

He took my innocence

PART 1

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Introduction.

It hurts more when the only person you trusted takes your pride & leaves you with nothing but tears in your face .I'm here battling myself with questions i can't answer because of the only person i trusted. If someone told me I would be this valuable and lonely i would have laughed with them because i also can't seem to believe that my only father rapes me each and every night. The only wrong thing I did was to loose my mother , well he makes me believe that I'm the reason why he doesn't have a wife so he will turn me to one .

I sometimes wish I wasn't born because that's what made him like this, my mother died after giving birth to me. I'm all alone I have no one to run to , he made sure that the both of us live far away from our relatives so that he can devour what he planted.

I thought fathers are suppose to be our providers and protecters but my own father did the opposite thing. I don't have anyone to run to someone to share my pain with . I wish my mother was here . I'm hurt , angry . If given a chance I would die & go join my mother up there .

My name is Zama Zulu , a daughter of Musa Zulu and Mellisa Zulu . My mother died after giving birth to me . I grew up being daddy's girl it all changed after he lost his job . I'm 18 years old doing matric.

I have a beautiful friend named Nomusa , she's my everything but she doesn't know what's happening every night before I go to bed.

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CHAPTER 1

NARRATED

It's just after 5 pm in the evening , Zama's father just came back from another job hunting and unfortunately for him he didn't get anything . As always he's furious and angry at his daughter for what reasons? He also doesn't know . He's now looking for Zama around the small house they live in .

" Zama ! Yingani ungaphekanga?"

As always tears form on Zama's face she's scared , no one will ever get used to being raped , it feels like the first whenever he does it .

Zama " Baba there's no food here "

Musa " Ngzodla wena ke mina , khumula lendaba yakho yokuthi ngikukhumbuze kuthi wenzeni izongqasula manje! Awazi yini kuthi umfazi wami wena "

All Zama could do was to cry while taking off her clothes , Musa started kissing her neck while whispering " you are mine , mine alone " his hands went down to her daughters vagina he did what he always do and finished. " make sure you drink the pills so that ungangimitheli mina " with that said he left Zama's room .

After what his father did , he took a long bath and as always he tried to rub his body feeling all kind of dirty in her body .

ZAMA .

June exams are approaching and I have to prepare for them , study so that i can finish my matric & go study across the country so that I could stay away from this monster I call my father.

I know you all are wondering why i haven't opened a case for him , well I did & last time I checked nothing happened.

I'm walking to school & i hear a familiar voice ..

Nomusa " i always find you lost in your thoughts , yini indaba ?"

Zama "aw mngani nothing is wrong , I promise "

Nomusa " hayke mawusho njalo aknakinga, you know I'm always here for you right?"

Zama "I know my friend & ngyabonga "

Nomusa "so are you ready for your exams?"

Zama" yes , wena ke?we have to study hard yazi"

Nomusa " ngiready nami , yes we will & make our parents proud "

Zama " yeah " I wish I could say the same , there's no one to make proud of on my side .

Zama " let's walk faster so that we don't get late for the assembly "

MUSA .

My name is Musa Zulu a father to Zama Zulu & A husband to my late wife Mellisa Zulu

I know what I'm doing is wrong but when I see Zama I see my late wife , the body , the face & the way she carries herself she reminds me of my late wife .

I just wan't to protect her from the evil world , she will thank me .

I've been trying to get some job. I don't know whether I should say I'm cursed or what . I can't find any job & that makes me feel less of a man . I'm even thinking of going to & consult to a sangoma maybe I'll find what's wrong . Today I didn't go to hunt but tomorrow as soon as I wake up I'm going to a sangoma my friend recommended.

ZAMA .

what a long day. I'm not even happy to go home , that place brings bad memories I promise myself the day I decide to leave I won't even look back . Nomusa & I are walking slowly & oh boy the sun is blazing hot today

"Ama ntombazane amahla kahle ahamba ngenyawo " oh another pervert oh the world will be a better place without man honestly.

Nomusa " sawbona bhuti , si right thina nje you can keep driving "

Guy " oh , my father will definitely kill me if I let beautiful ladies walk while sikhona thina insizwa oh igama ngu Leo & you girls are "

Nomusa " nomusa & this is my friend Zama "

Zama " nomusa can we please walk faster yo " I'm not frustrated because if my father sees us with this guy. He will punish me saying I'm entertaining boys .

Guy "I guess I will see you guys "

Nomusa " what's your problem? Oh did you see the way he looks at you? Of friend he likes you "

Zama " I don't care. I wasn't even noticing , nomusa you know how much my father would be mad if she sees me with boys "

Nomusa " okay I'm sorry ke , see you tomorrow then "

Zama " sharp "

Nomusa & I went our separate way , If only I could turn back , there's nothing exciting about going home .

After arriving at home , I found my father watching news .

Zama " sawbona baba "

Musa " haw iskhathi sokbuya lesi? Uthi kpheke bani la endlini? If you don't get here immediately after the school bell rings you will be forced to leave school & go work at the hospital "

Zama " ngyaxolisa , Nomusa & I wen't to the library "

Musa " angimthandisisi lomngani wakho , get started on the pots "

Zama " yebo baba "

With that said I starerd cooking thinking of his words I really can't afford to drop out this is my last year on school he wouldn't do that to me .

Who am I kidding this men is capable of doing anything .

After cooking I dished up & served him. Took a bath & studied then slept.

MUSA .

immediately after seeing the sun , i quickly went to take a bath & left to take my friend Vusi so that he can take me to the sangoma he suggested.

Vusi " uyazi wena Musa unekhanda eliqinile , uyazi kungani ungawutholi umsebenzi awlaleli . What kind of a father are you? You sleep with your own daughter for what? I'm even amazed why am I still your friend "

Musa " You wouldn't understand , I'm protecting her from the evil world "

Vusi " by sleeping with her???? There are many ways in which you can protect her , wena you choose to make her your own wife ?"

Musa " yes. I'm enjoying the fruits I planted ndoda"

Vusi " ngikusa kulesi sangoma ngifuna nawe uyoziwela kuthi lento oyenzako yiyo ekuvalela amathuba womsebenzi "

Musa " Musa ukungibhedela wena , asambe "

As planned they continued with their journey to see the Sangoma Vusi suggested.

ZAMA.

I must agree shem , waking up not finding him around the house is the best feeling ever . I know that I can prepare to go to school freely without him making me uncomfortable with my body .

It's just after 7am I only leave after 7 so I have few minutes left to go to school . I pray then head out .

NARRATED.

Musa & his friend Vusi arrived at the Sangoma's hut. You could see the fear in Musa's face , he know what he is doing is wrong but he keeps doing it.

Sangoma "I've been waiting for you ,ngenani "

They followed her .

Sangoma " khulumulami iyqathulo zenu , nginisiza ngani ?"

Vusi " eh ...uhm , ngilethe umngani wami lana he's struggling with finding a job , it's been months now & he has a daughter to take care off "

Sangoma " usho lendodakazi ayenza umfazi wayo?"

You could read the embarrassment on Musa's face .

Sangoma " kwamele ayeke lomsangano awenzayo lo , uzobona konke kuzolunga , ningahamba "

Vusi took out few notes & thanked the sangoma . They left .

VUSI .

if only Musa listened to me , this wouldn't happened. Who sleeps with their own blood & expect things to go his way?

Vusi " you should learn how to listen wena"

Unfortunately for Musa he was embarrassed to even talk. He know what he is doing is wrong but he can't stop , yes he'd go for days without sleeping with his

daughter but days after he always finds his way back to her .

He will not stop , Zama is the one for him . It's just after 2 pm & she is not back! I'm angry , uZama uyathanda kungiqasula , ngzomshaya manje akamameli!

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CHAPTER 2

ZAMA .

I know my father said I must come immediately after the school bell rings , unfortunately for me today i have maths class to attend. I can't be early .

we just finished attending , the girl gotta do everything to get good marks . I'm walking home alone & a car just stopped

Guy " sawbona , oh today you are walking all alone , namanje you don't want my life ? "

Oh my God , he is here again the guy from yesterday.

Me " hi , no ngikahle mina "

Leo " ey umuhle ntokazi , please allow me to take you home "

No one has told me I'm beautiful beside Nomusa so I guess " thank you "

Leo " okay , I will see you tomorrow since it's Friday Can i take you out please ?"

Me " no thanks , ngjarhile bhuti please excuse yourself "

Leo " it's okay then , can i have your tens?"

Me " i don't have a phone "

Leo " haybo?! Okay , I'll fetch you from school , usale kahle "

After the conversation I had with Leo. I decided to walk faster because it was starting to get darker .I'm even more scared cause I'd never been home this late .

I enter & find him sitting on the sofa watching tv.

Musa " ubuya ebsuku kanje"

Me " eskolweni baba , we were attending "

Musa "go to your room & take out your clothes , usuphuma endleleni manje wena "

without asking further questions. I wen't to my bedroom & heard him touching my waist

Musa " awsamameli wena manje , how many times did I tell you to get home early? "

His hands moved to the side of her breast , caressing her bra he had his way around his body , busy enjoying himself with her daughters body

he's enjoying himself , forgetting my tears , I hate him .

ZAMA

I'm in my room, it's Friday today & I'm definitely not to go to school. I'm hurt , it hurts knowing that he does this to me every night without feeling guilty . Why does he hate me so much? I hate him , I wish God can take him maybe all of this will be gone .

I decided to go & visit my mother's grave today . It's now 9 am & I just took a bath & I'm heading out . I will just walk myself to the tombstone.

" awuyanga eskolweni yini indaba?" He asked . I'm not talking to him . I'm done with acting like everything is okay! " wee Zama ngkhuluma nawe " I just passed him & went out.

NARRATED.

" father she's the one , I can feel it . I just have to talk to her so that she can be with me "

" I've never seen you talking like this , I guess you like him that much son "

" I need to go & check her , see you later "

ZAMA

I visit my mother grave once or twice a month just to feel her presence. it helps to feel better because I get to cry & shout . I guess today it's one of those days where I'm my own world fighting

With my thoughts..... " aw sawbona "

Me " you don't give up don't you "

Him " until you agree to be mine I won't leave you "

Me " you must forget , I will never be yours " I'm better of alone

Him " where are you going? & why ungekho eskolweni?"

Me " none of your business , just leave me okay?"

Him " it's my business , ngena emotweni"

i wen't to the other side .

Him " bekungekho nzima yabo? Waze wamuhle futhi "

Me " ngyabonga "

Him " I asked you a question, where are you going?"

Me " & I answered , it's none of your business "

Him" then , i'm taking you to my place "

Me " no , okay fine . I'm going to my mother's grave "

Him " I'm sorry , okay then I will wait for you "

Me " no , it's fine , I will walk again "

Him " not taking a no for an answer "

The car stopped & I went out . He didn't leave he waited for me ay this one doesn't listen.

Me " mama , I wish you were here , maybe things would have been better because I'm suffering. I hope you see what your husband does to me each & every night , he takes away my innocence & my pride . Please be with me mama . I wish you were here " I wiped away my tears I took a little stone & kissed it then put it on the grave

" stay well"

VUSI

My name is Vusi Zwane , I'm with my wife Zimkhona Zwane we currently don't have kids .

Her " yazi baba uthi lomngani wakho u Zulu usaqhubeka nalomsangano awenza enganeni ka Mellisa ?

Me " ey nkosikazi kunzima , uZulu akalaleli , izolo ngimthethe ngamusa ku Mehlomamba ngyathemba uzwile "

Her " ey kunzima ngaphandle , ngathi unkulunkulu angaba naloyamntana "

ZAMA

After visiting my mother , Leo bought me McDonald's oh boy I haven't had that in months , he waited for me as promised we are now sitting in the car at the park eating ice cream

Me " thank you for today ,I needed the fresh air "

Him " it's okay , so will you tell me why you didn't go to school?"

Me " I was sick " I sigh forcing tears to go back, i can't have a breakdown in front of him I mean he's a stranger

Him " that's a lie boo , I'm here for you "

Me "thank you , please take me home "

NOMUSA

Zama didn't come to school today , I wonder what's wrong , Zama is hiding something since we came to high school something about him changed.

Maybe his father loosing a job made him like this ,I tried talking to her but I didn't win .

I just hope she's okay , I even can't go & check her his father is strict yo .

MUSA

she went out around 9 am in the morning , she's not back , I'm angry where could she be??

It's not safe for her to go out like this , she's forcing me to be strict on her & I don't want that

Let me wait few more minutes maybe she went to the library

ZAMA .

Me " once again thank you "

Him " please allow me to take you out again "

Me " we will talk again again "

I wen't out & headed out .

CHAPTER 3

ZAMA

I'm preparing to go to school. My father slapped me so hard yesterday , asking me where i was I simply told him I was with Nomusa & he believed me

Him " I hope you behave today , i don't like beating you "

Me " yebo baba "

I wish I can tell him how much I I hate him nx .

I'm on my way , There's my friend .

Me " babes hey " I said that while attacking her with a hug

Her " oh chomi , how are you? Zama I'm so worried about you, where were you yesterday?"

Me "I was sick chomi , I'm okay now "

Her " zama , please talk to me friend "

Me " I will tell you all after school , now tell me all the things that happened yesterday "

Her " you promise? Okay " she started telling me all they did yesterday

MUSA .

it's another day , I will have to go & look for a job , kwaze kanzima . Atleast I still have money to last us for few more months . I will have to talk to Zama for her to go look for a Job after writing her final exams.

LEO.

My Name is Leo Nkosiyabo Dlamini i'm 22 & i'm working with my father at his construction Company . I'm still living with both my parents I never believed in Love until I laid my eyes on her . She's everything & more . I'll make her mine .

" Nkosi "

My friend called me

Me " jabu , I'm here "

Him " I've been looking for you all over the house , since you met this girl you've been smiling you love her ne?"

Me " you wouldn't understand bro , you should see her man , she's beautiful & innocent "

Him " I'm happy for you man , you even bought flowers for her "

Me " yes , I'm taking them to her after school "

Him " it's high time I meet her , i will go with you "

I nodded & kept decorating the flowers for my girl

ZAMA

I think I like him , I mean he makes me feel special . I hope he will come today yazi , I miss spending time him

" I wonder uqabanga ngobani Zama"

Me "Aybo Nomusa you scared me . " I didn't tell her I spent the day with Leo

Her " I mean you are even smiling friend " I laughed

Me " blame Leo for all of that " I staterd telling her about my day with him

Her " aybo!! Last time I checked you didn't want anything to do with him mos? What changed?"

Me " I don't know " I replied smiling

Her " since well it's Friday , how about you spend a weekend with me"?

My father won't agree with this one i will have to make up a lie .

Me " I'll ask my father then if he agrees I'll come by "

Her " friend , your father is so protective over you , you come home late he beats you , Zama is he abusing you ?"

I staterd crying

Her " Zama did I say something wrong? " You could hear the panic in her voice

Me " he rapes me Nomusa , each and every night he makes his way in my body , is hurts Friend he took my innocence "

Her " aybo Zama , when did this start? Why didn't you say something Friend "
She hugged me & we both cried

Me " since we staterd high school , he had his way on me , I hate him friend "

Her " oh Zama , what kind of father is he? We have to do something friend"

Me " there's nothing to do Nomusa "

Her " the might be something , or maybe tell Leon he will help us "

Me " No ! Nomusa we just met him few days ago. We can't be telling him my problems , I only trust you with this & don't tell anyone about this Nomusa not even your parents "

Nomusa lives with both her parents & her little sister Namhla . I've known her since childhood she's the closest friend I have

Me " I've made peace with it "

Her " oh God. He made you believe that it's okay , Zama you that man ruined you , I can't believe this. That's why sometime I'd find you crying "

Me " yes , it's been 3 years now. That's why I'm working this hard to pass my matric & leave this place "

Her " oh friend I'm sorry ,okay? We will make sure he pays , let's pack our books & go ask him if whether he will agree for you to sleep over at home or , how am I going to look at him knowing that he's doing evil things on you "?

Me " just act cool , with you there he will agree trust me . He acts like he's a good man infront of people "

We packed our things & went out .

MUSA

I got a call. My sister is sick I'll have to go & see her . Will Zama behave if I leave her alone ? I will have to talk to her about this oh there she is with that friend of hers .

" sawbona baba " they both greeted

Me " how are you girls? "

Me " I'm good " I'm sensing bad vibes from this friend of hers , I hope she didn't tell her

Zama " uhm Baba , can I please & go sleep over at Nomusa's home?"

Me " yes you can go , plus I recieved a call from your uncle saying your aunt is sick so I'm heading there for a weekend , you can go & leave with your friend , I will fetch you sunday evening "

Zama " okay , travel safe " I wish he can get into an accident & die there atleast he agreed .

I couldn't risk denying him this , it will make think suspicious with this friend of hers .

ZAMA .

Nomusa & I went to my room & packed the few clothes I'll be needing

Her " oh Zama atleast he agreed , it will be fun trust me " she said that while sounding so excited

Me " yeah , we can go I'm done "

We went out .

Her" he's your man "

Me " aybo Nomusa we not dating , my father will kill me yo "

Her " kancane nje ngalayo , may he die soon "

Me " that makes the both of us shem "

CHAPTER 4

ZAMA .

Leo didn't come alone today , he came with his friend Jabu .

Him " how are you? I missed you" he asked me while hugging me

Me " I'm good , how are you"

Him " now that i'm with you , I'm good. these are for you " he said while giving me flowers

Me " wow , they are so beautiful , thank you "

Him " since it's late & I'll come see you tomorrow . Be ready around 10 am I will come fetch you "

He's not even asking , he's telling me .

Me " okay "

Him " I will call you on this phone , my numbers are already saved "

Me " oh , thank you for the phone "

Him " it's okay " he kissed my forehead & left .

NOMUSA

I'm still trying to get used to the fact that my friend is being raped each & every night. I can't believe she's acting cool with it. I have to do something about it.

Her " Nomusa let's go , your mother might be worried about you"

Me " your fault , ubu busy no Leo let's go " we laughed

LEO .

I can't wait to spend my day with her tomorrow , & ask her to be my lady. Maybe she will agree. I'll take to the apartment & watch movies with her while we get to know each other after that maybe we will go & grab lunch. My father walked in

Him " my favorite son , how are you? We live in the same house but I hardly see you , your mother is even complaining "

Me " haw mom is back? Where is she? I'm sorry dad just that I've been busy with work " .

Him " is everything okay at work ? Yes she's back "

Me " when did she come back? I will go to her now "

Him " in the morning , she's out with her friends . You will see her later "

Me " okay then , my sister ? When is Olivia coming back again? I miss her "
Olivia is my big sister she's 24 years , she loves traveling.

Him " I don't know about that , she keeps postponing , as long as she's safe "

Me " yeah ey , okay pops. I will see you later I have to go & prepare for Zama
she's coming to the apartment tomorrow "

Him " this is first okay , come early then we will have dinner as family today so
that you can tell your mother about that girl "

Me " okay "

I drove to the apartment.

ZAMA .

Nomusa mother is so kind , she prepared the room for me but Nomusa said I
will sleep with her.

Me " ma , thank you so much for the food "

Nomusa's ma " you are welcome my dear , please don't forget to wash the
dishes . I'm off to bed now. "

Her " okay mama . We will do that goodnight kiss papa for me "

Me " sleep well ma "

Nomusa's ma " okay " she hugged us.

We washed dishes while chatting & we headed to the bed.

Me " I'm telling you friend , he even makes sure that I drink the pill "

Her " you chomi ,he's evil shem "

Me " ah , I trust God he will answer for me "

Her " yeah , he will " he said sounding so concerned

Me " so chomi , Leo gave me this phone " I said while handing the phone to her

Her " Zama ! Are you even aware that this is the latest iPhone I've been talking about?????" She sounds so excited

Me " I know nothing and phones "

Her " chomi!!! The guy loves you " the girl was screaming I'm sure the parents heard us

The phone rang

Me " hey....yes.....okay.....goodnight " I dropped

Her " what does he say?"

Me " he will see me tomorrow "

Her" yo. I will be left alone again " we laughed

Me" I'm sorry chomi , you can go to the library "

Her " yeah , it's late now. Come let's cuddle "

We slept .

MUSA .

I asked my friend Vusi to accompany me to Durban . He's been distant now
adays .

Me " how are you ? You've been distant "

Him " I'm good, I've been busy man some of us are working "

Me " uhm.....okay , so ain't they looking for people where you work ?"

Him " no , the company is full "

Me " okay then "

We drove in a silence , you can feel the tension between us , we are driving to
Durban .

ZAMA .

it's saturday morning , Nomusa's parents went to some conference . I just
wish my mother was alive maybe my father wouldn't do this. I can't help the
flood of tears pouring down my face. I'm having a break downNomusa
hugged me from behind

Her " let it all out sthandwa sami , it's not easy . It's not something you can wake up & forget about . I'm here now

I couldn't help but weep like a little baby .

Her " I'm sorry zama , no one deserves to go through this " she said wiping my tears

Me " why me though"

Her " no one deserve this , we will have to seek help from someone Zama that's the only way we can help him stop "

It's not easy as Nomusa says it is . My father will make my life a more living hell if I tell people. There only way I can survive this is to finish school & Go to Durban to look for my mother's family.

Me " we are not telling anyone nomusa " I said while wiping my tears .

Her " can we atleast look your mother's family "

Me " that we can do , but how? Where will we start ?"

Her " we will just ask Leo to help us with that "

Me " but....."

Her " no buts , we are asking him "

We cleaned the house & took a bath while waiting for Leo .

LEO

We had a family dinner as my father said , I got to tell my mother about Zama & she was so happy . She's even more excited about her .

" ma , I will see you late bye" I said while walking out .

I will have to call her to let her known that I'm coming to fetch her .

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CHAPTER 5

ZAMA

Leo & I spent the day . It was fun , I just wish I did this without fear having to look over my shoulder at the town made him worry.

He bought me lots of food & we went to his apartment , watched a movie then he took me to Nomusa's home .

I can't believe he even bought me a phone, this is the best weekend ever . With my father being away made me feel happy.

He kept asking whether i'm fine or what. I know Nomusa & I promised each other to ask him for help .

I think it's early for me to be open to him . He's the first guy I've been close to apart from my father.

With him , things are different .I just pray I don't breakdown infront of him because that will force me to be open to him & I'm not ready to do that

I even told him that we will spend time after writing my exams , I need to focus on school now.

Being a sweet gentleman he is , he offered to take me out whenever I feel overwhelmed with school .

He even told me that his mother wants to me. Ain't we rushing? I can't wait to tell Nomusa about my day.

" girllll , come out with it. Firstly I just hope you asked him about helping us " - Nomusa

Me " it's too early for me to be open " I started telling her about my day with Leo

Her " Wow. I can't believe he even wants you to meet his mother . Oh friend I'm happy for you , especially with everything going on you still find a chance to enjoy life " he hugged me

Me " I hope he's here to stay , he makes me feel so special friend" I wiped a tear

Her " trust me he does , we need to cook today mom & dad are not coming back "

Me " it's okay , you can start by chopping the vegetables , We will do rice with chicken & few salads "

Her " okay "

We started cooking.

MUSA

I arrived early on & it's good to be with my sisters , both of them are not married & the sick one is healing pretty good . I will head home tomorrow

before Zama tries something stupid & I also don't trust that friend of hers.

I will have to call Vusi to come & fetch me again tomorrow.

LEO .

I told Jabu about my day with Zama yesterday

" I really don't wish to be with you right now " he said

Me " you don't understand, I'm in love "

Him "I can tell by the smile on your face " we laughed

Me " you will also meet your other half "

Him " I don't do those , you know I smash & leave "

We continue having a conversation.....

VUSI .

I received a call from Musa today morning , he asked me come & fetch him. I just wished he will stay more few days there his daughter looks happy without him around.

I saw her at Bab'Nkosi's house yesterday , it seems like she slept there .

I can't even be around him . His existence bores me. I tried talking to him but he's none of it.

I'm on my way to Durban .

MUSA .

Vusi just packed outside , I don't understand why he doesn't get in . I bid my goodbyes to Nozibele & Olivia which are both my sisters .

" thank you ma for coming " I said

Him " anytime , how is Olivia is she getting better ?" Olivia is the sick one

Me " yeah , they even asked why didn't I bring Zama with me "

Him " as they should . You are keeping their niece away from them . You can see that what you are doing is wrong but you keep doing it "

Me " I will stop . I promise "

Him " when? Maybe the dark cloud over you will unveil "

ZAMA .

I can't believe my weekend is over like that . I'm going back home & Nomusa's parents are not back. I guess I will come by tomorrow morning & thank them .

Nomusa & I are packing my bag .she's sad that I'm leaving . I'm also sad we had the best weekend.

" I'm sad . Maybe you should come & stay here " she said sounding so sad

Me " you know that it's as easy as we sound "

Her " we can make it easy Zamo , we must ask help "

I ignored her & continued packing. I have to hide this phone from my father .
Atleast I told Leo not to call me .

We will just text each other .

NOMUSA

it's so sad seing her going back to that hole she call home , I don't blame her
though it's hard

Me " I will see you tomorrow at school , I love you so much be strong" we
hugged

Her " thank you friend. I love you more "

I got home & staterd cooking my father might be oh his way .

MUSA

Vusi surely knows how to get under my skin , what kind of friends is he?
Atleast we are back on the Village.

I hope Zama is back home .

" Zama " I called

Her " sawbona baba "she greeted

Me " I'm back , how are you?

Her " I'm good . I'm writing tomorrow I'm heading to bed I cooked " she said

while exiting the room

Oh , sh's definitely hiding something.

ZAMA .

I couldn't afford him seeing the phone yo , I had to come up with a lie I hope he doesn't come to sleep with me today.

I'm really tired. Being molested hurts it got me conditioned. At nights like this I wish to scream & tell the whole world what's happening.

I just wish to disappear.

My phone vibrated, it's a goodnight text from Leo.

I replied with hearts wishing him a good night also .

I switched my phone & went to bed .

he took my innocence

CHAPTER 6

ZAMA

Mondays are the most boring days . I hate waking up early but do I have a choice ? No. I'm still amazed by last night , my father seemed calm for my liking

Or maybe his sister is getting better. That's why he didn't come to my bedroom yesterday.

Maybe his demons are catching up on him . Seing him not finding any job put me at ease.

I woke up, took a bath , switched my phone on .

I got a message from Leo. Wishing me a Goodluck since I'm going to start my exams in few days to come . I replied & thanked him .

luck for he's gone today . Maybe he wen't to look for a job . Let me go before I become late cause I also want to go & thank Nomusa's mother for letting me sleep over the weekend.

I quickly locked the door & wen't to Nomusa's home.

" hell ma" I greeted

Her "hey my girl , how are you"?

Me " how are you? I wanted to thank you for letting me sleep over ma , I hade a good time thank you so much " I said while smiling

Her " you are welcome my girl . Feel at home okay?"

I hope Nomusa didn't tell her yo

Nomusa came out & we went to school .

LEO

I can't wait for her to finish writing. I wish her nothing but the best. I'm at work looking at the good work I've done so far .

My wish is to open my own business , so that I can create more job opportunities.

My sister is coming back home today, i can't wait .
To tell her about Zama .

I'm having a late lunch with my mother, she's busy asking me questions about Zama

Her " so , have you met her parents?"

Me " ma . Come on i just met , besides we are not in a relationship "

Her " it's obvious the girl is into you , I mean she allows you to spend time with her " she smiled

Me " ngbona kanjalo nami , what time are we fetching Olivia?"

Her " after having lunch we will go & fetch her at the airport "

Me " okay "

We continued chatting

MUSA .

I'm here on the streets again , looking for a job it's been 2 days since i stopped sleeping with my daughter & no change?

I honestly don't know what to do anymore

" you need to apologize to the ancestors " the old woman said

" I'm sorry, what do you mean ?" I asked , instead of her answering me she continued with walking .

I sigh , I will head back home I will come & try again tomorrow.

I will have to call Vusi . Maybe he will make me feel better.

But who am I fooling cause he keeps his distance around me , after all I'm a bad guy here

I should just go & visit my wife maybe talking to her will make me feel better.

ZAMA

I'm really ready for the exams it's gonna be 2 long weeks . I really can't wait to finish .

I really need to gather all notes , then make sure to study . I really love the exam phase cause he let's me be he doesn't come & sleep with me

apparently he wants me to pass well . Little does he know that he's presence bores me . Ngathi anganyamalala

Nomusa & I are heading to the library

Her " I can't faith to finish school friend " she said sounding so excited

Me " that makes the both us babe"

Her " when I get home . I will just eat & go to sleep then wake up & study because tomorrow we are starting "

Me " Same sisi "

We walked , while walking we came across bab'Zwane my fathers Friend Vusi "

" Sanibona zingane zami . Ni kahle? Kuhamba kanjani eskolweni?" He asked

" sawbona baba . Kubanga kahle syabonga "

" kuhle lokho , Zama ngane yami ukahle?"

I think he asked because he known what that friend of his does to me nx

" ngikahle baba ninjani?" I

" ngbona mawukahke ngane yami . Nihambe kahle "

Nomusa & I continued with walking to the library.

The nerve, he knows what his friend does but he doesn't do anything to help?

I haven't seen him with my father for day now , kwazi bani maybe abazwani

Plus my father is capable of doing something , that man Is evil

NARRATED

Leo wen't to the airport with his mother to go & fetch his sister Olivia they both seem excited.

Nobody knew whats waiting for them . The flight plane was suppose to land at 15:00 pm . They've been here for 15 minutes .

No one knows what is happening . MaDlamini tried calling her daughter but the

number takes her straight to voicemail .

She doesn't want to think the the worst . On the other side Leo is informing his father on what's happening.

His father assured him that he will try & find out whether all the flights plane that were on the air have landed or what.

While on other side . Zama tries calling Leo to check up on him but his phone went on voicemail, she tried calling for a couple time but still .

She started asking herself whether he regrets meeting her. But on the other hand she decided to focus on the exams .

Leo's father called his contact to check for him . Unfortunately there's a flight plane crashed & they can't find it . He prayed for her daughters life .

MUSA

I came home . I didn't find Zama cooking I wonder what's wrong with her . Let me go to her room & find out what's wrong

Me " hey . Are you good ?"

Her " do you even care? I think it's a little late for you to the father and a daughter thing "

Wow , I didn't expect that

Me " i was just checking up on you Zama . Sleep well we will talk tomorrow "

I left the room feeling hurt . My daughter hates me .

ZAMA

with Leo not answering phone makes things worse I'm stressed .

Let me just study & sleep .

NOMUSA

I really can't wait for my friend & I to finish writing exams , after that I will ask my parent money for us to go out & celebrate a little . With her birthday coming up we need to celebrate.

He took my innocence.

CHAPTER 7

ZAMA

Do I call what my father & I have family? We are not the same & I doubt we will .

I'm just relieved he doesn't do anything to me & I'd like to keep it that way. He can't be playing a father role in my life.

It's too late for that , he took my innocence what more does he want for me? I'm preparing to fo to write my first exam today. Although I was stressed the whole night with Leo not answering his phone made things worse .

Maybe he's busy or his girlfriend..... no man , I just have to focus on positive things .

I'm just grateful for being here today.

LEO

I'm drained , tired. I don't know how to feel because we've been waiting for my fathers contact to calls .

By the look of things the plane crashed & the thought of my sister's body being out there stresses me . I was looking forward to see her .

There's no hope of her being alive , the whole matter is all over social media. For peace of mins I decided to switch off my phone . The inner me still believes that my sister is alive wherever she is. Jabu has been supportive.

My mother has been crying since we found out about the accident .

As as family we are going through a lot .

MUSA

I have decided to go & visit my wife . Hopefully I will come back feeling much better .

The thought of loosing my daughter scares me . I shoul have listened to Vusi when he warned me about all of this .

I'll go & talk to him later on .

ZAMA

Yazi there's this girl here at school , I don't know she thinks She's all of that

man . She likes attention to much

I'm glad I will be done with school in the coming few weeks , this place is full of bad people yo .

I haven't seen Nomusa since we finished writing our first paper . I will wait for her .

Beside all of that, i wrote well I'm still stressed about Leo & apparently there's been a trending plane that crashed coming to Durban yo . I hope everyone survived

I know the pain of loosing A loved one man , I will seek an advice from Nomusa maybe I'm dwelling to much on the matter .

Why am I even worried about him? Is he also thinking about me? Eish , my birthday is also approaching I don't have any plan .

Well I never had plans before, it's just a normal day where I will be spending my day with Nomusa. Yena shem she tries making me feel special on my day.

I tend to think to much . Because the day I was born was the day my mother left the world of the living.

My birthday reminds me of all the things my father does to me ey let me not think about it to much of it

" usuqalile ke ngokqabanga kakhulu , what's wrong? & ubhale kanjani? "
Nomusa asked

I laughed

Me " I'm actually thinking about my birthday yazi , ngbhale kahle friend what

aboutyou? "

Her " what about it? Ngebhale kahle nami " she smiled

I will forever be thankful to God for bringing her into my life

Me " I never celebrated it . "

Her " haw , you sound so sad don't worry this year we will make it more special "

Me " I hope so , ubuyaphi vele? I've been waiting for you plus that mean girl came ey ave angibhora nje "

Her " I hope she didn't say something offending , ngzomshaya phela mina yo . I was submitting something "

Me " okay , yazi chomi I tried calling Leo today morning he didn't pick up the call "

Her " I sense jealous friend , are you crushing on him ?" We laughed

Me " what?! No ngyabuza " we continued walking

Her " maybe he's busy chomi . Try calling him again he might pick up"

I call him & put it on loud speaker

Me " you see? Maybe he got tired of me & blocked me " I said sounding so sad

Her " don't be sad , he will call "

We continued walking & talked about the plane that crashed on it's way

LEO

we've been waiting for the call , Uma akasadli nokudla she is stressed I need to call Zama & ask to see him maybe she will make me feel better let me switch on my phone

Yo. So many missed calls from her I thought she's busy with exams mos ay let me call her

" heyI'm sorrycan I come & see you?.... okay "

Atleast she agreed let me freshen up& go see her .

ZAMA

I couldn't be more excited than receiving his call, he's coming to see me I'm so happy .

I'm heading to the park, he will find me there. When I came back from school I didn't find him maybe he wen't to see his friend or maybe job hunting the job he won't find

The car stopped , I know he's here for me so I make my way to the car & enter. He's wearing track pants kshisa kanje yo . I greet him he's smiling probably happy to see me

He smiles again he's so cute

" I thought you'd never come " he said

" reason being?" I asked

" I'm sorry not answering my phone a lot happened . My sister was suppose to come home yesterday unfortunately she didn't " he said sounding so hurt I wonder what happened

" the one you told me about?" Oh no . It now makes sense his sister was on the delayed plane I feel bad

" yes , I'm sure you have seen the news " he said, poor thing . I just hugged him

" I'm sorry , she will be found" I comforted him

" we tried everything , my mother doesn't eat . She's so stressed " he said

The pain of loosing a loved one

" what does the police say?" I asked

" you know those ones are stupid they won't do anything " he said

" I'm sorry "

He continued telling me about his sister.

MUSA

At times like this I wish my Wife was here , so that she can see how Zama has grown

I'm ashamed to even call myself a father because I am the first man to break her heart .

I'm fully of regrets. I just home one day she can forgive me

I'm heading to my friends house to see Him

ZAMA

We decided to get ice cream , he's so sad this issue of his sister is stressing him out .

I try by all means to cheer him up& so far I'm doing a good job because he managed to laugh here & there.

He even told me about how he grew up

" have I told you how beautiful you are?" He said

" no , you haven't " I said blushing

" umuhle mama " he said , I love it when he speaks Zulu

" thank you . I'm writing tomorrow please take me home " I said

" thank you for spending a day with me , I really needed that "

He took me home , we hugged longer than expected.

NOMUSA

I can't wait for Zama to tell me how she spent her day with Leo . She sent me a text earlier on telling me that she's spending rest of the afternoon with him

I pray that she'd be open to him , he might help her with finding her mother's family

I'm done cooking I will head to my room they will dish up for themselves I'm tired plus I'm writing tomorrow again

I will just text Zama & wish her a goodnight

ZAMA

after Leo dropping me off , I was scared to find my father waiting for me because it was dark outside

Luck for me he was not home , so I quickly cooked . Took a bath & went to my room

he took my innocence

CHAPTER 8

LEO

things are same as yesterday . This issue is taking a toll on my mother .

My father on the other side is trying al his best to find out what happened & as family we are hoping to find her alive .

Jabu & I are having drinks

ZAMA

it's another day & I'm happy very happy also stressed about Leo he loves his sister I hope they find her alive & I would like to meet her after this .

I can't wait for my birthday , I think it would me funny than all of those years .

I've been keeping my distance around my father , it's to late for him to apologize. His demons are catching up on him , that's KARMA for you .

I'm waiting for Nomusa to finish writing , i just hope she's finishing. I want to tell him about Leo & how we spent the day yesterday.

Oh there she is

" friend " I said while attacking her with a hug

" how are you? You look happy " she responded

" I am , let's go to the park " I said

We walked . I'm just grateful for having her shem . She will forever be one of the most important people blessed me in my depressed life.

MUSA

I'm heading to Vusi's home , i didn't find him yesterday. I'm even embarrassed what kind of a father i am? I just hope I'm not late to give Zama the love I was suppose to give her all those years .

" sanbonani " I greeted he was sitting with his wife outside under the tree

" Bab'Nkosi , how are you? You may sit " this woman is so kind , I wonder why God doesn't bless them with kids they would have been good parents

" I'm good " I said while taking my sit

Vusi's Wife excused herself & left me with her husband who doesn't seem happy to see me .

Do I blame him? No I don't

" bafo" I called him no response

" Ngyaxolisa bafo , I know i was wrong I'm never doing it again "

" waxolisa kimi . ubuzenza kimi lezinto okhuluma ngazo? Have you apologized to her? Ubunyukubeza mina yini Nkosi?" He asked , you could hear the anger in his voice

" man loke you deserve to rot in jail , you are now seing your mistakes because izinto zakho azuhambeli kahle? You wife must be turning wherever she is "

I can't to him while he's like this , I heard him I hate myself the way he hates me .

My wife must disappointed in me

ZAMA

I'm home now , Leo didn't call today * sigh * maybe he's busy .

After telling Nommusa how my day was. Yo she was so happy ngathi lezinto zenzeka kuye yazi .I appreciate her so much

I'm coming luck for me I'm not writing tomorrow, means extra time for me

My phone is ringing , shit I even forgot to put it on silence yo

" hey....uhm yes.....okay " that was Leo he's asking to see me in the next coming 20 minutes yo let me finish up here & go freshen up .

I will have to make up a lie to my father & tell him that I was with Nomusa .

I quickly took my phone then locked the door heading to the park .

MUSA

Vusi & I managed to iron out things & I promised him that I will apologize to my daughter .

I'm not expecting her to forgive me but starting our relationship afresh hopefully she will agree .

I get home & find the door locked , I wonder ukuphi ebsuku kanje . It's not safe .

Atleast she cooked . Ngabe I'm calling her but she doesn't have a phone I will just give her few thousands to go & buy a cellphone.

ZAMA

it's been an hour since I've been here with Leo , honestly I think I'm selfish he's been open to me & mina I'm not .

I don't think he will still wan't to be seen with me after telling him that my father took my innocence.

It's too early for that even, he bought snacks. She's feeding me how cute. No one has ever made me feel special like he does except for Nomusa.

We even kissed here & there. He's such a gentleman yazi. But am I ready to be in a relationship? Me being in a relationship with him will mean us having sex

I hate that thing with all in me. I won't even try to pretend like I'm happy when doing it.

"Are you okay?" He asked, bringing me back

"Yes I am, what about you?" I responded

"Ngikahle mama, I enjoy spending time with you" he said

I'm blushing guyssss

"I also do"

We continued talking about random things, I asked him to take me back home because it was late.

My father must be fuming with anger, I never got late at home like I do now yo

He dropped at the corner, I walked in & find him eating

"Sawbona baba" I greeted

"Hey. Ubuyaphi ebsuku so akukho safe" yo I never seen him so calm. Naye ubuza ngathi he cares I told him kba it's too late to play his father roles

I went to take a bath & ate I will wake up late tomorrow because I'm not writing

Leo & I are talking through texts , he wants to call & hear my voice but I'm hear none of it . What if my father hears me? I never been in this before

" knock knock " I quickly hide the phone , oh God I hope it's not what I think it is

I went to open the door

" Hey before you sleep I wanted to give you few thousands to go & buy a phone , all the things that you are short with " I wonder uythathephi imali njengoba angasebenzi nje

Wonders never ends shame , or maybe he's into some shady shady thinks

" thank you " I replied , he left

Yo . I will plaint braids tomorrow because I already have a phone then buy some few groceries & costemetics then esalayo ngzoyidla

I will ask Nomusa to accompany me to the mall , I'm an introvert going alone with drain me

Let me just sleep , I text Nomusa & ask her to accompany me she agreed then I wish Leo a goodnight.

Ey I'm sleepy, we will talk tomorrow

LEO

Things are the same at home , home is Her . She brings me so much peace

I will ask her to be my girlfriend before the year ends , I wish my sister was

here . I miss her so much hopefully we find her soon & may she be found alive wherever she is .

My family & I decided to go to the police station tomorrow & find out whats really happening

Ngeke nje sihlale silengise izandla , they will fell the wrath asdakwa thina siboDlamini

I told my father long ago that the police won't help with anything , we don't usually ask for help we do things our away

1 weeks later .

ZAMA

it's been the longest week of my life . Today it's Friday a day before my birthday. Nomusa has a suprise for me .

I've been applying in different universities but Leo said his father's company will fund my studies in university of my own choice . I couldn't be more happier

Speaking about him , his sister was found dead it was such a painful moment.

Since then my father hasn't been doing what he used to do .

Oh again. Leo & I have been spending time . Today he asked to see me later on & I'm preparing myself .

I advised him to go to therapy, loosing someone you are close to can cause damage to someone's health . He said he will start Monday.

I can't wait for tomorrow yhu . I'm sitting in my room waiting for him to text me

MUSA

things between my daughter & I are still the same & for to blame because she's the way she is because of me

She's turning 19 tomorrow & she is done with school .I'm proud of her I'm thinking of getting her something memorable

I need Vusi's input on this one , she will help . I will just take a bath & go to his house

I wonder where is Zama going nowadays she seems busy & she also likes going out late maybe she spends more time with her friends

NOMUSA

Hey guys , my bestie is turning 19 tomorrow & I'm planning a big party that will take place here at home

Oh , Leo is funding the party, I called him 2 weeks ago & told him that zama is turning 19 in the few coming days

I'm suprised that zama didn't tell the poor guys that her birthday is approaching, I will deal with her after this

I'll invite some of our classmates, Jabu Leo's friend will come with others I will start preparing tomorrow morning

I bought her lots of books, I noticed she loves Reading , clothes, food , teddy bear

Leo also said he has a big surprise for her , i think her first gift from Leo was the scholarship, the guy seems loaded I'm happy for my girl

She deserves all the good things the world can offer

ZAMA

it's so dark outside yo , Leo texted around 6pm . I told him to park five houses before home

I arrive obviously he's waiting for me , i get in a in & close the door then hug him

" these are for you " he hands chocolates with flowers oh my work these are cute ** blushes** happy early birthday baby

"Thank you" he wiped my tears

" you look beautiful Zama " he said while looking at me , unamehlo amahle lomfana bo

" I bought burgers I hope you are hungry "

Who would say no to food? Can never be me

" thank you " I'm such a foodie since i met Leo I've been gaining some kilos his phone rings written Phume

He looks at it he doesn't answer yo

" answer your phone " I said while stuffing my mouth with food ,I don't even care I thought he's single mara ke I thought wrong

My father must be worried about me , ay naye he must not act all protective over me I don't even care he ruined parts of me that no one will ever heal

I will never forget what he used to do , he stopped now I wonder what stopped him

"baby " Leo bring me back

" uhm , did you answer your phone?" I asked curiosity is killing me I just hope it's not one of his girl

"Yes , phume is my cousin my aunt's daughter " he said

" okay " I replied he played music we then hugged listening to the music

LEO

the way Zama was looking at me , she loves me unfortunately the phone call was from Phume my cousin she's looking for a job

I don't why she would contact me not my father ,my girl is turning 19 tomorrow & I'm more than happy to be part of her party

I'm still mourning for my sister she was found dead near the bush ,we as family hoped to find her alive but ke God had another plans

My mother is broken , my father is here for both of us making sure we are coping he also is going through lot through. He lost his daughter in tragic situation

I pray God be there for my mother , may she heal she used to do everything with Olivia

I'm planning to buy Zama an apartment & ask her to be my girlfriend

She's moving to joburg next year , I want to be by her side & make sure she's safe be her safe space

She looks like a person who's been through a lot in life, I hope one day she will be able to be open to me

No matter what she tells me , I will always love her

MUSA

I'm with Vusi , he looks calm today he his wife told me that I should buy Zama all the sweet things

She said the biggest i could give her was to let her live his life the way she wants , I plan to apologize to her tomorrow after her party. Vusi's Wife told me her friend planned a suprise party for her

NOMUSA

Things are going accordingly, I can't wait for tomorrow . My father's is accompanying me to town to fetch Zama's dress

I made sure to pick up a dress that will make her look like a princess

I will drop of the dress at her house then fake a lie

Apparently she's not home , she's with Leo .

ZAMA

Leo just dropped me home , I just received a text from Nomusa saying she's coming over to drop something special I can't wait to see it

My father said I must not cook today he will order something but mina I'm full .
Leo always feed me I will just wait for Nomusa

" knock knock " that's her

I went to open the door for her , she greeted my father she hugged

" how are you birthday girl " she asked kissing my whole face

I couldn't stop laughing

" I'm good & how are you friend " we sat on my bed

" I'm good & happy , take this & fit it " she handed the dress

" Wow " I'm speechless this dress is so beautiful a mermaid dress with glitters
on it

" I know right? I knew you would love it , go & fit phela " I quickly undressed
myself then wore the dress

I stood in front of my big mirror, with tears streaming on my face I look so
beautiful yet simple

" I knew it would suit you , you look so beautiful baby , come hug me ,oh my
friend you've been through & still strong as you are happy early birthday baby I
love you so much please wear it tomorrow " she asked

" thank you so much friend, I don't even know how to thank you " I love my
friend

" it's okay baby , ku late manje Zama my mother must be worried about me I
will leave now see you tomorrow " she smiled

I took of the dress then walked her out

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 9

ZAMA

NARRATED

things are going as planned Nomusa woke up earlier to prepare for the party that will take place at her parents house .

Everything looks beautiful, she took a bath then texted Zama a birthday message.

On the other side, Vusi is making breakfast for his daughter hoping she will eat it . He's so embarrassed with all the things he did to her

He's hoping that Zama will forgive him , He bought Zama all the goodies & made a frame for her with a picture of his Wife

After the death of his Wife he burned down all the things that belonged to her . Today he will hand this beautiful picture to her daughter

He finished with the breakfast & set up the table . He went to Zama's room to wake her up but the poor Zama is still asleep

Zama's phone woke her up a call from Leo , wishing her a happy birthday along with tons of messages from other family members & from her best

friend telling her to be ready by 11 am

At times like this she wished that her mother was alive maybe they would have went to shopping or something

She made her bed then took a bath , it's still 7am his father knocked on the door

" Good morning Zama , happy birthday my angel " his father said , for the first time his father hugged him , for the first time Zama got the hugged she craved for all those years

She wished things went the way they are

" thank you " Zama replied

" I made breakfast for you , come " he said

Zama went to the table , this is so big for her. He's not used to the treatment his father is giving

She never thought that his father will do this for her , but she can't just wake up & forget that his father took her innocence

She cried after his father handed her a frame of her mother's picture , she never owned a picture of the woman who gave birth to her

His father burned everything that was related to her mother, eveytime when she asked his father about her mother his father will just go crazy & beat her up

" Zama , I'm sorry for everything I've done to you . I regret everything" his father said while crying

He regrets taking her innocence, but that can't be erased by a breakfast

" you took the part of me that I won't be able to have again" Zama said while crying

" the good thing that you can do for me is to tell me where my mother's family is "

Musa didn't expect her to ask him about her mother's family , he cut ties with those people the moment Zama was born

He made sure to take his daughter away from the & came to Durban with her that's when he met Vusi his friend

Zama stood up after eating & went to get ready Nomusa sent her a text

LEO

I just called Nomusa , she told me everything is going accordingly

Jabu & I are preparing for the party with other few friends of ours that's Malibongwe & Sipho we met them few months ago & they will bring along their girlfriends to the party with us

My mother bought Zama a beautiful dress, after telling her that I will ask her to be my girl after so many weeks of spending time with her

The apartment is ready for her , that's the gift i will be giving her today , If given a chance I'd Marry her today.

" Guys finish up , remember I also have to pick her up after dropping you off the Venue " I said

" man , you are so whipped . I can't wait to meet your gir " sipho said

We laughed, we will first pick up their girl then i'll drop them off at Nomusa's home

NOMUSA

it's just after 10 , I just called Zama & told her that Leo will pick her up

She asked to many questions, I decided to drop the call the cake has arrived

Leo said he will bring other guests here then , he will take the make up artist to Zama lucky for us His father went to town

She even told me that her father made breakfast for her , the nerve we will discuss that after the part

Right now , I don't want anything that will make her sad . Yilanga lakhe elikhulu she deserves to be happy too

ZAMA

I'm dressed waiting for Leo to pick me up , he said we are going out for a brunch, but now I'm calling him & he's not answering

I'm eager to cry , I'm just replying to other messages that people sent me some of them are from my teachers pecks of being the top learner

MUSA

I'm in town, I didn't expect Zama to ask me about her mother's family

I will contact her aunt Betty , we last talked few years ago , I hope she didn't

change her contacts

I'm trying to buy Zama something here but i'm failing , I'm such a failure in life I don't even know what my daughter likes

I bought her food , I will have to buy something that will show her that I'm sorry for everything that will show that I'm so proud of her

LEO

we just picked up the girlfriends pheaphe & nokwanda they are so friendly, I hope they will get along with Zama & Nomusa

I pray this day goes well , I decided to buy teddy bear & a necklace for her with her initials on it

I'm even scared to ask her to be my girl , I switched off my phone with her calling she will make me tell her about the surprise we bought extra snacks & everyone bought gifts for her

We are heading to the venue

NOMUSA

Some of our classmates have arrived with gifts ,it's gonna be e good day for Zama

I'm waiting outside , making sure that everything is going accordingly our Mc will be Jabu , hope he makes the event funny

Angfuni kukwata , Leo just drove in he told me that he will bring along his other friends with their girlfriends yo , seems like I'll be the only one with no plus one here ey

I don't do relationships , I fuck & pass

"Hey guys " I greeted, we exchanged hugs & I showed them where to sit while handing the drinks

" thank you for coming & for bringing extra snacks " they went to take sits then Leo took the make up artist to Zama's home .

ZAMA

Leo called saying his outside, I'm mad, after calling him for the past hour he decided to come & ruin my day with his girlfriend nx

I'm heading to his car , he opened the door & came out the hugged me

" happy birthday mama , take these " he handed me flowers

" That's your make up artist " oh God, I'm so embarrassed i thought.....yo

" oh , thank you . Why make up artist kanti syaphi nkosiyabo?" That's his second name

" ngshilo nje mama kuthi syodla " go & get ready stop asking to much questions

Yo anghule

We exchange greetings with the make up artist then wen't inside leaving Leo alone in his car , he looks handsome. God took his time with him yo

The make up artist introduced herself as Nomzamo , she did her things on my face the I wore my dress i never did make up I hope I don't look funny

Angazi nokuthk yi make up yani siya ku lunch , I took a look on myself infront

of the mirror & Good people I look different, beautiful, I loo like a Queen

Nomzamo left. I went outside oh Guys you should sew the look on Leo's face

" close your mouth " I said while blushing

" baby , you look beautiful, you look like a queen that you are " he said while opening the door for me handing me another bunch of flowers that matched my red dress

" thank you " I said while making myself comfortable in the car

LEO

talking about beautiful things , you guys should see the way she looks . I texted Nomusa telling her that we are coming

We headed to Nomusa's home with her busy asking me questions about the restaurant

" you are even busy on your phone , kanti nkosiyabo kwenzakalani vele? Don't make me mad you know I hate it when you use your phone while we are together " she said while making angry faces

" I'm sorry mama, I was just fixing something " I said while kissing her on the cheek

She looks beautiful, my mother with definitely love her when she meets her

NOMUSA

" guys shssss everyone position yourself the birthday girl is outside "

Everyone went to hide

ZAMA

manje sesifunani kubo Nomusa because her & I promised to meet later?

" Mama , I forgot something here come with me to say greet with Nomusa "

Without asking further questions I got out , lomuntu uzivulela nomnyango emzini wabantu yo

He opened the door " SUPRISE "

OMW , the big balloons written Hapy birthday Zama , wow I'm crying luck for me the make up is water proof

I didn't think of this , I'm seing new faces , I only know some of my schoolmates here , Nomusa & of course Jabu

Nomusa came to hug me whispering " happy birthday friend "

Everyone came to hug me , wishing me a birthday

Then they sang a happy birthday song , I sat down on my chair Leo gave me a crown written " Zama turn 19 with small letters "

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 10

ZAMA

the party continued, it was time for gifts now . I recieved many gifts from

people , clothes , self care books , goodies & many other things

" I have something to give you birthday girl" that was Leo I recieved gifts , but I didn't recied one from him or maybe the princess treatment was it

" for the first time I laid my eyes on you ,i knew you were the one . You make me feel so complete of myself , you bring out the best in me . I'm so inlove with you Zama & I hope you see it "

i couldn't stop blushing this is the first time seing him serious like this

" aw Sbari , shiya phela amanye for umshado " - Nomusa said we laughed

" I stand infront of all these people who came to celebrate your big day with you , Zama can you please be my girlfriend?" He said while kneeling down

I didn't expect this

" I don't what to say , I've been through a lot in life , you came to my life & showed me the meaning of like you treated me like a Queen & Yes Nkosiyabo I will be your girlfriend "

The guest cheered , he came & we hugged we even kissed guys oh I'm so inlove with him

" I have on more gift for you " he said handing over the keys

" I bought you an apartment please accept it? "

What???? An apartment? This is big mos we just made it official few minutes ago

I couldn't stop crying, pecks of being a baby I never recieved this kind of gift from anyone

" Uhm...Yes I will take it " wow people were toasting

To Zama & Leo

I can't believe this

The party continues with Jabu making jokes here & there Leo ?& I couldn't stop being in each other's arms

He gave me a dress, saying it is from his mother . I think me & her will get along pretty good

" speech , speech " I stood up

" Firstly , I'd like to thank all for you for making it up , you all look beautiful Nomusa you are more than a friend to me . You planned all of this behind my back I didn't even notice anything. Leo my baby thank you for everything you have done for me . You are everything & more . You gave me what the world couldn't offer with that I will forever be thankful . Thank you guys "

The party continued with us drinking

MUSA

I wonder why didn't Zama tell me about her birthday party , i heard rumors saying they a party taking place down the street & that's where Her friends lives .

I bought her clothes , a new phone & other things . I will just cook tonight when last did I even cook? I used to cook for my wife back then

I need to make a phone call , the least I could for Zama is to contact her aunt Betty

Let me do the phone call

Hi.....Musa on call....yes....how are you?...am I speaking to Betty? Yes....can we meet? Okay I will let you know thanks bye

ZAMA

I need to call my father & let him know that I'm safe , I'm with Nomsa before he goes crazy . I won't just do things the way I like , what if he goes back to his old tendencies ? I will just sent him a text letting him know I'm Sleeping over at Nomusa's home.

It's already late , Nomusa's parents are not home . Ngbona ngathi sizolala lana sonke . Where will all these people sleep? Or they will get drunk all night?

I'm sitting with Leo , he's busy stealing kisses on my face this one is fan of affection shem

" I love you" he said

He's a bit tipsy yo , mina lesoskhathi I'm sober people are drinking down their sorrows

Music on blast , I can't believe I'm officially Nkosiyabo's own , I've been waiting for him to ask phela

He even told me that his mother wants to meet me the coming weekend & with him starting therapy on Monday everything is going accordingly

I'm at my happiest. Let me just drink my sorrows away ngyeke ukuba u soft just for tonight!

Your girl is officially 19 , yep ngimdala so respect me

I only got drunk once , one thing I've noticed about me is that I fell asleep right after getting drunk .

When I sleep who will take care of these people? Because Nomusa is kak drunk she's even dancing yo

Mina I can't shem , ngapha no Nkosiyabo is busy pulling me to the stage yep labantu bazenzele ne stage sabo anyone who feels like dancing they go to the stage

Manje mina ngoyenza njani? I can't dance phela it will be better if I dance whole drunk so that i can avoid embarrassing myself

" chomi , wabhora hle , why are sitting down? Come " that's Nomusa she's pulling me with her

Yo , the girl is so drunk shem , I won't help her with bhabhalazi morning she will herself

It's midnight yo

MUSA

I might as well go & sleep because Zama sent me a text saying she's sleeping over at her friends .

I didn't want to argue with her , it's her birthday today so she must enjoy her day .

I'm all alone in this house , let me turn off the lights & go to sleep

LEO

yo , I'm drunk lucky for us not all of us are drunk we will just book to the nearest hotel & sleep there .

We will come back morning & help with cleaning , the people I came with are still having funny we will just stay few hours then go to the hotel

I asked Zama because she's not drunk to book on my behalf, ngoba mina ngdakiwe kabi

NOMUSA

I never had so much funny , i will start going to the clubs now ngoba this is where I belong

Lendaba ka Zama yokuzenza isgogwana lapha phansi, izongibhora mina

Come on , it's her birthday she must have funny !

I will just drag her to come & drink with me

LEO

it's past midnight now , I'm taking my friends to the hotel jabu will drive he seems a bit drunk

Phela he had to keep party going , he was the Mc of the party

I kissed Zama , then we drove off

Malibongwe & his girlfriend are having sex in my fucken car!! Ew ngathi ngingaba shuda nx

Why would they do their filthy things in my car?

Yo . Shem Nomusa knows how to plan a party into ebiymnandi lapha ya

On top , I was with my woman busy doing our thing .

I should have came with her. But I respect her futhi we just made things officially

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 11

MUSA

it's 7am , I'm heading to church yes , Vusi's Wife suggested that I join them to the service

I hope to find Zama back , I need to talk to her regarding her mothers family

" thank you for the invite , hopefully i will enjoy " I said

" trust me man , there's no better place than church " Vusi replied

We took off to the church .

ZAMA

I'm awake , trying to clean up the house yo . Leo called while I was halfway the cleaning saying he called the cleaning company I must rest

Yo , I will just make myself food , omunye usesi will sort herself out she decided to get drunk angizingeni

She's still asleep , the cleaning company is here hopefully she will wake up ngoba labantu bayarasa

" yo umsindo ongaka ekseni" yep that's her

I couldn't stop laughing because she looks tired , bathong

" we didn't say drink your sorrows away thina " I said

" chomi , the headache? I'm also hungry udlani vele? I'm craving something chilly " she said

" toasted bread with coffee, do you want some? Go to the kitchen " I said while sipping the coffee

She sat down next to me

" I will just order wings , yo ngekhe phela " she said while crossing off her eyes

Shem , A text from Leo telling me she will come & take me home

Kodwa ekheya kula eduze njena this one ay , I love him anyway

" why are you smiling alone? Share the joke " - Nomusa

" phuma kimi " we laughed

" since ujola , uyaphapha . When are we checking out your new apartment. Yo chomi I can't even believe that you have your own house now " she said

I even forgot about that , indeed we have to check it out yazi

I need to talk to Leo about it , maybe we will go & see it tomorrow after his therapy session

" I even forgot about that " I said

" ukhohlwa kanjani we Zama? Tell me , why ubungadakwi izolo? You are a party popper " she said laughing

" yo , next time chomi I promise kodwa I won't if ngzovuka ngifana nawe kanje "

" relax maybe your body will react different " she said

" yeah maybe , chomi let's take a bath I need to go back home . I will come see you later "

The cleaning company left , the house is now clean thanks to Leo he really helped.

We took a bath , I called Leo he's outside

" I will see you later chomi , bye " I bid a goodbye to Nomusa & wen't out

He came out & hugged me

" he baby " we kissed oh he's the best kisser btw

" hey boo , how are you" I asked while getting in the car

" I'm good baby , how is the hangover ?" I asked

" yo baby, the headache but I drank some pills " he said

" okay boo, what time is your therapy session tomorrow ?"

" 13:00 baby " he said

He doesn't seem excited, I had to force him to go

" okay baby , I will join you next time ne? Uhm....baby"

" yes baby " he said

" when are we checking out the apartment?" I asked you uzoze athi ngyaphapha I should have kept quiet

" anytime baby , ngathi you were even scared to ask nje "he laughed

" ewe baby , yo ngekhe phela "

" come muntu, kiss isthandwa sakho I will see you later ne" we kissed

He had to drop me off by the corner, I can't afford my father to see me with him uzosuke athi bengyebafaneni

I got in & found him sitting under the tree

" sawbona baba " I greeted

" sawbona Zama , how was the party ?"

Aw uyzwephi lo indaba ye party? Yo news travel faster than the virus here

" The party was good . I really enjoyed myself " I answered , yes I did enjoy myself

" kuhle makunjalo . I called your aunt Betty. I will be meeting with her tomorrow
" he said

" uhm . Ngyabonga I guess I will hear from you tomorrow " I went to my room

What will I do the whole day? Yo . Let me just clean around the house then I
will check Nomusa later

MUSA

the church was good , I will go there often now . My spirit was lifted there

I will ask Zama to come with me the next Sunday, I don't know what to say
about me meeting Betty tomorrow

She will obviously ask many questions, what makes me scared more is that
what if Zama tell her what I used to do to her

I might even get arrested, I will beg her not to tell everyone. I stopped doing it
it shows that I'm regretting myself with what I used to do

What if they ask her to move to Joburg with them? I can't afford loosing my
daughter to them

I still love her as my own & yes I didn't mean to hurt her

I regret myself everyday but I also can't afford to go to jail

ZAMA

after cleaning my room I took another bath ,Nomusa and I are going to but

bunny chows down the road

I wen't out & found her waiting for me

" chomi. Hoe are you feeling mara?" I asked holding my laugh

She looks funny yo , maybe this walk will help her

" waze wabhora Zama , obviously I'm not okay yo hope to find there not fully because ngilambile " she said

" I doubt, people are working plus ku late manje " I said

" yeah you are right, so did you ask Leo about the apartment?"

" yes I did , we will go together with you tomorrow afternoon " I replied

" okay chomi, can't wait ke "

We walked to but kotas

LEO

I'm sitting with my mother watching those reality shows , I even told her about Zama's suggestions on going attending therapy

" yabo? This one is right for you " she said

" yes mawami . She even agreed on being my girlfriend " I said

" you love her , your eyes says it all . I'm happy for you my boy treat her like a queen sthandwa ska mama , you see how your father treats me follow his steps " she said

Yes my father treats her like a Queen , they both make me believe in love so much

"Ngyakuzwa mama , I will do that ngyabonga " I replied

I'm looking forward to attend the therapy tomorrow then later on I'm taking my girl to her apartment tomorrow

I love the she appreciates every little thing I do for her , that's why I love spoiling her like this

I will call her late & check up on her . I miss her voice, her smile everything nje about her .

She's so effortlessly beautiful , I wanna wife her soon

After she's done with school. I will definitely wife her

ZAMA

yo . If only I had enough money with me I'd be buying 2 kotas for me . This lady makes nice kotas

So unlike Leo for him not to call all day , maybe he's busy

Kodwa ke that's not an excuse to check up your girlfriend aw , I will deal with him nx

I'm walking with Nomusa , she's walking slowly irritating me more I wanna get home early & cook

My phone is ringing.....that's him

The conversation:

" Girlfriend " he said

" hi " I replied

" aw mama . Yini manje? Ngyaqolisa sthandwa sami I was busy with my mother during the day I couldn't call you " he said

Ncowww so cute , I love his Zulu accent

" okay baby . How are you?" I asked

We continued talking and telling each other about how our day was

I wish it stay like this . The honeymoon phase

LEO

I'm preparing myself to go to the therapy, today it's the day

I'm not so sure about the decision, but because Zama asked me to do it . I will do it

I took a bath , then wen't to join family for breakfast

I will call her before I go . The guys are suggesting that we do a little party nyana for Zama's apartment

I will hear from her what she thinks , after all its her house her rules

I can't make decisions on her behalf

ZAMA

I'm praying & hoping that Leo attend his session because he needs it . This will help him get through the trauma

He said he will call me before & after it . I wish him all the best hle

I'm cooking porridge , I'm craving it yo .

After cooking I dish up for me& my father

I can't wait to hear from Leo oh he's calling

" hey babyyes.....okay.....Goodluck.....I love you more " athi he's heading to the therapy

I will wait for his call .

For now , I need to research based on Law. Yes i will be studying Law my reason behind that I want to help other victims of what I wen't through most of my teenage years.

LEO

I'm satisfied after hearing her voice. I'm doing this not for me also for her .

I'm glad , she suggested it I really need to do this ey .

I'm outside the building , let me enter & check in

" Welcome . I take it as if you are Leo right?" He asked

He looks gay & professional.

" uhm , thank you & yes I am " I said

" I'm glad you took the decision to come & seek for help "

Mos , I'm not sick? Lezinto zaka Zama

"Uhm. Thank you " I replied

" my name is Jason "

Yo . He continued asking me basic things

Ngishilo nje kuZama kuthi ngikahle mina , mase angisa ezintweni ezikanje

ZAMA

it's been an hour since Leo wen't to the therapy , I'm waiting for his call to tell me his done .

He took my innocence

ZAMA

zange angingene kahle u nkosiyabo saying "ngiktjelile mama ngalezinro zakho zabalungu "

Apparently , it wen't bad angazi nami ke shuthi he's okay

I tried to help . We arw heading to the apartment now . I ask him to pass by the mall for me to get something to eat nglambile phela

I couldn't eat while waiting for him to be done with his session , manje shuthi

mina nglindele amahala ngoba the session didn't go well

" my friends are suggesting that we do the house warming nyana " he said

Oh now he speaks to me . Weird ke

We left Nomusa . She was busy , wenze kahle wasala because things were gonna be more weird

" oh " I said , angfuni nokukhuluma kakhulu uzongphoqa ukwatile phela

I must admit he looks more cute when he's mad

" yebo mama , I told them I will get back to them after speaking to the lady of the house "he said

Mh . Laid of the house I love the sound of that

" yeah we can do it this coming weekend " I said .

I mean it wouldn't hurt being with them again , into azoyijabula uNomusa

" oh , mama you also have to furnitu the house ku empty " he said while stopping the car

" okay baby , I will mangthola iskhathi " I replied

We went out & bought some food

MUSA

I'm meeting Zama's aunt better today. She said we will met at the mall .

She's late with 30 mins ,I'm even thinking of leaving. Ngzofika ngithini

kuZama? This means a lot to her

Oh there she is . This one doesn't age at at all

" Oh Musa , how are you? It's been ages come give me a hug "

I kept my distance around her , une drama lo ay ama hug wani manje?

Anyways I stood up & went to hug her

" I'm good , Betty how are you? I asked

" I'm also good ey , let me call a waiter I wanna order I'm hungry "

I hope I'm not the one paying

" I'm sure , Siphosethi has grown ey . Why didn't you come with her? I was even suprised to receive a call from you "

Zama's family have zama a Name Siphosethu

" she has grown , she's even done with school " I replies feeling proud

" wow , hamba mntaka sesi . Ukhulile mos , hopefully I will meet her soon "

We continued talking

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 12

MUSA

Betty & I promised to keep in touch . I gave her Zama's numbers for her to call

She said she will like to meet to meet her & introduce her to some of her family members

I will for Zama to get back home & tell her the good news

Meanwhile I will call Vusi & tell her about how the lunch went with Betty .

AUNY BETTY

I can't believe, I waited for this day over 18 years .

God really answered my prayers , my family & I tried to track Musa after my sister death .

He disappeared with our niece. We tried going to the police but then he was the father he had every right to take his daughter

I will make a call later when everyone is back from work . I live with my brother , My 2 sons & Our mother

My mother is a nurse, Then my brother is a Waiter . My 2 sons are still schooling they are twins both at the same age 10 years. Nkosinathi & Nkosingiphile

Our mother is Phumelele with call her MaNgcobo & my Brother is Siyakhuleka but we call him Siya

He's the first one to come back from work, he's early than any other day

" Sawbona sisi , how are you?wajabula kwenzanjeni ?" He asked

Only if he knew what is happening, oh God I really can't wait to tell them the good news .

" I'm good . Bhuti . Let's wait for mama to come back from work then I will share the goodnews" I said

" don't tell me that you are going overseas again . You know what happened last time with the plane " he said

Oh. God shame that was one of the hurting thing that happened

" no , come on I'm no longer traveling especially since we will be welcoming our family member " I said excited

" weee , Betty umdala kanje don't tell me you are pregnant. Nendoda awnayo " he said

We laughed

" you know I don't do relationships , ungadlali ngami kanjalo Siya " I replied

Anyways , vele I'm single though I don't do relationships man are trash

After my last breakup I made sure to stay single , amadoda yizinja anyways

Oh there comes the lady of the moment

" I hope uphelele Betty, ngikhathele kabi for ukuma iskhathi eside mina " - MaNgcobo she sounds tired shem

" we will order ma , I had somewhere to be " I said

" I wonder ubuyephi " She said

" futhi ma , we've been waiting for you . Betty here has something to share with us as family " -Siya this one is so impatient yo

" yini leyo?" -Mangcobo asked

" I found Siphosethu " I said

The room went quite.

" Vusi called me last night, asking me to meet him " I said , breaking the silence

" lenja leyo . He took our niece now usebuyile ? I will deal with him " - Siya said sounding angry

" aw Ma musa ukukhala "I said while comforting her

" wena siya awume ngodlame . Musa will have to explain to us why he took my grand daughter away for 18 years " she said

ZAMA

perfection is what I'm seeing with both my naked eyes .

this is so beautiful, my mini house. I will forever be thankful to Leo for gifting me this .

I can't wait to make memories in this ,I can't wait to express my feelings in a Diary later today .

Nkosiyabo could see how happy I was. Uvele wancibilika naye angithi uzenza

I ice yena? He's now happy

I can't wait to make this house a home. My home .

Now I'm looking forward to my life next year , my life is going accordingly.

Leo & I are heading out . I told him we will do the house warming after furnishing the house

And that's 2 weeks to go , oh & tomorrow ke December boss!

Yo I'm looking forward to hear my father's response on how the lunch went with Aunt Betty

This day can't get any better . I will call Nomusa & tell her how the apartment looks

She will be so happy I know

"Baby thank you once again, the house look beautiful " yep that's my house guyssss

" you've been thanking me for the past 30 mins baby " he said

" I can't stop baby , I love you so much "

" it's okay baby . I will drop you off then head to the company I've been slacking the past few days " he said

" & yes , I'm the reason while he's been slacking" I said

" I didn't say anything " we laughed

"You don't want anything from the mall? I will see you on weekend " he said

Aybo? It's Monday today 4 more days without seeing him?? Ngzofa mos la

"aw baby? Mh ok " I said , yes ngkwatile vele aybo yo

"aw mama , ngzobe ngsebenza nje sthandwa sami . Don't worry we will spend a weekend away " he said

Am I ready for the weekend away? No , this is all bringing the flash backs .

I will just keep quiet, I even lost appetite. I'm still hurt i don't think I will ever heal

Leo dropped me off at home .

"Baba " I called him

"Aw Zama , you are back I tried call you " he said

Yea , I saw the call . I didn't wanna talk to him , I told him that it's too late for him to play daddy's hero here

"I was busy with something , how did the meeting go?" I asked

"the meeting went well . We talked , she said she will call you later on expect her call before the sunset today " he said

Oh that's good then .

"okay, thank you "

Without waiting for his response I went to my room. I switched off my phone then took my diary , a paper then closed the door sat down.

~Dear Diary

I need to offload some things on my chest . I don't know how to do that except doing this .

I'm not expecting any response , I'm just giving you an update based on what has been happening for the past few days of my life.

My best friend planned a surprise party for me , Leo & I made things official. He seems like a great guy . Some other times I feel like I don't deserve him . I hate too many hidden skeletons . I'm scared to open up to him , he bought me a beautiful apartment & for that I will forever be thankful.

On the other side , my father got hold of my Aunt Betty , this one feels like a dream come true because I've been dreaming of meeting my other family members. Maybe with them I will feel the parents love . I pray to God for the to love me .

I need them more than I need myself. My father or Daddy , or Musa i don't even know what to call him . He doesn't deserve the father tittle with what he did to me .

I suggested that Leo attend therapy not being aware that I also need to attend it . What would be the reason behind that? Will I ever be able to move away from the past and focus on the future? I don't think so

Telling him what I wen't through will he me pushing him away . I'm not worthy to be called a woman .

I can't wait to leave Umlazi & go to the City to discover the other parts of life . I'm ready to take this big step & go make myself a woman out there.

I know my mother is proud of me wherever she is . Mama I love you & I will

forever do.....~

I wiped my tears then put the diary undr my bed . I will go & visit my mother's grave tomorrow . Let me just take a nap .

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 13 AUNT BETTY

" better , give me then number I will make the call on our behalf" - Siya said

" Siya awume tuu , we will call her she's probably busy " I said

" you've been saying that for the past few hours. She's not busy , I'm sure his father told him we will call mos " - Siya

" okay one more hour then we are calling her " I said

" one more , if awfunj I will go & look for her myself mntana ka Sesi loya " - Siya

MaNgcobo is asleep. we will make a call after waking her up

I hope we will find her free ey , people are busy nowadays yazi

Let me go & look for my boys . Maybe they have something to keep me busy with while waiting for uMa to wake up

I can't wait to meet her . I'm sure she's pretty as her mother . Oh Siphosethu we've been waiting for you baby girl.

Hope you didn't struggle while growing up. I don't understand why your father took you away from us

I didn't even get a chance to ask him, i was happy to know that you are alive & ready to meet us.

I will just as well cook ngoba nje ayikho into engingayenza .

I'm not working . I'm selling clothes online , that's what I'm doing for a living

I love fashion so much , I wish one day to open a boutique

ZAMA

After taking my afternoon nap I switched in on.....my phone is ringing mara who might it be

" hello . Are we talking to Zama " the lady asked

Manje why athi are we??? Yena nobani? This insurance people will bore me angnayo nemoto mina

" hey . Yes you are & mina who am I talking to?" I asked

" you are talking to Betty "

Of flip the Aunt, i forgot about that yo I even stopped what I was doing. Manje sengthukiwe

Yabo ukuphapha

" uhm....hey ma " Oh I don't even know how to address her

Mina i just adress any female " ma"

" ukahle kodwa mntaka sisi? You are on loudspeaker, I'm with your uncle & gogo here " oh the whole family

I'm so happy everyone is excited to talk to me

" pass my regards to them " I said , phela mina angazi ngithini this is awkward

We continued talking & we promised to see each on Sunday.

Nabo they stay far , egoli ngyofikela yini bandla?I will ask bab'Zwane to accompany me (Vusi)

I won't ask Leo , he's my boyfriend that would be disrespecting elders

Anyways I can't wait to meet all of them , my mood is lifted just like that .

Let me face call Nomusa ,we have a lot of catching up to do

I will ask her to help me furnisher the apartment, phela she's my only friend

I'm already missing Leo yo .

I'm sure he misses me too , I will call him later

LEO

I don't know what's happening with Zama , she changes moods each & every hour

She's okay , next minute she's not okay . I wan't her to tell me what's wrong.

Angfuni nje kuzitholela mina . I wish she can see how much i love her .

I want to make her happy . I'm glad she loves the apartment that's her home

She looks like a person who wen't through a lot at the young age . I want to know what happened

Futhi mina lento ye therapy ngyayishiya nje . Ngikahle mina ngiyindoda yomZulu mina ngizoba kahle

There's nothing I can't handle , yilenda ka Zama yo it's taking a toll on me

I wan't her to be open , is to early for her?

Let me call her

" hey baby " the sweetness in her voice, God I love her

" hey mama " I replies, I'm not fan of phone calls , but with her damn

" how are you baby? Missing me already?" She asked, only if she knew how much I miss her

" yes baby , I miss you each & every minute " I replied, I'm so smitten

" I'm glad, I also miss you " she said

" I will come see you ne? " I said .

I will definitely make time for her , ngekhe phela kdlule iviki looked without seing my woman

" okay baby , you will let me know ke " she replied

" how are you feeling , ubungekho sharp " I asked. Hoping she will tell me

" I'm fine baby , just tired " she said

She's lying , but ke I won't force her . She will eventually open up

" okay baby , take care of yourself i love you so much " I said

" I love you more baby" she said

" okay baby , i will send you money to buy food ne . Let me get back to work " I said

" aw baby. There's no need , thank you " she replied

Obvious , she won't take the money but I will send it anyway

I dropped the call & wen't back to work

ZAMA

I feel a little better since I talked to my man , imali yindoda imnandi bo . He just sent few thousands & yes I'm spoiling myself

I will take Nomusa with me to the call & get her few things as well

She deserves them , then buy fwe clothes for next year . I can't wait to get back to school & start studying again

I'm thinking of visiting my mother's grave yazi , let me change then head there

MUSA

Betty called & told me she spoke to Zama about then meeting & introducing each other to the feeling

I don't know whether to be happy or sad . My baby girl is growing & turning to be the best woman

Even after what I put her through. I'm so proud of her

She went out . These nowadays akasahlalo endlini. It's like I bore her or something

I will have to go & see the Sangoma tomorrow. Hopefully something will come out

I'm tired of feeling helpless like this ,I need to get back to work

I'm no longer hunting ,I get same results everyday. I will just go & consult again

I will ask Vusi to accompany me . Things between us are better now

I will also forever be thankful to him for helping me seing the light

My only worry is what Betty & other family members will say after finding out what I used to do to Zama

I'm not proud of my actions either. I hate myself for what I did to her

But I can't change the past .

AUNY BETTY

MaNgcobo is preparing for Zama's arrival & that's in five days to come

It's too early for us to prepare but we are so happy & can't wait

There's a lot to talk about. I'm sure she also can't wait to meet us just the way we do

I need to do shopping & buy her lots of gifts I know it won't make up the time we lost

But then, I want to make her feel welcome. I just pray she agreed to spend this year Christmas with us & she also promised to come before Christmas

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 14

ZAMA

" hey mama, it's me your daughter Zama I'm here again. I wanted to update you. I finally found the side your family well Musa made it happen

I'm beyond hurt Ma, I wish you were here with me. I'm moving to Joburg next year to further my studies.

I found a boyfriend, his name is Leo I love him so much.

Please Mama bless our union, I feel so safe around him. He even bought me an apartment.

I know it's too early. But time will tell.

Stay well Mama, you will forever be in my heart "

I cleaned up a little bit & went to Nomusa's home .

I need to update her about what has been happening in my life in the past few days , from getting calls from my aunt yes. My Own Aunt.

I can't believe I will have a figure mother , I'm looking forward to meet them .

And start the new year with them by my side . God really answered my prayers

" knock knock " I said

" Hey Zama , come in " Nomusa's little sister said

I hardly see her .

" hey friend , look how beautiful you look " she said

Trust her to tell me this whenever we meet

" thank you baby , you don't look bad yourself " I said

" mxm , musa ukudlala ngami " she replied

She's always looking on point honestly

" so , what's new? " she asked

I sigh

" I found my mother's side of the family " I said

" haw ??? Kanjani friend? Did you meet them?" She asked clearly shocked

" nop , i haven't met them , I'm planning to do so Sunday . I'm nervous as hell what if the don't like me?" I asked

" haw uthandeka kanje wena? They will love you friend i promise. We've been waiting for this , I'm happy for you friend . This calls for a celebration " she said

I laughed cause she's referring to alcohol

" ususdakwa wena manje " I said

" ngyeke mina. Staying at home depress me yo atleast wena unendoda " she said

" yeah I get you yazi , you will also find your significant other " I said , thinking about how lucky I am to be with Leo

" you are so inlove chomi , I'm happy for you hle atleast one of us will get to settle down " she said

" so you are not planning on getting into a relationship?"

I asked , angekhe phela uzofa a single?

" yep , ngiright nje mina . I have bigger problems " she said

Which problems again? Yo

" yazi friend , I've been meaning to ask . What are planning to do next year " I asked , she can't sit all day & get drunk that's not the life I want for us

" I'm thinking of opening up my own catering company yazi " she said

That will be a good thing plus she's not a fan of school

" yeah. I support you on that , plus you know how to cater " I said

" yep , I just have to do more research about this " she answered

" I will have to show off my talent then maybe get a job somewhere after that i will have funds to fund my own Company " she said.

I never seen her happy like this.i will support her

" I will support you friend " I said

" thank you so much friend , I love you " she came to & we hugged

" I love you more friend , I can't wait for it ke " I said

" Same applies , I even told my mother " she said

" let's go to the mall tomorrow , I'm taking you out " I said

" haybo , yimali yendoda le na " we laughed

" obvious friend , let me love & leave you " I said

" let me walk you out"

We continued talking with other things, never a dull moment with this one

LEO

I was in a meeting few hours ago, I miss you baby . I'm thinking of going to visit her

But it's been high time since I last spent time with my mother so I'm with her

today

Watching tv

" lover boy, how was the meeting " she asked

" aw lover boy manje Ma? The meeting was good ey nothing bad " I answered

" that's good . So I wanted to ask can you please give me Zama's Contact details?" She asked

Aw u Ma ufunani manje ku Zama? I told her that they will meet after some time , uzothusa uZama with her questions

" aw Ma , I told you mos kuthi you guys will meet soon?" I answered

Clearly , I'm slowly with the whole thing

" ungenzela kancane nkosiyabo, letha ama number I wanna speak to my daughter "she said

" aw , Mama kodwa okay I will forward them to yoy later on. Manje I'm having a brunch with my friends it was nice spending time with you"

I won't forward any number , She will forgive me yo ha.a I don't wan't my baby to be pressurize

MUSA

I called Vusi & he agreed on coming with me

I get inside then greet his wife before we hit the road

" hopefully things are okay now " he said

" yeah ey "

I don't wanna lie , I'm kak scared . What if the ancestors are still mad for the sins I made?

" so , how is Zama? Long time ey " he asked

" she's okay , a bit busy these nowadays " I replied

She's also distant,not that we were close but we live in the same house . She used to be indoors most of the time

" I understand "

ZAMA

I'm heading to Nomusa's home , I told her to be ready I'm coming

it's Wednesday today, 4 more days to go before meeting my other family

Yeeep , I can't wait hey . It's been long over due

I find Nomusa ready , I greet her parents before going out

We have 3 destinations , Checkers, factorie & salon. The first one is checkers we buy food and snacks

" I'm craving for wine"

aybo ? Girl . It's not even 12pm yet you wanna get drunk

" No , we will but it after completing everything m we still need to do out hair.

Let's pay & head to factorie " I said

I think I will braid my hair again ,I'm not a fan of wigs maybe not now

I will just braid my hair into a different color , I'm no longer in school mos I will just choose a color that will will match my skin tone

With Nomusa on the other side , she's a fan of Cuts . I don't think she likes braiding she will just cut & dye

We will have our lunch at steers , I'm really enjoying my day so far

But I haven't to my other rib , I will call him

LEO

I'm always looking forward to suprise my woman , I'm visiting her today yep i will suprise her

I miss you , I can't stay longer without seing her . I will buy her favorite food then go fetch her at the mall . She said something about going to the mall today

I will text & confirm

MUSA

" you are back again" - Sangoma

" yebo baba " I replied

" I'm impressed with the decision you took , it's up to the ancestors now , you

hurt their daughter. Somehow you have to pay some certain amount or go cleanes her " he said

" umoshe esibayeni ekungesona sakho , uzokhokha kab'hlungu "

I'm getting scared.....what does he mean when he says I will pay?

Me not getting any job means I'm paying mos , what else will I suffer from

Vusi & I drove up in silence

I'm scared I don't wanna like

LEO

yep , I'm at the mall waiting for her to come outoh there she is looking beautiful as always .

I love the color of her hair , it matches the skin tone .my baby looks beautiful

" woza la Mama, waba muhle kahle yini impela " I asked pulling he close

We kissed , I grabbed her us

Yes , in public she's mine & mine alone

" hey baby , thank you " she replied smiling

God took his time creating this one .

" thank you for coming , I missed you " she said

" I missed you too mama , I've been busy I'm sorry "I said

" it's okay baby , I understand "

We got into the car & drove off

" baby " she called me

" yes baby " I answered

" we need to talk " she said

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 15

ZAMA

I decided & I'm done . This man has proven many times to me that he will always be here for me

I'm letting him know what I've been through , it will be up to him what he wants

I'm praying he understands that I didn't do it myself , I didn't let this upon myself

" baby , talk to me . Let me park here " he stopped the car

now I'm getting scared.

" come , let me hug you "

I don't even know where to start , I'm crying I'm about to let the man who proved to me many times that he loves me that I was raped .

I was forced to adapt to something that I didn't want

" there's something I need to tell you " I said

I'm crying, I can't hold myself it hurts very deep

" mama , what's wrong? Ukhalelani sthandwa sami? Khuluma nami " he asked. He's worried

" he took my innocence " I said

" who took your innocence? Baby talk to me " he said

He cupped my face & then kissed me

" my father " I said , I hope he will understand what I'm saying

I don't have energy to explain, I'm drained

" oh baby " he said , he pulled me for a hug

I can't help but cry , he understands what I'm saying

" I'm so sorry baby , I'm sorry he will pay " he said

I can't even look at him , I'm embarrassed

MUSA

I thought I would come back with good news from the sangoma , but nothing

I'm still covered with that black cloud , I don't even know what to do now

Maybe I should take Zama to go & consult with me . But I doubt she will agree

She doesn't want anything to do with me ey , kunzima

If only I could turn back things & do the right thing

I now have to wait for Zama & ask her hopefully she will agree .

Oh there she is , she looks like she was crying I wonder what's wrong

" uhm , Zama can we talk ?" I asked , maybe she will tell me what's wrong

She's been happy the past few days , what will make her sad? I wonder

" Zama , I'm talking to you " I said ,wow can you believe it

She walked pass me , for the first time I see the sadness in her eyes & anger

I broke her , I'm the reason behind her tears . I just rolled down on my knees & cried

I regret everything I did to her , I didn't mean to take her innocence

I will forever hate myself for what seing a woman in her

ZAMA

I just took my diary & wrote :

~Dear Diary

here I come again , I finally let him in . It's one of those days again where I

question myself why my father did what he did to me

I hate him , I can't wait to move out . On the other side I wish he didn't do what he did to me . We would have been better.

I wanna forgive him , but I'm failing . How am I going to intimate with Leo with thoughts like this ones?

I will never heal ~

Let me take a bath . After telling Leo what I've been through he took me to the park we stayed there

He assured me that he loves me , he will wait for me to heal properly.

He even suggested that I go therapy. Maybe talking about what I went through with a professional with help me with the healing process

I'm not sure about that one , it took me years to tell Nomusa , it took me months to tell Leo . I don't think it will be easy for me to talk to a stranger

I don't want people to pity me , I will be fine eventually

I don't even know how to look at him knowing what he did. I even hate him more for acting all worried

Knowing that he's the reason why I'm like this hurts me , he was suppose to be my protector not someone I be scared off

I'm feeling a little better after talking to Leo , he seems supportive of my situation

Apparently his mother wanted my numbers , he didn't give her any u Leo sometimes

Anyways , I'm planning on visiting his parents tomorrow. I can't be occupied here

I need to go out .

NOMUSA

I took Uber to get back home , Zama & I decided that she will tell Leo what she's been through

She said she will text me after telling him . I'm patiently waiting for her text

I hope everything went good . Leo loves her I doubt he will let her go after she confess

" it's done friend , I will call you I'm still resting "a text from Zama

I'm trying to call her but her phone is off , maybe phela i wan't to know how he took it

Yo trust Zama to take her time when addressing something serious , ngabe ngyakibo manje it's late

Tomorrow morning I will go there the first thing after waking up , I'll head there

Now I'm praying that everything went well .I told my mother about my plans

On starting a catering company , she full supports me . My father also supports me .

I will make the proud. I can't wait , I'll start looking for short courses that relates to catering .

Short ones though. I don't want anything that will do with school yo

Let me open up the wine that we bought. Angithi umuntu ka Zama ufikile
sisaplana ukuphuza ay

Pecks of being single sana

Anyways I don't do relationships niyazi mos

We fuck & pass this side

ZAMA

after sending Nomusa a text telling her that I did it . I switched off my phone &
slept.

I love sleeping , I'm escaping from reality . I woke up & decided to make food .

I'm not in the mood for cooking today . If he's hungry he will make himself food

Seems like he's off to bed , good thing I won't bump into him . Weird

I will just make food then watch TV.

LEO

I'm even more inlove with her , after everything she's been through She came
out strong as ever

That Man will pay , unfortunately for me he's my father in law.

I have to respect that , Zama told he's already paying for his sins by not getting any Job

That's not enough for me , I need to see him suffer more than this . Amanzi amamcani lawa

He needs to face his demons

I will make sure of that .

I'm happy she opened up to me. I love her I hope she knows that.

She's so strong , I love her for that . She deserves all the good things the world can offer.

She's meeting my mother tomorrow . Hopefully she will be feeling better. I told her not to stress herself my mother loves her futhi she's a good person

They will get along very good . I can't wait for tomorrow

My mother is also excited finally she's meeting her daughter

" Ma , please don't be hard on her "I said , I'm pulling her leg I know everything will go well

" Mxm , musa ukudlala ngami " we laughed

" Ngyadla Ma wami , I know you will treat her good " I said

I left her , while she was cooking . My mother loves cooking so much shem

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 16

ZAMA

finally, I'm meeting Leo's mother. I don't wanna lie I'm scared very scared

All though he promised that everything will go well . I should be myself & not fake anything

Okay , fine then the outfit? I will option for a dress to look my representable. I atleast I did my hair yesterday

Nomusa said she is coming to see me before I leave , she must the the one knocking

" hey friend come in " I said

" aybo Zama , you are so beautiful baby " she said

Obviously I do look beautiful , I'm going to see the woman who gave to my man

" ngsayobona umfazi ongzalele indoda " I said

" I see , I see friend oh your circle is growing I'm happy for you hle . Good luck i guess we will talk when you come back . I don't wan't to ruin the moment " she said

Yeah ey , it's gonna end up with tears if we talk about what happened izolo

It's better if we talk when I come back

Sigh

" yeah friend , I will come over mangbuya " I say

" bring food , I love you & Good luck " she said standing up

" I will , love you more friend & thank you "

Now that Nomusa is gone , I will have to do the last touch ups

LEO

" Leo , make sure you buy snacks ungakhohlwa " that's my mother shouting from the kitchen

" Aw Ma , you've been reminding me for that past hours , ngekhe ngkhohlwe " I said

I will fetch her after an hour , I'm also going to take a bath then head out .

My mother is so excited , my father will join us after work

I'm more than excited ke , I'm grateful for having Zama in my life .

She was the missing puzzle in my heart . I love her so much

I'm thinking of sending Lobola money , i can't have her staying with that man

She's no longer safe there . She will start attending therapy

I will be with her every single way , I love that girlll

She makes me relate to every single love song. I hope she sees how much I

love

ZAMA

I never felt this way with someone . I pray it never ends .

He loves me so much & I also love him . I never thought I'd be in a relationship with anyone . I'm waiting for his call to tell me his outside

Anyways , tomorrow we will have to go & furniture my apartment then the following week we will do the house warming

I really can't wait , this is best chapter of my life . God really pulled out for me on this one

I'm done with school , I have the best boyfriend. Yo khonje sisamele ama results

Another stress nje yo . But ke I know I did well . My phone is ringing it might be Leo let me check

Oh yeah wuye , maybe he's outside I picked the phone

" hey baby " I answered

" I'm four houses baby , come we will pass by the mall . Mom asked us to bring extra snacks " he said

" okay baby , ngyeza manje" I dropped the call then wen't outside

I passed my father sitting under the tree

I walked , there he is looking so sexy . He came to me hugged

" oh muntu wami omuhle " he said

" ngyabonga sthandwa sami , you don't look bad yourself " I said

We hugged & we had a passionate kiss

" Ngena phela sambe mama " I got in the car and we drove off

" baby did I tell you about me meeting my mother's family this coming Sunday?" I asked

" No baby , you didn't. You finally found them?" He asked

" yep , my Aunt contacted me few days ago " I said

Sounding so excited

" okay baby . Atleast you found them " he said

" Yeah ey , I can't wait to spend some time with them " I said

" I get you baby , at times like this I wish my sister was here " he said

You could hear the pain in his voice , oh umntu wami

" ukbhekile sthandwa sami , don't worry " I said

He pulled over to the mall . Our first stop was Checkers.

We bought some snacks . I got his mom flowers with wine . I can't go there not having anything in me

I should get her flowers. We continued going there

MUSA

Zama went out again . Now I'm even more convinced that she's seeing someone

I have to talk to her , I don't want her to get pregnant. She's still young

At some point I'm waiting for a miracle to happen. I don't get it why the things ain't going my way

I stopped sleeping with Zama , I hate feeling so useless let me contact Betty & find out when is she introducing Zama to the rest of the family members

Maybe after Zama meeting them , things will fall into place

" Betty , how are you " I asked

" hello Musa , I'm fine how are you?" Ey did she have to be so loud ay naye lo scene esinye nje

" I'm good. Did you talk to Zama?" I asked

" Yes . I called Her few days ago , she's so grown & I can't wait to meet her " she said

They will be taking my daughter away now ay

" about that , when are you meeting?" I asked hoping she doesn't suspect anything

" haw , didn't Zama tell you kanti? Ain't you living together " she asked . Flip

how am I going to explain Zama not telling me?

" uhm , I forgot to ask her " I reply hoping she buy the story

" yo , how come Zama didn't tell you? She's coming over on Sunday for lunch "
she replied

It seems like they have everything planned.

" uhm , okay thanks " I replied

" wait , you should also come with her " she said

I dropped the call . No ways I'm going there . What if Zama tells them how she grew up?

Angiyi lapho mina .

ZAMA

Finally we are here , parking infront of this big house . This Woman have taste man

" are you okay " he ask

I'm nervous , nerves are kicking in .

" I am baby , let's get in " we kiss then he comes to my side then he open the door for me .

How cute , Before we even open the door

a beautiful woman opened for us, she must have seen the car driving in

She started alulating

" Welcome home my daughter" oh that's the woman of the house

She came to hug me & I gladly accepted the hug

" Ngyabonga Ma , Leo told me a lot about you. These are for you " I said then I handed her flowers

" My favorite , thank you so much Ntombi yami awsemhle ke sis my son choosed well

I couldn't get enough of getting compliments

" Asingeneni , the food will get cold " she said

We got in , oh the house looks beautiful . i can't wait to tell Nomusa about this one

I say again . This woman has taste

"Come help me set up the table " she said

" oh Ma , she just arrived " - Leo

" Ay Leo , why are you still here again?" She asked

We laugh

" you will bully my wife Ma " she said

We laugh

" don't worry , I won't over work her besides I'm done cooking " she said

Leo left .

We went to the kitchen , then took the food to the table

We set the table .

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 17

ZAMA

Leo & his father joined us

" So makoti where are you from?" Leo's father asked

" I'm from Durban, emlazi baba " I replied

This man looks scary , yo ngaze ngathukwa bo

" oh , uhlala nobani?" He asked

A true Zulu man

" I'm staying with my father. My mother died after giving birth to me " I said

I no longer feel sad about this, kwenzekile & I made peace with not having a mother.

Things happen for a reason.

" oh , I'm sorry about that " He said

" kulungile baba , I made peace with that " I said

" ndodana , treat her good " he said to Leo

" ngzokwenza njalo baba " he replied smiling to me

And I returned the smile

" enough about questions , when are you guys getting married?" His mother asked

" aw Ma , we just made it official few days ago " I replied

Mara honestly , it's to early for marriages. I need to make it in life before officially settling down

" we wan't grandchildren , siyaguga we Zama " she said

" Aw Ma , we will give plenty of them " Leo replied

I never imagined myself being a mother , yo . Thou I would make a good parent one day I know

" yebo ma " I replied , yo the parents are asking plenty questions

Kodwa ke , I'm glad they loved me

" Nkosiyabo , take her home . Her father must be worried about her " his father said

Ey this man , I understand though . My father must be worried about me , I don't even think he cares that one

" haw baba , uyasiqosha yini?" We laughed

" thank you for joining us Zama . I'm looking forward to be spending time with you " - his mother

" thank you for having me Ma , you have a beautiful home by the way " I said

This house is beautiful , it makes me think whether I would have a chance to stay like this

It feels good being around people who makes yoy laugh like this. I thank Leo for introducing me to his family. This means a lot for me

We bid our goodbyes & we left

It's just after 6pm & Leo want us to chill in his car . We ndoda ku late

" thank you baby, I really enjoyed my day with your family" I said

" it was nice having you mama , I love you so much " he kissed me

Oh God, I love this man .

Guys I think I met my soul mate , my first lover , my first in everything

" uhm baby " he called

" yes sthandwa sami " I said

" I think you should attend therapy muntu wami , don't you think so?" He asked

I never thought of attending therapy , he's the one who need therapy not me

But I won't make him feel bad about suggesting

" no , I'm okay " I replied

I just looked away.

" baby look at me " he said

He cupped my face , I'm crying

" baby , I'm sorry " He said , I just couldn't stop crying

It doesn't make sense , it could never make sense to me . Why did he did that to me?

" Nkosiyo , whenever I didn't want to sleep with him . He would beat me up & force himself" I said

" ngyaxolisa sthandwa sami . It will all work out " he said

We stayed in the comfortable silence while listening to my cries

" konke kuzolunga sthandwa sami , I'm with you all the way " he said

I might as well attend the therapy

" Thank you baby , it's late let me go home " I said

We've been parked here for the past few hour . Kuzobonaka ngathi ngyadelela manje kubaba

MUSA

manje I'm fuming with anger , UZama uyadelela manje kuhlwile why is she not home?

Ngalesiskhathi? Ungjwayela kabi uZama today she will know me well .

" oh , manje usuyalazi ikhayalakho? You will explain . Where were you?" I asked

She just got in , kumnyama kanje?

" i was with Nomusa , we lost the track of time baba ngyaqolisa " she said

" ngzokshaya we Zama ! Uqambelani amanga? Your friend passed here walking alone . Where were you that time ?" I asked

She will know me well tonight , isbindi anaso sokuqamba amanga!

" go to your room & take care of your clothes . Ungumfazi wena manj , you come home late , you no longer do you chores ! Yimina manje ekmelenabe wumfazi walendlu? Ngiyindoda mina Zama " I said

Uyangjwayela wena !

" go to your room!"

ZAMA

he's angry & I know what that means to me . Unfortunately he will be doing it again

I'm in my room , shivering, I'm sitting down covering my legs

He just opened the door

" anghanga khuluma? Awsamameli manje? Huh? Yile phone that's making you act out of way , iphi yona? Give it to me now " he demanded

He took my phone that was on my bed & smashed it across the wall

" take off your clothes ! Now " he said

He roughly took off my panty & ganged it on my mouth

" not even your cries will save you tonight , ngikhathele wuwena nalezinto zakho ! Uzbona umfazi . You come home late , you no longer cook " he said

He stand on the floor & pulled my hair then he grabbed my legs & pulled me to the edge of the bed

As always my screams & tears fell into deaf ears , I'm drained

He grabbed my neck roughly , his putting his filthy thing on me

I never felt this dirty , he's on top of me sweatingenjoying himself on top of me

Unfortunately for me , he's doing it all over & over again..... he's enjoying himself

" you still taste good " he says after doing it again

" you still have those pills angithi?" He asked

" don't act like you didn't enjoy yourself, make sure you drink them "

" musuqeda ukunyifilika , make me something To eat!" He took his clothes then left

I cried & cried & cried till I was left with no tears on me

Why me God? Why do I have to suffer like this? The moment I thought I'm healing he did it again

He continued taking my innocence

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 18

MUSA

I had to teach her lesson , she forgot who i am . This is my house , my rules as long as she still lives here with me she will obey to my rules

Ngeke ngizwe ngo Zama mina , she will rue the day she knew to come home late

I'm waiting for her to come out of that room , ingathi she's not coming

Ngizodla yena futhi

" unlock this door wena . Didn't I say follow me ? Or yini ufuna ngidle wena futhi Zama?" I asked

She's clearly forgetting who I am

" awvule lomngango Zama " she doesn't listen

I will let her be , let me go the bed before ngsangana

ZAMA

Expressing my feelings in a paper , crying again . I would never never heal

~Dear Diary

after so many weeks of him not doing it why? I'm drained , hurt , full of anger .
I no longer see the reason to live

He took the the confidence in me , I no longer have anything in me . Maybe
just maybe if I go join my mother up there & ask her why did she leave me in
this cruel world with the man who gave birth to me. If mama you took me with
you the wouldn't have been Zama's sad story in this world , if only mama you
took me with you wherever you are in wouldn't be suffering like this .

I know they say " there is light in the end of the tunnel " I don't think my tunnel
will ever have light. Maybe it had the light past few days, weeks , then came
to today he switched off the light & brought the darkness again

I will never forgive him , I hate what he's doing to me . I hate everything about
him....~

NOMUSA

I miss my friend , she visited her in laws yesterday.

Phela I was waiting for the call , maybe things didn't go well

I don't even want to think the worst , maybe she has a good reason of not
calling

Ume buya kimi , she will have to buy wine . Phela there are bad mother in laws out there I hope my friend doesn't have one ay phela she doesn't deserve that

Anyways, I tried the few catering services & guess what??? They have contacted me few hours ago for to come & show my talent

& yep . I'm going next week Monday. I can't wait to tell Zama all the good news .We always have something to talk about

That's my girl right there. I can't help but wonder why she didn't call me

Or she slept over? Let me give her few hours, mara if she don't get back to me ngzoya kibo

She would have told me if she's sleeping over so that I can over up for her

I doubt she did

LEO

I tried call Zama yesterday before going to bed , but she didn't answer

For some weird reason it was completely off , did she maybe had second thoughts about us? I won't survive the break up

Not after making her mine . Manje I don't even know what to do, I will ask Nomusa's contact Jabu. Let me call him

" mfethu hey" I say

He answered

" sure bro , long time ukahle?" He asked

I'm definitely not okay , my girlfriend is not answering her call

I'm fucked worried

" I'm fine bro . Uhm please forward Nomusa's contact details I need something from her " I said

I hope he doesn't ask many questions

" aw , why don't you ask them from Madam? " he calls Zama madam this one

" uhm .."

How am I going to Answer him? Can't he just forward them?

" oh, are you planning another suprise? This girl git you by balls man " he laughed

Nothing is funny ke , usinekani?

" something like that , please forward them " I said

I don't have time for chit chat aybo

" okay " he dropped the call & forwarded

ZAMA

Nomusa & Leo must be worried about me , my phone is broken i hope one of them comes & look for me here

Right now . I just have to wait for them . I last ate yesterday I don't have

energy to face him

How am I going to communicate with my Aunt? She must be thinking I don't want to meet them

I don't know what to do , I'm going back to that place I fought to hard to come out

How am I going to look at Leo? Will he forgive me? He won't be able to nurse me

I'm holding my mother's picture she looked stunning in her dress . I see me in her , I wonder how my mother would look now . I bet she'd be still beautiful I need my mother . I need her she shouldn't have left me before seeing how my life unfolds

My father calls out for me

" how long are you gonna lock yourself in there? Lamabhodo azozipheka yini Zama? Udinga induku wena your getting out of way . Angfuni ukbuya ngapha " he said

It's better if I just pull myself out , let me dress up & go cook.

It's Friday today , one day before me meeting my mother's family

That one seems like a far fetched dream , how am I going to communicate with them? I no longer have a phone

That was be first thing Leo bought me , I miss him so much . I hope he's okay , knowing how he is he might be losing his mind

A smile escape my mouth while thinking about the memories we did , the time we spent together & the day when he asked me to be hers , that was on my

birthday

Those were my happy days . Nothing matterd on that day but him & I

I left the room & wen't to the kitchen to defrost chicken , it looks like he bought groceries

I wonder uythathephi imali njengoba angasebenzi nje Wonders never ends shame , futhi ngfisa ngathi angawutholi

He won't live a peaceful life , while he makes me suffer

NOMUSA

I recieved a call from Leo asking me about Zama , now I'm even more convinced that something is wrong

Why we she ghost us? Especially me? Shame poor Leo is worried about his girl

He told me that everything was okay , well he thought so

I'm sitting with my mother

" Musa you should go & check her " - my mother

" I'm heading there vele mama , maybe his father did it again....."

Oh . I'm too late she heard me yo I promised Zama not tell anyone

" he did what? Nomusa khuluma uthuleleni?" She asked

" ish mama , it's a long story " I said , hoping she will let it go

" long story yani? Khuluma " aybo , she's shouting

" his father mama . He rapes her " i said

Tears are streaming down on my face

" what????? And wena you kept quiet about that? " She said

She's more than shocked, nami bengikanje after finding out

" kodwa mama" I can't even speak

" oh Nomusa , you know i take Zama as my own , what if she did again?"

Oh God , why didn't I think of this ???

He took my innocence

CHAPTER 19

NOMUSA

My mother & I are heading to Zama's home , hoping to find her sound & safe .

I had to beg her not to loose her mind when we get there , we planned to ask Zama to come & sleep over . My mother will talk to Bab'Zulu while I help Zama with packing then we will talk at home

We arrive , for some weird reasons the door was closed , kushisa kanje .
Lobaba uyasangana shem

" knock knock " my mother knocked

We are trying our best to keep our cool . I can't even look at him , he disgust me

He opened the door , he's shocked to see us . Uyazi kuthi wenzeni, ave angqasula lo

We will make sure he rots in jail nx

" Sanibonani " my mother greeted , ngathi I could slap him nx this bloody pervert

Kodwa manje , we have to play it safe for Zama's sake

" yebo , ninjani ? Get in & take a sit i will ask Zama to bring you drinks " he said while disappearing to the room

He's probably going to call Zama

~ in the room

" your friend & his mother are here . I hope you didn't tell the anything bafunani la ?" He asked Zama

Zama kept quiet.

" now pull yourself & go join them " he said

Zama wen't out , she tried to keep away her tears from streaming down her face .

The way Nomusa is looking at her , she probably noticed

Why would she bring her mother here? Did she tell her? She trusted her with the secret

" sanibonani ma , hey friend " - Zama

The fakes smile I've seen , she did

" oh Zama , unjani mntanami?" - my mother

" ngikahle ma , ninjani nina " - Zama

" sikahle , we actually came here to talk to your father " - my mother

" oh , ngabe konke kuhamba kahle ?" - Musa

" yes , actually my husband & I are going somewhere for the weekend so I came here to ask Zama to come & sleep with Nomusa " - her mother

Silence

" oh , uhm okay she can go but Sunday she must come back " -Musa

He left the room

" Zama you can go & pack " - her mother

ZAMA

it would be nice if I was packing to leave forever , it would really be nice

Kodwa ke , I'm coming back on Sunday. Nomusa really came for me

After packing we left to Nomusa's home , after arriving there we sat down on

the lounge

" Zama my girl , Nomusa here told me what has been happening " - Nomusa's ma

I couldn't help but cry. Ey it hurts very deep . I can't even look at her face.
How do I explain that my father sleeps with me each & every chance he gets?
How can I explain that my own father took my innocence?

I'm in tears , old wounds are opening up

" oh baby , I'm sorry . No one deserves to go through this , Nomusa bring her water " - Nomusa's ma

Nomusa went to the kitchen & came back with a glass of water

" he does it ma , he rapes me " I said , wailing on her shoulder

This is what I've been longing for , a mother's support

" ngyabonga ma , can I go & sleep I'm tired . I haven't had a good sleep " I said

Okay , you can my baby . I will prepare a meal for you.

" ngyabonga ma " I said

Nomusa & I exited the room

LEO

I called Nomusa earlier on & she said , she has been worried like me

She told me that ,she will go to check up on her & yena she thought she was with me , maybe that's why she didn't call her

I'm patiently waiting for her call, I've been occupied in my room . I didn't take a bath , I didn't eat my mother is worried about me

How do I explain this? I will let her know what's happening after Nomusa's call

My phone is ringing & its her

" hey , did you find her? Is she okay? Why is her phone off? " I asked , ey I'm demanding answers here

" hey come down , she's here with me talk to her " she said

I hope my baby is okay hle , I'm worried .

I hear some shuffling , she's handing her the phone

" hey " she said sounding so down , her voice is cracking

" baby , what's wrong ? Your phone is off I tried tracking it. Are you okay ?" I asked

" I'm coming to see you baby " I said

" Nkosi no , I'm okay baby something happened with my phone , I will explain when we meet " she says

I won't be able to take it anymore. I'm going to see her

" Sthandwa sami , ngikahle . Come tomorrow I'm sick kodwa ngzophola I'm catching a flue " she said

I must a fool to believe what she's saying , I will hold on until tomorrow , first thing in the morning I'm driving to eMlazi . My baby is not okay she needs me

" I love you Zama & I'm here to stay forever " I say

" I know baby & I love you more , thank you . I'm sleepy i will call after waking up " she said

She usually takes naps during the day when she's not okay, or sick ey kodwa Sthandwa sami

" okay baby , please call baby. Should I bring a new phone?" I ask

" uhm , no baby we will talk tomorrow angithi?" She said

" okay baby , ngyakthanda mama yezwa " I said

We bid our goodbyes then she dropped the call . I'm feeling a little better , I will be okay until I see her tomorrow

I got up out of bed , then took a bath . I also need my mama now , or maybe she's on her periods

I will ask what to buy for her .

AUNY BETTY

Zyakhala ke manje , we are at the mall trying to buy gifts for our baby girl.

Sunday is getting closer . I'm anxious, will she like us? I hope she does

We missed out a lot , I got a job opportunity at this retail store , ey it's not something big but it's worthy my time because the store is one of the biggest

we have in town

Now I will be able to take care of my kids , I will no longer depend on my mother. Plus nami ngithanda izinto so manje I will be able to take care if myself

I need to call Zama , maybe check up on her , or ngenza kakhulu? Yo maybe I should slow down

I will call her Sunday morning & find out what time is she coming

ZAMA

I need to get a new phone , then do swim swap . Who knows maybe my aunt has been contacting me

Ey , I'm really not okay but ke I'm glad I'm out of home . I just woke up & I think of call Leo I miss him so much .

I will ask him to buy me a phone , a small one though so that I can hide it from my father

It's sartuday tomorrow , a day before I get to meet my mother's family . For some reasons I won't ask them why they didn't keep communication between us

I know my father was the reason behind all of that . No matter what happens , I'm going there . I know he will probably do something to me so that ngingayi , well he won't succeed I'm definitely meeting then

I'm walking to Leo's car , ey ngyofika ngthini kuye? I will just be honest with him .

He came to me & hugged me

" hey baby , I missed you & how are you?" He asked , sounding so nervous

" hey baby , I'm fine & I miss you more " I replied , holding him longer .

My supporter.

" what happened Zama , izolo I tried calling you & your phone was off" he asked sounding angry

" he did it again baby " I cried

It hurts & it will forever do.....

CHAPTER 20

ZAMA

~Dear Diary , I never thought this day will come . I'm grateful for the opportunity, I'm happy nervous at the same time.

It's just the matter of time till , I move out & go live them , if they will accept me

I hope Musa won't stand in my way , he's gone back to that place , that evil side of him~

After writing my diary , I took a bath . I'm still wi Nomusa at her home . I will go back home when I come back

Joburg is a bit far away from Durban so Leo will drive me there , speaking of him I told him what happened a day before yesterday

He suggested that I move to the Apartment since well the apartment is closer to where my Aunt's family is living also closer to school

It's too early for me to live alone kodwa ke kungaba mnandi , I won't have to be abused by him

" wear this dress " Nomusa said handing over a dress

" oh this dress was bought by Leo's mother on my birthday & akaze ligcokwe yazi " i said

Futhi lihle , yo atleast i have something to wear now . Ngzovele ngigeze then call Leo & tell him I'm done

I took a bath , ate then called Leo . I can't wait to see all of them

Leo came to pick me up then we drove to Joburg

& Yes , Joburg here I come

MUSA

the weekend is almost over , I'm expecting Zama to come back

She was suppose to go & see her mother's family kodwa ke , I made sure that she doesn't go there . I mean how will she keep up with the communication?

Plus no Betty uyaphapha shem, it serves her good . Bangobani bona

bazothatha uZama wami ? they are crazy I will make sure they don't get to know each other

Yazi lo maka Nomusa seems to know something about Zama & I . Yabona if uZama told them what I do

She will pay , they won't be here when I make her payncncncncn
abangazi laba NguZungu mina , uNdabezitha la ngikhona mina kyabonakala!

I broke her phone to make sure that she doesn't contact that boyfriend of hers.
Yess I head rumors that kunemoto ebeyimlanda la ngaphandle everyday
.....sies ozama seabajola nabantu beyimoto ngaze nganyanyiseka

She will explain when she comes back ,ngekhe ngidle la kudla khona enye indoda mina . I won't share her. She's mine & mine alone

NOMUSA

yo shem , Zama is one of the strongest Woman I know , I wish that Aunty better asks her to come & stay with them

I know that lapha she won't suffer like here. I can't believe Musa kept doing that to her . I thought he stopped . Yes they bad habits die hard

He will rue the day he saw Zama as umfazi. Angazi uyindoda enjani , what bores me is that here in our community they think he's the good man

Kodwa ke abazi kuthi ugcole kanjani lo Zulu wabo , yazi nx the day they know . They will burn his house

I don't think he even deserves to live with us here that one

AUNY BETTY

yep , my baby girl is coming home today. We just spoke on the phone I was directing her to the house

She's almost here , we made few changes around the house. The are balloons written " WELCOME HOME PRINCESS " they are special made for her

I just finished cooking & now I'm making desert . I hope she loves Vanilla because that's our family thing

ZAMA

yo , I just called Aunt Betty using Leo's phone , I told her I'm on the way she then directed me to the house

We are parked outside of the beautiful double house ey kwaze kwakuhle

I wen't out & told Leo I will call him after I'm done here

" knock knock " I knocked , yo ngithukwe into enye engaphandle

A beautiful old woman opened the door

" oh mntanami , wazu wamuhle sthandwa sami " she hugged me crying , I couldn't stop crying nami nkosiyami

It feels good , I assume she's the grandmother

" ngyabonga gogo , umuhle nawe " I said letting go of her

" aw ma , akangene nathi sauna kumbona phela " we laughed

" oh mtaka sesi , you look exactly like your mother sesi " she hugged me , she's Betty the lousy Aunty

Kodwa ke I love her , I got in & hugged the rest of the family members

We took sits & ate the lunch . Whoever prepared this knows how to cook