in. She took out the documents and she looked at them. She quickly perused through them. She was confused now.

She had shares in his family company? He gave her shares? She frowned. She went through the others. A trust fund? A joint account too? He made a trust fund for the children and she had to sign the documents.

Well that was easy. She will have to read everything and sign it. Where should she drop them off then? Or he will come pick up the documents?

She looked at the brown envelope again. She looked inside and she saw a small white envelope. She took it out and frowned. It was his handwriting and he had addressed her as Mrs Kgosi.

She curiously opened it and she took out the handwritten letter. It was not that long.

She breathed in and out before she started reading...

'Dear Mrs Kgosi

I hope you're well and the kids aren't troubling you. I sent documents that need your signature on them. If you went through the trust fund documents, the children will have access to their money when they are 21. I already have P1 million in that account and I will be depositing monthly. You are free to also deposit if you want.

There are also documents for the joint account. I deposited money there too and you are free to do that if you want. There are shares in your name too. Attached to this letter is the address

of the law firm you're to drop off the documents.

Lastly I am sorry and I wish I can undo what I did but I can't. Staying away from you is not me being weak or not fighting for our marriage,I am just doing as you say because this time I am the one in the wrong and you have the power.

You're my weakness Mrs Kgosi, I am really sorry. If you need anything,call Tyler. He will know how to contact me since I will be out of town for a few weeks. When I come back,I will tell the family what happened before they start asking questions and I will take whatever punishment that comes my way. I love you Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi. I used a letter because I knew you were going to read it no matter how angry you are with me.

Ka go rata autwa?'

He signed the letter and she couldn't believe that she was read it in his baritone voice. She didn't know what to do. He was going to tell them? Where is he going? Maybe Tyler will tell her and she will see what to do. She placed it back in the envelope. She saw the address of the place she was supposed to drop the documents at.

She thought of calling him but she changed her mind. She took his letter and walked to the room where she put it in her bag. She will read it again a bit later.

Rethabile walked out of the kitchen with food.

Rethabile:My job here is done.

Maddy chuckled.

Rethabile:What are those?

Maduo:Just documents. I will see them later.

She put them back in the envelope.

At Rebabedi's new house

His phone rang. It was his lawyer.

Reba>Hello.

Him:They have just been delivered at her doorstep.

Reba:Okay. I'm on my way to your office.

Him:will be waiting Mr Kgosi.

He hung up and he walked out of the house. He had to get to his lawyer's office and finalise everything.

His phone beeped in his pocket.

Reba:Everything is busy today..

He saw the money deposited in his account.
The agent called him.

Reba:Hello

Agent:The sale went through. Did you see the report?

Reba:I just saw it,I thought they said they will pay in installments.

Agent:Maybe they saw it better to pay the whole amount..

Reba:Okay. Tomorrow morning,I will process the payment.

Agent:Pleasure working with you Mr Kgosi.

Reba:Likewise..

He hung up. The house was gone. Sold. He sighed as he got inside the car. He started it.

At Maduo's place

Rethabile:byee..I'm gonna miss you.

Maduo:Me too..

They shared a hug.

Rethabile:Take care. And take extra care of my godchildren.

Maduo:(laughing)suure..

Rethabile walked out and Maduo locked the door as she stepped out.

She leaned against it and thoughtfully looked at the envelope on top of the table. She sat down on the couch and took the envelope. She took out it's contents and she started to read what was written. She has to sign each and every document here. Maybe she should also drop them off tomorrow before she leaves for home.

She should call her parents and tell them that she is coming. She picked her phone and dialed her mother's number.

It rang two times before her mother answered.

Maduo:Hello mama..

Precious:Hey Maddy,how are you?

Maduo:Good ma. Can I come over for the holidays?

Precious frowned at the end of the line.

Precious:Maduo are you coming with Rebabedi?

Maduo:No..

Precious kept quiet. Her husband had told her what had happened the day he went to check on Maddy.

She had to admit it that her husband had been

stupid to hit her son in law without knowing the full story. And she now understood why Maddy called her dad. He has such a soft spot for her that he didn't even question Maddy. Or even his son in law for that matter. Maddy had played her cards right but she wasn't going to let her off that easily.

Precious:Why? I do know you are our child but you're married. Shouldn't you be spending your first Christmas with your husband? I am not saying you two can't come over..

Maduo:Mama ga o sa mpatla?

Precious:It's not like that at all..I just want to understand something.

Maduo:Mom if you don't want me to come over you can just say it..

Precious:Why are you getting worked up about that simple statement Maduo..

Maduo:So basically you're saying no mama?

Precious:What's wrong?

Maduo:Nothing.

Precious:Then you can come visit with my son in law..

Maduo just rolled her eyes. If they knew the son in law she wanted her to come with was nothing but a cheat and a fraud.

She got angry again. And he had the nerve to say that he loved her yet he cheated.

Maduo:It's okay. Bye mother.

She hung up and placed her phone down. She didn't want to stay in the city for the holidays. Her mother was just being difficult.

Precious placed her phone down. She could

hear that she was frustrated and she was going to get to the bottom of this. Maduo was just being childish. She wants to come home yet she has a husband? It didn't make sense.

At the lawyer's office

The lawyer looked at the list of assets.

Him:I didn't know you were into farming.

Reb:I know a thing or two..

Him:And here I thought you were all into finance and the corporate world..

Reba:I just haven't gone there in years but it was taken care of.

Him:So I should add it?

Reba:Yes..

Him:And all the other assets. Investments and

all..

Reba:Yes. All of that. I will read the amended will next year.

Him:Okay. Gives me time to process everything..

Reba:Okay. Let me get going.

Him:Of course. Have a good day.

Reba:Likewise

He stood up and walked out. The lawyer looked at all the assets he had to add. Man was worth millions alone.

Reba walked to the car parking lot. He dialed his psychologist's number.

Him:Hello..

Reba:Dr Hi..

Him:You're back in town.

Reba:Unfortunately yes. I am not staying for

long. I will have to go for a few weeks.

Him:You decided to take time off?

Reba:Yes. I need to face my demons.

Him:Are you ready?

Reba:Yeah..besides the place is peaceful.

Him:I hear you. Do what you need to do to let go of the past.

Reba:Thank you for your help.

Him:You're not yet done with therapy Mr Kgososi..

Reba:I know..

Him:When it gets too much just don't backslide. Leave that place.

Reba:I will try not to backslide and have faith in your patient,I overdosed once and it won't happen again.

Him:The past tends to become too much to bear so anything is possible.

Reba:I got rid of the coke doc.

Him:Let me just see how this will pan out..

Reba:Okay. I will pass by your office once I'm back or you'll be off for the holidays?

Him:I think I will be off. Skype.

Reba:Got it. We'll talk doc.

He hung up and unlocked his car. He got inside the car.

At Maduo's place

She signed the last of the documents that were sent and she put them back in the envelope.

She walked to the bedroom and she took out his letter. She read it again. She didn't know what to do at this point. She picked her phone and she went to her contact list where her

finger stopped on his number. She shouldn't call him. She put the letter and phone down as she got undercovers. She pulled the blankets closer and held the hem of the blanket tighter to her chest. She wasn't sure about her decision anymore.

The following morning

Maduo held her small bag as she got inside the bus. She had dropped off the signed documents and she won't be in Gabs for some timw now. She didn't know how her mother will react to seeing her at home. She was still determined to go home and maybe a change in environment will do her good.

She sent her mother a short text telling her that she was coming. She put her headsets on and

she listened to the songs on her phone.

At Rebabedi's House

He placed the bags in the car. He walked inside the house and looked around. He was sure he had evwrything he needed. He just had to pass by the courier company so that her present can be sent to Tyler. It was up to her to accept it. Then the agency to process payment and he will be on his way. Away from civilization and the city's blinding lights.

Facing his own demons on his own this time. He sat on the driver's seat amd buckled up. He reversed out of the yard and the gate automatically closed itself.

He connected his phone to the car sound

system and he played his music on a low volume.

He joined the main road and he kept thinking about Maddy. He really fucked this up neh? He turned to the left. It was kind of funny how he didn't want a wife at first and now that he loves the wife and needs her, she doesn't want anything to do with him. Did she read the letter? Maybe she tore it apart before she read it. He didn't want to call her because there is a 100% chance of her ignoring his calls so he won't bother her with that.

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Your effort is highly appreciated This is just for the effort you made trying to reach the target. Have a blessed night

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At Francistown

Maduo thoughtfully looked around the taxi rank. She walked to the taxis with her bags. She was taking a risk but those documents were sent yesterday. Maybe he was still around.

She got inside the taxi and gave the driver the address to the place where her pain started.

Once the taxi was full,the driver started driving.

She looked outside the window. Maybe they can work this out. It was going to take a lot for her to really move past what he did but..

She was really hurting without him and he was doing what she asked of him. What he wrote on the letter was etched in her brain and she only hoped he was genuine. She really hoped he was.

She smiled a bit. She missed being in his arms and hearing him call her Mrs Kgosi.

She gave the taxi the directions and he did follow them to the T when he stopped in front of the yard. She held her bag and got out of the taxi. Her heart pounded in her chest as she nervously pressed the intercom.

She waited anxiously for the gate to be opened. She didn't want any nasty surprises this time around. She knew he wasn't at work,he never worked in weekends unless he changed.

The gate slid open and she walked inside. She frowned as she saw a moving truck. Was he moving out? Maybe because it was tainted now?

A small smile made it's way to her lips but it soon disappeared as an unknown man made his way to her.

Man:Hi mam,how can I help you?

Maduo was confused. This was the right address right? She was sure of it. They had lived here.

Maduo:I'm looking for Mr Kgosi,he lives here..

The man looked at her. She was a pretty lil thing

pity she was pregnant and she had a ring on her finger. He would've tried his luck and asked her out today.

Maduo got a bit uncomfortable as the man's eyes slowly undressed her. Her skin crawled as she took two steps backwards.

Man:Mr Kgosi you say?

Maduo:Yeah..

Man:I just bought this house yesterday through an agency..

Maduo:Ooh..

Man:Yes mam..can I offer you something to drink?

Maduo:I'm fine. I should get going. Thank you.

She quickly turned on her heels and walked

away. The man shook his head. She had a nice derriere too. Who was she? He wondered. Maybe he should've said he knew more so that she can be comfortable and stay but anyhow...

Maduo walked out and she looked back. This was the exact house and she wasn't hallucinating. He sold the house? Wait...he moved and never told her? Wow!

She walked a short distance to the stop. She went through her contacts and she saw his assistant's number.

She dialed her but she quickly hung up when she realized it was the weekend. She felt stupid now. She should just get going. Maybe it was a blessing in disguise that he moved out and was not there. It's still too early to try and work things out. He hurt her and he should pay for

hurting her. A taxi stopped and she sat in the front seat.

Maduo:hello,I'm going to the rank..

The man nodded as he got lost in her beauty. She was fresh and beautiful. The man who scored here was lucky.

The taxi man cleared his throat and focused on the road,she was his only customer in the taxi. He will pick up others on the way to the rank.

Taxi man:Hi. So what's your name?

Maduo looked at him. Why was he asking for her name?

Maduo:Merapelo..

Taxi man:Nice name. You look beautiful.

She was already getting creeped out. Why were

men such pervs? She chuckled nervously.

Maduo:Yeah..

She looked outside the window and the taxi driver just stole glances at her. Her breasts were perfect and he had to control the lust that he had for her.

Maduo felt a bit uncomfortable as the taxi moved.

Taxi man:Merapelo is that an actual ring?

She cleared her throat.

Maduo:Yeah..

He stopped by the side of the road as he picked two more passengers.

She could breath a little bit fine now. The weird looks he gave her were already starting to make her fearful.

She just held the band on her wrist. She has never taken it off ever since the healer gave it to her.

Once the taxi arrived in town, she paid the man and she quickly got out. What was wrong with men? Even her husband at first didn't see her as a sex object and they gave her such dirty looks. She was also pregnant for God's sake.

She walked to the buses. She was going to Bobonong. Her mother will not chase her out of the house. She got inside and that was when she checked her phone. Her mother had called. She didn't want to fight so she will just see her at home. She placed her phone on her lap and rubbed her temples.

At Laone's place

Terry hugged her from behind.

Terry:What are you thinking about?

She thought it was a bit too early and maybe she was wrong.

Laone:Nothing.

Terry:Lala it can't be nothing..

Laone:I..no it's nothing..

Terry:Mrs Ward talk to me.

Laone turned to look at him.

Laone:I..no forget it..

Terry:Babe,I don't want to drag it out of you..

Laone:I think I'm pregnant..yeah I said it..

Terry's arms dropped and he looked at her.

Terry:Serious?

Laone:Ga ke sure Terrence..

Terry:We should go the hospital,maybe on Monday.

Laone:okay. We are going to pick Jay up?

Terry:Yeah...he likes you..

Laone chuckled. The little boy was a sweet child. The problem was his mother but she was trying her best to be a good stepmother to the boy..

At Bobonong

Reba parked his car outside the cemetery. He walked towards the section which was reserved for their family.

He stood in front of his father's grave. He ran his hand across the tombstone and bent down.

Reba:(chuckling sadly) Hi dad..I'm back..

He sadly looked at the tombstone.

Reba:I haven't been here for quite some time. I miss you..a whole lot..

He held back tears.

Reba:Look at me,a whole adult crying for his father...

He was here to face his past and all it's demons.

Reba:I'm married now..you know her too. I know a lot had happened but I wish you had held on dad. It was not your time to go. You don't know how it hurt to see you die right in front of my eyes and I couldn't do anything about it. Your last words are still in my head. You wanted...

He paused as he shook his head.

Reba:You were my idol dad and I hated that I kept on disappointing you. I let you down but you never gave up on me and here I am again. I

let yet another loved one down...

Tears choked him as his memories with his dad kept on playing in his head. The memories kept on bringing more memories.

Reba:I never told you Sasha,your little girl was raped and she tried to commit suicide. Dad I felt like a failure but I had to be strong cause mom was also breaking down. You know your father was acting all tough. A common trait in all Kgosi men..I had failed her dad,your princess..I failed her..

He used his thumb to wipe his tears.

Reba:But she is better now..She got therapy and she smiles again..even mom is a bit happier. She gave me your watch and I wear it everyday dad..

He smiled through the tears.

Reba:I...I haven't gotten over what happened years ago. I lost a precious jewel father..Ne o

tlo mo rata..the chosen. Mine. I let her down..I broke her heart and she wants nothing to do with me dad..

He paused as he cleared his throat and wiped his tears. His ring shone in the bright sunlight.

Reba:I did something foolish and if you were here,you would've beat the hell out of me for hurting her. She is sweet,beautiful and has a bubbly personality. My complete opposite. As young as she is,I love her very much..

He chuckled yet again as sadness washed over him again.

Reba:She taught me to love again. I haven't really opened up and loved anyone ever since you passed on.She would be saying stuff like 'I'll hotpsot you with my love'(small smile) I fucked up dad. Even Tyler agrees and we're still brothers. He's got my back though I once cut him off. Dad I can't be normal after what

happened..

He sobbed by his father's grave as everything hit him all at once...

Reba:(sobbing)And your daughter in law is carrying your grandchildren. She..dad I messed up..Wake up from the dead and be there for me. I'm lost without you in this world. I want to be a better dad to my kids since I failed to be a good husband but dad I need you. There is only so much that granddad can do. Wake up dad..we need you..I need you(shouting)Kgololo just wake up man!!Wake up!!Show up and be here!!

His knees got weak as he kneeled in front of it,his hand were on the ground as the tears kept on coming.

A car parked next to his and the driver frowned. He never expected this. It's been years since he

came here. What triggered it?

The old man got out of his car and walked to the graves. He found him on his knees as he cried. His heart broke, Rebabedi was his father's exact copy and he knew his daughter in law and grandmother would always look at him and see Kgololo in him. Hell he saw his own son in him and the first month with his son gone, he couldn't even look at Rebabedi.

Rebabedi's lips shook as his grandfather rubbed his back. He tried to stand up but his knees failed him.

Kgosi: He's resting in peace. Let it all go
Rebabedi..

Reba: I...I..

His grandfather helped him up on his feet and

he held him as he sobbed.

Kgosi:After this be strong. Kgosi men always pick themselves up..

Reba:I...Ntatemogolo I messed up so bad. Nothing is under my control again...

Kgosi:It's okay. Whatever it is,it will work out..

Reba:It won't..I've lost all my strength..I..

His erratic heartbeat made it hard for him to breathe properly..

Kgosi:Rebabedi..Let the past go..

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A WEEK LATER

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At the farm

Reba looked around as he walked to the stables. The place was well taken care of but he never came here. The last time he was here was when he was with his father. He walked inside and headed to the side where his favorite horse was. The pure breed was good and he missed riding it too.

He patted the black andalusian horse. It kicked the side of the stable.

Reba:Calm down boy..

One of the farm workers walked to him.

Reba:Dumelang.

Him:Hi..he still likes you.

Reba:It's been years,I last saw him when he was a pony..

Him:I guess he never forgets his owner.

Reba just ran his hand across the horse's back.

Him:You were more interested in the horses that the cattle.

Reba shrugged.

Reba:Horses were more interesting but I am still willing to learn about the cattle. I have been gone for far too long.

Him:Yes. Your father loved his farm..

Reba:He would drag the whole family here for the weekend..

He said as he reminisced about the past. The good times with his dad.

Him:Well so we should expect you this side often?

Reba:Definitely.

Him:That's good. Where are your siblings?

Reba:In town..

Him:We last saw them when they were younger?

Reba:I'm sure if they have time,they will pass by this side.

Him:Okay. Well enjoy your ride.

He walked away. Those were one of the few workers who have worked on the farm for as long as he could remember.

Reba opened the door and he knew he was

taking a big risk riding Thunder with no protective gear or a saddle.

He held Thunder gently by the neck as he led it out of the stable. It whined and he just rubbed it. He was part of the Iberian lineage and as thus also a valuable asset to the farm.

He got on the black horse once it was out of the stables.

He patted his neck gently.

Reba:Another ride for tha day Thunder? Then feeding..

He kicked it undet it's stomach to get the horse moving.

He started with a light trot as he let the sun hit his brown skin.

Serena watched from a distance. He was her

parent's boss and he looked lonely at times. She had a plan though.

She was used to visiting her parents on the farm but she had never seen him before. She did enquire about him from the other farm hands and it turns out he was the late Mr Kgosi's first born son. He was one fine man too. He didn't deserve to be lonely too.

The sand filled her sandals as she walked to the house her parents lived in.

At Precious's house

Maduo put Kgotso to sleep. She had failed this semester. Well in her books she had failed and she knew that Reba would've been on her neck about her results. She had awaited his call to

ask about her results but nothing. A G.P.A of 4.0 was just a bit low but she was still moving to the next semester.

She walked out of Kgotso's nursery and she saw her mother.

Precious:Maduo how long are you going to dodge me?

Maduo:I am not dodging you mom. I really am not.

Precious:Can we talk now?

Maduo:Fine..

They walked to the lounge and they sat down on the couch.

Precious:What's wrong?

Maduo:Can I be honest?

Precious:Yeah..

Maduo:Tota mama Rebabedi hurt me so bad and I asked for space. He gave it to me and I still miss him..

She held back tears. Whenever she thought about what Reba did,any thought of forgiving him dissolved.

Precious sighed. She thought as much. They fought and now they were apart.

Precious:Are you going to tell me what he did?

Maduo:Not yet..Just that he hurt me and he knows that. He asked for forgiveness and I don't know ma..

Precious:What does your heart tell you?

Maduo:I can't hate him mom,I love him and he knows it. Just that I don't think I am ready to forgive him yet.

Precious:Where is he?

Maduo:I don't know. He just said he won't be available for a few weeks and I should tell Tyler to contact him if it's urgent.

Precious:So only Tyler knows his whereabouts?

Maduo:Exactly. I did try to get him to tell me but he refused.

Precious:I don't know what happened between you two but if you're just going to play cat and mouse and hide from your problems don't you think you need advice from the elders?

Maduo sighed.

Maduo:Maybe. But let's wait till he shows up then..

Precious:Okay. Don't be sad. I think you guys will work this out then.

Maduo:I don't know. I am no longer sure of anything. Let me go lie down.

Precious nodded and Maduo stood up. She

rubbed her six month baby bump as she walked to her room.

She walked into the bathroom in her bedroom and sat on the toilet seat. She looked at her feet. She will try again. Yeah. It was just frustrating.

She removed her panties and spread her legs. She slowly inserted her finger and she tried to thrust it in and out like Reba used to do her but it gave her no pleasure. Tears welled in her eyes as she stopped. This was not working.

She wore her underwear and got up. She washed her hands thoroughly with soap before she splashed cold water on her face.

She didn't know what to do now to take the urge off. She wanted to burst into tears. It was so

frustrating. She walked out and sat on the bed. She grabbed her phone and dialed Tyler's number.

He answered after a few minutes

Tyler:Mrs Kgosi,how can I be of assistance?

Maduo:Rebabedi o kae?

Tyler kept quiet for a few seconds.

Tyler:You know I can't tell you that..

Maduo:It's important.

Tyler:Life threatening Maduo?

Sexual frustration was not life threatening but she didn't think that she will go another day feeling like this..

Maduo:Sort of..Well not really.

Tyler:Does it involve the children?

Maduo:No..yes..no..

Tyler:He will be back Maduo and you can tell him.

Maduo:Keore wa gana?

Tyler kept quiet.

Maduo:Tyler just a location and I won't tell him that you told me.

Tyler:No can do. You can't travel there in your state. Wait for him. I have got to go sis,keep well.

With that he hung up and she threw her phone on the bed and she cried. So she was just going to be sexually frustrated because her husband decided to be a community dick? Wow!

She didn't really want him so that she can tell him she forgives him, she just wanted the sex. Was that too much to ask for?

More tears filled her eyes and she placed her hands on her face as she cried alone in her room.

At the farm

Reba walked into the farmhouse and he paused for a moment. He grabbed his phone and walked outside trying to get a signal. He kept walking till he found one which was still unstable.

He called Tyler.

Tyler: You guys are abusing me..

Reba: Who?

Tyler:You and your wife,she called earlier wanting your location..

Reba:Oh.

Tyler:All you can say ia oh?

Reba:She shouldn't come here. She is pregnant and I prefer she stays safe wherever she is. Long distance traveling is not good for her.

Tyler:That's the point I raised.

Reba:Yeah..What did she want?

Tyler:She said it was important that she sees you.

Reba:Okay. I will deal with it when I come back,did they deliver?

Tyler:And you never told me you bought...

Reba chuckled.

Reba:She likes that one so I got it for her..

Tyler:La becha tlhe boReba..

Reba:I don't know how you guys are going to do it tomorrow but I trust you. Just film her reaction for me and send. Ke tla bona when I find connection again. This farm is unpredictable. You know that as well..

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:You can find signal under a certain spot and the next day there is no signal at the exact same spot.

Reba:Exactly.

Tyler:Well they have everything set for her birthday tomorrow,sure you can't land?

Reba:No..Still giving her,her space plus being at the farm for the first time without father is therapeutic on its own. Painful but healing at the same time.

Tyler:I understand.

Reba:Make sure you film that for me.

Tyler:B..

The network cut. Damn this network. He walked to the house where he headed to the bedroom to change. He wore his grey sweatpants and he decided to exercise, no matter how late it was. He missed his baby girl so damn much and he wasn't going to be there for her birthday tomorrow but at least she will know that he still cares. After this short break he will start dealing with things starting with a family meeting.

He started to move the well used leather couches and he played the song his father used to love whenever they travelled together on the stereo. Everything here was a bit old fashioned and he wasn't going to change a thing. Just to keep the memory of his father alive. The song started playing and he started with his push ups.

There was a time, I used to look into my
father's eyes

In a happy home, I was a king I had a golden
throne

Those days are gone, now the memories are
on the wall

I hear the sounds from the places where I was
born

Up on the hill across the blue lake

That's where I had my first heart break

I still remember how it all changed

My father said

Don't you worry, don't you worry child

See heaven's got a plan for you

Don't you worry, don't you worry now, yeah

Meanwhile at Serena's place

Serena: Mom can I take the leftover to the young sir?

Ma Serena: That's kind of you. Plus he lives alone in that big farmhouse.

Ra Serena: I'm sure he is fine Serena..

Serena: I insist. We are just being kind. Let me put the leftover food in the lunchbox.

She headed to the kitchen where she put the food in the lunchbox. The farmhouse was a few meters away from the worker's houses.

When the food was put in the container she walked out of the kitchen. She went to her room and she just changed her underwear. She wore something a bit more sexy. She wore her short

pyjamas and she wore her gown on top. She finished it all off with her bunny sleepers.

She walked out of her room and headed to the kitchen. She grabbed the lunchbox.

Serena:I will be back guys.

Ma Serena:You're thoughtful my child.

Serena:I am just being me mom. Let me go drop it off and come back.

Ta Serena:be careful.

Serena:Dad it's just a few meters away.

Ta Serena:There are snake on the farm especially at night. You know how far we are from civilization,taking you to the hospital might be a difficult task.

Serena:I will be careful.

With thay she walked out and closed the door.

The cool evening breeze hit her and she smiled. Okay. Serena you can do this baby..

She walked to the main house and she heard music playing. It was one of the songs she liked. She knocked on the door.

Reba frowned as he switched off the stereo. The knock was there. Who could it be at this time of the night? Maybe there was an emergency on the farm and they needed his help.

He stopped his exercises and walked to the door. He opened the door and he was met by a lady. He didn't know her.

Serena swallowed as the light from inside his house shone on him. She looked at his muscles

and the pecs. He was sweaty and hot. She swallowed and cleared her throat shortly after. She tried not to look down but she did and his dick print. Wow!

She breathed in a little.

Reba:Lady who are you?

Serena:Uhm..sorry. I'm Serena,I am one of the worker's daughter.

Reba:Okay..

Serena:Well we had extra food and we thought of giving you some. You can preheat it since you live alone and maybe you're too tired to cook.

She lifted the lunchbox for him to see.

Reba sighed.

Reba:Come inside,it's cold.

She walked inside as he closed the door.

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At the farm

Serena swallowed when she saw his back. It should be a crime for someone to look this devilishly handsome.

Reba: Sit down I will be back.

She sat down on the couch pushed to the wall. She crossed her legs as she watched him walk away. She placed the lunchbox on top of her thighs. She breathed in and out. A man like him was wow. She wouldn't mind having him as a baby daddy too.

The good genes her child would have. She untied the robe a bit as her string pyjama top showed her collar bone.

Meanwhile in the room Reba sighed as he wore a tee and slipped his ring back on his finger.

He walked out of the room and found he still in thag same position.

Reba:What did you say your name was?

Serena:Serena..

Reba:Okay..You can put the lunchbox down and leave..

Serena:I can warm it up for you..

She put the lunchbox down on the sofa and walked towards him. Reba just looked at her.

Serena frowned when she saw the gold band on his finger. It was not there when he left her here but oh well...

She tried to touch him but he grabbed her small hands.

Reba:I am not in the mood to manhandle a woman. Ikobe tlhemma,o leka eng?(chase yourself out,what are you trying to do?)

The grip he had on her hand was not too tight but it was manly enough. It turned her on a bit.

Serena:I mean the farm is far from civilization. You're a man and I'm a woman. I won't tell anyone.

Reba:Serenity..

Serena:It's Serena..

Reba:Whatever the hell you're name is..you came here with the intentions to sleep with me?

Serena:Can a beautiful woman just show out of the blue? I won't tell anyone about what's going to happen.

She wasn't even fighting for him to let her hand go. She used her other hand and completely untied the robe.

Serena:All of this for the night?

Reba felt disgusted. She was selling herself short and it was just unattractive on a woman.

Reba:Can I crush your dreams? Kopa o ntswele

ka ntlo(please leave my house)

He let go of her hand and she looked at him.

Serena:You think that will just make me go,Mr you are hot and men love sex. I am here voluntarily so I won't cry rape blah blah blah..

Reba was shocked.

Reba:Take your food and go.

Serena:Koore wa nkoba?(you're chasing me out?)

Reba just walked to the door and opened it..

Serena:you..

Reba:Either you go or your parents are fired. Your choice..

He smirked and she looked at him. Her parents were not involved in this.

He really didn't want to jeopardize his marriage. If she comes back she should find a changed man. Serena picked the lunchbox and walked to the door before she turned to look at him.

Serena:you have no rig..

He closed the door in her face before he locked it. Wow!

He just headed to the kitchen and he opened the fridge to see what he could eat. Something fast and easy.

Serena stomped her foot on the ground as she looked at the closed door. She was pretty and he just chased her out using blackmail. Mxm!! She wasn't even done. Maube he might've resisted her now but she is a really hot girl and he won't resist for too long. And he will chase after her on his own accord. What married man

comes alone anyway? Unless he doesn't like the wife. Or better yet the ring might be fake to try and keep women away. She furiously walked to the house that she wasn't cautious about her surroundings.

She didn't see that she stepped on the snake's tail and it retaliated by biting her ankle. She screamed as she dropped the lunchbox. The snake slithered away.

Reba heard the scream but he ignored it. He didn't have the time of day for any of that thirsty girl's antics.

Serena just tried to pull her leg as she walked to the house. She screamed yet again and her parents walked out.

Serena:A snake bit me..

Ra Serena:Oh God!!

He quickly made his way to her and picked her up.

Ma Serena:Will you guys be able to reach thw hospital this time of night?

Ta Serena:I will use the truck and try my best..I will tie her leg..e lomile leoto?(did it bite your leg?)

She nodded.

Ta Serena:It will stop the poison from circulating,we don't even know what type of snake it is..

Her mother nodded as her father carried her to the truck. She looked around cautiously before she walked inside the house and closed the door.

Reba went through the pictures he had with his wife. She was always on his mind. All he needed was a second chance. Just one more chance. If he fucks up again she can leave..

He took a bite from the sandwich as he played the video of her dancing at her aunt's wedding. She was not heavily pregnant at that time but now she was big. He saw how big her tummy was at the scan.

He sighed. He ruined everything and he was slowly letting go of the past. He just needed more time. What happened is still something that won't leave his memory but he can learn to live with the fact that it happened.

He scrolled through more pictures. She was cute and he still hoped she was still his. Maybe..He bit his lower lip. Maybe..

The Following Day

Maduo woke up with a small smile playing on her soft pink lips. She pouted a bit before she stretched her body yawning.

She rubbed her belly.

Maduo: Morning angels. And yes mommy is happy. She is a year older..

She said with a smile..

She checked her phone for messages from family and nothing. Her smile disappeared and she put the phone on flight mode before she switched it back to it's normal mode.

No messages were there. No incoming calls or

anything like that. What a wow! She calmed herself down. Even her so called "husband" didn't send a happy birthday text. She didn't care that they said he was out of town. A text nje..

She clicked her tongue as she slid off the bed and headed to the bathroom to get all cleaned up.

When she was done she made her bed and walked to the wardrobe. She chose something bright. Like yellow. A yellow maxi dress will do.

She made a nice puff with her hair and laid down her edges. Just because she could and she was finally 19.

She walked out of her bedroom and headed straight to Kgotso's room. She walked to his cot and she held his small hand. He was sleeping so peacefully.

She let go of his hand and walked out of his room. She headed to the kitchen where she found her mother making breakfast.

Precious:Happy birthday baby,pass me the plates.

Her mouth dropped. She was just casual about it like that?

Precious:Maduo..diplate tlhemma.(the plates mam)

She just took out the plates and gave them to her mother.

Maduo:Mama where is dad?

Precious:He said something about going out..do you want eggs?

Maduo:No..

Precious didn't put eggs on her plate.

Precious:I'm done. What do you want? Juice or tea?

Maduo:Milk will be fine..

Her mother gave her a look.

Maduo:It is what it is ma..

At the kgosi household

Sasha looked around. The tables were perfectly set. Tyler walked to where Sasha was standing.

Sasha:Sure that Reba is not coming?

Tyler:100% sure unless he wants to prove me wrong and land.

Sasha:This party is starting this afternoon,it can't be a late one cause she is pregnant. Reba tla ga a nkomanya ga a ka utwa..(Reba will scold me if he finds out..)

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:okay. Do you guys need something?

Sasha:No..we need to set the presents. Keore wa re Reba ga a tle to his wife's birthday?

Tyler:No..he is not coming..

Sasha shook her head.

Sasha:I won't involve myself in their issues.

She walked to the house and he just walked around. How was he going to do it? If the man who bought the present was here,he would've had a plan. Reba bathong!

He walked away from the pink and white decorations. The close family will be here. It's just a small celebration. Sasha is basically the one who organizes party here. She is the mastermind and makes things happen.

He chuckled as he walked inside the house, heading to his bedroom.

He dialed Miranda.

Tyler: Babe..

Miranda: hey love.. I'm a bit busy with laundry tlherra. Call later.

Tyler: Okay..

He chuckled as he hung up.

At Precious's place

Maduo sat down on her bed bored. No cake?
Maybe shw should head to the shops to buy
herself some.

She got up and walked to her mother's room.

Maduo:Mama..

Precious:Yes?

Maduo:Can I borrow your car? I want to buy
something...

Precious:It's low on fuel. Wait for your dad..

Maduo:Guys..At least cake?

Precious:Are you complaining Maddy?

Maduo:Bathong,we are still not throwing me a
party like last year?

Precious:As you can see me here,there is no
party baby. Just eat and sleep. We will find cake

for you.

Maduo:(holding back tears)Wow..

She walked back to her bedroom and she sat down on her bed. She wiped her tears and she checked if Reba had been online on Facebook or WhatsApp. Still nothing. Even a happy birthday message from him would've been something even though she is angry at him. It would've lightened her mood somehow.

She went through their pictures together. She had taken pictures of him sometimes without him noticing.

Maybe it was the babies that missed him that much and his voice when he would sing for her or with her. Nxe.. this has got to be the worst

birthday ever.

Meanwhile in Precious's room she headed to the shower. She knew she was frustrating Maddy but they had to pretend they didn't care. One of the world's biggest sign that there is a party but Madam Kgosì didn't see that. It was nice getting on her nerves and the way she was about to cry when she said still no party.

Maduo lay on her bed and played sad songs as tears flowed. They weren't fair. She has money but it's nice when people do nice stuff for you.

Her phone beeped and she wiped her cheeks. She checked the message and her phone fell out of her hands.

'FNB :-) Payment successful. Paid P50 000.00 from CHEQ to 26775000001. Bank Ref Mr R.Kgosi. Queries? 3959881.'

Maduo:Shit!Yoh..

She checked the message again and it said that. Whoa!50k just like that?

She placed her small hand on her chest. She walked to the bathroom and she splashed cold water on her face and she looked at her reflection on the mirror. Wow! Maybe she was dreaming.

She walked to the room and she picked her phone again. The message was still there. She was not dreaming at all.

Maduo:My Word!!Money..iyoh..

She covered her mouth. She needs to breath.
She needs to breath. But money...yoh!She is
50k richer. Ho Magad!

Precious wore a simple white dress and
cardigan. She went to Kgotso's room. Maduo
loves him too much so she knew she had
bathed the little baby.

She picked him up and he giggled.

Precious:Hey,we're going to surprise your sister
baby boy..

She picked up his baby bag and walked out. She
walked to Maduo's room. She knocked but
there was no answer. She opened the door and
she found her just in shock. She panicked a bit.

Precious:Whats wrong?

Maduo:Yoh..First birthday present..

Precious gave her a peculiar look.

Maduo:Money mama..Ka jaaka ke ratang madi ka teng..madi yoh..

Maduo picked her phone up and gave it to her mom.

Precious:Serious?

Maduo:Message wa rialo..yoh! A mantsi gore..(the message says so...yoh! So much money)

Precious:Yoh..

She gave Maduo her phone.

Precious:Let's go.

Maduo:Where? You said your car doesn't have enough fuel.

Precious:We will refill on the way ti the mall.
We're buying your cake kana ga o batle?(we're
buying your cake or you don't want it?)

Maduo:Let's go then. This comes once in a
lifetime.

Precious chuckled. They walked out of the
house and she gave Maddy the baby while she
looked it.

Maduo:You're gaining weight little child you
know that..

Precious:Stop teasing my baby Maddy..

Maduo:He is not offended,why should you?

Precious:Ijah.

They walked to the car and Maduo placed
Kgotso in his baby seat at the back. She did the
straps and when she was sure he was safe and
secure she went to sit in the front.

Her mother got in the driver's seat.

They buckled up and she started the car.

At the Kgosi Household

Sasha:They are on their way. The gifts are set. Everything. Let's patiently wait for her on the chairs. She will be surprised.

Everyone sat down and Sasha smiled. Even her grandparents were here. The problem was with Maddy's husband. Why wasn't he around? Mxm.

Rethabile sat down as she texted Maduo.

Rethabile:Happy Birthday friend

Maduo:Fosek. Don't talk to me.

Rethabile:Its the thought that counts.

Maduo:I will talk to you later. My mom made us head to my in laws

Rethabile:That made you angry?

Maduo:No..I love them. I just want cake to celebrate my birthday alone. Food never let me down unlike some people mxm.

Rethabile chuckled.

She went offline and she put her phone down.

Maduo had her own drama shem.

Maduo and her mother walked inside the yard.

Maduo:We are greeting and going to get the cake?

Precious:Yes,they are your in laws baby.

Maduo:I know. The only thing that made me

happy is the money in my account. For today I hate all of you..

Precious shook her head laughing.

Precious:Dramatic much.

They made their way to the backyard and Maddy paused.

Maduo:I know this is not what I'm thinking it is..

Everyone:HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Maduo:Yoh..you guys!!

She fanned her face with her hands. The tears were quick and she had to use her hands to wipe them.

Her father walked to her and held her in his arms.

Thabiso:Happy birthday baby girl.

Maduo:Daddy...gosh..

She placed her head on his chest. She missed another certain chest bit she won't think about it today. He sent her a borthday gift so that's good.

He led her to the chair as Precious went to sit down.

Rethabile walked to her holding the sash.

Maduo:You knew..

Rethabile:I wouldn't want to spoil the surprise Mrs Kgosi. Stand up..

She placed the sash around her.

Maduo:Le nna ke apere seatbelt ya happy birthday..

Rethabile laughed.

Rethabile:Draaaaamaaa..

She laughed tearfully as she looked around. This was a nice setting and for family and close friends.

Sasha: The lady of the moment has arrived..

They laughed. Her grandparents in laws, her granny, Sherry and just family was here. They all planned it.

A part of her wanted to see him but he was not here.

Sasha walked towards her and placed a crown on her head.

Sasha: Just for today baby sis.

She chuckled and nodded.

Sasha: Then we can get this intimate gathering started.

They cheered and she smiled. This was just WOW.

Two hours later Maduo was with Rebabedi's mother as they talked about the kids. She took a bite out of the cake. Finally cake.

Mma Kgosi: So it's a deal?

Maduo: Yep. My babies have such a loving family yalls.

Mma Kgosi: We love them too..

She laughed.

Maduo: I'm sure they heard you too granny..

Mma Kgosi: I don't look too old.

Maduo: oksalayo they will call you maiyee..

Mma Kgosi: Mxm..

She walked away and Maduo just went to go take another slice of the cake.

Sasha: Now we can all give her gifts. She will

open them at home but Tyler has an exception.
A re gift ye a naleng yone e bonwa ke
everybody..

There were murmurs.

Tyler handed her a wrapped box and held her
hand.

Tyler:Mrs Kgosi can you follow me and close
your eyes..

She looked at him. What was up?

Tyler handed Sasha his phone so that she can
record it.

They walked to where Tyler was leading them.
Everyone was curious.

Gasps filled the air but her eyes were closed.

Maduo:Can I open my eyes?

Tyler turned her.

Tyler:Open them.

She did and she was face to face with everyone.

Maduo:They are the surprise?

She said with a little sadness in a her voice and they laughed.

Tyler:Open the box.

She did and removed the lid. She have it to Tyler.

She read the card. It was from Reba.

It was nothing long just a 'Happy Birthday Princess and I love you'

Her heart did melt a bit.

She handed Tyler the card. She looked at the

chocolates inside the box. Her favourite too.
Money and this? Okay. This was sweet.

Tyler waited patiently for her and everyone looked at her as they waited for her to finish so that she can turn around.

She frowned when she saw keys. Car keys. Her mouth went slack. No. She saw the car model on the keys and she closed her eyes. No. She pressed the unlock button on the keys and she heard the sound from behind her. Her heart skipped a beat as she slowly turned..

Maduo:Oh my God!Yoh..

She held her knee..he didn't. He just didn't.

She tried to stand upright and breath. Tyler helped her.

Tyler:From your husband..

Maduo:Oh my God!!a...

Her mother also held her.

Precious:Breath baby. Breath..

Maduo:I can't breath..That's...yoh..

She wiped the tears.

Maduo:He bought my dream car mama..Yoh..

Precious smiled as Maduo held her tight.

Tyler walked to Sasha.

Tyler:You took the video?

Sasha:Yeah. Her reaction was so pure and wow..BoReba tlhe ba becha aah..A whole JEEP?

Tyler:Dude..that's what I said.

Sasha:Keore waitse ke eng if a guy doesn't spoil me like my brother spoils his wife nna I don't want him.

Tyler laughed.

Tyler:Ijaa..

Maduo breathes in and out. She looked at the black machine which was tied in a red bow. There was also a card placed on its window.

Maduo:Mama a whole JEEP RUBICON..Yoh mama..

Precious:Breath. It's yours Maddy..

Maduo:I know just..yoh..

Precious chuckled. She knew her daughter loved big cars. Cars bigger than her but this was big..

She held her heart a bit. Rethabile took pictures. Maduo loved pictures and she would want this

moment documented.

Once Maduo was sure she was fine and no longer that shocked she walked to the car and she picked the card.

"It's yours Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi.

I love you princess."

She held the card and touched the car. It was real. He bought her,her dream car. Like wow...

She could hug and kiss him right now. This was just...

Meanwhile a man in denims,a white top,denim jacket and boots walked inside the yard. He took a big risk coming here and he will leave in

a few minutes. He had the Stetson hat down as it covered his eyes.

He silently walked to where he could hear commotion. They were too busy talking about the car to notice him.

Maduo looked at everyone and she frowned. She walked to her mother and she handed her,her glasses.

She looked around and the person had the hat hiding his face. She would recognize that physique anywhere. Her heart caught in her throat. Maybe her eyes were playing tricks on her. She removed her glasses and rubbed her eyes. She wore her glasses again. The man was walking away. She knew that walk. God!

She quickly followed him. It seemed as if no one saw him.

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At the Kgosi household

She quickly followed him. It seemed as if no one saw him.

She made her way past everyone and they frowned but let her be. They didn't even know where she was going.

She looked around the house but he had already passed there. The scent of his cologne was still lingering in the air. She knew him. It was him.

She walked to the main door and he was almost by the gate.

Maduo:(shouting) Reba!!Wait..

He had to go but it seemed as if she followed him. He just wanted to see her and leave.

Maduo upped her pace as she walked to him while he was still still like that.

Reba turned and looked at her. She stood on her tippy toes and removed his hat. It slowly fell on the ground as it slipped from her hands. She looked at him.

Her heart caught in her throat. He was here and he was already leaving.

They looked at each other for some time. They haven't really spoken to each other and she didn't know what to say.

Tears welled in her eyes. Reba didn't want her to cry. He shouldn't have shown face here. She was still hurt.

He used his thumb to wipe her tears.

Reba:I'm sorry babe..

Maduo:I..

She just wrapped her arms around him as she

sobbed on his chest. He lifted her head up and removed her glasses. She placed her head back on his chest.

Reba just held her in his arms.

The family walked to the front and Sasha's mouth dropped.

Sasha:Is that...?

Tyler:yep..

Sasha:Bazalwane rre yo o rata attention. Why ne a sa tle jaaka batho ba bangwe??

Tyler chuckled. Sasha was her own person.

Kgosi looked at the scene.

Kgosi:I think we should give them space.

Katso agreed. He didn't want to stand here and watch his older brother smooching his sister in law.

He was the first one to walk away.

Tyler and Sasha followed.

Precious looked at her husband.

Precious:Let's let the children be..

Thabiso:You're right..

Precious smiled. Maddy had been miserable without him. In minutes they were left alone by the gate with no spectators.

Reba:Babe..

She lifted her eyes and looked at him. His arms felt like home. They were home for her.

Reba:Please don't cry..it's your birthday. You're supposed to be smiling.

She used her hands to wipe her tears.

Maduo:Uhm..Are you staying?

Reba sadly shook his head.

Maduo:Not even for my birthday?

Reba:I saw you angel and I'm content with that..I don't want to suffocate you with my presence especially since we have unresolved issues..

She sniffed as she looked at him. He was here?

She placed her head on his chest. He chuckled as he held her waist. Her tummy was getting in the way but if he is not staying she has to make the most of these few minutes with him.

Reba:You good baby girl?

Maduo:no..

Reba:What's wrong? Talk to me..

Maduo looked into his eyes again. Maybe it was her but he got more handsome or she just missed him.

She whispered in his ear.

Reba looked at her. She just didn't say that.

Reba:We can't do that..you're still angry and I need to deal with this properly.

She whispered in her ear and he smiled.

Reba:You tried to do it on your own?

She nodded. He laughed.

Reba:how was it?

Maduo:Horrible..

He tipped her head up..

Reba:Ka go rata autwe?

She nodded.

Maduo:So...

He kissed her lips.

Reba:I can't believe you're making me do this..

He looked around and he picked his hat up. He

dusted it and he removed the crown on her head. He put the hat on her head.

He held her hand.

Reba: Tell me you're kidding Mrs Kgosii..

Maduo: I don't joke about things like that.

He sighed with a smile. He knew she was ignoring their issues for now.

Not in the house. Too close for comfort.

He walked with her to the car. He opened the door for her and helped her get inside.

He walked to his side and he closed the door. It was a bit weird when they were in the car.

Maduo: So where have you been?

She asked in a matter of fact tone. She wanted to know.

Reba:Around..

Maduo:You know you're not answering my question?

Reba:I know Mrs Kgosi. I will tell you when I come back.

Maduo:Serious you're leaving again?

Reba:Mmhmm...bring the seat down or you're comfortable?

She brought the seat down and looked at him. He looked so good in those clothes.

Maduo:Thank you..

Reba looked at her and pecked her pouted lips. Fuck it felt so good to kiss her. Even to just hold her again in his arms. He deepened the kiss and he just used his other hand to bring the car seat down.

She wrapped her hands around his neck. He broke the kiss and he kissed her neck. She

inhaled his cologne. Baby daddy...

Regardless of his weight he managed to pick her up and place her on top of him.

Reba: Sure that you want this baby?

She nodded.

He switched on the sound system in the car. And a song played. It was just okay for the moment.

Reba laughed as he looked at her.

Reba: I didn't know you had it in you..

Maduo: To what?

He bit her ear as he whispered in it..

She giggled and hit his chest.

Maduo: I was desperate..

Reba: Can I quench your thirst Mrs Kgosi?

She nodded as she grinded on him and he groaned.

She felt his member and her clit throbbed.
Finally.

Reba: 'I love her hips, curves, lips say the words
"Te amo, mami, ah, te amo, mami"
I kiss her, this love is like a dream

So join me in this bed that I'm in
And push up on me and sweat, darling
So I'm gonna put my time in
I won't stop until the angels sing'

He sang along softly to the song with his lips
close to her ear as he used his hands to untie
the strap of the dress.

Anticipation ran through her veins. The straps fell off her shoulders and she breathed in as she looked into his eyes. He french kissed her lips as he gently held her boobs..she moaned softly.

Reba:Still flexible babe?

She gave him a look and he chuckled.

Maduo:What do you have in mind?

Reba:Nothing.

He kissed her lips again and she used her hands to help him get rid of the jacket. This was exciting and knowing that the car was just parked in front of the house gave her a thrill. The thrill that somebody might hear them or pass by the car. His windows were tinted and she knew how this would look..

She slid her hands under his tee and wow! She started to gyrate on him and she got more wet. She moaned softly over the music playing in the

background.

He slid his hand under her dress and he
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In Rebabedi's car

Reba:the car reeks of sex..

She smiled as she tied the straps. She looked at
him.

Maduo:I look fine?

Reba:You're flushed.

Maduo:What now?

She said as she looked at him. She picked up his hat and wore it.

Reba:I leave and let you be..

Maduo:Why do you have to leave? I mean we can solve everything while you're here..

He sighed.

Reba:I wasn't expecting what happened here..

She looked down.

Reba:And it's not a mistake. I loved every minute of it because it's you. Look at me Maddy.

She looked at him.

Reba:I still have issues to deal with. I need to try and bury a part of my past in peace. For my own sanity and for our future. If we still have one. On

top of that I want you to think about everything. I know that regardless of the steamy sex we've just had in the car, a part of you hates the fact that I cheated and you're not over it.

She closed her eyes before she opened them again.

Reba: And that's perfectly normal. Maduo look.. He held her small hands in his.

Reba: Ke go diretse phoso and I am planning on trying to redeem myself, even if it means I have to go through the proper channels trying to ask for your forgiveness. I still want an us and I am not pressuring you to do the same. I want you to do what your heart tells you (chuckles) can't believe I am talking about hearts bit yeah..

Maduo: But that does mean you have to go? Can't I go with you and we try and resolve this?

Reba:You don't have to anything of that sort. I'm in the wrong. I have to deal with a few things before I move on. I want you to take this week and think about it all...

She sadly nodded.

Reba:And I saw your results when I was on my way here.

Her heart skipped a beat. Not a lecture.

Reba:Sorry that you didn't perform the way you wanted because I was stressing you out. For a stressed person though you did far better than the average student,the main thing is that you didn't fail.

She nodded.

Maduo:I understand but won't you at least tell me where you're going?

Reba:I will tell you when I come back besides if

you think I'm going to tell you where I'm going just for you to travel long distances in an attempt to see me then you're mistaken babe. I don't want you to travel in this state. The roads are bad plus you're pregnant.

She gave him a suspicious look and she had to force her mind not to think about the possibility. He isn't cheating on her again is he?

Reba looked at her and he could see the distrust in her eyes. She had every right to doubt him that's why he didn't want to rush things.

Reba:But take your time. I'm not rushing you. I will just be here for the formalities of apologising and you'll take it from there..

Maduo could hear that he had really given up on the idea of them from his intonation.

Maduo:So you're walking away just like that
Reba? Again?

Reba:I am not walking away. You asked for
space Maduo and I gave it to you even though it
killed me that you decided to live as if I don't
exist. It killed me and you have no idea how
much but I did as you said because my pain
can't justify what I did to you..

She looked at him.

Maduo:Honestly speaking I just don't get it.
What if this all a ploy for you to cheat again?

She realized what she said and she saw the hurt
that flashed in his eyes before they turned cold.
He was hurt by what she jus said. Which means
she was wrong..

Reba:Okay.

Maduo:I didn..

Reba:It's okay love. You said what's on your mind and that's why I am not rushing this. I hope you'll get 'this' one day though.

He opened the car door and he got out. He took his jacket and wore it.

He walked to her side and opened the door for her. He helped her step out of the car.

He held her waist as they walked inside the yard. He stopped by the door and kissed her forehead.

Reba:Stay put. Don't travel. I don't want you traveling in your state. Stay safe for the babies. I'll be back in a week and happy birthday once again angel.

His emotionless voice tore her heart. He sadly smiled looking at her.

Reba:I love you Maddy and goodbye..

With that he walked away and she held back tears.

He got inside the car as he placed his head on the steering wheel. That was why it was difficult to talk. What if what he said would be used against him whenever they fight or disagree on something? Or if she does decided to forgive him? Will what he did always be held against him?

Fuck,he should've just stayed on the farm and waited for the week to pass.

He opened the car compartment and he looked at the white substance. He closed it. No. He wasn't doing that shit again. He better get rid of that whole packet when he gets to the farm. He switched his phone off and threw it in the

passenger seat.

He started the car and drove away.

Maduo patted her eyes and practiced smiling before she walked to the backyard. She was happy. She was happy. It was her nineteenth birthday and she was happy.

She put on a smile as she went back to her seat.

Tyler walked to her.

Tyler: You had dropped these when you went after him..

He handed her the car keys.

Maduo: Thank you..

Tyler: He went back?

Maduo: Yeah..

He could hear the sadness in her voice.

Tyler:He will come back. Just give him time to heal from the past..

She frowned. She tried to recall what he was saying in the car. He had said he wanted to bury his past. Then another fleeting memory came as she remembered the time he once said he has a past and would tell her one day.

Tyler looked at Maduo.

Tyler:You good?

Maduo:Yeah..Uhhh Tyler?

Tyler:Yes?

Maduo:Is his past bad?

Tyler looked at her.

Tyler:It's better if he tells you himself. Let me go

refill my drink.

He walked away and she sighed. What did she do now?

She picked her phone and dialed his number but it was unavailable.

She just sighed. She stood up and went to get more cake. Sugar. Just more sugar will help with her stress levels which she suspected were starting to spiral out of control.

Sasha looked at Maduo. Well Maduo and her brother were something. He comes and she hears screams when she walked to the front gate and he disappears again? These two are in love and she didn't understand it too..

Anyhow she poured more juice and added more

snacks. The music that was playing in the background was calm and she had made it her mission to end the party before 7pm. She is pregnant and she should rest.

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#112

At the Kgosi household

Maddy:Thank you guys for everything..this was wow..

Rethabile:Anything for you..

Sasha:Tota everyone should pay me for

rendering my services.

They all chuckled.

Precious:You girls will be fine?

She asked as Thabiso held Kgotso and she held some of Maduo's gifts.

Maduo:Yeah. Thank you.

She said goodbye to them as she walked to the car with Rethabile.

Rethabile:A test drive?

Maduo:we're going home ma..

Rethabile:Wouldn't hurt..

Maduo removed the big red ribbons from the car before she got in. Rethabile got inside.

Rethabile:E ntle gore.

Maduo:Thank you.

Rethabile raised her eyebrows.

Rethabile:It's not like we didn't notice plus there is evidence..

Maduo:Notice what?

She ran her hand across the steering wheel. It was hers. Well damn..

Rethabile:You kgm kgm..

Maduo:Spit it out..

Rethabile:We gave you guys space but guys noo..

Maduo:No what?

Rethabile:wena mma wa goa..(but you are such a screamer)

Maduo blushed. They heard her?

Rethabile:I was in the house just so you know..

Maduo covered her eyes with her hands. So if

they had done it in the house it would've been worse? So everyone was just looking at her yet they knew?

Rethabile:Well it's nothing to be ashamed of. It's your birthday by the way..(laughing)kgweetsa tlhemma..

Maduo started the car and just feeling the new engine was satisfying.

Maduo:I mean dream carrr...

Rethabile:You deserve ma..plus knowing how much you like the finer things in life..

Maduo:Money friend..Money..

Rethabile:Well...

She said pressing her phone..

A message reported.

Maduo took her phone and she opened the message. Another bank notification.

'FNB :-) Payment successful. Paid P5000.00 from RHEQ to 26775000001. Bank Ref Mr R.Moreri Queries? 3959881.'

Maduo:You didn't...Thabsie(squealing)

Rethabile:Happy birthday..I love you Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo:I feel so special kana ka itse gore o ngame(I know you're stingy)

Rethabile:This is a special occasion plus it's not your money..

Maduo's smile faded.

Maduo:Wa bo o reng?

Rethabile:My grandchildren mma..Buy something for them..o tseela gore nka neela

wena madi?(laughing)

Maduo:Mxm..

She hugged her.

Maduo:Thank you..

Rethabile:Welcome..I'm the last to give you another gift neh?

Maduo:I don't know but thank you. I appreciate you so so much..

Rethabile:And I care too Maddy. Drive mogurl..

Maduo laughed as she put on the seatbelt and she breathed in as she placed both hands on the steering wheel.

Rethabile took out her phone and snapped a few photos.

Rethabile:Scared?

Maduo:Dream car ma..(holding back tears)

Rethabile switched to the video mode and started taking a video.

Rethabile:My sister everyone..

Maduo:Is it a video?(laughing tearfully)

Rethabile:Yeah...drive mma..(laughing)

She started turning the steering wheel and she screamed.

Maduo:Gosh!I'm driving thee car..

Rethabile:Well..as you can see guys the Mrs is driving her brand new car..Bua le Batswana..

Maduo:Ng ng..let me concentrate.

She reversed out of the yard and joined the main road. Rethabile zoomed the camera to show her ring.

She stopped taking the video. Her reaction was all she wanted.

Maduo:Please do send the pictures.

Rethabile:Yes mam..

The drive was filled with a lot of chatter and as always it was Maduo who was talking non-stop.

They arrived at her parents' place and it seemed they arrived before her.

She parked the car.

Rethabile:You're a good driver and I can't believe I'm saying this..

Maduo:Say it..

Rethabile:I trust you with my life..

Maduo grinned.

Maduo:Tanki..That does not make me your chauffeur at school.

Rethabile:Well let's say after 7 months you will be,for now I don't want you to strain my godchildren.

Maduo:You don't care about me?

Rethabile:No..Why would I care?

Maduo:Mxm.

They both got out of the car and Maduo locked it.

Rethabile:I am leaving first thing tomorrow morning..

Maduo:I know. But thank you for making it here..

Rethabile:Anytime. We made an oath.

Maduo:Don't let the inner lawyer in you take over. What oath now?

Rethabile:Sisters?

Maduo:I don't have a sister who has her ends dyed red..

Rethabile:Come here..

They hugged as Maduo's eyes closed. They shot open within seconds.

Maduo:Don't leave in the morning..

Rethabile:Why?I have to be in Gabs by evening.

Maduo:Please..Just not in the morning. Maybe by noon..

Rethabile gave her a weird look.

Maduo closed her eyes and she opened them again.

Maduo:Let's get inside,It's a bit chilly outside.

They walked inside the house.

Precious:Your presents are in your bedroom Maddy.

Maduo:Thank you mom..

Maduo and Rethabile walked to her bedroom where she looked at the gift bags and boxes.

Maduo:Let me go take a shower first and I will start opening everything.

Rethabile:Okay.

Maduo walked inside the bathroom and she looked at herself in the mirror. She saw the hickey. No wonder Rethabile said there was evidence. He left a hickey on her neck. She smiled alone as she got undressed.

Rethabile just sent the pictures and videos to Maduo via WhatsApp.

She went through some of the pictures and she picked only two of the pictures where Maduo

was holding the numbers 1 and 9 and she was holding the balloons. They were both smiling. She was such a beauty.

She went to Facebook and posted the two pictures tagging Maduo on the post

' Thee gurl'

She typed the caption and posted the pictures and kept scrolling down her newsfeed.

Once she was done she wore her underwear and put a gown on top.

She looked at the hickey on the mirror. How far was he? Did he arrive safe?

She walked out and she sat on the bed. Rethabile sat crosslegged on the carpet.

Maduo took her phone and she saw the sent photos.

Maduo:Thank you..

She went to Facebook and she saw the post.
After putting a care reaction she commented..

Maduo: Ke thee girl mogurl..

Rethabile chuckled as she looked at Maduo.
She replied her comment.

Rethabile: I know..Bolella Batswana ko gae
gore ke mang motsala..

Maduo:o thee friend thanks

She then went through the pictures that were
taken while she was in front of the car. Man this
car was the ish. Would he allow her to go to
school with it?

Anyhow she put her phone down.

Maduo:Let's open the presents..

Rethabile:Let's see what we got you..

Maduo got off the bed and sat on the carpet as Rethabile passed her the gift bags and boxes.

On the road to the farm...

Reba brightened his headlights as he drove through the bushy dusty road. It was really getting late.

'You'll never be man enough after this..'

'He thinks he is a man?'

The voices plagued his mind and he was taken aback. He could hear their laughter and he nearly lost control of the car but he was fast enough to not let it hit a tree or else he'd have to walk a long distance to the farm or to get help.

He stopped the car and placed his head on the steering wheel. He started it again and drove slowly till he reached a spot and parked the car under a tree..

He opened the car compartment and he looked at the snow.

He took the packet and held it in his hands as he took out a small notebook from the compartment. He placed the items down as he slid his hand behind his jeans to take out his wallet.

He took out his card and he poured the snow on the notebook as he lined it up on top of the notebook.

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In Rebabedi's car

He snorted the second line as he dusted his nose. He looked at all the lines. Fuck!!

He got out of the car which caused the white powder on top of the notebook to fall on the seat. He hit the wheel with his foot. He slipped again. Fuck!! He was doing so well.

Reba:Shit!!

He leaned against the car door as he held back

tears. Fuck! He has to get through this. He has unborn kids to think of. How will they navigate life without their father? He didn't want them to be hollow like he is right now. A world without his father..

Reba:Father..I need you right now..It's falling apart again.

He paused as his tears burned his eyes.

Reba:I hate being weak. I'm not supposed to be weak and vulnerable. I..

He held his heart as it beat erratically. That's why he needed space. She shouldn't see him breaking into pieces. People tended to use other people's weaknesses against them and he didn't want her to see him as weak..

He shouldn't be weak and let those voices make

him less of a man but it was so hard at the moment. Why did the past have to crop out now? First week he was plagued with the painful flashbacks and nightmares and he was still strong. Trying to not let it define him but now all the week's progress down the drain. Another line might lead to another which might lead to another overdose..

At Precious's house

Maduo woke up in the middle of the night and held her heart. The heart beat was not normal and she didn't know what to make out of it. It just hurt so bad and she couldn't go back to sleep.

She yawned and turned to look at Rethabile sleeping.

She silently got out of bed and wore her sleepers. She tied her gown tightly and walked out of the room. She walked to the lounge and looked around. It was a bit blurry but she didn't want to wear glasses at this time of the night.

She rubbed her chest. Her heart was just racing and she didn't know why..

She switched on the lights and found the keys. She unlocked the door and walked out. She was hit by the cold and she walked back inside. She leaned against the door but didn't lock it.

She went back to her bedroom and grabbed the car keys before she stealthily walked out.

She walked out of the house and unlocked her car. She got inside and closed the door. She was warmer here and she just looked out of the window. It was dark and it was the witching hour. It seemed as if she wouldn't be going

back to sleep anytime soon.

She leaned back and started thinking. A lot of things crossed her mind. Her marriage being one of the things. She loved him. She still wanted him, she knew that they could fix the kinks. Iron things out but would things ever be the same?

She can't forget what she saw and she even thinks about it now. The worst in her didn't want to work on their marriage. She wanted him to feel what she felt so bad.

Tears filled her eyes. She loved him and she craved him like a drug but she didn't see how she was punishing him, maybe she was giving him leeway to do what he wanted out there instead of keeping an eye on him. What past

could he have that makes one to refuse to give his own wife the name of the place he was staying at? Him and Tyler obviously treat each other as brothers so maybe they are talking about him stopping his whoring ways.

That's the only past she knows. He always has girls popping out of nowhere. She was starting to doubt his so called hurt. Could it be a way for her to forgive him faster and they pretend that nothing happened?

She didn't know why she felt sorry for him at the party even. He hurt her and maybe her hormones were just all over the place.

He lived a privileged life and what issues could arise? He was just a man who always slept around and used his dominance over women.

Her eyes burned with anger as she remembered what he did and how he did it so effortlessly. A

car and money won't buy her forgiveness. He needs to beg more than he did when she was in Gaborone.

She looked around and breathed in and out. No, he wasn't going to make this about him talking about burying the past wara wara. He broke her trust. She is the one who is supposed to be saying that instead he made it about himself and she found herself asking him to stay as if she was in the wrong. Angry tears fell down her cheeks. Everything came back. She ended up in hospital because of him. He may have humbled himself that time but he needed more to earn her forgiveness. And he needed more to earn her trust.

She didn't even trust his intentions when he refused to tell her where he was going. He

never shed a tear for her. She placed her head on the steering wheel as she cried. She wanted him but getting over what he did is a mammoth task and the thought of taking him back again and he does it again cause she forgave him...

Now that tore her heart but she knew she couldn't live without him now. She was between a rock and a hard place.

She didn't even understand herself or her thoughts at the moment.

That morning

At the farm

Reba parked his car and walked to the farmhouse.

He got inside and locked the door. He didn't know what to do to make the memories fade away. He just wanted to be normal again and it was funny how he didn't know which normal he was talking about. He went to the bedroom and just threw himself on the bed.

Serena looked at her bandaged ankle. She sighed. They were lucky that the venom didn't travel or else her leg would've been amputated.

Imagine a pretty girl like her with no leg? Dreadful. She closed her eyes as she rested. A speedy recovery and she will see if she can't try her luck again with the hot hunk.

At Precious's house

Rethabile walked out of the bathroom as

Maduo sat upright.

Maduo:Breakfast then we chill..

Rethabile:Why don't you want me to go now?

Maduo:What's the rush?

Rethabile sighed as she sat down.

Maduo got off the bed and walked out.

Maduo breathed as soon as she was out and she walked to the kitchen.

She found her parents talking.

Thabiso:Might head to the farm this afternoon.

Precious:Okay..

Maduo sat down and thought about it. Maybe she should join her dad.

Maduo:Dad can I join you?

Precious:Maduo...

Maduo:I mean it could be nice. It's been a while since I have been to the farm..

Precious:Well you're pregnant and you should probably stay put for your own good..

Maduo:Please..Dad?

Thabiso:Your mother has spoken..

She pouted.

Maduo:Mom please. It's not as if anything will happen..I mean what's the worst that can happen and being pregnant is not a disease guys..

At that exact moment Rethabile walked out.

Rethabile:Goodmorning.

Everyone:Morning.

She sat next to Maduo and they started chatting as Precious placed the food in front of them.

Maduo:Dad what do you say?

Precious:You're stubborn aren't you?

Maduo:I mean being in the wild..

Her father laughed.

Thabiso:You hate going to the farm..

Maduo:I miss terrorizing your workers when I checked the books. They would be shaking in their boots thinking I will say they're books do not balance..

Precious laughed. Maduo and money..

Thabiso:A bo o batla go itse dipata tsame akere?

Maduo:Consider this as father daughter bonding papa..

Precious:Will you guys be back on time?

Thabiso:I mean if we leave at around 12pm,I'm sure by 7pm we will be back. I will drive cautiously.

Maduo smiled.

They would drop Rethabile off at the bus rank and head to the farm. Being pregnant was not really a disease.

A while later

Maduo hugged Rethabile.

Maduo: Thank you for coming and I will miss you.

Rethabile: Me too love. Take care of my godchildren.

Maduo: I knew it. You don't care about me..

Rethabile: Shut up. We'll talk love.

Maduo: Okay..

They broke the hug and Maduo waved at her as she got inside the bus.

Maduo walked back to the car and she got in.
She buckled up and looked at her dad.

Maduo:Road trip?

Thabiso smiled as he started the car.

Maduo connected her phone to the car sound system as she played music. She leaned back as her father drove at a comfortable speed.

Maduo:Dad how do you feel about being a grand dad?

Thabiso:Feels weird..

She chuckled.

Maduo:Weird how?

Thabiso:We have your younger brother and I'm going to have two young children who are almost a year younger than him..

Maduo:I get your point..

Thabiso:How are you?

Maduo:Breathing and living dad. Just that this marriage thing gets too much sometimes.

Thabiso:Word of advice baby girl?

She nodded.

Thabiso:If you guys are having problems,you shouldn't be apart because at times the distance tends to be too much and it will try to kill the love. You should be together looking for a way forward. The problems gets solved much faster that way.

Maduo opened her eyes and that actually made sense.

Maduo:I hear dad. It makes so much sense..

Thabiso:I just hate seeing you miserable plus marriage as they had told you princess that it's not all roses. Ka re ga go tla meleko..

Maduo:(under her breath)boToni.

Thabiso:What was that?

Maduo:Nothing.

Thabiso:As I said,it's never easy and there will be jealous people around. I'm not Dr Phil but everyone knows that people get envious of what is not theirs.

Thabiso turned to the dusty road as he slowed down his speed.

Maduo:I see..Thank you..

Thabiso:Anytime babu girl.

She increased the volume a bit as she hummed to the song that played. Thabiso looked at her.

Thabiso:don't sing along..please. This once..

She raised an eyebrow and smirked.

Maduo:I can sing just to spite you dad.

He chuckled and she cleared her throat. She knew she couldn't sing to save her life but she will do it anyway.

Maduo:"You are the dancing Queen.. young and sweet only 17..

Dancing queen,feel the beat from the trampoline. You can dance,you can try having the time of your liiffee..."

Thabiso:Maddy stop..

Maduo:"danciiinnng queeenn!!"

He laughed as he kept his eyes on the road. She stopped singing and laughed.

Maduo:Okay..dad wait for our jam. That one was just a warm up for me.

Thabiso:Maddy you should give up. Singing is not your fort.

Maduo:I know but it's fun..

She took her phone and changed the song to the one she loved to sing with her dad. He was her first love.

He moved his head as he listened to the beat.

Maduo: You can sing it with me dad..It's just me..(laughing)

He chuckled as he kept driving along the dusty road.

Maduo: "These words are my own from my heartfelt..

I love you,I love you,I love you,I love you..

There is no other way to better say..

I love you,I love you.."

She smiled as her dad joined her in on the singing. She needed this. Just spending time with her dad. She can't say she had a favourite parent because both of them just showed her unconditional love and she would never have to

choose between thw two..

The song ended and they were both in smiles.

Maduo:I never say it often but I love you dad.

The first man to ever show me how I'm supposed to be loved. I love you dad.

Thabiso:I love you princess. And I will never stop loving you..

She nodded with a smile as she took her phone and it hit her that there is usually a poor signal around these parts.

Maduo:Did we take another route?

Thabiso:Yep. That one has a problem. I had to turn back around the last time I went there.

Maduo:Is this one long?

Thabiso:Mmhmm..

She reduced the volume and she leaned back. She wanted to close her eyes and it was hard fighting the urge but she overcame it and she

kept her eyes open.

The drive went on for two more hours till they arrived at the farm.

She could finally get out of the car and stretch herself.

Her father got out and opened the door for her. He helped her get out and she just took the bag of chips and looked at him.

Maduo:It's been a while dad yoh..

Thabiso:Let's go to thw kraal first.

Maduo:Yikes..

Thabiso:You wanted to tag along..

He put his arm around her shoulders as they walked there. Maduo started talking and he just

listened.

At the farm

Reba finally woke up and he freshened up. Maybe a horse ride will do him good. He might push Thunder to the limits. He needed the rush just to stop thinking about everything.

When he was done he wore yet another hat. He was adapting well to the farm lifestyle and maybe he should come here often. He tipped his hat down as he walked to the stables. He found Thunder and he patted him. He took the feed from the nearby bucket and he just brought his hand to the horse's mouth.

Reba: Today we're going on a ride. Dangerous and perilous but fun..

He said to the horse. He really needed the adrenaline and to get tired to the bone so that he can sleep immediately when he gets undercover. To not think about it too much. A distraction.

Once Thunder was well fed he opened it's stall and he walked the black beauty out.

He led it out of the stables and he hopped on it. He bent his body as his hands held on to its mane.

Reba:We're going wild just for today.

He used his boot to hit it's stomach and it started moving..he hit it some more. He didn't want slow trots today.

It whined and he chuckled. Just for today.

The horse upped it's pace as it started to gallop.

They were going to get there. This pure Iberian breed was a killer and it had speed. Today he was going to see what it's gonna do.

At Thabiso's Farm

Around 4pm he was done and he found Maddy in the mini office.

Maduo:The books are good.

Thabiso:Haish..wena..let's go. We need to get home.

She stood up and followed her father.

They walked close to each other as they got out of the office building. It was nothing big but it was good.

They headed to the car and he opened the door

for her.

She got inside and buckled up. He got inside and started the car.

She breathed in. Today was just perfect.

Maduo: Thank you dad.

Thabiso: Anytime princess..

He drove out of the farm..

Maduo kept chatting with her dad while he was driving through the dusty road. Here he had to slow down his speed because of the rocks and the bushes.

Mid way the drive Maduo's heart skipped a beat all of a sudden.

She looked around and they were still on the bushy road. Literally out of nowhere a snake fell

onto the windscreen and she had a huge phobia for snakes.

Maduo:Papa noga(screaming)

Her heart raced as she struggled to breath.

Thabiso tried to remove it with the windscreen wiper but it wouldn't move and it looked like it was going to slither inside the car throught the window.

He lost control of the steering wheel as he tried closing the window..he managed but it was late to hold the steering wheel as the car crashed into the huge mophane tree causing a massive hit efdect.Thabiso immediately hit his head against the dashboard and he was out..Maduo's head hit the window before it hit the dashboard and the airbags went out.

The two were out like that as more snakes got on top of the car and attempted to get inside. Maduo bled through her nose in her

unconsciousness..

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At Precious's house

She dialed Thabiso's number but it said unavailable. They should be here by now. She tried Maduo's number and it said the same. At this time they weren't supposed to be at the

farm.

She bit her lower lip. They said 7pm but it was past 7pm.

She was getting really worried about them. Most especially Maddy because she was pregnant. She dialed Rebabedi's number but it said he's unavailable.

Precious:What to do now?

Maybe she should wait for at least ten minutes but if they are here they would've answered their phones. Or maybe the phones were off. She didn't want to think much about it.

She walked to Kgotso's room and she picked him up.

Precious:I am worried baby..

He woke up and started crying.

Precious:Hush now. We're going somewhere okay love?

She hushed him as she picked his baby bag with another hand.

She walked to her bedroom where she got the car keys.

She made her way out of the house and went to place him in his baby seat before she went to lock the door.

She handed him his bottle and he furiously latched on it.

Precious:Work with me okay love?

She got inside and started the car. She tried their phones again and it still said unavailable. She drove out of the yard and she was on her way.

At the Farm

Reba walked inside the farmhouse. He really did exhaust the horse and tomorrow he won't be riding the horse.

He headed straight to the shower.

Meanwhile a few farm workers immediately got ready with a truck to head to the village. It was still evening and at times like this they would be in the farm by the afternoon.

Just a few supplies. They did this on a weekly basis.

The driver started the truck and drove off.

At Bobonong

Precious parked the car outside the yard and she walked to the gate. She knocked on the gate for some time before it opened.

Mma Kgosi:Hey..what's going on?

Precious:Can I come in?

Mma Kgosi:Sure..

Precious walked to the car and undid the belts on Kgotso's car seat. She picked the baby up and she took his bag too along with her phone and car keys.

She closed the door and locked the car.

Mma Kgosi:Let me help you..

She said taking Kgotso from Precious.

Mma Kgosi:You look stressed.

They walked inside the yard.

Precious:Can we talk while I'm seated? I'm

worried and look at the time.

She tried their numbers for the third time and still no response.

They walked inside the house and Sasha frowned. She could see the worry etched on her in-laws' face and she wanted to ask what was wrong but she kept quiet. She sat down.

Mma Kgosi:What's going on?

She didn't want to think the worst...

Precious:I tried calling Maddy and her dad...

She paused as everyone listened.

Precious:both are not answering.

Sasha:They will comeback right? From wherever they are...

Precious:The thing is they left at noon to go to the farm and it's almost half seven yet they said

they will be back before seven. I'm getting worried...

Kgosi:Let's just hope they are on their way..

Florence:They are. If there was a problem we would know right?

Precious didn't know. She saw it necessary to inform them since Maddy is their daughter in law and she is carrying their grandchildren.

Heck! She was worried more about Maddy than Thabiso because a pregnant woman is vulnerable.

Tyler:Let's all be hopeful and not panic.

Katso:Let me bring juice...

Sasha:Let me help you..

They walked out and silence enveloped the room.

Along the bushy road

The driver flashed the headlights of the truck.

Man:Is that a car?

He brightened the headlights and he nodded.

Driver:Looks like an accident. Maybe we can help?

Man:Maybe.

He stopped the car and switched the engine off. He looked for a torch and he found it. The two men got out of the car and flashed the light towards the car.

Man:Shit!!

Driver:Mo ke boloi...

Man:Ng ng..nna ka sia..

Driver:does that car have people inside?

The man flashed his flashlight and he thought

he saw figures inside.

Man:I think so,banna!!

Driver:Bob city..

Man:I've never seen such, how should we help them with so many snakes all over the car?

Driver:I don't know..petrol?

Man:Won't the car catch fire?

Driver:Shiit!Now I don't know..

Man:Should we throw them with stones?

Driver:I think the windows are closed. What if they get inside because obviously throwing stones will break the windows?

Man:My conscience doesn't allow me to let this be..

Driver:Such witchcraft

Man:tell me about it...

The snakes slithered all over the car still hitting

the windows trying go get in. Luckily the car's window was not broken.

The man shook his head. They knew there were snakes around but so many around one car.

Driver:Let's go back maybe we can come with help and see what to do..

Man:The supplies will have to wait.

The quickly walked to the car as their hearts beat anxiously. The man felt his skin crawl. He has never seen such.

At the Kgosi household

It had been over an hour and at the exact moment,everyone was anxious.

Precious:This..is..

Mma Kgosi:Calm down..

Kgosi looked at everyone. His great grandchildren might be in danger. There was still no call or anything of that sort.

Precious:I'm scared for Maddy...

Mma Kgosi held Precious.

Mma Kgosi:Let's be positive.

Kgosi walked out and breathed in.

He dialed the healer. Maybe they are worrying over nothing thought at the exact moment it didn't feel like nothing.

Kgosi:Hello..

Healer:Aah..I'm coming..

Kgosi breathed. He didn't even say anything and

he said he was coming. He had hung up on him even. There must be something wrong.

He walked to the lounge and everyone was quiet. They didn't know what to think at this point. Tyler tried Reba. Maybe where he was standing had network. He needed just a minute to tell him.

Sasha just sighed.

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At the Kgosi household

The healer walked in and everyone looked at him with beating hearts. He sat down and looked at them.

Kgosi: Tell us there is nothing wrong..

Healer: I don't want to lie..

Everyone's hearts broke. What was he saying now? Are they dead? What happened..

Mma Kgosi held her heart as she rubbed her chest. Sasha bit her nails and Katso just tried to keep it together. Tyler's eyes showed worry as he took in the scene of the people in the lounge.

Kgosi: Tell us..

Healer: Here is the thing..

He paused and looked at Precious who looked ready to faint if it was bad news.

Healer: She is stubborn.. she wasn't supposed to go anywhere.

Precious could feel her heart cracking. But she told her. She told her to just sit down but Maduo always has a way to convince everyone.

Healer:Even Rebabedi told her to stay put but she just has to get her way everytime.

Kgosi:So all in all?

He was getting impatient. It's done now they need to know if she and the babies were safe.

Healer:At the moment I do not know if they are safe. Everything is dark and that means one thing..

Sasha just walked out. This was not happening.

Florence looked and saw that Mma Kgosi was already pacing up and down.

Healer:All we can hope for is that the bracelet around her hand is going to protect her because

she was at the right place at the right time.

They wanted to attack her right there...

Precious just started sobbing softly. What the hell does he mean?

Florence:Are the ancestors with her?

Healer:Always but at the moment I can't see a thing. Just sensing an evil energy. Can I go to the room?

Kgosi nodded. So they were really in trouble but they weren't sure if she was okay or not?

The healer stood up with his things and went to the room where he normally consulted in.

He had to plead with them to show him something. She was carrying two different people who were an essential part of the Kgosi lineage. No wonder she is under attack but the question was who would do such?He started

doing his incantations.

At the farm

The driver and man arrived. They were still shell shocked in regards to what they saw.

They knocked on their boss's doorstep.

Reba woke up from his sleep. He really was tired. He rubbed his eyes as the knocking persisted. He wore his sweatpants and he just wore the hoodie..

He walked out of the bedroom and to the door.

He unlocked it and opened.

Reba:What is it?

Driver:Sir we need your help..

He looked at them.

Man:We encountered a problem and it's not a small problem..

Reba:I'm listening.

The man narrated what he saw.

Reba breathed in. Sounds too good to be true. He wanted to tell them to find a way to deal with it but he just made them wait for him by the door as he walked back to the bedroom. His outfit didn't make any sense. He wore boots and grabbed his coat.

Reba:We should get going. Are you sure that it's snakes?

Man:Hundred percent and let me tell you,it's not a nice sight.

Reba walked into the store house and switched on the lights.

Reba: There will be no use for hot water if it will cook down on our there. And try to find at least two more men.

The man walked away and Reba and the Driver looked for poisons. He was just being a good samaritan in this instance.

Reba: I think I can arrive faster on horseback and see what you saw myself.

Driver: Won't they bite the horse?

Reba: I will keep a distance.

He walked to the stable holding a torch. Not Thunder. He tired him out today.

He walked till he found another horse. He patted it.

Reba: Hey boy..

It neighed and he chuckled. He opened its stall as he guided it out of it..

He led the horse out of the stables. He climbed onto its back.

He lightly patted it to calm it down.

He rode it till he reached their truck.

Reba:If there are passengers in the car isn't it better to take another car?

He sighed. He got off the horse. He returned it to the stables and he went back to his house. He got his car keys and unlocked his car.

Reba:You guys will lead the way..

Driver:Of course sir..

The truck started moving and Reba followed it. The second truck followed closely behind

Rebamedi's car.

At the Kgosi household

The healer walked out and headed to the lounge.

Kgosi: Still nothing?

He sadly shook his head as everyone sighed.

Precious couldn't cry anymore. She really hoped her baby girl and husband were fine wherever they were.

Sasha silently cried in her room. Maddy can't be hurt. She was the only sister she had and she loved her like a little sister. She just rubbed her tears. Her family was traditional and she was a new Christian. At church they always said if there is a man to pray, there is a God in heaven to answer or something along those lines.

Maybe this time the ancestors and God can work together to save her sister in law.

She went on her knees as she closed her eyes.

Sasha:Dear heavenly father,I come before you as your daughter. I know that I may be a lot of things but today I sincerely ask for your protection over Maduo. God! She is a good child. She never hurt anyone and she is carrying two innocent babies that deserve life. I also put her father before you. God save them if they are in trouble and may you protect them...

She paused as tears made their way to her eyes.

Sasha:Father Lord I beg you..just save them. Cover them with the blood of Jesus. Let their lives be preserved. This is all I ask for. I am desperate on their behalf God. You're Word says You're a loving father and I believe that. I

know you're loving. You will never fail...God
You're not a man you'll never fail. I don't want to
believe that she is harmed in any way. Jesus do
something please..

She broke down as she placed her head on the
bed. She wished for safety. Just that. She
wanted Maddy to walk in and say she is good.
That she is fine. They ran out of fuel or
something.

She stood up on her feet and she sat on her bed.
She grabbed her Bible from the stand and she
opened to Psalms 91..

She felt her erratic heartbeat go down a notch
and she patted her eyes. She read the chapter
over and over again. She will be okay. Maddy
will be okay.

She wasn't going to believe that evil will befall her sister in law.

She took her phone and she put on her headsets. She listened to the song and she believed more. Maddy will be okay. God has never failed. He won't fail her, she is using her own faith believing and waiting on God to show them His goodness. He is a God that moves mountains.

At the bushy road

Maddy lifted her head a bit disoriented and she rubbed it. She felt a sticky wetness. She touched the side of her head and it was wet. She touched her nose and it was wet. It all smelt like blood. She didn't know where she was..

She looked at the windscreen and her screen crawled. She looked at the windows and she lost her breath. She looked at the windscreen and she saw it looking at her as it opened it's mouth.

She screamed as the air left her lungs and she struggled to breath. She had a phobia for snakes and she started feeling as if they were all over her..

She screamed and her screams started to die down bit by bit as she blacked out again.

They heard the screams and Reba could swear they sounded familiar. It might be his hearing okaying tricks on him.

They kept on driving at a steady pace till they reached the place. He parked the car and he took out his flashlight.

He got out of the car and he followed the men.

Man:That's the car..

Reba's face fell. It was too familiar to him.

He saw the snakes and he breathed in. Some started to slither away but some remained on the car trying to get inside.

Reba:Let's do pest control guys..

They all walked to the vehicles and took out the different chemicals.

He wore the gloves he brought with... he took the sprayer and started spraying from a distance. They sprayed with persistence as he watched them slide off the car. The other men

sprayed a different chemical onto the car. They had to be careful that the snakes do not come near them. It took them an hour to make sure there were none left. They triple checked.

Reba: We can finally open the car.. I know we are going to be stepping on the dead ones so please don't be scared guys..

The men breathed in as they watched Reba walke towards the car. Their hearts skipped. Reba flashed his light around before he opened the door. His heart stopped beating. No!!

At the Kgosi household

Sasha: Dipelo di robehile.

Le mowa o dubehile

E mpa Jehovah retshepile wena

Retshepile wena....

Dipotso di ngata..

E mpa dikarabo tsona di nnyenane

Fela Jehovah,retshepile...

Retshepile wena..

She sang all alone. She was choosing to trust God.

In the lounge they looked at the healer who suddenly started to frown.

Healer:She is alive..

Theu all breathed in a sigh of relief.

Healer:he got to her.

They all looked at him confused.

Precious:Who?

Healer:Rebamedi found her.

Their eyes widened..what was happening?

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At the bushy road

Reba breathed in and he checked his father in-laws' pulse. It was still there. He checked Maddy's pulse and it was still there but his poor baby was bleeding.

Reba:shit!

He picked her up and walked towards his car. He placed her at the backseat gently and closed the door.

Reba:Guys help carry that gentleman to my car.

They did so and when Thabiso was laid at the backseat of his car he sighed. He knew how far it was to go to the village especially at this time of night.

He rubbed his head. The men had noticed that the lady was pregnant and they thanked God they didn't just pass.

Driver:I guess we should head to the village for our supplies now.

Man:Yeah.

Reba:Thanks for telling me about them.

Driver:Do you know them?

Reba:Wife and father in law.

Their eyes widened. They didn't know.

Man:let's hope they are going to be fine.

Reba:Yeah. You guys can go.

He got inside the car and he switched on the light.

He looked at them and sighed. He didn't know if they will wake up. The hospital was far and he rubbed his head.

Maddy was stressing him now. He told her to sit down and not travel. Look now. She could've died.

He started his car and he drove off to the farm.

After almost two hours he arrived. Should he try and find a signal and call Tyler? A helicopter just to take her to the hospital. He got out of the car and he opened the door. He picked her up

and carried her inside.

Meanwhile Serena moved the curtain to the side and she saw Reba carrying someone to the house. He walked back out and held a man.

She frowned. She wanted to go see who were those people but her ankle wouldn't let her. She sighed. Tomorrow morning she is going to find out.

Reba laid Thabiso on the bed at one of the unused rooms in the house. He hoped that she will wake up tomorrow.

He walked to his room where he looked at Maddy.

Reba: Babe do you know how much you're stressing me right now?

He pushed her hair back. He walked to the bathroom and he opened the tap. The warm water half filled the bucket and he just used his wash cloth.

He walked back to the room and he sat besides her on the bed. He started to gently wipe off the blood. This was now stressing him. And he told her just yesterday to stay put and...

He wiped her clean and looked at the mother of his kids. He kissed her forehead and went to spill the water.

He walked out of the room and closed the door. He looked for his phone and walked outside. He tried to find a signal but there was none. He will try again in the morning.

At the Kgosi household

Sasha walked out of the room and went to the lounge. There was less tension.

Precious: So she is safe? They are both safe?

The healer nodded.

Precious held her heart as she breathed in.

Sasha: She is okay?

Tyler nodded.

Sasha: Thank you Lord (under her breath)

At least her sister in-law was safe.

Sasha: Are the babies okay wherever they are?

Healer: Yes..

She thanked God yet again. She would've been

shattered if Maddy was not okay.

Tyler tried calling Reba but it didn't go through. The bad signal. Kgotso's cries tore through the house and Precious chuckled tearfully. She walked out and went to the room where Kgotso was.

Everyone was relieved. The healer just wanted the both of them to come here. A proper consultation and more protection over their lives. He just needed to find out who would want to harm the young bride. But he will do that tomorrow. For now she was safe and with her husband. That was all that mattered at the moment.

Kgosi was relieved.

At the farm

Reba placed his head on the arm of the couch. He was about to close his eyes when he heard her screams. He quickly stood up and walked to the room.

She was crying in her sleep. He sat down next to her and held her.

Reba:It's okay...

He just held her till she calmed down. Her eyelids fluttered open then closed. He just rubbed her back gently. He shouldn't let her sleep alone.

He got undercovers and held her close. He watched her breath and he used his thumb to wipe her tears away.

The following morning

Reba woke up first and he just looked at her.

Maddy opened her eyes and she felt arms around her. They felt familiar but she couldn't pinpoint where she had felt them wrap around her. She turned and looked at the handsome man who held her.

A frown etched on her face and she tried to remember where she had seen that face before. It looked familiar.

Reba: Goodmorning buttercup.

Maduo: (unsure) Goodmorning..

She slightly moved away from him and she gave him a weird look.

Maduo: If you don't mind me asking.. who are you?

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At the farm

Maduo:If you don't mind me asking..who are you?

Reba frowned. What does she mean?

Reba:Maddy wait...what?

Maduo:Ke wena mang?

She asked yet again in her native language.

Reba's heart cracked. She doesn't remember him?

Maduo looked at the man expecting an answer.

She was lost. Who was he? Where was she and..

She frowned. She moved her hand over her tummy and her eyes widened.

Maduo:noo!

He just looked at her.

Maduo:Wait..I'm in an unknown location with an unknown man and I'm pregnant? My parents are going to kill me..

She just got out of bed and stood up. She saw blood stains on the dress. What the hell was happening?

She paced up and down and Reba looked at her. Her heart was racing. She needs to think. How was she going to get out of this one? Her parents are going to kill her. They had a no boyfriend policy and she wasn't one for boyfriends. She placed her knuckles on her

cheeks and she just shook her head. What was happening?

She looked at her hands and she nearly had a heart attack..

Maduo:Jesu!!

She calmed herself down and Reba didn't say a thing. He just looked at her as she panicked alone.

Reba:Are you done panicking?

She looked at him with an 'are you serious right now?' Kinda look.

Maduo:ng ng..This is a dream..yei..I'm only 16 guys..

Reba looked at her. She really had amnesia?
Shit!

Maduo:I have to think. I have school..iyayaya kante wena Mr who are you?

She just placed her hands on her head. This was stressing her out. She tried to breath but she couldn't. Reba got out of bed and held her. She tried to fight him but he just held.

Reba:Maduo calm down and breath!

She tried to breath but looking at the situation she was in she found it hard to breath again.

Reba:Breathe Maddy. Breath. We don't want you to have a panic attack. Happy thoughts..breath..

He just placed her head on his chest and she felt as if she has done this countless of times before. She still didn't know who he was but she felt safe in his arms.

Hs strong arms wrapped around her. He was

raw. Such masculinity.

Reba:Be calm..don't stress..

He said while he was still stressing. How the hell did she lose her memory? This was complicated and they needed a doctor ASAP.

Maduo breathed in his raw masculinity and she looked up at him. He was so kind.

Maduo:Who are you though? I'm asking it in a good way not a bad way..

He chuckled.

Reba:Remove the ring on your finger.

She did.

Reba:Read the calligraphy there. Just try,you don't have your glasses..

She squinted her eyes and read the calligraphy.

Maduo:Mrs..Rebabedi Kgosi..

Her eyes widened and Reba wondered if she will be shocked till she regains her memory,if she will regain it.

She looked at him with questioning eyes.

Maduo:I'm married?wait what? This is too good ti be true. Kana ke 16..

Reba tilted her head upwards. She looked so damn innocent.

Reba:you do know that if you were 16 I would be in jail for defilement?

She nodded.

Maduo:That's why it's too good to be true..

Reba:Maduo?(deep voice)

His deep voice had her blinking and swallowing.

Maduo:Yes?

Reba:You're 19.

Maduo:Ng ng..You're losing me now..

Reba sighed.

Maduo:and the name Kgosi sounds familiar.
Too familiar..

Reba:That's because you married a Kgosi..
She just moved a few steps away from him.

She stared pacing up and down yet again.

Maduo:I'm lost. What's happening?

Reba:It seems like you lost your memory. Three
years of memory.

Maduo:Why?how?waitse ke eng nna ke
latlhegile motho wa Modimo..

Reba:You think I'm lying?

Maduo:I don't know. All I know is that sounds too good to be true. Married and pregnant??

Reba:Wait here..

He walked out and breathed in.

He went to the room her father was in and she found him up on his feet.

Reba:Dumelang.

Thabiso turned and looked at Reba. He was a bit lost on where he was and where Maddy was.

Thabiso:Rebabedi..

Reba:Are you okay? Do you need anything?

Thabiso:I think a shower and food but is Maddy okay?

Reba sighed.

Reba:That's the problem.

Thabiso looked at him alarmed.

Thabiso:What's wrong with her?

Reba:She lost her memory..can you tell me what happened?

They sat on the bed as Thabiso narrated everything to the time they hit the tree.

Reba:I know she has a phobia of snakes though..where did it come from?

He shrugged.

Thabiso:I don't know. I think she hit her head too. Not sure because I also blacked out.

Reba:We found snakes all over the car,my men saw the car and they came back.

Thabiso:Really?

Reba:Really. I think we killed all of them.

Thabiso:So she really lost her memory?

Reba:Seems so and I don't really want her

traveling on top of that.

Thabiso:we said the same thing till she used her charm and stubbornness to get her way...

Reba chuckled. It won't work on him this time even if she throws a tantrum. Maduo was such a stubborn little thing.

Reba:I think we left your phones in your car,I can aks the men to drop you off home and maybe you can pass by the area where you had the accident and collect the handsets.

Thabiso nodded.

Reba:At this point Maddy needs a doctor.

Thabiso:I agree..

Reba:there is a poor signal this side but I have a request...

He told him and he nodded.

Thabiso:Write it down and I will inform them.

Reba:Thank you..

Thabiso:So where are we?

Reba:My farm..

Thabiso looked at him.

Reba:I haven't been here for a while..

Thabiso:Well farming is my fort.

Reba:So I've heard. I will show you around.

He stood up.

Reba:I think there is a clean shirt and jeans around there. Not sure about the size. You will find us in the kitchen.

Thabiso:Very well...

Reba walked out and headed to his room where he found Maddy biting her nails.

Reba:Just don't stress. It's not good for your pregnancy..

She just looked at him.

Reba:What do you want to eat?

Maduo:You won't kill me?

Reba:O bua dio tsa dimovie waitse..

Maduo:Seems like my life is a biskop..

He helped her stand on her feet and led her out of the room.

Maduo:Ema pele,we're really like married?

Reba:Yes. What do you want to eat?

Maduo:I don't know.

Reba shook his head as they walked to the kitchen. She sat down and he opened the

shelves.

Maduo: Since we're married, have I ever come here?

Reba: You still don't believe that we're married?

Maduo: No. I mean you are old. Not in a bad way. I mean more like older than me..

Reba: Did you just call me old Mrs Kgosi?

He asked as he raised an eyebrow..

Maduo shrugged her shoulders with a smile.

Maduo: Maybe..

Reba: Kana o tla swaba Mma Kgosi (smiling)

Maduo: Ijaa..

She blushed as she looked at her feet. She didn't know why she was suddenly comfortable with the man and she wasn't sure if he was telling the truth or not but he was nice.

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At the farm

Reba:Pancakes?

He asked knowing she didn't really like them,just ate them for the sake of eating.

Maduo bit her lower lip.

Maduo:Fresh chips?

He smiled. Her craving.

Reba:I should start peeling then..

Maduo:I can help..

Reba:It's okay. Go shower. I don't know if Sasha's clothes will fit..

He said looking at her tummy.

Maduo:Who's Sasha?

She noticed the jealousy in her tone and she cleared her throat. She didn't know the guy and she was already getting jealous.

Reba:Your sister in law...go clean up.

She slowly stood up and walked out of the kitchen. She headed to the bedroom and Reba started to peel the potatoes.

A few minutes later Thabiso walked into the kitchen.

Thabiso:Where is she?

Reba:Taking a shower..

Thabiso sat down and watched Reba who was cutting the potatoes. He had never seen him as domesticated man but he was taken away today.

Maduo walked out of the shower and looked around. There were no lady clothes and it was just urg..

She was still a bit blown by the revelations of tge day. If she had a husband wouldn't she remember him? And how did her parents get her married at the age of 19? Was it that maybe she fell pregnant and he was forced to marry her?

She didn't know honestly. She just went through his clothes. He wouldn't mind would he? She took his boxer shorts and she wore them. They were huge but it seemed her huge belly helped a bit. She looked at her tummy and clapped her hands.

Maduo:Like for real I'm pregnant, it's not a movie...

She shook her head. She saw his gown and a t-shirt. Maybe she will look for Sasha's clothes but for now this might do. She really hoped he didn't mind.

She wore the tee and her tummy showed. She sighed as she looked at it. She was pregnant?

She wore the gown on top and she borrowed herself his push ins.

She walked out of the room and walked back to the kitchen. The fresh smell of the chips was just yum.

Her mouth dropped.

Maduo:Dad!!

Thabiso stood up as she went in for a hug. He hugged her and just pushed her hair back.

Thabiso:You good?

Maduo didn't know how to answer that.

Maduo:I didn't know you were here..

Thabiso:You still remember?

Maduo:I..

She broke the hug and looked at her dad.

Maduo:What I'm heard left me confused.

Thabiso:Whatever he told you it's true...

Maduo frowned.

Maduo:Really?

Reba raised an eyebrow.

Thabiso:Mhmm..

Maduo:Dad and Rebabedi,balance me here..what happened?

Thabiso looked at Reba who looked back at him.

Thabiso:We had a car accident..

Maduo:But I feel fine,I have a slight headache and bruise but otherwise fine..

Thabiso:That's why we are also puzzled in regards to your sudden memory loss..

Maduo frowned.

Maduo:Is there internet here?

Her father gave her a bored look.

Thabiso:We are in a farm,the network signal is poor right?

Reba:Really poor. Sit down in the lounge,the food will be ready.

She walked to the lounge and sat down. She just looked around. So she really was married,pregnant and everything in between. Wait she had sex?

She flicked her forehead. Of course she had sex because she wouldn't be looking like a heavy hippo if she didn't have sex. What about school? Did they take her out of school to be a housewife?

She had a lot of questions that needed answers.

Thabiso:Let me just look around your farm..

Reba:sure..

He walked out of the kitchen and stopped by the lounge.

Thabiso:Don't think too much about it Maddy.

Maduo:It's just frustrating that everyone knows what happened except me. Hell I forgot my own husband.

It felt weird to say husband. She paused for a bit before she continued.

Maduo:It feels weird. Like really weird and..

Thabiso:Don't stress about it. We will know soon enough about the cause of the memory loss..

She nodded.

Her father walked out and she just sat there. She stood up and walked back to the kitchen. She sat on the chair and looked at him.

Reba:What?

Maduo:I'm bored and how can I be bored all alone when you can keep me entertained?

Reba smiled. She once said thag before when she woke him up by placing her wet hands on her cheeks.

Maduo:Why are you smiling?

Reba:Nothing..

Maduo gave him a side eye as he continued making breakfast.

Maduo:Well enough about what I forgot and what what..who is Rebabedi Kgosi?

Reba:Your husband..

Maduo:Besides that and how old are you?

Reba:29..

Her mouth dropped.

Maduo:Jeesh..I feel like a sugar baby..Tell me you're kidding.I mean you're hot..

She bit her tongue. Did she have to tell him that he is hot?

Reba:I'm hot?

He smirked and she just decided to rub her eyes even though they were fine.

Maduo:I didn't say that did I? Anyway that's beside the point..

Reba:What else do you want to know?

Maduo:I mean what do you do?

Reba:Run a finance and investment company.
It's International..

Maduo:Kgosi..Kgosi something?

Reba:Kgosi Investments..

Maduo:Niice..I like money by the way..

Reba laughed.

Reba:I know buttercup. I know that..

Maduo:Mmhmm..so..so far what has my 19
year old self achieved?

Reba:A lot of money.

Maduo:You lie..

She said with excitement in her voice.

Reba:Forex trading and investments..

She clapped her hands.

Maduo:And it's all me?

Reba:Yepp..

Maduo:yesss..Haish..Money makes the world go round Reba yoh..

He chuckled as he started serving.

Meanwhile Thabiso walked around the farm. It was good. He was actually impressed. So this is where he was hiding. At the farm.

Serena checked her foot. It was getting there. She tied her hair back and wore her leather jacket. She was curious as to who those people Reba brought to the house were. She knew she still stood a chance. I mean a man who was all alone in a remote area like this would most probably give in to his libido.

She walked out of the house. Her parents were

working and she had nothing to do. She walked to the farmhouse and knocked on the door.

In Rebabedi's farmhouse

Maduo frowned.

Maduo:There is a door knock..

Reba:Let me..

Maduo:Finish up. I don't know the people here and you are being kind to me. I mean if it were other men they would've been angry that I can't remember them but you are being patient with me..

Reba:(chuckling)that whole speech just so you can go open the door?

She shrugged as she stood up.

Maduo:I will let the person in,should I ask who they are and what they want?

Reba:Yep..

She walked to the lounge and opened the door. She was met with a lady. She was okay. She guessed.

Maduo:Morning,how may I be of assistance?

Serena:I'm looking for the man of the house..

She replied with a lot of arrogance and Maduo wondered why she was this rude. What did she do to the poor girl.

Maduo:Why?and who are you?

Serena:Well...

She smiled evilly as she saw the diamond ring on the girl's finger and her protruding belly. So she was pregnant?

Serena:I'm sorry..

She started off in a much softer tone and Maduo frowned.

Serena:I didn't start this off on a good note..

Maduo chuckled softly. That was when Serena saw how beautiful she looked when she smiled.

Maduo:It's okay..

Serena:My name is Serena and I'm his girlfriend...

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At the farm

Maduo frowned. Reba married her and he had a girlfriend.

Maduo:Askies?

Serena:I'm his girlfriend..

She clapped her hands.

Maduo:Wait here..I want to hear something.

She walked to the kitchen

Reba:And I'm done...who is it?

Maduo:Your girlfriend..

Reba:I don't have a girlfriend, I have a wife..

Maduo:Then who is..(trying to remember the girl's name)Ser something..Series or was it Sere..just Sere sonething..

Reba:and you believe her?

Maduo:I don't know what to believe..

He walked towards her and lifted her head up.

Reba:Maduo ya go mo raya o re setlhako go lela sa gago ha ebile a ska batla go ntlwaela o ka gobala..

The seriousness in his tone had her looking at him.

Reba:I didn't mean to scare you angel but can I be honest with you?

She nodded.

Reba:She's just a farm julia who was..

He was disgusted that she even said she was his girlfriend.

Reba:Who wants me. And I don't. I have you so..

He shrugged and looked at her.

Maduo:Okay. Let me go deliver the message.

She walked away and went to the door. She flashed a cute smile.

Maduo:Serenity thank you sweetie but whatever services you rendered to him will no longer be valid from today...

Serena:What do you mean? I can't see him? And the name is Serena..

Maduo:Yes.

She nodded her head with a smile.

Serena:You just accepted that he cheated?

Maduo:Did he?

She pulled an innocent face.

Maduo:Anyhow if he did cheat how is he in bed? You would know Serenity..

Serena's eyes flickered around. How was she going to answer this?

Maduo:Thought so..well he said I should deliver this message..

She looked at her again.

Maduo:What were his exact words?oh. Setlhako go lela same ka moo and gatwe o tla ga o gobala..yep. bye Serene..

She closed the door and walked back to the kitchen.

She sat down on the chair. Being on her feet was tiring.

Maduo:Do girls always throw themselves at you?

Reba:More or so..

Maduo:Wow.

He took the food to the lounge and came back to the kitchen.

He helped her up on her feet and they walked back to the lounge.

Reba:Eat..

She took the plate and she started with the fresh chips.

Maduo:Yoh..they are so nice. Great food by the way..

Reba:Thanks..

Thabiso walked in minutes later and he headed to the kitchen where he had his food just to give the two privacy.

Later that afternoon

Once Maduo fell asleep Reba walked out of the room. He was fighting with his conscience about telling her the truth. What really happened in their marriage and that everything was not as rosy as she thought it was.

She walked outside and he talked to Thabiso for a few minutes. He was about to leave and they went over what they discussed in the morning.

Thabiso:I think with the distance,by tomorrow morning they will be here..

Reba:I hope so..there is a still a lot that has to be done..

Thabiso:Yes.

The truck started and Thabiso fixed his seatbelt. Reba waved as the driver reversed..

He walked back to the house and he turned on his heel. Where should he find Serenity? She is just about to annoy him and ruin the only chance he has with his wife.

He walked around the farm looking for her and her found her sitting on a chair under the shade.

He folded his arms and looked at her.

Reba:Do you know me?

She nearly jumped at the deep voice that spoke. She turned her head and looked at him. This man was hot.

Serena:I..I..

Reba:You do know I can still fire your parents? And I don't care how much they need the money

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He said with an evil glint in his eyes. He honestly didn't want anything threatening his happiness with Maddy.

Serena:My parents didn't do anything. I..

Reba looked at his watch.

Reba:Consider them fired. They have till evening to leave my farm. And you'll tell them yourself. Have a good day.

He walked away and Serena quickly stood up on her feet and jogged to catch up with him.

Serena:Not my parents..I'm sorry. I was out of line. I..what I said was a lie..

Reba:I don't have time for this.

With that he kept on walking and Serena anxiously bit her lower lip. She just cost her parents their jobs all because she wanted a hot man. He was soo evil. Her parents did nothing..

How will she explain the fact that they lost their jobs all because of her? They have been very good parents to her and..she just held back the tears that burned at the back of her eyes...

She walked back to the house as she tried to find ways of getting out of this one..

Reba walked back into the house. Maybe once she wakes up he was going to show her around the farm. It then clicked that Sasha had been here when she was young, so he went to his parent's old room. He found a long dress and he checked for his mother's boots. He figured it will do for now. The clothes were okay and that was all that was available. He honestly didn't bring her clothes along with when he came here.

He walked back to the room and she was still peacefully taking her nap. He loved and he swore that this time he won't hurt her ever again. He watched her breath softly and he found himself smiling.

He walked out. He had to do something in the meantime and what better way to pass time than head to the stables. His love for horses

had come back ever since he came back to the farm.

Two hours later

Maduo woke up all alone in thw room and she looked around. She saw the dress and boots. He did find something for her. She got out of bed and went to the bathroom to check if her underwear was dry.

She got dressed and the boots were two sizes bigger and she felt weird but that had to do. She got out of the room and she decided to start exploring the farmhouse. It had a homey vibe and it was peaceful and quiet. She liked it here. She knew she never like going to the farm unless she was with her dad just to go see the books but here it seemed quite peaceful.

She walked into the slightly ajar room and she squinted her eyes. She shook her head. Her life with no glasses was just a lie.

She walked around the room and she spotted a guitar. She picked it up and just struck a chord. It sounded horrible. She was about to put it down but she saw a white thing inside.

She just moved it till the folded paper fell from inside.

She opened it and read the small note.

'Dear Rebabedi

Don't lose yourself to the point that you forget who you are. String these chords..

Love your idol since you've started to call me your idol.

K.Kgosi aka your father..'

She smiled reading it. It was from his father. She just held the guitar in her small hands and she struck yet another chord. She was useless when it came to this but it seemed as if Reba knew.

She placed it on the bed and she walked to the dresser. She picked the photo and looked at them. They looked so happy. She smiled.

She placed the photo down and she walked to the bed. She picked up the note and the guitar. She walked to the bedroom holding those and she just held the guitar in her hands.

She closed her eyes and she could picture Reba playing the instrument.

Reba walked into the house and he headed to the kitchen. He made a quick snack for her, in case she was awake. She will have to forgive him if she wants more. He will make a proper meal for her by dinner time.

He held the tray in his hands and walked to the bedroom.

He used his foot to push the door open. The first thing he saw was the guitar she was holding. He placed the tray down and looked at her.

Reba: Where did you get that? You should put it back..

Maduo opened her eyes and she was lost as to why he was worked up all of a sudden.

Maduo:Hi. I didn't hear you come in.

Reba:Where did you get that?

Maduo:I looked around and found this.

She said indicating to the guitar. She picked up the note and gave it to him.

Maduo:I found that inside the guitar and sorry for reading it..

Reba held the note and just read it. He sighed sadly. This guitar brings back a lot of memories. The last time he saw that guitar was when they were together as a family and he was playing it for them at the bonfire.

Maduo:I'm sorry if I'm prying but from the note it seems like you know how to play the guitar..

Reba felt bad for taking out his frustrations on her. She was clueless and she was just being inquisitive about everything.

Reba:It's been years. I don't think I should. Let me go put it back.

Maduo:It's okay. You can play it for me..just a few chords.

He looked at her..

Maduo:Please. And maybe a few verses..

She looked at him with those eyes that usually made it hard for someone to say no to her.

He wanted to say no. This was...he hasn't done a lot in years because of the memories attached to those activities.

Maduo:Help me remove the boots,they are two

sizes bigger.

He removed her shoes and she tried to sit cross legged on the bed.

Reba:Is it okay to sit like that? I mean with the..

Maduo:I feel okay..

She handed him the guitar.

Maduo:Please..

He sat down on the bed next to him and he held the guitar. His last memory of his dad holding it came to mind and he bit his lower lip. Maduo looked at him and saw the many emotions on his face. Maybe she shouldn't have asked him to play it for her..

He struck a chord and chuckled.

Reba:I'm a bit rusty..

He said as he blinked.

Maduo:It's okay(soft voice)

He finally found a rhythm as his fingers moved across the strings.

Reba:You said a song?

She nodded. His voice was a bit shaky.

Reba:Ok. I'm a bit old fashioned.

She nodded again as she looked at him..

He started playing the guitar softly. He was focused on it and she watched him in fascination. He said he was crusty but he played it so well..

Reba: Would you dance if I asked to dance?

Would you run and never look back?

Would you cry if you saw me crying?

Would you save my soul tonight?

He smiled sadly as he looked at her and the genuity in his voice touched her deep in her heart of hearts and although she forgot him,the emotions in his voice were that of a man in love and he was a good singer too..

Reba: would you tremble if I touched your lips?

Would you laugh?oh please tell me this.

Now would you die?for the the one you love?

Hold me in your arms tonight

He lightly rubbed her lower lip before he used his thumb to wipe a tear that fell. She didn't realise whe was shedding a few tears. He pecked her lips softly.

Reba: I can be your hero baby,I can kiss away the pain.

I will stand by you forever,you can take my breath away

He paused as he looked at her. He lifted her head up and french kissed her lips. She let him as she was starting to enjoy the kiss.

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#120

At the farm

He put the guitar down and he went back to her lips. He held her cheeks with his hands. She wrapped her arms around his neck and he broke the kiss.

Reba:I know you don't remember a lot but I love you Mrs Kgosi..

She nodded. He pecked her lips and smiled looking at her.

Reba:Come. I want to show you around.

She let go of him as he got off the bed and

helped her wear the shoes. He helped her up on her feet and held her hand.

Maduo:Where are we going?

Reba:I'm showing you around the farm..

Maduo:Okay..Well I am not a fan of farms but this one looks peaceful.

Reba:with a lot of memories(under his breath)

Maduo:What was that?

Reba:Nothing..

They walked out and he led her to the stables.

Maduo:Horses?

Her eyes lit up. She doesn't know how to ride one but these ones looked pretty.

Reba:Yep.

Maduo:I don't know how to ride. My dad has a handful of horses and they are not for riding.

Reba:Really?

Maduo:Yep. He is more into livestock.
Cattle,goats and pigs. Things like that. Where is he?

Reba:He will be back with help..

They walked along the stables and she saw a pretty horse.

Maduo:It looks nice..I like the sort of diamond on it's head.

Reba patted the horse.

She liked it's blonde mane and tail and how it contrasted with it's colour.

Reba:It's called a Palomino..

Maduo:That's it's name?

Reba:No..the breed. It doesn't have a name yet.

Maduo:ooh..Can I name it?

Reba:If you want..

Maduo:Maybe..Emerald?

Reba:Why?

Maduo:I like the name..Can I get in top of it?

Reba:You're pregnant Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo:I'm not riding it or anything. Just this once..

Reba:Okay..

He released Emerald from the stall and he patted her back.

Reba:Your new owner wants to ride you..

He said as Maduo brought her hand to it's mouth. It licked her hand and she giggled.

Maduo:This is cute.

Reba:You're cute..

She blushed as she looked at the horse. Reba picked her up.

Maduo:I'm not heavy?

Reba:Not really.

He gently placed her on the horse's back and she giggled.

Maduo:This...is wow!

He held the horse's neck as he led it outside.

Maduo was enjoying the horse's back and it was a new experience. He seemed to be good with horses too.

Maduo's face scrunched.

Maduo:Wait..

Reba stopped the horse as Maduo held her tummy. She touched it again and she felt it.

Maduo:Tshwara ha..

She took his hand and placed it on her tummy.

Reba felt the kick and looked at her with teary eyes.

Reba:did they just??

She nodded.

Maduo:Well they seem to get stronger..

Reba held on as he felt his kids kick for the first time in their mother's belly.

He looked at her. Did she know she was carrying precious cargo?

Reba:Thank you.

Maduo smiled. He chuckled tearfully as the kicks stopped. He was assured that the kids were fine now..

Reba walked slowky matching the horse's pace and they walked into the sunset.

At Bobonong

The truck driver dropped Thabiso off at his

house. He thanked the man and got out with the cellphones. Reba was not lying and he saw the dead snakes at the scene of the accident. He would have to call the insurance company and all to sort through the paperwork.

He knocked at the door. It was late and maybe Precious was asleep. She was most probably worried.

The door opened and Precious held her mouth.

Precious:You're okay...

She hugged him immediately.

Thabiso:I'm good,don't worry about me.

She just held him tightly as tears streamed down her eyes.

Thabiso:It's okay. I'm still going to live for a long time..

Precious:I was worried about you guys..

She broke the tight hug and wiped her tears.

Precious:Where's Maduo..

Thabiso:Let me come in and we can talk.

She moved from the door and let him come in. He sat on the couch and placed the two cellphones on the table. Precious wiped her tears. She had been so worried about them. She needed to hear it from Thabiso that their baby and her babies were okay.

Thabiso:Maddy is okay. She is at the farm with Rebabedi.

Precious:Reba has a farm?

Thabiso:I was shocked as you are but he saved us..

Precious:The healer mentioned that.

Thabiso went on to tell her how the accident happened and that currently Maddy has amnesia.

Precious:Really?

Thabiso:She really has amnesia. She forgot the past 3 years of her life.

Precious:She is safe?

Thabiso:She is..

He picked his phone and checked how much power it had. It was enough to make a few phonecalls.

Thabiso:Can I call a few people and then take a bath? I'm tired.

She nodded.

He took his phone and dialed Kgosi.

Kgosi:Hello..

Thabiso:Thabiso here...

He went on to narrate the same thing and he passed on Rebabedi's request to them.

He took the folded paper from his pocket and dialed the number.

Thabiso:Hello..Tyler?

Tyler:yeah?

He recognized the voice.

Thabiso:Take note of this number amd call it in the morning booking an appointment on behalf of Maddy..

He spelt out the number.

Tyler:Got it..Tomorrow morning?

Thabiso:Yeah..

He hung up. He was done. He needed to rest. This was stressful and he really hoped Maduo regains her memory.

At the Farm..

Serena sat on the couch and looked at both her parents. She bit her lower lip.

She didn't know how to tell them that her parents had been fired. It was way past evening now and she was scared that he would knock on the door and ask them to leave his farm.

Serena: Mom, dad..

Ra Serena: Yes?

She swallowed a heavy lump.

Serena: Ummm.. I am so sorry.

Ma Serena: What's wrong? Talk to us..

Serena: I did something..

They looked at each other before they looked at her.

Serena: I'm sorry.. I was being selfish.

Ra Serena:What did you do?

Serena sighed.

She told them how she tried to seduce Reba and how he warned her on the first attempt.

She went on to tell them about how she lied to his wife..

Ma Serena:And here I thought you had good intentions when you went on to give him food. The snake that bit you saw how evil you were..

Ra Serena:Disappointed. Thought we raised you better than that.

She looked down in shame.

Ma Serena:a reye o ye go kopa maitshwarelo monna mxm(let's go so that you can ask for forgiveness)

She stood up looking down.

Her father shook his head. This job was their livelihood and they have been living on the farm for years. Where would they find other jobs at this old age?

They stood up and walked out of the house with Serena..

At Rebabedi's farmhouse

She rolled her eyes to the back of her head as he slid in. This felt familiar. So familiar. She moaned his name as he started to thrust in and out of her. She closed her eyes as images of them on a bed doing the same thing flashed in her mind.

Maduo:Mmhhh..

He kissed her lips and she moaned into them.

A door knock interrupted the moment and she opened her eyes to look at him.

Maduo:Ah..um..the door..(moaning)

Reba:You haven't come yet..they will have to wait..

He said as he kept on hitting her with deep slow strokes.

At the door,they could hear the moans and Serena wanted to cover her ears.

Ma Serena:I think we should come back later.

Ra Serena:I think so too..let's go..

With that they pulled Serena and headed to their house.

Maduo screamed his name as she came. Reba

couldn't hear the door knock anymore.

He came shortly after her and he slid out of her. He watched her leak of his come. He pecked her lips. She looked exhausted as she caught her breath.

She looked at him and closed her eyes. A few images came to mind and she opened her eyes and looked at him again. She wasn't sure if it was her imagination or memory.

Maduo:Ummm(breathing)

Reba smiled looking at her.

Maduo caught her breath before she can start talking again..

A few minutes later she had placed her head on his chest and it felt normal. Too normal. She couldn't believe that she slept with him even

though she...

Maduo:Reba?

Reba:Hmm?

Maduo:Who is Star?

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At the farm

Maduo looked at him waiting for an answer.

Reba sat upright and she still kept her eyes on him.

Reba:I think you're slowly regaining your memory.

He breathed in. He knew that there was a possibility and she will hate him more if he dare lie to her about everything.

Maduo:I asked a question.

Reba:An ex...

She just looked at him.

Maduo:What really happened in the past?

Reba:A lot of things. I fucked up so bad and you walked out on me..

He said as he waited to see her reaction.

Maduo:Was it something that hurt me?

Reba:Yes. A whole lot. We separated..

She tried to think but she remembered nothing.

Maduo:Tell me about it all..Maybe I will remember..

Reba:I cheated..

Her heart broke. He cheated? She nodded.

Maduo:Okay.

He cheated. Cheated...

She just rubbed her temples. Okay. He cheated. Star is an ex. He cheated.

The pain in her heart from that mere fact felt familiar too. Cheating..

She closed her eyes and all of a sudden she opened her eyes.

She snapped her fingers.

Maduo:Toni...toni..I think I saw that name on a phone..

He sadly nodded.

Reba:That's the girl I cheated on you with..

And that broke her heart more.

Maduo:if you cheated,was I lacking something?

He shook his head.

Reba:No. It was all my fault love. Sleep.

Whatever questions you have,I will answer them in the morning as honestly as I can.

She nodded as she placed her head back on his chest.

Did she forgive him? She didn't know. But at least he was being honest with her and didn't use her amnesia to his advantage. She loved honesty. She yawned softly and closed her eyes.

Reba laid awake as he looked at her. He expected her to cry or anything but it must be because she was blank about it all,she didn't

know how to react to it all.

He messed up and from hereon it was time to be honest to her and himself.

The following morning

Reba was woken up by the whirring of the helicopter.

They had to go. He got out of bed, wore his sweatpants and boots. He looked at her sleeping. He walked out of the bedroom. He hoped they had what he asked them to bring.

He walked out and he used he looked into the distance. They had landed on the plain piece of land.

He started walking towards the direction of the helicopter.

Meanwhile inside the farmhouse Maduo woke up to an empty bed. She looked around before she called out his name.

Maduo:Reba? Rebabedi??

There was no answer. She got out of bed and walked to the bathroom. Maybe she will get clean and see what today holds. She just decided to let last night's revelations be. She will get stressed out if she dwells on it too much.

Reba got to the helicopter and he fist bumped with Tyler.

Reba:Thank you.

Tyler:I directed the pilot and here are the clothes. The appointment is booked and the doctor lady said she is ready for you guys. I

think we are only going to take 30 minutes or less on air. She said she can fly for now..

Reba:I owe you a whole lot.

Tyler:Brotherhood man..

Reba:Give us 30 minutes and we leave..

Tyler:sure..but wait..are you guys serious that she lost her memory?

Reba:Dead serious..hence we need the doctor then we go see the healer shortly after that..

Tyler:Hectic..okay make it fast. We don't have all day..

Reba took the bag and he walked back to the house.

Maduo got out of the bathroom and found Reba in the bedroom.

Reba:Goodmorning.

Maduo:Morning.

Reba:I brought fresh clothes for you and they are your size,check in the bag.

She nodded as he headed into the bathroom.

She opened the bag and looked at the yellow dress. She couldn't remember where she had seen it.

She saw a few toiletry items and she held the perfume in her hand. It was one she liked. She sighed. She shouldn't try too hard to think about it all.

When Reba walked out he found her sitting on the bed. She looked at him.

Maduo:Are we going somewhere?

Reba:Yes. To the doctor's..we still have to get you checked out.

She nodded and she looked away as he got dressed. Reba chuckled. Once he was done, he grabbed his wallet. He wasn't planning on taking her to the new house. It was not even ready.

Reba: We can go now, we'll grab something to eat in town. Is that okay?

Maduo: Yeah.

She stood up and he held her waist as they walked out.

30 minutes later at Francistown Airport

Maduo held Rebabedi's hand as she stepped out of the helicopter. She had just met his cousin. He said his name was Tyler.

Reba: So I guess we have two hours to get

things done.

Tyler:We are leaving the helicopter in the airport.
Let me go into town,you guys do your stuff.

They made their way out of the airport and Reba was glad it was not that busy. Otherwise all eyes would've been on them.

He caught a cab and opened the door for her.
She got in first and Reba gave the cab driver the name of the place they are going to.

When they arrived,he paid and the driver drove away.

Maduo:I feel like I have been here before.

Reba:You have..let's go love. The doctor is waiting for us.

They walked into the hospital premises. Maduo looked around. She should stop cracking her brain in an attempt to remember what happened in the past.

They walked inside the hospital. They passed the reception on their way to Tumi's office.

Reba knocked on the door.

Tumi:Come in..

He opened the door and let Maddy walk in first. He closed the door once he was inside.

Tumi:Morning Mr and Mrs Kgosi.

Reba:morning doc.

Maduo:Morning.

The doctor looked at Reba.

Tumi:She seems lost..

Reba:That's the reason why we are here doc..

Tumi frowned. She was just told that they

booked an appointment so she guessed it had something to do with the babies.

Reba:Well doc...

And like that Reba told her the events that happened as per his father in law's statement.

Tumi looked at Reba and Maddy. She wrote down everything he said.

Tumi:Maddy can you move your hair?

She did and that was when she saw the bruise.

Tumi:She hit her head and saw her biggest phobia?

Reba:That's basically it and I found her passed out. The windows were closed..

Tumi noted that down too.

Tumi:Can you sit on the bed Maddy?

She stood up. Reba did the same as they walked to the bed at the end of the office..

He helped her get on the bed. Tumi walked to the bed.

She flashed the small torch into her eyes.

Tumi:Your name..

Maduo:Maduo Solo..Kgosi..

Tumi:She really lost 3 years of memory?

Reba:Yep...

Tumi:I can't do a CT or MRI scan because she is pregnant. An ultrasound will follow shortly to see how the babies are.

Reba:So there is nothing we can do?

Tumi:At this point from what you told me,hitting her head is the biggest contributor to the amnesia but a whole 3 years is something I have never seen before..

She paused as she wrote down on her pad.

Tumi:We might be dealing with psychogenic amnesia...

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At the hospital

Reba:Put it in layman's terms doc..

Tumi:psychogenic amnesia usually known as dissociative amnesia. It's a rare case of amnesia that stems from trauma or emotional shock. It is basically psychological. The brain

chooses to forget certain events..

Maduo just looked at her. She didn't quite follow.

Tumi:What I'm saying is that her seeing her biggest phobia might've been traumatic for her. As such she lost personal memories. It usually doesn't last that long though.

Reba:So she will be fine?

Tumi:yes. Head injuries don't cause severe amnesia hence the psychogenic amnesia..but..

They both looked at her.

Tumi:It's rare for dissociative amnesia to last for months so in a week,we should be seeing progress with her memory.

They both nodded,so there was still hope for her. She was going to get better.

Tumi:Maddy do you remember a few things from your past?

Maduo:I've started remembering a few things. Names and certain events. I get a sense of dé ja vú. Like when I walked in here today,it felt as if I've been here before.

Tumi:There is progress. With that being said can we go do an ultrasound and check the babies' progress. The routine checkup.

Maduo:Okay.

They all went to the scan room.

Tumi:The gel might be cold.

Maduo nodded as Tumi spread the gel all over her tummy. She looked at the screen the moment Tumi placed the wand on her tummy.

Tumi:They look good.

She heard the strong heartbeats amd smiled a bit.

Tumi:And healthy. Seems like they were

unaffected by the accident.

Reba looked at the screen. She was carrying his kids.

When they were done at the doctor's he held her shoulders.

Reba:What do you want to eat?

Maduo:Anything is good.

He looked at her sad face. He lifted her head up.

Reba:Why are you sad?

Maduo:I..I don't know honestly. Must be hormones. Can we go?(softly)

Reba:Sure.

They caught a taxi that took them to town. They crossed the road as they headed into the mall.

They found a place to eat at and they sat down.

He looked at her sullen face.

Reba:Baby talk to me..

She sighed.

Maduo:I don't know. Honestly.

He rubbed her hand.

Reba:Let's order and get out of here.

She nodded.

They placed an order and she looked at him.

Maduo:Can I borrow your phone?

Reba took out his phone and handed it to her. She saw herself on his screen and that made her smile a bit. She didn't know what she was looking for but she just went to his WhatsApp.

He didn't have a lot of contacts. Hell he had less than twenty contacts and they were all family and she saw a particular contact written Dr. She clicked on the conversation and she just read it

all as fast as she could. She frowned. There had been a mention of drugs in the conversation. Did he do drugs?

She just shook her head and clicked on the conversation he had with her. Well she was guessing it was her looking at the dp. She read the messages and she smiled. The messages were sweet and heartwarming but it looked like there had been no communication for over a month. Was it maybe because of the cheating?

Reba watched the play of emotions on her face. He didn't know what she was looking for in particular.

Maduo moved to the gallery and she scrolled down the pictures. It was pictures of them. Happy and in love. By the look of things it seemed as if this man was her world. She

smiled as she played a video of them eating on the couch. She lowered the volume. He was throwing popcorn at her telling her to stop shooting but she didn't mind.

She laughed softly as she stared at the phone screen.

He was busy saying Mma Kgosi stop it while she just laughed at him. He always looked this good neh..

She played another video and by the looks of it she was the one who shot it.

"Guys meet the love of my life Rebabedi..Baby say hi to the camera tlhe..don't be grumpy..smile for me.."

She smiled. He just looked away and she had somehow cornered him into talking. They had a lot of pictures together yoh.

She lifted her head.

Maduo:Reba?

Reba:Hmm?

Their order arrived and she waited for the waiter to walk away.

She showed him the video.

Reba:You like pictures a whole lot.

Maduo:Was it ever uploaded.

Reba:You never upload videos of us. For privacy love. We don't need people knowing what we do behind closed doors. You were just trying what those Youtubers do on me..

She chuckled.

Maduo:Really?

Reba:Really.

He took the phone from her and went to Facebook. He clicked on her account and gave

her the phone.

Reba:That's your Facebook account.

She scrolled through the posts. He was right. And she rarely uploaded photos of him or the both of them. She had once uploaded his hand though.

The only picture of her pregnant was a few days ago.

Maduo:I had a party?

Reba:Yes. Your nineteenth..

She slowly nodded. She was with Rethabile. She looked nice. It was weird to see herself but not remember doing any of the things in the pictures.

She put the phone down and started digging in. The food was good. Once she was done she looked up at Reba.

Maduo:Did we stay in Francistown?

Reba:Yes but currently you stay in our house at Gaborone for school.

Maduo:Let me guess..I'm doing a money related course?

Reba:Yes..

Maduo:Okay. How was my performance?

Reba:you are a good student love,you passed your tests and even though you were stressed because of my stupid mistake you still passed. A G.P.A of 4.0 is not bad at all..

She nodded.

He paid and helped her up.

Reba:We should get going.

Maduo:Where are we going?

Reba:Bobonong. We have a lot we should do.

Maduo:Ooh.

They walked out of the small restaurant holding hands and she just looked at his arms. He was strong and muscular. She will remember everything with time.

They caught yet another cab to the airport. Reba was working with time here and next stop was the healer and then tomorrow maybe family. He didn't want to overwhelm her with a lot of things all at once.

An hour later

At Bobonong

They walked into the Kgosi household. No one was around as per his instructions. They just

needed to see the healer for now.

Maduo: Is this where you live? Wait..Kgosi..as in our vilage chief?

Reba nodded. She was remembering alright.

Reba: He is my grandfather.

Maduo: ooh. Okay.

They walked into the room where the healer normally consulted the family. He bowed his head and Maduo quickly followed suit. She was lost. She looked at him with questioning eyes and he just mimed 'go with the flow'

She nodded still confused. What was going on?

He sat down and Madu did too.

Healer: You did good by coming here.

Reba nodded.

The healer looked at Maduo who was honestly swimming through a pool of confusion.

Healer:We're happy that she and the babies are safe..so let's get to it.

He did his incantations and he just touched her shoulder with the stick. Maduo just quietly watched. The healer looked at her wrists and noticed the band was still there. He will add two more and tomorrow they will have to do a ceremony.

He closed his eyes for a minute before he looked at her.

Healer:She lost her memory?

Reba:Yes.

Healer:She will be fine. That accident was an attack..

Maduo's ears perked up and Reba listened carefully.

Healer:We need more protection. It seems as if

the witches of this village know what she is carrying..

Reba:Hence those snakes. The scene was just..

Healer:I saw it afterwards..

He nodded and Maduo's heartbeat increased.

Healer:Don't worry child. We are sorting this once and for all at tomorrow's ceremony.

She nodded. Witches and what was she carrying?

Healer:You have questions but you will remember in due time. What we have to focus on is protection and dealing with the witches.

She just nodded as he said his incantations..

A WEEK LATER

At Precious's house

Maduo rubbed her tummy as she sat in the bathtub. He said he was picking her up and they were going to do something fun but she didn't know how to tell him. She sighed as she eventually got out of the water.

She was careful not to slip. The witches were dealt with and she and her babies were safe. That was all that mattered at the moment. Christmas was fast approaching and she was perplexed in all honestly.

She walked to the bedroom where she slipped her ring on and tied her hair. She wore a long dress and a jacket. She didn't want to get cold at all.

She looked at her phone and scrolled through all their messages throughout this week. She sighed as she slipped her feet into fur slippers. Her feet were killing her.

A door knock sounded through the house. Precious held Kgotso against her hip as she went to open the door.

Reba walked in.

Reba:Dumelang.

Precious:Hey. She is coming.

Reba:Thank you.

Precious nodded as she walked away. She passed by Maddy's room and knocked on the door.

Maduo:come in.

Precious:My son in law is waiting for you..

Maduo:okay mama..

Precious headed to Kgotso's nursery where she placed the smiling baby down.

Maduo walked out of the bedroom holding her phone. She headed to the lounge and flashed a cute smile when she saw him.

Reba:Hey Mma Kgosi..

Maduo:Hello..

Reba:Ready when you are.

Maduo:Where are we going?

Reba:Just come.

She walked to him and he held her hand.

Maduo:Mama we're gone(shouting)

Precious:Okay(shouting back)

He led her to the car and she got inside. She didn't know where they were going.

He drove for minutes and she just looked at him. She closed her eyes for a few seconds before she opened them again.

He finally parked the car. She looked out the window.

Maduo:Where are we?

Reba:Somewhere secluded.

He got out of the car and went to open the door for her.

He helped her get out of thw car and held her waist. He walked to the car boot and opened it. He put the basket in the car.

They both sat down. The car went down a bit and she smiled.

Maduo:I'm heavy shem..

Reba:With a good reason..

She hit his shoulder.

Maduo:You're supposed to compliment me and say I'm not fat.

Reba:I'm sorry(smiling)

He just held her close as they stared at the sunset. It was serene out here. Peaceful and calm. She could feel her body relaxing as they watched the change of colours from the pinkish hue to the orange. This was golden. She looked up at him. She looked into his eyes and her heartstrings tugged. She hoped she was going to be doing the right thing.

He caught her looking at him. He just pecked her pouted lips.

Reba:I love you autwe?

She nodded and she stared straight ahead. He rubbed her arms through the material of her jacket.

Maduo:Reba?(softly)

He looked at her.

Reba:Yes?

Maduo:I remember....

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At the unknown location

Maduo:I remember....

Rebamedi looked at her.

Reba:Okay..

They both kept quiet as they stared at the sunset. Maduo sighed.

Maduo:What do we do from hereon?

Reba:It's still entirely up to you Maddy. I did you wrong and you know that.

Maduo:I know. I know a part of me will always remember what you did but...

She paused thoughtfully as he looked at her.

Maduo:I'm willing to work this out.

His eyes lit up.

Reba:Really?

She nodded tearfully as she placed her head on his shoulder.

Maduo:I love you and I don't think I will stop loving you..

Reba: Thank you Mrs Kgosi. You have no idea what this means to me.

Maduo: We will be fine I guess.

A bout of silence passed before she looked at him. She wanted to ask.

Maduo: Reba?

Reba: Yes love?

Maduo: I know what I did was invasion of privacy but you remember last week when you handed me your phone?

He nodded.

Maduo: I kind of opened your messages and came across one with a contact named Dr...

She paused to gauge his reaction but there was none.

Maduo: I kind of read something about drugs..

She said a bit unsure.

Reba sighed. Should he tell her? She won't use anything against him?

Maduo saw him fighting with himself and she just waited.

Reba:It's a complicated matter.

Maduo:Uncomplicate it for me..

Reba:Remember when I said I have a past?

She nodded. She bit down the guilt that she had in regards to doubting him that day on her birthday. This week she had started to add 2 and 2 together. So he was just in the farm but doing what? She didn't know.

Reba:It's related to that..

Maduo:Ooh..

Reba sighed.

Reba:Can whatever we talk about stay between

us? And don't use what I'm about to tell you against me..

He seemed serious and she nodded. Her lips were sealed.

Reba:The main reason men never talk about anything is that once a woman knows his weakness,they will use it against him.

Maduo:I hear you..

She has read about a thread of that nature on Facebook and that was the reason why many men commit suicide.

Reba:This is going to be weird and awkward..

Maduo:It's okay. If you don't want to tell me it's good. I'll understand.

Reba:If I don't tell you,I don't think I'll be able to tell you ever.

Maduo:Ok. Take your time.

Reba:Where should I start?

Maduo:Anywhere is good..

Reba:Let's start at 14..

She nodded.

Reba:I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth which is common knowledge. Fuck! I even felt like a god because of the Kgosi name. Whatever I wanted,I could have access to it.

Maduo looked at him.

Reba:You could say I was obnoxious. Didn't care about most people,just family. And it's still the same till know..at 14 I started drugs..

She gasped,she never expected to hear that Reba could do drugs.

Reba:(chuckling)mamacita that's the first part of it..

Maduo:Yoh. Okay. Continue...

Reba:Obviously I had money to afford to buy drugs. I was doing coke and heroine..yeah. To me weed was too cheap..

Maduo could understand a bit. Private school kids had a tendency to do these stuff. She did know a few of her classmates who were into drugs just cause they can and want to.

Reba:Me and Tyler are the same age. He is just a few months older and I introduced him to drugs..

He laughed it off a bit.

Reba:Well my father found out. He is late. Kgololo..

She listened attentively.

Reba:We got the beating of our lives...

Maduo laughed softly.

Maduo:To set you guys on the straight and

narrow?

Reba:Something like that so we stopped for like two months before we started buying the stuff again. We usually took it during weekends till we started becoming addicts to the stuff..Tyler had to seek therapy that time to stop the addiction. We were fifteen I think...

Maduo:And you?

Reba:Well..I just stopped using and refused therapy. I was so stubborn and my dad gave up on me going to therapy. He decided to take me to the farm and he took time off work..I had some pretty hectic withdrawal symptoms...

Maduo looked at him. That was hectic.

Reba:School was not really a problem for me so I got over the addiction there. The same farm that you found yourself at last week.

Maduo tried to do the math. That's why Tyler was speaking about healing. That farm..

Reba:when I was getting better he taught me how to play the guitar and he got me my very first one and we got closer than ever. Like really close. I even developed an interest over horses and did more research on the breeds,hell I even chose which ones to breed and which ones to leave...

Maduo:That's nice. Your father was more like a hero.

Reba:He was my idol. More than a hero.

A moment of silence passed between them.

Reba:Well time passed and we were such a happy family. A really happy one. It was not as if we were never happy,my drug addiction had put a temporary halt to the happiness but things went back to normal. We went to the farm often as a family and it was fun. Life was good. At 16 I found out I had a chosen wife but I just let it

slide because I was still a teen. Who had time for thinking about wives at that age...

He looked at her.

Reba:No offence love..

Maduo:None taken..

Reba:Uhhh..then 17 happened..

He swallowed a heavy lump. That was really the trauma that shaped his whole fucking life and one he can't seem to forget..

Reba's lips shook slightly as he faced the other side. Maduo just placed her small hands on his cheeks.

Maduo:Talk to me..

She made him turn to face her and she saw the pain in his hazel eyes. She just held his cheek. She was curious to know what happened but she wasn't gonna push him to tell her. If he wants to tell her,he will..

She just placed her head on his chest.

Maduo:It's okay...

Reba just held her as he blinked back tears. He was really crying. Good God!!

Maduo lifted her head and looked at him. Her heart broke. She had once said he was a liar,he was just going to purge his cheating ways but looking at him,she swallowed her words.

She had judged him harshly and she suspected the reason he had left her at the party was that her words had somehow hurt him but he let her hurt him because he knew he hurt her which on it's own was not right..

Reba:Uhm..Stuff happened(shaky voice)

She nodded.

Reba bit his lower lip as he swallowed tearfully. This was a part of the past he didn't want to

revisit.

Maduo just used her hands to hold his face.

Maduo:Whatever it is..I'm sorry..

She just placed his head on his thighs.

Maduo:I won't judge. For better or for worse.

Forever and always. In times of health and sickness. For eternity I guess..You don't have to second guess yourself whether to trust me or not. I'm here. Always..

She just blinked back tears. Her strong man was breaking and she never saw behind the façade or persona.

Maduo just placed her head on his back. She ignored her back pain for now.

Maduo:I will always fight your battles with you..Always..

Rebabedi just held back the tears. He shouldn't be breaking down. He was dealing with it but

telling his wife was another thing. And he didn't know how she was going to look at him after this.

He just lifted his head and he saw the tears in her eyes.

Reba:Now why are you crying?

She shook her head.

Maduo:Nothing..Just place your head on my thighs. It's not about me here..(chuckling tearfully)

He used his thumb to wipe her tears.

Reba:I'm good. Where were we?

Maduo:For once do as I tell you..

He chuckled as he placed it on her thighs.

Maduo:Now you can tell me..

Reba:At 17 Tyler and I were kidnapped.

She placed her other hand on her heart. She didn't quite like this. Kidnapped?

Reba:Turns out they were my father's enemies and were planning on destroying the empire and him. Just basically fuck up the whole Kgosi clan..

He paused and she just gently rubbed his broad back.

Reba:Uhm..they tortured us..(holding back tears)

Maduo's heart caught in her throat. Torture? To 17 year olds? How cruel could people be?

Reba:At first they used physical torture. Starving us,beatings with whips. Overtime we got used to that..

He swallowed painfully.

Maduo:It's okay..

She didn't know what he was about to say next.

Reba:Uhm...They started..

He breathed heavily as the tears fell on their own accord and the memories came out to play...he remembered begging them not to do that. That they will get what they want..

Maduo's tears fell as she felt the wetness on her dress. He was crying. This just tore her heart..

Reba:Uhm..They...(shaky voice)

He couldn't say it. All that they said brought more tears and just like that he was that 17 year old boy again. Helpless and powerless. He had no control over anything that happened. In his mind he was back at that dirty room all bone now..weak,defenceless and not man enough..

Reba:They...r..raped..

Before he could finish Maduo's tears were

already running down her cheeks. The salty water met at her chin as she placed her shaky hand over her mouth..

Reba just silently let the tears fall. This was part of the healing process..

Minutes passed and she finally wiped her tears. She rubbed his back as she placed her chin on his back.

Maduo:I didn't know...Oh God!!(tearfully)

More tears filled her eyes.

Reba just swallowed painfully. It was all coming back and this was the purging that needed to take place.

Reba:Did I tell you that we were kidnapped for a whole year..

She didn't know if her heart had to break over and over again because this was just too much.

Reba:They would do it ever...everyday and...

He paused as he tried to block the memories. Those taunting words. The roughness to the point that they would bleed. He wanted to die at that point..

Reba:I helped Tyler escape so that he could go get help..And they found out..it got worse..everything tripled..

This time Maduo just held him as she felt him trembling slightly. Her big man was breaking. He had been a broken man with a broken past. One that was too hard to deal with..

Maduo:I'm so sorry...(crying)They are monsters..God Reba..

She shouldn't be the one breaking. But it was too much for her weak heart..her chest was so tight and she could just imagine what he went through..

Reba went silent as Maduo sobbed. He didn't mean to make her cry..

Reba:Two months later,I was close to death. So so close when my father showed up with backup. He had connections and apparently they had been sending him videos of what they had been doing to us...

Maduo shook her head. This...

Reba:But they couldn't pinpoint the location. But anyway in the process of saving me,they killed him. Right in front of my eyes and I couldn't do anything to save my idol...

This time his voice got really shaky..

Reba:They killed the only man I looked up to. Just a few gunshots ended his life and I couldn't do anything to save him Maddy...They killed him...he is gone..I watched him die...I watched him bleed from those multiple gunshots..And I was weak. I wasn't man enough

to save him..I let him down...(crying)Kgololo is never coming back and it hurts...I still needed him..

Maduo just cried and it hurt her more that he was in pain. Just hearing him cry was another kind of pain she hadn't experienced.

Reba:I still need my father Maddy...I'm lost without him..

His voice broke her already broken heart..and he had kept this inside for years. He never told her anything. He had cared for her and was always there for her with no complaint whatsoever yet he harboured pain. He had been hiding the brokenness in him. She was so selfish. She wanted it to be all about her but she never really observed him...

His cry bellowed into the early night and she

just kept on wiping her tears. She rubbed his back till he was silent.

Reba:I was taken to hospital and I had sustained a lot of injuries. I attended his funeral in a wheelchair. I was so so weak..

This was so heart wrenching.

He sniffed.

Reba:And ever since his funeral I have never ever gone to his grave till recently.

She just wiped her tears.

Reba:well..After a few months in hospital I took off for Canada. I met Star there and I was already back to drugs...And I used BDSM as a way to get my control back. To try and hide what happened. Got my back tattoo to hide the scars..it's a miracle that I managed to graduate top class at school really..

He sighed with a heavy chest.

Maduo:You never got therapy?

He shook his head.

Reba:I figured I didn't need that. I cut the drug addiction when I arrived here and I took over the company. I felt in control of everything again. I had long cut communication with Tyler. We just reconnected when I was in Jwaneng that time and in all honesty,I was running away. I didn't do love Maddy..

She just nodded as she sniffed..

He lifted his head up and looked at her red eyes. He used his thumb to wipe her tears.

Reba:I cheated for the sex,the power and dominance. You lacked nothing love. I have unresolved issues..(sighing)I am seeing a psychologist so it will be fine. I'll be good..

She looked at him.

Maduo:Can I attend with you?

Reba:If you want to..

She nodded.

Maduo:You haven't been taking drugs ever since Canada?

He looked down.

Reba:I slipped. When you asked me to give you space back in Gaborone..I overdosed when I got home..

She rubbed her chest.

Reba:Nearly died from the overdose but luckily my psychologist came back in time and I was rushed to hospital so that they can pump the drugs out of my system. I used sex as a coping mechanism and since I wasn't going to cheat anymore I bought some snow. Just to take the edge and pain away. Whiskey wasn't strong

enough..

She didn't know how to feel. So she nearly lost him without knowing. He was fighting his battles all alone. That alone just killed her inside. So she nearly lost the father of her babies and he never said anything. He was dying inside and he let her treat him that way..she shook her head. She was starting to question if she deserved his selflessness..

All she did was take and take but she never gave. Her guilt refused to go down.

Reba:I'm okay. Tyler is good. He got therapy immediately after the whole ordeal. I'll be fine. Don't stress..

He pulled her to him and she burst into tears. She was such a selfish human being.

Reba:Maddy none of this is no one's fault. You'll stress the babies and yourself. We don't want you having a panic attack. Breath..

He said when he noticed that she was struggling to breath..

He just held her in his arms..

An hour later he had wrapped her up in a fleece blanket as they watched the stars.

Her throat was so dry from the crying and she could feel a slight headache..

He just got the basket and took out a bottle of water.

He handed her the bottle and she thanked him with her eyes.

She gulped it down and when the bottle was at half she handed him the bottle.

She wanted to say something. Anything to

break the silence.

Maduo:What did you mean when you said you want to apologize the right way?

Reba:Family meeting and being fined and all.

She nodded.

Maduo:Don't. Can it stay between us? I don't want a case where the elders will be whispering in my ear. Some will say I should leave cause a leopard never changes it's spot and things like that..

Reba:Sure?

She nodded..

Maduo:We're going to be stronger after this right..And we talk..I'm so sorry I have been so selfish in our marriage. So sorry Mr Kgosi. Ke tla ipaakanya..

She still saw him as the man for her. The father of her kids. The head of the house. Nothing was

going to change that. He was her husband for better or for worse..

She placed her head on his shoulder. Her stomach rumbled and they both laughed.

Reba:You still need to be fed.

Maduo:I love you Kgosi.

Reba:I love you too Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi..

He pecked her lips.

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SIX MONTHS LATER

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At Precious's house,Bobonong

Maduo walked back inside the house after jogging around it five times. She used the small towel to wipe her sweat.

She looked at her mom who was shushing Emma.

Maduo:Yoo o rata attention.

Precious:She is calm now..

Maduo:Let me go shower first and I will help you with them.

Precious:And I think your hard work paid off..

Maduo twirled for her mother all excited.

Maduo:Figure mommy. I won't leave confinement still looking all chubby.

Precious laughed.

Precious:Go shower and come back.

Maduo:Okay.

She walked to her bedroom. Confinement for a whole three months. At least baby daddy came every week to see his babies. She sighed. She missed him. And to think when he came to visit he found her looking like a mess because she didn't sleep. His kids would start crying midnight and she would be up for hours trying to shush them. At least her brother was not a baby..he was a year old so that was one less problem.

She checked her phone and found his missed call. She called him back immediately as she walked into the bathroom. She opened the tap

amd put a stopper. She poured bath salts into the water.

He finally answered.

Maduo:Hey love,saw your missed call..

Reba:It's okay. Babe I'm coming to pick you guys tomorrow. Three months is over akere?

Maduo:Yeah..Tomorrow what time?

Reba:Anytime is tea time..

Maduo:tlherra bua nako wena..

Reba:Probably around noon..

Maduo:Cool..

A tiny cry tore through the house and she shook her head.

Maduo:you should come take your kids Mr..

Reba:(chuckling)okay. I will call later..

Maduo:Okay. I love you.

Reba:I love you more Mma Kgosi..

He hung up and she just walked to the door of the bathroom and threw her phone on the bed.

She closed the bathroom door and stripped her clothes.

She looked at her body in front of the full length mirror.

She had a curvy figure now. Niice. She held her boobs. Fortunately they weren't saggy. Guess she was different. She turned around and well the bio-oil was doing it's job. The stretch marks were fading and she smiled. She was happy. Who would believe she was a mother of two with this figure? Her tummy was almost there. Just pure raw exercise...

She walked to the tub and got inside. She closed her eyes. She will have to deal with those two later.

At Rebabedi's place

He walked around the house. The nursery was set. The funny thing is that she has never been at this house before so it was going to be nice to welcome her and the kids home.

He slid his phone out of his pocket and looked at the pictures of the babies. They made those two human beings. He punched the air. Damn...

He walked to the bedroom where he had placed a picture frame of them together next to the bed. She was going to love this. He slid his

phone in his pocket. He had to go the mall and stock up a lot of things and leave first thing tomorrow morning.

That was a plan.

At Precious's house

Maduo burped Kgololo Jr as the little boy sighed contentedly.

Maduo:At least you guys will bother your dad not me the next months..

She held him and walked to the lounge. When Emma saw her holding Kgololo Jr she just scrunched her little face.

Maduo:And you want to cry. You guys don't want to see me happy neh..

She placed the baby boy on the mat and she looked at Emma who now gave her a gummy smile.

Maduo:I said it. O rata attention gore ngwana ke wena..

She face palmed.

Her mother came back and she sat down.

Precious:They are cute..

Maduo:Very..

She said in an aaw tone as she looked at the two..

She stood up and headed to the kitchen. She wiped the bottles. The milk was warm enough. She woke up early just to pump milk. They do get the breast,just that it was easier to give both of them their bottles because the moment she starts breastfeeding one,the other will cry..

She sat on the mat and they both crawled to her.

She gave Emma her bottle first. She was fussy and she liked throwing little fits that were annoying but cute. Attention seeker.

Kgololo was calm and observant. He looked at her with those eyes that were his father's. She gave him the bottle and he held it with both his hands.

Maduo: Now I'm expecting your cooperation babies. You guys are always calm when daddy is around but he didn't carry you guys for nine months and he didn't push your heads out did he?

She said grinning as Emma laid on her back and sucked on the bottle. She used her little foot to kick her face.

Maduo: Haish..

Her mother laughed.

Precious:Leave the kids alone..

Maduo:They always betray me when their father is around..

She sat crosslegged on the mat and Kgololo placed his head on her thigh as he drank his milk peacefully.

Maduo:Mama?

Precious:Hmm?

Maduo:How long should someone like go without sex after giving birth?

Precious raised her eyebrows.

Precious:Just say 'how long am I supposed to go without sex after giving birth'..

Maduo's cheeks heated. But she wanted to know. She personally wasn't planning on sex anytime soon. Maybe after a year because the labour room is no joke..

Maduo:Okay.I..I'm talking about me.

Precious:It honestly depends on the woman but after six weeks once the stitches are healed it's okay..

Maduo:six weeks?

She nodded..

Maduo:Mama o ska bua ka di stitch..ng ng.

She shook her head. She was lucky her mother was a nurse and the grandmothers had done this botsetsi thing because the pain she was in had her crying day in and day out.

Precious:Child birth is no play.

Maduo: Yei..Yei and when they brought that metal thingy gotwe tlhogo e tswe sentle ba mpula...Mama ga wa bona pelo yame..

Precious laughed.

Maduo:And the contractions were just another thing..Ng ng..

Precious:And by the looks of it, you won't have sex anytime soon.

Maduo:Mama..I couldn't cry tears shem!and he saw that...he did this to me..I'm traumatized..

Precious:You guys can talk about it.

Maduo counted how long it has been ever since their last sexual encounter. She stopped having sex once she reached the seventh month pregnancy mark. She had been too tired and she wasn't really up for it. So her husband has been sexless for five months.

Will he wait a year just so she can get the trauma of the labour room out of her mind. But she knew him. He won't wait a year. She might as well wrap her mind around the fact that anytime from tomorrow,he is still going to show her how much he really missed her.

Precious:In all honesty it depends. On the

couple and if you feel you're ready for sex.

She said shrugging her shoulders.

Maduo just went back to the labour room.

Maduo:If I ever fall pregnant again mama,slap me for my stupidity. I can't go through all that again..

She cringed,traumatic but worth it.

Her eyes landed on the twins and she smiled a bit.

Precious:They are precious..

Maduo:Too precious..

Kgotso walked into the room and he just looked at the babies as if they are aliens.

Maduo:They are calm now,Kgotso please don't disturb them,they are going to cry again..

She told him. She picked up Kgololo as she

wiped his lips with the baby towel she had on her shoulder. He looked at her.

Maduo:Hey you cute thing..

Precious gave up. Maduo was weird.

Precious:He is a thing now?

Maduo:Mama let me be..

She spoke in gibberish and the baby smiled.

Maduo:I love you too baby..Hmmhmm..cute little thing. Mommy's likkle ngwana..

She put him down and looked at Emma who was looking at her while sucking on her bottle.

She smiled at her and she let go of the bottle and gave her a gummy little smile.

Maduo:I love you too angel..

Precious laughed. Maduo was good with the kids though. She had to give her that.

Maduo finally looked at her mother.

Maduo:Thank you ma..You said six weeks?

Precious:Yes and please note possibilities of falling pregnant again are there..

Maduo held her chest?

Maduo:Mama? Me? Pregnant? Again? Never.
That no longer concerns me. I am done. And on the issue of pregnancy do you by some chance have any morning afters. You're a nurse and all..

Precious:And who do you think you were fooling when you said after a year?

She covered her face with her hands.

Maduo:Let's just say I know someone like the back of my hand. That one year thing will not happen. Not by a long shot..and maybe after I will choose a prevention method.

Reba will not wear rubber with her. She knew it. And it will most probably feel weird to have him wearing rubber. Mxm. Why was she thinking of sex?

Precious:I think I will get them for you tomorrow morning at the hospital. Good?

Maduo:Very good.

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#125

At Precious's house

Later that night...

Maduo put the babies to sleep. Finally. She looked at them. She smiled. They made that. She couldn't believe it. She had children. Two for that matter.

She walked out and headed to her room. She threw herself on the bed and just half screamed into the pillow.

Her phone rang and she quickly answered it.

Maduo:Hello..

Reba:Not tired today?

Maduo:Rraagwe ditwin..

He chuckled and she smiled.

Reba:All thanks to you.

Maduo:At least you acknowledge me. How was your day?

Reba:Hectic..

She turned and was on her stomach as her legs went up and down.

Maduo:Care to share?

Reba:I won't bore you,are they asleep?

Maduo:Yes. You have no idea how happy I am..

Reba:do you really love my children?(laughing)

Maduo:Ijaa..potso ya gago. But anyway you are going to take care of them while I'm at school. Goodluck..

He chuckled.

Reba:Their grandma is always available.

Maduo:And I'm going to ask her if you're taking care of my babies. If you're not taking care of them really well,you're going to feel my wrath Mr Kgosi.

Reba:Is that a threat Mrs Kgosi?

Maduo:Yeah..So tomorrow around noon?

Reba:Yes love. I need to find you guys ready..

Maduo:Yes sir..

She yawned. She wanted to talk to him for an hour today but it seemed as if fatigue caught up with her.

Reba:Sleep buttercup. I love you.

Maduo:I love you and dream of me..

He chuckled.

Reba:Night Mrs Kgososi..

She hung up and yawned again. She got undercovers and closed her eyes.

Hours later small cries tore through the house and she woke up. She covered her face with the pillow while kicking the blankets.

Maduo: Hai hai hai...

She got out of bed and wore her shoes. She walked to the room and she found her dad holding Emma who couldn't stop crying..

Maduo:(yawning)thanks dad..

He nodded as he handed her a crying Emma..

Thabiso:Can I leave?

She nodded as she sat on the rocking chair and cuddled Emma.

Maduo:O bata nya nya?wena mma Ems..O ntsaya kante?(do you want to feed? Ems though..why do you do this to me?)

She just took out her boob and Emma latched on it. She raised her little fists as she sucked on it.

Maduo looked at the baby.

Maduo:o happy neh?

Emma just looked at her as she sucked on her breast.

Almost half an hour later Maduo gently put Emma back in her crib. She was asleep. She walked over to Kgololo's crib and he was awake. He just looked at her.

Maduo:Hey baby boy(in a hushed tone)Can I feed you my love..yees..come here..

She picked him and he just touched her face.

Maduo:You're always calm and it creeps me out, you know that Junior?

She sat down on the rocking chair and she gave him her other breast. He furiously latched on it.

Maduo:Whoa!so much aggressiveness wena..

She chuckled as his small hands touched her boob.

She finally put him to sleep and she tip toed out of the room. She yawned and walked to her room.

She immediately slept as soon as her head hit the pillow.

The following morning

She stretched her body yawning. She needs more sleep. She got out of bed and headed to the babies' room.

She walked around their cribs. They were still sleeping. Emma had her little thumb in her mouth. She gently removed her hand and she saw the way she scrunched her face.

Maduo:sorry mma..

She placed it back and she slept peacefully.

She walked out and headed to her room. She needed a shower.

When she was done showering she wore her underwear and wore her robe on top. She tied it tightly. She walked to the kitchen where she took the breast pumper and headed to her room. She needed to pump enough milk for the both of them then she bathes them.

At Francistown

Sasha sat down on a bench in the mall. She opened her bag looking for her car keys. Her phone rang and she just sighed. She answered it as she kept on looking for her keys.

Sasha:Hello..

Leruo:Hey yourself..

She smiled.

Sasha:Hey Leruo,how are you?

Leruo:Good. Good..

And like that they talked and she ended up focusing on talking to him instead of looking for her keys.

Kitso spotted her and she breathed in. She needed to apologise and good thing is that she was in a public space. If Sasha wouldn't feel comfortable,she would have people around her.

She walked towards the bench.

Sasha lifted her eyes as her smile disappeared.

Sasha:Can I call you later?

Leruo:What's wrong?

Sasha:My past just showed up..I'll call you later

okay?

Leruo:Okay..

She hung up and quickly grabbed her bag. She stood up.

Kitso:Sasha wait...

She reluctantly sat down. Kitso sat down but kept her distance.

Kitso:I would like to apologize first for what I did. I am so so sorry. From the bottom of my heart.

Sasha wanted to give her a sarcastic remark but she just chuckled.

Sasha:Are you only sorry cause you got caught? You have no idea what your little deal with 'your friend' put me through Kitso..You sold me and I thought I could call you a friend. Kitso that whole ordeal broke me..

Kitso could hear the rough emotion in her voice and she figured that her apology will never take the memories away.

Kitso:Ke kopa o intshwarele. It might not be now or tomorrow but find it in your heart to forgive me someday. I will forever live with regrets. What did was not humane and I..I'm sorry..

Sasha just looked up.

Sasha:I forgave you. Not for you but for my own sanity. I needed to let go and start on a clean slate. You are just part of a past I no longer want to remember and dwell on. Goodbye..

With that she stood up and walked away. Kitso sighed as she ran her hands through her old braided hair. School was over for her and not a lot of people would want to hire a rape

accomplice. Guess that was life's punishment for what she did to Sasha. She smiled a bit. At least she forgave her. It didn't matter why she forgave her but she forgave her and that was all that mattered at the moment.

At Precious's house

Rebabedi parked his car inside the yard. He checked the time. He was right on time.

He removed his shades and left them in the car. He got out of the car and walked to the door. He knocked on the door.

Precious:Maduo go open the door.(shouting)

Maduo:Mama one sec,I am almost done.

She pulled down her mid thigh denim dress. She bent down to tie her tennis shoes. She was good. Her hair was okay, the bun will suffice for now. She walked out of her room and walked to the door.

Maduo: Coming, coming...

She opened the door and she screamed.

Reba's mouth hung open. Mami was hot. Fuck! He looked at her yellow thighs and the curves that showed in the dress. He got hard looking at that post pregnancy body..Fuck! Fuck!

He just opened his arms for her and she just walked to him. He held her in his arms and she inhaled his cologne. It was doing things to her and his strong arms holding her just made her feel all giddy inside.

Reba: Hey there Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi (deep voice)

Which sounded close to her ear. He had no idea what that did to her.

Maduo:Hii(softly)

He just looked down and that ass. Mrs Kgosi here was looking all kinds of sexy.

Her eyes widened when she felt his hard on. Damn..

She broke the hug and looked at him.

Maduo:You're here...finally.

Reba side smiled and she melted. She just hugged him again. She inhaled his cologne once more.

Reba just held her. When she broke the embrace again she looked at him. He just ran his finger along her neck and she shuddered.

Reba:Missed me?

She nodded.

Reba:I missed you too baby..

He kissed her lip glossed lips. He held the back of her neck as he kissed her. He broke it and rubbed her lips with his thumb.

Reba:Can I come in now?

She blinked. She was back on earth now. She opened the door wider and he stepped inside. She looked at him. He was a man in control and she could feel the raw masculinity from where she was standing.

Maduo:Come see your children..

He chuckled as he followed her to their room. His mother in law was with them.

Reba:Dumelang..

Precious:La tsoga?(are you good?)

Reba:Ee mma..

She excused herself and walked out of the room.

Reba picked his son up.

Reba:Heyyy....

Kgololo gave him a gummy smile and he smiled. These babies were so cute man. Maduo stood by and looked at him holding his son. And his son was born first so...

She took his bottle and handed it to Reba. He took it and gave it to the little body in his arms. Kgololo sucked on the bottle while looking at his dad..

Maduo couldn't help but smile. She picked Emma up. She walked up to Reba holding Emma.

Reba gave Emma his finger and she clutched to it.

Reba:Good to know I was missed princess..

She made those baby sounds and Reba chuckled. He kissed Maddy's forehead.

Reba: Thank you angel.

She nodded as she looked at him. He was the whole darn package. Already a daunting father.

An hour later they loaded a few of her stuff and the babies' things in the car. After that he picked Emma while Maddy held Kgololo.

Maduo half hugged her parents.

Maduo: Guys thank you..

Precious: Remember what we talked about..

She nodded.

Maduo: Will forever be ingrained in my mind mama and thank you dad. For helping through those sleepless nights..

Thabiso: Well.. someone here will be having

sleepless nights.

Reba laughed.

Reba:I'm sure I will have it under control..

Precious and Maduo looked at Reba and laughed.

Maduo:Let's not tell him. He will see it all on his own.

Precious:Everyone is a phonecall away guys.

Reba:We'll remember that. Thank you.

Reba walked to the car and Thabiso followed him as they talked.

Maduo looked at her mother with a smile.

Maduo:Thank you mom. From the bottom of my heart. I love you..

Precious:And I love you too darling. Are you guys all set?

Maduo:Yeah. All set..Bye mom..

Precious:Bye and if there is a problem just call me.

Maduo:Yes ma..

She walked out as her dad was walking back. He kissed her forehead.

Thabiso:Be safe and bye.

Maduo:Bye dad..

She walked to the car and placed Kgololo inside the baby seat. She strapped him and he just lifted his arms to her.

Maduo:I'm not picking you up baby boy. We have to go neh..

She kissed his forehead as she handed him his bottle. Emma was nicely settled and today she was calmer than most days.

She closed the door and walked to the front passenger seat.

She got inside and she looked at Reba.

Maduo:Let's do this..

She buckled up as he started the car. She looked at the back looking at her babies.

She took out her phone.

Reba:Videos?

Maduo:Wa nkitse(you know me)...memories. I want to show them how they looked when they were younger. Leverage. Ga ba gola ba ka nna ba ntlhokela botho these little children..(when they grow up they might disrespect me)

Reba laughed. Sometimes he didn't understand his wife.

Maduo:Smile for the camera ga one hela Reba.

Reba just chuckled.

Maduo:Baby smile...

Emma just started getting noisy.

Maduo:Not you Emma. I'm talking about your dad. He's my first baby..

Reba had to laugh.

Reba:Tswa mo ngwaneng tlhemma..(leave the poor child)

Maduo:O rata attention ngwana wa teng(the poor child likes attention)

He reversed out of the yard as Maduo talked away. He prayed Emma wasn't going to be a chatterbox or so help him God.

3 hours later

At Rebabedi's house

Reba got out of the car and went to enter the passcode. Maduo looked around the area. She has never been here before.

He got inside the car. The twins were asleep. Less noise.

Reba drove inside the yard and Maduo's eyes widened.

Maduo:Oh my gosh...Yoh...

He smiled.

Reba:Like it?

Maduo:bless your ancestors yoh...

When he parked the car she got out first and looked around.

She jumped in excitement.

Maduo:A whole double storey..A new

house..Yeelang!

He got out of the car and held her shoulders.

Reba:Surprise!

Maduo:I love it..

She spotted her car and she smiled as she leaned against him.

Maduo:This is nice..Can we go put the babies inside and you give me a tour?

Reba:Of course..

She just giggled. This was just..no wonder when she was here,he took her to her mother in law's place. He had a whole new house this side. A double storey for that matter.

They gently took the babies out of their car seats and he entered the passcode to the door. It slid open. He still loves the tight security.

He led her to the babies' nursery and she nearly dropped Emma.

She just rubbed Emma's forehead.

Maduo:Sorry baby..

This was just awesome. She placed Emma down and she looked at her for a few seconds to make sure that she won't cry..

Once the kids were settled they walked out of the room.

She hugged Reba. He made her wrap her legs around his waist as her dress rode up her thighs. He swallowed as he saw her black thong.
Fuck!

Maduo:Thank you baby.

Reba>Welcome.

Maduo:Put me down,I want to explore...

He did and she pulled her dress down...she walked up the stairs and he followed her...

Maduo:This is exciting babe..

She opened the doors and she couldn't stop smiling. She walked into what was their room.

Maduo:I love this.

He just slipped his hands in his pocket to try and hide his hard on.

Maduo:Let's go outside..I want to see the garden and everything.

She just pecked his lips as she walked out of the room.

She made her way downstairs. She couldn't hide her excitement at all.

He followed her and her behind was distracting

him now.

She walked outside as she just looked around.

She walked around and she saw the basketball court and a swimming pool. It was clean. She just bent down and he cleared his throat.

Maduo:Are you okay?

Reba:Yeah..

She just dipped her hands inside.

Maduo:This is gorgeous. Look at the shades that side.

She loved her new home. She loved it.

Tomorrow she will do proper exploring. She was going to take her damn time...

They both paused as they heard crying.

Maduo:Ijoo..

In the children's nursery

The two cried hysterically. They didn't know where they were. They just kicked the blankets as they cried.

Maduo and Reba walked inside.

Maduo:I guess it's the new environment. Come here baby. I'm sorry. I won't leave you. Mommy is here..

She picked Emma and shushed her while Reba picked Kgololo.

Their little faces were red.

Maduo:So sorry baby..sorry nana..

She just held her as she rubbed her small back.

Later that night...

Maduo stood in front of the mirror as she fixed her hair.

Reba walked inside the room. He had just put the kids to sleep after bathing them and feeding them.

Maduo:They are good?

Reba:yeah..

He stood behind her as his big hands held her neck. She shuddered.

Maduo:Unzip my dress love..

He did and she could finally breath..

He brought his head down and his breath hit her neck.

She breathed in his cologne and masculinity.

Reba:Mma Kgosi(deep voice)

That had her clamping her thighs together.

Maduo:Baby daddy..

He kissed her neck and she threw her head back.

Reba:Ke kopa go kgomisa tlhemma..ga ke tsenye gotlhe..(can I just rub on it? I won't slide it all in...)

Maduo laughed softly. She felt his erection from behind.

Maduo:I know you Rra Kgosi..wa go e somela yotlhe..(You're going to slide it all in)

Reba:Please babe.Ka kgomisa hela. Ke tsenya nko hela..(please babe. Just rubbing it. I will insert the head only...)

Maduo:ng ng love..Give me a week..

He turned her and she looked into his eyes.

Maduo:A week. I'm not ready.

He french kissed her lips.

Reba:Okay. A week my love.

Maduo:Thank you..

He rubbed her lips and let he go. He walked into the bathroom leaving her there. She heard the water running. A cold shower in June? Yei!

She chuckled as she slid out of the dress.

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A WEEK LATER

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At Rebabedi's house

Maduo watched his car reverse and she smiled. She went to the kitchen to get the breast pump and she sat down in the lounge and got busy.

When she was done she looked at the milk. Will it be enough? She wasn't sure..She went to the kitchen to prepare their stuff.

She walked to their room holding their bottles. She found them awake. They were just laying there looking around.

Maduo:Hey guys..First things first,diaper change..or better yet a bath?

An hour later she was done. They were all warm and holding their bottles.

Maduo:I don't want to do this to you but mommy is going to do some bad things today and I don't want you guys around.

They made their baby sounds

Maduo:I know you understand me like that..Bad bad things babies..

She said as she chuckled. She can't believe she talks to these two everyday as if they understand a word she says.

When their things were set she carried their bags to the car. She went back inside and

picked the fussy Emma. She walked with her to the car and buckled her up in her baby seat.

Maduo: Give me a few seconds to come with your brother.

She walked back to the house and picked Kgololo.

She walked with him to the car and put him in his baby seat. She closed the door and went to the driver's seat. She started her car.

At Mma Kgosi's place

Maduo parked the car inside the yard. She looked at her babies.

Maduo: I have to do this lovie. I'm sorry in advance..

She got out of the car and she pulled her coat. It was cold. She went to knock on the door.

Mma Kgosi opened the door.

Mma Kgosi:Morning..

Maduo:Good morning.

Mma Kgosi:It's freezing,come in..

Maduo:I came with the kids..

Mma Kgosi smiled.

Mma Kgosi:really?

Maduo:Yep.

They walked to the car and the got the kids out of their baby seats.

She smiled looking at her grandkids. They were too cute and they had gotten their mother's skin colour.

Mma Kgosi:You guys came to visit me.

Maduo:Well I was thinking I can let them stay for the weekend. If you can manage..

Mma Kgosi didn't have to ask why and she nodded.

Mma Kgosi:Okay.

Maduo:Thank you ma..

They walked to the house holding the kids and they closed the door.

Maduo sat down and made Emma stand on her thighs. She held her steady.

Maduo:Well I brought their things and they are not stressful. As long as this one has attention she is good.

Mma Kgosi:Noted.

Maduo did discuss it with Reba that she didn't want her kids to have a nanny. She just didn't trust people except family.

She and her mother in law talked and when er

eyes fell on the watch her eyes widened.

Maduo:And we lost track of time. And I have somewhere to be..

Mma Kgosi:Don't let us keep you..

Emma was already comfortable and was sucking on her thumb.

Maduo:If there is a problem call us..

Mma Kgosi:I don't think there will be a problem.

Maduo smiled. Her mother in law was good with kids. She visited when she was still in confinement and that's why those two aren't crying.

She looked at the two who were on the carpet. She stood up and walked out. She took out their bags and walked to the house.

Maduo:That's their stuff. I packed everything they might need. If there is anything short,I will bring it. We will pick them on Sunday.

She said as she placed their separate bags down.

Mma Kgosi:I'm sure we will be fine for the weekend.

She looked at her babies again. They were even smiling. Traitors.

Maduo:Thank you ma..

They shared a hug.

Mma Kgosi:These are my grandkids. We need to bond. You go.

Maduo:(laughing)yes mam...

She walked to the kids and bent down. She kissed their foreheads.

Maduo:Be the little angels I know you are and behave guys. I love you..

She kissed them once more.

She stood up.

Maduo:I'm leaving grams..

Mma Kgosi:I'm not that old Maduo..(laughing)

She walked to the door and Mma Kgosi closed the door as soon as Maduo stepped out.

She has never been away from the kids. She breathed. She will be fine.

She got inside the car.

Maduo:Ka go dira dilo tse di maswe waitse..Ga kena go bona kgoro ya legodimo nxustruu!(I'm going to do bad things..I won't see the gates of heaven)

She said to herself. She had to take a bath and look fresh. Like really fresh. Which includes maybe getting a new hairdo. A new hairdo first then come get ready. Yeah..

She started the car and she reversed out of the

yard.

Around 12pm that day

Maduo stared at her reflection as she looked at the hairsresser.

Maduo:Ke nna yoo?(is this me?)

Hairdresser:Yes mam..

Maduo:Yoh!

The ladies saw her ring and they presumed that her husband must've given her money for the hair. The men in the salon swallowed. This woman was fine asf. They were envious of her husband because wow. She wasn't wearing anything complicated. Just sweatpants and a sweater but you could tell how fine she was.

Maduo:Bathong!Thank you so much.

She opened her bag and opened her wallet. She took out a few P200 notes and gave the hairdresser.

Hairdresser:Let me look for your change..

Maduo:It's okay. You did a fantastic job on my hair and I love it.

She stood up.

Maduo:Thank you so very much. Till next time..

With that she walked out followed by a few whistles. He won't know what hit him. She walked to her car and got inside. She placed her phone on the stand. She dialed Rethabile's number as she started the car.

Rethabile:Hey you..where are my godchildren?

Maduo reversed out of the parking spot.

Maduo:they are fine. No how are you
Maddy?mxm

Rethabile:Ga kena sepe ka wena nna(I don't
care about you)

Maduo:Tsamaela koo.

Rethabile:How is the mommy thing going?

Maduo:Tiring and rewarding at the same time.
In such a short period of time I'm already
attached to those two..

Rethabile:Aaaww..Urg..that's cute.

Maduo:How are you?

Rethabile:The second semester showed me
flames..

Maduo:I was doing some of the stuff online..yei
yei hectic..

Rethabile:O crack wena kana..

Maduo:Ijaa..Ka August I will be having sleepless

nights tryna cover up for everything..

Rethabile:I can imagine how hectic it's gonna be..

Maduo:Me too..the bag mntase..

And like that they talked the whole time Maduo was driving.

She reached home and she parked her car. She grabbed the shopping bag,her bag and removed her phone from the stand.

Maduo:You'll call love,I have a few things to attend to.

Rethabile:Okay. Love you and bye.

She hung up and she walked inside the house. She made her way upstairs to the bedroom. She twirled in front of the mirror whilst holding the shopping bag. This one looked much more fire than the weave she had on her wedding day.

This colour suited her.

Maduo:Dio tse di maswe...

She said as she put threw the bags on the bed and walked into the bathroom. She ran water inside the tub. She will be done in an hour or so...

At Rebabedi's office

Maduo's heels clicked in the reception and everyone turned to look at her. Mrs Kgosi was fiiiine..

Receptionist:Looking fine Mrs kgosi..

Maduo:thank you..

She pressed the elevator button and walked inside. She popped the black halls in her mouth..she was not going to see the gates of heaven.

She got to the floor and she stepped out. All eyes darted to her.

Maduo spotted Wame and walked to her. Her coat was tied really tightly.

There were slight murmurs as everyone talked about her radiance.

Maduo:Afternoon. Is Mr Kgosi in?

Wame:Yes Mrs..

Maduo:Thank you love.

She walked to his office and breathed in. She just opened the door and walked in. She closed it.

Reba's eyes widened as he looked at her. Fuck! When? How?

Maduo catwalked to him and sat on his desk

facing him.

Maduo:Hey love. Missed me?(giggling)

Reba:Fuck!!Damn!!

She just slipped her hand into the coat pocket and took out a scrunchie. She tied her weave and looked at him.

Reba:You're making it hard for me to resist you when you come in looking like that..

Maduo:Who said I want you to resist me?

She said as she smirked.

Reba:Ooh..

He stood up and got in between her legs.

Reba:Can I get rid of the coat?

She nodded and he just used one hand to untie the coat while kissing her. She moaned into the kiss.

Once it was undone he broke the kiss and

unbuttoned the coat. She looked at him and his reaction got her smiling. He got hard as he looked at that. He swallowed.

Maduo:Daddy likes?

She asked while biting her lower lip.

Reba:100% approved. Fuck! Maddy...

He helped her on her feet and he twirled her around.

Reba:Fuck..this is so sexy and wanton..

He held her waist and his touch felt like hot iron in her bare skin.

They shared a sizzling kiss. He wasn't going to distract her from her mission for now. They kissed and she broke it. She looked into his eyes.

Maduo:Sit down.

He gave her a strange look but he sat down on his chair. She sat on his lap and looked at him.

Maduo:I love you okay?

Reba:I love you more..

She started kising his lips. His cologne was so strong man.

She moved her lips to his jaw as she kissed it.

She undid his belt buckled and unzipped his trousers. She slid her hand inside his boxers. Whoa! Her eyes widened.

She slid off him and she got on her knees in front of him. She pushed down his boxers.

Maduo:Oh shit!

He looked at her.

Reba:Babe you don't have..

Maduo:Shut up!

She brought her lips to his shaft and she

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At Rebabedi's office

Maduo:Shut up!

She brought her lips to his shaft and she tasted

the saltiness.

She was doing this and saying goodbye to heaven.

She licked the head of his shaft and she looked at him. He was looking at her.

Maduo:Let's see if we can make the big guy come? Wish me luck my love..

Reba:Try your best..

Maduo:A bet?

She said as she smirked?

Reba:We'll see..

Maduo:Okay..now let me focus..

Reba:Is the door locked?

She smiled.

Maduo:No and that's the thrill of it. That someone might walk in on us..the adrenaline

baby..

And after she said that she dipped her head low. She swirled her tongue around his engorged shaft and he shuddered. At least she was getting a reaction..

She slowly took him inside her mouth. She hollowed her cheeks as she started sucking him off. She did that while alternating between licking. He groaned and he tried to hold her hair but she slapped his hand away.

She slipped her hand in her coat pocket and she held the halls. She stopped and looked at him.

Maduo:Kgosi if you dare touch me,I'm going to walk out of that door and leave you all flustered.

He nodded.

She popped it in her mouth and this time she took his cock in her mouth, feeling the familiar

curve, the intimate texture. She went down about halfway, caressing his balls and teasing the lower part of his shaft..

He groaned as he kept his hands to himself enjoying the sensation she was giving him.

She angled her head as she took more of his dick in and she deep throated him. Reba enjoyed how she was good with this but she has never ever done it before.

The minty sensation brought about by what she had in her mouth also had him groaning. He felt the slight tremors and Maddy felt him grow in her mouth.

Reba:Fuck Maddy!!

He fucked her mouth as she gagged on him and tears welled in her eyes..

Reba: Fuck..I'm about to come!!

He came and he shot his load in her throat and he slid it out immediately.

She swallowed his come and she lifted her head and looked at him with a smile. She coughed a bit but maintained her smile.

Maduo: You were saying?

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It's nothing personal good people. It was just a blow job

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At Rebabedi's office

Maduo:You were saying?

Reba:Fuck!!

She just looked at him. She fixed him and stood up on her feet. She tied her robe.

Reba:You're leaving?

Maduo:Yep. I love you too baby..

She said as she pecked his cheek.

Maduo:You coming home today babes?

Reba:Yeah...

He always came home from work.

Maduo:See you later..

She walked to the door and smiled. She turned to look at him and he was still confused. He didn't know what just happened.

She popped a mint in her mouth and opened the door. She guessed they heard him. She took her leave and walked to the elevator.

Reba waw still shocked. Was that his wife or he was dreaming? Did she? He rubbed his eyes. Did Maddy just waltz in here looking sexy and ready for him and she gave him head? And she just walked out when she was done? Fuck! Woman done messed with his head now and he couldn't focus. She was so fucked today.

He just stared at the door for some time and he shook his head. He chuckled. She thought she had him wrapped around her finger and fuck she did. She literally had him by the balls.

Reba:Mrs Kgosi neh...

He opened his laptop but he just stared at the screen. Did his Maddy just do that?

He stood up and slid his hands in his pocket. He won't be getting any work done at this point. She just fried his brain.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo finally arrived home. She giggled. She did that to him?

Maduo:Dio tse di maswe mme di monate(laughing)

She said as she placed her head on the steering wheel. Seeing him that confused was very satisfying. She is taking it back to where it all started. So today she is giving it all him.

She wasn't even going to cook. She knows that's not what he was going to eat. She got out of the car and locked it. She slid the door open and walked inside.

She looked at the house. The past was just that. The past. Where it all started. As much as she had been bold today, she wasn't going to be waiting for him in lingerie. She might've went to the office in lingerie but she will be bored waiting for more than three hours for him. Or maybe she should consider lingerie when he is about to come home from work. For now she needed to get the adrenaline rushing.

She quickly made her way up the stairs to the bedroom.

She walked to the bathroom where she brushed her teeth and gurgled her mouth with some listerine.

She smiled looking at the mirror.

She removed the coat. The lingerie was damn uncomfortable though. She quickly took it off and she wore her usual. She wore her sport bra and white sweatpants...

Now it was time to head to the basketball court but before that plain yoghurt and some pineapple slices. He will be home later and she was just passing time.

At Rebabedi's office

He closed his laptop. He can't focus on anything. He just packed his stuff. It was still early. He was supposed to knock off at 5pm but now it was a few minutes to three...she fucked his thinking up.

He stood on his feet and wore his jacket. It was time to go home. He grabbed his case and walked out. The employees pretended to be doing something. It must be nice to be Mr Kgos. With a wife like that...

Reba ignored the stares as he walked to the elevator. As soon as the elevator door closed,they started talking.

At Rebabedi's house

Maduo wiped the sweat off her forehead using her hand. This was refreshing and she didn't even feel the cold.

She heard the gate opening and she frowned. Was he home already? She drank her water and she ignored it. She kept on shooting hoops on her own.

Reba parked his car and walked out. He spotted her at the basketball court. This took him back to the very first time he tapped that. He slid the glass door open and he quickly made his way up the stairs. He changed into grey sweats and he got out. He walked to the basketball court and watched her.

He clapped his hands...

She turned and threw him the ball.

Maduo:Let's...

Reba:With pleasure..

He bounced the ball and she tried to take it from him. He scored and looked at her.

Reba:Mrs Kgosi you know you can't beat me..

She rolled her eyes as she grabbed the ball and he just held her waist with one hand. She lost focus and he took the ball from her and scored.

She folded her arms.

Reba whispered in her ear.

Reba:I like how you fried my brain back there..

She smirked.

Maduo:At least I can make you lose control..

His hand slid inside the sweatpants and his hand stopped at her crotch.

Reba:I like the fact that they are loose and I get to see what's underneath. And touch it too..

She leaned into him and felt his erection against her butt.

Reba:Remember the first time?

She nodded.

Reba:I had you under me,screaming my name.

He said as he lightly nibbled on her ear and she moaned softly.

Reba:Who owns this?

Maduo:You..

Reba:You who baby girl?

He had a tight grip on her waist and the ball was forgotten.

Maduo:You sir. You own this daddy..

Reba:Good. Never forget that...

He turned her and lifted her head. He softly

kissed her pink lips. He picked her up and walked to the house with her in his arms..

When they got to the door he chuckled. Memories came back and he looked into her drowsy eyes.

Reba:where are the kids..

Maduo:Grandma..

Reba:You had this all planned out didn't you?

She smiled and nodded.

Reba:I like your bad side...It's a turn on..

He kissed her neck. It was salty..

He looked into her eyes as their lips clashed. Their tongues did their own tango as their crotches rubbed against each other...

She breathed heavily as her back hit the door.

Reba:I won't make it upstairs..

He said as he fervently kissed her. She wrapped

her hands around his neck as she gave him more and more of herself.

He walked inside the lounge carrying her as he placed her on the carpet.

Reba: Fuck!!

He got rid of her sweatpants and he #EXPLICIT

A while later

Maduo breathed on top of him. Whoa!!

Her head was on his beating heart and it was beating for her.

Reba just lifted her head using her hair and he roughly kissed her lips. She felt her clit throb.

He broke the kiss and chuckled.

Reba: I love you...

Maduo: But?

Reba:I missed treating you like a little slut..

She squirmed.

Reba:Don't get turned on yet babe. There is more..

Her eyes widened.

Reba:There are days when I want to completely dominate you. Own you body,mind,soul and heart. To have absolute control over you and your reactions(deep voice)

She squirmed and he just tightly held her waist.

Reba:To do anything I want with you body. Get up..

She slowly got up. She was on fire and he didn't have any mercy on her. She held onto the couch for support.

Reba:Let me own you Maddy. Be your master..

He said as he held her steady with his arms.

Reba:Surrender yourself to me. Everything..

She swallowed. Her heart pounded in her chest.

Reba:Let me take you to places you have never been buttercup..Let ne be your master..

He ran his fingers across her bare back and she shuddered..

He gently led her upstairs. They walked into the study and she wondered why they were here..

She just looked at him. They walked to the end of the room where he pressed a few buttons. It must be a code. The secret door opened and he led her inside.

Her mouth dropped.

They walked inside and the door closed.

Reba:Is it a yes or a no? There is no going back after this.

Her eyes darted around the room and she swallowed. She looked into his eyes. He wanted to hear what she had to say.

Reba:Say something angel..

Maduo:I..I..

He has never really done some things with her and she looked at him. She trusted him with her life.

Maduo:Yes(breathing in)I am yours for the taking.

Reba softly kissed her lips.

Reba:There is no turning back buttercup. I have total control here. It's my domain.

She nodded.

Reba:Very well..

He led her to the side of the room and she saw

the many tools. She didn't know what some were.

Reba:On your knees angel.

His voice was too deep and she quickly obeyed. He grabbed the blindfold from the bed and blindfolded her.

Reba:You do everything I say are we clear?

She nodded.

Reba:There is no safe word. You will just have to trust me blindly though you don't know what I'm going to do next.

She nodded.

Reba:I need words..

Maduo:Yes...

A hot slap landed on her behind and it stung..

Reba:Yes who?

The way he controlled this turned her on as she

felt the wetness between her thighs.

Maduo:Yes sir..

Reba:Good girl.

He walked away and he came with a mouth gag.

Reba:I would love to hear those sweet moans baby doll but not now. Whatever that happenes,take it like a big girl..

Maduo:Yes sir.

He gagged her and he #EXPLICIT

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FIVE YEARS LATER

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#EXPLICIT

In the lounge

He got rid of her sweatpants,sports bra and he took a crouching position as he looked at her. He rubbed his jaw. He was already stone hard and he knew she was fucking tight down there.

Maduo looked at him and all she could see was lust and desire. It was even palpable in the air. She swallowed as fear kicked in. He was going to tear her apart and..

She shook her head. She was doing this.

Reba:Don't be scared buttercup. Let me make

you feel good..

He said as he bent towards her and started kissing her neck. She moaned softly against his ear and she felt him push her erection against her covered crotch.

His kisses trailed down her boobs. He wasn't going to suck them. His babies sucked that. He just kissed them individually before he started to leave wet kisses along her navel.

He stopped as he hooked his finger on the waistband of the thongs.

He pulled down the flimsy fabric. He looked at her as he pulled it down her shapely legs. He threw it on the couch and looked at her. He parted her yellow thighs and smirked. This was going to be good. He had read about secondary virginity and he wanted to see how true it was..

He lightly rubbed her inner thighs and she

moaned and moved closer to him. He could see the shiny liquid at her entrance. All pink. He loved the fact that she was always ready for him.

He used his finger to lightly rub her nub and she gasped. He held the tiny bean between his thumb and index finger as he rubbed with a bit more force..

Her soft and small moans filled the lounge and he watched her arch her back. His erection strained against his sweatpants but he had to really get baby girl ready for him.

He inserted her finger and she flinched a bit..He started thrusting in and out of her as she clutched the carpet.

With his other hand he did quick work of his sweatpants. Her eyes were closed and she was enjoying the pleasure.

He removed his finger as he rubbed the head against her clit.

Her eyes opened as she looked into his. She moaned as he kept on rubbing.

Reba:I'm about to slide it all in...

And before she could nod,he slid his whole length inside of her and she flinched and screamed as her back arched.

Maduo:Reba aaah..

Reba went still. Fuck! She was so tight. He wondered how long he would last in this tightness. He slid it out again as they locked eyes and slid it back in. Gently this time.

Maduo moaned as he thrust in and out of her.

She lightly scratched his back as she moaned erotically.

Her moans were such a turn on and he loved her warmth. Fuck! They should make babies often just so he can enjoy this..

He stopped thrusting and Maduo looked at him. He began to circle his hips and that ensure that he hit both sides of her vagina and she screamed. Fuck! He had never done that to her before and she felt the wave coming. Her toes curled against the carpet as she let go of his back. Her small hands curled into little fists and she screamed.

Her eyes rolled back and her back arched. He kept the same pace.

Maduo:Ooh..oooh....aaaahhh....aaahhh(moaning)

She screamed his name as she creamed with him inside of her. Reba slid his member out of the tightness and he used his hands to hold her hands over her head. She was still in the throes of an orgasm when he rammed back into her and hit her with fast paced strokes..she thrashed against the carpet as she opened her eyes and saw stars flash in front of her..his member engorged inside of her. He shot his load deep inside of her the moment she came again.

He got off her as she breathed heavily. He smiled looking at her. She actually thought this was over?

The moment she opened her eyes and looked at him he turned her over.

Reba:On your knees buttercup. Support yourself with your forearms.

She did as he said. He sat on his knees and put his thighs outside hers, being careful not to drop his full weight on her but just enough to dominate her..

He pulled her head back using her hair as he kissed her neck..

She panted. Her hairstyle was new but he was already rough with her. What did she get herself into.

With no warning he rammed into her and she screamed.

Maduo:Aaah...Yei...Reba...aaaah...

She felt as if he touched her womb. Her inner most core and it made her more wet and she felt herself squirt..

He held her back as he pounded into her and she had no choice but to moan and scream. This had the right roughness and it had a wanton feeling to it.

He lightly bit into her back as she moaned his name countless of times...

She came the same time with him and he finally let her go.

He slid out of her and she could feel his come drip out of her. Her nunu was on fire already. She collapsed face down on the carpet as she breathed. Sweat covered her whole body. He slid his hand between her legs and he rubbed her clit..

She moaned and she closed her eyes as her body shook. Reba chuckled when he felt her light tremors.

Reba:Come for baby daddy...

She gasped for air as her back arched and she came..

Reba:Good girl..

He laid next to her and placed her head on his sweat clad chest

Maduo breathed on top of him. Whoa!!

Her head was on his beating heart and it was beating for her.

Reba just lifted her head using her hair and he roughly kissed her lips. She felt her clit throb.

He broke the kiss and chuckled.

Reba:I love you...

Maduo:But?

Reba:I missed treating you like a little slut..

She squirmed.

At the playroom

He walked away and he came with a mouth gag.

Reba:I would love to hear those sweet moans baby doll but not now. Whatever that happens,take it like a big girl..

Maduo:Yes sir.

He gagged her and he traced his fingers along her spine. She shuddered as she clasped her thighs together.

He walked away and she was left like that wondering what to do. She heard sounds and she had to rely on her hearing to trace the direction of the sound. She turned to the direction of the sound and Reba looked at her.

Reba:So inquisitive doll..

He said as he lit the wicked soy way candle. He poured some essential oil in a metal basin and he lightly held it over the flame,warming it up.

Let's see how she will tolerate this pain. When the oil was warm enough he walked away and he opened a mini fridge. He took out a tray of icecubes.

Maduo didn't know what he was doing.

He walked towards her and he picked her up and placed her on his shoulder. She wanted to ask what was up but she couldn't speak. She made muffled sounds.

Reba:Reason why you have that gag. You talk too much. Shut up baby girl before I make you..

She shut up as her body responded to that snide remark by making her wet.

Reba placed her down and he cuffed her legs and hands.

Reba:this is a spreader bar baby girl. I want to

see my pussy clearly..

That got her wet and he saw the liquid drip out of her core.

He chuckled.

Reba:You're turned on?okay..

He came with the warm oil and he poured it down her breasts.

Maduo felt the warmth. She was lost. It felt good in her skin. Reba used his finger and dipped it in the bowl. He brought the oily finger to her erect nipples and started to rub them..

Maduo felt the warm oil move along her navel and it met with the wetness in her core. She wanted to moan so bad and all she could do was enjoy the sensations brought about his fingers on her areolas and how it made her feel. He stopped and her spread his hands and started to rub the oil all over her. His fingers moved downwards where he rubbed her most

erogenous spot. She couldn't move or do anything as the pleasure heightened.

She felt helpless as the pleasure got too much..just as she thought she was about to come he stopped and gently massaged her breasts.

Reba:We still have time mamacita..

She wanted to scream. She was so close but he took it away and he was in total control of everything.

He stopped massaging her and he removed the gag..

Reba:You can speak now baby doll...

She breathed heavily as he placed his thumb on her entrance.

Reba:We should move on right baby?

He walked away and she was helpless lying

there.

Reba came holding the icecube tray and candle..

He took out two icecubes and put them in his mouth. He knelt in front of her opening. So pink and moistened.

He brought his cold lips to her opening and she felt spark..the coldness had an effect and she helplessly moaned.

He looked at her as he started to lick her labia from below before swirling his tongue around her clitoris and then lightly sucking on it...

She moaned and he did that while holding the candle in one hand. He poured the hot wax on her stomach and she screamed.

The contrasting temperatures confused her nerves and whole system. The light burn and the coldness of his lips and tongue had her

moaning in pleasure as her nerve endings sizzled in anticipation.

She moaned and was close to coming when he stopped. She badly needed a release.

Reba:Who owns this pussy?(deep voice)

She squirted immediately.

His lips were so close to her ear. His warm breath hit her and she got more wet.

Reba:Who owns this?

Maduo:You sir(moaning)

Reba:Good.

He looked at her. She looked helpless on the spreader bar. She questioned nothing. Damn. How lucky could a man get? A wife,mother,partner and submissive all in one?

He silently thanked his ancestors. He didn't want to do more. She looked beat but she still followed his every order. He got hard as he enjoyed the view. Fuck! He is fucking her!

He walked to the table and he dimmed the lights. He pressed the play button and The Weekend's Earned It started playing.

He walked to her and he unhooked her legs first then her hands.

He picked her up and placed her on the dark satin sheets.

She felt the soft fabric against her back. She wanted to see him and what he was using on her.

He softly kissed her soft lips and she gave in to the kiss. He removed the blind and she looked into his eyes.

Reba:I love you buttercup..

Maduo:I love you too(weakly)

He gently entered her wetness and she moaned. She wrapped her hands around his neck and hooked one leg on his waist. That allowed him more access and with expertise he made slow love to her as her moans filled the room and their bodies lightly slapped against each other.

Their groans and moans filled the room. By the time she came,it felt like something from a different universe as her head started spinning and this time her body shook violently from the orgasm. He had hit the g-spot then the A-spot seconds later....

Minutes later she laid on his chest. She was out of breath and words.

She took some time to recollect her thoughts and looked at him.

Ellie Goulding's Love Me Like You do played as the lights changed colour.

She looked into those brown eyes of his. She didn't know what to say. They both spoke with their eyes. He tipped her head over as he french kissed her.

She placed her palms against his chest as they shared that kiss. It was out of this world. Intimate. Just for the both of them. He broke it and bit her lower lip.

She breathed looking at him.

Maduo didn't know what to say but this song described what she was thinking. Her every emotion. He just..

She held his big hand and placed it on her left breast. He felt her heart beat. This was more than words.

Tears filled her eyes as she kissed him with her trembling lips.

Reba:I love you..

She nodded with a smile as tears flowed down her cheeks.

This man. This man set her whole world and heart on fire. This man was hers to love and keep.

He broke the kiss and wiped her tears. He placed her head on his chest and he looked up. This young lady was his everything.

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At Gaborone

Maduo parked the car and looked at her phone as it vibrated. She sucked on a sour worm as she opened the message.

She rolled her eyes.

Rethabile:And then wena?

Maduo:Nyi nyav you Mrs Kgosi,I had a meeting. Mxm.

Rethabile:Whoa..

Maduo:Nigga was supposed to show up an hour ago.

Rethabile:At least he told you.

Maduo:A tsamaele koo..

Rethabile:Whoa. Calm down Maddy. Why are

you getting so worked up?

She just grumpily sucked on her sour worm.

Rethabile:Maddy?

Maduo:Yes?

Rethabile:Are you...

Maduo:Don't even think about it..

Rethabile backed off.

Rethabile:Are you excited?

Her face lit up as she took another sour worm.

Maduo:Very..Urg..and the gown I had designed
mntase..Yei..

Rethabile:We made it..

Maduo:We did hey. I mean Advocate Moreri..

She said as Rethabile beamed with pride.

Rethabile:And you graduated with first class
Mrs Kgosi. I mean you had five offers...

Maduo:The Maddy effect and you signed with the biggest like if this isn't friendship goals then I don't know.

Rethabile:So tomorrow is D day..

They fist bumped.

Maduo:Yes...

They got out of the car and Maduo opened the boot to take out the shopping bags.

They walked inside the house and she placed them on the couch.

Maduo:Anything to eat or drink?

Rethabile:I think I will have juice. We ate an hour ago..

She walked to the kitchen and opened the fridge. She closed it and breathed. That foul smell made her nauseous.

Maduo:Thabsie?

Rethabile:Yes?

Maduo:Come pour the juice yourself..

She walked to the sink and drank water. The nausea went down a bit.

Rethabile walked inside the kitchen and opened the fridge. She took out the juice carton.

Rethabile:What's wrong?

Maduo:I don't know. I think maybe something is way past it's expiry date.

Rethabile looked at her as she poured the juice in a glass. She should shut up.

She drank the juice.

Rethabile:Ng ng Maduo..

Maduo:What now?

Rethabile:You're pregnant..

Maduo rolled her eyes.

Maduo:Don't be ridiculous Thabi.

Rethabile:No,you are being ignorant.

Maduo:I am perfectly fine..

Rethabile:You're so stubborn you know that?

Maduo:Don't use your lawyer skills on me tuu,I don't want to give you a million reasons why I am not pregnant.

Rethabile:Ishuu..

Maduo:Dude I had my period a few days ago. Chill..

Rethabile:Okay. You cleared it all up. Sorry..

Maduo:Forgiven.

They talked and an hour later Rethabile left.

At Francistown

Reba looked at his watch. He had an emergency meeting and he hoped Maddy saw the message. He made his way through the traffic as he headed to the twins' school.

He also booked the latest flight out of Francistown. He said he will be there and he also had something planned so...

Ten minutes later he parked his car in the parking lot. He sighed. He had another loudmouth in his midst.

He walked to where they usually waited for him in the school.

Emma spotted him first and nudged Kgololo.

Emma:Dad is here..

Kgololo Jr:Emma!!

She just held her bag and walked to her father.

He bent down to her level.

Reba:Hey princess..

Emma:Daddy..How are you?

Reba:Good and in a rush..

She frowned and looked at him.

Emma:Why?

Reba:Remember when I said we are going to see mommy graduate?

Emma nodded.

Reba:We are going to her today..

She giggled.

Emma:We are going to see mommy..KG we are going to see mom..

Kgololo got off the bench and held his bag. He was still as neat as he was in the morning. He walked to his father and they fist bumped.

Reba:How are you champ?

Kgololo Jr:Good. Like everyday. So we're going to see mom?

Reba:Yep.

Kgololo Jr:Cool..

He said as Reba stood up straight and Emma walked close by his side. He was too tall for her. The kids walked by their dad as they made their way to the car.

He opened the door for them and he helped them get inside. He walked to his side.

Reba:Buckle up.

They did as told and Emma started telling her father about their day while he drove.

Reba:Really?

Emma:Yes. I don't like her..

Kgololo Jr:Emma you don't know her..

Emma:I still don't like her KG..

He leaned back and looked at his twin sister.

Emma:Anyway dad?

Reba:Yes?

Emma:Is mommy going to be wearing a gown like we did when were graduating last year?

Reba:Yes..

She nodded.

Emma:Will her dress have sparkles like mine?

Reba:You want it to have sparkles?

Emma:Yes. I love sparkles..

He parked the car. They were two smart kids,they were the youngest in the class at only

five years but it was the genes so there was nothing they can do.

The two got out of the car and since he had upgraded the security they could unlock the door using their fingerprints.

Reba:Go change guys. Your bags are packed. Make it fast..

They walked to their rooms.

He made his way upstairs to the bedroom. He changed too. Something casual not too formal. When he was done he dragged his bag downstairs and he found them next to their small bags.

Reba:That was fast.

Emma:We can't wait to see mom right KG?

Kgololo:Sure Em(bored tone)

His sister never kept quiet and it was annoying at times.

Reba carried the luggage to the car. He checked the time. They had half an hour before the flight took off.

They got in the car and buckled up.

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At Francistown

Star looked at his kids' photos. She rubbed her temples.

Her psychiatrist was right? What will be the use? She will be trying to hurt him but he won't pick her. Not in a million years.

She picked her phone.

Star:Hello?

Voice:Hello..

Star:Call the whole thing off...

Voice:Sure?

Star:Yeah. I will only be getting in trouble with the law for something so useless.

Voice:Okay..

Star:Thank you..

She tore the pictures into pieces. Rebabedi was in the past. She is moving on. Her mental health

for now and no men.

She sipped on her tea as she started to watch YouTube videos.

At Tumi's place

Tumi stared at her engagement ring with a smile on her face. It was happening. Her phone rang and she answered it.

Tumi:Hello..

Michael:Mrs Me..

Tumi giggled as her cheeks got warm. She missed him and he was too far.

Tumi:how are you my love?

Michael:Good that I'm talking to you..

A door knock interrupted her.

Tumi:There is someone knocking on the door.

She said as she stood up holding the phone.

Michael:Okay. I miss you.

Tumi:I miss you more..I feel like you fed me a love portion.

Michael:Really?

Tumi:Mmh...I always think of you everyday and you're so far away.

Michael:I am coming back..

Tumi:You should. I have to tell you something love..

Michael:Ooh. Can't wait..

She put the phone between her ear and shoulder as she turned the lock.

She opened the door and her phone fell down.

He looked at her as he hung up.

Michael:Hello my love..

He said as he held roses in one hand. She held her mouth as tears flowed down her cheeks.

He slipped his phone in his back pocket as he pulled her to him.

Michael:Hey hey now..don't cry..

Tumi:I thought your trip..

He chuckled.

Michael:I'm here and that's all that matters babe..

Tumi placed her head on his shoulder as she wrapped her arms around him.

Michael:This welcome..(chuckling)

He let her go and handed her the flowers. She looked at them. Her eyes widened when she

looked at them closely. She saw the P100 notes rolled neatly..

Tumi:Miiiikeee!!

She hugged him again while holding the flowers...

Michael:A lady deserves to be spoiled.

She let him go as she wiped her tears with another hand.

Tumi:Come in..

He walked inside and closed the door. She walked to the couch and sat on the rug. She looked at the flowers. Red roses. She removed the string from the bouquet and the individual roses fell on the rug. She started removing the notes..

Michael laughed.

Michael:Basadi le rata madi..

Tumi:Can you blame us? Thank you babyy..

She said as she removed the notes. She came across some P200 notes too. She smiled as she started to count the money..

She looked at him.

Tumi:Yoh yoh..

She placed the notes carefully on thw table and stood up. Shr sat on top of him.

Tumi:Babe?

Michael:Hmm?

Tumi:I did say I have something to tell you..

He raised an eyebrow..

Tumi:Well in 7 months...

She started drwaing patterns on his chest..

Tumi:We will be welcoming a new addition to the family..

He paused and looked at her.

Michael:Is it what I'm thinking it is?

She nodded with a smile..

Michael:God! Thank you..

Tumi:In other words we are...having. A. Baby.

He kissed her while she giggled.

Michael:You're making me happy,you know that?

Tumi:And to think after our first encounter at the clothing store you paid and left..

He chuckled.

Michael:Don't remind me. I would've been missing out on all of this loving...

At Rachel's place

She placed her head on his chest.

Rachel:I finally did it.

Him:Tomorrow?

Rachel:Yes. Yes..

They kissed as he covered her with the fleece.

Him:I'm proud of you señorita..

Rachel:I'm proud of me too..

Him:Hey now..

She laughed softly.

Rachel:I'm opening up my very own
spa...Tomorrow..

Him:Yes.

They snuggled as they watched the movie.

At Toni's place

She put her two year old to sleep. She walked
out of her room and just threw herself on the

couch.

She dialed Gaone's number.

Gaone:Hey sis..how are you?

Toni:Good. Zoe is asleep so good..

Gaone:Still can't believe you did the whole IVF thing.

Toni:I did say I'm done with men Gee..

Gaone:I'm still searching for the one sis...

Toni:Ijoo..where is Junior?

Gaone:He is with his dad's family. Apparently they have an event to attend tomorrow so...

Toni:They are so happy aren't they?

Gaone:Junior is so happy with them. He always talks about his little sister non stop..

Toni chuckled.

Toni:If Junior is happy then I guess you're happy?

Gaone:Very. There is no use being bitter honestly. Everything that happened is in the past and we co-parent peacefully.

Toni:You see..anyway let me go. I want to sleep.

Gaone:Okay. Goodnight and say goodnight to Zoe for me.

Toni:Of course..Nighy night sis..

She hung up and smiled. She was complete with Zoe.

At Nicole's place in Gaborone

She tried on the dress one more time and pinched herself. This was a dream come true. She needed more qualifications and tomorrow was graduation day.

She got out of the dress and placed it back inside it's bag.

Nicole:We made it neh...

At Maduo's place

She was still annoyed. He wasn't here yet. Mxm. Her pride didn't allow her to call him. She looked at the time. It was almost five p.m

She grabbed her car keys and got out of the house. What Rethabile said also made her anxious. She had her period a few days ago. She can't be pregnant right? She wished she wasn't.

She got inside her car and placed her phone on the stand. She dialed her sister in law's number.

Sasha:Mma Kgosiii..

Maduo:Please pray for me..

Sasha frowned at the other end of the line as she sat on the kitchen stool at her place.

Sasha:What's up?

Maduo:Mpee mo dithapelong tlhemma wena..

Tears filled her eyes. She didn't want to go back there.

Sasha:Hey what's wrong sis?

Maduo:I'm scared(shaky voice)

Sasha:Bathong!!

Maduo blinked numerously. She isn't pregnant is she? She has been taking contraception religiously. She can't be...

Sasha just held the phone. His hands held her shoulders and she smiled.

Sasha:Maddy?

Maduo:I think I will be good. But please pray for me...

Sasha:Okay. You'll tell me.

Maduo nodded and hung up.

Maduo places her head on the steering wheel as tears trickled down her cheeks. She quickly wiped them and started the car. She had to go the nearest chemist and buy a pregnancy test..

Twenty minutes later she walked inside the house holding the box. She looked at it and she just told herself she is not pregnant.

She locked the door and removed the key from the door. She walked to the bedroom.

She walked inside the bathroom and removed the clear blue pregnancy stick. This one shows how far one is. If she is pregnant. She knows she isn't.

She did the things and she placed the stick on the sink. She sat anxiously on the toilet seat as she twiddled her thumbs. She can't be pregnant.

She just waited and exceeded the waiting time on purpose just so the test can be accurate.

She stood up and walked to the sink. She picked it up and read the results. Tears filled her eyes. She just threw the darn stick against the wall and walked into the bedroom. She threw herself on the bed as she sobbed with her face on the pillow..

Eventually she fell asleep....

At Gaborone International Airport

Reba walked through the airport with the kids. People stopped and stared as they looked at him with the twins. The boy looked like him. They could tell he was the father. He held his phone against his ear.

Reba:I will collect tomorrow.

Voice:Yes sir. We are done and we were accurate with our measurements.

Reba:Good. Thank you.

He hung up and looked at the twins who were just following him. He had hired a car and their

luggage was being carried there.

Reba:Tired?

Emma:No..

Kgololo Jr:Still good.

Reba:We are going to make a quick stop at a fast food restaurant and we go see your mom okay guys.

Both:Okay..

They walked to the car and got inside. The driver started the car.

At Maduo's house

The lights were off and he just used his spare keys to unlock the house.

He crouched to the kids' level.

Reba:If by any chance your mom is sleeping,I'm going to need you guys to head to your room and not disturb her. Can you do that for me?

They nodded.

He opened the door and the children quietly went to their room. The driver helped carry the bags and he paid the man before he closed the door. It was only 6pm so he was early. He went to place the takeout in the kitchen.

He carried the children's bags to their rooms.

Reba:Your iPads are in your bags.

Kgololo's eyes lit.

Kgololo Jr:Thanks dad. You're the best.

Reba:I know.

He walked out and carried his bag to their room. He made sure not to make too much noise. She was asleep.

He looked around the room and he smiled. He walked to the bathroom to take a piss when he stopped midway. He picked the box. It was a pregnancy testing kit. He frowned. Okay.

He looked around and he saw the stick. He picked it up and read the results. His eyes widened.

He did what he had to do in the bathroom and he walked out with the stick and box. He sat on the bed and looked at her then the results on the stick.

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At Maduo's house

He sighed as he put the box and stick down. He covered her with the blanket and kissed her cheek.

Reba:Thank you my love.

He walked out and headed to the children's room.

He found them busy on their iPads.

Reba:Guys your mom is sleeping.

Emma:Ooh. So we are going to eat without her?

Reba:Seems so. Put down your gadgets. We have a lot to do tomorrow.

Emma excitedly clapped her hands.

Kgololo Jr:Emma!

Emma:let me be...so daddy?

Reba:Yes princess?

Emma:I'm really doing it tomorrow?

Reba:Want to back out angel?

She shook her head.

Reba:you volunteered out the goodness of your heart..

Emma:I know..

They walked out of the room as they headed to the kitchen.

Maduo woke up because of the noise, she didn't remember having guests over or even wearing a blanket. How did she fall asleep anyway? She stretched her body. Still disoriented, she got out of bed and steadily held the dresser. She yawned softly as she walked to the door. She locked the door. She breathed in and out. Maybe she was hallucinating. She was just having a bad dream and what she saw earlier was nothing but a dream.

She walked out of the room as the noise got more louder. The voices were so familiar. The little girl sounded like Emma..she frowned. This was a dream. Reba didn't make it..

She walked inside the kitchen and held her heart.

Maduo: Oh my God!!

Emma slid off the high chair and half ran to her mother. They were here..

She crouched to her height as Emma hugged her.

Emma:Hellooo mommy..

Maduo:(tearfully) hey baby..

Kgololo Jr walked to his mom and hugged her.

Kgololo Jr:Hey mom..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:Hey big man..

She hugged both her babies.

Maduo:Okay. Let go guys..

They let her go and she stood on her feet as she looked at their father.

Reba:Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo just walked to him and hugged him.

Maduo:Hello daddy bae..

Reba chuckled.

Reba:I missed you too buttercup.

Maduo:I thought...

Reba:Don't thought Mma Kgosi. Have I ever let you down?

She shook her head and broke the warm embrace.

They were done eating.

Kgololo Jr:We're going to sleep right Emma?

Emma looked at her mother. Maduo frowned as she saw the way Emma was looking at her.

Maduo:Is something wrong baby?

Emma:Whe..

Kgololo just held Emma's tiny hand.

Kgololo Jr:Ems?

Emma looked at her mother then smiled.

Emma:Night mommy...

With that the two walked away.

Reba and Maddy listened to their conversation as they walked to their room.

Emma:think we woke mommy up?

Kgololo Jr:Ee..o bua thata..

Emma:That's not nice..

Kgololo Jr:true..

Emma:I don't like you..

Kgololo Jr:I have lollipops..

Emma:I like you,let's go..

Maduo and Reba burst out laughing as soon as

they couldn't hear the children's conversation.

Maduo:bana ba gago..

He tilted her head up.

Reba:I'm proud of you.

She blushed as she looked into his eyes.

He rubbed her cheeks.

Reba:Why were you crying?

She placed her head on his chest as she sighed and looked down.

Maduo:I'm pregnant.

A bout of silence passed and he lifted her head and rubbed her chin.

Reba:What's wrong with that buttercup?

Maduo:and here I was planning on killing you for impregnating me..

He chuckled deeply.

Reba: Guess I dodged the screaming and shouting. But why does that make you sad?

Maduo: The labour room Rebabedi or you forgot? yei rre wa Modimo nkile ka bona dilo kana le wena o bone..

Reba: I remember love and I'm sorry you had to go through that but it was worth it, wasn't it?

Maduo smiled.

Maduo: It was.

Reba: Aren't we the coolest parents so far?

She giggled.

Maduo: We are..

Reba: So baby girl, you better be excited that we are expanding our family. Do you think it's a boy or a girl?

Maduo: As long as it's just 1 child. like that..

Reba: (laughing) okay Mrs Kgosi.. how are you

feeling about tomorrow?

Maduo:Excited. Nervous. Everything in between.

Reba:We'll all be there for you,just so you know.

Maduo:I know.

She wrapped her arms around his neck. He was calm about everything and to believe she was panicking earlier on.

Maduo:You're always calm. I hate that Kgololo had to inherit you as a whole..

Reba laughed softly against her ear.

Reba:Don't go on hating my son because you aren't happy about the genes he inherited.

Maduo:Mxm.

He made her wrap her legs around his waist.

Reba:are you hungry?

Maduo:I don't think I will be able to stomach

anything...

Reba:Sure?

She nodded and placed her head on his shoulders as he carried her to the bedroom.

Meanwhile in the kids' room

Emma stopped pressing her iPad and looked at KG.

Emma:But does mommy know?

Kgololo Jr:I don't know.

Emma:Are we weird?

Kgololo Jr:I don't think so..

She nodded thoughtfully as she played the song on her iPad. Kgololo just played racing games on his.

The following morning

Maduo looked at her reflection. Minimal was key. She twirled in front of the mirror and she felt his huge arms wrap around her waist.

Reba:The kids are done and you look fuckable..

He said as he bit his lower lip and she laughed.

Maduo:If that's your way of saying I am beautiful then thank you..

He kissed her neck and she leaned into him.

A knock sounded on their door.

Reba:Come in..

Emma and Kgololo walked inside the room.

Maduo:Goodmorning my babies..

They smiled as they looked at their parents.

Emma:Your dress has sparkles..

Maduo:Of course..you love sparkles princess..

Emma smiled. Reba let go of her waist as she grabbed her mortar board and gown.

Maduo:Let's go guys...

Reba:After grabbing breakfast..

Maduo:Of course...

They walked out.

At the University Of Botswana

Graduation Ceremony...

Reba parked the car as they got out.

Maduo:Having connections is nice?

Reba chuckled.

Reba:Hey hey..my company is the sponsor too and I saw the programme before hand.

She frowned.

Reba:I'm proud okay baby?

He said as he pecked her lips.

Maduo:That I'm graduating?

He nodded.

Maduo rubbed her hands together. She knew that her parents were coming. Well the whole family was coming just to see her graduate.

Reba:Follow me...

Maduo:I have to...

Reba:Do as I say..kids let's go.

They followed their dad and they greeted Reba and her as they walked to where the big shots

were sitted.

Maduo:I..

Reba:Shut up Mma Kgosi..

She shut up and faced her front as the MC started.

Maduo's parents sat down. They were so excited about this. Her dream had cone true. This has got to be yet another happy day for their daughter.

Maduo spotted Rethabile in a different tent. She had left her phone in the car so that she can actually listen.

She looked at Reba who was listening and her babies who looked bored. This was going to be a long day.

They were called course by course to go collect their degrees. She stood up as she fixed her gown and hat.

Reba smiled lazily. She hasn't seen the programme yet and he wanted her to be clueless like that.

After they got their degrees she walked back to where they were sitted.

Maduo:I am finally a graduate..

Reba clapped his hands...

MC:well now that all our graduates have graduated we have special awards for special individuals...

Maduo:They are talking about the smart ones..Ha e le ba medicine ke sa bue..

She said shaking her head.

MC:Let me start with Bachelor of Law. I would like to call to the stage Ms Rethabile Moreri who graduated her class with Magna cum laude. Let me rephrase that. Let's welcome Advocate Moreri to the podium.

Maduo gasped as she clapped her hands.

Retha walked forward to go get her award.

MC:and she has to leave us with a few words of wisdom. Gatwe these lawyers talk..

Rethabile smiled gracefully as she stood at the podium and faced everyone. The event itself was beautiful. She smiled as she looked at her parents. She saw Maduo's smile and she cleared her throat..

Rethabile:Univeristy of Botswana Graduates
hello..

They greeted back as it came back as an echo..

Rethabile:Kana gatwe go balabala ga ngwana
ga se bothale so I'm going to keep this as short
as possible....

She talked and when she was done they
clapped their hands. Other top achieving
students from various faculties were called
except from those from Finance.

She frowned.

MC:We always save the best for last. This has
never happened before. Usually the students
from faculty of Medicine scoop this one. It's the
biggest achievement to graduate with such..

People whispered as they asked themselves
questions.

MC:I would like to invite the University dean,the chancellor,our biggest sponsor this year to the podium to help present this award.

Reba stood up as he walked to the podium. Many of the ladies silently salivated as they looked at him. He was a masterpiece.

Reba side smiled. He didn't want to kill his tiny wife though.The MC mentioned them by their names and well damn Mr Kgosi was eye candy.

MC:I hope you're ready for this phenomenal student. Before I call her name,she has had five job offers. They wanted her immediately after graduation to go work for them. She is currently one of the investment traders in Wallstreet..ssshh..keep it to yourselves...

Maduo frowned.

MC:And on top of that she already has a sponsorship to go pursue her Masters overseas courtesy of our sponsor. That's if she is willing. If not,the young lady can work in one of the best Investments Corporations in the world...let's make her stand up with a round of applause...

Maduo clapped her hands for the lucky lady.
Dang! That was wow..

MC:Can I mention her?

The crowd roared and the MC laughed.

MC:Okay graduating with a summa cum laude which is for students who have graduated with the highest distinction. I mean she topped the whole University.

People gasped. Such brains.

MC:Let me call her out.

Reba smiled. He knew the whole thing was being filmed so maybe next week he will come collect the footage.

MC:Can Ms..Okay my apologies. I forgot to mention that the lady in question is off the market. Sorry to everyone who thought they were going to eat her money...

People laughed.

MC:Mrs Maduo Kgosi can you make your way to the podium?

Tears filled her eyes. Her parents clapped their hands and Rethabile excitedly clapped for her. Some of the people were confused. She was a Kgosi for real?

Emma looked at her mom. She was crying.

Maduo:Oh my God!

She just used her small hands to wipe her tears and Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:Thank you baby..

Emma smiled.

Maduo wiped her tears. He knew and he let them catch her off guard. By surprise just like that.

She fixed her smile as her heart pounded. Damn she topped the whole University? And her own husband sponsored her master's which she might or might not pursue but..

She walked to the podium as she shook their hands. It was a bit awkward to shake his hand. She was sure they could see she was shaking...

MC:Did I mention she is from the Faculty of Finance?

People clapped harder..

MC:Now she has to tell us how she did it..

Maduo breathed in and Reba took the accolades from her.

Reba:Baby breath..Breath..

Her hands shook as she covered her mouth. He handed the chancellor her accolades and he held her.

Maduo:you didn't tell me(shaky voice)

He chuckled.

Reba:It was meant to be a surprise baby..

Maduo just let him calm her down and everyone was silent as they watched the whole encounter.

They finally put two and two together. They were married to each other and by the looks of it she had no idea what the hell was going on. It

was so cute. The raw emotion on her face.

Reba knew that the hormones just added more fuel to the fire. When she was good she looked at him.

Reba:We good now baby?

She nodded.

Reba:Will you be able to speak?

She nodded.

Reba:That's my baby...

She smiled as she let go of him and stood by the podium.

Maduo:(chuckling)Hello guys..Uhm I'm sorry about that. I honestly had no idea. I'm shocked as you are guys. Totally blown away because WOW...

She paused as she thoughtfully looked at Reba

and her family.

Maduo:Okay. If I knew that this was going to happen I would've prepared a really long speech just so I can talk..but I know you guys don't want long speeches..

The people chuckled.

Maduo:Uhm tota I don't know what to say. Like this is a huge achievement and to think that I live with that man..

She pointed at Reba who smiled.

Maduo:And he didn't say a word..Okay. Now let me start.

She went on to tell them about it all and her experience in the world of academia,her parents' support,the family support and lastly Rebabedi's support.

MC:Mrs Kgosi?

She looked at him..

MC:I think you forgot to tell them about something.

She chuckled as she faced the crowd.

Maduo:Okay guys you see that big guy who decided to sponsor my Master's degree?

They nodded.

Maduo:He gave me those two cute kids that are sitting that side and I won't tell you their names. So yah. To the graduating class of this year,all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you.

She threw her mortar board apparently known as a wisdom hat upwards and all graduates followed suit.

She smiled as Reba held her waist.

Reba:You did good.

Maduo:o tricky Mr..

Reba:So the Master's degree?

Maduo:you know you just knocked me up and o
bua ka degree(whispering)

Reba:Mma Kgosi..

Maduo:I love you too..

They walked to their seats.

At Maduo's place

Reba parked the car as he came in holding the
bags. Graduation ended four hours ago and she
said she wanted to rest.

He found the kids in the lounge.

He handed each of them their own bag.

Reba:Go change guys we don't have time.

They both nodded. They were in on the plan.

He walked to the bedroom where he found her lying on her stomach.

Reba:Mrs Kgosi..

Maduo:Love..

Reba:I have one more request.

Maduo:What is it? I'm still shook..

Reba:Do dinner..

She looked at him..

Maduo:Fine.

Reba:And wear this..

He handed her the bag and she peeked inside.

Reba:Dress and shoes. For me Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:Fine. Let me go bath.

He pecked her lips.

Reba:Thank you.

She got up and walked into the bathroom.

He dialed Sasha..

Reba:Is it ready?

Sasha:Yep. The fam just landed. We are waiting for you guys.

Reba:Thanks sis.

Sasha:wa nkolota wena.

Reba:Ee mma..

He hung up and walked out to go use the other bathroom.

An hour later everyone was done.

Emma looked at her mother.

Emma:It has feathers,diamonds and sparkles..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:Yes baby.

Emma:mama when are the babies coming?

Kgololo shook his head. Emma talked too much.

Kgololo Jr:Emma!

Emma just looked at her mother.

Maduo:Wow...

She was speechless. Babies? Wait...what?

Kgololo saw how surprised his mother was. She didn't know and Emma had to talk..

Maduo just smiled.

Maduo:I don't know baby..

Emma nodded..

Their dresses where matching as Reba and KG Jr wore similar tuxedos.

Maduo:This is beautiful.

Reba held her waist as the kids walked in front of him.

Maduo looked at Reba.

Maduo:A limo wow..

Reba:I have to pull out all the stop right?

Maduo:Yes wena Mr rich guy..

The kids got in first then they got inside.

At a well known hotel in Gaborone

The limo stopped in front of the hotel and they walked out. They made their way up the staircase.

Reba winked at Emma who smiled back.

They got inside the lift and Reba pressed the floor number. When the lift dinged they stepped out. It was all dark.

The lights switched on and they screamed surprise. She smiled tearfully.

Maduo:You tricked me again..(tearfully)

Reba:Happy?

She nodded as her mother walked forward to hug her..

This was emotional for her. Her dad then hugged her.

She broke the hug and looked at the family. Her grandparents,Sherry,Laone,Tyler and Miranda. Sasha and Leruo and their little bundles of joy..this was wow..

Sasha:Guys. Thee girl just graduated. We are

really here to celebrate. Long speeches and whatever,they will do it at their anniversary...Let's celebrate...

They cheered and the lights went dark again..she frowned.

Kgololo held her hand as Sasha led them to their seats.

It was dark for almost ten minutes and she was lost.

Soft hues started lighting the room and she nibbled on what was on her plate...

Soft music played in the background. They had pulled out the whole shebang. Instrumentalists and all..

The music stopped as lights flickered in the

spacious room...

She saw Emma who was sitting on a chair. Her baby looked angelic. Whoa wait..what was Emma doing on a chair..the soft beats started and she smiled looking at her. This was a song she liked and she wanted to sing it for her mother.

Emma: Here I go here I go

Feel better now feel better now

Here I go here I go

It's better now feel better now

Do you remember when we fell under

Did you expect me to reason with thunder

I still remember when time was frozen

What seemed forever was just a moment

Hurry up, hurry up
There's no more waiting
We're still worth saving

Feel the light
Shining in the dark of night
Remember what we forgot
I know it's a long shot
But we're bringing it all back we're bringing it all
back

Maduo wiped a tear that fell. Emma's sweet angelic voice filled the room. Her daughter was a great singer and she didn't know she would have the confidence to sing for people. Her father was playing the guitar for her and just that they did this to celebrate her.

Emma paused in the middle of the song and gave her mother a really sweet smile.

Emma: I love you mommy..

She mouthed an 'I love you too'

She looked at Kgololo.

Maduo: You knew my guy?

Kgololo Jr: Yes..

Emma stood up from her chair as Reba placed the guitar down. She walked to her mother and held her hand. Maduo took it and stood up.

Reba held Kgololo as they made their way to the rooftop. Everyone followed suit.

Emma: Feel the light

Shining in the dark of night

Remember what we forgot

I know it's a long shot

But we're bringing it all back we're bringing it all
back

Feel the light

Shining like the stars tonight

Remember what we forgot

I know it's a longshot

But we're bringing it all back we're bringing it all
back

You and I can have it all tonight

So let's bring it back it to light

Now we have another chance to fly

Another chance to make it right

Feel the light

Shining in the dark of night

Remember what we forgot

I know it's a long shot

Feel the light

Shining like the stars tonight

Remember what we forgot

I know it's a long shot

But we're bringing it all back we're bringing it all
back

Here we go here we go

Feel better now feel better now

Here we go, here we go

It's better now feel better now

Emma sang softly next to her mother as fireworks started and Maduo just looked at the fireworks tearfully. Reba held her waist with one hand and pecked her forehead.

Reba:I love you Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:I love you too Mr Kgosi. You made me a wife then mother then partner.

She placed her head on his shoulder as everyone watched the colours shooting up in the sky.

Reba:And you taught me love.

Maduo:yours forever?

Reba:On lockdown..

Maduo chuckled tearfully as she felt all the love in the world.

Maduo:On lockdown..

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Thank you for the wonderful journey and be on

the lookout for our next book. As the chapter closes and we say goodbye to yet another story.

I love you guys

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EPILOGUE

At Mma Kgosi's place

Kgololo stared at the triplets.

Emma came to stand next to him near the cot.

The babies crawled to the bars and he smiled.

Emma:Should we tell them that we see things?

Kgololo Jr:I guess...

Emma:We are not weird?

Kgololo Jr:I don't think we are weird Ems..just a bit different from others.

Emma:What a nice way to put it..

Kgololo Jr:Because it's the truth..

Emma:they are cute..

Kgololo Jr:Yeah.

Emma gave the baby her hand and she held it.

Emma:I have a sister KG kana..

Kgololo Jr:Jeez Emma. Those three are our siblings together..

Emma:I love them.

Kgololo Jr:Me too..

He looked at the triplets and smiled. Emma had blurted it out when their mother didn't know.

They both walked out of the nursery specially set for the triplets in their grandmother's house.

Mma Kgosi enjoyed having the children over.  
She would look after them anytime of the day.

Kgololo Jr walked to her and she smiled.

Kgololo Jr:Granny?

Mma Kgosi:Hmm?

Kgololo Jr:dad reminds you of grandpa and you  
never told him..

Mma Kgosi frowned.

Mma Kgosi:What are you saying?

Kgololo Jr:Let go of the past,it hurts your heart  
grandma...

After he said that he just ran outside to join his  
cousins.

Mma Kgosi walked to the triplets room.

First Reba and Maddy had twins now triplets?

Well she was a blessed grandmother.

She picked the only girl in the trio. These three weren't fussy and she liked that. When Emma was a baby she was so fussy..

At Francistown Airport

Their flight touched the ground as they looked at each other. She felt refreshed after that three week long babymoon.

Reba:You're glowing.

Maduo:I feel good..

He brought his lips close to her ear.

Reba:I loved tearing that pussy apart..

She shuddered as she crossed her legs. They were in a public space.

Maduo:Rebabedi..

Reba:What? I own that pussy baby girl..that whole six months of starving me after the triplets were born couldn't go unpunished...

Her breath caught in her throat as she looked around before she looked down.

He chuckled as his breath hit her neck. His hands trailed down as she watched his nicely shaped fingers lightly brush over her thighs.

He undid the seatbelt and innocently looked at her.

Reba:What? You thought I was going to...

Her cheeks flushed and he chuckled softly.

Reba:I'm dirty but not that dirty baby girl(whispering in her ear)

She shifted in her seat as he moved his body awya from her and undid his seatbelt.

He stood up and helped her on her feet.

She took her bag from the empty seat and he made space for her to pass.

Reba:After you..

She walked ahead of him and he followed. Some of the passengers who were in the first class flight enviously watched the couple. They looked genuinely happy and it was evident from their faces.

As soon as Maduo's feet hit the paved ground she breathed in the Botswana oxygen. Felt so good to be home. She missed all her five babies.

Reba held her waist as they walked inside the airport...

At Mma Kgosi's house

Reba parked his car in the yard. Maddy was about to get out but she paused and looked at him.

Maduo:Do you think we should sit the twins down and talk to them?

Reba:I've been telling you that for over almost a year and you said your babies were too young.. She sighed.

Maduo:I..I mean they are both gifted just that I want them to have the best childhood ever with no responsibilities.

Reba:I hear you but darling,they must think they are weird and imagine how that makes them feel.

Maduo:Guess you're right.

He pecked her lips and she got out of the car. He followed suit and they walked to the spacious garden where the kids were playing.



Emma spotted them and she ran to her parents.

Maduo:Emma slow down..

She said and Reba just picked Emma up.

Reba:Hey princess Emma.

Emma:Hello daddy. Hey mommy..

Maduo smiled as she pinched Emma's cheek.

Kgololo made his way to his parents and he smiled.

Reba put Emma down and fist bumped with Kgololo.

Reba:Big guy..

Kgololo Jr:Dad..

Maduo looked at them and she couldn't even understand both guys.

Kgololo Jr:hiii mom..

Maduo crouched to his level and she just frizzled his soft afro. He hated that but she did

it anyway..

Maduo:I don't think that's the proper greeting..

He hugged her and she smiled.

Maduo:How are you baby boy?

Kgololo Jr:Good.

Maduo:Well go get your stuff ready guys..

They walked away and Maduo spotted her mother in law.

She walked to her.

Maduo:thank you ma..

Mma Kgosi:they are my grandkids..

Maduo chuckled.

Maduo:Seemed like everyone dropped off the children..

Mma Kgosi:(laughing) The children love it here

too..

Maduo:I can see that. Thank you for babysitting.  
I can't imagine being stuck with ten children..

Mma Kgosi:I think I handle them quite well..

Maduo shook her head laughing.

Maduo:thank you ma,can we pick them up?

Mma Kgosi:of course..

Maduo hugged her mother in law.

Maduo:Thank you.

She walked inside the house as Reba walked to  
his mother..

Maduo walked inside the room and looked at  
the babies..

Maduo:You guys missed me didn't you?

They giggled and she smiled.

Maduo:Hey Rori..missed me baby girl?

She picked Rorisang up as she looked at her two twin brothers.

Maduo:I hope they were good to you..they didn't scratch you my love?

Rorisang giggled and Maduo smiled. Reba walked in and smiled.

Reba:They are cute aren't they?

Maduo:They are..

Reba picked up Lefa and only Lethabo was left in the crib.

Maduo:You gave me five children Reba. 1 2 3 4 5. I don't want more..

Reba chuckled.

Reba:Okay love..

She smiled.

Maduo:Is that you agreeing to me tying my

tubes?

He raised an eyebrow.

Reba:I never said that. What if I want another baby in five years?

Maduo:come on Rebabedi..

Reba:No my love..

He pecked her lips and she sighed. It was worth a shot.

Later that evening at Rebabedi's house

The triplets were asleep and Maduo ran her hands through her hair. She walked out of their room and made her way downstairs to the lounge.

The twins were sitted next to their dad and there was laughter and chatter.

Maduo made Emma scoot to the side. Emma did and now she and her brother were between their parents.

Reba:Guys you know that we love you right?

They both nodded strangely. What was going on?

Maduo:So so much..

She sighed as she looked at Reba...

Reba:Well we have something to tell you guys and as young as you are,can you guys be open minded about it all.

Kgololo Jr:okay dad..

Reba:Well..to cut a really long story short,you two are chosen by the ancestors..

Emma:ancestors?

Maduo:yes love. They are like people who were part of our family who died years and years ago before we were all born.

Kgololo Jr:including you and dad?

Reba:Yes. You see champ,the family once had generations of great healers and seers..

Emma frowned.

Emma:As in know what happens in future?

Reba:That's right..

Emma and Kgololo shared a look.

Kgololo Jr:uhm..we wanted to talk to you...

Reba looked at Maddy over their heads.

Emma:We kind of..like it's like we are shown what's going to happen in future..

Kgololo Jr:and what happened in the past..and..

He paused. Should he tell them this?

Reba:and?

Kgololo Jr:I don't know how it happened..

Maduo:What happened?

Kgololo Jr:uhm..Rori was sick and I kind of..I don't know what happened. She was sick and I was just with her for a while. She was good after.

Maduo:oh.

Emma:are we weird?

Maduo laughed softly.

Maduo:Weird? No. You guys are unique and special in every way. We knew that you might feel weird..

Kgololo just nodded. He and Emma usually stayed away from anyone with bad vibes.

Reba:can you guys keep this between us for now?

Emma:Can we pinky swear it?

Everyone laughed. Such a serious moment and Emma said they should pinky swear it..

Maduo:Pinky swear..



She just hooked her pinky with theirs until they had finished.

Maduo:Sealed till further notice..

Kgololo Jr:yes mam..

They laughed.

Reba:If there is anything wrong tell us okay guys?

They both nodded.

Maduo:You can go to your rooms now guys..

They both jumped off the couch and walked to their rooms.

Maduo:We love you guys.

Both:Love you more. Goodnight.

Maduo chuckled as she moved closer to Reba. She placed her head on his chest. He just picked the remote and switched between tv

channels.

He placed the remote down as a slow song started playing on the music channel. He looked at her.

Reba:I love this song..dance with me?

Maduo smiled.

Maduo:on our wedding day,I had to force you to dance..

He helped her on her feet as Shania Twain's You're Still The One played..

Looks like we made it

Look how far we've come my baby

We might've took the long way

We knew we'd get there someday

They danced slowy as she placed her hands on

his beating heart. She looked into his eyes and they had made it. She held his cheek as they moved to the soft tunes.

You're still the one, I run to  
The one that I belong to  
You're still the one I want for life

You're still the one I love  
The only one I dream of  
You're still the one I kiss goodnight

He slowly french kissed her lips and broke the kiss. He dropped his head.

Reba: They said, I bet they'll never make it

But just looks at us holding on  
We're still together, still growing strong

He sang huskily as he looked at her. Her heart leaped. She wrapped her hands around his neck and stood on her toes to kiss him. His hands tightened their hold on her waist and he indulged her.

She broke the kiss.

Maduo: We've come so far and I don't regret one bit of our journey.

Reba: neither do I Mrs Kgosi..

He rubbed her chin.

Maduo: We beat the odds.

Reba: Together. Our family is everything to me and I wouldn't have had a home if not for you.

Maduo: I love you.

Reba:o ratiwa ke nna autwe Mma Kgosi?

Her cheeks heated and he chuckled as he kissed her forehead.

She placed her head on his chest and could feel his heartbeat. Her heart is his sanctuary- inside it nothing can ever harm him.

There is a soft couch where he can lie down and let the long days' ache seep out of your body and she hoped he knew it. That he was safe in her heart. That was where he was safest.

He placed his chin on her head. She had stolen his heart and forgot to bring it back. He didn't even want it back. It was hers to keep and if she wanted to break it, then she would break it and he would let her because it was now hers. He lived for his family. Nothing really mattered other than being there for his family and being there for his young wife.

Reba:you are my heart's heaven and my heaven's heart.

She closed her eyes savoring the moment.

Maduo:Shakespeare now?

He laughed softly as it echoed in the room and her heart fluttered.

Reba:Only for you Mrs Kgosi.

Maduo:The mere fact that you breath makes me happy. Can we always be this close forever and ever?

Reba:Yes Mrs Rebabedi Kgosi.

Maduo:Can I go where you go?

He nodded.

Maduo:Lover..

Reba:My lover...

He tipped her head up and their lips locked slowly. Their tongues intertwined as he pulled

her closer to him. This was the final episode. Trials and tribulations will come but they will stick together. Come rain or sunshine. This man had complete dominance over her and she was his for the taking.

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Thank you yet again for the journey